



## News Release

**For Immediate Release**  
**April 30, 2012**

**What: Suspension of Nebraska Law Enforcement Reserve Certifications**

**When: Effective April 30, 2012**

**Who: Reserve Officer Gregory Scheer, Valley & Bennington Police  
Departments  
Reserve Officer Andrew Ramaeker, Valley Police Department**

Effective Today, April 30, 2012, Reserve Officers Gregory Scheer and Andrew Ramaeker's reserve law enforcement certifications are placed on Suspended Status for failure to meet minimum training requirements as required by the Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council.

Responding to a complaint that reserve officers of the Bennington and Valley Police Departments were working as part-time law enforcement officers without certification training, the Director of the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center audited the last three years payroll records of the two agencies.

Director Muldoon determined that the aforementioned reserve officers had worked in excess of 100 hours in each of the three years reviewed.

For Gregory Scheer, 2009-543 hours, 2010-605 hours and 2011-685 hours  
For Andrew Ramaeker, 2009-220 hours, 2010-728 hours and 2011-685 hours

Nebraska Administrative Code (NAC) Title 79, Chapter 1, section 004.29 and Nebraska Revised Statutes, §81-1401 define a law enforcement officer as *any person who is responsible for the prevention or detection of crime or the enforcement of the penal, traffic or highway laws of the state or any political subdivision of the state for more than one hundred hours per year and is authorized by law to make arrests and includes, but is not limited to...a full-time or part-time employee of a municipal or village police agency...* State statute §81-1414 goes on to require that any appointed law enforcement officer must complete the Police Standards Advisory Council approved certification course within one year of appointment and cannot be retained by an agency after one year without a waiver from the Council. The Council has established this course to be the basic certification course, see Title 79, NAC Chapter 1, section 004.08.

The reserve officers can appeal this decision to the Council, but cannot work as Nebraska Law Enforcement Officers without being in violation of §81-1414.

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