NORTHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT



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The Northfield Police Department would like to announce the recipient of the 2018 volunteer Northfield Police Reserve Officer of the year.

At the annual Police Reserve recognition meeting held on January 24th, the department recognized Police Reserve Sergeant Ashley Burk as the Reserve Officer of the year for 2018. Ashley has been with the Police Reserves since November 1st of 2016. Ashley is currently attending college to pursue a degree in law enforcement. She is also employed by the Rice County Sheriff's Department.

Ashley worked a total of 248 hours of volunteer time for the City of Northfield this past year, including participating in supervisory duties, working security at both high school and college sporting events, assisting with traffic control and crowd control, participating in department ride-alongs with its police officers, and conducting foot patrols in the downtown area. Ashely also is responsible for preparing the reserve's quarterly newsletter.

At the same meeting, Police Reserve Officer Josh Rich was promoted from his position as Sergeant to Captain of the Police Reserves. Captain Rich has been with the police reserves for almost six years and is one of our most experienced reserve officers.

Captain Rich will guide the reserves and work closely with Police Sergeant Kevin Tussing, Police Officers Ryan Bollig and Brent Feldhake, along with Reserve Sergeants Burk and Derrick Bunde in making the organization an exemplary group for the City of Northfield and its police department.

The Northfield Police Reserves are responsible for providing aid and support to the Northfield Police Department and to cooperate with other law enforcement agencies. Reserve Officers are strictly volunteer in Northfield and are not police officers. The Police Reserves donated about 1600 hours to the City of Northfield this past year. Currently the department is staffed with about 23-reserve officers and receive training by the department. The department wants to continue to grow and are looking for candidates that are at least 19-years of age. You do not need to have a background in law enforcement; we would love to get more community members interested in this program. An application can be obtained on-line or at city hall.

If you have questions about the program please contact Police Sergeant Kevin Tussing at (507) 663-9471 or <u>kevin.tussing@ci.northfield.mn.us</u>.

Sergeant Kevin Tussing