

Fall Awards and Recognition Ceremony

By Commander John Haugen



Sheriff Steve Pott

On November 30, 2006, Sheriff Steve Pott presented awards to Sheriff's Office staff and citizens at the Fall Recognition Reception. He also acknowledged eighteen new employees and recognized staff who had 20, 25 or 30 years of service. This was the third Recognition Reception that Sheriff Pott has held since he initiated them.

Letters of Excellence Award winners were:

- Sgt. Dan Starry, for his efforts in acquiring grants to fund the county's Safe and Sober anti-drunk-driving campaign.
- Deputy Angela Hanson, for helping develop cases that led to the arrest of three people suspected of dealing drugs in the St. Croix Beach area.
- Deputy Marc Lombardi, for his high standard of professionalism in investigating charges involving the Waite Park Police Department.
- Deputy Craig Olson, for investigating what seemed to be a minor civil case, but which developed into a complex criminal case. Olson also assisted Hennepin County in gathering additional information for that county's case against the same individual.
- Deputy Danielle Erickson, for her continued assistance to an elderly Afton man she'd seen living in unhealthy conditions.
- Deputy Matt Weiland and K-9 Agent, for persevering and apprehending a suspect in conditions involving intense heat and high humidity.

Meritorious Service Award winners were:

- Deputy Jim Gribble, for his outstanding performance and exceptional dedication while serving with the Water Parks and Trails Unit and the Sheriff's Reserves.
- Nursing Supervisor Jeanne Schumacher, for her years of service as a recognized leader in her field.
- The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Deputy Chris Majeski, who performed a dangerous maneuver to safely stop a vehicle driven by a person suffering from a diabetic reaction.
- The Life Saving Award went to Commander Mike Johnson, for performing the Heimlich Maneuver to save a choking man during a dinner at the Acacia Lodge in Cottage Grove.

Citizen Life Saving Awards went to:

- Linda Johnson and Scott Anderson, who rescued a boy from drowning at the Lake Elmo Park Reserve.
- Mike Tuft and Eric Bergstedt, two employees of the St. Croix Boat and Packet Company, for rescuing a motorist who had driven off the Stillwater lift bridge into the St. Croix River.



Sgt Dan Starry



Deputy Angela Hanson



Deputy Marc Lombardi



Deputy Craig Olson



Deputy Matt Wieland



Deputy Jim Gribble



Deputy Chris Majeski



Commander Mike Johnson



Linda Johnson



Mike Tuft

New Employees:

Communication Center

	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Lisa Ness	911 Public Safety Dispatcher	October 2, 2006
Nikki De La Forest	911 Public Safety Dispatcher	October 2, 2006
John Kruk	911 Public Safety Dispatcher	October 2, 2006

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Patricia Grieshaber	Office Support II	November 27, 2006
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Transfers:

	<u>To</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Chris D'Alessandro	Bailiff	Correctional Officer II	December 2, 2006
Kari Gibis	Deputy Sheriff	Correctional Officer II	December 17, 2006

Retirements

	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Mina Boury	Senior Office Support	November 18, 2006
David Hofstad	Bailiff	December 15, 2006
Scott Malinosky	Commander	December 31, 2006



Nikki De La Forest



Patricia Grieshaber



John Kruk



Lisa Ness



Deputy Kari Gibis was sworn in by Judge Doyscher on December 19, 2006.

Senior Office Support Mina Boury Retires

By Christina Richert



November 18, 2006 marked the last official day of Mina Boury's employment with the Washington County Jail. Mina joined jail administration as a Valuable Secretary on July 21, 1995. During her 10 ½ years with the jail Mina worked through a variety of shifts and classification changes.

In March of 2003 Mina moved into the warrants position which she handled until her retirement. While in warrants Mina was a vital part of several changes that improved the efficiency of warrant processing. In addition, she built strong relationships with other law enforcement agencies and court administration. Mina's upbeat personality and trademark laugh brought many smiles to those around her and will be missed.

We wish Mina the best in her future endeavors. A retirement gathering will be planned when Mina becomes available.

Bailiff David Hofstad Retires

By Sue Hayes



Dave Hofstad and Sheriff Steve Pott

Bailiff David Hofstad retired on December 15, 2006 after working 8 years for the Washington County Sheriff's Office. He worked three and half years as a Correctional Officer before transferring to be a Bailiff where he finished up his career. Dave has 24 years in Law Enforcement. He was a Deputy Sheriff in Kandiyohi County for about 4 years. He then worked in Sherburne County for 11-12 years as a Deputy, a Sergeant, a Lieutenant of Investigations and finally as Chief Deputy. He left the Chief Deputy position in the Sherburne County Sheriff's Office to be an entrepreneur in the carpet business.

Dave has been involved in many infamous cases through the years. He was involved in the murder investigations of Diane Edwards, the Huling family and Marlys Wohlenhaus, all victims of Minnesota's infamous serial killer Joseph Ture. He also was involved in the murder investigation of Eileen Hunley, who was a victim of Harvey "The Hammer" Carrigan.

Dave was also part of the Major Crime Investigations Unit (MCIU). This unit involved the St. Cloud PD, Stearns County, Benton County and Sherburne County Sheriffs' Offices. While he was with the M.C.I.U. he worked the Harold and Virginia Leiser murders which were the result of three teenagers on a crime spree. Dave was also involved in an armed stand-off in Sherburne County with Jeffrey Lee Ring. That stand-off resulted in Ring being charged with attempted 3rd degree murder against Dave.

On April 12, 1969 at 10:30 pm while working for the Kandiyohi County Sheriff's Office he responded to a call with the Chief Deputy and another Deputy. His partner was shot in the chin while standing shoulder to shoulder with David. Dave helped his wounded partner off the scene and together they survived the ultimate test of a "cop".

When David came to testify before the Grand Jury on the Joe Ture case, he was welcomed to Washington County by Victim Witness coordinator Kathy Nolan. Kathy had been a St. Cloud Police Officer at the time Dave was a Deputy in Sherburne County. They had worked together many times and after that day Dave and Kathy started dating and are now married.

Dave will tell you that "the last eight years working for Washington County have been the greatest years of my life. Washington County is a wonderful place to work and all of you have been the greatest. Thank you to Sheriff Frank and Sheriff Pott for the opportunity to work for the Washington County Sheriff's Office."

Dave has 5 children and 10 grandchildren. His wife Kathy worked in the County Attorney's Office with the Victim Witness program. She also retired on December 15th, 2006.

For those of us who have had the opportunity to work with Dave we say "farewell and good luck. You are a wonderful man, a great cop and dear friend. Be healthy and well in your retirement"

From your friends in the Court Security Unit.

Reflections at Retirement

By Commander Scott Malinosky



Sheriff Steve Pott and Commander Scott Malinosky

As I stand at the threshold of retirement, I look back on my 28 year career with pride. There is not a more noble vocation than that of a public servant. To serve and be a servant is biblical in nature and carries with it not only the implied, but also the explicit values of trust, integrity and humility. These are the unchanging bedrock of public service; the reasons we do the work.

What has changed over the years has been how we do the work. Technology has exploded during my tenure. There were no computers when I started with the Sheriff's Office. Typewriters were common place and emergency lights on squad cars were chain driven rather than operated by computer chips.

On my first day on the job, I was given a .38 revolver along with a set of handcuffs and told to go to the airport and pick up a prisoner. No training, no FTO, just go and do. As the junior deputy, you were always assigned to the jail. There were no correctional officers at the time. If you weren't needed in the jail, you would likely be assigned to be a dispatcher for the shift. You were required to announce the call letters for the Sheriff's Office every hour, on the hour...KAB958 (the golden voice of the St. Croix Valley!)

At the risk of sounding "sappy," the highlights of my career were in the opportunities I had to meet and work with some really fine people. I helped to solve a bank robbery and I put my share of burglars behind bars, but I leave here enriched more by the relationships I developed through the work I did than by the work itself. My thanks to those of you who were patient with me and helped me to learn and grow.

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