



The Reserve

NEWSLETTER



A Word from the President

As the new MPROA President I want to thank you, the members, for choosing to join us. Our members are the life blood of the MPROA. Without you, this organization cannot exist, and without your support and input, the MPROA cannot expand and look forward to the future. Your participation starts with membership.

Members can assist with attending board meetings, or consider being a member of our Board of Directors. For those that are able or willing to consider playing a more active role in the MPROA, we welcome you to contact us. With your help, we can continue to give back to our members and their agencies. This can be in the form of grants, training opportunities, awards, and perhaps other things.

I wish to thank Reserve Capt. Todd Schmeltzer,

of the New Hope Police Department, for his hard work and dedication during his tenure as MPROA President. Todd, with the help of the MPROA Board of Directors, spearheaded a tiresome effort, shaping the MPROA into the organization that it is today - by growing and showing real results, and providing training, recognition, and support to Reserves and their units statewide. Todd, I commend you on your efforts, and thank you for all you have done.

For those that attended the 2009 MPROA Conference, let me say thank you for attending. It was a pleasure to meet as many of you as I did, and to experience the enthusiasm of all of you. The feedback received on the conference thus far has been excellent.

Thanks to you, the conference was a success.



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Finally, I look forward to the new roll as the MPROA President, and to the opportunity to work with you all and further the MPROA, so it can continue to serve Minnesota Reserves.

Michael Kunze
President
MPROA

GUEST COLUMN

James E. Kurtz
Chief of Police
Mound Police Department

Keeping in Touch

One of the most difficult challenges of any police department is keeping in touch with its volunteers and police reserve officers. It is important that agencies communicate with volunteers for a number of reasons including; keeping them informed about administrative or procedural changes, updating them on safety concerns, and keeping them “in the loop” so that they feel they are an integral and important part of the team. The challenge is the ability to disseminate information to staff, volunteers, and reserve officers, while at the same time adhering to the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act and maintaining confidentiality. It is for those reasons that volunteers and reserves are excluded from most, if not all, police department group voice mails and emails.



So, how do we keep volunteers and reserve officers informed about department information? I’ve always felt that none of us should have to learn about important events involving our organizations from the five o’clock news, or from the guy who lives down the street from us. At the Mound Police Department we use a couple of methods to help keep staff informed. First, like most of your agencies, we assign a liaison officer to our units. The liaison officer’s job is to review, edit, and disseminate

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WHAT'S NEW?



For the fourth year in a row, the MPROA is proud to sponsor payment for the attendees of the Hennepin County

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Requirements:

Bronze –

Ages 15-25, 100-174 hours

26 and Older – 100-249 hours

Silver –

Ages 15-25, 175-249 hours

Ages 26+, 250-499

Gold –

Ages 15-25, 250 hours

26+ 500 Hours

For more information on the The President's Volunteer Service Award visit:

www.mproa.org/pres_award/pres_award.html

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pertinent department voice mail, and emails, and other information to their respective units. The second method we use, to help keep volunteers and reserve officers informed, is our Mound Police Virtual Crime Prevention Block Club, which is an email notification system that goes out to thousands of people. We use the Virtual Crime Prevention Block Club to send out important information to our community, including press releases, parking information, road closures, and crime alerts.

If you are interested in learning more about our Virtual Crime Prevention Block Club, or becoming a member, you can email us through our webpage at www.moundpolice.com.

Thank you for all of the work you do for your department and your community!

Sheriff's Reserve School. This years class has about 60 reserves from many different agencies from all across the Twin Cities area.

The MPROA is proud to be affiliated with this training.



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, 9216 Minnetonka Blvd., St. Louis Park, MN 55426. 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.

UPDATES



For up to the minute news and feedback, please visit:

www.MPROA.org

For
**MPROA Spring Conference '09
Presentation Handouts,**

visit the NEWS section on the MPROA web site!

AWARDS



Recognizing and honoring volunteers sets a standard for service to others. It encourages a sustained commitment to civic participation and inspires others to make volunteering a central part of their lives. The President's Volunteer Service Award is a Presidential recognition program for Americans of all ages, who contribute a significant amount of time to volunteer service. The program recognizes individuals, families, and groups that have achieved a certain standard measured by the number of hours served over a 12-month period.

President's Volunteer Service Award

The President's Volunteer Service Award was created to recognize the tens of millions of Americans who have made a sustained commitment to volunteer service. The Award is given to individuals, families and groups that have demonstrated outstanding volunteer service and civic participation over the course of a 12-month period.

Below is a list of agencies who applied and received the Presidential Service Awards for 2008.

***New Ulm
Winona
Pequot Lakes
Hastings
Minnetrista
Sherburne
New Hope
Plymouth
West Hennepin Public Safety
Anoka County***

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Grants Funded Last Quarter

Police & Sheriff Reserve units that received grants:

**-TASERS-
Corcoran Police Reserves**

**-EQUIPMENT-
Mound Police Department**

**-VESTS-
Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office
Sartell Police Department**

FOR MORE INFORMATION
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for memberships and grants from
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