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## President's Message

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

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

Maine's sheriffs are committed to protecting the citizens of the State of Maine. The sheriffs provide a robust law enforcement resource with 352 sworn deputy sheriffs and 740 corrections' officers. The sheriffs are committed to providing citizens of their counties professional, progressive, and highly-trained employees to best serve our citizenry. In 2014 the Maine Sheriffs have made school safety one of our main focuses. We have certified numerous instructors and trained many Deputy Sheriffs in the appropriate response to "active shooter" incidents. The sheriffs have worked diligently with other elected officials in the legislature to strengthen our statutes to better protect our citizens.

In 2014, seven Maine Sheriffs will be retiring. Their collective service exceeds more than two hundred years of Law Enforcement protection to the citizens of the State of Maine. For their efforts and dedication we extend our deepest appreciation and gratitude. We wish them well in the next chapters of their lives.

We hope that you enjoy this year's Maine Sheriffs Magazine and encourage you to reach out to your local Sheriff for additional information of available services.

Sincerely,



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

## MSA officers 2013-2015



*From left to right: Sheriff Todd Brackett, Lincoln, Past President at Large – Sheriff Glenn Ross, Penobscot, Immediate Past President – Sheriff Wayne Gallant, Oxford, Treasurer – Sheriff Maurice Ouellette, York, 1st Vice President – Sheriff Randall Liberty, Kennebec, President – Sheriff Joel Merry, Sagadahoc, 2nd Vice President – Sheriff Kevin Joyce, Cumberland, Secretary*

## MAINE SHERIFFS



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### OUR MISSION

The Maine Sheriffs' Association is committed to preserve and strengthen the Office of Sheriff, protect all citizens' rights, promote professionalism, ethics, leadership, integrity, and quality in all duties constitutionally bestowed upon the Sheriff.

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## Letter From The Executive Director

Dear Members and Friends of the Maine Sheriffs' Association, welcome to the 2013-2014 edition of our Maine Sheriffs magazine!

As in previous editions, you'll find stories that illustrate how dedicated and passionate our sheriffs are to serving our citizens and you'll also find stories of this year's retiring sheriffs. It's unprecedented for seven of our state's sixteen sheriffs to retire in the same year. This is a very bittersweet time to represent these remarkable professionals. I will use my magazine space this year to say goodbye to the seven gentlemen who have collectively shown me more kindness than I've ever known in a business capacity.

Sheriff Maurice Ouellette. Just typing his name makes my face smile. Like anyone who has ever met this gentleman, I have so many stories that he's graciously shared with me! This sheriff has led a rich and impactful career. As an MSA officer, he's always made time to thoughtfully weigh in on often controversial topics. He's supported my work and challenged me when he knew I could do better. I will miss his thoughtful contributions to our mission and I look forward to hearing even more about his adventures with Mrs. Ouellette! Every decision, every opinion, was always made based on the people who consistently voted him into office. Sheriff Ouellette, your positive outlook and steadfast diligence will be missed.

Some of the best conversations I've had with any of the collective group of retiring sheriffs have been with the Top Dog of Hancock County. When I think of the Office of Sheriff, I

think of the collective group of sitting sheriffs, waiting for Sheriff Clark to weigh in on a topic. Having served as sheriff for thirty-four years, all look to him for guidance and historical knowledge. He's an incredibly kind and intelligent man. To say his wisdom will be missed is a tremendous understatement. Sheriff Clark, thank you for the time you took to personally make me understand this job and how to best represent all of you. Working for you has been a privilege.

Sheriff Jim Madore is an extraordinary man and sheriff. I meet a wide variety of people working across the state and several years ago I began an experiment. Every time I meet someone who identifies themselves as being from 'The County', I ask if they know the fine sheriff. Not only has every single resident admitted knowing the sheriff, they often have a great story to share about him and the Aroostook Sheriff's Office. He's irreplaceable on our board. Sheriff, your smile and never-ending kindness will be deeply missed.

Sheriff Barry Delong. This gentleman has earned my eternal respect. While others may have disagreed with Sheriff Delong, he always stood up for what he believed was right and never wavered. Sheriff Delong always went out of his way to share a kind word with me, even if there was discontent among members. I have learned so much from his leadership and his commitment to the taxpayers who put him into office. Sheriff Delong, I am proud to have worked for you.

Sheriff Story has no idea how grateful I am for him. Newly



*From left: Sheriff Ouellette, Sheriff Story, Sheriff Desjardins, Sheriff Clark, Sheriff Madore, Sheriff Ross  
Missing from photo: Sheriff Delong*

hired and planted in front of Appropriations, he made it his job to give me confidence without letting on that it was my first 'gig' as a lobbyist. I was wearing a royal blue suit, I'll never forget that day, and he ripped off my training wheels and tossed me out in the street and I've never looked back. His confidence in me changed who I am. I know I could pick up the phone, regardless of the time, and Sheriff Story would pick up the phone and make my call the most important thing in that moment. He's a gentleman and friend. His dedication to the Maine Sheriffs Association over the past fifteen years is unmatched. Sheriff Story, I'll be in touch...

While I will miss all of my sheriffs once they've hung up their badges, I will miss Sheriff Desjardins differently. Every few weeks, out of the blue, Sheriff Desjardins would make time to shoot me an email, offering praise for something he thought was good work or a kind reply to a routine email. Any good leader knows that there's no better way to build loyalty than recognizing hard work. Visiting Androscoggin in the fall of 2009 was one of the smartest moves I've made in this job. Your reference to all needing to 'get along in the sandbox' has not been forgotten and it's often what I go back to in times of decision-making. Sheriff Desjardins, I will miss you, I will miss your kind words, and I will miss your support.


My final goodbye is to the only retiring sheriff who also

served as president while I have held this position. When Sheriff Glenn Ross was sworn in as president of the Association, I very quickly learned that I was working for the most dependable, honest, and genuine individuals that I would ever have the privilege of knowing. Sheriff Ross fulfilled his term as President with the same integrity and dedication that he applies to everything in his world. The citizens of Penobscot County, the State of Maine, and this Executive Director, will long remember the positive impact that Sheriff Ross has made. I work hard each day to be more like you, Sheriff. My gratitude is unmeasurable.

Thank you to all seven of you. I am a better person for having worked for you and I will forever be indebted to you for all I've learned from each of you. Know that there will always be an open seat for you to join us, third Thursday of every month.

With deep appreciation,



  
Mary-Anne LaMarre, *Executive Director*

## About Maine Sheriffs' Association

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.

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# Fight Crime – Invest in Kids

## Maine members work to support voluntary public PreK expansion

As the Maine legislature concluded its work for the biennium, Maine Fight Crime: Invest In Kids members continued to make the case for LD1530, a bill proposing to expand voluntary public PreK in Maine, and to keep this proposal in the forefront of public and legislative debate.

After nearly a year of review and numerous work sessions on this proposed legislation, the Education Committee endorsed an amendment version of the bill 13-1. The bill takes several important steps forward: providing an annual \$4M start up fund for school districts to implement and expand voluntary public PreK classrooms, establishes high standards for PreK in Maine and encourages community collaboration for program delivery. In mid-April LD1530 passed the Senate 26-9 and the House 102-45.

On April 28, this proposal became law.

Maine Fight Crime: Invest In Kids members were stalwart supporters of this legislation. Two Bridges Regional Jail Authority Correctional Administrator Mark Westrum, a former Fight Crime: Invest In Kids national board member, testified at the public hearing on this bill in May 2013. Col. Westrum, Portland Chief of Police Mike Sauschuck and Cumberland County Sheriff Kevin Joyce participated in an October 2013 Portland press conference focusing on the value of PreK and releasing a research report, "I'm the Guy You Pay Later." Col. Westrum also testified at early education briefing for legislators in November 2013. Sagadahoc County Sheriff Joel Merry participated in a January 2014 state house press conference on PreK. On April 8, Fight Crime: Invest in Kids sent a letter signed by 54 of our Maine members to Governor LePage and all 186 legislators encouraging their support for LD 1530. Throughout the closing days of the legislative session numerous law enforcement leaders made



key contacts with legislators to urge continued support for this proposal through the various stages of enactment.

In his testimony before the Maine Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, Col. Westrum stated, "LD 1530 puts in place a strategy to grow high-quality Pre-K in Maine. It's the right thing to do for our kids and it's one of the best crime prevention strategies we have."

### Membership Information

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

**Sheriff's Office** – Includes the sheriff, chief deputy, jail administrator, and patrol supervisor.

**Law Enforcement Professional–Sheriff's Office** – Individuals employed by a sheriff's office not included in the "Sheriff's Office" category.

**Law Enforcement Professional–Other Agency** – Individu-

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

**Criminal Justice Student** – Any student currently enrolled in a bona fide criminal justice course or training program. Please note! If student can provide documentation that identifies they have achieved deans list in their school, their membership is free of charge.

**Associate (Citizen) Members** – Individuals not employed by a law enforcement agency.

**Corporate** – Business, nonprofit, or governmental agency other than law enforcement agencies.

Visit our website for ore information <http://bit.ly/msaMEMBER>.

# Deputy of the Year Awards

By *The National Sheriffs' Association*



Alexandria, VA - The National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) is pleased to announce that Detective John P. Bourque, with the Kennebec County, Maine Sheriff's Office, has been selected as the recipient of the 2014 Charles "Bud" Meeks Merit

Award for Deputy Sheriff of the Year. We would also like to announce that Deputy William Dunford, with the San Diego County, California Sheriff's Department, has been selected as the recipient of the 2014 Charles "Bud" Meeks Valor Award for Deputy Sheriff of the Year. The Deputy of the Year Awards will be presented at the opening general session on Sunday, June 22 at NSA's Annual Conference in Fort Worth, Texas.

Charles "Bud" Meeks Merit Award for Deputy Sheriff of the Year, Detective John Bourque began his tenure with the Kennebec County Sheriff's office in 1997. During this time, he has held various positions within the agency including patrol deputy, detective and narcotics investigator. He has been extremely successful in investigating local drug dealers and users, where he has composed complex cases, managed confidential informants, maintained contact with other agencies, and used the resources available to put offenders behind bars and ultimately interrupting the drug trade.

Detective Bourque also has a unique drive and determination needed to fulfill the role of an undercover detective. As a result, he has made numerous sacrifices at the expense of his personal life; all of this to benefit the citizens in the communities he serves.

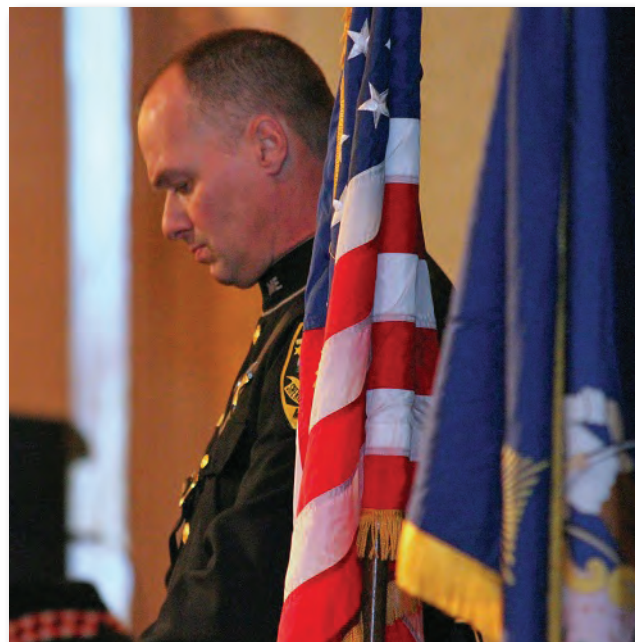
Detective Bourque has also been a key player in managing the Drug Take Back Initiative for Kennebec County. This initiative targets the surplus of unused prescription drugs found in so many medicine cabinets in households across the state. This effort keeps these drugs out of the hands of children, abusers, and the ecosystem.

In February 2013, Deputy William Dunford was involved in an incident where two of his fellow deputies were injured by shotgun blasts from a deranged suspect who had a history of drug abuse and negative interaction with law enforcement. Deputy Dunford's ability to both think and perform under stress greatly contributed to the successful



*Sheriff Randall A. Liberty and Detective John P. Bourque*

outcome of the incident and ensured that the deputies who were involved survived their injuries. Deputy Dunford demonstrated calm, supreme leadership in the face of extreme danger and his actions during this critical life or death incident epitomize everything associated with the word courage. His actions during this incident are a testament to his dedication and courage as a law enforcement professional. Congratulations to both recipients for this well-deserved national recognition.



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

# Counties' News Round-Up

## ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY

### Sheriff Guy P. Desjardins Announces Retirement

By Sheriff Guy P. Desjardins

There comes a time in one's career you realize that maybe it's time to consider retirement, for me that time was back in September of 2013. It was not an easy decision for me and my wife Chris to make, simply because law enforcement has been part of my life for well over 36 years.



My law enforcement career started back in the early 1970's with the Sabattus Police Department. In 1995 I was appointed as Chief Deputy of the Androscoggin County Sheriff's Office and remained in that position until January of 2006. I was elected Sheriff in that same year and assumed those duties on January 1, 2007 and was re-elected in November of 2010 for my second term.

As a new Sheriff, I was met with many challenges within my organization which included an outdated communication center, a civil process division with expenses that far exceeded its revenues each year and a county jail building approaching 17 years of age and in need of major repairs. The greatest challenge of them all never fell on my radar, "Jail Consolidation", spearheaded by then Governor John E. Baldacci in August of 2007.

Today, I am pleased and extremely proud of the achievements that were made during my two terms as Sheriff but, I cannot go without saying, it could not be possible without the assistance of my entire administrative staff and labor lifting the heavy load.

In 2012, our E-911 Communications Center was completely overhauled, from top to bottom, with state-of-the-art communications equipment, new ergonomic furniture and fixtures, a new static-free flooring system and, yes, new paint and lighting fixtures. With the full cooperation of my county commissioners, municipal representatives and a whole lot of planning and hard work by our county's maintenance department, we ac-

complished this project for approximately \$400,000.00; recent updates of other existing county E-911 centers were well over \$1,000,000.00.

Regarding civil process, we were able to restructure our staff and operation's process, not only improving our level of service to our communities, but make a "profit", all at the same time. In short, our revenues are now surpassing our expenditures for civil process. Once again, with the support of our county commissioners and our maintenance department, we constructed a new office for civil process and also incorporated our records clerk in the same office area. Now members of the public can go to one location to either obtain police reports or assistance in civil process services.

Other accomplishments included the purchase and replacement of our aging HVAC system for our jail, replacement of our jail roof and other improvements within our jail dealing with aging equipment that basically started to fail. It is estimated that the total cost of the above mentioned was in the area of \$500,000.00, which was paid for through cost savings within our operation's budget within a 2 year period.

I could list so many more success stories that the Androscoggin Sheriff's Office enjoyed through these past years, but time and space will not allow it.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those individuals that have supported me as Sheriff and have also been behind me when it counted; they are, Captain John Lebel, Jail Administrator, Lt. Jeff Chute, Assistant Jail Administrator, Captain Raymond Lafrance, Public Safety Director, Lt. Glenn Holt, Assistant Public Safety Director and Joanne Charpentier, Administrative Assistant. There are so many more staff too numerous to mention, but without their hard work and support our achievements would not have been possible.

And, of course, it goes without saying that I would not have been elected if not for the support of my wife, Chris, and my dad and stepmother, Tom and Connie Desjardins.

In closing, may I just say that it has been an honor and a pleasure serving Androscoggin County for these past 19 years as your Chief Deputy and as your Sheriff. Although there may have been some rough roads we had to pass to get where we wanted to be, it was well worth the ride. I just hope that I have left this agency in better condition than when I arrived. As a longtime friend and Retired Sheriff told me some years ago, if it was easy, everyone would want to do it. How right he was.



## Barbara Bush Center

*By Detective Kevin Nichols*

In late November 2013, Androscoggin County Sheriff's Deputy Randy Williams' family was involved in a serious motor vehicle crash. Two of his young children and their mother were seriously injured in the accident.

Randy's 3 year old daughter, Emily, was hospitalized at the Barbara Bush Hospital in Portland. Deputies from the department were fortunate to have the chance to visit Emily at the hospital. What they found when they arrived changed some of them forever.

Emily suffered a serious spinal cord injury and had no feeling from her waist to her feet. Although parts of Emily's tiny body were broken, her spirit remained intact and she was ready and willing to fight this battle and overcome the challenges ahead.

Randy told us Emily would be in the hospital for a long time. It was close to Thanksgiving and we knew Christmas was fast approaching. Before leaving the hospital, I asked Emily if I could bring her anything when I returned to visit. Emily said she wanted "Nickers" (Snicker's bars.)

Being at the Barbara Bush Hospital for that short time had a huge impact on those of us who visited. The many children who would be hospitalized over the holidays left us with heavy hearts. During the ride home, I talked with other co-workers and discovered we all had the same emotions and wanted to do something for not only Emily, but all the other children that would be in the hospital over the holidays. It was decided that we would organize a toy drive and deliver Christmas presents in the near future.

Androscoggin County Sheriff Guy Desjardins was fully supportive of this idea and through social media advertising on my personal Facebook page, the gifts began pouring in.

We received a "WishList" from the Barbara Bush Center and the items were posted online. People from all over began dropping presents off at the Sheriff's Department. We even had a member of our own agency (who wished to remain anonymous) donate \$2000.00 in cash. This money was used to purchase an X-Box, numerous games, I-Pods, DVD players and other items. In all, almost 200 gifts were collected and 10 of us spent almost 3 hours wrapping presents.

On the morning of December 17, our department transport van was filled with presents and delivered to the Barbara Bush Center. A few of us had the pleasure to walk the entire floor and personally meet every child. The children ranged from 2 months old to 17 years old. Each person was personally given 1 gift by members of the Sheriff's Department and the rest were left for the staff at the center to give out as they deemed fit.



A very special gift was delivered to Emily. I had brought her a whole box of Snicker's bars and a Barbie doll. I watched as Emily sat in her wheelchair and opened her presents with her father by her side and a huge smile on her face. A few of us had to fight back tears as we watched Emily look up at her daddy and say "I love you."

This was a joyous experience and one that I will never forget. Sometimes we take life for granted and forget to appreciate the things we have. Emily and the other children we met that day taught us all a little something. They taught us the importance of being thankful for what we have. They taught us to never give up. They taught us to smile.



I would personally like to thank Sheriff Desjardins, Captain Ray Lafrance, retired Sergeant William Gagne, Detective Moe Drouin, retired Sergeant David Trafford and his family, members of Lewiston, Auburn, and Lisbon Police departments, my wife Jessaka and daughter Julia Nichols, and all the other friends, family and general public who were called upon and came together without hesitation to make this event happen.

# AROOSTOOK COUNTY

## Aroostook Update

By Chief Deputy Darrell Crandall

The Aroostook County Sheriff's Office covers an area of 6,700 square miles with a population of nearly 72,000. There are ten municipal police departments ranging in size from two full-time officers to fifteen. The remainder of the area is covered by the Sheriff's Office and Maine State Police. From 2002 until January of 2014 there was a call sharing agreement in place between the two agencies which split the county into geographic patrol areas that were covered by either agency one week at a time. These geographic designations created inefficiencies for the clearance of criminal complaints as well as diminished the daily interaction and collaboration between the agencies. In January of 2014, both agencies resumed patrolling all of Aroostook County every day and this has been a positive move for all involved.



The Aroostook County Jail is a 22,000 square foot facility constructed in 1889. Significant additions were completed in 1935, 1959 and 1960. There was a major renovation and addition completed in 1986. The jail is currently approved by the Maine Department of Corrections to house seventy-two (72) inmates, but our average daily population exceeds 100. Our jail population has been well over capacity for more than ten consecutive years, causing large numbers of Aroostook County inmates to be boarded at other county facilities; many as far away as York County. This number does not include the sixty-five (65 +/-) pre-trial inmates released under contract to Maine Pre-Trial Services for community supervision. The vast majority of our inmates, more than 70% at any given time, are pre-trial inmates who are awaiting resolution of pending criminal matters. At the end of 2012, the top ten longest lengths of stay in our jail ranged from 283 days to 565 days. The disparity between pre-trial and sentenced inmates has grown exponentially since 2002. This disparity is unique to Aroostook County and is the most significant factor in our overcrowding. Our inmate transportation costs are

driven by the need to move boarded inmates to countless criminal, civil and family matter court appearances at any one of five District Court and two Superior Court locations in "The County." In 2013 alone, we moved 3,106 inmates a total of 143,000 miles. We suspect these statistics are unique as well.



*Aroostook County Jail*

The Sheriff's Office underwent some changes in its leadership team last summer. In August, long time jail administrator Jim Foss retired. Chief Deputy Craig Clossey, a 25 year veteran of the department, requested a transfer to that position which was granted by Sheriff Madore. Lt. Darrell Crandall was appointed by Sheriff Madore as the new Chief Deputy Sheriff. Darrell joined the Sheriff's Office in 1985 and spent more than 20 years assigned to MDEA as an agent and supervisor, most recently serving since 2005 as Division Commander.

Sheriff Madore has announced that after forty years in the law enforcement field he will retire at the end of 2014. Sheriff Madore started his career with the Fort Kent Police Department in 1974, was a state trooper from 1977 – 1997, followed that as Chief of Police in Limestone and joined the Sheriff's Office as the Chief Deputy in 2001. Three months later he was appointed Sheriff of Aroostook County by Governor Angus King and has served in that office since. Best of luck in your retirement, Sheriff.



*Sheriff Madore, Chief Crandall and their wives Linda and Jane*

# Aroostook County Chief Deputy Sheriff Named as Maine Elks Nominee for National Award

By James A. Ferland, Special Assistant to the MEA Drug Awareness Chairman

The Maine Elks Association in conjunction with the Aroostook County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce that Chief Deputy Darrell O. Crandall, Jr., has been selected as the Maine Elks Association's nominee for the prestigious National Enrique "Kiki" Camarena Award. This award has been established by the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks to recognize and honor law enforcement officers who have made a significant contribution in the field of drug prevention and who personify Agent Camarena's belief that, "one person can make a difference."

Enrique Camarena grew up in a dirt-floor house with the hopes and dreams of making a difference. As a young man he worked his way through college, served in the Marine Corps and became a police officer. When he decided to join the United States Drug Enforcement Administration he told his mother, "I'm only one person, but I want to make a difference. On February 7, 1985, he gave his life trying to make a difference.

He was murdered by the Mexican Drug Cartel, while investigating drug trafficking into the United States. He was kidnapped, brutally tortured and killed. His death precipitated the start of the Red Ribbon Campaign that ELKS celebrate each year during October in his honor. The Red Ribbon Campaign was started by the Camarena family and friends as a tribute to Agent Camarena. However it also serves as a reminder to all of us about the dangers of substance abuse.

Special Agent Camarena's death inspired millions of people around the world to lead drug-free lives. Each October, thousands of schools, communities and state and local drug abuse prevention organizations distribute red ribbons to honor Special Agent Camarena's memory. The millions of Americans who wear these ribbons demonstrate visibly their commitment to this cause.

The first Red Ribbon Week celebrations were held in La Mirada and Norwalk, California and in 1988; the National Family Partnership (NFP) coordinated the first National Red Ribbon Week with President and Mrs. Reagan serving as honorary chairpersons. The following year, the Elks, who began their Drug Awareness Program (DAP) in 1982 made the Red Ribbon Celebration part of their DAP and continue to encourage its support to this day.

Chief Deputy Crandall was nominated for this award by Aroostook County Sheriff, James P. Madore. His entry for this recognition was sponsored by the officers and members of the Houlton Lodge of Elks # 835.



To be considered for this most prestigious award one must:

- Be an individual, not a corporation or organization
- Be a law enforcement professional
- Be a positive role model committed to a healthy life style
- Have made an outstanding contribution in the field of drug awareness/prevention
- Have gone beyond the normal responsibilities of their position.

Deputy Chief Crandall began his law-enforcement career with Aroostook SO in 1985 and was assigned to work with the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency from 1989 to 2013. Crandall was a Field Agent from 1989-1993

and was promoted to Supervisory Special Agent in in 1993, serving in that capacity until 2005 when he was promoted to Northern Division Commander. He held that position until he was appointed Chief Deputy Sheriff. Sheriff Madore said he was pleased that the Elks recognized the hard work and dedication displayed by Chief Deputy Crandall. "His personal and professional accomplishments are second to none. He is an administrative and operational leader in the field of drug enforcement." Sheriff Madore continued, "Darrell has certainly made outstanding contributions in the field of drug awareness/prevention and more than meets the standards required to receive the Enrique S. Carmarena Award. This recognition by the Maine Elks Association not only brings honor to Chief Deputy Crandall, but to all members of the office who are diligent in their combined efforts to keep our children safe from the dangers of drugs."

J. Andrew Bolz, Chairman of the Maine Elks Association's Drug Awareness Program was impressed when he reviewed the submission regarding Chief Deputy Crandall. "We had excellent nominees this past year; however Chief Deputy Crandall's work history and dedication in the field of drug awareness/prevention were to the deciding factors in forwarding his name as the Maine Elks Association's nominee for national recognition." Joe Bergan, President of the Houlton Lodge of Elks when the nomination was made said, "We are very proud to have the opportunity to sponsor such a dedicated deputy for this national recognition. We are proud of his accomplishments and very pleased to have him back working fulltime for the people of Aroostook County."

Chief Deputy Crandall will be formally recognized for his nomination for this award by members of the Maine Elks Association at a ceremony to be held and the Aroostook County Sheriff's Office, in Houlton on April 11, 2014, at 3:00 p.m.

# CUMBERLAND COUNTY

## Highlights from Cumberland

By Sheriff Kevin Joyce

The Cumberland County Sheriff's Office stayed busy with a number of community relations related activities in 2013.

On June 4, 2013, the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard was chosen to present the colors at the Texas Rangers vs. Boston Red Sox at Fenway Park. This was just two



Sheriff Kevin Joyce



months after the Boston Marathon terrorist event. In an effort to show support to the City of Boston, the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office arranged to have a "Boston Strong" flag made. It was presented along with the American flag, State of Maine flag, and the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office flag during opening ceremonies.

In September, Chief Deputy Naldo Gagnon, Captain Steve Butts and Deputy Patrick Ferriter participated in the annual Blue Mass at St. Peters



Cathedral in Portland. The Mass is one of Maine's Catholic Diocese way of paying tribute to emergency responders. Chief Deputy Gagnon and Captain Butts worked on the planning committee. Public Safety employees were encouraged to attend in uniform, and the Maine Public Safety Pipe and Drum Corps performed before and after the service.

October, the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office wrapped up its annual Police Athletic League fundraiser with a touch football game between the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office All-Stars and the New England Patriots Alumni. The weather cooperated, there was a kid's football clinic before the game with the Patriots, and a great turn out in the stands.



The All -Stars enjoyed playing football with such Patriots greats as Patrick Pass, Ronnie Lippett and Steve DeOssie. At the completion of the game, the Patriots presented Sheriff Kevin Joyce with an autographed football including the names of the New England Patriots Alumni.

In November, the Sheriff's Office held its second annual TRIAD luncheon. Senior citizens from the Lakes Region area



were given a presentation on various scams that are typically perpetrated on seniors and methods to avoid becoming a victim. At the conclusion of the event, the attendees were treated to a Thanksgiving dinner prepared by the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office Command Staff, kitchen staff and inmates from the Jail Culinary Arts program.



Lastly, Deputies Andrew Durgin and Jonathon Hewitt participated in Wreaths Across America. Deputies from the Kennebec, Knox and Cumberland County Sheriff's Office joined several other Maine Law Enforcement agencies as they escorted the numerous trucks filled with Christmas wreaths from Harrington, Maine to the New Hampshire state line. Later in the week, the group met the convoy of trucks in Maryland to conclude the escort to Arlington National cemetery.

The Sheriff's Deputies from Maine joined law enforcement, and citizens from across the United States as they laid nearly 150,000 Christmas wreaths at the graveside of our military heroes who gave their lives so that we can live free!

## Cumberland County Sheriff's Office Jail Accreditation

*By Sheriff Kevin Joyce*



The Cumberland County Jail met its mission this year with having its 4<sup>th</sup> American Correctional Association reaccreditation audit. The Jail was audited under Adult Local Detention Facility

standards in October 2013. We achieved our highest accreditation score with a **compliance of 100% with Mandatory standards and 99.7% compliant of Non-Mandatory standards.** This was our highest score since first being accredited in 2001. We missed just one Non-Mandatory standard due to the building structure which is not in our control.

CCJ staff attended the Accreditation Board Hearing where the ACA panel members unanimously agreed upon the Chairpersons score recommendation. We believe our continued commitment to accreditation shows that we are dedicated to getting the job done correctly and take pride in our work, despite our budget constraints.

The Cumberland County Jail holds itself to the high standard of professionalism that is required by the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office. The Cumberland County Sheriff's Office administration is extremely proud of our staff's continued performance that ensures excellence.

## FRANKLIN COUNTY

### Updates from the Sheriff

*By Sheriff Scott Nichols*

During my campaign, I talked a great deal about increasing the visibility of our patrol deputies in rural areas. I am happy to report we have achieved this by establishing a new program for camp and business patrol checks. Earlier in the spring (2013), deputies left flyers all over the county at private business and camps. The owners had the option to fill in contact information regarding their properties and then mail them into the Sheriff's Office. That information was then entered into our system and set up for regular patrol checks. During regular patrol activities, deputies now travel the dirt roads and back woods of rural Franklin County to conduct



*Sheriff Scott Nichols*



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their security checks. This type of patrol activity has increased the presence of deputies in areas that did not see routine patrol activity in years past. There were several occasions during these patrol checks that deputies were able to preempt criminal activity before it occurred and also to notify owners of unsecure conditions of their properties.

In the past, deputies were constantly at the Sheriff's Office writing reports which kept them away from their patrol function. With the assistance of Franklin County's EMA Director Tim Hardy, we were able to secure a grant from Homeland Security which paid for the purchase of reconditioned Mobile Data Terminals (MDT's) for each of the patrol vehicles for half the price of new ones. This purchase was important because deputies now have the ability to write their reports inside of their vehicles while still at the scene of the incident. This has many positives; staying in their patrol areas, saving on fuel consumption by not traveling back and forth to the office and less radio air time to conduct routine identity and traffic checks which allows county dispatchers more time to take care of emergencies.



The Criminal Investigation Division has been very busy this year solving robberies, burglaries and sex crimes. Detectives using new technologies were able to solve crimes such as the robbery that occurred at Trantens II in Kingfield (a case that was over a year old). During a recent daytime attempted burglary case, detectives not only solved that case but also solved burglaries that occurred in Lincoln County. They work closely with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies in order to solve crime and share information.

One of my greatest challenges this year (and continues to be) is the struggle with the State Board of Corrections and its grip on county jail facilities. It has truly been a David vs. Goliath endeavor. We started out the year testifying before the criminal justice committee regarding an LD to have our jail reinstated, it was denied. We then made our case before the Board of Corrections providing a report that proved we could run our jail as a full time facility under the mandated tax cap. The National Institute of Corrections agreed with it and an appointed working group sub-committee of the Board agreed with it; however the main Board of Corrections denied it again. Not all is lost though. The Board recently acknowledged that it would benefit the system to have Franklin's facility reinstated to a full time jail; the caveat being that we get the Legislature to appropriate \$650,000 dollars. Why \$650,000? Because that is the amount of taxpayer money we contribute to the system each year that subsidizes the B.O.C. Should we go full time, we could keep that money for our own operations. While we did not get the jail back this year, my hope is we will see its return within the next two years.

Another accomplishment this year was the completion of the new communications center. The new Director, Stan Wheeler, and his excellent staff will have the latest equipment to support the public and first responders for years to come.



Regarding School safety we've traveled to many of the rural schools to evaluate school safety plans and participate in school reaction drills to a violent event. Deputies have also started a school visitation program throughout the county where they stop by at random times and check in with the administrative staff during the day. They also sit at the parking lots of the schools to write reports simply to be visible. The Sheriff's Department has enhanced the ability of our deputies to respond to an active shooter situation, should that be required, through increased training and new equipment. K-9 deputies also visit the schools when requested for public relations events.



The Sheriff's Department stands ready to assist all other agencies with any type of assistance and 2013 was no exception. We responded to 270 calls for assistance from other agencies throughout Franklin County. That assistance comprised of requests for K-9 searches for missing persons, searches for fleeing criminals and drugs. Detectives assisted with criminal investigations regarding child abuse, drug use and crash reconstruction involving serious personal injury or death. Deputies responded to municipalities and other areas in the county to assist municipal police and Troopers with reports of fights in progress, barricaded suspects and assisted in arrests. Deputies, who are Maine Criminal Justice Academy instructors, provided annual firearms training/qualification to various agencies within the county. Other Deputies volunteered their time at the Academy to assist with training.

What are we looking to accomplish in 2014? We have initiated a Citizens Police Academy started in January. The first course was held in Eustis and involved meeting on Tuesday evenings for 8 weeks. This course highlighted how the Sheriff's Department conducts law enforcement operations, explained criminal & traffic law and how it is enforced. Participants were able to participate in "ride a longs" with Deputies and tour of the jail.



*Sheriff Nichols getting hit with taser*

This course will answered all the questions that the public have always wanted to ask about LE operations.

We will also continue with our new annual Department inspection. In 2013 the first Department inspection was conducted in September and the public was invited. It was a fun opportunity for Franklin County's citizens to come in and meet the Deputies that serve them. Over 100 adults and children were able to look at the cruisers, equipment and of course the K-9 teams and talk to their Deputies in a relaxed atmosphere. It was a big hit; of course the highlight of it all was Sheriff Nichols taking a "Taser hit" for the public to watch! Sheriff Nichols will not be repeating that mistake for the next inspection but we will have another demonstration of Law Enforcement capabilities for the public to watch.

I want to tell you about our new website which is located at <http://franklincounty-me.org>. On that site you can find the "Tips" page which allows anybody to contact us anonymously and provide information on ongoing criminal activity, and juvenile consumption of alcohol and drugs.

I want to thank Commissioners Clyde Barker, Gary McGrane and Fred Hardy and the staff at the Commissioner's office for their support throughout the year. I would also like to thank all the Police Chiefs, Fire Chiefs, and their staff as well as the Troopers, Game Wardens, Border Patrol agents and everyone else who work very hard to protect and serve our communities.

## KENNEBEC COUNTY

### Deputy Sheriff Jeremy Day, Carnegie Hero Medal of Valor

*By Sheriff Randall A. Liberty*

On the date of November 15th, 2012, Sgt. Scott Mills and Deputy Jeremy Day were dispatched to a report of a vehicle crash on Rt. 17 in the Town of Windsor. A 1989 Buick Reatta, which had been operating at a high speed, sparked a three-car crash that left the Reatta's male driver dead and a teenage girl trapped inside the burning car.



*Deputy Sheriff Jeremy Day*

Sgt. Mills doused the flames with a fire extinguisher as Day tried to pull the girl out of the passenger's side window, but her leg was caught by the damaged dashboard. Day broke the car's back window in an effort to free the teen. While the flames increased in the exterior and interior of the vehicle, Deputy Day climbed through the rear window attempting to free the young lady's leg, as Sgt. Mills jumped on the trunk of the vehicle, leaned

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forward into the car, and assisted in pulling the young lady to safety. The teen was taken by Life Flight to Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston with critical injuries from which she has since recovered. Three other people were also taken to the hospital with various injuries. Day suffered minor cuts and burns to his hands and forearms. Both Deputies were recognized by the National Sheriff's Association in 2012, receiving the Medal of Valor and Medal of Merit awards.



*Sheriffs' Liberty Salute*

On October 3, 2013, the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission announced that Deputy Jeremy Day was one of twenty-two recipients of the Carnegie Hero Medal of Valor awarded nationally. The medal is given throughout the United States and Canada to those who risk their lives to an extraordinary degree while saving or attempting to save the lives of others.

The Carnegie Commission was established in 1904 by industrialist-philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. Since the inception of the award commission, \$ 35.4 million has been awarded to honorees. In addition to the Medal, Deputy Day received a \$5,000 cash reward.

"During this incident, Deputy Day and Sgt. Mills, with great disregard for their own personal safety, saved the life of this young lady. These acts are consistent with the Kennebec County Sheriff's Office philosophy of selfless service and sacrifice and reflect well upon the law enforcement community," said Sheriff Liberty. "For a Deputy Sheriff to receive a Carnegie Hero's Medal is significant and speaks well to his courage and dedication to the people of our County and citizens of the State of Maine."

## **Kennebec County: A Matter of Duty**

*By Sheriff Randall A. Liberty*

In 2013 Jennifer Rooks of Maine Public Broadcasting and Charlie Stuart of Stuart Productions collaborated with the Kennebec County Sheriff's Office to create the documentary "A Matter of Duty". This documentary illustrates the challenge of Post-Traumatic Stress in returning combat Veterans and what is being done to assist them in Kennebec County.

The Documentary includes live footage of combat in the City of Fallujah in 2004-05. The film captures the story of several central Maine Veterans who were involved in police shootings, suicides and a homicide. It further follows several Veterans who had become police involved and their journey in recovery from the effects of Post-Traumatic Stress and Traumatic Brain Injury. The KCCF Veterans' Block and Veterans' Court are illustrated and the efforts of all stakeholders in this program are explored.

"A Matter of Duty" was released to a full house at the University of Southern Maine on November 10th, 2013. A discussion panel including Congressman Mike Michaud, Justice Nancy Mills and Dr. David Meyer followed the Documentary. There have been seven additional viewings throughout the State of Maine and the documentary has been released nationally.

Sheriff Liberty will be presenting "A Matter of Duty" at the National Sheriffs' Association's annual Conference, in Fort Worth, Texas.

"A Matter of Duty" can be viewed online at MPBN "A Matter of Duty"

## **Kennebec County: School Resource Deputy Program**

*By Captain Dennis Picard*

The Kennebec County Sheriff's Office is proud to announce the implementation of a progressive new program which will enhance school security throughout the County of Kennebec. The School Resource Deputy or S.R.D. program is an innovative way to collaborate with schools, improve security, and increase our presence in the community.





The program was developed and is coordinated by Deputy Sheriffs from the Patrol and Transport Divisions, who have volunteered to “adopt” local schools to accomplish the following goals:

Provide law enforcement services to each school, school grounds and areas adjacent to the school.

Work to prevent juvenile delinquency through close contact and positive relationships with students, parents and school staff.

Establish and maintain a close partnership with school administrators in order to provide a safe school environment.

Be highly visible within the school community. Attend and participate in school or after school functions.

Develop and implement classes in law-related education to support the educational efforts of each school facility.

Initiate interaction with students in the classroom and general areas of the school building.



Kennebec County Deputies reside locally and have strong ties to the community and schools. Each and every Deputy Sheriff in Kennebec volunteered to adopt at least one school to mentor students and improve school security in the (25) schools throughout rural Kennebec County. The goal for each Deputy is to make each school more secure by adopting proactive enforcement strategies. Every deputy has a goal to ensure their respective schools are not “soft targets”.

Each deputy has been empowered to develop a program in their chosen school to benefit students, faculty, and the community. A monthly summary report is generated by each Deputy recording the total number of school visits and progress of programs they have helped to create. The best ideas will be shared and emulated throughout the county.

## **Criminogenic Addiction Recovery Academy (CARA)**

*By Captain Marsha Alexander, Kennebec County*

The CARA program was developed in the spring of 2010 by Sheriff Randall A. Liberty who coordinated with the Maine Board of Corrections (MBOC) to transform a portion of the

correctional facility into specialty treatment units, incarcerating individuals with clear evidence of long-term substance abuse and criminal behavior.

The Criminogenic Addiction Recovery Academy (CARA) sought to cultivate a pro-social change within the offenders mind, body, and spirit by providing individualized learning, effective skill development, and collaborative transition planning to significantly reduce future anti-social substance abusing and criminal behavior.

The unit is a therapeutic environment with an emphasis on support, accountability, responsibility, and community awareness. The program is delivered over a 5 ½ week period, to include a four phase program; intake with motivation enhancement, intensive, transition/re-entry, and mentoring. The program is structured with facilitated groups consisting of individual activities supervised by professional staff and specially trained Corrections Officers. The program has been a collaborative effort by the District Attorney’s Office, Crisis and Counseling, Inc., Me Pretrial Services, Inc. Probation and Parole, Augusta Adult Learning Center, KVCAP, and many volunteers.

During FY13, the program conducted twelve programs (8 male/4 female groups), graduating 104 participants, from Androscoggin, Cumberland, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Penobscot, Somerset, Washington, and York Counties.

Kennebec County Sheriff’s Office has received two awards for this program. The 2012 Criminal Justice and Public Safety Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties (NACo). In 2013, the Corrections Administrator received the 2012 Merit Award for Corrections/Jail Innovation from the National Sheriffs’ Association.

## **The Kennebec County Veterans Initiative**

*By Sheriff Randall A. Liberty*

The Kennebec County Sheriff’s Office continued to support our nations Veterans in 2013.

In 2012, the KCCF established the Veterans’ block to better serve the unique needs of returning Veterans. The Veterans’ block has twelve beds which house inmates from throughout the Coordinated County system. Veterans receive enhanced treatment and advocacy from Togus V.A., The Veterans Center in Lewiston, Crisis and Counseling, Maine Pre-trial and Peer Mentorship from various faith and non-faith based groups.

The Veterans’ Block often serves as the primary housing unit for the Veterans during their participation in the Veterans’ Court. The Veterans thrive in the Veterans’ block which mimics the fellowship and brotherhood of their military service. Most of the Veterans are combat Veterans and are often referred to as

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the Veterans' Court of Kennebec County. In 2013, (38) Veterans participated in the Veterans' Block program. In 2013, we graduated the first two Veterans from the very successful Veterans' Court.

In June, the Kennebec County Sheriff's Office hosted a Veterans' retreat at the Pine Tree Camp located in Rome. Service members and their families enjoyed a free weekend of camping, boating, fishing and many other activities. This weekend was a continuation of an ongoing partnership with the House in the Woods Foundation. The House in the Woods Foundation was established by Dee and Paul House of Lee, Maine, following the combat death of their son Sgt. Joel House. Twenty-five Kennebec County Sheriff's Office Employees and their family members volunteered to assist the Veterans during the weekend's events.

In February the Sheriff's Office hosted the "Sheriff's Salute to Veterans" at the Waterville Elks Lodge. During this event Veterans were honored from all branches and wars. More than 200 people participated in the dinner, live auction and live entertainment from Emerald Sky. During the evening we spoke with the leadership from the Afghanistan-deployed 488th Military Police via Skype. During the evening \$17,000 was generated for the House in the Woods Foundation and the Family Readiness Group of the 488th Military Police and 133rd Engineer Battalion from Gardiner (who are currently deployed to Afghanistan).



On Veterans' Day, the Sheriff's Office organized the 14th annual Veterans' Day Road March. Forty-five Sheriff's employees, Veterans and their supporters marched from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vassalboro to the American Legion Hall in Waterville. Following a reception and fellowship with Veterans from all Wars, participants marched in the Veterans' Day parade.

## KNOX COUNTY

### Knox County Update

By Sheriff Donna Dennison

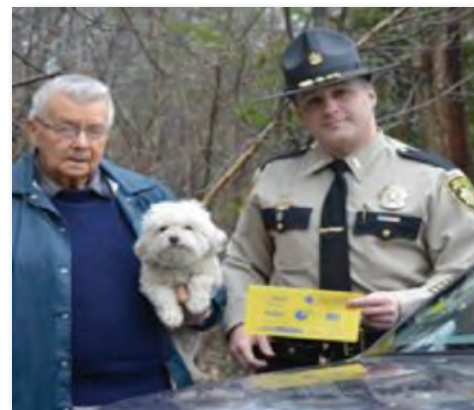
The Knox County Sheriff's Office is located at 301 Park St, Rockland, ME. Knox County has approximately 365.67 square land miles and more than double miles of water. There are 18 towns and unorganized territories that make up Knox County.

April 1, 1860 Knox County was formed from parts of Waldo and Lincoln Counties. Knox County has an airport, a County Jail and the Maine State Prison is located here.



Population swells in the warmer months as people come to this area to enjoy our beautiful coast and cool air. With population increase comes more calls for service. Deputies seem to be busy most of the time and more so during the summer months although accidents increase as the snow flies.

Illegal drugs are a huge issue as I am sure they are everywhere. Prescription medication seems to easily be diverted to the street. People become addicted and a vicious cycle starts. Stealing and burglaries are a direct result.



*The Yellow Dot Program is offered free. Anyone can participate. A yellow Dot in the rear window alerts rescue personnel to occupants and any possible medical conditions, which could save lives.*

We are huge supporters of our Troops past and present. We have been involved in taking Wreaths to Arlington the last few years. This year Wreaths Across America stopped here in Knox County. What an impressive sight to see. We are honored to be part of this.



*People line up at Arlington to place wreaths on graves, as they are unloaded from trucks. The white grave markers turn to a sea of green.*

We have 3 Deputies, John Palmer, Nathaniel Jack and Lance Mitchell doing D.A.R.E. They graduated in New Hampshire and are a big hit in the schools.

The Jail is and will always remain a huge responsibility and cost. We have many programs in place. Huge gardens provide produce for our inmates and Soup Kitchens. Trustees are able to work and earn money to help support their families and pay fines. They also work for non-profit organizations to give back to the Community and earn time off their sentences.

Our Pod Dog program is a huge success. Miller has a home here and is very much loved. This is a program any jail should consider implementing.

In 2013 we brought laying hens here at our jail. The eggs help feed inmates. Inmates take care of the chickens and built yards and houses for them. Inmates hatched out some chicks and learned how to care for them from incubator to adult bird. We also raised some male birds for the freezer. I have been amazed at some of the talent some inmates have. We plan to increase our production of natural things, which our inmates get a lot of benefit from.



*Inmates hatched chicks learning the miracle of life and watching it happen.*

We have a program where inmates learn to run a tractor and dig with a backhoe. This enables them the experience to get work on the outside related to farming or construction. These programs are as much a hit with the Guards as the inmates.



*Table made from a wooden spool.*

### **Maine Sheriffs' Association Membership**

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

<http://bit.ly/msaMEMBER>

## LINCOLN COUNTY

### Increased use of Technology in Lincoln County Improves Productivity and Accountability

By Sheriff Todd Brackett

In late 2013 and early 2014 the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office began one of its biggest technology improvement projects to date. Relying primarily on State and Federal grants the Sheriff's Office began making changes in its mobile data system and improvements on how it records and documents crimes.



The changes made to the county-wide mobile data system included the decision to operate exclusively with mobile air cards. The system that was currently in place was over ten years old and at the time was one of the first mobile radio based systems in the state. The switch to mobile air cards will increase the speed that data can be downloaded to each mobile data terminal and because cell phone coverage has improved over the past ten years the reliability of the system is expected to increase in areas that deputies currently receive no coverage.

The switch to a secure cellular provider also will allow all patrol deputies to utilize a global positioning system to place their individual unit on a Google mapping system that can be viewed both in the car as well as at the Lincoln County Communication Center. This mapping system will provide clear turn by turn

directions to both deputies and dispatcher and assure that the closest available unit responds to emergency type calls as soon as possible.

The Sheriff's Office also is using technology improvements to immediately place body worn cameras on each uniformed deputy with plans to have at least six in car video systems installed by the end of 2014.

The placement of these cameras will allow deputies to improve their documentation of criminal complaints. Specifically, the Sheriff's Office hopes to improve conviction rates for those offenders charged with impaired driving and domestic related offenses.

These improvements are a "win-win" situation according to Sheriff Todd B. Brackett. "I think the technology improvements we are making at the Sheriff's Office will increase our conviction rates while at the same time reducing overtime costs related to court appearances. I also feel that the transparency offered by the cameras worn by each deputy and installed in their vehicles will only improve the confidence the citizens of Lincoln County have of the Sheriff's Office and allow our agency to quickly resolve complaints



of misconduct".

Lt. Rand Maker supervisor of the Patrol Division at the Sheriff's Office, believes these technology improvements will also improve the safety of the Lincoln County deputies who patrol over 400 square miles of rural Lincoln County. "I am excited that these improvements will allow every law enforcement officer in Lincoln County to know each other's exact location. This will be very important if a deputy needs immediate assistance or when a supervisor wishes to direct the closest deputy to calls needing an immediate response".

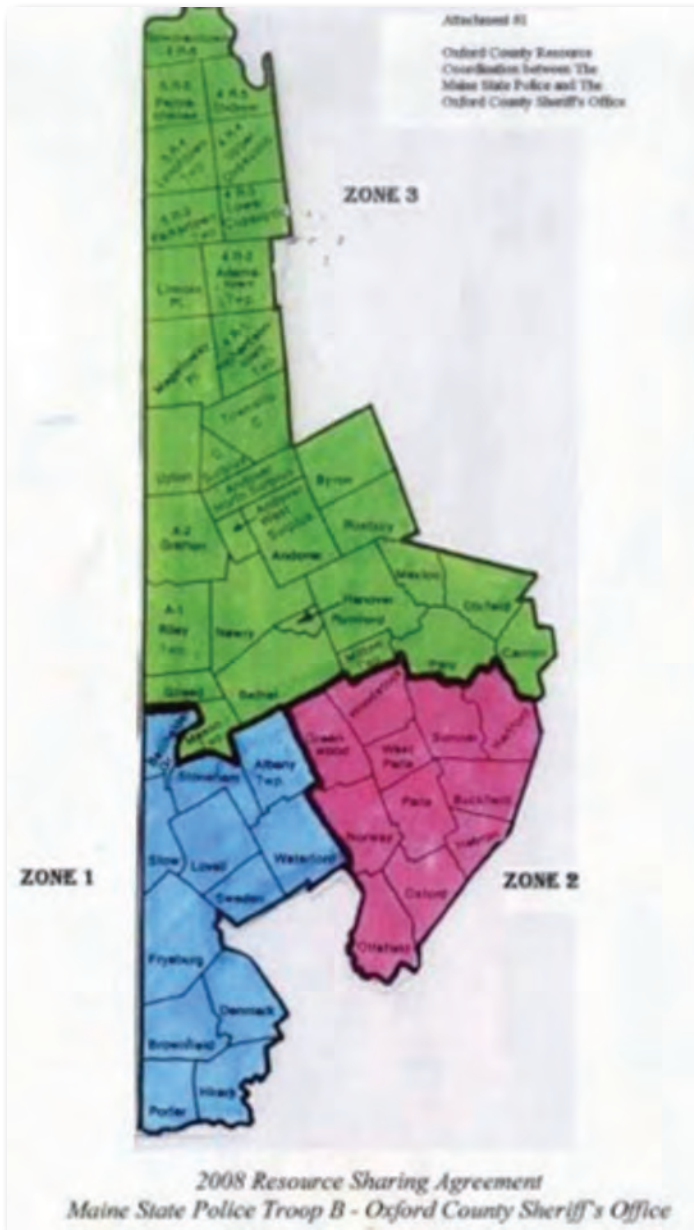
These technology improvements became fully functional in early 2014. The benefits to both the community and victims should be immediate while reducing costs and improving the overall safety for each Lincoln County deputy.

## OXFORD COUNTY

### Oxford County Sheriff terminates coverage agreement with state police

By Sheriff Wayne J. Gallant

The Oxford County Sheriff's Office has abandoned its long-time call-sharing agreement with Maine State Police and taken primary responsibility for law enforcement response in the county. The new coverage responsibilities became effective in December 2013.



Sheriff Wayne Gallant recognized the agreement established a decade ago “doesn’t seem to work well” and leaves gaps in coverage.

Under the previous agreement, the county was split into three coverage zones: south, north and central. Sheriff’s deputies

and troopers from Maine State Police Troop B barracks in Gray alternated responsibility for primary zone coverage on a weekly rotation. MSP Troop B is responsible for covering Oxford, Androscoggin and Cumberland counties.

County residents expressed frustration when they called the Oxford County Regional Communication Center in South Paris for police service and were transferred to the state police barracks in Gray because a trooper had responsibility for the zone.

By terminating call sharing agreement, the Sheriff’s Office has taken over primary coverage for the entire county. Calls for police service and 911 calls to the OCRCC will now be automatically directed to deputies. If residents want to have a trooper respond, they will still be able to call the state police in Gray directly. Review of calls received showed that the Sheriff’s Office already received most of the calls for service. Troopers will still be available to provide backup for deputies, but if state police are called to provide service, the request will be screened by a supervising officer before a trooper is dispatched. Sheriff Gallant stated he was confident the county would have enough day-to-day manpower to provide countywide coverage and since the agreement was ended, his prediction has been proven correct.

With the new arrangement, one deputy will patrol each zone, with a Sergeant supervising and an additional deputy in Bethel, which contracts with the Sheriff’s Office for law enforcement. During the day shift, the five patrol officers will be backed up by two uniformed deputies in the civil division as well as three detectives stationed at the Sheriff’s Office in South Paris.

Oxford County is pursuing mutual aid agreements with the county’s seven municipal police departments and Sheriffs in neighboring Franklin, Cumberland, York and Androscoggin counties. Sheriff Gallant explained to the commissioners that the new system is not expected to increase the county’s costs. Sheriff Gallant expressed that keeping the majority of responses within the department will, however, provide more continuity in criminal investigations and emergency response, he insisted.

According to MSP Lt. Walter Gryzb, in theory, a trooper is assigned to each zone for daily coverage, but occasionally there are only two on duty at a time. Several troopers assigned to specialty units, such as the state’s tactical team, can be pulled off their beat in a moment’s notice to respond to an emergency on the other side of the state, leaving their zone uncovered. Lt. Gryzb also commented that the MSP is the “state police” and they have a responsibility that extends beyond Oxford County. Sometimes it extends beyond Troop B’s zone.

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Since the agreement was ended, calls for service to the Sheriff's Office appear to have increased substantially. Call volume figures showed deputies received 521 calls for service between Jan. 1 and Jan. 21 this year, compared to 297 calls during the same period in 2013. The total amount of charges pressed in cases exhibited similar growth in the same three-week period, going from 315 in 2013 to 560 in 2014.

The harsh 2013-2014 winter weather may account for some of the increase, but the overall growth should be attributed to

taking over primary law enforcement coverage for the county. Sheriff Gallant has continuously monitored the new arrangement and so far, taking over for the county has not put additional strain on deputies or stretched coverage. Additionally it has freed up state police units who appear to be more available for backup and traffic enforcement in areas, such as Route 2 in the Bethel-Newry area and Route 26. The Oxford County Sheriff's Office and the Maine State Police continue to assist each other and work collaboratively within the county to provide professional law enforcement services to the citizens.

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## PENOBSCOT COUNTY

### Transformation of Technology

*By Sheriff Glenn Ross*

By the end of this year, 2014, there will be an unprecedented number of Maine sheriffs retiring from many years of public service. Some began their careers as a municipal or state police officers and then later ran for the elected office of sheriff. Others like myself, began with the sheriff's office and then eventually were elected to lead the agency. With my pending retirement

from the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office after 36 years of service within the agency: I thought it might be interesting to write about the transformation of "Technology" within our law enforcement community over the past few decades. The easiest way for me to do this is to relate it to my own personal experience dating back to my being a newly recruited deputy sheriff in 1977 until my retirement in 2014.

My career started in June of 1977 in the rural Millinocket area. My patrol district ranged from Patten to Old Town. My only source of communication to dispatch was through a portable radio and a cruiser radio that had four push button channels. Many areas of my rural patrol district lacked radio reception,



therefore officers had to memorize the reception areas and plan their communication when they were in the proper areas. There were no cell phones so deputies became quite familiar with every pay phone location. When we wanted to talk to dispatch by phone we used the 800 number to avoid putting dimes into the phone. At that time there were no pagers so we had to listen to our portable radio all of the time during our 24 hour call assignments. There were no computers in the sheriff's office and all law enforcement reports were written on paper. Deputies carried road maps of every community in their cruisers so that they could find directions to an emergency or incident.

Now jump forward a decade. In the mid 80's, Penobscot County adopted the Spillman law enforcement computerized records management system. Today, it holds over 750,000 name records and involvements for every police agency in Penobscot County. This resulted in the necessity for in-house computers that numbered over eighty by 2013.

Numerous other technological advancements found their way into the public safety system during the nineties and recent years. Global Positioning GPS units were installed in all cruisers to eliminate the need for road maps. The State and the U.S Postal system worked together to map the physical addresses of every address in Maine that ended the guess work in finding residences. Technology within the dispatch center now brings up the physical location map when of the location that a 911 caller is calling from. Cell phones can also now instantly be tracked back to a physical location when the emergency call is made. Every officer now has issued smart phones and internet access that assists in important private communications and research.

Each cruiser is equipped with a mobile data computer that allows for mobile access to the law enforcement records database of police agencies. Criminal record, individual and motor vehicle checks can now be completed wirelessly. Reports can be submitted directly from the computer through the cellular network directly to headquarters, eliminating wasted fuel and time. Officers can now remain in their patrol zones. Every cruiser is equipped with defibrillator, radar and other investigative equipment. Each vehicle is now area equipped with Blue Tooth cell phone/ hands free connectivity. Phones and police radios are now equipped to allow priority communication in the event that high usage by the public during an emergency overloads the capability of the cell towers. This allows law enforcement to maintain telephone and radio accessibility.

Today, four county jails and each unit of the State Prison system utilize the biometric identification system of the iris to positively identify inmates. IRIS is a product of BI2 Technologies and is in place in over 500 correctional facilities across the nation. An individual processed in one jail that gets arrested in another jurisdiction under a fictitious name will be immediately

identified once he or she looks into the iris camera. The system also prevents mistaken releases of inmates from incarceration.

Currently technologies that are entering the system include license readers for accidents and traffic violations. These will automatically extract the individual's information and insert it in the accident report or summons. Iris scan will be portable and available in the field simply through adaptation to a smart phone.

While the past two decades has brought forward this technology boom; there is no doubt that many new technologies will emerge that will continue to make law enforcement more efficient. The officers entering the law enforcement profession today will likely see more dramatic changes going forward. With the drain on the economy and the demand to hold the line on taxes, law enforcement will always be understaffed. Technology helps us work smarter and more efficiently. What's next? Beam me up Scotty!!!

## **Penobscot County's TRIAD remains strong with help from Penobscot County Sheriff Glenn Ross and Chief Deputy Troy Morton**

*By Sheriff Glenn Ross*



Over the past ten years Sheriff Ross and Chief Deputy Morton have shared duties as Chair and Vice-Chair of the TRIAD. Along with Bangor Police Department, Orono Police and the Maine State Police; the Penobscot County TRIAD has been well represented by the law enforcement community. With the dedicated effort of Eastern Agency on Aging, several senior service organizations and senior volunteers the Penobscot County TRIAD has remained one of the most active TRIADS in the state.

Triads were formed through a partnership of the National Sheriff's Association, National Chiefs of Police Association and AARP. These organizations recognized the increasing incidents

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of crime against our senior citizens and banded together to form an organization whose purpose was to protect our seniors from fraud, and various crimes which occur in many forms. The Penobscot County Triad Coalition was formed in 1999 and is represented by Eastern Area Agency on Aging, local senior providers and local police, sheriff and fire departments. We are a 501-3-c non-profit organization. Throughout the year, the Penobscot County Triad Coalition hosts various events and programs designed to promote senior safety:

- 911 House numbering project
- File of Life
- Senior Fraud and Safety Conferences
- Public Safety / Senior Appreciation Day
- Prescription Drug Take Back

In 2013 the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office conducted more than 14 scam /fraud presentations and prescription drug take back days throughout the county. The Penobscot County

TRIAD is committed to reducing criminal victimization of older persons; improving quality of life for older adults; educating and involving the community in implementing solutions; and enhancing delivery of law enforcement services to the elderly.



*Chief Deputy Troy Morton conducting Scam/Fraud Presentation at Sunbury Village in Bangor*

## PISCATAQUIS COUNTY

### Patrolling one of the nation's most rural counties

*By Sheriff John J. Goggin*

Piscataquis County has the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest land mass in Maine but the fewest residents. Its 4377 square miles with a population density of just 4.4 people per square mile make it one of two "frontier" counties in the Northeast and one of seven in the entire country. It has far more miles of public accessible logging roads than highways and boasts Maine's largest lake and tallest mountain. Moose and bear outnumber people and on many roads mile markers rather than house numbers are your guide.

Providing law enforcement for such a remote region presents challenges. Most of the county is without radio or cell phone communications. When deputies work in these areas they are on their own. Back-up can be 2 to 3 hours away; that's once you are able to make contact to ask for back-up. Good working relationships are important, especially with Maine State Game Wardens, Maine Forest Rangers, Allagash Waterway Rangers and Baxter Park Rangers.

Mt Katahdin is the end destination of the Appalachian Trail with the most arduous portion of the trail, the 100 mile wilderness, running through the center of the county. Each year deputies deal with people on the trail who are in mental health crisis or the victims of crime.

We were the first county to switch our fleet of vehicles to SUVs. Prior to the switch, deputies either used their own 4 wheel drives or hitched a ride with a Warden when responding

to calls off-road. Besides 4 wheel drive vehicles we use ATVs and snowmobiles, as well as the occasional airplane or helicopter.

Deputies learn to respond to calls differently than our brothers in the more populated areas. You learn how to de-escalate dangerous encounters or folks in crisis. You carry all the equipment you'll need for crime scene processing and evidence handling. You carry extra clothing, blankets and gasoline so that when the "what-ifs" arise, you're prepared.

Most of the people you meet have a gun, know how to use it, and carry it responsibly. And folks are willing to help; log truck driver, camp owner, hunter or fisherman all know that survival in the Northwoods depends on helping each other out when the need arises.



And patrol functions are different. You have the same types of crimes that occur in populated areas; burglaries, domestic violence, thefts, and drug trafficking. Because these are private



roads there is very little traffic enforcement; few traffic laws apply on private property. Motor vehicle accidents, unless there is injury, are non-reportable. So deputies patrol to keep burglars at bay, to assist stranded or lost motorists, pick up the occasional OUI, and to deter the drug traffickers that like to keep off the beaten trail; to be a law enforcement presence.

I often tell my city friends that there is an advantage to life in Piscataquis County; there are only two traffic lights, period; on opposite ends of the same block; after that, sailing is clear!

## **Piscataquis County High Risk Response Team**

*By Sheriff John J. Goggin*

Domestic Violence knows no boundaries; city, urban or rural the effects are staggering and deadly. Following a domestic violence triple homicide in our region, those who work with victims of DV sought ways to better help those caught in the terrible cycle we call Domestic Violence. After brainstorming sessions involving the local entities that work in the DV field a team was formed: The Piscataquis County DV High Risk Response Team.

Our approach was unique; it would be victim driven and centered on helping them escape the “cycle”. Womancare, Greenville PD, Probation, the DA’s Office DV Investigator and Victim Witness Advocate, and the Sheriff’s Office became the core team. What has emerged is a unique approach that examines options for safety planning.

The team rules are basic; any team member can make a referral to the team, the victim consents to meet with the team and to each member on the team, strict confidentiality, and victim driven [the victim best knows their situation and has the best read on how to keep safe]. The team would only be called to meet with the most dangerous cases.

When the team is gathered with the victim, a list of 25 key questions that span the history of the relationship are asked by the team. Victims share their experience, fears, and obstacles. The team brainstorms ways to help that person. Often times an arrest has already made or a Protection Order is in effect. As needed on a case by case basis, other agencies are brought in: local police departments, DHHS, counselors, etc.

The team has assisted victims in multiple ways: providing transportation and protection to and from the court, providing new locks for doors, surveillance cameras, panic alarms, extra police patrols, financial resources, and, perhaps most important, an open door where a victim can come, be listened to and supported. Because it is victim driven, at times the team has not taken any action; sometimes things are already in place. However, on multiple occasions the team has made a real difference in the life of the person seeking help.



*Sgt Mike Gould and VWA Corina Tibbetts discuss a case*

DV is a long term problem that defies a simple and quick solution. What we can do is work with victims who have been subject to power and control, who have been intimidated into compliance and silence. We can give them a voice, stand alongside to help strengthen, and shine a bright light through the fear that cripples.

Most cops don’t live in a world controlled by fear. A world where every move is monitored, every decision decided for them, walking on egg shells and being subject to physical and sexual violence by the one who is supposed to love you. Their fear is real, their story is vital, and we will do what we can to help those whom we can.

## **SAGADAHOC COUNTY**

### **Corporal Ian Alexander**

*By Corporal Ian Alexander*

**I**t’s 1995 and I am going to start my career in a small town in Mid Coast Maine, with a population of approximately 3,200 people. Richmond is known for having many Russian people and a school with competitive athletes. A short time into my career, I was asked if I wanted to go to a Special Olympic conference. Who wouldn’t want to go to a conference and get away from work for a couple of days? I had no idea what I was going to get myself into. The conference was being held at a ski resort in western Maine.

I remember having to sit in a large room with other law enforcement officers and deputy sheriffs. We listened to a lady who was very excited talking about Special Olympics. This lady turned out to be Lisa Bird, the Director of Media and Public Relations at Special Olympics Maine - S.O.M.E. The group

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discussion was how to raise money for our athletes and how to bring awareness to the community about people with intellectual disabilities. There were athletes at the conference and they demonstrated some of their skills. Not having dealt with people with these disabilities, I was rather surprised that with the proper instruction and encouragement, they too, could do what we all are capable of doing.

Needless to say over the years of attending several conferences and raising money for Special Olympics Maine, I was hooked. At conferences, law enforcement officers have the opportunity to get teamed with an athlete and compete in a unified swim. This normally takes place in March or April of each year. Leading up to the summer games in Orono, which are in June, we are busy fund raising. Three days prior to the games we have the Law Enforcement Torch Run. The state is broken up into different legs and a torch is carried along the run route. The route can be from 5 miles to 30 miles long. Athletes also have the opportunity to run with you. One of the fund raisers is the "Adopt a Mile." Businesses and individuals can pay \$100 to sponsor a mile of the run route, in exchange a sign is placed out on the run route several days before. The day of opening ceremonies the torch is brought in by Deputy Sheriffs and law enforcement officers to the Orono campus.

The presence of uniformed officers at the games brings joy to these athletes. These individuals realize that if we did not support them through-out the year, they would not be there. Athletes know that when they are receiving their ribbon or medal, it will be presented by a uniformed officer. This is also the same for winter games which takes place in January at Sugarloaf Ski Resort. At these summer and winter games the athletes take the Special Olympics Athlete Oath, "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

Once the summer games are over, it's not over for law enforcement. Fundraising continues to takes place. "Tip-A-Cop" has become a huge event. Many businesses such as Applebee's, Texas Roadhouse and Red Robin have law enforcement officers come into their establishments and serve the customers. This gives us the opportunity to meet new people and explain what we are doing to help our athletes. There is positive feedback from customers seeing law enforcement outside of our daily work. Customers leave donations in envelopes for Special Olympics Maine.

Selling Yankee Candles has also become a fundraiser. Yankee Candle donates a large percentage of sales to Special Olympics Maine. Dunkin Donuts has also generously donated thousands of mugs where you are able to get a free mug of coffee on Sundays. These mugs are sold for \$20 each and are good for a year. So needless to say there is always something going on.

Many of us will see some of the athletes as we patrol our communities. The impact that we have on these individuals is over whelming.

An opportunity that I have to help Special Olympics Maine is being on the Executive Counsel. We make decisions on the future of the organization and what can be done to increase participation. This year we will be hosting the 1st Annual Law Enforcement Plunge, taking place April 5 at Maranacook Lake in Winthrop. I personally encourage other deputies and law enforcement officers to get involved and see what positive changes it will bring to you and your department.

A few facts:

Nearly 3.5 million Special Olympic athletes worldwide

32 Olympics-type sports

44,000 competitions annually

805,000 volunteers worldwide

250,000 coaches around the world

For more information go to [www.somaine.org](http://www.somaine.org)

## SOMERSET COUNTY

### Sheriff Delong

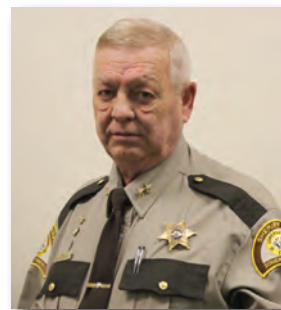
*By Sheriff Barry A. Delong*

Sheriff Delong has been the Sheriff for Somerset County for 20 years. Sheriff Delong won his first election in November of 1994. Prior to being elected, Sheriff DeLong served the people of the State of Maine, as a Maine State Police Detective with the Major Crimes Unit, specializing in child abuse investigations.

Sheriff Delong was born and raised in Aroostook County. In 1973 Sheriff Delong enlisted in the Maine State Police. Upon graduation from the MSP 30<sup>th</sup> Training Troop, Sheriff Delong was assigned to the Bingham area, Somerset County. Sheriff Delong made Somerset County his home; he served with the State Police for 21 years, retiring in 1994.

During Sheriff Delong's tenure, has overseen the construction of a new 24.8 million dollar correctional facility on 44 acres of land. Sheriff Delong has overseen the building of a shooting range, a robust farming program that augments the jail's food budget while developing skills for inmates. Sheriff Delong has worked tirelessly improving pay for Deputies and Correctional Officers. Sheriff Delong has ensured that Deputies have had the best equipment to perform their duties while protecting the citizens of Somerset County.

After 40 plus years of faithfully serving the Citizens of the State of Maine, Sheriff Delong plans to enjoy his family, friends, and travel.



*Sheriff Barry A. Delong*



## Somerset Drug Operation

*By Sheriff Barry A. Delong*

On October 24, 2013, the Somerset County Sheriff's Department executed a drug search warrant at a residence in Norridge-wock, as an investigation by the Criminal Division, revealed that large amounts of marijuana was being processed/sold at-from said residence.

Subsequent to the execution of the search warrant, over 67 pounds of processed marijuana, a large amount of Hashish, several grams of cocaine, 75 Oxycontin 80mg pills, 17 Hydrocodone pills, 41 marijuana plants, \$2500.00 in cash and drug related paraphernalia was seized.

Three male adults were arrested on scene and a female juvenile was arrested shortly thereafter. One of the males arrested has a lengthy criminal record, consisting of several prior felony & misdemeanor drug convictions. At the time of his arrest, he was on a stay of execution, regarding a felony drug conviction in Kennebec County and he is also on probation.

Another male was charged with Trafficking in a Scheduled Drugs (Class B), Trafficking in a Scheduled W Drug (Class B), Possession of Scheduled Drugs (Class C) and Possession of Scheduled Drugs (Class D).

The drug operation included numerous persons being hired for \$10.00 per hour, some of which were juveniles, to trim and process harvested marijuana plants. The seizure, prevented a large amount of illicit drugs from being sold on the streets, in Somerset & Kennebec County.

## Somerset Bank Robberies

*By Sheriff Barry A. Delong*

On January 17, 2014, the Bingham branch of Camden National Bank was robbed by a lone male, who was armed with a large hammer. The male fled the bank, after taking over \$5000.00 in cash. On February 04, 2014, the Bingham branch of Skowhegan Savings Bank was also robbed, by a lone male, who was armed with a large hammer. The male fled the bank, after taking over \$3000.00 in cash.

The bank robberies were investigated by Somerset County Criminal Division Detectives. The investigation, which consisted of possible leads - collected evidence and surveillance of a possible suspect being evaluated by Detectives, led to a search warrant being obtained, for the suspects residence, person and motor vehicle. During the search warrant execution, on February 12, 2014, the suspect was interviewed by a Somerset County Detective. Confessions were obtained, regarding the suspect's involvement in the two bank robberies. The hammer used in both robberies was recovered by Detectives.

The suspect was arrested and charged with two counts of Armed Robbery (Class A) and one count of Violation of Conditions of Release.



In 2012, the Bingham branch of Camden National Bank was robbed by a lone male. Within one day of the robbery, Somerset County Detectives, who investigated the case, executed a search warrant on a possible suspect in Waterville. A confession was obtained from the suspect, by a Somerset County Detective, and the suspect was arrested and charged with Robbery (Class B). The suspect is now serving a prison term, for his involvement in the bank robbery.

## Chief Deputy Dale Lancaster

*By Chief Deputy Dale Lancaster*



*Chief Deputy Dale Lancaster*

I began my law enforcement career in 1974 with the Somerset County Sheriff's Department. In the summer of 1974, I was hired as a turnkey/dispatcher. After graduating from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in 1975, then Sheriff Francis Henderson transferred me to the Patrol Division. In 1976, I was hired as a Patrolman for the Skowhegan Police Department.

While at Skowhegan, I worked my way from Patrolman to holding the position of Detective, then finally becoming promoted to Sergeant. In 1984, I joined the State Police, and after 27 years of service to the State of Maine, I retired as the Major of Operations, Overseeing all State Police Field Troops and Major Crime Units.

In the spring of 2012, while working as the Deputy Police Chief/Acting Chief for the Skowhegan Police Department, Sheriff Delong appeared in my office, advising me that he was contemplating retirement at the end of his current term. Sheriff Delong then confided in me that he was seeking to find a capable, trustworthy candidate to fill the position of Sheriff upon his retirement. He then offered me the role as Chief Deputy. His intent was to educate me about multifaceted administrative duties required of a Sheriff.

One of my lifelong law enforcement goals has been to become the Sheriff for Somerset County. I feel strongly drawn to the position of Sheriff. It is Maine constitutionally recognized as the top law enforcement officer of the county, who is most directly responsible to the citizens for whom he or she serves. The office of Sheriff is true community policing. I look forward to problem solving with the community leaders of Somerset as we work collaboratively to make our county a safer place to work, live and raise our families.

Since starting again with the Sheriff's Department, a few accomplishments have transpired. We have standardized our uniforms and cruiser radios. We have upgraded our portables and cruiser repeaters. We have hired a detective to specialize in sexual assaults. We have also, understanding the importance of criminal investigations, sent deputies to evidence collection training. We have worked with Somerset Public Health to provide a part-time school resource officer for SAD 13 and SAD 74. We have made a concerted effort to have patrol deputies visit schools during

their patrol hours to enhance school safety. We have reorganized our UCR/NIBRS reporting system. We now submit our Part-I crimes electronically, and by refocusing our efforts, our clearance rate has risen. Presently, we are working with Franklin County to cross deputize full-time certified officers, so that we may enhance each county's operations.

On the Corrections side of the house, we have instituted the ASAP program – an alternative substance abuse program designed to rehabilitate and reduce recidivism through alternative sentencing. We have also commenced an NA (narcotics anonymous) initiative, designed to create a safety net for those individuals who have reentered into the community. We have started a pig-farming program that helps to augment the food budget for the jail. We have hired a Disciplinary Hearing Officer inside the jail to streamline hearings and to provide consistency to the disciplinary process. In partnership with the Somerset County Community Corrections Program and The District Attorney's Office we have established greater accountability for those individuals that have been arrested for domestic violence, by using a supervised bail contract. The Maine Sheriff's Association has appointed me to the working group of the BOC that sets standards for county correctional facilities.

It is an honor to be a part of the Somerset County Sheriff's Department and to have helped facilitate the aforementioned progress within this organization. As we move forward, I believe that Maine Sheriff's Departments will be the leaders in Law enforcement for our State.

## WALDO COUNTY

### Scott Story

*By Sheriff Scott Story*

Beginning a law enforcement career with the city of Belfast as a part time dispatcher and patrol officer in 1984, Scott Story later joined the Waldo County Sheriff's Office in 1991 as a patrol deputy. He was promoted to detective and later detective sergeant. Story was assigned to the Northern Maine Violent Crimes Task Force for several years and eventually became Chief Deputy under Sheriff Robert Jones in 1999. In 2000, Story was appointed Sheriff following the death of Sheriff Jones and after several successful elections has remained Sheriff since. He has received numerous awards and recognitions to include MSA Deputy of the Year, MSA Presidential Citation Award, Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, National Association of Counties County Courthouse Award. Sheriff Story served as the Maine Sheriff's Association President from 2004 to 2006. He is looking forward to making his now part time job as a Professional Maine Guide and Floatplane Pilot, a full time adventure.

## Maine Coastal Regional Re-entry Center

By Sheriff Scott Story



Fifty-seven residents were served by the Maine Coastal Regional Re-entry Center during the past year. All MCRRC residents become employed and/or enrolled in postsecondary education during their stay, and this employment carries through and beyond their release. 28 residents of the facility graduated from our program last year, all of whom left the facility with permanent housing. 23 were employed and 5 were enrolled in postsecondary education.

The Re-entry Center worked in the County garden, enabling them to produce and supply 26,200 pounds of fresh produce to our community; including food pantries, soup kitchens, churches, numerous other nonprofits and our own program. This un-



dertaking was under the direction of Waldo County Commission William Shorey.

Monies in room and board were collected from the center's employed, tax paying residents as well as for the payment of fines and restitution. The residents also participated in several fundraisers, raising more than \$8,000.00 to help with various funding at the Ames and Weymouth Elementary Schools. They also participated in fundraising for Habitat for Humanity, the First Church & the Belfast Maskers

MCRRC residents performed 5,128 hours of community service, donating their services to Camp Tanglewood; supporting the City of Belfast in their annual Celtic celebration; "Our Town Belfast" bench project and cemetery & memorial restoration. These hours, calculated at minimum wage allowed our residents to donate \$38,460 worth of labor back to the community. In addition, \$22,055.41 was collected from MCRRC residents for the payment of fines and restitution.

Programs such as the Maine Coast Regional Re-Entry Center are a cost effective, proactive approach to reducing jail populations and provides a solid, responsible, long term solution to the public safety while strengthening our communities.

## YORK COUNTY

### Sheriff Maurice Ouellette

By Chief Deputy Bill King

Career law enforcement officer Maurice "Moe" Ouellette is retiring. Since 1968 he has been in some form of law enforcement except for a short hiatus when he tinkered in his own auto repair shop. What shaped this man to dedicate his life to law enforcement – was it his time in the military as a Navy Diver? Was it his devotion to the Catholic faith? Was it his family values?



*Sheriff Maurice Ouellette*

Knowing Moe for several decades, I can attest, that it is none of the above. I believe what shaped his love for people, social order and fairness was his father's influence. Even though his father, Maurice Ouellette Sr., passed away 26 years ago, when he speaks of his dad, his voice lowers, his tone softens and he averts full eye contact to hide the pain.

Individuals become the people they are because of early influences. Moe fondly recalls a man who sold and repaired oil burn-

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ers and sold heating fuel for a living, vowing to never let his customers run out of fuel – even if they did not have money to pay. Long after his passing, people share a story with Moe, usually about his benevolence. Sheriff Ouellette inherited those traits from his dad, only he utilizes those attributes a little differently.

## Early Years

Moe graduated from St. Ignatius High School in Sanford. St. Ignatius was the only Catholic High School in the area with an enrollment of about 90 students. Nevertheless, Moe led the small catholic school in athletics, beating many larger rivals in basketball and baseball. Even today, his former competitors kid him about his athletic prowess and his will to win. Perhaps it was not his will to win but his willingness to prepare to win that made the difference.

Sandy and Bob Berard were Moe's classmates and they fondly recall him as a "great guy" who was always very helpful. Sandy referred to him as the "All American Boy."

With the country in the middle of the Viet Nam War, Moe enlisted in the United States Navy where the 6'4" sailor was trained as a Navy Diver and assigned to .....submarine duty!

When Moe was not diving, he was walking hunched over so as not to bang his head on the airtight door passageways.

After his enlistment was over he returned to the states where he was recruited by the Sanford Police Department. Moe speaks fondly of those years, pushing his cruiser around those familiar streets, protecting his neighbors and friends. He performed his duties so well that the Maine State Police sought him to join their ranks – which he did and made it his primary career.

## Maine State Police (MSP)

Moe completed the advance training that all troopers endure and received his new cruiser. But he wasn't really a "traffic guy." He created a niche on the MSP Scuba Dive Team and gravitated toward the investigative role the state police fulfill. His ability to relate to people from all walks of life impressed his superiors.

Clearly, Moe was on his way to promotion. But a promotion to Corporal or Sergeant would mean a physical move out of the area. Could he do that to his children? Uproot everybody for self-aggrandizement? He decided against seeking a heavier collar and remained as a trooper.

Nonetheless, the state police wanted to utilize Moe's persuasion techniques, love of people, and investigative acumen and he was soon elevated to detective – in the prestigious Maine State Police homicide unit. In Maine, only a handful of investigators are authorized to conduct homicide investigations and Moe was assigned to the southern end of the state, where the majority of

homicides seemed to occur.

To recount each and every homicide case he solved is beyond the scope of this article. However, suffice it to say that Moe solved each and every homicide case that he was assigned, except for one – but then again, he will have more time to devote to it during his retirement! One particular homicide trial was not looking good as the quick-witted defense attorney had twisted the words of some witnesses and Moe stood alone with some damning admissions by the main suspect.

When the defense attorney tried to impeach Moe's testimony the judge quickly related something to the effect, "...if Detective Ouellette says it happened and is certain of his recollection. I have no doubt that it happened as Detective Ouellette has testified." The defendant accepted a plea shortly after the judge's admonishment of the defense attorney.

## Maine Drug Enforcement

The war on drugs was waged on two levels – the federal level that attacked the international, interstate and substantial violators and at the street level that focused small dealers and those caught in possession of illegal drugs. The mid level dealers were skating by. To address this systemic enforcement weakness, the federal government subsidized states to organize their own drug units. With federal matching funds, the state of Maine organized the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency (initially called the Bureau of Intergovernmental Drug Enforcement).

Moe transferred to the statewide drug bureau to supervise the York County unit. He coordinated several high level investigations that crossed state lines. His expertise was also called upon when several public officials were implicated in drug smuggling. Moe was able to allay these rumors – you see, Moe worked just as hard proving the innocence of a suspect as he did proving guilt.

Before his retirement from state service, he was elevated to be Assistant Director of agency.

## Hiatus

Moe had a couple of jobs after leaving the state; he accepted a job at the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office assisting them with upgrading policies and procedures.

He later dabbled in politics as a paid staffer on a congressional campaign. Unfortunately, his candidate did not win but the experience later proved valuable to Moe.

After the campaign, he purchased a small auto repair shop, and found great solace repairing cars.

Moe enjoyed the auto repair business, but every time a siren went by or he heard about a crime on the 6 o'clock news, he missed his calling. When he was offered a job as the chief deputy of York County, he jumped at the chance to be behind the yellow tape once again.

## Sheriff's Office

Moe was the chief deputy for eight years and was elected sheriff for two terms – 16 years' of service total. Moe is credited with professionalizing the department, overseeing the design, the construction, and the move into the new York County Jail Complex. He financed a new garage from drug seizure money; a garage that will save taxpayer money so most repairs can be done in house.

A county building was vacated and Moe initiated discussions with the state Bureau of Corrections - that building now houses the Southern Maine Pre-release center for women offenders.

His accomplishments are many – too numerous to list. But suffice it to say that his work ethic did not go unnoticed – he was awarded the Maine Sheriffs' Association Manager of the Year in 2001.

If you ask Moe his most trying time as the sheriff, I am certain it won't be the big drug bust, an officer involved shooting, or fighting the county manager for better wages for his people. His most challenging time was losing his chief deputy, Mat Baker, in 2013.

Mat Baker was Moe's right hand man for nearly 6 years when he lost his battle to cancer. Moe recalls the day Mat told him about his illness and when he speaks of his former chief, again, his voice lowers, his tone softens, and he averts full eye contact to hide the pain.

The memories that flooded Moe during Mat's funeral and the weeks to follow were instrumental in his decision to make 2014 his last year on the job. Clearly, Moe leaves the York County Sheriff's office a better place.

## Retirement Plans

When asked about future plans, Moe is non-committal. However, he quickly reminds the asker that he and Bonnie will celebrate their 36<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on October 20, and they have 5 children, ten grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren, and an RV with "too few miles on it."

While we all wish him well, many are already commenting that they will miss his work ethic, quick wit and caring way. His positive influence will continue, as many of the current staffers of the York County Sheriff's Office were hand selected by the sheriff.

## Maine Sheriffs' Association Awards Two Scholarships in 2013



*Kaytlyn Porter*

Kaytlyn Porter, of Unity, Maine, was awarded a \$500 scholarship towards her goal of a degree in Secondary Education. Kaytlyn, who is a student at the University of Maine at Machias, scored high points with her essay on the societal problem of banning literature. Kaytlyn quoted James Madison in her essay, *"The people shall not be deprived or abridged of their right to speak, to write, or to publish their sentiments; and the freedom of the press, as one of the great bulwarks of liberty, shall be inviolable."*



*Casey Carroll*

Casey Carroll, of Owls Head, Maine, was awarded a \$500 scholarship towards her pursuit of a degree in Health Sciences as she entered her freshman year at Franklin Pierce University. Casey's essay detailed the impact of her relationship with her father, Knox County Chief Deputy, Tim Carroll. Casey gives examples of her father's leadership, integrity and work ethic and summarizes all by stating, "For this reason, along with many others, my father is my everlasting role model."

It is a privilege for the MSA to contribute to the success of these two students. Best wishes for success as you pursue these worthy goals!

Special thanks to Bill and Sally Zierden for supporting the MSA scholarship program. The scholarships are paid for with scholarship contributions.

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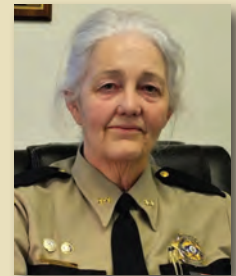
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