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Serving N.W. Iowa: Palo Alto Co. Sheriff Lynn Schultes, his youngest son Justin (Emmet County) & oldest son Thomas (Emmet Co.) with K-9 Loka.



Linn County Deputies Eric Speth, Brad Campbell & Kellie Hughes were presented Life Saving awards by Sheriff Gardner for their roles in grain bin spill rescues.



Farewell

As the saying goes, "everything changes." By the time this article appears in The Gold Star magazine, Retired Sheriff Bill Sage will no longer be the ISSDA Financial Administrator. I would like to personally thank Bill for his 37-plus-year commitment to the Association. Bill has served the Association in many capacities over the years in the roles of member, board member, committee member, President, and as our Financial Administrator.

In my extensive research of the ISSDA history that I was able to gather, I checked with Bill regarding the position of Financial Administrator, there has only been one other ISSDA Financial Administrator and that was Wayne Boots from Black Hawk County. Bill Sage has fulfilled this duty for the past 22 years. It is my understanding the position was originally created in 1977 at the time ISSDA started the Honorary Membership program. Over the years increased duties were included in the position to bring it to where we are today.



Capt. Randy Rowland
Linn County Sheriff's Office

Bill was also on the legislative committee and was one of the big pushers to get the IPERS bill passed which added the benefit of being able to retire at age 50. We have relied heavily on his historical knowledge to assist in guiding us over the years as Bill remembers

the hows and why things were done in the past helping ISSDA succeed. He has such an in-depth knowledge of our Association.

Not only has Bill done an excellent job for all of us, but it is understanding he made the job kind of a family affair. He recruited his kids and now his grandkids into help with some tasks, like opening the honorary membership envelopes. Evidently when he was Sheriff he was off work the day when child labor laws were covered!!

As Bill and his lovely wife Linda look forward to having more time to travel and visiting family throughout the US, he goes with our heartfelt "Thank You Bill for your service and dedication to the Iowa State Sheriffs' & Deputies' Association. Good Luck and God Bless you!"

Our new Financial Administrator will be Washington County Sheriff Jared Schneider who also has several years of service with ISSDA. The Board has full confidence that Jared will also do an excellent job for us and will continue to help lead the Association to bigger and better things in the future.

Farewell message from Financial Administrator

Bill Sage

Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association

You never want to say "Good-bye", it is until we meet again. Thanks for allowing me to represent you for over 37 years. Of those 37 years, 22 years as your Financial Administrator. I have been blessed with amazing individuals on the board and on committees. Every position in our Association is important. Your time is truly valuable and appreciated. SO THANK YOU.

Over these 22 years, our membership has grown, as well as financially. I remember a time when we couldn't pay the Winter School bill until the honorary memberships started coming in. I remember the time we had to cash in stocks to continue ISSDA business. This year hasn't been a good year, but we haven't had to cash in stocks to continue. We work closely with our financial advisors and they have an investment policy they have to adhere to.

My pet project has always been the YMCA camp. I remember when I drove these youth to camp. How scared and

quiet they were when you took them to camp, then how talkative they were when you picked them up. We will never really know how that week touched these youths. PLEASE, continue to support this investment to OUR youth.

In reading this issue, you will find an article and pictures of an investment ISSDA made for our youth. Thank you to the board for committing this investment and keeping our kids safe.

Linda and I will be heading south with our 5th wheel to Florida. We will reside in Florida for 6 months, then travel for 6 months.

In 1996, when I was your ISSDA President, my words to you were, Faith, Family and Friends.

Faith to guide you in your everyday life. Faith to share with others each and every day.

Family to share your day with. Family to share the good times and be with you during the bad times. Family to love and care for.



Friends to be with when family and faith will not be neglected. Friends to share laughter and a beer (or two, or three, or well, maybe more) Friends who share YOUR values.

This was important in 1996 and even more important today.

May God bless each and every one of you. When the day seems long and troublesome, take a moment to get to your knees and pray. It is a free service and rewards are priceless.



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**Your ISSDA renewal notice will
be sent out in late January...
Thanks for your support!**

Winter School 2021 Focused on Emotional Survival, an Officer's Daughter's Kidnapping and Murder, Legislative Updates

By Sheriff Jared Schneider

Washington County Sheriff's Office
ISSDA Schools Committee Chairman

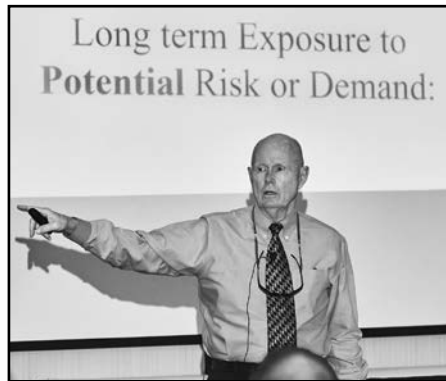
The 2021 ISSDA Winter School of Instruction was held at the Airport Holiday Inn, Des Moines, from Tuesday, December 14th to Friday, December 17th. This would be the second Winter School of 2021 after the 2020 Winter School was rescheduled to March of 2021. After hearing a lot of positive comments about the Tuesday-Friday schedule of the rescheduled school in the spring, it was decided to follow this schedule for most of our future ISSDA schools.

We kicked off Winter School with the vendor hall being open on Tuesday evening. This year we were lucky to have almost 70 vendors and 10 vehicles in the vendor hall. The grab-n-go meal, along with the vendor hospitality sponsored by RACOM, gave attendees the opportunity to spend some time with our vendors.

We continue to look for opportunities to make our schools valuable for both our vendors and our attendees. After the vendor hall closed on Tuesday evening, three different hospitality rooms were hosted by Turnkey Corrections, Sector, and Law Publications. It's always great to have our vendors step up to give our attendees the time to network at our events.

Wednesday was the kickoff for the classroom portion of our school. It was nice to have Dr. Kevin Gilmartin's presentation, "Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement." I know from all of the positive comments that numerous attendees benefited from the information Dr. Gilmartin shared. We were also lucky to have numerous vendors sponsor a portion of our breaks during the day on Wednesday. Vendors iCrimeFighter, AnyGlide, and Iowa CTS Cleaners teamed up with ISSDA to sponsor our morning break. Stew Hansen was able to join ISSDA in sponsoring the afternoon break.

Wednesday evening brought more time in the vendor hall. It also brought a concern for a very large storm system moving into Iowa. Even with the weather forecast, many vendors and attendees were able to continue with the evening as planned. We were treated with an evening meal in the vendor hall provided by the Airport Holiday Inn. The meal was followed up by another



Dr. Kevin Gilmartin: "Emotional Survival for Law Enforcement"

RACOM sponsored hospitality event in the vendor hall. After completing the vendor drawings, we again had three hosted hospitality rooms provided by Turnkey Corrections, Sector, and Keltek. After the storms cleared out of the area, we ended the evening with a power outage at the hotel. It was interesting to see how our vendors and attendees continued with the night, even without electricity.

Thursday morning started off with a very touching presentation from Greg Smith about the kidnapping and murder of his daughter, Kelsey. Greg showed great strength being able to present the information to all in attendance. Greg's perspective as a law enforcement officer was also very beneficial.

We finished out the rest of our classroom time on Thursday with Dave Schrock and Skylar Limkemann from Smith, Mills & Schrock Law. They were able to present very valuable information on 1st Amendment Audits, social media, 'Back the Blue' legislation and legal updates.

ISSDA was able to host numerous past presidents during a luncheon on Thursday. When the current ISSDA board gets together with all the past presidents of our Association, it is always a good time. People are always guaranteed a couple of stories from the years gone by.

After finishing up the presentation from Dave Schrock & Skylar Limkemann, ISSDA met for our annual business meeting. It was business as usual with our normal topics of discussion. The one thing missing this year was Retired Sheriff Rick Lincoln's presentation of the ISSDA Audit. Sheriff Dave Davis did an excellent job trying to replace the voice of Sheriff Lincoln.

Several years ago we started having Sheriff break-out sessions during all ISSDA schools. Again, we met after the business meeting. The main topic of discussion was the sheriff salary language that had been added in the "Back the Blue" legislation this past legislative session. It was good for all in attendance to hear how some compensation boards handled the language. It was also beneficial to have many sheriffs present to discuss the issue.

Thursday evening commenced with RACOM sponsoring the pre-banquet hospitality. During the banquet, sponsored by Motorola Solutions, 2021 ISSDA President Tony Thompson passed the gavel to 2022 ISSDA President Randy Rowland from Linn County. After the banquet, attendees enjoyed time together at the President's Reception, sponsored by Stellar Services LLC. We ended the night with another hospitality room hosted by Turnkey Corrections.

During Friday morning's classroom time, Rachel Baribeau presented "I'm Changing the Narrative." Rachel shared some of her life experiences while presenting resiliency training.

We are very lucky to have numerous dedicated committees that work hard to make sure our ISSDA schools provide our members with quality training. We are also fortunate to have vendors that step up to make our school experience enjoyable outside of the classroom.

We are always looking for new members to serve on our ISSDA committees. If you are interested in working on one of our numerous committees, I encourage you reach out to a member of the committee of interest to see what it takes to become a valuable member to continue to help make our association great.



Rachel Baribeau presented resiliency training on Friday.

Winter School Vendors That Sponsored Events:



Stew Hansen Dodge sponsored a vendor break.



Stellar Services LLC Inmate Banking Services sponsored the President's Reception on December 16.



Law Publications sponsored a hospitality on December 14.



AnyGlide Versatile Storage Solution co-sponsored a vendor break.



RACOM Critical Communications sponsored a vendor hospitality.



Iowa Crime & Trauma Scene Cleaners co-sponsored a vendor break.



TurnKey Corrections hosted hospitalities on December 14 and December 15.



Motorola Solutions sponsored the banquet.



iCrimeFighter co-sponsored lunch on December 15.



Sector hosted a hospitality on December 14.



Keltek Inc. sponsored a hospitality.

Thank you to all the vendors who support the ISSDA Winter Schools, Jail Schools and Civil Schools!



Motorola's Larry Packer Spoke at ISSDA Winter School: "The Majority of Citizens are Eternally Grateful for What You Do."

[These comments were made by Larry Packer, Motorola Solutions Inc. Director of Sales Coaching and Strategy, at the ISSDA Winter School Banquet on December 16, 2021. Motorola Solutions sponsored the Banquet.]

Wow, I need to take this in for a moment. It's truly awe inspiring to stand before a group of people that make the world a safer place. I stood in this spot three years ago and it is truly an honor to receive the opportunity to stand before you once again.

First and foremost, sadly, I would be remiss if I didn't start by recalling the names of Sergeant Jim Smith and Trooper Ted Benda ... My deepest condolences on your loss.

In an interview during Police Week, FBI Director Christopher Wray reflected on the sacrifices of the Bureau's law enforcement partners, who risk their safety to protect the public. And how attacks on law enforcement have increased. I don't have to tell you it's a scary world.

And that world has gotten angrier. People talk about a desire to go back to 9-12. Remember the day after 9-11? Everyone cared about everybody else. That lasted about a month.

I truly Thank God I am standing before you this evening. On Tuesday night, on busy Michigan Avenue in downtown Chicago, as I exited a restaurant, an individual chose to pull a knife on me. Not being armed, active shooter training kicked in: run, hide, fight... I knew there was a restaurant behind me. I spun and ran and my assumption is he wasn't ready for that reaction and didn't follow me.

Tuesday night reminded me that now, more than at any other time I can remember, there is a need for what all of you do – to get people like the one I encountered behind bars where they belong.

Yes, there is a lot of anti-law enforcement sentiment out there. But, the majority of citizens are eternally grateful for what you do. People who are eternally grateful for what you do far exceeds those that don't. Please remember that if you are having a bad day.



In addition to more crime, we now live in a world where on occasion you have to justify the decisions you made. This is why we got into the body camera business

Full disclosure: when Motorola Solutions got into the body camera business, I wasn't on board with the idea. As civil unrest ramped up everywhere and demands for transparency made it evident, then I realized cameras provide accountability and public trust.

But what made me embrace the idea is cameras provide evidence of you doing your jobs flawlessly. Every state in our nation, when investigating a crime, has to do two things: first find what happened, and then be able to prove what happened. Body-worn cameras do just that, in addition to protecting you, with evidence of you doing your job correctly.

Another change that's happened since we last met: cybercrime has become a more significant threat. Many of you have heard of software-as-a-service, or home maintenance as a service. But, have you ever heard of ransomware as a service? What? Crazy, right? But it's real!

For as little as \$50 you can hire someone to launch a cyber-attack on a business.

The really bad guys take it to a whole

new level. Imagine a bad actor intent on causing chaos. Imagine the level of chaos that would ensue if they first took out your radio communications via a cyber attack?

How would you coordinate your response and plan of action and keep citizens safe – with no radio communications?

That is why we acquired cyber companies recognized as the best in the world: to protect our customers' networks. We have world-class cyber tools to identify, protect, detect, and respond to threats. We work tirelessly to ensure your radio is always there when you need it.

Your mission is to promote the positive role of law enforcement throughout the state. Your mission and objective have not changed, but the world around you is making your job more difficult. Thank you for the continued dedication and service.

Whether you are serving papers, enforcing laws, conducting an investigation or even a routine patrol... nothing is routine anymore.

Whether it's our APX Next™ radio – the only one in the world that can confirm if a suspect has a warrant via artificial intelligence – or a camera that provides evidence of you doing your job flawlessly, or our CommandCentral ecosystem that provides situational awareness to allow you to turn data into actionable intelligence, we will keep developing solutions for your moments that matter.

At Motorola Solutions, we have one single focus: to develop the technology to help you stay safe, stay protected, and return home to your families. Every day you potentially put yourself in harm's way to make the world safer for perfect strangers.

I truly am in awe of what you do and eternally grateful for your service. On behalf of my family, my friends and my Motorola colleagues we can't thank you enough for what you do selflessly everyday, to take care of the world around you.

Sponsoring this evening is simply a small way of saying thank you for making our world a safer place. Enjoy your evening and thoughts and prayers for your safety, everyday.

Special Olympics Iowa Torch Run Focuses Us on Positive Things That Make Our Lives More Enjoyable Both at Work and at Home

Greetings all! I hope your summer is going well and you are surviving all this heat!

In law enforcement, we are all aware of the many calls that involve sadness or mundane things we deal with daily. Examples include personal injury traffic accidents, seeing kids with horrible home lives, report-writing, vehicle unlocks, civil issues, etc.

If you are like me, these things sometimes make me question why I got into law enforcement, and I sometimes let them impact my day and, more important, my attitude at work and when I get home. I work hard on trying to remember the things I love about the life I chose in law enforcement, whether that be putting a bad guy behind bars, changing a person's life for the better, or even possibly saving a life by arresting a drunk driver or getting someone out of a bad domestic situation.

I am sure you all have your own individual things that give you the gratification that makes you smile and continue to want



Sheriff Jason Sandholdt
Marion County Sheriff's Office

to serve the citizens of your counties. If you don't, I hope you start focusing on these positive things daily because, trust me, it

makes your life a hell of a lot more enjoyable both at work and at home.

Recently I had the chance to take an afternoon and do one of those things that I like to do (versus what I am required to do as sheriff), and I want to invite you all to do join me next spring. "Chance" might not be the right word because it was a nomination from Sheriff Dave McDaniel and seconded by about everyone else on the ISSDA Board for me to run a lap around Hilton Coliseum with a Special Olympic Athlete and light the Cauldron.

If it was Sheriff McDaniel's wish to see me sweat and gasp for air, he accomplished it. Many of you know me and right now I am sure a lot of you are thinking about – or maybe even picturing me – in full uniform on a run which is something I do not like to do. But we made it and the smiles from all the athletes made it easier.

President Rowland, Dallas County Deputies, and ISSDA Board member Elizabeth Quin joined the fun and I think strategically placed themselves next to AEDs in case I needed one. What made this even more of a special event was that my 20-year-old son, who is a Reserve Marion County Deputy, was able to do it with me.

This portion at Hilton was just one part of a jam-packed day celebrating all of the athletes with a kickoff at the Capitol, runners working their way to Hilton Auditorium from Des Moines, and opening ceremonies.

I encourage members of ISSDA to get involved next May. The smiles from the athletes will brighten your day – and even the months ahead! If you have questions on how to participate, please give me a call or drop me an email!



Sheriffs' Offices Around Iowa Participated in the Texas Roadhouse "Tip-A-Cop" Fundraisers For Special Olympics Iowa on April 13

By Director Megan Filipi
Law Enforcement Torch Run

On behalf of all staff, athletes, coaches, parents, Unified partners, and supporters of Special Olympics Iowa, we would like to send a huge THANK YOU to all of you for your time, commitment, support, and help with this year's Texas Roadhouse Tip-a-Cop®

luncheon. An estimated 112 officers from 28 law enforcement agencies came out to help seat guests, serve meals, and collect donations for Special Olympics athletes.

Collectively, \$30,170 was raised between the 10 statewide TXRH locations. All of the funds collected are used to help us continue offering sports training and competition, health education, and leadership

programming to more than 14,500 athletes with intellectual disabilities in all 99 counties of Iowa.

It is your commitment to the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Iowa that allows us to do this, and we are truly grateful to each and every one of you. Please share this information and our great thanks with your departments.



Scott County Sheriff Tim Lane at Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser.

Note to ISSDA by Law Enforcement Torch Run Director Megan Filipi: "We had really great law enforcement representation around the state including quite a few sheriff's offices. Thanks for your help promoting on your website and in the newsletter!"



Mills County Sheriff's Office K-9 Deputy Evan Ruse.



Polk Co. Sheriff Schneider & Chief Hoffman



Polk County Sheriff's Office Deputies Love and Worrall.



Annual ISAC Scholarships given to County employees

Three Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) Scholarships Are Awarded to Children of ISSDA Members in 2022

The Iowa State Association of Counties has awarded six scholarships totaling \$14,500 to high school seniors who are the children or dependents of Iowa county officials and employees. The scholarship recipients are recognized at a scholarship ceremony that takes place annually as part of the ISAC Spring Conference General Session. Scholarship awards were made to the following ISSDA members' children: (left) **Isabelle Ireland**, daughter of Shawn Ireland, Linn County Sheriff's Office; (middle) **Hannah Thyngesen**, daughter of Melissa Thyngesen, Audubon Co. S.O.; and **Kennedy Dodd**, daughter of Aaron Dodd, Franklin Co. Sheriff.



ISSDA Covington Scholarships Awarded to 12 Students in 2022 with the 11th and 12th Scholarships Paid by Three Generous Donations



Jocelyn LeMaster

Daughter of Pottawattamie County Deputy JW and Kimberly LeMaster, plans to study psychology at Iowa State University.

Isabelle Ireland

The daughter of Linn County Sgt. Shawn and Karol Ireland, plans to study communications at the University of Iowa.

Ellyse Shippee

Daughter of Scott County Deputy Jason Shippee and Korie Talkington, plans to study biology at Iowa State University.

Cael Grell

Son of Clinton County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Brian and Kelly Grell, plans to study exercise science at St. Ambrose University.

Peyton Kennedy

Son of Dubuque Co. Sheriff Joseph Kennedy and Alana Kennedy, plans to study mechanical engineering at the University of Iowa.

Anna Vander Veen

Daughter of O'Brien Co. S.O. Lt./ Civil Deputy Steven and Melissa Vander Veen, plans to study agricultural business at ISU.



Hannah Thyngesen

Daughter of Audubon Co. Civil Clerk/ Jailer/ 911 Dispatcher Melissa and Tyler Thyngesen plans to study Kinesiology, exercise Science and rehab sciences at Buena Vista University

Kennedy Dodd

The daughter of Franklin County Sheriff Aaron Dodd and Shayna Dodd, plans to study agricultural business at Iowa State University.

Makayla Paulsen

The daughter of Pocahontas Co. S.O. Dispatch Supervisor Jessica Paulsen and the late Danny Paulsen, plans to study psychology with pre-law studies at Simpson College.

Sidney Nash

Daughter of Johnson County Sheriff's Office Deputy Sgt. Steve Nash and Chrstina Nash, plans to study nursing.

Brodie Voith

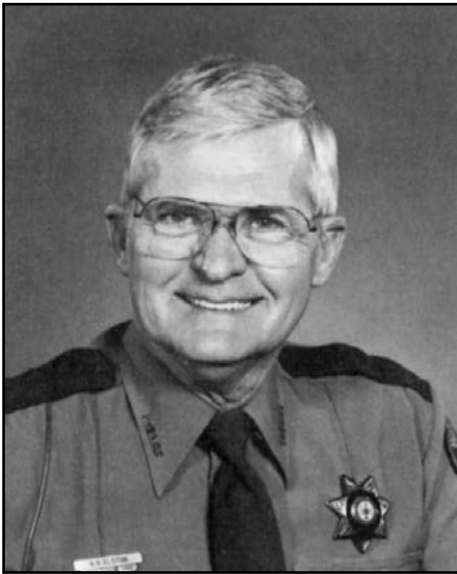
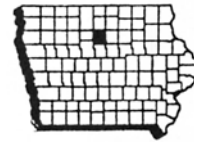
Son of Calhoun County S.O. Retired Deputy Shane and Cathy Voith, will study engineering at ISU. *Brodie's additional scholarship was paid by several generous donors.*

Code Harriman

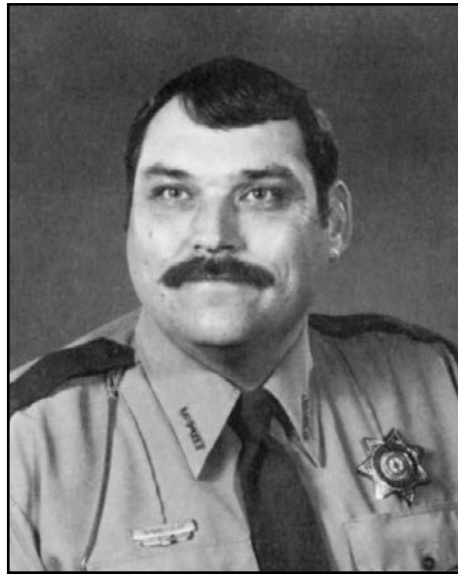
Son of Ida County Sheriff Wade and Leah Harriman, will study business at Morningside University. *Code's additional scholarship was paid by several generous donors.*

Looking Back: Wright County

County Seat: Clarion Population: 14,269 (in 1992) Area: 577 square miles



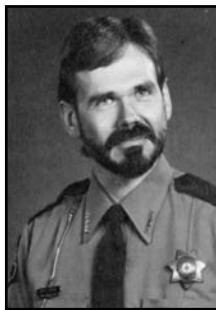
Sheriff Vernon R. Elston



Chief Deputy Fred Meeder



Lt. Merrill Rasmussen



Sgt. John Mandal



Deputy Paul Schultz



Deputy James Lester

The Wright County Sheriff's Office was established with the appointment of Scott Crapper as Sheriff on August 5, 1855. Sheriff Crapper would be astonished with the way his Office has grown and evolved in the past 137 years.

The first major change took place in 1900 with the construction of the County Courthouse. An area of four small rooms on the second floor was set aside for the Sheriffs Office. One block south of the courthouse, at the intersection of First Street and First Avenue S.E., the county jail and Sheriff's residence was built. The jail/residence was to remain at this location until it was deemed unfit for use and replaced by the current jail in 1954. The Sheriff's Office remained at the Courthouse until it moved to the location of the jail in 1973.

The location of the current Sheriff's Office, jail, and communications center is

719 Second Street S.W., Clarion. As stated earlier, this structure started as a jail/Sheriff's residence in 1954. Robert L. Blecker was the Sheriff at that time, having replaced Roy (Lefty) Wilson in 1950. When Blecker became Sheriff, he appointed Ben Speedling of Clarion and Dale (Pinky) Walrod of Belmond as Deputies.

Sheriff Blecker's most noteworthy contribution to law enforcement may be the fact that he established the first holiday rest stop, manned by volunteers who provided tired travelers with coffee and donuts on Labor Day weekends. This practice was soon to be followed by many other agencies.

In 1960, Deputies Speedling and Walrod resigned. They were replaced by Harrold Bygness and Robert Shaw in 1961. Sheriff Blecker and his family moved out of the jail, and the Courthouse custodian and his wife (Dick and Nadine Jackson) moved in

to oversee its operation. Things stayed pretty much the same for the next six years. Then, Deputy Bygness left the Sheriff's Office for a job with the county secondary roads department. In 1967, Vernon Elston (Wright County's current Sheriff) signed on with "The Company." Late in 1967, Deputy Shaw resigned from the Office, but he returned to Wright County and defeated Sheriff Blecker in the primary election in 1968. Blecker ran against Shaw as an independent in November, but was again defeated by his former Deputy.

Robert A. Shaw took office as Wright County Sheriff in January of 1969, and remained Sheriff until his resignation in July of 1977. During those years, there were several Deputies, but never more than two at a time. The Sheriff's Office remained a three-man operation. Everyone drove their own cars, and if they wanted uniforms, they bought their own. The jail remained a "Mom and Pop" operation with Sheriff Shaw and his family living in the jail residence. In 1972, the Board of Supervisors felt they needed to make some expansions, so the Sheriff's Office moved out of the Courthouse and built a new office at the jail. Things were really getting streamlined now with the Sheriff's Office, residence, and jail all at one location.

In 1977, Vernon R. Elston was appointed to replace Sheriff Shaw. Sheriff Elston has weathered several election challenges and remains Wright County Sheriff today. To say the least, things have changed since Sheriff Elston took charge of "The Company." The Sheriff's Office now consists of the Sheriff and five full-time deputies and five Reserve Deputies. In May of 1989, Sheriff Elston and his wife (Maureen) moved out of the jail residence. This was the end of the "Mom and Pop" jail.

The Chief Deputy is now the Jail Administrator and meals are purchased from the Clarion Hospital (no more home cookin'). The vacated residence was remodeled to make additional office space, prisoner visitation booths, conference room, and storage space. This remodeling was augmented in 1991 with the addition of a new communication center, a large lobby/reception area, and more remodeling of office space. Remodeling complete, there was



Wright County Sheriff's Deputies and Reserves

only one more logical step to take. In 1992, the Wright County Sheriff's Office "went online" with its new computer system. Growing, expanding, ever changing. So goes law enforcement, so goes the Wright County Sheriff's Office



Wright County Sheriff's Office, Jail, and Comm. Center.

Linn Co. Comm. Operator Jennifer Wardenburg-Taylor Gives Rescue Breathing Instructions that Saved Two-Year-Old Child

By Sheriff Brian D. Gardner
Linn County Sheriff's Office

During the evening hours of December 6, 2021, Linn County Sheriff's Office Communications Operator Jennifer Wardenburg-Taylor answered a 911 call requesting assistance from parents of a 2-year-old girl having a seizure with an associated high fever. Emergency responders, including Sheriff Rescue 57, were dispatched to the scene. During the call, the parents reported the child was actively seizing. The parents were obviously stressed and worried. Jennifer was calm and reassuring, despite being able to hear the very labored and difficult breathing from the child. She gave the parents clear information to help keep them calm and told them how to safely cool the child to lower her body temperature.

About four minutes into the 911 call, the parents reported the child's lips were turning blue and her breathing was more labored and slowing down. Jennifer confirmed with the parents that the child had ineffective breathing, and then relayed the information to responding units. Jennifer

then instructed the parents on how to properly perform rescue breathing, including an emphasis on giving small, gentle breaths. This lasted for about a minute, at which time the child started to breathe more effectively. According to the parents, there was a lot of phlegm in the child's airway. Jennifer told them to clear it out, but not to stick anything into the child's mouth.

Jennifer frequently checked on the child's condition and ascertained that her color was improving, her airway was clear, and the parents were placing cool washcloth or towels on the child to control her fever. Jennifer continued to reassure the parents in a calm, polite voice. She even complimented the parents on the care that they were providing. Sheriff Rescue 57 and another Patrol deputy were the first units to arrive on scene and they took over medical care of the child. The ambulance arrived several minutes later and transported the child to a local hospital for further medical treatment.

In reviewing Jennifer's demeanor, instructions, reassurance, and collaboration with emergency responders, it was evident that without the instructions that she provided to the parents to provide rescue



breaths and clear the secretions from the airway, the child would have become hypoxic and likely would have stopped breathing. At the time of the initial call, Sheriff Rescue 57 was three minutes away and the responding ambulance was twelve minutes away; with brain death a probability within four to six minutes for a non-breathing child. Because of her actions in this incident on Dec. 6, 2021, Communications Operator Jennifer Wardenburg-Taylor was presented the Life Saving Commendation award by Sheriff Brian Gardner.

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Looking Back: Adair County

County Seat: Greenfield Population: 10,000 (in 1992) Area: 576 square miles



Sheriff Fred Skellenger



Five officers of the Adair County staff, from left, first row: Deputy Kelly Critz, Sheriff Fred Skellenger; Second row: Chief Deputy Brad Newton, Civil Deputy Julie Huddleson, Deputy Randy Marchant.



Adair County Conservation Board Members, also deputized through Sheriff's Office from left: Kevin Blazek, Executive Director, and Alan Carr.

Adair County, the No. 1 county in the state, is located in Southwest Iowa with 1,106 miles of paved and unpaved roads – 24 of these being I-80 along the north edge of the County. Adair County's economy is primarily agriculture with some light industry, and six incorporated towns. Greenfield is the largest town with a population of around 2,500 people.

Adair County was created Jan. 15, 1851, by an act of the 3rd General Assembly, and named for War of 1812 General John Adair. The county seat was Summerset in 1855 with the first courthouse built in 1856, containing the offices of Clerk of Court and Sheriff. The year that the first county jail was built is not certain, but is believed to be 1855 or 1856, and also was located in Summerset. The county jail contained the offices of Treasurer, Auditor and Recorder. In June 1857, Summerset changed its name to present-day's Fontanelle.

The first Sheriff of Adair County was Abner Root, who was elected to office in January of 1854.

In the spring of 1864, a long-standing neighborhood feud resulted in the murder of a soldier home on furlough. The murderer was arrested and placed in the county jail in Fontanelle. Relatives of the dead man battered down the jail door and, against the earnest protest of Sheriff John Shreves, took the prisoner, hung him from a tree and riddled his body with bullets. Efforts to bring the mob to justice failed when no testimony was secured against them.

Between 1865 and 1874, three votes were held to move the county

seat to Greenfield. The vote of 1874 was finally in favor of the move, but the vote was appealed to the Iowa Supreme Court. On March 22, 1874, about 250 men with 75 wagons, not wanting to wait out the appeal process, went to Fontanelle and removed the records and furniture from the court house and jail. Sheriff C. B. Hunt strongly opposed this action, but was powerless against the group. Judge Mitchell issued a court order and ordered the sheriff to see that all items were returned to Fontanelle. Sheriff Hunt attempted to carry out the order, but the order was snatched from his hands and destroyed. On March 23, 1875, then State Adjutant General N. B. Baker succeeded in getting the items returned to Fontanelle. In June 1875, the Iowa Supreme Court upheld the election and announced Greenfield as the legal county seat.

Records indicate there was no formal county jail between 1887 and 1903, as prisoners were taken to other counties for safekeeping.

The present Adair County Jail in Greenfield was built in 1903 at a cost of \$11,990.00. The two-story jail building contained seven living rooms for the Sheriff or jail employee in the front part of the building, and six steel cells for prisoners in the rear of the building. The carpentry, plumbing and heating were considered state-of-the-art for the time. This jail facility is still in use today, and has met and exceeded all standards set by the state for today's jails.

The towns of Adair, Fontanelle, Greenfield and Stuart have their own full-time Police Departments. The Sheriff's Office handles all complaints from the

remaining two towns of Bridgewater and Orient, the rural area, and is always willing to assist the other agencies when requested.

The Sheriff's Office staff consists of five sworn officers, two sworn county conservation officers who are deputized, six civilian dispatcher/jailers, and 32 civilian reserve officers. All sworn staff members are I.L.E.A. certified and keep



The Adair County Sheriff's Office 1992

yearly certification in C.P.R., first aid, firearms, jail standards and all areas mandated by the State. Officers have also obtained instruction in photography, latent print processing, narcotics investigations, arson investigations, L.E.I.N. and numerous other areas. The dispatcher/jailers are certified in C.P.R., first aid and N.C.I.C. procedures. The reserve officers are certified by I.L.E.A. and train to keep this certification current.

Sheriff Fred Skellenger was first elected in November 1984 after former Sheriff Don Carrick retired. Skellenger ran unopposed in November 1988, and was re-elected to a second term. Skellenger started his law enforcement career as a police officer for the City of Greenfield in December 1976, and was appointed Chief Deputy Sheriff for Adair County in August 1977. Chief Deputy Brad Newton also started his law enforcement career with Greenfield P.D., and was a Deputy in Guthrie County for four years before joining the Adair County Sheriff's Office in January 1985. Deputy Randy Marchant, a former Stuart Police Chief, has been with the Office since August of 1985, and Deputy Kelly Critz started in July 1987 after serving with the Corning P.D. and the Adams County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Julie Huddleson, who is in charge of the Civil Division, began her duties in January 1977 after earning a B.A. Degree in corrections from Simpson College and resigning a position with the D.C.I. Lab in Des Moines.

The deputies work a rotating schedule that allows some day shifts as well as nights. The shifts are spaced so as not to cause any problems and the hours are flexible so no pattern is established. The deputies work an average of 40-42 hours per week. The Sheriff's Office operates four patrol cars, three fully marked and one unmarked. All vehicles are purchased through the bids obtained by the State Department of General Services. Each officer

is issued a new car every 80,000-85,000 miles, which works out to about every two years. Each officer is equipped and trained to deal with all phases of law enforcement, both criminal and civil, and trained in communication skills and jail management.

The Sheriff's Office and jail facility prior to October 1978 were in separate buildings. The Office was in the Courthouse and the jail and deputy's living quarters were two blocks east of the Court House. In October 1978, these facilities were combined and the living quarters remodeled into offices and a communication center. The Adair County Jail has a capacity of 10 inmates and, for the past two years, the average daily population has been two. All meals for the inmates are prepared by the Adair County Hospital and delivered to the jail, which has met and exceeded all standards set by the state and is capable of segregating and holding males and females. The jail area is monitored by both closed circuit and audio systems. The communication center and jail employ six dispatcher/jailers – two full-time and four part time. The female staff members also serve as matrons for the Sheriff's Office. The communication center dispatches for all law enforcement, fire departments, rescue units, ambulance services and after-hour city utilities within Adair County. There are 11 radio frequencies, seven telephone lines and 17 alarm systems. The dispatcher/jailers maintain radio logs, N.C.I.C. terminal, paging system and enter information and check on information contained within our in-house computer system. They are also responsible for hourly jail checks and for keeping the officer on duty aware of what happens in the jail.

The preparation of all civil processes and the handling of Sheriff's sales is the responsibility of the Civil Deputy. The serving of the civil papers is handled by

all the officers. From 1977 to the present, the Office has seen a 300% increase in the volume of civil processes served.

In July 1988, the Sheriff's Office brought on line a Unisys Micro Computer system that is interfaced with the state/NCIC system and is E911 compatible, so this one system can handle everything. Our Office implements the use of three terminals with all of the following entered into the system: offense reports, traffic citations, arrests, bookings, traffic accidents, UCR reports, warrants, radio logs, evidence inventory, equipment inventory, personnel records, civil docket, cash book, jail docket, weapons permits, budget, multi-plan, and word processing. This system also prints reports in all of these areas, including the weapons permits on the regulation permit forms.

The Adair County Sheriff's Reserve is an organization of 32 dedicated individuals who assist the Sheriff's Office whenever their assistance is requested. In the past, the Reserves have been used for crowd control, security for political figures (including President Reagan), searching for drowning victims and missing persons, and traffic control. The Reserves, through a rotating schedule, ride with the deputies on Friday and Saturday nights, but do not patrol without a sworn officer with them.

All staff members at the Sheriff's Office who are eligible are members of the ISSDA and the Southwest Iowa Peace Officers Association. Adair County also participates in the L.E.I.N. program. The Sheriff's Office enjoys excellent professional relations with the other local agencies, the Iowa State Patrol, D.C.I., F.B.I. and other Sheriff's Offices throughout the area.

The entire staff of the Adair County Sheriff's Office carry out their duties with one thing in mind: to serve the people in the most efficient and professional way possible.



Dispatchers: Front - Ina Hansen, Phyllis Hoadley. Back - Denny Denton, Bonnie Wright, Gary Finck.



The Adair County Sheriff's Reserves: Front - Bruce Steele, John Wasson, Larry Vandewater, Audra Skellenger, Bill Tridle, Donnie Johnson, Doug Laughery, Lawrence Palma, Marlin Kinney, Leroy Killion; 2nd row - Ron Bauer, Jim Buenting, Dale Walker, Veryl Ticknor, Denny Reha, Gary Finck, Jim Finck, Gary Queck, Dale Finck, Merrill Jones; 3rd row - Dean Dwyer, Kenny Jensen (became a State Trooper), Denny Davis, Larry Raper, Bob Queck, Clifford Bax, Paul Stoll. Not shown - Cal Bauer, Kenneth Blazek, Delmer Brown, Ron Kinney, Mark Lents.



ISSDA & DES MOINES YMCA CAMP PARTNER TO KEEP KIDS SAFE

In recent years the frequency and severity of weather events in Iowa and across the country have continued to increase. On average, upwards of 50 tornadoes, dozens of flash floods and hundreds of severe thunderstorms affect the state, resulting in damage to property and, in worst cases, loss of life. Add to that the recent experiences with Derechos and other new phenomena, it is clear that safety in the face of disaster threats is essential for all.

At the Des Moines YMCA Camp, safety and security continue to remain core tenets of the over one hundred year history of programming focused on character development, relationship building and personal growth. And after a century, with the increased risk of severe weather events, it was clear that existing facilities needed improvement to meet the needs of an ever growing population of campers and

program participants. So, during the summer of 2020, Y Camp Executive Director Alex Kretzinger and ISSDA Financial Director Bill Sage put campers first and started the discussion on how to be better prepare camp for future storms.

After planning and conversation, the ISSDA Board of Directors voted in 2021 to financially support the construction of a new, dedicated storm shelter, designed to hold over 150 people and outfitted with lights and an exhaust system. The lead gift by the Association encouraged other stakeholders to join in and complete fund raising in December of 2021, clearing the way for construction to begin in July 2022. The project began with excavation and dirt work before framing and pouring the concrete floors. Over the course of the next two months, the walls and ceiling were poured,



the ceiling was reinforced and the preparations were made for the final touches.

Currently, the structure is almost complete and is expected to be finished before the end of 2022. Delays in shipping are holding up the installation of the storm door, exhaust fan and lighting, however great summer weather has helped ensure the other work finished on schedule. Looking ahead to 2023, Y Camp is excited to have a large capacity storm shelter to assist in keeping all guests safe and comfortable. Thanks to the longstanding partnership between the Des Moines YMCA Camp and the Iowa State Sheriffs and Deputies Association, generations of children, adults and families can enjoy the personal growth that takes place every day at camp with the assurance that, should severe weather strike, they have a safe place to go.





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IOWA STATE SHERIFFS & DEPUTIES ASSOC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS



(Left to right) Bill Sage, Cass County Chief Deputy; Jim Lee, Warren County Sheriff; Larry Lowe, Lucas County Sheriff; Marvin Van Haften, Marion County Sheriff; James L. Kurth, Green County Sheriff (President); Larry Brown, Pottawattamie County Lieutenant; Joann McBride, Tama County Deputy (Secretary-Treasurer); Wayne Boots, Black Hawk County Chief Deputy; Ken Runde, Dubuque County Chief Deputy; Tim Junker, Butler County Sheriff; Yale Jarvis, Washington County Sheriff

Linn Co. Deputy Andrew Reuter Presented Life Saving Award for Using Chest Compressions to Help Save Life of Driver

On June 1, 2022, at approximately 0643 hours, Deputy Andrew Reuter was working day shift patrol when a call came into dispatch of a vehicle that went off the road and came to rest in a field on Central City Road, west of Alburnett Road. A bystander witnessed the truck go off the road and called 911 to report the incident. The driver was found unresponsive in his vehicle and the bystander broke a side window to access the victim and remove him to initiate CPR. When Deputy Reuter arrived on scene approximately 10 minutes later, he checked the victim for a pulse and was unable to find one. Deputy Reuter took over compressions from the bystander as fire and ambulance personnel were arriving on scene. Deputy Reuter continued compressions for approximately 3 minutes while fire and ambulance personnel were getting equipment set up. From watching Deputy Reuter's body worn camera, it is evident that he remembered his training and

continued effective compressions while fire and ambulance personnel cut the shirt off the victim, administered an AED, established an airway, and started an IV. Only after the AED alerted that it was going to analyze the patient did Deputy Reuter stop compressions. After the AED analyzed the patient, it called for a shock to be delivered, after which medical personnel took over care of the victim.

As Deputy Reuter remained on scene, he continued his investigation to identify the victim and assisted the medical personnel as needed. At approximately 0703 hours, the patient regained pulses and ambulance personnel loaded him up for transport to a local hospital. During transport, the victim's heart stopped beating several times, only to be brought back through additional medical intervention by ambulance personnel. Once at the hospital and after several medical procedures, the victim had a pacemaker inserted and he is expected to make a full recovery.

After the ambulance had departed the scene, Deputy Reuter spoke with the original citizen rescuer, updated him on the patient's status, and thanked and praised him for his actions and CPR efforts.

Deputy Reuter was an integral part of the team effort that ultimately saved the life of this man who had gone into sudden cardiac arrest. Because of his attentiveness, faithfulness, and perseverance, Sheriff Brian Gardner awarded him with a Life Saving commendation award for the act of saving a life on June 1, 2022.



2022 ISSDA Sheriffs' & Deputies' Y-Camp Treated Kids from 60 Iowa Counties to a Week of Fun and Life-Changing Experiences

By Executive Director Alex Kretzinger
Des Moines Y-Camp

The long-standing partnership between the Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association and the Des Moines Y-Camp continues to create powerful moments that are both life-changing and impactful. This summer was another example of the importance of the camp experience for the kids and the communities they come from. Campers came from 60 counties across the state and, with the help of their coordinating sheriff's offices, completed their registration in preparation for a great week.

On Sunday, June 19th, the first campers arrived with their deputies wearing big smiles and excitement in their eyes. More often than not, they lit up at the sight of the water slides at the pool or the mention of horse rides as they came through check-in. Once they connected with their cabins, they were off and beginning their great week.

Each day was filled with activities that ranged from arts and crafts to fishing to climbing the rock wall and more! Each morning they participated in Pathways, which were electives campers signed up for on Monday. They had an opportunity

to go more in depth on things like archery, soccer, nature and drama. By the afternoon, 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 and that campers had an opportunity to participate in this year.

At the end of the week we celebrated the growth in independence and confidence, the new relationships made, the things we'd accomplished and campers who'd 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.



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.

As we reflect on yet another successful ISSDA Camp program, we're also thankful to be partners in such a powerful opportunity for our youth, and are proud to work with such committed sheriffs and deputies across the state to make it happen.



Y-Camper's Great-Grandfather Attended Sheriffs' & Deputies' Y-Camp 69 Years Ago; Sends "Thank You" Note to ISSDA for Both of Them

To ISSDA, June 20, 2022
From John Banzhaf:

I just want to thank y'all for sending my great-grandson Nathaniel Utterback to the

ISSDA summer camp in Boone this week. I was sent myself 69 years ago in 1953. I was the exact same age as my grandson, 11 years old. I still have the article in the paper and a picture of my fishing at the camp.

The Marshalltown newspaper did a story when I went back then. I'm 80 years old now and it was an experience I've never forgotten. I can't thank you enough!

Clay County Deputies Brian Mehan and Tyler Heck Presented Life Saving Awards for Aiding Driver Suffering Heart Attack

By Sheriff Chris Raveling
Clay County Sheriff's Office

The Clay County Sheriff's Office and Spencer VFW Post #3159 are proud to announce "Life Saving Award" presentations for two deputies in connection with an incident that occurred June 3rd. Deputies had been dispatched to a one-vehicle accident on 370th St. A 911 call advised that the female driver was unconscious and possibly breathing.

Deputies arrived on scene and determined the female was doing agonal breathing¹ and without a pulse. Deputies removed the female from the vehicle and began Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). Deputies attached an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) and the AED advised that a shock was not advised – and CPR was continued. Deputies continued to give the patient CPR until Spencer paramedics arrived.

Deputies assisted Spencer paramedics apply the LUCAS device, which gives chest compressions automatically. Further life-saving measures were used and a pulse was detected with the patient breathing on her own. The patient was taken to the Spencer Hospital for further care. It was found the patient was indeed suffering from a heart attack. She made a full recovery, was later released from the hospital, and is doing well.

The Clay County Sheriff's Office would like to thank Deputy Brian Mehan and Deputy Tyler Heck for their quick response in starting lifesaving measures in this medical crisis. Because of Deputy Mehan's



(L to R): Clay County Sheriff and VFW Adjutant Officer Chris Raveling, Deputy Brian Mehan (awardee), VFW Commander Frank Lehman, and Deputy Tyler Heck (awardee) and Chief Deputy Zach Larsen.

quick patient assessment and the need to remove the patient from the vehicle, CPR was quickly started. Both Deputy Mehan and Deputy Heck are commended for their professionalism and calm demeanor during a stressful situation. The results of their efforts contributed to saving the life of another person.

[Note: ¹Agonal breathing is when someone who is not getting enough oxygen is gasping for air. It is usually due to cardiac arrest or stroke. It's not true breathing. It's

a natural reflex that happens when your brain is not getting the oxygen it needs to survive. Agonal breathing is a sign that a person is near death. It's also a sign that the brain is still alive. People who have agonal breathing and are given cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) are more likely to survive cardiac arrest than people without agonal breathing. Agonal breathing can be caused by anything that cuts off the blood supply to the brain. Your brain gets oxygen from the cells in your blood. – WebMD.

Bremer County Sheriff's Office Hires Jackson Schmidt, Sworn in by Board of Supervisors Chairman Dewey Hildebrandt

Sheriff Dan Pickett has announced that on May 2 Jackson Schmidt was sworn in as a Bremer County Deputy Sheriff.

Deputy Schmidt is 22 years old and formerly a Belle Plaine Police Department patrol officer for one year. He worked for the Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office prior to working at Belle Plaine Police Department. Deputy Schmidt is the newest addition to the Bremer County Sheriff's Office. He graduated from Cedar Falls High School in 2018, attended Hawkeye Community College, and received his Associate of Applied Science in Police Science in May 2020.



Sheriff Dan Pickett with Deputy Schmidt, sworn in by Dewey Hildebrandt.

New Iowa Police Record Management School Held in May and Regional Leadership Training Scheduled for June

It seems this year is going by fast, but on the other hand, it is nice to have the chilly weather over. In spite of these factors, ISSDA business continues to move forward.

Sheriff Tony Thompson put the finishing touches on the Police Record Management School, scheduled for four different Wednesdays in May in 6-hour blocks. This training was free to Association members. The instruction was a combined effort of the Iowa Public Information Board, Iowa Attorney General's Office, Iowa County Attorneys Association, Iowa Office of Ombudsman, Iowa State Court Administration, and The Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC).

The idea was to get all of the players in records management together to provide the most thorough, up-to-date information as possible, while keeping it Iowa based – as opposed to involving a national company that isn't as familiar with the specific requirements of Iowa laws.

Sheriff Jared Schneider has a nationally-known speaker, Paul Butler, scheduled to provide leadership training as another regional training. The locations for this training will be in Clarke, Crawford, Hamilton and Johnson counties. We are in the process of finalizing the exact dates for



Capt. Randy Rowland
Linn County Sheriff's Office

this training, but it is scheduled for June of this year. These schools are free for ISSDA members to attend, with a small fee charged for non-members to cover the cost of the meal that is provided.

Thanks to the counties that have volunteered to host these different regional training sessions and to all of those who will volunteer for future training locations to keep fulfilling our Association goal of providing

training. Without you, it would be hard, if not impossible, to provide these valuable training options to our members.

Our goal has always been to have a few regional trainings each year to provide additional training options for our members, while at the same time making it easier for more ISSDA members to attend by moving the training so lodging and travel are not as big a factor.

We have also attempted to make these training sessions somewhat short in duration so time could be kept to a minimum to not stress an agency's budget, enabling them to send more personnel to the training. These regional trainings are intended to be a benefit for our membership as well as provide superior quality and usable training for our members.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for future training, please contact a Schools Committee member with your suggestions. Through your ideas and suggestions we can continue to move forward providing valuable training options for sheriffs' offices in this great state.

As with any association, more can be accomplished through the efforts of many versus going it alone!



Crawford County records training



Hamilton County records retention

ISSDA State Fair Booth

First of all, I would like to thank everyone who signed up and volunteered their time to work the ISSDA booth at the 2022 Iowa State Fair. The weather was great for the most part, and a one day attendance record was set!! This year we had the history of ISSDA on display courtesy of the Squirrel Cage Museum, it's amazing how much information has been obtained regarding the history of our association. We also had a Cancer Awareness wrapped squad car, which received a lot of positive comments and feedback. The high light this year was the 1930 Model A 'paddy wagon' that was donated to our association by ISSDA Past President Doug Strike.



Dallas, Marion, Polk and Story County Sheriff's Offices Participated in Special Olympics Iowa's 2022 Law Enforcement Torch Run Final Leg

By Director Megan Filipi
Law Enforcement Torch Run

On May 19, 133 runners from 17 law enforcement agencies participated in the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run Final Leg for Special Olympics Iowa.

The event kicked-off with an opening ceremony at the Iowa Department of Public Safety in downtown Des Moines. From there, the torch, carrying the Flame of Hope, was relayed 38 miles over the course of seven hours to the Special Olympics Iowa State Summer Games Opening Ceremony in Ames. In Ames, the torch was passed to Special Olympics Iowa athlete Michelle Howard from Spencer. Howard, Sheriff Jason Sandholdt and Deputy Colby Sandholdt from Marion County completed the Torch Run and lit the Olympic flame that signifies the commencement of the annual Special Olympics Iowa State Summer Games. Participating Sheriff's Offices

included Dallas County, Marion County, Polk County, and Story County.

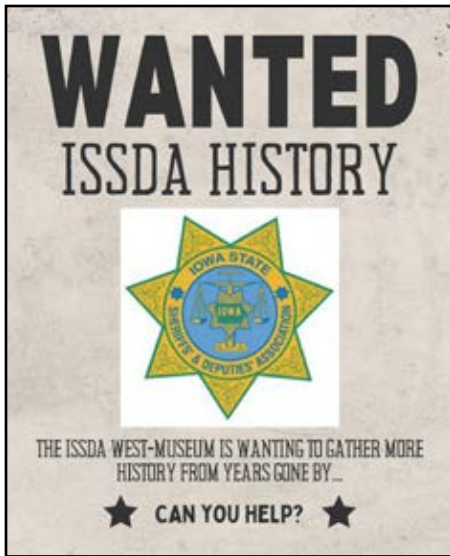
Special Olympics Iowa provides high-quality training and competition for children and adults with intellectual disabilities in all 99 Iowa counties. Twenty-three Olympic-style sports are offered to more than 14,500 athletes and Unified partners year-round. Through Special Olympics' athletic, health, school, and leadership programs, individuals with intellectual disabilities reach their full potential and experience inclusion in their communities every day.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run® is the largest grassroots fundraising and public awareness vehicle for Special Olympics in

the world. The Torch Run Final Leg is a running event in which officers and athletes run the "Flame of Hope" to the Celebration Ceremonies of Special Olympics competitions. The Torch Run is also a diverse initiative encompassing a variety of fundraisers.



Front (L-R): Deputy Colby Sandholdt, athlete Michelle Howard, Sheriff Jason Sandholdt. Second row: Sgt. Ray Dirksen and Deputy Jalen Townsell (Dallas Co. S.O.) and in back is Warren County Sheriff's Office retiree Randy Spurr, now with Unity Point.



History Wanted

The ISSDA West-Museum has recently acquired some new artifacts that will continue to tell the story of what used to be the Iowa Sheriffs' Association, the Iowa Deputies' Association, and what was to become the Iowa State Sheriffs' & Deputies' Association.

- Our 1st set of historic treasures are 2 separate ribbons from the Iowa Sheriffs' Association. Although they are weathered, they are both still very impressive and in great shape considering their age. Just think of the travels these ribbons have seen.. from their creation, to being bestowed upon whichever Sheriff(s) received them.. and then the travels through the years to finally end up on display in the ISSDA West-Museum

- Our next set of treasures has turned into a quest. The quest of the elusive Iowa Sheriff patch and the question that has been asked many times over the years and has been somewhat of a debate over the years. The debate you ask? Well the question is this: What year EXACTLY did Iowa Sheriffs' switch to the standard patch design that is still worn today? Over my

24yrs of service (so far) this question has been brought up many times. I have been told general or vague answers of "it was sometime in the late 60's", to some very strong opinions that it was a specific year "it was in 1971". The problem with the answers that I have been told is that whatever year we may think... we end up finding photographs of uniformed Deputies from various years that disprove whatever year has been decided upon.

- This next treasure is a photograph from a 1942 Training School that took place in Iowa City. The photograph is reported to be a combination of Sheriffs', Deputies', City Officers, and some Troopers. This photo is from the estate of Riley C. Nelson who was Sheriff of Pottawattamie County from 1939-1942. It looks like they are posing on the steps of the old Capital building in Iowa City. Sadly there is no list of names or any other information about this photograph.

Now here is where we need your help. We would love to continue to tell more of the story of the ISSDA. Do you or your agency have any more treasures that we can add to our display?

We would love to add more ribbons to the two we already have, gather

more photos, or even just general Law Enforcement or ISSDA memorabilia. We are starting to gather some of the unique patch designs that each county proudly wore before going to the standard patch. If you have an agency patch from the past, please consider donating it to the ISSDA West-Museum. It would be wonderful to be able to gather nostalgic patches from all of Iowa's 99 counties.

And lastly, I want to extend a very heartfelt Thank You to Sheriff Rob Haley for his recent donation of some wonderful artifacts to the museum. Because of donations like this we are able continue to tell the story of the ISSDA. We want to continue to honor our past, remember those who served before us, and educate the minds of future generations.

Respectfully submitted,
Sgt. JW LeMaster (78-52)
Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Office
V.P. Historical Society of
Pottawattamie County

To donate artifacts, or if you would like to just reach out with some information please feel free to contact me direct!
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jlemaster@sheriff.pottcounty-ia.gov



Fremont County Sheriff's Office Honors Deputy Gilbert Androy

By Ethan Hewett, Aug 1, 2022

(Sidney) — As the 25th anniversary approaches of a fallen Fremont County deputy, the Sheriff's Office is ensuring his legacy lives on.

In honor of Deputy Gilbert Glen Androy, the Fremont County Sheriff's Office has placed a memorial decal on the passenger side of the vehicle driven by Deputy Mike Wake. His badge number is 36-6, the same number worn by Androy back in 1997 for his six days with the Sheriff's Office. Androy previously served for 11 years with the Mills County Sheriff's Office, including time as chief deputy. On October 13, 1997, Deputy Androy was killed after falling down a flight of stairs and striking his head while on a domestic assault call outside Sidney. Androy's official end of watch was October 15, just two days later. Fremont County Deputy Andrew Wake tells KMA News the idea for the decal came after discussions surrounding badge number retirements following the tragic passing of Deputy Melvin Richardson earlier this year. After conversations with his father, Deputy Mike Wake, and Androy's widow, Chris, instead of retiring Androy's number, Wake says the decal would be placed in a unique location on the sheriff's vehicle.

"Where it's placed, it's like he's riding shotgun with us on the passenger side of the vehicle," said Wake. "Our plan is to put that in our policy from now on. So, we're going to retire Melvin's number for 25 years and when that number is re-issued after that

time-frame, whoever is issued that number will have a memorial like that on the side of their vehicle as well."

Despite an opportunity to change their badge numbers after a policy change, Deputy Mike Wake chose to keep the number in memory of Androy.

Wake says his father, who was serving as the Tabor Police Chief then, was riding with Androy on the call and was the first to reach the injured deputy. Wake says the incident occurred shortly after arriving on the scene.

"When they arrived at the doors there was kind of a barricaded subject incident and they had made the decision to breach the door," said Wake. "When he did, he went through the door and fell down a flight of stairs on the opposite side of the door, and died a few days later at the hospital."

He adds that the incident still comes to mind for him and several officers when they are in a similar situation.

"When we do building searches or any sort of tactical entry it's always in the back of my mind of what happened with him," said Wake. "Even this many years later we



Fremont County Deputy Mike Wake stands with Chris Androy by Deputy Gilbert Androy's memorial on Wake's vehicle. Photo: Fremont County S.O.

still think about him and even in his short time here, the big impact he made on our office in just those few days."

Wake, who was in grade school at the time of the incident, says he even chose to write his required "line of duty death" report while at the law enforcement academy about Androy. Wake says it's essential to keep their fallen officer's memories alive often due to the impact they make on the community.

"It affects a lot more people than just their family and their friends, there's a big loss in the community when that happens," said Wake. "So it's important and the other thing it does, no matter how bad something is there's always something to learn from it."

Wake also thanked Tabor Motors for their assistance in designing and installing the decal.

E.O.W. 10-15-1997

Deputy Gilbert Glen Androy, 38

Served Fremont County Sheriff's Office for six days;
Mills Co. 11 yrs.

Deputy Sheriff Gilbert Androy died after falling down a flight of stairs at a domestic assault call on October 13, 1997.

Upon his arrival, the door to the residence was locked and was kicked in by responding units. During the operation, Deputy Androy fell down a flight of stairs and struck his head. He was flown to a hospital in Omaha, Nebraska, where he remained on life support for two days before succumbing to his injuries.

In Memoriam

Deputy Androy had served with the Fremont County Sheriff's Office for only six days at the time of his death. He had previously served with the Mills County Sheriff's Office for 11 years and had served in the capacity of chief deputy.

Deputy Androy is survived by his wife, two stepsons, three daughters, parents, brother, and sister. His third daughter was born on December 24, 1997 – two months after his death.



ISSDA and Council Bluffs P.D. Honor Guards, Sidney Twp. Fire Honor Fallen Fremont County Deputy Sheriff Austin “Melvin” Richardson

Fremont County Deputy Austin “Melvin” Richardson’s funeral was held June 18th at Sidney High School and his burial ceremony at Hamburg Cemetery with both law enforcement and fire department honors. Deputy Richardson served many years with the Sidney and Percival fire departments. Read about Deputy Richardson’s life below.



The ISSDA and Council Bluffs Police Department honor guards provided casket watch at Deputy Austin “Melvin” Richardson’s visitation on June 17th at Sidney High School.



From Yahoo.com

Southwest Iowa Sheriff’s Deputy Dies in Crash with Combine

By Philip Joens and Virginia Barreda
Des Moines Register, June 16, 2022.

A southwest Iowa sheriff’s deputy died June 14 in a traffic crash with a combine.

Austin “Melvin” Richardson, 37, of Sidney was driving north in a 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe on U.S. Highway 275 near 260th Street when he collided with a south-bound combine driven by a Missouri man. The crash happened around 12:35 p.m., just south of Sidney, which sits about 12 miles north of the Missouri border.

Richardson was a deputy with the Fremont County Sheriff’s Office.

The combine was wider than the width of the lane it was in, according to the Iowa State Patrol, and the left front tire on the combine was across the center line when Richardson’s vehicle collided with it.

Richardson was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the crash, according to the crash report.

The fatal crash remains under investigation, Fremont County Sheriff Kevin Aistrope said in a release.

Richardson started his law enforcement career with the Auburn, Nebraska, Police Department in 2007 and then joined the Sidney Police Department in 2011, according to a the Iowa Department of Public



Safety. In 2015, he became a deputy with the Fremont County Sheriff’s Office. Richardson also served many years with the Sidney and Percival fire departments, the release said.

The Sheriff’s Office had a vehicle display at the Office where the public could pay their respects. Any cards or mementos left were given to the family.

A public visitation was held June 17 at Sidney High School. His funeral was held June 18 at the High School with burial at

Hamburg Cemetery with law enforcement and fire department honors.

Donations can be made at the Malvern State Bank, 404 Main Street, Malvern IA 50551, in care of the Jennifer Richardson Support Fund.

The Des Moines Police Department on Facebook wrote: “The men and women of the DMPD share our thoughts and prayers with his family, friends, the Fremont County Sheriff’s Office, and their community.”

Donations for Jennifer Richardson and her family can also be accepted at Hilltop Animal Hospital. Gift cards to Casey’s (for gas) and Wal-Mart (for groceries and other needed items) will also be accepted at Hilltop Animal Hospital, the Fremont Sheriff’s Office, the Mills County Sheriff’s Office, or mailed to the clinic at Hilltop Animal Hospital, 422 Main Street, Malvern, Iowa 51551.

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Austin “Melvin” W. Richardson: Fremont Co. Deputy, Fire Fighter

April 5, 1985 – June 14, 2022

Austin W. “Melvin” Richardson, age 37 of rural Sidney IA passed away on June 14.

He was born April 5, 1985, in Omaha, the son of Uwe August and Vicki Sue (Lyons) Richardson. Melvin was raised in Hamburg (IA), graduated from Hamburg High School in 2004, and studied criminal justice at Peru State College. He attended the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center in May 2008, received his law enforcement certification on Aug. 7, 2008, and his Iowa Law Enforcement Academy certification in 2012.

Melvin began his law enforcement career with the Auburn, NE, P.D. on Dec. 17, 2007, where he worked for five years. He started as a Sidney police officer on June 20, 2011, the Fremont County Sheriff’s Office on August 31, 2015, and was a member of the Sidney Fire/Rescue and the Percival Fire/Rescue. Melvin met Jennifer Madsen

in January 2012 and they were united in marriage on September 15, 2017, in Shelby.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Jennifer Richardson of rural Sidney, three daughters: Bryxtol Richardson, Cheyenne Richardson and Everly Richardson of the home; mom Vicki Hansen (Steve) of Ham-burg; siblings: Dennis Richardson (Jessica) of Auburn, NE, and Nicole Richardson of Ham-burg; half-brother Broc Richardson of Omaha; father and mother-in-law: Tom and Tammy Madsen of Missouri Valley; sister-in-law Jessica Madsen (Justin Nelson) of Missouri Valley; grandparents: Mary Lyons of Hamburg, Virginia Richardson of Thurman, and Erna LaSala-Brue of Marshfield, MO.

His Funeral Service was June 18 at the Sidney High School in Sidney. Burial followed at the Hamburg Cemetery in Hamburg, Iowa, with law enforcement

honors by Iowa C.O.P.S. (Concerns Of Police Survivors). Memorials may be given to the family for Melvin’s daughters’ future education; C/O Malvern State Bank in Malvern, Iowa.



The “Melvin” & Jennifer Richardson family.

From westerniowatoday.com

Santa, Atlantic Police and the Cass County Sheriff’s Office Surprise Motorists

By Tom Robinson

Atlantic, IA, USA / Western Iowa Today 96.5 KSOM KS 95.7, Dec 15, 2021

The Atlantic Police Department and Cass County Sheriff’s Office, and Santa and Mrs. Claus on a motorcycle, handed out tickets right and left on Wednesday afternoon. These particular tickets distributed to random motorists were not your regular tickets.

The 50-plus envelopes totaling at least \$3,000.00 are the generosity of five area businessmen. Tim Cappel of Cappel’s Ace

Hardware, Alan Zellmer of A-Z feeders, Keith Olsen of Olsen Fuel Supply, and Santa and Mrs. Clause pitched in making people’s Christmas a little bit brighter.

Santa Claus presented the envelopes containing gift cards, cash, and other prizes to the Atlantic Police Department and the Cass County Sheriff’s to distribute random motorists (1st photo right).

Story Submitted by: Tom Robinson and Mandy Billings. Thanks to the Atlantic Police Department for letting us tag along.



2nd photo: Kayla was on her way to pick up her daughter at the High School when she was pulled over. 3rd photo: Theresa was on her way out of town to pick someone up when she was stopped. 4th photo: Atlantic Police Lt. Devin Hogue pulled over Jordan and presented her with an envelope that had \$50 inside.

In Honor of Deputy Mark Burbridge

Pottawattamie County Jail Staff Amber Roberts & Stephanie Ford Attend Washington, D.C.'s National Police Week

By Detention Officer Amber Roberts
Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Office

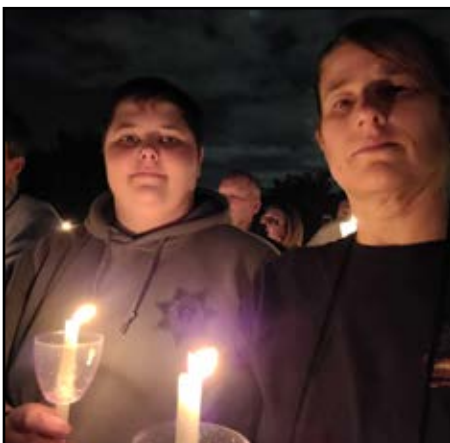
In 2017 we in Pottawattamie County, lost a wonderful Deputy in a tragic escape by an inmate. We were then introduced to Concerns of Police Survivors. After learning about National Police Week, I decided it was something that I wanted to experience and hopefully help the healing process. Another coworker, Stephanie Ford, and I planned to attend police week in 2020, but Covid had other ideas. 2 years later we were finally able to go.

Once in DC, we were escorted to a bus by Honor Guard Officers after we got off our plane. Each bus was then given a full police escort to their hotels, no matter what time their flights arrived. Our 1st ceremony we attended was the candlelight vigil. As the name of this year's honored officers were read, people representing that state would stand. One candle was then lit on the stage and that single flame was then used to light all of the other candles for everyone who was there. It was an awe inspiring sight to

see. The next day we attended a welcome session with guest speakers. One of which, told us how he lost his partner and how it affected him. We were then separated in the groups based on how our officer died. We met a small group of officers who were also from Iowa. There were also officers from other states. Our group had a support session, which was basically a debriefing where we told our stories about the officers we lost. Even though everyone had different stories, we were all in a similar situation. This was a very emotional day. We visited the memorial wall. It was a sight to see. It is amazing how many names are currently on the wall, with new ones added each year. We found Deputy Mark Burbridge's name and were able to take a rubbing of it to take home with us. We even got a few extras for other coworkers who weren't able to go with us. On May 15th, we attended the National Police Memorial Ceremony. Everyone gathered on the front lawn of the U.S. Capitol. Mounted Police, Honor Guard, bag pipes and drummers, as well as

thousands of uniformed officers were mixed with the crowd. Surviving family members were escorted from their shuttles by Honor Guard officers. As a member of my department's Honor Guard, it was awesome seeing so many there to help escort the families. We got to listen to the President speak. After the speeches, the names of the fallen were read as their families placed a flower onto a wreath. When we got to the names from Iowa, we all stood together with those in uniform saluting.

As a correctional officer, we sometimes hear "corrections is not law enforcement." This week definitely made me feel like a part of the "blue family." No one cared that we didn't have an "actual badge." We were welcomed with open arms. This experience would not have been possible without the help of the Iowa C.O.P.S. organization. I want to express my sincere gratitude for this opportunity to attend this wonderful event where new friends were made and broken hearts were taken in the right direction of healing.



Pottawattamie County Detention Officer Kyle Hacket Earns Sheriff's Life Saving Award for Saving Choking Inmate

By Sgt. J. W. LeMaster
Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Office

On March 25th, 2022, it was with great pride that Pottawattamie County Sheriff Andy Brown presented Detention Officer Kyle Hackett with the Sheriff's Lifesaving Award with members of D.O. Hackett's family in attendance.

The Award was given to D.O. Hackett for his actions on November 29th, 2021, when he was alerted to an inmate in the booking area of the jail who was choking. D.O. Hackett instantly recognize a life threatening situation and was able to take immediate action. D.O. Hackett did not hesitate to help save the life of another human being. Our charge in the jail is to securely and humanely treat every inmate that walks through our doors. D.O. Hackett was praised for his quick actions and his commitment to his community. Thank you, Kyle, for all you do and congratulations!



Jail Admin. Coordinator Trish Bernhards, Capt. Steve Winchell, Detention Officer Kyle Hackett w/ award, Sheriff Andy Brown.

Southeast Iowa School District Takes Steps to Protect Students

by Leslie Santibanez-Molina

ktvo.com News

May 25th 2022, ELDON, Iowa — A school shooting in Uvalde, Texas took the lives of 19 children and 2 teachers, Tues-day. School staff throughout the country are now reacting to the tragic incident.

KTVO spoke with Cardinal Community School District school resource officer, Chris Shadduck, about the incident.

I think our staffs' response is like most Americans' response," said Shadduck. "They are just horrified this would happen to such a vulnerable age group.

Deputy Shadduck told KTVO, CCSD has several protocols in place that aim to ensure the safety of children.

"We have a locked in school, which means the general public can't walk in like they did many years ago. In order to get into the school building you must be buzzed in," said Shadduck. "The doorbell is connected to a video camera. If the staff doesn't recognize you, they will not let you in."

One of the measures the district has in place, is a vast camera system in its elementary, middle, and high schools.

"We have a camera system for each and every building at Cardinal," said Shadduck.

"We have a number of cameras throughout the schools, so at any point in time if I have a question or see something, I can see what is going on."



Deputy Chris Shadduck tells KTVO about a camera system the district has installed in its schools. (KTVO/Leslie Santibanez-Molina)

Other measures include several Blue Point alert system stations located throughout the buildings and wireless pendants. The Blue Point stations are similar to fire alarms, when pulled it will set off an alarm which will immediately notify Wapello County

Sheriff dispatch to the exact location of the incident. The system also alerts all on and off duty deputies by text message.

Teachers in mobile classrooms are issued wireless pendants, which alert deputies of an incident with just a push of a button.

Mental health is another issue the district aims to address. They currently have a total of five counselors, two of which work full time to provide adequate care to kids.

"One of the great things about Cardinal is that we're small. The school resource officer, the administration, staff, and teachers know the kids and their families," said Shadduck. "We have a system in place where if you see something or hear something, you say something."

Deputy Shadduck said he wants parents to know their kids are in safe hands.

I think the main thing I'd like to tell parents is to talk to their kids and listen to their concerns," said Shadduck. "Reassure your kids that school staff and myself are here ensure a safe learning environment for them.

ISSDA Honor Guard Attends National Police Week

The ISSDA Honor Guard recently returned from Washington DC, after attending National Police Week which ran from May 12th to May 17th. The ISSDA Honor Guard members that attended were Rick Singer (Plymouth County), Chris Langenberg (Johnson County), Heather O'Brien (Linn County), Matt Oltmann (Linn County), and Derek Steines (Linn County). The ISSDA Honor Guard was requested by the Iowa COPS (Concerns of Police Survivors) program to assist with the Iowa group of Survivor families, coworkers and friends which was close to 190 people. The ISSDA Honor Guard was needed to assist with various logistical aspects of moving that many people at one time in addition to other activities that the ISSDA Honor Guard participated in during the week.

Upon arrival Reagan National Airport in Washington DC, families were met at the gate by Honor Guard members from across the United States, in addition to a group of English Bobbies that make the annual trip to greet survivor families, coworkers, support staff and friends. When each flight would arrive, a group of Honor Guard members would go to a designated gate and wait for the survivors to come off of the plane. All survivors were met with a gauntlet and all officers were ordered to "Present Arms" as the Survivors exited the plane, and "Order Arms" after the survivors, coworkers, support staff and families had passed. The Honor Guard members would then carry all of the luggage through the airport, retrieving bags from the baggage claim and then proceeding to waiting buses. The ISSDA Honor Guard was told that in previous years, there are usually 5 hotels that are utilized for those that register for Police Week, but this year they needed 14 host hotels to accommodate all of the attendees.

Once The Survivor Families, Coworkers, Support Staff and Friends were loaded onto the appropriate buses, each individual bus was given a Police escort of approximately 30 motorcycles to their designated hotel. As some of the ISSDA Honor Guard members were riding to their hotel when they had arrived the day before, they heard a young boy ask his mother "Where's Daddy"? as the motorcade began to pull away from the bus terminal. The widowed mother, with her two young kids replied with "You know where daddy is, we visited him yesterday

before we left". It was at that point that the ISSDA Honor Guard members truly realized what Police Week was about, and felt honored to be a part of everything that they would be tasked with in the coming week.

On May 12th the ISSDA Honor Guard arrived at Reagan National Airport at 0800 hrs. and immediately began receiving flights and greeting survivor families from across the United States, including a charter flight from Iowa which was the largest single flight of survivors that is known to have ever arrived for Police Week. On that charter flight, 134 Survivor Family Members, Coworkers, Support Staff and Friends arrived and were met at the gate by ISSDA Honor Guard members and approximately 50 additional Honor Guard Members from across the United States. Several people that were on the charter flight thanked the ISSDA Honor Guard for being there and making them feel like they were at home. Throughout the day, the ISSDA Honor Guard members each



L-R: D. Steines (Linn Co), R. Singer (Plymouth Co), C. Langenberg (Johnson Co), H. O'Brien (Linn Co), M. Oltmann (Linn).

walked approximately 9 miles in the airport terminals and had many wonderful conversations with Survivor Families, Coworkers, Friends, and Support Staff. Throughout the day there were lots of great conversations, laughs, tears, stories, appreciation and a feeling like everyone was among family. Rick Singer (Plymouth County) coined a phrase that became the mantra for the week



when he said “There are no strangers here, just family members that we haven’t met yet”. The ISSDA Honor Guard members remained at the airport until almost all of the known attendees had arrived at the airport and were escorted to their buses. The Honor Guard detail at Reagan Airport was one of many trip highlights that each member wants to do again, if they come back to Police Week in the future.

On Friday, May 13th, the ISSDA Honor Guard members helped facilitate the movement of all of the coworkers, support staff and friends through the Metro Rail Stations, to the National Mall where a candlelight vigil was held to honor the Officers in the United States that have perished in the last year. During this ceremony the names of all of the Fallen Officers were read aloud, in addition to the various speeches and music that was played during the ceremony. The sight of the thousands of candles being lit and eventually raised in unison at the conclusion of the Candlelight Vigil was almost a surreal environment, as the closing music began to play.

In addition to all of the tasks that the ISSDA Honor Guard handled while working with the Iowa COPS Organization, the ISSDA Honor Guard Members were also able to visit the National Law enforcement Museum, The National Law Enforcement Officer’s Memorial, and other National Monuments. During a trip to the Lincoln Memorial, the World War 2 Memorial, the Vietnam Memorial and the Korean War Memorial, the ISSDA Honor Guard members were fortunate to meet with and talk with several Veterans that were visiting Washington DC on Honor Flights. The ISSDA Honor Guard members were able to speak with Veterans from World War 2, the Vietnam War and the Korean War. The War Veterans were very excited to talk to the ISSDA Honor Guard Members and shared many stories about their lives and years in the military. Those conversations with those Veterans left a lasting impression on every single ISSDA Honor Guard member.

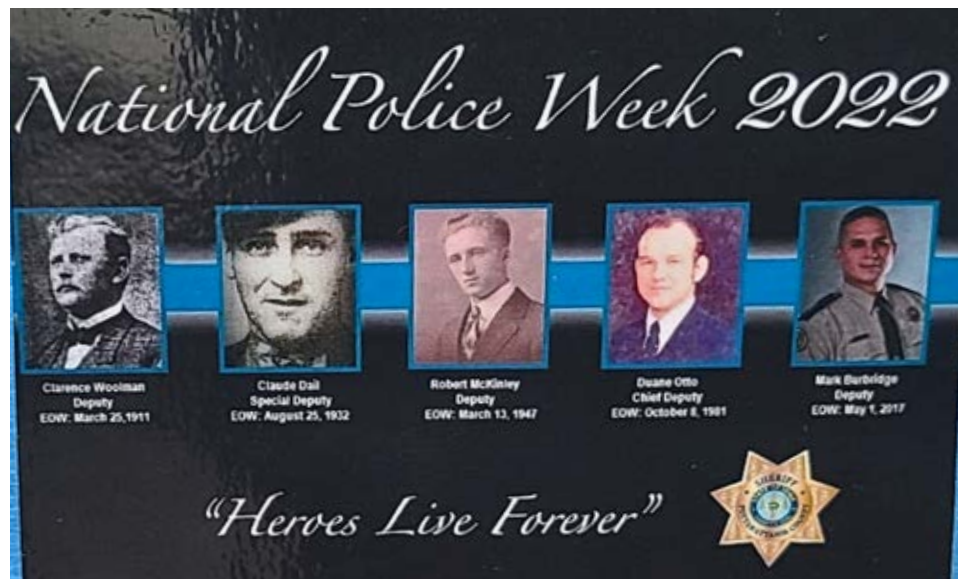
On Sunday, May 15th, the ISSDA Honor Guard attended the National Peace Officer’s Memorial Service on the west lawn at the Capitol Building. During this service, thousands of Officers attended this service to Honor all of the Fallen Officers that have perished in the past year. During this service the names of all of the Fallen Officers were read and the Survivor families placed a rose in wreaths that were at the front of the stage after their loved one’s names were read.

At the end of Police Week, the ISSDA Honor Guard members had a very tough time deciding what the best part about the week was, but all ISSDA Honor Guard Members agreed that being able to attend National Police Week was a tremendous honor and all of those that attended would like to return in the future. Attending

National Police Week is something that every Law Enforcement Officer should attend at least once in their career. The ISSDA Honor Guard is hoping to return to National Police Week in 2023 and have already begun making plans for various assignments that the ISSDA Honor Guard wants to participate in.



Pictured Left to Right: R.Singer (Plymouth County), M.Oltmann (Linn County), D.Steines (Linn County), H.O’Brien (Linn County), C.Langenberg (Johnson County)



Plymouth Co. Deputy Jaycee Vander Berg Honored by GTSB

By Sheriff Jeff TeBrink

Plymouth County Sheriff's Office

The Iowa Department of Public Safety, Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau, annually recognizes outstanding traffic safety contributions by individuals based on commitment to traffic safety and service provided beyond routine duties, creativity of approach, and effectiveness of a traffic safety program or campaign. To be selected for an award, a nominee must have contributed in a leadership role to traffic safety advances in 2021; provide a brief summary of why they should be recognized; cite how their actions affected a change; and keep in mind the goal of a traffic safety program is to reduce traffic deaths and injuries.

Deputy Jaycee Vander Berg was nominated for a GTSB Award as a result of her outstanding commitment to traffic safety and service beyond routine duties in the

year 2021. During the 2021-year, Deputy Vander Berg made 122 arrests. The majority of those arrests were related to possession of illegal narcotics and operating while intoxicated and were made during traffic enforcement. Thirty-four of those arrests were for operating while intoxicated with roughly 60% being drug related OWI arrests. In addition, she also accounted for a combined total of 359 traffic citations and written warnings issued.

There is no doubt that the performance of Deputy Vander Berg during the

2021 year made the road-ways in Plymouth County safer. Her commitment to traffic safety likely prevented potential deaths and serious injuries.



DNR Derelict Building Grant Program awards Grants to Rural Communities

The DNR Derelict Building Grant Program awarded seven grants to six small, rural Iowa communities to help deconstruct or renovate abandoned structures, remove asbestos, and limit construction and demolition materials going to the landfill. Keep Iowa Beautiful is a partner of the DNR Derelict Building Grant Program and helps select grant recipients.

The DNR Derelict Building Grant Program was instituted by statute to help rural communities with populations of 5,000 or less remove environmental hazards, improve community appearance and minimize costs by recycling and reusing building materials through deconstruction or renovation of abandoned, derelict buildings.

DBGP funding is awarded annually on a competitive basis with cash matches required. Applications for the next funding round will be due on Feb. 24, 2023.

The following projects will receive a total of \$400,000 as reimbursement grants:

- City of Carson, Pottawattamie County — \$69,891 to abate asbestos and deconstruct an old commercial building at 119 Broadway St. City plans to redevelop the space into a new daycare center.
- City of Carson, Pottawattamie County — \$66,884 to abate asbestos and deconstruct an old commercial building at 121 Broadway St. City plans to redevelop the space into a new daycare center.
- City of Corydon, Wayne County — \$43,200 to abate asbestos and deconstruct an old commercial building. City plans to redevelop the space into a pocket park for citizens to enjoy.
- City of Griswold, Cass County — \$94,625 to abate asbestos and deconstruct an old commercial building. City plans to redevelop the space into a new daycare center.

- City of Hopkinton, Delaware County — \$22,225 to abate asbestos and deconstruct an old commercial building. City plans to redevelop the space into a new medical clinic.
- City of Mapleton, Monona County — \$22,900 to abate asbestos and deconstruct an old commercial building. City plans to have a new space for commercial redevelopment.
- City of Sac City, Sac County — \$80,275 to abate asbestos and deconstruct an old commercial building. City plans to develop the area into a trail head and green space for farmer's market.

For more information about the grant program, application forms and resources, visit: www.iowadnr.gov/Environment/LandStewardship/WasteManagement/DerelictBuildingProgram.aspx.



“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

