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D.A.R.E. CHANGES WITH THE TIMES

Three Washington County deputies were among officers and deputies from across Minnesota, North Dakota and Wisconsin to make up the 54th graduating class of the Minnesota D.A.R.E. Officer school last month. Deputies Joseph Maloney, Cassandra Rice and Kevin Booth participated in the intensive two-week program at the Washington County Government Center in Stillwater.

D.A.R.E., which was founded in Los Angeles in 1983 and stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education, is the largest and longest active community policing organization in Minnesota. The classroom-based program has evolved over the years from focusing mostly on substance abuse prevention to include more current issues such as cyberbullying awareness, mental health issues and suicide prevention, all aimed at giving law enforcement participants even more tools for guiding and impacting students of all ages.

“It won’t be easy, but remember you are making a difference. They will look to you for guidance, and they’ll depend on you for answers, and they will always remember you,” said Sheriff Dan Starry at the graduation ceremony. “You represent the best in law enforcement.”

NUMBER OF INCIDENTS

12

LOGGED AREA CHECKS

2

WC24018041 SUSPICIOUS PERSON

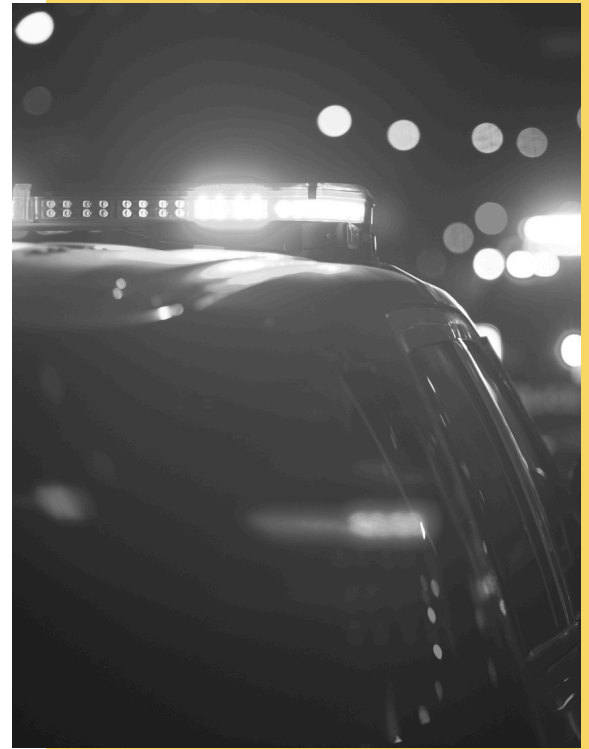
1XX WILDWOOD AVENUE

At 8:49pm on April 10, a deputy responded to a report of a suspicious person who had knocked on a resident's door, began mumbling when the homeowner answered, then left abruptly. The deputy drove through the area but was unable to locate anyone matching the description. The deputy advised the resident to call back right away if the person returned.

WC24018041 ANIMAL COMPLAINT

3XXX EAST COUNTY LINE ROAD

At 6:30am, a deputy spoke with a caller complaining about a neighbor's barking dog. The caller said the dog had woken him up, but was no longer barking at the time of the call. The deputy advised the caller it would be more effective to call while the dog was barking so responding deputies can witness the disturbance.



MESSAGE FROM THE SHERIFF



Last month, we recognized our first responders who are behind the scenes and vital in getting help to people in their worst moments of crisis: the dedicated professionals who staff the Washington County Emergency Communications Response Center. During National Public Safety Telecommunicators week April 14-20, we recognized what it takes to be the first to get that 911 call. Our PSTs are truly heroes, the single vital link for our law enforcement, firefighters, and paramedics in Washington County. They are our community's 'first' first responders, and I continue to be amazed by and impressed with their level of talent, professionalism, and dedication, as well as their mental and physical resilience. We're grateful to all of our PSTs for choosing this way to serve the public, and we honor their passion for helping people.

Coming up this month, we'll remember our fallen heroes at the annual Law Enforcement Memorial Day ceremony at the Washington County Historic Courthouse on May 15. We invite you to join us at noon to honor those law enforcement officers who gave their lives in the line of duty.

In service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Dan Starry".

Sheriff Dan Starry