



NPDR Beat

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Sgt. Mark Murphy...

Greetings to all.

If you are into marking off days on the calendar or are paying attention, neither of which I do, you can see the summer is moving quickly and before you know it, kids will be off to school and snowballs will be hitting us on the backside. Hope each of you have been able to get some time off and do something fun.

Special news item: Our **Deputy Chief, Charles Walerius**, began his duties and was sworn in on Monday, July 6. Deputy Chief Walerius comes to us from the Owatonna Police Department where he spent 3 years as a Captain, overseeing the Patrol Division. Before that, he spent almost 20 years with the Minnesota State Patrol. He retired at the rank of Lieutenant. Deputy Chief Walerius will oversee the day-to-day operations of the Department. I have supplied him with our Policy manual and we will be meeting in the near future to discuss the operations of the Reserve unit. At this time, we will address some of the ideas we have dis-

cussed in the past. I have invited him to make an appearance at our meetings so you can get acquainted with him. **When you see him, please say Hi and welcome him.**

It has been a pretty busy month so far for activities. We had the Taste of Northfield, June Bug Music Festival and the 4th of July celebration. **Josh and Brett** were doing foot patrol at the Taste of Northfield and assisted with locating a lost child. Good Job guys. I know that when the public sees the uniform they have trust and confidence in your abilities.

A special thanks to those who came out on the 4th of July and helped with all the festivities. It can be very time consuming to put up and take down the no parking signs/ barricade and stringing caution tape around the fireworks sight. It is much faster when we have lots of help. You also did a fantastic job in realizing what needed to be accomplished, such as traffic control, and then doing it. Thanks to everyone who has come out and

devoted time to patrolling and foot patrol on non-event weekends. Your efforts are appreciated by officers and public alike.

Upcoming events. Thursday, July 23 is Crazy Days. There will be festivities going on all day. They start setting up by 6:00 a.m. If we can get people to devote some time from about 5:00 or 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. or later, that would be great. If someone is a night owl or an insomniac, we could use a few people to help place barricades early Thursday morning starting about 4:00 a.m. :)

Tuesday, August 4 is Night to Unite (AKA: National Night Out). We will set up starting at 2:00 p.m. The event is from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tear down to follow. I need as many as possible for this event. If the whole unit was there I would do a hand stand. The more the better especially to set up and take down. The event will be held on Water Street by the Post Office. We had an excellent turnout last year. More on page 3...

JUNE'S MEETING :

- > **First aid, CPR, and AED training**

Next Meeting Monday July 20th

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FROM THE RESERVE CAPTAINS DESK...

Happy July to Everyone!

Officer Dukatz sent a small shiver down my spine today when he mentioned that we have about 6 weeks until Jesse James Days. Time is really moving along! We are already half way thru the Summer.

I have been in the process of updating hours for the year. We are pounding the pavement pretty hard this year. I went back to last years hours up until now and it shows that we put in about 500hrs. This year we are over 800hrs. I expect when I get everything updated we will be around 1000hrs. Considering that this is a slow time of the year for us it really shows the dedication that each of you is showing toward Northfield, the Police Dept. and the Reserves. Keep up the great work.

I do want to put out a couple of reminders when filling out your hours on our log sheet. Under Activity/Event do not put "Patrol." Generally that is what we are usually doing. It makes if difficult to

know if you are doing a Ride-Along or Vehicle Patrol. Instead put the Officer/Reserve you are riding with. I can figure out from there if it is a Vehicle Patrol of otherwise. Also, don't forget to add up your total hours for your shift. Remember: to round to the nearest half hour. The computer program does not do so well with fractions. But, half hours seem to not bother it. At a minimum there should be the Officer/Reserve you are riding with and the total hours you worked. If you did something else please include it. This will make it easier for us to track date and events that the Reserves participate in. When in doubt, add it! Last thing to remember. Please, Please, Please make it legible! I need to be able to read what you put down. Think of me has blind and you won't be too far off the mark.

Lastly, I wanted to say good job to all of you for the good work you always do. I especially wanted to mention the crew from the 4th of July: **Moses, Jandro,**

Sgt. Engstroem, Lepert and Sterling. Although I believe there was also at least one Explorer. With their participation we were able to have two reserve teams in vehicles and an additional Reserve riding with an Officer.

I saw Reserves utilizing traffic vests and light wands to help direct traffic. What I have seen has come to be a standard that is constantly being used by Reserves carrying out their duties. That standard is Safety and Confidence. It makes me proud to be associated with you all. It takes each of you to make a conscious decision to keep this standard. For that I thank you all.

It is an Honor to Serve you!

Mark Murphy Jr.
Reserve Captain

Happy Birthday!

July
Jorge Jimenez
Brian Tennesen
Mark Berg

August
James Burton
Kai Engstroem

Missed your birthday, not your birthday?
Let Steve know.

More from Sgt. Mark Murphy...

Last month we had first aid, CPR and AED training. Thanks to **Josh** for providing the training and **Scott** for donating and providing equipment for the training. I appreciate your efforts, it saves the Department money and time trying to find outside resources to provide this necessary training. I believe the quality of training is better when you keep it in-house. If you did not make the training and do not have first aid training to include CPR and AED, please let me know. If you have had the training, please provide me with some documentation that you had it.

A special KUDOS to **Kia**. After last months training, he got to use his newly acquired skills in CPR and AED to aid someone having a heart attack. Kia can tell us the story at our next meeting.

This months meeting I would like to let up our tents that we use for NNO. I need to know before the event, what needs work and what is okay. We can also go through our hand-outs so that we know what we have and don't have. We can dig out Mc Gruff and see if he is working properly and identify who is interested in doing this. If we have time, we will work on patrol operations. We you come to the meeting, please let me know what you have for brass. Number of badges, collar brass, ID cards, key cards, and name tags.

Okay, I have said enough. Hope to see you all on Monday, July 20, 2009. As always, thank you for all you do for our community. Sgt. Murphy

Kai took the photo on the right with his fancy cell phone.



**Mark your calendars now for the
Defeat of Jesse James Days September 10—13, 2009**



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**Reserve
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**If you have not
 sent Steve your
 “Better Know a
 Reserve” info
 please consider
 doing so.**

Thanks!

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Better Know a Reserve

To remind you, these are the questions...

1. What do you do for a living – how do you pay the bills?
2. Family status, married, single, kids, pets?
3. Why do you volunteer with the Northfield Police Reserve?
4. Do you do, or have you done, other volunteer work, where?
5. OTHER – Anything else you want to share?

This month, Scott Kerling

1. I am an Ironworker for the Union Pacific Railroad. My job is to do structural iron work and to repair bridges before they fail. And to assist in cleanup if there is a derailment or natural disaster. My job requires a lot of travel since our work area covers from Chicago, IL, to Itasca, MN, to Des Moines, IA. I am also a State Director for our union and spend time at the capital to lobby for bills to protect our workers.
2. Married for 10 years, Have 2 daughters, Madeline is 8 and Leah is 5. Have 2 dogs. Katie Mae is an Airedale and she is 3 years old, and Riley is a Pit Bull/Boxer mix and she is 11 weeks old. Also have 2 cats, Stitch and Chip, a lizard named Lizzy and a few assorted fish.
3. I volunteered to do more in the community where I live to be more involved and to give back something extra, and have enjoyed meeting and getting to know the other reserves.
4. I did volunteer for the Minneapolis PD quite a few years ago. But would love to someday volunteer for a Fire Department.