



# HUGO

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## WATER SAFETY REMINDERS

Summer officially begins June 20, and Minnesotans are ready to hit the water! Whether it's fishing, swimming, paddling, or boating on one of Washington County's 251 lakes, there's no shortage of ways to enjoy time outdoors.

While it's always a good idea for everyone to wear a life jacket when boating, did you know that Minnesota law requires all children under the age of 10 to wear one? Also, those using a canoe or kayak are required to wear a life jacket while on the water. The same law applies to operators of personal watercraft (PWCs), such as Jet Skis.

One of the most important reasons to wear a life jacket is the cold shock response. This reflex occurs when your body is suddenly exposed to cold water, typically below 70°F. It triggers several automatic physiological reactions, including the gasp reflex, hyperventilation, vasoconstriction (which leads to a loss of dexterity), and can overwhelm even the strongest swimmers, increasing the risk of drowning.

The Sheriff's Office Water, Parks, and Trails Unit will be out too, promoting outdoor safety. Licensed deputies and specially trained reserves patrol rivers, lakes, and parks to ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable time. Many of them will tell you that patrolling the water or a beautiful park is one of the best jobs around!

NUMBER OF  
INCIDENTS

436

TRAFFIC  
STOPS

274

CITATIONS

72

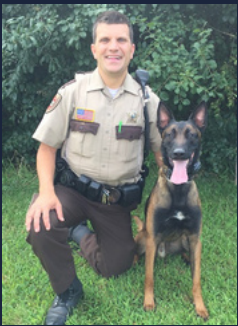


## WC25026031 TRAFFIC COMPLAINT

7XXX 165TH STREET N

At 4:12pm on May 18, a caller reported following a blue pickup truck whose driver was being erratic, going at different speeds and crossing lane lines. A responding deputy observed the blue truck try to navigate a U-turn and drive on the shoulder as it began to head south on Forest Boulevard N. The deputy initiated a traffic stop and requested the driver's license and insurance. The driver provided proof of insurance but admitted to having a canceled license. After running the driver's name through DVS, it came back as Canceled-Inimical to Public Safety, a gross misdemeanor, which is often related to DWI offenses. Because of this and the fact that the driver was leaning on the truck for support, the deputy ran the driver through standard field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test, both of which the driver passed. However, the driver was arrested and taken to Washington County Jail for Driving after Cancellation-IPS.

## MESSAGE FROM THE SHERIFF



This month, we take a moment to honor Deputy Chris Majeski and K9 partner Jake (*top photo*), who will retire this summer. These two have been partners for nearly 10 years as part of WCSO's nationally top-ranked K9 team. Retirement means Jake will now get to live the family life with the Majeskis, full of treats, affection and fun. We thank him and Deputy Majeski for their excellent work and special partnership. Details of K9 Jake's retirement will be available soon.



While it's hard to say goodbye, we're also happy to welcome new K9 Mack officially to the team. After four months of training with Deputy Ross Peterson, graduation was May 22. We look forward to seeing how they work together as they serve our communities.

Finally, don't forget that Saturday, June 14, is National Get Outdoors Day, when all U.S. state parks are free to visit. Closer to home and year-round, Washington County offers free access to all eight of its beautiful county parks on the first Tuesday of each month, with upcoming summer dates on June 3, July 1, Aug. 5 and Sept. 2. Have fun out there, and most importantly, please be safe!



In service,

*Dan Starry*

Sheriff Dan Starry