

# Van Meter News

September 2016

## ALICE TRAINING

In collaboration with the Van Meter School District, the VMPD provided instruction to administrators, teachers and staff on how to plan and prepare for the threat of an intruder/active shooter in the school.

**ALICE** (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) **Training** instructor led classes provide preparation and a plan for individuals and organizations on how to more proactively handle the threat of an aggressive intruder or active shooter event.

Chief Daggett and Officer Faust, both certified ALICE training instructors, provided a presentation and practice drills that simulated scenarios in which an intruder breaches the building's security and enters the building.

Superintendent Deron Durlinger shared his appreciation for the training with Chief Daggett. Chief Daggett also had district stakeholders thank him for the presentation.

It was a great start to what will hopefully be a great 16/17 school year!



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**Elected Officials:**  
**Mayor**-Allan Adams

**Council-**  
-Kim Sacker, Mayor Pro Tem

-Lyn Lyon

-Mike Peterson

-Owen Stump

-Beth Tweed

**City Staff:**  
Jake Anderson-  
City Administrator

Liz Thompson-Clerk

Dave Herman-Public Works

Chad Gillespie-Public Works

Alex Brayton -  
Parks & Rec Coordinator

Dorothy Knight-Librarian

Bill Daggett-Chief of Police

Erik Faust-Police Officer

Jon Bruen-Fire Chief

Dallas County Dispatch  
Non-emergency -  
515-993-4567

Emergency—911

# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY



## LETTER OF COMMENDATION

THIS LETTER IS TO FORMALLY AND PUBLICLY COMMEND

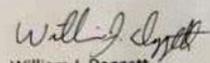
### OFFICER ERIK FAUST

FOR THE EXCELLENT SERVICE HE HAS PROVIDED TO THE VAN METER POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE CITIZENS OF IOWA

On July 7, 2016 Officer Faust was travelling home from his patrol shift in the foggy early morning hours when he observed a motorist on the side of the roadway with a flat tire. Officer Faust pulled behind the vehicle. The driver, Stephanie Drury, advised that her tire was flat, her cellular telephone was dead and as a new resident of the Des Moines area she was lost and attempting to get home. Officer Faust changed the vehicle tire and then used his cellular telephone GPS to locate her residence in Urbandale, Iowa and escort her home. On August 1, 2016 the police department received a letter from Alan J. Drury Assistant Deputy Chief U.S. Probation Officer thanking Officer Faust on behalf of himself and his children for assuring his wife made it home safely.

Officer Faust you did this without expectation of recognition or reward for simply being a good police officer and performing your job as expected but it is an example for all to follow. Officer Faust I am extremely proud of your selfless actions and I am even more proud that you are a member of this organization.

Thank you for going above and beyond.

  
William J. Daggett  
Chief of Police

## JOIN OUR TEAM

The Van Meter Fire Department is actively recruiting community members to help us protect the community.



We want to remind everyone that school has started. Students will be walking, skateboarding, biking and driving to and from school—please slow down and give them a brake!



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- Enter an e-mail address and cell phone number where you would like to receive messages
- Enter your address (or a nearby intersection)
- Click "Sign Me Up"

The Van Meter Department of Public Safety uses Nixle to keep the community informed. Sign up and know when weather alerts have been broadcast, the snow ordinance is in place or we need your help in solving a crime. Stay instantly informed of trusted, neighborhood-level public safety and community information. You choose the information you want, for the addresses you want, all delivered at no cost by text message, email and web.