Indiana Sheriffs’ Association Brings Honor Guard to a Higher Level

When a brother or sister in law enforcement passes away, The Indiana Sheriffs’ Association is prepared to offer one of the best Honor Guards available across the United States.

The ISA has had a Honor Guard for many years, but last year the task of building the Honor Guard in ranks and training took a huge leap - thanks to the commitment of the Indiana Sheriffs’ Association, Marion County Sheriff’s Office, and Lieutenant William Woollen.

“The ISA Honor Guard is a group of committed sheriff’s deputies from across the state of Indiana who desire to serve with their time and talents through the time-honored tradition of discipline and stamina. Serving the families left behind after the death of a loved-one,” states Sheriff Layton of Marion County.

Marion County, the largest Sheriff’s office in the state of Indiana offered up the training expertise of one of their own, Lieutenant William Woollen. Lieutenant Woollen has over 25 years of experience in Honor Guard Training - and was happy to take on the task of creating an ISA Honor Guard. “When Sheriff Layton and ISA Director Steve Luce spoke with me about taking on this responsibility, I was truly honored,” remarks Woollen. “If there was ever any one person who has the drive and the passion for this endeavor it is Bill. There’s no one better for the job!” explains ISA Executive Director Steve Luce.

In 2013, the concept of building the Honor Guard was discussed at a Board of Directors meeting. "There wasn’t any question from anyone on the board that this needed to be
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accomplished - and plans were made to make this happen sooner rather than later," states Luce.

An invitation was put out to all 92 Indiana counties - and many from across the state answered the call. Deputies typically donate all of their time for training, seminars and to attend the funerals of the departed.

Vanderburgh County Sheriff Eric Williams was one of the first to offer help and support to the ISA Honor Guard effort. "We’ve had an Honor Guard in Vanderburgh County for many years, and we knew immediately we wanted to be a part of the effort to grow and expand the ISA Honor Guard. In times of need, our county Honor Guard has been a focal point of coming together and offering support, so it is only natural to become a unified group and pool resources and efforts to create a uniformed Honor Guard for the ISA," comments Sheriff Williams.

Lieutenant William Woollen is interviewed during Honor Guard Training in Lawrence, Indiana.

Marion County stepped up to offer not only the training expert, but the centralized facilities for training, creating training materials, and offering additional assistance in facilitating acquisition of materials. "We had many businesses donate items, from a funeral home in Shelbyville, to flag suppliers in Indianapolis - asking for donations was easy because businesses see the importance of this guard unit,” Says Steve Luce.

Executive Director’s Message

Winter 2013 - 2014 ... One for the Record Books.

This has been an historic winter in Indiana. Not since 1981 has our state endured such a ferocious amount of snow and brutally cold temperatures.

2013 - 2014 has brought severe weather to every corner of the state. It’s times like this that we can truly appreciate the Sheriff’s offices from each of our 92 counties. We see our dedicated public servants helping anywhere and everywhere they can, from snowmobiling nurses and doctors to the hospital to ensure patients are taken care of, to providing safe shelters in power outages, to assisting stranded motorists to safety, your local Sheriff’s office is always here to help in time of need. Challenges like this show all of us the unselfish and resilient nature of our brothers and sisters in law enforcement.

Your local Sheriff’s office answer the call day or night to assist. Just like us at The Indiana Sheriffs’ Association - we are here to help and answer your questions. Whether you need answers to a membership question, or information regarding state legislation that affects you, we are here to be your resource for all things law enforcement.

Keep checking our Facebook page - as we continually keep up-to-date with information vital to the Indiana Sheriffs’ Association. We continually share Facebook information from other Indiana counties to keep you informed of weather happenings, advisories and shut downs.

We had some amazing images over the past few months concerning the weather and the challenges posed to residents all across the state.

Here’s to Spring arriving sooner than later. Thanks to everyone across the state for enduring the Winter of 2013-2014 - and don’t forget to thank a Sheriff’s deputy or your Sheriff’s office for all of their hard work during this record-breaking winter.
Training began in Lawrence in January, and the next big event for finalized training was April 7 - 9, 2014.

The Honor Guard is the formal representative of the Indiana Sheriffs’ Association at all types of functions in the state of Indiana, including funerals, graduations, parades, major and minor league sporting events, and other special activities.

The deputies who comprise the Honor Guard come from military and non-military backgrounds. Each deputy must have discipline and stamina and present a professional appearance on a daily basis. Joining the Honor Guard is voluntary but very competitive. The Honor Guard practices quarterly and drills before every event. In rain or shine, heat or cold, the Honor Guard maintains its strict composure, precise military bearing, and meticulous attention to detail.

“These men and women who offer their time and talent are appreciated by the families and friends of the fallen more than they can imagine. When the families have time to reflect upon the funeral of their loved-one, the tradition and professionalism of the honor guard gives them a sense of peace and tranquility - knowing their devotion and efforts to law enforcement were greatly appreciated and not forgotten,” remarks Woollen.

“Honoring the deceased is of the utmost importance, but honoring those who remain is also important to the ISA - and the Honor Guard is another way we can achieve both,” says Stephen Luce.

Indiana Sheriffs’ Association continues to seek out deputies, through their county offices, to volunteer for the ISA Honor Guard. “It is our commitment to continue to promote and support this endeavor, and we will continue to provide training and resources that are important to those deputies and training staff.”

“Within the next several years, it is our desire to build up the program so there is an Honor Guard for the North half of Indiana, and the South half of Indiana, allowing deputies the ability to travel regionally versus statewide,” state Sheriff Layton.

As support continues to grow for the Honor Guard, more and more deputies will get involved and our pooled resources with all 92 counties will continue to create the ISA Honor Guard that will remain for years and decades to come.
Your Indiana Sheriffs’ Association Board
President Elect ... Sheriff Ken Campbell

In his 34 years in the Boone County Sheriff’s office, Sheriff Ken Campbell never imagined being the President of the Indiana Sheriffs’ Association.

“To say it’s an honor being asked by 91 other counties to head up the ISA organization is an understatement,” states Campbell. “The faith and trust the other Sheriffs have in my ability to head this organization is indescribable.”

Sheriff Campbell has been actively involved with the Indiana Sheriffs’ Association for many years. Going through the elected positions in the ISA Board of Director’s has prepared him for the task ahead in 2014. “I can honestly say in January of 1979, I never thought I would be Sheriff, let alone the President of the ISA organization.”

“My first goal for 2014 - visit every sheriff’s office in the state of Indiana.” He’s well on his way, already visiting over 14 counties thus far. “It is important to visit each county - to better understand their unique needs and demographic challenges.”

Next on the list ... creating a broadcast list for all 92 Sheriff’s, and his wife will create a spouses broadcast list as well. “The spouses of Sheriffs have demands placed upon them that only they can understand. This broadcast effort will provide a sounding board for those spouses to network and discuss issues important to them.”

“Legislatively - the office of Sheriff is the chief constitutional office holder for their respective county. As Sheriff, we have direct contact with our constituents, closer than most legislators. The Indiana Sheriffs’ Association will continue to work towards positively influence decisions at the statehouse that directly affect our Sheriffs’ offices statewide,” affirms Sheriff Campbell.

Near and dear to Sheriff Campbell are the Youth Camps. “I have been a staff counselor for years, and plan to continue in this endeavor for years to come. Our Youth Camp kids need all the additional adult role models possible. Typically our Youth Camp attendees are fantastic kids - and we will promise to do a better job at telling some of the superb stories that come from our camps each summer.”

Another area of importance for 2014 - Training. “We need to consistently provide training that is timely and relevant to our jail commanders and sheriffs’ offices. ISA has done a great job in the past few years with programs and classes - but we must continually raise the bar. Providing affordable training is a must for 2014 and beyond,” exclaims Sheriff Campbell.

Sheriff Campbell is quick to give kudos to his entire staff at the Boone County Sheriff’s Office. “Surrounding yourself with good people and they make you look good! My staff at Boone County, and mentors from my past, have afforded me one of the most unique opportunities - being Sheriff of the county I love. I cannot imagine a better job. The icing on the cake - being President of the Indiana Sheriffs’ Association for 2014.

“We have a lot of work to do this year, but with the help of the Indiana Sheriffs’ Association, their staff and our entire board of directors, we will experience positive outcomes for all Sheriff’s in the state of Indiana.”
Serving his 1st term, Sheriff John Moses Continues to Learn and

While working for the Tipton city police department, Sheriff John Moses never imagined becoming the highest ranking county officer. While attending Butler University, Sheriff Moses was approached by then Tipton Chief of Police Gary Stout. "Chief Stout asked me to think about becoming an officer on the city department, and I decided that this may be a great opportunity for me to get into law enforcement, something I had not even considered growing up" comments Moses.

Moses then became a Tipton City Police officer, focusing on attending instructor schools and training that lead him to become specialized in defensive tactics and training. "I was an athlete in high school and college - so the area of defense training was a natural fit." To retain his defensive tactics certification, Sheriff Moses returns to school every three years to remain current on procedures and techniques. Currently the only defensive tactics trainer in Tipton County, Sheriff Moses plans on serving in this capacity until he retires, no matter what his future endeavors may be in the Sheriff's office.

As a Sergeant in the Tipton City Police Department, Sheriff Moses decided to run for Sheriff in 2006. "I decided it was time for a change in my career. I had worked for 20 years in the city department - and I had thought about running for Sheriff for a few years. This was the year to run!"

That first run for Sheriff, Moses lost by a mere 41 votes to a 4 term Sheriff. So in 2010, Moses decided to run one more time. "It was a great experience running in 2006 and 2010. I had the support of my family each time, and they all helped with my campaign," states the Sheriff. "My wife Dana, and our 4 daughters dig right in by going to different functions and campaigning door to door as well. One of my favorite things to do now ... visit the schools. Whether elementary, middle school or high school, it is important to be visible and accessible to our kids. They inherently know if you really care - and they want to be heard on issues dealing with the law," remarks the Sheriff.

Since becoming Sheriff of Tipton County, Moses has had to deal with issues ranging from being understaffed to building a new jail. "Not unlike so many other Sheriffs' offices across Indiana, Tipton County has had to deal with budget cuts and restraints. "We continuously have to be creative with our budget. Whether through creating internal training for staffing and jail needs, we always have to watch the bottom line."

About a year and a half ago, Tipton County formed a committee to help oversee a new jail building project. "We knew this was a project we would have to pursue in order to keep our county from any potential lawsuits. We opened up our current jail for public tours so everyone had the opportunity to see first-hand that many items were not up to code, and that grandfathering wasn't going to work much longer. As work progresses toward the building of a new jail, it is our responsibility to maintain good communication with the public on the how's, why's and when this project will take place. Needless to say - it has not been easy. However, we are up to the task in Tipton County, to keep our citizens safe and build responsibly."

"From budget restraints to the construction of a new jail, being the Sheriff the past 3 1/2 years has been a blessing - and I am currently running for re-election. I have thoroughly enjoyed my current tenure as Sheriff. I also know having the superior staff we do in Tipton is vital. We all communicate effectively and try to help each other at every turn."

"Talking with people and learning their stories has always been a pleasure for me, and I look forward to making Tipton County an even safer place to live and raise children in the next four years."

### About Tipton County

- **Population**: 16,377
- **Area**: 260 Sq Miles
- **County Roads**: 594 Miles
- **Highways**: 60 Miles

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Howard County Endures Late Fall Tornadoes - and Responds with Prepared and Precise Plans

November 17, 2013 started off like any other late fall day in Howard County. But by 2:00 that afternoon - tornado watches and warnings were abound across northern and central Indiana. By 3:00, the southern edge of Kokomo had been hit by an EF-2 tornado, taking out businesses and homes across an 23 mile path.

The Howard County Sheriff’s Office was well-prepared. Years of training and a well-thought out contingency plan was already in place to handle the barrage of communication, emergency and fire needs. “Plenty of warning was given by the National Weather Service, so we were prepared for just about anything Mother Nature prepared to hand to us”, explains Sheriff Steve Rogers.

In Howard County, dispatch is handled through the Sheriff’s office. All 911 calls that come in from any corner of the county are handled in the centrally located Sheriff’s office in Kokomo. In the beginning, there was concern about having dispatch in one location, but after the severe storms and tornados in November, those concerns were put to rest. “Our central dispatch handled over 837 calls in the three hour period immediately after the tornado struck. Of those 837 calls, 400 were for police, fire and EMS services. When broken down even further - our central dispatch handled one call every 4.7 seconds”, states Sheriff Rogers.

Within the first hour after the tornado hit, 21 Sheriff’s deputies were out throughout the county and in Kokomo. “We knew the majority of the damage occurred within city limits, but with the relationship we have with the City of Kokomo Police Department, they knew they could count on us to provide any help they needed,” says Captain Jerry Asher.

Corrections officers hit the road soon after - and with the help of the State Police, including Superintendent Doug Carter, Howard County was under the watchful eye of all local and state agencies to provide any help they could to local residents.

“We set up Central Command immediately and put our heads together to create and enable a system that assisted those that needed help. Howard County is fortunate in that we have agencies that work well together and communicate so well,” explained Captain Asher. Captain Asher was in Indianapolis that afternoon seeing Les Misérables with his family for his daughter’s birthday. As soon as his officer’s radio indicated a serious problem
in his home county - he headed north back towards Howard County. “It was a mess getting through Clinton and Carroll counties, but I knew I had to be back in the Sheriff’s office to be where I could help. In Central Command, we all recognized individual tasks to be completed, concerns to be handled. Confusion was virtually non-existent because of the open lines of communication between everyone in the county. Red Cross immediately set up shelters, and our local radio stations kept people informed. We were fortunate in Howard County, no serious injuries or fatalities occurred that day.’

Before the tornado of November 17, Howard County had already researched the idea of a mass communication system, capable of notifying residents of impending weather, or other important information to keep them safe. “Needless to say after the tornado, acquiring the system was a very easy sell,” affirms the Sheriff.

Three months after the tornado, Sheriff Rogers and Captain Asher reflect on the events of that November weekend. In the 44 years Sheriff Rogers has been in ranks of the Sheriff’s office (4 as Sheriff) he has never been prouder of the people, and law enforcement agencies, as he was during this fateful day. “Saying I am blessed to be in law enforcement would be an understatement. The Howard County communities from north to south, and east to west, show me every day that being a Sheriff is truly an honor and privilege. Our Sheriff’s office has dedicated men and women willing to put their lives on the line every day - and events of that fateful day simply reinforced how wonderful the citizens of this county truly are - to lend a hand in time of need.”

As Sheriff Rogers prepares to run for a second term as lead law enforcement official in the Howard County office, he realizes his focus will turn to focusing on positive growth for the office, to lend a seamless transition to the next group of deputies. “Our contingency plans last November worked so well because of the willingness to keep lines of communication open through all Howard County departments, a trend I see only growing stronger in the future.”

Harley Raffle for 2014

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