



The Point After

Community - Integrity - Honor - Courage

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Storm Response

Faribault and the surrounding area was hit by late-season storms on Thursday, September 20th. Tornadoes and high winds damaged residences, trees, and buildings. The Faribault Municipal Airport was struck particularly hard, incurring major to severe damage to most of its buildings, including one of our squads.

As the storm rolled through, it became clear that additional staffing would be needed to handle the large volume of calls. Recognizing the need to assist, most of our officers self-deployed or responded to callback, even after suffering damage and power loss to their own homes. Officers manned the Emergency Operations Center, handling a majority of the radio traffic for the city, alleviating some work for our

dispatch center. Other officers hit the streets, responding to calls of downed trees and power lines. The following day and throughout the weekend, officers continued to assist with traffic control, security, and damage assessment.

According to Rice-Steele 911 Center, 1223 calls were processed from 6pm to 6am, with 498 calls received between 7pm and 8pm.



Officers Scott Duncan, Keith Voegel, Sean Smallen, Sarah Tollefson, Cadie Spicer, Adam Marvin, Chris Tonjum, Michael Shuda, Lisa Petricka, Jacob Holm, John Pesta, Detectives Jeff Burbank, Matt Kolling, Matt Shuda, Josh Alexander, CSO Luke Fridstrom, Reserve Officers Tod Vaudrin, Josh Sterling, Sergeants Matt Knutson, Dave Dillon, Brandon Gliem, Mark Krenik, Captains Jason Severson, Neal Pederson and Chief Andy Bohlen all responded and worked Thursday night during and after the storm to help keep residents safe.

Thank you to Fastenal, Reliance Bank and Salvation Army for delivering food and water for responders at the airport!

Homeowner Nichole Miller was presented a police department challenge coin by **Chief Andy Bohlen** for her sense of "Community". Nichole opened up her garage near the corner of Roberds Lake Blvd. and Belview Trail and has been serving free meals for tired residents and workers dealing with the aftermath of the recent storm disaster. Nichole, along with an army of volunteers that include neighbors, residents, and congregants from The River Church, 4th Avenue United Methodist Church, and River Valley Church have been self-

lessly helping the community. The kids that were helping were

also given a stuffed Chase or Cannon dog in appreciation.



The department extends its deepest sympathies to the family, friends and colleagues of **Corrections Officer Joseph Parise** of the MN Department of Corrections. Ofc. Parise suffered a medical emergency and died after responding to assist another officer who was being assaulted by an inmate.



Ofc. Parise worked at MCF-Oak Park Heights. Ofc. Parise is the second correctional officer to die in the line of duty this year.

“No matter what accomplishments you make, somebody helped you.”

Althea Gibson

Died September 28, 2003

Red Bull Escort

On Sunday, September 23rd, we were honored to assist in escorting the 34th Infantry Division “Red Bulls” from the Faribault Armed Forces Service Center as they leave for a 10-month deployment in Kuwait. First responders from agencies throughout the county led and followed the buses, which were escorted by Patriot Guard riders. Our thoughts are with the troops and their families over this deployment period.



Domestic Assault Arrest

On Friday, September 21st, **Officer Michael Shuda** met with a woman reporting an assault. She reported that on the prior evening, she was with some friends, including her former boyfriend, at a residence. She stated that her boyfriend was hurting a cat so she nudged him with her foot. She stated he jumped up and punched her several times in the head and face before fleeing the residence. Ofc. Shuda also spoke with witnesses who corroborated the victim’s report. An alert

was sent out to officers to locate and arrest the suspect, Jeffrey Tuomala, 22. The next day, **Officers Josh Sjodin, Ben Johns and Adam Marvin** located Tuomala at a camper and arrested him. Officers also obtained information regarding drugs in the camper and **Detective John Gramling** obtained a search warrant. Officers recovered 575 grams of marijuana. Tuomala was charged with 3rd degree Assault and Domestic Assault (drug charges are



pending). His bail was set at \$5,000 with conditions.

Questions?

Comments?

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TZD Enforcement

This month’s Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) enforcement wave continues through September 29. Officers, deputies and troopers statewide are on the lookout for seatbelt and child safety seat violations. However, they will also be watchful for impaired driving,



distracted driving and speeding. Please do your part to help keep Minnesota roads safe.