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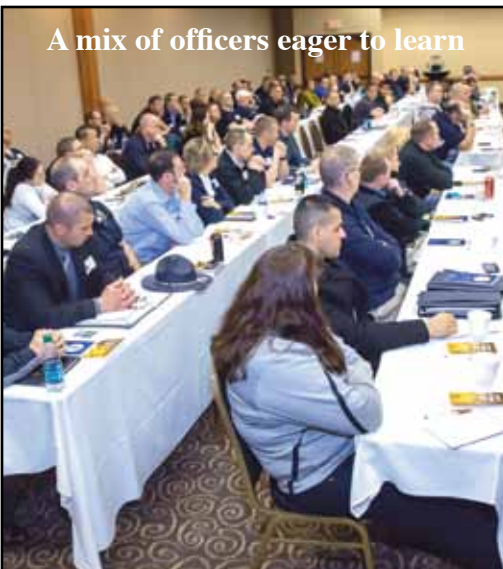
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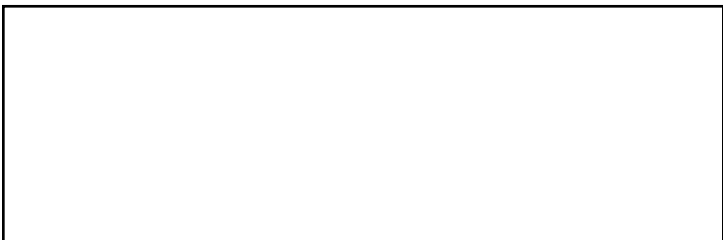
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Looking to fill vacant board positions

We have all attended a number of training sessions throughout our careers on varying topics.

Some of those sessions had value, and others may have not met your expectations. This year's IPOA Training Conference hopefully met your expectations and you found value in the training. The Board was encouraged with the positive feedback that we received on this year's presenters.

Lou Savelli, retired sergeant with the New York Police Department, Kory Flowers, a detective with the Greensboro, North Carolina, Police Department, and Staff Sgt. Michael Martinez, of the Iowa National Guard, all did a great job of presenting their topics.

I would like to thank IPOA Board Members Paul Steier, George Griffith and Secretary/ Treasurer Terry Dehmlow for their efforts in putting this conference together. Also, a big thanks to each of you who supported the conference with your attendance and participation.

I told the board members that the success of this conference has raised the bar, and we will begin working on the 2015 conference in the next few weeks.

One area that I did discuss in my remarks to the attendees at the annual meeting was our vacant board positions. If you have been an IPOA member in good standing for 24 months, you are eligible to be considered. If you have an interest or questions about the positions, please visit with any of the current board members. If



Chief David Lorenzen

IPOA President

Iowa DOT - Motor Vehicle Enforcement

you are interested in serving, please drop me an email at david.lorenzen@dot.iowa.gov, or give me a call at 515-250-3372. The term is a two-year commitment with very little travel. The board meets monthly via a conference call, and holds approximately two face-to-face meetings during the year. The size of your agency does not matter. IPOA membership represents all law enforcement, and includes command staff, officers, detectives and retired law enforcement persons.

The agency I work for has been doing extensive training on adapting to and managing change. I know when you first hear that word (change) it can make you

uncomfortable. And I felt the same way at the onset of the training. However, with the training not being optional I chose to make the best of it and look for anything that I could use in my current position. One of the predominate themes through all the courses was the emphasis on the importance of communication – not only what we communicate, but how and why we communicate.

One idea that was presented was the “Golden Circle Concept,” which says we communicate from the outside in, but we would be more effective if we communicated from the inside out. The golden circle has three rings: The largest ring on the outside is the “what circle,” the next ring is the “how circle,” and the smallest and most inner ring is the “why circle.”

So many times we communicate to people what we want them to do, then we tell them how we want that done, and most often lastly we tell them why we want them to do it that way. Now, granted, I know there are times in law enforcement when the “what” has to be first and then “how” and “why.” And we all know that in some cases the “what” is all that we need to communicate about what needs to be done. Obviously, officer safety must be considered.

But I would offer you the opportunity to try this in some of the day-to-day things you deal with. You never know if it works if you don't try it.

Again, thank you for your support and be safe.

Progress being made fighting synthetic drugs in Iowa

A series of recent developments in Iowa's synthetic drug enforcement may lead the way to increased investigations and prosecutions involving these fast-changing and elusive substances for which controlled substance scheduling laws have had difficulty keeping up.

More synthetic drug compounds have been listed as Schedule I controlled substances under Iowa law. A bill (SF 2121) approved by the Legislature and signed into

law this year outlaws seven more synthetic drug types, three of which were banned on an emergency rule basis last year. The law takes effect July 1.

Subsequently, a new emergency rule proposal from the Iowa Board of Pharmacy was adopted to add another 14 compounds to the State's list of banned synthetic drugs.

The temporary emergency ban to match federal regulations took effect March 13, and must be approved by the Legislature

next year to remain in effect beyond then.

The total number of synthetic drug compounds (cannabinoids and cathinones) listed as Schedule I controlled substances in Iowa now stands at 64, plus five classes of synthetic cannabinoids.

For details on the new law and rules taking effect this year, visit the Iowa “Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy” at <http://www.iowa.gov/odcp>.

Contact Legislators on MCTC funding

Welcome to Spring. It's been a long, cold, brutal winter and I am certainly glad for the warmer weather. I was finally able to get my Harley out of storage and enjoy some ride time.

In April, I had the pleasure of visiting with Chief Harry Daugherty of the Marion Police Department at their new facility – an absolutely state-of-the-art and very impressive building. As my good friend, IPOA member Officer Tom Daubs, gave me a complete tour of their new facility, it was obvious how proud Marion officers are to have this new home for their agency. The building, itself, is very impressive and beautiful; each department was planned out and built with the officer in mind. Congratulations to Marion P.D. and the citizens of the City of Marion for supporting this facility that will serve you for many, many years. The IPOA invites all the members of the Marion P.D. to join with us, and get involved in the IPOA in the future.

I still continue to receive questions on the appearance of our magazine: why two front covers, why do we have to flip it over, etc? For the past few years we have joined with the Iowa State Sheriffs' and Deputies' Association (ISSDA) to publish our magazines together. Sharing space benefits both associations, and has definitely reduced our publication costs. Our advertisers benefit, too, by reaching more readers with their ads, as we mail approximately 3,700 total issues to members of both associations. ISSDA Financial Director Bill Sage says the ISSDA board members are equally satisfied with this partnership.

We continue to look for articles from you, our members, to publish in your magazine. Please contact me by July 1 if you have items of interest for the next issue. As always, if you are looking to purchase equipment for your P.D., consider supporting those who advertise in the magazine and support us at Conference time. We definitely could not do what we do as an association without their support. Thanks to each and every one of our advertisers and Conference exhibitors (See Pages 12-17).



Marion Officer Tom Daubs and IPOA Secretary/ Treasurer Terry Dehmlo

Last item regarding our magazine: please send me your change of address notices. Every time we mail out a new issue of *Iowa Law Enforcement* magazine, the Post Office finds incorrect addresses on about 50 magazines, charges us to return them to the post office and throws them away. I currently do not have correct addresses for several members, so please help me get this corrected. If you have moved in the last six months, please email your new address to me at iacop2@mchsi.com.

On April 14-15, we hosted our annual Training Conference at the Ramada Tropics Resort & Convention Center in Urbandale. This is a great facility, and the staff provided for all our needs and were gracious hosts for the event. We had 14 vendors/ exhibitors on Monday displaying their wares. With their support, we were able to come out in the black for this event. This is not the norm for conferences, as they are somewhat expensive to host.

The training was incredible, with three fantastic speakers during the two-day event attended by 90 officers from throughout Iowa. The feedback from those in attendance has been excellent, and if you missed it... you really missed a good conference.

As your Sec./ Treasurer, at the Conference I was pleased to report we remain strong financially with some growth in our bottom line during 2013. Our investments did well and I am honored to serve you again this year. From my perspective,

it is always good to see members that we count on in attendance from Sioux City, Waterloo, Des Moines, IDOT, Waverly and Pleasant Hill. I was especially delighted to see members from Windsor Heights, Winterset, Urbandale, the University of Iowa, Bremer County, Clear Lake and Manchester in attendance as well.

We also had many new departments represented this year, like Johnston, Knoxville, the U.S. Marshals Service, Calmar, New London, Pomeroy, Woodbury County and several others. We are grateful that you took the time to attend, and I know that you will each benefit from the time spent attending the 106th Annual IPOA Conference. We have approximately 1,800 members in the IPOA, and I urge more of you to make plans next spring to be in attendance. Thanks to all board members, and especially to Director Paul Steier and Officer George Griffith, for serving as Conference Co-Chairs. Director Steier has completed his term on the Board, we will miss his voice and look forward to working with him again in the future.

The Midwest Counterdrug Training Center (MCTC) has been very supportive, and provided assistance with speakers for this conference. I am concerned that their funding for the coming year is in jeopardy. Iowa law enforcement has been very fortunate to have the MCTC at Camp Dodge, and they have provided countless hours of training for the past several years that we could never receive as a single department. The speakers and programs they bring to Iowa are the very best being offered in law enforcement today. We are at risk of losing this valuable asset if the funding is no longer available. It is up to each of us – I encourage all of you, every chief and sheriff – to contact your Senators and Representatives and request continued funding. Together, we can make this happen. If we do nothing, we stand to lose this resource.

Keep in touch and have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Terry

Increased Legislative Focus on Medical Marijuana Legalization

By Kellie Paschke
IPOA Legislative Consultant

Marijuana legalization is not a new topic for Iowa legislators. In fact, each legislative session usually includes a proposal to allow more access to the drug. Despite the annual attention, most legislators have resisted these attempts. The Iowa Board of Pharmacy has also declined to intervene, believing the issue is best left to elected officials. The 2014 legislative session has brought a renewed focus on legalization. Members of the House and Senate are reviewing proposals to legalize marijuana

that is used for medical purposes. The uptick in activity is largely attributed to a small but vocal group of people who believe that certain forms of marijuana and its derivatives help alleviate symptoms of certain conditions. As other treatment forms have failed, legislators are becoming more sympathetic to the plight of parents who are desperately searching for ways to help their children cope. Proponents of medical marijuana legalization point to a number of other states, notably New Mexico and Utah, that have adopted laws permitting access to marijuana under certain circumstances. Opponents have identified concerns related

to increased illicit drug use, product safety and integrity, and regulatory framework that must be considered and addressed. As these various proposals are discussed, Senators and Representatives are reaching out to the IPOA and their local law enforcement leaders for information. Any legislation that does move forward will be very limited, such as permitting possession of certain oils derived from the cannabis plant when obtained by prescription in another state. Despite the limited nature of these proposals, it is important that you contact your legislator so they understand the implications to public safety.

Iowa Legislator Profiles:

Information on Senators Schneider and Sodders; and Representatives Taylor and Worthan

Sen. Charles Schneider (R) - West Des Moines - SD 22, currently serves as the Ranking Member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, which is responsible for most law enforcement policy in the Senate. Born in Davenport and raised throughout Iowa, he currently resides in West Des Moines. Sen. Schneider received his B.A. from Creighton University, and J.D. and MBA from University of Iowa. In addition to his work on the Senate Judiciary Committee, Sen. Schneider serves as a member of the Commerce, Economic Growth, State Government and Ways and Means Committees. He is a Senate appointee to the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning Committee (CJJP), Capitol Planning Commission and the Public Safety Advisory Board. Senator Schneider works as counsel for Principal Financial Group, and is serving his first term in the Iowa Senate. To contact Senator Schneider: charles.schneider@legis.iowa.gov



Sen. Steve Sodders (D) - State Center - SD 22, a Marshall County deputy sher-

iff, was born in Ames and raised in Slater. He received his A.A. from Marshalltown Community College, and is currently serving his second term. Sen. Sodders is the Senate President Pro Tempore, a key leadership position.

He serves as the chair of the Economic Growth Committee, and a member of the Agriculture, Judiciary, State Government, Labor, Rules, and Veterans Affairs Committees. Sen. Sodders was an appointee to the Pseudoephedrine Advisory Council and the Emergency Medical Services Study Committee. To contact Senator Sodders: steve.sodders@legis.iowa.gov



Rep. Todd Taylor (D) - Cedar Rapids - HD 70, has long been serving House District 70. Raised in Cedar Rapids, he has been representing the area for nearly 20 years. Rep. Taylor received his B.A.



from Graceland College, and B.S. from the University of Iowa, and he currently works as a staff representative for AFSCME. As

the ranking member of the Justice System Appropriations Subcommittee, he reviews budget matters related to law enforcement including the Department of Public Safety and the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. He is also a member of the Appropriations, Labor and State Government Committees. To contact Representative Taylor: todd.taylor@legis.iowa.gov

Rep. Gary Worthan (R) - Storm Lake - HD 11, was born, raised and resides near Storm Lake. A farmer, he earned an Associate of Agriculture Degree from Iowa State University. Currently serving



his fourth term in the House, Rep. Worthan is the chairman of the Justice System Appropriations Subcommittee, responsible for providing funding for various public safety areas. As a member of the Appropriations, Judiciary, Public Safety and Transportation Committees, Rep. Worthan also reviews nearly all law enforcement policy issues as most travel through those committees. He is an appointee to the Commission on Tobacco Use, Prevention and Control. Contact: gary.worthan@legis.iowa.gov

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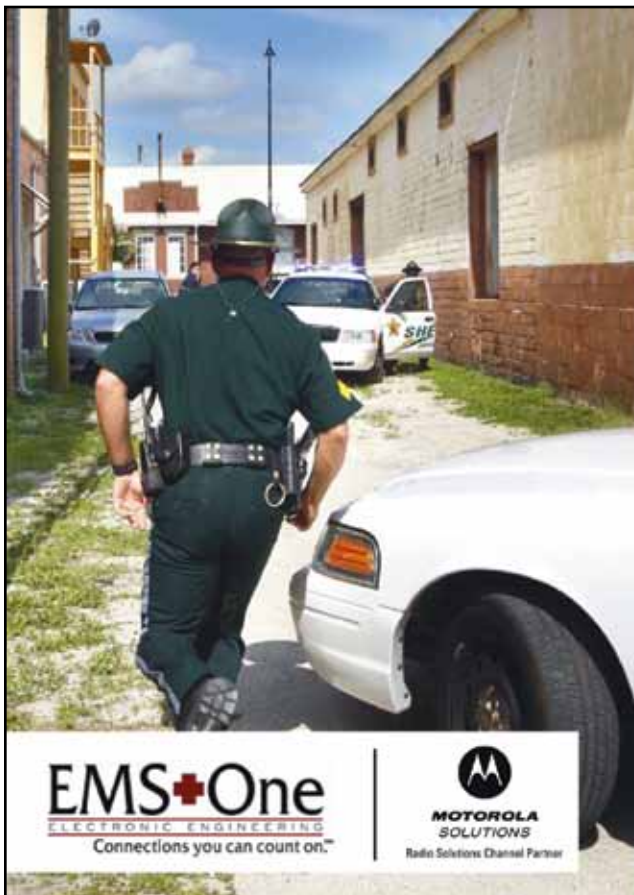
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Traffic stop ambush attacks

Ambush attacks resulting in line of duty deaths are on the rise and have been for the past several years. There is no good news/bad news approach to these types of attacks. An ambush is what it is. It is defined as an act of hiding, waiting for others to appear, and then suddenly attacking them.

In 2013, there were 30 officers killed by gunfire and to date there have been 11. Can you prevent an ambush from happening? I don't have the answer to that question.

There are things to look for however. One thing that stands out is traffic stop ambushes. In video after video of traffic stop ambushes, one thing remains a constant in many of them: brake lights.

When involved in a traffic stop, most people place their car in park anticipating being STATIONARY while the officer conducts their business. Why would someone sit and wait for you with their brake lights ON? This should be a red flag – a huge red flag. Upon approach, which side do you take? Driver side or passenger? Typically we have been trained driver-side approaches, but in recent years the passenger-side approach is starting to reveal some tactical advantages as well being safer from traffic.

One advantage is people expect you to approach on the driver's side. Making a passenger-side approach will throw off a potential ambusher's thought process. Instead of just raising their weapon to shoot through the driver side window, which is easily done without even looking at you, they now have to acquire where you are on the passenger side, shift position in the car to shoot at you, and most importantly, if this happens you can literally turn and run into the ditch, field or whatever it is behind you without having to worry about turning and running into traffic as you would on a driver's side approach.

We have conducted training at length to try and determine the "best" way to react when being shot at on a traffic stop. It really comes down to the reaction of individual officers. In training, some have begun back peddling while trying to draw their weapons; others turn right into oncoming traffic and run while drawing. ALL of them subconsciously flinched before doing either, which bought the attacker more time. Passenger side approaches seemed to be more

advantageous/ tactically sound. The biggest advantage: the escape route.

Another indicator we have seen during traffic stop ambushes is the attacker being overly attentive to where the officer is when making their approach. They will turn and look a couple of times and seemingly be moving in their car seat while the officer is approaching. This, too, should be sending up a huge red flag as this is a clear pre-attack indicator. Always be aware of these things – especially the brake light staying on.

We tell our officers once the traffic stop is initiated and the offender has pulled over, to turn their wheels to the left, leave the car in drive and do a slow 10 count while watching the offender vehicle. We do this because if the offender were to jump out and begin firing, officers only have to stomp the accelerator and drive around or through the threat using only gross motor skills. Ever try putting your car into drive, turning the wheel and stomping the accelerator while getting shot at? Not as easy as it sounds.

If you see something that just isn't right, or feel that something isn't right, chances are it isn't. Listen to your gut instinct. I'll bet you can recount times where your gut told you something wasn't right, you disregard it and later you find your instinct was indeed right and then said, "I KNEW something was wrong." Sound familiar? When your instincts are screaming at you, listen to them. They're trying to tell you something and ignoring them could be disastrous.

These are only a couple of trends we've learned about traffic stop ambushes. They

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are most noticeable through observation and awareness. Every stop you conduct should be treated as an unknown risk stop, not a routine stop. It may be routine but it's still an unknown risk. Treat it as such. Until next time, train hard, stay safe and ready.



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The "Survivors of Homicide" programs across the state address the immediate and long-term needs of individuals whose lives have been impacted by violent crimes.

Attention is given to the rights and needs of survivors. Services are available by all programs 24 hours a day. The programs offer assistance with many situations including; death notifications, communication with law enforcement and prosecutors, justice system advocacy, medical advocacy, service referrals, obtaining crime scene clean up, assistance with compensation paperwork, counseling and long-term support. All services are of no cost to the survivors.

It is the goal of the programs to establish contact with survivors as soon after the crime as possible. This allows the survivors to identify with a familiar face and gain a sense of trust throughout the process. Advocates will stay with the families and other parties affected by these crimes from initial contact through the entire judicial process until services are no longer requested.

Our purpose is to counterbalance the trauma survivors have endured



and to help create a cohesive system of support. We work closely with law enforcement and prosecuting attorneys to ensure the victims are aware of what is transpiring throughout each step of the process.

There are 5 programs across the state that supports all 99 counties. The counties are divided according to the Iowa Department of Criminal Investigation zones. Zone 1 is covered by Polk County Crisis and Advocacy Services in Des Moines. Zone 2 is supported by Family Crisis Centers of Northwest

Iowa in Sioux Center. Zone 3 is split between Crisis Intervention Service in Mason City and Domestic/ Sexual Assault Outreach Center in Fort Dodge. The Horizons Survivors Program in Cedar Rapids covers Zone 4.



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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

IOWA PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

The undersigned respectfully makes application for membership to the:
Iowa Peace Officers Association P.O. Box 100 Denver, Iowa 50622

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Employed as: _____ By: _____

Date of Appointment: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

Beneficiary: _____

Relationship: _____

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The sum of \$35 must accompany this application for first year membership. Dues are not tax deductible due to the lobbying efforts of this association. Annual dues 2nd year will be \$30.

Signature of Applicant: _____



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Council Bluffs Police Department Says “Goodbye” to Retiring Chief O’Donnell

The Council Bluffs Police Department will soon be under new management as former Chief Ralph O’Donnell retired.

O’Donnell, a 37 year veteran of the department, said goodbye to the entire community during a retirement party held Friday, April 4, at the Council Bluffs Public Library. The event was hosted by C.B.P.D., and was heavily attended by law enforcement personnel representing federal, state and local agencies throughout the metro area.

US Attorney’s Office, DEA, Omaha Police Department, Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation, Fraternal Order of Police and the Iowa Peace Officers Association were some of the agencies/ associations attending the event. Five former Council Bluffs Police chiefs were present as Council Bluffs Mayor Matt Walsh thanked O’Donnell for his leadership and dedication to the entire City of Council Bluffs.

Former West Des Moines police chief and older brother Jack O’Donnell was also present to celebrate the closing of his younger brother’s law enforcement career.

Ralph O’Donnell began his career with C.B.P.D. in 1977 as a uniform patrol officer. Throughout his long career, he attained the ranks of sergeant, lieutenant and captain before accepting the chief’s position in 2009.

During his career, O’Donnell served on numerous law enforcement committees and boards, including the executive board of the Iowa Peace Officers Association for several terms, working on the Membership



committee. Retirement will give O’Donnell the opportunity to devote his time to his family and his love for the outdoors. An avid sportsman, O’Donnell can plan his hunting/ fishing trips without worrying about departmental concerns. O’Donnell plans to continue his long-standing teaching position in the Criminal Justice program at Iowa Western Community College

A law enforcement career spanning 37 years is impressive. Chief O’Donnell can leave, knowing his time spent with the Council Bluffs Police Department left it a better place for his successor. The Iowa Peace Officers Association thanks him for his service to the Association, wishing him well in retirement.



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Long-time Manchester Police Chief Bruce Trapp announces retirement

Manchester Police Chief Bruce Trapp has announced his retirement. Chief Trapp started as a patrolman with the Manchester Police Department in 1974, and in the year 1979 at the young age of 27 was appointed Chief.

Chief Trapp managed the Manchester Police Department until his retirement this year, making him the 3rd longest serving chief at the same department in Iowa.

Chief Trapp's background certainly prepared him for his long tenure. His father was a lieutenant colonel in the United States Air Force, which allowed Bruce Trapp to attend private high school at St. John's Military Academy located in Delafield, Wisconsin. He later received his bachelor's degree from the University of

Wisconsin majoring in business administration and criminal justice.

Chief Trapp's original career goal was to become a highway patrolman. However, in 1974 while finishing college, he heard that Manchester Police Department was hiring. And now, 40 years later, Chief Trapp has decided to again start a new chapter in his life – with retirement.

Chief Trapp is credited with many Manchester Police Department improvements. Under his leadership, the Department started a D.A.R.E. program and K-9 program, remodeled the P.D., equipped the Department with a state-of-the-art 911 communication center, and outfitted officers with AR-15s and TASERs – just to name a few.

Chief Trapp hesitated to retire when the city of Manchester offered an early retirement package to those eligible, which included him. When asked why he would hesitate to retire Trapp said, "Because I still love my job."

Chief Trapp could have retired years ago, but the excitement of police work kept him around for many years. Even after 40 years of law enforcement, Chief Trapp was often on the street chasing bad guys



Manchester Police Chief Bruce Trapp has announced he is retiring. He became chief in 1979.

and making arrests. Although he handled all the administrative duties as chief, he still enjoyed being a street cop when the time allowed.

Chief Trapp said having the same mayor his entire police career and a pro-law-enforcement city council helped make his career enjoyable.

Chief Trapp plans to spend retirement working part-time in law enforcement, and working other odd jobs to stay busy. He looks forward to spending more time with his family during retirement, including his two children and three grandkids. Chief Trapp is also proud that he passed on his police genes to his son Brandon, who is with Clear Lake police.

The Iowa Peace Officers Association (IPOA) and the entire Iowa Law Enforcement community wishes Chief Trapp a happy retirement, and thanks him for 40 years of dedicated service.



At left is retiring Manchester Police Chief Bruce Trapp, and his son, Brandon, a police officer in Clear Lake, who attended the IPOA Annual Training Conference together.



Marion P.D.'s new headquarters provides safety, room for growth



The City of Marion marked the opening of its new Marion Police Headquarters on November 13, 2013.

Located at 6315 Highway 151, this new facility is equipped to meet the diverse law enforcement needs of today, while also accommodating future expansion needs.

The new facility is located on the eastern edge of town, and is about six times larger than the old station, which was quickly outgrown after opening in 1984. Unfortunately, when it was built future expansion was not taken into consideration. In 1984, the population was approximately 18,000 and since then has doubled – along with the size of the police force and fleet – to about 40,000.

Inadequate space, changes in technology and structural issues all contributed to the need for the new facility. Even though the station is on the outskirts of town, it will not affect the responsiveness of officers who spend most of their day in the field. The building also serves as an attractive marker at a gateway into Marion.

Unlike the old station, this facility was built as a secure law enforcement building, featuring gated employee parking, underground parking for police vehicles, numerous interview rooms and holding cells in the detention area, which provides increased safety for both officers and citizens.

Another big change is increased space and proper ventilation for evidence and property storage as well as areas for forensics. The Department plans to utilize their new training center frequently, and looks to bring in training on many topics – potentially saving traveling costs.

The Marion Police Department is led by Chief Harry R. Daugherty, and employs 42 sworn and nine civilian employees. The City of Marion is proud to have one of the lowest crime rates per capita in the State of Iowa, and looks forward to meeting the needs of their city from their new location.



photos by Terry Dehnlow

Law enforcement officers' interest in pistol shooting led to Iowa Police Combat League

By Gary Schroeder

Have you ever had a desire to get together once a month during the summer with fellow law enforcement officers from throughout Iowa and surrounding states?

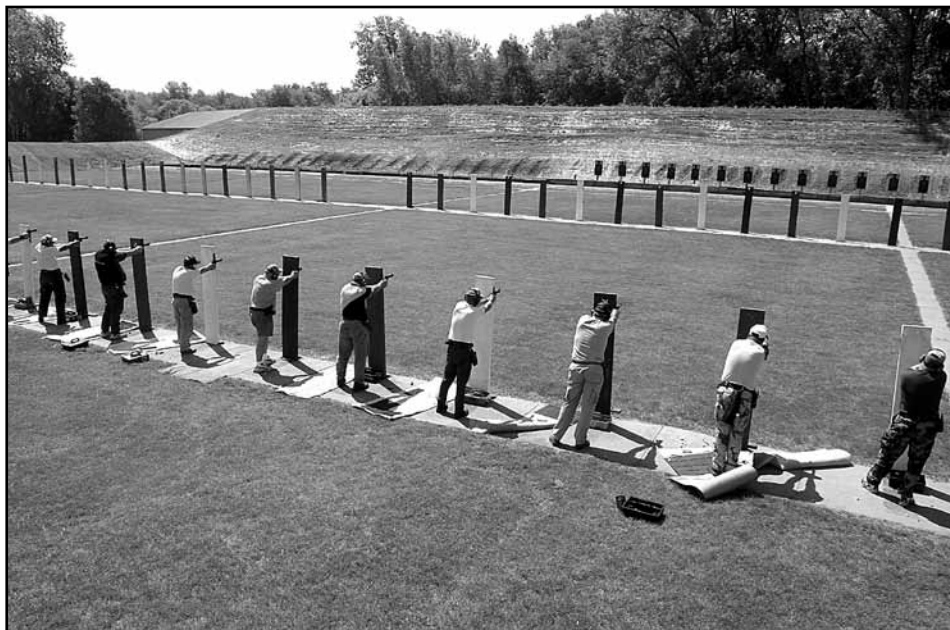
We have, and have been doing so since 1982. We are the Iowa Police Combat League. That was the year a group of law enforcement officers who shared a common interest in police pistol combat shooting formed our league.

We meet four weekends during the summer months to enjoy our interest and hone our marksmanship skills. We hold matches on Saturday and Sunday. Competitors may compete on one or both days. Matches are held currently at the Cedar Rapids Police Department range and the Marshall County Sheriff's range.

We fire a 1500 course of 150 rounds, from distances of 7, 15, 25 and 50 yards, utilizing various positions and under timed fire. Competitors are placed in individual classifications according to their skill level, so they only compete against those of a similar skill level. Each day we host an optional 48-round duty course as well.

Several years ago we received permission from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy to hold a retired officer qualification course. We do this first thing at our Saturday matches. There is no charge for this, provided a retired officer is a league member.

Our current membership includes officers from the Des Moines P.D., Dubuque P.D., Dubuque Park P.D., Cedar Rapids P.D., Mason City P.D., Lincoln, Nebraska, P.D., Chicago, Illinois P.D., Iowa State Patrol, Iowa DNR, Woodbury County S.O.



Appanoose County S.O., Benton County S.O., Marshall County S.O., South Dakota Highway Patrol, and the Illinois Department of Corrections.

We have a great group of members, and are constantly seeking new people to join us. We offer a "shooting buddy" program for new competitors who desire an experienced shooter to fire on the target next to them. These buddies assist the new shooter in answering any questions, making sure you understand the courses of fire and in scoring targets. You will never feel like you are alone on the range.

Membership dues are \$25 per year. Membership is not mandatory, but being a member entitles you to be eligible for The Governor's Twenty Team. The Governor's Twenty Team members receive a nice gift at the conclusion of the season, along with a proclamation signed by the governor stat-

ing that they are a member of the team. A member must fire at least four 1500 matches during the season. The high three scores of the season are then averaged for a final score. First, 2nd and 3rd-place awards in each class are given to members who did not make the team.

Please consider joining our league. You will make new friends who will remain friends for life. We still have members competing who started the league in 1982. You will also enhance your marksmanship skill, while having a great time as well.

For more complete information, the 2014 match schedule and to see the courses of fire, please contact:

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