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IPOA President, Chief David Lorenzen (left), Gov. Branstad, and ISSDA President, Sheriff Dewey Hildebrandt, at the Iowa Peace Officer Memorial



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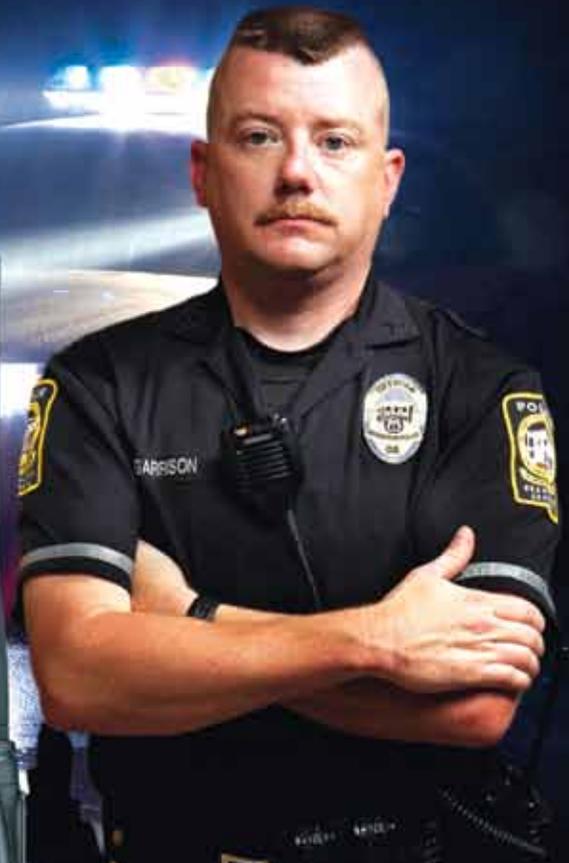
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“Thank you” to past-president Bill Melville; Get involved by joining an IPOA committee

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank outgoing Iowa Peace Officers Association (IPOA) President, Sergeant Bill Melville of the Sioux City Police Department, for his leadership the past two years.

Under Sergeant Melville's leadership, the Association went through some substantial changes. After decades of having the Association named, “the Iowa Association of Chiefs of Police and Peace Officers Inc” (IACPPO), we took on the new title of “Iowa Peace Officers Association” (IPOA).

Also, the IPOA and the Iowa State Sheriffs and Deputies Association (ISSDA) came to terms on an agreement to jointly publish our quarterly magazines together in an effort to minimize the cost.

Thanks again, Bill, for your dedication and service as President!

I look forward to the next two years as your Association's President, and I will do my best to represent each of you professionally.

This is my 33rd year serving in law enforcement. I was raised in Northwest Iowa and graduated from Le Mars Community High School.

In 1978, I accepted my first law enforcement position and graduated as a member of the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy's 56th Basic. I served as a deputy sheriff in Sioux County for five years, and have 28 years with the Iowa Department of Transportation's Office of Motor Vehicle Enforcement (MVE).

My career with MVE started in Northwest Iowa as an officer. I was promoted to sergeant in 1989 and assigned to the Oelwein area in Northeast Iowa. In 1995, I was promoted to lieutenant and given the duties of recruitment testing, equipment procurement and training officer.

In 1998, I was promoted to captain and continued to oversee internal and external training, recruitment and testing, equipment procurement, field training programs, facilities coordinator and supervisor over the Motor Carrier Investigators.

In 2006, I was promoted to chief and assigned to MVE Headquarters. I currently reside in Waukee. My wife of 33 years, Cheryl, is a first grade teacher with the Johnston Community School District. We have four



Chief David Lorenzen
Iowa DOT - Motor Vehicle Enforcement

grown children and six grandchildren.

I have been involved in the IPOA as a board member for the last four years, and served as vice president for the past two years.

One of the unique aspects of IPOA is that this Association opens membership to all law enforcement officers (city, county, state, and federal) regardless of rank or title. I assure you that my interests reflect that range of membership. Although currently serving as Chief of MVE, I have served in all levels of rank. My desire is to ensure that the Association takes a 360-degree view on each issue – holding discussions, doing the research, taking member input, and then deciding how each may affect or impact all levels of law enforcement.

I am also a firm believer in communication. This Association will make every effort to communicate on a regular basis with the membership. During the legislative session, we will work to provide you with weekly updates on the progress of law enforcement related bills and issues.

I am also a firm believer in member involvement. This is your Association. I encourage each of you, if you have the time and interest, to get involved in a committee.

Becoming a committee member doesn't necessarily mean multiple trips to Des Moines. Several committees function month-to-month with conference calls and emails.

Please consider becoming active in an IPOA committee.

The following are the committees and chairpersons for the next twelve months:

Bylaws Committee – chaired by Major Paul Steier, Motor Vehicle Enforcement (phone: (515) 669-8622, paul.steier@dot.iowa.gov). This committee will conduct an entire review of the Association's bylaws and bring recommended changes to the IPOA Board of Directors.

Conference and Training Committee – chaired by S.P.O. Greg Dickel, Des Moines Police Department (phone: 515-202-4179, dmpdswat18@yahoo.com). This committee plans the Association's Annual Conference and is responsible for everything from subject topic, location, facilities and vendors. Traditionally, the annual conference is held the first part of May.

Membership and Finance Committee – chaired by Sergeant Gus Farmer, Waterloo Police Department (phone: 319-939-2128, farmera@waterloopolice.com). This committee explores and develops membership recruitment efforts and helps with retention of current members.

Communications Committee – chaired by Captain Mike McKelvey, Mason City Police Department (phone: 641-421-3648, mmckelvey@masoncity.net). This committee will work on developing more efficient, timely and effective ways to communicate with the Association's membership. They will be working with such media as Facebook and the web site.

Legislative Committee – chaired by S.P.O. Ted Stroope, Des Moines Police Department (phone: 515-249-3852, tlstroope@dmgov.org). This committee is very active during the legislative session, working with the Association lobbyists on law enforcement issues, hosting a legislative reception and making recommendations for proposed legislation.

Lastly, I want to hear from you whenever you have a question or concern about the Association. My cell phone is 515-250-3372 and email is david.lorenzen@dot.iowa.gov. Thank you for your committed support of IPOA.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

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I would like to begin by echoing President Lorenzen's thanks to Bill Melville. Bill has served the membership exceedingly well these past two years – including working through some difficult transitions.

Bill completed two years of service as your president in early May by hosting the IPOA Training Conference in Sioux City. The facilities and training were excellent, and with the assistance of the Sioux City Police Officers Association we actually came out in the black on our finances for this important event.

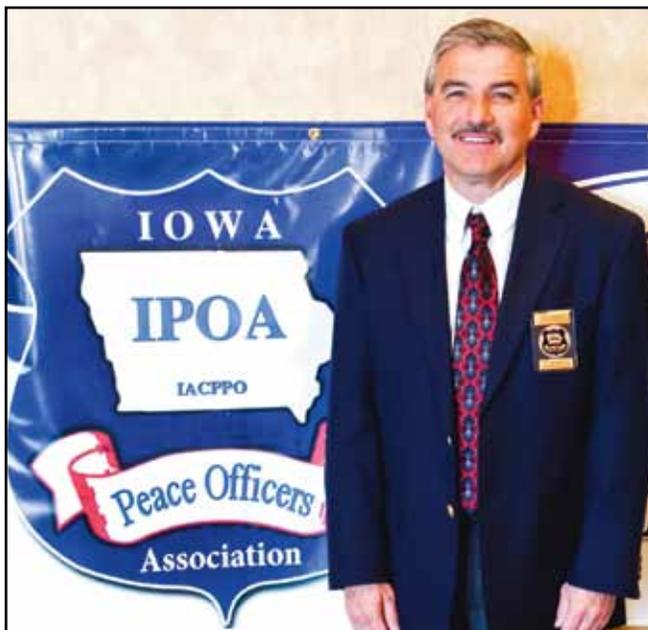
This was important because to be successful in our workplace we need to be constantly adapting to change, and finding new ways to do old things. The Conference training provided that information to those in attendance. Bill, I look forward to working with you as past-president the next two years. Also, we could not provide a no-cost conference without the involvement of the conference vendors. If you are looking to purchase an item of equipment, please consider supporting those who support us, our vendors and advertisers. (See Pages 16-18 for their names and faces).

Congratulations to President David Lorenzen, the Board's choice to lead us the next two years. And their choice was ratified by those in attendance at the annual Conference Business Meeting.

President Lorenzen's experience on several committees and his many trips to the Capitol will benefit the IPOA membership as he assumes the Office of President.

We welcome our new Board member, Captain Mike McKelvey from the Mason City Police Department. Mike has already volunteered to serve on several committees, and it's great to have someone from Mason City back on the Board representing that part of our state.

At the Annual Business Meeting each year it is my duty to report on the finances of the Association. I was pleased to inform those in attendance that our bottom line



IPOA Secretary/ Treasurer Terry Dehmloff

has increased this past year, despite difficult times for fund raising. We are fortunate to work for and serve the good citizens of Iowa. I would like to thank them for their donations and support of our Association.

The merger of *Iowa Law Enforcement* and *The Gold Star* magazines has been very successful, and we significantly cut the losses we were seeing in production of our magazine through this partnership with the Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association.

Our annual audit was completed for the past fiscal year with absolutely no problems – just as it should be.

My concern for the coming year is our inability to renew the Bacon Ball agreement with fundraiser Jack Olson, D.B.A. "Bacon Ball Sports Promotions." We have had a long history of fundraising together in what is commonly known across the country as "Bacon Ball." This collaboration with Jack Olson began years ago and has spread Bacon Ball coast to coast. During 2010, our association raised in excess of \$20,000 through Bacon Ball. We are searching for, but have not yet found, a way to replace this revenue. Jack has elected to sever his relationship with us, and has chosen to

continue fund raising with the Bacon Ball events by partnering with the Des Moines Police Officers Association. With this loss of income it will become increasingly important to monitor our spending, as we have done the past several years.

The Board has directed that I once again request assistance from the membership. Please visit our web page, iowapeaceofficers.org, and take a few minutes to register your email address with us for future communications. To do so, just click on "Request Email Updates," on the left side of our web page, and then fill in your name, email address and department. This is especially important during legislative sessions to keep you informed of events at the Capitol, as well as providing our members with information from around the state. It only takes a couple minutes to provide us this information, and it will only be used by Board members for official business.

Look for more changes to the web page in the near future. We are researching a Facebook application for the IPOA to enhance communication among the members.

The next issue of *Iowa Law Enforcement* magazine will be available online only, so please look for it on our web page some time in September. I will also be posting updated communications from President Lorenzen on the website.

The fiscal year ends on August 31, so that means dues will be payable in September. Please send your \$30 annual dues to this office at that time: IPOA, P.O. Box 100 Denver, Iowa 50622

I once heard a speaker conclude with these remarks: "Takers eat well, but givers sleep well." I know this to be true and I am confident that all officers & deputies in Iowa sleep well!

Have a great summer, send me your comments or concerns so that I, too, can sleep well. As always... proud to serve Iowa Law Enforcement.

Terry

Research Group overhauls Iowa interview & interrogation training

Imagine going to the range for your yearly firearms qualification and firing a 40 percent. How would you handle that?

Our guess is that you wouldn't rest until you practiced and improved your skills to the point you qualified with an 80, 90, or 100 percent. Then why are officers content with a 40 percent success rate gaining admissions and confessions?

Research shows officers fail to gain any useful information for the prosecution six out of ten times they step into the Interview room.

The CTK Group is out to change that. The CTK Group is an Iowa-based research group that was formed for the sole purpose of improving the interview and interrogation skills of Iowa police officers. It provides a course specifically for active Iowa police officers that is taught by active Iowa police officers.

The CTK Group is remedying the fact that police academies only devote about 1 percent of their formal training to interview and interrogation training. Compounding this problem is the fact that officers receive little, if any, interview and interrogation training during their FTO program, and none before they hit the street and are actually expected to perform an interrogation. A recent survey conducted by

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The CTK Group found that Iowa officers wait an average of 9.6 years before receiving any additional training in interview and interrogation – if they receive any at all!

The CTK Group's goal is to offer affordable, local courses in Iowa that utilize a practical method for Iowa police officers to get to the truth. Our process is a legally sound, court-defensible process that

room.

The CTK Group has designed an interactive three-day course that incorporates our three critical components of legal, interviewing, and interrogation. This is a course for Iowa police officers interested in improving their success rate in the room, because 40 percent isn't good enough on the range, or the interview room.

is cognizant of all recent Iowa court decisions. In fact, it is the only interview and interrogation course tailored specifically for the Iowa officer.

If your officers are unfamiliar with how recent Iowa court decisions such as Bogan, Cue, and Ortiz, or U.S. Supreme Court decisions like Montejo, Shatzer and Thompkins affect them, then they NEED this course.

The most common complaint we have heard from Iowa officers entering this course is they never felt comfortable in the interview room. Partly because they didn't know what they could and couldn't do legally, but also because they didn't have a structured plan on how to conduct both the Interview and Interrogation.

Officers have become so afraid of making mistakes in the interview room, they place more restrictions on themselves than the law does, often leaving confessions and admissions in the

DARE Iowa holding Sept. 19-30 DARE Officers Training Class

As a part of its commitment to quality drug and violence prevention programming in Iowa, DARE Iowa is holding a DARE Officer Training (DOT) Class on Sept. 19 to Sept. 30

DARE Iowa will again team with the Midwest Counter-Drug Training Center (MCTC) at Camp Dodge in Johnston, Iowa

to provide the training. Lodging, tuition and all associated costs for the class will be covered. Attendees will be responsible for the cost of their meals for the duration of the training. The registration packet and information will be posted on our website, www.dareiowa.org. Contact me, Lt. Dan Brown, with any questions at [darecoord@](mailto:darecoord@cfu.net)

cfu.net or call (319) 415-2237. I look forward to assisting you in implementing a DARE program in your community, or training a replacement/ back-up officer for your agency.

Professionally yours,
Lieutenant Daniel Brown
State Coordinator/Program Administrator

Use of force truths

by Officers Greg Erie & Chris Gergen
Waterloo Police Department

The following are use of force truths:

1. In your training, you should get used to being hit. There are certain things you can count on when you're dealing with an aggressive, non-compliant and violent person: One, you're probably going to get hit. Two, you're going to react in accordance with your training.

If you've never been hit in the face – hard – or ever been in a “knock down, drag out fight” with someone, there are also certain things you can count on.

One: You're going to get hit. Two: You're going to react in accordance with your training. OK, so we repeated ourselves, but do you get the idea? When we say an aggressive, non-compliant and violent person, I mean just that. Not someone who is trying to get away from you.

In that case, the person is, well, just trying to get away from you. The fight is not on in that case, the chase is. The parameters of the encounter change drastically when that person trying to get away from you turns on you and aggressively engages you.

This now becomes the “knock down, drag out fight” we previously mentioned, and you need to “fight like the third monkey on the ramp to Noah's ark.” Get used to getting hit so it doesn't surprise you when it happens.

2. Recognizing pre-attack indicators are critical for both preventing an attack and winning it. Assaults rarely happen in a vacuum. If you see the early warning signs and don't act on them, it may be too late when you do. If you don't see them at all, it will definitely be too late.

Some of the pre-attack indicators we train our officers to recognize are:

- Target glancing – are they looking for an escape route or witnesses before an attack;
- Little or no eye contact (be aware that this may be a cultural habit);
- Invading your space – no one should be within arm's reach of you as you

should not put yourself in that position;

- Personalizing the arrest or contact – are they “blaming” you for going to jail or saying this will harm their personal life;
- The “thousand-yard stare”;
- Clenched fists;
- Weight shift and shoulder drop back to dominate side;
- Taking off clothing/ glasses and setting them aside.

You get the idea, but there are numerous others. One of these should get your attention. And if several are combined, then something is about to happen. Be prepared.

3. You do not need to use the minimal amount of force necessary to affect your lawful enforcement objectives. An officer may use force that is objectively reasonable, based on the totality of the circumstances. (*Graham v. Connor*, 490 U.S. 386, 109 S. CT. 1865). The courts also established that an application of force does not have to be the least intrusive, but only reasonable (*Brown v. United States*, U.S. 335, 343). They have also not condemned any specific application of that force used during lawful duties.

4. The use of force is not going to “look pretty” to the general public. I am just as guilty as anyone in saying that I like a good action movie.

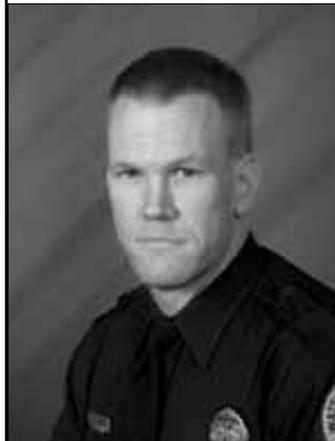
The problem is that those fight scenes are choreographed, practiced over and over, and the director or actor has the luxury of stopping the scene if it isn't going as planned.

This has given the public the misconception that officers can apply a “special” wristlock and the bad guy will flip to the ground and it is all over. No muss, no fuss. We are all Chuck Norris or Steven Seagal.

Officers in the middle of a fight can't do the same thing. You get what you get. The majority of the general public has no idea of the dynamics involved in a fight or the danger a dedicated, aggressive subject poses to law enforcement. We need to educate the citizenry that force is justified, necessary and part of the job. But it can also look ugly.

Until next time, train hard and stay safe.

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Officer Chris Gergen

Chris Gergen has been with the Waterloo Police Department since 1997. Officer Gergen is State and Federally certified as a Control Tactics Instructor. He is also certified as a TASER, Duty Knife and Crowd Control instructor and teaches building searches at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. Officer Gergen has been on the TAC team for 10 years. He is married with three kids and practices Aikido. He can be reached at gergenc@waterloopolice.com.

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Des Moines community & P.D. start Community Ambassador Program

by Anna Kingery

Executive Administrative Assistant to the Des Moines Chief of Police

The Des Moines Police Department has expanded a Community Response Team initiative started last year in response to potentially volatile situations.

The concept was orchestrated through discussions with our late Police Department Chaplain, Reverend Irvin Lewis. Although the initiative was new, Des Moines Police Chief Judy Bradshaw recognized the growth potential and advantages of a structured program. The response team was expanded to include members of the faith-based community and other community leaders.

In May 2011, under the guidance of our new Police Department Chaplain, Rever-

end Caroline King, and with overwhelming support from the Des Moines Black Ministerial Alliance, the "Community Ambassador Program" (CAP) went into operation.

The Community Ambassador Program's team of volunteers is comprised of community leaders and clergy serving as a resource between the Des Moines Police Department and community. The goal of the program is to build stronger relationships with the community, decrease violence in the city, provide greater safety for those using Des Moines' parks, and diffuse potentially volatile situations.

Community Ambassadors receive a short orientation outlining our expectations of the program. Then, they work closely with the police department as they participate in scheduled community events, such as National Police Week, "Des Moines Ju-

neteenth," and "I'll Make Me a World in Iowa." In addition, they will participate in ride-alongs with police officers in order to gain valuable insights into the community. All Community Ambassadors have made a commitment to be available to respond to any incident at the request of the Patrol Watch Commander.

Police Chaplain Reverend Caroline King has been appointed as the liaison between the Police Department and the Community Ambassador participants. A monthly on-call list has been developed to ensure the availability of Community Ambassadors when their service is requested.

Community Ambassadors will wear distinguishable shirts and carry identification cards allowing easy and immediate recognition by both officers and the public.

Legislative Update

Marathon Legislative Session Continues

by Kellie Paschke

IPOA Legislative Consultant

The 2011 legislative session was scheduled to conclude on April 29. Many predicted that, given the new make-up of the House, Senate and Governor's Office, negotiations over budget and other matters would likely take a little extra time and push the session into May.

However, few (if any) could have predicted the marathon session that has occurred thus far.

The current 2011 Legislative Session is making its way into June with little end in sight. While most policy decisions have been made, lawmakers continue to nego-

tiate over the size and composition of the state budget. By law, the budget must be approved before July 1, 2011 or the state government faces possible shutdown. Lawmakers could authorize a continuing resolution to temporarily fund government operations past July 1 while they continue negotiations. Alternatively, they could permit a shutdown which would allow the Governor to exercise his emergency powers.

Fortunately, there has been movement in recent days as lawmakers continue to compromise on budget and other tax-related matters. They remain hopeful in finding resolution before July 1st.

Despite the legislative gridlock over the

budget, many IPOA priorities have already seen success. They include:

- Obtaining a seat for the Iowa Peace Officers Association on the ILEA Council.
- Changing the threshold for drunken boating to .08.
- Maintaining current pension systems.
- Resisting changes to Iowa's weapons laws.

As the legislature (hopefully) winds to a close, we want to thank those of you who reached out to your legislator or attended meetings at the Capitol to voice your support or opposition to a bill or issue.

Your personal contact really does make a difference!

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26th Annual B.C.P.O.A. Jerry Greenlee Sr. Memorial Golf and Bean Bag Tournament

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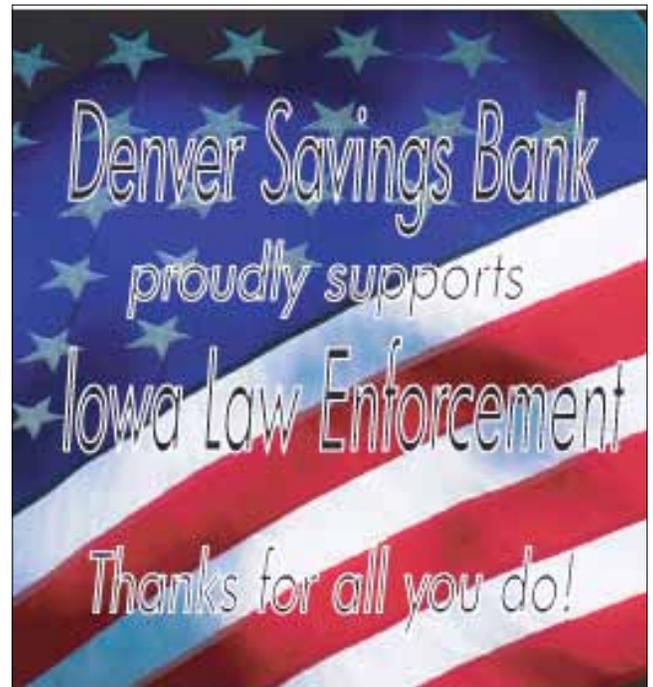
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Capt. Mike McKelvey joins IPOA's Board of Directors

Hello. My name is Mike McKelvey, and I am the newest member of the Iowa Peace Officers Association board.

First, a little about my background. I have worked for the Mason City Police Department almost 17 years. Mason City (population of 28,000) is roughly halfway between Des Moines and Minneapolis near I-35, with 48 sworn full-time officers and five Reserve officers. Currently, I am the Operations Captain and oversee the three patrol divisions and Investigations Unit.

During my career, I have been an FTO, crime scene tech, acting investigator and dual-purpose K-9 handler. I was a 2nd shift sergeant for four years and a 3rd shift lieutenant for four years prior to being promoted in 2006. I welcome the opportunity to represent the IPOA membership and consider it a privilege to do so.

Some of my goals while on the IPOA Board are as follows: Recruit new members, and solicit input / participation from all members.

The IPOA represents all certified full-time peace officer members. This includes one-officer agencies all the way up to the large metro agencies. Smaller agencies may not be able to attend conferences. They may also feel somewhat intimidated if



Captain Mike McKelvey
Mason City P.D.

asked what their needs are compared to the larger agencies. It's in our best interest to listen to and represent all of our members.

Recent changes at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy appear to be a positive. However, there are a few options on how to proceed, such as a centralized academy vs. community college (POST-style).

The ILEA budget has been underfunded for years. If we stay with the centralized academy, will funding be available to renovate the facility and hire qualified, professional staff? If the community college op-

tion is considered, how do we ensure the colleges sustain small class-sizes and training consistency across the state? Will there be affordable lodging and meals for smaller agency officers who cannot attend a community college close to home?

The IPOA has successfully lobbied the Iowa legislature to get a member on the academy council to provide input for these important decisions.

The IPOA also monitors and works to influence all pension and law enforcement legislation to best serve our members and our communities. Recent gun permit changes and proposed pension legislation are two important issues that we, as an organization, will need to be involved in the future – besides other legislation.

Last, the rate of officers being killed on-duty with firearms and dying from vehicular crashes is alarming. The death of Deputy Stein in Keokuk County this April reminds us all that it could happen to any of us (The first on-duty LE death by firearm in Iowa in 25 years). We, as an organization, must encourage our members to train and think tactical, wear their vests, communicate with other agencies, and drive smart to do our part statewide to reverse the trend. Be safe!

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Conference 2011 covered outlaw motorcycle gangs



IPOA Conference 2011 was opened on May 2 by the Sioux City P.D. honor guard. From left to right are Officers Carl Ragar, Brad Echter, and Ryan Bertrand.



Detective Steve Cook drew on his more than 16 years of experience in the Kansas City area to present an informative seminar on outlaw motorcycle gangs.

In Memoriam

IPOA Members who have died since Conference 2010:

Richard Reddick	Iowa State Patrol
Donald R. Curtis	Centerville Police
James Collins	Des Moines Police
Roger Shook	Waterloo Police
Leonard Lueders	Davenport Police
Garvin Ward Jr.	Mason City Police
Wallace Johnson	Cedar Rapids Police
Paul Meskelunas	Sioux City Police
Donald Raymond	Fairfield Police
Robert Grubb	Des Moines Police
Lavern Power	Waterloo Police
Marye Dusenbery	Des Moines Police
Alvin Overton	Des Moines Police
Richard Pixler	Sioux City Police
Robert Goettsch	Pleasant Hill Police
John O. Gordon	Charles City Police



Lorenzen elected president; McKelvey joins board



IPOA 2009-2011 President Bill Melville presented a check for Special Olympics Iowa to Past-President Sgt. Mike Hamm.



Members voted on IPOA business and confirmed the board's choice of Iowa DOT-MVE Chief David Lorenzen as 2011-2013 president.



David Lorenzen presented outgoing President Bill Melville a plaque and gold card for his years of service to the IPOA.



Chief David Lorenzen took over duties as president-elect of the Iowa Peace Officers Association (IPOA).



The 2011-12 Board of Directors of the Iowa Peace Officers Association consists of (left to right): past-president Bill Melville (Sioux City P.D.), Paul Steier (Iowa DOT-MVE), Mike McKelvey (Mason City P.D.), President David Lorenzen (Iowa DOT-MVE), Gus Farmer (Waterloo P.D.), Greg Dickel (Des Moines P.D.), Ted Stroope (Des Moines P.D.), and sec./ treasurer Terry Dehmlow.

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Michael R. Emerson

Cedar Rapids P.D. Retired Lt. and 1982 IACPPO president



Past IACPPO President Michael R. Emerson, 63, of Cedar Rapids, died Tuesday, May 17, at his home after a long battle with cancer. A funeral mass was held on Saturday, May 21, at St. Ludmila Catholic Church with burial in Cedar Memorial cemetery.

Mike was born on August 19, 1947, in Decorah, to William and Patricia Emerson. He married Marilyn Carroll in Monona, on August 7, 1971. Mike graduated from Decorah High School and North Iowa Area Community College. He also received extensive continuing professional education at several universities, armorer schools

and the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy.

In 2002, Mike retired as a lieutenant after 32 years of service on the Cedar Rapids Police Department (C.R.P.D.). Mike served as a patrolman, firearms instructor, range officer, quartermaster and

defensive tactics trainer. He led the Special Problems and Negotiations Team and served on the bomb squad. In 1982-83, Mike served as president of the Iowa Association of Chiefs of Police and Peace Officers. In 1989, he placed fourth in the nation at the Police Combat National shooting competition.

In March of this year, Chief Greg Graham and officers from the C.R.P.D. and other agencies presented Mike with a plaque and the honor of having the police gun range named the "Michael R. Emerson Police Range Facility."

After retirement, Mike worked briefly for the Transportation Security Administration and then as a Court Security Officer at the federal courthouse. When not working, Mike could be found on a golf course; he was an avid and excellent golfer.

Mike is survived by his family: his wife, Marilyn; his daughters, Annie (Mike) Battien of Cedar Rapids, and Jill (Devin) Sires of Clive; his son, Dale (Jenny) Emerson of Cedar Rapids; grandchildren, Colin and Alec Battien, Jacob, Aubrey and Emerson Sires and Aaliyah, Brooklyn and Brayden Emerson; his sister, Pamela Gee of Vicksburg, Miss.; and several sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents, and one granddaughter, Jada Battien.

A memorial fund has been established. Contributions will go toward a donation to the Hospice House of Mercy and a memorial bench at Jones Park Golf Course.

More Conference 2011 Vendors



The FBI-N-DEX booth was staffed by J.T. Summers, N-Dex Liaison Specialist, FBI-CJIS Division. Call J.T. Summers at 304-672-4598.



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IPOA Board lobbied lawmakers at Legislative Breakfast March 15 on Association's top law enforcement priorities



“Thank You” to all the Iowa Legislators who attended the Iowa Peace Officers Association Legislative Breakfast on March 15, including the following: From left to right: IPOA’s Sgt. Bill Melville talks with Iowa Rep. Curt Hanson; Sen. Todd Bowman with Major Paul Steier, Sgt. Gus Farmer with Sen. Steve Sodders and Chief Jeff Harnish; S.P.O. Greg Dickel with Rep. Bob Kressig.



SPO Greg Dickel talks with Rep. Jerry Kearns and Chief Jeff Harnish; Sgt. Gus Farmer with Rep. Anesa Kajtazovic; Sgt. Bill Melville with Rep. Curt Hanson; and Sen. Mary Jo Wilhelm with Chief David Lorenzen and Terry Dehmlow.



Sgt. Bill Melville talks to Rep. Jack Drake.



S.P.O. Ted Stroope, Sgt. Gus Farmer, and Rep. Stew Iverson.



Chief Jeff Harnish, Major Paul Steier, Rep. Ross Paustian and IPOA Lobbyist Kellie Paschke.



Rep. Jeff Smith talks with Sgt. Bill Melville.

Cops & Cars:

Reducing LEO Deaths in Motor Vehicle Crashes

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), part of the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), is embarking on a study of motor vehicle safety practices and perceptions among Iowa law enforcement officers. In the last 30 years, motor vehicle-related deaths have increased 40% among those in law enforcement. We hope this project will provide data on reasons for this increase and suggest viable ways to enhance officer safety while on the road.

Leading this research effort are Drs. Rebecca Heick & Hope Tiesman. Dr. Heick is a public health faculty member at Walden University with experience in the safety behaviors of public safety professionals. Dr. Heick has close ties to Iowa law enforcement as her husband is an officer with the Davenport Police Department. Dr. Tiesman is an occupational epidemiologist with NIOSH and has been in the occupational safety and health field for over 10 years.

Drs. Heick and Tiesman are personally committed to helping officers stay safe and healthy on the job and look forward to the day when every officer returns home safely at the end of their watch.

Nearly 200 agencies were randomly selected to participate in this important research study. At this time, we are actively engaging those agencies and asking for their participation via e-mail and phone contacts. To date, 46 Iowa law enforcement agencies have agreed to work with us. We welcome the opportunity to work with as many agencies as possible to ensure that we get a clear picture of the experiences, perceptions, and practices of law enforcement officers in Iowa.

Agencies that choose to participate will be sent a packet of surveys in the fall of 2011 and will be asked to distribute them to all sworn officers in the agency. All information collected in the surveys will be kept confidential and we will not ask for names,

addresses, or other identifying information. Also, your name, your agency's name, or other facts that might identify you will not be shown in any report, presentation, or published work.

Thank you for considering participation in this important study. For more information, please visit:

http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/blog/nsb020911_police.html.

If you have questions about this research project or if your agency would like to participate, please feel free to contact Rebecca Heick at (309)738-2316 or Hope Tiesman at (304)285-6067. We look forward to working with you!

Respectfully,

Rebecca J. Heick, Ph.D, EMT-P
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