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## School Safety Tips

It's hard to believe that summer is already over and that school is back in session, but here we are preparing for another school year.

In order to make the school year safe, let's look at a few safety tips.

Each year, one of the biggest complaints we receive is that people are not stopping for the school bus when the lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended.

Not only is this required by law, but it can have some serious consequences for those who do not stop.

If there are no children outside the bus when this happens, it becomes a misdemeanor with penalties of up to 90 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine.



If there are children outside the bus or if you pass the bus on the passenger side, the penalty is increased to a gross misdemeanor with penalties of up to 1 year in jail and a \$3,000 fine.

A driver who disobeys a school bus stop arm may be arrested for this violation.

This is on top of any civil liability that may come from striking the child and the guilt the driver would feel for the incident.

The school bus stop arm violation is not just a local issue. According to the National Coalition for Safer Road, in 2014 an estimated 13 million drivers illegally passed school buses while their stop arms were deployed. As shocking as that number is, it represents a 15% decrease in stop arm violations.

Please do your part to make this school year safe for our children!

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## Turkey Day Schedule

### September 15, 2016

4:30 p.m. - Trojan Cross Country  
4:30 p.m. - Trojan Girls Tennis vs. Redwood Valley  
5:00 - 9:00 p.m. - King Turkey Day Mixer, Pioneer Village  
6:30 p.m. - Trojan Girls Soccer vs. New Ulm

### September 16, 2016

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Worthington Garden Club Flower Show, Wells Fargo Bank  
4:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - King Turkey Day Beer Garden, Downtown Worthington  
Open at 5:00 p.m. - Food Vendors, Downtown Worthington  
5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Midway, Downtown Worthington  
5:00 p.m. - Dark - Helicopter Rides, Second Avenue & 8th Street  
6:45 p.m. - Ping Pong Ball Drop, Second Avenue (Masonic Building)  
7:00 p.m. - WHS Homecoming Football Game, Trojan Field  
8:00 p.m. - Inflatable Movie "Zootopia", Government Center Lawn

### September 17, 2016

6:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Worthington Farmer's Market, Ace Hardware Parking Lot  
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Smokin' Gobbler Cook-Off, Downtown Worthington  
8:30 a.m. - Mayor's Brunch (Invitation Only)  
8:30 a.m. - YMCA 5K Family Fun Walk, Second Avenue & 10th Street  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - King Turkey Day Free Pancake Breakfast  
10:00 a.m. - Close - Food Vendors, Downtown - Third Avenue between 9th & 10th Street  
10:00 a.m. - Close - Rock Climbing Wall, Third Avenue between 10th & 11th Street  
10:00 a.m. - King Turkey Day 10K Run, Tenth Street  
10:00 a.m. - Horseshoe Tournament Doubles (9:00 a.m. Registration), Chautauqua Park  
10:00 a.m. - Disc Golf Ace Race Tournament, Sunset Bay Disc Golf Course  
10:05 a.m. - People's Choice Run/Walk, Tenth Street  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Turkey Day Lunch, First United Methodist Church  
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Caricature Artist, Government Center Lawn  
11:00 a.m. - Dark - Helicopter Rides, Second Avenue & 8th Street  
11:30 a.m. - Kiddie Parade Registration, 10th Street & Third Avenue  
11:30 p.m. - 11:59 p.m. - King Turkey Day Beer Garden, Downtown Worthington  
12:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Midway Carnival, 9th Street, Downtown Worthington  
1:00 p.m. - Featured Speaker - 10th Street  
1:30 p.m. - Great Gobbler Gallop, 10th Street  
2:00 p.m. - Grand Parade, 10th Street  
3:30 p.m. - Smokin' Gobbler Cook-Off Awards Ceremony, Downtown Worthington  
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Face Painter, Government Center Lawn  
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Mr. Twister, Government Center Lawn  
4:00 p.m. - Close - Petting Zoo  
4:00 p.m. until gone - Breaded Baked Pork Chop Supper, Eagles Lodge  
4:00 p.m. - Elk's Smorgasbord, Elk's Lodge  
8:00 p.m. - Acidic Band, King Turkey Day Beer Garden

### September 18, 2016

9:00 a.m. - 19th Annual Ecumenical Country Western Services, First Lutheran Church  
2:00 p.m. - King of the Hill Singles Horseshoe Tournament, Chautauqua Park (registration 1:00 p.m.)

**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



## Law Review: School Bus Flagger

Minnesota State Statute 169.444 has been amended to require obedience to a school bus flagger.

The statute states that a person may stop and hold vehicles on a street or highway with a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less if the person is designated by the school districts transportation safety officer to act as a flagger.

Controlling traffic in order to enable one or more school buses to safely leave school property and enter the adjacent street or highway or to safely enter school property.

A person operating a motor vehicle that has been stopped by a school bus flagger may proceed after stopping only on instruction by the flagger or a peace officer.

As you are driving around this fall, please keep your eyes out for any school bus flaggers that may be in use.



## Officer Alex Tokar

Unfortunately for the Worthington Police Department, the month of September means the loss of Officer Alex Tokar, who has taken a job as a Deputy Sheriff with the Mille Lacs County Sheriff's Department.

Officer Tokar joined the Worthington Police Department in 2014 and was featured in the September 2014 newsletter.

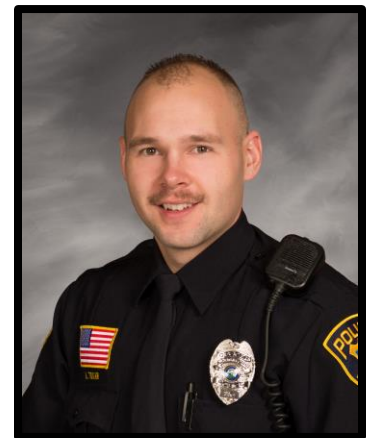
Officer Tokar has spent the last ten years in the United States Army as a military police officer and has been deployed in 2012 to Afghanistan.

Officer Tokar will finish his career with the Worthington Police Department in mid-

September to start the next leg of his career.

Officer Tokar will be joining Officer Bromberg who also left the police department to join the Mille Lacs County Sheriff's Department.

We would like to wish Officer Tokar the best during this new transition in his career!



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## **Humor in Law Enforcement**

For most people, a jail booking photograph is not the best image they have of themselves and would suffer some embarrassment if their friends and family would see it.

And then there is Mack Yearwood from Florida.

Mack was wanted by the police for a probation violation on two battery counts and had the bright idea to use his wanted poster as his Facebook profile.

Needless to say, the police returned to Yearwood's house and arrested him on his outstanding warrants.

To make things worse, Yearwood asked to put on a pair of jeans that were lying on the floor and a bag of marijuana fell out of the pockets.

After officers on scene finished laughing, Yearwood was booked into the local jail while officers finished their investigation into the battery charge.



## **Mission Statement**

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

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