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Sheriffs' and Deputies' Y-Camp 2024: Six Days of Personal Growth and Relationship Building through a Long-Standing Partnership



See Y Camp article on Page 16

ISSDA Honorary Members Provide Funds to Allow Us to Assist Special Olympics Iowa Activities

As summer ends and fall begins, I always remember the wise words of my daughter Riley when she was about five years old. The trees were changing color, the leaves were beginning to accumulate, and Riley proclaimed, "Summer has fallen." And so it has, and we will soon be facing winter.

I am Wayne County Sheriff D. Keith Davis and I write to you as the Secretary for the Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association (ISSDA). This issue is dedicated to our Honorary Members that we are so fortunate to have support our Association. Without you, we would not be able to give back to our members and community the way we do. I feel very fortunate that I serve the people of Iowa and my community as Iowans support law enforcement.

One of the perks we have as members of ISSDA is to work at the State Fair booth that displays history, our memorial board, as well as modern day equipment and vehicles that we use today. We show up in uniform and I hear time and time again, whether coming into the fair or at our booth, "Thank you for your service." It never gets old hearing that comment and gives me pride serving our grateful citizens of Iowa.

Again, I want to take this time to thank you for becoming an honorary member. As you know, we only solicit by mail, we never call you on the phone. We are soon going to be able to accept your membership online so that you may join by using a credit or debit card with the click of your mouse or finger.

Our Honorary Members provide funds that assist Special Olympics Iowa. This year that will amount to \$30,000 just in donations. Along with that, we have Sheriffs and Deputies



Sheriff Keith Davis
Wayne County Sheriff's Office

that participate in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Iowa that begins at the Iowa Peace Officer Memorial in Des Moines, southwest of the Capitol, and continues to Hilton Coliseum in Ames for the opening ceremonies. There were 270 officers, family and friends that participated in the run this year. I was able to attend the opening ceremony this year, and as the athletes entered the Coliseum, they were greeted by two lines of law enforcement officers giving high fives and fist bumps. The smiles of joy on their faces are something that I will always remember and I cherish the excitement the athletes had.

I then participated in the final leg of the torch being carried by Sgt. Elizabeth Quinn, Story County Sheriff's Office, and an athlete who was competing in the Special Olympic games. Sgt Quinn and the athlete then lit the Olympic Flame with the torch. It was a memorable moment supported by the Iowa State Sheriffs' & Deputies' Association Institute (ISSDAI) Honorary Program.

The Honorary Program also supports a weeklong Y-Camp experience for kids across Iowa. All 99 counties are eligible to send campers to the camp. Sheriff's Offices across Iowa reach out to the community and schools for candidates to attend. I know here in Wayne County we seek to send someone who would not have a chance to attend if it wasn't for the funding available from the generosity of the ISSDA Program. The funds for the program are provided through the Honorary Membership. The ISSDA set aside this past year \$60,625 from your membership to fund the attendance of the campers.

Honorary membership also provides the funds needed for the ISSDA to host at least four schools annually highly attended by Sheriffs, Deputies, Jailers, Civil Clerks and other employees of Sheriff's Offices across the state.

I once again just want to express the pride I experience in serving the citizens of Iowa. I also have great pride as a member of the Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association. Being a member of the ISSDA has granted me so many opportunities to meet so many awesome people who are serving in law enforcement across our great state. It is no wonder that we receive the appreciation we do from our citizens when I get to see firsthand that my peers are like minded and made a choice to serve and protect as I chose.

Thank you for being an Honorary Member and I am thankful that I had the privilege to serve as the Secretary of ISSDA in 2024.

Sincerely,
D. Keith Davis
Wayne County Sheriff
Corydon, Iowa



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Shelby County Sheriff Gross, Chief Dep. Eckles, Deputies Hoss and McDaniel Earn 2023 Sullivan Brothers Awards of Valor

Recipients of the 2023 “Sullivan Brothers’ Award of Valor” are Shelby County Sheriff’s Office Sheriff Neil Gross, Chief Deputy Cody Eckles, Deputy Jake Hoss, Deputy Bill McDaniel.

At approximately 10:30 a.m. on July 12, 2021, the Shelby County Sheriff’s Office responded to a call of a possible suicidal subject at 4116 Madison Street in Elk Horn, Iowa. Dispatch reported that an adult male - Nelson Guyer - had poured gasoline all over the residence and was going to blow himself and the house up. Dispatch also reported that he had screwed the doors shut from the inside.

When Sheriff Neil Gross and Deputy Kelly Lefebber arrived at the house, they could smell gasoline and observed Guyer through a window striking a lighter. Several law enforcement agencies were called to evacuate the area and establish a perimeter around the residence. Negotiators from the Shelby County Sheriff’s Office were called as well.

Over the next two hours, negotiators spoke with Guyer on and off by phone as other officers secured the perimeter and maintained visuals on Guyer. On two different occasions, gunfire was observed from the residence.

At approximately 12:30 p.m., negotiators advised they believed Guyer was going to peacefully surrender and would be exiting the residence through the south door. A reaction team was made up of Chief Deputy Cody Eckles, Deputy Jake Hoss, Deputy Bill McDaniel, and K9 Deputy Pigsley with K9 Odin. A call then came over the radio alerting them that black smoke was coming from the north side of the residence and flames soon became visible from inside



Sheriff Neil Gross, Chief Deputy Cody Eckles, Deputy Jake Hoss, and Deputy Bill McDaniel with their Sullivan Brothers’ Awards of Valor.

the residence. Negotiators lost contact with Guyer and then observed him pounding on the window in the door on the south side of the residence. Guyer told negotiators he couldn’t get out of the house.

Upon instruction, Deputy Hoss breached a window on the south side to give Guyer a way out. However, the opening wasn’t big enough for Guyer to escape the now heavily burning residence. Guyer continued banging on the glass of the door and yelling for help.

At this point, Guyer had fired a weapon at least twice. It was possible he was planning an ambush or luring officers inside in a final attempt at suicide by cop. In the moment, a decision was made to breach the residence in order to save Guyer, despite the risk to their safety.

While carrying a ballistic shield, Chief Deputy Eckles led Deputy Hoss, Deputy McDaniel, and Sheriff Gross to the south door of the residence. Sheriff Gross breached the door with a battering ram, then he and Deputy McDaniel drug Guyer

out of the residence, which was engulfed in flames. Guyer was brought to medical personnel and transported to a hospital.

It was later confirmed that Guyer had screwed the doors shut and had a loaded AR15-style rifle with him inside the doorway where he was rescued.

If not for the courageous actions by Sheriff Gross, Chief Deputy Eckles, Deputy Hoss, and Deputy McDaniel, Guyer surely would have lost his life inside the burning residence. Guyer had taken several actions that indicated he planned on taking his own life - barricading himself inside the house, firing a gun, pouring accelerant, and finally lighting a fire.

Knowing all this and confronting the very real possibility that Guyer could fire shots at them, Sheriff Gross, Chief Deputy Eckles, Deputy Hoss, and Deputy McDaniel still risked their lives to save Guyer’s. Their heroic actions that day are truly worthy of this commendation.

Pottwattamie County Welcomes New Deputies Hahn, Budrow & Jennings

By Sergeant J.W. LeMaster

Pottawattamie Co. Sheriff’s Office

On Dec. 26th, 2023, Sheriff Andy Brown had the privilege of swearing in three of our newest Deputies:

Deputy Noah Hahn (78-22) has prior experience and previously worked for the Glenwood Police Department. Deputy Lucas Budrow

(78-27) has prior experience and previously worked for the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office. Deputy Joe Jennings (78-60) is just now starting his Law Enforcement career.

Please help us in welcoming Deputy Hahn, Deputy Budrow, and Deputy Jennings to the Pottawattamie County family.



Deputies Noah Hahn, Joe Jennings, Lucas Budrow.

Montgomery Co. Sgt. Dollen Earns Life Saving Award for Risking His Life Alerting Sleeping Camper to Go to Tornado Shelter

On May 21st, Sgt. Todd Dollen went on patrol as severe weather entered Montgomery County for the second time that day.

Earlier, Sheriff Jon Spunaugle had radioed there were campers at Hacklebarney Campground on the east side of the County that he had checked on. Sgt. Dollen made his way back to the area to warn campers of a second round of coming weather.

While en route, Emergency Management and storm spotters were reporting tornado activity. Sgt. Dollen made it to Hacklebarney in time to notify a female who was sleeping in her camper to get to shelter immediately. He was making his way to the other side of the campground to seek shelter for himself when a tree fell into his path – blocking him in.

Sgt. Dollen rode out the tornado in his patrol vehicle as it passed over top of him, destroying the campground around him.

When it was over, he checked on the woman, who had safely made it to shelter

in time. While doing damage assessment, Sgt. Dollen found that the camper the female was staying in had been destroyed by the tornado and came to rest on the edge of the timber and a debris field of what was left of it.

Because of his actions that day, disregarding his own safety to protect others and undoubtedly saving the life of the woman sleeping in her camper, Sheriff Jon Spunaugle presented Sgt. Todd Dollen a Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Life Saving Award.

Todd Dollen was presented a Life Saving Award by Sheriff Jon Spunaugle.



Linn Co. Deputy Stone Receives Life Saving Award for Quickly Stopping Woman's Severe Leg Bleeding from Ankle Fracture

On June 12, at approximately 2336 hours, Deputy Brandon Stone responded to a medical emergency at a residence in Central City. A woman had fallen and in doing so, severely twisted her ankle to the extent that it caused a compound fracture.

Deputy Stone arrived at the residence at approximately 2343 hours and immediately made his way to the woman. He observed that her left leg was severely contorted with the bone extending through the skin near her ankle, with a large amount of blood spurting through the open wound. With the woman bleeding profusely and concerned about the large amount of blood loss, Deputy Stone quickly retrieved a tourniquet from his medical bag and applied it to the woman's left leg, doing so within three minutes of his on-scene arrival. After the tourniquet was applied, Deputy Stone continued to monitor the woman's status, even gathering a pillow from a nearby bedroom to place under her head to make her more comfortable. At approximately 2347 hours, Deputy Stone reassessed the wound

and determined it was still bleeding significantly, so he tightened the tourniquet, carefully elevated the injured leg, and applied direct pressure to the wound. After a few minutes, Deputy Stone was able to get the bleeding under control.

Fire department and ambulance personnel arrived on scene shortly thereafter and took over medical care of the injured woman. She was subsequently transported to a local hospital for treatment.

Although several emergency responders provided this woman with on-scene medical care, if it were not for the quick response and decisive actions of Deputy Stone this woman may not have had such a successful outcome from her injuries.

Because of his quick response, situational awareness, attentiveness, and compassion, Linn County Sheriff Brian Gardner awarded Deputy Brandon Stone with a Life Saving Commendation



Deputy Brandon Stone holding his Life Saving Commendation award for saving a life.

award for the act of saving a life on June 12, 2024.

December 2023 Winter School: Risk Management, Search/ Seizure,

2023 ISSDA Winter School Agenda

Tuesday, December 12, 2023: 1800-2000 vendor hospitality in Iowa Hall; 1930-0000 hospitality Hosted by TurnKey Corrections; 1930-2230 hospitality hosted by JJ Kane Auctions; 1930-2230 hospitality hosted by Sector Technology Group.

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

0830-0845 – Opening Ceremonies with ISSDA Honor Guard
0845-1000 – Risk Management by Gordon Graham of Lexipol
1000-1045 – Vendor Break 1/4 Sponsored by Stew Hansen Dodge & Iowa CTS Cleaners
1045-1200 – Risk Management by Gordon Graham of Lexipol
1200-1300 – Lunch in Iowa Hall foyer
1300-1430 – Risk Management -by Gordon Graham of Lexipol
1430-1530 – Vendor Break – Iowa Hall 1/4 Sponsored by LensLock, Inc. & Prodigy Solutions, Inc.
1530-1700 – Risk Management by Gordon Graham of Lexipol
1700-1900 – Vendor hall open
1730-1900 – Grab & Go Food
1900-2100 – Vendor Hospitality/ Drawings
2030-0000 – Hospitality by TurnKey Corrections
2030-2230 – Hospitality by JJ Kane Auctions
2030-2230 – Hospitality by Sector Technology Group
2030-2230 – Hospitality by SGTS, Inc.



Anthony Bandiero:Advanced Search and Seizure



Lexipol Co-Founder Gordon Graham spoke on using “Risk Management” in their offices.



Inv. Todd Cheney (Iowa City PD), Det. Sgt. Benjamin Lord (Johnson Co), and Inv. Tiffany Lord (University of Iowa PD) of JFACT spoke on Digital Forensics.

Thursday, December 14, 2023

0800-0915 – Adv. Search/Seizure by Anthony Bandiero – Blue to Gold
0915-0930 – Break in Iowa Hall Foyer
0930-1045 – Adv. Search/Seizure by Anthony Bandiero – Blue to Gold
1100-1200 – Adv. Search/Seizure - Anthony Bandiero – Blue to Gold
1200-1300 – Lunch – Iowa Hall Foyer
1200-1300 – Past Presidents Luncheon
1300-1500 – Adv. Search/Seizure by Anthony Bandiero – Blue to Gold
1300-1430 – Sheriffs’ Breakout Meeting
1500-1600 – Business Meeting
1700-1800 – Pre-Banquet Hospitality sponsored by TurnKey Corrections
1800-2000 – Banquet
2000-2130 – President’s Reception sponsored by Motorola, NCIC & RACOM
2100-0000 – Hospitality hosted by TurnKey Corrections

Friday, December 15, 2023

0800-0945 – Digital Forensics by JFACT members
0945-1000 – Break
1000-1200 – Hope for Justice - Greg Hall

Thanks to Iowa Gaming Association for Sale item sponsorship.



David Gonzalez and Greg Hall talked about “Hope for Justice.”

Digital Forensics, Hope for Justice, President's Reception, Vendors



At the Banquet: Gold Star Awards were presented to Iowa Sen. Carrie Koelker (3rd from left), Iowa Attorney General Brenna Bird and Iowa Rep. Pat Grassley.



ISSDA 2024 Board Officers (front): Sheriff Andy Brown (2nd V.P.), Sheriff Jason Sandholdt (Past-Pres.), Sgt. Shawn Ireland (President), Sheriff Keith Davis (Secretary), Sgt. Elizabeth Quinn (1st V.P.) **Board Members:** Sheriff Luke Fleener, Admin. Comm. Constance Torresdahl, Lt. Brad Shutts, Sgt. J.W. LeMaster, Sheriff Dave McDaniel, Capt. Matt Hendricks, Sgt. Steve Erceg.



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Turnkey Solutions: jail technology, inmate commissary, inmate communications



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Linn Co. Deputy Marty Tope Earns Life Saving Commendation for Saving Arrestee Who Attempted Suicide in Hospital Room

On January 8, Deputy Marty Tope arrested a woman for OWI. She was involved in an accident and after her arrest stated she was injured and needed medical attention. Deputy Tope transported her to a local hospital for examination.

When hospital personnel determined the woman would be released, Deputy Tope stood outside her room as she changed into her clothes. After waiting a reasonable amount of time, Deputy Tope called into the room to see if she was dressed. She advised she was not yet ready, and Deputy Tope again waited briefly before asking

if she was ready to go. When she did not respond, Deputy Tope opened the door and saw the woman sitting on a chair facing the wall. When he walked up to her, Deputy Tope saw she had tied medical monitor cords around her neck, her face was red and it was clear she was not breathing.

Deputy Tope called for assistance as he tried to get the cords untied from around the woman's neck. Being unable to quickly untie the cords, hospital staff directed Deputy Tope to cut and remove the wires from the woman's neck as she was starting to lose

consciousness. She was able to breathe on her own and the medical staff checked her for additional injuries. After monitoring her, the woman was released from the hospital and taken to jail.

If not for Deputy Tope's diligence in checking on the woman and his quick actions after finding the monitor cords wrapped tightly around her neck, it is likely that the woman would have suffered serious, if not life-threatening injuries or possible death. Because of his attentiveness and thoroughness, Deputy Marty Tope was presented a Life Saving Commendation.



ISSDA West Museum 2023 Year-End Wrap-Up



By Sgt. J.W. LeMaster

Pottawattamie Co. Sheriff's Office
V.P. of Hist. Society of Pottawattamie Co.

1930 ISSDA Paddy Wagon: The Paddy Wagon was out and about promoting ISSDA along with the Squirrel Cage Jail several times over 2023. It was a big hit at the local National Night Out where we even had a line of cars following us as it was driven back to the Sheriff's Office at the end of the night because the general public wanted better photos of it.

The current radiator needs to be replaced so slow speed driving is a NO GO right now. A new radiator was purchased for it that will make it easier to show off, especially during slow speed parades. It was fairly expensive, but it was at the recommendation of our local mechanic who knows the type of events we want the Model A in. Our mechanic plans to donate his skills and time for the much-needed upgrade for free when his schedule allows.

Our local police fleet vendor/up-fitter did some electrical work on it last summer and helped clean up a few loose wires. The upgrades hid and configured the wiring that goes to the lights and siren and also make it easier for the driver and/or passenger to use them.

Future Plans/Events: We were contacted by the Discovery Channel to take part in a series called Hidden America. Plans are in the very beginning stages, but they are already asking about potentially filming in late Spring.

We did a 'live event' on Facebook (Q & A type event) at our RailsWest Museum that was a big hit. Local Historians, members of the public and guest speakers were featured

during our several-hour live event about local histories. It was so well received that it has already been requested that we do an event live from the Squirrel Cage Jail -- from inside the cage -- featuring specific topics including the history of the Squirrel Cage Jail and local Law enforcement.

ISSDA Trailer Donation: The Museum was given the old ISSDA trailer to assist in the gathering, receiving, and transporting of museum artifacts. Thanks to a grant from Iowa Tourism and the Travel Iowa campaign the trailer has received a face lift. We plan to use the trailer as much as we can, not only for its actual purpose, but also as a mobile billboard advertising the museum(s).

Exciting Announcement: The Pottawattamie County Jail and Sheriff's Residence, popularly known as the "Squirrel Cage Jail," and most recently dignified as the "ISSDA West-Museum," has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1982. Following a decade-long process that distinction has been upgraded. But we recently received an email saying we are now listed with the United States National Park Service as a National Historic Landmark.

We now have federal protection, more (and

easier) access to grants, and the backing of the National Park Service.

– 2023 Museum Stats –

General Admissions • 4,877 guests for regular tours • 127 Flashlight Tours • 56 Paranormal Investigations • 3 Special Programs.

Digital Footprint

Facebook/Twitter/Instagram: • Followship is increasing daily • Content creators are getting more creative/active • More "live" events being planned.

Podcasts: • "What is a Squirrel Cage Jail:" 3810 (This is our most frequently downloaded podcast) • "Squirrel Cage Ghosts:" 2296.

Youtube Channel: • "Squirrel Cage Jail Preview:" 3,029 (this is the most viewed video on our channel with 7,552 views all time) • "What Is a Squirrel Cage Jail:" 2,805 (5554 views all time).

Website: • SCJ home page: 33,566 • Additional Hits to SquirrelCageJail.com: 2,229

Specific ISSDA Tours: • Several private tours throughout the year for ISSDA members and Sheriff's employees from around the country • October ILEA Jail School – 2 tours (approximately 50 students).



Fifteen \$1,000 ISSDA Evelyn Covington Scholarships Awarded to Graduating Senior High School Children of ISSDA Members



Zoe Dalynn Bucher, daughter of Taylor Co. Chief Deputy Nate and Pam Bucher, plans to study music education with a minor in special education at NW Missouri State University.



Reagan Christensen, daughter of Crawford Co. Deputy Nathan and Stephanie Christensen, will study elementary education at Iowa Western Community College.



Jaclynn Demory, the daughter of Wright County Jailer Dave and Kim Demory, will study psychology at Buena Vista University.



Kierra Dodd, the daughter of Franklin County Sheriff Aaron and Shayna Dodd, will study accounting and agricultural business at Iowa State University.



Robert James Duncan, son of Iowa County Deputy Sheriff Robert and Jaqui Duncan, plans to study biology education.



Alexis Gray, daughter of Taylor County Civil Clerk, Dispatcher and Jailer Dani and Nick Gray, plans to study biology.



Libbie Keith, daughter of Jasper County 911 Dispatcher Craig and Angie Keith, plans to study elementary education at Morningside University.



Mason Maschmann, son of Poweshiek County Deputy Matt Maschmann and Heather Ochs, plans to study environmental science at Iowa State University.



Cassidy Muschick, the daughter of Story County Jail Cook Staci and Brent Muschick, plans to major in health studies.



Riley Ottens, the daughter of Clinton Co. S.O. Secretary Kim Jurgensen and Clinton P.D. Sgt. Dean Ottens, will study English at the University of Northern Iowa.



Remy Pilch, daughter of Polk Co. Chief of Court Services Division Ken and Kathy Pilch, plans to study communication disorders/ pre-speech pathology at UNI.



Jaycee Plath, daughter of Winnebago County Deputy/ K-9 Handler Brian and Jamie Plath, plans to study elementary education at Waldorf University.



Molly Reiss, daughter of Ida Co. Dispatcher Brandi and Kevin Reiss, will study elementary ed. or business at an Iowa Community college.



Brylee Viner, daughter of Mills County Corrections Officer Sadeana and Adam Viner, plans to study at Iowa Western Community College and is undecided on a major.



Brianna Winfield, the daughter of Marshall Co. Deputy Investigator Ian and Kristina Winfield, will study communication disorders at the U of Nebraska.

Second Annual “Public Safety Day” Held in Monroe County on September 22nd

Building better relations with the Community

In 2023, after enduring the loss of several officers of the Albia Police Department, including the chief of police, several new officers were hired, including police chief Jacob Miller.

Chief Miller was formerly an officer of the Ankeny Police Department and new to the community. While transitioning into this new position, he was met with some challenges including how to introduce himself and the new officers to the community. He also faced the challenge of how to improve community relations.

One morning, while expressing this concern in conversation with Monroe County Sheriff’s Office dispatcher Dana Linderman, Chief Miller and dispatcher Linderman developed the idea of holding a public safety event. Quickly the idea grew and staff of both the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office and the Albia Police Department started planning. With just a few short months and no funding, personnel were able to collaborate with the local radio station and newspaper for advertising, the local school for volunteers, other first responder and fire departments in the area to participate, find activities for the kids and donations for these services, and graciously purchased items with their own money for candy and gifts to hand out to the kids.

On October 15th, 2023, the first annual “Monroe County Public Safety Day” was held on the historic Albia town square. Despite being a cold and gloomy day, the event turned out to be a big success. What came from this was a much-needed morale boost for both the community and law enforcement/ first responder personnel. It prospered more positive interaction with citizens both in person and on social media.

This year a committee was put together consisting of representatives from the Albia Police Department, the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office, the Albia Fire Department and the Monroe County Ambulance service.

Meetings were held monthly to discuss ideas and funding. With hard work from all agencies involved and gracious donations from businesses and citizens of the community, we were able to host our 2nd annual Public Safety Day on September 22nd. The event consisted of activities and games for the kids such as bounce houses and obstacle courses, a slime station, cake walk, dunk tank and face painting. There were food vendors, represen-

tatives of the Crisis Center, the CJ3 Foundation for wounded heroes and “Bikers Against Child Abuse” (B.A.C.A.) present.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources brought a wildlife trailer for kids to see and touch different animals and learn about nature. The Albia Police Department provided games and prizes along with police vehicles to display and kids were able to paint their palm prints on one of the police cars in different colors.

The Iowa State Patrol were there talking with people and handing out hats to the kids. The Albia Fire Department, along with other area fire departments, showed equipment and trucks doing demonstrations. The Monroe County Ambulance personnel there with their ambulance giving tours and handing out goodie bags.

Monroe County Sheriff’s Office personnel attended volunteering where they could. Jail personnel fingerprinted children for child safety identification kits. Jail and dispatch staff manned a table handing out goodie bags and making popcorn for visitors while deputies stood by with police vehicles and equipment to show the kids. K-9 Dexter met the kids and took photos with them. Jail administrator Zach Norris, Albia Police Officer Tanner Kellogg, Jailer Mark Seavey, Criminal Secretary Ryan Fullenkamp all volunteered to face the chilly temperatures of the dunk tank. Eventually Chief Miller, Chief Deputy Mathew Scharff and Deputy/Sheriff candidate Joe Worth were persuaded to take their turns in the dunk tank, which turned into one of the most favored highlights of the day. Again, despite temperatures being cooler and rain being in the area earlier in the day, attendance was much bigger than last year.

In the past two years since starting this event, community support has grown. Kids are not as fearful of men and women in uniform and they are starting to understand that the uniform represents “good” and a “safe place for them.” Citizens understand that we are people just like them, living amongst them in the community, experiencing the same issues that they do and working toward a common goal in making our community better and safer. Communication, trust and interaction are steadily growing within the community, which is a NECESSITY for law enforcement to be truly successful.





ISSDA Honor Guard at National Police Week in Washington, DC



Photos by ISSDA President/ Linn County Sgt. Shawn Ireland



The 36th Annual Candlelight Vigil was held Monday, May 13.



The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery (left), and the ISSDA Honor Guard with other honor guards in formation at the Washington D.C. Art Museum as fallen officers' families arrived for the Peace Officer Memorial. (More on Pages 16-17)

The ISSDA Honor Guard Joined Other Law Enforcement Groups from Around the Country at National Police Week in Washington

Photo: ISSDA President/ Linn Co. Sgt. Shawn Ireland



ISSDA Honor Guard standing watch at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial 2024 in Washington, D.C.



An Honor Guard in front of the U.S. Capitol building. Photo taken by Taylor Nielsen, who met ISSDA Honor Guard members.



The ISSDA honor guard posing in front of the White House.



The ISSDA Honor Guard and family visiting the Vietnam Veterans Wall Memorial in Washington, D.C.



The ISSDA Honor Guard members came upon a group of veterans visiting the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.



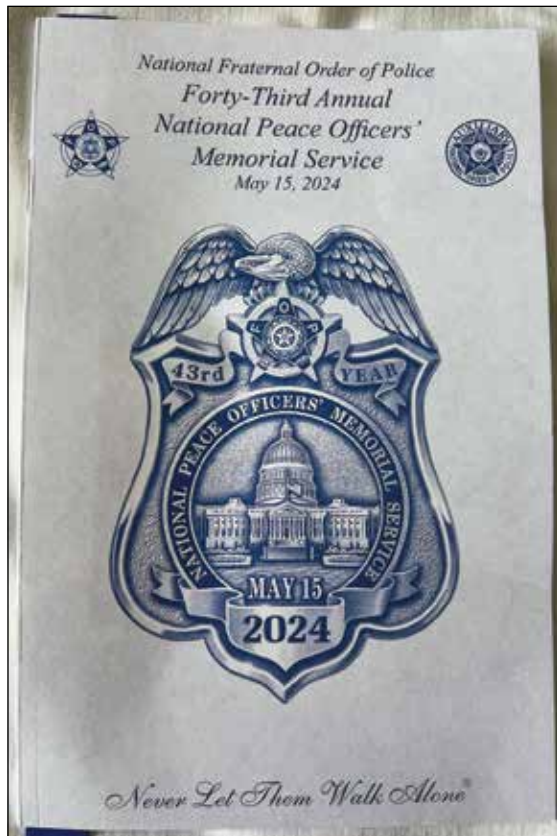
ISSDA Pres. Ireland says these are "Motor Officers from Nassau County Police we worked with to take a photo at the National Mall."



ISSDA Honor Guard members talking with motor officers while exchanging patches and coins in Washington, D.C.



ISSDA Honor Guard saluting at the Peace Officer Memorial Service in Washington, D.C.



National Police Week 2024 photos by ISSDA President/ Linn County Sgt. Shawn Ireland.

At right:
COPS National Board sign at the Peace Officer Memorial.



Above left: ISSDA Honor Guard member/ Linn County Lt. Heather O'Brien at the Memorial. At right: A specialty collector patch for ISSDA Honor Guard members to trade with other law enforcement officers at National Police Week.



Dallas Co. Sheriff Infante & Dispatch Staff Given Iowa Medals of Merit for Great Work During Perry School Shootings Jan. 4



“Iowa Medal of Merit” awardees, left to right: a posthumous award was accepted by the family of Dispatcher Ashley Kuntz, Dallas County Sheriff Adam Infante, Rep. Zach Nunn, Supervisor Jill Johansen, Dispatcher Bob Coffin, Dispatcher Holly Smith, and Communications Manager Terry McCannahan.

On July 17th, Congressman Zach Nunn awarded the Iowa Medal of Merit to members of the Dallas County Sheriff’s Office for what Sheriff Adam Infante described as “great work” on January 4 during the tragic Perry High School shootings.

The staff who were recognized included Ashley Kuntz (posthumously), Supervisor Jill Johansen, Dispatcher Bob Coffin, Dispatcher Holly Smith, and Communications Manager Terry McCannahan.

Congressman Nunn said, “Each single law enforcement officer, healthcare professional, and dispatcher involved that day helped save lives with their courageous and rapid responses.”

Earlier this year, Congressman Nunn awarded the Perry Police

Department the Iowa Medal of Merit for their response to the tragedy on January 4th.

Sheriff Infante said he is grateful for each department that responded to the tragedy, but believes the dispatchers were crucial during the unfolding events.

“I thought dispatch really shined that day,” Sheriff Infante said. “It’s such a tough call to take and to remain calm and professional, and be able to give us the information accurately and timely. They really contributed to saving lives, I believe.”

(Information from Sheriff Adam Infante, Raccoon Valley Radio, the Office of Congressman Zach Nunn, and KCCI TV8 were used in this article).



Secret Service Uniform Division motorcycle.



The ISSDA Honor Guard at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

Sheriffs' and Deputies' Y Camp 2024: Six Days of Personal Growth and Relationship Building through the Long-Standing Partnership

By Alex Kretzinger
Y Camp Executive Director

On a warm Sunday afternoon in June, dozens of law enforcement personnel from counties across the State made the journey to the Des Moines Y Camp just north of Boone. In the back seats of their trucks, cruisers and vans sat excited and wide-eyed kids bound for a week of camp. They beginning a journey of personal growth and relationship building through the long-standing partnership between the Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association and the Y Camp. For six days they'd join a cabin of peers from all walks of life and build community where they can find belonging and confidence.

Each day was filled with activities ranging from horseback riding to fishing to climbing the rock wall and more! Each morning they participated in CLASs – electives campers signed up for on Monday – that gave them the opportunity to go more in depth on things like archery, soccer, nature and drama.

By the afternoon, the campers were back with their cabins and venturing around camp

to experience all it had to offer. After dinner each day there were evening programs, many focused on character development, which mixed fun songs and skits with more serious stories and discussion of living by the YMCA Core Values of Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility.

The Trail of Five Fires, Inspiration Point, Aunt Fifi, the Arty Show (Camper Talent Show) and Honor Point were some of the special, traditional camp programs that have been taking place for generations.

At the end of the week we celebrated their growth in independence and confidence, the new relationships made, the things we'd accomplished and campers who had exemplified the Core Values throughout the Honor Point program. It was an emotional night, filled with tearful goodbyes and finished by candlelight in the quiet shadow of the Y Camp woods. Honor Point is a special program that reflects on and celebrates the week the campers had, and this year there was a lot to celebrate. And by the time Saturday morning came around and campers clambered into their cars with their fragrant bedding and camp clothes, they

were exhausted and filled with the empowerment of knowing that at camp they belong and are always welcome.

Spanning more than half a century, the partnership between the two organizations highlights the shared vision of improving our communities by investing in their futures. Building upon the idea of Proverbs 22:6 that if you teach a child how to live with good character and well-being, they will do so as adults, the program emphasizes the value of planting the seeds and knowing that they will bear fruit when the youth of today become the leaders of tomorrow. By establishing a healthy relationship between sheriffs and deputies and the members of the community they serve, the partnership also helps bridge the gap between citizens seeing law enforcement as a badge and seeing it as the people who uphold what it represents. Through it, our kids can see their deputies and sheriffs as the caring, supportive and friendly people they are. We continue to be thankful for the service of our law enforcement and the partnership we share with the Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association.

Polk County Sheriff's Office Partners with Grimes Park and Recreation in an Annual Fall Festival Event for Families

By Sergeant Trevor Martin
Polk County Sheriff's Office

The Polk County Sheriff's Office partners with the City of Grimes Parks and Recreation annually for their Fall Festival. This year's event was held October 12th.

The Polk County Sheriff's Office portion is called the "Candy Crawl" and consists of several booths highlighting different divisions in the Sheriff's Office as well as outside vendors. Each booth has unique items on display for children and families to interact with as well as candy for the kids.

All the kids attending dressed up in their Halloween costumes and interacted with employees/ Deputies of the Polk County Sheriff's Office. Also featured are food trucks, games, bouncy houses and more.

This event is our 2nd biggest of the year with our largest being "National Night Out!"



Pottawattamie County Hosts ISSDA Honor Guard Training with Help from U.S. Air Force, Local Lutheran Church & Funeral Home

By Sgt. JW LeMaster
Pottawattamie Co. Sheriff's Office
ISSDA Deputy Board Member

The Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Office played host to the ISSDA Honor Guard for three formal days of training and instruction. During this particular training the Honor Guard members in attendance were able to practice and hone skills related to drill ceremony, firing party detail, casket bearing, flag

folding and presentation, and basic color guard training.

We would like to thank members of the United States Air Force stationed at Offutt Air Force Base (Nebraska), and the Omaha Police Department Honor Guard for their professional guidance and instruction. We would also like to thank Hoy Kilnoski Funeral Home and the Underwood Lutheran Church for use of their facilities for training.

Usually when members get together

er it's for a formal event or a tragedy, so having the opportunity to get together under a "non-stress" situation to practice.. enjoy time together.. and get to know each other is not only encouraged, it's also very much needed at times.

Let's hope their skills are not needed anytime soon, but rest assured, if called upon, they will make us all proud that we wear the same uniform.

Stay safe!



Above: Training in the Pottawattamie County S.O. Training Room. Below: At the Underwood Lutheran Church.



Above and above right: Training at the Underwood Lutheran Church.



Above: Pottawattamie County Training Room and (below) at the Hoy Kilnoski Funeral Home.



Deputy Clayton Rabe and Reserve Deputy Riley Reed Presented Life Saving Awards; Four Civilian Correctional Officers Hired

On June 28 at approximately 11:08 p.m., the Clinton County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call from a female reporting her husband was having a heart attack. Their car was stopped on the 2500 block of 270th Street and her husband had stopped breathing.

Deputy Clayton Rabe and Reserve Deputy Riley Reed, a two-person patrol unit, were dispatched to the call and arrived on scene within seven minutes.

Upon the deputies' arrival, they located the unresponsive male victim lying on the ground next to the stopped vehicle with his wife administering chest compressions. They immediately took over chest compressions and retrieved the "AED" from their squad car. Immediately after placing the pads on the victim's chest, the unit began an analysis of the situation and administered a shock. Deputy Rabe and Reserve Deputy Reed switched off performing chest compressions on the victim. The two deputies continued with chest compressions and monitoring the "AED" for approximately 7 minutes until Genesis Ambulance arrived and transported the individual to the hospital, where he remained for six days.

The male victim, following his release from the hospital, reported that on the night he suffered the heart attack, two of his arteries were found to have been completely blocked. He truly believed that if not for the quick response and efforts from his wife, Deputy Rabe and Reserve Deputy Reed, he would not have survived the night or be alive today.

Sheriff Bill Greenwalt honored Deputy Clayton Rabe and Reserve Deputy Riley Reed with the Clinton County Sheriff's Life Saving Award. In addition to the Sheriff's Award, Deputies Rabe and Reed were awarded the American Legion (Post 190) Law Enforcement Officer of the year award.

New personnel: James Ashdown was hired as a full-time civilian Correctional Officer in June. Devan Galant was hired as a full-time civilian Correctional Officer in July. Dalles Johnson was hired as a full-time civilian Correctional Officer in August. Kaecee Whitaker was hired as a full-time civilian Correctional Officer in September.



Clinton Co. Sheriff Bill Greenwalt, Deputy Clayton Rabe with his Life Saving Award, Reserve Deputy Riley Reed with his Life Saving Award, Chief Deputy Steve Diesch.



New C.O. James Ashdown



New C.O. Dallas Johnson



New C.O. Devan Galant



New C.O. Kaecee Whitaker

Plymouth County Sheriff's Office Jail Administrator Tami Jorgensen Announces Retirement after 25 Years with S.O.

The Plymouth County Sheriff's Office announces the upcoming retirement of 25-year employee and current Jail Administrator Tami Jorgensen.

Jorgensen has been with the Sheriff's Office since her hire in July of 1999. Only two years after her hire, in July of 2001, Jorgensen was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in the Plymouth County Jail.

During Jorgensen's early years she also spent time as a reserve deputy before moving up further in the line of command as her career progressed.

Jorgensen was promoted to Lieutenant in October of 2007 where she found herself in a leadership role in the jail for many years before officially being promoted to

Jail Administrator in July of 2020.

Jorgensen's employees and coworkers reflect on their time working with her. They find Jorgensen to be a knowledgeable leader due to her many years in the position. Jorgensen also is known to be "by-the-book" when it comes to the standards that need to be met in the field, but not without compassion for those she works with and around.

The employees following in the footsteps of Jorgensen will most remember her ability to be humble and willing to help wherever needed on or off duty, while at the same time being a leader with a wealth of experience when problems arose.



Webster County Sheriff's Office and Thin Blue Line Program Make Fourth Donation to Improve Fairgrounds Indoor Arena

By Sheriff Luke Fleener

Webster County Sheriff's Office

In August, Sheriff Luke Fleener and the Webster County Sheriff's Office made their fourth donation to the Webster County Fair Foundation for funds to improve the indoor arena at the fairgrounds.

To date, the Webster County Sheriff's Office and the New Century Fuel/ FS "Fuel the Thin Blue Line" program has donated over \$4,000 dollars to the project to help improve our county fairgrounds and the arena.

"As Sheriff of Webster County, I feel it is extremely important to use the funds to better our community in as many ways possible, and we are thankful for all of our partners who participate in this great program."

Applications to join the Fuel the Thin Blue program can be picked up at the Webster County Sheriff's Office.





“We thank all of our military personnel currently serving, those who have served, and those who have given the ultimate sacrifice. We have you all to thank for our freedoms. May God bless each of you and your families.” – The Iowa State Sheriffs’ and Deputies’ Association



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