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Leadership and Professionalism in Law Enforcement

Since our inception, the ISSDA has been focused on providing leadership for the profession of law enforcement. Specifically, for deputies and sheriffs, jailers and sheriff's office staffs in the state of Iowa, we focus on training and legislation that leads to more professional organizations and agencies. Every day, over 800,000 police officers, deputies, troopers and agents shoulder the responsibility to keep our communities safe in the United States and in Iowa, our 99 county sheriffs are recognized for their efforts as being the only elected officials in that long "thin blue line."

With all this in mind, my thoughts this month focus on leadership and our importance to our profession. This is why the ISSDA brought Jack Enter to Iowa to teach leadership through management and supervision. We are focused on improving our organizations from the inside. We are adding an additional Jail School this year to the calendar so that we can further impact more members and we hope to be able to continue bringing additional training in a traveling format out to the four corners of the state to further aid in improving each agency's training impact while preserving your training budget. We are working on



Sheriff Tony Thompson
Black Hawk County

lining up Paul Butler to travel the state to speak on Motivational Leadership in the spring.

This Association is about having impact... Improving our membership's experience and ensuring that through our efforts, we help build a more professional profession. We continue to work with the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy to ensure that we hold (and expect) the highest of standards from that organization and its graduates. We also continue to work with the Iowa Legislature to maintain and fur-

ther our legislative priorities... maintaining a focus on gaining ground on those items that aid in our leadership and our professional agendas.

Finally, we want to be a responsive and timely organization as well. We want to grow our membership base. We want our members to find value in our association. Our website continues to grow, to gain following and to improve its functionality. Any of our executive board members will tell you how desperately we want to serve you to the finest of standards and the highest of expectations. We want your association to be one that you can be justifiably proud of. We believe that we are moving the margins in the right direction but we also encourage your feedback and your input. Our monthly meetings are long, because we have a lot of work to accomplish on your behalf, but most important to your board is to ensure that we are meeting and exceeding your expectations. So, please do not hesitate to reach out to us and let us know how we can further improve your membership experience. This is your association and we are proud to be trusted to steer it today for a stronger tomorrow.

ISSDA Membership Asked to Provide Legislative Concerns, Ideas, and Suggestions to the Legislative Committee through Our Website

It is that time of year, again, when we need our members thinking about legislative ideas for the ISSDA. I am sure that most everyone has felt at least once in a while that certain laws didn't make sense and needed to be tweaked or changed in some way. We need everyone's help in moving in a positive direction, so please forward your concerns or ideas.

We have an excellent legislative committee that works very hard to propose and promote legislation that benefits our members and improves public safety. Some ideas seem to take numerous attempts to gain support and traction at the Capitol, but our Association's persistent efforts normally pay off in the long run to ensure public safety. (Example: The Distracted Driving Bill that we keep pushing for.) The end results are the reasons we need to keep pushing forward.

The ISSDA Legislative Committee will come up with a list of priorities for the current year's session from the ideas that we, in the Association, provide. Please consider helping our members by submitting concerns, ideas and suggestions. With your assistance, we stand a better chance of advancing a solid list of priority items that are of benefit to public safety – not



Capt. Randy Rowland
Linn County Sheriff's Office

just to our members – but also to the citizens of the State of Iowa. To submit future legislative ideas or suggestions, go to the ISSDA website (issda.org). There is a tab under the "members only" section labeled "Legislative updates & request forms" for our members to contribute ideas and comments that will be forwarded to the Legislative Committee for discussion of who will assemble the best course of action for our Association to follow. Committee members names are also listed on our website.

When the Legislative Session begins,

things tend to move quickly and in a lot of different directions at the same time. It can be confusing to understanding the House side versus the Senate versions of the same bill. I would encourage you to reach out to the Legislative Committee members for the status of each of the variety of pending bills. The Committee members are also listed on our web site. Keep in mind the legislative process makes bills continuous moving targets during the legislative session with changes possible day to day.

Both of our lobbyists, Susan Cameron Daemen and Tony Phillips, put in numerous hours and work hard to advance bills on the behalf of the ISSDA and our members. They also keep the Legislative Committee members up to date on the status and progression of our bills and other bills that are of interest or concern for our membership. Our Association has benefited in numerous ways by the years of experience that both Susan and Tony have from working at the Capitol and with the lawmakers.

The bottom line is please exercise your right to be heard as we welcome your opinions, concerns and ideas to continue to improve and promote safety! Help us to improve public safety for the State of Iowa and each of you.

The Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association Board of Directors invites the submission of **names of deputies and full-time civilian staff to run for the Board.**



We have openings for the Deputies at Large position (a two-year position) and the Civilian member (a two-year position) on the Board. Please submit names to: thegoldstaremail@gmail.com by **October 15th, 2021.**



2021 Dates for Paul Butler Leadership Regional Training:

...Watch for further details

You asked for a second Jail School. We've made it possible. 2nd Jail School is scheduled for February 15th-18th. Watch for further details.

Free Online Training from the Federal Highway Administration

As life returns to normal—including traffic, whether we like it or not—traffic crashes will also increase on our nation's roadways. Along with this, there is likely going to be an increase in struck-by fatalities of roadway responders.

The Federal Highway Administration is encouraging first responders to use this time to take free online training in traffic incident management. While hundreds of

thousands of responders have been trained in recent years, there are still too many preventable deaths every year for the professionals who show up to help those in need. In 2020 alone, there were 46 stuck-by deaths.

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safety, command responsibilities, traffic management, special circumstances, and clearance and termination.

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ISSDA Schools Schedule

Fall Jail School 2021
in Des Moines at
Airport Holiday Inn on
Sept. 12-15, 2021

Winter School 2021
in Des Moines at
Airport Holiday Inn on
December 5-8 2021

Spring Civil School '22
in Des Moines at
Airport Holiday Inn on
April 10-13, 2022

2021 Legislative Summary by ISSDA Lobbyists Daemen & Phillips

By Susan Cameron Daemen, Tony Phillips
ISSDA Lobbyists/ Paramount Strategies, Inc.

The 2021 Iowa Legislative session adjourned on May 19 as one of the most active sessions in recent history for law enforcement and public safety, with policies ranging from passage of permitless carry of weapons to “Back the Blue” legislation:

More than 150 bills of interest or concern were monitored and/or worked on for ISSDA:

- 188 total bills from both Chambers were sent to Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds’ desk;
- 53 bills of interest to ISSDA were sent to Governor’s desk and signed;
- 6 ISSDA priority bills were signed by the Gov. Kim Reynolds.

ISSDA Priorities Signed by Governor:

HF 753, makes exceeding the speed limit by 25 m.p.h. resulting in the death of another as vehicular homicide.

HF 710, corrects a sex offender loophole to protect children from abuse.

HF 365, on garnishment notice by electronic means.

SF 342, “Back the Blue” legislation includes several public safety provisions, qualified immunity for peace officers, and compensation guidelines for setting sheriffs’ salaries.

SF 524, on access to inpatient psych bed study, with funding and real-time tracking.

HF 861, on justice appropriations, \$1.08 million for county confinement of state prisoners, other significant issues.

HF 756, permitless carrying of weapons. ISSDA members worked diligently with key lawmakers to amend this NRA proposal that no longer requires a permit to carry a dangerous weapon. Several provisions (including but not limited to) ensure state and local enforcement of federal prohibitors; notification of those mentally adjudicated; prohibit carrying while intoxicated, etc., offered by ISSDA were amended into the legislation.

Bills Successfully Defended Against:

- Allowing Tinted Windows;
- Allowing One License Plate;
- Elimination of the County Compensation Board;
- Making law enforcement Reports Subject to Open Records.

2021 Bills of Interest Signed by Governor:

HF 201, A bill for an act relating to the sex offender registry including duration of registration requirements and sexually motivated extortion. (Formerly HSB 17.) Effective date: 07/01/2021.

HF 231, a bill for an act relating to a spe-

cial sentence for sexual abuse committed during a burglary. (Formerly HSB 18.) Effective date: 07/01/2021.

HF 232, a bill for an act relating to the crime of disorderly conduct and making penalties applicable. (Formerly HSB 29.) Effective date: 07/01/2021.

HF 233, a bill for an act creating a civil remedy for the disclosure of private, sexually explicit images without consent of the depicted individual. (Formerly HSB 31.) Effective date: 07/01/2021.

HF 280, a bill for an act authorizing the Department of Transportation to renew certain valid commercial driver’s licenses without examination, including by electronic renewal, and including effective date provisions. (Formerly HSB 99.) Effective date: 04/02/2021.

HF 282, a bill for an act relating to abuse of a human corpse and providing penalties. (Formerly HF 18.) Effective date: 07/01/2021.

HF 283, a bill for an act creating the criminal offense of defrauding a drug or alcohol test and providing penalties. (Formerly HSB 22.) Effective date: 07/01/2021.

HF 365, a bill for an act relating to the service of notices of garnishment by sheriffs. (Formerly HSB 26.) Effective date: 07/01/2021.

HF 380, a bill for an act requiring approved driver education courses to include instruction concerning distracted driving. (Formerly HSB 82.) Effective date: 07/01/2021.

HF 391, a bill for an act relating to controlled substances and precursor substances, including amending the controlled substance and precursor substances schedules and including effective date provisions. (Formerly HSB 74.) Effective date: 05/10/2021.

HF 424, a bill for an act relating to the forfeiture of bail. (Formerly HSB 68.) Effective date: 07/01/2021.

HF 426, a bill for an act relating to crime victims, including the collection of evidence in sexual abuse cases and the establishment of an automated tracking system involving sexual abuse evidence collection kits. (Formerly HSB 24.) Effective date: 07/01/2021.

HF 435, a bill for an act relating to emergency contact information for use by the Department of Transportation and law enforcement, and including effective date provisions. (Formerly HSB 136.) Effective date: 01/01/2022

HF 452, a bill for an act relating to certain civil and criminal enforcement activities involving the practice of massage therapy and cosmetology, and human trafficking, and pro-



Susan Cameron Daemen and Tony Phillips.

viding penalties. (Formerly HSB 34.) Effective date: 07/01/2021.

HF 493, a bill for an act relating to low-speed electric bicycles, providing penalties, making penalties applicable, and including applicability provisions. (Formerly HSB 80.) Effective date: 07/01/2021. Applicability date: 07/01/2021, 01/01/2022.

HF 524, adds bill for an act relating to motor vehicle accidents resulting in injury or death, providing penalties, and making penalties applicable. (Formerly HSB 118.) Effective date: 07/01/2021.

HF 603, a bill for an act establishing the sexual assault forensic examiner program. (Formerly HSB 179.) Effective date: 07/01/2021.

HF 621, a bill for an act establishing which actions may be brought against firearm, firearm accessory, and ammunition manufacturers, distributors, importers, trade associations, sellers, or dealers. (Formerly HSB 116.) Effective date: 07/01/2021.

HF 654, a bill for an act relating to lighting devices and other equipment on snow plows and authorized emergency vehicles, providing penalties, making penalties applicable, and including effective date provisions. (Formerly HSB 189.) Effective date: 05/10/2021.

HF 655, a bill for an act prohibiting interference with the transportation of an agricultural animal, and providing penalties. (Formerly HSB 188.) Effective date: 07/01/2021.

HF 708, a bill for an act creating a public safety equipment fund. (Formerly HF 300, HSB 72.) Effective date: 07/01/2021.

HF 710, a bill for an act relating to child endangerment committed by a sex offender, and providing penalties. (Formerly HSB 112.) Effective date: 07/01/2021.

HF 753, a bill for an act relating to unintentionally causing the death of a person by operating a motor vehicle at an excessive speed, providing penalties, and making penalties applicable. (Formerly HSB 5.) Effective date:

07/01/2021.

HF 756, a bill for an act relating to the acquisition and possession of weapons and providing penalties. (Formerly HSB 254.) Effective date: 07/01/2021.

HF 757, a bill for an act relating to driver’s license restrictions, including ignition interlock device requirements for a first operating-while-intoxicated offense. (Formerly HSB 251.) Effective date: 07/01/2021.

HF 775, a bill for an act concerning unauthorized entry or access, including placement or use of a camera or electronic surveillance device while trespassing, unauthorized gathering of samples of certain materials relating to animals and animal feeding operations, and providing penalties. (Formerly HF 78.) Effective date: 07/01/2021.

HF 821, a bill for an act creating a civil action relating to harassment by the reporting of false information to law enforcement authority. (Formerly HF 421.) Effective date: 07/01/2021.

HF 828, a bill for an act relating to commercial driver’s license driving skills tests, providing fees, and including effective date provisions. (Formerly HF 521, HSB 102.) Effective date: 01/01/2022.

HF 839, a bill for an act relating to the financial exploitation of designated eligible adults. (Formerly HF 258, HSB 113.) Effective date: 07/01/2021.

HF 861, a bill for an act relating to appropriations to the justice system, gambling regulatory fees, and creating a bureau of cyber-crime, establishing a department of corrections survivor benefits fund, and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions. Effective date: 06/08/2021, 07/01/2021. Applicability date: 06/08/2021, 07/01/2021

HF 889, a bill for an act prohibiting the mandatory disclosure of whether a person has received a vaccination for COVID-19, disqualifying certain entities from receiving state grants or contracts, and including effective date provisions. Effective date: 05/20/2021.

SF 172, a bill for an act relating to the definition of sex act or sexual activity for purposes of the Iowa crimina code. (Formerly SSB 1013.) Effective date: 07/01/2021.

SF 230, a bill for an act relating to wrecked or salvage motor vehicles. (Formerly SSB 1028.) Effective date: 07/01/2021.

SF 231, a bill for an act regarding driving privileges of persons issued a special minor’s driver’s license, and making penalties applicable. (Formerly SF 79.) Effective date:

07/01/2021.

SF 232, a bill for an act relating to notice and reclamation requirements for abandoned vehicles taken into custody by a police authority or private entity. (Formerly SSB 1025.) Effective date: 07/01/2021.

SF 243, a bill for an act relating to public safety including the crimes of failure to assist, abuse of a corpse, an interference with official acts, and providing penalties. (Formerly SSB 1054.) Effective date: 07/01/2021.

07/01/2021.

SF 253, a bill for an act relating to sexual abuse in the second degree and sexual abuse in the third degree. (Formerly SSB 1014.) Effective date:

SF 307, a bill for an act relating to the examination and transportation of dead bodies, including associated fee and costs. (Formerly SF 106.) Effective date: 07/01/2021.

SF 342, a bill for an act relating to public records and communications in professional confidence; uniform commercial code filings; qualified immunity; peace officer health plans and workers’ compensation; certain law enforcement matters; criminal laws involving public disorder, assaults, and harassment; civil liability for certain vehicle operators; window tinting; acts on certain highways; and civil service commission examinations; providing penalties, and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions. (Formerly SF 6.) Effective date: Enactment, 07/01/2021, 06/17/2021. Applicability date: 07/01/2021, 06/17/2021, 01/01/2021

SF 343, a bill for an act relating to authorized access to certain confidential records by employees of the Department of Corrections, a judicial district department of correctional Services, and the board of parole. (Formerly SSB 1102.) Effective date: 07/01/2021.

SF 357, a bill for an act relating to the placement of a child in detention, and including effective date provisions. (Formerly SSB 1109.) Effective date: 12/18/2021.

SF 367, a bill for an act relating to certain financial obligations, including under the consumer credit code, and including under the criminal and juvenile justice system by modifying criminal and civil surcharges, fines, fees, costs, and court debt, providing civil penalties, and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions. (Formerly SSB 1146.) Effective date: 06/08/2021, 01/01/2022, 07/01/2021. Applicability date: 07/15/2020.

SF 387, a bill for an act relating to courses of study and training programs of the Iowa law enforcement academy and veterans educational assistance benefits, and including effective date provisions. (Formerly SF 104.) Effective date: 05/20/2021.

SF 413, a bill for an act relating to the conduct of elections, including absentee ballots and voter list maintenance activities, making penalties applicable, and including effective date and applicability provisions. (Formerly SSB 1199.) Effective date: 03/08/2021. Applicability date: 01/01/2022.

SF 444, a bill for an act relating to motor vehicles, including the surrender or transfer of registration plates and cards to a county treasurer, documentary fees charged by motor vehicle dealers, and motor vehicle franchise obligations. (Formerly SSB 1206.) Effective date: 07/01/2021.

SF 450, a bill relating to the death of a dependent adult, and providing penalties. (Formerly SF 300.) Effective date: 07/01/2021.

SF 524, a bill for an act establishing an inpatient psychiatric bed tracking system study committee. (Formerly SS 1227.) Effective date: 07/01/2021.

SF 546, a bill for an act relating to private instruction and driver education. (Formerly SSB 1219.) Effective date: 07/01/2021.

SF 568, a bill for an act relating to the conduct of elections, including nominations, procedures for proposed amendments to the Iowa Constitution, and absentee voting, and including effective date provisions. (Formerly SSB 1237.) Effective date: 06/08/2021, 06/08/2021, 01/01/2022

SF 592, a bill relating to transportation and other infrastructure-related appropriations to the Department of Transportation, including allocation and use of moneys from the road use tax fund and the primary road fund. (Formerly SSB 1256.) Effective date: 07/01/2021.

SF 619, a bill for an act relating to state and local revenue and finance by modifying future tax contingencies, the state inheritance tax, the sales and use tax relating to food banks, the tax on promotional play receipts, mental health and disability services funding, school district funding, commercial and industrial property tax replacement payments, providing for housing incentives, providing for other properly related matters, making appropriations, and including effective date, applicability, and retroactive applicability provisions. (Formerly SSB 1276.) Effective date: Enactment, 07/01/2022, 07/01/2029, 01/01/2022, 06/16/2021, 07/01/2021. Applicability date: 01/01/2022, 03/17/2020, 01/01/2021, 05/18/2021, 06/16/2021, 06/16/2021, 07/01/2022, 07/01/2029, 01/01/2022, 06/16/2021, 07/01/2021, 01/01/2022, 03/17/2020, 01/01/2021

SJR 7, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa relating to the right of the people to keep and bear arms. (Formerly SJR 1.)



The Following resolutions were approved by the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) Board of Directors at the 2021 NSA Annual Conference in 2021

- 2021-01 The National Sheriffs' Association acknowledges the elected Office of Sheriff as the chief local law enforcement office throughout our nation.
- 2021-02 The National Sheriffs' Association recognizes the need for an open and collaborative dialogue with President Joe Biden's administration on border security.
- 2021-03 the National Sheriffs' Association supports robust expertise sharing through FBI cyber task forces and RCFLs.
- 2021-04 The National Sheriffs' Association supports enhancement of the civilian Cyber Security Reserve Act.
- 2021-05 The National Sheriffs' Association Recognizes the impacts of federal policy affecting public lands management and its impacts to sheriffs and the communities they serve.
- 2021-06 The National Sheriffs' Association recognizes the current public safety challenges of a border county.
- 2021-07 Resolution honoring "Fight Crime: Invest in Kids" 25th anniversary
- 2021-08 The National Sheriffs' Association supports the child and animal abuse detection and reporting act.
- 2021-09 The National Sheriffs' Association supports the mission of national school safety guidelines and recognizes our schools as critical infrastructure requiring the protection of America's classrooms, students, teachers and staff.
- 2021-10 The National Sheriffs' Association supports the efforts of ridesharing programs to penalize the impersonation of a ride sharing driver for criminal purposes.
- 2021-11 The National Sheriffs' Association opposes any increase in size or weight of large trucks at all levels of government.
- 2021-12 The National Sheriffs' Association calls on congressional leaders to combat the proliferation of counterfeit drugs, medicines, and medical devices.
- 2021-13 The National Sheriffs' Association supports state-to-state electronic driver history record data sharing to enhance highway safety.

Our very popular Sheriffs' and Deputies' Y-Camp, which seeks to serve at least one child from all 99 Iowa counties every year, was canceled in 2020 because of the Covid-19 pandemic. But, the Camp is important in the lives of these kids (who couldn't otherwise attend camp) and resumed this summer from June 20-26. See the article on Page 16 and photos on Pages 18 & 20.



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2021-02

National Sheriffs' Association Recognizes the Need for an Open and Collaborative Dialogue with President Biden's Administration on Border Security

Border security is of paramount importance to the safety and security of all citizens and those visiting the United States of America. It is well known that the National Sheriffs' Association has worked extensively and in good faith with previous Presidential administrations in a collaborative working relationship to address threats that can and do jeopardize the safety and security of our Nation and the citizens whom we have pledged to protect.

In an effort to continue to respond, initiate, and take part in meaningful meetings and dialogue with President Biden and his administration national border security issues, the National Sheriff's Association puts forth the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the National Sheriff's Association will continue to strive to cultivate and establish a strong working relationship with President Biden and his Administration in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, secure borders serve to help address the public health and safety needs of individuals and address evolving and emerging drug threats of International origin; and

WHEREAS, the International Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTO's) continue smuggling operations on our borders in an effort to bring dangerous illicit drugs such as Methamphetamine, Heroin, Cocaine and Fentanyl across our borders; and

WHEREAS, these DTO's do not distribute these dangerous drugs only within the confines of the State or States where the smuggling takes place. Rather, these dangerous drugs are then moved and distributed throughout every town, city, county, borough and State throughout our Nation, contributing to the social economic issues facing our jurisdictions, including but not limited to the health and welfare system, medical system, teenage drug dependency, loss of work hours, law enforcement intervention and the judicial system; and

WHEREAS, the amount of illegal drug trafficking across our borders and throughout our country has necessitated the need of identifying critical drug-trafficking regions in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) program, created by Congress with the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, provides assistance to Federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies operating in areas determined to be critical drug-trafficking regions of the United States. This grant program is administered by the Office of National Drug Control Policy (OND-CP). There are currently 33 HIDTAs, and HIDTA-designated counties are located in 50 states, as well as in Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia. At the local level, the HIDTAs are directed and guided by Executive Boards composed of an equal number of regional Federal and non-Federal (state, local, and tribal) law enforcement leaders; and

WHEREAS, these efforts through the HIDTA programs not only assist in addressing the threat of illegal drug smuggling into our country through our borders, the HIDTA programs also include an innovative Overdose Response Strategy (ORS) which bring together drug intelligence officers and public health analysts at the local and regional level to share information and develop intervention and support services that reduce overdoses; and

WHEREAS, the HIDTA program and the ORS both are in line with President Biden's efforts to enhance and expand access to evidence-based prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and recovery services and strengthening law enforcement efforts to disrupt and dismantle drug trafficking organizations and create critical collaboration between public health and public safety leaders at the local level; and

WHEREAS, the National Sheriffs' Association supports the need to continue to address the threat of unprecedented smuggling of illicit drugs across our borders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the National Sheriffs' Association supports the efforts to continue to cultivate a collaborative and working relationship with President Biden's administration to collectively and in unity, provide for the increased improvement of border security for the benefit of our Nation and all who live here.

This resolution was adopted by the membership of the National Sheriffs' Association on June 22, 2021, at the Annual Conference of the National Sheriffs' Association, in Phoenix Arizona. The resolution shall remain in effect until June 22, 2025, in accordance with Article XIII, Section 6, of the Constitution and Bylaws of the National Sheriffs' Association.

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The National Sheriffs' Association Recognizes the Impacts of Federal Policy Affecting Public Lands Management and Its Impacts to Sheriffs and the Communities They Serve

WHEREAS, America's Sheriffs are uniquely impacted by policy decisions affecting public lands managed by federal agencies; and

WHEREAS, the economies of counties across the United States have a long history of dependence on revenue generated from natural resources extracted from public lands; and

WHEREAS, policy decisions in the past 30 years have adversely impacted the economies of counties and have a direct and noticeable impact on the level of public safety services available; and

WHEREAS, there are millions of acres of forest land across the U.S. with most contained in the western U.S. that are managed by federal agencies. As the population grows, so too does the wildland urban interface. Cooperation between federal land managers within the Biden administration is critical to public safety; and

WHEREAS, to enhance the safety of persons utilizing public lands, it is paramount that we have strong professional relationships with federal land managers. These relationships are critical to improve public safety response to Search and Rescue, wildfire, and overall general law enforcement functions; and

WHEREAS, strong professional relationships with federal policy makers as well as regional representatives will improve communications in the areas of contract negotiation, development of memorandums of understanding and coordination of agencies involved in major incidents; and

WHEREAS, public lands users are innovative in finding new ways to access areas of public lands seldom accessed in the past. The challenges of fire suppression, evacuation, and Search and Rescue are impacted by decisions related to travel management, road closures and forest management and deserves a coordinated effort by federal land managers and local leaders including Sheriffs; and

WHEREAS, America's Sheriffs are a strong conduit between the citizens we serve and the federal agencies managing our public lands, and policy decisions must be made with concern for impacts to both public safety and the economic impacts to counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Sheriffs' Association supports consensus of America's Sheriffs and supports a strong, professional, and open dialogue with the federal government and specifically, those responsible for the management of our Nation's public lands.

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ISSDA Expands Regional Leadership Training

By Sheriff Bill Sage (Retired)
ISSDA Treasurer/ Financial Director

Last year, the ISSDA Board voted to extend regional training to locations around Iowa, hosting four-hour leadership classes taught by longtime officer and expert Dr. Jack Enter. Jack focuses on the following agency problems in these classes:

Law enforcement agencies continue facing significant challenges in organization and operations. And one of the more pressing issues facing law enforcement agencies may be the failure to consistently provide law enforcement training, includ-

ing following leadership principles they've learned in their training programs. Law enforcement seems to take the "path of least resistance" when dealing with problems or in communicating to others. This "wide road of mediocrity" is believed to be the primary path of most law enforcement failures, and have become a significant form of stress and frustration for the law enforcement culture. The Jack Enter program examines why these problems occur, and the practical methods that law enforcement personnel, managers and supervisors can use to become effective officers and leaders. And together, we can walk the narrow

road as well as be effective leaders – both at work and at home. The first regional training was scheduled for June 2020, but due to COVID-19 the training was rescheduled for November 2020. We were able to complete one day in November before COVID-19 restrictions were implemented, and the training was moved to June 2021. A year later, the training was held in Storm Lake, Waterloo, Nevada, Washington and Atlantic. Over 120 individuals were trained over this five-day period. Responses from attendees were very positive. Watch for the next regional training in late September and early October.



Regional Trainer Dr. Jack Enter



Sheriffs' and Deputies' Y-Camp Return in 2021 Creates Joy for Kids

By Trevor Schmitt
Summer Camps Senior Director
YMCA of Greater Des Moines

It's been a long year for everyone, and we've had to sacrifice to get through the pandemic. But, one group that missed out most on much-needed opportunities were the children. With many activities canceled or postponed – including 2020's Y-Camp Overnight Camp season – valuable time learning social skills, building relationships, developing a sense of independence and self-confidence, and spending time in the great outdoors were put on hold. But this year, we were able to welcome ISSDA campers back to the Des Moines Y-Camp in June.

When campers arrived, many were quiet, shy and trying to get a handle on what this whole "camp" thing is about. The kids were excited, but a little awestruck with the songs,



games and camp action. But with the first campfire, night campers were singing, laughing and getting comfortable. The week was spent conquering challenges like the climbing tower, zip line, riding horses, canoeing and more! With each new accomplishment, we could see the campers stand a little taller, speak a little louder, smile more easily and let their anxieties go. When kids gathered to talk about character development at the "Trail of Five Fires," or camped out during "Night Under the Stars," the campers were engaged, fo-

cused and treasuring every moment. Y-Camp staff were surprised that few campers struggled with homesickness, but the kids were resilient and bought into camp. As the week closed and campers shed tears of sadness at having to leave Y-Camp, one message was made clear: children are tough. The challenges of the past 16 months have weighed on

all of us, but our youth proved every day at Camp that they can recover and be strong in the face of those difficulties. They're flexible, patient, understanding and willing to learn how to adjust to a new reality in ways that adults wish we could. A week at camp changes lives and impacts kids in a way that they can, in turn, impact the world. But this year they also gave us something: hope. Hope that we are capable of more, hope that they will build a better world, and hope that we can all get through this together.

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Retired Cedar County Sheriff Puts Film Crew In Jail

By John Busbee

Retired Cedar County Sheriff Keith Whitlatch played a pivotal role in landing an independent film crew and some cast members into the old jail recently. This was all part of the action in the forthcoming feature film, "Charcoal Skies," scheduled for release early in 2022.

Executive Producer Beth Hinde is from Cedar Rapids and worked with Whitlatch and the historic jail in a short film. "When I wrote Charcoal Skies, I imagined the jail scene in the script as the one Keith had. I was right."

Charcoal Skies is the story of a reclusive, artistic 11-year-old boy who ventures from the solace of his bedroom, only to experience more than he bargained for. Locations in Cedar Rapids and Tipton were used for this fictional story, and the scenes at the old jail portray the downward spiral of a key character's unwarranted incarceration.

Eastern Iowa is a fertile region for independent filmmaking, as well as commercial and documentary productions. Although the large productions such as "Field of Dreams" attract most of the attention, almost all production work brings some economic stimulus into the communities in which they work.

Locations Manager and Producer John Busbee said that working in Tipton was refreshing. "Everyone I spoke to was receptive and willing to help however they could. From the Police Department to the



Keith Whitlatch with the cast and crew of "Charcoal Skies" after filming scenes in the Old Cedar County Jail on Wednesday, June 9. Photo contributed by Charcoal Skies film.

school to Family Foods, we had options for additional locations had we needed them. Our production lunches, coffee drinks and more were all purchased locally. Keith was a great ambassador for the community."

"This was a lot bigger film production than I thought it would be," Whitlatch said. "The last time was a small crew for the short film." He added that he offered any-

one on the crew a free night's stay at the jail. He did not have any takers.

About the author: John Busbee has worked extensively in film production, and is a regular contributor to Iowa History Journal, and produces his weekly radio show, "The Culture Buzz." He received the 2014 Iowa Governor's Award for Collaboration & Partnership in the Arts.



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Old Cedar County Jail and Museum News:

Fictional Movie "Charcoal Skies" and Documentary On Officer's Line of Duty Death in 1930 Filmed Scenes In The Old Cedar County Jail

By Retired Sheriff Keith Whitlatch
Cedar County Sheriff's Office;
President of Cedar County Friends
of Historic Preservation, Inc.

The most recent movie to be filmed in part at the Old Cedar County Jail/ Museum is entitled "Charcoal Skies." The film crew spent the entire day on June 9 filming in the cell area of the Old Jail. Charcoal Sky is the story of a reclusive, artistic 11-year-old boy who ventured from the solace of his bedroom – only to experience more than he bargained for. Locations in Tipton and Cedar Rapids were used in this fictional story, and it's scenes at the old jail portray the downward spiral of a key character's unwanted incarceration.

Locations manager and producer John Busbee said working in Tipton was refreshing. The Tipton Police Department supplied some equipment that was used in the filming at the old jail, and food and drinks were purchased at the local grocery store. Most of the production crew was present during the filming, and the actors that were involved with the scenes in the jail were also present. Keith Whitlatch, retired Cedar County Sheriff and president of the organization that operates the jail as a museum, opened the doors at 7 a.m. and the last person walked out at 8 p.m. It was an especially nice day when they were in Tipton, and the makeup crew set up outside in the yard under a shade tree, which is also where the cast and crew ate their lunch.

The next day, and several days later, they continued filming the story in various locations in Cedar Rapids. They spent several days at places in New Bohemian Village. They have completed all other filming and now will edit and put the film together. This is a full-length film that runs approximately 90 minutes and will probably premier in the spring of 2020 at a location undetermined at this point.

The other movie filming scenes at the old jail and at various locations within Cedar County is called "Terror On Highway 74." Highway 74 was the name and number for the Highway that started in Tipton and ended up in Davenport. This is a true

story that is being done as a documentary and is produced, directed and filmed by Stephen Folkers – who has won nearly a dozen awards for his work. But he doesn't have the cast or crew that was available for "Charcoal Skies." This project has been ongoing for better than a year.

The documentary centers around the story of the only Cedar County law officer to die in the line of duty. The Robert Sproat story is presented in a historical documentary of the tragedy of August 8, 1930. The story has its beginning in Davenport, where three men robbed the Lage Drugstore, stealing \$15. The Davenport Police Department called Cedar County Sheriff C.H. Elwood, and told him that three men had robbed a store in Davenport and headed in the direction of Tipton, driving an Essex sedan.

Sheriff Elwood called for help. He asked Tipton Constable John Carey and Robert G. Sproat, a member of the local vigilantes and also a grocer whose business was immediately across the street from the Sheriff's Office, to assist him. Vigilantes in the 30s were what we would refer to today as reserve deputies. Although Sproat had his regular job operating the grocery store, he and other members of his group were available to assist the Sheriff whenever he needed help. Sproat was a veteran of the Spanish-American war, a member of the Tipton fire Department and Tipton Lions Club, and was an excellent hunter well versed in the use of guns.

Sheriff Elwood, along with Constable Carey and special deputy Sproat, headed East on Primary Road 74. Today, this road is Highway 130 and starts at Tipton at the intersection with Highway 38 and runs all the way to Davenport, where it meets Interstate 80. In 1930 this road was not paved, but would've had some gravel on it. Sheriff Elwood and his two officers met the car, answering the description provided by the Davenport Police Department, approximately four miles east of Tipton. They then turned around and followed the suspect's car signaling them to stop, which they did. The Sheriff's car had no markings on it to identify it as a police car, and the three officers were dressed in ordinary clothing, so there's really no indication to the three that

had robbed the drugstore that they were being stopped by officers of the law.

Sheriff Elwood was driving. Sproat and Carey approached the suspect's vehicle with guns in hand. The suspects in the car were Roy Mercer (the driver), his brother John Mercer, and Wayne Kile. All three of the men got out of their car. Roy Mercer tried to shoot Constable Carey, but his gun did not go off. Sproat had a shotgun that for some reason was not loaded. John Mercer fired and hit Deputy Sproat with his .45 automatic pistol. Sproat fell in a ditch and died shortly thereafter.

The three robbers jumped into their car and sped away at a high rate of speed, heading west towards Tipton. In Tipton, they came to Highway 38, a major Eastern Iowa highway starting in Muscatine and running north through several counties. At Highway 38 they turned North, continuing for approximately four miles, paralleling the railroad, and came to a whistle stop called Wald Station. Here, they turned east on a road that was probably dirt and approximately a half mile down this road, Roy Mercer lost control of the car and they ran into the ditch. Kile was slightly injured when the car went into the ditch.

There was a farmer working along the road named Robert Moore. The Mercers asked Robert Moore if he would drive them to a hospital. The closest hospital from that point was in Cedar Rapids northwest of the farm. After getting in the Moore car, John Mercer pointed his gun at Robert Moore and ordered him to drive in the opposite direction, north and east towards Dubuque. By this time, there were officers out at roadblocks on key roads in the area, but they were looking for an Essex car with three people, not a car with four people. The killers were able to cross the Mississippi River into East Dubuque without being stopped.

There, the two Mercer brothers and Wayne Kile got out of the car and went on their way. They gave Robert Moore some money to buy gas and told him not to talk to anyone for an hour, which he complied with. Between Cedar County and Dubuque,

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“Documentary on Officer’s Line of Duty Death,” continued.

The men had ordered Robert Moore to stop at a roadside park, where they got out and threw away some papers. Robert Moore later told authorities about this and when they found the papers among them was a home address for Wayne Kile in Ohio. The two Mercer brothers separated but both stayed out in the West.

Cedar County authorities did not know what happened to either Roy Mercer or John Mercer. In fact, when I was Sheriff from 1977 to 2000, I did not realize that Roy Mercer had committed suicide in Redding, California, on April 20, 1934. However, we were not actively looking for him.

Six years later, John Mercer was located in California and arrested. Initially he was not arrested for the murder of Robert Sproat, but rather because he had taken a radio from a lady to be repaired and never returned it. The lady reported this to the authorities out there and showed them where they could find him. When they ran a check on him, after arresting him for the stolen radio they found he was wanted for murder in Iowa.

He was returned to Iowa and held at the reformatory in Anamosa for safekeeping as they did not feel he would be safe in the Cedar County jail. Robert Sproat was a popular man in the community, and there was a lot of anger directed at John Mercer. He did spend one or two days in the old Cedar County jail, and one of the ironies in life is the fact that the house Sproat lived in was west across the street from the jail, and he could have seen it out of the west jail house window. John Mercer pled guilty

and was sentenced to death by hanging. He was taken to the penitentiary at Fort Madison by the new Sheriff, W.W. Christian. On January 24, 1938, along with a man by the name of Allen Wheaton from Council Bluffs, who was found guilty for shooting a gas station attendant. John Mercer was the last man to be executed from Cedar County before capital punishment was abolished in Iowa.

Wayne Kile was sentenced to life imprisonment at Fort Madison penitentiary. In 1971. His sentence was commuted by the Iowa governor. After he was released he didn't live long, because later in 1971 he died of a heart attack. He was buried in Hartville, Ohio, his home. None of Mercer's family showed up to claim his body, so a Quaker lady by the name of Mrs. Ida Chamness, from the West Branch area, claimed his body and he was buried on her farm east of West Branch.

His body was moved at least once from the initial burial plot when the road was widened. I had occasion to visit with the current landowners and they showed me where the grave is. It has a gravestone on it that reads “John Mercer, 1908-1938, At Home.” The grave has four posts on each corner, and is protected with two strands of barb wire.

I have had the privilege of working with Stephen Folker on much of the production, and I can tell you it will be an interesting and accurate portrayal of the murder of Robert Sproat. Recently, Stephen Folker has been doing some reenactments of key elements of this story. On July 13, they filmed the

shooting on a gravel road north of Tipton. State road 74, now Highway 130, is now paved so it wouldn't be the right setting for the scene. The road chosen for the reenactment is a gravel road, 175th St., that runs east and west at Wald towards the Red Oak Church. If you remember, in several paragraphs above the three robbers turned killers had turned east off of Highway 38 onto what is now 175th St.

More filming continues on this story. It should be wrapped up within a month, and then the process of editing and putting it together begins. Stephen Folker has a target date of the fall of 2021 for completion, but I think that is an ambitious schedule. More realistic would be spring of 2022.

As Sheriff of Cedar County from 1977 to 2000, I know of this story, but now that I am retired and head overseer of the old Cedar County Jail/Museum, I have come to know the story well. We have found where we feel is the location of the shooting, and in the near future I will be getting authorization from the Iowa Department of Transportation to place a marker along the road where Robert Sproat was murdered. I will try to provide updates and little tidbits about this project as time goes on. Remember the name of the movie, “Terror on Highway 74,” and also the first movie mentioned, “Charcoal Skies.”

For further information on either of the above movies, or anything reference the old Cedar County Jail/Museum you may contact me, Keith L. Whitlatch, Cedar County Sheriff, retired, 319-329-1785 or kwhitl1601@gmail.com.

Clinton County Sheriff’s Office Updates:

Deputy Jeff Ernst Retired After 30 Years, K-9 Cory Retired; Eversoll, Cain, Bohle, and VanDeellen Join Sheriff’s Office



Above, Deputy Jeff Ernst retired in April after serving 30 years with the Clinton County Sheriff’s Office. During Jeff’s service, he was involved with the HEAT Team and was a K-9 handler for K-9 Bud and K-9 Odin. He was instrumental in getting the K-9 program started within the agency.



At right, Clinton County S.O.’s K-9 Cory retired from active duty effective June 11, 2021. K-9 Cory, A German Shepherd, was acquired from North Iowa K-9 in April of 2016 and teamed with Deputy Matt Owens (above). She was born in 2014. Deputy Owens and Cory were certified in tracking and narcotics detection.



On April 29th, we welcomed our newest deputies, Trenton Eversoll and Adam Cain, to the Clinton County Sheriff’s Office. Trenton Eversoll is a native to Clinton and worked for the Clinton Police Department before coming to the Sheriff’s Office. Adam Cain is a native to Clinton County and worked for the Clinton Fire Department before joining the Sheriff’s Office. Deputy Cain is currently attending the 299th Basic Training Class at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. We also welcomed part-time County Attorney Investigator Tom Bohle, who retired from Clinton P.D. in February after serving 32 and a half years. In the photo are (left to right) Sheriff Bill Greenwalt, Deputy Adam Cain, County Attorney Investigator Tom Bohle, Deputy Trenton Eversoll and Chief Deputy Steve Diesch.



Full-time Civilian Correctional Officer Stephanie VanDellen was hired in June.



Kids Learning Fun at Sheriffs’ and Deputies’ Y-Camp, June 20-26



Sheriff's Offices Can Register as Exhibitors at the September National Guard Career Fair Iowa Army National Guard's Employment Readiness Program

By **Tara Hellickson**
IA ARNG-G1

Soldier and Family Readiness Specialist,
Warrior and Family Services

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Tara Hellickson

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Col. Nathan Fulk's Remarks at the Funeral of Sgt. James Smith

By Colonel Nathan Fulk
Iowa State Patrol Chief

I'm going to ask all of you here today to do something for Jim Smith. I'm going to ask you to do something for Jim Smith's wife, Kathy, his son, Zander, and his daughter, Jazlyn. And what we're asking you to do today is to open your minds and your hearts to the Lord Jesus Christ. His presence is here today. Jim Smith is here with us today.

Our faith teaches us that in our suffering God is with us. Jim's priorities were faith, family, and his commitment to public service and his community. During a time in history when we wonder - with conflict, adversity, and challenge - we can doubt the support we have in society. However, the outpouring of support for the City of Independence has been truly amazing. You've reminded us why we love working, serving, and living in the State of Iowa. You've reminded us why we have a strong passion to serve and protect those in the community. And you've shown us that love, compassion, and respect are true Iowa values.

This senseless and tragic loss is difficult for everyone here today. Our Department of Public Safety family, our Iowa State Patrol family, you know we're hurting but we're not broken. We are struggling but we're not lost. And we're deeply saddened but we will work to find peace in the days ahead. Commissioner Stephan Bayens and I are extremely proud of the work you do each and every day. His expectation for our leaders is we take the absolute best care of our personnel. Rest assured that we are here for you and we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

We will remain committed to serving Iowans with integrity, fairness, respect, honesty, courage, and compassion. This will be vital to our healing process and into the future. We are here for our troopers, our special agents, our communication specialists, our local law enforcement partners, and our first responders. We must navigate through this together, day by day, and week by week. We're going to continue to do our job and we're going to do it well. We're going to do it with confidence, professionalism, and integrity. We will work together to establish a pathway to heal while we honor Sgt. Jim Smith's sacrifice and his legacy.

Jim's faith and family was the foundation of his life. He loved being an Iowa State Trooper, but his job did not define who he was.



Col. Nathan Fulk

What defined him was his family, his faith, and his true love for others. Sergeant Jim Smith worked for the State Patrol for twenty-seven and a half years, and twenty-five years on our tactical unit. During that time, he served as a team leader. And he was a humble man with a tremendous work ethic. Jim loved his job and he set an excellent example for others to follow. He mentioned how his parents provided him important qualities of hard work and determination that led to his success.

He provided strong leadership in District Ten, alongside Lt. Senne, Sgt. O'Rear, and Sgt. Trimble. They all speak highly of his character, his integrity, and his commitment to do the right thing for the right reason. I learned this week that Jim's biggest vice was chocolate milk. Chocolate milk was a treat for him when he accomplished something special. I'm sure most of us in this room today wish chocolate milk was our biggest vice. This just speaks of Jim's character and who he was.

On the Area C Tactical Team for the Iowa State Patrol, he was extremely experienced in handling high-risk calls. He had quiet confidence that provided reassurance to the Area C Tactical Unit. This quiet confidence exhibited as 'we got this.' Jim was a sheepdog that protected sheep. He always wanted to be the number one man in the door. This was his struggle with becoming a team leader on the tactical team, that he would have to give up that number one position. Jim's wife, Kathy, recently mentioned to the State Patrol staff why he wanted to be the first to the door, and she now understands it. His priority was to

protect his people.

Captain Olmstead and several other leaders in the organization challenged Jim to put in for a supervisory position. He struggled with this. Jim would politely decline and say, "I love taking bad guys to jail and working the road." And he did it well. He felt that if he was promoted to become a supervisor he couldn't do his road enforcement responsibilities - to protect and serve. One day Jim called Captain Olmstead and said he thought it was time to take on the leadership and supervisory position. He knew he needed to mentor young troopers, to show them what a work ethic and a commitment to the organization and to the State of Iowa meant to him. He went on to be promoted to sergeant and continue to do what he loved while mentoring, leading by examples, and encouraging troopers to work hard each and every day.

Jim was an extremely humble person who strove for excellence in his work, was strong in his faith, and he walked in Jesus' footsteps. He recently provided a sermon at church entitled "Act Your Age." He brought in a Superman lunchbox and began to share the food that his wife, Kathy, had prepared for him. Jim pulled out an apple and he said that he asked his wife, Kathy, to pack him a Twinkie. He said Kathy reminded him that "we're not on a diet, we're just making healthy life choices." But during that sermon he had a powerful message, a message he wants you to hear today. Jim said, "I want my kids to know what's good and true." He spoke of sacrificial love and that children are adorable little creatures of God. He said that "my kids fill my life with love." His correlation with that sermon was that God sees us as the children he created. You are a child of God, act your age. He closed with, "Cherish God, know that God loves you, God still sees you as a child he created. So go to him as a child, depend on him, love him, and seek to be loved by him." It was a very captivating message he shared.

Family was extremely important to Jim. He often spoke of his wife, Kathy, and he loved you deeply. He spoke of his son, Zander, and his daughter, Jazlyn. He loved you two very much. He loved spending time with both of you and telling stories to all the troopers about the trips you took and the quality time you spent together. And that meant the world to him. He often spoke to the troopers - he was trying to be a good role model and a good father, and spoke of the dreams he had for both

(Col. Nathan Fulk's Remarks at the Funeral of Sgt. James Smith, continued)

of you two. He wanted to be a good example for you. He wanted to lead you down a path of faith and to set you up for success in life. You both made him an extremely proud father.

I've been struggling to find the right words to comfort us all today. As we walk through this together, seeking to find a sense of purpose and a sense of peace, I don't have to look for those words because Jim left them for us. These handwritten words are from Jim. They were in his Bible, and Kathy provided them to us this week. The words were, "Don't just

know, do. Live in service. Know the goal, finish strong. Teach with application. Don't just tell, show. Don't just learn, do. Live out God's word. Live out faith. Teach, take care of our family, but also change the world."

1 Peter 2:21 says, "For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example and you must follow in his footsteps." You know, reflecting on Jim's life has impacted us all this week. It has impacted me and challenged me to think about being the best person I can be.

So I've asked myself some tough questions. Am I following in Jesus Christ's footsteps? Am I following in Jim Smith's footsteps? Can I be a man that cares for my community like Jim Smith cared for this community? Can I be a man that loves my children like Jim Smith loved Zander and Jazlyn? Can I be a man that loves my wife like Jim loved his wife, Kathy? And can I be a man that loves the Lord Jesus Christ, like Jim Smith loved the Lord, his God? We love you Jim, we will see you again

Trooper Jon Stickney's Remarks at Sgt. James Smith's Funeral

By Trooper Jon Stickney

All of us are grieving. All of us in Post Ten are grieving at this time. Jim was our friend, our supervisor and mentor to many, and most of all, the most important, Jim was a believer in Jesus Christ. Jim prayed before every meal when we stopped for breaks. Every moment of him was centered on Christ. Jim Smith was

patient, kind, he was never resentful, he never rejoiced in the wrongdoing, but rejoiced in the truth.

Jim Smith believed that we all have a purpose in life guided by our Creator; that each moment we touch someone was for a purpose, not by chance, not by luck but by a purpose. Jim's legacy will leave a mark on all of us by the way he believed in humanity. Jim Smith's

legacy will continue on through his children because he raised them in a Christ-like way. We should live our life like Jim Smith because his standards were set by God and God said, "This is my commandment: that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." John 15:12-13

From Sgt. James Smith's family:

"We want to thank you for your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Jim was a man of integrity and our SUPERHERO who pointed to God in all he did in life and even now in Heaven. He was the 'Real Deal!'"

"We are extremely thankful to God for our family. We made many memories together that we will cherish. Jim referred to those moments as 'Memory Stones.' Take time to make memory stones with the ones you care about each and every day.

Jim's desire was for people to seek opportunities to do God's work, and to make a lasting impact for God's glory.

"We ask that you be intentional with your time as Jim was. Spend quality time with those around you. Thank law enforcement, love your family, and encourage your community. Make a difference!"

From Sgt. Jim Smith:

"Don't just know. Do.
Live in service.
Know the goal. Finish Strong."

"Teaching w/ application.
Don't just tell...
- Show."

"Don't just learn...
- Do"

"Live out God's Word. Live out faith."

Teach,
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LINKS TO JIM SMITH'S SERMONS

Playlist link with all his messages: <https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDaYm5ed7Jl-zPJBvPgcQKON5pH1rUku>

- Act Your Age - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gOp5le001eI>
- Storytime with Jim - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gKPSYrXOOTQ&t=1549s>
- Taking the Lords Name in Vain - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HXOIGH5Ph_o
- JBF Infomercial - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c8wxZDGeDpk>
- HIS Neighborhood - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GLUFgQvFQpE>
- Babel - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S2zWc3M8Njg>
- Your Debt Has Been Paid - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u-6XkGTWYyU>
- Memorial Stones - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Arqz49GM4qg>
- Philemon - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fiichLnIDCE>
- Lessons from Job - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gzk4AHp2HzU>
- Serving God - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PZLQI9StylE&t=11s>
- A Lesson on Love - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z3VTYCveyVY>





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This is a joint association formed in 2015 between North Dakota and South Dakota to help network, train, and collaborate on common issues our sheriffs face in our region. Our pheasant hunt is the sole funding source for the Association and helps us bring in presenters for our joint conference. The Dakota Territory Sheriffs' Association is a 501c3. If you have any questions, please let me know: Staci Ackerman, Executive Director, 6065-940-6554, staci@southdakotasheriffs.org.



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Ethan Marburger Hired by Dubuque County Sheriff's Office as Deputy Sheriff in the Jail Division

By Sgt. David Boardman
Dubuque County Sheriff's Office

The Dubuque County Sheriff's Office is happy to announce the hiring of our newest deputy sheriff!

Deputy Ethan Marburger was sworn in on June 29 in front of family and some of his new co-workers.

Ethan is a graduate of Hempstead High School in Dubuque, and has a

Bachelor's of Science in biology from the University of Northern Iowa.

Prior to coming to the Sheriff's Office, he worked for North Dakota Natural Resource Conservation Service.

Ethan will be assigned to the Jail Division at the Sheriff's Office.

In the photo at the right is Dubuque County Sheriff Joe Kennedy (green shirt) presenting Deputy Sheriff Ethan Marburger his new badge.



Plymouth County Sheriff's Office Promotes Sgt. Scott Dorhout to Lt.

On July 1, 2021, Sgt. Scott Dorhout was promoted to Lieutenant with the Plymouth County Sheriff's Office.

Lt. Dorhout has been with the Sheriff's Office for 24 years working patrol, K-9, CERT, and

Drug Task Force. He has a Police Science degree from Western Iowa Tech and lives by Lemars with his wife, Gail. They have three adult daughters and five grand children.

In Memoriam

Buddy "Bud" Cleo Erwin

Served as United States Marine, Wapello County Sheriff from 1973 - 1997

Buddy "Bud" Cleo Erwin, 85, of Ottumwa died at 6:43 p.m. June 19, 2021 at Vista Woods Care Center in Ottumwa.

He was born August 22, 1935, in Highland Center to Cleo and Irene Hedlund Erwin. He married Luanne Deiters on September 28, 1960, and she preceded him in death on April 16, 2021. A graduate of Hedrick High School, he served in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict.

Bud worked at Iowa Army Ammunition and was the manager of H.D. Sales Fertilizer Plant. He joined the Wapello County Sheriff's Office in 1968 as a deputy and was elected and served as Wapello County Sheriff from 1973 until his retirement in 1997, where still today he is the longest serving sheriff for Wapello County.

He was a member of O.B. Nelson Post #3 American Legion and life member of Walter B. Schafer Post #775 Veterans of Foreign Wars. Surviving are two sons, Steve Erwin



of Ottumwa and Gary Erwin of Marengo; a grandson, Sean Erwin of North Liberty; a brother, Glenn (Carolyn) Erwin of Tucson, AZ; a sister, Darlene Nathan of Tucson, AZ;

a former daughter-in-law, Cindy Erwin of Armour, SD; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Visitation was held on June 23, and funeral services were held June 24 at Reece Funeral Home with Chaplain Doug McAntire officiating. Burial was in Memorial Lawn Cemetery with military honors conducted by Walter B. Schafer Post #775 Veterans of Foreign Wars and O.B. Nelson Post #3 American Legion.

Bud Erwin's confidential secretary, Judy Agee, wrote that "Bud was always there for the citizens of Wapello County and his employees. He would always go to bat for them. He was a fair boss when you told the truth, but he didn't like people who lied to him."

"Note that his wife was a jail matron for several years, also, and she passed away just before he did this year." Thank you.

Judy Agee,
Ottumwa, Iowa.

Marvin Edward Meggison, 87, of Glenwood, Iowa

Korean War Veteran, Police Officer, Montgomery County Sheriff from 1984-1992

Marvin Edward Meggison, age 87, of Glenwood, Iowa, formerly of Red Oak, passed away Tuesday, August 10 at the Jennie Edmondson Hospital in Council Bluffs.

Marvin was born August 12, 1933, in Adams County, near Carbon, the son of Edward and Daisy (Hinkle) Meggison.

He attended school in Carbon until the 8th grade. He later joined the United States Navy, serving during the Korean War. Marvin was honorably discharged after four years.

He moved to Red Oak to be near his parents, who moved during his time in the Navy. He worked at various construction companies and then the City of Red Oak as a paid fireman for three years.

He then worked for the Red Oak Police Department for three years before being hired as Chief Deputy at the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office in 1972.

Upon the death of Sheriff Richard E. Harrell, Marvin was appointed Sheriff and remained until his retirement in 1992. During his two terms in office, he was very active in starting Crime Stoppers in Montgomery County and bringing McGruff and the McGruff Mobile to the County.

Marvin was united in marriage to Norma Lee Berriman on June 5, 1955, in Red Oak. Three children were born to this union: Douglas, Denise, and Rebecca. Marvin and Norma lived in the Montgomery County Jail living quarters for 19 years. During this time, Marvin and Norma lost their daughter Rebecca in an automobile accident in December of 1990.

After retirement, Marvin had his own mowing equipment and mowed several



yards until he retired from that in 2008. Marvin enjoyed retirement and the time he spent with Norma, Doug, Denise and the grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He enjoyed playing golf, boating at Table Rock Lake, watching football, and rooting for the Iowa Hawkeyes. He attended as many games as he could. Marvin enjoyed being a member of First Christian Church, where he worked mowing and doing whatever needed to be done. Marvin also enjoyed his time with the Merc Coffee Club and helping with their annual pancake fundraiser for families in need; he really loved flipping pancakes.

He also was involved in a group of retired peace officers that got together once a

month for breakfast, called "The Fuzz That Was." He really had fun being a part of that group.

Preceding him in death were his parents; daughter, Rebecca Meggison; and siblings: Rita Hilzendeger, Shirley Janssen, Nancy Davis, and Howard, Max, and Jerry Meggison. Survivors include his wife: Norma of Glenwood, IA; children: Doug Meggison and wife Lori and Denise Bosworth and husband Chuck all of Glenwood, IA; grandchildren: Jason Meggison and wife Jorgia of Blair, NE; Andrew Meggison and wife Jessica of Newnan, GA; Kari Meggison of Glenwood, IA; Corey Bosworth and wife Rashmee of Highlands Ranch, CO; Tyler Blakely of Council Bluffs, IA; and Daniel Meggison and wife Kenzie of Malvern, IA; 12 great grandchildren; sister: Linda Smith of Red Oak, IA; sisters-in-law: Jo Alice Meggison of Red Oak, IA and Sandy Berriman of Houston, TX; brothers-in-law: Marion Berriman and wife Donna of Monument, CO and Bill Berriman and wife Teresa of Mingo, IA; and many other relatives and friends.

A celebration of life service was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, August 14, 2021, at the First Christian Church. Burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery. Visitation with the family was held from 10-11 a.m. Saturday, August 14, 2021 at the church prior to the celebration of life.

Memorials are suggested to the First Christian Church, the Christian Men's Fellowship of First Christian Church, or the Tuesday Girls. Nelson-Boylan-LeRette Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements.



See the special section starting on Page 32 on ISSDA sheriffs and deputies volunteering and being chosen to work security at the 1996 Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia.

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ISSDA and Pottwattamie County Historical Society Exhibited at the 2021 Iowa State Fair in the “Hall of Law and Flame”



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ISSDA Supports Dallas County Sheriff Chad Leonard

For Immediate Release:

Recent news of the pending law suit against Dallas County Sheriff Chad Leonard, filed on behalf of Gary DeMercurio and Justin Wynn (Coalfire Labs, a Colorado-based cybersecurity firm) after they were rightfully arrested being caught having broken into the Dallas County Courthouse, has the Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association left scratching our heads and frustrated. By all accounts, a crime was committed and the proper crime prevention/deterrence protocols detected the breach and allowed for law enforcement intervention.

When a publicly elected official is sued for enforcing the laws in his county, and held accountable for contracts and agreements that he was never a party to and never made aware of... Moreover, when admitted mistakes are made by the Judicial Branch of the state of Iowa, who hired these gentlemen to “test” the security of their cyber network, none of this encompasses nor negates the scope of the Dallas County Sheriff’s oath of office.

We, as citizens of the state of Iowa, should be justifiably proud of the work that Sheriff Leonard and his staff performed that evening in responding to the burglary. No one was hurt, shot, or treated improperly. They were safely arrested and taken to jail, booked and allowed to work out the details of their contract from the confines of this secure location. This seems to make sense. Our security protocols to prevent the loss of public documents, loss of courthouse security, and protect the public interest in Dallas County that evening worked flawlessly, and now Sheriff Leonard’s forthrightness is being questioned in a frivolous and costly-to-defend lawsuit as a result of diligently doing his job and upholding his oath.

We, as a state association stand firmly behind Sheriff Leonard and his staff. We stand by his actions on the evening of September 11, 2019 and support to our last breath every elected sheriff’s obligation to protect their county courthouse and its physical security. Further, we acknowledge the dramatic overreach by the state in assuming that because they may have offices located in our county courthouses that they may have some say in how those courthouses are or should be secured. This is county business and solely the codified responsibility of the county sheriff.

Questions regarding this release should be directed to:

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(Retired) Warren County Sheriff Jim Lee Worked Security At 1996 Olympics with More Than a Dozen ISSDA Members

By Sally Huntoon

(Retired) Warren County Sheriff Jim Lee was one of a large contingent of law enforcement officers from across the world who assisted with security at the Olympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia.

Lee said police officers from 47 countries, including 200-plus from Australia, volunteered their experience and expertise. Most used their vacation time. Many of those from Australia were obtaining firsthand knowledge on security to assist when they host the games in Sydney.

Lee was part of the Security Team Program or STP. Two years ago the Olympic Committee began taking applications for STP. Just under 9,000 applications were received with only 2,200 chosen. Lee was one of the lucky ones picked. "There was someone from each state and a good gender blend," Lee said.

STP members who were on the 31-day program were housed in Atlanta. Those in the 21-day program were housed in Athens, GA, which is east and north of Atlanta. Lee was in the latter group.

In the 50-mile radius where Lee was stationed was Stone Mountain, where tennis and archery venues were held, and Lake Lanier, where rowing was held. Also in that area were the soccer, preliminary volleyball and rhythmic gymnastics.

Lee was assigned to the Equestrian events held at the Georgia International Horse Park in Conyers, GA.

Room, board, meals, uniforms, badges and transportation were furnished for the security crew. An interesting point, Lee noted, was that only 4,000 security badges were made, making them somewhat of a collector's item.

The Iowa crew of 15 drove to Atlanta in two vans donated by a dealer from Waterloo. A group from Greene County donated memorial funds of about \$400 for gas. Another sheriff was able to secure McDonald's certificates, so, Lee said, outside of souvenirs, it was pretty much an "expense-free" trip for them.

Once in Atlanta, the group had to report at the Atlanta Airport to receive their credentials, which consisted of hard plastic cards with photo I.D. Each officer's card was barcoded with specific numbers which would allow him or her into the restricted areas of the venues they were working.

They then received two days of classroom training, going over various security mea-



(1996) Warren County Sheriff Jim Lee in his Olympics security uniform with borrowed medal.

sures, including filming of x-ray equipment.

Each venue had an STP security manager and shift supervisor. Lee was a sector supervisor for the day shift for the equestrian venue.

The horse park of 1,400 acres was divided into three sections: the stadium where spectators were allowed; back of the house which was a restricted area where credentials were checked and "doping control" of the animals was checked; the restricted area where all vehicles were "sanitized." Trucks were checked and sealed before being allowed in the area. Lee said when they came to one of two gates, all that needed to be checked was the undercarriage, which helped speed up the process.

Lee was the shift supervisor for the second area, which was the middle section of the park. There were six or seven small gates and a VIP lounge to be secured. There were officers at each barn and at each gate, in addition to each site where the horses were jumping. Equestrian events were held every day except one, unlike some of the other venues, where individuals and teams were eliminated from competition.

In other venues, once someone went through security, they were not allowed to leave and return. Not so with the equestrian events. They were staged so that horses and riders started activities at 8 a.m. and concluded about Noon or 1 p.m. and then continued from 3 to 5 p.m. Because of this, Lee said, it was the toughest to work.

With 30,000 spectators going through three gates with 10 to 12 rows per gate, it took time to get everyone through. Security officers checked each package with some items like large flag and strollers restricted.

The first two days following the bombing (by serial bomber Eric Rudolph), Lee said that only six or seven of the 23 volunteers showed up to assist the security officers. They jacked up the security level, even at the dorm where the officers were living. All entrances were closed but one, and someone was posted there around the clock.

All luggage and vehicles went through security. Everything was taken out of packages: all cameras, cell phones, pagers and personal computers were taken out of their cases and turned on. Every person was checked, even the sports participants.

The day of the actual bombing was one of two days that Lee had off. He was in the dorm sleeping and heard about it the next morning. He called his parents in rural Indianola to let them know he was all right.

Chief Deputy Tom McNamara from the Sheriff's Office also called Jim to check on him. McNamara had been working the Balloon Classic in Indianola and said people kept coming up to him and asking about Lee.

"I really appreciate that," Jim said. "It is very gratifying to know that people were concerned." As for some of the highlights, Lee said he saw the women's soccer gold medal match and he saw parts of soccer and rhythmic gymnastics, in addition to some of the equestrian events. He also attended the dress rehearsal for the Opening Ceremonies.

"It was certainly an experience," Lee said. "I wouldn't have traded it for anything. There are some friendships I will cherish forever." Is Jim Lee Going to Sydney, Australia, for the games there. Well, he worked with an officer from Sydney who invited the Warren County Sheriff to attend next summer's Olympics ... we'll see.



Sheriff Yale Jarvis (left) and Sheriff Jim Lee (right) by a horse jump at the equestrian center.

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As a Deputy in 1996, Retired Cass County Sheriff Bill Sage Worked Security at the Atlanta, Georgia, Olympic Games

Cass County Deputy Sheriff Bill Sage says it just doesn't cool down at the Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta.

Sage, from Atlantic, is among 17 Iowa law enforcement officers providing security at the 1996 Olympics. And, as exciting as it all has been since the Games started a dozen days ago, he's anxious to be home.

"I'm having a great time, but I miss my family. I can't wait to hug them all," Sage said.

Until he does return, he'll continue to drink a lot of Crystal water and POWERADE, a Coca-Cola product. Sage, his multinational co-workers and millions of tourists have probably been drinking both products by the gallon as the security heat has been turned up several notches since Saturday's bombing at Centennial Park in Atlanta.

Like all the Iowa volunteer security officers, Sage has been stationed in Athens, some 50 miles away, where he has mostly been assigned to cover events at the stadium on the University of Georgia campus. Soccer started there on Sunday, July 28. Officials at the stadium had already gone into heavy security mode four days prior.

"We went through two and a half days of training from July 17 through July 19," he said. "Most of the classes were very meaningful.

Sage arrived at the Atlanta airport on July 16, where he was given his security identification and his assignments by ACOG authorities. Other security officers are assigned to work at Lake Lanier for water venues, Stone Mountain for tennis, cycling and archery, and Conyers, for equestrian events.

"We were given a delightful benefit last Wednesday evening. With our STP badges and pictures, we were given a ticket to the dress rehearsal for the opening Games ceremonies," Sage said. "This is something I will never forget.

"The emotional feelings were overwhelming. It was ev-



Then-Deputy Bill Sage

erything you saw on television, except for the introduction of the 10 athletes walking into the stadium. The fireworks really set the mood."

Sage worked in four-hour shifts until the stadium was in full-security mode. He has worked the university coliseum, where the men's and women's volleyball has been played, and was providing security in the upper level when the USA team played.

"I saw two women's games and one men's game," Sage said.

Lapel pin swapping has apparently been as big as any other event in the events. A company designed the lapel pins like the badges Olympic officers were wearing and gave them to security officers to trade.

"Coca-cola pins are the hottest ones you can get your hands on," Sage said.

Sage, or one of his co-workers, may be spotted as television cameras pan the crowd. They are wearing white shirts with shoulder patches and green pants.

"Look for the badge above the left pocket. This is law enforcement security. If they are wearing a patch above the left pocket, they have no law enforcement training," Sage said.

The volunteers will give up about a month of their own time to serve on a multi-national police force which will unite to control an expected two million visitors to the Georgia area. Their only pay will be food, lodging, uniforms and transportation to their security posts.

"I was more than happy to be among those selected to serve at the Olympics," said Sage.



Olympic Security Team

Iowa State Sheriffs and Deputies Association

Selected for Olympics Security Team - Seated: Chief Deputy Ken Runde (Dubuque Co.), Sgt Dick Cruse (Dubuque.), Deputy Jim Sawvel (Dubuque), Sheriff Yale Jarvis (Washington). 2nd Row: Chief Deputy Bill Sage (Cass), Deputy Jan Crandall (Benton), Sgt. Chuck Uskavitch (Dubuque), Sheriff Lyle Minnick (Ringgold), Deputy Pat Hagarty (Black Hawk), Chief Deputy Gary Anderson (Appanoose). Back row: Sheriff Tim Junker (Butler), Deputy Denis Avenarius (Dubuque), Sheriff Jim Lee (Warren), Sheriff Jim Kurth (Greene County).

Retired Dubuque County Sgt. Dick Cruse's Olympic Dream Came True When Joined 1996 Summer Games Security Team

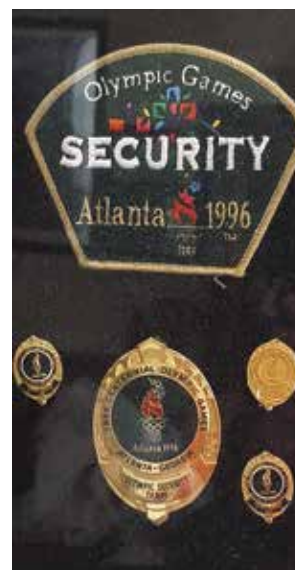
By Sgt. Dick Cruse (Retired)
Dubuque County Sheriff's Office

My major memories of the summer of 1996 involve planning the route, coordinating with sheriffs and deputies from all across the State (plus officers from Clinton Police Department and Jo Daviess County, Illinois) driving all night to arrive in Atlanta at 7:00 am, getting our credentials and housing assignments, and arriving at the University of Georgia where we were given our venue assignments.

There were briefings on what was expected of us, tours of the venues, and several of us going to the Olympic Stadium for the rehearsal and then the Games began!

I was assigned to the Tennis Ven-

ue at Stone Mountain just East of Atlanta -- from 1,500 spectators up to 13,000 at Cen-
seventeen courts with seating for anywhere ter Court. Some days we were assigned to a gate or at the entrance checking bags, purses, etc. Other days we were stationed courtside or in the stands. As more athletes were eliminated, fewer courts were needed and the last few days we only had to deal with up to 15,000 people rather than 65,000+ in the earlier days.



As a kid, I dreamed of going to the Olympics. It did not take long to figure out that it was not going to be as an athlete. Even the idea of getting to see the games in person seemed out of reach.

Thanks to the Olympic Security Program and the cooperation of those of us who were able to go, my childhood dream came true!

Each member had to submit their resume to the Atlanta Olympic Security Team. Each member was screened and as the acceptance letters came in, phone calls were being made to each other. What a thrill it was when I received my letter. I called my wife, then called Ken.

1993 Winter School Speaker Jack Enter Spurred Sage & Runde to Assemble Iowa Volunteer Security Team for 1996 Olympics

By Retired Cass Co. Sheriff Bill Sage

It is hard to believe it has been 25 years since a group of ISSDA members provided security at the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games.

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Ken and I were the only two who didn't have any assignments when we arrived at the check in at the Hartsfield (Atlanta) Airport. We checked in and were assigned to the soccer venue in Athens, Georgia. We were going to be roommates for the next

25 days. Soccer didn't start for a few days, so we volunteered our time at the Athens Olympic Village and the men's volleyball games - what a thrill!

A big highlight was when the USA



Cass County, Iowa, Chief Deputy Bill Sage & Australian Officer Neil King.

25 days.

The first day of soccer was overshadowed by the bombing at Centennial Park in Atlanta. Security was tight and the fans were patient with us.

women's team beat the Chinese in the Gold Medal game. They won 2-1 and was attended by over 75,000 fans. It still brings chills when I recall hearing, "USA! USA! USA! USA! Flags were waving and the team was celebrating.

This was a chance of a lifetime and we were truly blessed to share these memories with a wonderful bunch of law enforcement personnel from around the World.

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Former Black Hawk County Deputy Pat Hagarty's Olympic Memories Include Meeting International Security Officers

- "Dan Deery Motors, Cedar Falls, provided two vans for the Iowa sheriffs and deputies to drive to Atlanta"
- "My location was the velodrome venue, which is the bikes on the oval track. It would have been exciting, but it was so hot that I requested third shift and did get reassigned to protect the soccer venue on the University of Georgia Campus. The nice thing was that we sat at the gate entrance and were always with new officers each and every night. It made it kind of special to listen to their stories and the countries they were from."
- "After the bomb incident, it was even more evident how important our role was to the games. Prior to the explosion, we really weren't being allowed in to watch the events on our off time. After, we could go to as many as you wished. I attended the U.S.A. men's baseball game, all finals of both the men's and women's soccer along with volleyball."
- "Enjoyed the food prepared for us in the dorm setting."
- "I brought with me a 3' x 5' Olympic Flag and left it in the lobby and requested officers sign it and indicate where they were from. I think I had over 500 signatures and others started doing the same."
- "I also had over 50 patches from a variety of agencies."
- "For this being the first time using volunteer officers, I think it was a big success."
- "Our department has a display case from events and items from years gone by. I think I will be offering one of my shirts with the patch and our trading card for that display."

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Working The 1996 Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta



They came from across Iowa, the nation, and the world. Venue: The 1996 Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta. For 13 Iowa law enforcement officials, it was a dream come true to serve as volunteer members of the Olympic security team.

The 13-member team was chosen from nearly 10,000 applicants from around the world. Eventually, the field was narrowed to approximately 2,200 peace officers to provide security for this international event. The Iowa contingent included Carroll County Sheriff Doug Bass, Dubuque County Chief Deputy Ken Runde, Dubuque County Sergeant Dick Cruse, Dubuque County Deputy Dennis Avenarius, Washington County Sheriff Yale Jarvis, Cass County Chief Deputy Bill Sage, Benton County Deputy Jan Crandall, Ringgold County Sheriff Lyle Minnick, Black Hawk County Deputy Pat Hagarty, Appanoose County Chief Deputy Gary Anderson, Warren County Sheriff Jim Lee, Greene County Sheriff Jim Kurth, and Clinton Police Officer Gene Deedon.

Participants in the 1996 summer games were from 197 different countries. Fifty-four of the countries provided law enforcement to participate in the Olympic Security Program, the first time such a volunteer program had been undertaken. Despite the initial disorganization, things came together as time went on and everyone involved agreed it was certainly a time to remember.

Each security officer attended training and

orientation, as well as studying a 137-page manual of security regulations. Much of the training information dealt with handling people from other cultures. For instance, officers were taught such things as not to point. In some cultures, pointing is considered offensive. Once trained, the security team was divided into 60 sports venues with five different levels of security. Most officers worked eight hours a day, six days a week. Any free time was spent attending other sporting events.

Officers volunteered their time for the Olympic detail, and needed to provide their own transportation to Atlanta. Iowa communities pulled together to secure donations to help in this effort. Deputy Pat Hagarty of Black Hawk County located two vans, which were donated for use by Dan Deery Motors of Waterloo. He also received a supply of canned soda pop from a local distributor. Sheriff Yale Jarvis received a supply of coupons from the local McDonald's franchisee in Washington County, and Sheriff Jim Kurth received memorial money from the funeral of a former Philadelphia police officer's family in Greene County for expenses. The Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games provided housing, meals, uniforms and local transportation. The Iowa contingent was housed in dormitories at the University of Georgia in Athens.

Each member of the security team was able to keep the uniforms that were provided. Each was adorned with patches and an impressive security badge which made for

a valuable keep sake. Toward the end of the Olympic Games, each officer on the security team was given a commemorative booklet with each member's name and address in it.

The 1996 Summer Olympic Games were an adventure of a lifetime for the 16 Iowans chosen to participate. The excitement of the crowds, and watching top-notch athletes perform provided many memorable moments for the security force. But it's the friendships made among the police officers from around the world that stand foremost in the minds of the Olympic officers who donated their skills for the opportunity of a lifetime in Atlanta.

Sheriff Yale Jarvis

For a man who says he "eats, drinks and sleeps his job, it was only natural that he'd "vacation it, too!" Jarvis quickly gained the respect of his peers as one of three daytime supervisors at the equestrian park. Supervising had its advantages for the Sheriff, one of which was transporting many of the equestrian event medals to the awards stand. Although Jarvis described his position with the Olympics as "a chance of a lifetime," he stresses that it was not a free ride. A typical day began at 4:30 a.m. and (if lucky) ended at 3 p.m. — with many hours spent out in the hot Georgia sun. One of the highlights for Jarvis, a biker himself, was to work at the 6.6 mile mountain bike race. "It was a lot of hard work and there were some very long days, but it's a million dollar experience. I'm living a life's dream and it's been a fascinating experience."

Sheriff James L. Kurth

Sheriff Kurth was assigned as a supervisor at the tennis venue. In this role, he supervised civilian volunteers, performed bag searches and manned the magnetometers (walk-through metal detectors). He also escorted and guarded the tennis players and entry ways into the venue. According to Kurth, his most memorable experiences at the Games included watching the athletes getting medals and also the type of work he was assigned. The variety of duties was a nice temporary change from his usual duties as Greene County Sheriff.

Deputy Pat Hagarty

Deputy Hagarty had the pleasure of supervising a small group of ticket takers and security guards at the bicycle racing and archery venues in Stone Mountain, about an hour from Atlanta. It was indeed the event of a lifetime for Hagarty. Despite the increased media attention after the bombing in Centennial Park, he really saw no changes in how he was to do his job. Security at the various venues was already very tight. "I really don't see what more they could do, anyway," said Hagarty. "There's security every where here," he added.

Sheriff Jim Lee

What was intended to be a working vacation for Sheriff Lee became more work than vacation. Lee was assigned to the equestrian facility in Conyers, Georgia. "I wouldn't have traded this experience for anything," said Lee after three weeks at the Olympics. One of the most gratifying things about the experience was seeing members of the security team program work toward a common goal. "I am extremely proud to have been a member of the Iowa delegation. Their pride, professionalism and work ethic was apparent throughout the summer Games. The ISSDA and the people of the state of Iowa were well represented."

Chief Deputy Gary Anderson

Deputy Anderson was assigned to the tennis venue at Stone Mountain, where he provided security for the athletes on the competition and practice courts. "All the spectators were excellent. We had hardly any problems at all from them," said Anderson. "And the athletes I met were all great, too. The hospitality from the people in Atlanta was wonderful. The security people spent a great deal of time advising tourists to be alert for robbers. People would walk around with cameras and other personal property that could be easily stolen: "Some spectators were not used to being in such big crowds and really appreciated our help," he added.

Deputy Dennis Avenarius

Deputy Avenarius describes his Olympics work as an experience of a lifetime. Assigned to Lake Lanier and the rowing venue,

his duties consisted of checking carry-in bags, spectator assistance, minor crowd control, and gate checks of people coming into the venue. Avenarius was also able to attend most of the semi-final round volleyball games and several of the soccer events. "The air of excitement that filled the stadium the night of the U.S. Women's Gold Medal Soccer game was unforgettable," he said. "One of the more cherished times was meeting law enforcement people from other countries. I found it very interesting to hear their stories about crime in their countries," reflected Avenarius. "Hopefully, those friendships will last a lifetime," he added.

Deputy Jan Crandall, Benton County

Arriving in Atlanta, Deputy Jan Crandall thought this would be the longest three weeks in her life. But, once the initial disorganization was addressed and she got to know more of her fellow security volunteers, the time passed much too quickly. The highlight of the Games for Crandall was getting to meet other officers from all over the world. "I found out that law enforcement around the world is not much different than right here in our back yard," she said. Since the Olympics, Deputy Crandall has kept in touch with several of their new-found friends and they are planning a get-together sometime within the next year.

Chief Deputy Bill Sage

"If the enthusiasm of the Olympic Games would filter out in the world," says Chief Deputy Sage, "we would have a lot less troubles." Describing the three-week event as a milestone in his life, he says it's an experience he will never forget. Sage was assigned to work the 3 to 11 shift at the Olympic stadium. Much of his time was spent serving as sector leader for the soccer semi finals.

Sheriff Lyle E. Minnick

Sheriff Minnick remembers standing in line a lot once he arrived in Atlanta. "Every place you went you had to stand in line and also when riding the buses," he recalled. Minnick was assigned to the soccer venue at Sanford Stadium. Crowds for the soccer games numbered from 69,000 to 86,000 people per event. At his station at Gate 2, he helped check backpacks, cameras and other items carried in. One of the highlights of Minnick's trip was watching the U.S.A. Women's Soccer team win the gold medal. "I got to meet a lot of officers from different countries and also met a lot of other volunteers," he said. "It was an experience that I'll never forget."

Sergeant Dick Cruse

Morning came early for Sgt. Cruse, who was up at 4:30 a.m. on a typical day at the Olympics. He was assigned to the tennis venue at Stone Mountain State Park, just east of

Atlanta. His security team was made up of officers from Australia, Italy, Germany, South Africa, New York, Philadelphia and South Carolina. "This international make-up of each team made for interesting communication as well as a chance to learn more about our world," says Cruse. The experience, overall, was a positive one for Sgt. Cruse. Some of the highlights included "getting to know officers from 54 countries and almost every state in the U.S., seeing world-class athletes 'up close and personal,' experiencing the thrill of being in an audience of 80,000 people, or just being a part, however small, of the Olympic Games."

Chief Deputy Ken Runde

"This was a once-in-a-lifetime experience," said Chief Deputy Runde, "and a dream come true." Despite the initial confusion, law enforcement at the Olympics drew together as a team.

There were many long days for the officers and not always the best of conditions. But, the group didn't just complain about the situation, they dug in, took charge and resolved the problems. One highlight of the trip for Runde was when the U.S. Women's Soccer team won the gold medal. "When they started to play the national anthem, you could've heard a pin drop. But as it continued on and every one began to sing along, it created such a feeling! I don't believe there was an American in the stadium who had a dry eye."

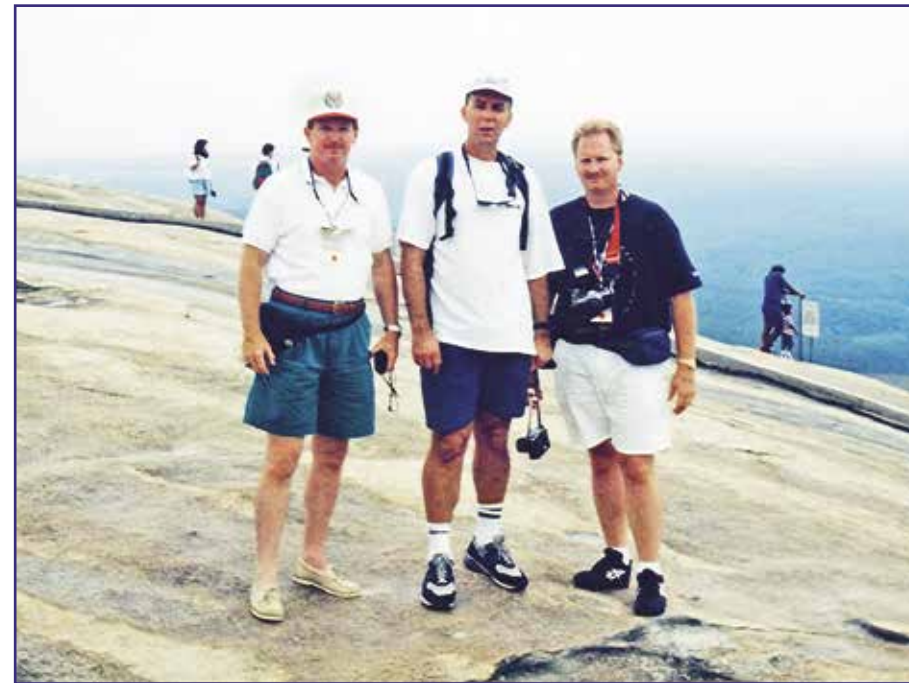


Chief Deputy Ken Runde

Officer Gene Deedon

Gene Deedon of Clinton P.D. will long remember the hot days spent as part of the security force in Atlanta. He was placed in a venue in Stone Mountain, site of the archery competition. Although stationed at the venue until the close of the Games, he did find time to attend the U.S. women's soccer team in action. "I got to see the gold medal round and heard the national anthem during the gold medal presentation," Deedon said.

He's glad he had the opportunity to volunteer at the Olympics. "It was fun, a once-in-a-life time experience," he added.



Gene Saunders, Chesapeake Bay, VA; Neil King, Australia; and Cass County, Iowa, Deputy Bill Sage.



RAGBRAI rider Sheriff Yale Jarvis tried out an old fashioned bicycle at a Georgia shop. "The bike shop owner said the only guy he knew who was able to ride that bike up those hills (around Athens, Georgia) was a fella' named Herschel Walker."





Olympic Ceremony Rehearsal



Security Team Members



Volleyball



Soccer



Lake Lanier was used for rowing and canoe/ kayak competitions.

