



# MAINE SHERIFFS

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## LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Members and Friends of the Maine Sheriffs Association, The purpose of this magazine has always been to give Maine citizens a glimpse of the impact that your Maine Sheriffs have on our communities. We know the sheriff's office will be there when we need them, but their investment goes much deeper than most citizens realize. In the fall of 2011, I asked the sheriffs to jot down the current boards/committees on which they serve. Of the eight sheriffs who responded, the following organizations were identified:



- ACCESS Health Steering Committee
- Alliance of Substance Abuse Prevention, Chairman
- Board Member County Community Health Partners
- Board of Directors – Project Safe Neighborhoods
- Board of Selectman
- Central Maine Association of Rescue Divers, Past President
- Chairman – Town Budget Committee
- Chiefs of Police Association
- Children's Center, Board of Directors
- Corrections Board of Visitors
- County Board of Visitors
- County Communications Advisory Committee
- County Law Enforcement Association
- County Regional Communications Board of Directors
- County Working Group to End Domestic Violence
- Drug Action Team Board Of Directors
- Freedom Tour Coordinator – Bath Area Family YMCA
- Highway Safety Advisory Commission
- In-service Law Enforcement Training Committee
- Justice Assistance Council
- Juvenile Justice Assistance Group
- Local Community Mental Health Taskforce (Mid Coast Hospital)
- Local Emergency Preparedness Committee (LEPC)
- Maine Alliance to Prevent Substance Abuse
- Maine Association of TRIAD, Inc. – Steering Committee Chairman
- Maine Board of Corrections
- Maine Chief of Police Association
- Maine County Commissioners' Association
- Maine Drug Enforcement Advisory Board
- Maine Elderly Death Analysis Review Team
- Maine Methamphetamine Prevention Steering Committee
- Maine Underage Drinking Taskforce
- MCJA Board of Trustees- Gubernatorial Appointment
- Member 4 seasons trail Association
- Member American Legion Post
- Member Emergency Communications Services Bureau - 9-1-1 Governors Council
- Member Knights of Columbus
- Member LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Commission)
- Member New England Chiefs of Police Association
- Member St. Matthews Church Finance Committee
- Member, FBI National Academy Associates
- Merrymeeting Bay TRIAD
- Mid Coast Interagency Services Collaborative
- Midcoast Communities Against Substance Abuse (CASA)
- National Sheriffs' Association
- Office of Substance Abuse, Steering Committee
- County Firemens' Association
- Police Athletic League, Board of Directors
- Rape Crisis, Board of Directors
- Rotary Club of Topsham
- Rotary District 7780 – District Protection Officer
- Safe & Healthy Community Council – United Way of Mid Coast Maine
- Safe Voices (formerly AWAP) Board of Directors
- School Advisory Group (SAG)
- Tedford Housing, Inc – Board of Directors, Chairman
- Town Budget Committee
- Town School Association, Board of Directors
- Town Water/Sewer District Board of Directors
- Treasurer – NEORVCA Inc.
- Two Bridges Regional Jail Authority
- University of Maine, Military and Veteran's Affairs Council
- Volunteer – County Shelters Program
- Volunteer Football Coach – Morse High School
- Waldo County Leadership Circle
- Wraparound Maine Community Collaborative Board

Remember, this list represents only half of the civic contributions of Maine's sixteen sheriffs and does not include the additional contributions of their staff. Your sheriffs do so much more than enforce the laws of the State of Maine. They devote their lives to serving the citizens that have elected them. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to work with each of them and represent them as their Executive Director.



MARY-ANNE LAMARRE, *Executive Director*



### 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

The State of Maine is comprised of sixteen counties. A sheriff is elected within each county every four years and serves as the county's chief law enforcement official. County sheriffs are responsible for the various functions of law enforcement; corrections, civil process, and in some counties, regional communications and court security.

Whereas a sheriff is the only elected law enforcement official in the state, he/she is directly responsible to the people. The office of sheriff is established within the Constitution of the State of Maine and dates back to 1878. Maine sheriffs are proud of their tradition and their role in public safety. Together, sheriff's offices work closely with their Federal, state and municipal law enforcement counterparts in helping to keep our homeland and citizens safe.

Maine sheriffs from the sixteen counties joined together to form the Maine Sheriffs' Association; a non-profit association consisting of a membership of sheriffs, jail administrators, employees and citizens. Please visit us on the web or on Facebook for ongoing information of our activities.

Citizen support of the MSA is an important aspect of our organization as it helps us support initiatives such as Camp POSTCARD, college scholarships and this magazine. Please enjoy the various articles regarding sheriffs' offices across the state and we hope that you find it informative.

- Sheriff Glenn Ross, *President, Maine Sheriffs' Association*



Front L/R: 1st VP, Sheriff Randall Liberty, Kennebec; President, Sheriff Glenn Ross, Penobscot; Treasurer, Sheriff Wayne Gallant, Oxford; Back L/R: Immediate Past-President, Sheriff Todd Brackett, Lincoln; 2nd Vice-President, Sheriff Maurice Ouellette, York; Secretary, Sheriff Joel Merry, Sagadahoc. Photo courtesy Rob Small.

## About Maine Sheriffs' Association

### MAINE SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION OFFICERS 2011

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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.

# Outlaw Motorcycle Group

By William L. King, Jr., Major;  
York County Sheriff's Office, Maine

In a pre-dawn raid at the home of a ranking member of the Outlaws Motorcycle Group, Thomas Mayne opened fire on a specialized tactical team of the Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF). In the ensuing gun battle, Mayne was killed.

The raid on Mayne's residence was part of a national enforcement operation by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms that resulted in the arrests of 27 ranking members of the Outlaw Motorcycle Group. Along with the arrests numerous search warrants were executed and evidence seized -- this federal enforcement action clearly interrupted the criminal activities of the Outlaws. In a released affidavit that supported the searches and subsequent arrests, the ATF noted that some Outlaw members were responsible for the attempted execution of a member of the Hells Angels.

As most experienced law enforcement officers are aware, the Outlaws, like all motorcycle groups, are hierarchal in nature. The leaders of the Maine chapter were arrested, leaving a void in the governance of the Maine chapter. Most citizens would rejoice; however, lawmen know that, at least, with some structure, there is less chance of "free lance" violence.

The death of Mayne meant that the Outlaws lost a member, a members who gave the ultimate sacrifice for the club. He attained a prominence in death that he never had in life. The Outlaws were planning to honor their fallen brother, much like other fraternal organizations would. Memorial events honor the living inasmuch as they honor the fallen.



## Initial Rumors and Initial Police Contact with the Outlaws

The York County Sheriff's Office (YCSO) provides policing services for 14 towns. The county encompasses 585 square miles. The 20 deputies assigned to road patrol work in isolation and must respond to code III emergencies that are usually 15 or 20 minutes away. All three ATF raids occurred in York County. The Sheriff's Office assisted ATF at two locations - YCSO was not present at the location where Mayne was killed. The city of Old Orchard Beach has its own police department; consequently, Old Orchard Beach Police Department (OOB) had assisted ATF at the location since Mayne lived within city limits.

Within hours of Mayne's death, rumors circulated that the Outlaws planned revenge upon law enforcement. Clearly, these type of threats are taken seriously and this threat appeared credible. Additional information related that the Outlaws planned to descend upon this small resort city for Mayne's service. Another concern with the Outlaws was the release of the affidavit that supported the arrest and search warrants - that affidavit reported that the Outlaws were responsible for planning the execution (which did not occur) of a member of the Hells Angels - the enemy group of the Outlaws.

OOB Police Chief Dana Kelly summoned a meeting with all stakeholders in the immediate area. Prior to the meeting, a man who identified himself as "Monster" contacted Kelly and explained that he is the interim head of the Maine Chapter of the Outlaws. It appears that a couple of local investigators had cultivated a "working relationship" with Monster and suggested he contact the chief directly to discuss the Outlaws' plans for a memorial service.

## Investigating the Outlaws

Investigating motorcycle groups is a specialized skill. These investigators know the meaning of patches, understand the culture, and stay abreast of the affiliate groups and the politics that govern those groups. Motorcycle groups are organized and investigators must learn the organizational culture of each group. Seasoned investigators are able to distinguish ranking members of a group from their motoring position during a group ride.

We needed to take a crash course on the groups affiliated with the Outlaws and those affiliated with the Hells Angels. I've never dealt much with motorcycle groups during my local, state and federal careers. But Detective Mary Sauscheck from the Portland Police Department has, and was willing to collaborate and share knowledge. Monster told Chief Kelly that out of respect, the Outlaws would not attend the family memorial service planned in Old Orchard; however, the Outlaws would hold a large scale memorial service at their clubhouse in Dayton, Maine.

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### **Clubhouse in Dayton**

Dayton, Maine is one of the smallest towns in York County. A little over 1800 citizens inhabit its 18 square miles. Dayton is at the epicenter of New England's equestrian lifestyle. Amongst the large homes and show horses is the Outlaw Club House.

The winding road limits visibility of the structure, but once you're upon it, it is clear that the occupants do not want solicitors. The property is gated, barbed wire complements the sides, and the entry is through a manually operated sliding gate. A few years ago, the Outlaws held a national convention at the clubhouse and Sheriff Maurice Ouellette took the pro-active steps to contact the Outlaw leadership to discuss logistical issues associated with a mass gathering. The communication of a few years ago was effective and some believe that collaboration led Monster to take the pro-active step to call the Old Orchard Beach Police Chief. Sheriff Ouellette wanted to duplicate that strategy, although under more emotionally charged circumstances and obtained the contact number from Monster.

### **Invitation to the Sheriff's Office**

Monster was invited to meet with Sheriff Ouellette at the YCSO. This invitation was eight days before the funeral. He arrived about 20 minutes late with his bodyguard. Sheriff Ouellette, the Sergeant of Detectives, and I met with Monster and his bodyguard. The initial meeting was cordial and Monster was clear that:

- He is in charge of the Outlaws; consequently, what he says goes.
- The Outlaws have no plans at this time for revenge against law enforcement.
- Monster was relatively candid that Mayne's action was futile.
- No memorial ride is planned, rather, the Outlaws intend to hold a memorial service at 1 p.m. on Saturday, and then continue with an "Irish style" wake and party until Sunday.
- Monster expressed concern that the rumors would cause law enforcement to overact.
- This weekend, area Outlaws would be at the clubhouse preparing the facility for the major gathering.

### **Communication**

Sheriff Ouellette appointed Detective Sergeant as the primary point of contact for the Sheriff's Office. Since the Outlaws live in a hierarchical world, the Sheriff knew that the Outlaws would understand that the Sergeant would need to obtain clearance before any decisions could be made. This move was a great tactic to buy time and this technique is used routinely by hostage negotiators.

The weekend was spent with occasional monitoring of the activities, and it was verified that the Outlaws were readying the residence for a major event. The YCSO made inconspicuous ride bys for intelligence gathering - unlike a reporter who pulled up to the gate and asked an Outlaw for a statement. The Outlaws told her to leave the prohibited pictures - she later commented that the reporter in her told her that she had a right to take pictures for a new story, however, her survival instinct dictated otherwise.

The week of the event, the YCSO contacted the Dayton Town Selectmen, volunteer fire and rescue personnel, the local animal control officer, and the school superintendent. A meeting briefed all the local stakeholders and e-mail addresses were exchanged. An e-mail distribution list was formulated - one containing all stakeholders and one for sworn stakeholders.

The Sheriff scheduled another meeting with the Outlaws on Thursday (two days before the memorial service) and with area law enforcement on Friday.

### **Thursday Meeting with the Outlaws**

YCSO Sergeant Hayes has dealt with the motorcycle groups in the past, not to the extent of others I mentioned earlier. Nevertheless, he predicted that (1) there would be a memorial ride and (2) the Outlaws would arrive to a second meeting with ore members. He explained that the last meeting had two Outlaws to three lawmen - any subsequent meetings would have more Outlaws so the field would be even.

On Wednesday, Monster called Hayes and stated that there would be a memorial ride consisting of around 100 Outlaw members to a local establishment approximately 10 miles from the clubhouse.

As Hayes predicted, three Outlaws arrived. Prior to their arrival, we discussed the least intrusive route for the Outlaws to take on their memorial ride. It was decided to steer them clear of the rural roads, rather get them on the main roads to accelerate their ride.

Upon their arrival, we showed them the route they would take, packaging it as being the safest route and most effec-

tive way for the YCSO to block off roads. This decision was made with much discussion. While not wanting to elevate their stature with a police escort, the YCSO decided that blocking major intersections would be in the best interest of public safety.

Again, a cordial meeting was held and we all departed - they to prepare for a weekend of revelry and we to prepare our operational plan.

### **Neighborhood Notification**

The day before the memorial service, several deputies knocked on doors near the clubhouse to advise citizens of the planned memorial service and the memorial ride. The citizens were assured that the YCSO were aware of the activity, planned to monitor the event, and were available for assistance.

### **Command Post**

The day of the event, we utilized a local school as our command post. The school was about a mile from the clubhouse. It was visible from two main roads that led to the clubhouse. All communication would be funneled to the CP and officers were to report to the CP before assuming their posts. The days of the planned ride, all officers working the event mustered for a briefing and were provided with the YCSO operational plan - complete with the contact numbers and contingency plans. Also in attendance were participants from the Buxton Police Department, where the memorial ride would end.

The command post buzzed with activity all day. Area law enforcement managers stopped by to check on the activity. Telephones and computer access kept everybody in the loop and kept the command post supervisors advised of developing activities.

### **Fixed Posts**

The area was surveyed and three intersections, leading to the clubhouse were assigned fixed posts. Each fixed post had two one-man vehicles assigned. The designation is similar to the Border Patrol strategy on the southwest border - maximum visibility with minimum staffing. The deterrence factor for the Border Patrol is unquestioned.

### **Ghost Cars**

The morning of the funeral service, several officers piled into one vehicle and drove all available jail vehicles to the CP and parked them in full view of the roadway.

### **Detractors**

Clearly, policy work is an art. Law enforcement officers attain results utilizing different methods. As a municipal cop working in a city known for its fishing industry, the local fishermen would get tanked up and want to drop the two f's - fight and copulate. Being of small stature, I chose to handle the rough and tumble fishermen with insightful logic, rather than go muscle to muscle with them. My usual tactic when I needed to remove a rowdy fisherman from a bar was to ask politely. When he would snicker and refuse to budge, I would show him my radio, and point out that I could not physically take him out of the bar, but that I had 25 friends who were paid to help me. My friends, I noted, were not as patient as I, and they like to use all of the toys on their belts. Usually, the fisherman got the message and left quietly.

In this case, there was some grumbling that we were cowering to the Outlaws. Some police agencies would have handled the event completely different - no communication, stop every motorcycle and issue tickets. That may be effective also, but I believe Sheriff Ouellette had the best interest of the citizenry when he chose the compliance route.

### **Challenges during the Memorial Service**

Our biggest challenges came from the media, rival motorcycle groups and other law enforcement officers. Citizens seemed to understand the program, but the media wanted to get inside the Outlaw compound for their exclusive story. Several reporters and photographers contacted the YCSO for unofficial "consent" to get to the clubhouse during the memorial service. The YCSO did not prohibit anyone from traveling on a public roadway; however, we had no intention of providing an escort for the media to intrude during a memorial service - be it an Outlaw, or a Kiwanis member.

In Maine, motorcycle rides are commonplace. There are so many organized motorcycle rides that the YCSO cannot provide an escort for all of them. On the day of the Outlaw motorcycle ride, we learned that a motorcycle benefit ride, consisting of 125 riders, was scheduled to ride on the same route as the Outlaws. York County Deputies coordinated with the benefit riders and negotiated an alternative starting time for the benefit riders - in exchange for the YCSO blocking off roads to accelerate their ride. Amazingly, we monitored the Outlaws memorial ride from Dayton to Buxton (10 miles) - deputies then rushed back to their original posts to block off roads for the benefit ride.

It is true that outlaw motorcycle groups boast they are the 1 percenters. The benefit riders posed no threat - how-

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ever, with the emotionally charged reason for the memorial ride, we did not want the Outlaws to view the benefit riders as taking anything away from their solemn ride to honor Mayne.

We also learned that about 20 Diablo members were seen in the area. Law enforcement monitored their activities and guided them away from the town of Dayton. It remains unknown why the Diablos were in town, and if we interrupted their intended activities.

Lastly, we received word that some out of state law enforcement officers were coming to Dayton to collect intelligence on the Outlaws. We did not want some rogue officers

starting a confrontation that the YCSO would need to clean up. All deputies were alerted to be on the lookout for certain out of state police vehicles, and to insist that the officers report to the command post.

### **Conclusion**

Sheriff Ouellette made a judgment call - collaborate with the Outlaws during their visit to Dayton. This was an emotionally charged situation where rumors abounded. Nevertheless, in a conference room at the YCSO, Sheriff Ouellette and the leader of the Outlaws forged an agreement. The Outlaws wanted to memorialize their fallen brother and the Sheriff wanted to maintain public safety. Ultimately, both interests were satisfied.

## Maine Sheriffs' Association Scholarship Recipients Selected

In June, the Maine Sheriffs' Association selected two students to receive the 2011 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 2011 MSA scholarship winners were Rebecca Crandall and Jordan W.C. Spencer.

Rebecca Crandall of Aroostook County is the daughter of Lieutenant Darrell Crandall, Jr. Rebecca is planning on studying Psychology at Southern New Hampshire University. Rebecca is a member of the National Honor Society, band, chorus, soccer, and managed her high school hockey team. Her essay entitled, "Our Biggest Societal Problem" focused on drug abuse and how law enforcement and parents needs to work together to reduce substance abuse. She quotes John Wooden, "Young people need models, not critics." In her essay.



Jordan W.C. Spencer of Washington County is the son of Corrections Officer Patrick T. Spencer, Sr. Jordan is planning on studying physical therapy at Husson University. Jordan's essay on the importance of leadership quotes Proverbs 11:14, "Where there is no wise guidance, the nation falls, but in the multitude of counselors there is vic-

tory." He believes that good leaders lead by example and proves this through his own involvement in community service by participating in blood drives, working as a volunteer within his church community, and encouraging an ethic of service.



# Volunteers of America Presents Annual Community Service Awards to Camp POSTCARD Directors

Volunteers of America Northern New England presented its annual Community Service Award at an event in Portland in September. Winners represent a wide variety of individuals and organizations from the area.

According to June Koegel, Present and CEO of Volunteers of America, “This is a very special event when we recognize and celebrate our countless friends and partners who make our mission of service possible. This service and generosity is the foundation of our organization and has been for more than 100 years. Maud and Ballington Booth chose to name their new organization Volunteers of America because they realized that engaging people from the community in their work would be critical to their success,” added Koegel. “They also understood that, by giving unselfishly to your community and to those truly in need, that you can achieve great things and experience a deep personal satisfaction.”

Koegel expressed the organization’s gratitude for all those who served during the past year. Through their service, many lives have been changed and success stories written. It is also important to understand that even a single hour or day of service makes a difference to someone in need. Mother Teresa constantly reinforced this message by saying... “If you can’t feed a hundred people, then feed just one.”

Koegel shared, “Your service has also changed and motivated us. By sharing your talents, resources and passion, you make it possible for dreams to come true. That is why we have answered the call... and that is what we are celebrating today. Each year, choosing our award recipients gives us an opportunity to relive the accomplishments of so many and see their combined impact on the men, women and children that we are fortunate to serve.

Six Community Service Awards were presented. Rand Maker is a Lieutenant with the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office was recognized for his service.

The Maud and Ballington Booth Lifetime Service Award:



The founders of Volunteers of America, Maud and Ballington Booth, were social reformers who envisioned a movement dedicated to “reaching and uplifting” the American people. The Booths pledged to “go wherever we are needed, and do whatever comes to hand.” This award recognizes individuals who have exemplified this commitment to helping others time and again through a lifetime of service.

Award recipients were Rand Maker and Chris Buchanan. Together, they were recognized for more than 25 years of combined service to fifth and sixth graders in Maine as volunteer directors of Camp POSTCARD, Chris and Rand have made a difference in the lives of thousands of Maine youth.

Camp POSTCARD is a 16-year partnership between Volunteers of America, the Maine Sheriffs’ Association, the Maine D.A.R.E.® Officers Association, and the Maine Chiefs of Police Association. It provides an innovative and successful substance-abuse and crime-prevention program for at-risk youth. Their ultimate goal is to improve the lives of children who don’t have the basic opportunities and life skills that many of us take for granted. Rand and Chris are selfless in their volunteer support of camp and serve as role-models throughout their year-round commitment to these young people.

# Maine Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run



In 1985 Chief Robert Bell of the Bridgton Police Department presented the idea of the Law Enforcement Torch Run to Special Olympics Maine's Executive Director Mickey Boutilier, and then to the Maine Chiefs of Police Association. As a result, the Maine Torch Run program began.

Each year nearly 700 members of Maine law enforcement run approximately 900 miles carrying the Flame of Hope. The state is divided into fifteen sections, or Legs. Each Leg covers a portion of the state and the run concludes on Friday evening of the Special Olympics Summer State Games at Opening Ceremonies.

Sheriff's Offices throughout the state have supported the Special Olympics in numerous ways over the years. This year was no exception. Deputy Sheriffs from nearly every county were involved in one fund raiser or another. Sheriff's Deputies



participated in several events such as; the torch run, tip-a-cop, bake sales, car washes, paper torch sells, Harley Davidson motorcycle raffle, the torch ride and many other clever events. Deputies were also instrumental in the Special Olympics games, selling food, helping the athletes and coordinators.

Sheriff's Office support is more important now than ever before. Law Enforcement has been identified as "Keepers of the Flame". We help protect the dignity of the athletes and of the families associated with athletes. In order to keep this dream alive, we ask that all the counties come together and continue to support a very worthy cause.

**At left:** Penobscot Sheriff Edward Toulouse lights the Flame of Hope with athlete Robby Squires. **At right:** Aroostook Sheriff James Madore participates in his 23rd consecutive annual torch run. **Below:** Sagadahoc Cpl. Ian Alexandar marches in with other officers to form the circle of honor.



# Counties' News Round-Up

## ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY

### AED Rescue

Little did they know at the time, when the Androscoggin County Sheriff's Department decided that the jail facility needed to be equipped with AED's (Automated External Defibrillator) that one would be put to use, not on saving the life of an inmate or staff member, but rather saving the life of someone just stopping by to pay a visit to one of our guests. Apparently it was his lucky day, as all the pieces of his rescue seemed to fall right into place.

As soon as he noticed him walk through the entry door to the lobby at 40 Pleasant St, the control officer had a feeling something wasn't right with the man standing at the window, as he looked as if he was in medical distress. Walter K. reported that he wasn't feeling well, but told control he had walked a long way, and would be fine as soon as he could take his medication.

To make sure, C.O Kevin Nichols, who had recently undergone AED training, responded to the lobby to speak with Walter. The situation quickly deteriorated from there, as he went into cardiac arrest, and was helped to the floor. Nichols put his training into immediate action, directing that CPR be started, and preparing for the application of the AED. Sensors were attached, and when the instrument recommended the shock sequence, it was administered twice and CPR was continued. When the medical rescue unit arrived, Walter was breathing and had an improved heart rhythm before being transported to the hospital.

We had heard many of the stories of people being rescued from seemingly unsurvivable medical events with the use of these units, and learned first hand that there definitely is value to having access to AED's and to training officers in their proper use and CPR techniques. With this experience in mind, the Sheriff's Department is currently attempting to secure funding, through the safety committee, to purchase and install units in the rest of the county building, and offer hands on training to potential users. We believe it is an investment worthy of serious consideration for any facility that may not currently have them available.

## AROOSTOOK COUNTY

### Annual Firearms Re-Qualification

Chief Deputy Craig and Deputy Vance Palmer, both certified MCJA Firearms instructors, put Officers through the mandated firearms qualification courses. Aroostook Sheriff's Office, not only qualifies their Deputies, but invites any other agencies to participate during qualification week.



The week begins in the St. John Valley at the range in Madawaska. Local departments such as, Madawaska PD, Ft. Kent PD, and Van Buren PD are invited to participate. Chief Deputy Clossey and Deputy Palmer move to the Presque Isle Fish and Game Club range for two days where Ft. Fairfield PD, Washburn PD, Ashland PD, along with other Deputies get put through the paces.

On Thursday the Quals move to the Houlton Range. This is a training day for members of the Sheriff's Office only. Along with handgun qualifications, Deputies train with rifles and shotguns. This day also involves night fire for those Patrol Deputies who work during low light conditions. A department cookout occurs between the day and night range along with a department meeting conducted by Sheriff Mardore and Chief Deputy Clossey.

A half day, in Houlton, on Friday is set aside as a make-up day for any officer who did not get an opportunity to qualify at any of the other locations. The certified instructors will report to the MCJA regarding each officer who re-qualified during the week. Firearms is Pass/Fail. Officers need to demonstrate the proper procedure for the Safe Handling of a Firearm, demonstrate range safety and demonstrate firearms proficiency during the course of fire.

# CUMBERLAND COUNTY

## Highlights from the Sheriff

*By Sheriff Keven J. Joynce*

The first eight months of my first term as Sheriff of Cumberland County have passed quickly. I have the privilege to work with some of the finest law enforcement officers, correction's officers and support staff in the state and I look forward to a productive and progressive four years, serving the citizens of Cumberland County.



I am privileged to have Naldo Gagnon join the administrative team, as Chief Deputy. Chief Deputy Gagnon comes to the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office with 31 years of law enforcement experience, 14 of which were as Chief of Police in Presque Isle. Under Chief Deputy Gagnon's leadership, the Presque Isle Police Department was recognized as one of the more progressive law enforcement agencies in Aroostook County.

My command staff has been working diligently to update/upgrade some of our day to day processes to make them more effective and efficient, by giving the employees the technology to do their job!

In the spring, we installed new software that will allow the patrol commanders the ability to see trends in crime throughout the county and deploy their manpower accordingly. Using geo-spatial plotting of crimes throughout Cumberland County on maps, the commanders and their supervisors will be able to see where various crimes or accidents are occurring and adjust their patrol staff accordingly. This technology will allow us to be more pro-active, rather than re-active as we currently are. Furthermore, we recently purchased license bar code scanners which will allow the patrol deputies to scan a driver's license into their laptop computer and then backfill the pertinent information about the individual into various incident reports, thus saving the deputy time in doing data entry.

We have just completed the installation of a new communications system in the jail that will replace the 18 year old stentofon system that was originally installed when the jail was built in 1992.

This stentofon system is the primary communications system used by the Corrections Officers to communicate with each other as well as communicate with the inmates when they are locked in their cells.

Also, we have been working to "combat" the flow of drugs into the jail. One of our biggest problems is that individuals are willing to place large amounts of contraband in various locations of their body that often goes undetected without strip searches. Since we are limited on when strip searches can be conducted, the staff has been working diligently to find other ways of identifying those inmates who are likely to be "packing" and getting contraband into the jail.

Earlier in the year, while searching inmate mail, Corrections Officers discovered that Suboxone sublingual strips were being concealed inside of greeting cards and yellow clasp envelopes. Based on recommendations from staff, yellow clasp envelopes are no longer accepted as inmate mail. We are currently working on an alternative policy regarding greeting cards. In the end, with several people being arrested and charged with trafficking contraband and the aforementioned policy changes, this method of introducing drugs into the secure perimeter of the jail seems to have subsided.

There are many challenges and improvements that we plan to make in the future. They include law enforcement accreditation through CALEA, increased access to computerized records by the Corrections Officers, increased lines of communication both inside and outside of the agency, as well as other crime prevention and educational initiatives such as bullying and driving a motor vehicle while texting.

We are honored to serve the citizens of Cumberland County as Sheriff and look forward to making Cumberland County a safer place to live and play.

## FRANKLIN COUNTY

### Sheriff Pike Receives Surete du Quebec Award

On Tuesday May 3, 2011, Sheriff Dennis C. Pike, along with Chief Deputy Ray Meldrum, Lieutenant Niles Yeaton and Detective Tom White traveled to Montreal, Canada. Sheriff Pike was one of twelve to receive an award from the Surete du Quebec.

Eight of the award recipients are from the Quebec Provincial Police and four are from other agencies with Sheriff Pike being the only recipient from the United States. The awards were presented by Richard Deschesnes, Director General of the Quebec Provincial Police. The award is named in French; "Vigilance et Loyaute", "Chene de Bronze".

The awards ceremony was quite impressive with an Honor Guard consisting of two Quebec Provincial Police Officers that escorted the dignitaries up to the stage. On the stage were flags from Canada, Quebec, Surete du Quebec and the State of Maine. The twelve award recipients were seated in the front row with family, friends, and co-workers seated behind. The Quebec Provincial Police recognized Sheriff Pike's nearly fifty years of service to his community, the County of Franklin and



for being an important member of a joint border law enforcement initiative between Quebec and Maine. Wine was served after the award presentations, during a social gathering.

Sheriff Pike was also recognized for Franklin County's involvement with an officer exchange program with the Surete du Quebec [Quebec Provincial Police] located in Lac Megantic, Canada. During a separate ceremony, the two police agency representatives signed an agreement for the 18 month project that will include the exchange of officers to observe and learn the best practices of each agency.

### Vehicle to Be Utilized for Search and Rescue Missions and More

During this summer of 2011, Sergeant Steven Lowell along with Corporal Kenneth Charles traveled to Vermont to retrieve the pictured AM General Hummer. This vehicle will be utilized for rescue missions, marijuana eradication,

carrying of equipment and personnel to assist fire and rescue teams, backcountry searches and the occasional parade.

Below: Cpl. Kenneth Charles, Patrol Dep. Matthew Brann, Serg. Steven Lowell.



## HANCOCK COUNTY

### Underage Drinking Multijurisdictional TaskForce

In 2005 the problem of underage drinking became critical in Hancock County. Sheriff Clark pursued creating a multijurisdictional task force to try and battle this escalating problem. Knowing that the Sheriff's Department did not have the man power to take this on alone, Sheriff Clark approached his colleagues from other local agencies to appoint an officer from their department to join the task force. To get this new task force off the ground Sheriff Clark applied for and received a grant through the Maine Office of Substance Abuse.

When the task force was first formed, they focused on curbing underage drinking but that has evolved to include investigations into other areas of alcohol related offenses. The Hancock County Sheriff's Office has signed a Memorandum of Understanding to receive this training that gives members of the task force the ability to enforce a limited number of liquor laws as well as rules and regulations that govern all activities under a liquor license.

In 2007 Christopher Thornton was appointed as the underage drinking task force coordinator. Since 2007, Deputy Thornton has applied for and received several grants through the Office of Substance Abuse and the Higher Education Alcohol Prevention Partnership. Those grants have allowed the UAD Task Force to sustain its efforts to address not only



the issue of underage drinking but also address liquor related offenses in both on site and off site establishments across Hancock County. In an effort to curb the liquor problems in the communities, the Task Force is doing compliance checks with local stores and bars that serve or sell alcohol, conducting party patrols, performing parking lot surveillance and following up on calls that come in to the local dispatch centers.

While this has been and will be an ongoing problem in our State the UADTF of Hancock County is diligently working to decrease the ability for minors to access alcohol and to legally prosecute those that do, as well as charging the people that are over 21 who are providing the alcohol and the places for these minors to consume it.

## KENNEBEC COUNTY

### Criminogenic Addiction & Recovery Academy

During the spring of 2010, Sheriff Randall A. Liberty and the jail administration at Kennebec County Correctional Facility (KCCF), in coordination with the Maine Board of Corrections, decided to transform the facility into a facility that specialized in intensively addressing substance abuse and criminal thinking.

In collaboration with Crisis & Counseling Centers, a pilot program was started in August of 2010 with seven inmates with clear evidence of longstanding substance abuse and criminal behavior. As of June 2011, the Criminogenic

*“The CARA Program has given me many tools that I use daily and will use for the rest of my life ... I’m a brand-new man.”*

*— CARA Graduate*

Addiction & Recovery Academy (CARA) has graduated over 58 men and women who completed an intensive five week program focusing on the key issues fueling their continued substance abuse and criminal involvement. We anticipate 240 graduates annually from the program once it is running at full capacity. The program is intended to be a statewide resource and encourages referrals from other correctional facilities.

“We need to stop the revolving door,” says Sheriff Randall Liberty.

### **Who is eligible?**

Sentenced inmates with enough time left on their sentence to complete the five week program and who have a history of significant substance abuse and repeated criminal involvement will be considered for participation in CARA.

### **Referral & Screening**

The referral process is coordinated by the Classifications Department at KCCF. Referrals may be made by Defense Attorneys, District Attorneys, Probation, community providers and through self-referral by inmates themselves. After initial review of the referral, a comprehensive screening occurs to assess criminal thinking, co-occurring disorders, treatment motivation, risk of relapse and re-offending.

### **Admission & Treatment**

After screening is completed and the application is reviewed by the KCCF Programs Department, successful candidates are transferred to a housing block at KCCF that has been created specifically for CARA and is separated from the general population.

The program is delivered over a five-week period, with daily structured and facilitated group and individual activities. The core program is comprised of treatment to address co-occurring disorders (following the DSAT curriculum) and criminal thinking (using the Pathways curriculum); work readiness, parenting skills and ethical decision-making. Self-help meetings (AA) and community service activities are also provided to increase the inmates’ exposure to and involvement in pro-social activities.

Programming is gender specific, addressing the different pathways men and women take to substance abuse and criminal behavior.

A therapeutic community model is used to supervise CARA inmates and to maximize the impact of the intensive programming. Specially trained Correctional Officers are responsible for facilitating “community meetings” three times daily, in addition to observing and monitoring inmates’

participation in treatment activities throughout the day and evening program hours.

### **Reentry Planning**

A critical component to making a successful return to the community is adequate transition planning while incarcerated. Inmates begin receiving reentry services during Week 1 of the CARA program. Case managers meet individually with inmates to identify their unique individual community

*“It saved my life. If I didn’t go into that program I wouldn’t have learned how to be pro-social, I wouldn’t have changed my criminal thinking and I wouldn’t have gotten sober. I’d be dead.”*

— CARA Graduate

reentry needs (housing, medical care, transportation, entitlement program eligibility, vocational/educational referrals) and graduate from the program with a “portfolio” of resources available to them.

“We wanted to create something that helped people understand how they got stuck in criminal and antisocial behaviors and what they could do to get out, “ says Michael Mitchell, Clinical Director at Crisis & Counseling Centers and author of CARA’s criminogenic curriculum, Pathways.

Upon graduation from CARA, participants enter into the Kennebec Regional Reentry Project (KeRRP), which is funded with a federal Second Chance Act Adult Reentry Demonstration Grant.

KeRRP provides reentry support during incarceration and after release to CARA participants and others, as needed. Services provided can include case management; limited, targeted financial support (for rent security deposit, transportation, prescriptions, etc.); housing case management; restorative justice/community service support and mentoring; job search support and other services.

Agencies partnering with Sheriff’s Office on the project include Crisis & Counseling Centers, Maine PreTrial Services, NAMI Maine and Hornby Zeller Associates. The project anticipates serving up to 240 inmates annually.

## **The Incarcerated Veterans Initiative**

*by Sheriff Randall A. Laliberty*

**T**he wars in Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan placed a tremendous strain on military personnel and their families. As a result of their service many servicemen have returned home, forever changed by their combat-related experience. As an appreciative nation, we are duty-bound to assist them with their transition home. Recognizing this ever-growing problem, the Kennebec County Sheriff's Office has initiated a new program which assists Veterans and their families in their transition back into the community.

The goal of the Incarcerated Veterans Initiative is to identify Veterans which have service-related behavioral and or medical conditions and assist them in the rehabilitation of those issues. We recognize that there are common symptoms among previously deployed military personnel which include Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Substance Abuse, Anger Management and Relationships difficulties. The Incarcerated Veterans Initiative screens Veterans as they enter the Kennebec County Correctional Facility and determines appropriate programming that may assist the Veteran in their recovery. As Veterans progress through the criminal justice system, stakeholders, including the District Attorney's Office, Clinicians from Crisis and Counseling, Maine Pretrial Services, NAMI, and the Veterans Administration, work with the Veterans to establish and conduct a treatment plan.

Veterans with minor sentences are treated by clini-

cians inside the Correctional Facility, with a Veterans focus. The Correctional Facility has established a housing unit which is specifically designated for Veterans. Since the inception of this program in July, ten Veterans have been identified as having service connected disabilities which may have contributed to the Veterans incarceration. In August, Justice Nancy Mills committed to assist with this initiative. Justice Mills is the founder the Kennebec County Co-occurring disorder court, which has been operating very successfully since 2005. The court currently manages, on average, (30) inmates, assisting with their recovery and reintroduction into the community. Justice Mills has agreed to operate a Veterans track of the Co-occurring Court, dealing specifically with Veteran related issues. There are currently (48) Veterans Courts in the United States this is the first in the State of Maine.

"The Incarcerated Veterans Initiative is available to any Veteran in the State of Maine. There are an estimated 23.4 million Veterans in the United States, and more than 2.2 million active duty and reserve service members. As of August 2011, more than 2 million Americans have served in Afghanistan and or Iraq, many serving multiple tours. We have a duty to assist these veterans when they transition back into society. There are many committed stakeholders involved with this project. All personnel and agencies involved recognize the sacrifice of all Veterans and want to do their part to assist in the recovery of these honorable citizens."

## **Restorative Community Harvest: Changing Lives Through Restorative Practices**

*by Lt. Michael J. Hicks*

**T**he Kennebec County Sheriff's Office is committed to supporting the community in Central Maine. Kennebec's Restorative Community Harvest program provides meaningful agricultural skills to the inmates participating in the Public Works Project (Title 30-A § 1605) while contributing fresh and healthy produce to families in need.

Just as our parents might remain awake late at night perched at the kitchen table working on the household budget, trying to stretch every dollar, so must today's Correction Administrators strive to seek innovative programs that create the greatest benefits with the least financial impact. One avenue available brings us back to our roots, our pioneer days of self-sufficiency: the vegetable garden. The benefits of

these programs could include cost reductions for the facility while inmates profit from the work skills learned, as well as the self-confidence and a sense of satisfaction that is obtained through their successes. The rehabilitation aspects of working in the garden are not lost on either the inmates or the communities that are in desperate need of the produce that is grown.

Kennebec's Restorative Community Harvest program, formerly known as the Inmate Garden, was initiated over 17 years ago at the urging of then Deputy Randall A. Liberty and has provided a rewarding experience to all of those involved during that period. "I had this crazy idea," Sheriff Liberty said, smiling during a recent interview with the Kennebec Journal, "I think it's therapeutic, a meaningful endeavor."

The gardens, located throughout Kennebec County and beyond, have provided tons of produce for those in need

over the years, and the Sheriff's goal in 2011 is for a bountiful harvest of over 75,000 lbs. We have developed a partnership with the University of Maine Cooperative Extension to assist with the technical support required for continued success. Our crop yield will assist the Cooperative Extension in achieving its objective for the collection of produce for the Harvest for Hunger program in the state of Maine. The Sheriff's Office is also collaborating with the Maine Department of Corrections and Central Maine Pre-Release Center to meet our shared goals and utilize our manpower resources for those purposes.

Caragh Fitzgerald of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension stated. "This project is a great fit for UMaine Extension's Harvest for Hunger program. Statewide, we have a goal of providing 250,000 pounds of produce to local food pantries and soup kitchens this year. The Kennebec Restorative Community Harvest will be a great contributor to that this year, and we're very glad to be able to work with them."

The primary objective of the garden is to provide fresh and healthy produce for those in need in Kennebec County and the surrounding area who might not otherwise have access. Additionally, it provides inmates working on the program with the hands-on training, skills and the work ethic needed to ensure successful crop production and the opportunity to make a valuable contribution within their communities. Lastly, a small portion of the harvest will serve to augment the diets of inmates within the Correctional facility. For logistical reasons, as well as economies of scale, Sheriff Liberty has decided to consolidate the gardens to one location. To that end negotiations are currently under way with the Maine Department of Conservation, Bureau of Parks and Lands, to actually expand the size of the garden to 30 acres at a single site. "The idea is to have more land to rotate the crops," Sheriff Liberty said.

David Rodrigues, Senior Planner for the Bureau of Parks and Lands spoke with the Kennebec Journal about Sheriff Liberty's inquiry into those additional lands. "We find the use that the Sheriff's Office is proposing has all kinds of benefits," he said. "It's a great partnership we're trying to develop."

All plans are being designed with interested stakeholders involved to utilize current best practices. Various governmental agencies will be accessed to develop the property in a thoughtful and sustainable manner. The long-term plan of the Sheriff's office is to construct buildings onsite for the



storage of equipment and supplies. Having this complex will make many additional options available as the program is expanded. The benefits for both the inmates and the community are many. It is anticipated that funding will be sought through both governmental and private grants. The Sheriff said, "The original intention of the gardens when the jail was providing its own food, was to help reduce the amount spent on feeding the inmates. It has evolved in to serving a dual function now," continuing, "There's no financial benefit to the county. There's a real benefit to the community."

The Kennebec County Correctional Facility currently contracts with ARARMARK to provide meals and Commissary services to the inmate population.

Bob Tiner, Director of Criminal Justice Programs at the National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI Maine) believes that this program, with its Restorative Justice component, has the potential to assist not only the inmates involved, but also the communities that fell victim to their criminal acts. "Often times the community only sees the offender give back monetarily to the system and not the community as a whole." Bob explained, "This program gives back to the community, those in need and to society as a whole. It's a great way to make amends by providing for those in need while learning new skills."

Kennebec County is not alone in this effort; correctional facilities throughout the state and the country have been utilizing an often idle workforce for the betterment of the inmates' diets and/or that of the less fortunate in our communities. As we look to the future with what often seems to be a greater expressed need, yet with dwindling resources available to us, our challenge is to form partnerships that will insure that these programs remain relevant and sustainable for many years to come.

## KNOX COUNTY

### Knox County Highlights

**K**nox County covers 374 square miles with 16 towns, 1 city and numerous Islands. We provide full time coverage on the Islands of Vinalhaven and Northhaven year around. Our jail built in 1991 to hold 56 inmates now holds 86.

When first built no one could imagine the jail would be filled to overflowing in a few short years. The Patrol and jail work as a team often intermingling with our mission. We have made a lot of improvements not only to the building but overall teamwork enabling Corrections and Patrol to work as one unit.

With 2011 brought a new Chief Deputy, Tim Carroll and a new Patrol Administrator, Kirk Guerrett. Both men have had years of experience in law enforcement. We had three patrol employees, Sgts Steve Burns, Michael Sprague and Deputy Steve Grasso, away on military duty overseas for a year. They are all back now. Deputy Grasso was wounded by shrapnel and went right back to the front. Having three employees gone for a year plus created a real hardship. Deputies Matt Elwell and Jacob Boyington stepped up to the plate taking on more responsibilities to help out. I was very pleased with their teamwork to help this organization.

We now have a Polygraph Operator, Detective Reginald Walker. Polygraph equipment was purchased with drug forfeiture monies. The District Attorney's Office has provided a room to do the testing in. this service is available for Law Enforcement by calling Detective Walker at 207-594-0429 x 704.

Finally we have a much needed drug dog. Drug canine "Jake" and his handler Deputy John Palmer are trained through the National Dog Training Program, which is in New Hampshire. After many weeks of intensive training both Jake and Deputy Palmer are certified and are available for calls. We also have two boat Captains, Chief Deputy Tim Carroll and Sgt Steve Burns. We are working on acquiring a boat.

Deputy Larry Hesseltine has been working with the United Bikers of Maine to raise funds for Special Olympics. A motorcycle ride with a cookout and auction at the owls Head Transportation museum took place in September 2011. This was our second year sponsoring this event.

Inmates plant our gardens of which we share produce with local Soup Kitchens. Inmates plant and take care of the vegetables. Inmates have been real busy here painting and fixing up our facility. They are also available to non-profit organizations to help out. Inmates painted a mural on our wall showing the lobster industry here in the midcoast.

We have a good working relationship with the Coast Guard, Marine Patrol and State Police. It is not uncommon to see our agencies doing things as a team. We recently had a plane crash off the Island of Matinicus. Our agencies worked together on this downed plane. Marine Patrol Captain Corey Roberts took us out to Matinicus. By using the equipment she had available Cory soon located the plane in approximately 85 feet of water. Four men from the State Police Dive team dove and anchored a marker on the downed plane. It is great to see our Agencies working together as it should be.



## LINCOLN COUNTY

### Shellfish Enforcement

In the fall of 2003 the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office was approached by the Town of Bremen about the contracting the law enforcement services necessary to enforce its local marine shellfish ordinance. The Town was struggling to find a consistent professional presence on their shores and turned to Sheriff Todd B. Brackett for help.

The program began on a short term trial basis after receiving approval by Sheriff Brackett and the Lincoln County Commissioners. Deputy Brent Barter was appointed to primarily fill this position with assistance from the Patrol Division Supervisor Lieutenant Rand Maker. This partnership between the Town of Bremen and the County of Lincoln quickly proved successful. This success resulted in a year long contract that was agreed upon by both parties that provided the consistent coverage needed to protect the marine shellfish resources of Bremen. It also placed additional law enforcement services in Bremen that proved to be mutually beneficial for both the Town and County.

By the third year of the agreement the Town of Bremen had purchased a boat for the use of Deputy Barter and Lieutenant Maker when it became necessary because of the opening of a large area of tidal flats on an island not far from shore. This increased opportunity for local shellfish harvesters also resulted in a large amount of illegal activity from shellfish harvesters from areas that had no town licenses.

Today the amount of ordinance violations in Bremen has greatly reduced as a result of the Sheriff's Office professional response to this issue. In addition to the enforcement activities the Sheriff's Office has also assisted the Town of Bremen with shore land surveys and water quality testing that just recently resulted in the opening of additional areas of tidal flats.



Bremen Selectman Henry Nevins commented on the agreement by describing it as “the best thing that happened to small towns that cannot afford to hire a fulltime employee.” He further stated that “this is what the Counties should be doing”.

In 2008 the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office was again approached by both the Town of Bristol and South Bristol about providing enforcement services for their marine shellfish ordinance. Again after approval by Sheriff Brackett and the County Commissioners another successful relationship was formed that continues today.

Bristol Shellfish Committee member Steve Lackovic says the Sheriff's Office had “done everything the town has asked” and that “everyone's happy with the job”. He also commented that the work done by Deputy Barter and the Sheriff's Office has “helped cover all the bases necessary to protect a renewable resource and provide for a sustainable harvest”.

Sheriff Brackett has been very pleased to see the success in each agreement. He has stated that he would welcome additional contracts of this type and sees these type of agreement as an example of “the Sheriff Office being responsive to each Town's local need and providing services that are essential to local government”.

## Elder Abuse

By Detective Robert McFetridge

Imagine what you would do if you worked all of your life, planned for your future and one day you found yourself without money or a home. Now add this to the fact that you are over 80 years old, many friends and family members have already passed away before you. You find yourself in a position where the people you believed were helping you, were in fact helping themselves to your assets. What would you do? Who would you trust? The only hope you have left is the promise that your friends / family” will pay the money back to you. As each year passes you realize this is not happening, but what can you do? This is a situation many of our seniors are facing.

Lincoln County has the oldest population per capita in Maine, the State which is distinguished as having the oldest population in the country. Given this fact, it did not come as a surprise when I ended up investigating two elder abuse cases almost back to back.

What I did find disturbing about both cases is despite the difference in backgrounds of the people involved, is how similar the tactics used against the victims were.

The first case involved a woman in her 80's. She lived alone for a number of years and did not have any relatives who lived close to her. In this case a “trusted” friend / neighbor used a real event that occurred where they lived to plant the seeds of an idea in the victim's mind. Once the idea was planted a few well placed telephone calls and the “friend” was able to con the victim out of her life savings. This was a long running con going over six years. As the “friend” took more and more money, he also took steps to make sure she could not easily tell anyone what was happening to her.

When I became involved in this case, my victim had no more money to give. She was reduced to eating peanut butter and rice cakes for food. Her credit was also ruined and she had a number of bounced checks out in the community, some written by her “friend”. This lady was not rich, but she would not have had to worry about money to live on for the remainder of her years.

The second case also involves a woman in her 80's. Again she lived alone for a number of years. She also did



not have any close relatives. The people who became involved in her life could be described as professional con artist. They make their money by using skills that have been passed on to them by their family. They came into my victim's life shortly after she became the owner of her deceased mother's home. Again the con was built around partial truths and out right lies.

By the time I would become involved in this case, nine years had passed, her home had been sold and the money has disappeared. This group “adopted” her as their grandmother, they took her on trips with them. Her new family let her move in after her home suffered a fire. They even dealt with the insurance company for her. They moved her across the country to Lincoln County. During this time my victim no longer received mail nor did she have access to a telephone. Her “family” now had complete control over her and her finances. She ended up by herself in a one room rental cabin with very little food. She could not see very well. She could not hear very well and she had trouble walking with out assistance. If not for the intervention of a concerned citizen on one of the hottest days of the year, this victim may not have survived to tell anyone her story.

Both women in these cases are very well educated and their minds are still sharp, despite their advanced age. In both cases, the victims were befriended and then conned over the course of several years. The “friends” took steps to

isolate the victim. These steps in both cases included limiting access to a telephone, controlling contact with friends, neighbors, law enforcement and adult protective services.

In both cases, law enforcement had been contacted with concerns about the victim and her “friends” up to several years before the present cases came to light. The victims were both contacted and interviewed, but at the time of the first report they were unwilling to admit that anything was wrong.

In both cases the assistance from partner agencies was invaluable. Thanks to contacts I had made by attending meetings of the Lincoln County Triad, The Lincoln County Abuse Task Force and the Boothbay Region Domestic Violence Prevention Council, I knew who to call for assistance with all of the issues that were not law enforcement related. Both victims were put in contact with Legal Services for the Elderly. This non profit agency went to work to try to straighten out the victim’s financial mess. Adult Protective Service helped one victim to find a place to live and to insure that she was receiving health insurance to cover her basic needs. Spectrum Generations also stepped in and worked with one of the victims to ensure that she had some place to turn for help that she could trust. They also helped her with food and other basic needs.

Working these cases, I learned that you have to have patience. The victims will be slow to trust you and you will receive information from them in little “packets”. The stories they tell you may sound “crazy” to you, but you have to remember that they were fooled into believing what they are telling you is real. The cases will be very involved. Trying to determine what are criminal acts and what is not will require working closely with the District Attorney’s Office . In both cases banks would have noticed changes in the way the victims were handling their money. In one of my cases bank officials were very concerned. Due to banking regulations, they were very limited on their ability to notify law enforcement of their concerns.

Both of the victims were people who would help a friend financially if asked. They both had investments that were still providing income. Both women would have been able to live comfortably with the money they had earned over their life time. Now they have to rely on social security

and charity to live.

The only real way to combat this type of crime is to make sure our elderly friends don’t become isolated or forgotten. Once law enforcement is made aware of a possible exploitation case, officers need to investigate the situation. They should also work to build a relationship with the elderly person. This may take weeks, months or years. Keeping a good working relationship with Adult Protective Service is also a must when becoming involved in this type of case.

The friends, neighbors, relatives and others who may have contact with elderly citizens are always in the best position to see when something is not right. The bank teller who suddenly see the elderly person coming to the bank, making withdraws of large sums of cash. The store clerk who notices that the elderly customer who is now buying items that they never used to purchase before. The neighbor who notices stranger that suddenly seem to be “helping” their elderly neighbor. These are just a few examples of things that can give clues that someone is taking advantage of an elderly person.

Both victims in my most recent cases are now “safe”. I have investigated other cases where the end was not so rosy. An elderly woman’s relatives had talked her into spending her money on them. When it was all said and done, she did not have a place to live and the state would not pay for the nursing home she needed. The family members who benefited from her money did not step in to help. They instead hired a lawyer to make sure their assets were protected.

As with any crime it is much easier to prevent this type of crime than it is to resolve it after the fact.

### **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/K9yASE>

## OXFORD COUNTY

### 'Traffic Without Border' Patrols Coordinate to Educate

By *Cherri Crockett, with permission of Rumford Falls Times*

As part of the coordinated launch of the Traffic Safety Without Borders operation that took place on Friday, Oxford and Franklin County deputies, Maine State Police, as well as New Hampshire State Police and Coos County deputies met with Quebec Provincial Police at the Maine/Canada border in Coburn Gore for a press conference.

With the difference in laws between the two countries, law enforcement wanted to collaborate in order to better educate motorists traveling on both sides of the borders as to their responsibilities while visiting each country. The traffic safety campaign took place in Canadian districts that share common roads with the United States from Maine to New York.

"Since 2006, the Surete du Quebec has studied and analyzed each car accident," stated Chief of Granite County Quebec, Daniel Campagna. "We target the time, the place, the violation; all to find out how we can reduce death on the highways. We have a shared priority with the United States to extend those operations across the border to educate, prevent and communicate each of our countries intentions in reducing the horrible statistics on our highways."

A couple of the major differences in laws between Canada and the Northeast United States, for example, cell phone usage and the legal drinking age. It is illegal in Canada to use a cell phone without the use of a headset, where as, in the U.S., drivers are allowed to use them, but will be sited if

they seem to be distracted while using a cell phone.

In Canada, the legal drinking age is 18, causing a problem if they decide to cross into the U.S. This seemed to be the number one concern among troopers and deputies that were present at Coburn Gore.

"The majority of motorists coming into the United States through ME and NH are headed for Old Orchard Beach," noted Gerald Marcou of Coos County Sheriff's Office, NH. "They need to realize that we're not here to hammer down on the public, we're here to educate them."

While speeding is another major cause for concern between the countries, it is "the biggest offense we come across," noted Sheriff Wayne Gallant of Oxford County. "There are too many accidents with deer and moose, and motorists need to be more aware. We want to make our roads safer and the only way we're going to accomplish that is to be visible and be willing to educate."

Before departing Coburn Gore, it was mentioned that not only are U.S. and Canadian officials making history with the coordination of this cross-border safety operation, but that U.S. officials were also allowed to carry their firearms while on the Canadian side of the border during this event only.

"U.S. law enforcement are not allowed to carry their sidearms while in Canada," noted Lt. Todd Landry of the New Hampshire State Police. "Even if we have a detainee to transport to New York or Maine and it's quicker to cross the border to get there, we have to relinquish our firearms."

Following the press conference in Coburn Gore, deputies of the Oxford County Sheriff's Department and the Maine State Police coordinated two safety checkpoints; one on Rt. 16 in Magalloway Plantation and the other on Rt. 26 in Newry, two major corridors for border-crossing traffic.

Coordinating the Rt. 26 checkpoint was Sgt. Tim Holland, Dep. Mike Halacy, Cpl. Justin Brown, Sgt. Tim Ontengco, Trooper Gregory Tirado and With license plates from Maine, New York, New Hampshire, Quebec, Massachusetts and various other states, motorists seemed, for the most part, patient for the slight delay in their travels. Each routine stop taking no more than 30 seconds if the motorist was in compliance, and longer for those that were in violation. Cpl. Brian Landis.

With orange cones set down the yellow line and blue



lights flashing on their emergency vehicles parked on the side of the road, officers proceeded to stop each vehicle passing to both the north and south. The officers asked the motorists for their drivers license while checking that each passenger was buckled up, and simultaneously educating them on why they were performing the checkpoint.

The most common of the violations throughout the six-hour operation was the lack of adhering to the seatbelt law.

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I took a moment to talk with Dep. Mike Halacy. I inquired as to what the protocol is if things go wrong during a check. For instance, if someone had a gun in their vehicle, how would that be handled. “Most people are pretty compliant and tell us right up front that they have a gun inside. Normally, they’re hanging in the back window. We ask for their concealed weapons permit and go from there. That situation doesn’t happen too often. Each stop depends on

how the driver handles it. You never know what you may get when you pull someone over.”

During the six hours spent on Rt. 26, the officers stopped more than 200 motorists, wrote out about a dozen tickets for seatbelt and other misdemeanor violations, and arrested two men for the more serious violations of operating after suspension and operating without a license. With one having warrants for his arrest out in other states, as well as operating an unregistered, out-of-state vehicle.

After putting a drug dog on both vehicles, arresting officers Cpl. Brian Landis and Dep. George Cayer had the illegal vehicle towed and the other was driven away by a legally-licensed passenger in that vehicle.

In regards to Traffic Safety Without Borders operation, Sheriff Wayne Gallant stated, “I think this was a great way to kick off the spring summer season with a safety campaign that involved law enforcement from both countries. What a great collaborative safety effort without borders. This will continue throughout the year between all these law enforcement partners.”

Police agencies will meet again in the coming weeks for a debriefing to sort through the information obtained.

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## PENOBSCOT COUNTY

### School Disaster Planning and Response Grant

*By Sheriff Glenn Ross*

As a result of the efforts of Congressman Michael Michaud; three Maine counties were selected to receive a \$250,000.00 Congressional Appropriation. Penobscot, Kennebec and Oxford Counties jointly submitted an application for funding an initiative for school disaster planning and response. Congress approved the award and Penobscot County was selected as the grant fiscal agent.

During the past decade, schools across the United States have faced a threat unimaginable to the public. In New England alone there have been over 24 serious incidents in our schools according to the New England State Police Information Network. Equally disturbing events have occurred at Pearl, Mississippi; Paducah, Kentucky; Jonesboro, Arkansas;

and the communities of Edinboro, Pennsylvania; Springfield, Oregon; and Columbine, Colorado.

Sheriffs’ Offices in Maine began to prepare and coordinate with each other in response to the above mentioned incidents. Historically school plans involved acts of natural

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disasters which generally meant evacuation of the building by students and teachers. Such actions are counter indicated in situations of an armed intruder in the school.

Police also have had to rethink their training; as the response to the crisis at Columbine High School has taught us. No longer can we use the barricaded person model in the event of an active shooter. In other words, we cannot wait out a situation, using time as a de-escalation tool. An active shooter equates to immediate police intervention.

Much has been accomplished during the past several years in the areas of planning, equipment and technology that now will help us mitigate such events; but there was a couple of missing elements. Specifically that was in the sharing and accessibility of the developed plans. In most cases the developed plans were kept at the school or at the administrators office, and it was likely inaccessible to the first responder in the event of an armed intruder.

For those plans that are shared with law enforcement, the paper copy was likely to be at headquarters rather than immediately accessible to emergency police, fire and medical responders. Additionally, the disaster plan was often voluminous, containing much information that was not immediately critical to the first responder. Critical information needed to be condensed and immediately accessible.

## Prescription Drug Take Back Initiatives

Like many areas in Maine, Penobscot County has seen a drastic increase in the illegal use of prescription medications.

The Penobscot County Sheriff's Office and its community prevention coalitions have partnered to find ways to make these drugs less accessible by focusing their efforts on promoting proper and safe storage and disposal of medications.

Along with safety issues related to having unused medications in the household, environmental issues are a concern for proper disposal.

According to the Federal drug Enforcement Agent Mike Wardrop, "Americans participating in the Drug

This grant provided for the hiring of three deputies, whose responsibility was to work with the schools to develop, evaluate and collect emergency plans and emergency contact data. Deputies would collect aerial, perimeter and interior photographs. This data is now being entered into the regional records management law enforcement databases of the three counties where it can be readily shared with all emergency responders.

In addition to the data collection, the grant funded specialty training for the Special Response Teams (SRT) of the sheriff's offices in Penobscot and Kennebec counties. Counties have been able to leverage training for their SRT teams in Swat 1&2 and secure less than lethal training and equipment.

Penobscot County Sheriff Glenn Ross stated, "We all hope that the tragic events occurring in other parts of the nation will never repeat themselves in Maine. We know that while Maine is a very safe state, that no community is free from the risk of school violence, as the recent situation in Stockton Springs has proven. The sheriffs of Penobscot, Kennebec and Oxford County are appreciative of the work of Congressman Michaud in helping secure this significant grant. Maine law enforcement is better prepared to deal with the future as a result of our preparations today."

Enforcement Administration's (DEA's) second National Prescription Drug Take-Back event on April 30th turned in more than 376,593 pounds (188 tons) of unwanted or ex-



pired medications for safe and proper disposal at the 5,361 take-back sites that were available in all 50 states. This is 55 percent more than the 242,000 pounds (121 tons) the public brought in during last September's event.

In Maine, we collected 11,920 pounds of medications, a 52% increase from our collection last September 25 when 7820 pounds was collected. I am pleased to announce that based on my review of the national collection figures by state, Maine is again ranked #1 per capita for our total collection effort."

This unified effort not only helped reduce prescription drug abuse and diversion but it also safeguarded our

environment.

Chief Deputy Troy Morton of the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office and also the Chair of the Penobscot County Triad states that we have participated in several "Drug Take Back Events" this year including the 2011 National DEA take back initiative. He states that the sheriff's office has participated in several drug take back events with the Penobscot County Triad during the past year.

The agency partnered with Healthy Sebecook Valley Drug Free Communities to purchase a MedReturn Collection unit, so citizens can drop off unused medications at our office at their convenience.

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## PISCATAQUIS COUNTY

### Teamwork Leads to Robbery Arrest and Halts Drug Operation

On September 12, 2011 Somerset County Sheriff's Office responded to a robbery at a pharmacy in Bingham. A lone suspect armed with a sawed off shotgun tied up 4 employees and a customer and stole cash and prescription pills.

Somerset County Sheriff's Office alerted Piscataquis County Sheriff's Office because the suspect vehicle was last seen heading towards Piscataquis.

An alert citizen observed the vehicle in Kingsbury and alerted deputies, who were able to stop the vehicle and ID the driver.

Although there wasn't enough evidence to detain the driver at that time, Somerset and Piscataquis worked together throughout the night with Somerset County Sheriff's Office obtaining a search warrant for the suspect residence in Sangerville.

At 0600 on September 13, 2011 the MSP tactical team made

entry and then Somerset and Piscataquis executed the warrant. During the search an extensive marijuana growing operation was found within the residence and a second warrant was obtained.

Besides the drug operation, Somerset was able to locate evidence that led to the suspect in the Bingham robbery being arrested while Piscataquis took the drug case. SCSO, PCSO, MSP, MDEA, DEA, ATF all worked together to bring a violence robbery suspect into custody and to stop a significant drug operation.



## D.A.R.E. Golf Tournament

The Nineteenth Annual D.A.R.E. Golf Tournament sponsored by the Piscataquis County Sheriff's Office and the Piscataquis Country Club in Guilford was held on July 10, 2011.

We had 16 teams consisting of four players that participated in this fun event. Burgers and hot dogs were prepared and served to the participants by some of our Piscataquis employees who were on hand to help out in this event.

The Golf tournament is the only event that we have to raise money to keep the local D.A.R.E. Program running. This would not be possible without the donations we get from our local sponsors and the Piscataquis Country Club.



Next year will be our 20th year and we are hoping to break our records as far as participants go.

## SAGADAHOC COUNTY

### National Law Enforcement Challenge

The Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office was recently recognized by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) as a third place winner in the 2010 National Law Enforcement Challenge.

This is the second consecutive year, and third out of the last four years that the agency has taken third place in the national competition. The agency received their award at the 2011 IACP Annual Conference in Chicago, IL, on October 25, 2011.

The National Law Enforcement Challenge provides law enforcement agencies with an opportunity to make a significant difference in the communities they serve. The Challenge is a friendly competition between similar sizes and types of law enforcement agencies that recognizes and rewards the best overall traffic safety programs in the United States.

Sagadahoc County S.O. competed in a class of Sheriff Departments with less than 25 Sworn Deputies. Across the county there were 43 Sheriff Departments of various sizes that competed in this year's Challenge.

The program is designed to strengthen and support traffic enforcement nationwide and targets three major traffic safety priorities: occupant protection impaired driving, and speeding. Agencies are asked to provide documentation on their effort's and effectiveness in areas of officer training, public information, and enforcement to reduce crashes and injuries. Completed applications are submitted to the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety, which are judged in a statewide competition and then sent onto the IACP. The Sagadahoc County S.O. was a runner-up in this year's Maine competition.

"Being recognized by the IACP is a tremendous honor and a credit to the dedicated effort of our deputies to keep

the streets, roads, and highways of Sagadahoc County safe for all motorists,” said Sheriff Joel A. Merry. The Sagadahoc County S.O. has 19 fulltime deputies with 13 assigned to the patrol division.

Highlights of the 2010 Challenge Report included a 10.2% decline in accidents related to or caused by speed. The agency saw a 55% increase in the number of impaired driving arrests, and an 11% decrease in the number of impaired driver related crashes. Last year saw the continuation of a downward trend in the number of citations issued for violation of Maine’s seatbelt law. This is believed to be the result of greater voluntary compliance. The agency is proud to report that there were no fatal accidents in Sagadahoc County in 2010.

The Sheriff’s Office conducts numerous public information and education programs. From winter driving seminars to AARP Safe Driver Program, deputies are reaching out to residents in a pro active way. In 2009 the agency approached the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety with an idea for a PSA. The concept was to bring attention the tremendous impact that impaired driving has on the entire State of Maine. The 30-second PSA was titled, If you choose to drink and drive, you choose your ride. The video involved a Sheriff’s cruiser, ambulance, hearse, and taxi as well as a Life Flight helicopter as background props while Sheriff Merry delivered his message. The PSA was run throughout 2010 on network stations as well as local cable channels.

The agency has a website as well as a Facebook page in which they share information with the public. Sheriff Merry has also written op-ed articles for the Times Record on the subject of safe driving during the holidays. According the Sheriff Merry, “Being pro-active is still the preferred way to create awareness around safe driving, however when that doesn’t work we can always fall back on strict enforcement. That can

be very costly to motorist and contrary to some, we would prefer not to write tickets.”

The Sagadahoc County S.O. has been able to conduct much of their traffic enforcement efforts through the use of grants from the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety. Last year the agency conducted over 50 special details, all paid for by grant funds, to apprehend and arrest impaired drivers. In addition, the agency is committed to keeping deputies trained in the use of the intoxilyzer and standard field sobriety tests (SFST). In 2010 Deputy Matthew Sharpe completed instructor training through the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in both the intoxilyzer and SFST.

The Sagadahoc County Sheriff’s Office will continue to put an emphasis on safe highways and traffic enforcement, and they will continue to participate in the National Law Enforcement Challenge with the hopes of moving up from third place. However, according to Sheriff Merry, “finishing third in three out of four years is certainly an honor, but our ultimate goal is to keep the roads in Sagadahoc County safe for all those that live, work and visit our wonderful county.”



## SOMERSET COUNTY

### Somerset County Garden

In the spring of 2009 Sheriff DeLong started breaking ground for a garden at the Somerset County Sheriff's Department/Jail. This garden was started with the intention of cutting back on the food budget for the Jail. The garden started out small and only produced a small amount that first year. We knew then that a garden could be a very helpful project and decided that in 2010 we would go much larger.

In 2009, after making several phone calls, the Sheriff's Office spoke with the Defense Reutilization & Marketing Services (DRMS) in Portsmouth/Pease, NH. We were put on their list so we could get different kinds of equipment that we could be useful for the Sheriff's Department. In the spring of 2010 Sheriff DeLong hired a local man who was very familiar with planting and harvesting gardens. We had our start for the year, but we needed to have equipment to help with the plowing, tilling and other jobs that had to be done. That spring we were awarded a farm tractor and a Rota tiller from DRMS which we put to good use. Thanks to the people at DRMS we had a great start for the 2010 gardening season.



We planted a large garden in 2010 and the kitchen at the Jail benefited greatly from this project. All of the seeds were donated to the garden project and with the Gardener and the help of an inmate work crew the garden was planted and harvested with very little cost to the County. All the produce that came from the garden helped to saved money on the food budget for the Jail.

We planted 5 acres of garden and yielded a good harvest thanks to the work of our gardener and his work crew.

On June 12, the Somerset County Sheriff's Department mourned the loss of Deputy Niles Bowman following his long and courageous battle with cancer.

Deputy Bowman served as a Patrol Deputy with Somerset County for over 10 years. Throughout his career, Niles always represented his agency and profession with dignity and pride, earning commendations from the department and community alike. Among his favorite duties, was participating in Camp P.O.S.T.C.A.R.D where he had volunteered for 4 years.

In his personal life he loved riding his motorcycle, which he thought of as the second love of his life next to his wife Kelly. Niles enjoyed riding with his friends and family.

In addition to his Law Enforcement service, Niles served our country for 10 years in the U.S. Army and was a member of the American Legion, Elks and Free Masons. Deputy Bowman is survived by his loving wife, Kelly (Smith) Bowman; his sons, Nick and David Bowman; daughters Makayla and Haylie Smith.



## WALDO COUNTY

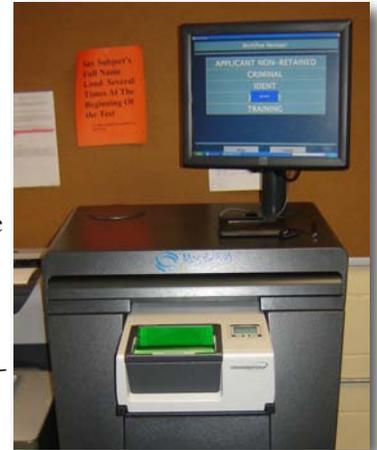
### Waldo County Sheriff's Office Highlights

Deputy Gerry Lincoln conducted an iris scan at the Troy Elementary School on May 14. Deputy Lincoln also did an iris scan with Detective Reed and Neva at the Bank of America Child Care Center in Belfast. Sgt. James Greeley went to the Searsport High School where a student interviewed him for an English project. Sgt. Greeley along with Juvenile probation officer Dan Delehanty appeared at the Mt View Middle School and spoke to the 6th graders about harassment and the consequences if someone is charged with that crime.

The annual Common Ground Fair was held in Unity on September 24, 25 and 26th, 2010. As in years past, this agency was hired to provide services for law enforcement, traffic control, parking, and security for this event. The monumental task of coordinating these efforts and scheduling the manpower to provide such services has fallen, for many years, upon Sgt. Dale Brown. Sgt. Brown spends a considerable amount of time coordinating between fair officials and the Sheriff's Office as well as scheduling various deputies to cover the many needs associated with running this fair. A total of 475 hours of manpower covered by 23 deputies, both full and part time was invested in making this a successful

undertaking, for which Sgt. Brown should be commended.

As a result of legislation in late 1997, the Department of Justice developed an automated background check process that requires digitized fingerprints ("Live Scan"). Corrections now has a new digital fingerprinting unit. Waldo County is one of the last counties in the State of Maine to receive such a unit. The new digital fingerprinting unit will allow for the prints to be taken and immediately sent to the State. Digitizing fingerprints enables the electronic transfer of the fingerprint image data along with personal descriptor information to computers at the Department of Justice in a matter of seconds, instead of the days required to send hard copy fingerprint cards through the mail. The Department of Justice's goal is to process 95% of the digitized fingerprints within 3 days. Corrections staff have completed their training and have begun taking the fingerprints on the live scan unit.



The Maine Coastal Regional Reentry Center is a 32-bed

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comprehensive community corrections program center operated by the Waldo County Sheriff's Office and Volunteers of America Northern New England. This comprehensive center is located in Belfast, Maine. It is developed on the philosophy that transition from incarceration is inevitable but transition with substantive change is a choice. MCRRC offers a variety of evidence-based programming that focuses on an individual's risk factors while supporting strengthened-based areas of their lives.

Serving male offenders returning to Hancock, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Waldo and Washington Counties and are currently housed in a county detention center or a Maine DOC facility, MCRRC focuses on individuals who are considered a moderate or high risk to reoffend upon release and who show a commitment to change while incarcerated. MCRRC applies a prescriptive programming approach for our clients. Upon admission all new arrivals collaborate with their case manager to create an Individual Service Plan (ISP) that enrolls a client in many, if not all, of the programs listed: Alcoholics Anonymous, Anger Management, Changing Offender Behavior, College Prep, Creative Expressions / 12 Step, Community Service Earn and Learn, Differential Substance Abuse Treatment (DSAT), Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT), Epictetus Club, Men's Group, Narcotics Anonymous, New Books/New Readers, Nonviolent Communication (NVC), Psychodrama, Psycho-education, Thinking for A Change (T4C), Work Ready. MCRRC has served 49 clients to date and have spent hours as follows:

- 2,798 classroom hours in evidence-based programming;
- 884 classroom hours in substance abuse programming
- 3,475 classroom hours in prosocial programming;
- 14 clients have enrolled in educational programming (GED or college);
- 22 partnered with Restorative Justice (RJP) mentor;
- 2,280 hrs community service has been performed;
- 98% of drug and alcohol tests passed successfully;
- \$22,113.46 collected in room and board;
- \$8,917.13 collected for fines and restitution;

- 13 clients positively released to their communities;
- 78% released with employment or to post-secondary education;
- recidivism rate is 15% versus national average of 44% (1st year of release).

Residents at MCRRC have performed a staggering 2,280 hours of community service for the Liberty Fire Department; Frankfort Town Hall and Fire Department; Belfast YMCA; the Belfast Courthouse; Lincolnville church; Moose Point State Park; Brooks Town Hall; United Methodist Church in Belfast; Lake St. George State Park; Belfast Food Pantry; Freedom Grange; Belfast roadside pickup; Belfast Shrine; Jackson Town Hall; Montville Fire Department; Brooks Grange; Stockton Springs Town Garage; Belfast VFW; Belfast Adult Ed; Lincolnville Fire Station; Winterport Wagner School; U Maine Hutchinson Center; Restorative Justice Circle; Waldo County Hospital (hospice); Waldo Agriculture Ext; Belfast Library; Habitat for Humanity (home being built in Belfast).

Additionally, they are responsible for the Maine Coastal Regional Reentry Center's garden project, which was started and managed by Commissioner William Shorey. It is anticipated that the garden project will be expanded this year. Last year's crop yielded a total of 2,566 gallons of produce which was donated to various organizations throughout the county. Commission Shorey anticipates that the county's community garden program will be 50% larger when it starts up again this spring. There is some new equipment for use and new crops planned including strawberries.



## YORK COUNTY

### Officer Survival Training Not a Luxury

*By Deputy Sheriff Kevin LeDoux*

In the current economy, all police agencies are struggling to find areas to cut back and save money. Unfortunately, in law enforcement, many administrators, budget committees, city and country managers view the training line item as an acceptable area to cut and this could not be further from the truth.

Personnel costs constitute the majority of any department's budget so many administrators look to that area for cuts. The problem is that while the department may initially save money, a lawsuit can (and will) erase any savings. Those departments that fail to provide adequate training will be subjected to greater settlements.

For some reason it is believed that meeting the minimum standards will not only prepare law enforcement officers to deal with the ever increasing level of violence we face, but will also insulate a department from liability in the aftermath. There are multiple court cases which counter this line of thought. Departments are held liable to train or inadequate training for what should be seen as a predictable event.

Many departments require their officers to go to the range twice a year. Typically, one of those sessions is to qualify with their issued weapons, which has been noted by numerous courts to not be considered "training." We expect our officers to successfully be prepared to engage in a lethal force encounter having handled their weapons only two times in an entire year.

The mere thought of this is disconcerting. Would you trust your life, or the life of a loved one, to a heart surgeon who only performs surgery twice a year? Or a pilot who only flies two times a year? I don't believe many of us would be comfortable with either scenario. So why is this level of training acceptable in law enforcement?

Professional law enforcement officers should take the initiative to obtain training outside of their department, as no department could realistically supply an officer with every type of training opportunity to meet every scenario one may encounter. However, this does not alleviate the department from its responsibility to protect their most costly investment, their officers.

Think of department training as a savings account. You actually have two accounts, the individual officers' and the overall department's account. By providing your officers with realistic, relevant and continuous training you are making huge deposits into the officers "survival" account. These deposits will be used to protect the officer and the citizens he or she serves in a safe,

professional and efficient manner. This same training will also be stored in the department "survival" account. These deposits will show a department with well trained staff who are current with recent court decisions and employing the most contemporary training techniques available.

The officer "survival" account will provide officers the skills to survive and prevail in a lethal force encounter, allowing them to return to serving the public and continue being a productive member of the department. The department "survival" account will allow the agency to prevail in the legal battle that will inevitably follow after a lethal force encounter. A solid training program insulates an agency from vicarious liability by showing a reviewing court that their personnel are highly trained professionals who have documented and court defensible training that meets current case law standards.

Having a thorough training program that does not take a back seat has many benefits to a department. Officers are more confident in their decision making process, more reasonable and judicious in their use of force and in the event force is required, they are highly trained to quickly and safely apply lethal and nonlethal techniques to bring the situation to a successful conclusion.

Officer survival training is a pay now or pay later scenario for any agency. By investing a minimal amount of money now departments have the potential to save large sums of money later on.

Think about this hypothetical scenario – you know that three weeks from now one of your officers will be involved in a lethal force encounter that will result in a civil action. Would you do anything differently as an administrator? Clearly, everybody would immediately schedule officer survival training.

Why not treat the above scenario as an eventuality? Prepare your officers now for that day and it does not come then you have spent your money and time making a better, well-rounded officer. If it does come to pass, then you have expended funds and time helping your officer return to their loved ones and continue to be a productive member of your agency. I think both options are highly desirable to any administrator as the officers are the most valuable asset of any agency.

Many departments quickly view cutting funding from the training budget as a quick fix to budget challenges. Training should actually be the last area cut because in the long run, it will cost an agency more money and potentially one of your officer's lives. Spend the time, effort and money now to prevent a negative outcome in the future. Strive to be the department that is known as a leader with a great training program. It is possible if you make training a priority.

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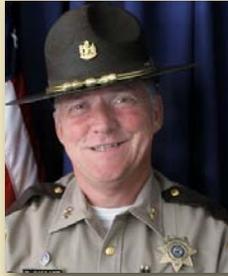
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## Two Bridges Regional Jail Recognized for Support of National Guard and Reserve

Two Bridges Regional Jail (TBRJ) Correctional Administrator Col. Mark Westrum accepted an award presented by Maine Governor LePage “meritorious leadership and initiative in support of the men and women who serve America in the National Guard and Reserve” at a convention Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve held Saturday, May 14, 2011 at The Samoset Resort.

TBRJ has been chosen as semifinalists for the 2011 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award which is the DOD’s highest recognition given to employers for exceptional support of their employees serving in the Guard and Reserve. Two Bridges is among 148 employers, and one of three in Maine, chosen from a nationwide field of 4,049 nominations submitted by service members in 2011. Employers chosen as semifinalists support their Guard and Reserve employees through a variety of formal and informal initiatives, including providing the difference between military and civilian salary during deployments, continuation of full benefits, sending care packages and supporting the families of employees fulfilling military obligations.

Two Bridges was nominated by Correctional Officer Richard Wardwell, who after four years in active duty, has been in the National Guard for a little over five years. Wardwell was deployed to Iraq for six and a half months last year. He was supported in the nomination by fellow reservists Erick Halpin, Mark Alm-gren, Shaun Robinson and Kyle Canada. In accepting the award, Col. Westrum said, “we are indebted to the men and women who serve our country in the National Guard and Reserve, and it is an honor for us to support them.” A national review board will narrow the group of 148 semifinalists to 30 finalists for the Freedom Award. Then, a national selection board comprised of senior defense officials, business leaders and prior awardees will select the 15 recipients for the 2011 Freedom Award. The DOD announced the finalists in May and the award recipients in early summer. The 2011 recipients will be honored in Washington, D.C. at the 16th annual Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award Ceremony on September 22, 2011.



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