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Lifesaving Award

On March 15, 2015, the Worthington Police Department received a call of a male who had collapsed.

Officer Brandon Peil responded to the call and found the man was not breathing and did not have a pulse.

Using his AED, Officer Peil was able to deliver a shock to the man and then started to administer CPR until the ambulance arrived.

Once the ambulance arrived, Officer Peil continued to assist the ambulance staff and drove the ambulance to the hospital.

At the hospital, the man was stabilized and the emergency room doctor commended Officer Peil's life saving actions and said the work done by law enforcement made the difference and gave the man a chance to live.



At the Worthington Police Department meeting held on September 9, 2015, Officer Peil received the Lifesaving Award from Chief Troy Appel for his actions on March 15, 2015.

The meeting was attended by the man's family and they all had an opportunity to speak after the award ceremony.

Congratulations to Officer Peil for making a difference in our community!

**MAKE A
DIFFERENCE**

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Dispatch Corner: Accidental 911 Calls

Accidental 911 calls cause problems for the public safety community, who must spend time and resources to determine whether a 911 call is real or accidental.

A 911 operator must stay on the line to make this determination. If no one is on the line, the operator may need to disconnect the call and call the user back to determine the problem.

If no one answers, the operator may spend even more time trying to reach the caller, or even dispatch

emergency services to help the caller.

These efforts waste resources and divert scarce public safety personnel from other 911 calls reporting real emergencies.

In Worthington, anytime there is a 911 hang up call, the police are dispatched to investigate the incident and determine if there is an emergency or not.

If you ever accidentally call 911, please stay on the line and explain to the dispatcher what happened. They may still send a police officer out to



investigate the call to ensure the caller is safe.

Typical 911 hang up calls in Worthington include; children playing with the phone, misdials from people using calling cards, misdials from businesses that require the caller to dial 9 plus 1 for long distance, and domestic situations where one party tries to call 911 and someone tries to stop them.

Law Review: Suppressors

On July 1, 2015, the state ban on gun suppressors was lifted and Minnesotans are now authorized to possess them as long as they meet all federal requirements. The suppressors are also legal to use while hunting as of August 1, 2015. A suppressor is a device attached to or part of the barrel of a firearm or air gun which reduces the amount of noise and visible muzzle flash generated by firing.

There are numerous federal requirements that need to be met in order to possess the suppressor including; applying for a tax stamp and paying a \$200 fee, filling out two copies of ATF Form 4, obtaining two passport style photos, getting fingerprints taken, and acquiring a signature from the chief law enforcement officer stating they are not aware of any legal issues to your ownership of a suppressor.

DON'T JUST STAND BY AND WATCH

Text confidential tips to the

Buffalo Ridge Drug Task Force

100% Anonymous



BRDTF Tips available on Apple and Android devices

Scam Alert: Apple Ransomware

There is a new twist on an old scam that has started to go around the area.

The Ransomware Scam has started to affect iPhones and iPads with their pop up messages.

The first type of message will state that your device has a virus on it and will direct you to call a telephone number for tech support in order to remove the virus.

The second message will typically appear to come from a law enforcement source such as the FBI or a local police department and will claim that you have accessed illegal material and you must pay a fine immediately with a Green Dot card or other type of pre-paid debit card.

In both of these cases, there is no virus. The pop up messages are embedded in webpages

and are very easy to remove.

If you receive one of these messages, the first thing you need to do is to close your web browser. After that is finished, put your device in airplane mode. Next, clear your internet search history and close the web browser.

This should prevent the pop ups from taking over your web browser.



Do you have a question about a scam or have been a victim of a scam that you would like warn others about? If so, please email chillesheim@co.nobles.mn.us. You may remain anonymous.

Ask an Officer: Can I Drive Your Squad Car?

A common question that many police officers have been asked over the years is, "Can I drive your squad car?"

The short answer is no. In addition to being a liability issue and a policy violation, the operation of a squad car is governed by Minnesota State Statute 169.98 Subdivision 1a.

The statute only allows the operation of a squad car by a licensed peace officer or a part-time peace officer with the following exceptions:

1. A marked vehicle that is operated for maintenance purposes only.
2. A marked vehicle that is operated during a skills course approved by the Peace Officer Standards and Training Board.
3. A marked vehicle that is operated to transport prisoners or equipment.
4. A marked vehicle that is operated by a reserve officer providing supplementary assistance at the direction of the chief law enforcement officer or the officer's designee, when a licensed peace officer is on-duty within the political subdivision.

The officers that do operate the squad cars are required to successfully complete an emergency vehicle operation course every five years to ensure the officer can safely operate the vehicle in emergency situations.

Do you have a question for a police officer, but never had the chance to ask?

Here is your chance! Each month, one question will be selected and answered in this newsletter. Send your comments and questions to:

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Humor in Law Enforcement

For the September Criminal of the Month, we have a pair of criminals out of Lino Lakes, Minnesota.

The incident started out with two women who got lost on their way home after a night of drinking.

The two women ended up at a Holiday gas station where they struck a pole in the parking lot before running into the fuel pumps.

Realizing she had too much to drink, the driver switched seats with the passenger, before they continued down the road.

Eventually the Lino Lakes Police Department found the women and stopped them.

After failing the standardized field sobriety tests, both women were arrested for DWI since both were intoxicated and could be placed in the driver's seat of the car at some point.



In addition to the DWI and Hit and Run charges, a backseat passenger was also cited for stealing three boxes of donuts from the Conner Express in Lino Lakes.

Mission Statement

**Serving Worthington with honor and integrity
by working WITH the community
to provide exceptional public safety.**

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