

NPDR Beat

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Meeting Notes

*Reminders
and Summaries*

“Heads Up!”

January 19 –

General Meeting 1900 hours

Bring your handcuffs – We will be training on use of force and hand cuffing techniques. You may want to bring a wrist wrap to protect from bruising :-)

Summaries: Starting in February, this will be a section of this newsletter devoted to informal minutes from the previous meeting. These notes will include what was covered and any other pertinent information you should know.

Note: The ‘summaries’ are not complete copies of meeting minutes, but are the high points of each meeting. If you need more information about a meeting, contact the current reserve captain or Sgt. Murphy.

Did you know: Most modern handcuffs in Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom and Latin America can be opened with the same standard universal handcuff key. This allows for easier transport of prisoners and keeps one out of trouble if one loses one's keys. However, there are handcuff makers who use keys based on different standards. Maximum security handcuffs require special keys. Handcuff keys usually do not work with thumb cuffs. (Wikipedia)

Sgt. Mark Murphy...

Welcome to another year...

(Commentary begins next month)

It is with regret that I pass along the death of Clarence Murphy. Father to Sgt. Murphy and reserve Captain Murphy's grandfather.

Clarence died while vacationing with his wife in Texas this past Thursday. Sgt. Murphy went down to be with his mom and bring them back to Iowa.

The obituary in the paper said:

Clarence, 77, passed away on Thursday. Services are on Friday, 10:30 a.m., at Christ Lutheran Church in Jefferson. Friends may call at the Dahn and Woodhouse Funeral Home after 5 p.m., on Thursday.

Due to the unexpected death in the family, Sgt. Murphy will not be able to attend the meeting on Monday, and understandably was not able to write his article for this month.

Please keep the Murphy's in your thoughts and prayers this week.



RESERVES IN THE NEWS

Dakota County / 13-mile high-speed chase has a smashing ending Pursuit of alleged meth user spans three counties at up to 130 mph

Just after 1 a.m. Dec. 20, Mendota Heights police officer Michael Shepard was conducting a traffic detail and **police ride-along with Mike Whebbe**, a dispatcher from the Dakota Communications Center and **reserve officer for West St. Paul**.

The two were stationed near Oakdale Avenue and Annapolis Street in a countywide "saturation patrol" involving officers from across the county, this one in West St. Paul.

According to the charges, Whebbe pointed out a green Dodge Durango with gold graphics and mentioned that a car like that had been reported stolen from a West St. Paul gas station six hours earlier. Shepard checked the plate number and found it didn't quite match — it was registered to a black Dodge Durango.

Sensing something was wrong, Shepard activated his emergency lights and attempted a traffic stop. *Continues on page 3...*

CAPTAIN'S CORNER...Coming soon

First issue of the New Year!

Steve Moses
Reserve Newsletter Editor

The newsletter will be published monthly, with the idea that it will be available prior to the general meeting for the month. It will have information on upcoming events, training and a summary of what happened the previous month. It will also include information on what has been discussed at the executive officers meeting.

I will post this online as well as send it via email as a PDF document.

On Facebook, look for the "Northfield Police Explorers and Reserves" group.

For an archive of our newsletter beginning with this one go to:

www.deacon.org/police/npdr.html

If you have any input on the newsletter, let Sgt. Murphy, or the reserve captain know. I take my orders from them :-)

Note deadline for article submission is one week prior to our general monthly meeting.

This could include special events in your life you would like to share, as well as articles of interest to the unit.

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



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"The officer did a good job in regard to recognizing the vehicle and the paint job on it, even though the plates had been switched," said Mario Reyes, an investigator with Mendota Heights police.

But rather than staying put, the Durango pulled away from a stop sign and to the curb near the intersection of Oakdale Avenue and Cesar Chavez Street in St. Paul, where two women and a man got out. The car then accelerated east on Cesar Chavez Street and into Dakota County.

While Whebbe contacted emergency dispatch, Shepard focused on following the Durango, which Shepard estimated was traveling between 110 mph and 130 mph. Fishtailing and kicking up snow, the Durango drove around two tire-deflation devices set out by Cottage Grove police — who were part of the saturation patrol — and then off the road and onto an embankment.

So the lesson of the story is to stay alert, be of help to the officers you ride with, and remember, your training will kick in when the time comes.

Go out there and make a difference! Tune up your skills with a ride along with officer Bart Wiese. Bart volunteered to take us out on a Friday or Saturday night and work with the reserves on radio use and other valuable skills that would help the officers when we are out with them.

(Excerpts from a story written by Frederick Melo that appeared in the Pioneer Press on 12/30/08.)

**Remember to bring your
'cuffs'
to Monday's meeting !**



**2009 St. Olaf
Christmas Festival Dates
December 3—6, 2009**



*Sky warn Weather Training coming
this spring—be a trained spotter!*