

City of West St. Paul



Police Department Reserve Program

Annual Report

2009

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INTRODUCTION

Two Thousand and Nine marked the twelfth anniversary of the West St. Paul Police Reserve Program. In the past 12 years, members of the Police Reserve Program have volunteered 34,033 hours, worth on average an estimated \$585,708¹. Since its inception, 49 individuals have volunteered thousands of hours of their own time to the community of West St. Paul.

The program was founded in 1997 by Chief Manila (Bud) Shaver, III, with 10 members. Of the original ten members, Reserve Captain Mike Whebbe and Reserve Officer Chris Jacobson are still active in the program. Reserve Lieutenant Mark Crowley and Reserve Master Sergeant Larry Raasch were part of the second group to join the reserve program in 1999. Since its inception, there have been nine Reserve “academies” conducted to train and appoint new members.

Chief Shaver led the program until October of 1999 when Sergeant Thomas Fangel was assigned the role as Police Department Program Coordinator for the Reserve Unit. In 2008 Police Officer John Reynolds was assigned to assist Sergeant Fangel with the operations of the program. Officer Reynolds was a member of the reserve program from 2004 through 2006.

The West St. Paul Police Department Reserve Unit is made up of community minded citizens who serve without compensation. These individuals come from all walks of life. Most members have satisfying civilian positions and simply wish to assist with police work as a way of serving the community. Others are students in Law Enforcement programs looking to gain valuable career experience. The authorized membership of the program is 19. In 2009 the roster consisted of 17 members.

All members have completed the West St. Paul Police Reserve Training program (*academy*), which includes over 32 hours of classroom instructions and 40 hours of field instruction. In addition, members are required to maintain certification in First Aid and CPR, as well as participate in annual basic skills training as required by the department.

The primary responsibility of the Reserve Unit is to assist the patrol officers in the delivery of non-precarious services. Specific tasks performed by reserve officers are:

- Responding to complaints of noisy or stray animals. (In this capacity, the reservists will transport lost or injured animals to the South St. Paul Animal Hospital.)
- Taking reports for found property, vandalism, or theft (when there is no known suspect).
- Assisting at the scene of traffic accidents or traffic stops and overseeing the towing of impounded vehicles.
- Assisting at crime scenes in securing the perimeter and searching for evidence.
- Transporting prisoners to the Dakota County Detention Center or surrounding counties; as well as transporting impaired individuals to the Detoxification Center in St. Paul.
- Participating in city events and functions.

¹ Twelve year average of the *Independent Sector's* estimated value of volunteer time.



Figure 1. 2009 West St. Paul Reserve Unit. (Left – Right)
 Off. Reynolds, L. Raasch, N. Pitzen, M. Crowley, C. Jacobson,
 E. Wood, D. Haehnel, A. Rawlings, M. Whebbe, Sgt. Fangel
 (Missing J. Nowak and M. Mandel)

Seventeen individuals started with the membership of the program in January of 2009, and there were 11 at the end of the year. The members of the West St. Paul Police Reserves during 2009 were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Appointment Date</u>	<u>Position</u>
Mike Whebbe	September 1997	Reserve Captain
Chris Jacobson	Sep. 1997/Oct. 2002	Reserve Officer
Mark Crowley	January 1999	Reserve Lieutenant
Larry Raasch	January 1999	Reserve Master Sergeant
Margaret Schult	April 2001	Reserve Sergeant
Jason Nowak	February 2002	Reserve Sergeant
Audra Rawlings	February 2004	Reserve Sergeant
Jennifer Hobbs	March 2005	Reserve Officer
Nic Pitzen	March 2005	Reserve Officer
Elizabeth Schult	March 2005	Reserve Officer
Joseph McCollum	January 2007	Reserve Officer
Jessica Staples	January 2007	Reserve Officer
Derek Haehnel	April 2008	Reserve Officer
Mike Mandel	April 2008	Reserve Officer
Paul Ryan	April 2008	Reserve Officer
Donny Weber	April 2008	Reserve Officer
Elyse Wood	April 2008	Reserve Officer

The Reserve Program continued its involvement with two national programs:

- Volunteers in Police Service (www.policevolunteers.org)
- President's Volunteer Service Awards (as a *Certifying Organization*) (<http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/>)

The *Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)* Program is a national program that serves as a gateway to resources and information for and about law enforcement volunteer programs of all kinds. The program's ultimate goal is to enhance the capacity of state and local law enforcement to utilize volunteers. The VIPS Program defines a volunteer in police service as:

Someone who performs service for the department without promise, expectation, or receipt of compensation for services rendered.

This includes individuals completing unpaid internships, unpaid chaplains, persons providing administrative support, persons who are unpaid reserve officers and persons involved in an Explorer Post, among others. The *International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)* manages and implements the VIPS Program in partnership with, and on behalf of, the White House Office of the USA Freedom Corps and the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.

The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation created the *President's Volunteer Service Award Program* as a way to thank and honor Americans who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service.

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 recognizes individuals, families, and groups that have achieved a certain standard – measured by the number of hours served over a 12-month period or cumulative hours earned over the course of a lifetime.

For their volunteer efforts in 2009, the following President's Volunteer Service Awards were presented:



Gold Level (500+ hours)

Audra Rawlings (864 hours)

Mike Whebbe (718 hours)

Elyse Wood (507 hours)

Silver Level (250 to 499 hours)

Mark Crowley

Mike Mandel

Jessica Staples

Bronze Level (100 to 249 hours)

Derek Haehnel

Jennifer Hobbs

Chris Jacobson

Jason Nowak

Nic Pitzen

Larry Raasch

Donny Weber

SUMMARY OF SERVICE

Members of the West St. Paul Police Reserve Unit volunteered 4167 hours to the program and the community in 2009. This is the third year in a row where the volunteered hours have exceeded 4,100.

The seventeen members in the Reserve Program this year volunteered on average 245 hours each or roughly 6 weeks of their personal time. It should be noted that the annual individual minimum requirement of the Program is 160 hours (four weeks) and eight individuals exceeded this requirement.

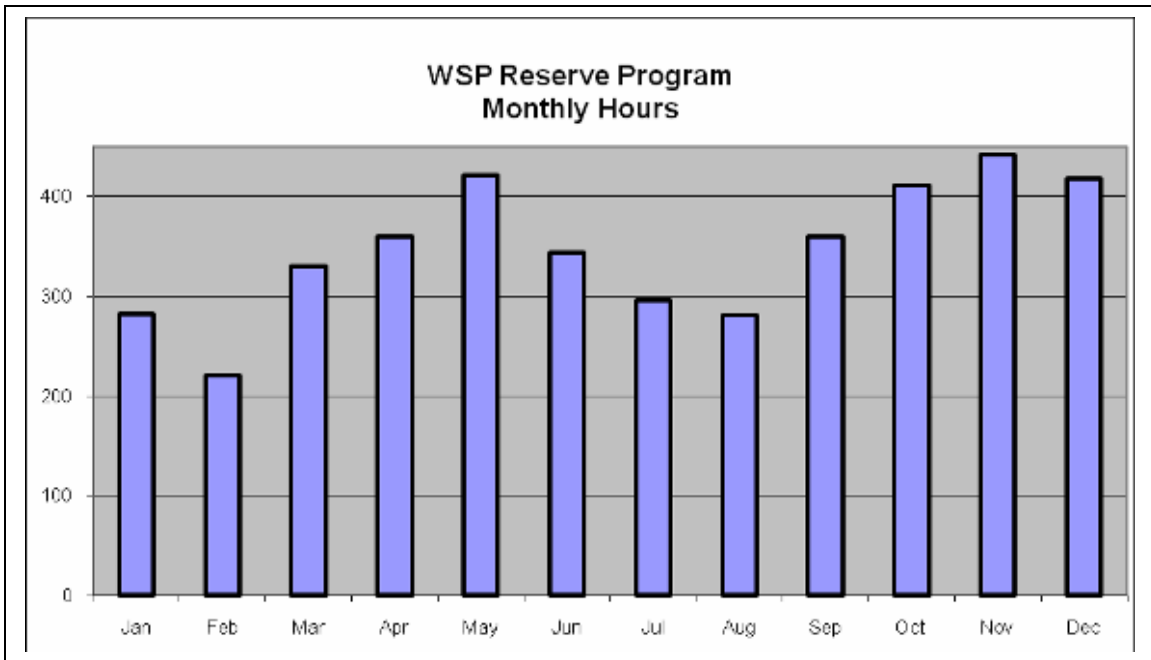
Using a full-time equivalency (FTE) of 2,080 hours per year, the total hours contributed by Reservists to the city in 2009 would equal 2 FTEs. The “Value of Volunteer Time” of these hours would equate to \$88,174 using an hourly rate of \$21.16; as estimated by the *Independent Sector*² as being the value of volunteer time in Minnesota during 2009.

In previous years, the West St. Paul Police Reserve Unit volunteer efforts have been as follows:



Reservists submitted *Daily Logs* for 164 calendar days during 2009 or 45% of the year. On average Reservists were active 13 days of each month, with a group monthly average of 347 hours.

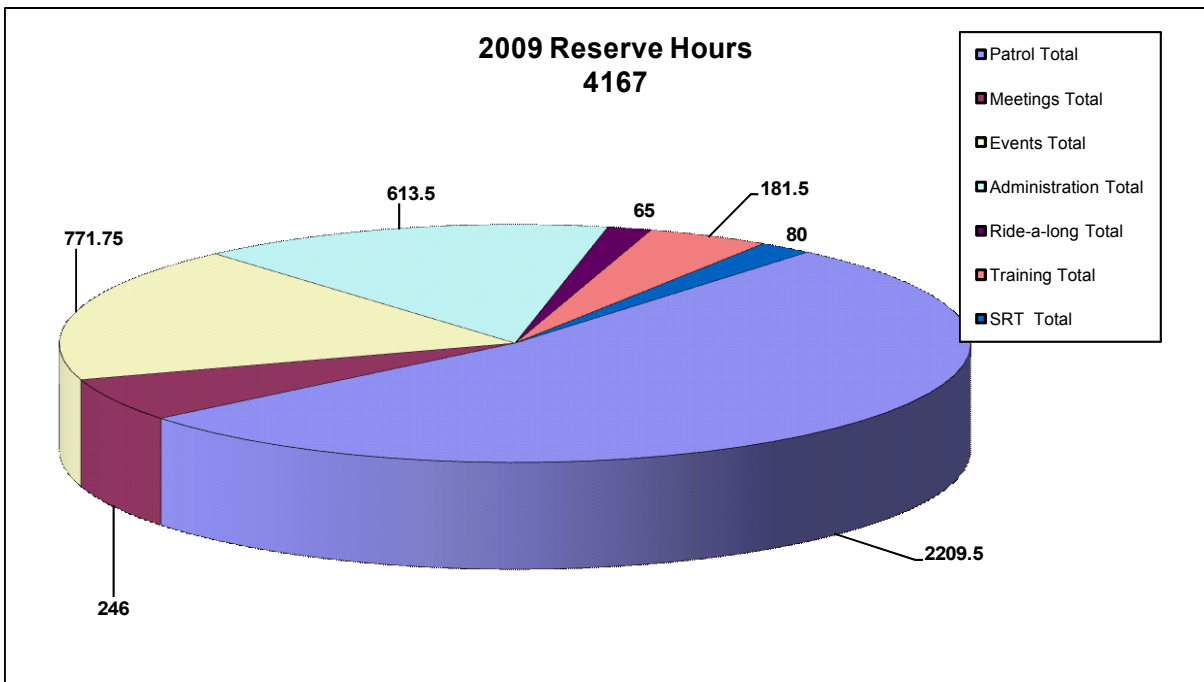
² Independent Sector (www.independentsector.org)



The months of November and December of 2009 were busier than past years with 443 and 419 hours being volunteered respectively. Over 300 of those hours were spent on re-writing the training materials to be used in the *2010 Reserve Academy*.

May was once again a busy month with 422 hours. Of those hours, 162 hours were directly attributed to supporting various events associated with *Celebrate West St. Paul Days*.

The 4,167 hours are broken down into seven categories: Patrol, Meetings, Events, Administration, Ride-a-long, Training, and Special Response Team (SRT).



Patrol

The Patrol function once again accounted for the majority of Reservists' time (53%) with 2,209 hours being spent performing patrol duties. While performing this function, reserve officers focus on proactively patrolling city neighborhoods, parks, and businesses; which results in the increased visibility of the police department. In addition, the Reserve Unit strives to patrol the City of Sun Fish Lake during each of their patrol shifts.

Some of the specific tasks performed by Reserve Officers while patrolling are:

- Interacting with citizens in a positive and courteous manner
- Assisting Police Officers with towing impounded vehicles
- Enforcing city and county ordinances and state statutes as authorized by Section 115.05 - Subdivision 2 of the "The West St. Paul City Code"
- Responding to assigned *non-precarious* service calls (e.g. vandalism, theft, found property)
- Transporting prisoners
- Proactively patrolling city property and parks



This year the Reserve Program continued to utilize the two "Reserve" squads for all patrol activities and events. Squad 685, the *White Knight*, was retired from service this year and replaced with another police department navy blue squad.



Vehicle Tows

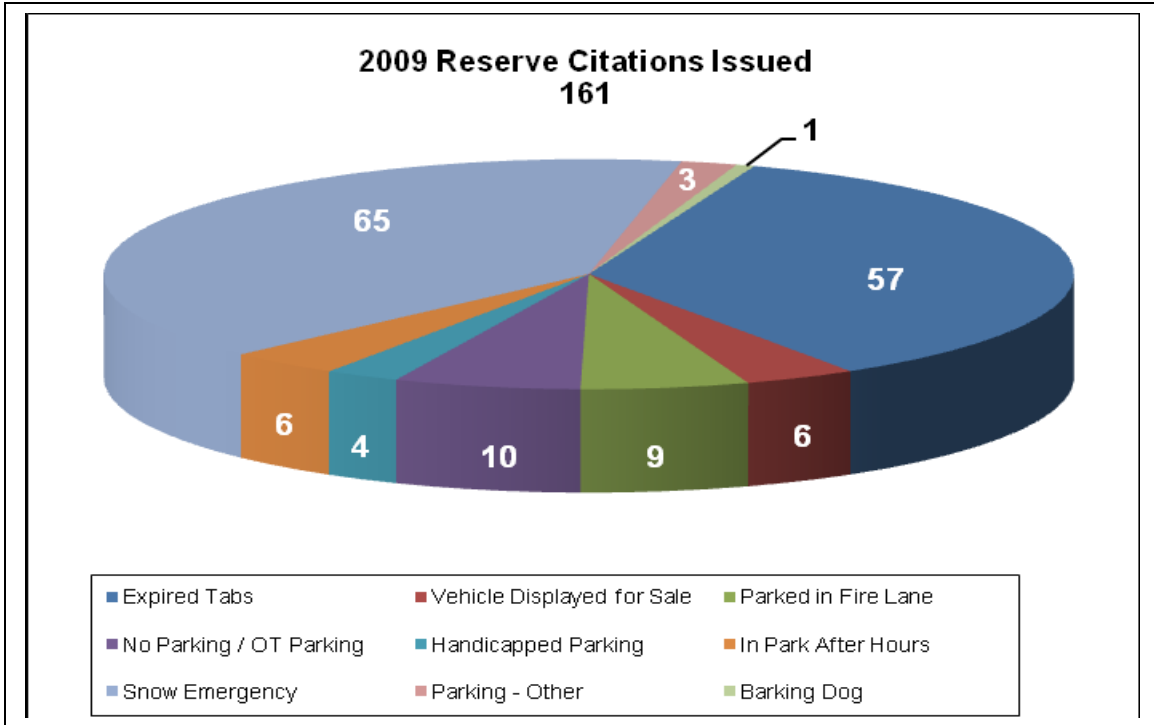
One patrol duty that Reservists perform is assisting police officers with the impounding of motor vehicles. By providing this service, police officers are able to focus on the reason for the impoundment or return to service more expeditiously. In 2009, the Reserve Unit assisted with the towing and impoundment of 98 vehicles, over doubling the number of tows processed in 2008. An average of 30 minutes is spent by reservists per tow completing paperwork, inventorying the contents of the vehicle, and waiting for the towing company. This saved 49 hours of police officer's time, if they were to process their own tows.

In the last 12 years, the Reserve Unit has assisted with the towing of over 700 vehicles, saving 350 hours of a police officer's time.

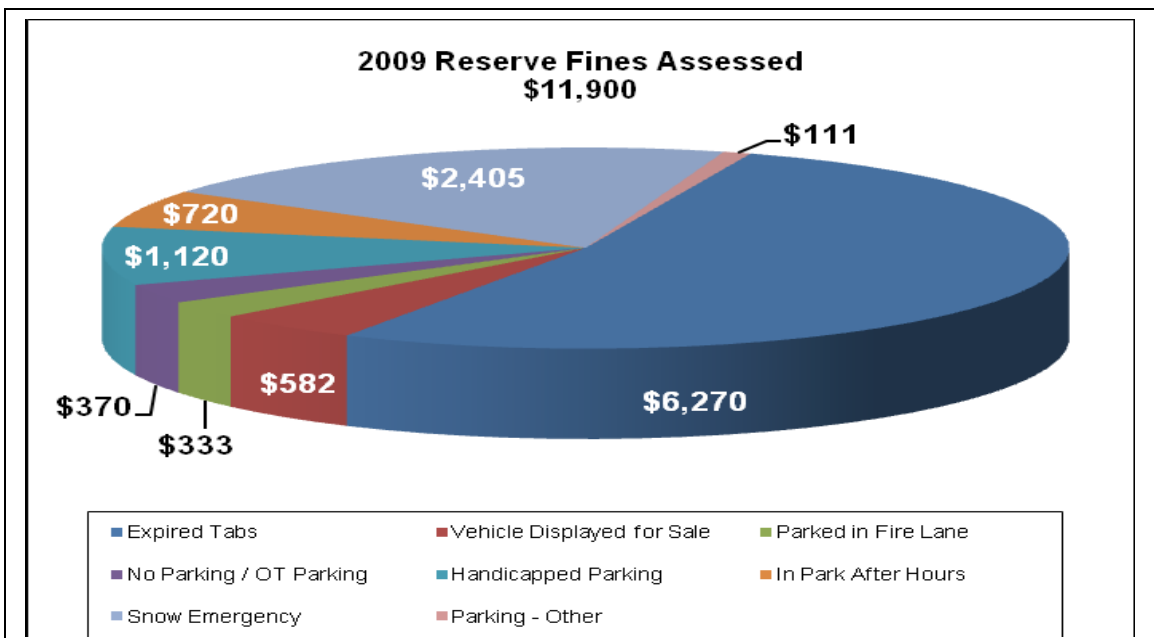
Citations

While patrolling in 2009, Reservists issued 161 citations in the enforcement of city and county ordinances, as well as state statutes.

The citations issued are categorized as follows:



The resulting fines assessed in 2009 were in excess of \$11,900. The citations and associated fines are categorized as follows:

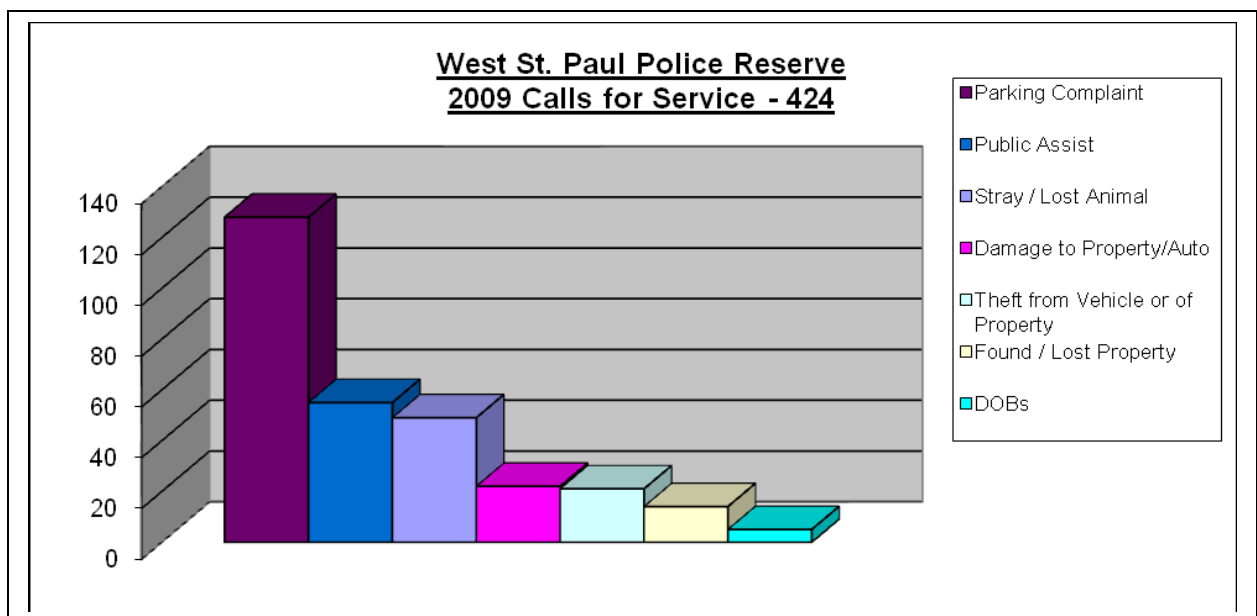


Based upon state law, the estimated value of the Parking Fines returned to the City is \$4,339 and the estimated value of “other” fines returned to the City is \$2,521. The direct financial benefit to the City as the result of reserve officers’ efforts was over \$6,800. There was no personnel cost to the city associated with issuing these citations.

During the last 12 years, reserve officers have written 1808 citations, generating fines in excess of \$132,400.00.

Calls for Service

Reservists were dispatched to 424 non-precarious “Calls for Service.” The areas of service that were provide fall into the following categories:



Of the top five categories for Service Calls, “Parking Complaints” accounted for the majority of calls. These calls were to address handicapped parking issues, overtime parking concerns, and fire lane violations. If the issue was found to be true, a citation was issued to the owner of the vehicle.

The next highest category of calls that reservists handled were for providing general assistance to citizens. This category also records the assistance provided to stalled motorists.

The third highest category was for stray or lost animals. Every attempt was made to reunite the lost pet with their owner. If that was unsuccessful, the animals were taken to the South St. Paul Animal Hospital for boarding.

Between 1997 and 2009, reservists have answered more than 1,700 calls for service.

Transports

An important task that reservists perform is the transportation of individuals who have been taken into custody by the Police Department. In 2009, 144 individuals were transported by Reserve Officers.

Each transport takes an average one hour to complete. When a Reserve Officer performs this function, it allows the Police Officers to return to service sooner and be available to perform more vital duties. This service has become an invaluable resource for the Police Department.

In certain situations individuals are transported outside the boundaries of Dakota County as their arrest was on a warrant issued by another jurisdiction or when being admitted to the Detoxification Center in St. Paul. Besides supporting the West St. Paul Police Department, transports were also performed for the Dakota County Drug Task Force, Dakota County Sheriff's Office, Minnesota State Patrol and outside agencies participating in DWI Saturation Patrols within the boundaries of West St. Paul.

The following transports occurred in 2009:

103 Adult Males

77 - Dakota County Adult Detention Center
2 - Ramsey County Detention Center
9 - Ramsey County Detox
14 - Non-custodial transport

10 Juvenile Males

2 - Dakota County Juvenile Detention Center
1 - Ramsey County Detention Center
7 - Non-custodial transport

26 Adult Females

12 - Dakota County Adult Detention Center
2 - Ramsey County Detention Center
1 - Ramsey County Detox
11 - Non-custodial transport

5 Juvenile Female

5 - Non-custodial transport

A total of 1,050 individuals have been transported by reserve officers in the last 12 years.

Other Duties

Also, while on patrol Reservists have been dispatched to secure crime scenes and search for evidence.

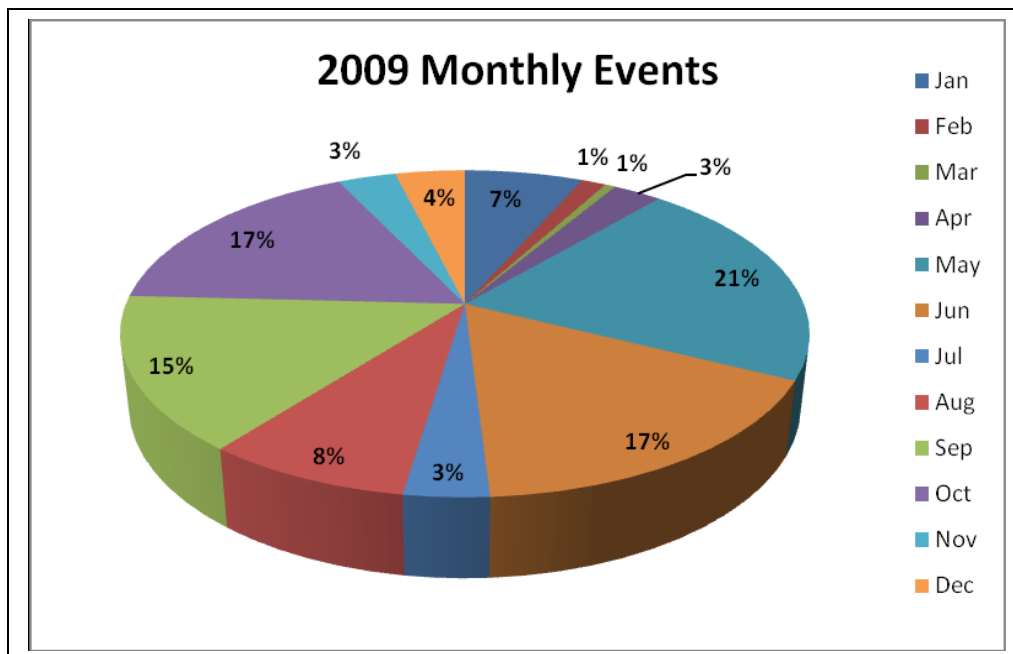
Meetings

Reservists spent over 246 hours participating in monthly meetings. The monthly meetings are held to communicate information on Police Department policies and procedures, Reserve Unit policies and procedures, reinforce training objectives, and plan for future activities/events. Meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month.



Events

Members of the Reserve Unit volunteered over 770 hours towards special events in 2009. These events were in support of activities held within the City of West St. Paul, as well as neighboring communities. *Events* are defined as “scheduled activities outside of the patrol function.” Of particular note, 2009 was the first year that there were “events” in every month of the year.



In May, 162 hours were devoted to supporting Celebrate *West St. Paul Days* activities. In addition to the events held on Saturday, Reservists proactively patrolled during the evening hours of the Carnival at Signal Hills. This proactive effort on the part of the Reserve Unit was to ensure a safe, family-oriented environment for the citizens of West St. Paul.

October was the next busiest month for events with 131 volunteer hours. The efforts are attributed to Henry Sibley Football games, Halloween events at Dodge nature Center, as well as the annual City Bonfire. In addition, Reserve Officers assisted with the joint Citizen Academy.

June was the third busiest month for events, with the Reserve Unit volunteering over 128 hours. Events in June included: Tapemark Golf Tournament, Special Olympics Torch Run, South St. Paul Parade and fireworks, and the Henry Sibley Senior Party.

When requested by Independent School District 197, the Reserves also provide parking lot and event security for Sibley High School Boys and Girls Hockey games played at the West St. Paul Ice Arena. This effort was initiated in 2000 to prevent a developing pattern of automobile break-ins that had been occurring. Independent School District #197 sets the schedule as to when Reserve Officers are needed.

Again this year Reserve Officers assisted with the joint West St. Paul / Mendota Heights Police Citizen Academy. Reserve Officers were involved with each night of the academy. Reserve Officers also devoted a total of 48 hours to the first “Downtown Beat Car Show” held on Robert Street.

The following West St. Paul community events had the involvement of the Reserve Unit in 2009:

- City of West St. Paul Easter Egg Hunt
- City of West Saint Paul Open House
- West St. Paul / Mendota Heights Police Citizen Academy
- *Celebrate West St. Paul Days* Carnival at Signal Hills
- *Celebrate West St. Paul Days* Parade
- YMCA WOG
- TapeMark Charity Pro-Am Golf Tournament
- Night To Unit - Community Events
- Downtown Beat Car Show
- Ride for Wishes
- St. Croix Lutheran Home Coming Parade
- St. Joseph’s Grade School Marathon
- Crown of Life School Marathon
- Garlough School Walk-a-thon
- City of West St. Paul Halloween Bonfire
- Henry Sibley High School Mock Car Crash
- Henry Sibley High School Graduation “All Night Party”
- Henry Sibley High School Home Football Games
- Henry Sibley High School Homecoming Events
- Henry Sibley High School Boys and Girls Home Hockey Games
- Independent School District No. 197 “Trucks and Traveling Machines”



The West St. Paul Police Reserve Unit also provided support to neighboring communities in a reciprocal effort as these communities provide assistance to West St. Paul during its annual parade. Additional events outside of the city of West St. Paul that Reservists participated in were:

- South Saint Paul Kaposia Parade
- City of Lilydale – Taste of Minnesota Fireworks (assisted Mendota Heights Police Department)
- Village of Mendota Parade (assisted Mendota Heights Police Department)
- Saint Paul Park Parade
- Inver Grove Heights Day Parade
- Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics
- H1N1 Flu Clinic

Administration

Six hundred thirteen (613) hours were logged under the heading of “Administrative.” These hours are spent on general unit organizational tasks, record keeping pertaining to the Reserve program, and updating our Reserve Academy training material.

This year members of the Reserve Program attended the funeral of North St. Paul Police Officer Richard Crittenden who was killed in the line of duty.

Reserve Officers also attended the funeral of Ramsey County Reserve Deputy Michael Wilken and assisted Washington County with traffic control during the funeral procession.

Like all men and women who serve, auxiliary and reserve officers pin on the badge to help their community. They respond to service calls, assist officers, support community events, and - occasionally - are killed in the line of duty. The only difference is, they do it for free. Ramsey County Reserve Deputy Michael Wilke was the 129th auxiliary police officer known to be killed in the line of duty in America³.

Training

Members of the Reserve Program were involved in over 180 hours of training in 2009. Annually, Reserve Officers are required to complete training on First Aid, CPR and Use of Force.



³ *The Officer Down Memorial Page, Inc.* (<http://www.odmp.org>)

In addition, several reservists took advantage of courses offered at Century College as part of the Law Enforcement Continuing Education program. The City has purchased two seats in classes for use by reservists. In 2009 reservists took a total of 37 classes. Some of the classes taken were *Child Abuse Prevention*, *Verbal Judo*, *Gang violence*, *Responding to People with Mental Illness*, *Crash Scene Investigation*, *Basics of Forensic Science*, and *Reading a Crime Scene*. Mike Whebbe and Audra Rawlings completed the Century College 54 hour certificate program in *Crime Scene Investigation*.

In May, five members were trained as National Weather Service *SKYWARN Weather Spotters*. These individuals accepted the responsibility, when needed, to take a position in the community and report wind gusts, hail size, rainfall, and cloud formations that could signal a developing tornado.

Special Response Team (SRT)

Reservists responded to 80 hours of “call-in” support. The Special Response Team (SRT) is a subset of individuals in the Reserve Program who have agreed to be available to respond to emergency situations on a “call-out” basis. These Reservists were called upon to assist the Police Department during the following incidents:

- Snow Emergencies (20 hours)
- Assist Officers by providing prisoner transports (5 hours)
- Miscellaneous crime scenes (55 hours)

Since the inception of the SRT, reservists have provided over 1000 hours of “critical incident” support.

RESERVIST PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Upon acceptance into the program, an individual is required to make a \$100 deposit on their uniform, which is returned to them upon their departure from the program and the return of the Initial Issued equipment. This deposit provides for the following “Initial Issued” uniform items:

- Two uniform shirts (one long sleeve and one short) and tie
- One pair of trousers and black belt
- One uniform jacket
- Department patches and badge

Each Reservist is required to furnish their own black shoes, duty belt, and any equipment that they may deem necessary and allowed by Department policy. On average an individual may spend in excess of \$500 of their personal funds towards uniform supplies and equipment.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The following pages contain acknowledgements recognizing the efforts of the members of the West St. Paul Police Department Reserve Program.



THANK YOU



Mendota Heights Police Department

July 1, 2009

Chief Bud Shaver
West Saint Paul Police Department
1616 Humboldt Avenue
West Saint Paul, MN 55118

Dear Chief Shaver,

On behalf of Special Olympics Minnesota, I want to thank you for your support of the 2009 Dakota County Law Enforcement Torch Run. As chair of this year's event, which took place on Thursday June 18th, 2009, I'd like to ask for your assistance in acknowledging the participants from the West Saint Paul Police Department. The officers who participated in this year's event are:

- Inv. Christina Muellner* (your department's liaison to the committee)
- CSO Margaret Schult
- Reserve Officer Mike Whebbe
- Reserve Officer Paul Ryan
- Reserve Officer Larry Raasch
- Reserve Officer Elyse Wood
- Reserve Officer Elizabeth Schult

Nice JOB!
Bud

This year's fundraising efforts and awareness campaigns were bigger and better than ever, and your officers were part of this success! Law enforcement officers from *around the world* participate in these events every year and have an amazing partnership with Special Olympics International. The Law Enforcement Torch Run accounts for the largest portion of the fundraising campaign for this non-profit organization. In 2008, in Minnesota alone, law enforcement raised over \$1 Million for Special Olympics Minnesota. This money goes directly back to our communities and provides priceless experiences for people with intellectual disabilities. In addition, relationships within our law enforcement community and the community at large are enhanced and strengthened.

These officers are to be commended for their selfless dedication to this event. A law enforcement "Torch Runner" gives hope and support to people with intellectual disabilities around the world. It demonstrates a dedication to their community and to the giving of oneself to others. It is in this spirit that we all become law enforcement officers in the first place. These officers truly demonstrated that they still hold those ideals, to serve and protect their community, close to their hearts.

Sincerely,

Officer Jennifer Fordham
Mendota Heights Police Department
MN Law Enforcement Torch Run Executive Council

South Family YMCA

150 Thompson Avenue East
West Saint Paul, MN 55118-3299

651-457-0048
fax: 651-457-0339



— Police Reserves
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Tam -

5-19-09

Thanks for helping with the run
again this year... everyone really
appreciates it.

We'll be in touch next year.

Thanks -

Julie Broshat



**INVER GROVE HEIGHTS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

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September 17, 2009

Chief Shaver
W. St. Paul Police Department
1616 Humboldt Avenue
W. St. Paul, MN 55118

RE: Inver Grove Heights Days Parade

Dear Chief Shaver,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you and your Police Reserves for their assistance with the Inver Grove Heights Days Parade. Your Police Reserves have participated in this event for the past several years and their participation allowed the event to be a great success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads 'Lt. Larry Stanger'.

Lieutenant Larry Stanger
Inver Grove Heights Police Department

*WSP Reserves
ARE A COMMIT
SOURCE OF PRIDE!
THANKS
BUD*

Special People make Special Schools!

Dear Sgt. Fingle,

Thank you for providing officers to help with street crossing during our marathon at St. Joseph's. Despite the less-than-ideal weather, a lot of families turned out, and your officers helped keep everyone safe. Please thank each of the officers, on behalf of everyone at St. Joe's.

Deb Link

Thank you for traffic detail

Cheri Dexter [Cheri.Dexter@co.washington.mn.us]

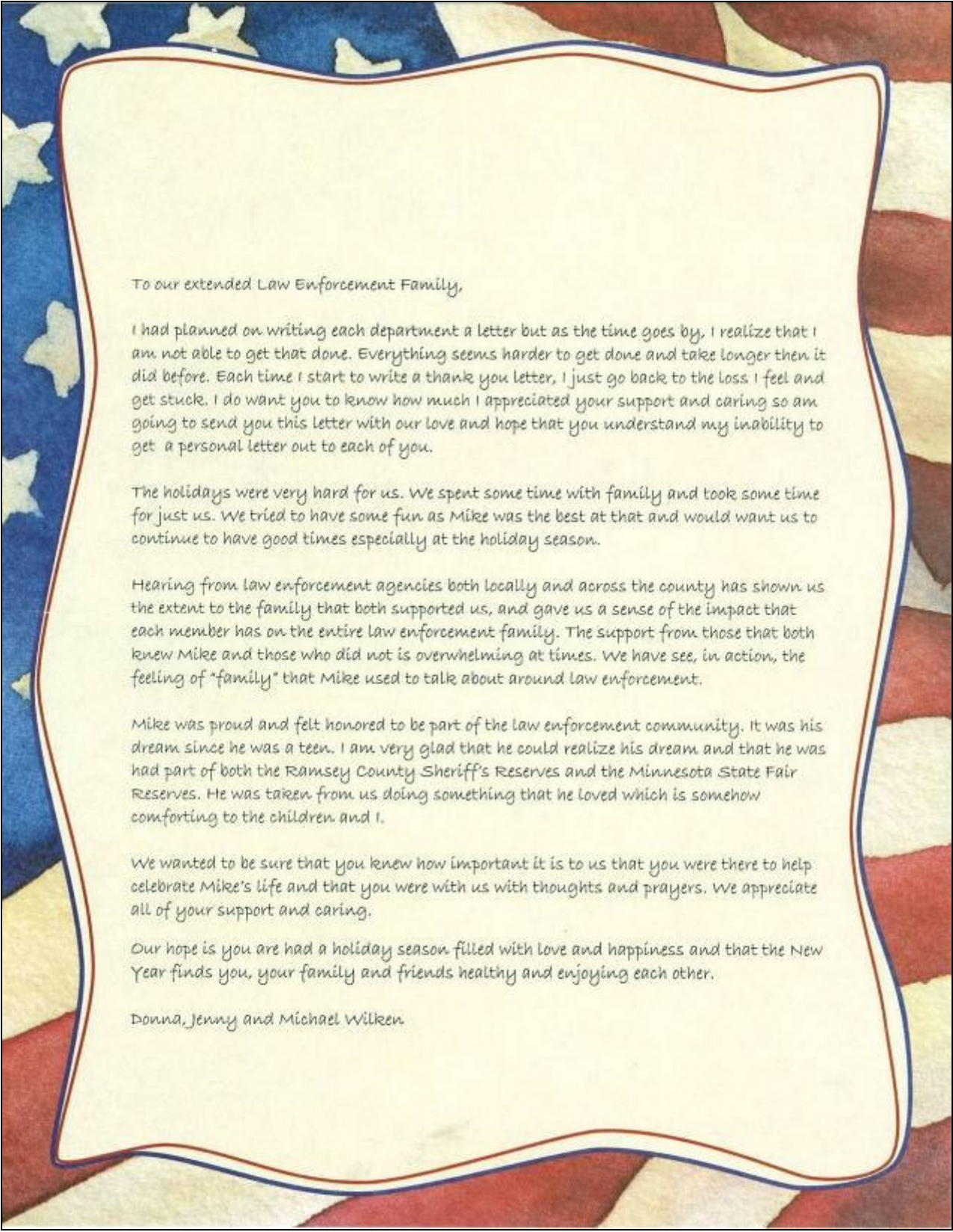
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On behalf of the Washington Co. Sheriff's Office I would like to extend our deepest appreciation for the assistance your Department provided for the Ramsey County funeral traffic detail.

Although this was a tragic event those that came to assist conducted themselves in a professional and compassionate manner exemplifying the qualities and standards that make our professions great. We hope that we never have to host this type of event again, but at least we have the comfort of knowing that should it happen we have the resources we can depend on.

Thank you again for your agencies support during this event,



To our extended Law Enforcement Family,

I had planned on writing each department a letter but as the time goes by, I realize that I am not able to get that done. Everything seems harder to get done and take longer than it did before. Each time I start to write a thank you letter, I just go back to the loss I feel and get stuck. I do want you to know how much I appreciated your support and caring so am going to send you this letter with our love and hope that you understand my inability to get a personal letter out to each of you.

The holidays were very hard for us. We spent some time with family and took some time for just us. We tried to have some fun as Mike was the best at that and would want us to continue to have good times especially at the holiday season.

Hearing from law enforcement agencies both locally and across the county has shown us the extent to the family that both supported us, and gave us a sense of the impact that each member has on the entire law enforcement family. The support from those that both knew Mike and those who did not is overwhelming at times. We have seen, in action, the feeling of "family" that Mike used to talk about around law enforcement.

Mike was proud and felt honored to be part of the law enforcement community. It was his dream since he was a teen. I am very glad that he could realize his dream and that he was had part of both the Ramsey County Sheriff's Reserves and the Minnesota State Fair Reserves. He was taken from us doing something that he loved which is somehow comforting to the children and I.

We wanted to be sure that you knew how important it is to us that you were there to help celebrate Mike's life and that you were with us with thoughts and prayers. We appreciate all of your support and caring.

Our hope is you are had a holiday season filled with love and happiness and that the New Year finds you, your family and friends healthy and enjoying each other.

Donna, Jenny and Michael Wilken