



# Kendall County

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### **Kendall County Sheriff Issue Appeal to Citizens in Fight Against Crime**

Responding to the increasing number of people wanting to assist law enforcement officials and build a stronger partnership in the fight against crime, Sheriff Dwight A. Baird today announced that current members in Kendall County are receiving their annual renewals as Associate Members of the Illinois Sheriffs' Association.

Membership renewals go out in the mail in early January. If you are not a current member and would like to become part of this program, you may become a member for as little as \$20, while businesses can show their support for a \$50 contribution. The funding provides critically important technical resources, training, and legislative support on key criminal justice issues.

Contributions are tax-deductible, and unlike other organizations in our state, the Membership Program does not solicit membership by telephone.

“With government funding becoming increasingly difficult to secure, the membership drive has taken on greater importance than ever before,” said Sheriff Baird. “The funding is vital to helping us carry out our mission of making our communities safer places to live, work and play.”

Again, for those who are not currently involved, but would like to become a member, please contact the **Illinois Sheriffs' Association; 401 E Washington Suite 1000; Springfield, Illinois 62701 Phone: 217-753-2372. Information is also available online, [www.ilsheriff.org](http://www.ilsheriff.org).**

The membership program was formed to provide citizens with an opportunity to lend their support to more effective law enforcement and to help local law enforcement officers protect the lives and property of citizens.

“As the need for building stronger public-private law enforcement partnerships in this country continues to escalate, programs such as this continue to grow in importance,” said Sheriff Baird. “I encourage everyone receiving a membership appeal to consider joining forces with us by becoming an Associate Member. It is a valuable investment in the future.”