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Kendall County Sheriff Issues 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 Baird today announced that county citizens are being invited to become Associate Members of the Illinois Sheriffs' Association.

Membership appeals will go out in the mail shortly. Individuals choosing to join the voluntary program can do so for as little as \$20, while businesses memberships begin at \$50. 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.”

The Program is committed to its “No Telemarketing” policy and only sends invitations to citizens to become members by mail. Individuals that do not receive a membership appeal and would like more information can visit online at www.ilsheriff.org or may call or write to: **Illinois Sheriffs' Association; 401 E Washington Suite 1000; Springfield, Illinois 62701 Phone: 217-753-2372.**

Residents can also get information about becoming members of the program by contacting the Sheriff's Office.

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,” added 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.”