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What will Iowa leadership change mean?

It's been a hectic fall on many fronts with many changes. There has been a change in control of the Governor's Office, the Iowa House of Representatives, and for the first time ever, Iowans decided to send three Supreme Court justices packing. What does this mean for us?

There will surely be discussion of our pension systems (IPERS and MFPRSI). At the Iowa State Police Association (ISPA) conference in October, gubernatorial candidate Terry Branstad said he would not support any movement to make major changes in law enforcement pensions, if elected. He did say that he would look into questionable management and investment practices at IPERS. I am guessing there will most likely be some discussion of collective bargaining laws in the Legislature at some point, as well, with so many new faces on the Hill. Governor-elect Branstad also said there would be a change in leadership at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. This is a move that many law enforcement organizations have been asking for. At our November board meeting, the IPOA leadership decided to join that movement and send a "letter of no confidence" in the current academy director to the Governor's Office.

This being a non-pension year, and with the continued fiscal woes of our state, we will be taking a legislative position of preserving what benefits we have. We are also taking the approach of seeking changes in some of the criminal and administrative codes to make our job of law enforcement a little easier. If there is something you want to see changed, email us your concerns and any proposal to address those concerns you may have.

Telephone fundraising has come under fire recently by the Attorney General's Office. While we of course fully support regulation of these activities, it appears that a somewhat heavy handed approach is being taken with some firms, including subsidiaries of Callan Publishing which this organization and some other large law enforcement organizations use to raise funds in Iowa. This has resulted in the halt of the majority of telephone fundraising being done on our behalf. This is of great concern of course and we will be working with both the AG's Office and Callan Publishing to help facilitate a resolution to this issue.

For the IPOA, there will be several proposed by-laws changes in the next couple months to be considered at the business



IPOA President, Sgt. Bill Melville

meeting next spring. These will be improvements and/ or clarifications of the changes we began several years ago. Look for them to be posted on the website as well as in the next magazine issue. The IPOA also says goodbye to board member Chief Ralph O'Donnell of the Council Bluffs Police Department who has resigned his position. We thank Ralph for his service to this organization and wish him well as he leads the CBPD.

Our 2011 Conference is shaping up nicely. See Conference details on Page 7 of this magazine, and we hope to see you in Sioux City next May. While I personally enjoy a white Christmas, let's hope it's a little less so this year. Have a safe and happy Holiday Season.

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Free Training coming to Conference 2011; Board taking legislative concerns to JPSB

Greetings to all! Another fantastic fall is coming to a close and we all know what comes next: the last remaining leaves have fallen and that's a signal that winter is just around the corner. It has been a fantastic fall in Iowa, great weather for football or sitting in a tree stand.

At our board meeting on November 1, we continued discussions regarding next year's IPOA Conference and updates to the by-laws. Several by-laws need to be clarified from the major changes we made a few years back.

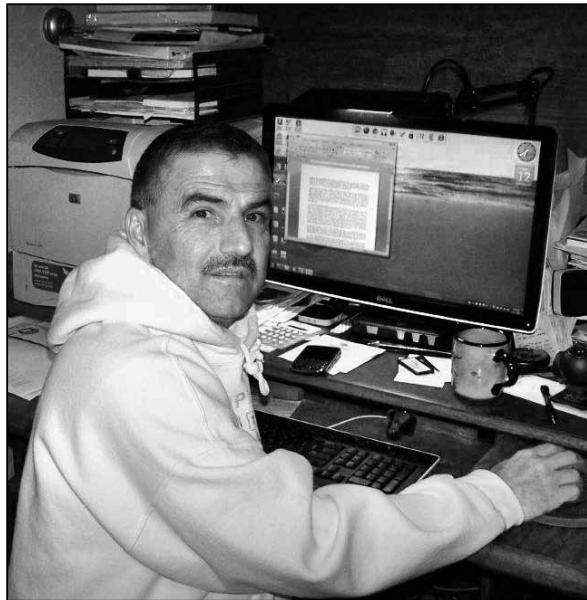
The Board is also working on a new mission statement for the Association that will guide the future of the Iowa Peace Officers Association (IPOA).

One lingering item of concern is our fundraising, as it continues to shrink, limiting some of our future capabilities. This all brings about change, and we know that this begins with your Board members. I think the Board has taken some bold steps this past year to do just that, most notably the joint venture of *The Gold Star* and *Iowa Law Enforcement* magazines merging into one publication. This move has increased our coverage statewide, offering our advertisers a superior opportunity for the dollars they invest with us.

The impact of this change has been encouraging, and we are now beginning to see the financial payback, as it is bringing down our cost of each issue. It has been a good partnership with the ISSDA, and we look forward to doing even better next year.

Much of the credit goes to Eric Salmon, who serves as editor of both *Iowa Law Enforcement* and *The Gold Star*, and taking many of our photos. He keeps requesting more and more color photos, and eventually it is our desire to offer color on all pages. Keep up the good work, Eric!

Please watch our web page (iowapeaceofficers.org) for information on the recommended by-law changes. I will post



IPOA Sec./ Treas. Terry Dehm

them as soon as they are finalized. This is also a reminder to be in **Sioux City** on May 2 and 3, 2011, for another great IPOA Conference. If you have never attended a conference, this would be a fantastic one to attend because there are No Registration Fees!! It will be worth your time and, as I have said in the past, the Sioux City Officers Association does an excellent job of hosting conferences. I look forward to seeing you there.

Our bottom line remains strong as our investments have rebounded the past several months, recovering all our previous losses.

The new fiscal year started September 1, and we saw a steady flow of dues the first two months. That has now slowed down. Your membership card was mailed out earlier with your renewal notice, but it only becomes valid when your dues are paid. Please send your dues in immediately if they have not been paid to keep your membership up to date.

When you renew your membership, you strengthen the IPOA to better represent your interests in the Legislature, and you strengthen the voice of law enforcement to

better serve the public safety needs of the people of Iowa our their communities.

We still have approximately 50 delinquent individual memberships, and several departments are past due. Unfortunately, according to the by-laws, I have the task of removing those who are delinquent in the near future. Thank you in advance for taking care of this and keeping current.

The IPOA Board meets in early December, followed by our participation in the annual Joint Public Safety Board meeting to discuss legislative issues we can jointly support during the 2011 Iowa Legislative session.

It will be an remarkable year at the Capitol following the recent election, with the return of former Governor Branstad and a switch in control of the House.

Our lobbyists, Kellie and Troy, assure us they are familiar with Governor Branstad and Lt. Governor Reynolds. I feel comfortable speaking for the Board when I tell you this: we are very fortunate to have Kellie and Troy representing us again this year. Kellie continues to give the Board good quality advice, and has represented us on many issues of importance during the past year.

If you have any suggestions or concerns regarding legislation or laws this coming year, please contact this office or any of our board members. We will be glad to discuss the issues that you bring up, and consider possible action to influence change.

With 2010 almost over, I am so thankful for each of you and the service you have provided to the citizens of Iowa this past year. It truly is an honor to serve as your Secretary/ Treasurer.

As I close this Fall Issue, I want to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas, please have a Happy and Safe New Year, May God Bless each of you in 2011.

Terry

Election 2010: Big changes in Iowa

by **Kellie Paschke**

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In the Iowa House

The Iowa House has been controlled by Democrats for the past four years. In the recent past, they claimed a majority by a margin of 56-44.

November's elections brought a change in power, and therefore a change in leadership, to the House with Republicans gaining 16 seats to claim the majority by a margin of 60-40. No Republican incumbents lost. However, a total of 13 Democrat incumbents were defeated, including Representatives Bailey, Beard, Kelley, Ficken, Schueller, Zirkelbach, Donovan Olson, Huser, Palmer, Reichert, Marek, Reasoner, and Shomshor.

There were many open seats as a result of legislator retirements. Republicans successfully defended five of their six open seats, losing only the seat of Rep. Rod Roberts (Carroll). Additionally, Republicans were able to pick up four of the Democratic open seats, including: Whitead (Sioux City), Mertz (Ottosen), Kuhn (Charles City), and Gayman (Davenport).

As a result of the elections, there will be a change in leadership in the House. Rep. Kraig Paulsen (Cedar Rapids) will become the Speaker of the House, and Rep. Linda Upmeyer (Garner) will be the next Majority Leader. Additionally, House Republicans have elected Representative Jeff Kaufmann to the post of Speaker Pro Tempore and Representative Erik Helland as Majority Whip.

Committee chair assignments have also been made. Notably, Representative Clel Baudler has been chosen to chair the Public Safety Committee, and Representative Gary Worthan will co-chair the Justice Systems Budget.

House Democrats held their leadership elections on Monday, November 15. Current Speaker Pat Murphy did not seek a leadership position within their caucus. Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy was elected to serve as the Minority Leader.

In the Iowa Senate

Democrats narrowly maintained control of the Iowa Senate by a margin of 26-24 (their previous margin was 32-18). Republicans ousted several Democratic incumbents, including freshmen Senators Staci Appel, Rich Olive, Bill Heckroth and Becky Schmitz. Longtime Representative and current Senator Keith Kreiman was narrowly defeated as well. Republicans also picked up one open seat vacated by retiring Senator Steve Warnstadt. No Republicans lost in the general election. However, Senator David Hartsuch was defeated in a Republican primary in Davenport. Republicans will also see the return of two legislative veterans: Bill Dix and Sandy Greiner.

Unlike the House, there were few changes of leadership in the Iowa Senate. Sens. Mike Gronstal and Jack Kibbie will continue to lead the Democrats, and Sens. Paul McKinley and Steve Kettering will lead the Republicans.

Statewide Races

The Governor's Race

As expected, the Republican team of Terry Branstad/ Kim Reynolds defeated Governor Chet Culver and Patty Judge on Tuesday night by a nearly 10-point margin. Branstad has named Dave Roederer, his former chief of staff, to lead the transition at the governor's office. Jeff Boeyink has been named chief of staff to the Governor and Tim Albrecht has been named communications director. Both are well-liked political veterans with strong ties to Iowa legislators and leaders. Additionally, longtime Branstad ally Dave Roederer has been selected to head the Iowa Department of Management.

Secretary of State

In what is being viewed as a surprise upset, political newcomer Republican Matt Schultz (Council Bluffs) ousted first term Democrat/ political veteran Mike Mauro.

Attorney General

Democrat Tom Miller easily won reelection on Tuesday despite an aggressive campaign by Republican Brenna Findley.

Treasurer

Democrat Mike Fitzgerald maintained his position as Iowa's State Treasurer by defeating Republican challenger David Jamison.

Secretary of Agriculture

Republican Bill Northey easily won reelection with over 60 percent of the vote in Tuesday's election.

State Auditor

Once again, the only C.P.A. in the race, Republican Dave Vaudt, defeated his challenger to maintain his position as the "taxpayer's watchdog."

Judicial Retention

In an unprecedented move, Iowa voters defeated the retention of three of Iowa's Supreme Court Justices, including Chief Justice Marsha Ternus. No Supreme Court Justice has ever failed to be retained prior to this election. The movement to remove the Justices was fueled largely by their ruling in *Varnum v. Brien*, which invalidated Iowa's Defense of Marriage Act and legalized gay marriage in Iowa.

Constitutional Convention

Every 10 years, Iowans are presented with a ballot measure asking whether to convene a Constitutional Convention for the purpose of amending Iowa's Constitution. The majority voted no.

Natural Resources Amendment

Voters approved an amendment to Iowa's Constitution to dedicate 3/8 of any sales tax increase to natural resources and recreation purposes. However, legislative leaders and the Governor elect have indicated that they will not raise the sales tax next year. Therefore this measure will go unfunded.

Casino Referendums

Every eight years, counties with a casino are asked to vote on whether to maintain gaming operations in their county. This year, voters in all counties with an active casino approved the referendums, thereby allowing the casinos to continue operating.

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Study of the Big 4 Outlaw MC Gangs
Clubhouses
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Motorcycle Gangs and the Military
Intelligence Gathering/Investigative Techniques
Motorcycle Gang Violence and Turf Wars

Noon: IPOA Business Meeting with lunch provided for IPOA members

Agenda on May 3, 2011

8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Seminar Topics

Weapons and Narcotics Concealment Techniques
Iowa Outlaw MC Gang Overview (2 hours)
Converting OMG members into cooperating sources
Vehicle stop techniques on OMG members

Conference Speaker: Det. Steve Cook Knows Motorcycle Gangs and Drug Investigations

Steve Cook is a detective with a law enforcement agency in the Kansas City Metro area with more than 16 years of law enforcement experience.

Cook has been a police officer for more than ten years, and has over six-and-a-half years experience with the Jackson County Drug Task Force.

He has completed assignments with the DEA Clandestine Laboratory Enforcement Team, where he assisted in dismantling and processing more than 350 methamphetamine labs, and with the FBI Violent Crime Gang Task Force.

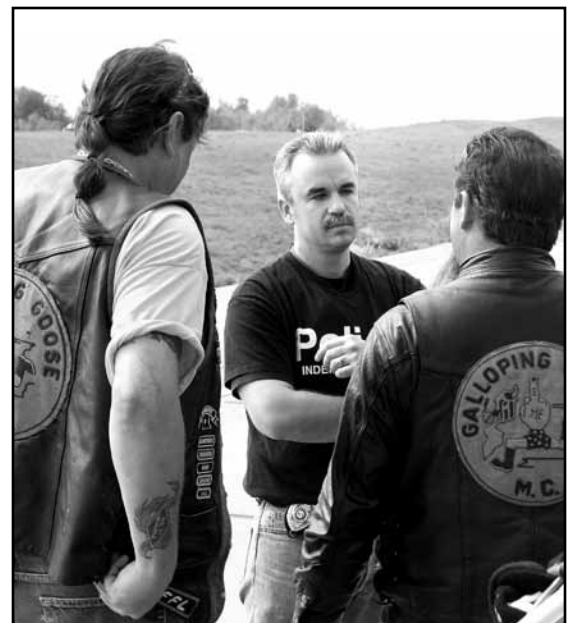
Cook has actively worked motorcycle gangs for the past ten years. He has trained numerous agencies on running enforcement, and has been on details for four Hells Angels USA Runs. He is experienced in methamphetamine conspiracy investiga-

tions, and to date has been the case agent in the federal prosecutions of over 150 methamphetamine manufacturers and distributors in the Western District of Missouri.

Cook has extensive undercover experience and was the case agent and a secondary undercover in an outlaw motorcycle gang infiltration case conducted in Missouri and Kansas.

In 2003, Cook was sent to Kosovo by the Department of Justice to teach prosecutors and judges how undercover and sensitive operations are conducted.

He is a recipient of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) Distinguished Service Award.



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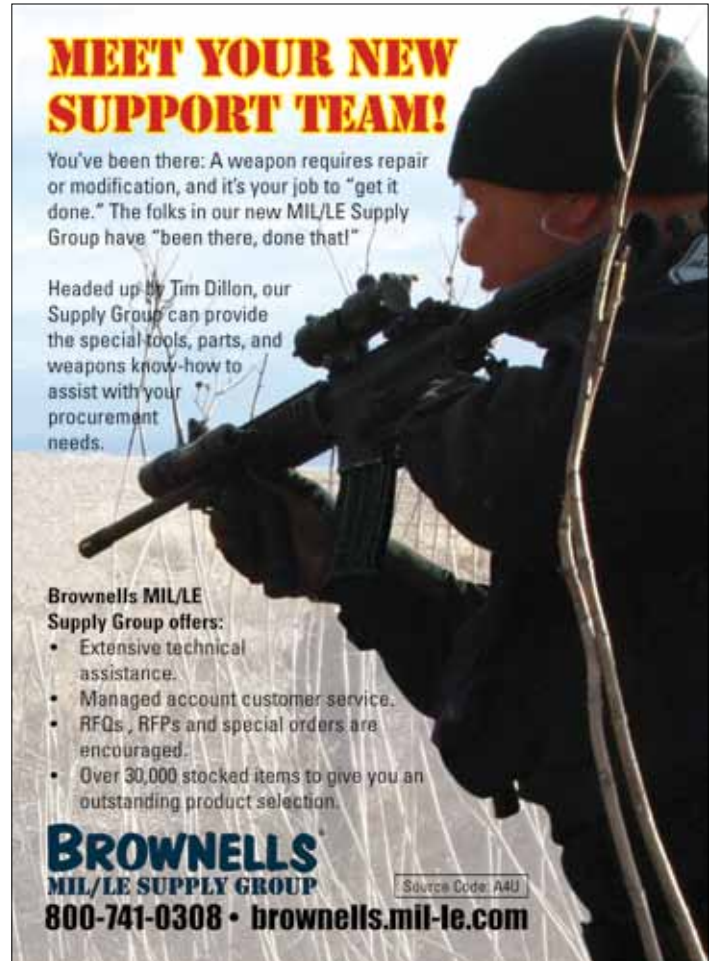
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USPCA Region 21 K-9 trials draw

Article and photos by Sgt. Bill Melville
Sioux City Police Department

USPCA Region 21 held K-9 trials in Sioux City on September 20 - 21. Officers from Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin competed in the event. In all, 31 officers representing 15 different law enforcement agencies attended.

The overall winner of the trials was Sgt. Jim Bauerly of the Woodbury County Sheriff's Office and his dog, Bosco. Second place winner Richard Jennings of the Minnesota Department of Corrections, and his dog, Ivan, were followed by Mark Miller of the Des Moines Police Department and his dog, Emir II, in third place overall.

The winner of the Agility Competition was Terry Couch of the Iowa Department of Corrections, and his dog, Dargo, followed by Sgt. Jay Fleckenstein and Eik of the Sioux City P.D., and Officer Lori Noltze and Remco, also of the Sioux City P.D.

The winner of the Obedience Competition was Rusty Ringler of the Iowa Department of Corrections and his dog, Zeke, followed by Terry Couch and Dargo of the Iowa DOC, and Officer Bill Nice and Kane of the Sioux City P.D..

The winner of the Suspect Search Competition was Deputy Todd Trobaugh of the Woodbury County Sheriff's Office and his dog, Rudy. Officer Samantha Byram and Smokey of the Osceola, Wisconsin, P.D. took 2nd and Officer Bill Nice and Kane of Sioux City P.D. took third place.

The winner of the Article Search Competition was Mike Langeman of the Minnesota Department of Corrections and his dog, Baby. Second Place went to Deputy Troy Tadlock and Xane of the Monona County Sheriff's Office, and Bill Fleig and Bronco of the Iowa DOC won third place.

The Best Rookie Dog Award went to Deputy Donnie Schoenrock and his dog, Bear, of the Jackson County, Minn., Sheriff's Office.



Top overall honors were taken by Sgt. Jim Bauerly and partner Bosco of the Woodbury County Sheriff's Office.



Deputy Greg Stallman of the Woodbury County Sheriff's Office moves to pat down a suspect as his partner, Tessa, watches closely.

officers from 3 states to Sioux City



After seeing his handler (Officer Ryan Moritz of Sioux City) attacked, K-9 Dax reacts in the appropriate fashion.



Sioux City Officer Lori Noltze and K-9 Remco begin pursuing a suspect.



Overall winners from left to right: 3rd Place winner Mark Miller with Emir II, of the Des Moines Police Department; Overall winner Sgt. Jim Bauerly with Bosco, of the Woodbury County Sheriff's Office; 2nd Place winner Richard Jennings with Ivan, of the Minnesota Department of Corrections.



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November 15, 2010

Governor-Elect Branstad,

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Sgt. William Melville
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My name is Sgt. William Melville. I am a Sergeant with the Sioux City Police Department and currently serving as president of the Iowa Peace Officers Association (IPOA) (formerly known as the Iowa Association of Chiefs of Police and Peace Officers). I am writing to you on behalf of our organization to express our concerns and lack of confidence in the current Director of the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy.

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What was once considered the premier facility for law enforcement training in Iowa has been allowed under Director Penny Westfall to become a deteriorating facility with a lack of adequate staff and growing concerns among the law enforcement community over exactly what is being taught to recruits at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. We acknowledge that some of these problems are due to circumstances beyond Director Westfall's control; however it appears she lacks the vision to think outside of conventional approaches to operating and maintaining the Academy. There are also many instances of both conduct and instruction by Director Westfall that appear to exhibit a lack of professionalism towards recruit officers as well as a lack of basic knowledge of current Iowa law and law enforcement procedures.

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The IPOA supports and recommends a change in leadership at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. On behalf of the IPOA, I would like to thank you for your consideration and action concerning this issue.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W. Melville".

Sgt. William Melville
President – Iowa Peace Officers Association.

Sioux City Police Department Promotes

The Sioux City P.D. has promoted Marti Reilly, John Kayl, Tyler Hartwell and Jason Fleckenstein.

Marti Reilly was promoted to captain in April 2010. Captain Reilly started his law enforcement career in Sergeant Bluff as a patrolman in 1980. He joined Council Bluffs P.D. in 1981, and became a Sioux City police officer in 1986.

Capt. Reilly has worked uniform patrol on all watches, was a school resource officer at East High School, and worked as an investigator and supervisor of the Tri-State (DEA) Drug Task Force. He also oversaw the Professional Standards Division and Watch I Uniform shift.

Capt. Reilly has an Associate's Degree from Western Iowa Tech Community College's Police Science program, a Bachelor's Degree in criminal justice administration from Bellevue University, and a Master's Degree in leadership from Bellevue University. Capt. Reilly is a graduate of the Southern Police Institute 105th AOC class.

John Kayl was promoted to the rank of lieutenant in April 2010. He joined the Sioux City P.D. in September of 1993. During his career, Lt. Kayl has served on all three uniform watches. He was assigned to the Youth Bureau, where he was a School Resource Officer at West High School, and the Investigations Bureau as a detective in the Crimes Against Persons Unit.

Lt. Kayl was promoted to sergeant in 2005 and assigned a supervisor of the Department's Canine



Capt. Marti Reilly

Unit, and later as supervisor of the Crimes Against Persons Unit. Lt. Kayl is currently serving in the Support Services/ Records Division, and is a member of the Crisis Negotiation Unit and Project Lifesaver. In May of 2011, Lt. Kayl will receive his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Bellevue University.

Tyler Hartwell was promoted to sergeant in May 2010. Sgt. Hartwell began his career with the Sioux City P.D. in April 1994. He has worked all three uniform shifts, as a member of the Department's Selective Traffic Enforcement Program, Accreditation Officer, and a detective in the Crimes Against Property Unit.

Sgt. Hartwell has also been assigned as a Field Training Officer for 14 years, Crisis Negotiator for 12 years, is a member of Sioux City P.D. Honor Guard, and a Department Recruiter.



Lt. John Kayl

He graduated from the University of Nebraska, Omaha, in 1994 with a B.S. Degree in criminal justice. Sgt. Hartwell serves not only his community, but his country as an active member of the U.S. Air National Guard 185th Air Refueling Wing, Sioux City. He is assigned to the Security Forces Squadron as a senior master sergeant with 23 years of Service. Sgt. Hartwell was activated and deployed for Operation Desert Storm in 1991, serving nine months active duty service, and then again after Sept. 11, 2001, for Operation Iraqi Freedom, for two years of active duty service.

Jason "Jay" Fleckenstein was promoted to sergeant in July 2010. Sgt. Fleckenstein began his career with the Sioux City Police Department in September 1997. He has worked Watch 2 and 3 as a Uniform Patrol Officer. He worked three years in the Department's Alcohol

Reilly, Kayl, Hartwell and Fleckenstein



Sgt. Tyler Hartwell

Safety Action Program.

Sgt. Fleckenstein was assigned to the Department's Crimes Against Persons Unit as a detective before being assigned to Watch 3, and becoming a member of the department's K-9 Unit with his K-9 partner, Eik, where he is currently assigned as supervisor.

Sgt. Fleckenstein is also a Firearms Instructor, SWAT Team Leader and has served as a Field Training Officer. Sgt. Fleckenstein earned his Bachelor's Degree from the University of South Dakota.



Sgt. Jason Fleckenstein

Law Enforcement, advocacy groups partner to create endangered persons advisory (EPA)

Law enforcement across the state gathered with advocacy groups on Nov. 9 to announce the creation of the Iowa Endangered Persons Advisory (EPA). This advisory system was created to help local law enforcement alert their local media and communities when an endangered person goes missing.

Occasionally, Iowans with cognitive impairments and medical conditions like dementia and Alzheimer's disease unexpectedly wander away from their homes or caregivers. These events cause stress and fear for a family frantically looking for their loved one, and can be life-threatening for the individual who goes missing.

To help assuage the fears of family members and more quickly recover the missing, the EPA was created. This advisory system has a structured set of criteria and procedures that may be utilized by local law enforcement to decide when public and media notification is necessary.

EPA Criteria

- Is the person missing under unex-

plained/ suspicious circumstances?

- Is the person believed to be in danger because of age, health, mental or physical disability, environment, weather conditions or in the company of a potentially dangerous person or some other factor that may put the person in danger or serious bodily injury or death; and,
- Is there enough information available such as a current photograph/image of the person that issuing an Endangered Person Advisory could assist in the safe recovery of the missing person?

Once the EPA criteria are met, local law enforcement are directed to make several critical law enforcement database entries to ensure officers in the surrounding areas are on the look-out for the endangered person. An investigation is quickly begun and the missing person's information is entered into the statewide missing person's database. Local law enforcement is also strongly encouraged to designate a pub-

lic information officer and begin working with local media to gain public assistance in recovering the missing person. The public outreach can be done on the local level with local media, or on a state-wide level in coordination with the Department of Public Safety, depending on how far investigators believe the endangered person has traveled.

In an effort to assist local law enforcement agencies in their use and execution of the new Endangered Persons Advisory (EPA), the Alzheimer's Association, Iowa Department of Public Safety, Iowa Police Chiefs Association and Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association are working to extend educational classes and materials to officers across the state. These critical partnerships and outreach efforts will ensure successful execution of the EPA and more timely recovery of Iowa's endangered.

To learn more about the Endangered Person Alert, its partners in creation, and endangered persons in Iowa, visit this link: www.dps.state.ia.us/commis/pib/Releases/2010/11-09-2010_EPA_Media_Kit.pdf

Des Moines Special Olympics Polar Plunge

The Des Moines P.D. Polar Plunge Team always plunges with enthusiasm.



by **Joyce Allard**
Special Olympics Iowa
Director of Communications

Saturday, November 13, was the 13th annual Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Iowa (SOIA). The cold weather did not stop 130 plungers who raised more than \$16,000 for SOIA programs. The Best Team Costume Award went to the “Super Heroes” of the Polk County Sheriff’s Office (see photo on Page 12 of *The Gold Star*). The Best Individual Costume was “Santa Claus” from the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women.

A number of law enforcement and public safety agencies participated in the event including: Dallas Center Police Department, Iowa DOT-Motor Vehicle Enforcement, Des Moines Police Department, Iowa Correctional Institution for Women, Newton Corrections, Polk City Fire Department and the Polk County Sheriff’s Department.

Other plungers represented various groups including American Institute of Business, Ankeny High School, Des Moines University, Dowling High School, Drake University, Two Rivers Marketing, Wells Fargo Financial and more.

Currently, SOIA Polar Plunges are

held in Ames, Davenport, Des Moines, Dubuque, Iowa City, Council Bluffs, Cedar Falls/ Waterloo, Indianola, Cedar Rapids, Fort Dodge, Southeast Iowa and Sioux City. The 24-hour SUPER Plunge took place Nov. 12-13 at Big Creek.

Special Olympics Iowa is a nonprofit organization serving Iowans with intellectual disabilities since 1968. SOIA provides training and competitions in 22 Olympic-type sports for 11,000 athletes with intellectual disabilities and Unified Sports Partners representing each of Iowa’s 99 counties.

For more information, see www.soiowa.com, or call (515) 986-5520.

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Dallas Center P.D. and the Dallas County Sheriff's Office were represented at Polar Plunge 2010



Plungers: From left, Dallas Center P.D.'s Character Building Academy Cadet Chelsea Trammel, Dallas County Deputy Ray Dirkson (in uniform), Cadet Mikayla Mash, and Dallas Center P.D. Officer Derrick Spoerry, leading in shorts.

Department of Public Safety's Basic Academy class began training on Nov. 29 with 27 recruits

Johnston, IOWA --- On Nov. 29, 27 men and women from across Iowa and the United States began a 20-week journey to becoming sworn officers of the law. The 35th Iowa Department of Public Safety (DPS) Basic Academy commences that day, marking a new chapter in the life of each individual and the state's largest law enforcement agency.

Lt. Jeff Ritzman, Academy Commander and Bureau Chief of the Training and Recruitment Bureau, said the entire Department is eagerly anticipating the beginning of the Academy.

"The hiring process is long and thor-

ough," Lt. Ritzman said. "To become a sworn officer with DPS, you have to meet a very high standard. We're all very excited to have these fine men and women join our ranks."

But they've got a lot of work ahead of them first. The 20 week DPS Basic Academy is a challenging and difficult course to complete. Recruits live full-time with their training officers in the barracks of Camp Dodge, and daily test their mental and physical limits in both the classroom and the gym.

Once each recruit has passed the required standards and successfully com-

pleted the 20-week Academy, they will be officially sworn-in as peace officers of DPS in a ceremony scheduled for late spring.

Executive Officer Steve Bogle greeted the new recruits at an Academy orientation earlier this month.

"These are exciting times for law enforcement," Executive Officer Bogle said. "There are new technologies now available to us and with that, new opportunities. I am extremely confident that our new Agents and Troopers will bring with them a zeal for the future while remaining committed to the value of service that has always made DPS a great organization."

ILEA 234th Basic Level I Training School



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234th Basic Level I Training School

April 19 through July 23, 2010, at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy

First Row (left to right): **Tyson Irwin**, Albia Police Department; **Noah Schilling**, Woodbine Police Department; **Anthony Palmer**, Carlisle Police Department; **Carrie Folkerts**, Albia Police Department; **Lindsey Hamilton**, Polk County Sheriff's Office; **Brook Stein**, Worth County Sheriff's Office;

Second Row: **Doug Millard**, Iowa City Police Department; **Jeremy Cole**, Centerville Police Department; **Cory Barclay**, Cedar County Sheriff's Office; **Seth McChesney**, Mason City Police Department; **Jayson Heiar**, Preston Police Department; **Ryan Phillips**, Polk County Sheriff's Office; **Nathan Sands**, Woodbury County Sheriff's Office;

Third Row: **Brad Clime**, Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office; **Michael Jensen**, Woodbine Police Department; **Will Mortenson**, Adel Police Department; **Jason Ellison**, Clay County Sheriff's Office; **Josh Carris**, Clay County Sheriff's Office; **Brian Stern**, Indiana Police Department;

Fourth Row: **Bode Koranda**, Cedar County Sheriff's Office; **Klint Peterson**, Red Oak Police Department; **Derrick Spoerry**, Dallas Center Police Department; **Kevin Duenow**, Mason City Police Department; **Mitch Kelchen**, Bellevue Police Department; **Julie Lein**, Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office; **Anthony Trejo**, Glenwood Police Department.

235th Basic Level I Training School

April 26 through July 30, 2010, at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy

First Row (left to right): **James Robinson**, Linn County Sheriff's Office; **Nick Sadd**, Waterloo Police Department; **Rusty Shelangoski**, University of Iowa Police Division; **Doug Adams**, Davenport Police Department; **Chris Carter**, Scott County Sheriff's Office

Second Row: **Adam Liddle**, Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office; **Rick Jochum**, Dubuque Police Department; **Jarid Hundley**, Waterloo Police Department; **Drew Hereid**, Waterloo Police Department; **Cody Eckles**, Atlantic Police Department; **Adam Clark**, Sigourney Police Department;

Third Row: **Brian Kelley**, Dubuque Police Department; **Mike Swope**, Altoona Police Department; **Levi Frost**, Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office; **Josh Trowbridge**, Dubuque Police Department; **Travis Lampe**, Pocahontas Police Department; **John Wilson**, Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Office;

Fourth Row: **Jon Schuler**, Newton Police Department; **Mike McKenna**, University of Iowa Police Division; **David Clark**, Wilton Police Department; **Dylan Schmid**, Linn County Sheriff's Office; **Keith Pittman**, Newton Police Department; **Joe Meola**, Ottumwa Police Department.

A challenge in Waterloo for Dan Trelka

By Chief Dan Trelka
Waterloo Police Department

I have been in my new position as the Waterloo Chief of Police for six months.

Prior to coming to Waterloo, I had been the Chief of Police in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, for seven years. I had actually started my employment with Sturgeon Bay as a patrol officer in 1992. I was seeking a change because I had gotten to a point in my career in Sturgeon Bay where I felt like the Sturgeon Bay Police Department had evolved into a well-functioning organization that had achieved many accomplishments and I desired a new challenge in my life. Waterloo has not failed to provide that challenge.

Even though I have faced many challenges since coming onboard, the one

thing that has been encouraging and has impressed me the most is the caliber of employee at the Waterloo Police Department. It is my nature and my philosophy to simply let employees do their job. This was a very simple endeavor at the Waterloo Police Department given the skills, knowledge, and abilities of the employees.

I am also impressed that the employees are fiercely proud of their service to the community, yet genuinely humble. I truly consider it an honor to be associated with the men and women of the Waterloo Police Department. I am here to serve them as much as they are here to serve the community.

I have been expressing my philosophy to all the employees that they are empowered. But with a high degree of empowerment comes a high degree of accountability. The expectations of accountability are simple: be honest, follow orders, and simply do something to make a positive difference in the community. The employees get to decide what they want to do to make that difference.

As individuals, we were all blessed with talents and defining abilities. When it comes to cops, we all know some cops like running traffic,



Chief Dan Trelka
Waterloo Police Department

some like talking to people, some like a lot of action, some like teaching and/ or training others, etc.

What I try to accomplish, as a law enforcement manager, is to identify what people enjoy and are good at, then utilize those individual talents and defined abilities to accomplish identified organizational goals. I firmly believe that if I can tap these individual talents and get the right people into the right positions, the organization can accomplish great deeds.

I am happy to be in Waterloo, I am impressed with the Iowa law enforcement fraternity, and I look forward to the serving together with all of you "to make a difference" in our communities.



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