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"IN HONOR OF THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN IN THE LINE OF DUTY"

Memorial Ceremony in Honor of Fallen Platte County Deputy Christopher Johnson ... see page 38



*I never dreamed it would be me.
My name for all eternity,
Recorded here at this hallowed place.
Alas, my name, no more my face.
"In the line of duty" I hear them say.
My family now the price to pay.
My folded flag stained with their tears.
We only had those few short years.
The badge no longer on my chest.
I sleep now in eternal rest.
My sword I pass to those behind
And pray they keep this thought in mind.
I never dreamed it would be me.
And with a heavy heart and bended knee,
I ask for all here from the past ...
Dear God, let my name be the last.*



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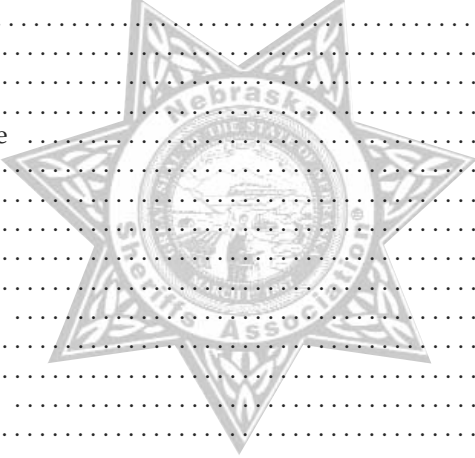
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*Four Sheriffs declined when we asked to publish information about them. We have printed only their photos & contact information.

We Have a New Format

Welcome to a brand new era for the *Nebraska Sheriff* magazine. In an effort to save NSA money on producing and mailing this publication, we are scaling back the number of pages. To accomplish this, new guidelines have been instituted:

- Only articles pertinent to law enforcement/criminal justice and NSA members will be featured.
- The magazine will no longer feature a gallery of photos of Sheriff deputies and office staff.
- We will accept articles from law enforcement agencies, their representatives, or related fields to be considered for publication in the magazine.
- County advertisers with smaller ads will be displayed on pages in the back section of the magazine. These loyal supporters will also be listed online with all their contact information and a link to any Websites they might have starting in July 2010.
- We reserve the right to edit all submittals for content or space.
- We apologize for any errors or omissions. Please let us know about them.

All articles and letters sent to the *Nebraska Sheriff* must be accompanied by the author's correct, legal name and are assumed to be unconditionally assigned for publication and the *Nebraska Sheriff* reserves the right to edit for content and/or available space. Articles and letters will only be considered if they conform to the boundaries of good taste.

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Meet the three Goodriches on pages 6 and 7.

A Message from Larry Koranda, NSA President



Pictured left: Sheriff Koranda receives the gavel from NSA Immediate Past President, Sheriff Steve Hapner (right) during the 2009 NSA/POAN Conference.

Pictured above are (left to right): Susie Koranda, son Brock, and NSA 2010 President, Sheriff Larry Koranda, Cedar County. Read a short profile on Larry Koranda on the Cedar County page 19.

Spring is finally here and summer's seems to come and go. The grass is green, the trees are leafy, the birds are chirping, and we are finally rid of all that snow from our "winter to remember." The new look of nature due to the change in seasons is refreshing.

At the Nebraska Sheriffs' Association, we are going through changes of our own.

Personnel Changes

Duane Pavel, after dedicating his life to the *Nebraska Sheriff Magazine* for over 10 years, has decided to move on with his career. I would like to say, "Duane, thanks for all your hard work, dedication, and friendship. You will be missed."

Also, with the State Fair relocating to Grand Island and the loss of our Sheriffs' Association building, the Association was no longer in need of an Office Manager. So after over three years of service, **Annette Wood** left the Association. "Annette, thanks for all you did!"

The Association has hired a Lincoln company, **Cutshall & Nowka - Trent Nowka** and **Amy Prenda**, to serve as our association management and government relations firm. If you haven't already met them, you can read about them on pages 4 and 5.

We have also hired a new magazine editor, ad sales representative, and Webmaster. These three, **Duffi, Ron,** and **Aaron Goodrich**, are members of the same family and work in the same offices. Meet them on pages 6 and 7.

With retirements, careers moves, and the pending Sheriffs' races during this election year, we historically see a change in about one third of our Sheriffs, I personally would like to thank all Nebraska Sheriffs and wish you all the best of luck.

State Fair and NSA/POAN Conference

The next time you hear from me will be after other changes: the **Nebraska State Fair** and all that's involved with the move to Grand Island; the **2010 NSA/POAN Conference** this fall; and at that time, the change in seasons from summer to the beauty of the fall.

I also want to remind every member to consider nominating someone for the "NSA Hall of Fame" and the "Officer of the Year" awards to be presented during the NSA/POAN Conference. More information on these nominations will be coming your way. This information will also be on the Website in July 2010.

With all this CHANGE, I hope everyone enjoys the professionalism with which our Association is moving forward, and the NEW LOOK of our magazine.

God Bless and Stay Safe!

Larry D. Koranda, 2010 NSA President

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JANUARY 2010: Association

Effective January 1, 2010, the Lincoln firm of Cutshall & Nowka were added to the Nebraska Sheriffs' Association team, with their associate, Amy Prenda, serving as NSA Executive Director. They bring a wealth of experience and professionalism to NSA. The following is a brief introduction to Cutshall & Nowka, Trent Nowka and Amy Prenda.

Cutshall & Nowka, Trent Nowka, J.D. Association Management and Government Relations Firm

Cutshall & Nowka is very excited to serve as the Nebraska Sheriffs' Association's new association management and government relations firm. Since assuming the role as your executive director and lobbyist in January 2010, we have enjoyed the last few months getting to know many of you and learning about the issues that impact your ability to serve your counties.

Trent Nowka has been in government relations since 1984. After earning his law degree from the University of Nebraska, he was the Director of Governmental Affairs for the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation. In 1993, he accepted the job of Legislative Counsel to Governor Ben Nelson, a position that made him the Governor's lobbyist in the Nebraska Unicameral and a liaison to other constitutional officers and state agencies. Trent earned his B.A. in Sociology with a Minor in History from the University of Nebraska Teachers College and his J.D. from the University of Nebraska College of Law.

We are very excited about the remainder of 2010 and the years to come. We want to hear from all of you about your thoughts as to how the NSA can better meet your needs and expectations. Please don't hesitate to contact us at any time. We look forward to continuing our service to you.

INJURED DEPUTY UPDATE

Deputy Dave Sullivan of the Merrick County Sheriff's Office is back at work on light duty, according to Merrick County Sheriff Anthony D. McPhillips.

"He's doing well," McPhillips said, "working with physical therapy and rehab."

Sullivan is recovering from injuries sustained when he rolled his cruiser while in the line of duty in February 2010. He suffered a broken collar bone, a cracked vertebrae in his neck, eight broken ribs and a pierced lung.

Returning to light duty after approximately eight weeks is a marked improvement from the original prognosis of Sullivan's recovery taking many months.

Management and Government Relations Firm Hired

Amy Prenda, J.D., NSA's Executive Director

Since January of this year, every time you've called the NSA office or received an email alerting you to a specific NSA item, event, or meeting, you've been greeted by Amy Prenda. She's been presider at the monthly meetings, taken responsibility for preparing the minutes for the Secretary-Treasurer, and works with the magazine and Website people. Married and the mother of 2, Amy has definitely added an overall sense of professionalism to all aspects of Association business.

Amy, an attorney at Cutshall & Nowka, assumed position of Executive Director for the Association on January 1. For those of you who haven't met her, take advantage of the opportunity to talk to her about anything you feel the Association can improve upon or should be addressing.

Amy Prenda, J.D., brings over 15 years of government relations and lobbying experience to the Nebraska Sheriffs' Association (NSA), with a strong and diverse background in legislative affairs, policy development and analysis, research and writing, strategic planning, and group facilitation. Immediately prior to joining

Cutshall & Nowka, the government relations firm that provides association management and government relations services to the NSA, Amy served as Research Manager with the University of Nebraska Public Policy Center where she administered and performed research and policy analysis for the Nebraska State Bar Association's Judicial Structure and Administration Task Force. She has also served as Director of Legal Research and Analysis for the lobbying firm of Kissel/E&S Associates, Legal Counsel for the Nebraska Legislature's Appropriations Committee and Judiciary Committee, Executive Director of the Lancaster County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) Program, and Board President of the Nebraska CASA Association.

Amy earned her B.A. in English from Creighton University and her J.D. from Creighton University School of Law. She has been an active member of the Nebraska State Bar Association since 1994. Amy has earned her mediation certification through the Nebraska Office of Dispute Resolution and a group facilitation certification through Bellevue University.



Amy Prenda, J.D.

**Nebraska Sheriffs' Association
Executive Director**

When the Nebraska Unicameral is in session, Cutshall & Nowka file weekly reports on those items before the legislature that are of prime importance to you as law enforcement officers for the Nebraska counties. These reports are posted on the Website: nesheriffsassoc.org. You need your login name and password to view them.
Questions or concerns? Contact Amy Prenda, 800.775.2469 • 402.434.3785

Pictured: NSA Executive Director Amy Prenda, with Board Secretary-Treasurer Gary Norseen at the January meeting in Lincoln. Amy helps to ensure that the meetings runs smoothly and in a timely manner.

Do you know someone who might like to become an Honorary Member of the Nebraska Sheriffs' Association?

Have them contact Amy at the NSA office, or give Amy their name and contact information. Dues are nominal and they can become part of a time honored, active, service organization.

A list of current Honorary Members can be found on page 12.



Meet Goodrich & Goodrich, LLC: Ron, Duffi, and Aaron Goodrich,

When you say “the Simpsons”, everybody knows what family you’re referring to, right? So how about “the Goodriches”? Ron, Duffi, and Aaron Goodrich are not only all members of the Goodrich family and Goodrich & Goodrich, LLC, but also members of the Nebraska Sheriffs’ Association magazine and Website team.

Ron Goodrich

Ron Goodrich, a 29 year veteran of the Omaha Police Department and retired for 13 years, is experienced in ad sales, interviewing and generally creating good will between the public-at-large and law enforcement personnel. Ron earned his criminology degree from the University of Nebraska-Omaha. An avid hunter, he is already familiar with the back roads and far reaches of our great state. Traveling the counties in search of advertisers for NSA’s magazine, Ron is following in Duane Pavel’s footsteps and loving every minute of it.

“It’s been great to meet the folks in the small towns and hear how they admire and support their local sheriffs,” Ron said. “Everyone wants to talk about their business, the economy, and life in general. Some of the smaller businesses have suffered financially these last few years and can’t afford to advertise right now. But they all say call me again next year.”

Also an experienced photographer, Ron is looking forward to the NSA/POAN Conference this fall to meet with the vendors and take their photos for the NSA Website. He’ll also be ready to take current photos of all Sheriffs for this magazine.



Ron Goodrich

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Duffi Goodrich

The Nebraska Sheriff Magazine Editor, Layout Artist, Copy Writer & NSA Associate Webmaster



Aaron Goodrich

NSA Webmaster & The Nebraska Sheriff Magazine Associate Editor, Layout Artist, Copy Writer

Duffi Goodrich

An artist by nature, Duffi's art degrees were framed and hanging before the onset of desktop computers, so she later earned certificates in various layout and photo editing software from the College of Continuing Studies at UNO. A partner in a major Omaha printing company for 20 years, she entered the world of nonprofit after her company sold in 1994.

"I was sad after the sale, but since I spent the last 10 years at the printing company as General Manager, I realized that I finally had the opportunity to return to the work I love," she explained. "I saw my art department advancing in their knowledge of cutting edge software, and I didn't want to be left in the dust! I gladly exchanged my paint pallet for the creative flexibility of computer software."

Taking on the *Nebraska Sheriff* magazine has been a challenge, but all three Goodriches have many years of experience designing publications and working within a nonprofit organization's budget.

"My favorite part of all this has been learning about the Association and meeting some of the Sheriffs. I also really enjoy working with Amy Prenda," Duffi said.

Aaron Goodrich

Now in his mid twenties, Aaron has spent over 14 years working with his parents at Goodrich & Goodrich, LLC.

"One summer during my junior high years I complained that I was bored," Aaron remembered, "and I suddenly found myself typing articles for one of our publications!"

Aaron attended the University of Nebraska-Omaha and earned certificates in Web Design, Web Architecture, Web Technology, and Business Computing from the Nebraska Business Development College and the College of Continuing Studies at UNO. A self starter and patient researcher, Aaron has taught himself about various aspects and procedures necessary for not only a functional and well designed Website, but also the ever changing regulations that govern how the site will appear to everyone online in cyberspace.

Also adept at layout and photo editing, Aaron assists with most of the company's publications and often accompanies Ron to the photography sessions.

"My college professors all suggested that one employee handle the layout, one the hierarchy of the site, one the coding, and so on," Aaron shared. "In the real world, we learn to perform many functions well. That's what saves our clients money and helps us keep them on budget."

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- ✓ Of the 188 fatal crashes in Nebraska, 61 or 32% of these crashes were alcohol- related.
- ✓ Motor vehicle crashes cost Nebraska over \$634,628,900 annually using 2007 National Safety Council calculable costs of motor vehicle crashes.
- ✓ Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for people between the ages of 5 and 34.
- ✓ 49 people were injured each day in motor vehicle crashes in Nebraska during 2008 and one person was killed every 42 hours.
- ✓ The observed safety belt use rate in 2008 for drivers and passengers was 83 percent.
- ✓ Safety belts cut the risk of death or serious injury in a crash by 45 to 50 percent.



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NSA/POAN Conference & Exposition 2010: NSA and POAN Partner with Melanie Bailey to Showcase Leading Businesses at 2010 Conference

Melanie Bailey and her company, MB Solutions, work in partnership with the Nebraska Sheriffs' Association and the Police Officers' Association of Nebraska to ensure that the 2010 NSA/POAN Conference and Expo is a great source of valuable information for all law enforcement professionals throughout our great state.

Companies from all across the nation are being invited to bring their expertise and innovative products and services to this event.

There are also several **sponsorship opportunities** during this important conference. Be sure to ask Melanie about their availability or check them out online www.nesheriffsassoc.org.

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NSA/POAN Conference Dates

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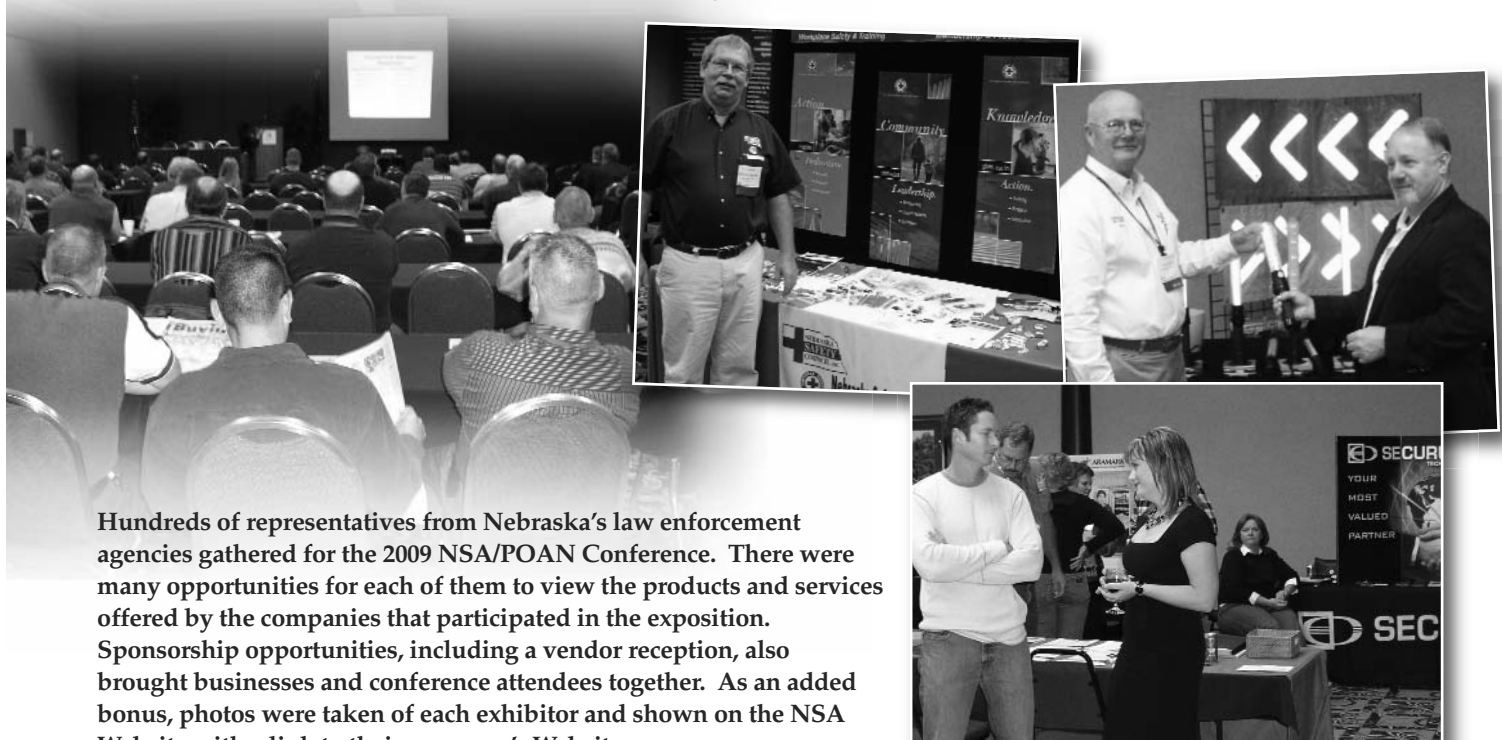
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Vendors can make room reservations at www.kearneyramada.com (rooms have been reserved for vendors).

A **tentative agenda** is available online and Melanie is currently taking reservations for space at the 2010 conference. Contact her to make your booth reservations, or visit her at the Nebraska Sheriffs' Association Website www.nesheriffsassoc.org and click on the **NSA/POAN Conference link** for information, sponsorship opportunities, and a booth reservation form.



Hundreds of representatives from Nebraska's law enforcement agencies gathered for the 2009 NSA/POAN Conference. There were many opportunities for each of them to view the products and services offered by the companies that participated in the exposition. Sponsorship opportunities, including a vendor reception, also brought businesses and conference attendees together. As an added bonus, photos were taken of each exhibitor and shown on the NSA Website with a link to their company's Website.

Victim Impact Programming for Corrections

Written by Verna Wyatt, Executive Director - You Have the Power



One of our offender participants told us, "I've been incarcerated for over twenty years, and I never once thought about my victim until this class."

About the Author

Verna Wyatt began as YHTP Executive Director in 1998. She became a vocal advocate for victims after her sister-in-law and best friend was sexually assaulted and murdered in 1991. Verna serves on the Tennessee Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission, Tennessee Judicial Selection Commission, and Tennessee Sex Offender Treatment Board. In 2005 she was given the Presidents Award from the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police.

In 1991, my sister-in-law was sexually assaulted and murdered. The impact from that horrendous crime devastated our family and turned my world upside down, setting me on a personal mission to prevent that kind of pain from touching other innocent families. If you had told me then that I would someday be working with incarcerated men and women, I would never have believed you. I didn't like offenders one little bit. I didn't believe any of them could ever change, and the recidivism rates and my personal experience supported my thinking.

But about six years ago, I had an epiphany that drastically changed my thinking. The Tennessee Department of Correction victim liaison asked me if I would come speak to a class of inmates and share my personal story of victimization. It was a new program that was incorporating victim impact education for the inmates. My first encounter sharing my story was very powerful – for the inmates, but also for me.

The next jolt of reality came to me when an Assistant Commissioner of Corrections told me, "Verna, 97% of the inmates who are incarcerated are going to be returned to the community. How do you want them coming back?" I had been putting my head in the sand for so long, hanging on to the ideal of "locking them away and throwing away the key." But now, I was faced with black and white reality — the inmates need attention, not because they deserve it, but because we do.

Why is victim impact important?

At first glance, it might seem counter-intuitive for victim advocates to work with inmates. However, the truth is, victim advocates and corrections professionals are not adversaries, but actually share a common goal: "no more victims." Conducting Victim Impact classes for the incarcerated is a team approach to preventing victimization. There have been several studies looking at the effectiveness of victim impact programs across the country. A 2007

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Iowa Department of Correction Victim Impact Report, using two evidence-based studies, concluded victim impact is a contributing factor in reducing recidivism.

YHTP developed our own Victim Impact Curriculum based on our experience as victim advocates. We've learned from our class participants that the majority of offenders never think about their victim as a human being. Many never even think about their victim at all. One of our offender participants told us, "I've been incarcerated for over twenty years, and I never once thought about my victim until this class."

What are the components of a good a victim impact program?

The YHTP victim impact curriculum covers ten topics: accountability; domestic violence; child abuse; drug addiction-drug dealing; DUI; property crime-burglary-robbery; sexual assault; hate crime-gang crime; crimes against the elderly; and homicide. We also talk about the difference between guilt and remorse. This class is not about guilt or making the offender "feel bad." We want remorse from our class participants. Genuine remorse is a catalyst for changing behavior and making amends. Guilt holds back any kind of progress.

Victim advocates and corrections professionals must work together to prevent victimization. Prisons and jails are constantly plagued by staffing and budget problems – for most, implementing a victim impact program would be a challenge. However, if we are serious about changing the "revolving door" nature of the correctional system, victim impact is as necessary as substance abuse, life-skills, and chaplaincy programs.

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You Have the Power is a non-profit, crime victim advocacy group founded by Andrea Conte, current First Lady of Tennessee and survivor of violent crime. YHTP conducts educational programs and trainings, creates training videos, and produces resource guidebooks on topics such as domestic violence, elder abuse, methamphetamine abuse, acquaintance rape, and child sexual abuse. We facilitate victim impact classes and have created a victim impact curriculum used in prisons.

You can download **free brochures** and other information from our website, www.yhtp.org. For more information on other resources, contact **Sara Kemp, Director of Marketing at phone: 615.292.7027, email: sara.kemp@yhtp.org.**



NSA remembers
Nebraska Sheriffs and Deputies
who have died in 2009-2010.
May they rest in peace.



August 29, 2009
Platte County Deputy
Christopher Johnson
Died in the line of duty



March 8, 2010
(Current) Holt County Chief Deputy
Robert Greiner



Be sure to notify the
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or member of the support staff
and served in the sheriff's office dies.
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and listed in the magazine and online.

Send the names to:
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Nebraska Sheriffs' Association

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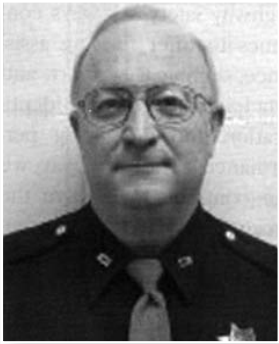
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Adams County Sheriff Gregg A. Magee works with his 18 sworn officers, 13 correction and communication officers, and a support staff of 12. With offices in Hastings, Nebraska, Magee and his law enforcement team are responsible for the well being and safety of over 31,000 citizens.

Born and raised in Hastings, Magee started working at a young age, initiating his employment at the Adams County Sheriff's Office in 1967, "working my way through the ranks of corrections officer, deputy, sergeant, lieutenant, captain, chief deputy, and in 1982 elected sheriff," he explained. "I am currently running for my 8th term as Sheriff."

When asked what major changes he's witnessed during his extensive career, Magee described an email he recently received describing a fictional incident:

In 1967, 17-year-old Steve pheasant hunts on the way to school, arrives in the parking lot with his shotgun displayed in the back window of his pickup. The principal observes the gun, admires it, and exchanges pleasantries with Steve as they enter the school.

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Magee sums this story up, "This is indicative of the societal changes I've seen over the past 43 years."

Magee was named NSA's Officer of the Year in 1977. April 2010 he was selected to receive the 2009 Correctional Facility Manager of the Year Award by demonstrating full compliance over a ten year period. He and his staff have consistently demonstrated excellence in jail operations.

"I have always cherished the honor of serving the citizens of Adams County," Magee said of his job. "I also enjoy the comradery of working with and assisting other local and state agencies and the responsibility of ensuring the safety and security of inmates and staff in our 40-bed facility."

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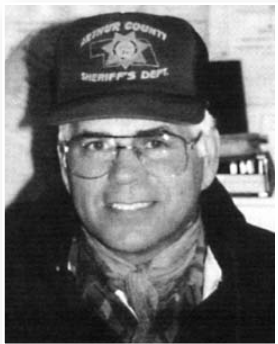
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Arthur County Sheriff Billy Simpson has the distinction of being responsible for the safety of the people living in the smallest county, population-wise, in the state. That doesn't mean his job is an easy one. The same problems that affect any other county affect Arthur County — the economy, the age and mobility of populations, and the Interstate transport of drugs and other criminal activities, just to name a few.

Arthur County is among those areas in Nebraska that carry the distinction of being land that has been under the flag of three different countries at one time or another. With the Louisiana Purchase of 1803, the area finally became part of the United States.

Although boundaries for what today is Arthur County were established in 1887, the county itself was not formally organized until 1913. The courthouse that was built in 1914 and served the citizens for the next 48 years gained notoriety for possibly being the smallest courthouse in the United States. It was replaced by the county's present courthouse in 1962.

Arthur County, named after President Chester A. Arthur, originally came under the jurisdiction of Logan County. Later on, state lawmakers were in agreement, and during the 1912-1913 session of the Legislature, passed a second enabling act authorizing Arthur County to proceed with its organization.



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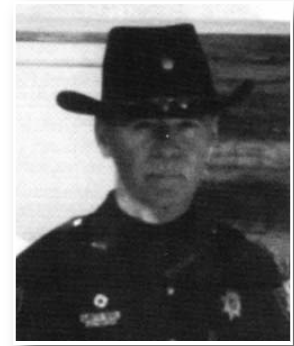
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Banner County Sheriff Patrick Mooney takes care of the safety needs of an estimated 762 people over 746 square miles. Part of the Scottsbluff, Nebraska Micropolitan Statistical Area and in the Scottsbluff metro area in the Panhandle of Nebraska, Banner County is one of two counties in Nebraska that received its name from the aspirations of the inhabitants. According to some, early settlers in this Panhandle region aspired to make it the "banner county" of the state since it was to be "the brightest star in the constellation of Nebraska counties."



Sheriff Patrick Mooney

The area that today makes up Banner County was once part of a larger Cheyenne County. In an election held on Nov. 6, 1888, Banner, Kimball and Scotts Bluff Counties were created from the western third of Cheyenne County. Immediately upon receiving word that the area would become a county, local residents proposed a design for a county seal. In the center of a circle is a banner, and across the banner is a line representing Pumpkin Creek which traverses the area from west to east. In the center of the banner is a pumpkin.

Banner County was officially organized on January 29, 1889, and the settlement of Ashford was designated as a temporary county seat. A special election was scheduled for the following month to select a permanent site from among four aspirants: Ashford; Banner; Freeport; and Harrisburg. It actually took two elections, with Harrisburg finally being chosen.

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Special Olympics Nears Goal for Security Volunteers Nebraska Law Enforcement Personnel Answer the Challenge

As of May 7, 2010, Jerry Thraen, Manager of Support Services, 2010 Special Olympics USA National Games reports that the following Nebraska law enforcement agencies have volunteered for security duty during the July games.

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- Douglas County Attorney Investigator
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- Cedar County Sheriffs' Office**
- Platte County Sheriffs' Office**
- Hall County Sheriffs' Office**
- Lancaster County Sheriffs' Office**
- Nebraska State Patrol, Papillion Police
- Lincoln Police, Airport Police, Omaha Police

Approximately 200 to 250 8-hour shifts will be filled July 18 through July 23 using law enforcement volunteers listed above. Law enforcement personnel registered through May 31. Volunteers were willing to fill an entire day's shift July 19-23, 2010. The Games anticipates being one of the largest sporting events of its kind in the world in 2010, let alone perhaps the biggest event ever to be held in the state of Nebraska. The Games would not be possible without the help of more than 8,000 dedicated volunteers.

Check out other types of volunteer opportunities at <http://www.2010specialolympics.org/page13243.asp>.

NSA Membership Approves \$2,500 Donation to 2010 Special Olympics Torch Run

During their April meeting, Nebraska Sheriffs' Association members in attendance approved a measure donating \$2,500 to the Special Olympics as a Silver Torch Run Sponsor. NSA has generously supported the Special Olympics in this manner throughout the years, and members have also participated in the actual Torch Run across the state.



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Serving all of **Boone County** and providing a professional approach to law enforcement is what **Sheriff Dave Spiegel** says is most satisfying about his job. "Boone County is a wonderful place to live with great people who support law enforcement." Spiegel is serving his first term as Boone County Sheriff, and ran unopposed in the May primary election. The county has a population of 6,500 in five towns and two unincorporated communities, with the county seat in Albion.

While this is his first term as Sheriff, Spiegel has a long history in law enforcement. Before being elected, he retired from the Nebraska State Patrol after 26 years, 17 of which were spent in the criminal and drug division. He's also served 21 years with SWAT, five as SWAT team leader.

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Spiegel said the biggest changes he has seen during his years in law enforcement have been the increase in technology and the policies governing police procedures. Among the future changes he hopes to sponsor include making his 911 Dispatch Center a little more user friendly and fostering better radio communication between agencies statewide.

Much like his peers, Spiegel is concerned about his office's continuing ability to "serve the needs of the citizens of Boone County as far as staying current with equipment, manpower, and identifying potential dangerous drug outlets."

When he's not working closely with his four deputies, six dispatchers, office manager and communications manager, Spiegel says he likes golfing, motorcycling and Jeep trips, "but mostly being with my family."

Spiegel and his wife of 33 years, Linda, have three grown daughters, two sons-in-law and one granddaughter.



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When asked what she likes best about the job, **Box Butte County Sheriff Tammy Mowry** had no hesitation with her answer. "I really enjoy meeting and serving the people in my county," she said. "As a general rule, all our people are most supportive of law enforcement and understand that we need to do our jobs in an effort to keep them safe."

Box Butte County covers 1,075 square miles with just over 12,000 people. With such a wide spread population over such a great distance, Sheriff Mowry's four deputies, six dispatchers and 10 jailers really have their work cut out for them.

Based in the county's largest city, Alliance, Mowry is close to her daughter who is married to an Alliance police officer. Mowry's son works for the Burlington Northern/Santa Fe Railroad as an electrician.

Mowry's law enforcement career took off in 1976 when she joined the Alliance Police Department, serving the folks in Alliance for 20 years. In 1996, Mowry became a deputy for Box Butte County and was elected sheriff in 2006.

The country's tight economy has also affected the Box Butte Sheriff's Office. "Because of budget constraints, our kitchen has closed and now the nursing home across the street from our offices provides all our meals," she shared. "Future budgets will also determine the size of my staff. I certainly don't look forward to the possibility of letting someone go."

Even with her busy routine as sheriff of a large area county, she does find some time to relax. A motorcycle enthusiast, Sheriff Mowry likes taking trips to the Black Hills.



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Burt County Sheriff Robert Pickell and his staff are responsible for a county that occupies 497 square miles, with a population of just under 8,000 people. In early June, the county hosts their Swedish Festival, featuring the Swedish Classic Basketball Tournament. Farmer's Markets and the Blue Grass Festival also draw out-of-county crowds to the area during the summer and early autumn months.

"The safety of residents and that of the influx of visitors are of primary concern" for Pickell, and "meeting the needs by utilizing cutting edge technology" are top among his hopes for the future of his officers.

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Butler County Sheriff Mark A. Hecker was honored on April 22, 2010 at the dinner and awards ceremony held during the Jail Standards Training Seminar sponsored by the Nebraska Correctional Administrators and Managers Association, the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, and the Nebraska Jail Standards Division.

Each year, two awards are presented to those law enforcement agencies with correctional facilities that have exhibited excellence in conducting jail operations and demonstrate full compliance with current Nebraska jail standards. The recipients are chosen by the Nebraska Jail Standards Board and must have the Board's full endorsement. The new correctional facility was opened just five short years ago and, due to an arrangement with other counties, additional revenues have helped to pay off the mortgage on the facility.

A single dad with five daughters and two grandkids, Hecker is also close to his brother who is captain on Norfolk Police Department, another brother who is a banker in Seward, and his sister who teaches in Seward.

A graduate of David City High, Hecker earned his Associate degree in Criminal Justice from Nebraska Technical Community College He has spent the last 29 years in law enforcement, with 10 years as a deputy and the past 12 years as Sheriff.

Hecker has seen many changes in procedure during his career. He gave one example, "We handle instances differently these days. An officer used to just pour alcohol out, but now we arrest and cite."

Sheriff Hecker's hopes for the future of his office are more access to technology and an improvement in communication between agencies and staff. Responsible for the safety of 8,700 people in his county, he oversees seven deputies, five dispatchers, and 11 jailers.

In addition to the 2009 Jail Standards Award, Hecker is a past NSA Hall of Famer and NSA Officer of the Year when he was a deputy. These days he has a real concern about drug activity involving youth. He enjoys playing golf and watching spectator sports.

In 1996 after graduating from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center as a non-law or non-traditional student, **current NSA President and Cedar County Sheriff Larry Koranda** started his law enforcement career as a Cedar County Deputy Sheriff. On January 4, 2000, Koranda was appointed Cedar County Sheriff and then went on to win the following two elections. Koranda's wife, Susie, is Senior Vice-President at Security National Bank, and the couple have a 5-year-old son, Brock.

Cedar County, has dropped in population considerably the past several years. The 2000 census counted 9,415 people with estimates in 2009 at 8,362. The declining populations have had an impact on the county's economics. This has sparked one of Sheriff Koranda's least favorite duties. "I do not like the increased amount of civil process we are seeing with people now unable to pay bills or being forced into foreclosure. The amount of time spent on this civil process has dramatically increased."

Koranda and his staff oversee a 21-bed jail, with a daily population of about five prisoners. With three full time deputies, one seasonal deputy as contracted with the Corps of Engineers to provide coverage at Nebraska Tailwaters, Cottonwood Campground, and Gavins Point Dam, one administrative assistant, and five full time and part time dispatcher/jailers, Koranda and his staff are experts at multi-tasking, investigations, and working with other agencies both local and state on cases, as well as caring for the safety needs of the citizens on their watch.



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Jail Standards Awards Presented to Two Nebraska Sheriffs' Offices

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Find more about Sheriff Magee on page 13 and Sheriff Hecker on page 18.

NEBRASKA POLICE COUNCIL WANTS STATE TO REQUIRE YEARLY OFFICER TRAINING

By ZACH PLUHACEK / Lincoln Journal Star



After the 600 hours of training they must have to be certified, Lincoln police officers continue to take classes each year.

During a minimum 24 hours of annual training, they brush up on such things as marksmanship and handcuffing techniques, and they get updates on new laws and technology.

Some agencies, including the **Lancaster County Sheriff's Office**, require as many as 40 hours of classes each year. The Nebraska State Patrol requires 50.

But police officers and sheriffs' deputies at some smaller agencies in the state can go decades without a single refresher course -- a situation state regulators are looking to change.

By law, county sheriffs must take 20 hours of training each year, but the state's annual requirement for rank-and-file cops is limited to a firearm test and a review of their departments' policies for chases.

"Those are the guys that are doing the job that need to stay abreast," La Vista Police Chief Bob Lausten said. "It just seems odd that Nebraska hasn't required anything."

And, he says, it's a liability for state and law enforcement.

Lausten and other members of the Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council, which sets training standards, hope to require police statewide to take at least 20 hours of training each year.

The council has proposed the rule for review by the Governor's Policy Research Office.

For it to become official, the state Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice will have to hold a public hearing and support the proposal, then pass it along to the governor, attorney general and secretary of state.

Higher-ups at some smaller agencies worry such a mandate would strain their already stretched departments.

"The people have to be paid when they're training," said **Nance County Sheriff Dave Moore**.

Moore and his six deputies — the only law officers in the east-central Nebraska county of about 4,000 people — aren't enough to cover a 24/7 schedule, much less fill in for half a week of absences for each deputy, he said.

"Backfilling or answering radio calls ... that can be very important," said Bill Muldoon, director of the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center and a nonvoting member of the Police Standards Advisory Council. "You still have a certain number of precincts or districts to fill."

Annual training would be difficult to schedule, he agreed, but it can still be cost-effective.

Instead of driving to the training center in Grand Island, officers could get their 20 hours locally by training with nearby fire departments, emergency managers or county attorneys, Muldoon said.

And agency leaders could decide what types of training count toward the requirement, with Muldoon's approval.

The plan isn't perfect, Muldoon said, but it's a step in the right direction.

While Moore supports the training requirement in principle, he said he thinks the state should fund its own mandate.

Pawnee County Sheriff Jayme Reed, who has three deputies patrolling a county with 3,000 people, said she'll be happy to go along with a state requirement.

"You need to keep your officers on top of new techniques," said Reed, who requires her officers to have 10 hours of training per year.

If a deputy asks to participate in a course, she said, "we make arrangements so they can go."

Under the proposal, agency leaders would submit training records to Muldoon, who would audit a percentage of them each year.

Lancaster County Sheriff Terry Wagner, who was on the police council when it proposed the 20-hour requirement, said his office wouldn't be affected other than some extra paperwork.

"We are well aware that the majority of the agencies in this state ... are pretty small, and these kinds of requirements can be pretty hard on them," Wagner said.

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Sheriff Paul Kruse of Colfax County is no stranger to law enforcement or the county itself. He grew up with his father serving as Colfax County Sheriff and his mother as a dispatcher and cook for the Colfax County Jail for many years. Sheriff Paul Kruse is the son Richard and Theresa Kruse. Paul Kruse's father is currently serving as Chief of Police in Leigh, Nebraska.

Kruse officially started his law enforcement career in 1984 after graduating from the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center. Between 1984 and his election as Colfax County Sheriff in April 2009, he's served as Chief of Police in the Nebraska communities of Blue Hill, Tilden and Genoa; a Deputy in Colfax and Nance counties; and as Nance County Sheriff from 1999-2007. He and his staff are responsible for the safety of over 10,000 residents.

Technology has played a big part in the changes Kruse says he's seen in law enforcement. "We now do reports on computers instead of handwriting them or using the typewriter. Other major upgrades range from teletype to thermal imaging."

Unfortunately, along with improvements in technology, Kruse says he's also seen an increase in gangs and drugs in the rural areas. While remaining vigilant to these types of activities in his county, he says he enjoys the opportunity to work with people of all ages to establish and develop a good relationship with "those people we serve as law enforcement officials." "We" refers to Kruse and his six deputies, one transport officer, one full-time secretary, and two part-time secretaries.

Kruse is married to Kathy M. O'Neal Kruse, daughter of Dr. John and Ruth O'Neal of Clarkson. She currently works at Columbus Community Hospital as the payroll coordinator and human resources manager. They have five children.



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Custer County Sheriff Ted Henderson is a veteran law enforcement officer with a total of 38 years of service and keeping the citizens of his community safe. He spent 12 years as a Custer County deputy and the last 26 as Sheriff.

Protecting the 11,793 citizens of his 2,552 square mile county is "more than a full time job. My five deputies and six jailers give it their all, too."

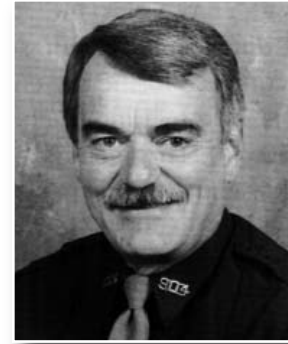
Married for 37 years, Henderson's wife, Kathy, has stood by him. The couple have two grown children and five grandchildren.

"I've witnessed many changes in laws and the onset of technology," Henderson said. "Now it's time for me to retire."

Through the years, this experienced law man's number one concern has always been for the safety of his people as they fulfill their duties.

Henderson didn't run this election. He's looking forward to a little relaxation. He especially enjoys the great outdoors, but "not one given to the enjoyment of spectator sports."

What will Henderson miss the most when he does retire? "Being out there working with the public and enforcing the laws," he said. "The people here are great. I'll miss them."



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Lancaster County Sheriff's Office Receives Firearm Simulator from a Generous Benefactor

Lancaster County Sheriff Terry Wagner was the first to publically demonstrate his office's new firearms simulator, a high-tech training program that teaches cops how to make better decisions in dangerous scenarios. His office received it this past February. This system is comprised of a video screen and 200 video scenarios. It's also possible to make additional scenarios with familiar, local landmarks.

The system is similar to a video game where the officer interacts with the video. The officer on call steps in front of the screen holding a gun equipped with a laser device while other personnel operate a computer that controls the scenarios on the video screen.

The decisions that need to be made during a confrontation may be simply negotiating with the suspect, going for cover, or escalating to a TASER or pepper spray. In some of the videos, officers might be required to use deadly force.

Officers are required to make split-second decisions every day, and deputies don't know what the outcome's going to be. They don't know if the person's going to hand over their driver's license or get a gun.

Dan Whitney, better known as Larry the Cable Guy, and his wife, Cara, bought and donated the \$40,000 system to the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office.

Information taken in part from the Lincoln Journal Star article written by Hilary Kindschuh and the online Nebraska, Crime-and-Courts, Posted on Thursday, February 25, 2010.

Supreme Court Cases 2008-2009 Term

Find more at http://www.fbi.gov/publications/leb/2009/october2009/cases_feature.htm

In the most recent term, the U.S. Supreme Court decided several cases of interest to the law enforcement community. A number of them addressed fundamental principles of criminal procedure, including significant rulings relating to the search of a vehicle incident to arrest; the taking of statements following the appearance of an individual before a judge; and the Sixth Amendment Right to Confrontation Clause as it relates to the use of certificates of forensic examination in lieu of actual testimony in a criminal trial. Also of interest to the law enforcement community is a decision relating to a claim of reverse discrimination in the promotional process. This article includes a synopsis of these cases in addition to a summary of cases of interest to law enforcement that the Supreme Court has agreed to consider next term.

DECIDED CASES

Arizona v. Gant, 129 S. Ct. 1710 (2009)

In this case, the Supreme Court clarified that the Fourth Amendment does not permit broad authority to search a motor vehicle incident to arrest simply because the arrestee is at the site of the arrest, which has been the general assumption since the Court's holding in *United States v. Belton*. Rather, the Court in *Gant* clarified that the need to search the interior of the vehicle incident to arrest is limited to situations furthering the rationales behind this warrantless search authority—to protect officer safety and to prevent the destruction of evidence. The Supreme Court held that these rationales can be furthered by limiting the authority to search the vehicle to situations where “the arrestee is within the reaching distance of the passenger compartment at the time of the search or if it is reasonable to believe the vehicle contains evidence of the offense of the arrest.”

Under the facts in this case, *Gant* was not within reaching distance of the vehicle at the time of the search (he was handcuffed and locked inside the police car) and there was no reason to believe the car contained evidence of the crime for which he was arrested (driving with a suspended license). Therefore, the search of his car violated the Fourth Amendment, and the contraband discovered during the search was suppressed.

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Herring v. United States, 129 S. Ct. 695 (2009)

The Court in this case was presented with the issue of whether the exclusionary rule should apply when an arrest occurs that should not have because the original arrest warrant had actually been recalled months prior to its execution. The defendant was arrested after it was determined that a warrant for his arrest was outstanding. During the search incident to his arrest, drugs and a firearm were seized. The defendant sought to suppress this evidence as the arrest should not have happened in the first place. The arrest warrant had been recalled but remained in the system apparently due to negligent records handling by police personnel. The Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the evidence should not be suppressed as the purpose of the exclusionary rule would not be furthered by its suppression given that there was no indication of any malicious or willful misconduct on the part of the police. The Circuit Court noted that this result is supported by the Supreme Court's analysis in *Arizona v. Evans*, holding that the purpose of the exclusionary rule is not served when court personnel are the source of the error. The Supreme Court agreed to hear the case to resolve the split of opinion that existed on the applicability of the exclusionary rule in the face of police clerical error.

The Supreme Court ruled that the evidence should be admitted. In reaching this conclusion, the Supreme Court engaged in a detailed analysis of the history and purpose of the exclusionary rule, concluding that its deterrent effect would not be furthered in cases where the decision to arrest the defendant was based on reasonable but mistaken assumptions, namely that an outstanding arrest warrant existed.

The Supreme Court did caution that its holding does not mean that all errors, such as those that occurred in this case, are immune from the exclusionary rule. The Court stated, If the police have been shown to be reckless in maintaining a warrant system, or to have knowingly made false entries to lay the groundwork for future false arrest, exclusion would certainly be justified under our cases should such misconduct cause a Fourth Amendment violation.

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Dakota County Sheriff James L. Wagner and his 17 deputies take seriously their responsibility to “keep safe the folks of Dakota County” that total just over 20,000 people. Serving the county as Sheriff for 28 years, Wagner retired from the U.S. Army after a six-year stint, the State Patrol after 10 years, and the Air National Guard after 22 years.

The father of five grown children, “I’m very proud of all of them,” Wagner said.

A certified mental health counselor in Nebraska and Iowa, Wagner has a Bachelor Degree and Masters Degree in psychology and sociology.

The major change Wagner has enabled during his time in office has been uniting all local law enforcement agencies to build new law enforcement center and jail.

“With new businesses and industry moving to the county,” he explained, “the need for a new facility was pretty obvious. It was great to see everyone come together on this project. I’d like to see the community work together more often for the same causes.”

When he’s not totally absorbed in his concern for public safety, Wagner enjoys playing golf, woodworking, and working in the yard, “which is always a big project.”



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Dawson County Sheriff Gary Reiber oversees 1,013 square miles with a population of almost 25,000 people. He was born and raised in Hastings

A graduate of the University of Nebraska at Kearney with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice, Reiber has attended a multitude of classes and training on many law enforcement issues including: homicide, terrorism, criminal investigation, crisis intervention, courtroom and courthouse security and many addressing issues related to children and families.

Reiber has been with the Dawson County Sheriff's Office for 32 years, serving the past 16 as Sheriff. During his years there, he witnessed the arrival of the Tyson Fresh Meats Plant to the county, which helped to improve the economic status by adding jobs and the accompanying increase in revenues. But during this time he's also seen "a rise in some people's lack of respect for others and an overall self-centeredness."

Sheriff Reiber oversees a jail staff of 27, 15 road deputies including a chief deputy, nine dispatchers, five support and seven part-time staff members.

Reiber and his wife, Ramona (Moni) have five children ranging in ages from 38 to 13. He enjoys long range shooting and golf, but his "family and helping the residents of his community" top his list of priorities.

For his years of service, Reiber has been honored with the Optimists Distinguished Service Award, USDOJ National Drug Threat Assessment Certificate, Dawson County CASA Board Service Award, and was named NSA Officer of the Year.

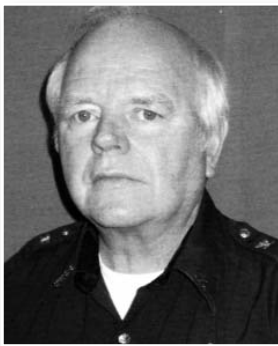
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- **Residential Substance Abuse Treatment** is a federal grant program that provides support for the residential substance abuse treatment programs housed within correctional facilities.
- **Project Safe Neighborhoods** is a federal grant program that helps reduce gun crime and gang violence.
- **Victims of Crime Act** is a federal grant program designed to provide direct services to victims of crime. Nebraska also provides limited state dollars to enhance such services.
- **Juvenile Accountability Block Grant** is a federal grant program which enhances efforts to assist youth involved in the juvenile justice system.
- **Violence Against Women Act** is a federal grant program that provides funding to communities to improve their local criminal justice system's response to women who are victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.
- **Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Title II** is a federal grant program that assists states and local communities in making improvements and changes to their juvenile justice systems. State funding priorities include alternatives to detention, disproportionate minority confinement and projects for compliance with the JJDP Act.
- **Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Title V** is a federal grant program with limited funding that is designed for prevention programs with the current priority being disproportionate minority confinement.
- **Juvenile Services** is a state grant program that provides funds to communities for programs which provide alternatives to juvenile incarceration.
- **County Aid** is a state grant program that assists counties in providing needed programs and services identified in their comprehensive juvenile justice plans.

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In northeast Nebraska, there are 6,300 citizens in 475 square miles that have remained under the watchful eyes of one man for nearly four decades.

Not only has **Dean Chase** served as **Dixon County Sheriff** for 39 years, he also was raised in the area. Dixon County is home to the city of Allen, where Dixon graduated from high school, and nine other incorporated communities including the county seat of Ponca. Currently working under Chase are six full-time and three part-time deputies and six dispatcher-jailers.

During his tenure, Chase says the biggest changes he's seen implemented are 24-hour dispatch and the enhanced 911 system. While these tools have enhanced his office's operations, he also would like to see changes in service.

"Better service needs to be provided for the placement of mental patients, both juveniles and adults," he said. "We also need more accommodations for the housing of juveniles." Chase said he also looks for ways to recruit and retain quality officers.

For his decades of service, Chase was inducted into the Nebraska Law Enforcement Hall of Fame in 1996 and named the American Legion 40 & 8 National Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. His memberships include the Police Standards Advisory Council, where he served as chairman, and the Nebraska Sheriff's Association, serving as president in 1989.

Dean and Sandy Chase are the parents of three daughters and five grandchildren.

While he likes being able to provide assistance to those in need, Chase says he

also likes to take time to golf and work on the lawn and in the garden. An avid fan of Nebraska sports, he also is a numismatist (a coin collector, dealer, and scholar).

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When Frontier County was established in 1872, the land was inhabited predominantly by cattlemen who had come to the area for the rich grazing land that it offered.

Henry and Mortimer Clifford were two of the early cattlemen to live in the area and their efforts are greatly credited for the organization of the county. The Clifford brothers had come to the area, married American Indian women, and decided to settle along Medicine Creek where they could raise cattle. The site of the Cliffords' settlement was not too far from where the present town of Stockville is located.

Two years before the county was officially established, cattlemen came to know the W.L. McClary ranch as the place where information could be exchanged or left for those who passed back and forth through the area. This site was located near the geographic center of the county and would be the forerunner to the settlement that would become known as Stockville, the county seat. Today, the courthouse that was built in 1888 is the prominent feature of Stockville's main street.


Among the towns that were settled in the county was Curtis, located along Curtis Creek to the northwest of Stockville. Curtis was the beneficiary of a railroad line that passed through the area.



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It's important to **Gage County Sheriff Gus Gustafson** that his office and staff be as open and active with the community as possible. That's why since his election in 2007, he's started public assistance programs such as "Operation Reassurance" for the elderly and homebound living alone; "Shop with a Cop" youth program during the Christmas season for those in need; and "Offender Watch", which allows citizens to research county sex offender information to include those living in their area.

"All news releases are done via the Website. I have received several positive comments on the site and many of those from the media," referring to his new office Website, www.gage-ne-sheriff.us.

Gustafson was already well acquainted with Gage County. He served eight years as a road deputy and 20 years as Chief Deputy. A graduate of N.L.E.T.C. in the 28th basic class, Gustafson also graduated from the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) and the National Sheriffs Institute (NSI). He also completed training in numerous other areas related to law enforcement. His career began with the Ravenna Police Department 1974-1976 and the Beatrice Police Department 1976-1978.

"Every day is something new and different," Gustafson says about his position, "and I like to help people in need no matter what that need might be, big or small." But getting out of the office and being involved with the public can be hard. "Retention of employees along with so many rules and regulations makes it very difficult to get out of the office and be involved with the public!"

Gustafson currently oversees his Chief Deputy, two road sergeants, five road deputies, one K-9 deputy-handler, three investigators, one administrative assistant, one records tech, one receptionist, seven reserve deputies, five part-time deputies, eight correction officers, four part-time correction officers, one corrections corporal deputy-transport officer, and one corrections lieutenant. The physical facility itself also commands his attention. "Since a jail bond issue was voted down in 2007, I would like to see some type of effort made to at least do some basic repair and/or maintenance on the existing facility," he says.

When he is able to get away, he likes to travel and work outside on his acreage. Gustafson is married to Michelle, who owns and operates Paw Prints Boarding and Grooming. They have three children: Chevis (mother of their two grandkids), Sean, and Grayson; Chanae; and Benton.

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Melendez-Diaz v. Massachusetts, 129 S. Ct. 2527 (2009)

During the prosecution of the defendant for possession of cocaine, the prosecutor introduced a certificate from a state laboratory documenting the analysis of the substance seized on the defendant at the time of his arrest as a certain quantity of cocaine. As provided under state law, the certificate was sworn to by an examiner before a notary public and submitted as part of the government's case in chief. The defendant was convicted, in part, based on this evidence. The defendant challenged his conviction, arguing that his Sixth Amendment right to confront the witness against him was violated by the introduction of a certificate as opposed to the testimony of the examiner. The Supreme Court agreed.

The Supreme Court referred to its previous decision in *Crawford v. Washington* to support its position that the Sixth Amendment requires the examiner to testify in

person. In *Crawford*, the Supreme Court held that a defendant has a right to confront witnesses providing testimony against him or her. Accordingly, a witness' testimony is not admissible unless the witness appears at trial or if not available, the defendant was able to cross-examine the witness previously. Applying these principles to this case, whether the substance found on the defendant was cocaine was a fact in question and would be the testimony that the examiner would be expected to provide. The Sixth Amendment requires that this type of testimonial statement be provided by the witness against the accused as opposed to the introduction of a certificate. This decision will have a significant impact in cases that previously relied upon the introduction of similar certificates in support of forensic examinations, a common practice in many prosecutions for driving under the influence and drug possession.

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Garden County Sheriff Douglas Miller is a veteran law enforcement officer. Retired from the Nebraska State Patrol after 30 years of service, Miller oversees a county of just under 2,300 residents in an area of 1,722 square miles.

Being involved in public safety runs in Miller's family, with his son working as a Nebraska State Patrol officer and a sister who works for the FBI in Phoenix.



Into his second year as Sheriff, Miller graduated from Chadron State College, has earned many law enforcement certificates and is a certified firearms and defensive tactics instructor.

During his brief term in office, Miller has enhanced and updated security for the jail and courthouse and recently received approval for a grant from the Public Service Commission to update the county's 911 system.

Miller looks to the future, hoping he can expand his office's budget to accommodate one more deputy. This new hire would be used solely for investigative services and added to his current staff of five deputies and five dispatchers and jailers. But being realist, Miller sees the "current economic trends and declining population in rural counties continuing for some time."

When he's not on duty, interacting with the people he is sworn to protect, Miller enjoys ranching and horseback riding. He's also looking forward to Garden County's centennial celebration this July 4th.



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Garfield County Sheriff Larry Donner and one deputy are responsible for an area of 570 square miles and 1,900 citizens' well being every day of the year. But during the summer months, their responsibility increases substantially.

Although the county is not among the largest in Nebraska, Calamus Reservoir, offering prime fishing and camping in the heart of the Sandhills and six miles northwest of Burwell, has four different campgrounds that draw large crowds. Especially in the warmer months, Garfield County's population soars, and Donner and his deputy are responsible for the safety of all the visitors, too.

Beside visitors to the recreational areas, July sees the Garfield County Fair which usually draws people from all over the state. "The visitors really help the economy," Donner stated, "and that's great for the county. My deputy and I will work really hard and continue to keep everyone safe."

Sheriff Donner has lived in Garfield County his entire life and spent a good deal of it working in the Garfield County Sheriff's Office, first as a deputy in 1987, and then as Sheriff since 1990.

Donner and his wife, Joevette, have raised three sons, one serving in the U.S. Air Force, one in business, and the third attending medical school. They're also proud grandparents of three beautiful grandkids.

When asked what he considered the toughest part of his job, there was no hesitation. "Trying to keep up with technology as fast as it keeps moving," was his response. "Everything else seems to be moving just as fast."

Donner, a Past NSA President, loves to cook when he's not busy interacting with the people who live in and visit Garfield County.



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Monday, May 24, at the Embassy Suites in LaVista, Governor Dave Heineman thanked law enforcement for their dedication and sacrifices made by officers and their families to keep Nebraska safe.

Many Nebraska law enforcement officers were recognized during the Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) 11th Annual Outstanding Law Enforcement Awards and Recognition Ceremony.

MADD National President Laura Dean Mooney was also at the event.

During the afternoon presentation, the Governor praised not only the officers, but also their families for their sacrifices. Often their duty calls for working many long hours, holidays, and weekends, taking away from family time. He thanked them especially for facing the possibility of job-related violence and injury on our behalf.

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NOTE: A photo of Deputy Joseph Martinec, Jr. at the event was not available at the time of this printing. Check the NSA Website as photos become available.

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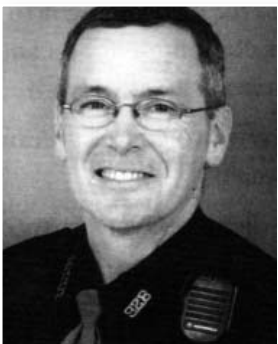
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Greeley County Sheriff Dave Weeks and his sole deputy take on the responsibility for the safety of the 2,700 citizens of the county. "I'd like to hire more personnel so we can be more efficient," Weeks said, even though they do a great job protecting the public, according to the county's residents.

Sheriff Weeks has years of experience at this. He served as an MP for two years, a United States Marshall for two years, Greeley County Deputy for 24 years, and as Sheriff for the past eight years. He's looking forward to his next term in office, even though "there's more paperwork now than ever before."

His need for additional personnel may be underscored by the changing social order. "There is a major use of drugs in our county that can't be addressed by just the two of us," Weeks said.

The county is home to Walback Days at the end of June, Greeley Days in July, and the city of Spaulding hosts the Greeley County Fair in August.

"These events really keep us hopping, but they're really a great opportunity to be with the people."

Weeks and his wife, Mickey, have three grown children and six grandchildren. Mickey operates Plants for You Greenhouse which sells only vegetable plants and chemical free tomatoes. He thoroughly enjoys his job. "Everyone here is very

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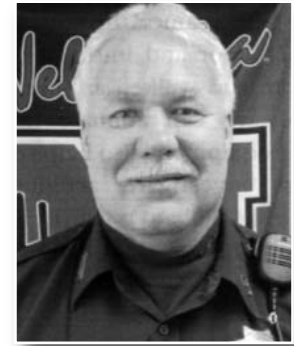
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Kansas v. Ventris, 129 S. Ct. 1841 (2009)

In *Kansas v. Ventris*, the Supreme Court addressed whether a statement obtained in violation of the defendant's Sixth Amendment Right to Counsel could be used to impeach the defendant when he chose to take the stand and provided testimony that conflicted with his earlier statements. In this case, the defendant was arrested and charged with various crimes, including murder and aggravated robbery. Prior to trial, officers placed a cell-mate informant into the defendant's cell, instructing him to just keep his ears open for incriminating statements. According to the informant, at one point, he commented to the defendant that he seemed to have "something more serious weighing on his mind."

The defendant responded by admitting to killing the victim. The defendant took the stand at his trial and testified that his accomplice was the shooter. The government sought to introduce the statements the defendant provided to the informant to impeach his testimony. The defendant argued that they should not be admitted as they were obtained in violation of his Sixth Amendment Right to



Sheriff Chris N. Becker

One wouldn't think that terrorism would be a major concern in central Nebraska, where there's lots of wide open spaces, cattle and crop land. But it is on the mind of **Harlan County Sheriff Chris Becker**. "My biggest concerns are the terrorism groups that are all around us," Becker says. "It's just a matter of time when something really nasty is going to get turned loose or occur that is seriously going to affect our way of life."

Becker doesn't limit terrorism to attacks against Americans here and abroad. He equates it with the hate and bullying that is on-going. "In our schools, malls, and workplaces, violence just seems to be getting crazier all the time. Who would have thought that we would be allowed to protest a military funeral with so much hate?"

Currently, the Harlan County Sheriff's Office is at full staff, with Becker, three deputies and four communication officers and jailers.

Becker, a native of rural Beaver City, began his law enforcement career in the summer of 1977 when he joined the Beaver City Police Department. "The Chief of Police brought me a gun, bullets (more than 1), a badge, and a uniform shirt. He told me not to shoot anybody," he says.

A few months later, Becker attended the Reserve Officers School in Fremont, then NLETC. He was then certified. "In 1983, I joined the Harlan County Sheriff Office and progressed quickly in the Chief Deputy's spot." He ran for Sheriff in 1991.

Technology has been the greatest change he's seen during his tenure as Sheriff in the office and in the patrol car. "I started working with a single radio that could barely reach the neighboring town," he says. "Now I have a radio that with the aid of a computer can easily talk to an officer on the street in Lincoln. Our office had only a three-ring notebook to keep track of the radio and phone calls along with the prisoners' everyday activities. We now have four computer stations that monitor everything."

Becker and his wife, Pamela, have three children, Carmen, Kyra and Jordan; two sons-in-law; and four grandchildren. When not spending time with his family, he says he relaxes with yard work, working on the house, and collecting sheriff and police memorabilia. He also volunteers for a wide variety of organizations, including serving as President of the Nebraska Sheriff's Association in 2008. For his efforts over the years, he has been named CISM Peer of the Year, EMT of the Year, and Volunteer Firefighter of the Year for Alma.

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Counsel, prohibiting the government from deliberately eliciting information about charged criminal activity without either a waiver of the right or counsel being present.

The government conceded that the statements could not be used in the case in chief. However, the government argued that the statements should be admissible for the purpose of impeaching the defendant.

The trial court allowed the statements to be used, and the defendant was convicted at trial. The Kansas Supreme Court reversed the defendant's conviction, concluding that the use of the statements violated the Sixth Amendment. The U.S. Supreme Court disagreed.

In reaching this result, the Supreme Court found that the violation of the Sixth Amendment Right to Counsel occurs at the critical stage in which it is denied a defendant, not when evidence is sought to be used at trial. Therefore, the case does not involve preventing a constitutional violation but, rather, the proper scope of the remedy for a violation that has already occurred. In this case, the interests furthered by excluding the statements are "outweighed by the need to prevent perjury and to assure the integrity of the trial process."

The Supreme Court held that "the informant's testimony, concededly elicited in violation of the Sixth Amendment, was admissible to challenge [the defendant's] inconsistent testimony at trial."

Find the remainder of the decided cases and an explanation of three cases for next term at
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ANNUAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MEMORIAL CEREMONY: Remembering Fallen Platte County Deputy Sheriff Christopher Johnson

Platte County Sheriff Jon Zavadil shared with a large crowd his many thoughts about fallen Platte County Sheriff Deputy Christopher Johnson. Johnson was remembered at the annual Nebraska Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony, held Monday, May 10 in Grand Island. Deputy Johnson died in August 2009 while responding to the scene of a traffic accident.

Sheriff Zavadil remembered Johnson as “an experienced officer and a very likeable, friendly man who always had a smile to share.”

He also cited Johnson's extensive career in law enforcement before joining the Platte County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Johnson was named Platte County Sheriff's 2006 Employee of the Year.

The annual Memorial Ceremony was held during National Police Week, May 9 to 15. Among those in attendance were Nebraska Lt. Gov. Rick Sheehy and Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale.

The memorial ceremony was held in Grand Island's Fire Station Number One, located close to the new Nebraska Law Enforcement Memorial. The main focus of this Memorial Park is a wall with the names of 131 Nebraska law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty since 1866.



Pictured is the Nebraska Law Enforcement Memorial in Grand Island. The Memorial was dedicated on May 11, 2009. The names of 131 fallen men are etched into the structure's granite wall. It is a permanent memorial to honor the men, as well as those who daily answer the call to make our lives more safe and secure. Donations are still needed to help those who will, unfortunately, lose a member of law enforcement family while he/she is answering the call of duty.

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Howard County Sheriff Harold Schenck oversees a county of 6,500 people and takes the matter of their safety and well being very seriously. In fact, so did Harold's dad, who himself served as Sheriff for 24 years from the '50's to the '70's.

A 29-year veteran of the Nebraska State Patrol, Harold has served as Howard County Sheriff for the past five years. Four of his brothers are still active officers with the State Patrol.

Howard County may not be big in population, but that doesn't stop them from being tough on crime. The Sheriff and his crew, are credited with the largest drug bust in Nebraska's history, and tied it back to a big ring in California. Because of that, the county was awarded \$200,000 which was used to purchase computers, car cameras, new radar, and rifles. The officer who made the drug bust was awarded a certificate of appreciation at a special ceremony in Kansas City.

When asked what changes he'd like to see in the near future, Schenck answered, "becoming much more computer oriented and keeping up with new technology." He also hopes to "continue educating the public on crime, drugs, and safety issues and starting a program in the schools to talk to the kids about some of these issues."

Schenck oversees a staff of four deputies and six dispatchers and likes his responsibilities. "When you are dedicated like my staff and I are, you have an overall feeling that you're doing something for the betterment of all the people," he said.

When he has time off, Schenck enjoys hunting and fishing. He and his wife, Gail, are the parents of two grown children.



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7, 2010. Upon release from prison, Reyes will have 4 months house arrest, and will be on probation for 3 years. During his probation, Reyes is not to break any laws, possess or consume any controlled substances or alcohol, possess any firearms, or possess or own any dogs. Reyes has also been ordered to complete 100 hours of community service and to pay \$4,992 in restitution to the Nebraska Humane Society.

The Nebraska Humane Society had housed 4 pit bulls which were seized pursuant to a search warrant in Tecumseh in July 2009. The search warrant was executed through a joint effort by the United States Humane Society, Nebraska Humane Society, United States Department of Agriculture, Tecumseh Police Department, **Johnson County Sheriff's Office**, and the Johnson County Attorney's Office.

Following the seizure of the 4 pit bulls, County Attorney Julie Smith Hogancamp sought and obtained a District Court Order for the dogs to be forfeited to the Nebraska Humane Society so that Reyes would not be able to get them back.

The Order, entered in October 2009, allowed the Nebraska Humane Society to keep the 4 pit bulls and either euthanize them or put them up for adoption, if appropriate.

The Nebraska Humane Society agreed to house the pit bulls without charging Johnson County, which was a very nice gesture. This restitution order will help the humane society get reimbursed by the person responsible rather than by having taxpayers bear the costs.

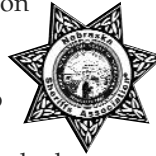
Dogfighting Ring Brought Down Is Largest in United States History

Julio Reyes was convicted in the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri for "conspiracy to travel in interstate commerce to sponsor a dog in an animal fighting venture and in aid of unlawful activities."

His case was part of the largest dogfighting ring brought down in United States history, in which over 500 dogs were seized. Reyes' sentence includes 6-months imprisonment in federal prison to begin on June

Johnson County Sheriff Jim Wenzl keeps watch over 4,500 residents of the county. He currently has a crew of six deputies and six dispatchers-jailors. This is double the number of deputies Wenzl had just one year ago.

Tecumseh's city council has decided to contract with the Johnson County Sheriff's Department for police services. Starting June 1, the Sheriff's Office will give Tecumseh 104 hours of police coverage every week along with code enforcement officers appointed by the mayor who will report municipal code violations to the city attorney. The agreement with the county will run for a year's test. What it will cost is still being worked out, but the city could save \$120,000 a year by opting for full-time county coverage instead of funding its four-member police department.



Sheriff Jim P. Wenzl

Sheriff Wenzl has seen many technology changes, "We moved from a Phase II wireless 911 system to a computerized dispatch console and two new radio frequencies for law enforcement." He feels, however, that the security of the Sheriff's Office itself could be improved. "We need a secure office area to provide a safe place to work."

Sheriff Wenzl and his wife, Sonja, are dedicated to their four kids and their community.

Wenzl enjoys spending time with his family, coaching elementary school football, softball, 6th grade basketball, and time gardening.

"I like being able to serve the community where I have lived my entire life," he said. Wenzl is a graduate of Peru State College and the Lancaster County Correction Center.

Wenzl and his office recently helped bring down the largest dog fighting ring in U.S. History. (See the story on the bottom of page 40.)

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Kearney County Sheriff Scott White and his crew are responsible for the safety of well over 6,000 residents living in a 516 square mile area located south of the Platte River, which is its northern boundary, in south central Nebraska, about 24 miles from the Kansas state line. The county's early history began near the time of the establishment of Fort Kearny in 1848.



Sheriff Scott K. White

In 1871 the legislature redefined the boundaries and divided Kearney County into four counties. Settlers began arriving again and in 1872 an election was held to locate the county seat and to elect county officials. Lowell, the oldest town in the county located in the northeastern part and on the line of the Burlington and Missouri River Railroad, was chosen as the county seat. However, in November of 1876 the citizens voted to move it to the more centrally located "Minden." At that time, Minden was open land without a building or a residence. This move was halted by an injunction until 1878.

In the early years, Minden had a population of 300 and has grown to 3,000, half the population of the entire county.

Today, the area has been almost completely devoted to farming and stock raising. The Kearney County Canal, built for power and irrigation purposes, grew into the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District.

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Sheriff James F. Janecek

Serving as Sheriff for the past eight years and as a deputy for 16 years, he started his law enforcement career in Fremont in 1971 where he also served as Fremont Chief of Police. He and his wife, Connie, have two grown kids and three grandkids.

"Things have really changed," Janecek said. "When I started, everything was done by hand. We had two manual typewriters and everything from reports to warrants were typed on them."

Looking into the future, Janecek would like to see "more emphasis on training officers in cyber crimes and technology adjusted accordingly. I also think we need to employ a system where a dispatcher takes a call from an officer and technology ties him into anywhere in the country."

Among other honors received by the Sheriff's Office, Knox County's head jailer was recently chosen NESCA Communicator of the Year.

"I hope we can continue to provide services to the public in our current budget-cutting economy," Janecek said. "But Knox is becoming a wind energy county, and we currently have 23 wind towers, all good for our economics."

When he has time to relax, he likes to hunt, fish, and build muzzle loading rifles.

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Loup County is totally agriculture oriented, both in farming and ranching. Fine cattle of many breeds can be found at any number of large and small ranches. Loup County's Centennial was impressively observed in 1983.



Holloway earned his Associate Degree in Law Enforcement Technology and joined the Ord Police Department soon after. He became Sheriff in 2007 and feels law enforcement is in his blood.

"My dad was a reserve Deputy for Valley County in the 1970's. I have an uncle who is Sheriff in Pennington, South Dakota, and two cousins who are also in law enforcement," he said.

Holloway enjoys serving the people of his community and sees making some additions to his duties in the future. "I'd like to be able to work with kids in our school, alerting them to all the dangers out there." A kindergarten through 12th grade accredited, county-wide school operates in Taylor. Redistricting was completed in 1971 and went into effect in the fall of '72. Before that, Loup County had up to 42 operating school districts.

Holloway and his wife, Sherri, are the parents of two children, ages 21 and 10. He enjoys talking to people, hunting, fishing, and the great outdoors.



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Sheriff Anthony D. McPhillips of Merrick County likes challenges. "I enjoy all of my job," McPhillips says. "I look forward to coming to work every morning. Yeah, it's stressful with lots of expectations, but it's also a challenge."

Merrick County covers 485 square miles that is home to 8,200 people.

Right out of high school, McPhillips joined the U.S. Army, where he spent three years and served another three years with the Reserves. In April of 1977, he joined Merrick County Sheriff's Office as a deputy, serving 14 years. He also retired in 2005 as a 24-year member of the Army National Guard.

When McPhillips was later appointed Sheriff, he was also named the County Emergency Management Director, a position he still holds today. At the time of his appointment, the office was just getting involved with the confusing start of Enhanced 911. Today, the county is becoming Phase II compliant using the next generation of 911. During his tenure, Merrick County has had five declarations of emergencies for natural disasters, such as flooding, ice storms, and blizzards.

Since taking office, McPhillips said the Sheriff's Office has participated in every grant year and has rebuilt the communications infrastructure in the county. He's looking forward to being a part of the statewide wireless communications backbone that is coming. As jail administrator, he says the facility has never failed an inspection; in fact, it has exceeded state and federal standards.

A concern of McPhillips and his office is the current level of crime in the county due to drugs. "We are 47 miles of road between two major communities (Columbus and Grand Island), and we see a lot of drugs," he says. McPhillips is proud of his staff, some of whom have been recently recognized. Two dispatchers and a deputy were honored as Trauma Champions this year (2010) by Bryan LGH in Lincoln and the office manager/ chief dispatcher also received a lifetime achievement award from the state communications board.

McPhillips' office is manned by the office manager, four full-time dispatchers, two part-time dispatchers and one jailer in the 11-bed facility. He and his wife of 36 years, Rose, have three daughters. The jailer also happens to be his oldest daughter.



Sheriff Davis P. Moore

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Nance County Sheriff Davis Moore and his six deputies and six dispatchers are responsible for the property and safety of the county's 441 square miles and over 4,000 citizens.

Even though he has seen the economic hardships suffered by the people in his county, they're still very supportive of his officers, and "willing to let them do their jobs."

His office has taken on many more duties, but he says, "we're all just trying to survive. There's nothing like it," Moore said of his job, "to serve and protect is what I do best."

Working in law enforcement the last 20 years, Moore earned his Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Southeast Community College. He's served as Nance County Sheriff for the past 4 years.

"Over the years, I've seen so many social and behavioral changes," he said. "Kids today face so many more evils. Drugs have become a major problem, even in our rural areas."

Nance and his wife, Sandy, are the parents of three grown children. They also have five grandkids and two great grandkids. When he has time to relax, he enjoys fishing.

Nemaha County Sheriff Brent Lottman really likes the fast pace of the ever-changing world of technology.

"I'd really like to see more things available on the Internet," he explained. "It would make it simpler if all law enforcement could access information nationally."

With a team of five deputies and eight dispatchers-jailers, Lottman patrols a 409 square mile county and is concerned for the property and safety of its 7,600 residents.

Lottman served Nemaha County as a deputy for five years and for the past eight years as Sheriff. He earned his BS from Peru State College and an MS in Legal Studies from the University of Illinois.

A member of the National Sheriffs' Institute, Lottman is concerned about the increase in people's dependency on government, but enjoys meeting and working with the variety of personalities that make up his county.

"People are great," he said. "Supportive of me and my personnel. Ready to talk about the weather, the economy, or just life in general."

When the weather's right or he can find the time, Lottman indulges in his favorite hobbies of golfing and hunting.

One of his current concerns for the well being of Nemaha County is the renewal of its nuclear power plant license from NRC. "It's an important part of who we are," he said.



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Nuckolls County Sheriff James Marr enjoys helping people. That's probably why he's been in law enforcement since 1974, and served Nuckolls County as Sheriff since 1988.

"Overall, it's a pretty quiet place," Marr said. "With a population just over 5,000 and 575 square miles to cover, my four deputies, six dispatchers and I can pretty well handle anything that might arise."

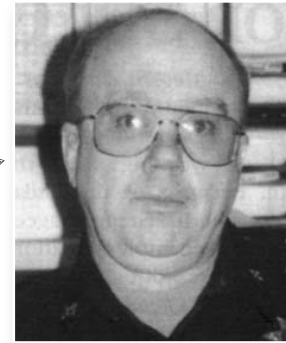
Even with the major financial crunch being felt all over the county, Nuckolls County has been able to implement some major changes.

"We've added a county-wide 911 system and remodelled the old jail," Marr explained.

"I've also been able to increase the number of deputies and dispatchers, implement a DARE program for the kids, and create a K-9 Unit."

Asked what is his number one priority, Marr didn't hesitate with his answer: "To serve the public and keep the county safe."

And what hobbies would a man who really enjoys the great outdoors have? That's right ... hunting and fishing!



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Cash and Carry Cops

Written by Sgt. Winston Cavendish, Sun Police Dept (Retired)

NOTE: Winston Cavendish write for many law enforcement publications across the nation. He submitted three articles to *Nebraska Sheriff* magazine to inject just a touch of humor into your day. Here is just one of them.

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What would happen if a police department was run on a cash and carry basis – like a business. This question came to mind as I listened to a doctor talk about the high cost of running a hospital, on a local Houston, Texas radio station some time ago.

I put pen to paper and here is the result of my efforts.

Imagine for a moment that this is the year 3006, and citizens are tired of paying taxes for police protection. So a new type of police service has evolved – strictly Cash and Carry.

Here is a conversation between a scared citizen and police dispatcher.

Good afternoon. This is operator 26 of the Mid-America Police Department. We specialize in homicide, assaults, armed robbery, auto accident insurance claims and are open 24 hours for your convenience and protection. What can I do for you sir?

Somebody's trying to break into my house! He's outside my window now!

Well sir, I will need a little information first. Do you carry Police Insurance?

No!

Well, do you carry Master Charge, Visa, Diner's Club, or have any Travelers Checks? You don't!

No, but I have a Bank America Card.

That's fine, sir. Just give me your credit card number, sir.

Just a minute, sir. I can't hear you, you're screaming! Calm down. Take five. That number again is – 22383005-

Sir, what's that sound in the background? You say it's him braking out your front window with a crowbar.

Well, sir. That sounds like breaking and entering to me. You caught us in the middle of our monthly sale. It will be \$ 599.63 including state and federal tax for us to send out a unit today.

Sir. You're screaming again. I can't understand you.

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What's the difference?

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Sir, you seem to be choking. You say he's strangling you? Well, this sounds like assault. We usually add another \$2,199.87 for violence calls because of the high risk our officers take.

Buzz ---- Buzz----- Buzz ---- Dog-gone, it seems the phone's off the hook, and I didn't even get his address, I do hope it's not a murder case. It's so hard collecting from their next of kin.

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Born and raised in Otoe County, Sheriff James Gress has seen it all in his 28 years in office.

"My days are never boring," he said. "Different people, different problems every day. But I really do enjoy the people, and helping them makes the time fly by."

With 15,400 county residents and 616 square miles to protect, Gress has his work cut out for him.

"My workload has increased considerably without any major population increase. I feel it has a lot to do with people's attitudes and the increase in drug use," he explained. "In fact, we've just been awarded a grant for funding to control our area's meth labs."

Gress oversees 15 deputies, six dispatchers, and five jailers. The current staff size reflects an increase in his workforce from nine members to 31.

"We've also computerized all methods and procedures and that makes us more efficient," Gress said.

Gress and his wife, Carolyn, are the parents of five and grandparents of ten. When he finds time to relax, he enjoys fishing, reading, cutting wood, camping, all outdoor activities, and doing a little traveling.

For his exemplary service, Gress has received the Nebraska City Optimist Respect for Law Award and an Honorary Rescue Squad Award.



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Professionalism does not depend on the size of the Sheriff's Office, according to **Pawnee County Sheriff Jayme Reed**. "My philosophy is: Just because we are small, there is no reason we cannot be professional and strive to do the best we can with what we have," says Reed of her six-person office. "If we need help, I have no qualms about asking for help so we can do the best job possible for our citizens."

Rural Pawnee County is safeguarded by Reed, three full-time deputies, one part-time deputy, and one office person. Pawnee County has 432 square miles with a population of approximately 3,000.

Reed has been serving as Sheriff since April 2004, when she was appointed to fill the remaining term. She was elected in 2006. Before being appointed, Reed spent approximately seven years with the Lincoln Police Department. She has a bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and graduated from the National Sheriff's Association Academy in Colorado.

During her tenure, Reed has made yearly officer training mandatory, added one additional officer, initiated a bicycle patrol, and upgraded department equipment. She says a budget increase would be helpful.

"I would like to see a budget increase that would allow me to pay officers a competitive wage with other departments of similar size and population," she says. "It would also let me continue to update our vehicles and eventually have in-car computers."

These upgrades would help Reed and her office deal with what she sees as major concerns with drug and parenting issues. "My biggest concerns for our county are the increase in prescription drug abuse as well as the increase in the number of persons who choose not to parent their children," she says.

Reed doesn't have a lot of extra time, between her career and her husband's farming; but they both like to spend time with their friends. Reed volunteers at church and enjoys music and books on tape.

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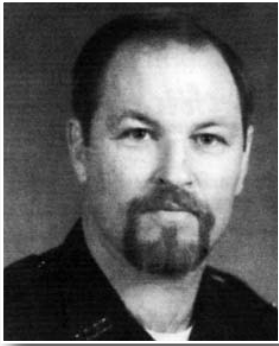
Phelps County Sheriff Tom Nutt is a native Nebraskan, having grown up, and graduated from high school, in Elsie. Straight out of high school, Tom joined the U.S. Army serving for three years, one of which was with the 199th Light Infantry Brigade in Vietnam. After his discharge from the Army in 1971, the Nebraska State Patrol beckoned, where, in a 26 year career, Tom rose through the ranks as a trooper and corporal, and retired in 1997 as a sergeant. After retirement became too much, Tom became Phelps County Sheriff in January of 1999.

During his first term in office, Sheriff Nutt has nearly doubled the number of his deputies, contracted with Bertrand, Nebraska to handle their law enforcement duties, and initiated a Neighborhood Watch Program. He has also contracted with the U.S. Marshall's Service, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and various surrounding communities to house their prisoners. Sheriff Nutt was the driving force behind the new jail and correctional facility for Phelps County, which opened December of 2003. His office was awarded the NJSC Award of Excellence.

"I'd like to continue upgrading our technology to the point that it tracks our inmates," he said. "I enjoy being Sheriff and working with the community, the corrections officers, my deputies, and other law enforcement agencies."

Nutt is responsible for the safety and well being of over 10,000 residents in his county. "I will probably continue to run for office until I feel I can no longer be productive or until the public decides that they want to go another direction with county law enforcement."

Nutt oversees five deputies, 17 jailers, and has a contract with Holdrege for dispatchers. He and his wife, Sharon, have two grown children and six grandkids. When weather and work permit, Nutt can be found on an area golf course.



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Pierce County Sheriff Rick Eberhardt likes people, especially all 7,800 of them in Pierce County. "Sheriff Rick," as he likes being called, has had a career in law enforcement for over 30 years.

Sheriff Rick's staff includes three deputies and nine dispatchers-jailers and they're all "hard-working and concerned with the needs of the citizens."

Eberhardt helped initiate many changes while serving as Sheriff. These changes include initiating a DARE program in the schools 16 years ago, remodeling and updating the sheriff's office, and joining a campaign to have an elevator installed in the courthouse making it handicap accessible and compliant with current codes. He will soon oversee the expansion of the 911 system to county-wide. He also hopes to see passed regulations that dictate more consistency in courtroom law.

Among his many concerns, Eberhardt stated, "I'd like my office to be able to keep up with technology and to educate the public on how to accept responsibility for their own actions."

Eberhardt and his wife, Robin, have been married for 25 years and are the parents of two grown children. They both like to travel, especially to Germany.

Eberhardt relaxes by working on classic cars, and raising and training quarter horses.

When asked what he considered a major accomplishments as Sheriff he replied, "Keeping my name out of the newspaper."

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Violence and budgets are among the list of concerns of **Platte County Sheriff Jon Zavadil**. Zavadil heads a diverse staff that has witnessed many changes over the years. "The level of violence experienced in calls for service has greatly increased," Zavadil says, "along with just the number of service calls increasing."

Platte County is home to approximately 32,000 people in county seat Columbus and nine other rural communities. Zavadil says he expects the current trend of increased calls to continue, "especially with the present bad economy, crimes tend to increase."

The budgeting process also has been a challenge, he says. "With everyone trying to cut back but yet retain good personnel and be able to provide the services the citizens expect is a real challenge, which I expect will continue." Keeping up with ever-changing technology also can be a challenge, he says.

Currently, Platte County employs 16 road deputies, five clerical people, two nurses for the jail, seven dispatchers and 36 corrections officers. While there are challenges, Zavadil's enthusiasm for his job doesn't wane. "I have always had an interest in law enforcement," Zavadil says, "I enjoy especially working with the high quality of personnel currently employed with the Sheriff's Office. Their professionalism makes my job easier."

Zavadil is a 1963 graduate of St. Francis High School in Humphrey, NE. He joined the U.S. Air Force in 1963 and served four years active duty. Returning to Humphrey in 1968, he began his law enforcement career as a police officer and was eventually promoted to Humphrey Chief of Police.

In 1983, he joined the Platte County Sheriff's Office as a road deputy. When his predecessor retired in 1993, he was appointed Sheriff by the Platte County Board of Supervisors. He also graduated from the FBI National Academy in 1993.

During his tenure, he has received the Eagles Law Award and Department Officer



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of the Year, along with several others from the various organizations with which he is involved. Zavadil also has been inducted into the American Police Hall of Fame.

Married to Anita for 43 years, they have two daughters - Angie of Columbus and Christine of Auburn - and five grandchildren.

Zavadil says he enjoys spending time with his family, yard work, and restoring older cars.



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What Is a Cop?

Written by Sgt. Winston Cavendish,
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Cops are human, (believe it or not) just like the rest of us. They come in both sexes. They also come in various sizes. This sometimes depends on whether you are looking for one or trying to hide something. However, they are mostly big.

Cops are found everywhere — on land, on sea, in the car, on horse, or sometimes in your hair. If you can't find one when you want one, just pick up the phone.

Cops deliver lectures, babies, and bad news. They are expected to have the wisdom of Solomon, the disposition of a lamb, and muscles of steel. They are often accused of having a heart to match. They are the ones who ring the doorbell, swallow hard, and announce the passing of a loved one, then spend the rest of the day wondering why they even took such a "crummy job."

On TV a cop is an oaf who couldn't find a bull fiddle in a telephone booth. In real life he's expected to find a little blond boy (about so high) in a crowd of half a million people. In fiction he gets help from private eyes, reporters, and who-done-it fans. In real life, mostly all he gets from the public is, "I didn't see nuttin."

When he serves a summons he's a monster. If he lets you go, he's a doll. To little kids he's either a friend or a bogeyman, it depends on how the parents feel about it.

A cop is like the little girl, who "when she was good, was very, very good, and when she was bad she was horrid." When a cop is good, "he's getting paid for it." When he makes a mistake, he's a grafter — and that goes for the rest of them, too. When he shoots a stick-up man, he's a hero, except when the stick-up man is only a kid, "anybody coulda seen that."

A cop sees more misery, bloodshed, trouble and sunsets than the average person. Like the postman, cops must also be on call in all kinds of weather. His uniform changes with the climate, but his outlook on life remains about the same: hoping for a better world.

Cops like days off, vacations, and coffee. They don't like auto horns, family fights, and anonymous letter writers. They have unions, but they can't strike. They must be impartial, courteous, always remember the slogan, "At Your Service." This is sometimes hard, especially when a character reminds him, "I'm a taxpayer, I pay your salary."

Cops get medals for saving lives, stopping runaway horses, and shooting it out with the bad guys (once in awhile his widow gets the medal.) But, sometimes, while showing kindness to an older person, he feels the clasp of a hand, looks into the grateful eyes, and hears, "Thank you, and God bless you." (That's a Cop!)

In a county of 5,300 residents you'd think things would be pretty quiet. "Not so," says **Polk County Sheriff Dwaine Ladwig**. A 36 year veteran of law enforcement, Ladwig has seen his share of problems.

"These days our county's fastest growing problem seems to be an increase in childcare abuse cases."

Ladwig began his career in law enforcement in 1974, being sworn in as Sheriff in various Nebraska counties since 1984.

"I've had to run for the Sheriff's Office every four years since," he said, "and it seems to get more expensive each time. Not only that, the job seems to be getting tougher every day."

Tough or not, Ladwig really enjoys meeting the citizens he serves. "Overall," he explained, "they're just a wonderful group of people."

Ladwig is married to Michelle and they are the parents of two grown children. He is a member of Nebraska Softball Association, an umpire at area softball games, and referees during basketball season.

Ladwig oversees a staff of five deputies and five dispatchers-jailers and they are responsible for the safety of the people and their property over a 441 square mile area near the northern edge of Platte River in east central Nebraska.



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If you see a familiar person riding a motorcycle through **Richardson County**, it's most likely **Sheriff Vern Buckminster**.

Covering 554 square miles on a motorcycle isn't part of his job description, but he does enjoy most of the things that are.

With the safety of 9,500 residents as a real part of his job description, Buckminster and his crew of six deputies and ten dispatchers will soon be adding additional duties.

"We're in the process of starting a jail," he explained. "With an increase in crime throughout the nation, we've needed to house our own offenders for some time now."

A law enforcement professional since 1987, Buckminster has been Sheriff of Richardson County for the past four years.

"We've recently been able to upgrade all our equipment," Buckminster said. "With the new jail coming, we need to stay current on technology."

Buckminster really enjoys his duties as Sheriff.

"The people are great and I like working with the school kids," he said.

Buckminster and his wife, Toni, have five children and ten grandchildren.



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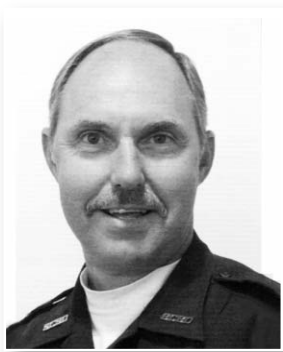
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More time off. That's what **Saunders County Sheriff Kevin L. Stukenholtz** says he wish he had taken between retirement and becoming a deputy.

"After retiring from the State Patrol, I was off five days before Chuck Lacey hired me as a deputy," Stukenholtz said with a smile. "I now wish I had negotiated more time off." Stukenholtz joined the Saunders County Sheriff's Office in 2004 and was elected Sheriff in 2006. He was with the Nebraska State Patrol until retiring as a Captain in 2004. During his career with the State Patrol, he worked traffic, SWAT team, undercover drug investigator, and executive protection for three Governors. He also attended the FBI National Academy.

His sheriff's duties allow him the opportunity to meet new people and work with other law enforcement agencies. "My association with the State Patrol and other agencies has been very helpful in the Sheriff's Office," Stukenholtz says. "Their assistance and cooperation has been invaluable."

Stukenholtz heads a staff of 14 full-time sworn officers, including a K-9 unit; five part-time deputies; five full-time and two part-time dispatchers; and 39 correctional officers that work in the new Law Enforcement and Judicial Center that houses a 152-bed jail.

"Our department has been recognized in several different areas," he says. "Advanced Security International in Omaha has recognized our deputies for cooperative law enforcement efforts on a high-risk incident at Woodcliff Lake.

"MADD has recognized a Saunders Deputy for the last two years for outstanding DWI enforcement. The entire Saunders County Sheriff's Office is very diligent in removing impaired drivers totaling 116 last year," he adds.

The Department also recently recognized four deputies involved saving the life of an NRD employee caught in a drainage tube in a rural dam for more than an hour and a half, he says.

Stukenholtz says important changes have been made in training and equipment. "The taser is probably the most significant piece of equipment we have purchased reducing injuries and conflicts during an arrest," he says. "Media coverage actually assists in educating the public helping the usage of the taser to decline."

Stukenholtz and wife Judy have three children - Stephanie, Julie, and Heath - five grandchildren with one on the way. He likes to hunt, fish, golf and ride his motorcycle.



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Sheriff Joseph O. Yocum

Seward County Sheriff Joe Yocum looks forward to the day he can completely equip his entire department with the latest technology.

"We've already upgraded operations between us and neighboring counties with a grant we received from Homeland Security. We've also installed a computer between my office and the jail and added cameras to all entrances for 24-7 recording."

Installing mobile data devices in all the cruisers is still on his wish list. "This upgrade would definitely make them more efficient and it would also help with some of their safety issues," Yocum said. "I'm also working on other safety issues with my staff. Society seems more violent these days."

Yocum works with a team of 16 deputies, ten administrative personnel, one supervisor, seven correctional officers, two clerical workers, one office manager, and one clerk. "In a county with a little over 17,000 residents and five major highways, we need the staff to make it all work."

"With an anticipated rise in the rate of Internet crimes, I'd also like to get an investigator on board and set up with the proper equipment, and address other staffing needs."

Besides the things he needs in the future and the upgrades he's already done in his 11th year as Sheriff, Yocum has also started a K-9 program and has two dogs that are certified to track, detect, and scent a suspect.

Yocum and his wife, Sandy, are the parents of two boys and have one grandchild. One of the couple's sons serves in the Naval Reserves as a diesel mechanic, while the other son is being discharged from the Marines in June 2010.

Being Sheriff is humbling at times," Yocum said. "I get to meet so many responsible, wonderful, talented people every day." He enjoys assisting citizens who are seeking help and asking for advise.

Yocum is currently working with city commissioners on pricing proposals from an architect for a new facility. He's also researching a video broadcast system for the courtrooms and to link up with other counties.

When he has some free time, Yocum enjoys riding his motorcycle, fishing, and woodworking.

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The use of Conducted Energy Devices (CEDs) by law enforcement officers is increasing across the United States. According to some estimates, these devices have been deployed by more than 11,000 law enforcement agencies across the nation.

The U.S. Department of Justice has recognized this trend and has been funding research into various aspects of CEDs. One project funded by the DOJ resulted in the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) developing CED Guidelines for Consideration along with a glossary of CED terms (Cronin and Ederheimer, 2006). These guidelines focus on the use of CEDs in a police patrol setting, and are designed to ensure that CEDs fulfill their potential as a relatively new type of less-lethal force for policing agencies, while preventing misuse or excessive use of the devices.

Because CEDs also are used by officers in detention and correctional facilities and courts, PERF and the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) have combined resources to examine the issues pertaining to the use of these devices in custodial and court situations.

The Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) and the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) combined resources to examine issues pertaining to the use of CED's within custodial and court environments. The Bureau of Justice Assistance provided funding and support for PERF and NSA to: survey the field to determine the extent to which sheriffs' offices have developed policies on CEDs and/or are using the devices, and establish guidelines for CED use in a custodial setting.

The report describes the study's survey methodology and findings, as well as provides general guidelines for the use of CEDs and other electronic devices in custodial settings.

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REPORT CONCLUSION

Sheriffs' departments run more than 85 percent of the nation's jails and are responsible for the majority of jail prisoner transportation, so they have a need for a wide array of less-lethal weapons and equipment to incapacitate threatening or unruly prisoners.

The safety of officers, prisoners, medical personnel, court employees, and the general public can be increased if sheriffs' offices have as many options as possible available for controlling situations without use of deadly force.

Because CEDs are a relatively new phenomenon, there has been little or no direct research on the types and prevalence of these devices in jails or in prisoner transport and court situations, let alone information about good policies for the training of deputies about CEDs and the deployment and after-action requirements for use of these devices. This report is an important first step in filling this information gap and helping sheriffs to develop policies and standards for using these devices.

The National Sheriffs' Association has released a **"Recommended General Order for Use of Conducted Energy Devices."**

This set of policies contains many protections to ensure that CEDs are used only by deputies who have been trained in their use, that they are used only against subjects who make a sudden attack or offer active physical resistance, and that deputies must consider the entire context of a situation, including factors such as whether a subject has a history of violence and whether bystanders are at risk.

The policies also call for caution and evaluation of other options before a CED is used against elderly subjects, women believed to be pregnant, and persons with apparent physical disabilities that impair their mobility. The policies also require the reporting of CED activations, and bar use of CEDs as a form of punishment.

Continued research into CED use will help inform the development of additional policies governing their use. For example, the U.S. Department of Justice is currently sponsoring a project examining the impact that CEDs have on injuries to officers and suspects. The information obtained in this study and other research may contribute to the continued refinement of CED policies by sheriffs' departments and other law enforcement agencies.

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Beginning in 1972, Janulewicz firmly established his career in law enforcement when he joined the Nebraska State Patrol. He then served as Sheriff of Stanton County for four years. He was elected Sherman County Sheriff in 2007.

Overseeing the safety of the citizens of his county, along with his nine deputies, Janulewicz has seen changes in the social structure throughout his career. "The biggest changes I've seen have been in the areas of child abuse, mental health abuse, and that of other vulnerable adults, such as the elderly."

Janulewicz has also witnessed the decreasing population of rural areas. "I believe some rural counties will consolidate services in the near future," he said.

But just because people are moving from the country and smaller towns to the bigger cities, crime is still on the rise everywhere.

"I am concerned with the budget crisis and being able to maintain personnel as demands increase but population decreases," Janulewicz shared. "I think it's important that we make an effort as a county to attract new businesses to our area. Maybe the younger people will stay if there are more opportunities."

Despite all this, Janulewicz enjoys the day-to-day challenge his job presents and meeting all the different folks in the community. He is especially motivated by the people he can help. "It's a good feeling to know you've actually made a difference in someone's life."

A widower, Janulewicz's enjoys motorcycles, woodworking, and fishing. But whether he's relaxing or on patrol, he is "on." "Even when I'm fishing I think about the people who depend on me. Being Sheriff Mike is who I am."



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What is the Difference Between a Sheriff's Department and a Sheriff's Office and Why Should it Matter?

Black's Law Dictionary defines the terms as follows:

DEPARTMENT: "One of the major divisions of the executive branch of the government...generally, a branch or division of governmental administration."

OFFICE: "A right, and correspondent duty, to exercise public trust as an office. A public charge of employment... the most frequent occasions to use the word arise with reference to a duty and power conferred on an individual by the government, and when this is the connection, public office is a usual and more discriminating expression... in the constitutional sense, the term implies an authority to exercise some portion of the sovereign power either in making, executing, or administering the laws."

The Office of Sheriff is not simply another "department" of county government. The internal operation of an Office of Sheriff is the sole responsibility of the elected Sheriff. County department heads are subordinate to a county governing body, because a "department" is truly only a division of

county government. The Office of Sheriff is a statutory/constitutional office having exclusive powers and authority under state law and/or state constitution. These inherent powers are not subject to the dictates of a local county governing body.

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The use of the term "Department" implies being a subordinate unit of government (i.e. subordinate to local government - "delegated" authority from county government to a Department). The use of the term "Office" implies inherent powers and independent sovereignty.

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Sioux County Sheriff William Roe has only been in office for seven months. With a area of 2,000 square miles, Roe feels pretty removed from some of the populace.

"It takes a long time to travel the terrain and I'm working the county alone. I get to the people as fast as I can." Currently Roe has no deputies or support staff in his office.

Being Sioux County Sheriff for such a short time, Roe didn't want to comment on his office's growth or statistics just yet.

"I am, however, an experienced member of the law enforcement community," he said proudly. "I began my career in 2000."

With 1,500 people to "protect and serve," Roe must carefully schedule time to be with his wife, Debbie, and their three children. "I'm always on call, but I don't mind at all," he said. "I really enjoy working with the residents and helping to solve some of their problems."

Roe will have his work cut out for him this summer. Sioux County is the starting point for the Nebraska Special Olympics Torch Run and hosts the Bicycle Ride Across Nebraska. The Sioux County Fair also takes place in August.



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Restitution for our building

Taken in part from an article written by Art Hovey, Lincoln Journal Star • August 11, 2009

Leadership of the Nebraska Sheriff's Association filed a \$500,000 claim on the value of the group's building at State Fair Park.

Speaking on behalf of the Association, Lincoln attorney Rick Boucher said the claim filed with the Nebraska Risk Management Board reflects "the dramatic impact" on his client's ability to operate. Boucher explained that they used their facility across from the Devaney center year-round as a training center and a headquarters."

He acknowledged discussions between the Nebraska State Fair Board and the sheriffs' group about alternative space at the new fairgrounds under construction in Grand Island. But he said it would not be equivalent to the Lincoln building, which includes new sidewalks and a new roof.

With no headquarters, NSA has had to scale back, including dismissing their office manager, Annette Wood.

The Nebraska Sheriffs' Association is one of several organizations with a base of operations at the fairgrounds that have had an uncertain future there since early 2008. That's when the Nebraska Legislature decided to move the fair and allow the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to convert the fairgrounds to a research campus.



Moving Day

On Tuesday, August 18, 2009, many members of the NSA gathered to help Office Manager Annette Wood move items from the building. Pictured is NSA Immediate Past President, Brown County Sheriff Steve Hapner.

Boucher that it is unfair to take an organization's property without just compensation. Here the state is saying they're taking property with no compensation. They're not using the word "just."

As of this printing, the claim has been denied, but no additional action has been taken.

Stanton County Sheriff Michael Unger and his 10 deputies and two office employees care for the needs of the 6,500 residents all living within the 430 square miles that make up Stanton County.

"I've spent 30 years in law enforcement, 17 of them as Sheriff," Unger said. I wouldn't change any of it." Before his law enforcement career, Unger served in the military as a depth investigation specialist.

"I enjoy my interaction with the people of the county," he continued. "They always have such a positive attitude about what I'm trying to accomplish here."

Like the rest of the state, Unger and Stanton County are slowly recovering from the effects of the recession. "I have a real concern about finding and keeping qualified people and then being able to fairly compensate them."

In the future, Unger hopes not to see as many mandates as now. "With the changes my office has made in technology - we've improved by leaps and bounds - we're better able to handle the workload," he explained.

During his time in office, Unger has received two life saving awards and was honored as MADD 2007 Officer of the Year.

"These awards were great, but I think my biggest thrill was successfully delivering a baby at rural residence," he said as he smiled.

Unger has a very sports-minded family. He and his wife, Kris, have five children, ages 13 to 25, all of them athletes in their own right. And what does a member of a sports-minded family do for fun? He watches kids' sports activities, of course, and sometimes gets in a little hunting, too.



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The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska (Ho-Chunk) and the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska have reservations in Thurston County. Together, these two reservations officially comprise the entire land area of the county.

"I usually have no jurisdiction over tribal members when they commit a crime," **Thurston County Sheriff Chris Kleinberg** said.

But Kleinberg is happy to watch out for the rest of the 9,000 residents. Certified for 12 years, Kleinberg has served as Sheriff for the past four years. "I do enjoy my job," he said. "I like the people in this area and am glad when I can be of service to them."

Kleinberg comes from a family of railroad people. "I come from hearty stock," he explained. "I don't mind problem solving or working long hours."

With 11 deputies and 10 jailers, Kleinberg has his hands full but still finds the time to concentrate on making things better.

"I've successfully decreased the number of traffic fatalities in the county. During my four years as Sheriff, we've only had one death."

He also boasts another first, "In four years, I've never had a lawsuit filed against me or the county."

The recession has hit Thurston County pretty hard. "We seem to be dealing with increased violence directly linked to economic stresses," Kleinberg said. "I'll be glad when the economy finally starts to improve."

Kleinberg and his wife, Denise, are the parents of two grown children. They have one grandchild. When possible, Kleinberg likes to ride his motorcycle across the U.S. and he's currently working on his pilot's license



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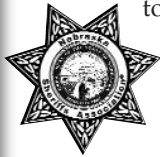


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Valley County Sheriff Casey Hurlburt enjoys helping people. You might say he's the perfect man for the job.

It's Hurlburt's sworn duty to help the 5,000 citizens in his county, and he's glad to do it. "I like getting up in the morning knowing I might do some good today," Hurlburt said.

With the assistance of his five deputies and four dispatchers-jailers, Hurlburt hopes to make a difference every day.

After serving on the Broken Bow Police Department for five years, he took on the current task two years ago.

"My parents, two brothers and a sister live here and I want to keep them safe," he said. "But things are really changing. We're creating a 'tough on drugs' policy, hoping to stem the tide of drug activity and related crime."

Just like the rest of us, Hurlburt is concerned about the economy. Even so, there's going to be a new fire hall, school, and hospital in the area.

Hurlburt and his wife, Ann, are the proud parents of three young children, ages 9, 6, and 4. When he's not working, Hurlburt enjoys deer hunting and taking his kids fishing



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With a 29 year law enforcement background himself, Sheriff Robinson has served the citizens of Washington County as Sheriff for the past 10 years.

And watching out for the welfare of 18,800 county citizens can be challenging at times, but Robinson is up for it. "I really enjoy interacting with the people and helping in any way I can."

Robinson's office consists of 47 full time employees, 25 of whom are sworn officers. "We're going to equip the cruisers with mobile data terminals," he said. "That will make us more efficient in the field."

When asked what his major concerns are, he stated, "I always worry about the safety of my officers and my other employees and that of the people whom I serve." He cites the change in society due to an increase in violence as his primary reason for concern.

Robinson and his wife, Gail, are the parents of two grown children. They also boast three grandkids.

When he can relax, Robinson enjoys golf, baseball games, and time with his family.



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"Protecting the property of our 10,000 citizens and of visitors to our county," **Wayne County Sheriff Leroy Janssen** explained, "is my number one priority."

It also seems to be his number one calling. After serving as a county deputy for six years, Janssen was elected Sheriff and has faithfully served as the chief county law enforcement officer for the past 28 years. He earned an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from Northeast Community College and has been perfecting his skills ever since.

Janssen has a crew of four deputies. "I'm also concerned with the safety and well being of my officers," he said. "It can be tough out there these days."

During his term in office, Janssen has seen many changes. "I think the biggest and constant change has been in the area of computerization," he reflected. "Now we do everything, including our reports, on computers. We've also upgraded our cars and installed video cameras."

Janssen really enjoys his responsibilities. "Being out in the community, interacting with the people, problem solving ... that's the best part of my job."

In recognition of his dedication to duty, Janssen was named Officer of the Year by the Nebraska Sheriffs' Association. He and his wife, Judy, are the parents of three grown children. When not working at the Sheriff's Office, you can usually find Janssen sprucing up his yard."



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"We've experienced a rise in crime," Schmitz said, "probably due to the economy and drug trafficking. We're trying hard to keep up with it."

Schmitz's office employs six sworn officers and five dispatchers-jailers. Now they're all on the cutting edge of technology.

Schmitz explained, "We've totally computerized our office and jail, which is actually the oldest jail in the state. It opened in 1888."

"We're also tied to the statewide communications network," he said. "This allows us to track more efficiently."

Schmitz began his law enforcement career working for two years as a county corrections officer. He served four years as a deputy, and then as Chief Deputy for 14 years. In 2008, Schmitz was elected Sheriff of Webster County.

"I really like the job," he shared. "The people out there are great and I have a wonderful team working with me."

Schmitz especially enjoys interacting with school kids. "I like going to the schools and answering a million questions from the kids," he said.

While serving as Webster County Chief Deputy, Schmitz was on the scene after an ultralight plane crashed onto the high school football field during a playoff game. He received a letter of commendation from the FAA.

Married for 16 years, Schmitz and his wife, Monica, are the parents of two boys, ages 13 and 10. He enjoys hunting with the boys and spending time with Monica.



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Since 1972, **Wheeler County Sheriff Adrian Lindsay** has been on the job. In his earlier years, Lindsay attended Kearney State College and worked for the Nebraska State Parks. Now he protects the lives and property of the 880 people residing in his county.

"In all the years I've been a Sheriff," Lindsay commented, "I've been amazed at how the laws keep changing. I'd really like to see drug laws change and be similar to those governing alcohol."

He's also amazed at the fast pace of technology, but not at all dismayed by it. "Computers, cameras, and radar have benefited law enforcement tremendously," he said. He feels his office and cars are pretty well equipped.

Lindsay employs one full time deputy and is always concerned for his safety. "Most of the folks in the county are wonderful," Lindsay said, "but there are a few violent offenders out there. We always need to be on guard."

"But the best part of the job," Lindsay stated, "is the people - communicating and interacting with them."

Garfield, Loup, and Wheeler Counties currently have officers being trained on procedures to slow the rate of drug manufacturing and drug traffic.

Lindsay and his wife, Nancy, are the parents of two grown boys and the grandparents of two. They all live in California.

Lindsay enjoys woodworking and raising livestock.

This year also marks the 125th anniversary of the city of Bartlett.



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More Mentally Ill Persons Are in Jails and Prisons than in Hospitals

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ARLINGTON, VA—Americans with severe mental illnesses are three times more likely to be in jail or prison than in a psychiatric hospital, according to **"More Mentally Ill Persons Are in Jails and Prisons Than Hospitals: A Survey of the States,"** a new report by the Treatment Advocacy Center and the National Sheriffs' Association.

"America's jails and prisons have once again become our mental hospitals," said James Pavle, executive director of the Treatment Advocacy Center, a nonprofit dedicated to removing barriers to timely and effective treatment of severe mental illnesses. "With minimal exception, incarceration has replaced hospitalization for thousands of individuals in every single state."

The odds of a seriously mentally ill individual being imprisoned rather than hospitalized are 3.2 to 1, state data shows. The report compares statistics from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Bureau of Justice Statistics collected during 2004 and 2005, respectively. The report also found a very strong correlation between those states that have more mentally ill persons in jails and prisons and those states that are spending less money on mental health services.

Severely mentally ill individuals suffering from diseases of the brain, such as schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, often do not receive the treatment they need in a hospital or outpatient setting. The consequences can be devastating: homelessness, victimization, incarceration, often repeated hospitalization, and death.

"The present situation, whereby individuals with serious mental illnesses are being put into jails and prisons rather than into hospitals, is a disgrace to American medicine and to common decency and fairness," said study author E. Fuller Torrey, M.D., a research psychiatrist and founder of the Treatment Advocacy Center. "If societies are judged by how they treat their most disabled members, our society will be judged harshly indeed."

Recent studies suggest that at least 16 percent of inmates in jails and prisons have a serious mental illness. According to author and National Sheriffs' Association Executive Director Aaron Kennard, "Jails and prisons are not designed for treating patients, and law enforcement officials are not trained to be mental health professionals."

Ratios of imprisonment versus hospitalization vary from state to state, as the report indicates. On the low end, North Dakota has an equal number of mentally ill individuals in hospitals as in jails or prisons. By contrast, Arizona and Nevada have 10 times as many mentally ill individuals in prisons and jails than in hospitals.

Among the study's recommended solutions are for states to adopt effective assisted outpatient treatment laws to keep individuals with untreated brain disorders out of the criminal justice system and in treatment. Assisted outpatient treatment is a viable alternative to inpatient hospitalization because it allows courts to order certain individuals with brain disorders to comply with treatment while living in the community. Studies show assisted outpatient treatment drastically reduces hospitalization, homelessness, arrest, and incarceration among people with severe psychiatric disorders, while increasing adherence to treatment and overall quality of life.

Data on prisoners for "More Mentally Ill Persons Are in Jails and Prisons than Hospitals: A Survey of the States" were obtained from the Bureau of Justice Statistics' report, "Prison and Jail Inmates at Midyear 2005." Data on the number of inpatients in public psychiatric hospitals, private psychiatric hospitals, and the psychiatric units of general hospitals were obtained from the 2004 Inventory of Mental Health Organizations, carried out by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration under the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. <http://www.sheriffs.org>

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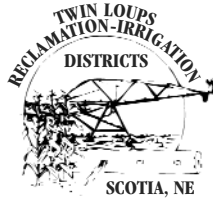
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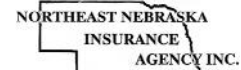
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