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## **January Police Report**

### **T.I.P.S. Training (Training for Intervention Procedures)**

Officer Gehrke will be conducting Tips training on Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 12:30 pm. This training is designed to empower participants to follow acceptable standards of practice for serving alcohol beverages. Business's that hold permits to sell alcoholic beverages are encouraged to attend this training.

### **2013 Iowa Traffic Fatality County**

As of January 10, 2014 the number of traffic fatalities in Iowa for 2013 is 318. This total is 41 less than 2012. As always the Mount Vernon Police Department encourages seatbelt use and as always don't text while driving and drive safely! Let's have a better 2014.

### **Radio System update**

Department vehicle radios have been reprogrammed and Officers will be trained on the operation of our new radios later this month. The new radio system that purchased by Linn County and the E-911 board will go live on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The system is a narrow banded system as was required by Federal standards.

### **Hwy 1 South road closed**

Tuesday January 14<sup>th</sup> a South bound semi-truck with trailer tipped over limiting traffic for about 2 ½ hours. The semi was overturned as a result of a strong wind gust causing the truck to tip onto the driver's side. I was able to use our recently purchased portable lights to assist with traffic control.

### **Police Reserve Openings**

We currently have two Reserve Police Officer positions open and will be looking to fill these positions. Bethany Cerruto resigned her position as a reserve as a result of a promotion with her fulltime job and her busy work schedule. Bethany was with our department since December of 2011. I want to thank her for her service to our community. Reserves complete required training as set by the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. While with the department they attend 2 hour monthly training meetings and are required to complete 8 hours of additional ride time. Reserves assist the full time officers during shifts as well as come in to assist with serving search warrants and other special events.

Respectfully,  
Mark A. Winder  
Chief of Police