



The Honorary Gold Star

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ISSDA Honorary Members Help Send Kids from Around Iowa to Sheriffs' and Deputies' YMCA Summer Camp in Boone, Iowa



Special Olympics Iowa Support
ISSDA, with the help of valued Honorary Members, Supports Special Olympics Iowa through the Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) fundraising activities including Polar Plunge®, Cop on Top®, Tip a Cop®, Truck Convoy, the LETR Final Leg, and sponsorship opportunities.



U.S. Violence Increase: Use of Force & Physical/ Mental Health

This year has been very busy as I balanced the duties between my office, the Wayne County Sheriff, the presidency, and my life at home where I also operate a farm. It has been a year of ups and downs, but I can say it was a pleasure to meet new friends and work with them including many lawmakers and other government figures.

Recently, at our Sheriff's Breakout Session that we have during each of our schools, Attorney General Brenna Bird attended and provided some concerning information. We see every day the increase in violence across the United States. Incidents that used to be handled peacefully are increasingly becoming violent not only between the parties involved but also against the law enforcement officer that responds. Attorney General Bird presented that as of September of this year, her office was investigating 14 officer-involved shootings resulting in deaths. According to her, this is more in the first nine months of 2025 than occurred in total over the previous five years combined. She went on to say that the investigation into 13 of the deaths had been determined to be justified and the 14th was still under investigation.

Attorney General Bird was not criticizing the officers for the shootings but making us all aware of the violent tendencies that are increasingly occurring during contact with law enforcement. Please be diligent in situational awareness as you encounter incidents that could turn hostile.

Each of these shootings left more than one victim. Each officer involved deals mentally with the events that occurred. As we begin each shift, the last thing we want to encounter is the use of deadly force. Hopefully each officer involved is receiving the support needed to heal from the event.



Sheriff Keith Davis
Wayne County Sheriff's Office

Recently I was fortunate to travel to Vail, Colorado to attend an NSA Conference for the Committee of State Sheriffs' Associations. The Conference began with a day of speakers that primarily focused on officer well-being. This included physical as well as mental well-being. Our first presenter was Dr. Theresa Larson, Marine Corps Engineer Officer and Combat Veteran. Dr. Larson is the founder of "Movement Rx," a company that specializes in physical and mental well-being. Her presentation left me with more awareness of the need for improvement in both areas to better serve my office and employees.

Our second presenter was Jeff Kingsfield, C.E.O. of the National Command & Staff College. Jeff presented on being a good leader through eight essential tenets: Vision, Drive, Elasticity, Empathy, Authenticity, Initiative, Optimism and Growth Mindset. He is author of a book "Love To Inspire." The book forward is written by a well-known speaker and presenter to law enforcement, Dr. Mitch Javidi.

Our final presenter was Dr. Cherylynn Lee, Behavioral Services Manager for the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office in California. Dr. Lee presented the traumatic events that occur within the law enforcement community. She spoke about events that we sometimes don't pay much attention to that can leave an officer in need of mental release or therapy to help cope with the situation. Dr. Lee provided stories of officer situations that she has been involved in helping. She also talked about the resistance of officers to reach out for help fearing it could place them out of service.

I share my adventure to Colorado to follow up on what I began with in this article: officer-involved shootings. There are many resources available for law enforcement officers to receive help after experiencing an event that would leave a temporary or lasting effect on them. The issue is awareness of the resources and getting the officer to take advantage of a resource. Dr. Lee spoke about the fear of the officer in losing their badge over talking to her. There are many tools available currently that provide wellness assistance through on-line sources. Lexipol is one company that I am aware of that has the resource available. This works well for small agencies. Chase Watkins from the Sheriff's App said they are in the process of adding wellness to their app as another available resource.

In closing, I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as the President of your Association this past year. Unfortunately, the year did come with a few stressful issues that were difficult to deal with. I will serve as Past President next year and then my days with the ISSDA Board will be over. Please get involved; your Association needs you!

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Your commitment to our great state and the well-being of our local communities is greatly appreciated by our sheriffs and deputies. As you stand with our law enforcement leaders, we together blaze a way to make Iowa a safer and stronger state for each of our citizens.

The Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association Institute (ISSDAI) stands as the only law enforcement nonprofit organization that is exclusively dedicated to providing support to the Office of Sheriff in Iowa. We are not affiliated with the United States Deputy Sheriffs Association or other national solicitation groups. When you give to ISSDAI, your support stays right here in Iowa to benefit our local communities and our 99 sheriffs.

ISSDAI provides state-of-the-art training for our local Sheriffs' offices as well as funding toward the Iowa Special Olympics which enables youth from your county to

attend a summer YMCA Camp in Boone, where they are offered opportunities of a lifetime to build character and responsibility.

All of these services are a result of support from people like YOU! ISSDAI does not receive any state funding and relies on the generosity of citizens and members who truly care about those who put their lives on the line for our citizens. Would you consider making a special donation today and showing your support for Iowa's sheriffs and deputies?

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Lt. Elizabeth Quinn, *President*
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ISSDAI Members Help ISSDA Sheriffs' Offices around Iowa Sponsor Kids to attend Y-Camp!

Honorary Members Helped ISSDA Send Almost 100 Kids to Y-Camp in 2025 with Role Models for new Opportunities and Friendships

By Alex Kretzinger
Executive Director
Des Moines Y-Camp

Young people are struggling and the statistics paint a bleak picture: 150% increase in depression and 139% increase in anxiety over the last decade, 1 in 5 children reporting being “consistently lonely,” around 19% of kids report being bullied at school.

These challenges are provided by a world that looks much different than it did ten or twenty years ago, and the tools to overcome them aren't always within reach.

As I read more troubling stories of youth who want nothing more than to thrive, be happy and find purpose yet are caught in a society that doesn't provide it, I am more committed than ever to Camp as a solution.

In June of 2025, the Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association made an investment in the young people of this state, as it has for over 50 years, by sending children

to the Des Moines Y-Camp. Their week at camp gave them opportunities to build new friendships, play in nature, share community with hundreds of other kids and learn about their capacity to do good. And perhaps one of the most valuable aspects of camp is the fact they are disconnected from phones, social media and video games, which are often the culprit in their struggles. Needless to say, it's an experience that kids need now more than ever.

Their week at camp includes opportunities to try new things, like shooting archery, riding a horse, rowing a canoe or catching a fish. Through each new accomplishment or activity, they learn more about themselves and their capabilities. There are also opportunities to practice choice in the schedule, and recreation spaces that allow them to explore and play with others to build independence and confidence.

Their Y-Camp Leaders are selected and trained to be the best role models a child

could ask for, as research shows the incredible influence and value of an extra-familial adult in the lives of youth. At the center of it all are the connections they make, as building friendships, now seemingly a lost art, is central to finding belonging and finding value. Lastly, the evening programs teach the value of character and reinforce their power to create a better community by encouraging them to do all the good they can. All in all, their time at camp is transformative and necessary to lay the foundations of success.

This past summer almost 100 youth from across Iowa were able to have this experience thanks to the generous support of the ISSDA. If we are to prepare our kids for the future they deserve it will take many hands and communities like those built at camp. Young people need our help, and through partnerships like this, we can provide it to the next generation of neighbors and leaders.



ISSDAI Members Help ISSDA Support Special Olympics Iowa athletes with Many Events!

Honorary Members Made Possible 18 Years of Iowa State Sheriffs' & Deputies' Assn. Support of Many Facets of Special Olympics (SOI)

The Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association (ISSDA) continues to demonstrate its unwavering commitment to Special Olympics Iowa through years of dedicated service, advocacy, and community engagement.

For 18 years, ISSDA has proudly supported Special Olympics Iowa, reinforcing its mission to promote the positive role of law enforcement across the state while creating meaningful opportunities for athletes with intellectual disabilities.

Sheriffs' offices across Iowa – including Muscatine, Polk, Scott, Dallas, Dubuque, Black Hawk, Johnson, Linn, Marion, Clinton, Marshall, Jasper, and Story counties to name a few—have played an active role in this longstanding partnership. Their involvement extends far beyond financial contributions, as they consistently promote, attend, and support the Law Enforcement Torch Run® (LETR) events and Special Olympics pro-

grams throughout the year. These efforts help strengthen relationships between law enforcement and the communities they serve, while ensuring athletes receive the support and recognition they deserve.

The mission of Special Olympics Iowa is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Through these programs, athletes are given continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a meaningful sharing of gifts, skills and friendships with their families, fellow athletes, and the broader community.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics stands as the world's largest grassroots fundraising and public awareness initiative. Since its introduction in Iowa in 1987, LETR has grown into the largest grassroots fundraiser for Special Olympics Iowa.

Each year, law enforcement officers across the state carry the Flame of Hope, symbolizing inclusion, acceptance, and the power of community support. The Torch Run and its associated events focus on two critical goals: raising funds and increasing awareness for Special Olympics athletes.

The LETR initiative includes a wide range of fundraising events such as Polar Plunge®, Cop on Top®, Tip a Cop®, Truck Convoy, the LETR Final Leg, and sponsorship opportunities. Through these events, Iowa's law enforcement community continues to champion inclusion and empower athletes to achieve their fullest potential.

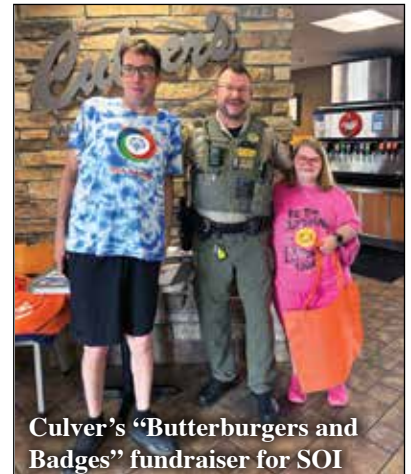
The ongoing partnership between the Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association and Special Olympics Iowa reflects the very best of public service—demonstrating that when law enforcement and communities work together, lives are changed, and champions are created both on and off the field.



SOI Softball Games



Dunkin' "Cop on a Rooftop" fundraiser.



Culver's "Butterburgers and Badges" fundraiser for SOI



Linn County Sheriff's Office at Culver's SOI fundraiser



Torch lighting



Dunkin' Donuts fundraiser for Special Olympics Iowa.

Continued: Honorary Members Help ISSDA Support Special Olympics IA



ISSDA Honor Guard Opens the Special Olympics Iowa Summer Games.



Officer runners carried the Torch from Des Moines to Ames.



Opening Ceremonies of the Special Olympics Iowa Summer Games.



High Fives for participants.



ISSDA members serve food at a Texas Roadhouse fundraiser.



ISSDA Presents a \$30,000 check to Special Olympics Iowa.

2024 ISSDA Winter School: Sgt. Jim Smith Debrief, Crisis K9, OIS, Crisis Communication, Derek Chauvin Trial, Automated Vehicles

WINTER SCHOOL 2024 AGENDA

Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2024: 1700-1800 Registration, 1700-2000 Vendor Hall open; 1730-1900 Grab & Go Food sponsored by **Airport Holiday Inn**; 1930-2230 hospitality by **JJKane**; 1930-2230 hospitality by **Sector Technology Group**.

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2024:

0845 - 1200 - Sgt. Jim Smith Debrief by Iowa DCI
1000 - 1045 - Vendor Break sponsor: **Kiesler Police Supply**
1200 - 1300 - Lunch in Iowa Hall Foyer
1300 - 1345 - Flock LPR
1345 - 1430 - Crisis K-9
1300 - 1430 - Sheriff's breakout meeting in ballroom
1430 - 1530 - Vendor Break sponsor: **Diamond Pharmacy & Advanced Correctional Healthcare**
1530-1700 - "Mastering Crisis Communication Under Pressure" by Laura Cole
2030 - 2230 - vendor hospitality by **JJ Kane**
2030 - 2230 - hospitality by **Sector Technology Group**
1730 - 1900 - hospitality by **TurnKey Corrections**



Kiesler Police Supply sponsored the Vendor Break on December 4 at 1000 hours.

Thursday, Dec. 5, 2024

0800 - 1200 - Derek Chauvin Trial by Hennepin Co. S.O.
0930 - 1015 - Break sponsored by **SGTS Inc.**
1200 - 1300 - Lunch
1300 - 1500 - OIS Investigations: Iowa SAC Mike Krapfl
1500 - 1600 - Business Meeting
1700 - 1800 - Hospitality: **Turnkey Corrections**
1800 - 2000 - Banquet (recognition and awards)
2000 - 2130 - President's Reception by **Platinum Sponsors:** **TheSHERIFFapp.com, FirstNET, Motorola Solutions, NCIC, RACOM LLC, STELLAR Services**
2100 - 2300 - Hospitality sponsored by **Turnkey Corrections**



Sector Technology Group sponsored a Dec. 3 hospitality.

Friday, Dec. 6, 2024

0800 - 0945 - GTSB Major Randy Kunert (Ret)
0930 - 1030 - "Automated Vehicles Past/ Present/ Future" by University of Iowa Prof. Dan McGehee
1030 - 1230 - SFST/ Implied Consent by Iowa AG's Office's Jeremy Peterson.



SGTS Inc. sponsored a Dec. 5 hospitality.

Some of the Winter School 2025 Event Sponsors



Karl Emergency Vehicles



**Stew Hansen
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WReeves sponsored the Past-Presidents' Luncheon.

ISSDA's Platinum Sponsors Hosted the 2025 Winter School President's Reception



On Veterans Day 2025: Iowa Sheriff's Offices Honored Their Staff Who Served in the U.S. Armed Forces



Henry County Sheriff's Office



Black Hawk County 3d · 🌐

11/12 Updated video to include Robert Neiswonger of the Sheriff's Office, who is current serving overseas. ... See more

Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office



Sixty-two Iowa Sheriffs attended the Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' (ISSDA) Winter School 2024 Sheriff's Breakout Meeting.



Some serious business and camaraderie at the ISSDA Past-President's Luncheon



ISSDA Sheriffs and Deputies Y-Camp was celebrated at Winter School.

“Iowa consistently ranks among the top states for jail management” - DOC Dir. Dr. Beth Skinner

Boone County Among Nine Recognized for Top-Performing Jails at the Annual ISSDA Winter School Banquet on Dec. 5, 2024

From the Boone County Sheriff’s Office and the Iowa Dept. of Corrections

Last week, Boone County Sheriff Andrew Godzicki and Jail Administrator Abbey Swank had the honor of receiving an acknowledgment from the Iowa Department of Corrections on behalf of the Boone County Jail for outstanding improvement in daily operations and professionalism (see photo at right).

This award belongs entirely to the unsung — and often unseen — heroes who work inside our jail every day. Our jailers play a critical role in keeping our communities safe, maintaining secure operations, and upholding the highest standards of professionalism, even when their work goes unnoticed by the public.

We are incredibly proud of their dedication, their commitment to excellence, and the pride they take in serving Boone County.

To our jail staff: thank you for your tireless efforts, your professionalism, and the integrity you bring to this vital work. You truly make a difference.

The Iowa Department of Corrections (DOC) is proud to announce that eight counties have been recognized as having top-performing jails in the state. This recognition

celebrates jails that demonstrate excellence in operations and management, ensuring the safety and wellbeing of both prisoners and staff.

The DOC evaluates jails across three categories based on capacity:

- Small Jails (up to 30 beds): Adair and Butler Counties;
- Medium Jails (31–100 beds): Hamilton and Marion Counties;
- Large Jails (101 beds or more): Dallas and Story Counties.

Per Iowa Code 356, all jails in Iowa undergo an annual inspection conducted by the DOC to ensure compliance with the Iowa Administrative Code’s Jail Standards. These inspections include a comprehensive review of daily jail documentation, a facility tour, interaction with prisoners, and an operational review conducted by a DOC Inspector.

“Iowa is one of only 21 states where jail standards are overseen by the state’s Department of Corrections,” said DOC Director Dr. Beth Skinner. “Iowa consistently ranks among the top states for jail management, and that is a testament to the hard work and dedication of jail staff across our state.”



Boone County Sheriff Andrew Godzicki and Jail Administrator Abbey Swank hold the Award for “Outstanding efforts to improve jail operations” 2005 from Iowa DOC.

In 2017, the Iowa DOC launched the “Best of the Best” award to formally recognize exceptional efforts in jail operations. The achievement underscores the diligence and professionalism demonstrated by all staff every day.

In 2025, Iowa DOC awarded two jails for outstanding improvement of the jail daily operations and professionalism. They are Boone and Muscatine County.

Congratulations to all the honorees for their outstanding contributions to public safety and corrections.



Johnson County Jail Accreditation Award.



Adair County Small Jail Division Award.

Butler County Small Jail Division Award.



Hamilton County Medium Jail Division Award.



Marion County Medium Jail Division Award.



Dallas Co. Large Jail Division award



Muscataine County Improved Jail Operations Award



Story County Large Jail Division Award.



Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Assn. Honor Guard Update

The ISSDA Honor Guard is comprised of approximately 60 members from various Sheriff's Offices across the state. Many of its members attend events and functions on a volunteer basis and do so with tremendous pride and professionalism. I would like to give an update on the types of events that the ISSDA Honor Guard has participated in and provide on the direction the ISSDA Honor Guard is moving.

In 2024 the ISSDA Honor Guard attended 21 separate events including funerals for active duty and retired personnel in Iowa and South Dakota. Iowa did not have any line of duty deaths in 2024. The ISSDA Honor Guard functions also included assisting with the Iowa Peace Officer Memorial Day Ceremonies, Posting the Colors for multiple graduating Basic Classes at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy, along with all four ISSDA Schools, the Franklin County Republicans event, Iowa Coin and Patch Show as well as Iowa Narcotics Officers Association Conference.

The ISSDA Honor Guard also participated in special events which included the Knoxville Nationals at Knoxville Raceway,

and "Racing For A Cause" at Hawkeye Downs Speedway in Cedar Rapids. In October 2024, Pottawattamie County Hosted a three-day ISSDA Honor Guard training that was attended by 23 ISSDA Honor Guard members from across the state. Members of the Omaha Nebraska Police Department Honor Guard as well as members of the Offutt Air Force Base Honor Guard assisted in training every aspect of what we do.

In May 2024 the ISSDA Honor Guard sent Honor Guard members to Police Week in Washington D.C. to assist the Iowa COPS (Concerns of Police Survivors) organization with survivor families and coworkers that were attending Police Week in honor of fallen loved ones and coworkers who were being honored at various ceremonies. Additionally, the ISSDA Honor Guard assisted Honor Guards from across the nation as they met Police Week attendees as they got off of their planes at Ronald Reagan International Airport and participated in many other Honor Guard related events throughout the week.

The continued success of the ISSDA

Honor Guard has been achieved by the dedication of our Sheriff's Office employees and Sheriffs who allow the Honor Guard members the time to attend the various functions. To ensure the continued success of the ISSDA Honor Guard, we need to keep attendance at the various functions a high priority so that the majority of the work is not being done by a small number of Honor Guard Members.

If you need the ISSDA Honor Guard for any upcoming functions, or if you wish to join the ISSDA Honor Guard, please contact Sheriff Andrew Brown, Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Office, or Sergeant Jon Poore, Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Office.

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The Iowa State Sheriffs' & Deputies' Association (ISSDA) Honor Guard and Mackenzie Highlanders Pipes & Drums of Iowa helped open the ISSDA Winter School.

On Veterans Day 2025, Sheriff's Offices Across Iowa Honored Staff Who Serve or Served in the United States Armed Forces



Sioux County Sheriff's Office

Deputy Alex Bakker, Deputy Agustin Martinez Jr, Jail Commander Davis De Jong, Detention Officer Benjamin Stange, part-time Detention Officer Jesse Van Wyk (not shown) and a 9-1-1 Communications Supervisor.

Monroe County Sheriff's Office

Veterans: "We are proud to recognize: Deputy Alexander Sirovy - U.S. Army Infantryman; Jailer/Dispatcher Devon Strickler - U.S. Army Patient Administrator; Jailer/Dispatcher Mark Seavey - U.S. Army Military Police; Retired Deputy Todd Stewart - USMC.

"Today, we pause to honor and thank all who have served our nation, especially the veterans within our own Office who continue their legacy of selfless service right here at home. Each of these



individuals has shown what it means to serve – with dedication, integrity, and pride. From all of us at the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, we thank our veterans

for their courage, sacrifice, and continued commitment to service. Happy Veterans Day, and again, thank you to all who have served."

Veterans Day 2025: Jackson County Sheriff's Office

"Thanks to all Veterans on Veterans Day 2025. One could argue this is our nation's most important holiday.

The photo is from Andrew school. They do a very nice job every year. All the other schools do as well, I just can't make it to all of them as some of their times overlap and conflict.

As a fellow veteran, we veterans appreciate all the support given to us, but we think mainly of those brothers and sisters who are no longer with us because they made the ul-



timate sacrifice.

Our hope is that everyone continues to support all those who are less than the 1% of society who step forward to serve in our

military so that freedom can continue for our future generations, and that the prior generations' sacrifices weren't in vain."

– Sheriff Brent Kilburg



Fayette County Sheriff's Office

"On Nov 11, Deputy Josh Barker spoke at a Veteran's Day ceremony at the William's Center in Oelwein, to the middle school / high school students and community about his experience as a Mental Health Specialist and a Special Forces Green Beret. Deputy Barker also highlighted what it takes to persevere through hardships and how to take on adversity."

Check out the Iowa State Sheriffs' & Deputies' Facebook page for ISSDA and Sheriff's Office News, Notifications, Events, Training Opportunities, History, New Hires, Promotions, Appointments, Retirements, More! www.facebook.com/IowaSheriff

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December 18, 2024
November 28, 2024
May 11, 2024

Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office, Dispatchers and Families Placed Flags on Graves of Fallen Veterans for Memorial Day

By Deputy Caitlin Whitmore
Black Hawk Sheriff's Office

On May 22, the Black Hawk County Law Enforcement Association and their families had the opportunity to give back to veterans in another meaningful way. We teamed up with Black Hawk County Veteran Affairs to place flags on

the graves of fallen veterans for Memorial Day Weekend.

This was truly a humbling experience filled with mixed emotions—pride, sadness, and ultimately, gratitude. As we looked at the numerous graves receiving flags, we were reminded of how many local veterans dedicated their lives to serving this country and made

the ultimate sacrifice. We are genuinely overwhelmed with gratitude for their service.

Last year, for the Black Hawk County Law Enforcement Association's "7 Points to a Cause" campaign, one of our chosen causes to support was war veterans, specifically those affected by Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).



Above photo by Lilly Dix; below photo by Nicole Spaulding



Above photo by Dillon Sampson; below photo by Natalie Evans.



History Committee to Honor the Past, Locate and Preserve Artifacts, and Tell the Stories of Those Who Paved the Way for Us

By JW LeMaster

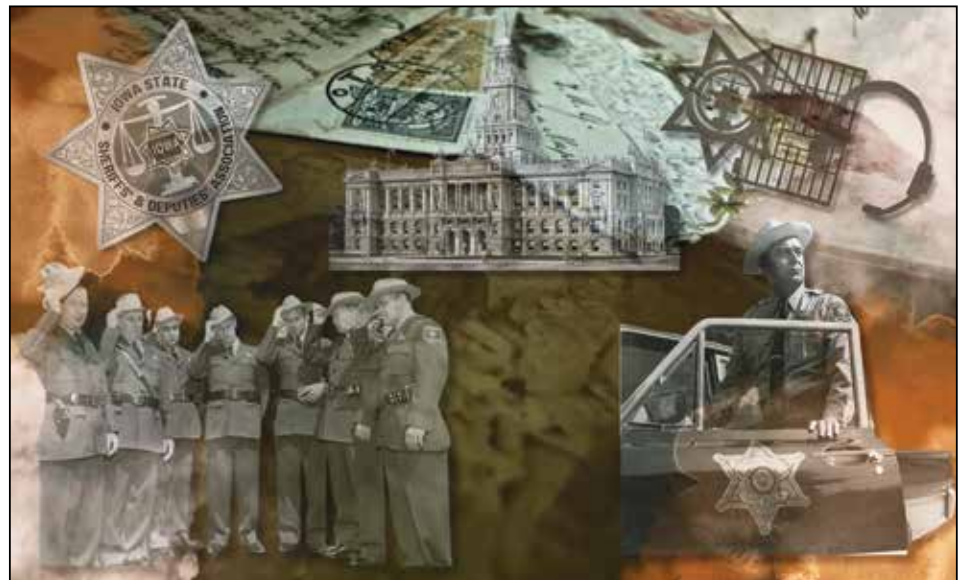
Pottawattamie Co. Sheriff's Office

If we were to tell you that photographs of you.. stories written about you.. and even the mere thought of you were about to be lost and forgotten about, would you be upset? Almost as if you never existed.

Prior to the mid 1950's, when a newly elected Sheriff would take office, they would often times 'clean house'. This would entail getting rid of any photographs, letterhead, and sometimes even actual documents that may contain the likeness or signature of their rival or any trace of their predecessor.

The Office of Sheriff has always been a political beast, and honestly, sadly, even today, there may still be instances where this may still be happening. Thankfully since the 1950's, the modern era had evolved in such a way that the want and need for knowledge and the preservation of history has prevailed throughout the nation. The United States has realized that once things are lost and destroyed they cannot always be replaced.

How does this fit into the story of the Iowa State Sheriffs' & Deputies' Association? Some of our history is still being lost and we want to continue to not only find it, but to also preserve it. We currently have

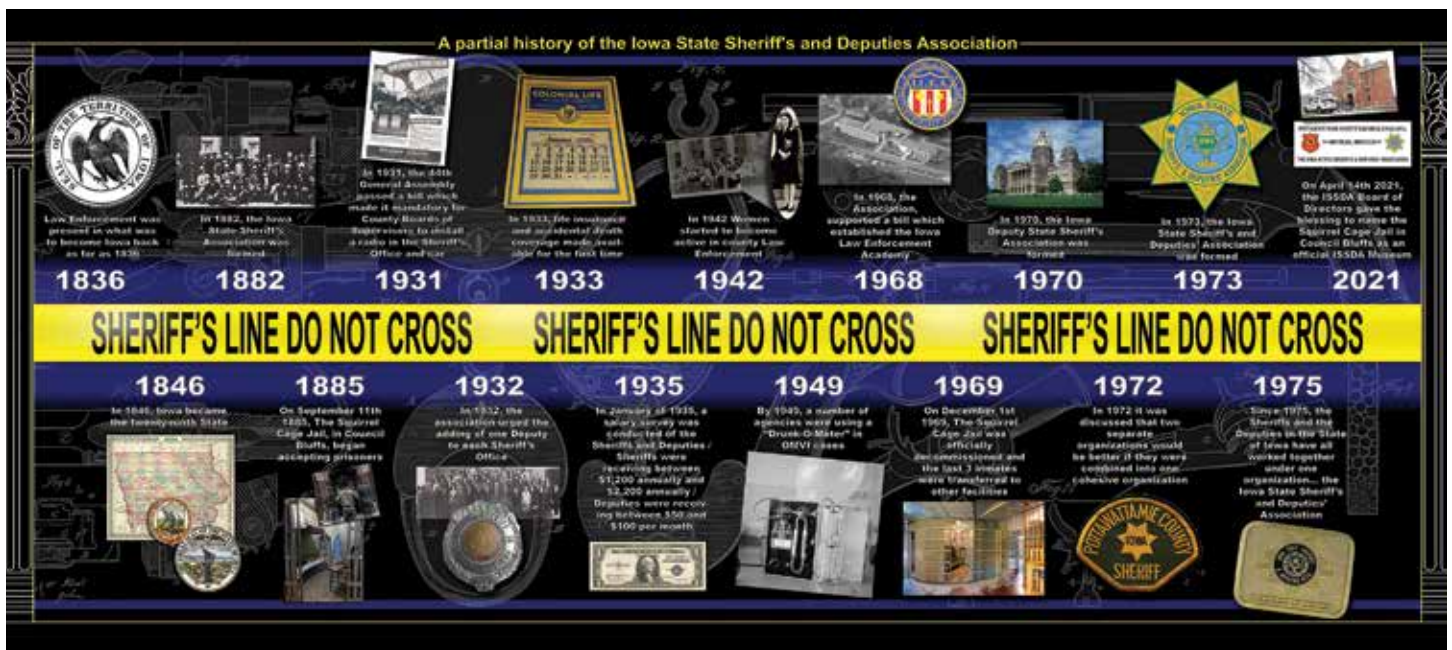


two official ISSDA Museums that proudly showcase artifacts pertaining to the Iowa Sheriff's Association, the Iowa Deputies Association, and the Iowa State Sheriffs' & Deputies' Association. Without donations, research and locating more artifacts, we can only tell part of the story. We want to continue to tell the whole story for many more years. We want to continue to honor those who have sacrificed so much to wear this badge, and those who still proudly serve their communities today.

We are looking into putting together a History Committee that will meet ev-

ery so often. Our goal would be to find some members from across the state that represent all aspects of the Office of Sheriff. Let's find members who would have a common goal of helping honor the past, locating and preserving the artifacts, and then continuing to tell the stories of those who bravely paved the way for all of us to continue their legacy.

If you, or anyone from your office have interest in participating in the beginning stages of a History Committee, please reach out to me direct via email: jlmaster@sheriff.pottcounty-ia.gov.



Hamilton County Creates School Resource Officer Position in Collaboration with South Hamilton School District



From left to right: Hamilton County Supervisors April Ely and Mary Clausen; South Hamilton Schools Superintendent Heather Holm; Hamilton County Supervisor Rick Young; and Hamilton County Sheriff Alex Pruisman.



The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office has launched a New Mobile App.

Linn Deputy Chance Tiedtke Thwarts Inmate Suicide Attempt and is Honored with Life Saving Commendation Award

During the early evening hours on June 28, Linn County Sheriff's Deputy Chance Tiedtke was in the first floor control center of the Linn County Correctional Center after returning following the jail's evening meal tray passing. Deputy Tiedtke monitored the video system to confirm all inmates completed their meal so that he could begin tray collection. He observed a female inmate displaying abnormal behavior in her cell near the toilet. Based on his observations and the inmate's previous suicide attempts, he left the control center to check on her. The female occupant was lying on the floor with her head and face concealed under a suicide blanket and next to the toilet fixture. Deputy Tiedtke, believing that the female was possibly having a medical event or was attempting suicide, entered the cell. He observed the woman had the jail suicide smock hooked over the toilet with her head extending through an armhole and tightly wrapped around her neck. She was intentionally attempting to restrict her ability to breathe.

Deputy Tiedtke called out an inmate



Deputy Chance Tiedtke Shows His Life Saving Commendation Award

suicide attempt over the radio, removed the smock from around the toilet and her neck, and pulled her away from where she had positioned herself. Deputy Tiedtke found she also had a cardboard suicide spoon in her mouth to further block her airway. Deputy Tiedtke removed the

spoon from her airway by positioning her head in a downward position, removed the spoon and cleared the inmate's airway. The woman remained unresponsive even after multiple sternum rubs were administered. Deputy Tiedtke found the woman did have a pulse and was breathing. Additional staff members assisted, including jail nursing staff. Working together, Deputy Tiedtke and staff members placed the woman into a rescue position to assist her in maintaining an open airway. A C-collar maintained her C-spine and the woman was stabilized until ambulance personnel transported her to a local hospital, where she was treated.

Although several staff members provided this woman with on-scene care, if it were not for the keen observations and quick response of Deputy Tiedtke, it is possible that this inmate's suicide attempt would have been successful. Because of his situational awareness and attentiveness, Linn County Sheriff Brian Gardner presented Deputy Chance Tiedtke with a Life Saving Commendation award for the act of saving a life on June 28, 2025.

ISSDA Sheriffs & Deputies Talked Public Service and Public Safety in the Iowa State Fair’s “Hall of Law”



Decatur County Deputy Shaun Kloster (center) with Ken and Donna Stinson at the ISSDA booth in the 2025 Iowa State Fair.



The ISSDA was well represented in the Hall of Law and the public response was positive all day.

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



Nattalee Sue Brinkman, the daughter of Grundy County Deputy Adam and Megan Heise, plans to study molecular biology and biochemistry (pre-med) at the University of Iowa.



Kasey Davis, Son of Washington County Administrative Supervisor Karla and Mike Davis, plans to study agricultural science at Kirkwood Community College.



Carson Harriman, son of Ida County Sheriff Wade and Leah Harriman, plans to study criminal justice at Morningside University.



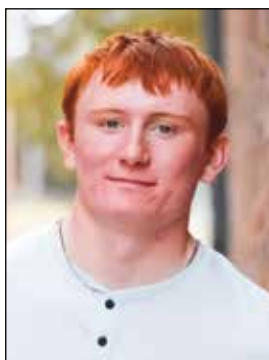
Jocelyn Hendricks, the daughter of Johnson County Patrol Captain Matthew and Kimberly Hendricks, plans to study biology/ pre-vet.



Zachery Hogrefe, son of Wright County Chief Deputy/ Jail Admin. Jeremy and Jennifer Holgreffe, plans to study diesel technology at Iowa Central Community College.



Gavin Holst, son of former Clayton County Chief Deputy Steve and Amy Holst, plans to study agricultural business at Northeast Iowa Community College.



Brayden Komarek, son of Monona County Civil Clerk Angela and Danny Komarek, plans to study criminal justice at Morningside University.



Noah McCleary, son of Muscatine Co. Jail Admin. Mathew and Amanda McCleary, plans to study technology and engineering education at Muscatine C.C. & U. of Northern Iowa.



Lydia Nachazel, the daughter of Hardin County Deputy Courtney and Nicole Nachazel, plans to study finance.



Brea Nickle, the daughter of Ringgold County Chief Deputy Nathan and Stasia Nickle, plans to study biology.



Aiden Pecks, son of Plymouth County S.O. Sheriff's Office 911 Dispatcher Chad and Sarah Pecks, plans to study accounting.



Kacie Riess, daughter of Muscatine County Sheriff Quinn and Becky Riess, plans to study chemistry.



Brooklyn Schultz, the daughter of Mills County Sheriff Greg and Brandee Schultz, plans to study elementary education at the University of Iowa.



Natalie Shore, daughter of Madison County 911 Dispatcher Nicole Shore, plans to study livestock production at Southwestern Community College.



Aubrey Walter, daughter of Webster Co. Deputy Tony Walter and Melissa Aldrich, plans to study business mgt. at Iowa Central Community College and Arizona State U.

Clarke County Deputy Wayne Keeler Earns Life Saving Award for Using His Medical Kit to Stop a Motorcyclist's Bleeding

By Chief Deputy Brian Akers
Clarke County Sheriff's Office

On, January 4th 2025, Clarke County Sheriff's Deputy Wayne Keeler was presented a Life Saving Award for actions taken after responding to a motorcycle accident in the fall of 2024.

Deputy Keeler began his law enforcement career with the Madison County Sheriff's Office in 2017 as a jailer then as a deputy. Deputy Keeler came to Clarke County in 2020 where he serves as a Patrol Deputy.

Deputy Keeler served with the U.S. Air Force for several years and was honorably discharged from his military service in 2018.

On, October 12th 2024, Deputy Keeler had just begun his shift when he was notified of a single vehicle accident involving a motorcycle on U.S. Highway 69 North of Osceola. Deputy Keeler quickly responded to the scene and rendered lifesav-



Deputy Wayne Keeler
Presented Life Saving Award

ing efforts as well as provided his "Stop the Bleed Kit".

Russ Jacobson was traveling on a mo-

torcycle when he left the roadway and was thrown into a barbed wire fence. Jacobson sustained several injuries including a major laceration to his arm.

Deputy Keeler arrived on scene and was assisted by two other individuals. Deputy Keeler used his emergency medical kit to render life saving aid until EMS units arrived.

Deputy Keeler's actions resulted in Jacobson surviving his accident and has since made nearly a full recovery. Jacobson was in person at the Osceola Fire Department's Christmas Banquet, where he met Deputy Keeler and presented Keeler with his life saving recognition medal.

The Clarke County Sheriff's Office is honored to also recognize Deputy Keeler for his actions. Deputy Keeler is an amazing deputy with a strong sense of duty and professionalism. Wayne has worn several patches on his shoulder, and we are proud that he wears ours now!

Thank you, Deputy Keeler!

Dutch Shepherd "Skye" Joins Franklin County Sheriff's Office to Work with Deputy Chase Weinandy Tracking Drugs, People

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office is proud to introduce the newest member to the Office. Skye is a female Dutch Shepherd the Sheriff's Office purchased from a K-9 program in Ceglád Hungary. Skye endured two long days of travel, first being transported to Budapest, Qatar, then to Milan where she boarded her final flight to Chicago.

Deputy Chase Weinandy will be Skye's handler. The two have begun the first stages of training with Karma Police Canine LLC of Waverly Iowa. The training process is an intensive two months long session.

Skye will be imprinted to alert on the scent of methamphetamine, cocaine and heroin. Skye will also track/trail a missing person, bite/hold a fleeing suspect and protect her handler. The Sheriff's Office is using forfeiture funds seized in past narcotics cases to offset the costs associated with a K-9 program. Deputy Weinandy and Skye

(shown at right) were on the road working together in early June 2025.



Plymouth County Unveils New Incident Command Trailer

By Sheriff Jeff TeBrink

Plymouth County Sheriff's Office
Emergency Management Chair

After several years of collaborative planning, a new incident command trailer has been placed into service in Plymouth County. The new trailer was designed by the Sheriff's Office, Emergency Management, and 911 while being funded by COVID-19 ARPA funds from the County. It was designed to meet the needs of multiple responses: floods, a large-scale accident, Combined Emergency Response Team (CERT) call outs, vaccination clinic, or rehab for responders during inclement weather.

The trailer's versatility is one of its standout features. It is capable of operating in a variety of environments and can be deployed quickly to any emergency situation. It is powered by a dual fuel generator, allowing responders to function effectively in remote areas where an incident may occur.

When operating under pressure for long periods, comfort and efficiency be-

come paramount. Our design incorporates considerations to ensure that incident command teams and responders can work for extended hours without feeling the strain. The interior features adjustable lighting, comfortable heated seating, and climate control systems to keep the environment conducive to clear thinking and effective problem-solving.

The new trailer was built to foster collaboration and coordination among various agencies involved in emergency response. With its ability to integrate with existing communication networks and IT systems, and its ability to act as a communications center, the trailer enables a truly coordinated multi-agency response. Real-time information from the cameras mounted on the exterior of the trailer, the dual lens thermal PTZ camera mounted on a mast, or drone footage can be displayed on any monitor, simultaneously or individually. If weather permits, the trailer also has an exterior command area for briefings and to display information.



Plymouth County will utilize opportunities such as community events and the county fair to train with our new asset. Several employees from the Sheriff's Office and Emergency Management are trained to rapidly deploy the ICT, but they have also created job aids to be able to transfer the trailer to community responders during long-term disaster/incident operations.

Costing approximately \$190,000 fully equipped, Plymouth County's Incident Command Trailer represents command and coordination, ensuring communities and responders stay safe and are more resilient during a crisis.



Training Announcements on the ISSDA website: ISSDA.org

July 8th & 9th, 2025: Grundy County Hosting TrapMate Dynamic Police Training

(Hands-on with real trap cars during this 2-day criminal interdiction seminar)

July 14-16, 2025: Dallas County Hosting FTO School

(This 24-hour class covers such topics as Intro to FTO, Adult Learning, Generational Leadership, Standardized Evaluations Guidelines, Ethics, Equal Opportunity Employment Act, Civil Liability, and Officer Safety).

September 16-17, 2025: Pottawatomie County Hosting Red Dot Pistol: Fundamentals 2-Day Course

(This course will be taught by MSP Staff Instructor and MSP Black Belt Patch Recipient #21, Sheriff Chris Brown of Cleburne County Sheriff's Office).

October 13 - 16: 2025: Scott County Hosting 2025 VLEOA International Training Conference

(This year's Volunteer Law Enforcement Officer Alliance (VLEOA) international conference. This international con-

ference will be held October 13-16th with Reserve Officers from all over the world).

October 20, 2025: Grundy County Hosting: Detecting Behavioral Deception Training

Analyzing deception through body language and speech; Identifying deception clues, fear-driven reactions, potential criminal behavior during public encounters; Traffic stop video analysis; Cultural differences in roadside interviews, communication styles; Interaction analysis).



“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



**Iowa State Sheriffs’ & Deputies’ Association (ISSDA)
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