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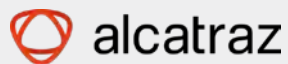
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President's Message

from Douglas County
Sheriff Chris Degase

LOOKING BACK WITH APPRECIATION, FORWARD WITH EXPECTATION



As I reflect on my time serving as the president of the Missouri Sheriff's Association, I am filled with immense gratitude and pride. It has truly been an honor to work alongside such dedicated and passionate law enforcement professionals across our great state.

Throughout my tenure, I have witnessed firsthand the unwavering commitment of our sheriffs to uphold the law, protect our communities, and ensure the safety of our citizens. It has been a privilege to collaborate with you and your departments, and I am continually inspired by your leadership and dedication. Together, we have faced numerous challenges, innovated our approaches, and strived for excellence in every aspect of our service.

The strong presence of the sheriff's office in Jefferson City has significantly bolstered our efforts and strengthened the overall function of law enforcement. Through active engagement and collaboration with legislators, we have successfully advocated for several key bills that enhance not only the resources available to our deputies but also the overall safety of our community.

I am proud of what we have accomplished together, but it is essential to recognize that our work is far from finished. The challenges facing law enforcement are evolving, and we must continue to adapt and grow together. I am confident that with our strong foundation of communication and camaraderie, the Missouri Sheriff's Association is well equipped to meet the future head-on.

As I step away from my role as president, I leave with fond memories and invaluable lessons learned from each of you. Thank you for your support, your collaboration, and your unwavering commitment to serve and protect. It has been a privilege to lead, and I look forward to seeing how our association will continue to thrive and evolve in the years to come.

Warm regards,

Douglas County Sheriff Chris Degase

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INCOMING
President's
Message from Audrain County
Sheriff Matt Oller



*'There is strength
in unity, and my
goal for my year
as president is
to make sure
Missouri's sheriffs
stay united...'*

CARRYING FORTH THE MISSION

Let me introduce myself. My name is Matt Oller, and I'm the Audrain County Sheriff. I have spent 32 years in this career field, and except for a very short time, I have always worked for a sheriff. The office of sheriff is near and dear to my heart, and I believe it should be to yours as well.

Sheriffs are your law enforcement representatives, chosen directly by you at the ballot box. In a nutshell, we are you. We are your neighbors, members of your church congregations, and parents whose kids go to school with your kids. We shop in the same grocery stores and care deeply about our communities. Chances are, you either know your sheriff or have seen him or her around town. We aren't far-away politicians you only see in television ads.

There are 114 counties in Missouri, and as the incoming Missouri Sheriffs' Association president, I'm proud of Missouri's sheriffs and our Association. Over the past decade, I have watched previous MSA leaders and sheriffs across our state do what sheriffs do best: step up, make tough decisions and move the Association forward.

The belt buckle on the Great Seal of Missouri says it all: "United We Stand, Divided We Fall." There is strength in unity, and my goal during my year as president is to help ensure Missouri's sheriffs stay united while continuing to build a long-term roadmap for the future of the MSA.

Along with all the other responsibilities sheriffs carry, one of the most important things we can do is stay focused on issues that benefit all Missourians and protect the office of sheriff as a trusted, elected representative people can count on.

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Lewis County

The Lewis County Sheriff's Office was presented with the Show-Me Zero Award, which recognizes individuals or agencies from each coalition region that have taken steps to significantly improve highway safety. Sheriff David Parrish said the award reflects "the daily commitment of our deputies, law enforcement partners, ambulance service, and fire departments to protect the lives of those who travel our roadways. This commitment is a shared responsibility with our community, and we are grateful to have zero fatalities in 2025. We must continue to work together as a community to keep our roads safe."



Caldwell County

Deputy Tina Vessar was presented with a Letter of Commendation for actions taken that saved the lives of 21 animals at Hide-away Lakes.



Ralls County

In March, Sheriff Brian Allen presented Deputy Jayden Sutton with a commendation for actions taken on Christmas Day, 2025. The sheriff said Deputy Sutton "put himself in danger to deploy stop sticks on Hwy 19 in Center to stop a semi-truck driver who was fleeing from the Missouri State Highway Patrol. I am proud of Deputy Sutton and all of our deputies as they do their best to keep Ralls County safe."



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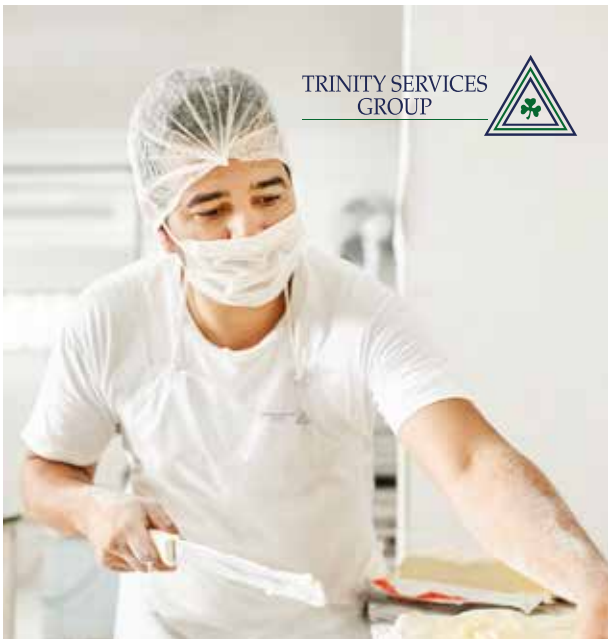
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Clay County

1 Seventeen school resource deputies with the Clay County Sheriff's Office serve the North Kansas City School District. Earlier this year, Deputy Chase Blatt was honored for actions that potentially saved a student's life. Deputy Blatt heard someone crying at the top of a three-story stairwell and hurried up the steps to see a student gazing down and saying they wanted to harm themselves. The deputy pulled the student into an empty classroom nearby and called for a counselor and an administrator. The student later told school staff that if the deputy hadn't come when he did, they would have jumped.

"Policing in schools can be very different than on patrol. It involves far more mentorship, crisis intervention, and de-escalation. We thank Deputy Blatt and all of our school resource deputies for making a positive change in the lives of students every day," Sheriff Will Akin said.

2 The Clay County Sheriff's Office was awarded national accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies in the Communications program. This required the 911 Communications Center to meet more than 200 standards in accordance with professionally recognized criteria for excellence in management and service delivery.

"Our dispatch staff has done an outstanding job ensuring our agency is following the best practices available to provide the best possible service to our community," Sheriff Will Akin said. "They are the very first responders, and this accreditation is a testament to their professionalism and dedication." The Sheriff's Office now has CALEA accreditation for both communications and law enforcement. It also has earned Tier 1 accreditation from the National Institute of Jail Operations.

3 & 4 At the Employee Recognition Banquet in April, Business Partner of the Year and Citizens of the Year were recognized. Sheriff Will Akin said that while not technically a business, Pleasant Valley Baptist Church in Liberty has become one of the sheriff's office's most impactful community partners, repeatedly providing free use of their grounds for

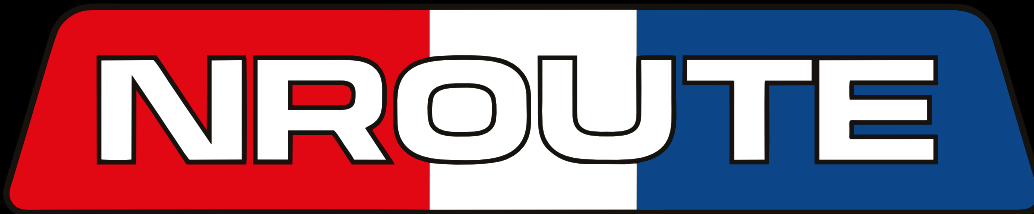


community events like Trunk or Treat and free community shredding events, which allow them to build public trust and support for the sheriff's office.

Aaron and Misty Bridge, members of the Clay County Sheriff Citizens Alumni, were recognized as Citizens of the Year. The sheriff said they are their most consistent volunteers, showing up at nearly every CCSO community event, donating photography skills, and assisting with fundraising for the Citizens Academy Alumni Association. "The Bridges' unwavering dedication has increased community support for the sheriff's office and raised morale among its staff," the sheriff said.

Numerous staff members, including Deputies Kerekes, Ubben, and Ranne, were also recognized. The three deputies responded to a crash where a woman was trapped and hanging upside down, held in by her seatbelt. Deputy Kerekes held the woman, stabilizing her spine, until she could be cut out of the car while the other deputies took control of the scene.





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Crawford County

The Crawford County Sheriff's Office recognized Deputy Jeremiah Ward as Employee of the 1st Quarter for 2026.

Sheriff Darin Layman said Deputy Ward "exemplifies the highest standards of law enforcement through proactive patrol, sound judgment, and a steadfast commitment to public safety. Whether responding to calls for service, engaging with the community, or supporting fellow deputies, he consistently demonstrates professionalism, integrity, and reliability. Deputy Ward's work ethic and dedication to duty reflect the core values of this Office and set the standard for others to follow."



Lafayette County

Hero Fund USA presented members of the Lafayette County Sheriff's Office S.W.A.T. Team with 10 ballistic helmets, which Sheriff Aaron Dye said strengthen the officers' ability to respond effectively to high-risk situations. Pictured are members of the Lafayette County S.W.A.T. Team along with HFUSA PIO Tony Stevens.



Pulaski County

Detective JD Jordan (pictured on right with Sheriff Stacy Ball) and Waynesville PD Officer Player were each presented with a Life Saving Award for actions taken in January on a call with a mentally unstable individual armed with a gun and a knife. Sheriff Stacy Ball said both Officer Player and Detective Jordan kept their composure and relied on their training to deescalate the situation, convincing the person to put down the gun. He said the men then, "without regard to their own lives, were able to get the knife out of his hands and get him into handcuffs. This situation could have very easily ended with a different outcome. It ended with the best possible outcome with these two LEO's going home to their families safely, and this gentleman getting taken to the hospital to get the help he needed."



Iron County

At their employee banquet and awards presentation, Deputy Cory Coffman (left) was named Deputy Sheriff of the Year, and Jail Administrator Mike Cavenar (right) was named Jailer of the Year. Sheriff Chuck Helton said he appreciates his staff for their hard work and dedication.

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Cass County

In late April Sheriff Jeff Weber recognized deputies and civilian employees who earned quarterly awards, including anniversary recognitions, promotions, observations, and a special recognition for Cpl. Mapes who received the Cpt. Davidson Lifetime Achievement Award.



Stoddard County

In March, Deputy Michael Harvey was named 2026 Peace Officer of the Year by the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment, an organization for professionals in the housing and community development industry. Each year, they honor law enforcement professionals who foster trust, collaboration, and safety within communities and who “go beyond traditional duties to support residents and enhance the quality of life in housing and redevelopment areas.”



Clinton County

At the annual Missouri Public Safety Communications Committee conference and awards banquet, Stacey Ashby was recognized as the Supervisor of the Year. Sheriff A.J. Carrel said his entire office is aware of the work Supervisor Ashby does for Clinton County. “She is very dedicated and, since being named supervisor, she has exemplified what it means to be a true professional and leader. Our dispatchers are the ‘first’ first responders, and having a leader like Stacey ensures our citizens and deputies are in the best hands possible. This statewide recognition is a testament to her hard work and commitment to excellence.”



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Stone County

Deputy Ethan Newbold was named Deputy of the Quarter for 2026. Sheriff Doug Rader, right, said Deputy Newbold is an “outstanding member of the sheriff's office.” Deputy Rader was nominated for the recognition by a dispatcher who participated in a ride-along. The dispatcher wrote that Deputy Newbold handled each call with professionalism, courtesy, and respect, motivating the dispatcher to pursue a career in law enforcement, adding, “I witnessed Deputy Newbold’s commitment firsthand when our dispatch system went down. He stepped in without hesitation, dispatching via radio from his vehicle and assisting wherever needed. His willingness to support dispatch during a critical time speaks volumes about his character and teamwork.” Also pictured is Cpl. Faith Houghton, the inspiration behind the Deputy of the Quarter.



Christian County

Patricia Ramage was recently named Employee of the Quarter. Sheriff Brad Cole said she was nominated not only for her consistent professionalism and dedication in her daily responsibilities, but also for the impact she makes beyond her role, adding, “She played a key part in organizing donations and supporting fundraising efforts for the Christian County Deputy Sheriff’s Association in honor of our fallen deputies, all while maintaining a positive attitude. Her commitment, compassion, and strong work ethic truly set her apart and make her well deserving of this recognition.”



Jefferson County

Sheriff Dave Marshak congratulated Kayla Kline, the sheriff’s office’s first civilian crime scene investigator, on completion of the intensive 10-week basic crime investigation course in Knoxville, Tennessee. Prior to the forensic academy, Kline, who has a bachelor’s degree in Cell and Molecular Biology and a minor in Chemistry, spent several months training locally, learning alongside the department’s most tenured crime scene investigators. Her goal is to one day transition into the forensic crime lab to work in biology/DNA.

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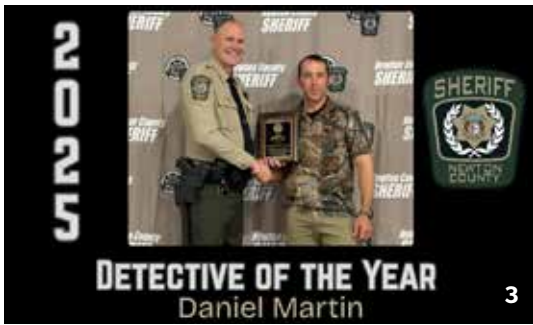
At their Award Banquet, held earlier this year and made possible by donations from Certified Express Inc. and Black Rain Ordnance Inc., Sheriff Matt Stewart recognized several staff members.



1 Deputy Will Weiser, who led the department with 116 arrests, was named Deputy of the Year. “But Deputy Weiser isn’t just proactively making arrests, he is empathetic in his service to the community. In August he came across a man and two small children living in their car at a truck stop. Deputy Weiser bought the family food and water, made arrangements for them to get shelter and gathered donations for clothing for the kids,” Sheriff Stewart said, adding that while assisting in a traffic stop, he administered Narcan to a passenger who was experiencing a drug overdose, and was credited with saving the passenger’s life. “Deputy Weiser’s proactive work, willingness to assist those in need and his alert actions provide the highest degree of service.”



2 Sergeant Mario Cabrera, who the sheriff said leads by example every single day, was named Supervisor of the Year. “He is consistently the first to arrive at work and the last to leave, setting a standard of commitment that motivates his entire team. His leadership has been particularly invaluable with new and inexperienced deputies. Despite his many responsibilities, he always makes time to teach, mentor and guide them. He invests personal effort to help them develop the skills and confidence needed to succeed, ensuring they grow into capable and professional deputies. His proactive efforts and leadership have contributed to making Newton County a safer and better place for all.”



3 Detective Martin, who began the year as the Sex Offender Compliance detective, was recognized as Detective of the Year, “and while in this position, the sheriff’s office had one of the best compliance rates in the State of Missouri,” the sheriff said, adding that due to personnel changes, Detective Martin assumed the position of the primary child abuse/sexual abuse investigator, “one of the most difficult positions in the agency due to the sensitivity and volume of the investigations. Detective Martin has fostered a strong relationship with the Children’s Division; the agency frequently receives positive feedback from our investigative partners regarding his performance.”



4 Allisha Woods was named Civilian of the Year for her contributions to the office during the transition to a new sheriff in January 2025. “Even before the transition Allisha began briefing the incoming staff with emails to prepare for the transition,” Sheriff Stewart said. “After the change, Allisha worked with the new command staff, preparing instructions to familiarize the new staff with Newton County’s budget system and operations. Her historical knowledge of the agency and the operation of the county is a great asset to the sheriff’s office. She also serves in an unofficial role as human resources and has developed a system to make the hiring of new employees efficient and worry free.”



5 This spring, Deputy Miranda Hands, who the sheriff said goes above and beyond by providing valuable assistance to the investigations division, was named Deputy of the Quarter, for the first quarter of 2026. Deputy Hands has assisted on multiple occasions with sex offender compliance and any other tasks outside of her normal patrol responsibilities and when she submits reports, they are detailed with all the required information. “This is valuable for the detective assigned to the case, allowing them a good start to their investigation. Deputy Hands’ commitment to excellence is holding with the highest standards of the Newton County Sheriff’s Office and to the service to the citizens of our county.”



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TRUTH IN SENTENCING

A Long-Fought Battle That Was Finally Won

BY NANCY ZOELLNER

For years, prison sentences handed down in Missouri courts have been difficult for victims, communities, defendants and even attorneys to understand. Missouri Senate Bill 888, signed in April by Governor Mike Kehoe, is intended to change that by bringing more clarity and consistency to parole eligibility.

Webster County Sheriff Roye Cole has been pushing for Truth in Sentencing legislation for more than a decade. Although the bill was not everything supporters had hoped for, he said it achieved the most important goal: transparency.

“Transparency gives us accountability to know what’s happening in the courtroom and what’s happening in the DOC (Department of Corrections), because right now, nobody knows,” Sheriff Cole said. “This bill adds a fixed minimum parole eligibility requirement to statute so on the day of sentencing, the victims, the community and even the defendant all know the minimum and maximum time that will be served in DOC.”

Under current law, a person convicted of a felony and sentenced to prison must serve a certain percentage range of that sentence before becoming eligible for parole. In practice, however, Sheriff Cole said those eligibility dates rarely provide clear answers.

“There’s not a single person in the state of Missouri today that could tell you what a sentence of 10 years in DOC means,” he said. “It’s too arbitrary. It’s been calculated by hand by a few people working at DOC, there are too many factors at play and there’s no consistency at all, so nobody can understand it.”

SB 888, which takes effect January 1, 2028, repeals those pro-

visions and replaces them with fixed parole eligibility percentages based on felony classification.

The new parole eligibility percentages are:

- Class A: 70%
- Class B: 50%
- Class C: 40%
- Class D: 25%
- Class E: 25%

The law also states that when a person receives concurrent or consecutive sentences, the person must serve the eligibility percentage for each offense before becoming eligible for parole.

Some offenses already require higher parole eligibility percentages, including certain crimes that require a person to serve at least 85 percent of the sentence. Those higher minimums remain unchanged.

Sheriff Cole, who has served as Webster County sheriff since 2008, was appointed to the Supreme Court Task Force in 2016 while serving on the board of the Missouri Sheriffs’ Association.

“Sheriffs decided that we needed a way to have order because chaos leads to confusion, resentment, distrust, more victimization and more suffering, for lack of a better word,” he said. “I was already working on the cause, but the cause was so confusing, it took a while to uncover what the problem was.”

One committee within the task force focused on sentencing. After Judge Gary Oxenhandler, who chaired that committee, retired, former Supreme Court Judge Patty Breckenridge asked Sheriff Cole to take over as chair.

“For too long, nobody knew what a sentence really meant. Transparency changes that.” — SHERIFF ROYE COLE

“Our job was to advise the court on trends within truth in sentencing that they saw coming down the pipe,” he said.

The work led to extensive debate and discussion. Sheriff Cole said the turning point came when a defense attorney spoke in favor of change and helped unify the task force around the need for transparency.

“He said I was right — and that he couldn’t give his clients good advice because he didn’t know what they’d be pleading to,” Sheriff Cole said. “He said he didn’t know if a two-year sentence meant they’d spend three months or 18 months in jail — and that disparity could make a huge difference in parenting plans, it could mean a career change, and sometimes it could even mean the difference between staying married or getting a divorce.”

Sheriff Cole said the defense attorney’s argument helped others see the issue differently.

“His argument opened eyes and got everyone in the room to listen when maybe they wanted to dismiss me as a sheriff who just wanted tough-on-crime policies,” he said.

Within a year, Marshall Clement, deputy director of the Council of State Governments Justice Center, completed an audit of Missouri’s sentencing practices. Sheriff Cole said the results confirmed what he had been saying: no one, other than the people calculating the sentences, could say with certainty how much time would actually be served.

In response, the Department of Corrections funded a \$3 million study to create a sentencing calculator. But the study found the calculator could not solve the problem mathematically because Missouri statutes were contradictory and required interpretation.

The issue became even more complicated in 2019, when the following language was added to RSMo 558.019:

6. An offender who was convicted of, or pled guilty to, a felony offense other than those offenses listed in subsection 2 of this section prior to August 28, 2019, shall no longer be subject to the minimum prison term provisions under subsection 2 of this section, and shall be eligible for parole, conditional release, or other early release by the department of corrections according to the rules and regulations of the department.

Sheriff Cole said that wording gave the Department of Corrections sole discretion, without transparency, over parole eligibility, conditional release or other early release for anyone serving a mandatory sentence before 2019.

“As a result, we went from having almost 35,000 people in prison to having around 22,500,” he said. “They called it ‘justice reinvestment,’ but in reality, it just meant that the state wasn’t paying for justice, especially for the victims.”

Sheriff Cole said he does not believe the changes were made with bad intent.



“I believe that legislators were trying to be tough on crime while balancing the state checkbook,” he said. “I just don’t think they understood the consequences of the changes and how they would get interpreted.”

He said the distinction between “convictions” and “commitments” also created problems. Criminal history did not carry the same weight if an offender had not previously been committed to prison, and some commitments did not count as convictions.

“So it wasn’t like three strikes and you’re out,” Sheriff Cole said. “It was like 10 strikes, and you get half of a punishment.”

Sheriff Cole continued to advocate for Truth in Sentencing throughout the past 10 years. His work was recognized in March 2025, when Governor Kehoe appointed him to the Missouri Sentencing Advisory Commission, an 11-member board designed to oversee fairness and effectiveness in criminal sentencing, among other initiatives.

A major victory came on March 2, 2026, when SB 888 received a “Do Pass” vote from the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Sheriff Cole said he was thrilled to see the bill approved by legislators.



He also credited Trevor Foley, who was sworn in as director of the Missouri Department of Corrections in February 2025, for helping move the effort forward.

“He drove down to my office and said he wanted to help, but whatever we did had to be revenue neutral,” Sheriff Cole said. “From then on, he worked hard, standing in front of everyone and answering all the tough questions, and he did it with class.”

Although the framers of our constitution deliberately designed the legislative system to require broad consensus and multiple layers of review, Sheriff Roye Cole never expected it to take as long as it did. He and his daughter danced in the House Lounge when he first got involved in the fight for Truth in Sentencing; they danced again when it was signed into law 10 years later.

Sheriff Cole said Foley helped turn the effort into a workable plan.

“I may have spearheaded this drive, but over the past year, he carried the water and he was able to come up with a plan to make it revenue neutral,” Sheriff Cole said. “With his help, we finally brought order to sentencing.”

For Sheriff Cole, that order is the heart of the bill.

“When the judge says, ‘This is the minimum amount of time you’re going to serve,’ that will actually be the minimum amount of time served because it has to be honored by DOC,” he said. “People will debate forever whether there should be longer sentences or shorter sentences for certain crimes. Now we can have that debate because we know what the sentence will be.”

Joining Forces to Bring Fugitives to Justice Pays Off

BY NANCY ZOELLNER



Missouri Department of Public Safety Director Mark James addresses ORP task force members on the last day of training in April 2025.



In December, Governor Mike Kehoe welcomed law enforcement agencies from across the state to the Governor's Mansion to celebrate the work of Operation Relentless Pursuit.

Cooperating at a level not seen before in Missouri, in its first 12 months, members of the Operation Relentless Pursuit task force arrested or assisted in the arrest of 1,585 fugitives wanted for outstanding felony warrants. The total includes individuals arrested in connection with 26 murder or homicide charges. The arrests cleared 2,699 outstanding arrest warrants across 83 Missouri counties and the City of St. Louis.

Additional arrests took place in Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Texas. A total of 119 illegally possessed guns were also seized by ORP officers, who began field operations on April 7, 2025. All totals are through April 6, 2026.

Missouri Department of Public Safety Director Mark James said that after reviewing ORP's accomplishments over the past 12 months, most of what they're doing and how they're doing it will remain the same.

"Probably the biggest lesson learned – and something that we hope to do a little bit of tweaking on, is in the budget. This first year we budgeted money to be able to pay overtime and thought that that would be a fairly high demand. As it turns out, it's not," he said. "The sheriffs have been very adept at getting the work done in regular shift hours so they're not really accruing a bunch of overtime."

He said some of the sheriffs have asked if that overtime money could be redirected to equipment purchases – items they otherwise couldn't afford, "So my number one goal in this coming year is getting some flexibility in how that money is spent so we could get the sheriffs the equipment that they need."

The numbers show it will get used. Over the last year, ORP officers have also made or assisted in arrests that include Rape, 24; Sex Trafficking, 14; Sex Trafficking of a Child Under 18, 5; Sexual Misconduct Involving a Child, 23; Possession of Child Pornography, 17; Kidnapping, 10; Manslaughter, 142; Domestic Assault, 106; Assault, 117; Felony Stealing, 18; Burglary/Robbery, 122; Unlawful Use of a Weapon, 70; Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, 58; Persistent DWI Offender, 14; Arson, 9; Drug Trafficking, 152; Possession of a Controlled Substance, 389; Miscellaneous Drug Charges, 430; Probation Violation, 196.

Next year's numbers promise to be even higher.

"Our ORP officers are actually continuing to increase the pace of their arrests of individuals wanted for violent felonies," Director James said. "In just the first three months of 2026, ORP officers have made arrests in 13 murders or homicides, equaling the total of 13 for those crimes in nine months of operations last year. The tremendous arrest figures are the result of ORP and assisting officers across the state who are sharing intelligence data and fully committed to working together to

protect our communities. And they're not going after those with failure-to-appear warrants. They're looking for the worst of the worst. We're going after criminals - career criminals and violent criminals."

HISTORY

ORP, established on Governor Mike Kehoe's first day in office through Executive Order 25-02, is a regional anti-crime effort that emphasizes intelligence-led policing and cross-jurisdiction collaboration to apprehend the most dangerous fugitive felons. Data analysis showed there were over 17,600 active felony arrest warrants across Missouri in January 2025. Studies show individuals evading felony warrants are likely to engage in additional criminal activities, further endangering Missourians.

"We launched Operation Relentless Pursuit last year because Missourians in cities, suburbs, and small towns want action taken to reduce crime. From day one, our administration made public safety our top priority, and ORP is a critical piece to our efforts," Governor Kehoe said. "ORP officers hit the ground running and have made an incredible impact because of the relentless work of the Missouri State Highway Patrol and Sheriffs' Deputies, along with many other Missouri law enforcement agencies that are committed to tracking down wanted felons who escaped justice for too long."

There are nine regional ORP teams composed of a Highway Patrol Division of Drug and Crime Control officer and a local deputy sheriff in each of the nine Patrol troops. These co-lead-ers act as liaisons with local law enforcement in the regions. A state appropriation funds the salary and benefits of the deputy sheriff in each Patrol troop along with overtime costs of participating local law enforcement agencies. Each of the regional liaisons received training from the U.S. Marshals Service, which often works alongside ORP officers to bring fugitives to justice.

The task force uses information provided by various entities, including the Missouri Information Analysis Center (MIAC) to track down the fugitives. Through a partnership between local, state and federal agencies, as well as the public sector and private entities, MIAC collects, evaluates, and analyzes information and intelligence to identify potential trends or patterns of terrorist or criminal operations within Missouri.

Pulaski County Sheriff Stacy Ball, whose deputy is working with the Troop I trooper, said ORP has been a great force multiplier for his office.

"Pulaski County probably has one of the highest warrant



Operation Relentless Pursuit officers arrested a convicted sex offender who chose to barricade himself inside while armed and threatening law enforcement. MSHP SWAT (two Bearcats used) was called in, and after a brief standoff, he was taken into custody without injury. Four illegal firearms were seized from the house.

rates in the state of Missouri. I have two, four-drawer file cabinets full of warrants, with some dating back several years. Like sheriffs across the state, we work with limited manpower and high call volumes, so when we have that force multiplier out there looking for these warrants, that gives us the ability to concentrate on other crimes - other cases," he said. "When I was campaigning, I told the people out of my county that I was going to be proactive and not reactive - that I didn't run for office to sit and wait for crime. I was ready to lead from the front and hold offenders accountable, and that's why my office got involved. I had a deputy in mind as soon as the governor announced it, and I picked the right guy. He is doing great things."

Sheriff Ball said ORP has strengthened cooperation between his office and the Highway Patrol, as well as other law enforcement agencies, and that has resulted in greater intelligence sharing and improved operational efficiency.

"Without ORP, some of these offenders might otherwise remain at large. I believe that offenders need to be held accountable for their actions," he said. "Part of that is answering to the court and then taking the consequences of their decisions. ORP is allowing us to make that happen."

Director James said apprehending dangerous criminals intent on avoiding arrest often requires extraordinary efforts. Those measures include the use of confidential informants, surveillance, search warrants, license plate readers, SWAT team activations, breaching tools, explosives, chemical munitions, flash bangs, Highway Patrol aircraft, remotely controlled robots, and surveillance drones. "That's the benefit of this type of a task force approach. It's a combination of all resources that anybody has."

Mike O'Connell, Communications director for the Missouri Department of Public Safety, said that among the people that they've located, they found one of the fugitives in an extremely remote area of Mark Twain National Forest, miles from people. "They used a drone to search for that person. They found somebody in a cinder block bunker hidden underneath a house. They found people in false walls inside of residences, and between floor joists underneath the trap door in one place. That shows the extreme lengths that these people are taking to evade capture."

Members of the public with information that could lead to the capture of a Missouri fugitive can share it with the ORP team at P3Tips.com. Click on "Submit a New Tip," and follow the prompts.



John Jordan, former Cape Girardeau County sheriff who recently retired after serving several years as U.S. Marshal for the Eastern District of Missouri, was recognized at the dinner.

A Shot in the Dark: The Death of Sheriff John H. Dierker

BY SHERIFF SCOTT A. LEWIS

In the early 20th century, law enforcement in rural Missouri was often dangerous, unpredictable, and deeply tied to the tensions of everyday life. One of the most tragic examples of this reality occurred in April 1916, when John H. Dierker, the elected sheriff of St. Charles County, was shot and killed while carrying out his duties.

Sheriff Dierker was not new to the job. He had already served one term from 1904 to 1908 and was nearing the end of a second term that began in 1912. By 1916, he was an experienced and well-known figure in the county, respected for his commitment to maintaining order. Tragically, his career—and life—would be cut short just six weeks after he married Miss Emma Holtmann.

The chain of events began with a dispute over unpaid wages between a local laborer and a farmer. At about 6 o'clock in the evening, the farmer and his family were eating supper as the kitchen door burst open and the suspect fired the shotgun across the table at his former employer, barely missing the farmer's daughter who was sitting in a baby chair. The farmer fell backward as the suspect, thinking he had killed him, fled the scene on foot and hid in a neighboring barn loft.

Word of the shooting quickly reached Sheriff Dierker. Accompanied by Deputies Rupp and Oldendorf, they set out along the dark roads to bring the situation under control. Night had already settled by the time they arrived. The barn where the suspect took refuge stood quiet against the black horizon, its outline barely visible in the dim light. There were no sirens in 1916, no radios crackling with updates—only instinct, experience,



and the knowledge that danger might be waiting on the other side of a door.

The St. Charles Cosmos-Monitor later reported that the siege continued until about 11:30 p.m., when smoke was seen coming from the loft. The man had set the hay loft on fire. Soon, he was heard coming down from the loft, and he came to the door with one hand in the air, saying that he would surrender.

Sheriff Dierker stepped toward him and, when only 25 feet from the man, the suspect suddenly fired, the load entering the sheriff's stomach. Dierker then fired his revolver, but owing to the deep shadow in which the suspect stood, he was not hit. Oldendorf placed

himself between the suspect and Dierker, and when the suspect fired again, he was shot in the legs and arms. Deputy Rupp and others ran to assist the wounded officers, while others rescued cattle from the burning barn. In the confusion, the suspect escaped into the darkness.

Despite the lack of modern communication, news spread rapidly to the surrounding farms and into town that the sheriff had been shot. In an era before modern policing backup systems, local citizens often took matters into their own hands. Within hours, a large posse—described as an angry mob—formed and pursued the suspect. The man was eventually cornered in a barn loft. What followed was a chaotic and violent confrontation. When he appeared, gunfire erupted from the crowd. The suspect retreated into the barn and set it ablaze, possibly in a final act of desperation. When he emerged again, reportedly attempting to surrender, he was met with a barrage of bullets and killed. His body was consumed in the fire.

Meanwhile, Sheriff Dierker's condition worsened. He succumbed to his injuries on April 5, 1916, about 45 minutes after the suspect was killed. His death marked a somber moment in the history of St. Charles County, underscoring both the dangers faced by law enforcement and the volatile nature of justice in an era when mob action could quickly overtake legal process.

At the coroner's inquest, the jury found the suspect, Lafayette Chandler, died as a result of "suicide by burning" and found Sheriff Dierker's cause of death as "gunshot wounds inflicted by Lafayette Chandler with murderous intent."

Sheriff Dierker's name is inscribed on the Missouri Law Enforcement Memorial to always be remembered as one who gave his life in the line of duty. His story reflects a period in American history when the rule of law was still evolving in rural communities, and officers often stood on the front lines without the support systems available today. His sacrifice remains part of the historical record of the St. Charles County Sheriff's Office, serving as a reminder of the risks inherent in public service and the enduring importance of justice carried out with order and restraint.

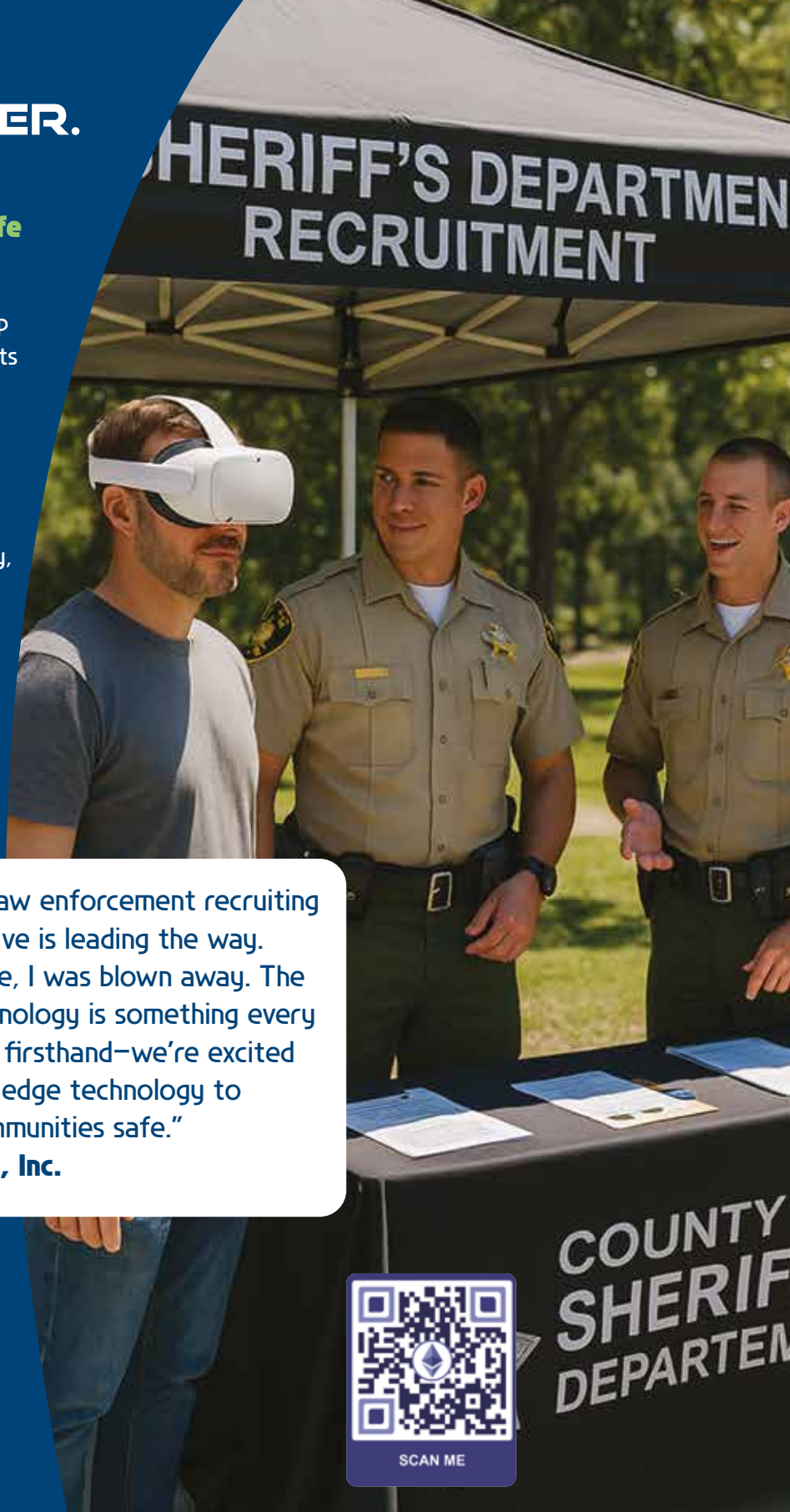


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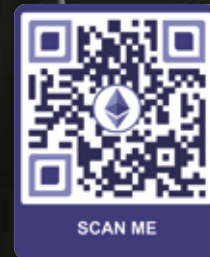


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THE CALL IS WHISPERING

BY FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF STEVE PELTON

In a world that moves fast and speaks loudly, there remains a profession defined not by noise, but by presence. Law enforcement is, at its core, a calling rooted in service – an unspoken commitment to stand between order and chaos, often without recognition, and always without certainty.

There is a moment most deputies remember not from a headline or ceremony, but from a quiet call. A frightened child comforted. A family crisis de-escalated. A stranger helped on the worst day of their life. These are not the stories that trend or go viral, yet they are the foundation of what policing truly is: steady, human, and deeply necessary.

To wear the badge is to accept responsibility beyond oneself. It means long nights, missed holidays, and the weight of decisions that matter. It requires discipline, restraint, and the ability to remain calm when everything else isn't. It also demands something harder to define, character. Not the kind built in comfort, but the kind forged under pressure, tested in real time.

Critics exist, and scrutiny is part of the profession. It should be. Accountability strengthens institutions. But amid the noise, it's easy to overlook the truth: most men and women in law enforcement show up each day with the same goal, to protect, to serve, and to go home knowing they made a difference, however small it may seem.

What makes law enforcement noble isn't perfection. It's the willingness to step forward when others step back. It's the readiness to face danger so others don't have to. It's the quiet understanding that service is not about applause; it's about duty.

And that duty still calls.

Across the country, communities need individuals willing to take on that responsibility. Not because it's easy, but because it matters. If you're someone who values integrity, who believes in standing for something larger than yourself, and who is ready to serve with courage and accountability, there is a place for you.

The badge isn't just a symbol. It's a commitment.

Answer the call. Join the ranks.

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There's no better time than now to answer the call in Missouri.

The Missouri Sheriffs' Association 700-Hour Basic Peace Officer Academy, which exceeds the State of Missouri's minimum basic training requirements for peace officer licensing, will have five academies starting this year in locations around the state. Tuition is \$5,500.

The Missouri Blue Scholarship, established in 2022 by former Governor Mike Parson, provides up to \$6,000 for non-sponsored individuals to attend Missouri law enforcement training academies.

Full-time Academy Classes will be held in:

- Scott County (Sikeston) July 27 through December 9, 2026
- Christian County (Ozark) August 3 through December 16, 2026
- Camden County (Camdenton) August 5 through December 16, 2026
- Platte County August 10 through mid-December 2026 (Graduation Date TBD)

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- Henry County (Clinton) July 7, 2026 through May 20, 2027
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TREATMENT OVER PUNISHMENT

A RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

BY NANCY ZOELLNER

Nearly three-quarters of a million Missourians aged 12 and older struggle with substance abuse.

The Missouri Department of Mental Health estimated the societal cost of substance use disorders, including healthcare, criminal justice, and lost productivity, at \$8.5 billion. The emotional toll addiction takes on families can feel even more costly – especially when a life is lost. Unfortunately, that happens far too often. Data from the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and the University of Missouri-St. Louis Addiction Science Team shows that 1,450 people died from drug overdoses in 2024 in Missouri.

The good news is that every region in Missouri reported fewer overdose deaths in the first half of 2025 compared to 2024. In addition to the expanded access to naloxone and overdose response training, drug court is also being credited for that reduction.

Drug court is a specialized, court-supervised treatment program designed for individuals with substance use disorders who are involved in the criminal justice system. It serves as an alternative to traditional incarceration for non-violent offenders, focusing on rehabilitation through intensive treatment, frequent drug testing, and regular court appearances.

In addition to treatment, programs provide access to vocational training, job training, and education. Successful completion of the program can result in the dismissal of charges or the avoidance of prison sentences. Since 2024, more than 6,000 graduates have completed the program, and 326 drug-free babies have been born to participants.

Studies show that people who complete drug court programs are significantly less likely to be arrested again, compared to those who are sentenced with traditional punishments. According to the Missouri Association of Treatment Court Professionals, 75 percent of drug court graduates remain arrest-free, compared to just 30 percent of those released from prison.

Shannon County recently held its first-ever ceremony for a drug court graduate, and Sheriff Steve Hogan said he couldn't be more pleased with the outcome.

"Our graduate successfully completed the program, and he is now a productive citizen working in full-time employment. His honest work ethic has flourished, and his commitment to building a better future is evident to everyone who knows him," said Sheriff Hogan. "That's the goal of drug court. We try to get them set up for success. There's no set 'recipe,' but the team works with them so that by the time they are ready to graduate, they've gotten those key ingredients – a job, housing, a vehicle – in place so they can be on their way to a new start in life. That's what our graduate was able to do, and I'm very proud of him."

In Missouri, treatment court teams are led by judges who are assisted by prosecuting attorneys, defense attorneys, law enforcement officers, probation and parole officers, and treatment providers. Stakeholders – employment counselors,



Currently, 82 adult drug courts serving 99 counties are operating in Missouri. Clay County also recently held a drug court graduation ceremony.

educators, vocational trainers, housing specialists, childcare specialists – can also be asked to participate in the program.

Although drug courts must adhere to standards established by the Missouri Treatment Courts Coordinating Commission, each judicial circuit can tailor the program to best serve its community. In Shannon County, participants must meet strict requirements, attend counseling, submit to testing, maintain employment, and remain committed even when the process becomes difficult.

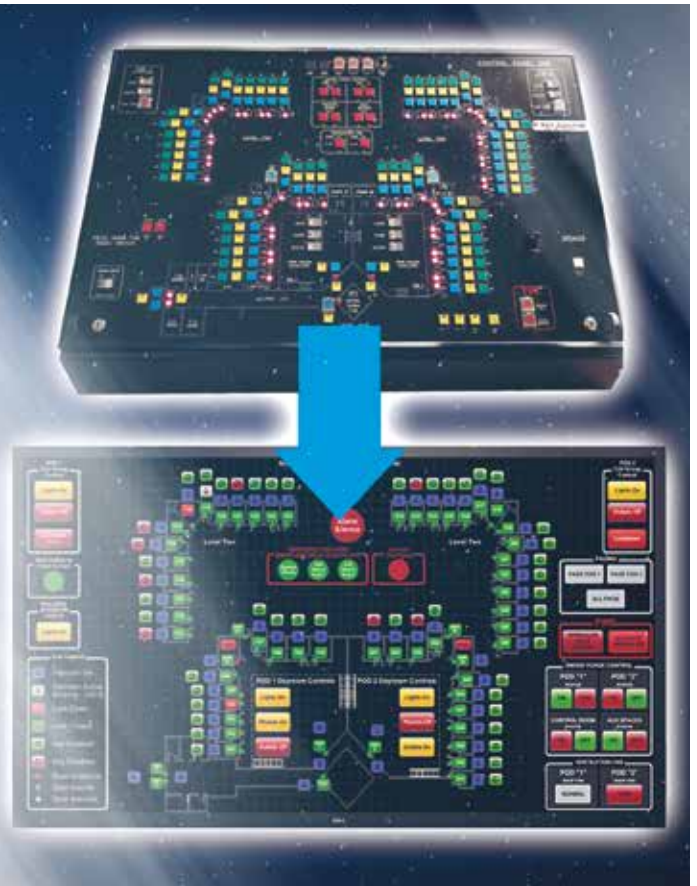
Currently, Sheriff Hogan meets every other Wednesday with the judge, the county prosecutor, the attorney who oversees the program, and other team members to review cases. Supervision of participants is provided by state probation officers and through private tracking. "However, that's not to say that we won't help with drug tests when needed, but we don't have sole oversight. I'm a small, poor county, so I currently can't afford to assign deputies to any extracurricular activities," he said.

The sheriff said he hopes other offenders will want to take advantage of the program.

"We've worked very hard at attacking the drug issue because once you take care of that, a lot of your other crime goes away. You have fewer chain saws stolen, fewer burglaries," Sheriff Hogan said, "so adding programs like drug court are vital to our community. They hold individuals accountable while giving them the tools to rebuild their lives, strengthen their families, and become productive members of society. Success stories like our graduate's remind us that recovery is possible and that second chances, when earned, can lead to meaningful change."



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Training for the Decisions That Matter

DPS grant helps MSA bring advanced scenario-based use-of-force and de-escalation training to law enforcement agencies across Missouri.

BY KEVIN MERRITT

The Missouri Sheriffs' Association has received a grant through the Missouri Department of Public Safety to provide advanced use-of-force training to law enforcement officers across the state. The grant will allow MSA to expand access to realistic, scenario-based training focused on sound decision-making, de-escalation, tactical judgment, and clear articulation following a use-of-force incident.

Through the grant, MSA was able to purchase two MILO VR Systems and two complete MILO Range Advanced Mobile Training Systems. Together, these systems will give MSA instructors the ability to take high-quality simulation training to officers and agencies throughout Missouri.

The MILO VR system is an AI-powered training simulator that uses 360-degree virtual environments delivered through a virtual-reality headset. The system places officers inside realistic scenarios where they must make real-world decisions under stress. These scenarios allow instructors to evaluate not only what action an officer takes, but also why the officer made that decision.

The MILO Range Advanced Mobile Training System provides a portable simulator for use-of-force, crisis management, de-escalation, and tactical judgment training. Each system includes the MILO Range Advanced software suite, low-light and flashlight training capability, trainee action capture for after-action review, more than 850 preloaded multi-branch video scenarios, interactive firearms drills, course-of-fire creation,

multi-lane marksmanship practice, and records and reporting features.

The value of these systems is that instructors can place students in high stress but controlled scenarios without the risk of a live incident. Officers can be challenged with realistic encounters involving people in crisis, rapidly changing threat cues, low-light conditions, verbal conflict, weapons recognition, and decisions about whether force is necessary.

Just as important, these systems allow instructors to immediately debrief the officer's response. The training is not simply about whether the officer used force. It is about whether the officer recognized the situation, attempted appropriate communication, considered available options, made a reasonable decision, and could clearly explain what they saw, what they believed, what options they considered, and why they acted.

The focus of the training will be on helping officers make good use-of-force decisions; decisions that often begin long before force is used. They begin with the ability to talk with people, recognize behavior, slow situations down when possible, and reduce the intensity of the encounter.

MSA Executive Director Kevin Merritt worked closely with Missouri Department of Public Safety Director Mark James to make the grant possible.

"Director James understands the value of training and was instrumental in helping us get this grant," said Merritt. "This equipment will allow us to provide officers across Missouri with realistic, high-quality training that focuses on decision-making, de-escalation, and the ability to articulate why an officer took a particular action."

The grant was funded by the Missouri Department of Public Safety through the SFY 2024 American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Use of Force Training Grant.

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SUMMER SAFETY TIPS BECAUSE WINTER IS FINALLY OVER!

BY ART AMATO

I'm writing this during the first full week of 70-degree weather, which is a huge improvement over a few weeks ago when we had blizzard, tornado, thunderstorm, and flood warnings all within the same 24-hour period!

It's funny how we adapt to different temperatures and how a crisp 50-degree evening in the fall finds us putting on jackets and sitting by fire pits, but in the spring, 50 degrees feels pretty balmy and has us breaking out the shorts and Hawaiian shirts. I've found that as I get older, I hate wintry weather more than ever. I'll take the heat of summer any day. However, summer-time is not without its problems.

Some factors law enforcement often overlook are the increased dangers associated with summer and how we need to change our daily routines to address them.

MoDOT reminds us that "Summer is the time of year for all Missourians to get out and enjoy the wonders our state has to offer." And we do. Children spend more time outside, more people are walking or jogging, and motorcycles are being pulled out of the garage and taken for rides. All of these present challenges that law enforcement can help mitigate.

SUMMER SAFETY FOR KIDS

The Springfield Police Department reminds us that summer brings an increase in children playing and riding bikes and skateboards in their neighborhoods, making it the perfect time for law enforcement to focus on proactive community engagement, specifically targeting increased bike safety.

Traffic Gardens, miniaturized traffic systems used in conjunction with MoDOT's Smart Riders program, are a great way to introduce children to traffic safety and teach them the rules of the road. Children to walk or ride through simulated intersections, roundabouts, and other traffic scenarios, learning what traffic signs mean and how to negotiate them.

CHILD HEATSTROKE DEATHS

According to NHTSA, over the past 25 years, 1,010 children have died of heatstroke after being left or trapped in a hot car. A child's body temperature rises three to five times faster than an adult's, so when a child is left in a vehicle, that child's temperature can rise quickly. Heatstroke begins when the core body temperature reaches about 104 degrees. Death occurs at a core body temperature of 107 or above. On a sunny, 80-degree day, the inside temperature of a closed vehicle can reach 99 degrees in 10 minutes, 109 in 20 minutes, 114 in 30 minutes, and 123 in 60 minutes. To reduce the potential for a heatstroke death, create an educational program for the public and stress these and other recommendations:

- Never leave a child in a vehicle unattended for any length of time. Make it a habit to check your entire vehicle, especially the back seat.
- Place a personal item like a purse, briefcase, or key fob –

something you must have when you leave your vehicle - in the rear seat area.

- Always lock your car when you aren't using it. Many children get into unlocked vehicles and are unable to get out. When I worked the road, if I was sent to a report of a missing child, the first place I checked was vehicles in and around the place where the child was last seen.

- Share info on child reminder devices, or car seat safety alarms, that alert caretakers if they walk away from a vehicle with a child still inside.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

A study published by PubMed shows a direct correlation between pedestrian fatalities and the temperature, possibly due to increased exposure. At 20 MPH, a pedestrian has a 90-percent chance of surviving a crash; at 40 MPH, the survival chance drops to 20 percent.

Educating pedestrians and implementing pedestrian traffic safety programs will help get safety information to the public. Programs such as "Safe Across" had an incredibly positive impact in the Springfield area, helping to reduce pedestrian incidents.



MOTORCYCLE SAFETY

NHTSA reports that nationally, 6,355 motorcyclists were killed in 2023, accounting for 15 percent of all traffic fatalities. The percentage was higher in Missouri, where, that same year, 172 motorcyclists were killed, accounting for 17 percent of all traffic fatalities. Forty-one percent of motorcyclists who died in single-vehicle crashes in 2023 were alcohol impaired.

Speed and Impaired driving enforcement are key to reducing both pedestrian and motorcycle incidents. Be aware of how pedestrian traffic changes in warmer weather, and increase patrols in parks, subdivisions, and other areas with more foot and motorcycle traffic. Just like our attire, our efforts should change with the seasons. We should put our focus where we can make the biggest difference and prevent tragedies from occurring.

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REWARDING THOSE WHO GO **THE EXTRA MILE**

BY NANCY ZOELLNER

Law enforcement officers don't do the job for the money or for the accolades it brings because, truthfully, it doesn't bring much of either. They do the job because that's what they've been called to do. Fortunately, there are always some who choose to consistently go above and beyond while carrying out their duties.

That's why the Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Advisory Council (LET-SAC) decided to create the Beyond the Call Award – and why they decided that the first recipient of that award would be Reynolds County Deputy Justin Brumble.

The award, acknowledging the deputy's "efforts of removing impaired drivers from Missouri roadways on the weekend of New Year's 2026," and "a legacy of service that inspires us all," was presented at the Missouri Sheriffs' Association Spring Conference by Jefferson City Police Officer and LETSAC board member Dan Monroe.

"The LETSAC board recently created the Beyond the Call award to recognize those officers who go above and beyond in their role of protecting Missouri motorists. The recognition honors officers who go above and beyond the call of duty to preserve life and protect Missouri's motorists through decisive action, courage and commitment to the safety of all who travel our state's roadways. Through outstanding professionalism and swift selfless response, the recipient has exemplified the highest ideals of law enforcement and the mission of LETSAC ensuring that every journey ends safely," Officer Monroe said, inviting Deputy Brumble and Sheriff Caleb McCoy to join him on the stage.

Deputy Brumble was nominated for the award by Reynolds County Administrative Assistant Rosetta Williams, who wrote, "Deputy Brumble volun-



On hand for the award presentation were (left to right) Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Advisory Council (LETSAC) board member Pettis County Captain Mike Perkins, Reynolds County Sheriff Caleb McCoy, Reynolds County Deputy Justin Brumble (the award recipient), Jefferson City Police Officer and LETSAC board member Dan Monroe, and Missouri Safety Center Law Enforcement Liaison Doug Ruediger.

tarily worked uncompensated overtime to enhance roadway safety in Reynolds County, Missouri, during a busy holiday weekend. His dedication led to three DWI arrests and seven visibly intoxicated minors being removed from the roadway, helping prevent injuries and protect the traveling public.

"The Reynolds County Sheriff's Office is a member of the Southeast Missouri Highway Safety Coalition, and we recognize the importance of proactive enforcement and education in reducing impaired driving. This incident reflects a strong commitment to roadway safety, interagency cooperation, and public service. The actions taken during this busy holiday weekend helped prevent potential crashes, injuries, and loss of life, reinforcing our shared mission to keep Missouri's roadways safe for all motorists."

Before the award presentation, Doug Ruediger, law enforcement liaison with the Missouri Safety Center and a member of the LETSAC board, discussed LETSAC's mission and its long history.

On August 22, 1969, Missouri Governor Hearnes created the Missouri Division of Highway Safety, a direct offshoot of the Highway Safety Act of

1966. Soon after, he created the Police Traffic Services Committee, which first met in 1971. In 1974, the committee was replaced with the Missouri Division of Highway Safety Police Traffic Service Advisory Council. In 1990, the name was changed to LETSAC to better include all law enforcement and not just police.

LETSAC's mission is to provide recommendations, direction, guidance, and information and training to Missouri's law enforcement community, as well as implementing priorities of the Highway Safety Act, as requested by the Missouri Department of Transportation, the Department of Public Safety, and other agencies.

The "Beyond the Call" award was created to continually recognize law enforcement officers throughout the year, rather than recognizing their year-long accomplishments. Sheriffs can visit <https://www.letsac.com/awards> to nominate a deputy who is dedicated to making Missouri roads safer. The LETSAC board will review the nomination and if it meets the award criteria, the regional board member will present the award to the deputy at his or her agency.

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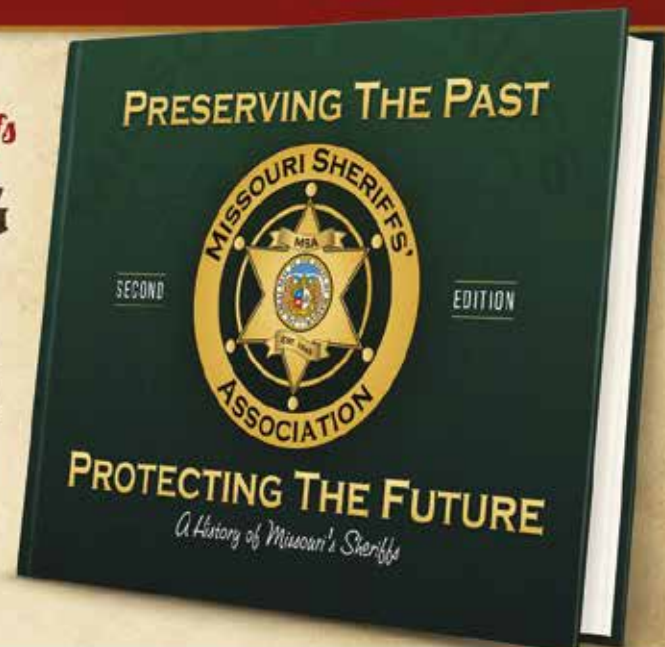


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