1070-53-154 Rachelle C DeCoste\* (decoste\_rachelle@wheatoncollege.edu), 26 East Main Street, Wheaton College, Department of Mathematics and Computer Sci, Norton, MA 02766, and Lisa DeMeyer (demey11a@cmich.edu), Department of Mathematics, Pearce 214, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI 48859. Totally geodesic subalgebras in 2-step nilpotent Lie algebras. Preliminary report.

We generalize P. Eberlein's (1994) results on totally geodesic subalgebras of nonsingular 2-step nilpotent Lie algebras to include the singular case. Results to be discussed include the complete description of all totally geodesic submanifolds of a 2-step nilpotent Lie algebra, the decomposition of any totally geodesic submanifold, and sufficient conditions for a totally geodesic submanifold to be a totally geodesic subalgebra. Several examples will be given. (Received February 08, 2011)