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Working a short-term assignment in small-town Nova Scotia is just what RCMP officer Matt Parker needs. Traffic violations, some vandalism...things are pretty quiet. Until a call about a puppy mill brings back haunting memories of a case gone bad. Lucky for him, pretty veterinarian Lindsay Swan proves to be a great distraction.

Lindsay can't resist the sexy police officer, particularly when she sees his tender, caring side. For her, relationships are bad news and accidents waiting to happen, so it's perfect that Matt is only in town temporarily. And it would be easy to keep things light, until a local woman disappears and Matt's darkest secret is revealed. Can Lindsay be the support he needs, or will she choose to keep her heart safe?

Beneath The Badge Details

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Victoria Barbour says

If you love hot cops and have a soft spot for puppies, this novella is the escape for you. Just the right blend of sex appeal and story, you'll find yourself rooting for Matt and Lindsay.

Emily says

Corporal Matt Parker needed a break, accepting a temporary position while another officer is on maternity leave seems to be the ideal escape from a case that still haunts him at night. Vet Lindsay Snow can't help but notice Matt, he is a fine specimen of man, but she doesn't do flings or relationships deciding to be alone by choice. When Matt goes on a hunch and seeks her out, the results are electrifying. The problem is neither one is expecting to fall for one another, how do two people who weren't looking for anything but comfort deal with finding something special.

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E_bookpushers says

Great set up. Great internal drama both the hero and heroine had. I felt cheated of the work to their resolution. I feel strongly this should have been much longer. Disappointed because it started so well.

Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Slick's review posted on Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews

Review copy provided for an honest review.

4.5 Stars

I've enjoyed this series by Donna Alward but this is my favorite book so far. I thoroughly enjoyed Beneath The Badge; the characters just seemed a little bit richer, the plot a little deeper, and the ending just made me happy.

Matt Parker is an RCMP officer in town covering a maternity leave but it's more than that. Burned out from an undercover assignment he can't seem to forget, he simply wants some time without horrific cases to regroup and recharge. When he meets local veterinarian, Lindsay Snow, he thinks he's found just the thing to help him do just that. Lindsay is flattered by Matt but has no intentions of getting involved with a man so charming and seemingly so perfect. From personal experience she knows perfect usually means something is lurking beneath the surface.

These are some seriously messed up people who end up seeking comfort in the arms of each other while trying to convince themselves it doesn't mean anything. Soon they are sharing intimate details of their past lives and growing closer than either one cares to admit. It's so obvious these two need each other, but with the baggage they are carrying around admitting that doesn't come easy.

My heart hurt for these two as they try to muddle through their lives and their non relationship while trying so desperately to prove they can handle things on their own. Matt realizing he feels better when Lindsay is around is huge and I applaud him for realizing that he needs help. Lindsay was a tougher nut and it took a crisis and an embarrassing episode to realize she was capable of far more than she ever thought.

I got so caught up in Matt and Lindsay's story that at times I wanted to smack them upside their heads to make them see that the best thing for them was right in front of them. I really enjoyed seeing them interact with the couples from the first three books and although these scenes were brief we get a glimpse into what is going on with these couples.

There is an emotional depth to *Beneath The Badge* that makes this book my favorite in the First Responders series. I always enjoy when characters are a little tortured but finally realize that having someone to lean on isn't the worst thing in the world. In this case, we have two of those characters and they find that out and so much more.

JoAnne says

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Susan Gorman says

Beneath the Badge exceeded my expectations. The characters are relatable, the author's rich descriptive writing style and clever dialogue shine in this novella. The couple's chemistry and first goodnight kiss drew me into the story. Both characters have flaws; Matt is haunted by his experiences as an undercover police officer while Lindsay has spent years coping with her father's depression. Ms. Alward shows Matt's compassionate side when he pitches in and helps at the vet clinic; this scene allowed Lindsay to realize that Matt was more than a charming ladies' man.

Loved how the couple's love story unfolded during the story—it's well-paced and sensuous. Lindsay abruptly ends her relationship with Matt. She fears neither one of them can leave their pasts behind them. Lindsay hears of a missing person case and knows she needs to be there for Matt. Can she put her fears aside and be there for him? The novella's conclusion is emotional and compelling and brought several tears to my eyes.

Beneath the Badge reads like a novel and has all the feels—you will fall in love with Lindsay and Matt as their story is heartfelt and emotional on many levels. And the epilogue is perfect!
