

Reserve Meeting December 21, 2009

Began officially at 7:25 pm

Roll call taken

We began with a round table introduction for the new reserves present.

Junior reviewed our past year. We had *2967.5 hours as a group with 500 activities covered.

(Steve notes the value of these hours equals over \$60,000 of police coverage savings for the city of Northfield.)

2008 = 1647.5 volunteer hours

2009 = 2967.5 volunteer hours

*Two events hours have not been added yet, the prison tour, and the Pearl Street tour.

A cross section of the activities we participated in during 2009:

St. Olaf Christmas Concert	DJJD	4 th of July
100 Day March	St. Olaf CCM	Halloween
Reserve Funeral	Olie/Carlton Hockey	Home Coming/Prom
Night to Unite	High School Football	Safe-n-Sober
SWAT Training	Winter Walk	Reserve Patrols
Canine/Art Swirl	UCC Abe Lincoln Display	Crazy Days
H1N1 Clinic	Taste of Northfield	New Reserve Training
Bike Rodeo/Healthy Kids	Pandemic Exercise	Ride Alongs

Training offered in 2009

January	PPCT	February	Reserve Patrol/Ride Along
March	Sly Warn Training	April	Fire Arms
May	Prison Tour	June	Pearl Street, CPR/AID
July	Prep Night to Unite	August	Prep DJJD, Traffic Stops
September	DJJD, Report Writing	October	Search-n-Transports
November	Prep Olaf X-mas	December	End of Year Review/Goal Setting

New leadership announced:

Sgt. Jay Ragalie, Sgt. Chris Hermstad, Sgt. Josh Sterling, Sgt. Brent Feldhake
Capt. Steve Moses

Junior turned the meeting over to Steve at this point.

Steve thanked Junior and made some general remarks. What follows is a synthesis of what we discussed as a group for the last part of our year end meeting facilitated by Sgt. Ragalie. Items in parenthesis are Capt. Moses' additional comments as I review what we discussed. They are included for the purpose of clarity.

Going forward all reserves will be assigned to a sergeant. These assignments will be announced at the January meeting.

Steve wants to work on communication and pre-planning of details (events) with each sergeant in charge of a detail (event) on a rotating basis. Steve will work in collaboration with the sergeants, and take his own turn in charge of events as well.

It was noted that we should be proud of our past accomplishments and where the program finds itself at the end of 2009. We have grown in numbers and our hours reflect that growth.

Going forward Steve will work with Sgt. Murphy to prepare press releases (perhaps on a quarterly or bi-quarterly basis) to promote the reserves highlighting what we do for the city.

It was requested that we utilize the text message feature through Pearl Street for everything from meeting reminders to call outs.

A request was made for "cheat sheets" that we could follow if we find ourselves in particular situations that would give us detailed instructions on the procedure to follow.

The leadership, working closely with the Sgt. Murphy, will begin this process in 2010. (Feel free to let anyone in the leadership know what you feel would be most beneficial to you.)

In 2010 we will take a look at several training opportunities (we will also look at when and how to best incorporate this training.)

Leadership will consider how best to begin developing a training/procedure manual. Sgt. Murphy suggested that we take our time and work on one chapter at a time.

(This will be an ongoing process that I anticipate will take between two and three years to complete. I want it done right and I want it to reflect our reality as reserve officers for the Northfield Police Department with input from everyone.)

Our past Captain has volunteered to begin work on this before he moves on to other endeavors.

Sgt. Murphy would like us to begin having an historical archive/documentation for the reserves, especially photos. Now it's scattered and fragmentary at best. The 2010 archive will begin with photos of the January meeting and the "pinning ceremony" for the new leadership.

In 2010 we will consider how we can utilize (if we can) the city web page for reserves with a secure sign in area for us. Sgt. Sterling reminded us that he maintains a Reserve Group page on Facebook we can use for now)

We will look into the requirements to have our unit registered with MPROA (Minnesota Police Reserve Officer Association, web site: <http://mproa.org/>).

Some ideas generated for future training included:

PPCT (Pressure Point Control Tactics) Training with an officer
Incident Command

Fire Arms – go to the range this summer (look into possible option for some to be qualified)

Patrol

Directing Traffic

Radio Communication

Transports

Medical Training

Taser Training (not to carry, but to understand the limits and use)

Rice County Jail Tour – groups of five

Prison Tour

Invite Officers who happen to be in the report room to introduce themselves and have a short conversation on what they would like from us

Invite a Northfield Hospital Ambulance crew to come and give us a tour of the ambulance and tell us how we could be of support to them during incidents

Look at going to the old Coke Refinery for practice with building searches or other training possibilities

Training and review on the squad cars (Could be done along with transport training)

Meeting was wrapped up at 9:00 pm with the new leadership meeting afterwards

Next Meeting 7 pm on Monday, January 18th