



## NPDR BEAT

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### From Sgt. Mark Murphy's Desk...

Greetings to all. Holy smoke, we are half-way through March and what wonderful weather we have been having. After the long winter we endured, it is nice to be rewarded with some early spring weather.

If you do not know already, Reserve Sergeant Ragalie, tendered his resignation from the Reserve Program. I want to thank him for his years of service to the community. Sergeant Ragalie devoted a lot of hours over the years and his service was appreciated. I wish Sergeant Ragalie well in all his future endeavors.

Thank you to everyone for sacrificing your Saturday, March 6, for OC and PPCT training. We had a very good turnout. I hope that the training was beneficial and no one had to many bumps bruises or sore muscles the next morning. I did enjoy making some of you squirm. I guess that is the sadistic side of me :) What a way to welcome our new Reserves. Thanks to Sergeant Sterling for co-instructing with me and Capt. Moses for feeding us at noon. A special thanks to Officer Monroe for coming in on his off Saturday to do the OC training. He does an excellent job and is very energetic and committed to training and educating others.

For those of you having access card issues or do not have an access card, I have forwarded information to Tim Isom, Emergency Management Director, who will get you all into the system and get you a "key fob". We are going with "key fobs" as they are cheaper. If Tim can get to them, he might have them at Skywarn training.

Deputy Chief Walerius has given the go-ahead to start another process for bringing on more Reserves. I have asked our Human Resource Director to post the position to get the process underway. If you know some good candidates, please have them fill out an application. I will keep you posted of the progress and let you know when the interview process begins.

With the nice weather coming, I encourage you to team up with someone and come do Reserve Patrol on a Thursday, Friday or Saturday night. Remember Skywarn training this coming Monday, March 22, at St. Olaf. Capt. Moses has sent out information on the location. I will be out of town for training that week, so I will not be there. Thanks to everyone who has been working hockey games, ride a-longs and patrols this winter. All your efforts and service are very appreciated. Thank you for all you do. Hope to see you all soon and take care.  
Sgt. Murphy

#### March 6th was:

>OC Training and PPCT's

>Do a ride along or go out on patrol.

>April's meeting is Monday, April 19th

**Next Meeting  
Monday  
Mar.  
22nd**

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# Reserve Captain Memo...



Spring is in the air, the temperature has been up, the tree buds are out, and my buddies have been riding their motorcycles. This is the perfect time to go out on patrol, go for a ride along, just go out and enjoy the changing seasons.

Spring time also reminds us of what can at times be dramatic swings in temperature and precipitation types. With the change of seasons comes the chance for unusual weather. Sometimes dangerous weather. With that in mind we are taking part in our special training to help out as weather spotters for the city with a one night workshop put on by Tim Isom, the director of Emergency

Management for the City of Northfield.

Tim will be giving us the Skywarn overview of weather, how we fit in, and what we could expect if we are called upon to act in this capacity. Tim does a wonderful job of giving an overview of the different cloud types, weather systems, what to look for, and what we should be paying attention to when we have an eye to the sky. He also emailed some maps to help with parking and finding the room this Monday night (March 22 at 7:00 pm) which will be attached to this newsletter email. The training will take place in the Regents Hall room 150 on the St. Olaf campus. We will be with St. Olaf security staff as they too participate in the Skywarn training. Make every effort to be on time for this, Tim has a lot of information to cover with only two hours to share it.

## Special thanks to Officer Thad Monroe and Sgt. Mark Murphy

On Saturday, March 6th, we had the opportunity to be trained in carrying and utilizing Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray, and Pressure Point Control Tactics (PPCT). Both officers took their own time on a beautiful Saturday to do be with us and share their wisdom and experience to help make us better reserves.

As reserves we volunteer our time and talent to the City of Northfield because we love policing and helping the community. But we are not the only volunteers. Many times we have training that is given to us by officers on their own time.

I appreciate their willingness to do this. Next time you see Officer Monroe or Sgt. Murphy be sure to thank them for their efforts. We should never take it for granted the time any officer shares with us, be it in training, or taking us out on a ride along. Let them know you appreciate them and the time they are giving you. Say thank you!





## Be a trained spotter!

**Our regular March meeting will take place at the St. Olaf campus this Monday, March 22, beginning promptly at 7:00 pm.**

Some folks are car pooling from the Safety Center. If you want to car pool it will leave the Safety Center at 6:40 pm so plan accordingly.

Junior sent out an email with parking tips, I sent out some maps that I made, as well as some campus maps from Tim Isom.

If you have any questions, call your sergeant.

Enjoy the evening!

**RESERVE CAPTAIN MEMO Continued...**



**...fresh off the beat.**

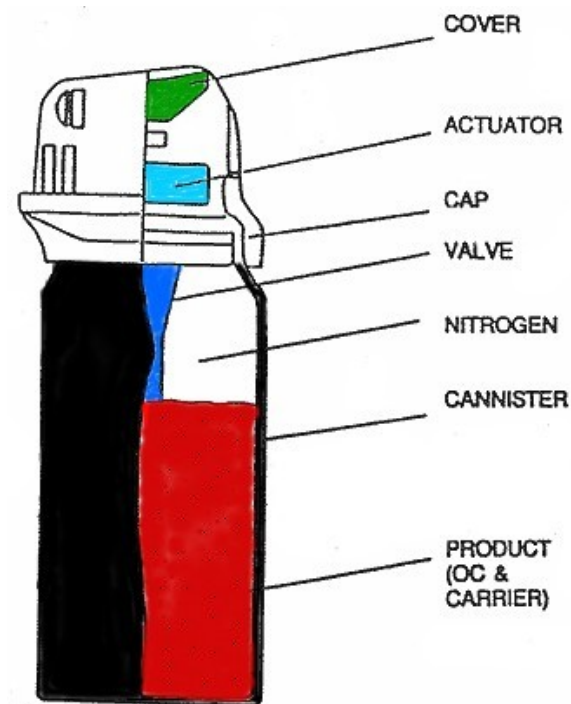
As Sgt. Murphy noted in his column, Reserve Sgt. Jay Ralgie has decided to move on to other endeavors. I wish him well and thank him as a citizen of the city for his past work as a reserve.

As a result of Jay's departure we will be operating with one less experienced reserve, and as was already noted last month, one less sergeant. For now we will not be filling the sergeant position. But we would like to keep adding reserves to our ranks to keep our numbers up and to help out with large city events that require our participation to succeed. If you know someone who would be a good addition the Reserve Program, now is the time to let them know the application process will be open soon.

Lastly, on a personal note, I had foot surgery a week ago that removed a piece of a fractured bone from my right foot. It is unlikely I will be able to participate at this months Skywarn training. But you never know. I do wish I could be out there with you. It's only been a week but I already miss doing ride alongs and patrolling. I am especially jealous of those of you who have already gotten in the first motorcycle ride of the year! For now I'm 10-7.

**DID YOU KNOW...**

The first use of pepper as a defensive or offensive weapon dates back to approximately 2000 B.C. during the wars between India and China. Dried red peppers were finely ground and wrapped in rice paper. When the enemy was engaged, the paper was lit on fire and thrown or delivered by bow and arrow toward the enemy. The brittle rice paper could also be thrown into the face of adversaries during hand-to-hand combat.



## Northfield Police Reserve Leadership Assignments

**Captain Steve Moses:** Administrative Officer – Monthly Newsletter, Press Releases, Communications

**Sergeant Chris Hermstad:** Training & Reserve Patrol Officer

**Sergeant Josh Sterling:** Equipment Officer

**Sergeant Brent Feldhake:** Historical Archive Officer

Shared for now: Data Entry Officer – Reserve Computer

### PATROL REMINDER...

With the nice weather consider going out to patrol with another reserve. As Sgt. Murphy noted, 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/>

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 we have all of us as members of website I will begin to utilize it along with the sergeants to post up to date information and notices for all reserves.

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



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**Reserve  
Cell Phone**

**Happy Birthday!**

*March*  
**2 Tony Jerin**  
**30 Steve Moses**

*April*  
**22 Brent Feldhake**  
**25 Josh Sterling**

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



**Skywarn training  
this Monday night!**

**7:00 pm Regents  
Hall, St. Olaf**

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