



NPDR Beat

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Sgt. Mark Murphy...

Greetings to all.

I hope everyone is having a great start to their "New Year" and have survived or enjoyed (depending on your love or hate of winter) the cold and snowy winter we had up until February. Personally, spring can begin any time. The older I get the more I like the heat. Funny how that works.

I want to start by thanking everyone for their thoughts and prayers with the passing of my father (Jr.'s grandfather). I found comfort in all the support.

A special thanks to **Steve Moses** for all his efforts in getting our newsletter up and going. Anyone who has any ideas for articles or content, please let Steve know. Remember, it

is meant as a way to get information out to all of you about events, training, articles of interest, community information and information about each of you, so your input is very important.

At our next meeting, we will finish up on cuffing and cover searching of suspects and those arrested. We will also cover patrol functions. We may even talk about the report writing function if time permits. **Chris Hermsstad** got to write his first report while riding with **Officer Malecha**. They had a foot pursuit with someone that tried to get rid of his dope. Chris did a fantastic job assisting with the arrest and wrote a nice report. This is a topic that could use a

whole meeting by itself. I have also talked to **Josh Sterling** about First Aid/CPR and AED training. My plan for the March meeting is to have our Emergency Management Director, **Tim Isom**, do our annual Sky Warn Training.

Several of you have brought up the suggestion of having a cell phone available while working to have better communication and access to officers. Ask and you shall receive (at least this time). The number is xxx-xxx-xxxx and Direct Connect is xxxxxxxxxx. It will be kept in the Reserve/Explorer office. Please try to remember and put it back at the end of your shift.

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JANUARY'S MEETING :

- > **Pressure Point Control Tactics and Statues** relating to use of these tactics and making arrests
- > **Handcuffing techniques.**
- > **Practical use of force and our limitations and responsibilities.**
- > **Officer Monroe** stopped by and enthusiastically reviewed some of the pressure points we should know, as well as the need to be very clear and loud in our verbal commands.
- > **We teamed up and practiced what we learned.**

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Happy Birthday!

January

01 Mark Murphy Jr.
25 Dwight Rions
25 Tresa Mazurek

February

09 Jay Ragalie
25 Tyler Leppert
26 Alan Lindberg

FROM THE RESERVE CAPTAINS DESK...

Happy February Everyone!
 It's election time for the Reserves. The program used to elect a member to serve as Sergeant then move through the ranks to Sergeant #1,2,3 and 4 each serving for a year. Then they would serve as Captain for a year. The process got you familiar with every aspect of the program, but did not give you an opportunity to accomplish much during your stint. About 3 or 4 years ago we did away with that in favor of "permanent"

positions. Whoever is elected to the post would be given a vote of "confidence" or "no confidence" every year. If a person is voted out. Then a new person will be voted into the vacant position. Here are the candidates: **Capt. Mark Murphy Jr., Sgt. Jay Ragalie, Sgt. Kai Engstroem**
 Good Luck!
 I have also been updating the Reserve hours. Hours for this year are current and last year has just a few touch ups left. Off hand, I don't know how many

hours we have this year so far, but it looks like a literal squad of Reserves are hitting the streets with Ride Alongs, Vehicle Patrols and Hockey events every week! That's Awesome! We will have no problem shooting past the 2000 hour benchmark that we set as a goal. We have a few things to go over in regards to tracking hours, but I'll go over that stuff during the meeting. Keep up the great work and I look forward to seeing all of you on Monday. It's an Honor to Serve You All!

Skywarn Weather Training coming this March—be a trained spotter!



RESERVES IN THE NEWS...

The St. Paul Police Reserve began in 1941 during World War II as Air Raid Wardens attached to the St. Paul Police Department. In 1967 the Air Raid Wardens became the Saint Paul Police Reserve, assigned to Community/

Volunteer Services. The primary function of the Reserves was traffic and crowd control at events in the city. In 1976, a second arm of Volunteer Services was established as the Neighborhood As-

sistance Officers. Their duty was to drive through the neighborhoods and to be the "eyes and ears" for the Police Department. In 2003, the NAO and Police Reserve programs were combined into a new Police (cont. page 3)

RESERVES IN THE NEWS...

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Reserve program, making more people available to watch over our city.

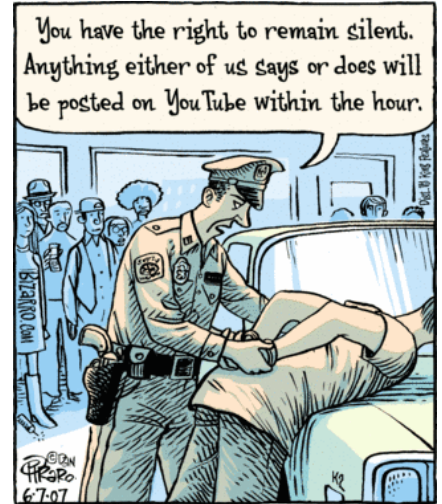
The St Paul Police Reserve is an autonomous organization that operates under the Assistant Chief, Support Services and Homeland Security Division,

with a sworn St. Paul Police Sergeant and two sworn officers as full-time coordinators.

The St Paul Police Reserve currently has 85 reserve officers. There are three Commanders, Events, Patrol and Bikes; and nine Sergeants, cov-

ering training, events, patrol and bikes, among those volunteers. The Reserves range in ages from 18 to 80. In 2007, the St Paul Police Reserves donated over 16,000 hours to the Citizens of St. Paul.

From issue 6 of the 2008 newsletter, MN Reserve Officer Association.



TRAINING ON PPCT

Training on PPCT and handcuffing went well at our regular January meeting. Capt. Murphy was shown what happens when a suspect whines to much. Jay did the honors :-)

Officer Monroe stopped by and reviewed some of the tactics we may be called upon to use when riding with an officer, including use of pressure points.

We partnered up and tried some of the techniques for utilizing pressure points and cuffing after reviewing the authorized use of force statutes and the 'continuum'.

Next Meeting this coming Monday, February 16th, at 1900 hours



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...fresh off the beat.

Bring you 'cuffs' this Monday as we complete handcuff training.

Reserve Cell Phone

Contact Steve to get the number.

Josh Sterling says he was approved by the Warden to conduct a tour of the prison, we will discuss dates and times this Monday, as well as some of the do's and don'ts while we are on the tour.
 Thanks Josh

Sgt. Mark Murphy...

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I am also in the process of having Pearl Street set up a Reserve paging group. To do this I will need each of your cell service providers (such as T-Mobile, AT&T and etc.). So if each of you can e-mail this info to me, that would me great.
 (mark.murphy@ci.n

orthfield.mn.us).

It has been nice to see many of you working hockey games, doing ride alongs and taking the Trail Blazer out and performing building checks and assisting officers with tows and other details freeing their time for other activities. With warm weather just around the corner, there will be many

other opportunities to be active. We appreciate your efforts and willingness to serve the community. Keep up the good work. I think I've taken up enough space for now, so take care and I will see you all soon.

Sgt. Murphy

