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## **Media Release from Winnebago County Sheriff Gary Caruana on the Illinois Sheriff's Association 2020 Annual Membership renewal:**

In the past year, this office has worked extremely hard to make significant improvements in our county. Through community-based programs and an emphasis on professionalism, we hope to reduce the number of gun-related crimes, thefts, incidents of domestic violence and other disturbances. An example of our plans and objectives includes:

- Provide state-of-the-art training opportunities for Sheriffs, Deputies, Corrections Officers and office staff.
- Promote the importance of Neighborhood Watch programs.
- Continue our initiatives in specialized technical training and the latest crime-prevention measures.
- Involvement in civic-minded program and services, such as providing deserving young citizens with college scholarships where they can further their education, capture a heightened sense of belonging, and participate in constructive activities to build character and responsibility.
- Increased drug awareness through educational programs and services that will give individuals a fighting chance to lead more productive lives.



- Maintain our goal to improve our correctional facilities, incorporating the latest security measures to remove more criminals from the streets.
- Integrate special rehabilitation programs that aim to help criminals by preparing them to become productive members of society.
- Implement productive activities that help children by redirecting them from illegal activity. This can be accomplished by providing relevant programs designed to occupy their time and attention more constructively. These are the type of efforts that can provide positive influences to enable our youth to become responsible citizens.
- We hope to see fewer incidents of spousal and child abuse by further developing opportunities for law enforcement to work more closely with shelters and local organizations to provide counseling and support.
- Public Safety agencies deal with individual's on a daily basis that are struggling with mental health issues and opioid addiction. It is imperative that Law enforcement agencies receive appropriate funding to deal with those in need of services.

I personally want to thank all of you for supporting the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office and for the support of these initiatives those in place now as well as those planned.

I would also like to share another unique initiative with you, the Illinois Sheriffs' Association's Associate Membership Program, a program supported by citizens and businesses committed to making our communities a safer place to live.

This important program enables citizens to make a real difference toward the objectives previously mentioned. The Associate Membership Program is based on the premise that citizens and law enforcement officers can collaborate to have a direct impact on our communities. Through membership, citizens can help in a very practical way.

I invite businesses and individuals alike to support our efforts by becoming members. Through your participation in this program, we can continue to provide the resources necessary to make a difference.

**Please remember that your Illinois Sheriffs' Association never solicits memberships by telephone.** This fact is important because it distinguishes Illinois Sheriffs' Association from other organizations who employ telemarketers for their fundraising – many of which are fraudulent or illegitimate.

Anyone interested in knowing more about this very essential program may visit the website at [www.ilsheriffs.org](http://www.ilsheriffs.org) or call: 217-753-2372. For inquiries by mail, please write to 401 E Washington Suite 1000; Springfield, Illinois 62701. We will be glad to mail additional information to interested parties. Again, if anyone calls you to solicit membership, they do not represent our organization.

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