On Thursday, July 4th, officers were dispatched to a one-vehicle crash in a residential neighborhood. Officers Josh Alexander, Mike Thul, Ben Johns, Sergeant Russ Hartwig, Detective Matt Long, Deputy Paul LaRoche and Trooper William Tjon arrived to find a truck had left the roadway and struck a tree. Two passengers in the truck, a male and a female, were airlifted to a trauma center. Officers were able to determine that neither passenger had been driving. Off-duty Sergeant Al Shuda, who happened to be driving nearby but unaware of the crash, saw a male walking on a roadway. A short time later, he learned that officers were searching for the driver involved in the crash. Officers found the truck's owner at his residence, and Sgt. Shuda was able to identify him as the person he saw walking away from the area of the crash. The suspect, Cory Hausen, 38, told officers that a friend had borrowed his truck, and that his own injuries were the result of crashing his bike. He was arrested and jailed. He was charged with eight counts of Criminal Vehicular Operation and 3rd Degree DWI. His bail was set at $20,000 without conditions.

Crash Lands Two in Hospital, One in Jail

On Monday, July 8th, Officers Kara Christensen, Maggie Averhoff, Matt Kolling and DJ Skluzacek, Detective Scott Duncan, RCSO Deputies Dan Belcourt and Paul LaRoche, Sergeant Jeff Mullenneister and Trooper William Tjon responded to the Faribault Golf and Country Club for an alarm. As they were arriving, a male came running from the building. He was stopped and identified as Curtis Chavie, 23. Officers found a crowbar and methamphetamine in his possession. Officers determined that Chavie had forcefully entered the building. Chavie identified a second suspect who was not found at the scene. Owatonna PD Officer Brady Fox responded with his K-9 partner to assist in searching the building. Detectives Matt Long, Cadie Spicer and Officer Eric Sammon assisted with processing the scene for evidence. Chavie, not unfamiliar to regular readers of The Point After, was charged with 1st Degree Burglary. His bail was set at $60,000 without conditions. The investigation into the second subject continues.
On Tuesday, July 9th, officers responded to a report of a suicidal male at a local park. As the first officers arrived, the man walked out into the Cannon River, displayed a knife and threatened to harm himself. Numerous officers, deputies, firefighters and ambulance personnel arrived to assist. **RCSO Investigator Scott Robinson** and **Officer Lisa Petricka** talked with the man for nearly two hours and convinced him to come out of the water on his own. He was transported to District One Hospital for evaluation. Chief Bohlen commented “The Faribault Police Department is grateful for the peaceful resolution and the assistance of all the first responders that sprung into action as a team to save this man’s life”.

**Ninety-nine percent of all failures come from people who have a habit of making excuses.”**

*George Washington Carver*

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**Bits and Pieces**

Congratulations to the following employees with July anniversary dates:

**Sergeant Dave Dillon**
14 years

**Detective Brandon Gliem**
12 years

**Officer Matt Kolling**
6 years

**Officer Tony Kuchinka**
16 years

**Captain Jason Severson** (pictured) and **CSO Doug Delesha** assisted with a kids softball fundraiser on Wednesday, July 10th. Capt. Severson manned the dunk tank, and CSO Delesha provided safety information and handouts.

**Officers Jeff Larson** and **Matt Kolling** recently completed training as rifle instructors. They will join **Sergeant Dave Dillon** and **Officer Mike Thul** as firearms instructors for the department.

According to preliminary data compiled by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, 51 law enforcement officers have been killed in the line of duty during the first half of 2013. This is a nine percent increase over the same period in 2012.

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**Night to Unite**

Time is winding down to get registered for Night to Unite. The annual event is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6th. **Sergeant Russ Hartwig** is coordinating this year’s events. Persons or organizations interested in hosting a block party can contact Sgt. Hartwig at 334-0927 or email him at rhartwig@ci.faribault.mn.us.

He will provide more information and supplies. Packets are also available at the Faribault Chamber of Commerce.

We encourage residents to take advantage of this event to gather with their neighbors to help promote safety and unity in their neighborhoods.