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Back to School Speed Limit Change

Along with the new school year comes a new speed limit past the Worthington Middle School.

New speed limit signs have recently gone up on West Oxford Street and on North Crailsheim Road that lowers the speed limit from 40 miles per hour to 30 miles per hour.

This reduced speed limit is in effect on school days from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

This was done to help promote safety with the increased numbers of students walking to and from school.

The time lost traveling the 1,959-foot distance in the speed zone will only add on an additional 11 seconds to your commute.



The Worthington Police Department will be performing extra patrols in the school zones to ensure compliance with the new speed limits.

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New Social Media Apps – New Dangers for Teens

With the start of the new school year comes a warning for parents of teenagers regarding two new social media applications.

The first app is called “Yellow” and is known as “Tinder for Teens”.

If you are not familiar with Tinder, it is a location based social media app that is used for dating and “hook-ups”.

The app “Yellow” requires the user to give their name, Snapchat name, birthday, sex, and what they are looking for.

There is no verification process to determine the user’s age, which is concerning as on-line predators can use the app to have contact with our children.

The second app is called “Sarahah” and lets users send anonymous messages to other users.

The app was originally designed for co-workers to leave positive and constructive feedback to other coworkers, however with the new popularity of the app, there is a concern this can be used to cyber-bully other teens.



As the new school year starts, let’s make sure we are talking to our children about the on-line dangers they may face in their lives.



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 Stop Arm Violation

With the school year getting started, now is a good time to review the laws surrounding school bus stop arm violations. Minnesota § 169.444 states that when a school bus is displaying an extended stop-signal arm and flashing red lights, the driver of a vehicle approaching the bus shall stop at least 20 feet away from the bus.



The statute further states that no person may pass or attempt to pass a school bus on the right-hand, passenger door side of the bus when the school bus is displaying the prewarning flashing amber signals.

Scam Alert: Fake Lottery Winner

Just last week, Mavis Wanczyk won \$758.7 million dollars in the second largest Powerball in history.

Almost immediately, fake social media accounts started popping up in her name.

The Chicopee (MA) Police Department public information officer Michael Wilk found more than 30 fake Instagram accounts as well as fake twitter and Facebook accounts.

According to Wilk, the fake accounts were being used to try to take advantage of people and to get personal information.

Wilk is advising people not to fall for the 'like and share this post and I will give you cash' post. Many of the accounts are using variations of Wanczyk's name and are including comments such as "giving away money".

Some of the accounts are targeting college students by offering to help with books and tuition.



These are bait accounts used to lure people in and when you are told that you have won, they will ask you for personal information about yourself, including banking information.



Ask an Officer: Can an Officer Order Me Out of My Car?

I was watching some YouTube videos where the police have told someone to get out of the car, but they refused to get out.

Can the police actually order people out of their car if they are not under arrest?

This question came before the Supreme Court of the United States in 1977.

In 1977, two Philadelphia Police Officers pulled over Harry Mimms for driving a motor vehicle with an expired license plate.

During the traffic stop, the officers instructed Mimms to get out of this vehicle and when Mimms exited his vehicles, the

officers noticed a bulge in his pants under his jacket.

After performing a pat-down search for weapons, the officers discovered a weapon and arrested Mimms for carrying a concealed deadly weapon and unlawfully carrying a firearm without a license.

Mimms was convicted for these offenses and his conviction was later overturned by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, which ruled that Mimms 4th Amendment rights were violated when he had to step out of the vehicle.

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court decision was challenged and the case was heard by the Supreme

Court of the United States.

On December 5, 1977, the Supreme Court of the United States reversed the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and ruled that the police officers ordering Mimms out of the vehicle was reasonable and thus did not violate the 4th Amendment.

To answer your question, yes the police can order someone out of their vehicle.

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

While it is only September, one thief in California may already have a lock on the dumbest criminal of 2017 title.

The Santa Clara police had little trouble tracking down our criminal after he stole 100 GPS trackers from a tech firm that produces the trackers to monitor goods as they are shipped around the world.

The thief, who thought the GPS units

were cellular phone chargers, managed to cut himself while taking a beer from the fridge during the burglary, leaving behind DNA evidence on a napkin he used to clean up the blood.

Once the burglary was discovered, the tech company put the GPS trackers in recovery mode, which transmitted their location to within 30 feet every 60 seconds.

With the case wrapped up in hours,



the Santa Clara Police Department was so impressed with the GPS trackers, they are working with the tech company to use them in different investigations.

Mission Statement

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

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