

DAKOTA COUNTY SHERIFF

The Front Row

"A front row seat to the greatest show on Earth..."



Tim Leslie, Sheriff

Joe Leko, Chief Deputy

February and March, 2018

**Featuring Sheriff's
Administrative,
Communications,
Support, and Parks,
Lakes, and Trails
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Steve Anderson
Annette Baker
Julie Ecker

**Electronic Crime
Unit**

Meredith Peik
Derrick Warnecke

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Lead

Nicole Schiller
Holly Ruiz

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Sandy Burke
Melanie Heltne
Kathy Karnick
Tabitha McCloud
Mary McPhetres
Andrea Strenke
Molu Thachil
Betsy Winter

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Preparedness**

Sergeant Jim Iliff
Doug Nelson

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Staff**

Joanna Anderson
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Rhonda Doheny
Julie Fischer
Lynda Jirak
Casey King
Anna Kochendorfer
Jennifer Malm
Janelle Mayer
Jessica Mayer
Linda Mischke
Jesse Monahan

Y'all are crazy!!



...was the reaction from a fellow police officer in Alabama after he saw photos of the recent Polar Plunge. He may be right and certainly some may be a little crazier than others, but it was for a great cause. Many members of the office, kicked off by **Sheriff Leslie**, took part in the South Metro Law Enforcement Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Minnesota by jumping in the bone chilling waters of Crystal Lake on February 24th. A total of 680 plungers jumped into the icy water and raised \$146,000 for Minnesota Special Olympic athletes. **Deputy Jennifer Lenarz** was once again instrumental in the organization of the event. The DCSO's Dive Team had a front row seat to make sure no one sank to the bottom, but was also responsible for cutting the hole in the ice the day before. The ice was well over two feet thick. But no worries y'all, it should be gone by mid-June.

Waterlogged...



Speaking of the Dive Team, two long-time Dive Team members recently hung up their flippers. Thank you to **Detective Amber Hentges** (14 years) and **Sergeant Thomas Jacobson** (nine years) for their years of Dive Team service.

Vitals App...

The Sheriff's Office and 11 city police departments within the county are soon to begin using a mobile app on their phones designed to help officers effectively respond to encounters with vulnerable children and adults. The phone app "Vitals" is gaining traction and allows people with special needs or their caregivers to create profiles with specific details about the person's condition. The members carry a special card with them and when an officer comes



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Kelly Huntington
Jonah Koeppen
Jordan Mack
Samantha Mamer
Alexis Mau
Christopher Nelson
Joseph Penny
Zachary Rivers
Domenic Scudera
Miranda Snyder
Alex VanSomeren
Jonathon Williams

Chaplains

Jim Bzoscik
Vern Hildebrandt
Clayton McDougall
Eddie Nestingen
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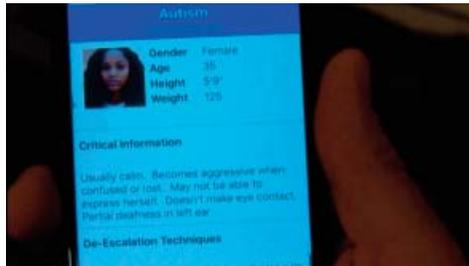


Photo courtesy of WCCO

Several new employees began their careers with us recently and we are proud to have them on board. Pictured left to right are Correctional Deputy Tsha Vang, Electronic Forensic Analyst Derrick Warnecke, and Correctional Deputies Sara Steva,

within 60 feet, the member's profile comes up on the officer's phone, allowing the officer to know exactly with whom they are working.

Welcome Aboard...



Robert Erickson, Katherine Guanzini, Nicholas Abernathy, Devinn Metz, Thomas Kluck, Jonathan Overland, and Brady Ruark.

The Future's Looking Bright...

Great job by our Explorers, who recently competed in

the Chief's Cup Competition in St. Paul. They took first place in Traffic Stops, Search and Arrest, and Domestic Assault Response. Thanks to our Explorer Advisors for their leadership and commitment to the post.

Community Partnerships...

Sheriff Leslie and Sergeant Dawanna Witt recently attended the Black, White and Blue Forum. The forum was hosted by Dr. Charles Karuku, senior pastor at International Outreach Church in Burnsville. We appreciate the opportunity to connect and build new relationships within our communities!

