



# The Honorary Gold Star

## Newsletter

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**“Sullivan Brothers Award of Valor” Recipients Recognized at the Iowa Capitol:  
See page 11 on how three officers risked all to save a driver submerged in water.**



Every year, ISSDA sponsors children from all 99 Iowa counties who couldn't otherwise attend Y-CAMP. Sheriffs drive the kids to the Boone, Iowa, camp site in their official cars. And every year, the kids enjoy many outdoor activities, make friends, and learn life lessons. See more photos inside, along with cute Y-Camper “Thank You” notes to sheriffs.

## Honorary Gold Star Members Provide Valued Support for 99-County Y-Camp Sponsorship, Officer Training

I would like to take this time to sincerely thank our Honorary Gold Star members.

During the past five years we have had to make some changes in order to continue sending your local youth to Y-Camp, make donations to Special Olympics, and run our training schools.

This has been an amazing year with all of your support. It has shown us how important these programs are to you. With your generosity, I hope we can increase the



number of youth we serve next year.

I humbly ask for your continued membership and support to the ISSDA. You are making a positive difference in your community.

The ISSDA wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sheriff Jerry A. Dunbar, President  
Iowa State Sheriffs' & Deputies' Assn.  
Washington County Sheriff's Office

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## Four Linn County Sheriff's Office Employees Given Life Saving Medals

On December 13, 2012, an inmate in the Linn County Correctional Center was placed into a 1st floor shower and, upon request, was given a razor so that he could shave. While the inmate was in the shower, Deputy Jeff Marek was completing a required cell check and in doing so, could not clearly see into the shower due to the fog from the hot water.

However, when Deputy Marek noticed an unknown substance on the floor of the shower area, he immediately went to the adjacent 1st floor control center and asked the control deputy to bring up the shower camera to see what the inmate was doing and what was on the floor. When Deputy Marek was informed that it looked like blood, he immediately called for assistance and went to the shower to check on the status of the inmate.

The inmate was found lying on the shower floor, surrounded by a large quantity of blood. Deputy Marek immediately grabbed a towel and applied direct pressure to the numerous self-inflicted cuts on both sides of the inmate's neck until the medical staff arrived. Nurses Dana Murray and Nikki Neuzil arrived at the 1st floor shower shortly thereafter and assisted Deputy Marek in rendering first aid to the inmate.

Patrol Supervisor and Paramedic-Specialist Andy Humphrey, who was just leaving the nearby Linn County Courthouse, received notification on his pager that an



**(Left to right): Sgt. Andy Humphrey, Nurse Nikki Neuzil, Nurse Dana Murray, and Deputy Jeff Marek were presented Life Saving Medals by Sheriff Brian Gardner.**

ambulance had been dispatched to the Correctional Center for a suicide attempt. Sergeant Humphrey immediately responded to the Correctional Center and assisted by providing life-saving care to the inmate and instruction to the staff, who were assisting with the medical care being provided to the inmate. An ambulance arrived on scene and assisted in providing medical care to the inmate until such time as he was transported to the hospital for treatment. Although the

inmate lost a large amount of blood, he was treated for his wounds and was able to return to the Correctional Center later that evening.

The actions of Deputy Marek, Nurse Murray, Nurse Neuzil, and Sergeant Humphrey were instrumental in saving the life of this inmate. Because of their actions, Sheriff Brian Gardner presented them with the Life Saving Medal for the act of saving a life.

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# Winter School 2012: MOCIC, Profiling,

**By Sheriff Rick Penning**  
Grundy County Sheriff's Office

The Iowa State Sheriffs' & Deputies' Association 2012 Winter School of Instruction convened at the The Meadows in Altoona from Sunday, December 2nd through Wednesday, December 5th.

On Sunday afternoon, registration was available to the early arrivals. There was also a return of the Sunday night banquet, which was followed by "Billy Heller and his Guitars, Vocals, Harmonica and What Not."

On Monday morning, registration continued and ISSDA sales items were available, along with a "Welcome" by ISSDA President Don Orgel, Hardin County, and Host Sheriff Bill McCarthy, Polk County. The "Presentation of the Flags" was made by the Polk County Sheriff Honor Guard and "Invocation" was given by Deputy Don Dekock, Mahaska County.

Michael Sumeracki, FBI, was the day-long presenter on LEOKA (Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted). In addition to presenting statistics and relating incidents, he also advised more data is available at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bja/](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bja/) and also [www.fbi.gov](http://www.fbi.gov). There are 18,800 law enforcement agencies nationwide, and the worst time periods for violence against law enforcement officers are the month of December, on a Sunday, and the time period is noon thru 6 p.m.

Monday evening was Vendors Night and

drawings.

On Tuesday morning, Dennis Cessford with MOCIC presented current and anticipated changes at MOCIC due to funding cuts. Field Rep. Wayne Lunders retired this past year, and Cessford now has the entire state.

Steve Conlon, Behavioral Science Unit of the FBI, then completed the morning training with his session on "Profiling."

During the lunch hour, the annual Past Presidents Luncheon was held.

Kevin McDonald, with the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office, then talked about Northwest Transportation Services.

Roger Clark and associates with the FAA then discussed "Responding to Air Disaster & Crop Dusting."

The membership then held their Annual Business Meeting. Discussion, again, centered on an Executive Director for the Association.

Watch future Board minutes for more timely information on this topic.

Tuesday evening was the President's Banquet with Hardin County Chief Deputy Don Orgel presenting the gavel to Washington County Sheriff and ISSDA President Jerry Dunbar.



**MOCIC Field Representative Dennis Cessford (left) reported on changes and updates to the organization. The FBI Behavioral Science Unit's Steve Conlon discussed profiling.**

ISSDA Gold Star Awards were presented to Arlen Ciechanowski, ILEA Director; State Representative Debra Berry of Waterloo; State Senator Bill Dix of Shell Rock; and State Representative Renee Schulte of Cedar Rapids for their work and support of law enforcement efforts.

Illusionist Nick Bretz, who calls himself "IMAGINICK," then provided more than an hour of entertainment in the form of comedy and magic.

On Wednesday morning, Doug Hurley, S/A Iowa DNE, Darrell Simmons, S/A Iowa DCI, and Casey Hinnah, Chief Deputy Keokuk County, concluded the Conference with "Where the Fight Is . . . Is Where You Fight."

Their seminar reviewed the April 2011 death of Keokuk County Deputy Eric Stein.



**Gold Star Award Recipients: Iowa Senator Bill Dix (left), Iowa Representative Renee Schulte (center) and Iowa Rep. Debra Berry (right) received ISSDA Gold Star Awards at the 2012 Winter School annual banquet for their legislative support.**

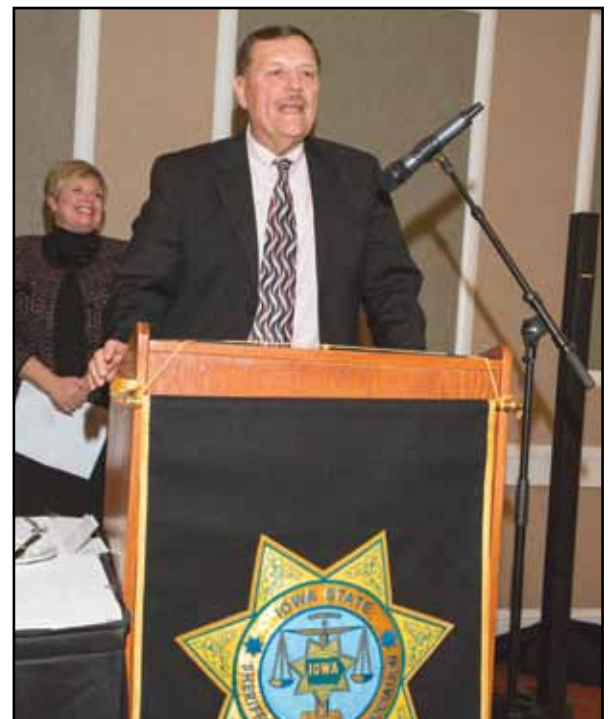
# Air Disasters, LEOKA, Transportation



The 2013 ISSDA Board (front row): Sheriff Gary Launderville (Buena Vista County), Sheriff Brian Gardner (Linn), Sheriff Jerry Dunbar (Washington), Deputy Don DeKock (Mahaska), Major John Godar (Linn), Sheriff Rick Lincoln (Clinton). (Back Row:) Chief Deputy Rob Haley (Ringgold), Capt. Mark Johnson (Black Hawk), Chief Deputy Don Orgel (Hardin), Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek (Johnson), Office Deputy Dawn Disney (Poweshiek) (Not present - Sheriff Wade Harriman, (Ida County).



Shive-Hattery architecture and engineering firm sponsored the Tuesday evening cocktail party. Left to right are: architect Mark Allen, marketing coordinator Julie Eliason, project manager/ architect Mike Morman, ISSDA 2012 President Don Orgel, architect Ryan Larson, and justice team leader/ architect Mike Lewis.



ILEA Dir. Arlen Ciechanowski received a Gold Star award and provided an update on the Academy.

# ISSDA at the 2013 Iowa State Fair

Staffing the booth is fun and gives sheriffs and deputies a chance to greet the public



Looking down the line of displays at the ISSDA Iowa State Fair booth. Right: Polk County S.O. provided a Kawasaki Mule for display.



Linn County Sheriff's Office Major John Godar applying kids' tattoos.



A Harley-Davidson motorcycle from the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office tells its story.



The Hardin County Sheriff's Office provided two large monitors, and expertise on the videos played came from the Hardin County IT Department.



Linn County Sheriff Brian Gardner helps a young lady choose a design.

# Linn County Sheriff Provides 24/7 Public Drug Drop Box

The Linn County Sheriff's Office (located at 310 2nd Ave S.W., in Cedar Rapids) now has a "drug drop box" in place that allows members of the public to discard expired, unused, or unwanted prescription drugs and medications for safe disposal.

The mailbox-sized drop box (shown in two views in the photos at right) is permanently mounted in the Sheriff's Office visitor's parking lot off the 2nd Avenue entrance, near the handicap access ramp.

The public may access the drop box 24/7/365, and do so anonymously. Any and all types of unwanted medications and drugs – including illegal drugs – may be placed in the container. Prescriptions turned in for disposal need not have the information label on the container.


For the safety of all involved, it is asked that no needles or sharp objects be dropped in the box.

The drop box is emptied on a daily basis. The discarded drugs will be collected and forwarded to the DEA for final disposal as part of their drug take-



back program. Drug drop boxes are provided by law enforcement agencies to allow citizens a safe and convenient way to dispose of expired, unused, or unwanted prescription drugs and medi-

cations. This helps prevent drug abuse and unintentional overdose deaths, and helps keep discarded drugs from contaminating landfills and the water supply.

 **“Thank You” letters to sheriffs from kids they sponsor at Y-Camp:**

Dear ~~sheriff~~ <sup>sheriff</sup>

Im having an awesome time at Y camp. Thank you for sending me here,

Antonio

FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

# Jail School Held Sept. 22 – 25

**By Sheriff Rick Penning**  
Grundy County

The Iowa State Sheriffs' & Deputies' Association (ISSDA) 2013 Jail School convened at the Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines, from Sunday, September 22, through Wednesday, September 25, 2013.

On Sunday afternoon, registration opened for early arrivals and the evening included a meal and networking among attendees.

On Monday morning, Sept. 23, registration continued with numerous members taking advantage of ISSDA jewelry and clothing sales.

The Presentation of Colors was made by the Polk County Sheriff's Office Honor

Guard. The invocation was given by ISSDA Secretary/Treasurer Don DeKock, Mahaska County, and opening remarks followed by President Jerry Dunbar, of Washington County. Chief Deputy Kevin Schneider, of host Polk County, welcomed the attendees.

The morning training session opened with Linn County's Sheriff Brian Gardner and Major John Godar relating the events of the evacuation of the Linn County Jail in the flood of 2008. Their presentation started with planning prior to the flood, followed by the actual event and problems encountered, and ended with recovery efforts afterwards.

The morning continued with Iowa Dept. of Corrections Lt. Bernard Schneider and Officer Christian Boyer talking about

safety/ contraband/ cell Searches.

Following a delicious and filling roast beef noon lunch with apple pie, the first afternoon session was presented by Polk County District Court Judge Scott Rosenberg speaking on ethics.

ICAP attorney John Baum taught a session called "Law Enforcement Liability: The Claims and Litigation Process."

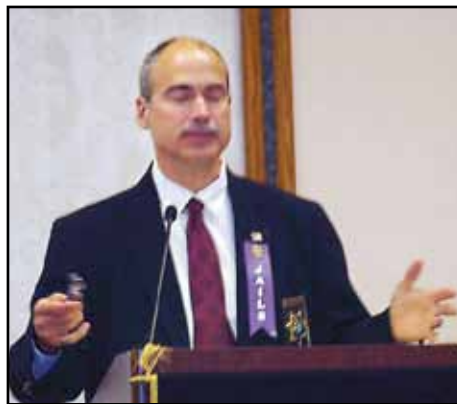
ILEA Jail Instructor Craig Matzke then informed us on searches.

The afternoon concluded with Iowa DCI Criminalist Supervisor Paul Bush bringing attendees up to date on the DNA database, and the fact that obtaining specimens will shift from the Department of Corrections to County Jails.

On Tuesday morning, Gail Sullivan



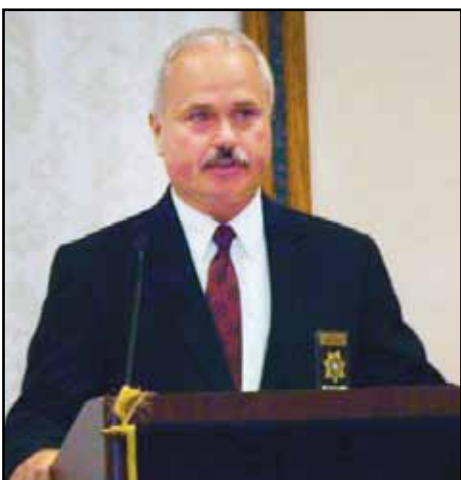
**The Polk County Honor Guard presented the Colors at opening ceremonies on Monday morning.**



**Jails Committee Co-Chair Major John Godar.**



**Polk County District Judge Scott Rosenberg discussed ethics.**



**ISSDA President, Sheriff Jerry Dunbar.**



**Polk County Chief Deputy Kevin Schneider presented the host's welcome.**



**Gail Sullivan addressed post traumatic stress disorder and related topics.**



# at Des Moines Holiday Inn

with the Justice Training Group of Chicago devoted the entire day to “Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Veterans/ Officers, Suicides in Jails/ Suicide Prevention and new things we are seeing in jail settings.”

On Wednesday morning, Chief Jail Inspector Delbert Longley talked on the history of jail inspections and other updates.

The 20-hour in-service concluded with Woodbury County Sgt. Mary Feiler updating everyone on the new PREA Standards. Sgt. Feiler distributed two very informational handouts on PREA, and she is willing to share with others by contacting her at Woodbury County Sheriff’s Office.

Attendance at this year’s Jail Conference was 190 people.



**Iowa Department of Corrections Chief Jail Inspector Delbert Longley talked about jail inspections and updates.**



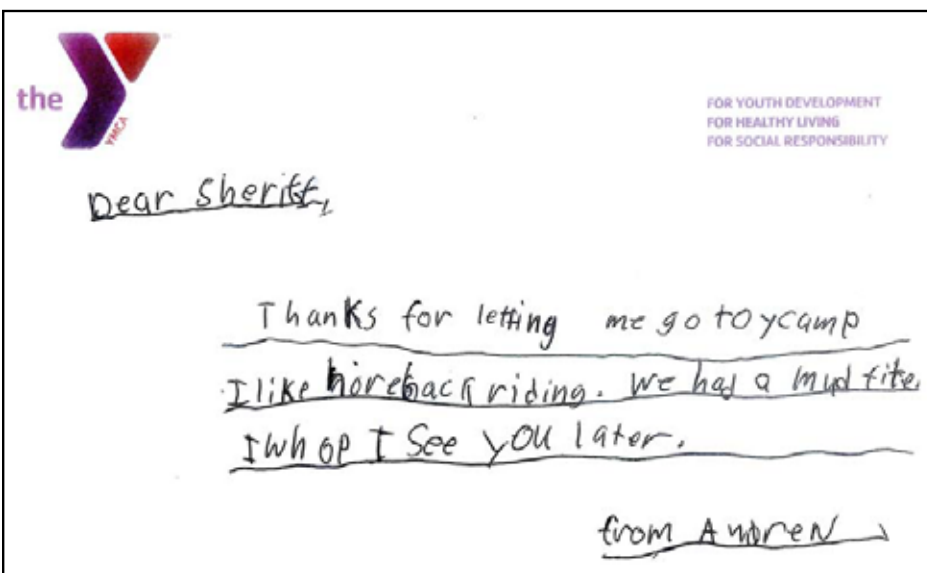
**Iowa Law Enforcement Academy Jail Instructor Craig Matzke talked on searches.**



**Iowa Department of Corrections Officer Christian Boyer (left) and Lt. Bernard Schneider discuss safety and contraband cell searches.**



**ICAP attorney John Baum spoke on liability.**



**A “thank you” letter from a Y-Camper sponsored by an Iowa sheriff:**

# Linn Co. Deputies Extricate Child from Car Windshield, Start CPR

On May 18 at approximately 0046 hours, emergency workers responded to a two-vehicle collision with injuries on Highway #13 near Valley Farm Road north of Central City.

Linn County Deputy Sheriffs Jeff Norton and Chad Watkinson were the first emergency responders to arrive on scene. They found a pickup and van had collided head-on.

The pickup was on the roadway and the van was in the east ditch. Although injured, the male driver of the pickup was found outside his vehicle walking around. The female driver of the van was found trapped in her vehicle, and was obviously deceased from her massive injuries.

While further examining the van, deputies Norton and Watkinson discovered the one-year-old daughter of the van's driver still buckled in her child safety seat, which was now lodged in the front windshield and dashboard of the van.

The deputies were able to extricate the safety seat containing the child from the windshield and the dashboard of the van. The child was found not to be breathing and a pulse could not be located.

Deputies Norton and Watkinson immediately



**Linn County Deputy Sheriff Jeff Norton  
Life Saving Award recipient**



**Linn County Deputy Chad Watkinson  
Life Saving Award Recipient**

began CPR in an effort to save the child's life. Paramedics arrived on-scene a short time later and began administering more advanced life-saving measures. The child was eventually transported by air ambulance to the hospital for treatment, where she was ultimately revived and is still recovering from her critical injuries.

It is the belief of the medical responders

that had Deputies Norton and Watkinson not arrived on the scene of the accident and begun CPR on the child as soon as they did, she would not have survived the collision.

Because of their actions, Sheriff Brian Gardner awarded Deputies Jeff Norton and Chad Watkinson the Life Saving Medal for the act of saving a life on May 18, 2013.

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## Linn County Nurse Ehrisman and Deputy Schmid Receive Life Saving Medals for Saving Inmate

On Monday, March 4, at approximately 0720 hours, Linn County Correctional Center staff attempted to wake a male inmate to finish his booking/ ID process.

The inmate had previously been placed in the holding cell after being charged with Public Intoxication. Upon entering the holding cell, deputies observed that the inmate, who was found lying on his stomach, was unresponsive. When staff turned the inmate over, they observed that he was pulseless and breathless.

Deputy Sheriff Austin Schmid

began CPR on the inmate, and was assisted by Nurse Kelly Ehrisman who was just reporting for work. The inmate was transported to a local hospital by ambulance for treatment. The inmate was eventually discharged from the hospital and is alive today due to the actions of Deputy Schmid and Nurse Ehrisman.

Because of their actions, Linn County Sheriff Brian Gardner awarded Deputy Austin Schmid and Nurse Kelly Ehrisman the Life Saving Medal for the act of saving a life.



**Nurse Kelly Ehrisman and Deputy Austin Schmid.**

# Submerged Driver Saved by Jasper Dep. Burdess, Newton Officer Herman, Baxter Officer Bartello

By Sheriff John R. Halferty  
Jasper County Sheriff's Office

On May 30 at approximately 0204, Jasper County Sheriff's Office Dispatch received a 911 call on a large amount of debris on Interstate 80, just east of the 159 interchange. When Jasper County Deputy Jeremy Burdess arrived, he located a semi tractor trailer with the tractor end submerged in Prairie Creek, which runs under Interstate 80.

Deputy Burdess called for assistance immediately, requesting Colfax Fire Department and Barney's Wrecker Service. Newton Officer Adam Herman and Baxter Police Officer Joe Bartello also responded. Deputy Burdess, Officer Herman and Officer Bartello all entered the water, which was estimated to be over 12 feet deep, due to heavy rains and flooding.

The officers determined that the driver was trapped inside the cabin in a small air pocket. The officers were able to communicate with the driver and eventually, Officer Bartello swam underwater through the front windshield to lead the driver out. The other officers, along with the Colfax Fire personnel who had arrived, assisted with rescuing the driver.

The driver was identified as Dwayne Michael, age 70, of Granger, Iowa. He was transported to a Des Moines area hospital by Colfax EMS. Investigation into the cause of the accident continues. In addition to the responders listed above, Colfax and Prairie City Police Departments also assisted in the accident.



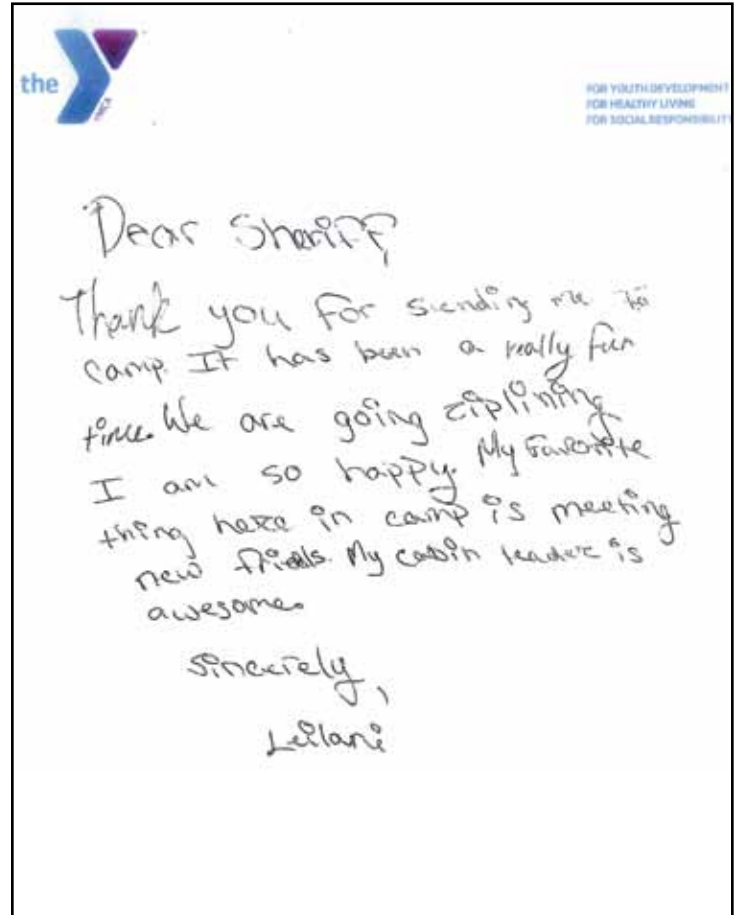
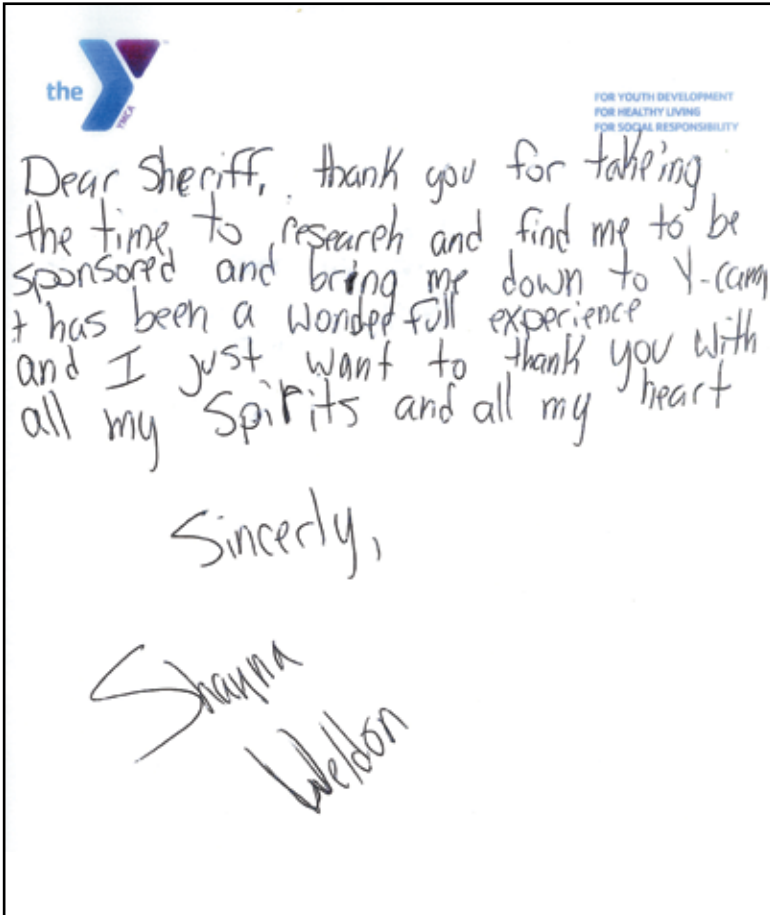
Above, in the center of the photo is rescued truck driver Dwayne Michael, surrounded by the law enforcement officers, Jasper County Dispatcher Carmen Keith, who handled the call, and members of the Colfax Fire Department who assisted in his rescue.



At left, Baxter Police Officer and Jasper County Reserve Deputy Joe Bartello, Newton Police Officer Adam Herman, and Jasper County Deputy Jeremy Burdess were presented Life Saving Awards for Valor by Jasper County Chief Deputy Duane Rozendaal.



# Y-Camp 2013 Kids Write Letters Thanking Their Sheriff Sponsors



## Tama County K9 Nikki Won “Top Dog” in Regional Event

On September 4, 5, and 6, 2012, Tama County Deputy Sheriff Joe Quandt and his K9 partner “Nikki” (at right) attended a regional certification and competition event with the United States Police Canine Association (USPCA), which was held in Sioux City.

This regional event tested and judged police dogs and their handlers from across the State of Iowa. The teams were judged in obedience, agility, evidence searches, suspect searches, criminal apprehensions (with and without gunfire), and handler protection.

K9 Nikki achieved an overall score of 684.68 out of 700, which won her the “Top Dog” award and 1st Place overall score from the entire event.

K9 Nikki is a “dual purpose” patrol dog and certifies annually with the USPCA in both Police Dog 1 and Narcotics Detection. K9 Nikki is a five-year-old female Belgian Malinois who was purchased from North Iowa K9 around three years ago with donations from organizations and citizens from our county. Ongoing donations are also greatly appreciated and keep our canine program going! Thank you!



# ISSDA's Y-Camp Kids Enjoyed Making Friends, Trying New Activities and Learning Life Skills

The Des Moines Y Camp hosted its annual Sheriffs' and Deputies' camp June 16-22. More than 95 kids came to experience the joys of participating in a classic summer camp.

The Campers lived in cabins with two Y Camp leaders and eight to 10 other youth. Each camper had the opportunity to individually choose three activities to participate in each morning. Options included rock climbing, nature, archery, riflery, arts and crafts, soccer, canoeing, music, and outdoor living skills.

In the afternoons, campers spent time with their cabins, swimming, hiking, horseback riding, playing games and building friendships. One camper, Damien, said, "This is a really fun camp. I wish I can come again to Y Camp. This is too fun. I don't want to leave. I have made a bunch of friends!"

The partnership between ISSDA and Y Camp is a long-standing one spanning decades. Because of this partnership, deserving youth have the opportunity to get away from the "real world" and unplug, interacting with nature, acting goofy, singing songs and building friendships.

Camp is a place that many youth describe as being non-judgmental and a home away from home. Everything from water balloon fights to tie-dye and s'mores around the campfire add to the experience.

While camp is a lot of fun, it also provides youth with a unique and life-changing experience. Campers learn to be part of a community.

Research has shown that kids who go to camp do better in school, college, and communal living situations. Living at camp, youth learned to share space and work and live with each other. During the week, campers made lasting friendships and learned about the four character values of the YMCA: caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

Evening programs focus on these character values, inspiration, and relationship building.

It was both a fun and meaningful week for the campers.

The Y Camp can't wait to see more youth from ISSDA next summer!



# ISSDA Civil School Addressed Iowa EDMS, Mental Health, Civil 101



Registration and clothing sales at the 2013 Civil School.



Civil Panel members Luanne Paper, Bill Deatsch, Randy Rowland, and District Court Judge Randy DeGeest.

## By Sheriff Rick Penning

Grundy County Sheriff's Office

The ISSDA 2013 Civil School of Instruction convened at the Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines, from April 21 - April 24.

Monday morning opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Polk County Color Guard, followed by an Invocation by Deputy Don DeKock (Mahaska). Opening remarks from ISSDA President Jerry Dunbar were followed by a welcome by hosting Polk County Sheriff's Office.

The morning training session began with an Electronic Document Management System panel consisting of Betty Buitenwerf, Brian Glass, Melissa Nichols, Jonathan Walker and Scott Runk. They reported 27 counties have been converted, and they are currently working in Northwest Iowa and Polk County. They advised "return of service" and "notice of garnishment" can be filed in one PDF document, and a standard "Special Execution" form is coming.

Following lunch, Nancy Hale with the National Alliance on Mental Health reported that one in four people will experience mental health issues this year. She described the different types of issues, percentage of population involved and treatments.

Secretary of State Matt Schultz finished the afternoon saying condemnations will appear on the Secretary of State website in 2014, along with 28E agreements, and they will oversee Mechanics Leins on Property in January 2014. He also addressed voter registration.

The entire Tuesday morning was a se-

ries of break-out sessions:

- Civil 101 by Bill Fiordelise (Washington) and Randy Rowland of (Linn).
- Civil Office Mgt - Abandon mobile homes & motor vehicles - bad checks - bankruptcy - Writ by Pat McMahon (Dubuque) and Kevin Wollmuth (Osceola).
- Exemptions - Garnishments - Injunctions - Levies by Diana Wilharm (Winneshiok) and Luann Paper (Hamilton).
- Real Estate sales - Gen ex & Special ex-Subpoenas - Fees - Writ was by Bill Deatsch (Washington) and Lori Miller (Iowa).
- Condemnations by Kelly Michael and Melanie Lumley (Polk).

The Afternoon session started with Mike Rowe and Holly Witt, Iowa Department of Public Safety Intelligence, discussing Sovereign Citizens.

Following the afternoon break, a Civil Panel consisting of District Court Judge Randy DeGeest, Luann Paper (Hamilton), Bill Deatsch (Johnson) and Randy Rowland (Linn) answered previously submitted and audience questions. Considerable time was spent on the current state of the mental committal process and lack of beds.

The final day of training began with Adam Wombacher from the Iowa Division of Labor discussing minimum garnishment amounts and other Federal guidelines. Ross Loder from DPS finished the day talking about weapons permits, and provided an outline of his power point with references.

This year, 165 registered for the Conference.



The Polk County Color Guard opened Civil School 2013.



EDMS panel: Scott Runke, Betty Buitenwerf, Melissa Nichols, Jonathan Walker.



Mike Rowe and Holly Witt with Iowa DPS Intelligence.

# Floyd County Deputy Levi Bowers' Name Added to Iowa Peace Officer Memorial

Floyd County Deputy Levi Bowers was killed in the line of duty on Feb. 24, 1916. On May 10, his name was added to the Iowa Peace Officers Memorial during the annual service in Des Moines.

Deputy Levi Bowers died after responding to a report of gunfire in the city of Rockford. The suspect reportedly had fled to a residence after attempting to kill a local physician. When Deputy Bowers located the suspect, a confrontation ensued in which the Deputy shot the suspect and was also hit by gunfire. Deputy Bowers later died of his wounds. He left behind a wife and two young children.

Photo: (left to right): Floyd County Deputy Brian Tiedemann, Floyd County Board of Supervisors (Chair) Mark Kuhn, Deputy Travis Bartz, Deputy Bowers' great-great-grandson Evan Hall, Deputy Ben Kostka, great-grandson Tom Dyer, Chief Deputy Jeff Crooks, Deputy Pat Shirley, Deputy Dave Kelley and Deputy Dan Assink.



## Clayton County's Deputy Host, Dispatcher/ Jailer Bahls, and Secretary Heck Recognized for Their Years of Service



On May 20, 2013, three members of the Clayton County Sheriff's Office were recognized for their years of service. They are Dispatcher\ Jailer Kathy Bahls, 25 Years of Service; Deputy Steve Holst, 15 Years of Service, and Secretary Jan Heck, 10 Years of Service. These dedicated employees have served Clayton County with dignity and professionalism throughout their career. The Sheriff's Office is grateful to have such dedicated employees as part of its staff.

# Special Mission Child's Play for County Deputies

By Ally Karsyn  
Sioux City Journal

(December 19, 2012 SIOUX CITY) Members of the Woodbury County SWAT team swarmed Target's toy aisles Wednesday night, searching for the perfect gifts.

They were there on a special mission to find gifts for 17 area military families in need for the holidays.

Molly Gray, founder of Le Mars, Iowa-based Serving Armed Forces Everyday, had asked the Woodbury County Sheriff's Office and Target to come together for the cause.

"This is going to make a huge difference," Gray said. "There is no reason people should stress out around the holidays, especially our military families."

Sheriff-elect Dave Drew and about 20 others approached the toy aisles, where their shopping skills were put to the test.

"We're very excited about giving back to the community," he said.

Drew and a SWAT team member, Nate Sands, looked over their lists. Then, it was time to divide and conquer.

"Legos," Sands said. "I think, over here."

Drew wandered off in another direction in search of a game of Battleship.

A police Lego set was on Sands' "secret Santa" shopping list. He was hoping to find a sheriff's Lego set but had to settle for a Lego patrol car instead.

Either way, Sands said, "It's nice to



Nate Sands and Dave Drew, with the Woodbury County Sheriff's Office, look over their Christmas shopping lists at Target Wednesday night. They were among members of the Woodbury County SWAT team finding gifts for area military families in need for the holidays.

make the holiday season special for them."

Before the shopping spree began, SAFE board members and the SWAT team released 26 green and white balloons in memory of Friday's Newtown, Conn., shooting victims – one for each victim.

The SWAT team members and sheriff's deputies had their shopping duties wrapped up within 10 minutes at Target.

The gifts will go to the children of parents who are in the armed forces. All par-

ties involved hope to continue the tradition.

"It's a fantastic event," said J.T. Yates, store manager. "It's something we hope we can continue to do as an annual tradition here."

Drew said he hopes to hold similar events, adding that increased community involvement will be a priority after he takes office on Jan. 2.

"This is the type of thing we want to continue in the community," he said.

## Gold Star Award Presented to Iowa Sen. Bob Dvorsky

At the ISSDA Legislative Reception on Feb. 28, Iowa Senator Bob Dvorsky was presented a Gold Star Award.

In the photo are (left to right) Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek, ISSDA President Jerry Dunbar, Sen. Bob Dvorsky, and ISSDA Lobbyist Susan Cameron.





# Evelyn Covington Scholarship Award Winners Announced for 2013



Brianna Maitlen, of Creston, will attend Northwest Missouri State University this fall and is the daughter of Steve and Sue Maitlen.



Brayden McDaniel, of Iowa Falls, will attend the University of Northern Iowa and is the son of Dave and Sarah McDaniel.



Abie Mellick, of Waukon, will attend Coe College and is the daughter of Clark and Sheila Mellick.



Wilson Pingrey, of Carroll, will attend West Point Military Academy and is the son of Kenneth and Julie Pingrey.



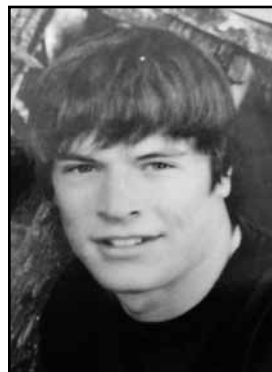
Zach Schroeder, of Bellevue, will attend Luther College and is the son of Steve and Carol Schroeder.



Amy Schultes, of Emmetsburg, will attend Iowa Lakes Community College and is the daughter of Lynn and Beth Schultes.



Connor Soenksen, of Goose Lake, will attend Clinton Community College and is the son of Allan and Joy Soenksen.



Jared Spunaugle, of Vilisca, will attend Briar Cliff University and is the son of Jon and Tracy Spunaugle.



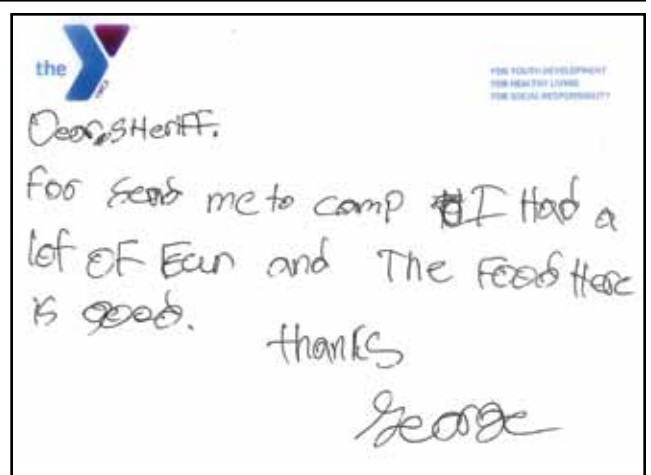
Laura Steinke, of What Cheer, will attend Mount Mercy University and is the daughter of Mark and Renee Steinke.



Shelby Wollmuth, of Sibley, will attend the University of South Dakota and is the daughter of Kevin and Stephanie Wollmuth.



Letters from  
Y-Camp kids  
to their sheriff  
sponsors:



# Pottawattamie County Law Enforcement Agencies Fighting Cancer with T-Shirts

By Investigator Jason LeMaster  
Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Office

In September of 2011, an idea was brought to Pottawattamie County Sheriff Jefferey Danker to help promote cancer awareness by creating and selling a law enforcement version of the popular pink breast cancer awareness shirt. With his approval, a design was created to include local area law enforcement.

The law enforcement version depicted a police patrol car and a sheriff's office SUV surrounded by law enforcement patches representing the Avoca Police Department, Carter Lake Police Department, Council Bluffs Police Department, and Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Office with the slogan, "Law Enforcement – Care enough to wear pink."

From its original concept, these shirts were to promote all cancer awareness and raise money for cancer research. A check totaling \$1,265.41 was proudly donated to the Alegent Health Foundation – Mercy Hospital in Council Bluffs. The success of this program would not have been possible without the support of the chief of each department, Sheriff Danker, and the Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors.

The local law enforcement community hopes to continue our fundraising efforts and continue to raise Awareness for Cancer Research.



The funds raised in 2011 were \$843 by the Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Office, and \$422.41 by the Council Bluffs Police Department for a total of \$1,265.41.

## 2012: New Shirts, More Money Raised

In 2012, the design process started early to kick off the new cancer awareness campaign. The public was notified through the Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Office Facebook page, encouraging anyone with an idea for the year's theme to email the Sheriff's Office. After several submissions were received, a design was chosen with a new look for the shirts. The new shirts were black with a pink ribbon and the slogan "Help Law Enforcement Unlock the Cure." Local agencies represented were the Avoca Police Department, Carter Lake Police Department, 4th Judicial District (probation), Council Bluffs Police

Department, and Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Office.

The design was a hit! Shirt sales exceeded our expectations with remarkable results: we presented a check to the Alegent Health Foundation/ Mercy Hospital for \$6,172.00!

That was \$3,092 raised by the Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Office, and \$3,036 by the Council Bluffs Police Department. Donated extras amounted to \$44, for a total of \$6,172.00

We would like to thank the public for their continued support of the law enforcement effort to promote cancer awareness!



# School Resource Officers Make Friends, Reduce Crime, Steer Kids from drugs

By Kevin Quinn  
NASRO 2nd V.P.

School districts all over the nation have partnered with local law enforcement agencies to establish School Resource Officer Programs. The purpose of the School Resource Officer (SRO) is to work diligently with stakeholders in the communities they serve to provide a safe environment for all students to learn.

The overall goal of the SRO is to build positive relationships with adolescents, which in turn reduces crime, drug abuse, and violence in their community. The National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) developed the SRO Triad concept to assist SROs in working effectively in the educational environment. The Triad concept defines the SRO as having three primary roles: Law Enforcement Officer, Guest Speaker, and Informal Counselor.

As a law enforcement officer, the school community becomes the SRO's "beat" and acts a liaison between the school and police community. They not only enforce state and city laws, but the SROs also pro-

vide campus security, intelligence and help change the attitudes young people have towards law enforcement.

Often, SROs are invited as guest speakers in classrooms. They provide law-related education not only to students, but to staff members, parents and other community stakeholders. SROs teach juveniles the importance of the justice system, respecting others and property, and career opportunities in criminal justice. The SRO as a guest speaker creates opportunities for law enforcement to connect with juveniles in a positive atmosphere. The presence of the SRO in the classroom helps young people develop trust and a better understanding of law enforcement. SROs also gain a greater appreciation of the invaluable role our educators play in our schools today, when they themselves become the instructor to the young people they work with daily.

The third and final role of the SRO is that of an informal counselor and mentor. The ultimate goal of the SRO is to bridge the gap between themselves and juveniles by developing rapport. Once SROs establish themselves in their assigned school community, students become more com-

fortable asking the SRO for advice and guidance on "teen-issues." These issues may include teen dating violence, social network conflicts, parent/ child conflicts, academic advice, and legal advice. The role of informal counselor allows SROs to make an impact on their students for the rest of the lives.

The successful school resource officer program is a collaborative effort by certified law enforcement officers, educators, students, parents, and the community to offer law-related educational programs in the schools in an effort to reduce crime, drug abuse, violence, and provide a safe school environment.

The school resource officer position is truly one of the most diverse careers in law enforcement, as well as one of the most rewarding. By integrating the three roles of an SRO, law enforcement officers make a positive difference in our nation's schools every day.

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## ISSDA Legislative News

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### ISSDA Legislative Reception Held Feb. 28 in Des Moines

Approximately 70 Iowa State representatives and senators attended the 2013 Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association legislative reception in Des Moines on Feb. 28.

Dozens of Iowa sheriffs and deputies also attended to meet and greet legislators and talk about ISSDA's 2013 legislative priorities, including equalization of the E911 surcharges, short-form no contact orders, law enforcement training funding and many other public safety issues.

ISSDA Gold Star Award recipients for 2012 were recognized, including Senator Bill Dix and Rep. Deborah Berry. Senator Robert Dvorsky was presented his Gold Star Award at the reception. The award recognizes lawmakers and state officials who support public safety legislation that protects the safety of Iowa citizens.

### County Day at the Capitol

On March 13, the ISSDA participated in ISAC's County Day at the Capitol. Several ISSDA Board members were present along with several members of our Legislative Committee. Attendees had the opportunity to have several conversations with members of both the Iowa Senate



and the House of Representatives. The response by all those involved appeared to be very good. The Legislative Committee held a meeting during this event. Several contacts were made with individuals representing other county offices' associations. Overall, there appeared to be more people in attendance this year compared to the past years. -- Don DeKock

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