

The MPROA is looking to spotlight your unit.

Each Quarter the MPROA Spotlights a Reserve Unit for their achievements, leadership, and overall effectiveness to their departments and their communities. If you would like to nominate your reserve unit for consideration please write a letter (or email) and send it to MPROA, 10800 Old County Road 15, Suite 102, Plymouth, MN. 55441. If you wish to email, send it to info@mproa.org. Letters of nomination will be accepted at anytime and considered for the nearest quarterly spotlight. Nomination letters will be kept and considered for a period of one year, or four quarters. Information in your nomination should include: your name, department, contact phone number or email address, department you are nominating, and why they deserve to be recognized for the quarterly spotlight award.

Once chosen the reserve unit will be contacted and notified of their recognition. A presentation of the plaque will be awarded to your reserve unit by a member of the Board of Directors



Eden Prairie Police Reserves received the Spotlight Recognition for the 3rd Quarter 2006. MPROA President Todd Schmeltzer presented the award to members of the Eden Prairie Reserves and their Chief of Police Dan Carlson at their September unit meeting. For more information on their recognition, please visit our website at <http://www.mproa.org>.

Here is Todd Schmeltzer, President of the MPROA presenting the award to Reserve Unit Supervisor Jim Burkhardt, Deputy Supervisor Loren Moriearity and Squad Leaders Steve Mueller and Brett McMahon.



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THE RESERVE

NEWSLETTER



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Thank you.

It is an honor to be asked to be the first guest columnist for the MPROA newsletter. I know that I will not be the best writer you will have, but I will be the first!

I had the privilege of participating in your 2006 Annual Conference training. I heard stories of commitment, pride, and a desire to improve the professionalism of the Reserve Officer. Thank You! The members of the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association, the police chiefs of Minnesota, may not always tell you that. But chiefs in Minnesota are indebted to you, the Reserve Officer, because you help them complete their mission with the limited resources available to them.

Police Reserves serve many purposes, as do Police Departments. One of these purposes is to provide an outside perspective, from a discipline other than Law Enforcement, to a Police Department. The wise chief uses your expertise in non-law enforcement issues, to improve the global knowledge of the Police Department.

We know why you put in those hours and perform those duties. It is because we are made of the same stuff, a desire to serve the public, only you do it without financial compensation. You do it well, and your chief and your community thank you.

Harlan Johnson
Executive Director
Minnesota Chiefs of Police

For more information

Please visit our website www.mproa.org for information on upcoming events and how to apply for memberships and grants from The MPROA.

MPROA Grants Funded This Year

Police & Sheriff Reserve units that received grants:

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| North St. Paul PD – vests | Kandiyohi Cty Sheriffs Dept – vests |
| Kasson PD – Police Bikes | Nicollet Cty Sheriffs Dept – vests |
| Woodbury PD – tasers | Wright Cty Sheriffs Dept – vests |
| Mound PD – vests/tasers | St. Louis Park PD – vests |
| Glencoe PD – vests | St Francis PD – vests |
| Crystal PD – vests | |

EVENTS

2007 SPRING CONFERENCE

Mark your calendars early for the MPROA Spring Conference at the Northland Inn in Brooklyn Park, MN Saturday, March 24th 2007. This year's conference will be filled with a wide array of topics and information. Registration packets, including the conference agenda, will be mailed out to members later this fall. Register early, we look forward to seeing you there.

Raising the Bar on

COMMUNICATION

A Letter From The President



The first thing I would like to do as your new MPROA President

is to welcome you, the members, to the first issue of our long awaited newsletter, "THE RESERVE".

This newsletter is the first step in what I believe is the biggest commitment I can make to you, its members--COMMUNICATION. Communication and organization are the keys to every strong association.

Our board's second step has been to retain the services of a business manager,

Darlyne Erickson. Ms. Erickson is well known in law enforcement circles. She manages SOTA-SWAT Officers Training Association and ATOM-Association of Training Officers of Minnesota. Ms. Erickson's responsibilities with the MPROA will primarily involve; membership, conference planning, and organization of other events as necessary.

On that same note, I am excited to announce that we have set the date for the 2007 Spring Conference for March 24th, 2007 at the Northland Inn in Brooklyn Park, MN.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend. You won't want to miss it!

I would like to say, it is a privilege to serve as your president, and I will make every effort to move the MPROA ahead in a positive direction. I look forward to meeting all of you over the course of time, at the conference, or possibly out on the street.

Stay safe, and thank you for serving as a Reserve.

Todd Schmeltzer
President
MPROA

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