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CRIME-FIGHTING TOOLS YOU CAN USE

Reducing crime and improving quality of life is a team effort, and a well-informed citizenry plays an important role. Washington County offers residents tools to help them be proactive in staying informed and in keeping their families and homes safe.



First, county residents can sign up for [CodeRED](#), which sends emergency and community updates on evacuations, shelter-in-place orders, police activity, missing persons and more via phone, text, email or app. The Sheriff's Office encourages all residents to sign up for this important free service — just scan the QR code above or text WASHINGTONMN to 99411.

Another free tool is [CrimeMapping.com](#), an online database available for any county resident. This user-friendly web-based program offers a visual representation of incidents within our jurisdiction and allows for easy access to incident data, including incident type, date, time, location and case numbers, for up to 180 days. It includes these types of incidents: arson, assault, burglary, disturbing the peace, drugs/alcohol violations, DWI, fraud, homicide, motor vehicle theft, robbery, theft/larceny, vandalism, vehicle break-in/theft and weapons offenses.

Finally — and perhaps most importantly — don't forget: **If you see something, say something.** Our dedicated team of telecommunicators, deputies, and other first responders are here for you 24/7. When in doubt, call 911 — and not just for emergencies. When you call, our telecommunicators receive valuable information through advanced technology that supports a faster, more informed response. The same professionals who answer emergency calls also manage non-emergency lines, so you're not bothering them by calling 911. They'll simply ask if your situation is an emergency. If it's not, they may place you on hold briefly, but they'll make sure you get the help or guidance you need as soon as possible.

The most important thing is to report what you see when it's happening. We would much rather respond to a call and find nothing than miss the chance to stop a crime or help someone in need.

NUMBER OF INCIDENTS

347

TRAFFIC STOPS

182

CITATIONS

59



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ELUDING LAW ENFORCEMENT

FOREST BOULEVARD N & HWY 61

A deputy on routine patrol observed a lime green sports motorcycle going south on Hwy 61 from 140th Street N at 1:53pm on Oct. 9. Noting that the motorcycle appeared to have no rear license plate as required by law, the deputy turned on emergency lights and began to follow the motorcycle. As the motorcycle approached 137th Street N, the deputy saw it pass three cars against a solid no-passing line, driving into the lane of oncoming traffic. Once directly behind the motorcycle, which had a driver and a passenger, the deputy confirmed there was no license plate and attempted a traffic stop at 120th Street N. The deputy saw the driver look back, clearly noting the deputy's presence, then accelerate rapidly and begin to pass cars as it sped south. The deputy aired the description of the motorcycle and the reasons for the attempted stop but discontinued pursuit at Buffalo Street because of the high speed involved, which created a danger to other traffic.

MESSAGE FROM THE SHERIFF

The Washington County Sheriff's Office was proud to attend the opening ceremony of this year's Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics (LETR) conference, hosted Oct. 16-18 in Minneapolis. We were inspired by the powerful stories shared by Special Olympics athletes and by the global partnership between law enforcement and the Special Olympics community. A special highlight was supporting our very own Sgt. Matt O'Hara in his role as Minnesota State Director of LETR. His dedication to supporting and fundraising for Special Olympics athletes is truly remarkable.

"The Law Enforcement Torch Run has given me more than I could ever give back," says Sgt. O'Hara on the Special Olympics Minnesota website. "The opportunities, friendships and experiences I have been a part of have created a lasting impact on my life. The SOMN athletes I interact with on a regular basis have taught me so much about who I am and improved my life personally and professionally in a way I didn't know I'd need."

Over the past 40 years, LETR has raised more than \$1 billion nationally to support these athletes — and the impact continues to grow. In Minnesota alone, that number is \$58 million raised for our in-state programs and athletes. To get involved or show your support, visit the [SOMN website](#).

We'd also like to congratulate Sgt. O'Hara on his recent promotion. In his 18 years as a Washington County deputy, he has served as a Patrol deputy; a Water, Parks and Trails deputy; a Coordinated Response Team detective; field training officer; honor guard member; SWAT Tech team lead; Mobile Field Force member; and Emergency Vehicle Operation Course instructor. In his new assignment, he will be assigned to the Patrol division. We value his experience and commitment, on the job and off!



In service,

Dan Starry

Sheriff Dan Starry