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From Sgt. Mark Murphy's Desk...

Hello all. Well summer is almost here. We have had some good weather and some wet weather, so I guess you can say it's spring.



Our April 19th meeting included Traffic Training by Reserve Capt. Moses with a practical exercise.

Car Stops, the reserves role during ride alongs, presented by Reserve Sgt. Hermstad.

Next Months Meeting Monday June, 21st

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At the meeting this Monday, May 17, we will be doing prep for our Range Day on Saturday, June 5. Please be at this meeting if you plan to go shoot. It is very important. Sgt. Monte Nelson will be doing Monday's training and the shoot. If you have not been present for any of his trainings, your in for a treat. He is very knowledgeable in the are of firearms and he makes it interesting.

Update on new Reserves. Applications closed on Monday, May 10. When all was done, I think we ended up with 18 applications. Yes, I said 18. That is great. Interviews will be on Saturday, May 22, starting at 7:30 a.m. I will discuss with Capt. Moses our needs for volunteers for sitting on the interview panel. I want to get people on board as soon as we can, so we can get them trained before Jesse James Days. Not sure the number we will take from this group yet.

With summer upon us, if you are looking for something to do, please hook up with another Reserve and come do some patrol a Friday or Saturday night. With park checks and other activities, I am sure we can find something for you to do.

We can talk about other events and such on Monday. Thanks for all you do and take care. Hope to see you all on Monday.

Sgt. Murphy

Reserve Captain Memo...



NEW RESERVES

As I'm sure you read from the first page, we've had eighteen people apply to the reserve program!! This may be one of the largest applicant pools to apply for the Northfield Police Reserves. We'll have to find an 'old timer' and ask.

As of this writing, we have not determined how many open slots we can fill. In other words, even if all eighteen are excellent applicants whom we would love to have join us, I doubt we would be able to bring all eighteen on board.

However, having said that, we definitely have an opportunity to bring our numbers up to full strength if the caliber of the applicants is as good as the few I have met while out doing ride alongs. There will be some challenges with this large a group of 'green' reserves, but I'm happy to have the challenge.

TRAINING

This Monday we have special training provided by Sgt. Monte Nelson on firearms. It goes without saying, but I'm saying it anyway, be sure to take time to thank Sgt. Nelson, Sgt. Murphy, and any of the other police officers for the time and the experience they give us. It should never be taken for granted.

With our recent additions, and all the new reserves who will be joining our ranks this summer, there will be several opportunities for training not only the new folks, but a chance for the 'old timers' to hone their skills and share their wisdom.

As these training dates and topics come up I will keep everyone posted. I hope you will take the initiative to join the new folks at training, welcome them to the program, and take time to introduce yourself whenever you see a reserve you don't know. We are a big group getting bigger. But that doesn't mean we should forget to be welcoming to each other and encourage one another.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

This summer I will be posting Friday and Saturday patrol shift opportunities for June, July, and August. I would like to have as many of them covered as possible. We will briefly discuss how the signup will be handled for this summer at Monday's meeting. Much of the coverage will be coordinated for summer 2010 by the reserve sergeants. I'll see if Sgt. Sterling is able to come up with a way to have the sign up online at our website, <http://northfieldpolicereserves.webs.com/> For now there will be a hard copy posted on the reserve 'office' door at the Safety Center after Monday's meeting.

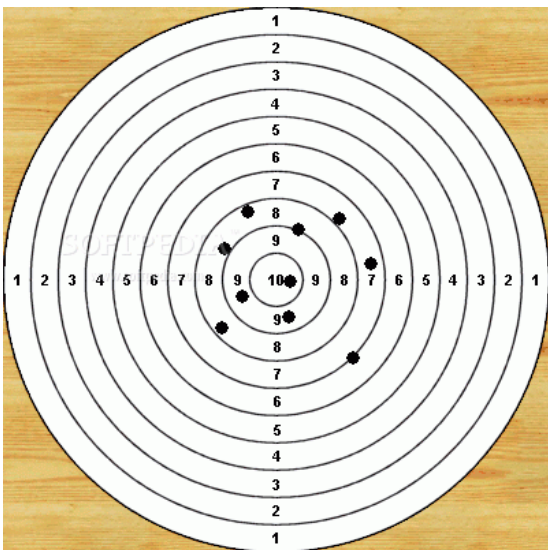
Next summer, once we are at full strength with trained reserves, I intend to implement a bidding process in the spring of 2011 whereby each of us will be required to sign up for a minimum of three weekend patrol

shifts during the summer of 2011. This does not mean you will be required to ‘work’ an entire weekend. It does mean that each of us will be expected to cover a typical four hour shift either during the day, or the evening, or till after bar closing on a Friday or a Saturday a minimum of three times during the summer of 2011.

The shifts will be weighted by importance based upon the requirements and needs of the Northfield Police Department. Once the 2011 summer schedule is out, it will be each reserves responsibility to find an alternate if she or he can’t make the shift that was assigned to them. I do not believe this will pose an undue burden on any one of us. Latitude will be given as far as hours per shift, and the start and end time of the patrols. What’s important here is that we provide steady, reliable coverage for twelve to thirteen weekends. We will have the numbers to do this with ease next summer.

Each of us as members of the Northfield Police Reserve have an obligation to fulfill our mission and purpose as Reserve Officers for the City of Northfield. This includes showing by our collective actions that we can work as a unit when needed, that as a unit we are helpful, and that as a unit we are a viable cohesive working group of the Northfield Police Department giving valuable support. There is definitely a need on Fridays and Saturdays during the summer months. These special patrols will give us a visibility downtown and an opportunity to promote the reserve program by our presence.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5th ‘SHOOT’



We will meet at the Safety Center at 0900 on Saturday, June 5th, and car pool to the range.

At Monday’s meeting, Sgt. Nelson will share with us how many lanes we will have, what we will get to shoot, and how long our Saturday, June 5th ‘shoot’ will be.

I’ll send out further the details when I have all the information next week.

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Reserve Picnic

Originally it was hoped to have a picnic after our June 5th shooting exercise. However, June 5th is also the Northfield High School graduation. The ceremony begins at 5:30 pm at the high school. It would be good if we had some of us on reserve patrol to help out wherever its needed. And some of us may have graduation obligations, either to attend, or to bring children who play in the band, or to help out as parents.



I didn't consult with Sgt. Murphy on this, but it seems best to me to have a picnic this summer welcoming all the new reserves once they are on board. We could perhaps invite all the families to come out and make it a pot luck with hot dogs provided. Anyway, I'll take it up with the reserve sergeants, and if anyone wants to help plan a picnic get in touch with one of us. One way or the other we'll make it happen this summer.

That's enough for now, see you out there, Capt. Moses

DID YOU KNOW...

Gaston Glock (born July 19, 1929) is an Austrian engineer, and founder of the firearms company Glock. The Glock "safe-action" pistol is well-regarded and has often been copied by other companies. The process of producing the Glock pistol includes the application of Tenifer, a patented metal treatment that hardens the slides.



In 1963 Glock organized in Austria to make metal and plastic products. In 1970 the manufacturer adds military and police items, such as knives and grenades. In 1982 Glock receives a contract to make a new service pistol for the Austrian army. And in 1986 the U.S. approves Glock for pistol imports; an American unit opens in Smyrna, Ga.

Simpler than most pistols, the Glock costs relatively little to make. In a 1994 patent lawsuit in the U.S., Glock estimated its profit margin per pistol at 68%. The guns typically sell for \$450 to \$600 in U.S. retail gun stores. The Glock's polymer frame is formed from a mold, not from the more conventional tooled steel. The Glock ammunition magazine, which snaps into the handle, can hold as many as 19 rounds.

When American soldiers hauled Saddam Hussein from his underground hideout in 2003, the deposed Iraqi ruler surfaced with a Glock.

Today the company claims 65% of the American law-enforcement market.

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Happy Birthday!

*May
10 Jeff Pritchard*

*June
9 Bob Paget*

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

Broad stripes and bright stars.... gave proof....

Veteran

I was a proud veteran
That served my country well
To those that would listen
I had many stories to tell.

We fought for America's freedom
In far away places on foreign land.
Wherever the battle for democracy raged,
America's finest made a stand.

We fought for your future
And the right to remain free.
For we saw what freedom meant
To those not blessed with Liberty.

For you and yours
We would gladly have given our life.
We faced the fears and perils of battle
We braved endless turmoil and strife.

Please remember us veterans
And the sacrifices we made for you.
Please share the blessings of freedom.
Proudly wave the red, white and blue.

Lynne Carey
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that our flag was still there.

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gave proof that our flag was still there.

***May Reserve Meeting
7 pm Monday,
May 17th***

Archives on the web will
soon will be at our new website
