



Behind The Steele Star

Steele County Sheriff's Office
Lon Thiele, Sheriff

Scott Hanson, Chief Deputy

Karen Meier, Administrative Asst

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Sergeants

Brian Bennett
Todd Schwanke
Bill Youngquist

Investigators

Troy Matejcek
Gary Okins

Deputies

Milo Dahlin
Chad Forystek
Aaron Guzman
Darrin Helget
Jim Holton
Tony Padilla
Lee Robbins
Greg Skillestad
Mary Ulrich
Brady Wolhart

Civil Process

Tony David
Jeanne Willmott

K-9 Unit

Brian Bennett
With Partner Chaos

Law Enforcement Center Records Staff

Barbara Rupprecht,
Lead
Renee' Babcock
Dianne Johnson
Sidni Larson

Questions/Comments

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INTRODUCING SERGEANT BRIAN BENNETT

June 8th was the first day Sgt. Bennett took over his duties as a Sergeant for the Steele County Sheriff's Office. You will still see Brian and his K-9 Partner Chaos (Is that Sgt. Chaos now?) on the road, but he will also assume some administrative duties now. Brian began his career with us in 2002, he acquired Chaos in 2005 and has served on the SWAT Team. He joins Sgt. Todd Schwanke and Sgt. Bill Youngquist in their ranks.



THANK YOU SO MUCH, WE COULD NOT DO IT WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT

The Steele County Sheriff's office would like to thank local businesses and organizations for their donations and in-kind services, including:

- ♦ Viracon, Inc. for donating the glass for the lobbies of the Law Enforcement and the Detention Centers. The glass provides safety for our Records Department personnel.
 - ♦ Misgen's Auto Salvage of Ellendale for donating two vehicles used in the mock crash for the Medford High School students. In addition, a thank you is extended to members of Medford SADD, Medford Fire Department, Gold Cross Ambulance, and Glen Meger with the Medford Funeral Home for their assistance in depicting a realistic scenario of an alcohol related crash.
 - ♦ Hiawathaland Council of Telephone Pioneers, Katie McIntosh with Straight River Sports, V.F.W., V.F.W. Auxiliary, Insty Prints, Owatonna Ford-Chrysler and the City of Ellendale for services/donations to the Bike Rodeos.
 - ♦ The Owatonna People's Press and reporter Ashley Peterson for graciously sharing their photos of our events, allowing us to use them in our newsletter.
- These donations come at a time when local governments are facing budget cuts. We applaud our local businesses for their continued support.

RACING FOR A GOOD CAUSE — THE "FROM THE HEART" 5K



Placing 64th out of 500 runners is not too bad for someone who thought he was going to be playing softball, not running a 5K that morning. Sheriff Thiele was a little surprised to get a request from someone to take her (name to remain anonymous) place in a race on May 7th. He is pictured with co-runners Bill Tjon (state trooper) and his wife Nicole Tjon on race day.

Special Deputies

Les Abraham, Coordinator
507-398-3284

- Walt Barfknecht
- Charlie Berg
- Grant Brossard
- Chris Clark
- Matthew DeWees
- Jack Dillemath
- Gene Fisher
- Jodi Francisco
- Christopher Gannon
- Kate Joenks
- Scott Jorgensen
- Jeff Kirchner
- Mark Kreutter
- Andrew Kubista
- Eugene Linse
- Dave Macht
- Randy Mahlman
- Rich Mueller
- Brandon Noble
- Ryan Pankratz
- Marty Rethemeier
- Sean Robbins
- Jason Roncali
- Paul Schneider
- LeRoy Schroeder
- Mark Schultz
- John Standke
- Thomas Stockwell
- John Sweet

Mounted Posse

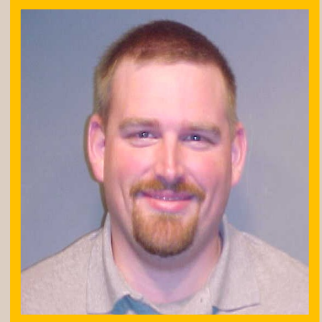
Joe Schwering, Captain
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- Ralph Behne
- Brian Berg
- Ed Berryman
- John Bowe
- Maralou Brose
- Jodie Briant
- Michelle Darrah
- Tine Donahue
- John Gerold
- Tim Hager
- Tom Hager
- Mike Haubenschild
- Dan Hedberg
- Darrin Helget
- William Hildebrandt
- Jake Jacobson
- Leon Kamrath
- Mike Keinz
- Mark Lang
- Monte Mowry
- Del Mullenbach
- Joyce Nelson
- Barrie & Dawn Peterson
- Lynn Pettis
- Ethel Quimby
- Gary Ringhofer
- Marilyn Schwering
- Tony Schwering
- Carl Ulrich
- Troy Utpadel
- Jennifer Waldriff

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WELCOME RODERICK REES NEW CORRECTIONAL OFFICER

Mr. Rees joined the staff at the Detention Center on April 4th. His education includes a B.S. Degree from Metropolitan State University with a major in Law Enforcement and a minor in Criminal Justice. He has been a member of the Lakeville Police Reserves for 4 1/2 years. He says he is really enjoying the training and the Corrections Officers for Steele County are professional and friendly.



GARAGE & BAKE SALE

THURSDAY, JUNE 16TH	4:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M.
FRIDAY, JUNE 17TH	7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.
SATURDAY, JUNE 18TH	7:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON

EAGLES CLUB - 141 EAST ROSE STREET, OWATONNA

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE PROGRAMS DEPT.
OF THE STEELE COUNTY DETENTION CENTER.
QUESTIONS: CONTACT THE PROGRAMS DEPT. - 446-7012



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