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2021 Deputy of the Year: David A. May



**(Left) Jefferson County Sheriff Jeff Bullard
(Right) Award Winner Deputy David A. May**

On the afternoon of October 26, 2021 at 12:59pm, a Jefferson County Correctional Officer was transporting an inmate to his jury trial at the courthouse.

Once they arrived at the sallyport in the basement, and it was secured, the correctional officer began assisting the inmate into a wheelchair. Due to the judge's order, the inmate was uncuffed so not seen by the jury in any form of restraints.

While assisting the inmate in the wheelchair, the inmate grabbed the officer's gun and a fight over the weapon ensued. Both fell to the floor and continued to fight, while the inmate was able to pull the officer's handgun from the holster. As the fight continued, the inmate discharged a round close to the officer, striking the floor nearby. The inmate was able to get free of the officer, still with the gun, the officer was still on the floor, and was completely vulnerable at this point.

During the scuffle, Deputy David A. May was on the first floor at the metal detection station.

He witnessed the attack on the video monitor system at his workstation and rushed down the stairs to get to the sallyport. He continued as he heard a gunshot from inside the sallyport. Once he arrived at the doorway into the sallyport, Deputy May looked in, the inmate pointed the gun in his direction, and he quickly took cover. Split seconds later, Deputy May came out from cover, fired one round, struck the inmate, and the inmate fell to the floor. The inmate threw the gun away and gave up. Deputy May radioed for assistance and raised the sallyport door to allow responding backup units quick access to the scene.

In December, Deputy May was awarded a medal of valor from his department and in January was awarded the Jefferson County Sheriff's Offices 2021 Deputy of the Year. Thank you and congratulations on a job well done.

2021 Correctional Officer of the Year

On April 15, 2021, Correctional Officer (CO) Cogdal was conducting Medical Protocol in LaSalle County Jail, along with the nurse on duty, to coordinate with patients requiring health services. Per standard procedure, CO Cogdal brought two patients into the Health Care Unit and

stood guard. The nurse started attending to an inmate on the examination table when she turned her gaze away momentarily. At that moment the inmate jumped up and grabbed the nurse by the neck, pinning her against the wall with a metal object in his hand. The inmate stated he was looking for the fastest way out of the jail.

CO Cogdal responded immediately by grabbing the arm of the inmate that was holding the metal object and quickly freeing the nurse.

As she ran down the hall for assistance, CO Cogdal disarmed the inmate while fending off the attack. During multiple attempts to restrain the inmate, CO Cogdal received lacerations on his neck, nose, and shoulder from stabbing attempts made by the inmate.

The immediate action taken by CO Cogdal saved serious physical injury to the nurse on duty and subverted a possible escape attempt and hostage situation.



(Left) Award Winner CO Justin Cogdal (Right) LaSalle County Sheriff Adam Diss

2021 Telecommunicator of the Year



(Left) Champaign County Sheriff Dustin Heurman (Right) Award Winner Lance Buyno

On March 29, 2020, at approximately 4:15am, Lance Buyno answered a 911 call from a distraught female saying her son was at her house and "talking crazy." She added the son told her and her husband that he had killed somebody, but she didn't know whether to believe him. The son was outside speaking with his father, and Lance instructed the mother to keep an eye on them from a distance and report what was happening.

Lance dispatched Champaign County Sheriff's Office to the residence. As the individual on the phone was calling from a rural part of the county, Lance kept her on the line for approximately 30 minutes until deputies could arrive. During this time, Lance was able to keep the mother calm and get information from her that led to locating a double homicide scene at another location in the county.

Due to Lance's diligence, deputies were simultaneously able to locate the crime scene and get the suspect into custody without incident.

The extraordinary professionalism and detailed dispatching by Lance resulted in an arrest and an ongoing double homicide investigation.

Want to hear our award winners recount their heroic stories in their own words?

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Deputy Sean Riley Family Benefit

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108 N. 9th Street Mount Vernon, IL. 62864

On **Saturday, March 5th**, Jefferson County FOP is partnering with Jefferson County Fire and the Mt. Vernon Elks Lodge for a fundraiser to the family of Wayne County Deputy Sean Riley.

The Elks will be serving fried chicken dinners from noon until 6 PM on that day. They offer dine in, carryout and drive up.

That evening the FOP is hosting Howl At The Moon Dueling Pianos at the Granada Theater, downtown Mt. Vernon. There will be a cocktail hour from 7 PM to 8 PM at Humphreys / Granada Theater. Howl At The Moon will play from 8 PM to 11 PM.

All profits from this event will go to Deputy Riley's family.

Tickets are currently not available to the public. We are opening up sales to First Responders early. I know there are civilian employees included in this message. If you receive this message, you are considered a part of the First Responder family. Feel free to order tickets if you'd like.

On Thursday Feb. 10 at 12 AM, remaining tickets will go on sale to the public. I would encourage you to

get your tickets early as there is a limited number and we believe they will sell out.

Attached is a link to Eventbrite, who is handling ticket sales.

<https://deputy-sean-riley-family-benefit.eventbrite.com>



Solving the Crime - Will County Sheriff's Office

In January the Sheriff's Office Crime Scene Investigators held two more mock crime scene classes in order for Girl Scout Troop 55722 and Cub Scout Den 8 Pack 94 to receive their detective badges.

The class consists of lessons on fingerprinting, trace evidence, and developing clues in order to solve the crime.

Case solved!

Snow Rescue - Moultrie County Sheriff's Office

Article by Tony Reid

Police body cam video shows officers making a quarter mile trek through snow up to their knees to help a couple with a 6-month-old child stuck on a remote and drifted-shut country road near Bethany.

Moultrie County Sheriff Chris Sims said the family's fate serves as a cautionary tale about venturing out in terrible conditions and not making adequate preparations.

"They were fairly lightly dressed and they didn't have near the clothes or blankets they should

have," said Sims. "And you wouldn't want to be out there with a 6-month-old baby."

The couple, who police understand live in Lovington, were out driving late Thursday afternoon on Moultrie County Road 1500N, known as the Bethany-Moweaqua Blacktop. Their four-wheel drive pickup got stuck about two miles south and 2.5 miles to the west of Bethany when they called for help.

The couple weren't quite sure what road they were on, which delayed police getting out there. However, they soon located them but found they couldn't drive closer than a quarter mile in the tundra-like conditions. So Sims, along with Sgt. Mark Risley and Deputy Caleb Smith from his office and Bethany Police Chief Chris Nichols, who shot the body cam video, began their exhausting slog through the snow.

Sims said they delivered warm jackets and blankets but decided it was best for the family to stay put as they had enough fuel to keep their vehicle running.

Police called for a snow plow to come out and clear the road and within an hour a path had been pushed through that allowed the family to be on its way out of there.

"Earlier, all four of us tried to push the vehicle out from where it was stuck and we couldn't move it," said Sims. "We then stayed until the snow plow arrived and we figured it would be safer to leave them in their truck, especially with that baby being there. You could barely walk without falling down as it was."

Sims said drivers need to remember that, whether they are piloting a four-wheel drive vehicle or not, blowing and drifting heavy snow can soon get the better of you. He said the best advice is not to venture out at all but, if you must drive in bad weather, be prepared.

"Take heavy clothes, blankets, sleeping bags or whatever and make sure you have plenty of gas in your vehicle," he added.

"Because you never know when you might get stuck or breakdown."



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After taking part in the walking snow rescue, Sims said he was glad to go home. "We were all pretty beat after that," he added.

2022 Solidarity Kits



ISA's Solidarity Kits were introduced in 2021 for citizens who wish to show support for local Illinois Law Enforcement. Included in this year's package are encouragement cards to hand out to officers throughout the year! Solidarity Kits are \$20 and can be purchased at: <https://www.ilsheriff.org/solidarity-package/>

A full package includes:

- "They Protect Us, We Support Them" 3.5' x 6.5" Decal (1)
- "Dear Officer, Thank You" Cards (15)
- "They Protect Us, We Support Them" Coasters w/ ISA Logo (4)
- ISA Logo Koozies (2)
- ISA Thin Blue Line Lanyard (1)

ISA Scholarships

Will you be pursuing higher education during the 2022 - 2023 academic year in the State of Illinois?

The ISA will be awarding over \$58,000 in college scholarships! The scholarships are to be applied to tuition, books and fees only. The student must be enrolled full-time at a certified institution of higher learning within the State of Illinois, full-time online learning is acceptable.

For additional information, including how to

apply, please visit www.ilsheriff.org and click the Youth Outreach tab.

