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I. Command Composition and Organization:

Ship's Mission:

USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINTE PAUL's primary mission is to hunt down and destroy enemy surface ships and submarines. With the advent of the Tomahawk cruise missile, the ship is capable of tactical strike against land-based targets. Secondary missions include: coastal surveillance and Special Forces insertion.

Immediate Senior Command

Commander, Submarine Squadron SIX

Commanding Officer

Commander John A. Ferrer
(1 January - 31 December 2001)

Executive Officer

Lieutenant Commander Brent Clarke
(1 January - 28 February 2001)

Lieutenant Commander Blake Converse
(28 February- 31 December 2001)

II. Chronology:

Jan-Apr	In Port Training and Maintenance
May	At sea for Prospective Commanding Officer Operations and Tactical Readiness Evaluation
June	At sea for Operational Reactor Safeguards Examination
July	Maintenance Upkeep
Aug	Pre-Deployment Training at NAVSUBSCOL New London
Sept	At sea refresher training

II. Chronology: (Cont'd)

Oct	Maintenance Upkeep
Nov	At sea for Pre-Overseas Movement Work-up
Dec	At sea for Pre-Overseas Movement Certification Pre-Deployment and Holiday Stand-down

III. Narrative

USS MINNEAPOLIS-SAINTE PAUL (SSN 708) spent the first four months of 2001 in her homeport of Norfolk, Virginia conducting maintenance and training.

During the month of May, the ship got underway with several Prospective Commanding Officers to conduct tactical and operational training for the next wave of submarine Commanding Officers. The time at sea during the month of May also allowed a thorough evaluation of the ship's tactical and operational routine.

MINNEAPOLIS-SAINTE PAUL (SSN 708) spent the month of June at sea for a detailed evaluation of her ability to safely operate as a nuclear powered vessel.

Following maintenance and training in port during July, MINNEAPOLIS-SAINTE PAUL traveled to the Naval Submarine School-New London, Connecticut for in-depth, mission specific training in preparation for an early 2002 deployment. That training was then reinforced with at-sea exercises during September.

Finally, the ship spent the months of November and December in a certification process to prove her ability to operate independently in an overseas theater.

IV. Supporting Documents:

Commanding Officer Biography
Executive Officer Biography
