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One Team. One Mission.

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Dear Members and Friends of the Maine Sheriffs Association,

Welcome to the 2012 edition of our Maine Sheriffs magazine.

The tagline of our Association is One Team, One Mission. More than ever before, 2012 proved to be the year where this message held true.

One Team, One Mission.

For the past five years, Maine's County Sheriffs have been committed to working with the State's unified corrections system. The overwhelming challenge has been funding. Sheriffs have been communicating daily with other counties to find solutions to overcome these crises and help their fellow sheriffs. On page 24 you'll see photos of our sheriffs working with the Governor to help manage this financial crisis to ensure the safety of Maine's citizens. One Team, One Mission: fifteen sheriffs came together to work towards solutions that meet the needs of all Maine's citizens. Non-partisan solutions.

On page 10, you'll see photos of our work at Camp POSTCARD but what you don't see is the months of preparation that went into making this week impactful for Maine's disadvantaged youth. Maine Sheriffs know that investing in our youth and teaching them that law enforcement officers will always be there to help and support, builds trusting relationships that last lifetimes. While each county has one elected sheriff, there are no county boundaries at Camp POSTCARD. The mission to grow respectful, trusting relationships with these children is our only loyalty.

Several months each year, the Maine Sheriffs Association conducts weekly meetings to discuss legislation that will impact their citizens. During each legislative session, the Maine Sheriffs are at the State House, lobbying to ensure that safety of Maine's citizens was in the forefront of all decision making. It's another illustration of how Maine Sheriffs assume their responsibility to serve and protect ALL of this great state. See more on page 24.

I am often asked what it's like to represent Maine's Sheriffs and without question the first answer that comes to mind is that it's an incredible, humbling privilege. I encourage you to meet the remarkable Sheriffs I represent through the pages of this magazine.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary-Anne LaMarre". The signature is fluid and cursive.

MARY-ANNE LAMARRE, *Executive Director*

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OUR MISSION

The purpose of the Maine Sheriffs Association is to advance all of the Sheriffs' Departments in the state and further, through closer cooperation among all law enforcement agencies, foster a high degree of respect for, and maintenance of, law and order and to promote the detection and prevention of crime and to engage in charitable, educational and public service programs to assist the aforementioned purposes.

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President's Message

“On behalf of the sheriffs of the State of Maine, I would like to welcome you to our annual magazine. We hope that you find the magazine useful and informative. The Maine sheriffs have a long and proud tradition of service to our citizens. We are proud to serve the people of the great State of Maine.

The office of sheriff has a long history, dating back more than one thousand years in the United Kingdom and more than four hundred years in the United States. The sheriffs in the State of Maine serve as the chief law enforcement officer in each county. It is the only elected law enforcement officer in the state of Maine, allowing citizens to elect their sheriff every four years. The sheriffs represent one of the purest forms of democracy; directly answering to the citizens of their counties.

Maine's sheriffs are committed to protecting the citizens of the State of Maine. The sheriffs provide a robust law enforcement resource with 352 sworn deputy sheriffs and 740 corrections' officers. The sheriffs are committed to providing professional, progressive and highly-trained employees to best serve our citizenry. We are committed to the principles of compassion, integrity and fairness to all that we serve.”



Sheriff Randall A. Liberty, *Maine Sheriffs' Association President*

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The Maine Sheriffs' Association (MSA) is a non-profit organization that coordinates law enforcement and corrections activities with other related agencies. It works to improve and professionalize the sheriffs' offices in Maine and to assure that all citizens receive the highest quality law enforcement and jail services in an efficient, courteous, and humane manner.

The MSA also works to inform and educate all citizens about county law enforcement and jail services in order to increase the public's understanding, support, and respect for the sheriffs' departments and their officers. Maine sheriffs work together with the community in programs like D.A.R.E (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) and TRIAD which works to reduce criminal victimization of the elderly, and with scholarships.

The Maine Sheriffs' Association vigorously supports professional training and education programs and encourages certification of sheriffs and deputy sheriffs.

We also engage in a constant effort to make law enforcement activities and jail services more efficient and fiscally effective. We actively promote and support legislation to provide sheriffs with the authority and responsibility necessary to properly administer their departments and to upgrade conditions of employment to be able to attract and retain the most qualified personnel in order to best serve the citizens of Maine.



From left to right - Sheriff Scott Nichols, Sheriff Wayne Gallant, Sheriff Glenn Ross, Sheriff Maurice Ouellette, Sheriff Guy Desjardins, Sheriff John Goggin, Sheriff Scott Story, Sheriff Kevin Joyce, Sheriff William Clark, Sheriff Barry Delong, Sheriff Donna Dennison, Sheriff Todd Brackett, Sheriff Randall Liberty, Sheriff Joel Merry.

Jamaican Scam

During the summer of 2011 the York County Sheriff's office (YCSO) received a report of an elderly woman who had paid money in pursuit of a lottery. The local mayor contacted the sheriff's office because the family of the victim claimed the FBI and state authorities were of no help. The woman was sending money all over the country and internationally to Jamaica. Little did we know that the impromptu visit from the mayor would set in motion a chain of events to include international travel by YCSO staff and attempts by the sheriff's office to alter U. S. Government policy.



Deputies soon discovered that the elderly woman had sent almost \$70,000 in the past six months to collect a \$2.5 million dollar lottery and a brand new BMW. Deputies organized a myriad of receipts, hand written notes, and bank withdrawal slips. While investigators worked feverishly to “follow the money” we also sought an appropriate federal agency to adopt this case. There was urgency because the case was still active – the scammers were demanding that our victim send more processing fees to their co-conspirators in New Jersey.

We realized that we were not equipped to investigate a multi-jurisdictional and international crime so we sought assistance from our federal counterparts. Much to our chagrin, the local federal authorities were reluctant to adopt the case due to office priorities and resource limitations. We later learned this is the same scenario throughout the country.

FairPoint Communications

Our victim allowed us to place a recorder on her telephone. She was instructed not to answer unless a deputy was monitoring the call – our victim promised not to pay anymore “fees” but was not entirely convinced that the lottery was a hoax.

In addition to the “876” (Jamaica) numbers, we noticed odd numbers on her caller ID, such as seven zeros, or an out of state number that we found did not exist.

FairPoint Communications is the largest provider of landlines in New England and seniors are the most common users of landline telephones. FairPoint Security Director Larry Caruso introduced us to the world of spoofing and other means of disguising numbers through the use of easily obtained devices. Caruso also shared that these scams have been on FairPoint's radar for some time because many of their customers have been instructed to call an “876” number. Not realizing 876 is an international call, the unsuspecting senior will receive a bill with the associated fees and call FairPoint suspecting a billing mistake had occurred.

Enforcement

Deputies continued to track each payment our elderly victim made. We found that she sent money to eleven different people in seven different states. She also sent money directly to Jamaica until a concerned person at the Western Union Store refused to wire the money because they suspected the woman was being exploited. The Portland Police Department also lent us their crime analyst to organize the scheme on a flow chart for easy explanation.

Investigators collaborated with local and county authorities from California to Florida and every person complicit in the scheme was identified and most interviewed. Through those interviews, we identified six people in Jamaica who were the ultimate recipients of the money paid by our vulnerable senior. An Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) was willing to prosecute this case and even drafted a search warrant for the culprits in New Jersey – to be executed when our victim sent them a package of “money” as they were demanding. Everything was in place to take this criminal organization down – except for a willing federal law enforcement agency.

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About a month later, the same federal prosecutor told us about a small task force from North Carolina that was looking at the lottery schemes emanating from Jamaica. The AUSA explained that attorneys from the Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Consumer Protection Branch in Washington, D. C, were directing the task force. We forwarded our case to them. However, they cautioned us not to expect an immediate result or prosecution.

Education

We realized that our case was in the “mix” of cases they would review but we were still regularly receiving complaints from York County seniors falling for the scam. FairPoint Security personnel also explained that they have been collecting data from their service area and had accumulated about 100 victims – we found that the typical victim lost around \$70,000. We wondered if demographics played a role – some reports show that Maine has the oldest population, Vermont is second and New Hampshire is fourth (following Florida).

FairPoint Communications President was very concerned that his customers were being victimized through the telephone. Through his instruction, FairPoint Security became the eyes and ears of law enforcement. Security Officers collected and passed on information and the losses kept increasing – One woman in Northern Maine lost approximately \$600,000.

The sheriff’s office shifted its focus from enforcement of

these scams to education of our seniors. We sought a corporate partner to leverage outside resources to mitigate crime in our community and we found a willing partner with FairPoint Communications.

FairPoint hired a public relations firm to assist in this initiative. They held news conferences, published and distributed educational materials, shot a PSA that played on local television stations and initiated a website “www.bewareof876.com”

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The website is a blessing and a curse. It provides a resource for people who are or have been scammed by a caller from area code 876. FairPoint has fielded calls from across the country asking for help. Oftentimes, they will direct the callers to the sheriff’s office for law enforcement advice. Since the inception of the website, deputies have spoken to victims, or victim’s families from approximately 20 different states, most of whom are frustrated with law enforcement. Many report the crimes only to be told that there is “nothing they can do” because the criminals are from Jamaica.

The website also gained the attention of Jamaican authorities. Jamaican Embassy officials in the United States expressed concern with the website and contacted the sheriff’s office demanding the “names” of the individuals who we identified in our investigation.

Channel 6 News

A local news station conducted a three part series on the Jamaican scams in Maine. The last part of the series contained a portion for viewers to call in. During the ½ hour show, 38 people called in to report scams from 876 and were directed to their local authorities – unfortunately, 108 calls that were on hold were terminated when the show concluded.

Jamaican Conference

During November, the Jamaican National Building Society (JNBS) organized a forum to discuss the scamming. The publicity of the lottery scams was hurting their tourist trade and giving Jamaica a bad reputation. The JNBS invited the FairPoint Communications President to be a guest speaker, specifically to discuss why they engaged in the “Beware of 876” campaign. FairPoint accepted with one requirement – that their law enforcement partner also be invited with a speaking role.

During the conference, the Jamaican authorities acknowledged that scamming existed and was out of control – 30,000 calls leave Jamaica each day; most are destined for New Eng-

BEWARE: Scams from Area Code 876

Based on a True Story...

It started with a call saying she had won a \$2.5 million sweepstakes. She was skeptical. But they assured her that a store where she shopped had entered her to win.

The money would help her children, pay off her debts and allow her to travel, they said. She had watched home makeover and instant millionaire TV shows. “Maybe it’s my turn to win,” she thought.

She sent a small fee to “process” the winnings, then a larger one to “pre-pay taxes,” then another...and the calls kept coming. She had sent so much already, she couldn’t stop now and jeopardize her lottery winnings. So she sent more money.

By the end of this story, she had lost \$150,000 and filed for bankruptcy. This is based on a true story of a woman in Maine. But this could happen anywhere. Seniors lose millions of dollars to phone scams each year.

Don’t become a victim.
Don’t let your senior relatives become a victim.

Visit www.bewareof876.com for tips on preventing phone scams or call FairPoint security at 866-641-7475.

FairPoint communications

land. The Jamaicans claim they lack adequate laws to address the problem; however there is proposed legislation that, if passed, could rectify that challenge in 2013.

Specifically, the Jamaican legal system at this time:

- Has no scamming laws on the books
- Requires the victim to be physically present at every criminal hearing
- Cannot seize ill gotten gains connected with scamming
- Cannot return stolen property to a victim

The Jamaican conference was gratifying because it solidified that the website was having an impact. Almost every Jamaican speaker referenced the “Beware of 876” initiative from the United States.

Congressional Support

The fault does not lie entirely in Jamaica. In every scheme we uncovered, U. S. citizens facilitated the scam. These co-conspirators receive “processing fees, taxes, etc.” from unsuspecting seniors and forward the money to Jamaica after deducting their cut (usually around 10%).

It was decided that the scams would continue until the U. S. devoted more law enforcement effort. We believe:

- More federal law enforcement must be devoted to investigating and dismantling these Jamaican scamming organizations, in the U.S. and in Jamaica.
- More coordination must be conducted so we know who these scammers are and who their facilitators are in the U. S.
- Jamaican authorities must be provided assistance to prosecute and extradite Jamaicans committing crimes against our citizens.
- Constant education to our citizens warning them about foreign lotteries

FairPoint decided to take our concerns to our U. S. lawmakers and two weeks after returning from Jamaica, we found ourselves in the offices of Senator Susan Collins and Congressman Mike Michaud, as well as other lawmakers from New Hampshire and Vermont.

Senator Collins and Congressman Michaud were extremely gracious. Even though Senator Collins was leading the charge over the Benghazi debacle, she took the time to meet with us about the Jamaican scammers. The same can be said for Congressman Michaud who was involved in meetings about the approaching fiscal cliff. It was clear to me that both lawmakers are very concerned about Maine’s senior citizens.



Next Step

Senator Collins is considering holding a hearing about the matter and has committed to organize a News Conference to highlight the issue after the Christmas Holiday.

Congressman Michaud has contacted the FTC and requested a series of “town hall” type meetings throughout Maine to discuss the Jamaican lottery scams and ways to prevent becoming a victim.

Meanwhile, FairPoint and the sheriff’s office will continue to sound this alarm and serve as a resource to other law enforcement officials and more important – to victims and their families.

And the original victim that started the sheriff’s office on this journey? After losing her retirement savings, the stress and emotional toll eventually landed her in the psychiatric unit of the Maine Medical Center. Unable to live independently, she now lives with her son and his family out of state.

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Sheriff Named Citizen of the Year

By Jennifer Osborn

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ELLSWORTH — The word on the street is, if you need something done, talk to Hancock County Sheriff Bill Clark. Clark is credited with a number of good works. They include expansion of the Open Door Recovery Center's facility. He has helped revitalize both the Woodbine Cemetery and the Ellsworth Snowmobile Club's trail system.

Clark was honored at the Chamber's annual dinner meeting which was held Thursday, May 2 at Ellsworth High School.

"He's involved in a lot of different activities and functions and certainly brings a lot to the community," said Tony Cameron, the chamber's executive director. "I think people recognize that and want to honor him."

Clark said he gets embarrassed whenever someone congratulates him. "I think it's a hell of an honor."

Barbara Royal, executive director for Open Door, said Clark has been "a great support," for the treatment center. "He was the one who spearheaded the addition being put onto our building," Royal said.

Clark organized inmates and volunteers and contractors to get the job done. "There were times he'd be down here in the dark working with a backhoe by himself." "He's been a big supporter of treatment in general," Royal said.

Open Door provides a complete substance abuse treatment program in the Hancock County Jail. "To do that, you need to have the entire jail staff cooperating, that wouldn't happen without the sheriff supporting," Royal said.

Clark said when he began working with Open Door, he realized "locking them up isn't the answer. Treatment is the answer. If we could get more people into treatment, we could reduce recidivism. That's why drug court works."

Clark served on the board of Open Door during the building expansion but then resigned.

The sheriff explained that most of the boards he serves on need significant monetary donations, which can be difficult for him to solicit as a law enforcement official.

Selling tickets for a raffle to benefit the snowmobile club



is one thing, soliciting donations for a building expansion is another.

"I have to be real careful how I do that," Clark said. "That's always presented a problem for me. I can't have someone saying, 'now you owe me.'"

Clark serves as president of the board of directors and sextant for Woodbine Cemetery.

That partnership was created in a couple of days after a chance encounter with cemetery board member Thelma Beal at Hannaford.

The cemetery was spending \$40,000 annually to have the property mowed. After the stock market crash in 2008, investment earnings were down and the cemetery was quickly running through its endowment.

Clark brings inmates to the cemetery to take care of the lower lawn and do other landscaping and maintenance work, saving about \$24,000 a year.

The sheriff also has spent time reviving the Ellsworth Snowmobile Club, of which he is now president, and getting a local trail system going for snowmobiles.

Jake Taylor of Ellsworth met Clark while working on the snowmobile project about eight years ago.

"He's probably one of the most ethical, trustworthy people I've ever met in my life and he's a hard worker to boot," Taylor said.

"He's a great sounding board just for information in our

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area,” said Taylor. “He has so much experience in different pieces of life. There isn’t anything the guy hasn’t done or knows somebody who did it.”

Clark also is a volunteer with the Sheriff’s Cup Basketball Tournament, which a group of his employees started 13 years ago as a way to give back to the community. Each year, the money raised from this event has gone to local charities in Hancock County such as the American Cancer Society and Christmas is for Kids.

Clark has been a law enforcement officer for 40 years, 33 of those as Sheriff.

Clark always had an interest in law enforcement.

Maine State Police Trooper Ron Libby was a big influence on Clark when he was growing up in Franklin.

When he got out of school, Clark was working part-time at a convenience store where all the cops hung out. They convinced him to join the force.

Clark is halfway through what he says is his last term as sheriff. “I said this before but I’m quite sure,” Clark said. “It’s time.”

He and his wife Christy will spend time on their boat.

“I love to snowmobile,” he said. “I have a winter hobby and a summer hobby.”

Two Bridges Receives Spirit of America Award

Two Bridges Regional Jail volunteers were honored in a Spirit of America ceremony at the Lincoln County Communications Center, November 20, 2012. Twelve Lincoln County towns nominated a recipient, and Katharine Martin-Savage, a member of the Lincoln and Sagadahoc Multi-county Jail Authority, nominated Two Bridges Regional Jail for the Maine Spirit of America Award.

The Spirit of America Foundation Tribute “is presented in the name of Maine municipalities to local individuals, organizations and projects for commendable community service,” according to the foundation’s web site.

Senator Chris Johnson presented the recipients with a legislative expression of sentiment recognizing the TBRJ Program volunteers. Volunteers Joan Taylor, Lavonne Carey and Bob Hargreaves, along with staff members Maj. Mark

Anderson and Mary Sue Weeks and Jail Authority Board Member Katharine Martin-Savage were present to receive the award.

Other organizations or individuals who were honored at the ceremony included the Alna Volunteer Fire Dept., the Boothbay Harbor Memorial Library, the New Harbor Food Pantry in Bristol, Karen and Mathew Filler of Damariscotta, Peter Walsh from Dresden, Edgcomb Volunteer Fire Department, Lincoln County Television from Newcastle, Union Congregational Church of South Bristol, Ramona Gaudette from Southport, Ruth Nelson from Westport Island, Libby Harmon and Marie Sacks from Whitefield.

The TBRJ legislative sentiment is framed and hangs by the sallyport door to Central Control.



Camp POSTCARD...a 20-Year Partnership Just Gets Better!

“Who could have dreamt when Camp POSTCARD began 20 years ago, that more than 3,000 Maine 5th and 6th graders would have the opportunity to experience the benefits of our unique and beneficial partnership,” said June Koegel, President and CEO of Volunteers of America. “What began as a simple idea among colleagues has grown into an annual life-changing week that has made a profound impact on the youth of Maine.”

“Being able to work with the Maine Sheriffs’ Association and the individual Sheriffs and their staffs has been a critical aspect of camp’s success. Your ongoing generosity and commitment through funding, food supplies, providing camp staff and dedicating your time from busy schedules is truly a blessing to these children,” Koegel explained. “Your support has exceeded our wildest expectations and has played a major role in allowing campers to attend free of charge.”

Camp started as an idea from several concerned law enforcement officials to address the lack of summer activities



for many Maine youth. It was believed that there was an opportunity to engage these youth at an age where a combination of summer fun and education through a mentorship with law enforcement officials could have a profound impact on their lives. As a secondary benefit, by spending time with these young people, it would be possible to change the often negative image of law enforcement they hold.

“Imagine creating a positive experience with law enforcement for deserving kids?” says Christine “Chris” Buchanan who has co-lead the camp with Lt. Rand Maker since the camp’s inception in 1994. Chris is a retired Maine State Trooper who still works in law enforcement. Rand heads the Patrol Division of the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Department.

“We wanted to be positive role models,” Chris says, “and give the kids a chance to experience us in a different way — seeing law enforcement officers as people — not to mention



giving the campers positive memories and a chance to have real fun in a safe environment.”

Rand adds, “In so many ways, this camp is no different from other summer camps in Maine. Some of the attendees are kids you might label as troubled — though this is not the focus. Others are being rewarded for doing well academically or behaviorally. Others get some positive role modeling. And



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others are simply kids who can't afford camp. So the only real difference is that the staff is primarily law enforcement, corrections, and Criminal Justice professionals."

The planning for camp is a year-round event that involves staff and volunteers representing a wide range of talents and organizations. We have come a long way together. Here's a glimpse at some major milestones of camp during the past 20 years:

In 1994, our first year of camp, we served 93 kids at Camp Roosevelt in Eddington, Maine. In 2013, we'll serve 150.

The name "Camp POSTCARD" ("Police Officers Striving to Create and Reinforce Dreams") was created in 1994 by Lil Charron, a former Correctional Officer with the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department and a camp leader.

In 2004 and 2005 we took Camp POSTCARD to Belize and served 50 kids each year.

In 2011, we launched the Fit, Fed, and Fun campaign,

designed to teach kids about healthy eating habits and the benefits of daily exercise.

In 2012, we created Science Day, to introduce campers to the fun and challenge of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

"Like any grassroots organization," says Rand, "we struggle year to year on funding, spending a lot of time and effort trying to locate resources to just basically survive for the next year. We'd love to get to the point where we have some kind of ongoing funding to possibly own a camp of our own, maybe expand and offer different types of camp for different groups." At present, the camp is held on the grounds of beautiful Camp Agassiz in Poland, Maine.

"If you ask me," Chris concludes, "we've got a lot of strengths to build on — and a great future in front of us."

Camp POSTCARD is a long-term partnership between



the Maine Sheriffs' Association, the Maine D.A.R.E.® Officers Association, the Maine Chiefs of Police Association, and Volunteers of America.

To learn more and donate, visit www.voanne.org/camp-postcard.



Counties' News Round-Up

ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY

Androscoggin County Sheriff's Department Has Updated E911 Communications Center

By Guy P. Desjardins, Sheriff

For approximately nine years, Androscoggin County has been involved in studying the feasibility of updating our communications center or consolidating with either the Lewiston/Auburn E-911 communications Center or the State of Maine. During that time period there were at least four separate committees comprised of citizens



representing our rural communities, as well as the Cities of Lewiston and Auburn. Also included were local elected officials representing their district, as well as a contingency of police and fire chiefs and other county officials including my agency.

In 2012, the Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously to continue providing county dispatch services to our rural communities and authorized the replacement and purchase of state-of-the-art communications equipment that was desperately needed at a cost of \$98,000. It included the purchase and installation of (3) MCC 5500 Dispatch Consoles along with a complete upgrade in electrical service within the communications center.

Our upgrade continued upon approval of our county leaders and the county budget committee during the 2013 budget process. Walls were painted, 20 year old carpet removed, allowing us to level the existing cement floor and installing static free carpeting, replacing old and stained ceiling tiles and installing a new controlled lighting system located directly above each work station.

Once the construction phase was completed, our 30 year old furniture was replaced with hydraulic controlled work desks which can be adjusted to proper height for individual dispatchers in order to meet ergonomic requirements. Each station is also equipped with individual heat sources, along with cooling fans during warmer weather, a necessity considering a dispatcher is seated at their assigned work stations for 8 hours a day.

The total cost of our update was less than \$300,000 and that's a bargain to be sure. In other areas of the state that undertake such a project, it is not uncommon to see such projects range from

\$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000, I suspect there are very few, if any, that was funded at this level.

In closing, I need to thank the following for their support and understanding as to why this project was so vital to our citizens in which we serve, they are: Board of County Commissioners, Androscoggin County Budget Committee, David Cote, Facility Director, Chris Seddon, maintenance department, David Parker, county IT support provider and last but not least, Captain Raymond Laffrance, Public Safety Director in charge of our communications division. He was instrumental in the designed and supervision of our entire project and, without his guidance and supervision, we may never have gotten this project off the ground and stay within budget. Androscoggin County now has a communications center that is up and running which will be capable of meeting the needs of our rural communities for years to come.

Androscoggin County Sheriff's Department Contributes to K-9 services for the State of Maine

Androscoggin County Sheriff's Department has a long history of providing police K-9 services to Androscoggin County and surrounding communities for well over 30 years. Our first K-9 units was established in 1981 with Deputy Eric Parker and his K-9 partner, Kieser, and continued through the years with Sergeant James Jacques and K-9 Coco. Sergeant Brian Smith and K-9 Youno continued our tradition for close to a 10 year period and after Youno retired Deputy Jon Guay and K-9 Bosco took over. The Androscoggin County Sheriff's Department has been extremely fortunate that all of our K-9 teams have been very productive and reliable, whether it was apprehending criminals, drug search and seizure or finding lost individuals.

Sergeant Brian Smith is currently assisting the Maine State Police K-9 Training Program as an assistant instructor for the last two years. He also attends two training days per month at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy training other K-9 teams located in southern and central Maine area. Sergeant Smith has been employed with the Sheriff's Department for twenty years and has thirteen years' experience in police K-9 handling.

Deputy Jon Guay is our current K-9 handler. Deputy Guay and his K-9 partner Bosco has been employed by the Sheriff's Department for fourteen years with the last seven years assigned to our patrol division. Bosco is a four year old German Sheppard and was the youngest K-9 to certify in patrol/procedures training. They

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are also certified in patrol and drug work. They have been taking K-9 assist calls for the Sheriff's Department for the last three years and in that time have responded to over 100 K-9 assist calls in Androscoggin County and surrounding areas.



In photo, from left to right is Sgt. Brian Smith, Bosco (of course) and Deputy Jon Guay.

2013 Law Enforcement Torch Run \$1.00 Challenge

By: Detective Kevin Nichols, Androscoggin County Sheriff's Office

The Androscoggin County Sheriff's Department has been a long time supporter of the Maine Special Olympics/Law Enforcement Torch Run. Throughout the years, we have taken part of many different events such as the annual Donut Eating Contest, running in the Torch Run, attending the Torch Run Kick-Off Conference and attending the Summer and Winter Games.

In 2011, I attended my first LETR Kick-Off Conference. It was this event that triggered something inside of me and I quickly developed a passion for the Special Olympics.

I was previously aware of the Law Enforcement Torch Run, but I was not fully aware of everything it does. I learned that the Law Enforcement Torch Run is not just a week long event where officers take part in a run while carrying a torch. The Torch Run continues all year long, bringing awareness and raising money for the Special Olympics. I attended the Summer Games in Orono the same year. The very first time I placed a medal around the neck of an athlete, I was blown away. This athlete was overwhelmed with joy and excitement, not only for competing in an event, but for being congratulated and awarded by a police officer. I quickly became just as excited as the athletes.

In 2012, while attending the LETR Kick-Off Conference, a goal was set to try and raise \$250,000 through Torch Run spon-

sored events. Ideas were passed around such as Tip-a-Cop, Fueling Dreams, and Adopt a Mile. All of these were fantastic ideas. With the efforts of many, the LETR was able to raise over \$300,000 that year.

In 2013, I again attended the Kick-Off Conference and a new goal was set. Retired Bangor Chief Ron Gastia announced that we needed to "maintain" and not "go backwards." Chief Gastia then asked an audience member for \$1.00 and was handed the dollar a few seconds later. The Chief held it high in the air for everyone to see and stated "See, it was that easy. We now have \$1.00 more than we had a few minutes ago."

I was inspired by Chief Gastia and I was surprised how easy it was to collect \$1.00, so I asked myself, "if every law enforcement and corrections officer in the State of Maine could just donate \$1.00", well that would make a difference.

My goal is to now collect \$1.00 from every Law Enforcement Officer in the State of Maine. This includes Police/Corrections. Maine currently has 2,593 full time police officers, 980 part time police officers, 1,468 full time Corrections Officer and 107 part time Corrections Officers.

I have sent notification to every agency in Maine requesting \$1.00 from every officer, along with their name, and after 30 days, I am pleased at the response I have already received from the Androscoggin SO, Maine State Police, Bridgton Police, Freeport Police, Sanford Police, Ellsworth Police and Marine Patrol. It is my hope that this will be a successful fundraiser and help us maintain our goal.

If you or your agency has not been involved with the Maine Special Olympics, I highly encourage you to become involved. It is such a great cause and a truly rewarding experience. If you have any questions regarding our 2013 L.E. Torch Run \$1.00 Challenge please contact me at 1-207-753-2500 at extension 1843 or by email at knichols@androscoggincountymaine.gov. Special Olympics are eager in hearing from you.



AROOSTOOK COUNTY

Major changes in rank and assignment.

After the interviews and many considerations Lawrence Goff of Robinson was selected at our new Lieutenant. Since taking this position in early 2012, Lt. Goff has taken on additional responsibilities to include supervising the Corrections booking staff as well as the supervising the transport of over a hundred inmates each month. He currently has two full time transport officer, one corrections officer and three full time booking officers along with many part time corrections and deputies that he supervises. Our jail runs over capacity most all the time. This requires up to 70% of our inmates to be boarded elsewhere. At times up to 40 inmates are housed outside the county. The logistics to keep inmates moving through the system is complex and requires constant attention. Coordination between the courts, booking and



Detective Ross McQuade and Lt. Lawrence Goff (2013)

other agencies are all thanks to Lt. Goff's hard work, excellent communications and coordination of forces.

Lt. Goff has many years of experience as a supervisor. He retired from Cumberland Police Department in Southern Maine and in 2005 started with the Sheriff's Office as a patrol deputy. Lt. Goff had supervised patrol details, special details and has worked as an administrator. His latest assignment prior to promotion was as the Domestic Violence Detective. In the two years as detective he started the program from scratch and made it into a big success. We are lucky to have him on board.

In 2012 also saw us promote Deputy Ross McQuade to the position of Domestic Violence Detective. Deputy Ross took this position in the spring. Detective McQuade came highly recommended by his peers and other agencies that work directly with

victims of domestic violence. With many arrests related to domestic violence made in 2012, there were as many indirect cases made as well. Cases where the initial call was DV related cases of fraud, drugs, thefts and trafficking surfaced as the call unfolded. Detective McQuade has left no stone turned. Detective McQuade has also been an active participant in the Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Task Force. The task force puts on several major training courses a year that Detective McQuade assists with development and implementation. Detective McQuade is a major asset to victims of family violence and represents the Sheriff's Office to the highest level of standards both personally and professionally.

Also, in the Summer of 2012 Jail Administrator James Foss was conveyed to the rank of Captain. Although for years the JA was giving the title and responsibility of third in command, there was never a formal rank associated within policy. This was changed to reflect the rest of Maine and provide more uniformity. Captain Foss has been the Jail Administrator since 1992. Congratulations Captain Foss.

“Underage Drinking, Adult Consequences.”

In an effort to reduce the number of underage drinkers and underage drinking and driving fatalities in Aroostook County and to deter those who provide alcohol to youth, the Aroostook County Sheriff's Office, and other local law enforcement organizations and community partners are conducting enforcement waves as part of a special campaign. The “Underage Drinking, Adult Consequences” campaign.

During the first wave of the campaign, the Aroostook County Sheriff's Office conducted 33 compliance checks at on and off premise establishments in the county. Of the 33, 13 summonses were issued to 12 establishments for failing to comply with Maine's Liquor Laws, including but not limited to supplying alcohol to minors. The second wave, six months later, 27 summonses were issued. With failure rates of businesses passing 50% there is still much more education and enforcement needed.

Craig L. Clossey, Chief Deputy of the Sheriff's Office, gives a lot of the success to this program to Deputy Kris Malmborg. Deputy Malmborg has provided a level of leadership that has made this program what it is today. We have worked this program in the past with some luck, but Kris has been tireless in providing collaboration with other agencies and team building within the Office itself. When the deputies go off to work one of the details, we now have a clear objective, goal and procedure. Deputy

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Malmberg has provided the needed support, management and interest that makes this program work. His constant attention and enthusiasm has made all the difference.

Additional road patrols during the campaign resulted in youth transportation and possession of alcohol by minor citations, as well as several adults being summonsed for furnishing a place to consume alcohol and/or alcohol for minors to consume. Other non-alcohol related violations were dealt with as a result of the increased patrols ranging from driving violations to drug violations.

The Aroostook County Sheriff's Office, local enforcement officials and community partners came together for this campaign making it a tremendous success. It is the hope and vision of the Aroostook County Sheriff's Office that the youth in our community know we will not tolerate underage drinking. And just as importantly, the adults and organizations that provide the alcohol need to understand that they also face serious consequences.

One careless decision by a young person can end and destroy lives. We know we have more work to do, but if we got across to just one teen that might have otherwise chosen to drink and drive, we've accomplished something and hopefully changed lives. And if we were able to reduce their access to alcohol, that's tackling the first part of the problem.

This special enforcement crackdown was part of the region's "Underage Drinking. Adult Consequences." campaign to help save more lives on local roadways, which was funded by the U.S.

Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

Agencies participating in the campaign include the Aroostook Sheriffs Office, Northern Task Force, Caribou Police Department, Houlton Police Department, Washburn Police Department, Fort Fairfield Police Department, Ashland Police Department, Houlton Police Department, Fort Kent Police Department, Van Buren Police Department, Madawaska Police Department, Limestone Police Department, and Maine State Police, as well as the Maine Warden Service and Maine Forest Service. The special enforcement waves will run throughout 2012 and into the early part of 2013, in an effort to crackdown on teens who still haven't received the message, "Underage Drinking, Adult Consequences."

As part of our continued participation to this campaigns cause, the Aroostook County Sheriff's Office is working with many local law enforcement agencies to create and maintain an Aroostook County Underage Drinking Task Force. The Task Force will be utilized to battle the underage drinking problem by combining ideas, and manpower in a way that will benefit all of Aroostook County. It is also our mission to work with and not against all local businesses, in hopes to reach a better understanding as to what is expected from them. This will ideally lead to a combined effort in the underage drinking battle, which will hopefully make it seem as though we are all working together and not against each other.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Highlights from the Sheriff

By Sheriff Keven J. Joynce

It has been a busy and productive year at the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office. During 2012, we finished the layout of our agency-wide strategic plan. The Sheriff's Office Command Staff developed the plan that included a Mission, Vision and Values statement for the agency and the jail's as well as several long term and short term goals. A dynamic plan, we see the strategic plan as our "road map" to the future, helping guide our decision making throughout the agency.

Our agency has formally signed commitment papers for CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies). We have three years to become compliant with the 177 national standards required to become accredited. The Cumberland



County Jail has been accredited through American Correctional Association since 2001 and our jail medical services are accredited through the NCCHC (National Commission on Correctional Health Care). Therefore, becoming CALEA accredited will make the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office a triple crown agency of which, there are currently only 40 Sheriff's Office nationwide holding this distinction.



We were able to improve the efficiency of the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office with several technological additions. Late last year, we installed license scanners in each patrol vehicle. These devices scan the bar code on a person's driver's license which then displays the owner's biographical information into incident reports and automatically checks the individual's license status through the Department of Motor Vehicles. This new process eliminates a large amount of typing reducing time and errors at traffic stops. We purchased new software that allows us to track and plot crime trends on geo-based

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maps. COMSTAR (Computer Oriented Mapping utilizing Statistical Tracking Accountability and Response) is utilized by the Command Staff to develop strategies allowing us to be pro-active in deploying our resources rather than being re-active. Also, in August, we deployed a new fingerprint/facial recognition program that allows our patrol deputies and investigators the ability to take photos of individuals using a conventional camera or smart-phone and then attempt to match the individual's picture against the 600,000 +/- booking photos in our database. This computer program also links an individual's fingerprints directly to the individual's booking photo in the jail inmate records, which provides a way of confirming the actual identity of an inmate prior to his/her release from the jail.

Through the committed efforts of many on staff, and many from our local law enforcement community, the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office held its first Explorer Post Training Academy at St. Joseph's College in Standish. For a week in late July, nine young adults ranging in age from 14 to 20 years old attended the Explorer Academy. The Explorers were taught police procedures



by some of our most experienced professionals. The curriculum included police ethics, crime scene investigation, courtroom testimony, traffic stops, traffic direction and control, and basic first aid. As well, the Explorers had experiences similar to a true police academy including rigorous physical training on a daily basis, precision marching techniques, and critical room inspections. Since graduation, the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office Explorers have worked alongside our patrol deputies at various events including concert security, parking control, and safety fairs. We believe that the Explorer program will be an effective way to develop future leaders and hopefully future police officers for Cumberland County.

In early November, four deputies from the Cumberland Coun-

ty Sheriff's Office deployed to Monmouth County, New Jersey to assist New Jersey law enforcement agencies during the first week relief efforts following the 2012 Super Storm, Hurricane Sandy. The deputies were the only four deputy sheriffs in the group of 238 state police officers that responded to FEMA's request for assistance. The deputies worked alongside state police officers from Maine, Florida, Pennsylvania, Mississippi, Michigan Vermont, Maryland and Louisiana. The deputies found this experience to be personally enriching and rewarding. As an agency, it was an honor to be able to help so many in need.

As we near the end of 2012, and I look back on what we have done as an agency, I am proud to reflect back on what the CCSO has accomplished in such a short time. I am honored to be part of the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office team which has so many dedicated members. I know that 2013 will bring new challenges, and I am confident that we are up to those challenges.

Introducing Explorer Post #3

Sheriff Kevin J. Joyce, Cumberland County Sheriff's Office

The Cumberland County Sheriff's Office is proud to announce the first year of the Youth Law Enforcement Explorer Post #3. The Explorers, a part of the Boy Scouts of America Learning for Life, is a co-ed program intended to teach the fundamentals of a career in Law Enforcement for 14 to 20 year olds.

The Post is led by Post Advisor, Deputy Paul A. Pettengill, a CCSO Community Relations Deputy with 17 years law Enforcement experience; Associate Adviser, Shawn McDermott, a retired law Enforcement supervisor and currently the Director of the Law Enforcement Technology Program at Lake Region High School in Naples; and Associate Adviser, Mark Rena a Corrections Officer for the CCSO. The combined experience of these three individuals and the curriculum they have developed for the Cadets offers a meaningful perspective of what it takes to be a Law Enforcement Officer.

The first annual Training Academy was held at the Saint Joseph's College Campus in Standish, July of 2012. The College generously provided Dorms, classrooms and the use of the campus for the training program. Utilizing the lesson plans designed by the leaders, and the instruction See *Post 3* page 17



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of many in local law enforcement that donated their time to teach, the Cadets received a first-hand look at the training required to become a Law Enforcement Officer. Instruction covered all aspects of law enforcement including evidence, patrol, investigation, discipline, inspections, and physical fitness.

Currently, the Explorer Cadets meet twice a month. One meeting is designed to discuss upcoming events, details, fundraisers and outings. The other is for continuing training. In October 2012 the Cadets started the Explorer Cadet Honor Guard. Cadets train with Sgt. Paul Thorpe the Supervisor of the CCSO Honor Guard team. They have performed at the Standish Public Safety Day (view the video at www.cumberlandcountysso.org), the SAD6 Bus rally, Wreaths across America, and the Maine Sheriff's Association conference



Posting the colors.

Cadets are working on a Public Safety Announcement project for anti-violence and anti-bullying. It is the intent of the Cadets to present this video and a 20-minute presentation to peer groups in their communities. It is impressive how dedicated and hard-working this group of Cadets is. They pride themselves

on their professionalism.

The leadership team is gearing up for the 2013 Explorer Cadet academy, and actively recruiting new Cadets. Along with the great efforts of the leadership team is the support they receive from the Associate Advisors, Terry Jewell a paralegal, and Angel Pettengill a local business owner. At the age of 21 Cadets may apply to the Boy Scouts Organization to become an adult leader. Cadet Lauren Dudley who was the Cadet leader to our first Explorer Post 3 is doing just that. Once she returns from college she will perform the required tests and join the rest of the leadership team planning curriculum, procedures and events for Post #3.

Post Advisor Deputy Pettengill states: "It has been my Honor and privilege working with these respectful, responsible young adults. I have no doubt that they will succeed in whatever career path they chose".

FRANKLIN COUNTY

A New Sheriff and administration



2012 has brought much change to the landscape in Franklin County in and around the Sheriff's Department. Scott R. Nichols was elected Sheriff on November 6, 2012 and he took office on January 1, 2013 along with his new Chief Deputy, Steven Lowell. Sheriff Nichols

is very well known in Franklin County as he started here as a Maine State Trooper in 1984. Sheriff Nichols retired from the Maine State Police in 2004, and has been serving as the Chief of Police in Carrabassett Valley for the past five years. Sheriff Nichols brings with him not only his years of service, but extensive knowledge of criminal investigations as he was a Detective Sergeant when he retired from the Maine State Police. Sheriff Nichols also served on the Maine State Police Tactical Team for 15 years. Chief Deputy Steven Lowell, from Rangeley, has been with the Franklin County Sheriff's Department since 1991. Prior to being appointed as Chief Deputy, he served as Patrol Sergeant. Chief Deputy Lowell also has extensive training in firearms and tactics.

New graphics adorn new cruisers

In addition to new faces, the Sheriff's Department vehicles got a face-lift. Four new Ford Interceptor SUVs were purchased shortly before Sheriff Nichols took office. A new graphics design, designed by Corporal Nathan Bean, now adorns these four new vehicles as well as the two Ford Expeditions purchased last year. The graphics are a welcome addition as they bring freshness and portray a more professional appearance as well as better night visibility with reflective lettering on both sides and the rear of the vehicles. Sheriff Nichols also updated the uniforms worn by the Deputies. The new uniforms are now on order and are a real hit with the Patrol division. Dark brown pants with a black leg-stripe offset a silver-tan top worn with a dark brown tie. The uniform material is also much more resistant to fraying and tearing.

Construction begins on new dispatch center

Sheriff Nichols stepped into a major construction project already underway his first day in office. The citizens of Franklin

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County voted last year to construct a new communications center and construction began just as the snow started falling. Fortunately, Sheriff Nichols was familiar with the construction project as he had been part of the building committee since its inception. The new communications center is well under way as this is being written. A proposed opening date of July 2013 is looking like it might just be a reality.

Cloud support offers new computer system

Franklin County finally joined the host of departments across the state using IMC in the past year. Prior to his election, Sheriff Nichols served on a committee with other police chiefs in Franklin County that made IMC possible here. As expected, there have been some bumps in the roadway with the new system, but it is a great improvement to the system that was in place. Another part of the reason IMC was finally possible for Franklin County was the grant money obtained by Franklin EMA and EMA Director Tim Hardy. Franklin County joined forces with Somerset County and the municipal departments in Franklin in a first of its kind cooperative effort. Franklin County is running as a hub to Somerset County's Cloud infrastructure.

Somerset County is providing hosting, computer support and technical assistance to Franklin County Sheriff's Office as well as the municipal police departments and several fire departments in Franklin County. A recent article in StateTech Magazine, a national information technology periodical, has an extensive article about the cooperative effort. (See www.statetechmagazine.com for the article in the Winter 2013 edition.) This cooperative effort is a cost savings for both counties and shows how we can all work together to achieve great things. One Team. One Mission. Efforts are currently under-way to obtain mobile data terminals for the cruisers.

New K9s hit the streets

2012 also brought two new police K9's to Franklin County. Deputy Chris Chase retired K9 Jack and completed patrol school with his new K9, Abbie in June. Deputy David Rackliffe retired K9 Odin and completed patrol school in June as well as drug school in October with his new K9, Justice. Both K9 teams have had several successes already and we look forward to seeing much more of them in the future. Rounding out Franklin County's K9 division is Corporal Nathan Bean and K9 Diesel. Corporal Bean and K9 Diesel carried the load for K9 calls in Franklin County for much of 2012 while the two new K9s were in training. Sheriff Nichols believes that having three trained K9 teams is very important to the department and the area. The K9s frequently assist in supporting local municipal departments, US Customs and Border Protection as well as neighboring Sheriff's Departments and State Police. This is another cooperative effort that continues to provide much needed resources to departments that do not have the resources for their own K9 teams.



HANCOCK COUNTY

School Emergency Planning

Since 2003, The Hancock County Sheriff's Office has been involved with assisting School Administrations with developing, reviewing and exercising comprehensive school emergency plans. A key component of these three phases is Multi-Hazard Inspection of school facilities. The Hancock County Sheriff's Office has provided assistance to over fifty schools in the previous ten years.

The Multi-Hazard inspections consist of reviewing emergency plans for schools to see if plans are community-based and continu-

ing to identify the people and agencies who should be involved in the emergency planning, the types of hazards in and around school facilities that present the highest risk and potential damage, and identifying nonstructural and structural risks in and around the educational facility. The multi-hazard inspections are to assist school administrations with risk assessment and vulnerability to protect students, staff and physical assets. In the development and discussion phase of school emergency planning there is always a balance between school security and fostering an excellent learning environment for students. As in many communities, schools are used as a community based facility for municipal functions and other activities.

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The Hancock County Sheriff's Office has also provided assistance to Maine Coast Memorial Hospital, Maine Maritime Acad-

emy, other health facilities and municipalities in safety assessments through the Multi-Hazard inspections.

Law Enforcement agencies throughout Maine and the country have made great strides in continued training in the Active Shooter exercises and development of operational plans for schools in regards to emergency response to school tragic events. In working with school administrations in developing and exercising school emergency plans, it is also important that we as law enforcement agencies exercise as a Multi-Agency response to School Emergencies. In recent lockdown exercises in nine schools, the Multi-Agency response was outstanding, bringing together agencies such as the Hancock Emergency Agency, Ellsworth Police Department, Maine Warden Service, Maine Marine Patrol, National Park Service, Maine State Police, Winter Harbor Police Department, Gouldsboro Police Department, the MDEA and the Hancock County Sheriff's.

KENNEBEC COUNTY

New Patrol Vehicles

In July 2012, the Kennebec County Sheriff's Office unveiled the new vehicle design for the patrol fleet. Like many agencies, with manufacturers canceling production on several popular police vehicles, Kennebec County was forced to choose something new. In having to do so, the decision was made to re-design the car as well. The law enforcement division can now be seen in sleek, black Dodge Chargers patrolling the communities in Kennebec County. The Chevrolet Tahoe, also in black, will be used to deliver K9 services throughout the County.

K-9 Retirement Announcement



The Kennebec County Sheriff's Office proudly announces the retirement of K-9 Darro Gibson Van der Hainstadt, known to us as simply "Gib". Effective June 8, 2012, Gib retired from active service after faithfully and successfully serving the residents of Kennebec County since January 11, 2006. Gib's handler, Corporal GJ Neagle, and his family decided to keep Gib as a family pet. He will spend his retirement years assuring his replacement, Draco, is living up to his legacy.

Collaborative Efforts

The Kennebec County Sheriff's Office and the Augusta Police Department have been working diligently to combine efforts with regards to our Special Response Teams and how response

to various tactical situations can now be accomplished under the "force by numbers" mindset. Individually, the teams operated at minimal staffing levels.

Together, they have proven a force to be reckoned with. The teams have trained together on numerous occasions and have executed search warrants as one unit. This has provided a tactical advantage to the team members and is setting the standard for other agencies to follow by demonstrating equitable involvement between agencies as well as proving to our communities that law enforcement has but common goal in mind – Public Safety.

DARE Program

Kennebec County Sheriff's Deputy Scott Cyrway, a 25 year veteran in the field, completed his last tour as the agency's "DARE Officer" for the 2011-2012 school year. During his service, Deputy Cyrway dedicated 20 years as a mentor for the DARE program, reaching hundreds of children to help them become productive citizens in our communities. Deputy Cyrway has also been a driving force for Camp Postcard. Although he will be missed by many in the school system, Deputy Cyrway will continue serving the citizens of Kennebec County with his smile, sense of humor and daily "How's it goin'?" greeting. From all of us at KSO, and the residents of Kennebec County, "Thank you, Scotty!"



Vietnam Veterans' Homecoming

The Kennebec County Sheriff's Office employees had the privilege of assisting in the "Vietnam Veterans Homecoming, 50th Anniversary Celebration", held on June 14, 2012, at the Head of Falls Park, Two Cent Bridge, in Waterville, Maine.

The event had more than 300 Vietnam Veterans (or representatives), marching one by one, across the bridge to a reception that included over 1,000, family, friends, soldiers, state representatives, and 2nd District U.S. Rep. Mike Michaud.

The homecoming is the first in a 13-year series of annual events planned for other communities throughout Maine. These events will mark the 50th anniversaries of service members returning home from serving in the Vietnam War from 1961-1975. (Currently, 46,000 Vietnam Veterans reside in the State of Maine.)

Veterans Day March

For thirteen years, Sheriff Randall A. Liberty has organized and participated in the twenty-one mile march held each year on Vet-

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Making Maine's Schools Safer

By Representative Mike Michaud

Schools should be a safe place for our children to learn and grow. But we've all been shaken, especially parents of school age children, by the Newtown school shooting tragedy.

Since that terrible and senseless attack, our country has engaged in a great debate about the causes of violence and what steps we can take to reduce it. While this has been a fierce and expansive debate in Washington and state capitals across the country, there have been strides made on the local and state level, including right here in Maine. In fact, Penobscot County Sheriff Glenn Ross, Kennebec County Sheriff Randall Liberty, and Oxford County Sheriff Wayne Gallant have been hard at work making our schools safer in the event of an emergency.

In 2009, I secured funding for a pilot program that these sheriffs designed to improve information sharing between law enforcement agencies and school districts. Every school is already required to put together comprehensive emergency plans that outline what to do in the event of a fire, severe weather, or a school shooting. However, these plans can be thousands of pages by the time they are delivered to local law enforcement. When every second counts during an emergency situation, our first responders need access to the information contained in those plans as quickly as possible.

Under the sheriffs' Multi-Hazard School Disaster Planning and Response initiative, a law enforcement representative visited over 200 schools across Penobscot, Oxford and Kennebec counties to digitize key components of each emergency plan. This information was then uploaded into an electronic record management system, which is now instantly accessible by emergency dispatchers and law enforcement officials. With this critical information literally at their fingertips, law en-

forcement can now respond to school emergencies faster and more effectively than ever before.

The project has other exciting components to it as well. It builds better working relationships between law enforcement and school administrators, and emergency plans are updated more frequently and in closer consultation with first responders.

Due to the success of this project in Maine, I am currently in the process of drafting legislation to establish a national grant program that utilizes the Maine model. The Multi-Hazard School Disaster Planning and Response Act of 2013 will enable state, local, and tribal governments to apply for funding to digitize the critical elements of their school emergency plans. This is a common sense proposal that will strengthen the ability of law enforcement throughout the country to protect our children while they are at school.

In order to help further, I joined several of my colleagues earlier this year in sending a letter to House leadership calling for additional funding for the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) programs, which provide resources and technical assistance to state and local law enforcement agencies. Maine received \$650,000 dollars in fiscal year 2012 to support the hiring of additional police personnel, and I strongly believe this support must be maintained and improved.

While work remains when it comes to securing our communities from future threats, I believe ensuring first responders have the resources they need and access to life saving information will get us closer to our goals. I look forward to our continued work together to promote public safety in Maine, and I thank you for your dedication to serve and protect the citizens of our great state.

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erans Day, November 11. The march begins at Capitol Park in Augusta, Maine, and ends at the Winslow Memorial Park in Winslow, Maine. The march takes approximately six to seven hours and has diverse participants ranging from children to veterans, and anyone wanting to honor Veterans. Kennebec Sheriff's deputies provide a vehicle escort for safety, water if needed, and transportation back to the marchers' personal vehicles. Kennebec Sheriff's Office personnel provide a barbecue for participants following the march, and those veterans and local community members at Memorial Park. Sheriff Liberty and his personnel believe that this event is a way to say thank you and bring awareness that returning veterans may need assistance.



Veterans Block

In late 2010, Kennebec County Sheriff Randall A. Liberty saw a need to address the ever increasing issue of incarcerated Veterans. With this silent population growing across the jails of Maine, he challenged his team at the Kennebec County Correctional Facility to design a program that could address the special needs a Veteran might bring while incarcerated, ensuring all avenues were explored as the reentry stage approached.

The results of this challenge led to the opening of a dedicated Veterans Block at the facility in 2011. This block is open to pretrial and sentenced incarcerated Veterans state wide.

The Facility has partnered with a host of community providers such as Crisis & Counseling, Inc., Maine Pretrial Services, Inc., Augusta Adult Education, Kennebec County Community Action, Veterans Outreach Centers, Peer Mentors, Alcoholics Anonymous and other volunteers to provide the programming and services needed to help the Veterans make a smooth and successful transition back into our communities.

The block provides a productive place for Veterans to serve their time while planning for a positive future utilizing the many resources being provided. The block has therapeutic components which focus on criminogenic thinking, substance abuse, and health and wellness. Other specialized resources include trauma specific yoga and meditation, book club with social awareness, parenting classes, and peer support meetings.

Not only does the program provide for the needs of the incarcerated Veterans but it maintains a "paying it forward" component. These Veterans learn how to tie- flies which are donated to the Veteran Outreach Fishing Programs.

2011 also saw the combined efforts of Kennebec County Sheriff's Office, Maine Pretrial Services and Justice Nancy Mills, to create a Veterans' track of the Co-Occurring Disorders Court. This collaboration ensures Veterans get the due process they deserve while ensuring their circumstances are taken into consideration. The process provides case managers, mentors and a positive and focused approach to their cases, coupled with strict accountability.

The Veterans' Block is an ever-evolving block with new programming being added on a regular basis. For further information about this block, or if another Correctional facility would like to arrange a Veteran referral, please contact the Programs Director, Al Smith.

National Take-Back Initiative

On April 28, 2012, Maine Law Enforcement participated in the 4th DEA National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. This nationwide event's purpose is for citizens who have accumulated outdated, unwanted or unused prescription drugs, to safely dispose of those medications.

The Kennebec County Sheriff's Office has participated in all four of these take-backs. In this April event KSO collected 1,245 lbs., the most in Kennebec County, of unused medications to safely dispose of.

The State of Maine has collected the highest weight of drugs per capita in the United States and second most total pounds collected in New England for the second year in a row. Keep up the great work!

Proudly Serving Our Country

The Kennebec County Sheriff's Office proudly supports its employees who serve in the United States Armed Forces. We view their roles in the military as a continuation of our Agency's commitment to community service.

Since 2001, ten fulltime employees, to include Sheriff Randall A. Liberty, have served our country overseas in both theaters of combat. Currently the Kennebec County Sheriff's Office has seven employees serving in various locations throughout the world: Officer Brent Brockway, Corrections Division, Air National Guard; Deputy Mathew Cain, Law Enforcement Division, United States Army; Officer Jesse Clement, Corrections Division, United States Army; Officer Nicholas Emery, Corrections Division, United States Army; Officer Jason Putnam, Corrections Division, United States Army; Officer Colby Smith, Corrections Division, United States Army; Officer Joshua Thurlow, Corrections Division, United States Navy.

Award-Winning Restorative Community Harvest Garden



On July 31, 2012, the National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA) held their annual awards luncheon at the Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort & Spa outside of Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Kennebec County Sheriff's Office Inmate Garden Program was the proud recipient of the *Outstanding Criminal Justice Program Award*. Each year this award is given to five recipients from throughout the United States to honor those successful criminal justice programs that address important criminal justice issues, demonstrate effectiveness, and can be easily replicated in other jurisdictions.

Kennebec's Restorative Community Harvest, formerly known as the Inmate Garden Program, harvested or gleaned over 62,000 lbs. of produce that was subsequently distributed to food banks throughout the county and the state of Maine in 2011. Sheriff Randall A. Liberty is committed to continuing this important effort to assist those in need, while providing inmates with meaningful opportunities to work, learn a skill, and give back to the community.

Camp POSTCARD 2012

Camp Leaders: Officer Eric Chamberlain, Officer Tori Smart, Officer Michael Gagnon, Officer James Savage, and Sgt. Bobbie-Jo Dumas. Demonstrations provided by: Cpl. GJ Neagle, Gib, (K9) and Cpl. Gregory (Fly Tying).

The employees from the Kennebec County Sheriff's Office were honored to attend the Maine Sheriff's Association Camp Postcard event held in June.

Officer Gagnon, "It was a very rewarding experience. It was fun to see kids trying new things and enjoying their childhood."

Officer Chamberlain, "It was truly a moving experience for me. I enjoyed my time there and was honored to go. It was about providing the kids with role models and showing the kids that people in Law Enforcement are there to help people."

Officer Savage, "Camp Postcard strives to create and reinforce

dreams. Dreams are the building blocks for a much more solid, secure foundation of life."

Officer Smart, "All week long the leaders showed the kids new things that they may not have ever seen before. To watch their faces when they try something new or conquered something that they never thought they would is a great experience."

NACo Award

The Kennebec County Sheriff's Office received the 2012 Criminal Justice and Public Safety Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties (NACo) for the Criminogenic Addiction Recovery Academy (CARA). This award is given to counties that have an innovative program that modernizes county government and increases services to its residents.

The CARA program was developed in the spring of 2010 by Sheriff Randall A. Liberty who coordinated with the Maine Board of Corrections (MBOC) to transform a portion of the correctional facility into specialty treatment units, incarcerating individuals with clear evidence of long-term substance abuse and criminal behavior. The Criminogenic Addiction Recovery Academy (CARA) sought to cultivate a pro-social change within the offenders' mind, body, and spirit by providing individualized learning, effective skill development, and collaborative transition planning to significantly reduce future anti-social substance abusing and criminal behavior. The unit is a therapeutic environment with an emphasis on support, accountability, responsibility, and community awareness. The program is delivered over a 5 ½ week period, to include a four phase program; intake with motivation enhancement, intensive Criminogenic focus, transition/re-entry, and mentoring. The program is structured with facilitated groups consisting of individual activities supervised by professional staff and specially trained corrections officers. The program has been a collaborative effort by the District Attorney's Office, Crisis and Counseling, Inc., Me Pretrial Services, Inc., Probation and Parole, Augusta Adult Learning Center, KVCAP, and many volunteers.

Coin of Excellence

On June 29, 2012, Sheriff Randall A. Liberty, with the supportive efforts of the Kennebec County Sheriff's Office employees, was awarded the Maine Military and Community Network (MMCN)

Service Award— Coin of



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Excellence. This award is presented to individuals and organizations providing substantial support to MMCN's mission.

Sheriff Liberty and his employees exemplify the meaning of community support and honor. They provide creative, quality, and supportive veteran programming for the correctional facility, participate in community veteran functions, and support many veteran initiatives. In addition to other veteran initiatives, Sheriff Liberty and the employees of the agency have participated in fundraising

KNOX COUNTY

Knox County Sheriff's Office is located in the City of Rockland. Our jail holds 70 inmates. Knox County covers 374 square miles of land and 776 square miles of ocean including the Islands there in. We have full time deputies on the islands of Vinalhaven and North Haven.

Homicides, shootings and plane crashes are among things our agency has had to respond to this year. We have worked in cooperation with other agencies either providing services or receiving services. Maine Sheriffs working as a team are utilizing resources not only among sheriffs but to other agencies as well.



Arlington National Cemetery Knox County Deputies lying of the wreaths

Knox County Veterans

Knox County is proud of our veterans. We have many veterans working for us. For the last 3 years our agency has been involved in Wreaths Across America going to Arlington National Cemetery in Washington DC. It is a very somber sight seeing all the wreaths being placed on our dead soldier's graves.

for "House in the Woods", located in Leeds, Maine; hosted a veterans' breakfast; coordinated veterans training for first responders and corrections officers to enhance awareness when assisting veterans in the correctional facility or in the community; and participated in Yellow Ribbon events. Sheriff Liberty is innovative and has a contagious desire to make an impact on our veterans and the services provided to them. It is Sheriff Liberty's and the agency's mission to honor the sacrifices of our veterans and support the civic and military organizations that recognize them.



Wall of Soldiers lost in action Vietnam War

We were recognized this year for the support of our veterans. We employ numerous veterans here at Knox County. Many employees working here have served in the military. Some are still serving. Military personnel are very dependable and have a strong sense of responsibility. We are most fortunate for having them.

Our Honor-Color Guard, consists of deputies and correction staff participate in numerous events in Maine and the United States.

Maine Sheriffs' Association Membership

The Maine Sheriffs' Association (MSA) is a nonprofit organization that draws its membership from the sheriff, chief deputy, jail administrator, and patrol supervisor of each county, as well as other interested members of Maine's sheriffs' offices, other law enforcement agencies, and the public. For more information and for online applications, visit: <http://bit.ly/msaMEMBER>



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Maine Sheriffs: working hard in Augusta*



Polygraph Unit



The Knox County Sheriff's Office has recently activated a polygraph unit as of January 2011. Lt. Reginald E. Walker attended a 3-month (480 hour) specialized training at the Northeast Counterdrug Polygraph Training program, Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania. This is an A.P.A. (American Polygraph Association), and a N.C.C.A (National Center for Credibility Assessment) accredited school. Lt. Walker became a fully licensed Maine Polygraph examiner as of August 14, 2012. As of Novem-

ber 2012, Lt. Walker attended a week long Post Conviction Sex Offender Testing (PCSOT) training class at the Academy of Polygraph Science located in Fort Myers, Florida. Lt. Walker is now an APA trained PCSOT Polygraph Examiner. This training concentrates on sex offenders and specific issues surrounding sex offenders for that offend and are in treatment. Lt. Walker is one of 5 APA trained PCSOT examiners in the State of Maine. Lt Walker has performed polygraph examinations for several area police agencies and probation officers. This testing has been for pre-employment and criminal issues. The area police agencies have found that the presence of a Polygraph examiner has been effective and convenient, as the "wait period" for a polygraph examination has diminished as polygraphs are administered within a week of the request. The polygraph unit has one examiner. In addition to polygraph testing, Lt. Walker has specialty training in statement analysis and various interview and interrogation techniques. The unit offers its services to all Maine law enforcement agencies to include both forensic and pre-employment testing. Knox County Law Enforcement is given priority for testing but all other agencies are scheduled as soon as possible.

Knox County Special Olympics Motorcycle Torch



Deputy Lawrence Hesseltine (middle) was recognized for his work on the Knox County Special Olympics Motorcycle Torch ride at the International Law Enforcement Torch Run Campaign in Indianapolis this year. Over \$16,000 was raised this year here in Knox County as a result of Deputy Hesseltine's involvement. Other Deputies and Correction Officers deserve credit also. They also helped raise money and organize this yearly event even though Deputy Hesseltine was the driving force.

We have a drug canine Jake, a Polygraph Operator Detective Reginald Walker, a Domestic Violence Coordinator Detective Dwight Burtis, and an Accident Reconstructionist Deputy David Johnson.

Our inmates work in our gardens. They take pride in their work. Vegetables we raise are used in our kitchen and given to local soup kitchens. Inmates can learn many different things while here if they wish. Inmates built a workshop here on sight. We offer AA and NA meetings.

We have started a Pod Dog program tailored after the Pod Dog program at Somerset County. It has been a big hit. The dog, an older male golden retriever has been well received and cared for by the inmates. This has been a very positive program.



Inmate with Pod Dog Miller



Pastor Henderson and Chaplin Fortier with Terri Henderson baptizing an inmate here at the Jail.

We had some inmates baptized here at the Jail this year. We value our volunteers, which enable us to have a lot of programs at no cost.

We have three chaplains who work here as volunteers. Chaplains, John Durgin, Rick Catalano and Kevin Fortier have given many hours to us at no cost not to mention all the other volunteers giving their time.



this program by agreeing on a cost sharing partnership that continues today.

Prior to placing Deputies at Lincoln Academy the Sheriff's Office has a long standing practice of school involvement primarily by working with area grade schools to place Deputies in Lincoln County schools teaching the DARE program. This relationship continues today with four different Deputies teaching DARE to over 175 children in six area schools.

The relationships formed both at Lincoln Academy and the other Lincoln County schools have proven beneficial for both the parties involved. Deputies have formed relationships with principals, staff and students while the schools have gained a resource they can use for incidents occurring at each school or incidents outside of the school that may have an impact on their daily school operations.

In January of 2013, after several months of planning, the Sheriff's Office began a new initiative in the five area schools (Great Salt Bay, Nobleboro, Bristol, South Bristol, and Jefferson) that comprise AOS 93. The program called 'Dining with a Deputy' is intended to place a uniformed Deputy at each of the AOS 93 schools once a week during lunch and recess periods. The program expanded in February of 2013 with the addition of two AOS 98 schools located in Edgcomb and Southport. Plans are already in place to expand into other Lincoln County Schools during the spring of 2013.

The early success of the 'Dining with a Deputy' program has provided opportunities for deputies not necessarily involved with the DARE program to build relationships and knowledge about each of the participating schools. It is anticipated that this knowledge and improved relations will be critical during any crisis in the future.

Programs like 'Dining with a Deputy' are examples of Sheriff Todd B Brackett's commitment to finding opportunities to provide programs using existing funds which have little or no cost but offer high gain as a result.

LINCOLN COUNTY

Safety improves as Deputies increase their relationship with Lincoln County Schools

In 1999 the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office began a relationship with Lincoln Academy in Newcastle when it placed a uniformed Deputy in their school on a part-time basis. In 2003 with the assistance of a federal grant the Sheriff's Office formed a partnership with Lincoln Academy which enabled the placement of a uniformed Deputy at the school full-time. When grant funding ended the County of Lincoln and the Trustees of Lincoln Academy were able to continue



School safety training at Damariscotta school

By J.W. Oliver

Local law enforcement agencies trained to respond to mass shootings and other incidents involving weapons in school at Great Salt Bay Community School Feb. 20.

Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, Damariscotta Police Department and AOS 93 Schools personnel attended classroom training and, armed with non-lethal training weapons, participated in interactive "scenario-based" training exercises.

The training gives the officers an opportunity to learn the layout of the school. "It just helps us tremendously should there ever be a crisis in the school," said Lincoln County Sheriff Todd Brackett.

The exercises also provide officers and supervisors a chance to evaluate and sharpen their tactics in a controlled setting.

"It's fantastic practice and it's based on putting the officer in a situation as close to the real thing as we can," Brackett said.

The training was split into morning and afternoon sessions, with about 15-20 officers, including the supervisors in charge of the training, participating in the afternoon session.

The training began with a safety briefing. The training weapons, including handguns, rifles and stun guns, were marked with green tape. Participants, supervisors and observers geared up with helmets, chest protectors and neck guards as the training ammunition, similar to paintballs, can cause injury.

The participants watched a news report about the behavior and psychology of mass shooters and another about how civilians without law enforcement training respond to mass shooters in test scenarios.

A police officer in the latter report, by the television newsmagazine "20/20," stresses the crucial role of training in developing the skills and "muscle memory" necessary to respond successfully in a real-life situation.

"If you don't continue with your training, ongoing training, it's a perishable skill. You'll lose it," said Officer Kane.

Kane and Lt. Rand Maker discussed how to engage an active mass shooter in various situations.

"People are choosing targets based on how soft they are," Kane said. "They're going into churches, they're going into schools, they're going into workplaces."

Lincoln County, despite its low rates of violent crime, needs to prepare for a mass shooting, as many of the most deadly have happened far from the cities traditionally associated with high murder statistics. "These aren't happening in Atlanta. They're not happening in Boston. They're happening in small areas like ours," Kane said.

Lt. Maker encouraged the officers to stay positive if shot and wounded, no matter how badly. "If you think you're going to die, you're going to die, so don't let that happen to you – fight the fight," he said.

Following the classroom session, the officers split into two groups to participate in two scenarios.

In one scenario, officers responded to a classroom on a report of a student threatening to kill herself. The officers tried to talk to the student, played by Lincoln County Communications employee Sonia Lilly, and encouraged her to talk to a counselor. The student brandished a knife at the officers, however, forcing them to "stun" her by aiming their stun guns and saying "Taser Taser Taser."

In another scenario, a parent, upset about a custody situation, enters the school and, armed with a knife, demands to see his child, a student at the school. The principal tries to dissuade the man as officers arrive.

The officers hustled the principal out of harm's way and convinced the parent to drop the knife and lie face-down on the floor before they cuffed him.

In both scenarios, the officers used slightly different tactics to try to defuse the situations. Some would clear bystanders, then take cover and attempt to negotiate until the actor forced their hand; others were more aggressive.

Supervisors observed the drills, directed the actors and doled out constructive criticism to the officers afterward.

Finally, the officers, in groups of three, participated in an active shooter scenario. Actors mimicked the sounds of a mass shooting, with "gunshots" and cries of "Help!" and "I've been shot!" in the hallways. The officers, with assault rifles and handguns, advanced down the hallway, where they encountered and "neutralized" the "shooter" by firing the training weapons.

Sheriff Brackett, after the exercise, thanked Great Salt Bay and the Central Lincoln County School System and complimented their emphasis on safety, knowledge of safety issues and willingness to collaborate with law enforcement.

"It was absolutely fantastic to have some of the school staff here with us today," Brackett said.

The training gives the officers an opportunity to rehearse all options for how to respond to an emergency, from verbal commands, as in the case of the angry parent; to deadly force, in the mass shooting scenario. "For my guys, this is our worst nightmare," Brackett said. "Anything we can do to prepare puts us in a better place."

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OXFORD COUNTY

Three promoted at Oxford County Sheriff's Office

by Tony Reaves, Staff Writer Sun Journal Aug. 28, 2012

Three deputies have been promoted at the Oxford County Sheriff's Office, after the retirement last week of Chief Deputy Dane Tripp. Capt. Hart Daley was promoted to Chief Deputy. Lt. Christopher Wainwright will take Daley's position as Captain. Cpl. Brian Landis was named Lieutenant.

Daley said Sheriff Wayne Gallant discussed the promotion with him after Tripp announced his retirement, asking him if he'd be comfortable leaving criminal investigation work for an administrative position. "I said absolutely," Daley said.

Daley, who spent Friday moving into Tripp's former office, has been in law enforcement for more than 20 years. He started at the Rumford Police Department and worked there for more than 11 years. He was a firearms and defensive tactics instructor, and left as a sergeant.

Daley worked with Gallant, who was then a lieutenant in the Rumford department. He left for the Lewiston Police Department because, as a sergeant on the Rumford police force, he was stuck behind a desk. "I wasn't ready for that," Daley said of desk work. He worked three and a half years in Lewiston investigating domestic

violence cases. In the spring of 2006, he got a chance to work in Oxford County as a lieutenant in the Sheriff's Department.

In addition to being the head detective investigating Oxford County crimes, Daley has worked as a domestic violence investigator for the Attorney General's Office and kept track of registered sex offenders in the county. He'll still help in investigations, if needed, but said it probably won't be often.

"I really enjoyed doing in-



Chief Deputy Hart Daley, who was promoted last week to succeed Dane Tripp, who retired, said he's looking forward to the new job, even if it means mostly leaving criminal investigations behind.



Retirement of Chief Deputy Dane Tripp.

vestigations," Daley said. "It's very busy work. I met a lot of people — good and bad." He called the new administrative position "a nice change of pace," and said it will be a good way to finish out his time in the Sheriff's Office before his eventual retirement. "It's going to be challenging, but I've got a great mentor across the hall in the sheriff," he said.

Expert workshop in Washington D.C.

On November 28 and 29, the National Institute of Justice, the U.S. Department of Justice's research, development and evaluation agency, invited Sheriff Wayne Gallant; Oxford County Sheriff's Office and Detective Tom White; Franklin County Sheriff's Office to attend an expert workshop in Washington D.C. This working group examines the impact of transnational organized crime on state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies and their communities. Transnational organized crime is impacting a range of communities and criminal justice agencies are responding accordingly. Sheriff Gallant and Detective White were the only (2) officers invited from Maine and they were honored to be part of a group of (25 to 30) other representatives of governmental agencies from this country and around the world who are implementing the White House Strategy to Combat Transnational Organized Crime.



(Left to Right) Sheriff Wayne J. Gallant; Oxford County Sheriff's Office, Andy Feist and Liz White; Home Office Law Enforcement London, England; Detective Thomas White; Franklin County Sheriff's Office.

The conference afforded the law enforcement officers to focus on the most significant impediments to developing effective responses to transnational organized crime at the state, local and tribal levels. The group discussed promising practices and how best to move forward as a community. The information obtained from the work group will be used to inform the National Institute of Justice's research agenda and will help inform the policies and programs that the Department and sister agencies implement to fight transnational organized crime. The National Institute of Justice paid all travel expenses and per diem costs associated with the conference.

PENOBSCOT COUNTY

Bath Salts- The New Public Safety Risk

Sheriff Glenn Ross/Penobscot County

On January 18, 2013 deputies from the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office were responsible for the largest seizure of "Bath Salts" in the history of the State of Maine. Bath Salts you say... Sounds like something you add to a soothing bath to keep your skin feeling baby soft. Not so... The use of illegal Bath Salts is becoming a significant public safety risk; it is a hallucinogenic drug with an appearance of cocaine; effects of methamphetamines; and often used as a substitute for heroin. It is a nice name for a dangerous drug that has no connection to bathing.

Bath Salts began to emerge in the Bangor region in early 2011; being a laboratory produced chemical powder often produced in China. The drug mephedrone or methylenedioxypropylone, also known as MDPV; is often referred to as Arctic Blast, Ivory White, Snow Day, and Cloud 9. The drug was often packaged in one inch plastic baggies and marked with symbols such as "skulls", "comic book characters", "aliens", or other symbols. Users generally snorted the drug, but it could also be smoked or injected by needle. While the issue was mainly concentrated in the Bangor geographical area, law enforcement, medical providers and community leaders became immediately concerned; launching an extensive public education effort in full cooperation with the local media. What law enforcement and hospitals were seeing were individuals who had consumed the drug and were experiencing signs of paranoia, hallucinations, convulsions and psychotic episodes. Individuals often showed signs of jerky body movements, grinding of teeth and the scratching of arms. In addition, police and emergency rooms were experiencing extreme violence by the abuser when confronted or during treatment. The effects could last up to five days and appear without warning. Bath Salts became a huge burden on our law enforcement agencies, jails, medical and mental health institutions; and to the home owner who paid taxes and became a victim of drug related burglaries.

As a result of the public awareness campaign and the spread of the epidemic statewide by the later part of 2011; the Maine Legislature passed emergency legislation banning the drug and many other slightly different chemical compositions of the same drug. Unfortunately a chemist could slightly alter the chemical composition and the drug might no longer be on the banned substance list. Therefore as new alterations are discovered, Legislators need to remain vigilant with keeping the laws current. Governor LeP-

age put his support behind related legislation; and as a result of this and community support, Maine has been on the front edge of combatting the dangerous drug. The federal government banned the drug in 2012. Today the use of Bath Salts can be seen across New England.

Chief Deputy Troy Morton of the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office joined with Bangor Police Chief Ron Gastia in the public awareness campaign. It is the belief of Chief Morton that the media campaign reduced the exposure of the first time user to the drug; but the chronic hard core drug user continues to abuse the drug. One death related to Bath Salts was experienced at the Penobscot County Jail when an individual was arrested for disrupting a funeral service of an individual; damaging and kicking out the windows of the police cruiser at the time of the arrest; and then going into cardiac arrest upon admission to the jail. The drug can have deadly consequences.

During January of 2013 Deputy Bobby Pelletier, of the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office received information that an individual in Hermon, Maine that could be in the possession or distribution of Bath Salts. The individual was currently out on bail on other criminal charges and a condition of his bail was the ability of law enforcement to conduct inspections of his person or his residence without the need for probable cause or a search warrant. Armed with this information, Deputy Pelletier did a surveillance of the residence and over a period of time observed a vehicle with out of state license plates in the dooryard along with the suspect's vehicle. This was consistent with the confidential information provided to him. Together, Deputy Pelletier and Deputy Andrew Whitehouse entered the residence and found four individuals; with two individuals hiding in the residence; and a substantial quantity of Bath Salts being packaged for delivery to local drug dealers. Eight pounds of the synthetic hallucinogen Bath Salts were seized being the type PVP. Subsequently, with the continued assistance of Maine Drug Enforcement (MDEA); and the sheriff's office, the agencies were able to intercept a recent shipment of Bath Salts, being sent from that residence in Hermon to a destination in the State of Texas. This resulted in another ten pounds of seizure. Four individuals were arrested in this case and substantial intelligence was gathered to help law enforcement in a continued investigation. At a press conference attended by MDEA Commander Darrell Crandall and Penobscot County Sheriff Glenn Ross, Sheriff Ross stated that, "According to my calculations, at \$150 per gram street value; there was total of eighteen pounds of Bath Salts seized. This amounts to 1.2 million dollars in seizure; one of the largest; if not the largest case in the history of the State of Maine". He commended his deputies for a job well done and for the cooperation given to his agency by MDEA.

FRAUD – DON'T HELP THE THIEVES STEAL FROM YOU

Sheriff Glenn Ross, President, Maine Sheriffs' Association

“The only source of knowledge is experience.” Albert Einstein.

For those of us that have been fortunate to have lived a long life, we are able to compare public safety risks that have evolved over time. Having been in the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office for over three decades, I have witnessed firsthand the evolution of crime. In the beginning days of my career, deputies educated the public on reducing their risk of burglary and theft by exercising some common practices; double locking doors, planting shrubbery in front of windows and keeping lawns mowed while on vacation. These safety tips remain valid today, and while burglary and theft remain an issue; criminals have found other methods to steal from you; and doing so without ever setting foot in your home. Actually, you invite them in through the computer, mail and telephone. They do this with the advantage of being thousands of miles away. The new risks are known as identity theft, telemarketing fraud, Nigerian scams, Canadian lotteries, charity fraud and the list goes on. The Maine Sheriffs' Association hopes that the public will remain educated on this significant criminal threat in order that they obtain their knowledge from education rather from a bad experience.

Seniors are the segment of our population that is at the greatest risk. Today, one in eight people in Maine are 65 years of age or older. They are the most trusting segment of our population, which leads them to be the most vulnerable. Additionally 70% of the nations' financial worth rests with our seniors, making them a lucrative target. Unfortunately, many cases against our seniors go unreported as the senior is embarrassed to admit to their family that they have been bilked out of their assets. Such admission could jeopardize the senior's independence; with family wanting to make future financial decisions for them.

Most frauds have common elements-GETTING YOU TO VOLUNTEER PERSONAL INFORMATION OR SEND MONEY TO GET MORE MONEY OR A FREE GIFT. Your personal information may be the key to accessing your personal bank accounts, credit cards and other finances. In these types of frauds, we play an active role in helping the criminal perpetrate the crime against us. Everyone knows that financial institutions ask for social security numbers, favorite pets name or mother's maiden name to affirm that they are conducting a transaction with you and not an impersonator. A smart thief can find much of this information about you by doing genealogy searches, look-

ing at your FaceBook, or surfing the internet. The rest is conned from the you through the telephone, computer, or viruses. For example, the criminal might call representing a fictitious dog food company; “Mrs. Smith I am excited to advise you that you have won a year's supply of dog food for your dog. What is your dog's name? If you are like most people, your excitement of winning will over-power careful consideration and you will gladly provide that information believing that the gift is on the way. Now the criminal has one more piece of information to unlock your finances or credit.

My experience has shown that most seniors continue to carry their social security card with them in their wallet or pocketbook. When asked if they know the number by heart, everyone will raise their hand. This begs the question as to why we carry the card on us at all. We can just simply state the numbers when needed (which is rarely) or provide them to the bank or institution at a later time by phone. Don't forget that the bank and IRS already have your social security number and do not need ask you for it. The same goes for the Medicare card that also carries the social security number as the patient identification number. You can simply provide the hospital with a photo ID and the numbers from memory or provide it after the fact.

Never respond to any email asking for account information, as banks and credit card companies do not operate in this manner. Remember that an official looking letter or email can be fraudulent. To protect yourself, look up the number in the phone book and call the institution. Never provide information to someone that calls you; as a thief is an expert con artist. Be certain who is on the other end of the line. Never give the code on the back of the card to anyone unless you have made the call and are placing an order even if they provide you with your correct credit card number.

Over a million dollars, just in this past year, have been stolen from three different seniors across the state in the Canadian lottery. “Mrs. Smith, you have just won the Canadian lottery of 2.5 million dollars. We just need you to pay the duty on the money, a few thousand dollars and the money will be sent to you immediately.” Most money is requested to be sent through Western Union and most recently through Wal-Mart money transfers.

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While these responsible companies are educating their staff to be on the watch for victims who are trying to wire money to claim their winnings; we continue to have victims. The York County Sheriff's Office investigators reports losses of \$700,000 in Eagle Lake: \$80,000 in Biddeford and \$140,000 in Cape Elizabeth. Unfortunately, there is a high degree of likely-hood that these moneys will never be recovered. The scam can be conducted from any country in the World disguised under the good name of Canada, and then the perpetrators become invisible. Federal agencies only investigate the largest losses and most serious cumulative crimes.

Here are a few other scams to be cautious of: "A warrant of arrest has been issued for you because you missed jury duty. Send a fee and the warrant will be recalled". "Please donate to the police bullet proof vest program to protect our officers." Problem- police solicitation is illegal and therefore it is likely that this is a fraud.

"Computer viruses obtained through the internet may have the ability to record your key strokes and send this information to the criminal. In this manner they may learn your credit card number." Always maintain up to date virus protection such as Norton/ McAfee etc. Never respond to a pop up advertisement that appears on your computer. It may direct you to a site that makes you a target for theft.

Some easy steps to protect yourself from scams: Conduct a credit check on yourself and watch all financial statements closely. These numbers can be found in the front of any phone book. Never give any money or personal information to receive a free gift. FREE IS FREE. Beware of any transaction that pressures you to make an immediate decision. Today only, Cash only, talking fast to confuse you, a quick buck, something for nothing- All warning signs. Discuss all gifts and wonderful opportunities with a disinterested party. He/she is much more likely to have an objective view of the offer. When in doubt, call your local sheriff's office or police department.

If you have fallen for a scheme, it is important to save all records and information. Contact your bank and credit card companies and if necessary ask for a fraud alert to be placed upon your account. Report the crime to your local law enforcement agency. There are certain laws that help protect your losses provided that you make a report as soon as the loss is known. Failure to do so will negate this protection. Bad credit history as a result of fraud is difficult to restore.

PISCATAQUIS COUNTY

Active shooter training

As part of its on-going efforts to keep prepared for the worst events, the Piscataquis County Sheriff's Office hosted an active shooter training in Guilford. The SP tactical team worked deputies, local officers, and Maine Game Wardens through a series of school based scenarios. As tactics evolve law enforcement is adapting to the major differences between rural and urban responses.



Marijuana cultivation and use is a hot political issue with its future yet to be determined. However, it is still illegal to grow marijuana outdoors under any circumstances. Because of its very rural nature Piscataquis County has been a favorite growing location for decades. When a major grow is found deputies now document for further investigation and then harvest and burn the plants on site. This photo shows part of a 300 plus plant grow located in Kokadjo.



Bomb threats, especially when directed at schools, cause serious public safety issues along with disrupting the school calendar and using large amounts of resources. In the photo, PCSO deputies are at the scene of a bomb threat at PCHS in Guilford.

Assisting with trained bomb detecting dogs are Penobscot SO and Maine SP. A 14 year old boy was charged in connection with this particular threat. Bomb threats lead to the evacuation of the school along with a careful search by law enforcement and fire fighters. Even as the school is being searched investigators are working with school personnel to find the person making the threat.

SAGADAHOC COUNTY

Sheriffs Protecting and Strengthening Communities Through Partnerships

Sir Robert Peel is quoted as saying, “*The police are the public and the public are the police.*” While he was considered the father of modern day policing, his words are as true today as they were in the mid-19th century. Today’s law enforcement officers are working more closely with the citizens they serve than ever before.

Sheriff’s departments all across the State of Maine are working in their local communities to help citizens identify and solve problems. By virtue of being an elected official, the Sheriff is in a unique position to build collaborative partnerships that work at the ground level help make their communities and counties safe for all.

The Sagadahoc County Sheriffs Office is actively involved in a number of coalitions that are made up of community partners and citizens, dealing with any number of issues. Sheriff Joel Merry and his deputies are actively involved in community based organizations such as Merrymeeting Bay Triad, Bath-Brunswick Elder Abuse Task Force, Communities Against Substance Abuse, and the Sagadahoc County Working Group on Family Violence.

Working with Merrymeeting Bay Triad, the Sheriffs Office has a Good Morning Program in place in which senior citizens and older adults with disabilities are supported in maintaining an independent lifestyle. Seniors call in daily to say they are OK and as a result there is a sense of security knowing if they failed to call in, a deputy would be checking on their well-being.

Through Triad and the Elder Abuse Task Force, Sheriff Deputies participate in community forums on Tea & Tips in which they provide seniors with pertinent information on shelter-in-place. Participants of this program are given a “Go Bag” so they can be prepared for the unexpected. Deputies also provide tips on how to recognize and avoid scams and frauds. This has become an important program and is always well received.

Through Merrymeeting Triad and the Bath-Brunswick Elder Abuse Task Force, the Sheriffs Office works with local municipal law enforcement agencies, individual senior citizens and other community groups such as Sexual Assault Support Service of Mid-coast Maine, Mid Coast Health Services, Spectrum Generations, Mid Coast Federal Credit Union, Bath Housing Authority, and many more.

The Sagadahoc County Sheriffs Office is also actively involved in dealing with issues around underage drinking and substance



Sheriff Joel Merry with Melissa Fochesato, Access Health Partnership Director, work together on a variety of coalitions to keep Sagadahoc County safe and healthy.

abuse prevention. As a committed partner, working with Access Health and Communities Against Substance Abuse, the agency is engaged in a variety of activities to curtail substance abuse in our communities. Activities such as “Party Patrols” and “eTip” deputies worked to curb underage drinking. Deputies have worked in elementary schools teaching “Project Alert,” an evidence based substance abuse prevention program for middle school students.

The Sheriffs Office has been a part of a Prescription Drug Diversion Task Force which was responsible for bringing Medicine Disposal Drop Boxes to all law enforcement agencies in Sagadahoc County. This program has complimented the semi-annual community wide medicine take-back collections. The Sagadahoc County Sheriffs Office has been actively involved in the community medicine collection and safe disposal for over eight years, longer than any other county in the state.

Through the Sagadahoc County Working Group on Family Violence, the Sagadahoc County Sheriffs Office works closely with community partners such as New Hope for Women and Volunteers of America. The group looks at issues involving domestic and family violence, creating awareness and support victim services. The group has been in existence for over ten years and is still very active and well attended.

Policing in the 21st Century is as much about being proactive as it is about responding to calls from people in crisis. The reactive model is costly and usually comes with pain and harm to the community. The proactive approach is where law enforcement can make a difference, and sheriff’s departments across the state are positioned to be leaders.

The Sagadahoc County Sheriffs Office is just one of sixteen agencies working to make our local communities safe and protected, and their strength comes from working with so many community partners.

So as Sir Robert Peel said, “*Police, at all times, should maintain a relationship with the public that gives reality to the historic tradition that the police are the public and the public are the police.*”

SOMERSET COUNTY

Somerset's new look.



Sgt. Knight has been with the department since 1993

Deputy Cole, and Ruger



Deputy David Cole has been with the department seven years with five of it being a K9 handler.

A local Police Department had a report of an alarm, at a local convenience store. When the first responders arrived, they learned that the store had been broken into, and a single suspect had fled on foot. They called for a K-9 unit, and

Ruger and Deputy David Cole responded. Ruger started the track from the broken door, and tracked through a yard locating a bag the suspect had dropped. Ruger tracked through several yards, across streets and through mud and rough terrain. Ruger located another key piece of evidence, prior to completing the track at an apartment complex approximately 1 mile away. A search warrant was later completed and the suspect was taken into custody.

WALDO COUNTY

Waldo County Sheriff's Office Highlights



Many changes occurred during the year 2012. We moved into our new facility at 6 Public Safety Way, in mid January. The new facility is located directly behind the jail and reentry center. This new facility provides us with space, technology, public access, safety and security that our previous facility was never designed for when it was built as a home in the 1800's. We offer our thanks to the citizens of Waldo County for supporting this new facility and a special thanks to the County Commissioners for making it happen.

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Membership Information

The Maine Sheriffs' Association (MSA) is a non-profit organization that draws its membership from the sheriff, chief deputy, jail administrator, and patrol supervisor of each county, as well as other interested members of Maine's sheriffs' offices, other law enforcement agencies, and the public. The following categories of membership are available:

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viduals employed by a law enforcement agency other than a sheriff's office.

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2012 brought many changes to the Sheriff's Office. The new facility is certainly the most visible physical change; however, there are a number of new faces at the Sheriff's Office. The most notable change at our office was the retirement of Chief Deputy Robert Keating. Chief Keating dedicated his life to law enforcement; and after a long distinguished career with the City of Belfast as their Chief and later Public Safety Director, he joined the Sheriff's Office as our Chief Deputy in 2002. Chief Keating brought his experience to this office and helped to bring this agency to yet again, another level of professionalism. He continues to serve this agency part-time through the service of civil paperwork.

When I became aware of Chief Keating's retirement, I needed to find a replacement that could take this agency into the future, building on the successes that had already been obtained; I invited Belfast Police Department's Chief Jeffrey Trafton to take on the Chief Deputy position. Chief Deputy Trafton comes to us after a twenty-year career with the Maine State Police, retiring from there at the rank of Troop Commander. He served as Chief of Police for the City of Belfast for six and a half years prior to joining us in November of 2011. He is a fantastic addition to this agency.

During the 2011-2012 year we implemented our first School Resource Officer (SRO) program at the Mount View High complex. Deputy Gerald Lincoln has taken on this program and has been received very well by both the staff and students at the school. This program is far more than just a deputy in the school. This position offers educational components, mentoring, liaison between law enforcement and youth, as well as security. The SRO program is a partnership between this agency and the school district and is considered part of the staff at the school.

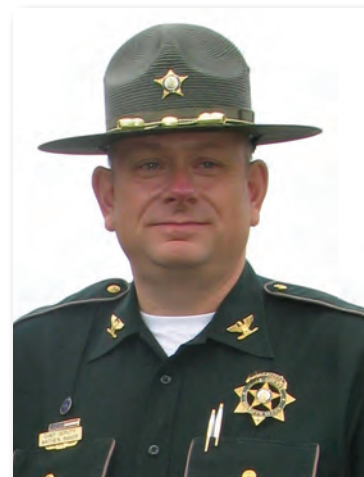
Director Michael Tausik resigned his position with the Maine Coastal Regional Reentry Center in 2011. We were very fortunate and pleased that Raymond Porter agreed to re-join our agency in February of 2012 as Major of the MCRRC. Ray was previously employed by the Waldo County Sheriff's Office as Director of the correctional facility and left us to perform duties with Probation and Parole. He is a tremendous asset to our staff.

The Maine Coastal Regional Reentry Center received both national and international recognition this past year. An award from the National Association of Counties recognized the work that has taken place at the new facility to reduce recidivism.

YORK COUNTY

York County Jail

A large granite marker designates the entrance to the York County Jail from Route 4 in Alfred, Maine. As one negotiates the long curvy road, two or three young women may be seen power walking or jogging. As you approach the jail, you may also see fe-



males sweeping a sidewalk, tending to a garden, or washing windows – most are wearing a gray sweatshirt with the words MCC embroidered across the front.

Some may wonder if they mistakenly turned onto an all-girls college campus and wonder what school has the initials "MCC." However, the familiar barbed wire setting on top of tall brick walls assures the observer that they are approaching a secured correctional facility. Oddly enough, they had passed a correctional facility long before observing the barbed wire – the state of Maine Women's Re-entry Center. And the sweatshirt with MCC stands for Maine Correctional Center.

The York County Sheriff's Office

The York County Sheriff's Office complex sets on a 100 acre parcel of secluded woodland. When the jail relocated to its current location, the county moved its pre-release center, however, budget cuts never allowed for its reopening and for the last seven years it has been vacant and became a storage facility for records and old furniture until 2011.

As background, the county jails came under the control of the state Bureau of Corrections (BOC) in 2009. This move by then Governor Baldacci was designed to standardize services at county jails and ensure that all were adequately funded. Prior to the creation of the BOC, the sheriffs ran their jails independently. Now the sheriffs and the state correctional officials were intertwined, meeting regularly to discuss issues of mutual interest. During one of those meetings, Sheriff Maurice Ouellette engaged a BOC official in discussion about his underused building – and the timing was perfect because the BOC was considering relocating the women's pre-release center to a location in southern Maine.

In addition to their lease running out, most of Maine's fe-

male offenders hail from the southern part of the state. BOC officials thought an offender would benefit being close to her natural supports as she prepares for life in free society. She could also start applying for jobs, a job that may continue after she is released from state's custody. The state and the county formed a partnership and the state agreed to renovate the county building and signed a 5 year lease with positive indications the lease will be extended.

Program Multipliers

The welcome addition of the state facility infused energy into the York County Jail Complex but there were multiple hiccups – dealing with two fiscal years, tons of state and county bureaucracy and vastly different timelines. Nevertheless, Sheriff Ouellette and York County Manager Greg Zinser worked through the intricacies with a vision for a county/state collaboration that utilizes an underused county building and provides enhanced correctional programs – not to mention at considerable savings to taxpayers.

The state has also agreed to house five female county inmates who are nearing the end of their sentence to gradually reintroduce them into the community. The housing for the county inmates comes at no cost to the county taxpayers.

Offender Benefits

It is a common sight for state offenders to leave the Re-entry Center for work assignments, exercise, or work at various jobs around the facility. One only needs to watch an offender for a short time to observe the sense of pride and ownership they display as they go about their daily chores. The sheriff's office has been made aware of the offender's restrictions – which gives state correctional workers additional monitoring capabilities.

If the initial few months were any indication of future success, all would agree that this partnership is a huge success and future collaboration should occur. The state does not have all of its programming in place yet and is considering offering its residents opportunities to learn various skills to include dog socialization training and vehicle detailing. Most York County employees are interested in another idea that has been bantered about – having the female offenders run a bakeshop!

Discussions are underway to have state inmates attend classes and job training alongside county inmates – sharing the cost of programming will clearly benefit everybody.

Maine Sheriffs' Association Scholarship Recipients Selected

In June, the Maine Sheriffs Association selected two students to receive the 2012 Maine Sheriffs Association Scholarship. The selections were based on academic achievement, submitted essays, and applicants must have a relative working within one of Maine's sixteen sheriffs' offices.

The 2012 MSA scholarship winners were Taylor Hall and Courtney Feeney.

Courtney Feeney of Sagadahoc County, is planning to study Psychology at the University of Maine. In her essay, Courtney described the twenty-four hours after her father had been shot in the line of duty, the favorable outcome of that evening, and how it impacted the young woman she has become.

Taylor Hall of Knox County is also a student at UMaine, and has enrolled in their Civil and Environmental Engineering program. He answered the question, "Who in your life has been your biggest influence and why?" with a detailed description of his relationship with his grandfather.

It is a privilege to help these young adults pursue their educational goals and we wish them great success!



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The Cumberland County Sheriff's Office Lends a Hand in the Aftermath of Sandy

Submitted by Sergeant James Ambrose

On November 4, 2012 Deputy Todd McGee, Deputy Dave Dunnamann, Deputy Patrick Ferriter, and I embarked on a life changing mission for the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office. Traveling in a convoy with the Maine State Police, we started our journey to New Jersey to assist local law enforcement with the aftermath of hurricane Sandy.

Once inside of New Jersey, we were struck by the many



billboard signs on the highway reminding motorist about gasoline rationing. A long ride from Maine, we finally arrived at Fort Dix early in the evening. As with any large operation such as this, there was a significant amount of hurry and wait, while other troopers were filing in from states around the nation. I enjoyed viewing the sea of different uniforms and vehicles that represented the good will from states as far away as Michigan, all pulling together for the common goal of offering assistance to those desperately in need. It was interesting to learn that we were the only four deputies



present, out of 250 state troopers.

Once everyone arrived, we were di-

rected to our billets and told to report back in the morning to be sworn in and get our duty assignments. The next day, at 16:00 hours we were sworn in by the New Jersey Attorney General's Office deputizing us with New Jersey law enforcement powers. Our primary mission was to support local police officers in Monmouth and Ocean Counties to include, Curfew enforcement, 911 call response, patrol duties, roadblocks etc.

The stress of waiting for orders finally ended. We gassed up our cruisers, and began the long fifty mile journey to the command post in Hazlet, New Jersey. Upon arrival, our assignment was to patrol the local towns that had a curfew and to look out for suspicious activity. Hazlet, a town with barely six square miles of real estate, lost over 500 homes and countless businesses.

Working dusk to dawn, added a layer of eeriness to the destroyed landscape. The areas were pitch black and homes and trash was piled up in the road ways. The awkwardly shifted and broken buildings, and vehicles made for strange shadows as our headlights drove by.

On a few occasions we encountered "diehards" who did not want to leave their homes, in the hopes of thwarting looting. On one occasion at approximately 02:00, I was performing a foot patrol when out of the blue a window opened up from a dark building and I heard an older man's voice say "Thanks for being out here for us. It's nice knowing we are not here alone." After that, I became keenly aware that there were probably many eyes watching us from dark and broken homes, many happy to see us, others not so much.

In the sea-side community of Union



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Beach, it felt like we had entered a war zone. Buildings were washed away, cars were piled on top of each other, and the only sounds were the ocean and an occasional generator. News coverage did not do justice to the effects Hurricane Sandy had on the New Jersey shore. The community of Sea Bright was completely destroyed by the storm. We were told the waves were over 50 feet high. The damage was so immense; it absolutely did not seem real at the time I was looking at it.

Amidst all the destruction and hopelessness, the kindness of the locals still came through. Everywhere we went, people

were checking us out and thanking us for coming down and helping. As I think about it, it must have been strange to see two Cumberland County Patrol Units in their towns, but then much of what they had been seeing of late must have seemed strange.

Having worked the detail at the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, this storm easily rivaled the destruction in half the time. I am grateful that I was able to help. Incidents like these are the reason I became a police officer. Also, it regenerates my faith in mankind to see all those willing to put aside their own needs for a moment, to pull together for those that can't wait.



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