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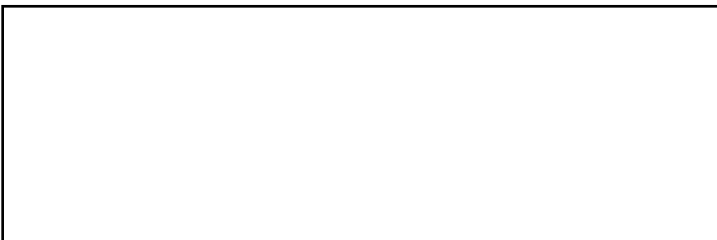


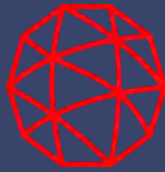
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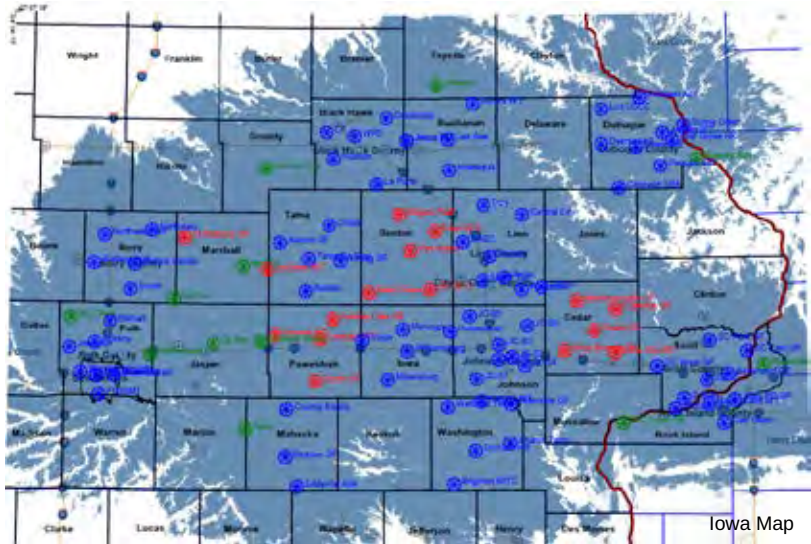
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Iowa Peace Officers Association (IPOA) President's Message

Fall is here. I hope you are all doing well. Is it just me or do we seem to be in uncharted waters currently? Numerous domestic and international events that have occurred over the last year have dominated our attention after the COVID dirge seemed to finally lift. The recent, record-inflation and stock market crash seems reminiscent of the Great Depression from 1929. Foreign aggression, espionage, and political incidents also seem reminiscent of past incidents from the first half of the 20th century. There is a quote attributed to a 1849 French writer, Jean-Baptiste Karr, when translated reads – “The more things change, the more they stay the same.” What I do not recall from any history classes are how many job vacancies there seem to be everywhere now, especially in difficult current financial times. In the past World Wars, many females, youth, and elderly people worked vacant jobs while soldiers were away. Today, things are different.

Relatedly, I worry about the shortage of new applicants for law enforcement vacant positions. Nation-wide, recruiting for LE jobs is extremely tough. It has gotten so tough finding new applicants that many LE agencies are trying to woo current LE officers to leave current departments with certified officer sign-on bonuses and other benefits. I don't think we have ever seen a crisis like this before in America. Many current LEOs are nearing retirement. Many of these near-retirees were hired under the Federal Cops-More grants of the early 1990s. I'm not sure what LE



Capt. Mike McKelvey
Mason City Police Department

agencies are going to do as a large percentage of employees retire soon when hiring pools seem depleted.

IPOA members have expressed interest in board members researching early retirement options, retention options, and possibly options for pension system contributions to mitigate turbulent financial times and the high cost of medical insurance premiums and long-term care. We tried legislatively for new SLIP provisions last year but were unsuccessful. We continue to see what

options may be available. We hope to be able to provide an update at the 2023 IPOA spring conference. We also have lined up some very interesting presenters on various relevant LE training topics. See the enclosed info for more information and registration details for the 2023 IPOA Conference.

To end on a positive note, now more than ever, America needs cops. Thank you for what you do. Thank you for compassion and the sacrifices you make to serve your communities. Continue to be role models and ambassadors for public safety. You do matter! You are making a difference. Most of the knee-jerk political reactions to defund or reduce police a couple years ago have now been overpowered by rational community demands for increased police presence due to high crime rates, gun violence, and other concerns. Part of our core duties is to maintain the public's trust. We are under more scrutiny than ever before. Let your good deeds and public service demonstrate the value of law enforcement. Let your professional behavior also serve as a beacon to prospective LE applicants to embark on this noble profession.

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Price (defendant) argued that the (current federal) law is unconstitutional in light of the Supreme Court's June 24 ruling in New York State Rifle & Pistol Association Inc v. Bruen. That ruling held that under the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, the government cannot restrict the right to possess firearms unless the restriction is consistent with historical tradition. Bruen said serial numbers were not required when the Second Amendment was adopted in 1791, and were not widely used until 1968, putting them outside that tradition."¹

¹ Reuters.com. Retrieved Oct 17, 2022 from : <https://www.reuters.com/legal/ban-guns-with-serial-numbers-removed-is-unconstitutional-us-judge-2022-10-13/> .

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In early October 2022, President Biden pardoned approximately 6500 people who were convicted of simple marijuana possession under federal law. Some supporters applaud Biden for fulfilling a campaign promise and recognizing shifting societal views about simple MJ possession. Critics claim this may be a last-minute distraction before midterm elections to gain political support or votes. Critics also claim the convictions for simple MJ possession may have come from plea bargaining of more severe charges.² "Biden stopped short of calling for full decriminalization and reiterated that the federal government still needs, quote, "important limitations on trafficking, marketing and underage sales of marijuana." Biden is also recommending state governors follow his move and pardon those convicted of state simple MJ possession charges.

HOMICIDE / HUMAN TRAFFICKING (Pieper Lewis, Polk Co, Iowa):

Mid September 2022 "... Polk County District Judge David M. Porter sentenced Lewis, now 17, to five years of probation to be completed at a residential correctional facility, in what he called "a second chance." He deferred Lewis's judgment, allowing her record to be expunged if she completes probation. In a requirement that Lewis's legal team argued against, he said he lacked the discretion under state law to avoid requiring her to pay \$150,000 in restitution to Brooks's family." In 2020, 15 year old Pieper Lewis stabbed her alleged 38 year old human trafficker to death. Several media outlets report that a GOFUNDME page has raised well-over the \$150,000 restitution imposed by the court.

CASHLESS BAIL:

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As a career-long trial lawyer, he also focuses his practice on Complex Litigation, Personal Injury, and Municipal Prosecution.

Ali has been a trial attorney in the public sector for over 17 years. His extensive experience is recognized both in the courtroom and the community. Working extensively with victims of crime has provided Imran with the passion needed to succeed in the courtroom. He has handled some of the most complex cases, including homicide, rape, domestic violence, narcotics related and burglary cases.

In 2014, he spearheaded the East Metro Human Trafficking Taskforce – one of the first trafficking task forces in the state of Minnesota. For the last five years, Ali has prosecuted national and international sex trafficking rings, trained and presented thousands of officers and prosecutors, helped draft legislation, and testified for stiffer penalties for sex trafficking offenders.

Ali has spent much of his career engaging those employed within the criminal justice profession. From training new judges in the State of Minnesota at the University of Minnesota law school, to teaching law

students at Mitchell Hamline Law School, Ali enjoys engaging individuals as they chart their career path. Through this he has had the opportunity to train many law enforcement professionals and prosecutors nationally. As the Director of Law Enforcement Education and Training he empowers participants in serving their communities with honor and integrity while being equipped with the appropriate tools in decision making.

Ali is nationally and locally recognized for his work, receiving Minnesota “Attorney of the Year” in both 2016 and 2020. He has also received other accolades within the state and area communities.

In his spare time, Imran enjoys spending time outdoors and with family including his two dogs, Keith and Dustin. He is also a small business owner of SotaPop, a small online retailer providing Minnesota inspired products.





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- 7:30 AM – 8:15 AM Check in / Registration
- 8:15 AM Present Colors / Benediction / Welcome
- 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM **Imran Ali: John French:** Use of Force in America (Lessons learned); PAUSE (Crisis Communication / De-Escalation); and Self-Defense vs Homicide, Qualified Immunity (what it is, how it works, and why it may benefit officers in quickly-evolving incidents. Several other topics will be included and there will be a session for questions. This block will continue in the afternoon and end at approximately 4:30 PM
- 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Lunch

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- 8:15 AM – 8:30 AM Welcome & IPOA memorial service
- 8:30 AM – 11:45 AM **Kent Gries:** Fortitude After the Firefight, Analysis of a Close Quarters Gun Battle
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Training Matters

Bullshido

We have all seen the cheesy kung fu theatre television shows. A lone warrior is met by a group of challengers who want to test the martial skills of the hero. After the requisite banter back and forth, with poor voice overs, they proclaim that his “kung fu is not as good as our kung fu”. Then the group attacks with flying side-kicks, spinning fists of fury, multiple back flips and strikes which send the attacker dozens of feet through the air and our hero walks away unharmed.

Go onto YouTube and type in self-defense. What you get is unending pages of things that will only get you hurt or worse, killed. So many of these self-proclaimed experts are nothing more than scam artists who only want your money. Just look up Detroit self-defense and enjoy.

What we want you to do is to think about your control tactics program within your department. How often do you train? What do you train? Where do you train? What reality based training scenarios do you incorporate? Are there training weapons involved? Does everyone, I mean everyone, on the department participate?

We are trying to get you to take an honest look at how the officers in your department are prepared to handle themselves in a violent confrontation. As we had talked about before in previous articles, the training you give/receive needs to be realistic. We all get the basic academy control tactics but that is just a base. It is a foundation to build your skill set. The troubling thing is that this is where most departments stop. They regurgitate the same few things once year in mandatory department in-service training.

I remember a long time ago when we incorporated ground defense into our in-service. As you can imagine it was met with much skepticism and like anything new, we had to start easy and simple. Over the following years, we slowly added more moves and longer, harder training sessions. Then we added in strikes while on the ground and weapon retention. Now we go for 1 minute, live, weapon retention rolls. Over time we became more intense, we broke a lot of holsters so we switched to holsters with different mounting styles. It was better to learn they didn't hold up in the training

room then on the street. The officers learned what worked and didn't and became more confident. This type of progressive control tactics training can be done with any program or section of a program.

We are also strong advocates of training in some sort of martial arts program outside of your department. Yes, on your own dime. What is your life worth?

But the caveat is whatever you choose to do needs to be legit. You are paying for the training, so it needs to be practical and defensible within your Use of Force policy. Ask around your department or other departments on what style they like and know works. Go to a dojo and watch. Most will also let you attend the first few classes free. Find what fits you.

What you need to stay away from are schools that teach things like touchless knockout, or death touch, or flying side-ways body blocks, or any other nonsense. Basically stay away from Bullshido. If it looks too cool to be true it probably is. If your teacher says that the techniques are too deadly to practice but should only be used if your life is in danger, then walk away. I have practiced a martial art for roughly 15 years. I really enjoy it but I am a pragmatist. I know that every system is not going to work all the time so I practice aspects of other arts. I have used what I train to pin a suicidal teenager to a gang member who just threw a gun. I have also watched my partner use his system more times than I can count to subdue subjects. I have a teacher who thinks the same way. We

stay after and actually spar/grapple live to see how we can incorporate our system into “real” fights.

What we are getting at is that everything you use in your department needs to be **PRESSURE TESTED!!** You need to get on the mat and honestly test what you are teaching. You need to put your ego in check and find out if what you are teaching will actually work out on the street. This also goes for equipment. Will it stand up in a good old fashion brawl? A good way to do this is set up micro-fights. Start in a position where officers end up during an arrest, such as an arm bar, or ground control before handcuffing, and then begin the resistance. Does the technique work? You don't have to have a full MMA bout, but small intense sessions. This can help you know if what you are teaching will work, or will the equipment hold up. We just want you all to be realistic, and **SAFE!!**

Train Hard. Stay Safe



Sgt. Greg Erie

Greg Erie has been with the Waterloo Police Department since 1995. A former Marine, Sgt. Erie is currently assigned to Watch III Patrol. Prior to his July 2016 promotion, he served as the Training Unit Coordinator for 9-1/2 years. He is a prior member of the Tactical Unit, FTO, and a TASER and defensive tactics instructor. He is a member of ILEETA. His email is erieg@waterloopolice.com.



Officer Chris Gergen

Chris Gergen has been with the Waterloo Police Department since 1997. Officer Gergen is state and federally certified as a Control Tactics Instructor. He also teaches in several other areas. Officer Gergen is married with three kids. He can be reached at gergenc@waterloopolice.com.

2023 IPOA CONFERENCE *Featured Speaker*

Kent Gries

TITLE OF PRESENTATION: Fortitude After the Firefight – Analysis of a Close Quarters Gun Battle

SHORT COURSE DESCRIPTION: On October 17th, 2019 the Guthrie County Sheriff's Office assisted the Stuart Police Department in attempting to arrest Randall Comley.

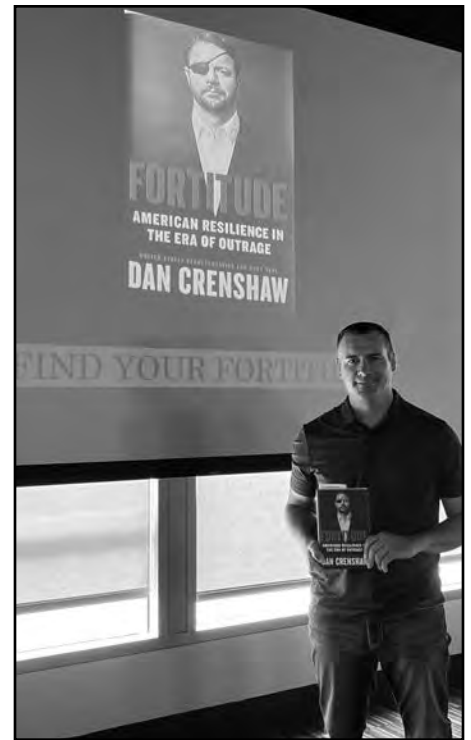
Comley had warrants for his arrest out of Clarke County for arson and Comley was known to be violent. At around 2230 hours, law enforcement learned Comley was hiding in an apartment. Deputy Gries led three officers into the apartment and gave commands for Comley to surrender peacefully.

Deputy Gries located an unknown person hiding in one of the apartment's closets. The person was given commands to exit. Comley exited the closet quickly firing six shots while charging at Deputy Gries and Officer DeFrancisco of the Stuart Police Department from mere feet away. Comley's bullets missed Deputy Gries' head by inches. Law enforcement returned fire and disabled Comley. In the volley of gunfire

between Comley and law enforcement inside the apartment, two deputies outside of the apartment were struck by gunfire.

The goal of the presentation is multi-purposed. Deputy Gries would like to share with all the lessons he learned from the shooting, so others can prepare themselves for similar situations.

As of Fall of 2022, Deputy Gries has traveled the state and has provided training to hundreds of law enforcement officers and prosecutors at events ranging from large conference to in-service training. The training is a close break down of a quickly unfolding traumatic situation and the aftermath.



Kent Gries *Professional Biography*

Deputy Gries attended Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, IA and graduated in 2006 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree, attaining the Dean's List. In December of 2006, Gries graduated from the Regional Law Enforcement Academy in Waterloo, IA with academic distinction.

Deputy Gries worked two years for the Coon Rapids, IA Police Department and four years with the Audubon County Sheriff's Office before finding his home at the Guthrie County Sheriff's Office.

While in law enforcement, Deputy Gries has excelled in detecting alcohol and drug impaired drivers and using traffic stops to make drug cases. At the time of this biography, Deputy Gries has made over 800 hundred drug cases with over 600 of those coming from the last ten years while employed at the Guthrie County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Gries has removed over two hundred drug impaired drivers from Iowa's roadways and is approaching two hundred alcohol impaired drivers removed from Iowa's roadways.

In a three-week period in the summer of 2019, Deputy Gries was the case deputy on "Operation 1975". During this three-week period, two cases in the city of

Bayard (population 471) converged into one, resulting in twenty drug offenders arrested, twelve search warrants executed and thirteen drug dealers placed in county jail. Of the twenty cases, seventeen were felony cases. A total of thirty-two felony charges were filed and sixty-eight misdemeanor charges were filed. A total of four people with warrants were located during the search warrants and most importantly, five children were removed from unsafe homes. All of the suspects arrested were convicted. Deputy Gries says the best things about the raids were not the drugs seized or people arrested; it was the children being removed from drug infested homes and the comradery and team work the officers displayed during this time period.

Deputy Gries has been a member of Iowa Narcotics Officers' Association for approximately ten years. While working with the Audubon County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Gries was an active member of the Western Iowa Drug Task Force. Deputy Gries has handled two K9's – both of which have received awards from their certifying organization. Deputy Gries taught for four years at the AC-GC High school teaching

DMACC criminal justice classes to high school students and considers teaching youths a great joy and responsibility.

Deputy Gries' awards and recognitions include: academic honors from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy, numerous letters of recognition and thanks from citizens and fellow law enforcement professionals, Relentless Pursuit Awards 2011 and 2012 - Desert Snow, Commissioner's Special Award for Excellence in Traffic Safety – Iowa Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau, Certificate of Recognition - Iowa House of Representatives, Congressional Record - United States House of Representatives – Second Session of the 114th Congress, Mothers Against Drunk Driving "Hero" – MADD, Letter of Commendation - Assistant U.S. Attorney Craig Gaumer for work in a heinous child pornography case involving a three month old baby and a six year old child, LECC Award – former United States Attorneys Sean Berry and Nicholas Klinefeldt for assisting MINE Task Force agents in removing twenty-four pounds of liquid methamphetamine from Interstate 80, letter of commendation from United States Senator Joni Ernst, and Medal of Valor – Iowa Narcotics Officers Association.

2023 IPOA CONFERENCE *Featured Speaker*

John French

John French: Director of Law Enforcement Education will be speaking at the 2023 IPOA Conference on a variety of topics.

John French says, “As educators, it is crucial we stay current and focused on purposeful, professional development and training that provides law enforcement with added tools to enhance an already highly trained skill set. Our goal is to constantly strive to achieve a perfect balance that creates a culture of safety and security for our law enforcement officers and the communities they serve.”

French serves as the Director of Law Enforcement Education & Training for Eckberg Lammers and our Law Enforcement Training Academy and Consulting

Services. His passion centers around teaching, instructing, and consulting with professionals, law enforcement, government entities, schools, and private organizations to enhance their current skills and encourage individual and team performance to enrich communities.

A 20-year law enforcement professional, French served as a deputy sheriff for the Ramsey County Sheriff’s Office; Weapons of Mass Destruction Tactical Team Member for the Hennepin County Sheriff/ Homeland Security; police officer and tactical team leader for the Brooklyn Center Police Department.

Throughout his career, French has engaged law enforcement agencies and officers through education and training. He has conducted field training, crisis intervention training, firearms training, developed curriculum and casualty training for the Anoka/ Hennepin School Districts; developed corporate security training programs; and administered continuing education with the Minnesota Board of Peace Officers Standards and Training.

French has trained extensively locally and nationally on the following topics:

- Effective Communication/ Conflict Management;
- Communicating through Culture, Crisis and Conflict;



- Active Shooter/Threat Assessment Critical Incident Response Planning;
- Basic/Advanced Tactical Firearms Training;
- Permit to Carry Certified Instructor, CPR/AED/EMS Certified Instructor (EMSRB, AHA);
- Crisis Prevention Instructor(CPI). In his free time, John enjoys spending time with his beautiful bride, family and friends. He also enjoys winter Caribbean cruises and golf in any region that doesn’t have snow!



Officers from 7 different states gathered to attend Iowa’s 42nd DARE Officer Training. The training was held in Johnston, Iowa at MCTC on Camp Dodge. MCTC and staff are instrumental in the training and we appreciate them and certainly, DARE Iowa for the support. The #43rd Iowa DARE Officer Training will be held in April/May, 2023. Please reserve your seat early as we continue to run a full roster and turn down late applications. For further information, please go to: dareiowa.org

FBI – National Academy

On September 19, 2022, the City of Oelwein announced that Chief Jeremy Logan has graduated as a member of the 283rd session of the FBI National Academy. The graduation took place at the National Academy in Quantico, Virginia on September 13, 2022. Chief Jeremy Logan is the first officer in department history to complete this prestigious program. Nationally, fewer than one percent of officers has the opportunity to attend the program. FBI Director Christopher Asher Wray delivered remarks at the ceremony.

Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy offers ten weeks of advanced communication, leadership, and extensive fitness training. Participants must have proven records as professionals within their agencies and the law enforcement profession to attend. Participants are challenged with and must successfully complete many academic and fitness challenges.

The 283rd session consisted of two hundred and thirty-five law enforcement executives from forty-nine states and the District of Columbia. The class also included members of law enforcement agencies from twenty-one countries, five military organizations, and five federal and civilian agencies.

Chief Jeremy Logan collectively has 31 years of law enforcement experience. Chief Logan has been with the Oelwein Police Department for 29 years, serving 20 of those years as the police chief. Chief Logan has a Master of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice Organizational Leadership from Waldorf University and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice Administration, also from Waldorf University.

Chief Jeremy Logan states, “It was a true honor to be selected to attend the National Academy. This program provides many educational and physical challenges of each of the attendees requiring long days and long weeks. The education and professional partnerships that are developed make the FBI-NA a truly unique experience. I am grateful for the support of the city, our teams at the police/fire departments, and especially my family while completing this arduous program.”

The culminating event for National Academy students, held earlier this week, was a grueling 6.1-mile obstacle run through the woods of Quantico, designed by the U.S. Marine Corps. The Yellow Brick Road, as it is called, challenges students to literally overcome obstacles and work together to get to the end.



About the FBI National Academy

FBI Academy instructors, special agents, and other staff with advanced degrees provide the training; many instructors are recognized internationally in their fields. Since 1972, National Academy students have been able to earn undergraduate and graduate credits from the University of Virginia, which accredits many of the courses offered. A total of 53,671 graduates have completed the FBI National Academy since it began in 1935. The National Academy is held at the FBI Training Academy in Quantico, the same facility where the FBI trains its new special agents and intelligence analysts.

Oelwein Police Department Reaches 100% IPOA Membership

The Oelwein Police Department recognizes the importance of law enforcement networking and the benefits being a member of the Iowa Peace Officers Association. The department provides for the annual dues fees for each member to ensure officers are able to benefit and participate in the association.

“Being a member for nearly 30 years, I have witnessed the hard work and the quality training provided by the IPOA board. We want to provide that opportunity for all of our department members and decided the best way to do that is to sign them up and cover their annual dues,” said Chief Jeremy Logan. “Now more than ever our officers need to build relationships with law enforcement throughout the state and have access to networking opportunities.”

The Oelwein Police Department has an authorized staffing level of eleven full-time

officers, two part-time officers, four reserve officers, and two civilian staff. This law enforcement team works out of a 14,000 square foot police facility that was completed in 2014. Each officer is provided with a take-home patrol vehicle and work

ten hour shifts with rotating weekends off. The Oelwein Police Department takes pride in their community policing efforts, which was recognized when they received the 2017 International Association of Chiefs of Police Community Policing Award.



Stop The Threat — Stop The Stigma:

My name is Adam A. Meyers and I was a Police Officer in Wisconsin - USA for 21 years. In April 2016 I was involved in a critical incident when I used deadly force against someone who armed themselves with a hatchet inside a busy department store. This person died.

I faced many personal and professional mental health challenges after my critical incident and it has taken me many years to get back on track. I would not have been successful with my mental health without the unwavering support of my family, friends, colleagues, and even strangers.

The issue of mental health is prominent everywhere in the public safety profession and it is an issue that commands a new perspective.

So what is Stigma? According to the Webster's New World Dictionary, the definition of Stigma is, "a mark of disgrace or reproach." Public safety professionals who struggle with mental health issues often feel devalued and fearful because of the negative attitude society and others in their profession may have against them. As a result, public safety professionals struggling with mental health issues may not get the help they need for fear they'll be discriminated against, or even worse, terminated.

The public safety profession is a high stress environment that has been associated with mental health issues. Public safety professionals who openly seek help for anxiety, depression, emotional disorders, or post-traumatic stress often face personal or professional criticism, discrimination, and sometimes termination. This should not deter them from seeking help, but it does. We need to work together to stop the stigma.

Public safety professionals may choose to treat their mental health issues with poor coping strategies such as excessive consumption of alcohol, drug abuse, casual sex, and other risky behavior. These strategies are self-destructive and tend to cause more stress, anxiety, and depression. These strategies may also become criminal. I am about to share some of my poor coping strategies and they may be triggers to those of you who have coped in similar ways.

One of my many poor coping strategies was abusing alcohol. Prior to my critical incident I collected wine and enjoyed a glass of wine every now and then. However, after my critical incident I began abusing liquor, mainly whiskey and the cheapest vodka I

could get my hands on. I would consume whiskey and vodka straight from their bottles, on the rocks, or I'd create my own cocktails by combining over the counter liquid sleeping or liquid allergy medicines. There were times that I would mix in whatever leftover prescription medicines I had in the medicine cabinet, and it didn't matter if they were prescribed to me or someone else.

For example, I remember one instance when my oldest daughter had leftover prescribed liquid cough medicine containing codeine. I combined whatever was remaining in the bottle with a glass of wine. I was on a prescribed anti-depressant called Venlafaxine while I was abusing alcohol. The label on this medication specially stated, "DO NOT DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WHILE TAKING THIS MEDICATION." A warning label did not deter me from abusing alcohol. I very well could have blacked out and never woken up from consuming these dangerous cocktails, but at the time I did not care. I did not care and wanted an escape from my emotional pain. Abusing alcohol may have been a quick fix, but it caused me even more stress, anxiety, and depression.

Another way I dangerously coped was drinking and driving. Prior to attending any type of social event, even as simple as going to the grocery store, I would consume alcohol. I would travel to a nearby gas station and purchase many small bottles of liquor containing about 1.5 ounces of whiskey, vodka or whatever I could afford at the time. I would immediately consume the alcohol in my vehicle prior to travelling to my destination. I tossed the empty bottles in the back of my vehicle or out the window while I was driving. I would rationalize that it would take about 30 minutes for me to feel the effects of the alcohol and by the time I was impaired I would have arrived at my destination. I was very fortunate that I was not arrested for drinking and driving or even worse, killing someone.

My duty weapon during my critical incident was a Glock 22 Gen 4 – 40 Caliber. I put my duty weapon to my head at least a dozen times. Sometimes I even placed the barrel in my mouth. I would always remove the magazine, but for those of you who are



not familiar with a Glock, if you don't rack the slide and remove the round from the chamber (barrel) it will still discharge a round. I very easily could have accidentally killed myself. My rationalization was that I simply wanted to hear and feel the metallic click of the trigger being pulled while the barrel of the gun was resting against my right temple. I did this while I was under the influence of alcohol. I still don't truly understand why I did this and sometimes wonder how many times it happened while I was blacked out from excessively consuming alcohol. I'm very fortunate to be alive.

To overcome the mental health stigma in the public safety profession it is important that those public safety professionals who suffer from mental health issues learn to understand, accept, and determine what is needed to treat it. It is time to become a part of the solution and work with those suffering to make mental health issues stigma free.

Public safety leaders must take a helpful approach when anyone in their command is struggling from mental health issues. Leaders should establish peer support groups and actively participate in them. Leaders, "Are you a part of the problem or the solution?"

Public safety professionals need to be able to trust the leaders and colleagues of their departments to recognize the obstacles and stigmas associated with mental health. They need to feel comfortable and confident that if they are involved in a critical incident and later struggle with mental health issues from the incident, that help will be available with no strings attached.

Remember, mental illness is a medical disorder and not a character flaw or a sign of personal or professional weakness.

HEROES

One of the problems attributed to today's world is the lack of heroes. The average person needs someone to idolize, something to believe in. I've always had something. For as long as I can remember finding an idol has never been a problem.

I remember one night when I was five. I was lying in my room just drifting off to sleep. Through the window above the bed darted the bright silent light of a siren. The first few bursts of light faded into the beginning of a carefree dream. Suddenly I realized the flashes weren't the product of a tropical sunset. It's difficult to describe what a surge of pride I felt as a little kid crawling sleepily up to my bedroom window to see that heroic black and white. My father turned off the red strobe and cruised back into the darkness. Somewhere in the house my mother could fall to sleep knowing he was alright. She worried a lot in the first few years. I dozed off again, dreaming of various acts of heroism. He undoubtedly performed more heroic deeds in my mind than in real life, but I have come to appreciate the glory in offering oneself to the struggle whenever and wherever it comes. He seems no less a hero now.

That night was one of my father's first as a policeman. He had always been an idealist, in a coarse sort of way. Looking back I recall how excited he was, playing, in real life, the good guy. While he was new to the department it became evident that he considered himself a protector of the people. Seldom did we drive by a stranded motorist without offering to help. That same applied to anyone in trouble. One one occasion, as we were driving home from a friend's house, I witnessed, for the first time, Dad making an arrest.

It was a bitterly cold night, and I was sleeping in the back seat when I noticed that our car had stopped rather abruptly. I sat up. We were in a residential neighborhood; the car in front of us was slowly scaling the curb to avoid something in the street. It bounced violently as, one at a time, each of the two right wheels ascended the curb. The driver of the car stopped momentarily to gawk at a figure laying face down on the pavement. The then descended the curb and disappeared. We were left to deal with the destruction alone.

Dad reached into the glove compartment, took out his gun and badge, and stepped

out. A rush of cold air entered the car as he left. I asked if I could help but my Mother responded with a firm, sharp no. I crawled to the front seat to gain a better vantage

point. My father reached the figure and shook him a few times. Getting no response Dad tried to roll the man over, but he appeared to be stuck with his face and stomach to the cement. Grabbing firmly one shoulder and the waist of the man's coat my father jerked solidly, then gently set the man down and repeated the procedure on the other side. Next he lifted the figure, threw him over his shoulder, and started back for the car. Dad was taking him to the back hatch of our station wagon.

I pressed my face up against the cold glass on the driver's door. In my excitement I exhaled and fogged up the window before I could see anything. A moment later the hatch opened and Dad set the limp figure inside. The second rush of cold air awakened my sisters who were still sleeping. I scrambled again to the back seat to get a closer look. A wall of smell hit me that I now recognize as stale beer. A second stench radiated forward as Dad closed the hatch and returned to the driver's seat. When he opened the door the dome light came on so I could see the source of the second smell. The man had thrown up on himself sometime earlier. It was evident from what was left of his saturated coat that this had frozen him to the pavement.

That was more dutiful, less glamorous, act of heroism. Nevertheless it was heroism in a sense and I treated it as such. I was in the second grade at the time. My teacher overheard me telling the story the next day. She suggested I invite my father to come and speak to the class. I did; he accepted. As I remember they crammed four classes of students into one ancient schoolroom. I beamed with pride. My father spoke for almost an hour to one silent room of second graders, which was no small accomplishment considering the second-grade attention span. Half of the hour was spent answering questions. "No, I never killed anyone" "No, they usually don't lock up elementary age kids for smoking, they figure they will die of cancer before becoming hardened criminals."

Heroes by definition have to have a sense of humor, so do those who worship them. On one occasion during my father's first year on the force, he came home with one wrist in a

cast. I was delighted, he obviously cracked a six-foot-four rapist across the jaw and broke a wrist. As it happened, I was actually asleep when he came home and Mom told me about the cast. The optimistic monologue was going on in my head as I ran to wake him. I jumped on the bed and Dad awoke. Anxiously, I asked what had happened. He gave my mother, who had followed me into the room, a groggy somber glance. "Well," he began, "we arrested this drunk." "He got violent in the booking room. I tried to pin him against the wall as another officer was swinging a nightstick at him. The other officer missed and hit me!" I went back to bed.

That incident prompted a lot of laughs but as many were from Dad as anyone else. He did have a sense of humor. Several years later, when he got promoted and was working detectives, he began to wear a fuzzy hat and a long leather coat. He was already nearly bald; to complete the effect he reserved one side of his mouth for an ever-present tootsie pop. For years he was known as Kojak.

Dwelling on the comical misrepresents the heart of valor. One of my memories is particularly vivid, and it exemplifies the man and his ideals. It was Christmas Day, my father's second year on the force. He had to work until 6a.m. and we couldn't open and presents until he got home. I was seven and my twin sisters were five, so waiting was hard. Mom eventually let us open our stocking presents early. The trinkets entertained us for a while, but the gifts under the tree were hard to ignore. We waited, but Dad didn't come home. Mom, who is a compulsive worrier anyway, started to show the strain. She couldn't stand the uncertainty for long, and after an anxiety-filled half-hour she called the station. The line was busy. By this time my sister and I were scared too; the excitement of Christmas morning dwindled into an innocent fear.

As my mother was dialing the police station a second time, my father came in the front door. When on duty my father always wore his uniform cap with the bill down over his eyes. It was his answer to the highway patrol's mirror-lens glasses. I could never figure out how he could see out from under it. He stood still for a second, a broad-shouldered silhouette framed in the doorway. Then he took off his hat. He was staring intently at me. One of my sisters stirred and his gaze

shifted to her. A moment passed, he and my mother went into the kitchen. A few minutes later Dad left again. He stopped on his way out and gave me and my sisters each a hug. The entire visit lasted only five minutes and Dad seemed upset. It was evident that it was hard for him to leave. Mom explained after he left that an eight-year-old girl had been kidnapped about ten o'clock Christmas Eve. They did not find her that day. Two weeks later just after my Father's birthday, she was found in a ditch outside town. She had frozen to death after being molested.

The good guys don't always win but they are always the good guys. Sometimes that seems like precious little to cling to.

Heroism and Valor, I have come to realize, are a state of mind. They are selfless, compassionate predisposition. Further, they encompass a unique combination of the realist and the romantic, a sort of wise nativity, a cautious but distinct trust in human nature. Heroes often are only recognized when they are faced with a crisis, in the turmoil of a disaster one makes a monumental sacrifice for another. I contend that the sacrifice needn't be a split second decision. A lifelong commitment is, at least, equally heroic. Further, I would argue that a hero is a hero before any

specific act; no one knows until a disaster demonstrates the truth.

My father taught me, with the subtlety of his actions, what heroism is all about. Ideally, heroes receive some recognition; I'd like to raise one of the unsung to those ranks.

For myself, you've gone above and beyond the call of duty as a father — thank you.

On behalf of the unknowing world you selflessly protect — thank you.

You are what it's all about.

An Iowa Policeman's Son

Son,

I found your paper lying on the table. Pardon me for having read it: I could not help myself. It is not necessary for me to tell you how proud I was when I read it.

I see your professor gave you an A-; the good Lord gave you health, looks, and intelligence. Son, I can't improve on any of these. I can't even give you a grade. I can say very humbly, thank you.

Love, Dad

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE IOWA PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

The undersigned respectfully makes application for membership to the:
Iowa Peace Officers Association, P.O. Box 100 Denver, IA 50622

Name: _____ Signature _____
Address: _____ City/State: _____ Zip: _____
Employed as: _____ Dept: _____
Date of Appt: _____ DOB: _____ Email: _____
Beneficiary: _____ Relationship: _____

A check for \$35 must accompany this application for first year membership. Dues will be \$30 the following year, dues are not tax deductible do to lobbg efforts of the IPOA.

2023 IPOA Annual Training Conference

The 2023 Annual Conference of the Iowa Peace Officers Association will be held on February 27th & February 28th, 2023 in Altoona, Iowa, at the Prairie Meadows Racetrack & Casino Conference Center. Conference registration fees are \$125.00 per person and include lunch both days.

Prairie Meadows has offered a group rate for conference attendees if reserved on or before February 1st, 2023.

To register for the IPOA Training Conference, simply detach the registration form below and return with appropriate registration fees enclosed prior to February 1st, 2023. You may also email registration information to: iacop2@mchsi.com.

2023 Iowa Peace Officers Association Annual Training Conference

Prairie Meadows Conference Center in Altoona, Iowa

Feb 27th and February 28th, 2023.

A block of discounted rooms will be available on the 26th and 27th at the Prairie Meadows Hotel.

Information to register for rooms at Prairie Meadows. Follow the link below:
<https://book.rguest.com/wbe/group/1609/PrairieMeadowsRacetrackandCasino/auth>

Group Code: PEACE23 Passcode: 863001392

YOU MAY CONTACT THE HOTEL BY CALLING 515-967-3000.
Mention the IPOA Conference and you will receive the conference rate.

2023 IPOA REGISTRATION FORM:

Name: _____ Dept: _____

City/State/ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Amount Submitted: _____

Multiple Registrations from same agency: Number Attending: _____

Have you Covered Your K9?

By: Chief David Niedert
Independence Police Department

Over the last year I have taken numerous calls a week from sales representatives and organizations. It seems that each of them wants something from me or my department. Either they want me to purchase the latest and greatest technology or tool for law enforcement, or they want me to sign on to show support for their cause. As I take these calls, I must think about several things; what will this cost my department budget, do we have the money, will this benefit our department and the citizens we serve. Even when I am told "it's free", just like most of you, I think there's going to be a cost here somewhere.

The other day I took another call, this time from Sandy Marcal from Vested Interest In K9's. My K9 officer had been trying to get us in touch with each other for a while. The schedules for all of us had been busy, so as I returned her call, I felt bad that we hadn't talked sooner. Vested Interest In K9's is a 501c(3) non-profit whose mission is to provide bullet and stab-protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement and related agencies throughout the country.

Since 2009, this organization has donated:

- More than 4,789 K9 ballistic vests
- 2,300 K9 opioid reversal NARCAN Kits
- More than \$264,700 of K9 medical insurance premiums through our Healthcare for K9 Heroes program
- Over \$110,700 in K9 medical first aid kits
- Three Chevy Tahoe patrol vehicles custom fitted for a K9 Unit valued at over \$50,000 each
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Officer Chris Cass and retired K9 Tyton

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As Sandy and I spoke I could hear the passion she has for this organization and the good that they do by donating all these things. She talked about how my K9 officer had been given a vest for his now retired K9 partner Tyton, and how she could not wait until our new dog Hondo would be big enough to get his vest.

There are so few things free in this world. There are even leas that are free and that do not come with a catch. This is one of those things. Vested Interest for K9's is all about the dogs. My department and several departments around me have benefited from this program. If you, your department, or a neighboring department have a K9 that does not have a vest, make sure that someone gets in touch with this organization. Protecting the K9's that serve our departments is a no-brainer. It's insurance for a tool that costs departments over twenty thousand dollars. It's the right thing to do. And don't forget It's free.

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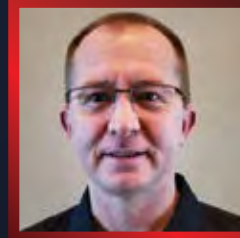
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In recent years the frequency and severity of weather events in Iowa and across the country have continued to increase. On average, upwards of 50 tornadoes, dozens of flash floods and hundreds of severe thunderstorms affect the state, resulting in 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 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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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 to 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.

ISSDA Secretary's Message

Fall

Greetings from Marion County! I hope you all are back in the fall school routine and things are going well. In this article I wanted to focus on something that the ISSDA Board of Directors has talked about over the last couple of years.

As Board members, we have been asking ourselves, "What real benefits are we providing to our members?" We have had a lot of discussion about the schools we offer such as two Jail Schools, Winter School and Civil School and what type of instruction or information are we providing for these trainings. We always ask the questions of "how are we representing our members at the Capitol by introducing certain legislative priorities, such as pay or retirement benefits or things that make our jobs safer or better and how hard are we fighting those bills that would do harm to our membership?"

Recently we realized that we need to provide more training throughout the state at little or no cost to our membership. A lot of times we focus on the center of the State for our major trainings, but we hope by providing more training around the State we would make it easier for people to attend and we may ultimately reach more Sheriff's Offices. This year we set our sights on two main areas of instruction. The first being more focused on the administrative side of things like records retention. Sheriff Thompson did an excellent job of lining up relevant speakers and locations to host the training around the State. We heard very positive feedback from those that were able to take the training.



Sheriff Jason Sandholdt
Marion County Sheriff's Office

Our second area of training that we wanted to focus on was more directed towards deputies. About 5-6 years ago, I hosted an ERASE training here in Marion County and was able to go through the course myself. Other than CTK's Interviews and Interrogations I feel it is one of the best trainings we can send deputies through. For those of you that are not familiar with ERASE it stands for Exterior Response to Active Shooter Events. It is the outdoor equivalent to ALERRT. The course goals are to aid the first responder in their ability to effectively isolate, distract and neutralize an active shooter in an exterior environment and to empower first responders with the tactics and techniques necessary to save as many lives as possible.



On October 5th, 6th, and 7th I was again able to host the training here in Marion County. We had Deputies, Police Officers and DNE agents from across the State attend. I should mention this is free training. I know of Sheriff's Offices who are hosting this class along with some office's even hosting the 5 days train the trainer program. Sheriffs, please consider hosting one of these classes in your area and Deputies please "harass" your Sheriffs about letting you attend one of these classes. It is my goal that over the next year we get as many of our members as possible through this class. I have attached some photos from our recent class. If any of you have questions about the ERASE program, please feel free to reach out to me at 641-828-2220.

Sheriff Altena announces final day

Sioux County Sheriff Dan Altena announced Aug. 31 will be his final day as sheriff.

He made the announcement during the county board of supervisors' meeting July 12 in Orange City.

Altena is retiring from law enforcement as he is seeking the position of county supervisor for District 3, a newly created district that has no incumbent supervisors. Altena ran unopposed for the Republican nomination in the June primary election and is expected to be unopposed in November.

The 63-year-old Sioux Center resident was re-elected to a four-year term as sheriff in the 2020 election.

"I've worked at the sheriff's office for 39 years, 18 as sheriff. I've worked 43 years in law enforcement," Altena said. "I'm looking forward to future things, but I have really enjoyed the work. There are times when it's difficult, but you expect that, especially in our work. I've been blessed with having good people to work with."

After he leaves Aug. 31, the supervisors have 40 days to appoint an interim sheriff who will serve the remainder of Altena's

term. Then in 2024, the election for the office will be held as normal.

Altena said he wanted to time his departure from office so that he could give the supervisors enough time to make their decision on who to appoint while not leaving too early.

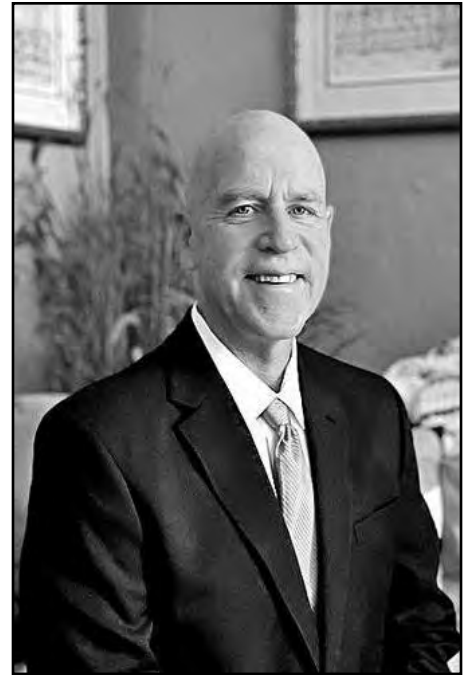
"This felt like the right time," Altena said. "Hopefully, it gives you time to do what you need to do."

In a news release announcing his retirement, Altena said his goal as a law enforcement officer has always been to maintain the county's high quality of life by providing the best public safety possible.

"I feel confident leaving the office of Sioux County Sheriff knowing that we have achieved that goal and that the sheriff's office is strongly positioned to continue serving the people of Sioux County well into the future," he said.

Altena also highlighted in the statement the changes that the sheriff's office has seen through the years, such as moving into a new public safety center.

"I am proud that during my tenure at the sheriff's office, we created our first-ever



school resource unit, enhanced our emergency response unit and award-winning K-9 program, reorganized our dive team and provided a real-time public notification system (Nixle), which also offers Text-A-Tip, a confidential reporting system, along with many other accomplishments."

Open house planned for retiring Dallas County Sheriff Chad Leonard

CREDIT theperrynews

After five elections and almost 16 years as Dallas County Sheriff, after 28 years in law enforcement and four years of service in the U.S. Marine Corps, Sheriff Chad Leonard announced Tuesday his retirement effective Aug. 31.

The staff of the sheriff's office will show their appreciation to Leonard by hosting an informal meet and greet at the Dallas County Sheriff's office Wednesday, Aug. 31 from 3-6 p.m. Well wishers are welcome to stop in on his last day in office and thank Leonard for his service to Dallas County.



Former Palo Alto County Sheriff Looks Back At Law Enforcement Career

CREDIT KICD-AM

Emmetsburg, IA (KICD)— As we previously reported, there is a new top cop in Palo Alto County with now former Sheriff Lynn Schultes taking off the badge and entering retirement.

Schultes visited with KICD News saying this felt like the right time to step away now that the new Public Safety Center, a project he has been working on for several

years, is underway.

Schultes took us back through his career highlighting some the biggest memories involving saved lives.

Even though he may no longer be a member of law enforcement, Schultes says is still working in public service and helping enhance lives.

A come and go retirement reception is being planned for Schultes Saturday morning



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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.



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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. The 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,
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All About the Numbers: DCI Cyber Crime Bureau Update

In digital forensics, it's all about the numbers. Zeros and ones; ones and zeros. From your first day as a forensic examiner, you begin learning about the importance of how data is stored. In its most raw form, whether on a hard disk drive, CD or DVD disc, USB flash drive, SD card, mobile phone or similar electronic device, data is recorded as a zero or one. From the bits and bytes of binary to hexadecimal, from hexadecimal to ASCII, Unicode and beyond, those all-important numbers are interpreted for us by our devices which output the data we need or want.

The DCI Cyber Crime Unit / Iowa Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force was created in 2005, beginning with just three forensic examiners. Eventually, the first investigator was added to the Unit. Over the ensuing years, an examiner or investigator was added when possible. All the while, CyberTips, investigations and forensic service requests grew at a staggering pace.

For the past ten years the Cyber Crime Unit has consisted of nine personnel: a Special Agent in Charge, three investigators and five forensic examiners. In 2020 the Unit received the tremendous gift of its first Electronic Storage Detection (ESD) K9.

In 2021, the DCI recognized its 100-year anniversary. In what could be described as a 'centennial gift', the Cyber Crime Unit received a massive staffing increase. Now operating with sixteen full-time personnel, the Cyber Crime Bureau evolved to counter the continued increase of electronic crime. No longer seen as a trend, the creation of the Cyber Crime Bureau recognizes crime in the digital realm as a top priority for state leaders.

The Cyber Crime Bureau is fully staffed with an Assistant Director, Special Agent in Charge, six investigators, seven forensic examiners, a civilian administrative assistant, plus two ESD K9s. In the summer of 2022, the Bureau will move into its new headquarters in downtown Des Moines.

Assistant Director Gerard Meyers, one of the three original forensic examiners when the Unit was formed in 2005, and leader of the newly created Cyber Crime Bureau, stated, "The creation of the Cyber Crime Bureau within the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation will establish a mission-critical structure to further the service response associated with cyber-related

investigations. As technology continues to evolve and emerging technologies impact criminal investigations, this Bureau will be positioned to respond to that call for service in support of our county and local partners. The additional specialized personnel resources provided by the General Assembly in support of the establishment of the DCI Cyber Crime Bureau will further overall capacity and enhance the Bureau's ability to respond to an ever-increasing number of investigations and forensic analysis requests for service. The establishment of the DCI Cyber Crime Bureau coupled with the additional specialized personnel resources provide for expanded capabilities available to county and local partner agencies. The DCI Cyber Crime Bureau stands ready to assist our partners and enhance the public safety response to cyber-related investigations."

How can these updated numbers be interpreted, and of what will their output consist? Already an increase in CyberTip response, investigation initiation, residential search warrants, digital forensic exams and outreach/education is being noticed. Assistant Director Meyers added, "The DCI Cyber Crime Bureau in concert with the Iowa Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force – the task force program was established to help state and local law enforcement agencies increase their collective capacities in computer forensics, technical



investigation, community outreach and education, and victim services. The mission is to safeguard our children from cyber-facilitated crime through a program of community education, aggressive investigation and effective prosecution."

As with the ever-changing numbering systems of the digital world, the additional numbers of Cyber Crime Bureau personnel and resources have prepared the DCI for the next 100 years of crime fighting.

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Special Agent Ward Crawley, CFCE, is beginning his 28th year with the DCI, serving the past 15 years as a Digital Forensic Examiner assigned to the ICAC Task Force.



Sheriff Boswell Retires, Chief Deputy Lane Assumes Role

CREDIT The Leon-Journal

It was 21 years ago when Sheriff Ben Boswell donned a Decatur County law enforcement uniform for the first time and now he has chosen to retire from that profession.

Sheriff Boswell recently submitted his letter of retirement to the Decatur County Board of Supervisors with his final day with the sheriff's department being Monday, May 16.

Pursuant to the Code of Iowa 331.651, it provides for the Chief Deputy to assume the duties of the office of sheriff until the Board takes further action at a later date. Chief Deputy Chris Lane will

assume all duties of the Decatur County Sheriff.

Sheriff Boswell was hired as a deputy in 2001, having been a reserve officer with both the Lamoni Police Department and Decatur County Sheriff's Department prior to that. Then, in 2016, he became Sheriff and has acted in that capacity since that time. Over the years, he has held roles of Sergeant and Chief Deputy within the department.

When asked why he chose to retire, Boswell stated that he intends to pursue other interest and run his gun shop.



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Clinton County Sheriff's Office

(July - September 2022)

Recent personnel updates for the Clinton County Sheriff's Office include:

1. We are so happy to announce the return of Sgt. Scott Reyhons to full duty on August 15th after 1 year and 7 months of recovery. Sgt. Reyhons was shot on January 15, 2021 while responding to a domestic violence 911 call where a female was in danger.
2. Karen Jess-Jungen, Criminal Investigations Secretary, has served Clinton County for over 30 years, beginning her service on December 1991. Karen has been a true asset to the citizens of Clinton County and to the Clinton County Sheriff's Office. Congratulations on your well-deserved retirement
Karen – you will be missed!

3. Hired Full-time Civilian
Correctional Officer
– Celeste Padilla



Celeste Padilla



Carie Wills

4. Hired Full-time Criminal
Investigation Secretary
– Carie Wills

5. The Clinton County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce the promotions of Lt. Scott Reyhons and Sgt. Matt Owens. They were both sworn in on Monday, September 26, 2022

Sergeant Scott Reyhons was promoted to Lieutenant 9/18/2022. Scott Reyhons began working with Clinton County in 1992 as a Communications Operator. He then began his law enforcement career from 1994-1995 as a Reserve Deputy with the Clinton County Sheriff's office. Shortly after becoming a Reserve Deputy, he was then hired on January 16, 1995 by the Clinton County Sheriff's Office. Reyhons's first duties at the sheriff's office were working in the Jail. He also provided security for the courthouse. In 2001, Reyhons transferred to the Patrol Division. On October 10, 2003, Deputy Reyhons was promoted to Road Patrol Sergeant after undergoing the required testing and interviewing process.

Deputy Matt Owens was promoted to Sergeant 9/25/2022. Matt Owens began his law enforcement career at the Clinton County Sheriff's Office November 26, 2001. While serving with the Sheriff's Office, Matt has been a Jail Deputy, a K-9 Handler, a member of the Special Response Team (SRT), a member of the Street Crimes and Targeted Enforcement Team (SCATT) and is a Field Training Officer.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Sheriff Bill Greenwalt and Sgt. Scott Reyhons



Karen Jess-Jungen



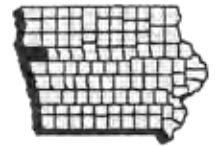
LEFT TO RIGHT: Sheriff Bill Greenwalt, Sergeant Matt Owens, Lieutenant Scott Reyhons, Board of Supervisor Tom Determan, Board of Supervisor Dan Srp, Board of Supervisor Jim Irwin.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Sheriff Bill Greenwalt, Retired Sheriff Gary Mulholland, Karen Jess-Jungen and Retired Sheriff Rick Lincoln

Looking Back: Woodbury County

County Seat: Sioux City Population: 98,276 (in 1992) Area: 871 square miles



Sheriff Leo P. Miller

Beginning with the rough days of the 1850's, thirty Sheriffs have served Woodbury County. Fortunately, the passing of the years produced a 'great improvement over the comparative lawless time when Woodbury County was in its infancy.

In 1856, the first murder came to trial in District Court, while Francis Chappel was Sheriff. The improvised Court was in Sioux City and the accused man was William Thompson, wanted for a murder he had committed three years earlier. Chappel, clad in buckskins and barefooted with his moccasins in his belt, strode before the Bar to face Thompson, one of the County's most feared and desperate men. Thompson, who had killed a trader after a brawl over a half-breed Indian girl in 1853, had never been previously arrested for two reasons; first, there was no jail to put him in, and second (and most important), no one cared to arrest him. The case was finally dismissed because no witnesses could be produced.

The job of Sheriff was beginning to become more difficult. Around 1867, the Gold Rush to the West brought Sioux City into prominence, as adventurers and gold seekers flocked in and out of town on their way to Montana, by way of Missouri river boats.

Then into the law enforcement picture came the McDonald brothers — John and Donald (or Dan, as he was called.) The

McDonalds, as Sheriffs, made records for themselves in the sensational capture of many desperadoes, and in rough and tough law enforcement that would be difficult to equal anywhere in the Old West.

Sheriff John McDonald received widespread notice in Chicago and Milwaukee in 1873, when he and two Chicago policemen engaged in a gun battle with three desperadoes. McDonald happened to be a passenger on a train from Milwaukee to Chicago when he learned that three men wanted for a Milwaukee robbery were on board. He wired ahead to the Chicago police. In the fight that followed at the Chicago station, one of the desperadoes was killed, another wounded, and a third escaped.

His first year in office, the 23 year old Sheriff McDonald arrested James Jameson, wanted for murder in Cedar County Nebraska. The officer returned the man to Sioux City, and on the Nebraska side of the Yankton bridge, turned him over to the Cedar County Sheriff.

Things failed to progress smoothly from thereon, however a crowd gathered, and it was decided Jameson should pay for his-crime at the end of a rope. It was stipulated that those in favor of lynching would stand on one side of a line in the middle of the road, and those who opposed it should stand on the other side. Men, women and children all gathered on one side of a traveling man who straddled it.

The two Sheriffs held the crowd back, and when McDonald told him the prisoner had asked for a priest, the crowd gave the man time to see one. While waiting for the priest, Jameson admitted to the Cedar County murder, plus an earlier murder. After he had talked to the priest, Jameson said he was ready and he was hanged. The verdict of the crowd was accepted as final and fitting, the sentence was definite and the execution immediate.

Dan McDonald's reputation rivaled that of his brother. An article in the Chicago Daily News, published December 29, 1886, called him the most celebrated Sheriff in Iowa, a man of the utmost daring, who was instrumental in capturing more criminals than any other man in Iowa.

Typical of Dan McDonald's exploits was his encounter with Ed McFarren, a notorious horse thief of the Missouri Valley region. At the time, Dan was a Deputy under his brother John. McFarren, who had stolen a horse in Fremont County, headed toward Woodbury County where he ran into a group of Sheriffs officers headed by "Deputy Dan" as he often was called. The McDonalds had learned that McFarren was coming this way. McFarren, confronted by Dan McDonald, who told him his was under arrest, shot Dan through the shoulder. A running gun battle on horseback took the thief into the timber, where the Floyd runs into the Missouri. There Dan dismounted, following McFarren to the water's edge, firing at McFarren. McFarren rode into the river, left his horse in the middle and swam to the other shore.

Chased for ten days, McFarren was captured and returned to Sioux City. He was taken to the Fremont County Jail where he escaped, and at Kansas City he killed a Marshall who attempted to arrest him. He was retaken and later hanged.

Dan McDonald was Sheriff at the time of perhaps Sioux City's most famous murder. Rev. George C. Haddock, Methodist Pastor and crusader against the saloons and liquor interest, was murdered the night of August 3, 1886, at Fourth and Water Streets. This was the crime which focused the spotlight of national attention on Sioux City. Several saloon keepers were arrested and one man was tried twice for the shooting, but there were no convictions.

McDonald also was Sheriff when George Trout was killed July 3, 1886, in a gambling house at 513 Fourth Street by Ed Hatch, in an argument over a card game. Sheriff McDonald and his deputy trailed Hatch to Pukwana, South Dakota, and returned him to Sioux City for trial and sentencing.

After the death of Sheriff E. G. Dille in 1917, W. H. Jones was appointed Sheriff. Jones then ran for Sheriff the following year, and was elected both in 1918 and 1920. Sheriff Jones' son was killed in 1921 during one of the most violent packing-house strikes in the city's history. Because of the trouble in the yards area, Jones had



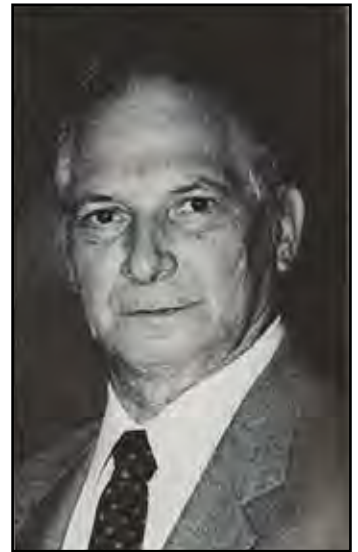
**Chief Deputy
Raymond Haafke**



**Asst. Chief Deputy
Glen Parrett**



**Asst Ch. Deputy
Robert Aspleaf**



**Captain
Phillip A Heimbecker**

placed more than 50 deputies on duty at Leech Avenue and South Chambers Street, including his son, Deputy Sheriff Lew R. Jones, 22.

The deputies had been given orders to stop and search all pedestrians for firearms. Around 6:00 a.m., December 19, 1921, Deputy Sheriff Ed Batman halted Hessen Kaled, a strike sympathizer. Kaled pulled out a blackjack, hit Batman across the face and started to run. Batman started after him, followed by young Jones.

When Batman grabbed Kaled, and the two began to struggle, Kaled drew a gun and began firing, several of the bullets hitting young Jones. Kaled again started running, but he was overtaken by Sheriff Jones and Deputy Sheriff Frank Jipp. Kaled began firing, and Jones opened fire, felling Kaled. Both the young deputy and Kaled died shortly after reaching the hospital.

Perhaps the most turbulent times for Woodbury County and the Sheriff's Office since the turn of the century faced Sheriff William R. Tice, elected to office in a Democratic landslide in 1932. The most sensational case of all during Tice's five terms began with the Ehlerman Jewelry Store safe explosion in the Orpheum Building on December 22, 1936. W. A. Ehlerman, operator of the store, claimed \$36,000 in diamonds and \$1,000 in cash had been taken from the Qlown safe.

The case itself began to "blow" New Year's Eve, when three members of the gang, which took part in the Ehlerman safe job decided to get rid of two members of the gang who they feared would "squeal." The three -Harry Reeves, Lee Bradley

and Billy Nesbitt -tied Harold Baker in a powder house near Sioux Falls, shot his girlfriend, Helen Seiler, eight times, then left her there as dead and set off the blast. However, Helen Seiler crawled out before the explosion, although Baker was blown to bits. The girl, found in a ditch, related the story to officers.

Four days later, Harry Reeves was captured by Sheriff Tice and Deputy Glen Hauser on a farm in Woodbury County. Reeves confessed to the safe job, and was sentenced to the State Penitentiary. Nesbitt and Bradley, apprehended later in the South, were sentenced in South Dakota for Baker's murder.

One of the most sensational phases of the case came with the conviction of Ehlerman on a charge of conspiracy to defraud an insurance company, the prosecution being headed by M. E. Rawlings, then County Attorney. Ehlerman, who did not have any cash or diamonds in the safe, had hired the gang to blow the safe. They were to be paid later when Ehlerman collected the insurance. The jewelry store owner was sentenced to three years in prison.

In the fall of 1958, F. O. "Whitey" Rosenberger was elected the 26th Sheriff of Woodbury County and served until his retirement in August, 1975. While Rosenberger was Sheriff, he was responsible for initiating the first uniformed patrol force in Woodbury County. Under Rosenberger, the Department went to uniform patrol deputies and marked patrol units becoming one of the first counties in the State of Iowa to do so.

Tragedy also struck the Sheriff's Office while Rosenberger served as Sheriff. In 1959, Sheriff Rosenberger's Chief Deputy and a matron, along with the County Attorney were all killed in a plane accident while returning to Sioux City from a prisoner transport.

One of the most sensational events to happen during Rosenberger's term as Sheriff was the incarceration of Bernice Iverson Geiger in the Woodbury County Jail. Geiger was accused of embezzling \$2,156,859 from the Sheldon National Bank, Sheldon, Iowa, in 1961. What made the incident so sensational was that it was the largest embezzlement fraud to have ever happened in the United States. The case drew national attention during the course of the trial and brought much attention to Sheriff Rosenberger and the Woodbury County Sheriffs Office.

Leo P. Miller, Woodbury County's 30th Sheriff, started his law enforcement career with the Sioux City Police Department in 1970, serving in several divisions before leaving in 1980. He was then elected State Representative for the Third District of the State of Iowa in 1982. After choosing not to run for re-election, he began employment with Woodbury County as a youth worker, later being appointed Assistant Director, then Director of the Woodbury County Juvenile Detention Center. Miller was appointed Sheriff in January of 1988 to fill the un-expired term of Russ White Jr. He ran for the Office of Sheriff and was elected in November of 1988.

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Looking Back: Allamakee County

County Seat: Waukon Population: 13,855 (in 1992) Area: 636 square miles



Sheriff Neil E. Becker

In 1849, Thomas C. Linton was appointed organizing Sheriff of Aamakee County to call for the election of county officials. On April 2, 1849, Lester W. Hays was elected as the first Sheriff of .Aamakee County. Since the first election in 1849, there have cm 27 sheriffs who have served Allamakee County.

On May 1, 1921, Sheriff Ben Martindale died of natural causes while serving as sheriff. His wife Gunda Martindale was then appointed sheriff to finish his term. Gunda Martindale is believed to be one of only two female sheriffs in the history of Iowa Sheriffs.

On January 26, 1945, Sheriff Leonard Bulman was shot and killed as he tried to serve an insanity warrant on a man who lived above a tavern in Postville, IA. After negotiations with the man failed, Sheriff Bulman kicked the door open and the man shot the sheriff in the back with a double barrel shotgun, killing the sheriff almost instantly. The man was then killed when deputies and the Postville City Marshall opened fire on his apartment. Sheriff Bulman is the only officer in Allamakee County to be killed in the line of duty.

The last homicide occurred in 1979. The case involved a child who was beaten to death by the mother's boyfriend. The Sheriffs Department investigated the homicide and the investigation resulted in a conviction for 2nd degree murder.

On May 15, 1991, two men armed with sawed-off shotguns robbed the Eitzen, Minnesota State Bank, which is located on the border of Allamakee County and Minnesota. Sheriff Neil Becker called out all his deputies and organized a massive search. The Sheriff and his deputies located the two armed subjects within two hours of the robbery in Waukon, Iowa, and arrested them without incident .



Allamakee County Courthouse, Waukon, Iowa



Original Courthouse at Waukon 1853 to 1861. Razed in 1913



Second Allamakee County Courthouse in Waukon



Alamakee County Deputies, from left: Tom Garrett, Greg Rosendahl, Tim Heiderscheit, Bill Campbell, Kerry Darling, Jerry Valley



Allamakee County Jail Food Service. Maureen Becker. Not pictured Bev Grady



Allamakee County Dispatchers. From left: Bonnie Johnson, Mary Severson, Connie Schneden, Abbie Osterholm, Rev Lonning

Allamakee County has had two fathers and sons who were elected sheriffs of Allamakee County. In 1899, Jas. T. Bulman was elected sheriff and served until 1903. His son Leonard Bulman served from 1940

until he was shot and killed in the line of duty in 1945. Theodore Rumph Sr. served as sheriff from 1916 until 1920. His son Theodore Rumph Jr., was elected sheriff in 1960 and served through 1972.

Neil Becker is the current Sheriff of Allamakee County. Sheriff Becker has served the county for over 18 years since being elected in 1973, making him the longest serving sheriff in the history of Allamakee County.

Sheriff Becker and his six deputies, like past sheriffs, patrol 636 square miles, which include the towns of Waukon, Lansing, Waterville, Dorchester, Postville, New Albin, Rossville and Harpers Ferry.

The Sheriffs Office now employs four full-time dispatchers and one part-time dispatcher. The dispatchers work 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and also double as jailers.

In the spring of 1993, Allamakee County will have 911 emergency dispatch which will be run from the Sheriffs Office. The Allamakee County Jail is located with the Sheriffs Office in the courthouse. The jail's original capacity was 13, but it has since been reduced to eight males and two females.

The Allamakee County Courthouse was completed in 1939.

Looking Back: Woodbury County, *continued*

One murder was committed during Miller's first year as the elected Sheriff. Thirteen year old Cheryl Ann Holman was reported missing to the Sioux City Police Department on February 28, 1989. Her body was found one month later, on March 28, in an abandoned com crib near Holly Springs, Iowa, in rural Woodbury County. She had been sexually molested and had died from a severe blow to the head, crushing her skull. As a result of a joint investigation by Woodbury County Officers, the Woodbury County Sheriff's Posse, Sioux City Police Department, and State DCI agents, William Simpson Edwards was arrested in East St. Louis, Ill, on November 21, 1989, and returned to Sioux City for trial.

In addition to the physical evidence located in and around the scene of the murder, DNA evidence was presented for the first time in a State of Iowa murder trial by a Federal Laboratory examiner.

Williams was subsequently found guilty of 1st Degree murder and 3rd Degree sexual abuse, receiving sentences of life on the murder charge, and 10 years on the sexual abuse charge, to run consecutive.

At the present time, Woodbury County has 28 sworn Deputies, a Jail Staff consisting of 40 civilian jailers under the command of an Assistant Chief, and a clerical staff of 4. The Court Security Division contains 6 civilians, and the Civil Division

is composed of 6 civilians and one sworn Deputy. The Department also has one civilian who the International Association of Identification has certified as a Senior Crime Scene Analyst, and Certified Latent Fingerprint Examiner.



Woodbury County Law Enforcement Center

Gary Verwers

July 7, 1946 – October 4, 2022

Gary Lee Verwers was born July 7, 1946 in Gosport, Iowa the son of William Edward and Daisy May (Phipps) Verwers.

Gary graduated from Knoxville High School with the Class of 1964. He always said that he knew since he was a little kid what he wanted to do with his life; he turned that dream into his reality when he began working as a police officer for the City of Knoxville. Gary was the first school resource officer (liaison officer) for the Knoxville Community School District. He made a positive impact in the lives of so many youths who often turned to him for advice and guidance. While he managed the Knoxville School System's transportation department for a period, he went back into law enforcement becoming the Chief Deputy at the Marion County Sheriff's Department. He later served as Sheriff, retiring in 2007. Gary was proud of his career and service to the community. Through the years, Gary also served as a volunteer for Knoxville Fire & Rescue and the Knoxville Raceway Fire Crew. He was



also a past president of the Marion County Fair Board where he fueled his love for racing. Gary was also member of the Masonic Lodge for over 50 years. In his retirement, Gary managed a car wash and most recently volunteered at The Well in Knoxville. Gary was a proud Marion County citizen - no one was a stranger to him.

Gary married Sharry Freel in 1967 and had two daughters, Kelly and Kisha. In 1976,

he married April and had a daughter, Krissy.

In his spare time, Gary enjoyed wood-working and was an avid collector. Gary was extremely proud of his family, especially his children and grandchildren.

Gary passed away Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at the Knoxville Hospital & Clinics at the age of 76 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Bonnie and her husband Darrell Coulson.

Those left to honor Gary's memory include his wife, April; daughters: Kelly (Gerard) Meyers of Indianola, Kisha (Roy) Jahner of Knoxville and Krissy (Josh) Link of Knoxville; 6 grandchildren: Brock Helwig, Chandler Jahner, Ella Jahner, Brady Meyers, Holt Link and Blythe Link and many other family members and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Knoxville Fire and Rescue and the Columbia United Methodist Church.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Gary Verwers please visit our Sympathy Store.

Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association 2023 Application.

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