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Executive Director's Message

This newsletter will be going out to approximately 2,200 members. That is the largest membership total this organization has ever experienced. At its peak in the 1980's the WCPA tickled the 1500 mark and in the late 90's and early 2000 membership was down to 300. So, I am excited by the way our membership has grown over the past couple of years and I want to give credit where it is due.

There have been three ways in which our membership has grown. First have been through individual membership applications. Occasionally someone has seen our newsletter and mailed in the registration form. This is a very small percentage of our membership growth, but I would encourage you to continue to pass those applications around! Secondly, there have been a number of deputy sheriff associations, or deputy sheriff association boards, who have voted, on behalf of their membership, to become members of the WCPA. Those deputy sheriff associations include Brown, Eau Claire, Monroe, Outagamie, Racine, and Wood counties. The Rock county supervisors also joined as a group.

The third way has been through some courageous sheriff's who have said "I will enroll my whole department" with this organization. They have heard about, or have seen the benefits of being a member of the WCPA and have sent their department roster to be included in the WCPA membership. Our thanks to the Sheriff's, past and present, from Adams, Barron, Chippewa, Door, Dunn, Fond du lac, Green Lake, Kewaunee, Marinette, Pepin, Pierce, Sheboygan, Walworth, and Waupaca counties!!

As we close this year out we do so by entering the season of Advent. Advent is a season of reflection and preparation. Often times we become so busy with parties, shopping, and family get togethers that we forget about the Advent season. We don't spend time reflecting on where we have been or looking to where we want to go.

Advent began with a group of people waiting in great expectation. They sang out "O come O come". They cried out "prepare thee the way", and they waited and waited. What are you waiting for this Advent season? A turn in the economy, political hope with a new president, falling gas prices, a promotion, safety, peace.... I hope you take some time during this Advent season for reflection and preparation. It is a great time to listen...refocus....making personal commitments.....action, and maybe, in the quietness of a moment, you will find what you are looking for!

*Wishing you and your family a
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*

Bob Wierenga
Executive Director, WCPA



When "JUST SAY NO" doesn't work

The United States has 5 percent of the world's population yet it consumes 60 percent of the world's illegal drugs. This does not include the abuses of legal drugs such as Robitussin, Coricidin, Cough and Cold medicines and a long list of others. There is a growing list of abused substances including nutmeg, morning glory seeds, salvia divinorum, and a host of others.

Deputy Joe Keil, of the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department, recently published a book entitled "When Just Say No Doesn't Work". The



book is geared towards law enforcement officers, parents, teachers, and educators. The book is designed to teach the recognition of signs and symptoms associated with drug use. It details physical signs and symptoms associated with each drug category, along with paraphernalia

utilized to ingest drugs. In a constantly changing drug world, with new trends and drugs being developed, knowledge is the best tool in detecting indicators of drug activity. This book is a great tool to further your knowledge.

Deputy Keil is a 20 year veteran of the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department and is currently assigned to the patrol division working the mid-night shift. As a K-9 handler, working with his second partner, he has made thousands of drug arrest resulting in the seizure of over \$750,000 in controlled substances, vehicles, and cash. Joe received his training through the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. He was certified as a Drug Recognition Expert in 1996.

Deputy Keil has trained thousands of law enforcement officers across the United States and has taught at the National Sheriff's Conference in 2000. In 2002 and 2003 he was the Wisconsin course manager for the Wisconsin Drug Recognition Expert Course. He continues to do seminars and teach courses across the country.

In addition to all the above work and recognitions, Joe is a member of the Wisconsin County police Association. To see a more detailed look at him, and his efforts to make our job a little easier, visit www.whenjustsayndoesntwork.com

Walworth County goes to the dogs

In October the Walworth County Sheriff's Department hosted the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Canine Handlers Association annual training conference. Fifty-five canine teams from across the state attended the conference held in Delavan. The training consisted of three days and two nights of working realistic training scenarios including apprehension work, building searches, area searches, tracking, and building & vehicle narcotic searches. On Tuesday night the membership banquet was held. Awards were presented in several different categories. You can go to www.wlecha.org to see the recipients. WCPA members from ten counties attended this year's conference. Counties represented included: Jefferson, Walworth, Grant, Lafayette, Iowa, Wood, Eau Claire, Manitowoc, Oconto and Marinette.



FUNDRAISING

The Wisconsin County police Association conducts its fundraising efforts through Sports Legends Marketing, a Chicago based organization. Through their telemarketing efforts they raise the funds that allow us to operate our day to day operations, charitable contribution program, and our scholarship program, without charging any dues to our membership. As a part of their fundraising efforts, they provide a free basketball game, or a free magic show to those who support our organization.

This past fall a celebrity sports legends basketball game was held in Milwaukee at Milwaukee Lutheran College. Some of the legends on hand were; Robin Earl, Alan Ellis of the Chicago Bears, Blaise Winters, Troy Thomas of the Green Bay Packers, and Jim Morrisy who played with both the Bears and Packers. In a closely fought game the WCPA succumbed to the Sports Legends in the final seconds of the game. Down by 20 points at half time, the sports legends roared back thanks to a tenacious defense and some help from the referee's! In the end the Sports legends team remained undefeated in its play, against any team they have faced.

In Madison, Wisconsin, nationally known magician and illusionist Glen Gerard performed his magic before a packed house. Kids and adults were amazed at the magic and illusions Glen performed. He left them in their seats wondering..... how did he do that??? This was Glen Gerard's first magic show and because of its great success we anticipate many more.

As upcoming basketball games or magic shows come up they will be posted on our web site. For more information on them you can contact the WCPA at info@wcpawi.com



Blaise Winter hamming it up for a fan.



Robin Earl signing autographs for anxious fans.



Thank You WCPA

Back on March 28th, I was critically injured as a Deputy with the Dane County Sheriff's Office. During a pursuit I was assisting by putting out road spikes in an attempt to stop a fleeing stolen car. Ultimately the fleeing vehicle struck me, crushing both of my legs from the ankle to the knee, resulting in both legs being reconstructed. I also had a fractured right shoulder with a dislocation.

How do we even try to thank everyone that has been there for us over the last 8 months since my accident? The tremendous love, support and kindness we received from friends, family, extended law enforcement family, fellow Christians and even total strangers has been overwhelming. We would love to personally thank everyone. However, we know that isn't possible.

We would like everyone to know we really appreciate everything that has been done for us. Whether you helped in a big way or small way,

sent a card or just said a prayer, they all meant so much. Please know that you have touched our lives and we will be forever grateful.

As we continue on this path that our lives have taken since that day on March 28th, please continue to keep us in your prayers. We know the prayers are working because the miracles keep coming. I am working very hard to get back to the job I love so much. I remain dedicated to my profession and take the words "to protect and serve" to heart. It's so nice to know that I am appreciated for what I do.

Thanks again for your continued support. We know that family, friends and faith will get us through this event in our lives.

With sincere thanks,

Dane County Deputy Sheriff
Dale Veto, Becky & Macy

Charitable Contributions

Every year the Wisconsin County Police Association gives back a portion of the money they raise, to membership organizations. The money is to be used by the local organizations for a charitable cause in their communities. Earlier this year the Wisconsin County Police Association presented the Brown County Deputy Sheriff's Association with a gift of \$500.00. The BCDSA, in turn, presented that gift to the Freedom House Ministries in Green Bay. The Freedom House is a homeless shelter that specifically helps homeless families in the Green Bay area. As of this date it is serving 757 families with 1667 children.

The mission of the Freedom House Ministry is to serve the needs of the homeless, helpless, and hopeless families in the greater Green Bay area and to fulfill Matthew 25: 32-46....

The vision is to continue to provide programs that cause families to be successful in all areas of their lives...spiritually, emotionally, socially, physically, financially, and intellectually. We will provide a positive and beneficial environment that will encourage families to live more productive, healthy, and fulfilling lives!

**GREAT CHOICE
BROWN COUNTY DEPUTY
SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION**

Scholarship Recipients

1 Bradley D Flannery - Brad is the son of John Flannery who is a member of the Brown County Sheriff's Department. Brad graduated from Notre Dame de la Baie Academy, with a 3.29gpa, and will be attending Marquette University. He will major in criminal law with the hopes of becoming an attorney.



2 Teila A Martin - Teila is the daughter of Terri Joki-Martin who is a member of the Door County Sheriff's Department. Teila graduated from Babbitt-Emarrass MN high school, with a 3.587gpa, and will be attending Pike Peak Community College. She will major in pediatric nursing.



3 Nathan T Mocadio - Nathan is the son of John Mocadio who is a member of the Waupaca County Sheriff's Department. Nathan graduated from New London high school, with a 3.907gpa, and will attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is majoring in mechanical engineering.



4 Nathan K Poelman - Nathan is the son of Kyle Poelman who is a member of the Racine County Sheriff's Department. Nathan graduated from Racine Case high school, with a 3.979gpa, and will attend the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. Nathan will major in criminal justice with the hopes of going into law enforcement.



5 Brooke L Sanborn - Brooke is the daughter of Jeff Sanborn who is a member of the Brown County Sheriff's Department. Brooke graduated from Ashwaubenon high school, with a 3.875gpa. Brooke will attend St Norbert College and major in elementary education.



6 Aaron R Seipel - Aaron is the son of Kim Seipel who is a member of the Pepin County sheriff's Department. Aaron graduated from Pepin high school with a 3.331 gpa. Aaron will attend the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and major in business administration.



7 Ciera Rose Banaszynski - Ciera is the daughter of Michael Banaszynski who is a member of the Walworth County Sheriff's Department. Ciera graduated from East Troy high school, with a 3.326gpa, and will attend the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Ciera will be deciding between art and dental hygiene for her future.



8 Holly N Berkovitz - Holly is the daughter of Mary Berkovitz who is a member of the Kewaunee County Sheriff's Department. Holly graduated from Kewaunee high school and will attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison where she will major in education or accounting.



8 Erica R Barth - Erica is the daughter of Keith Barth who is a member of the Brown County Sheriff's Department. Erica graduated from Preble high school with a 3.54gpa. Erica will attend the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and major in business administration.



10 Kristen A Vander Molen - Kristen is the daughter of Craig Vander Molen who is a member of the Dane County Sheriff's Department. Kristen graduated from DeForest high school with a 4.172gpa. She will be attending Ohio Northern University and studying to become a pharmacist.

Meet your Director



Dan Greenwood has served the Wisconsin County Police Association as a board member since 2003. He was born and raised in Park Falls Wisconsin. In 1980 he began his law enforcement career as a police officer for the Park Falls Police Department. In 1983 he was hired by the Price County Sheriff's Department in 1983 as a jailer. At the time of his hiring he was the only jailer in the Sheriff's Department. Several years later Price County went to full time "round-the-clock" jail staffing and Dan was promoted to "head jailer", with the rank of sergeant. In 2000 he was reclassified and given the title of "jail administrator", with the rank of lieutenant. Dan remains in that position and is also the department's firearms instructor, as well as an adjunct instructor for Northcentral Technical College.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR GRADUATES
MAY ALL YOUR HOPES AND DREAMS
FOR THE FUTURE COME TRUE**

LEGISLATIVE

WCPA LEGISLATIVE REPORT

"UNDER THE DOME"

Ramie Zelenkova

The result of the 2008 general elections was a victory for the Democratic Party across the nation and in Wisconsin. Democrats gained control of the Wisconsin State Assembly for the first time in 14 years. When the new Wisconsin Legislature is seated in January, Democrats will have the majority in the Assembly and Senate and control the Governor's office for the first time since 1986. Representative Mike Sheridan, a Democrat from Janesville and former UAW President, was elected speaker of the Assembly for the 2009-10 Legislative Session; Senator Russ Decker, a Democrat from the Wausau area was reelected Senate Majority Leader. Representative Mark Pocan and Senator Mark Miller, both Democrats from the Madison area, were appointed co-chairs of the powerful Joint Finance Committee.

With the 2009-10 Legislative Session just around the corner, WCPA is preparing for legislative action by participating in two very important coalitions - AWARE: All-Wisconsin Alcohol Risk Education and the Wisconsin Safety Belt Coalition.

AWARE is a UW Health led coalition to improve the health and safety of Wisconsin residents in the fight against alcohol abuse. The coalition is looking at legislation to better combat drunk driving and underage drinking. The Wisconsin Safety Belt Coalition will advocate for quick passage of primary enforcement safety belt legislation, which is key in reducing fatalities and lifelong injuries from motor vehicle accidents. In addition to the obvious benefit of enhanced safety, if Wisconsin passes primary enforcement legislation before July 1, 2009, the state will receive at least \$15 million for safety related projects.

WCPA is excited to be an active member of the above coalitions. Watch for updates and information about a 2009 Lobby Day!



Project Blue Light

C.O.P.S. encourages us to participate in Project Blue Light this holiday season. By placing one blue light in a window of your home, you will be showing your support for officers killed in the line of duty and those who continue to work America's streets. By placing strings of blue lights outside your home, at the department, and throughout the community, law enforcement officers will understand that they are appreciated. The color blue is symbolic of peace. By displaying your blue lights you will be sending a dual message - that you support America's peacekeepers and that you hope the coming year will be one of peace. Let your blue lights shine for law enforcement during the holiday season!

WISCONSIN CIVIL PROCESS GROUP

In March of 2005, a number of Sheriff's Office personnel from throughout Wisconsin met in Green Bay to discuss the need for a group specifically geared towards Civil Process. An informal group comprised of Process Servers, Administrators and Support Staff was formed.

The goal of this group is to facilitate communication among law enforcement agencies and provide an information base. The group meets quarterly and we attempt to move the meetings around the state so everyone can participate in the meetings. The involvement of each agency is based on your individual needs and availability. Some agencies attend the meetings, some are just part of an email group and some have been involved in every aspect of the group. There are no requirements to become part of the group, other than being part of a law

enforcement agency. Our 2008 conference involved representatives from 53 counties, and our featured speaker, Assistant Attorney General Dave Perlman kept the audience well informed and entertained for 2 days. The meetings and conferences are a valuable training and resource tool for all personnel involved in Civil Process.

Our next meeting will be held on January 22, 2009 at 9:00 am in Shawano County. The 2009 Conference is scheduled for September 30th and October 1st at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Stevens Point.

If you are interested in more information, please visit our website www.wiscpg.com or contact Lieutenant Rick Olig at rick.olig@fdlco.wi.gov

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