



# BIRCHWOOD

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## BACK-TO-SCHOOL SAFETY REMINDERS

As summer ends and students start to head back to school, safety is critical for those walking, biking, or taking the bus. Pedestrian and cyclist crashes with vehicles are rising, and they most often happen where people feel safest: crossings controlled by stop signs or signals. The Sheriff's Office urges everyone to keep these tips in mind:

### DRIVERS

- Stop completely at least 10 feet from crosswalks or one full car length from pedestrians.
- Look right before turning right.
- Watch for people approaching from behind or the opposite direction when turning.
- Give cyclists at least three feet when passing.
- Slow for school buses with yellow flashing lights, and STOP for red flashing lights and cross arm. It's state law!

### PEDESTRIANS

- Obey all traffic signals, signs, and barricades.
- Make eye contact with drivers.
- Treat each lane as a separate risk when crossing.
- Use sidewalks and paths; if unavailable, walk against traffic.
- Wear reflective gear or carry a light in the dark.

**Everyone shares the road. Stay alert, be visible, and be predictable.**

### BICYCLISTS

- Ride in the direction of traffic when on roads or shoulders.
- Obey all traffic signs and signals; treat stop signs as yields only if the intersection is clear.
- Signal when turning, if able.
- Use lights and reflectors in low light.

NUMBER OF INCIDENTS

20

TRAFFIC STOPS

6

## ONLINE CRIME DATABASE

Residents can access information about crime, accidents and other incidents in Washington County free through [CrimeMapping.com](https://www.washingtoncountywa.gov/CrimeMapping).



## WC25040093 ASSIST OTHER AGENCY

3XX WILDWOOD AVENUE

At 5:51pm on July 27, a WCSO deputy spoke with a Koochiching County deputy who was trying to contact a Birchwood resident. The resident, who had been staying in a Koochiching County resort, had driven home with the wrong trailer. The trailer in question was believed to look very similar to the one belonging to the Birchwood resident, and at the time of this report it was believed to have been unintentional and was not being treated as a case of stolen property. The WCSO deputy was able to find and provide contact information for the Birchwood resident.

## WC2504146 FIRE

5XX LAKE AVENUE

At 9:24pm on July 27, a deputy received a call back to the site of a recent fire related to severe thunderstorms and downed power lines in the area. The caller said the area was still smoldering. As the deputy responded, White Bear Lake Fire Department arrived, and public works and Xcel Energy were made aware of the situation.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SHERIFF

We've now passed that turn in summer specific to our county, with the end of the Washington County Fair. We thank all of you who stopped by to visit our booth and connected with us, checked out our new Mobile Command vehicle and watched our amazing K9 team demonstrations.

Summer may be coming to an end, but things don't slow down for us here at the Sheriff's Office. In early July, deputies alerted the East Metro Human Trafficking Task Force to investigate the case of a 14-year-old girl brought to one of our communities, and subsequently several other young girls, which led to the arrests and charging of two men.

Our deputies on the Washington County Drug Task Force have been steadily interrupting the flow of narcotics and guns into our communities. Seizures as of July 1 included 7.1 kilograms of marijuana, 1.4 kilos of cocaine, 4.45 kilos of methamphetamine, ¾ pound of fentanyl powder, 495 doses of hallucinogens and 16 firearms. One highlight: the Drug Task Force had information about a vehicle coming from Chicago with fentanyl powder. The vehicle was stopped in Lake Elmo; ½ pound of fentanyl was seized and two arrests were made.

And, on July 30, the WCSO Community Impact Unit teamed up for speed enforcement with agencies in Dakota, Ramsey, Anoka, Chisago, Isanti, Pine and Kanabec counties. With a goal of reducing some of the unsafe driving behavior we see daily, the results were notable: 75 officers made 645 stops, and WCSO wrote 28 citations in four hours, including a driver going 91mph in a 60 zone.

We hope you enjoy these last weeks of summer, in safety and with the knowledge that our dedicated team of professionals is always on the clock, no matter what the season.



In service,

*Dan Starry*

Sheriff Dan Starry

**Total for City BIRCHWOOD VILLAGE: 20**

<b>Incident Date</b>	<b>Case#</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Event Description</b>
7/3/2025 5:55:36 PM	<a href="#">WC25035240</a>	HALL AVE / JAY ST, BIRCHWOOD VILLAGE	DIRECTED PATROL
7/3/2025 10:16:41 PM	<a href="#">WC25035304</a>	XXX LAKE AVE, BIRCHWOOD VILLAGE	FIREWORKS
7/4/2025 9:47:29 AM	<a href="#">WC25035372</a>	EAST COUNTY LINE RD / BIRCHWOOD AVE, BIRCHWOOD VILLAGE	COMMUNITY CONTACT
7/4/2025 3:39:35 PM	<a href="#">WC25035437</a>	JAY ST / HALL AVE, BIRCHWOOD VILLAGE	DIRECTED PATROL
7/5/2025 10:11:25 PM	<a href="#">WC25035772</a>	XXX Wildwood Ave, BIRCHWOOD VILLAGE	FIREWORKS
7/6/2025 3:08:39 AM	<a href="#">WC25035838</a>	XXX Lake Ave, BIRCHWOOD VILLAGE	DISTURBANCE
7/6/2025 9:10:41 PM	<a href="#">WC25035973</a>	XXX Wildwood Ave, BIRCHWOOD VILLAGE	CIVIL MATTER/DISPUTE
7/10/2025 3:22:10 PM	<a href="#">WC25036744</a>	HALL AVE / JAY ST, BIRCHWOOD VILLAGE	DIRECTED PATROL
7/10/2025 11:22:47 PM	<a href="#">WC25036827</a>	XXX Lake Ave, BIRCHWOOD VILLAGE	DISTURBANCE
7/16/2025 4:32:53 AM	<a href="#">WC25037845</a>	XXX Hall Ave, BIRCHWOOD VILLAGE	PUBLIC WORKS CONCERN
7/18/2025 5:02:06 PM	<a href="#">WC25038316</a>	HALL AVE / JAY ST, BIRCHWOOD VILLAGE	DIRECTED PATROL
7/19/2025 5:07:26 PM	<a href="#">WC25038470</a>	4XXX East County Line Rd, BIRCHWOOD VILLAGE	ANIMAL COMPLAINT
7/20/2025 3:37:19 PM	<a href="#">WC25038642</a>	JAY ST / HALL AVE, BIRCHWOOD VILLAGE	DIRECTED PATROL
7/22/2025 10:51:54 AM	<a href="#">WC25039004</a>	XXX Cedar St, BIRCHWOOD VILLAGE	SUSPICIOUS PERSON/ACTIVITY
7/27/2025 5:51:05 PM	<a href="#">WC25040093</a>	XXX Wildwood Ave, BIRCHWOOD VILLAGE	ASSIST OTHER AGENCY
7/27/2025 9:24:51 PM	<a href="#">WC25040146</a>	XXX Lake Ave, BIRCHWOOD VILLAGE	FIRE
7/27/2025 9:46:18 PM	<a href="#">WC25040151</a>	XXX Wildwood Ave, BIRCHWOOD VILLAGE	ROAD HAZARD
7/28/2025 4:05:33 PM	<a href="#">WC25040306</a>	XXX Wildwood Ave, BIRCHWOOD VILLAGE	ALARM-BUSINESS/RES/FIRE/MEDICAL/ETC
7/28/2025 9:48:32 PM	<a href="#">WC25040395</a>	XXX Wildwood Ave, BIRCHWOOD VILLAGE	ROAD HAZARD
7/30/2025 5:02:53 PM	<a href="#">WC25040963</a>	XX White Pine Ln, BIRCHWOOD VILLAGE	ALARM-BUSINESS/RES/FIRE/MEDICAL/ETC