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Upcoming Events

October 22, 2015 General Meeting

Board Meetings Monthly - 3rd Thursday New Berlin Ale House

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NBPCAAA Golf Outing

A great day at the range

Our 2015 Golf outing was again a success.

We had 55 golfers this year, up from 51 a year ago. After expenses, we cleared \$2,800.00. We served 62 lunches. Next year, we will hold the 5th annual golf outing at New Berlin Hills on June 24, 2016. We would like to get our total golfers up to 100 in the future.

Good job to all who helped.

July 2015 General Meeting

"Body recovery is a terrible business"

We were pleased to have Lieutenant Brian Bortmess as guest speaker at our July 23rd General Membership Meeting. Lt. Bortmess is assigned to the Waukesha County Sheriff Court Services/Civil Process Division. In addition, he is the Assistant Commander of the Search and Recovery Unit, Coordinator of the Sheriff Internship Program and Hearing Conservation Program. He focused his presentation on the history, organization and responsibilities of the Waukesha County Sheriff Search and Recovery Team.

The Team is made up of seven divers under the direction of Lt. Bortmess and the authority of Wisconsin State Statute 59.27.11. The statute reads "conduct operations within the county and, when the board so provides, in waters of which the county has jurisdiction under s.2.04 for the rescue of human beings and for the recovery of human bodies." The Team mission is to provide a well-trained, well-equipped, efficient unit to successfully carry out these operations.

A community's fire department and its associated dive team is the primary agency to respond for water rescue. The Sheriff Department is the sole agency to recover bodies or remains when a dive operation is determined to be a recovery. A rescue incident becomes a recovery as determined by the Sheriff.





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The Sheriff's Dive Team was first proposed in mid-1973. Since that time, the Dive Team has been called upon 139 times in incidents involving human remains, evidence or property recovery. Using some of these incidents as examples, Lt. Bortmess went into great detail to explain recovery procedures and search coverage patterns.

"Body recovery is a terrible business" said Lt. Bortmess. "It takes strength to venture into the darkness to recover a human corpse. A recovery gives a victim's family some closure, but the diver, on the other hand, will have the recovery forever etched in his or her memory."

Following the presentation, members were invited outside to inspect the Dive Team's dive boat and incident command center vehicle. Lt. Bortmess, along with Deputies Daniel Sponder and Michael Mihalovits, gave hands-on demonstrations of Team equipment and answered questions.

The membership was very impressed by what they learned and most appreciative of the Team's appearance. It was a long day for the Dive Team, as that very morning they were called out early to locate and recover a victim in Lake Delavan. Yet, there they were with us patiently answering every question until there were no more.

Thanks again for your presence and service to our community.



Shooting event

Ready On Line

NBPCAAA with New Berlin Police Offices Troy Hendriksen, Jeremiah Johnson and Joshua King put on two sessions at the police range. One for Beginners and one for Advanced shooters.

The Beginner's session was designed to give beginners a better idea about the workings of guns and gun safety. After covering all the details they had range time to work on stance, aiming, recoil and hitting the targets. By the end of the session, all shooters where doing very well at hitting the

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center of the targets. Also everyone was more at ease using the firearms that where available to shoot. Good shooting, beginners.

The Advanced class covered a little about gun safety and handling of firearms and then were put through exercises that the police officers use. There were targets with numbers on them and when required to hit the number called or multiple numbers. There were targets with quarter-sized dots that the shooters had to put one round in each dot. For some shooters, the dots started to blend together after the first few. There were also metal targets that had to be knocked down and then moved from one side of a pole to the other, from 30 feet away. When all was done, the shooters felt better about their shooting skills.

We would like to thank Troy, Josh and Jeremiah for all the help and time that they put in to make this event very enjoyable for all.



TSA tour

Behind the scenes

On Wednesday September 10th, 19 members, and officer Tony Fus, went on an insider tour of the Airport security systems led by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). We had to clear a security check and then were shown a number of security systems and allowed to ask questions before we went into the airport. Once in the airport, we went to a gate and saw the new security scanners. They no longer use x-ray technology but use radio waves instead. The new scanners show a generic outline of a male or female. One man went in and the scanner showed the location of his cell phone. A women then went in and it showed items that she had. The scanner also knows if the person is male or female. The TSA agent told the machine the woman was a male and the scanner rejected that choice. The agent had to push the button to say it was a female. It is interesting that the new scanner software allows the scanner to know and ignore metal medical implants such as metal rods, knee or hip replacements. We then were taken behind the scenes and

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showed how the checked luggage was scanned, transported to the planes etc. If the scanner saw something suspicious the bag went to a station where it was opened and searched. After that we went to the Sherriff's substation and learned about the bomb squad and the separate bomb and drug sniffing dogs that they use.

All in all, the tour lasted about 2 1/2 hours and was appreciated by all.



SPRING 2015 CLASS

Back Row from left to right: James DeGueme, Tony Fus, Kristina Kissling, Mary Campbell, Denise Carter, Matt Hudzinski, David Leist, Erle Hug, and Joel Balicki

Front Row from left to right: Juliet Young, Sharon Hagen, Mary Ann DeGueme, and Susan Maleski



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Treasurer's Report

January through August, we have purchased seven items for the department so far this year. We also bought food for the 4th of July and for the earlier Police Appreciation day. We finally got the 50th anniversary bench installed (see photo below). We held our Golf outing June 17th, and thanks to all the helping hands, we raised a net profit of \$2,827.86. The Wine and Beer tasting event had around 160 attendees and raised approximately \$3,000.00. The Bowl-A-Thon event was held August 15th. We had approximately 30 bowlers and a silent auction. We made a net profit of \$2,076.00. We have two new liaison officers to work with us: Officer Tony Fus and Sergeant Dan Hanlon. At the Chief's request, we will only purchase items that will benefit the majority of the Department. Tony and Dan are currently working on a wish list. This will be my last Treasurer's report. As per Board approval, I switched positions with Vice-President Sherry Hanson. She is the new Treasurer and I have assumed the position of Vice-President.

2015	TOTAL	\$ 8,347.10
8/21/2015	Magazines for Hand Gun Practice	\$ 2,000.00
8/21/2015	Device to Network all Department Clocks	\$ 3,195.00
8/21/2015	Booster Antenna for Sound System	\$ 40.00
7/14/2015	Workout Room Sound System	\$ 642.50
6/18/2015	Picnic Table	\$ 858.00
2/19/2015	Swat Team Uniforms	\$ 1,518.00
1/20/2015	Gun Safety Devices	\$ 93.60

Respectfully, Jerry Vogel, Treasurer



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hello Everyone!

Can you believe that school has started and there are already a few trees turning colors? As always, where did summer go? It seems like it just started, and the 4th of July was just last week, but NBPCAAA has had a busy summer.

We were able to donate some nice things to the Police Department. We gave them a stereo system for their workout room, a weather-proof picnic table for the memorial garden in the back of the Police Department, and a granite bench commemorating the NBPD's 50th Anniversary. The bench is located just outside the entrance of the Safety Building, and recognizes the NBPD's protecting with courage and serving with compassion, and NBPCAAA's proud support of their service. The next time you come to the Police Department, look for the granite bench, take a seat, and try it out. We are currently in the process of buying network clocks for the entire building and some training magazines for their guns.

"Cooking for the Cops" on the 4th of July turned out perfectly, and "Bowling for the Badge" in August was a huge success. We just love to spoil them! A huge "Thank You" goes out to all the people that dropped off food, baked items, donated raffle/auction items, made phone calls, helped fundraise, attended meetings... you get the point. NBPCAAA would not be this successful without the commitment and dedication that you have shown to our NBPD. We were just told that we, NBPCAAA, are the envy of other police departments. Thank you again.

With that being said, wouldn't you like to join this awesome Board of Directors? In January, at the General Membership meeting, we will again be holding elections and will have some openings. Here is your chance to help determine the future of NBPCAAA. Please consider running for the Board. We are looking for some hard-working members who can make a difference. It is truly a lot of fun, and we have lots of laughs. Board meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month, at 7:00 p.m., at the New Berlin Bowl/Ale House. Did you know that you can eat and drink during the meeting? In case you haven't heard, I will be stepping down as President after 5 years of service.

Our next general meeting is October 28th, and our guest speaker will be the new Waukesha County Sheriff, Eric Severson. We are trying to arrange to have the Attorney General, Brad Schimel, in January, so mark your calendars. We would love to have you show our support of the NBPD to these speakers. We will also be taking orders for NBPCAAA logo clothing and accessories. You can get anything from jackets to coolers to tote bags to polo shirts. The catalog is enormous, so pick anything in it, and we can have the logo put on it. We will have samples out at the next meeting for you to view.

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Pay it forward, and make someone's day today.

Stephanie Brown

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