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What: Suspensions Lifted of Valley Reserve Certifications

When: Effective May 29, 2012

**Who: Reserve Officers Gregory Scheer and Andrew Ramaeker
Valley Police Department**

Effective Today, May 29, 2012, Reserve Officers Gregory Scheer and Andrew Ramaeker's reserve law enforcement certifications are reinstated and both may resume reserve law enforcement duties for the Valley Police Department.

Both officers appealed their April 30, 2012 suspension and both cited that neither was in a position to attend full basic training due to their full-time occupations.

Accepting their proposed resolution of abiding by the reserve statutes and training requirements of the position, Director Muldoon agreed to reinstate their certifications after confirming with Valley Police Chief Brett Smith that the agency would manage the hours of the reserves and make scheduling changes.

Both reserve officers acknowledged confusion over the 100 hour work limit due to their not have full basic training and both desired to keep working as Reserve Officers for the Valley Police Department.

The suspension was the result of a complaint that reserve officers of the Bennington and Valley Police Departments were working as part-time law enforcement officers without full certification training. The Director of the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center audited the last three years payroll records of the two agencies and determined that the officers had worked in excess of 100 hours in each of the three years reviewed.

Bennington disbanded their reserve program which weighed into the decision to reinstate as the likelihood of a repeat violation was determined to be less with the officers working for one agency.

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