

The Point After

"Work Hard - Be Safe - Have Fun"

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Farewell

We say farewell to **Officer Maggie Hunt**, who left employment with the Faribault Police Department this week. Ofc. Hunt has been with us for seven years, assigned to the patrol unit. She also worked as a Field Training Officer. We wish her all the best with her future endeavors and opportunities.



Squad Struck

On Friday, January 23rd, officers were responding to a reported vehicle fire. Going through an intersection with his lights and siren and driving slowly, **Officer Tom Mueller** was struck by another vehicle. He received minor injuries, and the other driver was uninjured.



Death Investigation

On Wednesday January 21, 2015 at 0602 hours, Faribault police and emergency services personal with Faribault Fire and North Memorial Ambulance service were dispatched to the 10 block of 3rd Street NW for a report of a person lying face down on the ground. Emergency personal treated and transported a semi responsive adult female to District One Hospital

for treatment. Police have identified the female as Theresa Ann Smith (age 56) of Morristown. The female was transferred to St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, MN where she was later pronounced deceased. Injuries initially observed did not appear to be life threatening, however, the investigation continues as detectives wait for the final results of the autopsy. Initial investigation

does not indicate foul play. Faribault police are investigating this incident and detectives are asking for the public's assistance in determining what happened to this female. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Faribault Police **Detective Scott Duncan** at 507-334-0928.

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Carbon Monoxide Safety

referred to as CO, which is the chemical symbol. Unlike many gases, CO has no odor, color, taste and it does not irritate your skin. CO gets into your body when you breathe. If you inhale a large amount of CO, your body begins to replace oxygen in your blood with CO. When your body does not get enough oxygen, your tissues break down and eventually death occurs.

Carbon monoxide is often

Carbon Monoxide can be found in your home, camper, cabin and at work. CO is produced by appliances fueled with natural gas, liquefied petroleum (LP gas), oil, kerosene, coal, or wood. Burning charcoal and running vehicles also produce CO. Every year over 200 people are unintentionally poisoned by carbon monoxide causing their death. Several thousand people go to hospital emergency rooms for treatment of CO poisoning. The initial symptoms of CO poisoning are similar to the flu, but without the fever. They include headache, fatigue, shortness of breath, nausea and dizziness.

How to Prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

- Make sure appliances are installed according to the manufacturer's instructions and local building codes.
- Have heating systems inspected and serviced annually.
- Install a CO detector/alarm. This is not a substitute for the proper use and upkeep of appliances. Install a CO detector in the hallway near every separate sleeping area of the home. Do not cover the detector with furniture or draperies.
- Never burn charcoal inside your home, garage, vehicle or tent
- Never use portable fuelburning camping equipment inside a home, garage, vehicle
- Never leave a vehicle running in an attached garage, even with the garage door open.
- Never service fuel-burning appliances without proper

knowledge. Refer to the owner's manual.

- Never use gas appliances such as ranges, ovens, or clothes dryers for heating your home.
- Never operate non-vented fuel-burning appliances in any room with closed doors or windows.
- Do not use gasoline powered tools and engines indoors. If unavoidable, ensure adequate ventilation.
- CO detectors/alarms are available for boats and recreational vehicles and should be used.
- Install indoor vent pipes slightly upward as they go toward outdoors. This helps prevent CO and other gases from leaking if the joints or pipes aren't fitted tightly.
- Have a mechanic check your vehicle exhaust system every year.

Questions?
Comments?
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Scam Alert

We have received two reports this week of citizens using computers and clicking on a pop-up ad that appears to be from Microsoft. The ad instructs the user to call Microsoft and provides a phone number. The "Microsoft" representative then requests money for anti-virus software, and gains remote access to the victim's computer. The scammer tells the victim that they

need to repair their computer, and convinces the victim to give them remote access to their computer and downloads malware.

A reminder to computer users - be wary of pop-up ads you encounter. Scammers often times use logos and graphics to appear to be legitimate. Be wary of any unsolicited warnings or sales you receive

through pop-up ads. If your computer is in need of repair, research and contact a reputable company.