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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Chief Deputy Jeff Spencer, WS&DSA President

I would like to start out by thanking everyone who attended our 2020 WS&DSA Winter Training Conference! I think it was a successful conference, and I heard a lot of positive comments. The training committee has been busy putting together our 2021 Winter Training Conference to be held Feb. 7-10, 2021, at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Green Bay. I am confident that we will be able to have an in-person training conference and that the Superbowl will be played on February 7! We will monitor COVID-19 developments and guidelines and will make sure that all decisions are made with the health and safety of our membership as the top priority. As we move toward our annual training conference, I ask you to reach out to any of your retired Sheriffs and Deputies that have been active members of our Association and invite them to attend our conference. I think it would be fun to get as many retirees back to reminisce and share stories.

This year has been a difficult year for everyone. This pandemic has affected how law enforcement operates in a number of ways. Most critical incidents that we handle only affect a limited geographical area and do not last very long. COVID-19 has affected us all and seems to be continuing for an extended period of time. Sheriffs and Deputies play a crucial role to continue to provide necessary public services and maintain public order which has put us at a greater risk of exposure and infection. Many of us have been caught in the middle of the public (and sometimes political) division of the public health mandates and guidelines passed down from the State level. Decisions have had to be made on what mandates should be enforced while still protecting the constitutional rights of all citizens, and sometimes those decisions are not consistent from jurisdiction to jurisdiction.

This pandemic has taught us that we can change the way we do business. Zoom meetings, Zoom court appearances, increases in inmate electronic monitoring versus Huber and greater discretion

on incarceration are just some examples of what we have been compelled to impose quickly as a result of COVID-19. I am sure that once this is behind us, we will be looking at some of these as permanent changes to the way we operate.

The in-custody death earlier this year in Minneapolis of George Floyd and the more recent and more local shooting of Jacob Blake in Kenosha has had a catastrophic impact on our profession. These events that were caught on video tape have divided this country and caused riots we haven't experienced in decades. We are seeing an unprecedented lack of support from some of our elected officials and even some law enforcement "leaders" in this country. The decisions to take away qualified immunity from officers and to "defund police" without weighing the long-term impact on our profession and the communities we serve are the most alarming negative political decisions I have witnessed in my 32 years of law enforcement. Have confidence that the WS&DSA legislative committee will continue to monitor and fight any and all legislation that will adversely affect you as law enforcement officers and our profession!

As I write this article, I have just heard the news that Immediate Past President Sheriff Nancy Hove of Pierce County has been diagnosed with cancer. Please keep Sheriff Nancy in your thoughts and prayers as she battles this terrible disease.

This will be my last magazine article as President, and I would like to thank the Board of Directors, Sandy Schueller from ARC and Caty McDermott and RJ Pirlot from The Hamilton Group for all of your support and for what you do for our Association. It has been a pleasure to work with all of you and an honor to serve as President.

Stay positive and stay safe!

Chief Deputy Jeff Spencer
President of WS&DSA



REPORT FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

by Sandy Schueller, *WS&DSA Business Manager*

2020 has been a challenging year for everyone. Below are a few updates from 2020 and looking forward to our conference in 2021!

New Website

Much work went into the launch of the refreshed website, and even more work is on the horizon for continual updates now that the framework is in a more modifiable format. Members are now able to update their own records at any time, and the Association is able to make pages available to members only. As you explore our new website, please send us your feedback on future improvements and additions.

Management Company Rebranding

Our company went through an ownership change and rebranding at the beginning of 2020! Svinicki Association Management, Inc. (SAMI) is now Association Resource Center, Inc. (ARC), owned by Jennifer Rzepka, CAE. Before becoming the new president in January, Rzepka was 50% partner for five years while purchasing the company and has been with the company for 20 years. She is an active member of the Wisconsin Society of Association Executives (WSAE) and the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE), Rzepka earned her Certified Association Executive (CAE) credential in 2010.



Rzepka says, “It’s thrilling to see the re-invigorated engagement and buy-in as I continue making changes, empowering the incredibly talented management team and engaging staff members at all levels of the company. I am honored to carry this company into the future and keep our strong legacy alive of exceptional people providing exceptional services to our clients.”

For more information, please contact Jennifer Rzepka, 414-276-8788, jennifer@arc-amc.com.

2021 Winter Training Conference

We look forward to seeing everyone in Green Bay! Please join us for socially responsible training sessions and special events, following all local public health and facility guidelines, February 7-10!

Our highest priority is the health, safety and wellbeing of our members and the communities they serve, so we are continually monitoring COVID-19 guidelines to make conference related decisions.

Stay strong everyone!

Sandy Schueller
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CITIZEN AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Wisconsin Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs Citizen of the Year Award is presented to a Wisconsin Citizen who, without regard for their own well-being, became involved in assisting law enforcement or another citizen. Nominations are due January 2 to info@wsdsa.org!



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2021 WS&DSA Winter Training Conference & Technology Show

February 7-10, 2021
Radisson Hotel & Conference Center
Green Bay, WI

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CONFERENCE DETAILS

Conference Cancellation and Substitution Policy

All refund requests must be made in writing to the WS&DSA office via mail, fax, or email. Phone requests will not be honored. No refunds allowed after January 22, 2021. All refund requests are subject to a \$10 processing fee. Substitutions are allowed and not subject to a fee.

Conference Location

All the sessions, exhibits, meals, and networking events will be held at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center unless otherwise noted. The Radisson Hotel and Conference Center is the official conference hotel. Visit the WS&DSA Web site for a link to get more information on Green Bay.

Register by Mail or Online

1. Complete the paper application and submit with payment to the WS&DSA office. (6737 W Washington St, Suite 4210 • Milwaukee, WI 53214)
2. Or register online: www.wdsda.org

Hotel Information

The Radisson Hotel is the official conference hotel. Come prepared for walking a short distance between your hotel room and the conference events. The hotel's official web site is: <https://www.radisson.com/green-bay-hotel-wi-54313/greenbay>. The room block is currently open. The rate per night is \$82 (based on room type). There is a link on the WS&DSA Web site to make your reservation online.

Please make your reservations early! All hotel reservations must be made by January 16, 2021 to receive the WS&DSA rate.

Wisconsin Sheriffs & Deputy Sheriffs Association (WS&DSA) Photo and Video Disclosure

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AGENDA

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

1:00 pm
Registration Opens

5:00 pm
NFL Super Bowl Party

All attendees and registered vendors are invited to attend! Enjoy dinner while watching the Super Bowl!



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:00 am
Registration Opens

8:00 am – 8:30 am
Opening Ceremony

- Presentation of Colors
- Announcements

8:30 am – 12:00 pm
Emerging Issues and Strategies for Law Enforcement Stress Management

Dr. Dan Schroeder



The environment in which law enforcement professionals carry out their work is increasingly complex and stressful. Emerging societal issues such as the COVID-19 pandemic and scrutiny by media, community, and political bodies creates an increasingly complex and challenging set of circumstances for law enforcement professionals to navigate. This workshop will explore these issues and organization-based stress management methods.

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Lunch with Exhibitors

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Technology Show - Exhibits Open

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:30 am
Registration Opens

8:00 am – 12:00pm
Reasonable, Justified and Necessary: Improving the Way We Train to Apply Deadly Force

Dr. T. C. Fuller



This session will be a frank discussion on the realities surrounding the use of deadly force in a professional context. In doing so, we will examine current law enforcement approaches before, during, and after the use of deadly force while "on the job". With this in mind, we will discuss how we can better prepare our colleagues for the single greatest responsibility we place on their shoulders: the use of deadly force without prior judicial review in situations that are fraught with danger, confusion, fear and incomplete information in a politically charged nation.

AGENDA *continued*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9 *cont.*

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Annual Business Meeting & Lunch

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
**Managing Civil Unrest—
Considerations for the
Police Executive**

*Anthony Raganella &
Jaclyn Keane*



Given the current law enforcement climate, coupled with the recent political polarization of the nation, major protests and civil unrest have been at the forefront of concerns for U.S. law enforcement. Agencies charged with ensuring public order and citizens' First Amendment Rights must appropriately balance these, often times confounding, issues where split-second operational decisions can mean the difference between a lawful assembly and a destructive riot.

The regular training and assessment of an agency's ability to rapidly mobilize and respond to civil unrest is essential in any mandate to protect life and property, arrest violators of criminal acts and expeditiously return communities to normalcy should an incident occur. While specific goals can be determined and trained to, the overarching objective for an agency is proper prevention of civil unrest in the first instance. Further, should an incident of civil unrest and/or major protest occur, the ability of an agency to rapidly, adequately and effectively respond to it is crucial to the incident's outcome and the community's stability in its aftermath. The bedrock to an agency's effectiveness in these critical situations rests upon its ability to properly plan, communicate and train utilizing best practices that are both proven and accepted.

This dynamic presentation will offer the audience the myriad considerations and best practices that go into keeping such events peaceful within the framework and relevant pillars of IACP's Blueprint and the 2015 President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. Within that context, agencies must rethink how they can build and maintain trust, confidence and satisfaction within the communities they service, while examining their training and policies on mass demonstrations which should minimize use of provocative tactics and equipment. These policies should account for procedures that implement a layered response to protests which prioritize de-escalation and a guardian mindset. Attendees of the presentation will leave with a clear understanding of how to prepare and plan ahead in conjunction with their communities; how to effectively communicate with stakeholders and the public and how proper training keeps officers and citizens safe while ensuring the credibility and professionalization of their agency is maintained during these events.

6:00 pm
WS&DSA Banquet
All attendees are invited to attend!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

8:00 am – 12:00 pm
**Breach Point: Personal
& Professional
Breakthroughs for
Correctional Officers &
Supporting Staff**



*Chief Kent Williams, Breach Point
Consulting*

In a chaotic and unpredictable world of plummeting moral standards, our nation's correctional officers are facing stressors that can have predictable and profoundly negative impact upon their lives, careers and families. This seminar will assist attendees in gaining a distinctly different perspective on the unique and potentially problematic consequences of performing well within a law enforcement culture. Officers, Command Staff and those who assist them will reflect upon the traumas and triumphs associated with modern corrections/ law enforcement and how these influence the pivotal balance between professional and personal relationships.

An experienced law enforcement executive and educator will guide corrections personnel in understanding a variety of best practice approaches in addressing these issues. A theme of personal leadership will run throughout this seminar as attendees will have ample chance to reflect upon the universal journey of a vocation spent in law enforcement. This seminar will provide a new set of skills designed to assist contemporary knights maintain a balanced, meaningful and rewarding lifestyle, while maintaining and protecting the nobility found in their servant's spirit.

REGISTRATION FORM

WS&DSA 2021 WINTER TRAINING CONFERENCE

Only one registration per form.

ATTENDEE INFORMATION

Full Name _____ Title _____

Agency/Organization _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____

REGISTRATION TYPES & FEES

**Price in parentheses rate after January 24, 2021.*

Registration Levels		
Members	\$100 (\$110)	\$
Non-Members*	\$125 (\$135)	\$
Retired Members	\$45	\$
Special Events		
Sunday NFL Super Bowl Party	__ x \$0	
Tuesday Banquet Guest(s)**	__ x \$45	\$
<i>*Non-Member registration includes membership for 2021 (1/1/21-12/31/21)</i>		
<i>**One banquet ticket is included with each registration level.</i>		
TOTAL		\$

Do you have any dietary or specialty needs? _____

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Questions? Please contact the WS&DSA office at 414-488-3906 or info@wsdsa.org.

SPEAK UP, SPEAK OUT WISCONSIN: A NEW SCHOOL SAFETY TOOL

by Josh Kaul, Attorney General, State of Wisconsin



This school year will be very different from other years. But beyond the important discussions about masks and online learning, many of the same school safety concerns remain: mental health, threats to schools and students and safety planning. The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) is committed to keeping kids safe and is offering a new school safety tool during this unique time.

DOJ's Office of School Safety (OSS) has launched the SPEAK UP, SPEAK OUT (SUSO) Resource Center—a comprehensive, one-stop resource for students, families, teachers, other school staff and law enforcement to turn to with concerns regarding school safety. The resource center offers a free, 24/7 threat reporting system (tip line), threat assessment consultation, critical incident response and general school safety guidance.

Threat Reporting System

Students, parents, school staff and community members can submit school safety concerns by downloading the SUSO app (Android and iOS), visiting speakup.wisconsin.gov, or by calling 1-800-MY-SUSO-1. Resource Center staff work around-the-clock to respond to reports by communicating directly with school administrators, law enforcement and counselors.

Threat Assessment Consultation

If a possible threat has been identified, the Resource Center can provide threat assessment consultations for school staff and law enforcement. Consultations may include determining the severity of a threat, making an appropriate response to a behavior or even assisting with the implementation of the Wisconsin School Threat Assessment Protocol.

Critical Incident Response

The Resource Center can deploy critical incident response teams if a school experiences a critical incident. When schools report a critical incident to the Resource Center, a regionally-based critical incident response team will mobilize to affected schools. This allows schools to gain access to statewide resources by placing one phone call instead of using precious time to make several phone calls.



General School Safety Guidance

The Resource Center also provides general school safety guidance to students, parents, school staff and law enforcement. Safety training, building security, school safety planning and other topics related to school safety can all be accessed by contacting the SPEAK UP, SPEAK OUT Resource Center.

Law enforcement & SPEAK UP, SPEAK OUT

Law enforcement can help make SUSO successful:

1. Please submit a list of all the school buildings that are in your primary jurisdiction. This information will help our analysts identify which law enforcement agency should be contacted in the event that an immediate safety concern at a particular school is submitted to the SUSO reporting system. Submit this information to 1-800-MY-SUSO-1 or schoolsafety@doj.state.wi.us.
2. Please submit the name, email address and phone number of the person you would like to receive notification of an immediate safety concern at a school in your jurisdiction to 1-800-MY-SUSO-1 or schoolsafety@doj.state.wi.us.
3. Help spread the word about SUSO. If a school in your jurisdiction isn't already implementing SUSO, please let the school know about this new, free safety tool.

If you have any questions about SUSO, please contact DOJ at 1-800-MY-SUSO-1 or schoolsafety@doj.state.wi.us.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2020 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

by Michelle Boldt, WS&DSA Account Coordinator



The Wisconsin Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs Association (WSDSA) is honored to announce this year's winners of the annual scholarship awards program. This program offers financial assistance to full-time students who are enrolled in Criminal Justice programs at any Wisconsin college or university to encourage educational growth and professionalism among police officers and deputy sheriffs. A total of seven \$500 scholarships were awarded to the following individuals:

District 1 Award Recipient:

Aaron Schmidt, Polk County.

Aaron graduated from Osceola High School. While in high school, Aaron participated in his school district's Career Academy Program. He was a member of the National Honor Society and served as a mentor for students at the local middle school. A very successful athlete, Aaron participated on his high school's football, baseball and wrestling teams.



"His genuine desire to learn, very positive attitude and great ability to communicate well with others... will represent the entire Law Enforcement profession in a very positive light for many years to come."

District 2 Award Recipient: Shea Mineau, Price County.

Shea is attending University of Wisconsin - Platteville to become a crime scene investigator. During the summer months, she worked for the United States Forest Service as a leader of the Chequamegon Nicolet National Forest Youth Conservation Corps. Shea participated in various sports and the band in high school and was a member of her local 4-H club.



"Shea is 'one-of-a-kind' and her future promises to be bright and full of limitless possibilities. I'm confident Shea will forge a path that will be as unique as her personality and skill set."

District 3 Award Recipient: Hailey Buschman, Shawano County.

Hailey is a student at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College. Hailey is a captain of the Shawano County Cadets Program and a Shawano Community Service Officer. She is an avid volunteer and enjoys taking health and wellness classes.



"Hailey is attentive to tasks and works tirelessly to achieve goals. She is extremely positive and dependable and performs her duties in a timely and conscientious manner."

District 4 Award Recipient: Bailey Feuling, Buffalo County.

Bailey participated in her local Law Enforcement Explorer Program for two years. She graduated from Mondovi High School and plans to attend Chippewa Valley Technical College. Bailey was a member of the National Honor Society and lettered in high school volleyball and forensics.



"Bailey is a conscientious, energetic and hard-working individual. She is highly motivated to reach her future goals and is dedicated to make a lasting impact through outstanding leadership."

2020 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

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District 5 Award Recipient: Michael Reed, Monroe County. Michael attended Bangor High School and plans to pursue a career in law enforcement. While in high school, he participated in various ride-alongs with his local law enforcement department. Michael enjoys playing football, powerlifting and trap shooting.



“I have had the pleasure to see him grow as a student, athlete and young man. I believe Michael would be an asset to the law enforcement profession due to his even temperament and willingness to work with people through difficult situations.”

District 6 Award Recipient: Lyndsey Lippert, Waushara County. Lyndsey is pursuing an education in law enforcement because she wants to be a part of, in her words, “The Ultimate Good Guys.” She attended Wild Rose High School where she was the team captain for the cross country, track and basketball teams. Lyndsey enjoyed participating in band and conducted her own fingerprinting lab in chemistry class.



“As a veteran officer, I am excited to hear that there are exceptional young people like Lyndsey who would consider accepting the many challenges that working in this career field present.”

District 7 Award Recipient: Morgan Day, Dane County. Morgan is attending University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point to pursue a career as a conservation warden. She currently works as intern with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and actively volunteers at events and programs hosted by the Dane County Sheriff’s Office. Morgan has participated in the Women in Natural Resources, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers and Students for Veterans clubs.



“Morgan Day is a determined young woman. She handles many responsibilities with grace and efficiency. I am not surprised to find Morgan volunteering at various events in our community for worthy causes. Morgan always does this with a smile, kind word and a determination to give all that she can to make the event successful.”

Congratulations to the 2020 scholarship winners! If you know a student pursuing education in Criminal Justice, please encourage them to apply for our 2021 scholarship award program. Information can be found on our website at www.WSDSA.org.

KNOW A STUDENT INTERESTED IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE?

WS&DSA 2021 Scholarship Applications are due March 6th! For more information or to apply visit the WS&DSA website, www.wdsda.org.



MEANING BEHIND THE NAMES AT THE WISCONSIN LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL

by Sheriff Joel Wener, Pepin County

During our last WS&DSA board meeting, we were asked about ideas for the next WS&DSA magazine. I felt that, because the May Annual Law Enforcement Memorial ceremony was canceled due to COVID-19, it was important that the WS&DSA recognizes those four law enforcement officers who were added to the memorial.

All four individuals, who made the ultimate sacrifice and consequently were added to the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Memorial at the Wisconsin Capitol Square in Madison, came from different communities, decades and agency types. Chief William McGinty waited 87 years, and Officer Starre Miles waited 75 years to be properly recognized and have their names added to the memorial. However, they all had one thing in common—they gave their lives to protect their communities.

Two of the names on the list have a personal meaning to me. Officer Miles was a member of the Pepin County Traffic Police Department, and I am honored to have worked to have his name added to the memorial. Officer Hetland was a friend who I served with on the WPPA (Wisconsin Professional Police Association) board of directors for two years, prior to being elected Sheriff.

Below is a brief synopsis of each officer. Thank you to the Officer Down Memorial Page (ompd.org) for the information found on their web page that assisted me in recognizing each of these officers.

“It is not how these officers died that made them heroes it is how they lived,” Vivian Eney- Survivor.

Darlington Police Department two-year veteran **Chief William McGinty** collapsed and passed away due to a heart attack while attempting to subdue an impaired and resisting suspect. Chief McGinty was also a 20-year veteran of the Darlington Fire Department. Chief McGinty was survived by his two children, mother, brother and four sisters. EOW: 5/25/1933.

Pepin County Traffic Police Department two-and-a-half-year veteran **Officer Starre A. Miles** was tragically struck and injured by a vehicle while directing traffic at a crash scene. Officer Miles succumbed to his injuries at the hospital two days after the incident. Officer Miles left behind his wife. EOW: 11/5/1945

Milwaukee Police Department 17-year veteran **Officer Matthew Rittner** was shot and killed in the line of duty while executing a narcotics and firearms search warrant as a member of the Milwaukee Police Department tactical unit. Officer Rittner was a US Marine Corps veteran of the War on Terror. He is survived by his expectant wife and child. According to Officer Rittner’s wife, Caroline, “He loved what he did. He truly did.” EOW: 02/16/2019

Racine Police Department 24-year veteran **Officer John Hetland** was killed while intervening—off-duty—during an armed robbery. Officer Hetland was planning on retiring at the end of 2019 to spend more time with his 15-year-old son and 8-year-old daughter. EOW: 6/17/2019

A MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION

*by Sheriff David J. Mahoney, Dane County,
President – National Sheriffs' Association 2020-2021*



As I write my article for the Wisconsin Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs Magazine, I think back to June when I was sworn in as President of the National Sheriff's Association in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. We have since learned a great deal about this virus, but we continue to struggle with both the pandemic and civil unrest across our nation.

As Sheriffs, we remain on the front line in our communities and at the front door of our jails, facing off against a formidable, invisible enemy. Not a month has passed since the Dane County Sheriff's Office lost one of our own. Deputy Richard Treadwell lost his battle against COVID-19 on August 22, 2020. Without the help of our State Law Enforcement Death Response (LEDR) Team, we, who I felt were well prepared, would have faced even greater emotional pain. Thank you to the Sheriff's Offices across Wisconsin who sent representatives to Rick's funeral and for the letters and cards, which are being shared with the Treadwell family.

Many in our Sheriff's Offices have been assisting Madison and Kenosha with responses to significant civil unrest and criminal behavior following the events of Memorial Day in Minneapolis. Much rhetoric is being sold to the public on all of the reforms needed in law enforcement. Though there may be exceptions in other areas of the country, here in Wisconsin, I am continuously impressed with the level of integrity and professional excellence I see in deputy sheriffs— those who have made a commitment to serve others and stand strong protecting the rights of citizens, even in the face of violent protests.



Sheriff David Mahoney, Justice Jill Karofsky, and Sergeant R.J. Lurquin at Sheriff Mahoney's swearing in as NSA president.

You are great examples of Wisconsin's finest!

As President of the NSA, the second Wisconsin Sheriff to hold that office since the NSA was established in 1942, I am honored by the trust our nation's 3,080 Sheriffs have placed in me. That honor should be shared with all of Wisconsin's Sheriffs, for without your support and hard work, it would not have been possible.

Stay safe, stay healthy and stay involved. And when you return home each day, take care of those who take care of you.



2020 WINTER TRAINING CONFERENCE RECAP

by Sandy Schueller, WS&DSA Business Manager

Thank you to the 120 Sheriffs, Deputies, Jail Officers and others who attended the 2020 WS&DSA Winter Training Conference in Green Bay! The week provided invaluable education and networking opportunities for Wisconsin's Sheriffs, Deputies and Officers from all department types. Vendors at the Technology Show were excited to showcase their products and services as well as to meet with department decision makers.

The conference began on Sunday with an NFL Super Bowl Party sponsored by Aramark.

On Monday, the conference began with the opening ceremony, followed by two breakout sessions: *Officer Wellness: Enhancing Your Health, Wellness, and Resilience* by Dr. Olivia Johnson and *Executive Leadership Workshop* by Chief Richard Beary. The Technology Show followed the breakout sessions on Monday afternoon. We appreciate all the support from our vendors!

Tuesday included a full-day presentation: *Fundamentals of Realistic De-Escalation* given by Nicole Florisi from Force Science Institute. During lunch on Tuesday, the Association held the Annual Membership Meeting. Tuesday concluded with our Banquet with Attorney General Josh Kaul. The banquet also featured our first-ever legislative awards, presented to Sen. Van Wanggaard (R-Racine) and Rep. Mark Born (R- Beaver Dam). The citizen award was presented to Holly Hurda from Portage County for her life saving efforts in helping a male victim trapped in his burning vehicle.

The conference concluded the next day with a half-day session on Wednesday: *Jamye Closs Case* by Detective Jeffrey Nelson and Special Agent Joe Welsch.

Winter Conference Feedback

We asked attendees what they would tell their fellow law enforcement members who may have missed the conference. Attendees responded with:

"I was able to take something from each of the speakers. The food was excellent, and accommodations couldn't be better."

"I appreciate that fact that, even though I am in Corrections, the topics always seem to appear for both road and corrections."

"Each year is something different for speakers which always makes the conference interesting."

"It's a great conference for training and networking."

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Please thank the following organizations for supporting different functions of the Winter Training Conference:

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- Wisconsin Department of Justice Training and Standard Bureau (Speakers)



Register Now – 2021 Winter Training Conference!

Please see the brochure on more information on speakers and registration information for the 2021 WS&DSA Winter Training Conference & Technology Show! It will be held in Green Bay again at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, February 7-10. See you soon in Green Bay!

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Legislative Committee Chair Jeff Klatt, Sen. Van Wanggaard (R-Racine) a 2020 Legislator Awardee and President Jeff Spencer.



Legislative Committee Chair Jeff Klatt, Rep. Mark Born (R-Beaver Dam) a 2020 Legislator Awardee and President Jeff Spencer.



Conference attendees listening to the Tuesday General Session.



Attendees at one of the many educational opportunities at the conference.



President Jeff Spencer with Citizen Award Winner Holly Hurda and Portage County Sheriff Mike Lukas.



Attorney General Kaul addressed the attendees at the Annual Banquet on Tuesday night.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

by *Caty McDermott and R.J. Pirlot, Hamilton Consulting Group LLC*

Wisconsin Election Update

State Senate Republicans have expanded their margin to 21-12 by picking up two Democrat seats and assuming Republicans will successfully defend Senator Fitzgerald's seat after he vacates it. Republican incumbents Sen. Pat Testin (R –

Stevens Point) and Sen. Alberta Darling (R – River Hills) won reelection and the parties split two open seats with Republican Eric Wimberger beating Jonathon Hansen in a Green Bay area seat and Democrat Brad Pfaff defeating Dan Kapanke in a LaCrosse area seat. As anticipated, Republican Rob Stafsholt beat Democrat Patty Schachtner in her northwest Wisconsin district.

Assembly Republicans staved off the most aggressive attempt by Assembly Democrats to pick up seats in well over a decade. Conventional wisdom had Assembly Republicans perhaps losing five seats or more but only two Republican incumbents have been defeated: Reps. Rob Hutton (R – Brookfield) and Jim Ott (R – Mequon). Both hail from suburbs surrounding Milwaukee. This will make the new Assembly margin 61-38 in favor of Republicans.

2019-20 Legislative Session – Will the Senate Reconvene?

In February, the Wisconsin state Assembly adjourned its regular session. Meanwhile, the Wisconsin state Senate planned one final March floor day to finish their business. However, the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic promptly ended those plans, leaving over 150 bills which had passed the Assembly awaiting possible Senate action.

New Senate Republican leadership has said they are “open” to reconvening the Senate, reviving bills which they intend to concur in, and meeting one additional day to do so before a new Legislature is organized in January 2021.

Of note for WS&DSA, pending in the stack of bills is the **PTSD Worker's Compensation for Law Enforcement** (2019 SB 511/ AB 569). Over the years, the bill has undergone several iterations to address concerns from labor and business representation on the Worker's Compensation Advisory Council. The bill provides that if a public safety officer is diagnosed with PTSD by a licensed psychiatrist or psychologist, the public safety officer can bring a

claim for worker's compensation benefits. The bill limits that the claim must meet certain conditions, including that it is proven by the preponderance of evidence, and the mental injury is not a result of various actions taken in good faith by the employer. The current version limits the disability period to 32 weeks and includes a lifetime limit for PTSD coverage to three times in the person's lifetime. The lifetime limit on receiving compensation for PTSD applies regardless of changes in employment.

If the Senate does not reconvene in 2020, this legislation will need to be reintroduced and go through the legislative process again in January 2021.

2019-20 WS&DSA Accomplishments

While the COVID-19 global pandemic interrupted the final weeks of the Wisconsin's 2019-20 legislature session, WS&DSA had already accomplished a significant number of legislative achievements. This includes the passage of several priority bills, including:

- **Emergency Detention Transport** (2019 Wisconsin Act 105) - clarifies the use of the private transport for individuals under emergency detention and directs the Department of Health Services to seek Medicaid reimbursement for the transport of individuals on Medicaid.
- **Benefits to Survivors of Those Killed in the Line of Duty** (2019 Wisconsin Act 19) - requires that any government entity and Marquette University provide health insurance benefits to the widowed spouse and/or children after a police officer is killed in the line of duty.
- **Body Cameras** (2019 Wisconsin Act 108) - sets policy parameters for a law enforcement agency that uses body cameras, generally requires body camera data to be retained for a minimum of 120 days (with certain exceptions) and provides that body camera data is an open public record, with some key exceptions to protect privacy. The legislation was developed from the 2018 the Legislative Council Study Committee on the Use of Police Body Cameras and was a compromise between law enforcement groups and the broadcaster/newspaper associations.

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Governor's Call for a Special Session and Legislative Response

In response of the shooting of Jacob Blake in Kenosha, on August 24, Gov. Evers called a special session of the Legislature to address policing accountability and transparency to begin on August 31, 2020. The Senate and the Assembly gaveled in for the special session but met in "skeletal session," meaning they did not actually meet to conduct business and pass legislation.

The governor's special session call included nine bills that were previously announced by the governor in June, including proposals for the elimination of no-knock warrants by law enforcement, a ban of chokehold by law enforcement, changes to use-of-force policies and reporting, creation of a civil penalty for racial profiling, and the establishment of a \$1 million violence prevention grant program.

On August 26, Sen. Van Wanggaard (R-Racine) released a package of eight bills entitled the Public Safety and "Police Accountability, Community Involvement and Transparency or "PACT" to improve upon police accountability and transparency of law enforcement practices – some of which include changes to the governor's proposed bills. Working with other law enforcement organizations, WS&DSA met regularly with Sen. Wanggaard on his bill package and provided feedback.

Sen. Wanggaard, a retired police officer, noted in his press release, the bill package was developed "over months, and in some cases, years, of conversations with law enforcement, victims' advocates, national experts, and Republican and Democratic elected officials, including Governor Evers and Attorney General Kaul."

The PACT package includes the establishment of an independent use-of-force review advisory board, use-of-force policy requirements, transparency and reporting, changes to the Milwaukee police and fire commission, establishment of a community-oriented policing housing grant program, prohibition on choke holds in a law enforcement agency's policy or standard, and a bill to reduce state aid if a municipality reduces police funding.

In the Assembly, Assembly Speaker Vos (R-Rochester) created a [task force](#) focusing on racial disparities, educational opportunities, public safety, and police policies and standards. Republican Majority Leader Rep. Jim Steineke (R-Kaukauna) and Rep. Stubbs (D-Madison) were appointed as the co-chairs of the bi-partisan taskforce.

There are several members of law enforcement that were appointed to the task force, including representing WS&DSA and Badger State Sheriffs', Grant County Sheriff Nate Deckman, as well as Jim Palmer, Executive Director, Wisconsin Professional Police Association, Steven Roux, Rice Lake Police Chief and Wayne Strong, Retired Lieutenant, Madison Police Department.

The task force met on October 28 and split into sub-committees. Most recently, the law enforcement sub-committee held a public hearing on November 12. WS&DSA will continue to monitor and engage with the task force. It is anticipated that the task force will develop a package of legislation for consideration in the 2019-20 session.

Looking Ahead for the 2021-22 Legislative Session

The next legislative session will begin in January 2021. Leading up to January, Gov. Evers will be preparing his 2021-23 state budget request, which will initially be the focus of the 2021-22 session.

In September, state agencies submitted their budget requests to the governor and Department of Administration (DOA). During fall and early winter 2020, the DOA State Budget Office will develop budget recommendations based on the governor's agenda and agencies' requests. The governor will then present his budget recommendations to the state legislature for its consideration in the beginning of the next legislative session – likely in January or February 2020.

WS&DSA is busy developing legislative and budget priorities for the 2021-22 session. In addition to the policing reform packages previously mentioned, this includes:

- **Emergency Detention Reform:** For the past several years, WS&DSA continues to meet with other stakeholder groups to develop future policy and budget initiatives. These potential proposals include investment in regional mental health centers (potentially for stabilization for first 24 hours only), transfer of custody changes and funding a pilot program options to develop other models of response (e.g. crisis teams).
- **Protective Status for Jailers:** Last session, a bill to provide protective status for county jailers failed to advance due to concerns raised from the Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF) claiming that the changes under the bill are not compliant with IRS regulations. WS&DSA plans to continue to strategize for ways to advance this important policy, including requesting an IRS' written determination on ETF's claims.
- **Closing the OWI UTV/ATV Loophole:** In the 2019-20 legislative session, legislation failed to advance to target the UTV/ATV OWI "loophole". Under the legislation introduced, all OWI offenses to result in a suspension/revocation of DOT operating privileges. The bill added the suspension of ATV, snowmobile, and boating privileges for 12 to 16 months on the first offense and count them as previous convictions (within the previous five years) as a repeat offense. WS&DSA plans to advocate for this policy in the 2021-22 session.

2021-22 is shaping up to be another busy one for WS&DSA. If there is an issue that you feel needs to be addressed legislatively, please let us know! The legislative committee meets regularly and continuously reviews legislation. Contact WS&DSA Legislative Committee Chair: Captain Jeff Klatt (Jeff.Klatt@co.saint-croix.wi.us).



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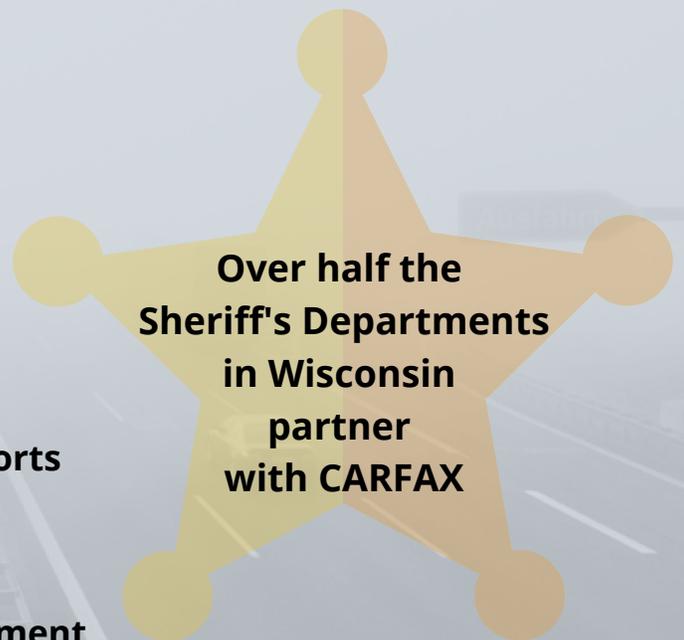
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DISTRICT REPORTS

DISTRICT 1

Director: Paul Susienka

Counties: Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Polk, Rusk, Sawyer and Washburn

DISTRICT 2

Director: Aemus Balsis

Counties: Ashland, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Price, Taylor and Vilas

Greetings, WS&DSA members in District 2!

I hope and pray all is well with our members throughout the state. 2020 has tested us all to our limits as from the struggles with the COVID-19 pandemic to everything related to the civil unrest taking place across our great nation. We must all stay strong and positive as we charge forward and continue serve our communities the best way we possibly can! I have personally seen overwhelming support as it relates to Backing the Blue in our local community, so we are more than blessed that way!

New Hires

Taylor County

Robert Donnelly, Cameron Sullivan and Christopher Kauer were all hired as a Patrol Deputies.

Holly Miller was also hired as a Patrol Deputy and will be sponsored by the Sheriff's Office to attend the law enforcement academy through NTC starting in January 2021.

Carter Markgraf, Jamie Pichla and Abby Sackmann were hired as Correctional Officers.

Marathon County

Edward "Ed" Bauknecht, Scott Schlei, Aaron Galindo, Kyle McMullen, Cory Dums, Joshua Zentner, Christopher Brandner and Matthew Mielke were hired as Patrol Deputies.

Laurie Zelenka, Mary Follis, Kevin Rasmussen, Samantha Thomas, Quinten Papendorf and Chai Lee were hired as Correctional Officers.

Randi Wanless, Carly Schwanz, Shelby Jansen, Michelle Denton, Amanda Mroczenski and Kassidi Wood were hired as Public Safety Tele-Communicators.

Langlade County

Steven Meshak was hired as a Patrol Deputy.

Logan Vollmar, Hannah Schade, Ben Lewendowski and Samantha Kopec were hired as Corrections Officers.

Noah Nicholson, Jamie Dziamarski and Tabitha Irish were all hired as Dispatchers.

Price County

Sean Peterson was hired as a Patrol Deputy. **Aaron Hickerson** was also hired as a Patrol Deputy and will be starting his assigned duties after he completes the law enforcement academy in October 2020.

Krissy Trimble was hired as an Investigator. Krissy came to the Sheriff's Office with several years of previous service with the Park Falls Police Department.

Promotions

Taylor County

Deputy **Chad Kowalczyk** was promoted to Detective.

Deputy **Jesse Holtz** and Deputy **Joshua Budimlja** were both promoted to Patrol Sergeants.

Marathon County

Deputy **Cory Gladden** was promoted to Detective.

Langlade County

Misti Servi was promoted to Patrol Sergeant. Sergeant Servi started her career in Langlade County over 20 years ago. After several years of service at a local police Department, Sergeant Servi has returned as a Deputy and is now one of their new leaders.

Jail Sergeant **Heidi Walrath** was promoted to Jail Administrator. Jail Sergeant Walrath has been with the Sheriff's Office for 25 years.

Retirements

Taylor County

Patrol Sergeant **Nick Synol** and Detective **Harlan Schwartz** both retired after long-time service to Taylor County.

Correctional Officer **Nancy Mayer** and Correctional Officer **Jason Ray** both retired after long-time service to Taylor County.

Marathon County

Detective **Randy Hansen**, Deputy **Dan Marsolek**, **Eric Heggelund** and **Dean Pitt** all retired after long-time service to Marathon County.

Price County

Investigator **Christopher Jarskinski** retired after many years of service to Price County.

We wish all retirees the best in their future endeavors.

Other News

Taylor County

On Sep. 11, 2020, Sheriff Larry Woebeking organized the 2nd annual 9/11 memorial flag run which consisted of a five-mile run on State Hwy 13 from the Village of Stetsonville to the City of Medford. The run was well attended by members of the Sheriff's Office and

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the City of Medford Police Department. The highway and streets along the route were lined with supporters during the run. The Taylor County Sheriff's Office wants to remember the sacrifices of everyone involved, including law enforcement officers, EMS first responders, fire department personnel and all other victims of the Sep. 11, 2001, attack on our country.



Marathon County

On Sep. 1, 2020, the Marathon County Sheriff's Office entered into an agreement and began providing services to the Town of Rib Mountain. This is the first contracted position the Sheriff's Office has entered into with a local municipality. Deputy Cassandra Seubert was selected to fill this role and has been working with the town to prepare for this new opportunity.

Deputy Charles 'Charlie' Hessel was recently selected as the newest addition to the K9 team. Charlie and his partner Ace recently returned to Marathon County from Jessifany Canine Services and are on patrol. Charlie and Ace have assumed the responsibilities of former Deputy Cory Gladden (now Detective) and his partner Radar. Radar retired after serving seven years at the Sheriff's Office.

In 2020, the Marathon County Sheriff's Office began a partnership with the Marathon County Parks Department. In this role, the Sheriff's Office contracts a "Recreation Deputy" to the Parks Department for work in the county parks. In addition, the Sheriff's Office added a new position to complement this work. Two deputies are now assigned to work enforcement in and on our parks, lakes and trails. Deputies assigned to this team also provide DNR sponsored education programs.

Langlade County

Chief Deputy Dan Bauknecht stated that, as we battle through uncertain and unpredictable times, Langlade County Sheriff's Office would just like to compliment ALL our law enforcement brothers and sisters from the BSSA, WS&DSA, Jail Administrator forums to the Number 2s group the Chief Deputies utilize, our patrol supervisor and deputy partners, all our corrections and dispatch partners and all our community partners. They say in hard times you get to see the true colors of people. Since March, we've all gotten to see some great shades of blue and tighten up our support for each other, and I, for one, have never been prouder to be in law enforcement. Take care of yourself, families and each other.

Price County

Chief Deputy Brian Roush informs me that the Price County Sheriff's Office recently developed a program at the Sheriff's Office, allowing members of the department to be sponsored by the agency to attend a 720-hour law enforcement academy after completing a minimum of 400-hours of service work— primarily in the area of Corrections and/or Dispatch. The sponsored member would receive a \$500 stipend per week while attending the academy and would be in line for the next Road Deputy position. Aaron Hickerson is currently participating in this program and will start his Patrol Deputy assignments sometime near the beginning of November 2020. Aaron had started with the Sheriff's Office as a student intern while in high school and became a part-time Correctional Officer and Dispatcher after graduation.

Stay strong and stay well!

Det. Aemus M. Balsis, District 2 Director

DISTRICT 3

Director: George Lenzner

Counties: Brown, Door, Florence, Forest, Kewaunee, Marinette, Menomonee, Oconto, Outagamie, Portage, Shawano and Waupaca

New Hires

Brown County

Patrol Deputies: **Thomas VanEgeren, Adam VanMatre, Daniel Callaway, Justin Mueller, Roberto Mejia, Jonathan Howe, Matthew Purtell** and **Ian Tompson**



Jonathan Howe



Thomas VanEgeren



Adam VanMatre



Ian Tompson



Aleksandra Kleis



Daniel Callaway



Justin Mueller



Anthony Muro



Courtney Wittig



Roberto Mejia



Matthew Purtell



Tyler VandenHoogen



Solomon Yang

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Corrections Officers: **Aleksandra Kleis, Anthony Muro, Courtney Wittig, Tyler VandenHoogen, Solomon Yang, Ashley Berth, Patrick Beyer, Tyler Fager, Brooklyn Wolosyn, Lisa Falish, Jacob Berner** and **Alex Lau** were hired as Corrections Officers.



Ashley Berth



Patrick Beyer



Tyler Fager



Brooklyn Wolosyn, Lisa Falish, Jacob Berner, Alex Lau

Kewaunee County

Deputy **Marc Ristow** was hired and began as a Jailer/Dispatcher in June 2020.

Deputy **Hailee Wolf** was hired and also began as a Jailer/Dispatcher on July 19, 2020.

Oconto County

Deputy Sheriffs: **Jesse Keplinger, Alexander Scray, Jacob Kasten** and **Mitchell Sokolski**.

Corrections Officers: **Abigail Skeens, Adam Lewis, T. J. Carmody,**

Garrett Kohls, Alexandra Andraschko and **Justin Gandt**.

Jail Transport: **Tom Shallow** and **Daniel Lade**.

Telecommunicators: **Amber Cournoyer** and **Carissa Marquardt**.

Administrative Assistant: **Liz Zahn**.

Shawano County

Patrol Deputies: **Joe Steel, Reed Ambrosius, Matt Higgins, Eric Chernetski** and **Zach Boyer**.

Transport Division: **Allison Lardinois** and **Christopher Benson**.

Corrections: **Angela Tourtillott, Drake Feriancek, Mason Pagel** and **James Miesbauer**.

Dispatch: **Jessica Nelson**.

Waupaca County

Patrol Deputy **Hailey Casari**, Patrol Deputy **Justin Malueg**, Patrol Deputy **David Rogers**, Evidence Tech/Property Manager **Heather Nelson**, Telecommunicator **Nicole VanHulle** and Corrections Officer **Brady Deuman** were hired this year.

Promotions

Brown County

Corporal **Dustin Dimmer**, Corporal **Nicole Hambly** and Corporal **Mitchel Vetsch** (Jail); Sergeant **Zach Roush** (Investigative); Sergeant **Greg Tilly** (EMP).



Cpl. Dustin Dimmer, Jail



Cpl. Nicole Hambly, Jail



Cpl. Mitchel Vetsch, Jail



Sgt. Zach Roush, Investigative

Waupaca County

Patrol Sergeant **Josh Krueger** and Patrol Sergeant **Chad Repinski** (from Patrol); Corrections Sergeant **Matt Stotzheim**, Corrections

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Sergeant **Scott Romeis**, Patrol Deputy **Alec Brockman** and Patrol Deputy **Jason Claussen** (from Corrections); Patrol Deputy **Steven Kincaid** and Patrol Deputy **Eric Kamholz** (from Water Patrol); Records Supervisor **Kim Bosquez** (from Records Specialist)

Telecommunicator **Cathi Wegener** was appointed as the new Waupaca County Medical Examiner.

Oconto County

Investigator **Darren Laskowski** to Chief Deputy; Deputy **Brad Paitl** to Lieutenant; Deputy **Chad Angus**, Deputy **Ben Schindel**, Deputy **Jordan Longsine**, Deputy **Chris Baribeau** and Corporal **Carrie Kempka** to Sergeant; Deputy **Troy Sherman** and Deputy **Nicholas School** to Investigator; Deputy **Daniel Woodke** to Recreational Officer; Deputy **Cullen Morrissey** to K9 Handler; Correctional Officer **Scott Brattain** and Correctional Officer **Kendra Race** to Corporal; Civil Process Specialist **Brenda Hurning** to Records Specialist; Dispatcher **Debbie Kanugh** to Civil Process Specialist.

Shawano County

Greg Nelson was promoted to Jail Administrator.

Marv Ninham was promoted to Jail Lieutenant.

Scott Brown was promoted to Jail Sergeant.

Bruce Leiser was promoted from the traffic division to Patrol Lieutenant.

Deanna Prey was promoted to Lead Telecommunicator.

Retirements

Brown County

John Schumacher, **Christine Bilgo**, **Ken White**, **John Mitchell**, **Sara Straubel** and **Doug Reed** retired this year.

Oconto County

Lieutenant **Michael Mason**, Chief Deputy **Ed Janke**, Sheriff **Michael Jansen**, Administrative Assistant **Karen Lefevre**, Records Specialist **Joan Speller** and Sergeant **Julie Schaal** retired this year.

Shawano County

Jail Administrator **Greg Trinko**; Patrol Officer **Sandra Finger**; Patrol Officer **Joe Neumeier**; Detective **Troy Ugoretz**.

Waupaca County

Patrol Sergeant **Scott Lewis**; Corrections Sergeant **Susan Lytie**; Deputy **Bryan Stelzner**; Records Supervisor **Vickie Thoe** retired this year.

Awards

Brown County

Community Relations – Media Award: Sarah Thomsen

As a journalist with WBAY Channel 2, **Sarah Thomsen** has been a valuable partner to the Brown County Sheriff's Office in our commitment to community relations since 2003. She works collaboratively with our agency to share our public safety messages including the dangers of drunk driving, traffic safety issues and highway improvement efforts. She goes out of her way to put personal touches on her stories to ensure the messages are impactful to her viewers. Her efforts have undoubtedly played a role in citizen decision making which is likely to have saved countless lives. In addition to her partnership with public safety stories, Sarah can be trusted to

provide honest, accurate and fair reporting of stories that happen in our community. At a time when media seems eager to sensationalize negative police stories, Sarah dedicates herself to getting the full story and reporting it in the most accurate and unbiased way.

Citizen Law and Order: Brian Gagnon

On Sunday March 10, 2019 at 4:57 a.m., **Brian Gagnon** was plowing snow at a business on Memorial Dr. when he observed what he believed to be a suspicious vehicle and suspicious activity by two individuals at a nearby closed establishment. Brian, suspecting a burglary might be taking place, called Brown County Dispatch to report his observations. As the suspicious vehicle left the area, Brian followed it while continuing to update dispatch with an accurate description of the occupants, vehicle and location. One of the vehicle's occupants ran from the vehicle and scaled a fence while the other proceeded to drive off. Brian's accurate description of the individuals and vehicle aided officers in locating and apprehending both subjects. Officer investigation revealed these individuals had in fact burglarized a local business.

Certificate of Appreciation: Chaplain Karen Konrad

Chaplain **Karen Konrad** has been a courteous and compassionate servant of the Brown County Jail Chaplaincy Program for six years. As an inmate Chaplain, Karen actively fundraises and obtains donations to put towards inmate programs such as church programs, Spanish mass, counseling and coping educational sessions. As an officer Chaplain, Karen goes out of her way to support and recognize the efforts of officers and the challenges they face in their work. Chaplain Konrad assists with multi-jurisdictional, multi-discipline critical incident de-briefs in Brown County and has made promoting officer wellness a priority. Whether in an individual or a group setting, Karen puts the needs of inmates and officers first, selflessly serving and supporting others.

Certificate of Appreciation: Elvita Erdmann

During her time with Family Services, **Elvita Erdmann** had a tremendous impact on survivors of sexual assault. She committed herself to being the supportive person survivors could count on in their efforts to rebuild trust after acts of violence. In 2016, Elvita became instrumental in an extremely violent stalking/sexual assault/burglary investigation by the Brown County Sheriff's Office. Elvita played a critical role in advocating for the survivor and her three boys while assisting the Sheriff's Office and District Attorney's Office through the course of the over two-year investigation and court process. In addition to her advocacy and assistance, Elvita displayed sincere compassion to the family of the offender. Her efforts aided in not only getting a guilty verdict following an extremely emotional jury trial, but was the beginning of a life a freedom the survivor expressed she hadn't experienced in over 20 years.

Distinguished Administrative Award: Debbie VanPay

Debbie VanPay joined the electronic monitor program as a records specialist on July 29, 2019. In her short time in the position, she has been instrumental in implementing positive changes that have improved the efficiency and accuracy of the program. The program is now paperless and involves a voice-recording program, reducing cost and officer reporting time. Record keeping has been improved to ensure long-term consistency in maintaining records, providing protection from potential lawsuits.

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Debbie recently began creating a training manual to assist new deputies transitioning into the EMP position, something that hadn't existed before. Overall, Debbie is an integral part of the success of EMP, increasing EMP numbers and improving the quality of service. She has used her role as an opportunity to both improve the program and assist officers.

Achievement in Criminal Investigation: Deputy Shield and Special Agent Winscher

On Feb. 22, 2019, Narcotics Investigator **Marc Shield** opened a parcel investigation into an individual previously unknown to the Drug Task Force. Subsequent search warrants led to the largest asset forfeiture in the history of the Brown County Drug Task Force. During the initial search warrant, investigators seized amphetamine, cocaine, fentanyl, hash oil, heroin, LSD, marijuana, MDMA, various prescription drugs and \$77,363.49. Special Agent **Jeremiah Winscher** of the Department of Criminal Investigation was instrumental in seizing over 1.4 million dollars in virtual currency.

The coordinated efforts of Narcotics Investigator Marc Shield and Special Agent Jeremiah Winscher resulted in the successful removal of illegal substances from the streets of our community and led to the arrest and conviction of those set out to commit drug trafficking in our neighborhoods.

Achievement in Criminal Investigation: Shield, Mason, Giesler, Pizzala, Hooper

On May 1, 2019, Brown County Narcotics Investigators **Marc Shield, Kyle Mason, Paul Giesler, Brendan Pizzala** and **Jordan Hooper** opened a case into a known, low-level methamphetamine dealer. It grew into a multi-county, multi-state drug investigation. This far-reaching Drug Trafficking Organization led to the largest methamphetamine seizure in state history, seizing 60.2 pounds of the drug with an approximate street value of one million dollars. Investigators executed search warrants in three different counties. Twelve people were indicted federally and another fifteen people faced state charges. Their teamwork and dedication led to one of the most impactful cases in this agency's history. The coordinated efforts of this team of Narcotics Investigators resulted in the successful removal of the largest seizure of methamphetamine and removed this dangerous and illegal substance from the streets of our community.

Achievement in Criminal Investigation: Lieutenant Valley, Sergeants Slinger, Bernklau, Loppnow, Aronstein, Janke, Horst, Deputy Shield and Crime Analyst Behling

On Aug. 29, 2016, Brown County deputies responded to an address on Manitowoc Rd. in the Village of Bellevue for an apparent homicide. Investigators were called to the scene and began what would be a 25-month long investigation resulting in the arrest of Anthony Kitchenakow. The team of investigators and crime analysts worked together to collect and process evidence, prepare subpoenas and search warrants, conduct interviews, work with the Wisconsin Crime Lab and attend the autopsy. The investigation was challenged by the fact that drugs were the likely motive and witnesses were reluctant to talk. Narcotics Investigators Marc Shield and Mike Horst were instrumental in developing the Drug Trafficking Organization and establishing evidence of the motive, the victim's boyfriend owed Kitchenakow a significant drug debt. In September of 2018, Investigators received DNA confirmation from a firearm magazine left at the scene. On June 4, 2019, Kitchenakow was sentenced to 40 years incarceration and 10 years extended supervision.

Merit Award/Arrest: Deputy Winistorfer

On Friday August 16, 2019, Brown County deputies engaged in the pursuit and attempted apprehension of a fleeing suicidal motorist who had driven off from a high-risk vehicle contact. Deputy **Nathan Winistorfer** joined the pursuit and attempted apprehension. Deputy Winistorfer's keen observations and exceptional decision making aided him in police actions which included recognizing the threat of death or great bodily harm to the public, coordinating with other police units to conduct multiple PIT maneuvers, engaging in a foot pursuit into a business area, giving directions and commands to citizens to ensure their safety, deploying taser and quickly transition to OC when the taser became ineffective and eventually gaining control of the subject with no injury to the subject, officers or citizens. He effectively adapted to changing subject control issues and was exceptional with his choice of control efforts. His performance in this extremely challenging, ever-evolving pursuit and use of force incident was nearly textbook. He displayed superior decision-making and followed up with exceptional report writing.

Distinguished Service: Sergeant Holschbach

Sergeant **Tracy Holschbach** has served in the Internet Crimes Against Children section of the Investigative Division since 2014. She has partnered with investigators, both locally and around the nation, investigating hundreds of ICAC cases in an effort to identify and arrest those who wish to harm children. She has worked with victims' families and has shown unwavering compassion and sensitivity in each and every case. Her position requires exposure to extremely difficult images, seeing things unimaginable to most. Her investigations have led to hundreds of arrests and undoubtedly prevented additional victims. Sergeant Holschbach is eager to share her knowledge and experience with her peers, both veteran and recruit, in an effort to assist them with their investigations. She goes out of her way in her commitment to serving the citizens of Brown County and beyond.

Lifesaving: Sergeant Patenaude and Deputies Ronsman and Janssen

On Wednesday Nov. 20, 2019, at 5:19 p.m., Brown County deputies were dispatched to the area of Lineville Road and Bayshore Drive for a report of a vehicle upside down in the bay. Upon arrival, deputies found the vehicle upside down about 45 feet from the shore. The temperatures were only slightly above freezing, with water temperatures likely to cause hypothermia. Without hesitation, the deputies waded out into the water to check the status of the driver. Deputies found the driver in the submerged vehicle frantically attempting to escape the water flooding into the passenger compartment. Deputies were able to extract the driver and bring her to shore for medical attention.

Lifesaving: Deputies Kozak, Peterson, Resch and Berner

On Monday Dec. 9, 2019, at 1:32 p.m., Brown County Deputies **Dustan Peterson, Carly Resch, Derek Kozak** and **Mark Berner** were dispatched to Burger King in Bellevue for an unconscious male between the drive-thru and dumpster area. Upon arrival, deputies identified the male as an employee of Burger King who collapsed while taking the garbage out. Deputies took immediate action to retrieve the AED and begin CPR. Officers continued lifesaving efforts until the patient was turned over to County Rescue. The male was transported to the hospital for advanced medical treatment. The male recovered and was released from the hospital days later.

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Lifesaving: Deputies Kozak and Resch and civilian Alex Baez

On Sunday September 15, 2019 at 11:20 a.m., Brown County Deputies **Carly Resch** and **Derek Kozak** were dispatched to Taco Johns in Bellevue for an unconscious male. Deputy Kozak and his civilian rider Alex Baez were first on scene. Alex happens to be a trained critical care paramedic. Upon arrival, Alex and Deputy Kozak found the male to be pulseless and non-breathing. They immediately began CPR. Deputy Resch and Bellevue Fire arrived and provided continued life-saving efforts. Once County Rescue arrived, the male had a heart rhythm and showed signs of life. The male was loaded for transport to the hospital and his condition improved significantly in transit.

Correctional Officer of the Year: Correctional Officer Nicole Thoney

Correctional Officer **Nicole Thoney** has been with the Brown County Jail for 19 years. She has committed herself to being knowledgeable and proficient in every area of the facility. In addition to her primary duties as an officer, she has been an active member of the Field Training Program, selflessly sharing her knowledge and experience in an effort to help her peers become better officers. Officer Thoney is also a member of the agency's Peer Officer Support Team. She is cognizant of her co-workers in need and takes it upon herself to check in on them regularly. She maintains strict confidentiality and has established a reputation of being a trusted peer that officers can go to in a time of need.

Officer of the Year: Sgt. Ted Sieber

Sergeant **Ted Sieber** exemplifies superior performance and professional excellence in all he does. In his 20-year career with Brown County, he has served as a patrol officer, field training officer, use of force instructor, patrol sergeant, training sergeant, field force assistant commander, peer support member, union board member and was one of the first Brown County officers trained in crisis intervention. As Training Sergeant, he prides himself on developing hands-on, legally defensible training, focused on sound tactics, communication and movement. He has been instrumental in coordinating multi-jurisdictional active shooter response/rescue task force training with area law enforcement, fire departments and dispatchers. The citizens of Brown County rely on responders to be prepared for all situations. Sergeant Sieber's knowledge, expertise and attention to detail ensure these expectations are met. He exemplifies loyalty and commitment to the law enforcement profession and sustained service to the citizens of Brown County.

Kewaunee County

Earlier this year, the department voted Deputy **Aaron Schley** as the 2019 Employee of the year.

Deputy **David Kuehl** and Deputy **Joseph Kassner** were recently honored by KWSO for their heroic actions on Feb. 3, 2020. They were called to an incident where a male party had fallen through the ice. Both deputies, along with a City of Kewaunee police officer who was off duty and in the area, responded to the pond on private property. After numerous attempts to provide floatation devices and the male beginning to lose consciousness, the



David Kuehl

officers put themselves in harm's way by implementing a human life line, tying themselves to each other and laying on the ice, where they made their way to the victim. They were able to keep the victim above water long enough for the local fire department to arrive and safely recover the victim, who survived and is doing well.

Shawano County

Detective **Chris Gamm** received the Optimist Officer of the Year Award. *Chris Gamm* has been with the Sheriff's office since 1994 when he started as a Corrections officer. He went to patrol in 1999 where he spent time as a Field Training Officer and School Resource Officer. In 2012, Chris joined the detective division. Throughout his career, Chris has worked closely with the schools in the County teaching various classes to students and their parents relating to underage drinking, anti-drug programs and online predator presentations. Chris is also the Department's lead traffic crash reconstructionist. As a detective, Chris has played a major role in the investigation and arrest of more than 75 sexual predators and child pornographers in Shawano County.



Joseph Kassner

Other News

Kewaunee County

Deputy **Kayla VanLanen**, a jailer/dispatcher with KWSO, was recently deployed with her WI National Guard Unit to the Middle East.

DISTRICT 4

Director: Jeff Klatt

Counties: Buffalo, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, Jackson, Pepin, Pierce, St. Croix, Trempealeau and Wood

Greetings from District 4:

What is there to say about 2020? COVID-19 has taken the front seat for the year and has been driving some of our resources and responses to various incidents. The civil unrest that has occurred in Wisconsin and throughout the country has also been driving our resources and responses. The Wisconsin legislature essentially shut down before they were done with business this spring because of COVID-19. 2020 will be a year for the books.

This will be my last term serving as a district director, as I will be retiring from the Sheriff's Office sometime in 2021. If anybody is interested in serving District 4 as the district director starting in 2021, elections for the various offices will be held at the Winter Training Conference in Green Bay February 7-10, 2021. I encourage you to get to know your association better by becoming the District 4 Director. I will see you all in Green Bay.

Our association has a large number of retired members, and Stan Potocki is always looking for interesting news and information on our retired members. He is always trying to keep our retired members informed and updated about the WS&DSA so having your contact

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information would be a great help to him. You can contact Stan at potocki357@gmail.com.

As always, feel free to contact me with news about your agency. If our association can be of any assistance to your office, feel free to contact me at 715-381-4331 or jeff.klatt@sccwi.gov

New Hires

Clark County

Communications Division: **Jennifer Anderson** (hired Dec. 16, 2019); **Ciera Federly** (hired March 2, 2020); **Samantha Pohle** (hired Dec. 23, 2019); **Dale Waterhouse** (hired April 27, 2020)

Corrections Division: **Skylar Barth** (hired May 11, 2020) and **Maggie McDonald** (hired June 8, 2020)

Patrol Division: **Bradley Bauer** (hired Nov. 25, 201)

Dunn County

Deputy **Chad Pollock** was hired this year.

Pepin County

Patrol Deputy **Cory Kavanaugh** and Communications/Corrections Officers **Dustin Streele**, **Luke Hayden** and **Sheila Johnson** were hired this year.

Pierce County

Jail: **Tyler Foss** (hired on May 26, 2020)

Dispatch: **Victoria Godjen** (hired June 8, 2020) and **Jen Niehoff** (hired June 29, 2020)

St. Croix County

Correctional Deputies: **Naomi Sieben** (hired Oct. 2, 2019); **Kristopher McMennamin** (hired Oct. 23, 2019); **Dylan Olson** (hired Oct. 23, 2019); **Gavin Vatnsdal** (hired Dec. 1, 2019); **Hoing Lo** (hired Dec. 20, 2019); **Scott Rhode** (hired Feb. 16, 2020); **Joseph Bradac** (hired May 11, 2020); **Paige Axley** (hired July 15, 2020); **Kayla Kinney** (hired July 18, 2020) and **Shaleah Tellevik** (hired Aug. 9, 2020)

Patrol Deputies: **Fred Mangine** (hired Sept. 23, 2019); **Shane Klimek** (hired Jan. 6, 2020) and **Garrett Kiser** (hired Feb. 3, 2020)

Promotions

Clark County

Joshua Niemi was appointed to the Drug Investigator position on June 6, 2020. Josh joined the Sheriff's Office on Aug. 29, 2014, becoming a full time Patrol Deputy on April 19, 2015. He was appointed to the Detective Division to help them with cases on Oct. 9, 2019, before being assigned to Drug Investigator.

Dylan Baxter was promoted to the full-time Courthouse Security Deputy position on Feb. 3, 2020. Dylan joined the Sheriff's Office as a Patrol Reserve Deputy on Nov. 11, 2019.

Michael English was promoted to a full-time Patrol Deputy on March 1, 2020. Michael joined the Sheriff's Office as a Patrol Reserve Deputy on Nov. 9, 2018.

Pierce County

John Harris was promoted from the jail to the patrol division.

Cale Huppert was promoted from the patrol division to investigations.

St. Croix County

Captain **Kris Anderson** was promoted from jail lieutenant to jail captain.

Lieutenant **Justin Johnson** was promoted from investigator to special services lieutenant.

Investigator **Charles Coleman** and **Tom Williams** were promoted from patrol sergeant to investigator.

Sergeant **Chase DuRand** and **Anthony VanSomersen** were promoted from patrol deputy to patrol sergeant.

Sergeant **Laura Roeker** was promoted from correctional deputy to jail sergeant.

Retirements

Clark County

Rex (K-9) started his career in the City of Loyal for the Loyal Police Department on April 6, 2010. His handler, Matthew Prein, then joined the Clark County Sheriff's Office on Feb. 9, 2016, at which that time Rex was purchased from the Loyal Police Department. K9-Rex retired on Feb. 9, 2020, at 13 years old.

Pepin County

Communications/Corrections Office **Donald Sinz** retired with 19 years of service.

St. Croix County

Captain **Dan VanSomeren** retired on Jan. 3, 2020, after serving 19 years with the Sheriff's Office.

Investigator **Dean Fayerweather** retired on May 15, 2020, after serving 24 years with the Sheriff's Office.

Deputy **Richard Koenig** retired on May 14, 2020, after serving almost 17 years with the Sheriff's Office.

Deputy **Bill Traynor** retired on July 13, 2020, after serving with the Sheriff's Office and after retiring from the Wisconsin State Patrol.

Awards

Clark County

CPR/AED Recognitions:

At the Clark County Board meeting on Feb. 20, 2020, Telecommunicators **Heather Murphy** and **Marissa Sayles** along with Patrol Deputies **Nicholas Booth** and **Michael English** received Certificate of Recognition awards for their lifesaving efforts on Dec. 1, 2019. Telecommunicators Heather Murphy and Marissa Sayles immediately gave CPR instructions and dispatched Emergency Medical Services (EMS) when a 911 call came in advising a 69-year old male subject was unresponsive. Once on scene, Patrol Deputies Nicholas Booth and Michael English used the AED/CPR procedures to help save the life of the 69-year old until the ambulance could get there.

At the Clark County Board meeting on July 16, 2020, Telecommunicators **Tabitha Sazama** and **Kelly Schmitz** along with Patrol Deputy **Michael English** received Certificate of Recognition awards for their lifesaving efforts on April 6, 2020. Telecommunicators Sazama and Schmitz received a 911 call stating a 77-year old male had fell from his chair and was unresponsive. With the utilization of an

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Emergency Medical Dispatching protocol, they were able to assist and monitor the progress of the CPR that was already being performed on the male subject. Our telecommunicators remained on the line to monitor and pass on any crucial information to responding units. Patrol Deputy English was able to arrive on scene with an AED to assist until the ambulance arrived.

At the Clark County Board meeting on July 16, 2020, Telecommunicators **Stephanie Bieneck** and **Tammy Cook** along with Patrol Sergeant **Wade Hebert** also received Certificate of Recognition awards for their lifesaving efforts on May 6, 2020. Telecommunicators Bieneck and Cook received a 911 call from a gentleman stating his 47-year old girlfriend was foaming at the mouth, having difficulty breathing and was gasping for air. After the determination that she was unresponsive, using helpful instructions from our Emergency Medical Dispatch Protocol, the telecommunicators were able to assist the gentleman in getting the female out of the vehicle and onto the ground so they could provide him with CPR instructions until Sergeant Hebert arrived on scene with an AED to help.

Pepin County

Patrol Deputies **Trevor Rud** and **Amanda Schwensen** were recognized with awards for their hard work on high-profile cases and continued work in the community.

News

Dunn County

The Sheriff's Office has added K9 **Rookie** as an Emotional Support Animal assigned to Investigator CSO Deputy Merryfield.



Rookie

Pierce County

In June of this year, **Olivia Grand**, a sophomore at the Ellsworth High School, was named to the D.A.R.E. Wisconsin & D.A.R.E. America Youth Advisory Board.

The Pierce County Sheriff's Office has two programs that we continue to support, Badges & Backpacks as well as Shop With A Cop. The Badges and Backpacks school supply drive provides much needed classroom supplies to children in 20 schools throughout our county. We also have our annual Shop With A Cop where we take about 50 children

shopping for Christmas gifts for their families.

St. Croix County

On Jan. 1, 2020, St. Croix County Emergency Support Services, which includes the dispatch center and emergency management, merged with the Sheriff's Office after Director Steve T'Kach retired in 2019.

Both of those divisions had been under civilian leadership since the late 1970s. Support Services Captain, **Brent Standaert**, will now lead this Bureau of the Sheriff's Office.



Olivia Grand



DISTRICT 5

Director: Mike Horstman

Counties: Adams, Crawford, Grant, Iowa, Juneau, La Crosse, Lafayette, Monroe, Richland, Sauk and Vernon

New Hires

Adams County

Walker Kierstyn was hired as Patrol Deputy.

McKenzie LaRue was hired as Jail Deputy.



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La Crosse County

Stephanie Troyer, Seth Maier, Kathryn Kachel, Chris Voss and **Cassandra Bandt** were hired as Jailers.

Joshua Johnson, Kenneth Foster and **Mark Spaeth** were hired as Patrol Deputies.

Kevin Rindy has been hired as our new Emergency Management Coordinator. Although born and raised in Wisconsin, Kevin comes to us from Colorado. He has a background in fire service and emergency management. Kevin's hiring coincides with the County's decision to move Emergency Management back under the Sheriff's Office.

Rebecca Malay has been hired to work in our front office. Although new to the Sheriff's Office, she has been a long-time County employee in our Human Services Division.

Sauk County

Erin Boland, Joe Buettner, Sue Phillips, Stephanie Temperly and **David Watzlawick** were hired as Dispatchers.

Jason Blake, Amanda Chestnut, Anastacia Jahnke, Anthony Fuentes, Zach Delmore, Hayden Batz, Daniel Dalton and **Tammy Davenport** were hired as Jailers.

Matthew Tate was hired as Patrol Deputy.

Lynette Richardson was hired as Clerk.

Vernon County

Vernon County would like to welcome **Misti Myers** (Dispatch), **Tyler Olson** and **Kimberly Heal** (Jail).

Promotions

Adams County

Zach Roberts has been promoted to the position of Lieutenant.

Chief Deputy **Dave Carlson** and Investigator **Todd Laudert** have reached the 35-year mark with the Sheriff's Office.

La Crosse County

Marte Peterson has been promoted to the position of Patrol Captain. Captain Peterson started with the Sheriff's Office in 2001 as Jailer. He has also worked as a deputy, DARE/GREAT Officer, Patrol Sergeant and Investigative Sergeant. Captain Peterson led our Honor Guard and was a long-time member of our Emergency Response Team.

Captain **John Siegel** has moved from the Patrol Division to become the Investigative Captain.

Effective Jan. 1, 2021, Deputy **Rich Amundsen** will be promoted to the position of Investigator. Investigator Amundsen has been with the Sheriff's Office for 22 years and has been an FTO, member of our ERT and has been a department trainer.



Zach Roberts



Dave Carlson



Todd Laudert

Kevin Bauer has been promoted to the position of Patrol Sergeant. Sergeant Bauer has been with the Sheriff's Office for 23 years. He was hired in the Jail and then moved to the Patrol Division. He has been a FTO, departmental trainer, negotiator and has worked as our DARE/Community Service Coordinator.

Deputy **Cody Bernhardt** will be taking over in our DARE/Community Services position. Deputy Bernhardt is a 13-year veteran and has worked in Patrol and Court Services. He is also a departmental trainer and a negotiator.

Our K9 Officer, **Bobby Kachel**, has a new partner, **Jimi**. Jimi is a 16-month-old American Boxer and came to us through our partnership with Bachbett Kennels. Our previous dog, **Olissa**, is now enjoying a well-deserved retirement.

Sauk County

Bradley Luber is now a Detective, and **Blake Zibell** has now been promoted to a Patrol Deputy

Retirements

La Crosse County

Deputy **Emily Kjos** has resigned to take a private sector job.

Captain **John Zimmerman** retired in January. Captain Zimmerman had worked for La Crosse County since 2001, but his career started shortly after he graduated from high school. His first job was with his hometown Trempealeau Police Department. After eight years, he moved to the Campbell Police Department and then to the Sheriff's Office. With the Sheriff's Office, he held the positions of Deputy, Patrol Sergeant, Inv. Sergeant and Inv. Captain. Captain Zimmerman was an instructor and one of our ERT Team Leaders. We wish him the best in his well-deserved retirement!

Jailer **Randy Hericks** retired in March of 2020 after a 23-year career.

Jailer **Stephanie Guth** has resigned, after 6 years, to take a position in a different correctional facility.

Sauk County

Captain **Michael Stoddard** retired on Aug. 5, 2019.

Clerk **Rhonda Weidling** retired on Nov. 11, 2019.

Clerk **Lisa Tourdot** retired on June 1, 2020.

Awards

La Crosse County

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we were unable to hold our annual Awards Ceremony; however, we did publicly recognize the following individuals:

Life Saving Award(s): Deputy **Jake Hanson**; Sergeants **Marte Peterson, Brandon Penzkover** and **Dan Baudek**; Jailers **Bill Wolf, Randy Hericks, Deb Moan** and **Chris Banks** along with RN **Jeni Rodgers**.

Citizen's Award: The Better Hearing Center owners, **Tom** and **Sean Vierling**, provided all the Sheriff Deputies with personally fitted ear protection to use during required firearms training. The Vierling's took the time to meet with each deputy, performed a hearing test for them and then fitted them for the hearing protection, all at no charge to the Sheriff's Office or the individual.

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Other News

Vernon County

Like many other departments, COVID-19 caused a change in many of our daily operations and also caused some cancellations of some of our public events, employee award programs, etc. Did anyone ever think that wearing a mask would be part of our daily uniform?

Our heart continues to go out to all departments and officers affected by the current “Defund the Police” movement in our nation. All of us must continue to work hard in whatever department role we have, encourage our co-workers on a daily basis, and most importantly, we must continue to look out for the safety of our every member of our law enforcement family! Continue to be professional in every part of your job and please know that every one of you, who wears the badge in an honorable way, are very much appreciated!

DISTRICT 6

Director: Roger Brandner

Counties: Calumet, Columbia, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Manitowoc, Marquette, Ozaukee, Sheboygan, Washington, Waushara and Winnebago

New Hires

Columbia County

Ron Stage; Brian Johnson and Jordan Jones were hired as deputies.

Dodge County

Correctional Officers: Jarrett Yeargin (hired March 2020); Leonard Kluck (hired August 2020); Gregory Oettinger (hired January 2020); Deyvis Francis Perez Laguna (hired July 2020); Abraham Schlueter (hired January 2020) and Danielle Streeter (hired January 2020)

Deputies: Thomas Crowell (hired August 2020); Andrew Dean (hired April 2020); Corey Horn (hired May 2020); Luke Luther (hired January 2020); Dylan Ott (hired January 2020); Derek Tritt (hired February 2020) and Cameron Vorhies (hired January 2020)

Communications Officer: Katelyn Rutz (hired March 2020)

Deputy Secretary: Kayla Angus (hired January 2020)

Community Service Officer: Travis Margelofsky (hired April 2020)

Court Security Officer: Carl Schultz (hired March 2020)

Marquette County

Corrections/Dispatch: Deputy Nicholas Fisher, Deputy Amanda Zuehls-Kuchar, and Deputy Cade Winter-Procknow.

Ozaukee County

Jail Division: Deputies Sharmaine Peete (Jan. 6, 2020); Keondrey Simmons (June 1, 2020) and Alex Nelson (July 13, 2020)

Dispatch: Katie Baneck (March 25, 2020); Alex Miller-Otto (July 30, 2020); Carol Hill (Aug. 25, 2020) and Trish Koehler (Aug. 25, 2020)

Deputy Kendra Carter was hired to the new position of Court Services Community Liaison on April 27, 2020.

Promotions

Columbia County

Todd Horn was promoted to Patrol Captain; **Emily Leland** and **Mark Smit** were promoted to Detective Sergeant and **Ben Bolder** was promoted to Jail Sergeant.

Dodge County

Aaron Ellis was promoted to Jail Corporal (February 2020).

Kelsey Knaup was promoted to Detective (March 2020).

Michael Workman and **Jeremy Wolfe** were promoted to Patrol Sergeant (June 2020; January 2020).

Ozaukee County

Deputy **Zachary Gierach** was promoted to Patrol Corporal (Jan. 1, 2020).

Deputy **Jacob Reuteler** was promoted to the Patrol Division (Jan. 6, 2020).

Dispatcher **Joe Laurin** was promoted to Dispatch Supervisor (March 22, 2020).

Deputy **Eric Sager** was promoted to Jail Corporal (March 29, 2020).

Corporal **Cory Jepson** was promoted to Jail Sergeant (March 29, 2020).

Deputy **Joshua Ellestad** was promoted to the Patrol Division (May 10, 2020).

Deputy **Richard Gillette** was promoted to the Patrol Division (July 26, 2020).

Retirements

Columbia County

Lieutenant **Wayne Smith** retired after 30 years.

Dodge County

Corrections Officer **Mark Goetsch** retired in July 2020.

Corrections Officer **Darrel Schlieve** retired in July 2020.

Corrections Officer **Hannelore Mueller** retired in December 2019.

Corrections Corporal **Linda Thieme** retired in October 2019.

Communications Officer **Peter Kaczmariski** retired in January 2020.

Communications Officer **Cheryl Kotek** retired in December 2019.

Communications Officer **Lee Schneider** retired in December 2019.

Transport Deputy **Jeff Petersen** retired in November 2019.

Detective **Daniel Stiemsma** retired in December 2019.

Deputy **Scott Ziorgen** in November 2019.

Marquette County

Deputy **Mike Cuff** retired after 28 years in Corrections/Dispatch.

Ozaukee County

Patrol Deputy **Ron Noll** retired after 30 years of service on Jan. 22, 2020.

Dispatch Sup. **Wendy Maechtle** retired after 28 years of service on March 17, 2020.

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Jail Sergeant **Jason Shelander** retired after 27 years of service on April 6, 2020.

Patrol Deputy **Patrick Daniels** retired after 27 years of service on July 4, 2020.

Condolences

Ozaukee County

Retired Chief Deputy **James Knowles** passed away on Feb. 21, 2020. He had 37 years of service with Ozaukee County Sheriff's Office as well as being a founding member of the Ozaukee County Special Response Team.

Awards

Dodge County

Lieutenant **Jason Boeck** – Lifesaving Award
Deputy **Matthew Mayer** – Lifesaving Award
Deputy **Kevin Harvancik** – Lifesaving Award
Deputy **Michael Morell** – Lifesaving Award (x2)
Detective **Andrew Rolfs** – Lifesaving Award
Deputy **Kevin Homan** – Lifesaving Award
Sergeant **Dennis Walston** – Lifesaving Award (x2)
Sheriff **Dale Schmidt** – Medal of Distinction
Sergeant **Jermey Wolfe** – Medal of Valor
Sergeant **Eric Krueger** – Medal of Valor

Marquette County

2019 Jail Officer of the Year Award: Deputy **Cheryl Torres**.

Lifesaving Effort Award: Deputy **Larry Witt**, Deputy **Steve Kennitz** and Deputy **Joseph Stala** and K-9 **Bac**.

Ozaukee County

Gold Coins: Patrol Dep. **Stefan Van Pamel** received a Sheriff Gold Coin for his investigative skills on a traffic stop on March 3, 2020, resulting in Ozaukee County's largest known narcotics seizure.

Detective **Scott Heller** and retired Undersheriff **Jeff Taylor** were awarded Sheriff Gold Coins for their efforts in solving the 1984 cold case homicide of Traci Hammerberg.

Life-Saving Awards: Patrol Deputy **Brian Ronan** received a Life-Saving Award for his efforts regarding an unresponsive subject on Jan. 11, 2020.

Patrol Corporal **Kevin Airaudi** and Dep. **Justin DeSmidt** received a Life-Saving Award for the Narcan save of an overdose victim on March 14, 2020.

In July 2020, Patrol Sergeant **Kelly Caswell** was awarded the 2020 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year



Cheryl Torres



Kelly Caswell

Award presented by the American Legion Warren Kane Post 410 of Fredonia, Wis.

Sheriff **James Johnson**, Detective **Scott Heller** and retired Undersheriff **Jeff Taylor** were awarded the 2020 WAHI Meritorious Service Award by the Wisconsin Association of Homicide Investigators for their efforts in solving the 1984 cold case homicide of Traci Hammerberg.



Sheriff James Johnson, Jim Holmes of WAHI, Scott Heller
News

Columbia County

Columbia county started a Chaplain Program joined by 15 area religious leaders.

Marquette County

The Marquette County Sheriff's Office developed and started a drone team through generous donations from local area businesses. With the funding, the Sheriff's Office was able to purchase a DJI Matrice drone, a thermal camera and a Zenmuse Z30 zoom camera. The drone team was selected in June of this year and to date has been deployed 10 times for missing persons, fleeing felons and fatal crash sites.



(L-R) Deputy Jeremy Krueger, Deputy Rebecca Wulf, Deputy Geff Gardner, Sergeant Jeremy Breiwa and Captain Les Crandall. Missing from the photo is Deputy Brock Holmes and Deputy Amanda Zuehls-Kuchar.

The Marquette County Sheriff's Office recently joined the Columbia County Sheriff's Office ERT/Swat Team. Sergeant **Brian Noll** and Deputy **Blake Brandner** were selected through an evaluation process to be members of the team

Ozaukee County

In 2020, the Ozaukee County Sheriff's Office is proud to announce that we have become the 282nd Emergency Dispatch Center in the

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world to attain International Academies of Emergency Dispatch (IAED) status as an Accredited Center of Excellence (ACE) for our use of the Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS). We also have the distinction of becoming the 2nd emergency dispatch center in Wisconsin and the 3rd agency overall to attain the status. The guidance and leadership of our EMD Medical Director, Dr. **Steve Zils**, has been instrumental from acquisition of the EMD program to achieving accreditation.

Long-time supporters, Tello's Grille and Positively Port Washington, showed their thanks with a catered lunch for all three shifts in August 2020.

DISTRICT 7

Director: Luke Johnson

Counties: Dane, Green, Jefferson, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Racine, Rock, Walworth and Waukesha

Hello from District 7,

I hope the new website that was launched at this past year's conference is working smoothly for everyone. I want to thank the members of the communications committee and Sandy Schueller for helping meet the ambitious goal of selecting a designer and having a new website ready and functional to launch by February.

Unfortunately, the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Memorial (WLEM) service in Madison was canceled this year. My understanding is that the hope is to be back to normal in May of 2021. I know the WLEM typically makes an appearance at the vendor show at our annual training, so as an Honor Guard member myself, I would encourage you to stop by to check it out if you get a chance.

I know the district reports typically feature information on new hires, promotions and retirements. However—given the year that we are having—gathering this information for the nine counties in District 7 has been a bit of a challenge. I would encourage you to review the annual reports for the agencies in the district for more information on promotions, awards and retirements for the year.

I would like to use this opportunity to express some gratitude towards the members of this association that came through in a big way. As everyone knows, aside from the struggles related to the international COVID-19 pandemic, our state faced several challenging, large-scale incidents of civil unrest. While few areas of the state were left untouched by the protests that started in early summer, the Madison and Milwaukee metro areas faced exceptional levels of violence in their communities and against the members of law enforcement tasked to protect them. These events continued into late summer and came to another peak in Kenosha in late August.

When the agencies that were being affected by the most intense and violent of these incidents requested help, many of those who were not directly impacted offered to help.

I know that leaving home to stand on a line and face what law enforcement was tasked with at these incidents is a big ask for anyone. However, members of this association were willing to drive across the state and stand with fellow law enforcement members that they did not know, in a place they do not live and would otherwise likely have no personal, vested interest in. They did it simply because a call

for help was made, and they believed that it was the right thing to do. I believe these selfless actions speak volumes to the character and convictions of the members of this association, as well as the greater body of law enforcement officers in the State of Wisconsin.

In closing, wherever you are in the state, I know it may not seem like the public always appreciates us. The truth is, they will not, and we cannot always control that. However, I know that those that I have spoken with from District 7 are incredibly grateful and appreciative for the all the help that was offered and provided. That is something that will not change.

Thank you and stay safe,

Investigator Luke Johnson, District 7 Director

DISTRICT AT LARGE

Director: Stan Potocki

Retirements

Retired Sheriff Jerry Moran, Crawford County

As of August, Jerry continues to enjoy his retirement with his farm and family (especially his grandchildren). Jerry lives in Soldiers Grove, Wis. and stays active in his community. He sends his regards!

Retired Sheriff Geoff Banta, Vernon County

Geoff is enjoying retirement and is living in Viroqua, Wis. He spent several years on the Vernon County Board after retiring as Sheriff; he is now spending time with his family and community. He sends his regards and well wishes to WS&DSA members!

Retired Sheriff Terry Dryden, Washburn County

On July 11, 2020, retired Sheriff and Past President of WS&DSA, Terry Dryden, had a major heart attack. He was cutting trees with Officer Dave Wilson from Shell Lake Police Department when he suffered what is called a "widow maker" heart attack. Chief Wilson observed Terry keel over and started CPR right away, saving his life. An ambulance and helicopter were dispatched as Terry was in full arrest; he was flown to Sacred Heart Hospital in Eau Claire, Wis. With a stent placement in his artery and a 30-day hospital respite, Terry is on his way to recovery at home and is doing okay. He sends his regards and appreciation for all the kindness shown to him!

Condolences

Retired Sheriff Alan B. Shanks, Sauk County

Former Sauk County Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, and retired Wisconsin Emergency Management Director, Alan B. Shanks, passed away in Merrimac, Wis. at his home on April 11. He was 81 years old.

Al began his career in law enforcement in a Deputy Position with the Sauk County Sheriff's Department in 1972. Two years later, Al made a bid for Sheriff and was elected. He served the citizens of Sauk County until 1986.

Following his service with the Sheriff's Department, he was appointed by Governor Thompson as the Director of the State's Emergency Management until his retirement in 2004.

Alan was also a founding Member of the Badger State Sheriff's Association.



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