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Last year in Iowa, 203 people involved in motor vehicle crashes were saved from death or serious injury by seat belt use, investigating officers reported.

In 2008, the number of crash victims in Iowa reportedly saved by seat belt use was 144.

Scott Falb, Research & Safety Data Analyst at the Iowa DOT, says these numbers don't necessarily indicate that 59 more lives were saved in 2009 by seat belts, but that more officers were reporting lives saved by seat belt use.

"We've been shaking the bushes out there to get law enforcement to send in more names," Falb says.

Falb encourages all investigating offi-

cers to get involved in reporting "anyone who, in their estimation, is saved from death or serious injury by wearing their safety belt."

The Iowa State Patrol's early reporting form has a box officers can check when they believe seat belt use saved a life. But other agencies don't necessarily report that data.

Investigators can report lives saved directly to Falb at Scott.Falb@dot.iowa.gov.

Since Iowa's seat belt law went into effect, Falb says, a reported 6,211 lives were saved from death or serious injury by seat belt use.

Falb calls lives saved "Life Tolls," a term coined by former IDOT spokesman

on driver safety issues Gus Horn just before the passage of Iowa's seat belt law in 1986.

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IACPPO signed magazine agreement with ISSDA; IACPPO met key legislators; legislative priorities set

Joint Public Safety Board met Dec. 5

(See the 2010 JPSB resolutions on Page 10; IACPPO's legislative agenda is on Page 20.)



On Dec. 5, representatives from the seven voting associations of the Joint Public Safety Board chose legislative priorities to pursue together during Iowa's 2010 legislative session.

Before the 2009 JPSB meeting convened at the Des Moines P.D. Regional Police Academy, ISSDA 2009 President Curt Braby and IACPPO 2009/11 President Bill Melville signed an agreement combining *The Gold Star* and *Iowa Law Enforcement* magazine into one publication. The agreement retains the individual identities of both magazines, while increasing total readership to about 4,000 and sharing advertising revenue.



Above, IACPPO board member, Major Paul Steier, talks legislative issues with with Iowa Rep. Jim Lykam prior to the Joint Public Safety Board meeting. Below is Rep. Dave Tjepkes with Chief Dave Lorenzen. Also attending: Sen. Steve Soddors, Sen. Tom Hancock, Sen. Keith Kreiman, and Rep. Kurt Swaim.



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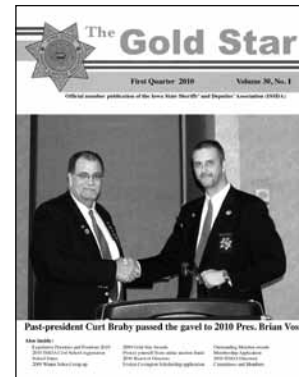
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Proposed Changes on the horizon must be approached with caution

The new Legislative Session has started as I write this and one word seems to sum things up: change.

There are proposals to change pension systems, asset forfeiture rules, who manages the ILEA and various other agencies, and changes to Iowa's gun permit laws. Everywhere it seems there are big changes on the horizon.

The one question that needs to be first and foremost for all of these changes needs to be, "Why change?"

Many of these proposals seem to be economically driven. There are proposals to place the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) under the control of the Iowa Department of Public Safety. Yet there has been no clear cut reason why this is necessary. Is it going to make the ILEA a better place to train our law enforcement community? Does it make sense from a fiscal standpoint? Never mind the questions about changes in administration, staff, etc.

There has been a similar proposal to place the Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy (GODCP) under the control of the Department of Public Safety (DPS). Again, one must wonder "why?"

One proposal quotes a savings of \$187,000 in administrative costs by merging the two. But, there have been questions raised about the possible impact of such a move on Federal monies received for drug control programs and enforcement. Ultimately, such a move could cost far more than the proposed savings.

It also should be noted the GODCP has a unique mission in that it crosses the boundaries of not just law enforcement, but all aspects of drug control policy. Placing this agency under "law enforcement" control, for lack of a better term, could jeopardize that mission.

There has been discussion of placing DOT Enforcement under DPS control. This was to put more officers on the front line and reduce costs. There are a couple problems with that line of thinking. DOT Enforcement actually has a higher ratio of officers to supervisors now than DPS, so they have smaller supervisory costs. DOT Enforcement is funded by the Road Tax Usage Fund and is "in the black", whereas DPS is funded by the General Fund. This move makes no sense from a fiscal per-



Sgt. Bill Melville

spective. This simply re-opens an old wound from the early 90's when such a move was proposed, and then defeated.

The Iowa Attorney General's Office has proposed changing the amount of money it receives from asset forfeiture from 10% to 20%. It also wants to create another layer of reporting requirements, meaning more time doing paperwork, and less time doing law enforcement.

In these economic times everyone's budget is strapped, but the AG taking another 10% of asset forfeiture funds is not in our best interest, and the IACP&PO has sent that message to them loud and clear. We will continue to monitor and oppose all changes detrimental to an agency's bottom line.

There are proposals to change employee contribution rates and retirement calculations for IPERS protected class employees and/ or MFPRSI.

MFPRSI and the IPERS protected class are in good shape, relatively speaking, and there is not a sound reason to go changing the retirement calculations or the member contributions at this time. IACP&PO – along with ISPA and IPPF – are asking the Legislature to take a "wait and see" approach and not make any changes at this time.

Then, there will be the usual legislative issues that could impact our profession that we will be monitoring and getting involved in.

There are discussions on banning cell phone texting while driving. And there has been growing media attention to NRA-sponsored legislation, that is supposed to be coming, proposing changes to Iowa's weapons permit laws. Our lobbyists will monitor these and any other issues of concern and we'll keep you posted on those developments.

Most importantly, whenever we see changes proposed like those above, we are going to be pushing for the rationale behind them and making sure they are in the best interests of our membership.

Our annual training conference is fast approaching. If you have not experienced "Verbal Judo," you owe it to yourself and the people you serve to attend the training. This training has as much to do with officer safety as the fine training provided by Calibre Press last year. The fact that we are going to have the founder of the Verbal Judo Institute, Dr. George Thompson himself, as the presenter should make it that much more interesting.

And now, I must eat some crow. I talked with board members of the Iowa Police Chiefs Association, the group formerly known as IPEF, at the Joint Public Safety Committee meeting in Des Moines last December about their name change. It seems the information about their proposed name change was not passed on to the IACP&PO board by our own members, so the board was not aware of what was pending though we had members there during the process.

The IPCA admitted there should have been more communication with our group about the name change, and I must admit that my comments were meant to be tongue in cheek and not derogatory toward IPCA, if they were construed as such. We're all peace officers and regardless of what rank we hold, I think in the end we all want what's best for Iowa's law enforcement community. I hope we can continue a productive working relationship with IPCA in the future.

Stay safe and warm during this insane winter. Hopefully the snow will be gone by the time the kids are out of school.

Bill

Iowa Association of Chiefs of Police & Peace Officers
2010 Conference Registration

The 103rd annual conference of the Iowa Association of Chiefs of Police and Peace Officers will be held on April 13-14, 2010, at the Des Moines Police Department PARC Recreation Center, 5374 E. University, Pleasant Hill.

Dr. George Thompson, president and founder of the Verbal Judo Institute, will conduct a two-day "Basic Verbal Judo" workshop. Registration for non-members is \$125. Member registration is \$99. No refunds after April 1 for cancellations. Members have priority in registering in February.

We will offer a group discount of 10% for 5 or more registrations received and pre-paid together. You will be responsible for making your own lodging reservations. Call Sleep Inn & Suites, 5850 Morning Star Court, Pleasant Hill, Iowa, at (515) 299-9922 (gm.IA112@choicehotels.com) to make your reservation at the special room rate of \$76.46 per night plus tax. Mention "IACPPO Conference" to get the discounted rate.

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Legislative issues keep the Board busy; Support this magazine with your news

Happy 2010! With January already gone, we are well into the new decade.

It's never too early to be thinking about the camping season, as I am already looking through my Campground Reservation Books on these cold evenings.

We have been very busy the past few months and I am excited to announce an agreement between the ISSDA and the IACP&PO, resulting in this new magazine you have before you. After several months of work, Bill Sage of the ISSDA and I have been able to work an agreement supported by both Boards joining the *Iowa Law Enforcement* magazine and *The Gold Star* magazine into one publication.

While we remain two separate associations, we find benefits to both in combining our member magazines. This is being done for several reasons.

We see a benefit to our advertisers, as we have doubled the number of readers who will see their ads, making their advertising dollars go further. We are always on the lookout for more advertisers to help defray the cost of this publication. If you know someone who is interested in taking an ad, send them my way.

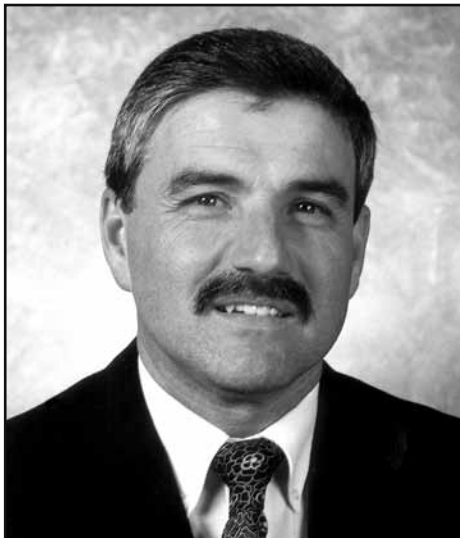
And members of both associations will appreciate a publication with more information and articles from around the state.

The IACPPO Board formulated our 2010 legislative priorities at the December 4 meeting. Our legislative priorities can be viewed on Page 20, and on iowachiefs.org.

Among the issues we discussed were a new facility for ILEA and the protection of forfeited funds.

The Iowa Legislature has struggled with the issue of funding for the ILEA, which has seen reductions in staff and funding the past several years. The ILEA has been a topic of concern for years, most recently we discussed exploration of a shared complex for regional fire and law enforcement training, which would facilitate the common training interests of both groups.

Our Board was not supportive of a current proposal to move the ILEA under the DPS. Many of us were less than optimistic



Terry Dehmlow

about the projected savings from this proposal, a projection that may never be realized.

We recognize the critical state of the budget but we acknowledge the importance of a strong, independent academy that serves "all" law enforcement in Iowa.

We also oppose any efforts by the Iowa Attorney General's office to change the administrative rules pertaining to the percentages received from forfeited or seized funds.

On December 5, the Joint Public Safety Board met in Des Moines. This year it was our pleasure to host the event at the Des Moines Police Department Training Center. They opened their excellent facility for our use, and all went very well.

Twelve public safety organizations were represented at this meeting, and we were able to pass five joint resolutions which can be viewed on Page 10. To become a JPSB joint resolution, the vote must be unanimous.

We had several other resolutions presented that did not meet

these criteria. All present acknowledge that we have learned from past experience that a unified approach is extremely important when dealing with legislative matters at Iowa's Capitol.

Many of our proposals in the legislature do not require extra funding. Frequently, we need to be alert to changes in language, and we rely on our legislative consultants, Kellie and Troy, to bring these matters to our attention.

Concerning IACPPO memberships: Unfortunately, our membership database needs to be purged of all delinquent accounts. This is the last magazine that will be sent to those who have not paid their dues. Late notices have been sent out for the last time as dues were payable in September when I sent out your membership cards. Be warned!

In this Winter magazine, we have high-



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Conference 2010 features “Verbal Judo”

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Dr. George Thompson (a/k/a “Doc Rhino”) has been training officers to defuse potentially violent situations without relying on weapons for more than 26 years with his “Tactical Communications” (Verbal Judo) program.

As featured speaker at Conference 2010, Dr. Thompson will present his two-day “Basic Verbal Judo” training April 13 - 14 at the Des Moines Police Department PARC Recreation Center, 5374 E. University, Pleasant Hill.

Peace officers who have completed Verbal Judo training have called it “an essential skill set for the working street cop,” and “one of the most well demonstrated, effective, and useful tools that can go in any officer’s tool box.”

Prior to forming the Verbal Judo Institute in 1983, Dr. Thompson spent 10 years as a university professor and more than five years as a police officer. He has published four books on Tactical Communications and received substantial national media attention.

In more recent years, Tactical Communications has moved beyond law enforcement and is now taught to customer service personnel, health-care workers, educators, students, and parents – people who want to protect themselves from verbal assault and physical violence.

Dr. Thompson says what is selling is voluntary compliance.

Since 1983, the Verbal Judo Institute

has taught Tactical Communications to almost one million people via Dr. Thompson himself and his global staff of Master Trainers.

The “Basic Verbal Judo” class has four parts: Professionalism, Tactical Theory, Tactics, and Other Related Material.

In Section I (Professionalism) officers learn to see themselves as “Peace Warriors” who model peace by their mode of speaking and every action.

Officers learn the traits of professionalism, goals of professional intervention, force options, peace phrases, how to keep professionally detached, the three kinds of people, handling verbal abuse, controlling their weaknesses, and how to intervene when other staff act unethically.

In Section Part 2 (Tactical Theory), officers are taught to understand communication from the receiver’s point of view, so they can better control encounters to reach peaceful resolutions. They learn the LEAPS concept of active listening, paraphrasing, the three street truths, how people never say what they mean, how two people equals six people, how their effectiveness is mostly presentation style; and content, voice and the other non-verbals.

Section 3 (Tactics) teaches officers to become “Verbal Judo Operatives.”

They learn the difference between “ver-



Verbal Judo Institute founder Dr. George Thompson.

bal judo” and “verbal karate;” how to use active listening, what to do when words fail, how to make initial contacts, how to manage verbal resistance, the art of translation and mediation, and the four ways to appeal to someone to generate voluntary compliance.

In Section 4 (Other Related Material), attendees perform simulation drills and decision-making scenarios. They learn to debrief an incident to improve future performance; to apply Verbal Judo tactics to defend their actions to supervisors and in criminal and civil litigation; to write reports to properly “articulate” why the response was appropriate; and to testify in court the reasonableness of their actions.

To register for Basic Verbal Judo, complete the registration form on Page 7.

(Secretary’s report, continued)

lighted the Pleasant Hill Police Department with a profile article on Page 18. We will be honoring other departments in future publications. If you would like to inform us on what’s happening in your city or county, please contact me at iacop2@mchsi.com.

In closing, I just received an email from another officer detailing several of the shootings recently involving law enforcement. There have been too many pointless attacks with no provocation perpetrated against our brothers and sisters, like the tragic murders of the four police officers in Lakeview, Washington, one Sunday in November.

This Association is very concerned

about the safety of each of you as you serve the public in this honored profession. In a proactive move, we hosted the Street Survival Seminar at our 2009 Conference.

This year I would encourage command staffs to enroll many of you in our “Basic Verbal Judo” training” at Conference 2010. This will provide you with yet another tool to do your job more safely. Chiefs and sheriffs: you must continue to vigorously train your officers and give them the tools they need this year to make Iowa a safer place for all.

Our membership includes police chiefs and sheriffs, the newly hired “rookies” and all those in between. No matter how many

years of service you have or your skill sets, you could benefit from this training.

Fellow Officers, there are no slow days, no slow shifts, no time to become complacent in our tasks. Be Professional, be Courteous in our service but above all.... when you answer that call, when you stop that car, be sure that you have a tactical plan that includes You Arriving Home Safely at the end of each shift.

I am thankful to be part of this family and I am thankful for each one of you, May God Bless You & Keep You Safe this year. See you in April!

Terry

Joint Public Safety Board Adopts legislative priorities for 2010

Representatives of the public safety associations that constitute the Iowa Joint Public Safety Board (JPSB) met on Dec. 5 at the Des Moines P. D. training center, 433 E. Army Post Road, Des Moines.

Public safety officials in attendance – both voting members and guests – represented law enforcement, fire fighting organizations, Emergency Medical Services,

county attorneys, the Iowa Attorney General’s Office and the Iowa Department of Public Safety.

The voting member organizations of the JPSB are: The Iowa Assn. of Chiefs of Police & Peace Officers; the Iowa Police Chiefs Assn. (formerly known as the Iowa Police Executive Forum); The Iowa Professional Firefighters Assn.; The Iowa State

Police Assn.; The Iowa State Sheriffs’ and Deputies’ Assn.; The Iowa State Troopers’ Assn. and the Iowa State Troopers’ Supervisors’ Assn.

The following legislative priorities were unanimously approved by the JPSB’s voting members and are currently being actively pursued together in the 2010 Iowa Legislative session:

Resolution A

BE IT RESOLVED the Joint Public Safety Board supports legislation mandating that all peace officers shall be permitted to carry firearms while on duty.

Resolution B

BE IT RESOLVED the Joint Public Safety Board opposes efforts to change Iowa’s weapons laws to require Sheriffs to issue concealed weapons permits and supports maintaining current law.

Resolution C

BE IT RESOLVED the Joint Public Safety Board supports Senate Joint Resolution #5 which proposes an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa eliminating the requirement that a criminal offense, where the maximum permissible penalty does not exceed thirty days of imprisonment, be prosecuted on information under oath.

Resolution D

BE IT RESOLVED the Joint Public Safety Board supports a bill intended to notify law enforcement officials when a person is involuntarily committed to the care of a hospital under provisions of Chapter 229.22, that the notification to law enforcement take place before the patient is released, and, if the patient was in custody at the time of the commitment, that the patient be turned over to the law enforcement agency for further investigation.

Resolution E

BE IT RESOLVED the Joint Public Safety Board opposes any effort by the Attorney General’s Office to change the administrative rules or code to decrease the percentages law enforcement receives from forfeited or seized funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Joint Public Safety Board supports the preceding 5 resolutions as approved on this 5th day of December 2009. The proposals when enacted will provide for greater safety for all of Iowa’s citizens.

Legislative update and 2010 analysis

by **Kellie Paschke**

IACPPO Legislative Consultant
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The Second Session of the 83rd Iowa General Assembly convened on Monday, Jan. 11.

Because it is the second session of the biennium, bills that were previously introduced in the first year may still be considered.

Additionally, legislators are still able to introduce new legislation. Therefore, the number of bills eligible for consideration is significantly greater in 2010 than in 2009.

Legislative leaders have suggested they will shorten the session from 90 days to 80 days – meaning the session will be scheduled to conclude on March 31, 2010.

The 2010 legislative session has two new legislators. Rep. Curt Hanson, a Democrat from Henry County, replaces Rep. John Whitaker, who retired mid-term to take a federal appointment with the USDA.

Rep. Kirsten Running-Marquardt, a Democrat from Linn County, replaces retiring Rep. Dick Taylor.

The new representatives do not change the makeup of the General Assembly, which is still controlled by the Democrats by margins of 32-18 in the Senate and 56-44 in the House.

Budget

The Budget is likely to consume a considerable amount of time during the 2010 legislative session. According to estimates provided by the non-partisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau, policy makers must trim approximately \$1.1 billion from existing budget levels or, alternatively, increase taxes and fees to cover the shortfall.

The 2011 budget shortfall follows this year's downturn, which resulted in the Governor ordering a 10 percent across-the-board cut to all executive branch agencies.

In order to address Iowa's economic concerns, the Governor hired a consulting firm to help find efficiencies and other

ways to save money.

Additionally, lawmakers have suggested many other proposals to help increase revenue. Many of the ideas proposed by both the consultants and lawmakers could potentially impact the law enforcement community. These ideas include:

- Merging the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy with the Iowa Department of Public Safety;
- Placing the Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy under the purview of the Iowa Department of Public Safety;
- Moving DOT Enforcement Officers under the control of the Department of Public Safety;
- Funding the Iowa State Patrol from the Road Use Tax Fund.

These ideas may serve as a way for legislators and the Governor to help close the State's budget gap.

IPERS

This year will also see the legislature address potential changes to the State's various retirement and pension systems. During the interim, a legislative committee met to discuss the stability of each system and propose changes. In November, the committee released their recommendations, which will be included in two separate policy bills for 2010. Specifically, the committee recommended the following: MFPRSI - 411 System: Increase employee contribution rate by

- .5% for 4 years beginning July 1, 2010.
 - 2009 - 9.4% - current
 - 2010 - 9.9% - 7/1/10
 - 2011 - 10.4% - 7/1/12
 - 2012 - 10.9% - 7/1/13
 - 2013 - 11.4% - 7/1/13
- Adopt five technical changes submitted.
- Phase out/ eliminate state's contribution to MFPRSI (411)
- Overtime pay is counted as wages for retirement purposes beginning 7/1/10

- Direct the Board to provide specific benefit recommendations as well as technical to the Interim Committee on Retirement.

PORS: Increase employee contribution rate by .5% for 4 years beginning July 1, 2010.

- 2009 - 9.35% - current
- 2010 - 9.95% - 7/1/10
- 2011 - 10.35% - 7/1/11
- 2012 - 10.85% - 7/1/12
- 2013 - 11.35% - 7/1/13
- Adopt (except #4) eight recommendations submitted from PORS Board
- Overtime pay is counted as wages for retirement benefit purposes beginning 7/1/10
- Direct the Board to provide specific benefit recommendations as well as technical to the Interim Committee on Retirements.
- Direct LSA to work with systems to include any technical language needed to implement proposed changes.

Forfeiture Proceeds

In November, the Iowa Attorney General proposed a change to the Administrative Rules dealing with allocation of forfeited money/property. Currently, forfeiture funds are split by allocating 90% to the seizing agency and 10% to the Attorney General's office. Often, the 90% received by the seizing agency is split among several departments as a part of a multi-jurisdictional task force.

The AG's proposal seeks to reduce the seizing entity allocation to 80%, while providing the remaining 20% to the Attorney General. The rule was noticed at the December meeting of the Administrative Rules Committee and several organizations, including the Iowa Association of Chiefs of Police and Peace Officers, provided public comment in opposition to the change. Legislators on the committee expressed concern over reducing the share that local entities receive and urged the parties to work together to reach resolution on the matter.

Recipients include Chief Deputy Adam Caudle, Deputy Brian Eckhardt, Deputy C.J. Sullivan,

11 Sullivan Brothers Awards

Eleven Sullivan Brothers Awards of Valor were presented to police officers, sheriff's deputies and fire fighters during ceremonies at the State Capitol rotunda on Nov. 12, 2009, by Gov. Chet Culver.

"These brave men and women acted heroically, often placing their own lives at risk, to save the lives of others," Gov. Culver said.

"It is my honor to award these selfless public servants with the Sullivan Brothers Award of Valor for protecting their communities and putting their own lives on the line to save their fellow Iowans."

Public Safety Commissioner Eugene T. Meyer said he was proud to present these awards with Governor Culver.

"Many of these peace officers and fire-fighters knowingly placed themselves in harm's way to save the life of another person," Commissioner Meyer said.

Officers and firefighters receiving the 2009 Sullivan Brothers Award of Valor work for the following law enforcement agencies or fire departments: Jones County Sheriff's Office, Allison Volunteer Fire Department, Aredale Volunteer Fire Department, Iowa Department of Public Safety/Iowa State Patrol Division, Grinnell Police Department, Bremer County Sheriff's Office, Waverly Fire Department and the Louisa County Sheriff's Office.

A description of each award recipient follows:

Louisa County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Adam Caudle:

Incident narrative: On March 15, 2009, at approximately 3:30 p.m., the Louisa County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call of someone on the Iowa River Bridge. The caller stated that the person was on the outside of the rail and thought someone should check out the situation.

Deputy James Clasen, Chief Deputy Adam Caudle and Trooper Allen Konecne responded to the scene. Caudle proceeded to the east side of the bridge while Clasen stopped by the person on the bridge, exited his car and attempted to speak with the person. The person turned toward Clasen,



Louisa County Chief Deputy Adam Caudle was presented the Sullivan Brothers Award of Valor for rescuing a woman from the 40-degree waters of a flooding Iowa River on March 15, 2009. Standing to Caudle's left is Iowa Department of Public Safety Commissioner Gene Meyer and at right is Iowa Gov. Chet Culver.

with her back to the river, raised a hand in a "wait a moment" gesture and fell backwards off the bridge and into the river. The river at that point was at the 20 foot flood stage and was approximately 40 degrees.

Chief Deputy Caudle then returned to the west side of the river and went downstream as Clasen stayed on the bridge and acted as a spotter. Caudle got ahead of the jumper, went down the bank from the parallel road, removed his boots and gun belt and entered the flooded river and tried to get close enough to the victim to rescue her. This rescue attempt was unsuccessful.

Chief Deputy Caudle returned to shore and got back in his squad car and drove further down the river to the boat landing where he again entered the river and was able to successfully get the victim and return her to the shore and awaiting ambulance.

Chief Deputy Caudle made this rescue in spite of the flood stage and temperature of the river. His decision to return to shore after the first attempt was made due to his

incremental weather training received in his 20 years in the Marine Corps. Had it not been for that decision, the task would have been a body recovery rather than a successful rescue.

The Commendation Committee decided unanimously that Chief Deputy Adam Caudle is deserving of the Sullivan Brothers Award of Valor for his heroic acts which resulted in saving the life of Diane Yotter.

Chief Deputy Adam Caudle was nominated by Trooper Allen Konecne and supported by Sheriff Curt Braby.

Jones County Sheriff's Office deputies Brian Eckhardt and Deputy C. J. Sullivan:

Incident narrative: On April 23, 2008, Jones Co. deputies Brian Eckhardt and C.J. Sullivan jumped into a cold, flooded creek and while fighting the strong current, with zero visibility in the water and a submerged upside-down vehicle, worked as a team to locate and remove toddler Tatum McGloth-

presented Nov. 12 at Capitol

lin from the vehicle.

Prior to the arrival of Deputies Eckhardt and Sullivan, a citizen, Robert Bierer, had already removed two additional children from the vehicle. However, he was not able to locate Tatum McGlothlin.

The actions of Deputies Eckhardt and Sullivan probably saved the life of Robert Bierer as well, since he had spent approximately 6-7 minutes in the freezing water and was fatigued when they arrived on the scene. Robert Bierer was given the Governor's Lifesaving Award in 2008.

The Commendation Committee decided unanimously that Deputy Brian Eckhardt and Deputy C. J. Sullivan are deserving of the Sullivan Brothers Award of Valor for their heroic actions, which resulted in saving the life of two-year old Tatum Mc-



DEPUTIES SAVED TWO-YEAR-OLD FROM SUBMERGED CAR: Jones County deputies C.J. Sullivan and Brian Eckhardt received Sullivan Brothers Awards of Valor for saving the life of two-year-old Tatum McGlothlin of Anamosa by pulling the child from an overturned and submerged vehicle on April 23, 2008.



Sullivan Brothers Award of Valor winner Grinnell Police Officer Jeremy Stevenson with Gov. Chet Culver.

Glothlin of Anamosa. (Nominated by Sen. Tom Hancock).

Grinnell Police Department Officer Jeremy Stevenson:

On October 12, 2008, Grinnell Police Officer Jeremy Stevenson, while on routine patrol, was called to a house fire at 513 4th Avenue, Grinnell, Iowa. Upon his arrival he found four persons on or near the front door of the house. Officer Stevenson

could see heavy amounts of smoke coming from all areas of the house. There were also flames showing near the rear of the house. Officer Stevenson arrived minutes before the Grinnell Fire Department.

Officer Stevenson immediately got all the occupants away from the front of the house and began asking if everyone was out. Lindsay Etter appeared to have been the last one out and told Officer Stevenson that her elderly grandmother was still in the house.

Lindsay Etter had tried to rescue her grandmother, Dorothy Delk from the house, but her grandmother had fallen and Lindsey was overcome with smoke and was coming out the front door for air when Officer Stevenson arrived.

Officer Stevenson had experience in fire situations, and dropped to a crawling position and entered the house to locate Ms. Delk. Upon entering the front door Officer Stevenson crawled 6 - 8 feet and located Ms. Delk lying face down. Officer Stevenson pulled her towards the door, then picked her up and carried her to safety. Grinnell Fire department was on scene by this time as well as medical personnel.

The Commendation Committee decided unanimously that Officer Jeremy Stevenson is deserving of the Sullivan Broth-

ers Award of Valor for his heroic acts which resulted in saving the life of Dorothy Delk, 88. Officer Jeremy Stevenson was nominated by Chief Jody Matherly.



Waverly F.D. Fire Fighter James McKenzie and Bremer County Deputy Sean Hartman.

Bremer Co. Deputy Sean Hartman and Waverly Fire Fighter Jim McKenzie

On October 21, 2008, Deputy Sean Hartman and Fire Fighter Jim McKenzie arrived at a house fire at approximately

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3:56 a.m. As Deputy Hartman and Fire Fighter McKenzie approached the engulfed home they were advised by Bradley Hedrick that his grandmother Luetta Ohlendorf was still in the house. Hedrick said the back door on the northwest side of the house was locked and we would have to try and get in through the front door.

Deputy Hartman and Fire Fighter McKenzie went to the east side of the residence and opened the north door which was located on a deck. This door was not locked. When the door opened fire and smoke came out of the door. Both men got onto their hands and knees and tried to enter the residence.

Due to the heat they were unable to enter through this door. McKenzie and Hartman went to a second door just to the south. Hedrick advised that Ohlendorf was just on the other side of the door in a chair. This door was locked, so the men kicked the door several times until it broke open.

When the door opened, fire, smoke, heat and debris knocked McKenzie and Hartman to the ground. At this time the deck could no longer support their weight, so the men jumped over the railing and went to the window on the east side of the residence. They could see Luetta Ohlendorf walking toward the window. Ohlendorf was covered in fire. Hartman gave his ASP baton to McKenzie so he could break out the window. Hartman ran to his patrol car and grabbed his fire extinguisher. When Hartman returned to the window Ohlendorf was trying to climb out the window, she had her hands and part of her head past the window. Ohlendorf was completely covered in fire and there was no place to grab to pull her out. Deputy Hartman pulled the pin on the fire extinguisher and was going to try and knock down some of the flames around the window. As Deputy Hartman tried to squeeze the trigger on the fire extinguisher a large explosion occurred throwing both men to the ground. The explosion appeared to come from the area where Ohlendorf was. Unfortunately, Deputy Hartman and



Aredale Volunteer F.D. Fire Fighter Dustin Cole, Trooper Todd Souhrada, Allison Volunteer F.D. Fire Fighter Donald Scroggin. Not shown: Allison Volunteer F.D. fire fighters Brad Cooper and Brett Cooper.

Fire Fighter McKenzie's rescue attempts were unsuccessful and Ms. Luetta Ohlendorf died in this house fire.

The Commendation Committee decided unanimously that Deputy Sean Hartman and Fire Fighter Jim McKenzie are deserving of the Sullivan Brothers Award of Valor for putting their lives in danger in attempting to rescue Ms. Luetta Ohlendorf.

Deputy Sean Hartman and fire fighter Jim McKenzie were nominated by Connie Parkman.

Allison Volunteer Fire Department fire fighters Brad Cooper, Brett Cooper, and Donald Scroggin; Aredale Volunteer Fire Department Fire Fighter Dustin Cole; and Trooper Todd Souhrada:

On Sunday, May 25, 2008, in the wake of an EF5 tornado that moved through the community of Parkersburg, Iowa, fire fighters Brad Cooper, Brett Cooper, Donald Scroggin, Assistant Fire Chief Dustin Cole, and Trooper Todd Souhrada risked their

own personal safety to remove debris and rescue Dana and Karen Anderson (brother and sister) who were trapped under debris from their home at 712 3rd Street in Parkersburg. These men worked to save these individuals regardless of the instability of the residence/ structure they were working in. The presence of natural gas and the hazardous debris field made it very dangerous for the rescue workers.

These men continued their rescue efforts throughout the night – even though Trooper Souhrada sustained injuries to his back, leg and lungs (from breathing the natural gas) during the rescue efforts at the Anderson residence.

The Commendation Committee decided unanimously that all the officers nominated are deserving of the Sullivan Brothers Award of Valor for their heroic acts, which resulted in saving several lives.

Nominated by Colonel Patrick Hoye-DPS/ ISP, Chief Buck Nitcher (Parkersburg Fire Department) and Chief Craig Cramer (Allison Volunteer Fire Department).

West Des Moines P.D. recognized service and excellence on Dec. 8



Det. Lloyd Carlson received a departmental commendation from Chief Jack O'Donnell.

Departmental Commendation presented to Det. Lloyd Carlson:

Reason for commendation: On March 10, 2009, Det. Lloyd Carlson initiated an investigation into Thomas Frazier, who was found living at 3432 Ashworth Rd.

Det. Carlson learned Frazier was wanted in Colorado on a forgery warrant. Det. Carlson coordinated Frazier's arrest with the U.S. Marshal's fugitive unit at the residence on the outstanding Colorado arrest warrant.

During the arrest, Detective Carlson initiated a consent search of this residence and located numerous documents and a computer that revealed evidence Frazier was actively participating in additional acts of fraud around the country. These acts included the use and production of fraudulent Social Security cards.

Detective Carlson dug further into these acts and learned Frazier was meeting women via the internet to befriend them, and then potentially committing acts of financial fraud against them. Detective Carlson then utilized the information gleaned from the seized documents and the computer to locate these victims to minimize the financial loss.

Det. Carlson then dug further into Frazier's background and learned he was also wanted in Michigan on a warrant for unpaid child support (\$530,000). Det. Carlson located evidence indicating Frazier was utilizing multiple Social Security numbers to hide monies that might be forfeitable to the victims in these crimes.

Det. Carlson coordinated with Michigan authorities to extend the extradition of their arrest warrant to Iowa. Michigan authorities extradited Frazier back to Michigan. On April 10, the Des Moines Register published a national news article indicating Frazier was charged with failing to pay child support (\$530,000) to 13 women over 6 years.

Based on the evidence gathered, Detective Carlson coordinated and initiated a request to the Social Security Administration to conduct a federal investigation and prosecution of Frazier for his multi-state fraud involving numerous identities. Detective Carlson could have easily just arrested Frazier on the warrant and walked away. Detective Carlson's alertness resulted in a key apprehension and recovery of evidence which has resulted in minimizing the criminal behavior of Frazier.

Lifesaving Medals presented to Officer Ryan Purdy and Sgt. Jason Bryan:

Reason for medals: On May 19, 2009, at approximately 1705 hrs, Officer Ryan Purdy and Sgt. Jason Bryan responded to a medical trip to

Dowling High School's soccer field for a teen female who collapsed. She was unresponsive and CPR was in progress.

Officer Purdy arrived first and observed the victim on her side as bystanders were trying to clear her air way. Officer Purdy placed the victim on her back and started chest compressions. Sgt. Bryan arrived shortly after Purdy and brought the Automated External Defibrillator (AED), attached it to the victim and she received two jolts of electricity before EMS arrived and took over patient care.

Both officers stayed on scene and assisted with getting the ambulance enroute to the hospital as quickly as possible. The victim, Kayla Donahe, was transported to the hospital where she continued to receive medical attention and is doing very well.

Kayla is the daughter of West Des Moines Police Reserve Officer Luke Donahe.

The outcome could have been much different had it not been for the efforts of a lot of people, including citizens attending the game, Westcom, EMS, fire, hospital and police personnel. For their part in the successful outcome of this incident, Officer Purdy and Sgt. Bryan received Lifesaving Medals.

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Kayla Donahe presents WDMPPD Lifesaving Awards to Officer Purdy and Sgt. Bryan.

West Des Moines P.D. recognition, continued



West Des Moines P.D. Crime Analyst Alice Wisner, Sgt. Ken O'Brien and Det. Dan Wade and worked together to catch a serial burglar.

Departmental Commendations to Alice Wisner, Sgt. Ken O'Brien and Det. Dan Wade

Recommendation Narrative by Lt. Barrett: In the fall of 2008, we noted that strip mall burglaries were on the rise. Crime Analyst Alice Wisner noticed a pattern which reminded her of a serial burglar she had been involved with early in her career.

She looked into the whereabouts of David Robertson, and found that he had been released from prison and was on a work release program through the Iowa Department of Corrections. Alice contacted Sgt. Ken O'Brien and advised him of the information.

Sgt. O'Brien, along with Det. Dan Wade, started to put information together about Robertson's residence, job and release requirements. The more they researched the more they became convinced that Robertson was the person responsible for a number of strip mall burglaries around the metro area as well as West Des Moines.

With the Christmas holiday week approaching and with knowledge that Mr. Robertson liked to hit businesses over long holiday weekends or breaks, Sgt. O'Brien came up with the idea of tracking Robertson with an electronic Global Positioning System (GPS) unit. He and Det. Wade obtained a unit from the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation

and attached it to Robertson's motor vehicle. The unit was set up to send a text message to Sergeant O'Brien's cellular telephone when it crossed a geographical reference point which had been programmed into it. Sgt. O'Brien volunteered to take the lead on this surveillance, as he knew that the other personnel involved would be traveling for the holidays and felt that his life would be less inconvenienced than theirs.

On two different occasions, Sgt. O'Brien was awakened by a text message that indicated that Robertson was on the move. Sgt. O'Brien logged into his computer and tracked the subject's movement via the GPS unit's web based signal. Sgt. O'Brien contacted the appropriate jurisdictions patrol officers via their dispatch center in an attempt to have Robertson caught in the act. On the first two occa-

sions Robertson was too quick to be caught in the act.

After learning from these first two attempts, Sgt. O'Brien decided that more resources were needed and requested assistance from other detectives. In the evening of Sunday, Dec. 28, 2008, O'Brien's telephone rang out with another text message alerting him that Robertson was on the prowl again.

This time Sgt. O'Brien took his computer with him in his car and headed towards Robertson's location. He contacted the other detectives for back up, as well as the Waukee P.D., whose jurisdiction Robertson was in.

Upon arriving to the location the GPS unit indicated Robertson's vehicle was, Sgt. O'Brien found Robertson walking out of a dance studio which was closed for business. Sgt. O'Brien detained Robertson until the Waukee patrol officers arrived to assist him. It was determined that David Robertson had illegally entered the dance studio and was taken into custody and charged with burglary.

For the effort put in by all three of these departmental employees, the team was recom-



A "Unit of Excellence Award" was given to Officer Will Ostoj, Officer Ben Woods, Officer Brian Burrows and Detective Dan Wade. Not shown is Det. Jeff Lyon.

menced for a Departmental Commendation.

Unit of Excellence Award given to Det. Dan Wade, Officers Brian Burrows, Ben Woods and Will Ostoj, and Det. Jeff Lyon:

Recommendation Narrative: Over the past two months, the department has experienced several burglaries to apartment complex washer/ dryer areas wherein the suspects pried open and stole monies from the machines that are located in common areas of apartment buildings.

Several instances occurred at 1201 Office Park Rd., and during the latest burglary from that location, a maintenance worker interrupted the burglary, coming in contact with one of the suspects and struggled with him as he was attempting to escape. Due to this encounter, the maintenance worker

was able to give a suspect description to Det. Wade, who in turn drafted a composite of the suspect and distributed it via intelligence channels.

On 11/15/09 at approximately 1625 hours, a resident of Bennett Grand Apartments noted two suspicious males in the laundry area and contacted Westcom with a clothing and vehicle description.

Officer Burrows, who was enroute to another call for service, noted the vehicle description and began to keep an eye out for the vehicle. Officer Burrows spotted the suspect vehicle in the immediate area and observed the passenger in the vehicle to be wearing clothing as described by the witness at Bennett Grand. Officer Burrows initiated a traffic stop of the vehicle and was assisted by Officers Ostoj and Woods.

The officers separated the two subjects and began to determine if they were involved in a possible burglary of the laundry

machines. The subjects gave the officers conflicting stories and a consent search of the vehicle revealed burglary tools consistent with tools that would be used to burglarize laundry machines (bolt cutters, pry bars). The officers took the subjects into custody and transported them to West Des Moines P.D., where on-call Det. Lyon arrived and assisted in the investigation.

Through a series of interviews with the subjects by Det. Lyon and Sgt. O'Brien, as well as line ups conducted by Det. Lyon with witnesses from previous burglaries, the subjects were consequently charged with several burglaries to apartment complex washing machines in



Officer Brent Kock and K9 Rony.

West Des Moines and surrounding communities due to the composite matching one of the suspects, the evidence found in the vehicle and the interviews given by the suspects who admitted to the burglaries.

Distinguished Service Award to Officer Brent Kock:

Officer Brent Kock was given a Distinguished Service Award for his work in developing the very successful, 10-year-old "Cops 'N Bobbers" fishing derby. Parents accompany their kids, and when a fish is caught, a cop measures the fish and prizes are awarded for the largest fish in several categories, and door prizes are given so almost every child goes home with something.

Officer Kock also hosted the 2009 National USPCA K9 trials in West Des Moines.

Recognized for 30 years of service were Jeff Miller and Joe Torruella; 25 years of service was Jim Barrett; 20 years of service were Lloyd Carlson, Eric Donielson, Mike Ficcola, Bill Jess and Rhonda Richards.

Sworn in were Officer Curtis Russell, Chaplain Steve Freeman, and Reserve Officer Gregory Warren.

An advertisement for Schumacher Elevator Company. The top half shows a modern, well-lit elevator shaft with wood-paneled walls and a glass door. The Schumacher logo is prominently displayed in the center, with the text "Elevator Company" below it. At the bottom, there is a black box with white text that reads "PROUD TO SUPPORT IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT". Contact information for the company is provided at the very bottom.

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Pleasant Hill Police Department profile

Pleasant Hill is a community of 7,000 situated at the intersection of Iowa highway 163 and US highway 65, part of the Des Moines Metropolitan Area's freeway system.

Some 30,000 vehicles pass through Pleasant Hill every day. Along with the entire metro area, Pleasant Hill has experienced rapid growth over the last ten years, with a growth rate of nearly 40 percent.

The Pleasant Hill Police Department employs 16 full-time sworn officers, three part-time sworn officers, 12 reserve officers and two office administrative assistants.

One of these administrative assistants is also cross trained to assist investigations as an identification technician.

Patrol Division

The Pleasant Hill P.D. is organized into three 9-hour patrol shifts, with one sergeant on each of the three watches.

The Patrol Division works on a nine-hour, five-on, three-off rotation. The shift hours are an advantage to the patrol officers, because they provide an hour overlap at the beginning and end of each shift for officers to catch up on cases and paperwork as the oncoming shift hits the street and is available for calls.

Each watch is led by a sergeant who provides leadership and training for all patrol officers. Patrol sergeants are responsible for all field operations and command critical incidents.

Criminal Investigations

Currently, the Investigations Division is supervised by a sergeant who is responsible for following up on cases and the overall operation of the unit. Det. Sgt. John Britt is responsible for the cases received. Members of the Investigations Division are available Monday



THE PLEASANT HILL RESERVE OFFICERS: In front, Reserve Coordinator Sgt. Amy Kramer; Second row: Rob Nutting, Susan Michalski, Maggie Carrington, Ann Brown and Tom Gish; Third row: Jeremy Geik- en, Jason Burke, Adam Velde, Dave Funk, Bill Sickels, and Joe Porepp.

through Friday and are after hours to assist the Patrol Division, should they need expertise, guidance, or assistance.

On major cases, detectives will come in to work during their off-duty hours to handle investigations requiring immediate attention. The Investigations Division also participates in intelligence meetings and briefings with other agencies throughout the metro area.

Special Programs

The Police Department also has a Bike Patrol Unit and an ATV Patrol Unit for the city's bike trails and parks. This equipment is especially valuable to have on hand during the city's Summer Fest celebration and the Copper Creek Triathlon.

Pleasant Hill P.D. features the following specialized programs: D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education); School Resource Officer program, Crime Prevention; Neighborhood Watch; Vacation House Checks; Alcohol & Tobacco Enforcement Programs; and is very active in STEP (Specialized Traffic Enforcement Programs) and CITSTF (Central Iowa Traffic Safety Task Force) -- a branch of the GTSB that consists of joint efforts from agencies in the metro that meet monthly to

plan joint traffic enforcement projects and safety campaigns.

School Resource Officer Program

One of the newest additions to the Pleasant Hill P.D. is the incorporation of the Southeast Hill Polk School Resource Officer (SRO) program. Pleasant Hill P.D. is proud to be part of this program, which was taken over from the Polk County Sheriff's Office after construction of the new high school was completed in August.

We are excited to focus on better serving the City and school district through Community Oriented Policing. The SRO program places a police officer in the Southeast Polk middle and high school with the goal of creating and maintaining a safe, secure, and orderly learning environment for students, teachers, and staff.

SROs represent a proactive strategy designed to bring prevention and intervention into the schools. The SRO provides students with a positive role model and a balanced view of law enforcement. The program was put in place to better address the community's changing juvenile needs, and to offer the youth of our community the opportunity to succeed and get to know Pleasant Hill officers



PLEASANT HILL P.D. FULL-TIME OFFICERS: Front row (left to right): Sgt. Paul Brown, Sgt. John Britt, Chief Tim Sittig, Sgt. Amy Kramer, and Sgt. Dan Edwards. Second Row: Matt Murphy, Adam Choat, Matt Covey, Jimmy Grimes, Cheeko Camel, Kevin Gott, Chad Hulen, and Nancy Blomquist; Third Row: Heidi Cope, Marcial Perez, Tim Brown, Ron Zimmerman, and Chris Brooks. Not pictured: Brandon Killam and Travis Schooley

on a one-on-one basis. Officer Ron Zimmerman is the SRO at the high school and Officer Heidi Cope oversees the junior high. These new positions have been a great challenge and success for the department.

Explorer Post

With the incorporation of the SRO program, Pleasant Hill and Altoona police departments are in the beginning phase of forming a joint Law Enforcement Explorer program. We feel that the program will better bridge the gap between law enforcement and the youth in the Southeast Polk School District.

Reserve Unit

The Pleasant Hill Police Department is assisted by the Police Department Reserve Unit. Reserve officers are volunteers from the community who take time from their personal lives to work as police officers. These highly dedicated individuals spend numerous hours working and training with the police department.

The training reserve officers receive is primarily done "in house" by full-time officers who are certified through the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy as instructors. These instructors not only train the reserve officers, but are called upon by the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy to assist in instructing the Basic Academy cadets.

Reserve officers hold a monthly

meeting and training session. In addition to the monthly training, the Department as a whole participates in all-day training blocks on a quarterly basis.

Reserve officers are utilized in several areas. While on patrol, reserve officers typically work with a full-time officer. The reserve officer works as a "cover officer" as he and his partner answer calls for service, respond to emergency situations, enforce traffic laws and handle the diverse situations that arise. Reserve officers also assist with special assignments such as narcotics enforcement, bike patrol, crime scenes, community service projects, and surveillance. The Reserves were invaluable during the floods of 2008.

Pleasant Hill is proud of the reserve unit and often hires full-time officers from the people who dedicate themselves to this unit.

The officers at Pleasant Hill P.D. feel a major advantage of being a member of the Pleasant Hill Police Department is that we are a metro agency with many resources at our fingertips. However, we are small enough that the Department's personnel enjoy the family

atmosphere that we create.

The Chief of Police

The Pleasant Hill Police Department is headed by Chief Tim Sittig, who has served as chief since October 29, 2007.

Prior to coming to Pleasant Hill, Chief Sittig served as a captain with the Grinnell Police Department for nine years. During that time, Chief Sittig attended numerous leadership classes including the 223rd session of the FBI National Academy.

Chief Sittig is a native of Iowa, growing up in the metropolis of Thompson which is in north central Iowa near Forest City. After graduating from high school, Chief Sittig attended North East Missouri State University (now Truman State) in Kirksville Missouri, graduating with a Bachelors of Science in Criminal Justice.

After graduation, Chief Sittig was hired by the Kirksville Police Department and worked there for 10 years. In 1997 Chief Sittig moved to Grinnell and worked there for 11 years. While at Grinnell Chief Sittig worked as a patrol officer, sergeant and captain, and served for one year as an interim chief.

Chief Sittig has held positions as a DARE Officer, School Liaison Officer and Tactical Team leader and commander. Chief Sittig has also served the Iowa Association of Chiefs of

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IACPPO 2010 Legislative Issues

- We support the continued exploration of a shared complex for regional Fire and Law Enforcement training which would facilitate the common training interests of both groups.
- The IACPPO opposes any changes to member contribution rates, decreases in benefits, or changes in calculation of pension benefits that would be detrimental to our membership in both the IPERS Protected Class and MFPRSI pension systems.
- Currently, assaults on Public Safety Personnel (with the exception of those in a correctional facility) with the use of bodily fluids are prosecuted as Serious Misdemeanors. Due to the dangers of disease transmission we feel that any person who commits an assault as defined under section 708.1 against a peace officer, healthcare provider, employee of DHS, employee of the Department of Revenue, or firefighter, and with knowledge as such, commits an Aggravated Misdemeanor for saliva, or a “D” Felony for blood, seminal fluid, urine, or feces.
- We support legislation that would hold club or bar owners responsible for activities that take place in their parking lots or outdoor property.
- We oppose any efforts by the Iowa Attorney General’s office to change the administrative rules as it pertains to the percentages received from forfeited or seized funds.



(Pleasant Hill P.D., continued)

Police & Peace Officers on the State 911 Council and the Iowa State DARE Board as the South East Representative.

Chief Sittig has been married for 22 years to his wife, Pam, and has three boys: Zach, Zane, and Zared. They are all sports enthusiasts.

Chief Sittig’s approach to leadership is that officers go through a thorough selection process just to get hired, then a rigorous training regimen both at ILEA and in field training to provide them the skills to do the job. Then they should be able to go out and do that job with as little interference as possible.

This has fit in well with the officers at Pleasant Hill. They are a proactive and self disciplined group, and the chief really has to only keep them guided in the right direction. There is always ongoing in-house training and, when possible, officers are sent to outside training and bring what they learn back to the department.

The last two years at Pleasant Hill have gone by very fast. The Department has been able to add two additional officers to provide service to the South East Polk Schools, and one additional administrative person.

The Reserve Program has grown to

12 Reserves all who have completed the ILEA Reserve Officer Training Program. More than \$100,000 in Grants have been acquired over the last year and half to provide equipment for the ongoing safety and protection of our citizens.

Chief Sittig looks forward to the year ahead and what it will bring.

“As Chief, I focus on providing quality leadership and building leadership abilities in my officers,” Chief Sittig says. “We subscribe to a community policing philosophy that is building bridges in our community and contributing to preventing crime in our community.”