



NPDR Beat

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Sgt. Mark Murphy...

FEBRUARY'S MEETING :

- > **Voting for executive officers—no changes this year.**
- > **Review of report writing. See minutes for details.**

March Meeting moved to Monday March 23RD

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Greetings! Well another month has come and gone. I hope everyone is surviving the winter that won't stop. With daylight saving time here, it won't belong before we hear birds chirping. I hope you all got your clocks changed.

Speaking of nice weather, hopefully everyone received notification that our monthly meeting was changed from March 16 to March 23. Tim Isom, our Emergency Management Director, had a scheduling conflict making it necessary to change the date. I hope all of you can make the training. It is very informative and a requirement to participate in Sky Warn (AKA, storm spotters). Details of responsibilities and duties for Sky Warn will be discussed at the

training.

Since the last meeting, many of you have worked several hockey games and patrolled afterwards. Both hockey games have been well attended providing a potential for problems. Your presence was instrumental in keeping problems to minimum. I hope it was fun and enjoyable to all whom attended. I think Bob Paget may have collected a few pucks also. Officers are appreciative of your dedication and help.

Feedback from them has been positive. Chief Taylor also received the following email from Jason Eisold, City of Northfield Recreation Manager, after the St Olaf vs Hamline playoff game:

Mark-

Please pass along a thank-you to the Reserves and staffing at the game on Saturday night. I think (from our stand point) things went well.

No game on Wednesday this week, just the St. Olaf/Carleton game on Sat. at 9:00pm

Thanks

Jason

I won't be as long winded as last month, so I will end. I hope to see you all on the 23rd. Thanks for all you do for our community. Keep up the good work and take care.



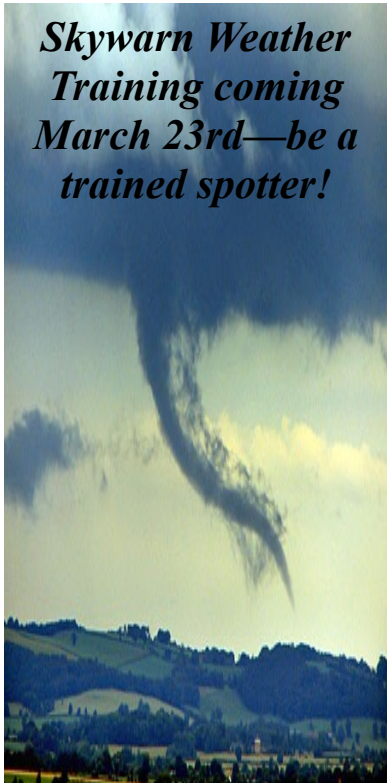


Happy Birthday!

March
02 Tony Jerin
30 Steve Moses

April
22 Brent Feldhake
25 Josh Sterling

***Skywarn Weather
Training coming
March 23rd—be a
trained spotter!***



FROM THE RESERVE CAPTAINS DESK...

Happy March
Everyone!

Personally, I love March. It always seems to be one of our biggest snow months. At the same time, for those of you non-snow types, it also tends to mark the end of winter. Spring is just around the corner. The same can be said for the Reserves. March signifies the end of the Hockey season and the revamp toward summer time. Our mission stays the same, but our focus shifts just a little. Summer brings us the opportunity for warmer Foot Patrols, Downtown Events, Festivals, 4th of July, National Night Out and many other things. Each year something different always comes up.

I stopped by the Hockey Arena to

check in with everyone on Feb 28. The arena was packed. Fortunately, there were ample reserves present (My memory fails me, 6-7 of you). There was also at least one person doing a Ride Along. It seemed like the arena needed all of you. While there Bob Paget showed off his dodging skills. A puck flew over the Plexiglas and headed on a collision course for him, about 20 feet from the glass and in a corner. He was quick to get out of the way and the puck made a loud bang into the wall. Way to keep alert Bob! Hockey can be a dangerous spectator sport. Combine that with watching the crowd and the game, it can be a tricky business.

Before I forget. For those of you who

were not at the last meeting,

Sgt. Ragalie,

Sgt. Engstroem and myself were all confirmed for another year of service to our wonderful organization. Thank you to everyone. We all look forward to another exciting year.

A reminder that our March Meeting has been rescheduled for the 23rd. It will be the annual Sky Warn training. Everyone needs to attend this training. It is very important for the functioning of the Reserves. I look forward to seeing you all there.

As always, it's an honor to serve you all!



RECORDING HOURS...



Recording Hours
We talked at the February meeting about recording hours. I wanted to touch base on the subject once more to help clarify. Every couple of months I enter the hours that we contribute into the reserve database.

There is a lot of info to put into the computer. It is not difficult, but time consuming. The most important thing I want everyone to remember is to print clearly when writing down your hours. It makes it easier on me when I am recording the data. The computer system records these things for each hour entry I make: Officer, Date, Event/Meeting, What the Event was (Admin, St. Olaf X-mas Fest, St. Olaf other,

Northfield High School, Carleton College and several other event listings), Hours (total) and Notes (like event description, Officer/Reserve participated with, special occurrences like ICR # and so on). When you record your hours, that is what the computer uses. There are a few additional things you record that are important, but don't get recorded into the computer.

When you record your hours it will go like this (in no particular order): Officer, Date, Radio A/B (and # if applicable), Hours (I need both a start time and an end time), Event type and Notes (who you patrolled with, ICR # if necessary, other important info). The Event type will be

simple and tell me exactly what the Event was. Example: St. Olaf Men's Hockey, Northfield High School Hockey, St. Olaf Cross Country, Northfield High School Football, National Night Out, Ride Along (with a Police Officer), Vehicle Patrol (with a fellow Reserve), Saturday Night Live and so on. Some groups pay us for our services and it is important that we distinguish between the different events. The Notes will be simple also. You can record who you rode with. Also you can use this area to write Event info. For recording Hours, we need to make sure that we record start and end times and also to use either 24hour/Military time or AM and PM. A time of 1000 to 300 could mean two different things both of which are reasonable for a Reserve to be out and about.

Also, when I record a time I use the nearest 1/2 hour. The computer seems to have

so please round your times to the nearest. Lastly, when you finish your activity, add up your time (once again, to the nearest 1/2 hour). It's a lot of info to record, but I feel that it adds to our ability to track accurate info. If there are problems/issue or compliments to be made, it makes it easier on everyone.

At the end of the year, we can be proud of the specific accomplishments that we made during the year!

One more thing. If you sign in for a Meeting or at Jesse James Days, you don't need to fill out a separate hours sheet. We use the sign in sheet to make it easier on everyone. Thanks and I'll see you all soon!

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Captain, Reserves

**Next Meeting on
Monday,
March 23RD,
at
1900 hours**

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...fresh off the beat.

**Reserve Cell
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Contact Steve to get the
 number.



Thanks to everyone who came out to work the hockey games the last two weeks!

Together we gave about 21 hours of service by the reserves and explorers for the 1st game, and about 15 for the 2nd game.

With the extra hours worked both during and after these events, and with ride

End Notes...

alongs, together we provided almost 50 hours of extra coverage for the city!

Coming very soon...**Better Know a Reserve...**I will be sending out a questionnaire to everyone in the near future. It will contain no more than five questions for you to answer about yourselves.

Please do respond in a thoughtful manor.

The intent is simply for all of us to get to know each other a bit better. Nothing too personal is asked.

I will highlight one or two of us a month until everyone has participated.

Thank you for all you do!

Steve



Because of budget cuts we have to use the photocopier until we can get the mugshot camera repaired.

Archives on the web at
<http://deacon.org/police/npr.html>