
MNPROA Insight

Quarterly Newsletter

MNPROA Board Corner *by Mary McDonald*

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You spoke and we listened.

As you are all aware at the 2010 MNPROA Spring Conference, I told you about our fundraising and that the company "Xentel" that we worked with had an 80/20 contract with MNPROA.

To be perfectly honest, the Board liked it as much as you did. Fundraising is a very time consuming proposition, something most of us do not have time to spend on our own.

Using a fundraising company like Xentel, is not a perfect solution and in good economic times it is a viable option, however when the economy becomes tight and MNPROA is fighting with other nonprofits to get a part of the charitable funds that are available, 80% going to the fundraiser is completely unacceptable. As a board, we had a very difficult time looking at only 20% of the funds that they brought in, we wanted to look at the whole pot.

After all, the board strongly believes that our primary function is to give grants for safety, equipment and education for Minnesota Police Reserves and we want to give 100% to you.

We have asked for suggestions of ways to raise money for you that

would not cost the organization more than we raised, and have had some suggestions but nothing that we could make operational without a huge labor output from us.

We know that we all have every little extra time to put into other projects, we are all involved in Family, work and/or school, and the Reserves that to ask to give more time is very unfair to everyone.

Therefore, the board tasked our business office with the chore to find a fundraiser that would not cost us more than we could afford.

Janaya Olson, interviewed several organizations, found one that wants to meet our needs and understands our values, and will work with us at a more beneficial relationship.

The Board is going to ask your patience. As we bring our new fundraiser on line and they start working for us, it is going to take a while before we are able to approve your grant requests. Please continue to send them to us, we will look to them on a first come first served basis.

The Board will keep you apprised as to when we will release money for grants.

With that said, we still need to find other options to raise money and we need your input and perhaps a little of your time. As I have stated before the "MN" in MNPROA stands for Minnesota. That includes the people from outstate.

We make it easy for you as we meet the third Monday at 1900 of each month on Skype. It is only a few hours and we try to keep the meeting moving so that your valuable time is not wasted.

We may ask for a little more commitment of time for the Spring Conference. Our bylaws state that we have nine members on the board, currently we have six members and one will be stepping down at the end of September.

The commitment of time is two years. You will need to "attend a few meetings" before you will be considered, we need to know you are committed.

If you are interested, please contact Greg Naumann, as he is our Skype guru.

Thank you and stay safe.

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MNPROA Chief's Corner

by Bob Jacobson

Director of Public Safety for the City of New Brighton

It is a privilege to have been asked to write an article for the Minnesota Police Reserve Officer's Association. We are also very proud of Gero Bazant who is serving on the MNPROA Board of Director's.

Gero has been a longtime member of our Police Reserves and has been an outstanding volunteer for the New Brighton Department of Public Safety. We appreciate what he and all of our volunteers have been able to contribute to our City. Thank you Gero.

As I write this article I have just finished reading yet another newspaper reporter's outline of our upcoming elections and the looming \$5.8 billion deficit that the State of MN is facing. It is no secret that our economy is struggling and as a result local, county and state government is struggling to provide services.

The City of Minneapolis 2011 budget includes significant reductions to Police and Fire personnel. These issues are not a revelation to those of us who work in and/or volunteer in local government. We have heard many times before that we have to "do more with less". And, while the funds may not be available, the workload and demands for services from our residents do not subside. For New Brighton and many other suburbs one of the answers is to use one very abundant and talented resource, volunteers.

For many Agencies, the use of Police Reserves and Volunteers is nothing new. New Brighton has had an active Reserve program for more than 30 years. Police Reserves are an investment into a community and with training, support and leadership they can and will become a dependable resource for law enforcement Agencies now and into the

future. Police Reserves can assist with and complete many duties that law enforcement Agencies simply don't have the time or personnel to complete. The time saved by use of volunteers can then allow sworn law enforcement personnel to dedicate their time to more appropriate duties including extra enforcement, investigative and/or problem solving and community policing activities. The results can be immediate and the success can be felt by not only the law enforcement Agency but the Communities we all serve.

The key to creating a bright future for law enforcement and our volunteers is leadership from within the Agency and clear understanding of a volunteer's role. There is plenty of work to be done and in the vast majority of Agencies the sacrifices and time given by Police Reserves is welcomed and appreciated. And, there are secondary benefits. Police Reserve programs are often used as a training ground for future Police Officers. And, for many Police Reserves, this is a time for them to become accustomed to the law enforcement culture and can help them to decide whether or not a career as a Peace Officer is for them.

And, the Police Reserves can and should be a part of a much broader effort to engage residents to volunteer their time and talents. Many volunteers including Police Reserves have a deep commitment and desire to give back to their communities. Many do not want a future as sworn law enforcement officers but see their involvement as a key to making their community stronger, safer and better prepared.

We all should welcome volunteers and use their talents and abilities. They will become your communities' strongest advocates for the difficult work done by

Police Officers, Firefighters and other public safety personnel.

As current President of the MN Chief's of Police Association and a long time member of the Board of Director's, the issue of Police Reserves and their work in our individual departments is a relatively common discussion.

The MN Chief's of Police Association will continue to support the use of volunteers including Police Reserves. That support is at the legislative level as well as through our work with other Associations in the State of MN.

The key again will be leadership within our law enforcement agencies, proper training and supervision of our volunteers, communication and understanding of the role of volunteers, and building upon the successes that many communities including New Brighton have experienced.

And, in the end, that success leads to engaged residents and safer Cities. Thanks for all that MNPROA and your members do for law enforcement and our communities.

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Safety & Training

By Rocky Vandal, Director, MSFP

Please refer to your department policies prior to employing the following:

Frisk or Search

The terminology and procedures of frisking and searching are sometimes thought to be the same thing. In practice, they are actually different procedures and used under different situations. A search procedure may follow a frisk procedure. In this quarter's newsletter, only the frisk procedure will be discussed. Next quarter the search procedure will be discussed.

Frisk:

This may be used when looking for weapons and at times the suspect may not be cuffed or secured. A frisk may often be called a "pat down". Glove up when appropriate.

The following procedure is not the only procedure but is one of several. The situation may dictate a modification of the following or a totally different approach.

Prior to making contact, check for signs that he/she may have a weapon. This may be a bulge in his/her clothing or he/she maybe moving in an abnormal pattern. If possible, approach from the rear.

After making contact, you may want to consider informing the suspect that you will be searching him/her for his/her safety and yours. This can sometimes aid in compliance of the suspect.

Position the suspect toward a wall (not propped against it) or another stationary device that is not reflective or that he/she can see or jump over.

Instruct the suspect to spread his/her feet (not spread their legs) but keep his/her legs straight. This helps to keep him/her off balance. You can have him/her do either of the following hand motions: Arms straight out to the sides, fingers spread, put his/her hands behind his/her back palms together, or behind his/her back, fingers interlaced (The Faulkner Frisk).

Grab his/her fingers and secure both of his/her hands with one of your hands while the other hand feels or holds an item that may detect a weapon.

A crushing motion may be safer than a rubbing motion. This is in the event he/she has needles, a blade or other sharp objects.

Using a small flashlight or other similar item to detect a weapon may be useful versus using a hand.

Be aware of the situation at all times as the suspect is on his/her feet and typically not secured or cuffed.



Be Safe out there!

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Unit Spotlight *Hopkins Police Reserves*

The Hopkins Police Reserve Unit currently consists of 15 dedicated individuals who volunteer their time. Each Reserve Officer is asked to donate a minimum of 10 hours per month, however, each year collectively the Hopkins Reserve Officers donate nearly 5,000 hours of service to the city.

The command structure of the unit consists of 1 Reserve Captain, 1 Reserve Lieutenant, and 3 Reserve Sergeants. The unit is overseen by one sworn Police Officer and one sworn Police Sergeant. Reserve Officers train annually in defensive tactics and use of force, firearms familiarization, medical emergency response, fire scene response, traffic control and direction, and scenario-based training

New Reserve Officers attend monthly in-house training and complete a Field Training Program prior to working on their own. New Reserve Officers also attend the Hennepin County Reserve School as part of their training. After completing a one-year probationary period, Reserve Officers may be sent to driving school through the MN Highway Safety Center in St. Cloud and an accredited First Responder certification program.

Along with general patrol, Reserve Officers are tasked with handling many different calls for service, to include response to medical emergencies, fire scenes, motor vehicle crashes, motor vehicle impounds, traffic control, prisoner transports, animal calls, motor vehicle lockouts, and assistance with community and school events.

Reserve Officers act as role players for the sworn officer's use of force training and HEAT (SWAT) training, as well as assist with an annual all-day outdoor shoot. Reserve Officers meet once a month for training from September to May.

Summer activities include the annual Police vs. Fire softball game, the annual Reserve Officer Recognition Banquet, and the annual Hopkins Raspberry Festival.

The Hopkins Reserve Officers are an asset to the department and their dedication and commitment is noticed and appreciated by the sworn officers and the department as a whole.



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MNPROA Financials *As Of September 30, 2010*

ASSETS	Sep 30, 10	Sep 30, 09	\$ Change
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
Checking/Savings	\$31,383.71	\$41,822.84	\$-10,439.13
Total Checking/Savings	\$31,383.71	\$41,822.84	\$-10,439.13
Accounts Receivable	\$2,970.00	\$0.00	\$2,970.00
Total Accounts Receivable	\$2,970.00	\$0.00	\$2,970.00
Other Current Assets			
Logo Wear Inventory	\$1,656.47	\$0.00	\$1,656.47
Total Other Current Assets	\$1,656.47	\$0.00	\$1,656.47
Total Current Assets	\$36,010.18	\$41,822.84	\$-5,812.66
TOTAL ASSETS	\$36,010.18	\$41,822.84	\$-5,812.66
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	\$715.00	\$0.00	\$715.00
Total Accounts Payable	\$715.00	\$0.00	\$715.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$715.00	\$0.00	\$715.00
Total Liabilities	\$715.00	\$0.00	\$715.00
Equity			
Temporarily Restricted Funds	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
Net Assets Unrestricted	\$26,822.84	\$61,291.00	\$-34,468.16
Net Income	\$-6,527.66	\$-34,468.16	\$27,940.50
Total Equity	\$35,295.18	\$41,822.84	\$-6,527.66
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$36,010.18	\$41,822.84	\$-5,812.66



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