

Notes of the monthly Reserve Meeting held on August 17, 2009. These are not necessarily in chronological order.

First thing done was a photo shoot of those who still needed photos for the new police ID cards.

A signup sheet went around for the Defeat of Jesse James Days.

May be getting an old transit bus and transforming it into a Command Post. The old one we have that is a trailer will be going away. Good use a tent set up for DJJD and a tarp to drape over the sides.

The building is being remodeled and the evidence room is being transformed as well as the patrol room to create more work stations and space. Carpet may be going in. Capt Schroder coming down, Karen the admin assistant for chief and deputy chief getting the captains old office upstairs. Thad and another officer are losing their office to the Captain. Our stuff will be moving as well.

Thanks for all the help for National Night Out. At least 10 showed up to help and we had positive comments from the public. 500 hot dogs were consumed, all the 240 bottles water and canned pop was gone as well. Set up and take down went very well. The help was really appreciated. The bulk of it came down in half an hour at the end.

Junior and Jay will discuss issues of surrounding logistics of DJJD.

Radio gear and other items brought into the training room with signup sheets and FYI sheets.

6 AM or 6PM check in with officers. They do 12 hour shifts (0600 – 1800) and (1800 – 0600).

Write down when you start to charge a radio so we know how charged they are. Date and time you put it in charge – use 24 hour (military time).

Sign in sheet for signing in and out. Don't bring your radio home. We need all of them available.

Safety issues, drink plenty of water. Dress appropriately; be sure to take time out to relax and get out of the heat from time to time. Be pared up with someone, don't go out alone. You should always be with someone else. The exception being as you're on your way to an event to meet up with someone.

Firemen's Tent: We can also get some food from behind the fire station – Its free, but be prepared to give them a donation of money in the bucket so we will continue to be invited to partake. There will be gizzards, beer, pop, brats, and burgers. **DON'T BE DRINKING BEER WEARING YOUR POLICE SHIRT** – your shift must be over to drink the beer and your police shirt off. Be aware that there will be a mix of people present at the tent.

Have fun.

Saturday night the signs are put up (4 people required) Midnight to 0130.

Friday night and Saturday night the Rodeo happens – need 4 reserves. Cover Jefferson, Woodley and Frontage road. Thad is usually in charge of this.

Most of DJJD is foot patrol.

Sunday Parade Day – meet at 10 am at the Police Department. Lunch provided. 11 am bank reenactment, then we set up for the parade. Explorers and Reserves volunteer vehicles to transport people. 2 people posted together. Faribault Reserves and Explorers help as well.

Bingo is always going on, the car show, the Carnival.

When you grab a radio, leave our A radios (HT1000's) for the Sergeants. Leave the Nextel!

Officer safety is number one priority when you are out. If you see something go down, call for an officer. Don't try to handle it yourself.

Watch what you say. People will hear it; we are in the public eye! Be professional.

Thursday night is Townie Night, not much going on. Carnival goes till about 9 pm (6 pm – 10 pm listed) on Thursday.

Headwear; the chief and deputy chief are not fond of caps. Wear the appropriate sun block.

Saturday morning there is a bike run, 246 and Woodley covered. 10 am there is a kid's parade when they could use some of us.

Monty will take day shift and be in charge of days, he handles the logistical stuff. Parking and events unfold they will be responsible for.

He will rely on someone from the reserves to be sure we are all on the same page.

There is a mass role call on both Friday and Saturday at 6 pm. Be at the Role Call.

Sgt. Murphy will handle downtown stuff, entertainment center (beer garden). Be sure you don't go into the center without a licensed officer. Correctional officers are hired for security at the center. We should have any problems.

Theft of a cash box at a stand happened, so we should keep our eyes open. They got about \$5,000.

Remember that events go up to Central Park.

Note: We can't take gratuity from the food stands, just don't do it. Our policy is we don't accept gratuity.

Sunday there is someone going up and down the route on both sides of the parade to give us water once we are in our assigned positions.

Take down the signs once the parade is done on Sunday. Monty and Murphy will follow the rear of the parade. They will pick up signs as the parade goes by with our help at our stations.

Be sure to touch base with one of the reserve sergeants or captain when you come in as well as the officer in charge.

There will be assignments and duties listed on the board so you will get an idea of what's happening at where you might be assigned.

### **Demo performed of traffic stops – what's our role in traffic stops?**

Assisting the officers

Squad car pulled out a little in to the road to protect the officer and the stopped car with wheels turned out. The officer will check the trunk to be sure it's secure. "Wall of light" should be in your favor. Our approach should be slower than the officers, they should arrive first. The officer also needs to get back to the squad before you do.

Be as invisible as you can when you're assisting. Use your flashlight to look down on the floor when they are engaged with the officer. Be at the center of the car on the side. When they look in their glove compartment you should pay attention when they open it up to look for guns or other contrabands. If you see something shout it out, don't be shy about it.

If there are a lot of people in the stopped car, you might not get back into the squad but stay out and watch the car and what the occupants are doing while the officer is on the computer and writing up a ticket.

If you see the doors to the stopped vehicle open, tell them to stop and get back in the car and close the door. Do it as forceful as possible and as quick as possible. It will draw the attention of the officer who will need to deal with it.

The second approach is the dangerous approach when the officer goes back to the car. Be wary and keep your eye out for how the occupants are reacting. Keep an eye on the trunk as you come back. Keep an eye on hands and on all the people in the car. Listen to any chatter in the car. Be an extra set of ears as well as eyes.

Be aware of what the people in the stopped car are doing as the officer heads back to the squad car.

Also keep an eye on anyone who is watching (pedestrians). Keep them moving if they hang around and get close by.

Be observant! Be aware!