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Your Invited..

Blue Mass, law enforcement Mass

I have been asked to let all law enforcement personnel, along with their family and friends, know they are cordially invited to take part in a Blue Mass at Divine Mercy Catholic Church in Faribault. The Mass is next Saturday, April 24th, at 4:00 pm.

Come in uniform and be recognized in this special Mass. The Faribault Knights of Columbus have extended the invitation to honor and recognize law enforcement, fire departments, and emergency personnel in Rice County. The Mass is being sponsored by the Faribault Knights of Columbus. There will be a reception afterwards.

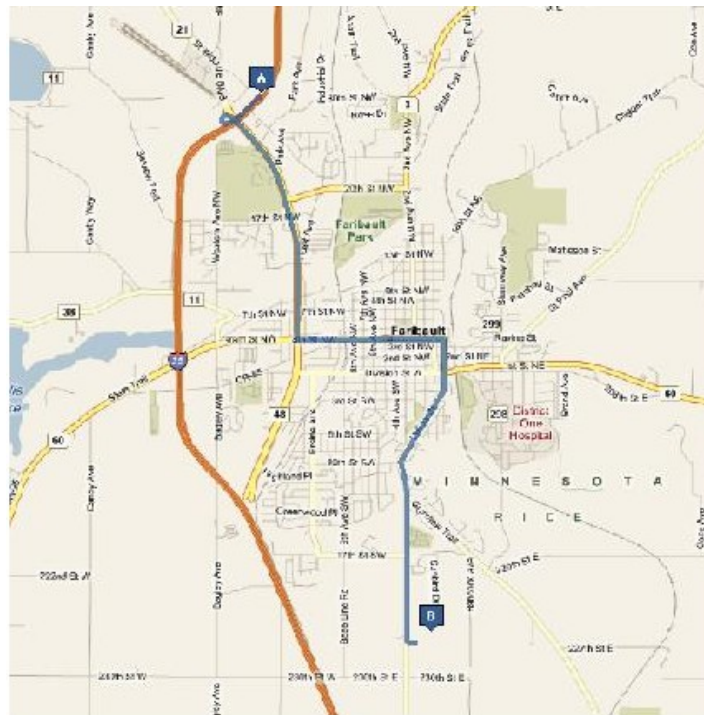
If you go the church is located on 139 Mercy Drive (off Willow Street south of Faribault).

**March 22 was
Spotter Training by
Tim Isom.**

**Next
Months
Meeting
Monday
May.
17th**

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Directions:

Interstate 35 to the Highway 21 exit. Go south on Highway 21 towards Faribault. At the third stoplight (Highway 60/4th Street), take a left. Follow Highway 60 through Faribault, turning right as Highway 60 continues on Willow Street. Follow Willow Street south. Take a left on Mercy Drive. The church address is 139 Mercy Drive. The adjacent house address is 22685 Albers Avenue.

Reserve Captain Memo...



The warm weather is welcome. The trees are budding and some of the perennials are flowering. Prime time to go out and enjoy the season, what better excuse to enjoy the fresh air than to team up and do a patrol. Thanks to **Reserve Sgt. Josh Sterling** and **Reserve Jeff Pritchard** for patrolling the night of the prom and to all of you who have been out and about!

Notice about shirts. Short sleeve is mandatory beginning May 1st. Also, you should wear only white or black tee shirts with the summer shirt.

Currently **we are looking to add some more folks to our unit.** If you know someone who would make a good reserve officer let the person know applications are being accepted until April 26th. The application and the job description are online at the city website.

I haven't been idle during my recuperation from foot surgery. I am well on the way to completing a first draft of an in-depth **Training and Operation Manual for the Northfield Police Reserve Unit.** The manual incorporates much of what others have put together in the past, and much more. It will be reviewed and revised by the Leadership Team and Sgt. Murphy. As the manuscript gets closer to completion, I plan to invite all of you to review and comment on the work in progress via email as it continues to be edited. As the manual moves closer to its final form it will be presented to Deputy Chief Walerius for additional review and comment. The goal is to ultimately have the manuscript gain the approval of the Chief. Our in-depth training and operation manual will incorporate bylaws, operations, and several training aspects of the Northfield Police Reserve Unit. It will also serve as a reference tool for new reserves. There will be more information coming later on this exciting project.

It's **Severe Weather Awareness Week April 19—23, 2010.** Thank you to each of you who participated in the spotter training offered by Tim Isom last month. Each day we are getting closer to the season when you may need to put the training you received into practice. But its not all about spotting weather. You should also be aware of weather related conditions that effect all of us.

Keep in mind once it gets hot out...

- Heat-related fatalities outpace deaths in several other weather categories.
- Based on a national average from 1992-2001, excessive heat claimed 219 lives *each year.*
- By contrast, floods killed 88, tornadoes 57, lightning 52 and hurricanes 15.

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If during a heat wave you have any of these heat-related symptoms,

CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY:

Confusion, disorientation, dizziness

Very slow breathing

Vomiting

Headache

Fatigue

Loss of appetite

Hot and dry skin (you are not sweating)



DID YOU KNOW...

- Thunderstorms, hail, straight line winds and heat waves cause extensive damage in Minnesota every year.
- The annual toll from hail alone is about \$1 billion nationally.
- High temperatures can quickly cause heat exhaustion, especially in children and elderly persons.
- Lightning kills and injures more people than any other summer weather threat!
- 47 lightning fires took place in homes and business structures in 2007, resulting in damages of about \$2.3 million

Tell your friends and others who may be interested...

We are now accepting applications to the Northfield Police Reserve Unit

Go to the city website to download an application. Deadline April 26th.



RESERVE CAPTAIN MEMO Continued...

We have the firing range out by Faribault reserved for Saturday, June 5, 2010! Thanks to **Sgt. Monte Nelson** for coordinating this opportunity for us. We will have a gun safety presentation at our May meeting which is mandatory if you want to shoot at the range on Saturday, June 5th. If you are not able to make it to the May 17th Monday night meeting you are more than welcome to come to the range on Saturday, June 5th, but you will not be allowed to shoot, even if you own your own gun. This is a safety issue and we need to ensure that everyone is on the same page before we go out.



Sgt. Murphy suggested we have a **picnic following our time on the range**. The preliminary plan for this is to have everyone meet at the Safety Center and car pool to the range. Once we are done shooting we will have a picnic at a local park near the firing range. I am looking into the possibilities and will share more details about food and location at our May meeting as well as in the May issue of the NPDR Beat, and you will find information posted on our website.

Thank you to each of you, my peers, for your dedication and service as Reserve Officers. **As a Reserve Unit we donated almost 3000 hours of service in 2009. The dollar value of our combined effort was at least \$63,480 of service provided to the City of Northfield*.**

Every time we go out as reserves we contribute to the betterment of our community and the safety of our neighbors.

Thank you for all you do!!

 **Celebrating
People
in Action**
National Volunteer Week
April 18 – 24, 2010

*The dollar value is based on 2008 data for Minnesota volunteers at \$21.16 per hour.



PATROL REMINDER WORTH REPEATING...

With the nice weather consider going out to patrol with another reserve. As Sgt. Murphy has noted in the past, this is especially helpful on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. With the warm weather comes more policing issues and more opportunity for you to be of help to the officers on duty.

Don't forget to check in with the officer in charge on the shift you

are patrolling. Also keep in mind I expect you to take a minimum of four action requests with you when you patrol and write a detailed patrol log each time you go out. The new 'Reserve Police' and 'police shield' magnets are on the metal back door by the patrol bags. Be sure to apply them to the red Ford pickup truck when you go out.

WEBSITE...

Northfield Police Reserves Website:

<http://northfieldpolicereserves.webs.com/>

Reserve Sgt. Sterling has put a lot of effort into designing this website for us. Take some time to check it out and join the site, no charge.

Once all of us are members of the website I will begin to utilize it along with the sergeants to post up to date information and notices for all reserves. One item posted several days ago was the heads up on the firing range opportunity.

If you have any questions or suggestions be sure to let someone in leadership know.



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Happy Birthday!

*April
22 Brent Feldhake
25 Josh Sterling*

*May
10 Jeff Pritchard*

*Missed your
birthday, not your
birthday, no longer
active?
Let Steve know.*

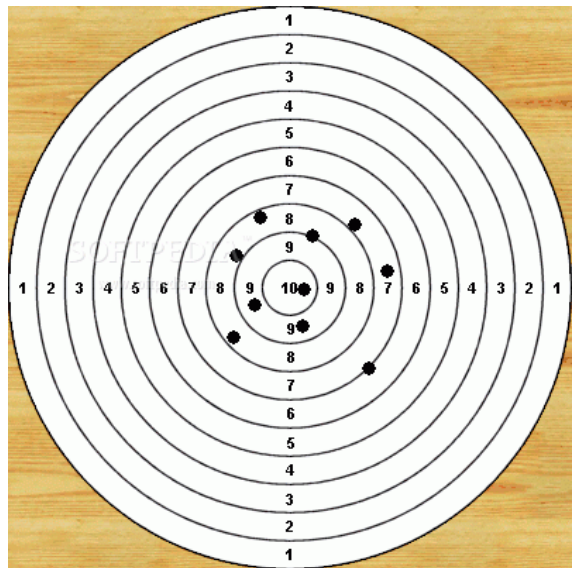


**Reserve
Cell Phone**

**The May 17th
Reserve Meeting
is
MANDATORY
if you want to
shoot at the range
on June 5th**

**NO
EXCEPTIONS**

***April Reserve
Meeting
7 pm Monday,
April 19th***



Archives on the web will
soon will be at our new website
