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Kendall County Sheriff Dwight Baird named Illinois State Crime Commission SHERIFF OF THE YEAR

Kendall County Board Chairman Scott Gryder commends Sheriff Dwight Baird for being named “SHERIFF OF THE YEAR” by the Illinois State Crime Commission. Sheriff Baird will accept the award on November 4, 2021.

The commission stated that Baird initiated several Education Programs for Kendall County Inmates and implemented a new Inmate Video Visitation Program at no cost to taxpayers. Baird also formed a new Domestic Violence Response Team, Community Partnerships and Outreach Programs, implemented body worn cameras for Sheriff’s Deputies, and was instrumental in increasing transparency and communication with County citizens.

Sheriff Baird and his staff successfully passed the American Correctional Association Accreditation for Corrections, which represents fundamental correctional practices to ensure staff and inmate safety and security; enhances staff morale; improves record maintenance and data management capabilities; assists in protecting the facility against litigation; and improves the function of the facility on all levels. Resulting in Kendall County becoming one of only six accredited jails in the United States.

Chairman Gryder and the Kendall County Board thank Sheriff Baird and his staff for their commitment to Kendall County, and salute their service and dedication leading to this distinguished honor. The Kendall County Sheriff’s Office remains “Ready to Protect, Proud to Serve”.

If you have additional questions or concerns please contact Scott Koeppel, Kendall County Administrator at skoeppel@co.kendall.is.us or 630-553-4171.

