



# The Point After

## “Work Hard - Be Safe - Have Fun”

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## Peace Officer’s Memorial Week

Sunday, May 15th marks Peace Officers Memorial Day, signed in to law on October 1, 1961 by President John F. Kennedy. In recognition of the day, President Bill Clinton amended the law in 1994 directing flags to be flown at half-staff.

On average, one law enforcement officer is killed in the line of duty somewhere in the United States every 53 hours. Since the first known line-of-duty death in 1791, more than 19,000 officers have made the ultimate sacrifice.

With current events throughout the country, this is always of concern to us. According to odmp.com statistics, 128 officers died in the line of duty last year. Firearms were used in 39 of the killings, vehicular assault was responsible for eight deaths, and three officers were killed by personal assault. In



addition, 42 officers were killed by accidental means in the line of duty.

The Faribault Police Department has lost three officers in the line of duty. All of their names are on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC.

On October 3rd, 1876, **Officer Henry Kaepernick** was approaching the city jail. He was ordered to stop by a guard, as the jail was housing the Younger

brothers awaiting trial for the Northfield Bank Robbery. Ofc. Kaepernick opened his jacket to show his badge. The guard, believing Ofc. Kaepernick was reaching for a gun, shot and killed him.

On January 2nd, 1883, **Chief of Police David Shipley** was responding to a domestic disturbance. Chief Jennings attempted to disarm and arrest the suspect. A struggle ensued and Chief Jennings was shot. He died six days later of his injuries.

On March 5th, 1895, **Officer Louis Joachim** captured a dog that had been threatening people. While holding the dog, it bit the officer quite severely. After complaining of pain and discomfort, Ofc. Joachim was found to have all the symptoms of hydrophobia (rabies). After suffering for two months, Ofc. Joachim died on May 6th, 1895.

## Community Roundtable

On Thursday, May 12th, in an effort to build connections with the different populations in Faribault, we hosted our first community roundtable. Attended by nearly 35 community leaders, we shared a meal of walleye, sambusa and tamales. **Chief Andy Bohlen** spoke to the group, addressing concerns and questions. Although most were complimentary of the department, attendees were happy to see this event held and

some concerns were identified. We hope to hold more events to continue strengthening the relationships we have and im-

prove how we provide service to all.



## School Activity Reports

### High School Liaison

For the month of April, **Detective Kara Christensen** reports 175 incidents, resulting in five reports and one citations or referrals to the County Attorney.

Det. Christensen notes an increase of verbal confrontations between students. The inci-

dents have been deescalated and referred to school officials.

### Middle School Liaison

Also in March, **Detective Brittany Carstensen** reports 147 incidents, resulting in 10 reports and no referrals to the County Attorney.

Det. Carstensen reports an

increase of child protection reports, and has been assisting Rice County social workers in investigating these reports.

The detectives also report no responses to other school facilities for assistance during the month.

**“You can’t base your life on other people’s expectations.”**

*Stevie Wonder  
Born May 13, 1950*

**Questions?  
Comments?**  
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## Warrant and Drug Arrests

On Friday, May 6th, officers were requested to check on the welfare of a man who was believed to be using methamphetamine and acting erratically. **Officer Jeff Burbank** found the man’s vehicle at a store the following day. **Officers John Pesta** and **Said Hilowle** arrived to assist. While waiting for the man, Michael Turitto, 26, to exit the store, Ofc. Burbank spoke with the vehicle’s passengers. One of the passengers acted very nervously. A computer check showed the passenger, Alejandro Capouch, 27, was the subject of five arrest warrants from Rice and Hennepin Counties for Fleeing Police, Terroristic Threats, Prohibited Person in Possession of a Firearm, Driving After Cancellation and DWI. He was arrested, and



Capouch

officers found a marijuana pipe in his pocket, and a methamphetamine pipe where he had been sitting. Meanwhile, Turitto approached the officers. While checking him for weapons, officers found a set of brass knuckles and a methamphetamine pipe in his pocket. Turitto was also arrested. Ca-

pouch was jailed and later transported to Hennepin County. Turitto was charged with 5th degree Controlled Substances and Possession of a Dangerous Weapon. He was released on his own recognizance.



Turitto

## Celebrate Safely

As the school year draws to a close and graduation parties become more common than garage sales, we encourage parents to make smart choices about what is served. We want this to be a time of celebration and accomplishment and don’t want to see it take a tragic turn.

