



NPDR Beat

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Sgt. Mark Murphy...

APRILS' S MEETING :

- > Review of upcoming details (events)
- > Weapons & Force Continuum review by Sgt. Nelson

**Next Meeting
Monday
May 18th
(We will be leaving just after 7:00 p.m.)**

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Greetings to All. I hope you are all doing well and enjoying Spring. Now if we could only get the weather Gods to cooperate. This past weekend was very busy for patrol, so if you get some free time, please try to line up a partner to come in and do some Patrol. I am sure we will find something for you to do. May weekends tend to be busy with parties and activities. I will post some signup sheets on the Reserve Office door. Thanks to those who helped out with the Healthy Kids Day and Lutefest at St. Olaf. Officer Monroe was very great full for your involvement. I had a lot of positive comments from citizens who attended on your involvement and dedication to public service.

This months training will be a fieldtrip to Pearl Street Dispatch Center. I spoke to John Taylor for Pearl Street today and he still has us on his calendar. We will plan on leaving just after 7:00 p.m., so please.....be on time so we can get down there about 7:30

p.m. In fact, if some of you get here early, I would like to get photos of everyone so we can get ID cards made. So please bring your short sleeve uniform shirt along. Don't forget.... We will finish photos when we get back from Pearl Street. I also emailed John everyone's cell numbers so hopefully we will have group paging capabilities soon. I have most of the Sky Warn spotter cards and will hand them out at the meeting. There are a few that I do not have yet. But will get them soon. There are a handful of you that do not have a badge yet. I am hoping that I will have some returned soon. So look forward to that.

Before last month's meeting, Capt. Murphy, Sgt. Ragalie and Sgt. Engstroem got together for a meeting. Some to the topics we spoke about we attendance and event participation, structure of the Reserves and training topics. As I have said before, this is a volunteer position and I know your money job and school take precedence. But, we really do rely

on you to provide a valuable and important service. If we keep our roster full and everyone works events and special projects as a priority, we won't burn anyone out. With our roster being almost full, it is my intention to add a couple of leadership (Sergeant) positions. I also want to divide people into teams. So there would be a Sergeant and then four to six officers on a team. In the area of training we talked about some our needs. Our greatest need at this time is some type of structured field training process or an academy. We still need to figure out the best way to administer that. Whether it be carried out over a week, a month, weekends or some other combination of blocks of time. Enough said on these topics for now. There will be more on these topics to following. Think about them and then provide us with some input.

Well, I think of said enough for now. I hope to see you all next Monday. Keep up the good work. Thanks for all you do. Sgt. Murphy

YOU CAN'T OUTRUN A RADIO.

Happy Birthday!

*May
No May Birthdays*

*June
09 Bob Paget*



Reporting Criteria for Weather Spotters:

There are certain criteria for reporting severe weather. Recall that a thunderstorm is defined as severe if it produces a tornado, hail 3/4 inch in diameter or larger, and/or wind gusts 58 miles an hour or higher. It would be desirable to report events associated with a thunderstorm before they reach these severe levels. Use the following guidelines for reporting weather events.

Report hail occurrences when the hailstones have a diameter of 1/2 inch, and report wind gusts when their speed reaches 50 miles an hour.

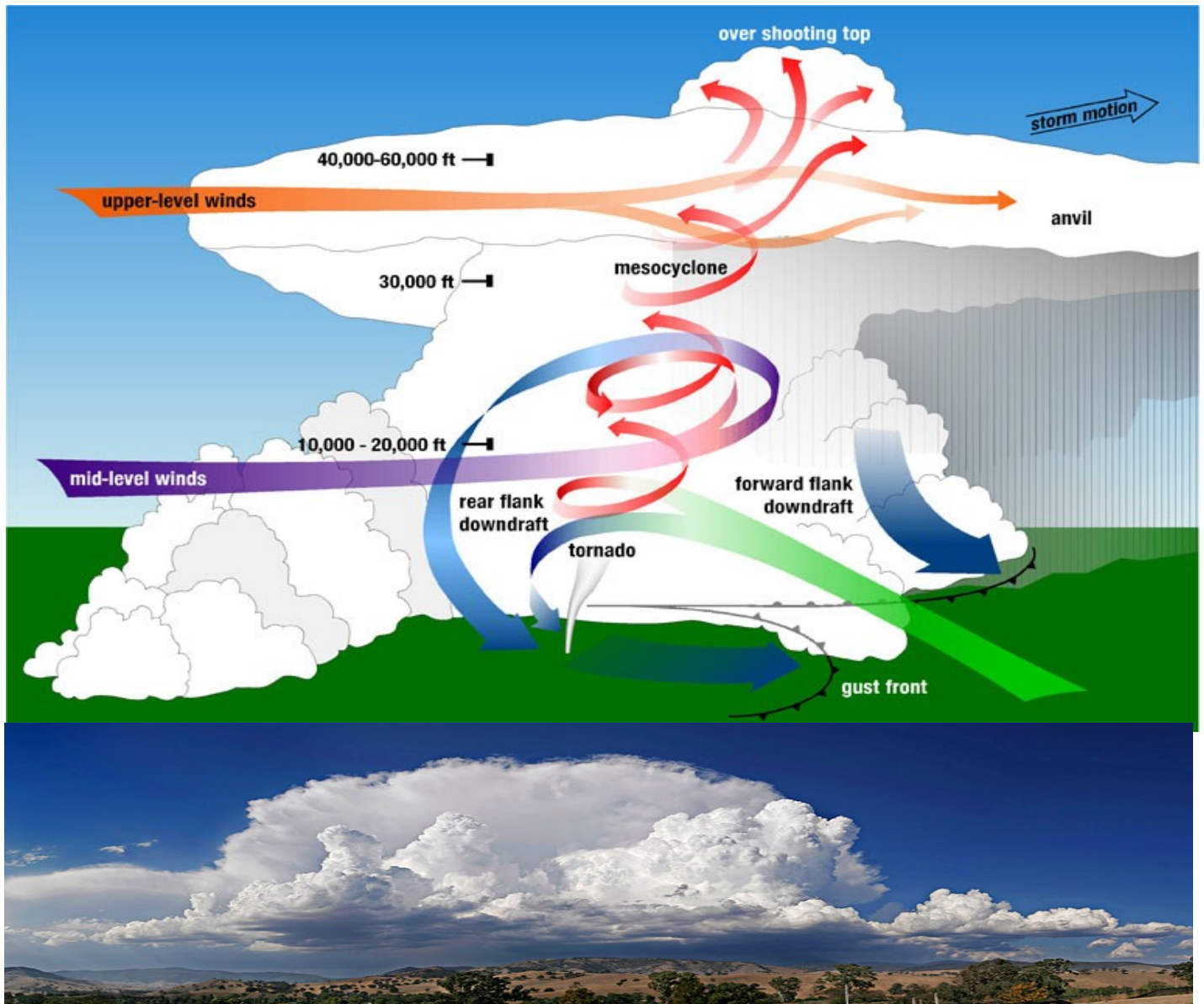
Obviously, tornadoes and funnel clouds should be reported. A funnel cloud is defined as a violently rotating column of air which is not in contact with the ground. It is usually marked by a funnel-shaped cloud extending downward from the cloud base (hence its name). If the violently rotating air column reaches the ground, it is called a tornado. An important point to note is that the visible funnel DOES NOT have to extend to the ground for a tornado to be present. Instead, look for a rotating cloud of dust and debris underneath a funnel cloud as evidence that the tornado's circulation has reached the ground.

Hail Size Estimates

Pea	0.25
Penny	0.75
Quarter	1.00
Half Dollar	1.25
Golfball	1.75
Tennis Ball	2.50
Baseball	2.75
Grapefruit	4.00

Wind Speed Estimates Speed (MPH) Effects

25-31	Large branches in motion; whistling in telephone wires
32-38	Whole trees in motion
39-54	Twigs break off of trees; wind impedes walking
55-72	Damage to chimneys and TV antennas; pushes over shallow rooted trees
73-112	Peels surface off roofs; windows broken; trailer houses overturned
113+	Roofs torn off houses; weak buildings and trailer houses destroyed; large trees uprooted



Sgt. Monty gives his weapons workshop at the April Reserve Meeting—some of the highlights...

Reviewed some of the statutes that might apply to reserves. Looked at citizen vs. licensed police officer with use of force. 90% of the time use of force will be used when arresting someone because they are resisting.

We always need to be under the direction of an officer if we use force. Make a good witness – this is our ultimate goal as reserves. We can't go too far or do what a police officer does, we are not licensed.

Don't put yourself in a position when you may get hurt. **Call on the radio to let the officers know the 'what', 'where', and 'who' of a situation, and be a good witness.** Give details on the radio and remember you are a citizen, even if in a uniform.

When giving verbal instructions, verbal's should be loud and clear, and repeatedly stated.

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Upcoming events:

Next month we will plan on First-Aid training.

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made.

Please bring or wear your short sleeve uniform shirt. Don't forget.... We will finish photos when we get back from Pearl Street.

Hopefully ID cards

will be available by the June meeting.

Please respond in a thoughtful manor to the email Steve sent so we can "Better Know a Reserve".



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



Reserve
Cell Phone

This month we car pool from PD to Pearl Street.

CPR training at the June Reserve Meeting.



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