

News Release

April 15th, 2014

Michael Seversen, a life-long St Croix Falls resident was hired by Polk County as a part-time Deputy Sheriff in August of 1986. He advanced to full-time in February of 1987.

On April 19th, 1991 Mike was assisting Burnett County Sheriff's Department in the Village of Webster WI when he was seriously and permanently injured.

During Mike's recovery at Craig Hospital in Englewood Colorado, Mike learned to manipulate a sip & puff activated mechanical wheel chair. Similarly, Mike learned to operate sip & puff controlled fishing rods and hunting rifles designed and built by his good friend Todd Rivard of St Croix Outdoors. This allowed Mike to pursue his passion as an avid outdoors sportsman.

Mike made his home in St Croix Falls, WI where he lived independently. However, over the years his medical needs grew requiring increasing medical attention. Mike remained active in the functions of the Polk County Sheriff's Department. He was the recipient of many awards and formal recognition including Law Enforcement Purple Heart and National Sheriff's Deputy Sheriff of the Year.

Michael Seversen died at his home on Monday, April 14th, 2014 at age 50.

A full honors law enforcement funeral for Deputy Sheriff Michael J. Seversen will be held at the St Croix Falls High School on Saturday, April 19th, 2014 at 2:00 PM.