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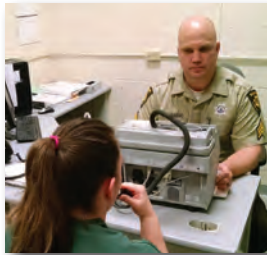
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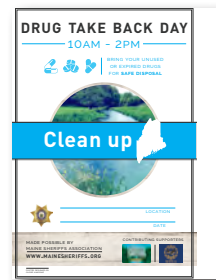
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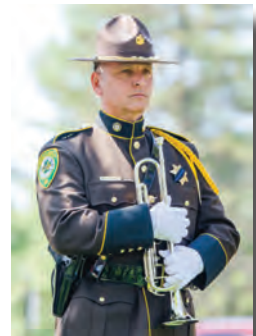
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## About Maine Sheriffs' Association

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.

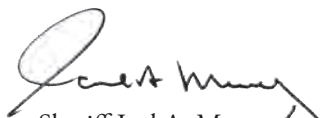
### President's Message

On behalf of the Maine Sheriffs' Association I hope you enjoy our 2014-2015 Annual Magazine. This past year saw an unprecedented change in the Office of the Sheriff as we welcomed eight newly elected sheriffs to our membership. Each of these new sheriffs embrace to strong heritage and tradition of the Office dating back to 1878.

As the chief law enforcement officer in their respective county, and the only elected law enforcement officer, each and every Sheriff takes the responsibilities of this trusted position very serious. It is an honor to serve and to be trusted with the safety and security of the people.

Throughout this magazine you will see examples of the good work being done all across the State of Maine, and you will see the quality and commitment of the men and women who so proudly serve their county and their communities. Whether its law enforcement or corrections, Maine Sheriffs continue to raise the bar of professionalism.

The Office of the Sheriff has never been better represented and leadership is the cornerstone of what the Maine Sheriffs' Association embodies. One Team. One Mission.



Sheriff Joel A. Merry

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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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# Maine Human Trafficking Task Force to Include Maine Sheriffs



**A**UGUSTA, Maine — During a recent ceremony at Maine’s state capitol, Gov. Paul R. LePage issued a proclamation recognizing U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations’ (HSI) recently commissioned Human Trafficking Task Force. To commemorate the commissioning of the task force Gov. LePage declared Sept. 26, 2014, as Human Trafficking Task Force Recognition Day.

Nearly 80 law enforcement officers from 30 Maine and Canadian agencies partnered with the newly-commissioned HSI task force in order to combat this form of modern day slavery across the state. The task force is designed to bring together the expertise, training, experience and law enforcement authorities of the partnered agencies to help identify human traffickers, and prosecute them while also protecting and aiding victims.

John Morris, Maine commissioner of public safety, presented the proclamation to both HSI and the U.S. Attorney’s Office on behalf of the governor. Bartholomew Cahill, assistant special agent in charge of Maine’s three HSI offices and Col. Robert Williams of the Maine State Police also spoke to the group.

As part of the ceremony, the officers were inducted into the task force in a jacket and badging ceremony conducted by dignitary representatives of the five jurisdictional entities including federal, state, county, municipal and prosecutorial. Speakers included Williams, Acting Chief Patrol Agent Alfredo Casillas of the U.S. Border Patrol Houlton Sector, Maj. Ryan Reardon of the Kennebec County Sheriff’s Office, Oxford County Sheriff Wayne Gallant, Auburn Police Chief Phil Crowell, U.S. Attorney’s Office

Criminal Chief Jon Chapman, and ICE Chief Counsel Jo Ellen Ardinger.

Bruce Foucart, special agent in charge of HSI New England, approved the formation of the task force June 19, 2014. It will be led by HSI in partnership with the U.S. Attorney’s Office, and will be chaired by Jeffrey Stillings, resident agent in charge of HSI Houlton. Stillings will be supported by Michael Lana the resident agent in charge of HSI Bangor and Shawn Meehan, resident agent in charge of HSI Portland.

“The State of Maine is pleased to participate with HSI to combat forced labor and sex trafficking and my administration supports the work of the new task force,” said Gov. LePage. “Human trafficking is a horrific crime driven by a massive underground trafficking industry, and we hope with increased awareness and enforcement, we will better protect victims and hold their abusers accountable. I wish Special Agent Stillings and his team success and look forward to hearing about the progress of the task force.”

“Our new human trafficking task force allows our many members to collaborate more effectively to carry out our investigations,” said Foucart, special agent in charge of HSI Boston. “There’s no substitute for this face-to-face interaction while investigating secretive human traffickers, and aiding their traumatized victims. Collectively, we are laying down the foundation for a very powerful tool to combat this manipulative and destructive type of crime, while putting existing traffickers on notice.”

U.S. Attorney Thomas E. Delahanty II announced: “The United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Maine is proud to partner with HSI to establish a Human Trafficking Task Force for the State of Maine. The U.S. Attorney’s Office has worked consistently with its law enforcement partners at the federal, state and local levels, as well as with non-governmental organizations, to combat human trafficking in Maine. We place a high priority on prosecuting those individuals who engage in human trafficking, and it is for that reason that we are pleased to work with HSI to provide training and education to members of law enforcement on this important issue.”

During the week of Sept. 23, the new task force members participated in the HSI Title 19 Task Force Officer training program, held at the Kaplan University campus in Augusta. Each class day began with welcoming remarks from prominent leaders in government and law enforcement, to include U.S. Attorney Thomas E. Delahanty II, Kennebec County Sheriff Randall Liberty, Augusta Police Deputy Chief Jared Mills, U.S. Senator Angus King, Oxford County Sheriff Wayne Gallant, and Auburn Police Chief Phillip Crowell. The 28-hour program allows state and local law enforcement officers to be federally cross-designated with HSI’s unique Title 19 federal authority, which will result in a unified effort to identify, respond to, investigate, and arrest human traffickers with the support of its prosecutorial partners.

Human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal enterprise in the world today and occurs when a person is recruited, harbored, obtained or exported through force, fraud or coercion

for the purposes of sexual exploitation, forced labor, involuntary servitude, debt bondage and other methods of slavery.

The following agencies are partners in the HSI Human Trafficking Task Force: Aroostook County Sheriff’s Office, Auburn Police Department, Augusta Police Department, Bangor Police Department, Bar Harbor Police Department, Canada Border Services Agency (Intelligence Sharing Partner), Cumberland County Sheriff’s Office, U.S. Customs and Border Protection – Office of Field Operations, Cumberland County Sheriff’s Office, Cumberland Police Department, U.S. Department of State – Bureau of Diplomatic Security, Farmington Police Department, Gorham Police Department, Homeland Security Investigations, Kennebec County Sheriff’s Office, Lewiston Police Department, Maine Attorney General’s Office, Maine Computer Crimes Unit, Maine State Police, Old Town Police Department, Oxford County Sheriff’s Office, Portland Police Department, Presque Isle Police Department, Royal Canadian Mounted Police (Intelligence Sharing Partner), Saco Police Department, Sanford Police Department, South Portland Police Department, United States Border Patrol – Houlton Sector, United States Attorney’s Office, Windham Police Department, Yarmouth Police Department,

The public is encouraged to report suspicious activity and suspected human trafficking to the HSI Human Trafficking Task Force through ICE’s 24 hour tipline, by calling 1-866-DHS-2-ICE. For more information on this topic, please visit the Department of Homeland Security’s Blue Campaign website at [www.dhs.gov/end-human-trafficking](http://www.dhs.gov/end-human-trafficking).

## Four County agencies presenting the ceremonial wreath at the Korean War Memorial



# MSA Drug Take Back Day

By Sheriff Bill King

In the fall of 2008, the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) sponsored an initiative to collect all unused medication for safe disposal. DEA termed this national initiative the “Drug Take Back Day” and distributed promotional literature and tasked the individual DEA Field Offices with organizing the effort. It was a resounding success, and DEA decided to continue with “Drug Take Back Day” events bi-annually, transporting the recovered drugs to an incinerator in Massachusetts to be destroyed.

## Federal Success

Michael Wardrop, the Resident Agent in Charge of the Portland District Office spearheaded the drug collection effort in Maine. His efforts resulted in 140 law enforcement agencies participating in the effort manning 163 collection sites. Numerous community groups and coalitions assisted in this effort. DEA continued this initiative and sponsored nine drug take back events, one in the Spring and one in the Fall. Those events amassed thousands of pounds of unused or expired medication for safe disposal.

Wardrop, working with private businesses, also petitioned the state to allow incinerators to destroy unwanted medication. In 2013, approval was granted.

DEA announced that the September, 2014 Drug Take Back Day event would be their last. The DEA decided to discontinue the program and Agent Wardrop’s work was destined to die with the discontinuation of this important venture.

## Maine Sheriffs’ Association

The Maine Sheriffs’ Association (MSA) is a non-profit association comprised of Maine’s sixteen sheriffs and their top staff. The MSA sponsors academic scholarships, Camp POSTCARD, Operation Tribute, and Maine’s Special Olympics. When the sheriffs learned that the Drug Take Back Day program was ending, they unanimously agreed to take over this project to ensure the safety of Maine’s citizens.

## Early Planning

To distinguish ourselves as the new “owners” of this service, the MSA sought a new design for all advertisement. Graphic Designer

Cassie Amicone volunteered her services to design the new Drug Take Back Day poster. Cassie’s poster emphasized the purity of Maine’s environment and was distributed to all sixteen counties to promote individual events. All sixteen county sheriffs used this poster in their events in addition to implementing television and print media outlets. Each sheriff organized the efforts in their counties.

## Corporate Sponsors

Poland Springs Water has several collection points in Maine and a large bottling plant. One executive at Poland Springs Water was impressed with Cassie’s poster design with the emphasis on maintaining a clean environment. The executive agreed to assist us with this effort.

Hart Transportation, a large trucking company in Maine, heard about this effort and volunteered a tractor trailer and driver to load up the drugs and transport them to the incineration site.

ECO Maine, a waste management company focused on disposing waste in an environmentally responsible manner was contacted to arrange for the disposal of the medication. ECO Maine agreed to waive all disposal fees and agreed to open on Sunday to assist with the security of disposing this amount of drugs.

**April 25, 2015**

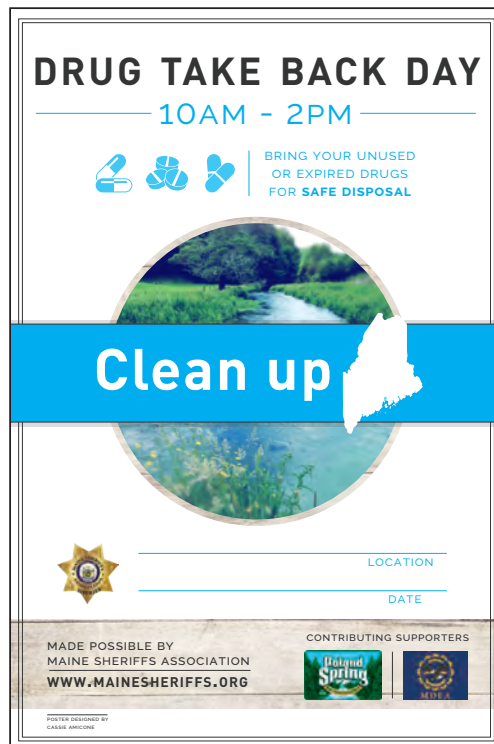
Collection day arrived and worked out flawlessly. It appears that Maine’s

Sheriffs are natural organizers because everything was executed on time. The tractor trailer, followed by a deputy, traversed five counties, picking up at various rally points where each county dropped off their collections.

The following day, several deputies assembled and off loaded the tractor trailer and a few sheriffs’ vehicles into an incinerator.

## Collection Total

In its first “Drug Take Back Day” the Maine Sheriffs Association collected 23,500 pounds of unwanted medication. According to Mike Wardrop, this was the second largest collection ever in Maine. Clearly, this maiden voyage by the Maine Sheriffs was a resounding success. Maine is the only state to continue these Drug Take Back Dayevents, thanks to Maine’s sheriffs.



# Deputy William Johnson Recipient of Maine Sheriffs' Valor Award

On April 13, 2014, Deputy William Johnson of the Kennebec County Sheriffs responded to a report of a suicidal male on the School House Road in the Town of Farmingdale. Upon arrival at the scene, Deputy Johnson exited the vehicle and observed an adult male standing in the driveway. As Deputy Johnson illuminated the individual with his flashlight, the male raised a silver semi-automatic handgun to his head.

Deputy Johnson maneuvered behind cover and attempted to calm the individual and assure him that he was there to assist. The gentleman walked between vehicles occasionally poking his head out from behind cover always with the gun to his head. He then walked behind the house, soon thereafter a woman emerged from the front door and the male walked back into view and began to angrily use sign language to communicate with his wife.

The man then turned toward Deputy Johnson, picking up his stride as he walked he reached to the small of his back several times. At gun point Deputy Johnson commanded the man to stop, all while attempting to create distance between he and the man. Despite Deputy Johnson's attempt to gain a safe distance between he and the man, and the fact that the man had been armed and was now reaching to the small of his back, Deputy Johnson feared a an impending lethal attack.

Ignoring the heightened lethal threat and at great personal risk to himself, Deputy Johnson deployed his Taser at a distance of seven feet. The male was struck in the chest and



*Deputy William Johnson*

was immobilized. Despite the incapacitating effect of the Taser, the male was able to break the leads and continue to struggle. Deputy Johnson was able to handcuff the male as additional units arrived.

Given the grave circumstances surrounding this highly emotional and armed incident, Deputy Johnson demonstrated great restraint. Deputy Johnson's heroic actions without doubt saved the life of the male subject and deescalated a very explosive situation.

Deputy Johnson has been nominated for the National Sheriffs Association Medal of Valor Award.

## Fallen Officer Memorial ~ May 2015



*Photos by Ben Wheeler Photography*



# Wreaths Across America

*By Chief Deputy Tim Carroll*



The second Saturday in December marks the date for the annual event of “Wreaths Across America” (WAA) in honor of our fallen soldiers. It was started by Mr. Morrill Worcester, owner of Worcester Wreath Company of Harrington, Maine in 1992. This year marked the fifth year that members of Maine Sheriffs’ Offices congregated to participate. Knox County Sheriff’s Office started in 2010 transporting wreaths by trailer to ensure that; besides the laying of wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery, other memorials were appropriately recognized at the request of Mr. & Mrs. Worcester. The representative Sheriffs’ Offices are now supplying wreaths and ceremonies at the Vietnam, Korean, World War II, and National Law Enforcement Officers memorials. The hope is to one day have all sixteen counties represented at these national monuments.

Besides the planning throughout the year, the event starts with those participating to meet at “Cabela’s” at a designated time in the wee hours of the morning, this year being 1:00 a.m. on

the Friday before the event. We strike off from there after our greetings and game plan for the day. Chief Deputy Carroll usually leads the way, towing the trailer so as not to get any complaints of 8 to 10 cruisers from Maine flying down the highway a little out of jurisdiction, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey.... It is impressive to say the least, of all the Maine Sheriff cruisers in line travelling down the highway. It draws a certain attention wherever we go.

We arrive in College Park, Maryland in the early part of the afternoon and meet the caravan of the directors and officers of the “Wreaths Across America.” Mrs. Karen Worcester expresses her appreciation every year of having the Sheriffs’ Office presence there. That afternoon is busy getting ready for the next days events, i.e. washing cruisers, uniform

preparation, and more planning. The day ends with a dinner nearby that encourages and enables more comradare amongst the different agencies deputies involved.

It’s 6:00 a.m. on Saturday and we all gather at the local fire department before parading into Washington D.C. A portion of the wheelers carrying thousands of wreaths have also arrived here to enjoy a big breakfast put on by the fire department before the final leg of the trip send off by Mr. Worcester. The First Lady of Maine, Mrs. LePage also takes part in this. At 7:00 a.m. we line up and head in. Impressive, doesn’t explain the sight of roughly 20 eighteen wheelers, followed by 10 Maine Sheriff Cruisers and dozens of other volunteer vehicles parading into D.C. All lanes of traffic are closed for us by local law enforcement agencies with a little help of our very own. There are thousands more volunteers awaiting our arrival as we pull into Arlington National Cemetery. For the deputies whose first time to participate in this event you can see by their expressions of overwhelming pride to be a part of



such an honorable moment. For the ones that have participated in the past, is exactly why we keep coming back.

Every year we randomly pick a truck to unload. Each truck carries approximately 6,000 wreaths. Our fastest time to date is 23 minutes to empty a truck. There are hundreds of people lined up behind the truck for the honor of placing a wreath at a headstone. The stories are abound of how one wants to lay a wreath for a family member, friend, or comrade they fought with in battle. Some just come to be a part of it. There are as many smiles as tears shed during this day of remembrance and respect. This was the first year that all headstones were covered in Arlington. To date, over 1 million wreaths have been placed across the country.

Once “our” truck is cleaned up and empty boxes neatly stacked for disposal, we visit the “Tomb of the Unknown Soldier” to watch the changing of the guard. Impressive!

We head out from there as a sole unit of Maine Sheriffs and go to the National Law Enforcement Officer’s Memorial. It is at these events that the wreaths we bring down are provided. We move as a unit throughout D.C. You can see different expressions and many say “thank you for coming” when they recognize we are from Maine. As one “Metro” officer told me, “Do what you want, turn your lights on and go where you want, park where you want! You’re the Police down here too!” At times, not exactly knowing our way, we take full advantage of that. We stop pay tribute to our fallen brothers and sisters and lay a wreath at our own agency’s fallen respectfully.

After a quick lunch, we gather near the Vietnam Memorial,

and await Mr. and Mrs. Worcester’s arrival to proceed with laying a wreath at each panel of the Wall. Many gather to help us to include other law enforcement officers from Maine. We try to gather family members first to lay a wreath of those sacrificed. From there, we proceed to the Korean War Memorial. Sgt. John Palmer coordinates a detail of Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, and Kennebec deputies to march in and present a single ceremonial wreath there. Again, impressive that it is only Maine Sheriffs’ Offices presenting at this.

Again, this year, the last event of the day is placing a wreath at each of the columns at the World War II Memorial. The Worcester’s have been by our sides through these last memorials and with great pride, satisfaction, and achievement; we present Mr. Worcester with the last wreath of the day to be laid at the base of the “Maine” column. This year he asked Jacob Carroll, 11 year old son of Chief Deputy Carroll to assist him. The emotions of pride, thankfulness, respect, honor felt throughout the day are exhausting. The Worcester’s are amazing people that give so much and thank us for helping them.

We gather our things and meet back in College Park. It usually has been about 12 hours since we started the day. Again, we gather for dinner, discuss the day and what an amazing occasion it has been before an early night to bed and the long ride back.

Contact has already been made by former Sheriff Joe Tibbetts, now a Board Director for WAA wanting Maine Sheriffs to be the lead and even more a part of the ceremonies to include the Pentagon and World War I the day before and with a “Grand Finale” at the end of the day. Stay tuned.



# Counties' News Round-Up

## ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY

### Eric Samson becomes Sheriff

On January 1, 2015 Eric Samson became Androscoggin County's new Sheriff. Eric is a lifelong Androscoggin County resident who graduated from Lewiston High School, attended the University of Maine at Augusta, and received his certification through the Maine Criminal Justice Academy as a Corrections Officer and full-time Law Enforcement Officer graduating with the 21st Basic Law Enforcement Training Program. Sheriff Samson is a third generation law enforcement officer with his father and grandfather both serving as police officers for the Lewiston Police Department. Sheriff Samson and his wife Holly, along with their daughter and son reside in Auburn.

Sheriff Samson has been employed with the Androscoggin County Sheriff's Office since 1991. Sheriff Samson worked as a Corrections Officer, Transport Division Supervisor, Programs Director, as interim Chief Deputy on two occasions and as a Patrol Deputy. Sheriff Samson also previously worked as a part-time Patrolman for the Mechanic Falls Police Department. Since his employment began Sheriff Samson has successfully completed many in-service training classes with the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and is a graduate of the Androscoggin Leadership Development Institute.

While employed at the Androscoggin County Sheriff's Office Sheriff Samson had the good fortune to serve in the union. Sheriff Samson served as President of Council 93 AFSCME 1828-04 for eight years, participating in the successful agreement with the County Commissioners on three labor contracts and other contractual issues. After his years serving as Union President, Sheriff Samson also served on the Executive Board of the unit as well as a Trustee and Executive Board Member with AFSCME Council 93 1828, which is the statewide union.

Sheriff Samson currently owns and manages a commercial property and previously co-owned a local small business as well as owned and managed rental properties in the past.

Sheriff Samson previously served two terms on the Auburn City Council as the Ward 3 representative and one term as an At-Large representative. While serving on the Council, Sheriff Samson served as the Mayor's representative on the School Committee and the joint Lewiston/Auburn Council Committee that would meet quarterly to oversee joint ventures and ideas for the councils

to consider. Sheriff Samson also served on the Board of Directors for the Lewiston Auburn Economic Growth Council, Mid-Maine Waste Action Corporation (MMWAC), Androscoggin Valley Council of Government (AVCOG), and the Lewiston/Auburn 911 Committee. As a city councilor, he served with three different Mayors and Councils working cooperatively for the betterment of the community and its residents. Sheriff Samson also served on the Board of Directors for Community Concepts as a resident of Auburn. Sheriff Samson has dedicated the necessary time and efforts to the Councils, boards for which he served, and residents, to make informed decisions.

Sheriff Samson memberships and associations include the Kora Shriners of Lewiston, Tranquil Lodge #29, A.F. & A.M. Auburn as well as Sacred Heart Parish.

Sheriff Samson is honored to serve the citizens of Androscoggin County as their Sheriff.

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## AROOSTOOK COUNTY

### Aroostook Update

*By Sheriff Darrell O. Crandall, Jr.*

#### Aroostook County Jail

The Aroostook County Jail was the epicenter of many major improvements in 2014. Until 2014, the jail was approved by the Maine Department of Corrections (MDOC) to house only seventy-two (72) inmates. In contrast to that capacity we were regularly responsible for more than a hundred inmates, with as many as forty at a time being boarded in county facilities over 150 miles away. Following up planning that started in 2013 the MDOC industries program worked with Aroostook County to add more than fifty bunks to our existing facility. By the spring of 2014, our new MDOC rated capacity was 123. This allowed us to bring our inmates back to The County and focus on adding a number of substantive inmate programs: Those new programs include Motivational Enhancement Training, Healthy Relationships, Substance Abuse Group Counseling, Veterans' Services, Trauma Recovery and Empowerment, Adult Education and Work Ready<sup>®</sup> as well as retaining our faith based programs and Alcoholics Anonymous. All of these programs were provided at no cost. We also added a non-emergency mental health services contract with a local provider. We are most proud of our new collaboration with the non-profit organization Friends

of Aroostook. We provided over 3,000 hours of inmate labor to a nineteen acre vegetable farm. The inmates hand planted, hand weeded and helped harvest over 235,000 pounds of fresh vegetables that were distributed to elderly and low income working families in Aroostook, Washington and Penobscot Counties. The efforts of this farm are highlighted in an AARP documentary available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-IBpq3FKCEo>



*Jail Work Farm Partnership*

**Law Enforcement Unit**

In January of 2014, we set aside a “call sharing agreement” with the Maine State Police that had been in place for more than a dozen years. It simply wasn’t working anymore and those suffering from the inefficiencies were the Aroostook County taxpayers. This major shift in our deployment of resources, the reorganization of our law enforcement unit and the addition of a new position required great commitment and flexibility on the part of our employees as well as critical support from the County Administrator and the Board of County Commissioners. The results have frankly been nothing short of phenomenal. First, our calls for service from

our neighbors increased by more than 29% over 2013, and our arrests increased by 23%. Having the Deputies patrol the same geographic areas day after day, and having that patrol be the same area in which they live, has caused a dramatic increase in our ability to solve crime as well. Our UCR clearance rate for “index crimes” (Rape, Robbery, Burglary, Theft and Assault) increased from 37% in 2013 to 69% in 2014. The most recently reported state average is 32%. Our change in coverage has allowed our “Resident Deputies” to once again become aware of what is normal and what is out of place. Because all of our funding comes from property taxes, Deputies logged over 630 “after hours” inspections of



*Patrol Squads*

commercial, industrial, agricultural, residential, educational and governmental properties during the year. Through our transition, we have become better able to focus our efforts on proactively addressing issues before they become crises, rather than reacting to things that are already out of control. During this same time frame we opened law enforcement sub-stations in Eagle Lake, Grand Isle, Mars Hill and Island Falls. Each of these towns donates space for our “Resident Deputies” to do paperwork and other administrative duties to avoid them leaving their areas of responsibility. These arrangements are mutually beneficial and much appreciated.

## CUMBERLAND COUNTY

### Cumberland County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post 3

By Sheriff Kevin J. Joyce

The Cumberland County Sheriff's Office has sponsored the Explorer Post 3 program for the 3rd year. It is designed to teach young adults ages 14 to 21 some of the basic skills required for a career in law enforcement. The cadets receive knowledge and experience they will need to decide not only if law enforcement is right for them, but what direction they may wish to pursue: local, state, federal, etc.



In May, the Explorers participated in a mock rescue operation which included Scarborough and Saco Police Department Explorer Posts Cadets were given GPS coordinates to locate a mock ATV crash in the woods. They were required to determine the appropriate supplies for the injured victim, retrieve the EMS equipment from a staging area, and return to the scene to "package" and remove the victim from the woods to the waiting rescue unit.

In July, the Sheriff's Explorer academy opened to outside agencies to train their new cadet recruits. Three Explorer Cadets from the Scarborough Police Department and two Cadets from the Saco Police Department attended the week long academy. Saint Joseph's College in Standish graciously donated space on campus again this year allowing the use of dorms, classrooms, the gym and indoor track, reserved space in the cafeteria, and provided a space in the Chalet for graduation.

During the week long academy, the cadets experienced classroom and scenario based training for domestic violence, traffic stops, crash scene investigation; as well as guest speakers from Maine State Police, Maine Wardens Service, Gorham Police Department, FBI, Homeland security, Air Force Military



Police and various Sheriff's Deputies specializing in an array of tactics used in law enforcement. The sharing of the academy offers a great opportunity for agencies to reach across borders and learn each other's methods. As well, the cadets themselves build relationships that last a life time and enhance their ability to interact at a professional capacity.

Throughout the year, the Explorer Post 3 Honor Guard marched in numerous events including the Standish Family Festival, Veteran's Day Ceremony and the Wreaths Across America Ceremony. They also volunteered their time assisting senior citizens in Cumberland County shoveling walkways, clearing snow from heat vents and paths to oil tanks. Cadets have volunteered for their schools reading to younger students and posting at the door for school functions to name a few things.



The Cumberland County Sheriff's Office is proud of our Explorer Cadets and wish them the best in any career path they seek. Also, a sincere thank you to everyone that volunteers their time to teach the cadets not only the techniques required to be in law enforcement, but also the integrity and leadership skills that will help the cadets succeed as productive, mindful citizens of our community no matter what career path they take.

## Cumberland County Volunteers in Police Service

*By Sheriff Kevin J. Joyce*



The Volunteers in Police Service [VIPS] saw another busy and productive year in 2014. The VIPS began Trauma Intervention training and developed a new program that kick off this year. As a result of this training and program, volunteers can now be called out to scenes when Deputies need assistance with victims or witnesses who are having trouble dealing with difficult incidents.

During the year, the VIPS gave 4,877 hours of service to the Sheriff's Office and the citizens of Cumberland County. The VIPS are the extra set of hands and eyes that enable the Sheriff's Office to offer extra services to our community. The VIPS help patrol Cumberland County and report any suspicious activity to the Sheriff's Office. They perform property checks, citizen transports, look in on seniors, conduct road speed surveys, assist motorists in disabled vehicles, direct traffic at crash scenes, and last year assisted the Sheriff's Office in nearly one-hundred events and details. The list of the service the VIPS provide us goes on and on.

One of our unusual project last year involved hundreds of hours of sorting and scanning investigative reports from years before electronic record-keeping. Volunteers worked at the Sheriff's



Office sorting through old files, putting case files together and then scanning the files into the Sheriff's Office database system. This project has saved the County several thousands of dollars in storage and scanning fees. It has created a fail-safe records system and allows investigators quick access to information.

At 45 VIPS strong, the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office and the County of Cumberland are fortunate to have such a community-minded constituent base that is willing to get involved and help keep our community such a great place to live. Thank you VIPS for all you do.



## 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>

## FRANKLIN COUNTY

By Sheriff Scott R. Nichols Sr.



*Chief K-9 trainer Corporal Nate Bean*

2014 has been a remarkable year for the Sheriff's Office as we continue to improve the services we provide to the county, while maintaining a flat budget. It is a difficult balancing act but, to date, we have been successful. In January, 2014 - we started our first "Citizens Police Academy" and held it in the Town of Eustis. This nine week educational program was designed to inform citizens on how their Sheriff's office actually conducts rural patrol throughout the County. It centered on: administration, criminal investigations, patrol, corrections and specialties - such as K-9. At the end of the program, those who participated also rode with deputies on patrol. The most valuable part of this program was the ability to bring people and the deputies together.



*Lt. Rackliffe delivering wood to a senior via the elder check program*

We continued with our building check program, which we believe had done a lot to reduce some property crime in the County. The idea is for home/camp owners to voluntarily have their properties placed on a check list where deputies check on the property (while on routine patrol) to ensure it is secure. The Sheriff's Office also started a new program we call "Elder Check". With Elder Check, we encourage senior citizens who

live alone and unassisted to voluntarily sign up for weekly visits from deputies on patrol. A 15 to 20 minute visit with a senior accomplishes many things: ensures they are physically OK, that they are not being taken advantage of, but more importantly, just sitting down to have a friendly chat with someone. The deputies and seniors both benefit from these visits.

We were able to make some changes physically to the interior of the "white house". Since dispatch moved into their new



*Training with the warden service to get certified on snowmobiles*



building earlier in 2014, we took advantage of extra room and completely remodeled the interior of our building creating some much needed work space for our Deputies and Investigators. This work was conducted without any budget increases and because we installed new LED lighting - will be receiving a few thousand dollars back from "Efficiency Maine" for energy savings. All the programs previously described are wonderful and add to our overall effectiveness.

We are, however, always conscious of our main functions: patrol, investigations and detention. We continue to patrol and maintain high visibility in the rural areas of the county. Deputies also support other law enforcement agencies within the county by

providing training, investigative support and criminal intelligence. In 2014, the Sheriff's Office was very aggressive investigating drug offenses and executed more drug search warrants than ever before in the department's history. We were successful in prosecuting known dealers and shutting down a meth lab. One of the arrests led to the largest confiscation of drugs and cash in the history of the Sheriff's Office, over 147,000 dollars was forfeited is and now being used for investigative purposes. These investigations are ongoing and 2015 is looking like it will be more of the same. Investigators were also successful in solving property crime and crimes against children.



*New jail transport van*

Our "Frank Tip" program was very successful in providing information that helped to clarify information received from ongoing investigations. We encourage people to continue to contact us regarding any criminal activity - we are not successful without the help of the public. Frank tip can be reached at <http://franklincountysos.net/wp/> The Jail's status has not changed since last year. Because of the uncertainty of the future of the State Board of Corrections (BOC), however, we are ready and preparing for the return of the Jail to an active, full-time facility.

Jail Administrator Doug Blauvelt has done a wonderful job hiring new corrections officers, upgrading training and standard operating procedures. If and when the time comes, we will be ready and able to re-open and keep our inmates here in Franklin County. Lets see what 2015 brings!



*Funeral of retired deputy*

## HANCOCK COUNTY



### Changing of the Guard

Although 8 of the State's 16 counties are going through Administrative transformations to some degree, this is the first time in 34 years the Office of the Sheriff has not been occupied by an incumbent. On January 1, 2015, former patrol deputy Scott A. Kane, a 24 year employee of the Hancock County Sheriff's Office, took the oath of office and assumed his duties as the Sheriff of Hancock County.

With that, Sheriff Kane's first order of business was to name his Second in Command. Lt. Patrick Kane, a 27 year employee of the Sheriff's Office and a Patrol Lieutenant for the last 20 years of his career, was named as Sheriff Kane's second in command replacing Chief Deputy Richard Bishop. Former Chief Deputy Richard Bishop, a 31 year Sheriff's Office employee who also held the position of Jail Administrator for 5 ½ years, possessed the institutional knowledge that made him an extremely valuable commodity. Bishop's retention was considered paramount to the success of the transition and, to that end, was assigned the rank of Major in charge of Compliance and Standards.

As with all appointments and promotions, the ripple effect necessitated employee reallocation. With Sheriff Kane coming from the rank and file to the Office of Sheriff and Lt. Patrick Kane being appointed to Chief Deputy, Patrol Deputy Christopher Thornton, a Special Agent assigned to the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency, was promoted to Patrol Lieutenant and joined Lt. Tim Cote in overseeing the Patrol Division.

Detective Steve McFarland, who was most recently assigned as an investigator with Hancock County District Attorney's Office, has recently been transferred to the Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division to join Detective Sgt. Alan Brown to conduct time intensive investigations and to provide investigative support to the patrol division.

With the county being divided up into 3 patrol "slots", the Sheriff's Office has an outstanding working relationship with the Maine State Police, Troop J. In 1996, the first call sharing agreement in the State was implemented between the Maine State Police, Troop J and the Hancock County Sheriff's Office

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and, to this day, the two agencies continue to enjoy the benefits the call sharing agreement intended to provide.

In addition to the normal patrol responsibilities, the Sheriff's Office has contractual obligations to provide law enforcement coverage to the Town of Stonington and the Town of Tremont. Both towns, by contract, receive an agreed upon level of law enforcement coverage per week and the deputies assigned the contracts on the days specified are only responsible for calls for service within that contract town.

### **Out with the Old - In with the New**

The Sheriff's Office has traditionally assigned a white patrol vehicle to each deputy based on their vehicle preference which provided some challenges for routine upkeep and maintenance. In an effort to exhibit a more modern and uniform look to our patrol fleet, we have selected the Ford SUV patrol vehicle to be assigned to each deputy. The days of the nostalgic white and brown are being slowly replaced with the progressive black paint scheme with gold accents that provide us with a custom look that exudes the professionalism our office demands.



### **Electronic Monitoring Program**

With jail overcrowding, the lightning rod that is the State Board of Corrections and uncertain funding predictions dominating the Sheriff's Office landscape, it's no secret jail issues take a considerable amount of administrative attention.

It's recognized and agreed that inmates who are considered a flight risk or are prone to violence are better suited for

incarceration, no argument can be made to dispute there are more in custody that could be and should be handled in a more cost effective manner. In an attempt to reduce that jail population and, in essence, the burden to the taxpayers, the Hancock County Jail has initiated an electronic monitoring/home confinement program for pre-trial and sentenced offenders. In order to be eligible for the program, inmates identified as low risk offenders who meet the strict criteria area and have the ability to pay the \$15.00 per day monitoring fee are eligible.

From a operational standpoint, a GPS unit is strapped to the ankle of the offender to track their exact whereabouts. The attached fiber-optic cable sends a signal through the strap in the event the device is disconnected causing an alert to be sent to jail administration immediately. The GPS unit also has the ability to signal when an offender leaves an inclusion zone or enters an exclusion zone. Hancock County Jail Assistant Jail Administrator Amy Smith is the program supervisor and sets up the zones prior to the inmate being released into the community.

Prior to being released, the inmate are required to sign a comprehensive contract giving law enforcement the right to search the person, residence and vehicles of the participant. The participants will be subject to drug screening periodically to also ensure compliance with program rules.

To date and because the program is relatively new, the Hancock County Jail only has one inmate that has fit the stringent criteria, however, as the program grows we anticipate more non-violent offenders will have the opportunity to be reintegrated into the community much faster rate than before.

### **Sheriff's Charities**



Because we recognize people fall on hard times, the Hancock County Sheriff's Office takes great pride in the ability to give back to the communities in which they serve. The single largest

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# Criminal Mass Casualty Incident: Mass Treatment Model Training 2014

By Sheriff Kevin J. Joyce



This year the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Unit took the lead in preparing our county for incidents resulting in mass casualties. Cumberland County Emergency Services Unit [ESU] Commander Regan Goan and members of the ESU team worked with the Gorham Police Department to develop a curriculum based on the Rapid Treatment Model of training that allows EMS/Fire personnel to more rapidly triage, treat, and transport victims during a criminal mass casualty incident. Later in May, several agencies such as

Gorham Police and Fire, Windham Police and Fire, the Maine State Police and Maine Medical Center to name a few, met for a tabletop exercise to identify the resources and available personnel from each of the respective agencies.

A classroom scenario was provided for discussion (i.e. active shooter / hostage situation at the Great Falls Elementary School 0900 hours on a Tuesday). The agencies reviewed both response times and logistical concerns based on geographical locations, manpower, and resources. The group was broken into their respective disciplines for discussion and tasked with providing a list of resources they could make available in the event of a criminal mass casualty incident. Each group was then randomly paired with another group to further analyze the potential resources available from each discipline. The agencies worked together to better understand areas of responsibility, as well as capabilities and/or limitations from each discipline. It was discovered that often times, agencies operate within their own "bubble" and perhaps fail to realize how their resources, training, and expertise can assist others.

In August, the teams put all their ideas to work while engaging in a "real world" scenario at the Great Falls Elementary School in the Town of Gorham. This scenario created a realistic environment which incorporated distractions, noise, role players, medical emergencies, and the active engagement of suspects with simulated weapons. The exercise began with a call being placed from the



school at 07:30 reporting an active shooting on the premises with several injured. It was then up to the numerous emergency services personnel to respond, locate and stop the threat and treat victims. More than 100 role players, with officers from 14 different law enforcement agencies and personnel from 12 different fire departments joined the training and engaged in the scenario. As well, this work has led to increased working relationships with valuable assets and organizations such as the Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency and the school departments county-wide.

This approach to such critical events was recently put to the test as the Cumberland County ESU team was called out on a collaborative effort to a credible threat of violence in December of 2014. Because of the training, the agencies that responded were able to successfully defuse the situation.

The training, planning and preparation does not stop after the scheduled scenario is over. The Cumberland County Sheriff's Office continues throughout the year working with all Cumberland County emergency agencies and helping schools and businesses prepare for the unimaginable, keeping our county safe.

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fundraiser that allows the Sheriff's Charities to exist is the Sheriff's Cup Basketball Tournament that takes place each March. This year we tip off the 16th Annual Sheriff's Cup Basketball Tournament that draws 32 total teams from over the State to vie for the title of Sheriff's Cup Champion with games starting on Friday and ending with the Sunday afternoon Championship game. This tournament would not be possible without the organizational efforts of Sheriff Scott Kane, Sheriff's Administrative Assistant Michelle Cote, Major Richard Bishop, Lt. Tim Cote, Deputy Luke Gross, Deputy Corey Bagley, Reserve Deputy Franklin Burke, Jail Administrator Tim Richardson and Downeast Family YMCA employee Jeannie Wood. In addition to the organizational efforts, we need to recognize and thank the Ellsworth High School, Ellsworth Middle School and the Downeast Family YMCA for the use of their gyms and a small army of volunteers that, without their help, would not make this tournament an annual success.



From March 2014 to March 2015, the Hancock County Sheriff's Charities have provided approximately \$10,450 in private donations to area non-profits and families in need. The largest charitable event, Let's All Have a Merrier Christmas, in



concert with the Ellsworth Wal-Mart, helped 250 area families provide Christmas gifts for their children.

In addition to the Let's All Have a Merrier Christmas campaign, and when the need arises, the Sheriff's Charities are extremely proud to provide some level of assistance in the form of gas cards to ease the financial burden for those required to travel for medical treatments, gift cards for families devastated by fire and food donations to those families identified as being in need.

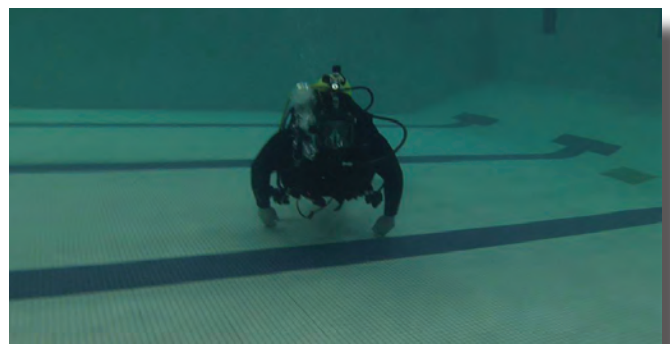
## KENNEBEC COUNTY

*Randall A. Liberty, Sheriff*



In 2014, the Kennebec County Sheriff's Department participated in 4 dive calls. All of these calls were related to evidence or property recovery. We added several new members and participated in numerous trainings. The team also applied for a grant through Kennebec County Emergency Management. With this grant, the team was able to purchase two sets of underwater communications gear and a transmitter.

### Dive Team



Recently the team was able to use this gear in a closed water training situation and become proficient with its nomenclature. This will aid our team when or if the time comes to rescue or recover a victim.

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# Maine Drug Enforcement Agency



*From left to right – MDEA Director Roy McKinney, Supervisory Special Agent Corey Bagley (HCSO), Special Agent John Wardwell (Mt. Desert PD), Resident Agent Timothy Frost (Bar Harbor PD), Special Agent Troy Bires (EPD), Special Agent Christopher Thornton (HCSO) and Commander Peter Arno.*

Along 2004, in partnership with the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency, the Sheriff's Office created the Hancock County Drug Task Force. Since that time, the Sheriff's Office has enjoyed an outstanding collaborative relationship with MDEA and the drug task force, now referred to as the MDEA Downeast Regional Drug Task Force based in Ellsworth serving Hancock and Washington counties, has 5 drug agents on loan from 4 area departments.

Understanding Hancock County is not alone, an increasing concern is the particular demographic migrating from out of State. In the past year, we've experienced an influx of criminal organizations with gang affiliations arriving in our rural,

bucolic setting viewing it as a safe haven to set up shop and benefit from the lucrative opioid market with virtually no "turf wars".

In 2012, prescription medication and pharmaceutical diversion topped the list for investigations, in 2014, heroin dominated the investigative front with methamphetamine manufacture and use on a steady rise.

To demonstrate the commitment the Sheriff's Office has to combating the pervasive drug issue, 2 Sheriff's deputies, 1 supervisor and 1 agent have been assigned to the drug task force since its inception with 2 drug agent positions fully funded by the Sheriff's Office.



In July of 2014, the Dive Rescue Team participated in a patrol function during a festival on Cobbosseecontee Lake. During this operation, we assisted a stranded vessel, conducted 143 vessel safety checks and issued 4 citations.

This coming year we have already been requested to help with this festival again along with two other water bourn operations in the Belgrade Lakes region. We have also offered our services to other agencies for other water based events and operations. We are in hopes of making our team a true regional resource outside of Kennebec County.

## Grant

In 2014, the Kennebec County Sheriff's Office partnered with Harvard Pilgrim and Portland Press Herald to apply for and receive a grant for \$5,800. With this grant we were able to supplement the Kennebec County Restorative Community Harvest. Purchased with the grant was a tiller to help cultivate our potato crop and boost the ease of harvest. The other item was a flail. This is a device that is used to maintain the field areas around the garden plots. By keeping the grass areas around the field maintained, this decreases the number of weeds that affect the garden. This reduces the need for constant weeding and increases yield.

For participating in this program, our efforts to serve the community and stem the tide of food insecurity have been bolstered. We have distributed our crop to area soup kitchens, shelters, community groups and even 30 area schools. In turn, the inmates



who help plant, harvest and maintain the garden are constructive and productive while learning a skill. Our small garden produces regularly over 15 tons of produce, in some years, 25 tons. This productivity can be directly related to the efforts of the inmates and the highly dedicated staff at the Kennebec County Correctional Facility. We could not be this successful without the constant help from community groups and businesses that support our efforts. Please look for a recent publication in the Harvard Pilgrim News Letter distributed nationwide.



*Kennebec County "Community Harvest"*

## KSO recognized for its work with Veterans

Over the past ten years the Kennebec County Sheriff's Office has recognized that we are a nation at war. Through a series of initiatives the employees of the Kennebec County Sheriff's Office have demonstrated their commitment to Veterans and their families.

The employees have hosted fund raisers which have raised more than \$30,000 for the Veterans who have returned from war and are in need of assistance. Additionally, funding was granted to area Family Readiness Groups to assist families that are left behind during time of war. The Sheriff's Office has lead the Veterans Day Road March for fifteen years and Co-Chaired the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans celebration.

The Kennebec County Correctional Facility operates a Veterans block which houses incarcerated inmates from throughout the State of Maine. The Veterans, most of whom have served in combat, received enhanced services from Crisis and Counseling, Togus V.A., the Veterans Center, N.A.M.I., Maine Pre-Trial and the Faith Based peer mentorship program. The Correctional Facility also works in partnership with the States only Veterans Court, which is located at the Kennebec County Superior Court.

In recognition for its ongoing commitment to Veterans, the Kennebec County Sheriff's Office has been recognized by several organizations recently. The American Easter Seals recognized the Sheriff's Office with its "True Patriot Award" for outstanding Community Leadership. First Lady Anne LePage presented The Maine Employer Support of Guard and Reserve "Pro Patria Award" for Outstanding Service to our National Defense, in support of Guard and Reserve members to the Kennebec County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office was nominated for the National ESGR "Freedom Award" and has been notified that out of 2,900 employer nominations they are one of the top 30 finalists. In April of 2015, the Sheriff's Office was notified that they are the recipients of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) "Employer of the Year Award".

It is through recognition that we owe the Veterans of the State of Maine a debt of gratitude and the determination to assist them, that the Sheriff's Office provides much deserved support. Nearly 30% of the Deputies and Corrections Officers are Veterans and through initiatives such as these they are allowed to continue to serve.

## Thanksgiving Baskets

*By Louise Schimke*

The Kennebec County Sheriff's Office along with the generous donations from employees and several area businesses was able to provide Thanksgiving dinner to 24 needy families within the County. Employee and community commitment has made

this possible for several years, providing a complete traditional Thanksgiving dinner to include a turkey, stuffing, rolls and dessert. Potatoes, squash and pumpkins locally grown and harvested by the Kennebec County Community Harvest program (Inmate Garden Project) were also part of each basket as a way of giving back to the community while providing hands-on experience and skill training to inmates of the Kennebec County Correctional Facility.



### *Kennebec County Sheriff's Office - Staff Support*

In addition to the Thanksgiving baskets, Kennebec County Sheriff's Office also delivered cranberry sauce and pies to Water Street Soup Kitchen in Augusta and Mid Maine Homeless Shelter in Waterville. The feedback and response received from the twenty-four families was a true reflection of the effort and dedication to the community around us.

## 'TANKSGIVING'

Members of the Kennebec County Sheriff's Office participated in B98.5's 14th Annual 'Tanksgiving' food drive held at both Shaw's and WalMart in Augusta. After the Maine Army National Guard announced they could not attend due to budget reductions, Sheriff Liberty designated officers to be at the two locations to assist with the many donations from the community businesses and store shoppers. Food and cash donations were delivered to the Augusta and Waterville Salvation Army as well as other area food banks.



*Sheriff Randall Liberty and B98.5 radio personality – Andy Capwell*

## KNOX COUNTY

### Knox County Update



*Sheriff Donna Dennison*

Donna Dennison is the Sheriff of Knox County, after having won her first election in 2006 and her bids for re-election in 2010 and 2014, becoming the first female Sheriff in the state of Maine and the first democratic sheriff in decades in Knox County. Sheriff Dennison grew up in the mid-coast area and has strong ties to the community. She is not a stranger to getting by with little and with that understanding she manages all aspects of patrol and corrections. Sheriff Dennison is a firm believer that working with the public and treating people with respect have the greatest of benefits. Sheriff Dennison is a strong believer in the fight against illegal drugs; supporting coordinated efforts between agencies and the public to extinguish this serious threat to our society. Sheriff Dennison's experience has taught her the importance of community policing and the important role the public plays in solving crimes.

Sheriff Dennison began her career in law enforcement with the Knox County Sheriff's Office in 1985 as a corrections officer at the Knox County Jail. Over the next 20 years she worked her way up through the various ranks from dispatcher, patrol deputy, patrol supervisor and then detective. Sheriff Dennison also taught DARE to 5th and 6th graders in local schools to instill the importance of drug use prevention to our children. She understands the role everyone plays and how to best accomplish goals due to her work experience in each position.

The Sheriff has worked hard to bring about positive change to the Office. She knows how important it is to have her employees be part of the organization. This includes the jail where the most liability can rear its ugly face. The jail must not be neglected. People need to be trained and appreciated for the work they do. The Sheriff has worked as a corrections officer herself so she knows first hand

what the job consists of and what the employees have to deal with. The guards will often see her in the jail sometimes more than other days but when time permits.



*Deputy Nate Jack, Sgt. John Palmer, Sgt. Lance Mitchell, C/D Tim Carroll, Sheriff Dennison with award recipients at the D.A.R.E. picnic.*

2014 was another busy year for the Knox County Sheriff's Office. Based on the increase of calls by 68% since 2009, the Sheriff's Office was approved to hire more personnel this year to relieve some of the burden on the staff that has been very busy insuring the safety of the residents of Knox County.



*Knox County Sheriff's Office Patrol and Criminal Investigation Division.*

Without necessary funding for resource officers, the Sheriff now has 3 deputies teaching D.A.R.E. in 9 of the schools in Knox County. The program has been very well received in the communities and especially by the kids. Sgt. John Palmer, Sgt. Lance Mitchell, and Deputy Nate Jack finish the program off with a large picnic for all the students and teachers at a local park. Almost 200 were students were in attendance.

This year the Maine Sheriffs' Association asked for their respective chiefs to work more on coordinated efforts for training and overall

## Naloxone Kits

*By Randall A. Liberty, Sheriff*

Starting in 2014, the Kennebec County Sheriff's Office was approached by Maine General Medical Center and asked to participate in a Naloxone Training program. The purpose of this program was to distribute Naloxone to deputies in order to provide the opportunity to save the life of a person in the throes of drug over dose. Working with many members of the medical and EMS community, our office was able to secure training, standard operating procedures utilizing best practices and supplies.

In February of 2015, Atlantic Health Partners/EMS provided training on the Naloxone kits to the whole patrol division. Deputies were provided the necessary literature and procedures in order to apply the kits effectively.

The Naloxone kits were provided by Maine General Medical Center and distributed to the deputies that day. The kits are easy to use, cost effective and shelf stable for up to two years. The Kennebec County Sheriff's Office became the first Law Enforcement Agency in the state to enact such a program. We are in hopes that other agencies will accept this program and join us in the effort to save lives. Opiate addiction in this state is ever increasing. The opportunity to save the life of someone in the community could be as easy as two hours of training and a Naloxone kit.



working together. At this point we now have Memorandum of Understanding with the four surrounding Counties of Lincoln, Waldo, Kennebec, and Sagadahoc. This better enables us to utilize each others resources and share in coordinated training efforts. It creates less duplication of efforts and less in expenditures to be able to call on each other for specialties, i.e. Taser, OC, EVOC, Active Shooter Instruction as well as Crash Reconstruction and Forensic Mapping specialties.

Deputies Nate Jack and Arthur Smith attended the "Federal Law Enforcement Training Center" in Glynco, Georgia this year to become "active shooter" instructors. They, along with two Deputies from Kennebec County, attended a week long course to enhance their training and bring back to share with other agencies. York County Sheriff's Office put them up for a couple of nights in order for all of York County Deputies to receive the unfortunate, but necessary training as it continues to be a threat across the country.

The Sheriff's office used funds from Federal forfeiture monies to purchase forensic mapping equipment and train four deputies on its application this year. With the uniqueness of some of the fatal crashes lately in Knox County, it has become more of a request from



*Deputies being trained on the "Total Station" for Forensic Mapping.*

the District Attorney's Office to have crash reconstructions and mapping on more scenes. Lt. Guerrette, Lt. Walker, Det. Burtis, and Deputy Pinkham have been trained as well as deputies from Penobscot County and an officer from Wilton P.D. on the total station. Deputy Paul Spear recently completed the three phases of Crash Reconstruction training and is working on his requirements to become certified.

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Sgt. Lance Mitchell was invited to the 2015 Lifesavers Conference on Highway Safety for his work on Child Passenger Safety in Chicago. Sgt. Mitchell has become a lead instructor in the State of Maine and dedicates a lot of his time training instructors and educating all on the necessity of Passenger Safety. Sgt. Mitchell authored a block of instruction for law enforcement officers to quickly identify and assist the public in gaining compliance of the Child Passenger Safety Laws. His block of instruction has now reached out to many other states in the nation, as far as Alaska and Nevada.

The Criminal Investigation Division has been extremely busy. Lt. Detective Reggie Walker has been accommodating many agencies with the polygraph for criminal and employment purposes. Det. Justin Twitchell has been tasked with a majority of the sex assault and child abuse cases in the County. Det. Dwight Burtis, (Honorable Mention, Deputy of the Year), has been assuring anything domestic violence related is followed through with convictions across county borders as well as state borders. Burtis' persistence ensured that one man was convicted federally for criminal threatening across State lines and has been sentenced to 3+ years in jail. Det. Don Murray is in charge of all other property crimes and for the year had recovered well over a quarter of a million dollars in property for the citizens of Knox County.



The Sheriff's Office stayed busy with many community outreach projects throughout the County. Chief Deputy Tim Carroll received "Hometown Hero" recognition and the Knox County "Rotary Person of the Year" for his volunteer work in the community as Past President of the Maine Lobster Festival and youth coach for a number of sports programs in the County. Deputies again participated in the "Torch Ride" to support

Maine's Special Olympics. The Honor Guard participated in many functions throughout the County as well.

Sheriff Dennison was elected for a third term this year by a significant margin over her challenger. Sheriff Dennison's sincerity, honesty, and respect for everyone gains her that respect in return. She has had another busy year concerning the jail. She was involved in many meetings weekly concerning the ongoing strain of population and funding for jail operations. Dennison worked closely with the other sheriffs of District 6 to have a combined MOU with the other Counties to provide Maine Pre-Trial services throughout the district that will allow a cost savings of being able to not have people in jail while awaiting trial. All sheriffs of the State of Maine having been working tirelessly regarding the jail consolidation efforts and what the future holds regarding who should ultimately run the jails overall. It truly is demonstrating that the Maine Sheriff's Association is what it says, "One Team. One Mission," and unified in their efforts.





## LINCOLN COUNTY

### Sergeant Jason Nein

In May of 2015 Sergeant Jason Nein of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office will conclude a two year assignment as a basic law enforcement training program cadre at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Vasselboro. The completion of this assignment continues a long tradition of Lincoln County



*Sergeant Jason Nein of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy*

Deputies who have participated in the training of new police officers in the State of Maine.

In addition to the more than 200 Municipal, State, and County law enforcement officers Sergeant Nein was involved in training during this most recent assignment, he has previously worked as a cadre during shorter assignments over the past 11 years training an additional 250 new officers.

Prior to beginning his assignments as a cadre, Sergeant Nein, began training new officers during week long assignments teaching emergency vehicle operations.

In addition to Sergeant Nein, the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office has committed to training new law enforcement officers in other areas. Sergeant Brendan Kane and Sergeant Alan Shea have been assigned at least twice a year for over 15 years to instruct basic firearms with Sergeant Kane currently holding the position of lead instructor for law enforcement officers who wish to be certified instructors with rifles.

Recently, Detective Jared Mitkus has received training and has begun using it to train new law enforcement officers in the mechanics of arrest and control. During this instruction, new law enforcement officers are taught methods and techniques necessary to protect themselves and place suspects into custody without the need of weapons and with the least amount of force necessary.

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### Lincoln County Creates Pilot Program For Animal Control

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office has contracted with 6 of its 16 towns to provide Animal Control services. The towns of Bremen, Bristol, Damariscotta, Jefferson, Waldoboro and Whitefield have all contracted with LCSO to provide ACO coverage for their towns. This project is being overseen by a committee consisting of Sheriff Brackett, County Commissioner Blodgett and a representative from each of the contracted towns.

LCSO has hired part-time personnel to provide this service. The ACO are all certified or due to be certified by the State as ACO's. The Director of Animal Welfare for the State of Maine, Liam Hughes, has assisted with the program by presenting a "basic" training seminar locally for our ACO's.

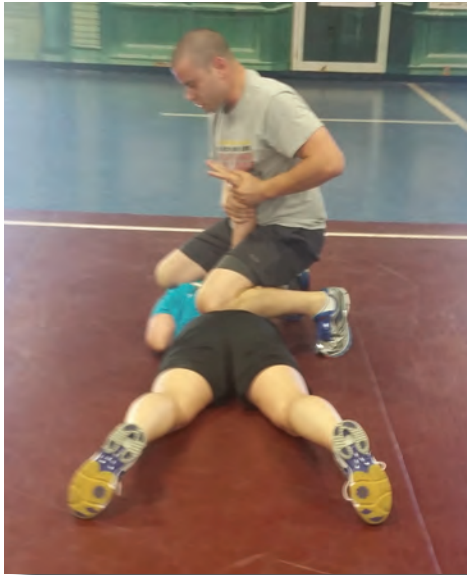
The ACO's will each be assigned primary towns of responsibility and also provide backup coverage in other towns when the primary ACO is unavailable. All calls for an ACO in these contract towns are received and dispatched through the Lincoln County Communications Center. In an emergency,

when no ACO is available, a deputy from LCSO or the local PD will respond. The Special Services Supervisor at LCSO oversees the project by reviewing calls, approving reports, and handling any personnel issues.

This project is beneficial to all involved. For the public, they no longer have to try to call a single ACO and wonder if they will be able to reach someone. They will always be able to speak with a communication officer and are assured to be promptly contacted concerning their complaint. For the towns, they can pool their resources and provide a higher quality public service while keeping costs minimal.

Finally, for law enforcement, this project provides oversight into complaints, responses and offenses. This project, ensures complaints are handled without delay and any charges needing to be filed are done so properly.

With other towns in Lincoln County expressing interest in this program, it is expected to expand in the near future.



Detective Jared Mitkus at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy

In addition to Detective Mitkus, Deputy Aaron Beck also begun instructing new law enforcement officers in the interactive use of force. During this training instructors train new law enforcement officers in the correct use of force by placing them in controlled situations while equipped with firearms altered to shoot paint type rounds.

Besides these deputies, the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office provides training when requested in other areas both locally and at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. The total hours of training provided by the men and women of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office often totals more than 500 hours each year.

Sheriff Todd Brackett's commitment to continuing this training tradition is strong. It is believed that by allowing deputies to train



Maine Criminal Justice Academy instructors

others frequently they will learn new techniques and keep their skills fresh. These same skills then can be used to train the men and women of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. "I'm a strong believer in training. I think training is one of the best opportunities to reduce liability and increase the opportunity for success in a job where failure is often not acceptable. My decision to support our tradition of training is one I hope to continue for a long time".  
-Sheriff Todd Brackett

## OXFORD COUNTY

### Oxford County Jail Use of Video Court

By Captain Edward M Quinn, Oxford County Jail Administrator



Oxford County Jail, continues to enjoy the benefits and efficiency of Video Technology for any court appearances that can be done using the video court connection.

Sheriff Wayne Gallant incorporated the equipment into the budgets in 2009, as Oxford County Jail transitioned into a (72)

# McAllister named Deputy of the Year for Maine

by Christopher Crosby, Staff Writer Sun Journal March 19, 2014

PARIS — An Oxford County Sheriff's deputy has been recognized as the best in the state by her colleagues.

Christina McAllister, 38, a resource officer for Regional School Unit 55 in Hiram, has been named Deputy of the Year by the Maine Sheriffs' Association for her work as an educational advocate.

"It's an honor. I'm still taking it all in. I couldn't have gotten it without my mother — she's the reason I am the way I am — or the people in the Sheriff's Department. They make me the way I am," McAllister said.

McAllister, a deputy since 2008, has worked in the schools for three years. She is the first woman and Oxford County deputy in memory to receive the honor, which she shares this year with Waldo County Deputy Nicholas Oettinger, according to Maine Sheriffs' Association Executive Director Mary-Anne LaMarre.

Oxford County Sheriff Wayne Gallant said all indications from the school indicate McAllister is an important deterrent to students dropping out of school.

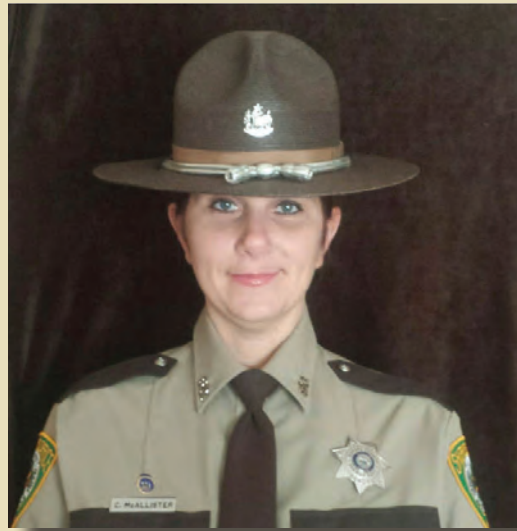
"She's well-loved by the kids in that school," Gallant said. "She makes us proud and represents the agency and uniform well."

McAllister's work involves interacting with more than 1,000 students between the district's five schools, which draw from Baldwin, Cornish, Hiram, Parsonsfield and Porter.

While always interested in a law enforcement, McAllister said she decided to have a family before launching into a career.

"I treat them like they're my own," she said. "I wouldn't do anything that I wouldn't to my own kids. They might not always like what I say, but I look out for them."

As problems at home have a tendency to spill over into school, this stratagem has a way of resonating with students,



*Christina McAllister*

she said. If she hears something, be it drama, social media, family problems, or failing grades, she'll share personal experiences with them, establishing a line of communication she hopes will build into trust, she said.

While loving her job, she said it's challenging to watch students go through dark patches in their life. More than anything, she tells them it's temporary, and tries to get them to see the light at the end of the tunnel, she said.

"Some of them aren't easy," McAllister said. "They've gone through tough times and see nothing but negative things. There's some it's taken a good year to establish trust with, but they know I'm not just a police officer trying to get information."

McAllister was given a plaque at an awards ceremony honoring law enforcement officers from a variety of fields in Portland.

hours facility. Noting, the use of the video was going to be the standard in SAFETY to the officers and offenders. The costs savings are easily recognized by savings in the logistics of transporting and travel.

Oxford County Jail reports to 4 courts, South Paris District, Oxford County Superior, Rumford District Court and Bridgton District court. The jail, located in South Paris, works primarily with the Paris courts, but those courts continue to be part-time, as there is no resident judge sitting all week, the schedules for the Counties courts creates a schedule for the judges to sit where needed and when.

Those days that the arrested offenders must be seen for the initial appearance, the schedule is Monday Wednesday and Friday. Those days if there is no sitting Justice in Paris, the jail, the clerks and the judges work together to locate an available judge to "connect" to the court.

The protocols established have worked and continue to work very well for everyone. The local attorney assigned as the lawyer of the day arrives when they have the complaints from the courts, usually an hour before the connection to the court is made. An available assistant district attorney will be present at the jail. The

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jail staff prepare the inmates to be seen, brought to the video court room. All will rise when the judge enters the court room, the very same as if at court.

The Attorney of the day will call offenders one by one to the podium to be heard. Discussion between the ADA, Attorney and judge takes place. Once completed, the offender is either taken back into the facility or remains seated until the end of court. A Corrections officer is always present with in the room to oversee the proceedings. Maine Pre-Trial services are there to address the court and answer questions or prepare for screenings of inmates who may be eligible for a conditional release.

Sheriff Gallant and myself work to find more usage of the video, it can be handled much easier than transporting offenders out of the facility. Retired Judge Paul Cote advised us that not only is this a costs savings measure, he wanted to reiterate the safety involved. He and others have worked with the jail many times, when an offender must be seen but due to security problems the offender would be seen via video, even if the court was in Paris. This is a safe secure environment. Corrections officers have the safest place to work within the jail in case of problems.

Communications with the justices, attorneys and court clerks are the key to the continued use of this video technology. Everyone in Oxford County work together to find efficiencies, willing to change procedures as needed.

As of April 30th 2015, video court has been held (174) times from the jail. A total of (697) offenders were seen without the video usage those 697 offenders would have been taken to available courts, depending on where that court was, either Lewiston, Rumford, Farmington or Bridgton. Considering the number of offenders on that particular day multiple officers would be required as well adding to costs.

Oxford County continues to work on more Video usage in a wider reach, Noting that Probate court here in South Paris has used the system 3 times thus far, Probate Judge Hanley actually holding his probate court in the jail video room, connecting to the prison system to handle some family matter courts where the offender was on the video from the corrections facility, Again the consideration in safety and logistics of travel. Showing how we "all work together".

We push to expand the use in many more aspects of the judicial system. We want to connect to state services for screenings of offenders, work continues to reach through the rules in place where the "offender" has always been transported to a location, we ask each time if the use of video can be used. Change is being made, and we push for more!

## PENOBSCOT COUNTY

### Sheriff Troy J. Morton



*Sheriff Troy J. Morton*

Sheriff Troy J. Morton was elected Sheriff in November of 2014, and assumed his new position in January 2015. Sheriff Morton's career with the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office expands more than 25 years. In 2003 Sheriff Morton was appointed Chief Deputy under Sheriff Glenn Ross. He began his career at the Sheriff's Office in 1988 when he was employed in the Corrections Division. He became a full time Corrections Officer in 1989, and then in 1992 was promoted to Corporal. In 1996 his career path brought him into the Law Enforcement Division. From 1996 until 2000 he served as a Patrol Deputy and Detective. In 2000 he was promoted to Patrol Supervisor.

### Chief Deputy William E. Sheehan



*Chief Deputy William E. Sheehan*

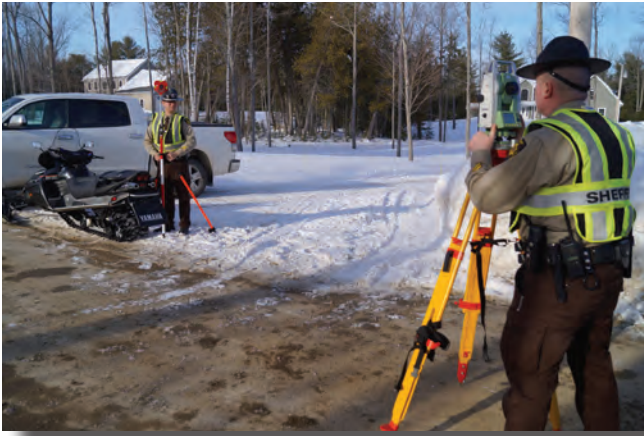
Chief Deputy William E. Sheehan was appointed Chief Deputy by Sheriff Troy J. Morton in January 2015. The Chief Deputy is the second in command of the entire agency and is directly responsible for the oversight of the law enforcement and civil divisions. Chief Deputy Sheehan began his career at the Sheriff's Office in 1994 when he was employed in the Corrections Division. In 1998, he was hired as a full-time Law Enforcement Officer with the Orono Police Department. In 2003 his career path brought him back to the Penobscot Sheriff's Office where he was employed as a Patrol Deputy. In 2007, he was promoted to the rank of Patrol Supervisor, one of three Patrol Supervisors.

### Penobscot County Sheriff's Office Expands Reconstruction Team

It is the mission of the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office to save lives and reduce injuries on our highways. With more than 2,300 miles of roads; and more than 4,800 reportable crashes throughout

Penobscot County in 2014, we understand the importance of highway safety.

In 2014 the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office investigated more than 990 reportable traffic crashes; including 9 fatal crashes. With an increased need for certified Reconstructionist and Forensic Mapping Deputies, our office expanded our team. With help from the Bureau of Highway Safety, Maine State Police and Knox County Sheriff's Office; we have enhanced our traffic crash investigative ability.



*Deputy Sheriff Edward Toulouse and Deputy Sheriff Ray Goodspeed*

Deputy Edward Toulouse and Deputy Christopher Watson are both certified in traffic crash reconstruction and forensic mapping. Deputy Ray Goodspeed is certified in forensic mapping and evidence collection. Along with assisting many agencies throughout the county, deputies investigated 4 fatal crashes, resulting in manslaughter charges.

It will always remain our intent to maintain safe highways through education, enforcement and voluntary compliance; however if a traffic crash occurs, the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office is prepared to provide professional investigations.

### **Penobscot County Sheriff's Office Continues to Provide Regional Booking Services to Law Enforcement**

The Penobscot County Sheriff's Office Corrections Division, provides regional booking services for all 15 law enforcement agencies throughout the county. With more than 5,700 admission into our facility in 2014, intake and booking are an essential part of our operations.

During the regional booking process; corrections officers provide intoxilyzer testing, digital finger printing, iris scan identification, digital photographing, bail processing and medical and mental health assessments.



*Corrections Officer Eden Pratt*



*Corrections Officer Sam Alley*



*Correction Supervisor Scott Basso*

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The regional booking process allows for a centralized and consistent approach to information collection. This concept also allows the arresting officer to quickly return to service. This has proven to be crucial, when it comes to the reduced staffing many law enforcement agencies are facing today.

It is the mission of Penobscot County Sheriff's Office Corrections Division to protect the citizens by operating a safe, secure, humane, and efficient corrections system. This mission includes providing the regional booking services, a crucial service to all law enforcement agencies throughout Penobscot County.

## PISCATAQUIS COUNTY

### Biography of Sheriff John J. Googin

After serving four years in the US Navy, including being decorated for his service in Vietnam, John joined the Piscataquis County Sheriff's Office in 1971. At that time he was the first full time criminal investigator ever hired by our county. In 1973 he was promoted to Sgt, in 1975 he was assigned as the special investigator for the DA's Office. In 1976 he became the Chief Deputy and attended the FBI Academy, graduating in 1977.

Over the next 13 years he continued to live in Guilford, where he raised his family and was active on the school board. As Chief, he continued to investigate cases and earned a reputation as a stalwart investigator. His passion was burglary cases and he pursued those with abandon, but he also became very good at investigating child abuse cases.

When the long time Sheriff Frank Murch retired, John ran for the open seat and was easily elected in 1990. He hasn't looked back from that first election. As Sheriff he's served on the Governor's Domestic Violence Task Force, the Dorothea Dix [BMHI] quality control board and is a founding member of the Maine Sheriff's Association.

During his tenure as Sheriff he's implemented a take home cruiser policy to allow faster on-call response, brought the department into the digital age, instituted an ambitious training policy, ensured that each full time deputy has a law enforcement specialty, and continued to operate an efficient jail and dispatch center.

Piscataquis County Sheriff's Office is the county hub of public safety, providing dispatch services for every police, fire, and EMS service, dispatching Operation Game Thief for the Maine Warden Service and Marine Patrol, and being a point of contact for the many snowmobile groomers and north woods roads check gates.

Piscataquis County is the only federally designated wilderness area east of the Mississippi. It presents a law enforcement challenge because of the very rural nature and sparse population. Sheriff Goggin accepted the challenge 44 years ago and is still passionate

about the folks of Piscataquis County. His current projects include securing a new Sheriff's Office that will serve the patrol and investigation division.

## SAGADAHOC COUNTY

### Sagadahoc Sheriff's Office has Progressive Firearms Training

Like technology, firearms training is an ongoing, ever changing aspect of a law enforcement officers duties. This is the result of a number of factors, including but not limited to; new developments in weaponry, advanced training techniques, case law, and even current events. No longer is it adequate for deputy sheriffs to go to a qualifying range once or twice a year and hit a target or score a 70 or better in a course of fire.

Allowing deputies to train at a high level of proficiency is both safety conscious and litigiously responsible, particularly in this day and age. This is why more and more sheriffs, as well as other law enforcement administrators are seeking more progressive training programs.

The Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office put together a Special Response Unit about twelve years ago. The unit received some good quality training at the time and increased their marksmanship immensely. The agency invested heavily in new equipment and training. This became the foundation for our current training program. However, maintaining a "tact team" was expensive and when budgets tightened following the recession in 2008-2009, we needed to find ways to do more with less.

For a small agency like Sagadahoc County S.O. to maintain a tact team it became increasingly difficult to justify the cost associated with training, i.e., overtime, practice ammo, scheduling, etc. In reviewing how many times the team was needed or used, the answer became quite clear. Coupled with the fact that the Maine State Police, as well as neighboring police departments had trained and equipped tact teams, it was decided to disband the team and rely on mutual aid in situations that needed the specialized unit.

However, as is so often with change, an opportunity presented itself. The agency still had a number of deputies that wanted to continue to train at a high level. We had very competent, skilled firearms instructors. We had good equipment. So, we examined what overall firearms training program could and should look like.

There was one thought that kept reoccurring. Deputies working in rural patrol settings need to have better than average skills in almost every aspect of law enforcement, because often times they are the only one on scene and their backup could be many, many minutes away. This particularly holds true in use of force encounters. So the plan became to make all our deputies better marksmen and better mentally prepared.

The Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Office has twenty-three

full-time deputies and a handful of part-time law enforcement deputies. The agency has four full-time deputies and one part-time deputy that is trained as a Maine Criminal Justice Academy certified firearms instructor. Having that expertise makes it easy to establish a progressive firearms training program.

Under the leadership of Cpl. Aaron Skolfield and Det. Chad Carleton, the agency has a monthly training day. Every month there is a certain aspect of use of force or advanced shooting that is worked on. Every month the training is different. Inside, outside, range, motor vehicles, emergency medical procedures, the topics go on and on. Deputies are required to attend a minimum of two of the monthly trainings, in addition to their annual qualifications and night fire quals. By and large, for the most part, deputies show up for numerous monthly trainings. The program has been successful.

In addition, the agency undertook a plan to upgrade all patrol rifles so that everyone was using the same weapon. We replaced out of date M-14 carbine rifles with new Bushmaster AR-15 patrol rifles. In addition, through the use of some drug forfeiture funds, all these rifles were outfitted with Aimpoint Pro Patrol Rifle Optics.

The agency continues upgrade weapons as we now have a program where we are changing out our service weapons. The program allows us to trade in three of our used Glock 40 caliber handguns each year for brand new ones. Because there is a trade-in, our end cost is approximately \$150 per weapon. This ongoing program allows us to upgrade over time and not have to worry about costly weapon repairs and large capital replacement costs down the road.

The agency also has deputies who train with .12 gauge shotguns and even a sniper rifle. Two of the shotguns are capable of firing less lethal bean-bags.

But, back to the training. With good equipment and opportunities to train, deputies are challenged to increase their skill level. This is pleasing to an administrator because it could reduce the liability around a use of force incident. It also builds the confidence of the individual deputy, who in turn, if he feels confident will likely be safer and make more rational and sound decisions. Important when you're all alone in a rural setting, facing a contentious situation.

With the assistance of Byrne-JAG grant funding, the Sagadahoc County S.O. has been able to purchase simulation equipment that allows the agency to conduct multi-jurisdictional training programs around active shooter scenarios. In each of the last two years the agency has sponsored free training to all agencies in Sagadahoc County on use of force and up-to-date active shooter training. The training has been conducted in various school buildings and consist of not only scenarios, but classroom instructions and video review and critiques.

The development of a vibrant and progressive firearms training program has exposed our deputies to a number of skill building techniques and evaluations. It has made them better at what they do, and it's made them more confident and thus safer.

In addition, to prove the point, Cpl Skolfield and Det. Carleton won the 2014 First Annual MSA Don Shawn R. Donahue "shooting star" competition. That's confidence!

## SOMERSET COUNTY

### Chief Deputy James F. Ross



*Chief Deputy James F. Ross*

Chief Ross was appointed Chief Deputy on December 29, 2014. Chief Ross is a retired Lieutenant with the Maine Warden Service. Chief Ross spent 21 years with the Warden Service. His different assignments included the first Director of Internal Affairs, he was a Division Commander, and was the Director of the Recreational and Safety Division. Chief Ross spent 10 years as the Domestic Violence Investigator for Somerset County and three years as the Detective for the Skowhegan Police Department. Chief Ross is married and has two adult sons, both in law enforcement.

### Major Cory Swope



*Major Cory Swope*

Major Swope was promoted to the Somerset County Jail Administrator position on July 1, 2014. Major Swope had been the Assistant Jail Administrator since the Jail opened in October 31, 2008. Major Swope is a native of Pennsylvania. He graduated from Shippensburg University in Pennsylvania with a BS in Criminal Justice, attended Graduate School at Shippensburg

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University for Administration of Justice, worked in the Treatment Department at Franklin County Jail in Pennsylvania from 2002-2007 -Co-Chaired the Transition Team for the new Franklin County Jail, Pennsylvania, from 2005-2007 -Was hired as the Assistant Jail Administrator of the new Somerset County Jail, Maine, in 2007 - served as a member of the Somerset County Jail Transition Team prior to the jail opening in 2008



*Deputy David Cole, Deputy Cole was awarded our Officer of the Year for 2014*



*Our newest Deputies: Deputy Ronnie Blodgett, Deputy Toby Blodgett, and Deputy Brian Crater*

## WALDO COUNTY

### Waldo County Update

The Waldo County Sheriff's Office covers a patrol area of 853 square miles, including 26 towns, and a population of 38,786 as of the 2010 census. At any given time, they are engaged in a call share agreement with the Maine State Police

rotating every 2 weeks with the Sheriff's Office patrolling 2 of 3 designated zones and the Maine State Police covering the remaining zone.

The agency is headed, of course, by the Sheriff and Chief Deputy; the patrol section of the Waldo County Sheriff's Office consists of a Lieutenant, 2 Sergeants, 2 Detectives, and 11 Patrol Deputies in a full time capacity, supplemented, at this time, by 3 reserve Patrol Deputies. To be consistent with the goal of the most professional agency possible, they understand training is necessary and required to achieve this standard. Listed below are a few of the trainings the Sheriff's Office has recently been involved with:

### TCCC

The Sheriff's Office patrol section is always looking at different ways to better prepare them for their jobs of keeping the citizens of Waldo County safe and secure. In keeping with this philosophy, the Sheriff's Office participated in Tactical Combat Critical Care training made available through the Waldo County Emergency Management Agency. The training taught Deputies how to prioritize, treat, and evacuate casualties in a high threat environment. The training was also offered to Emergency Medical and Fire Department personnel and several County agencies took advantage of the training.



Through this training, the Waldo County Sheriff's Office was able to identify emergency care equipment needed by Patrol Deputies when they respond to calls where they are the first to arrive where immediate emergency medical care is required. The equipment was able to be obtained for the Deputies through grant monies obtained by the Waldo County Emergency Management Agency. The equipment is now carried by all Patrol Deputies in Waldo County and will better prepare them for the responses they may be called to.



## EVOC

The Waldo County Sheriff's Office sponsored an Emergency Vehicle Operations Course at the Winterport Speedway where several Law Enforcement Agencies from around the state participated. Motor vehicle accidents severely injure and kill more Law Enforcement officers every year than anything else they encounter so this training is extremely important for the officers as well as for the people they encounter in their duties. The training was conducted over a 2 day period covering high speed and control maneuvers. Students ranged from new Law Enforcement officers learning essential skills to experienced officers wanting to enhance and refresh previously learned skills. This training has a dual benefit as the instructors get to pass on their skills and experience as well as practice their skills and the students take the learned skills back to their agencies to safely serve the people of the communities they work in. Due to the success of the training, the Sheriff's Office is looking to conduct this training again next year.



## Active Shooter/Mass Casualty Exercise

In June, the Waldo County Sheriff's Office participated in an Active Shooter/Mass Casualty exercise conducted by the Waldo County Emergency Management Agency at the Mount View complex in Thorndike. This training brought together Waldo County Fire Department, Emergency Medical, and Law Enforcement personnel



to train on Mass Casualty reaction and response. Also involved in the exercise, were the Regional Control Center, Maine State Police, as well as the Waldo County General Hospital.

The training consisted of several meetings to work through response issues that ultimately occur when several agencies with different training and goals respond to the same incident, such as communications, security, and command structure. While it is impossible to account for every incident or situation, trainings such as this help to identify problem areas and establish solutions to major issues so that if a response to an incident becomes necessary, they will be better prepared to bring it to the best possible conclusion.

The agencies able to take advantage of this training, learned how best to work together and what to expect from one another in a Mass Casualty incident in Waldo County. These responders now have the luxury of knowing what to do, what to expect from reach other, and how best to work together before an incident has occurred; significantly enhancing the likelihood of success should a response to a Mass Casualty incident become necessary. The training proved invaluable and the Waldo County Sheriff's Office looks forward to future training such as this to help prepare them in any responses where they are needed.

This is just a sampling of the training the Sheriff's Office participates in to maintain and enhance the quality of service and professionalism afforded the citizens of Waldo County from their deputies. The deputies understand the need to be active and involved citizens of the community, serving as selectmen, masons, landlords, scout leaders, volunteer firemen, National Guardsmen, neighbors, and family members outside of their service as Deputy Sheriffs. The vast majority of the population of Waldo County may never encounter these fine members of the community in a professional capacity; it is much more likely that they will know them from their community involvement. This additional

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participation in the communities they serve, helps to identify with the needs of those communities and better serve them in the most efficient and professional manner possible.

The last year has been busy but successful and the Sheriff's Office is looking forward to the upcoming challenges that lay ahead. You can rest assured knowing they will be working hard to continue to serve the citizens of Waldo County in the most professional, safe, and responsive manner that they can.



## WASHINGTON COUNTY



*Sheriff of Washington County Barry Curtis*

Former State Trooper Barry Curtis was missing the law enforcement life a year ago when he decided to run for Sheriff of Washington County. These days he's got his hands full, and he's loving every minute of it.

Curtis won the 2014 election, ousting incumbent Donnie Smith who had held the office for eight years. True to his pre-election sentiments about being excited, Curtis began his duties on January 1, disregarding the holiday. Surrounded by a few staff members, Curtis spent some time familiarizing himself with making his way

around the office. "I didn't even know how to use the phone to make a call," Curtis says. "Plunging right into the job was the only way to do it, and I wanted to start out right. Coming in on New Year's Day made it so I felt ready to start tackling problems on January second."

Problems abound in Washington County, but Curtis knows in which areas he wants to focus. Drug abuse, public safety, and agency cooperation are the big three for the foreseeable future. Curtis identifies drug issues as needing "serious attention, as [they] continue to lead to increases in related crimes." The Washington County Sheriff's Office currently has one deputy detailed to work with the MDEA. This arrangement seems to be working well, and the deputies who have been detailed to MDEA appear to enjoy the new challenges.

Public safety goes hand-in-hand with just about any crime. Curtis, who grew up in Cherryfield and attended Narraguagus High School, is concerned with the safety of all citizens. "Each section of society deals with its own issues," he notes. He worries about young people having access to education – not just in public schools, but about the dangers that they face outside of school hours. "From drugs to driving too fast, our kids have all kinds of obstacles stacked against them." There are, however, bright spots. "The schools do a great job," Curtis notes. "One of the things that we are looking forward to is finding a rhythm to our schedule so more deputies have time to swing into the schools to say hello to the kids. When the deputies can visit the kids in an environment where they feel safe, it helps build good relationships in the community."

And building relationships is the third major point in Curtis' approach to being Sheriff. Curtis says that he feels the best way to work with the people he serves is to "be accessible and approachable." Relationship building encompasses everything from making victims of domestic violence feel safe, to having a strong working agreement with other law enforcement agencies. It means taking the time to listen to those who have been targets of elder abuse, as well as improving communications between patrol, the jail, and the Regional Communications Center.

All in all, Curtis feels that "it is all coming together quicker" than he thought it was going to. He says pride has been restored to the office and the team mentality is improving every day.

Curtis feels that he was a good Trooper because of lessons he learned growing up in Cherryfield. He learned that, if he got to know people, he would understand them better. He was also taught to respect others and treat them the way he wanted to be treated in turn. He hasn't forgotten those lessons, nor the advantages they gave him. In fact, he's brought that wisdom to the Sheriff's Office with him.

## WALDO COUNTY CORRECTIONS DIVISION

*By Major Raymond Porter*



Waldo County's, Maine Coastal Regional Reentry Center (MCRRC), experienced extraordinary results this past year, proving once again that our thirty two bed men's reentry center is a cost effective, proactive approach to reducing jail populations while providing solid, responsible, long term solutions to overall public safety as it strengthens our communities.

Fifty one inmates committed themselves, this past year, to the effective and innovative programming offered at MCRRC, significantly reducing their likelihood of re-offense. Despite the many day to day struggles they often faced, they each immersed themselves in at least one hundred hours of evidence based groups and classes that the center has to offer, actively challenging their antisocial attitudes and beliefs.

A major responsibility that MCRRC's residents accept is giving back to their community and paying it forward. Their accomplishments in the community this past year is a true testament of the enormous value and good sense it is to have centers like MCRRC throughout our communities. This past year, these men gave over 6,000 hours of community service to our many local partners in Waldo County, paid over \$15,000 in restitution to their victims and fines to the courts, and contributed over \$26,000 in room and board. Additionally, residents that are required to make child support payments must satisfy those requirements during their stay. This past year, Waldo County received data from the Maine Department of Health and Human Services regarding child support payments showing that since 2010, fifty seven residents have made payments totaling \$171,934.

Waldo County Commissioner William Shorey has dedicated his heart, and soul to the MCRRC garden/farm making each year a remarkable success. Despite an unusually tough growing season last year, our garden produced and supplied 25,000 pounds

of fresh produce to the tables of those in need, including food pantries, soup kitchens, churches, numerous other nonprofits, and our own program. Calculated at just \$1.88 per pound, this harvest equaled \$47,000 worth of produce. Although we are always amazed and excited about the enormous yield that comes out of that garden, we also recognize the great amount of personal growth that is occurring within the lives of these young men as they spend countless, life enriching hours with this great man.

In our final review and assessment of this past year in corrections, we are left with a strong sense of pride for our corrections professionals that truly make up the cornerstone of our success. Our corrections officers, most of which have been in our agency for at least ten years, have committed themselves to the unusual and sometimes confusing demands of running a very busy seventy two hour hold jail, while operating a mentally demanding reentry center.

This year, aside from booking in 1,185 arrestees, and performing the traditional correctional duties that are associated with this field, our staff, along with our Volunteers of America partners, continued to expand their knowledge and actively apply the "Eight Evidence Based Principles of Effective Interventions" (NIC) in addressing and effectively reducing criminogenic behavior within the population we serve.

In looking back over this past year, we are very pleased with our outcomes and as always, we seek to strengthen those areas that will only increase our effectiveness. As our agency continues to move progressively forward, we embrace the many challenges that still stand in our future, knowing that it is within these challenges that our greatest growth and achievements are waiting to be born.

## YORK COUNTY

### As Maine goes, so goes the Nation!

By Sheriff Bill King



Photo by Lauren Hrubowchak, Cumberland County Sheriff's Office

In the last issue of Sheriff Magazine, I submitted an article about the Maine Sheriffs Association (MSA) pro-active approach to continue the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) "Drug Take Back" Program. As you may remember, the DEA decided to discontinue the National Initiative in 2014. Having experienced the success of the program, the sixteen Maine Sheriffs decided to lead the effort statewide. The result was an outstanding success.

Maine's Sheriffs realize how important the Drug Take Back program is to maintain Maine's clean environment and get unused medication, often an incentive for burglaries, disposed of properly. After the success of the statewide "Drug Take Back" program on April 25, MSA planned to keep the program active in Maine.

However, it appears that some lawmakers throughout the country were equally concerned about the program's demise, and on May 20, several United States Senators wrote to Attorney General Loretta Lynch urging the DEA to restart the program. A bipartisan letter, signed by Senators Ed Markey (MA), Kelley Ayotte (NH), Chuck Schumer (NY), Sherrod Brown (OH), Shelley Capito, Joe Manchin (WV), Diane Feinstein (CA), Chuck Grassley (IA) and Orin Hatch (UT) was sent to AG Lynch.

## Fallen Officer Memorial May 2015



Photos by Ben Wheeler Photography



On July 13, 2015, DEA Acting Administrator Chuck Rosenberg reinstated the national drug take back day and scheduled the next collection for September 26, 2015. Maine's DEA Resident Agent in Charge, Michael Wardrop, contacted the MSA and in a kindly worded email, stated he "... recognized that the MSA has taken the lead [in the Drug Take Back] and partnered with other organizations to maximize the effort in Maine." RAC Wardrop sought input as to how DEA may support the MSA initiative.

MSA President Joel Merry invited Wardrop to be an equal partner in this important initiative because the MSA simply wants the job done, no matter who is in charge or what agency attains recognition.

Maine's Senator Angus King has stated, "Prescription drug abuse and dependency is a serious problem in Maine, which is why ensuring that expired or unused medications are disposed of properly and safely is so important. Not only does disposing of unneeded medications help prevent abuse, but it can also save lives." When the Senator learned about the collaboration between DEA and the MSA, he stated, "I am pleased the DEA has resumed the Drug Take Back program nationwide, and I commend the Maine Sheriffs Association for recognizing the significance of the initiative by continuing it even through the federal mandate had expired. Their dedication and resolve to maintain this program helps make our state safer."

## Maine Sheriffs' Association Awards Two Scholarships in 2015

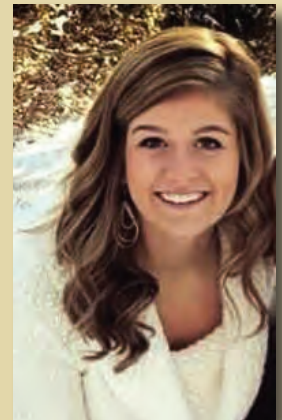
Sheriff Joel Merry, President of the Board of Directors for the Maine Sheriffs Association, announced that the Association awarded two \$1,000 scholarships for the 2015-2016 academic year to undergraduate students from the State of Maine.

The MSA scholars were selected on the basis of academic merit, financial need, and essay submissions. Applicants must have an immediate family member employed within one of Maine's sixteen county sheriffs' offices.

"The Maine Sheriffs strive to find ways to support Maine's youth," says Sheriff Merry, "supporting these bright young adults as they pursue their career goals is a priority for all Maine sheriffs."

Selected from applications from across the state, the two winners are:

**Casey Carroll:** Casey is the daughter of Knox County Chief Deputy Tim Carroll. With an anticipated career goal of Pediatric Physician's Assistant, Casey's essay, "*Respect for the Thin Blue*



*Casey Carroll*

*Line*" tells of the many hats her father wears in law enforcement.

"I would always listen in admiration about my dad's super-hero like talents of catching the bad guys." Casey goes on to tell the story of her dad getting the call that her best friend was killed in an automobile accident at 17. Casey will continue her studies at Franklin Pierce in the fall.

**Emma Fournier:** Emma is the daughter of Androscoggin Corrections Officer Martin Fournier. Emma is pursuing an undergraduate degree in pre-med & medical biology and submitted her essay on the topic of domestic violence. She describes pop-culture glorification of domestic violence through the novels of "*Fifty Shades of Grey*" and "*The Twilight Saga*". She writes, "Instead of emphasizing a healthy relationship to the millions of viewers, teenage girls in particular; these movies portray a false ideal for an adult relationship." Emma will be attending UNE in the fall.



*Emma Fournier*

*Scholarships are made available in part to the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. William Zierden.*

### Maine Sheriffs' Association Membership

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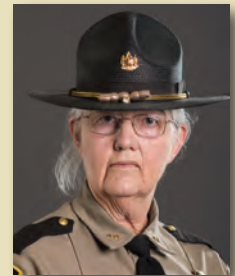
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