



Idaho Sheriffs' Association

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MILLS-ADLER AWARD NOMINATION

Nominees name: SHERIFF DAVE SANDERS

Nominee's county: Camas

Nominee's position: Sheriff

Dates of Service: 1993-2009

Sheriff Dave Sanders has served the citizens of Idaho for 16 years as a deputy and then elected sheriff of his adopted county, Camas. During his tenure as sheriff he has worked diligently within the Idaho Sheriffs' Association to better the lives of his constituents as well as his colleagues.

Since 2002 Dave was elected secretary-treasurer of the Sheriffs' Association and then ascended through the second and first vice-president's chair to reach the president's position in 2008. He currently is a board of director as the immediate past-president. Dave presided as president in what arguably could be considered a milestone event within the Sheriffs' Association as he oversaw a major reorganization in direction.

Since its formal inception in 1962 the Idaho Sheriffs' Association began as an informational sharing organization where sheriffs met and worked on issues of common interests. In the late 1970's sheriffs created jail standards and began jail inspections and in the 1990's they added a lobbyist. During Sheriff Sanders term, strategy sessions were conducted and decisions were made to bifurcate the role of executive director/jail coordinator into two separate positions in order to allow the association to expand and develop relevant professional services to sheriffs and their constituents throughout Idaho.

Because of Dave's initiative the association is currently embarking on jail reporting to the Social Security Administration to identify inmates who shouldn't be receiving benefits, thereby saving taxpayer dollars and providing award incentives to reporting counties. The association is also offering standardized background investigations for new hires to improve the quality of deputies. Another major result of Dave's hard work is the association's current effort to take over the management of the victim notification program (VINE) from the Department of Correction. This effort is a result of a lack of state funding for the program and the availability of federal grant dollars. VINE helps victims of domestic and sexual abuse by keeping them informed about their case, including the perpetrators incarceration status and court appearances.

Sheriff Sanders holds an Advanced and Executive Level Certificate from the Idaho Peace Officers Standards and Training agency and has recently completed an emergency communications upgrade in his county. Dave enjoys the challenges of his job and gives back more than he takes. He volunteers his time to civic organizations such as the Sons of The American Legion and 4-H, and he and Alicia are the proud parents of two wonderful daughters, Kyla and Shelby.

It is with great pleasure that Sheriff Dave Sanders is nominated to receive the Mills-Adler Award for outstanding public service.

Sincerely,



Sheriff Chris Smith
President, Idaho Sheriffs' Association