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Opioid Discussion, contd...

In a previous [newsletter](#), I wrote about the ongoing discussion of opioid abuse across Minnesota. Not long after that, we added information about the Minnesota statute called, "[Good Samaritan Overdose Medical Assistance](#)" to our training program.

The state statute was implemented in 2014 to provide legal protection to those who do the right thing and call 911 when someone is experiencing a drug overdose and illegal narcotics are present. The Good Samaritan does not have to worry about being arrested for the illegal narcotics as long as he or she complies with the statute language.

A great resource to consult about the increasing problem of chronic pain relief migrating to abuse and ultimately heroin addiction is the [Steve Rummier Hope Foundation](#).



Cancelled.... Annual Roseville Police Department Citizen's Academy... Reason? Low enrollment

This year would have been our 20th Roseville Citizen Police Academy. Some agencies have only begun hosting these informative outreach programs to the community. We are ahead of the curve.

The problem we encountered this year, however, was even though many in our country have been paying particularly close attention to law enforcement, we were unable to reach our minimum enrollment requirement of 15 people willing to sign up and attend this year's academy, which would have begun last week.

Several of us in the Department have begun looking to adjust the academy so it's not as large of a time commitment but still dispenses the vast amount of information, which makes up the Roseville Police Department. Throughout the years, the Citizen's Academy has provided a great opportunity to facilitate open communication and understanding between the community and police through education.

We hope to launch our new and improved academy this fall. Look for more information this summer. *I do want to thank those who did register and hope we have more interest next time.*



Congratulations

On Wednesday, April 5, Roseville Police Officer Tom Pitzl and Community Service Officer Ku Tee both received awards from the Minnesota Campus Compact.

Tom Pitzl received a 2017 Presidents' Community Partner Award for his work in the Law Enforcement Mentoring Program at Century College. Pitzl was recognized for the positive tone he set, for taking risks with activities to contribute to teambuilding, and for

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being engaged with his mentee Ku Tee, who is also a Century College student. Tee was recognized with a Student Leadership Award.

The Community Partner Award is given to community-based organizations that have enhanced the quality of life in the community in meaningful and measurable ways and have engaged in the development of sustained, reciprocal partnerships with a college or university. *Great job, Tom and Ku.*

Connecting with our Community...including our K9 friends

This past weekend, Reserve Officer Alexander Besse, CSO Ruben Cortes, Officer Aaron Craven and Sgt. Jen Engh helped a dog's owner and multiple friends and family in the area of Highway 36 and Victoria in securing their loose dog. As the owner called for the dog- Harley- he became scared and ran westbound along the Hwy 36 fence line. Officers and civilians set up a perimeter between Lexington and Victoria along Hwy 36 in an attempt to apprehend the "fugitive", Harley.



Harley was eventually apprehended in the back yard of a nearby home. The family was ecstatic and said the dog had been missing since last Sunday. According to the dog owner, Harley resides in Apple Valley and his owner was attending an event in Roseville when Harley escaped. He was concerned, because the dog didn't know the area and had nowhere to go. Harley was scared, thirsty and exhausted, but should make a full recovery. *I'm sure that CSO Cortes' happy expressions gave Harley a bit of energy.*



Here is a photo of our impromptu "posse" of neighborhood children who helped in apprehending Harley the fugitive canine.

Thanks for the help and I'm glad we could provide a quick squad car tour as a Thank You.

Transportation Day

Last week, CSO Jordan Danielson was able to stop by Parkview Elementary during their annual Transportation Day. The children always enjoy the trucks' lights and sometimes the siren.



Take Care, Chief Rick Mathwig

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