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ERIC SEVERSON, Sheriff

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WI Sheriffs Organizing Louisiana Hurricane Relief

Waukesha County Sheriff Eric Severson and the *Waukesha County Deputy Charities Association* have partnered with the *Badger State Sheriff's Association* to aid deputies in Louisiana impacted by Hurricane Ida.

Following the unprecedented and devastating impact from Hurricane Ida on the State of Louisiana and the Gulf Coast, the WI Badger State Sheriffs' Association (BSSA) has implemented the *Sheriffs Adopting Sheriffs* program to help Sheriffs employees in the State of Louisiana.

The *Sheriffs Adopting Sheriffs* relief project is designed to help Sheriffs employees and their families who have been personally impacted by this natural disaster. The relief project was recently authorized by BSSA President, Sheriff Nate Dreckman of Grant County. "When these types of disasters occur," said Sheriff Dreckman, "too often lost in the mix of the disaster is the fact that Sheriff's emergency responders themselves suffer a major personal and family loss while still being expected to go to work, do their jobs, and continue to rescue and help others in need."

"The BSSA *Sheriffs Adopting Sheriffs* program," said Dreckman, "is designed to bring a little direct relief to those Sheriff's employees who leave their families during times of major emergencies and go to work helping others."

In 2012, the BSSA activated this program following hurricane Sandy and helped four Sheriffs employees at the Union County Sheriff's Office in the State of New Jersey. According to BSSA Executive Director, Dean C. Meyer, the *Sheriffs Adopting Sheriffs* program primarily solicits specific donations from Sheriff's personnel and their families. Meyer said that is being done again this year, but because the need following Hurricane Ida is so great in Louisiana, this year's program efforts are being expanded to give the citizens, businesses, and other organizations the opportunity to participate and help out.

Dreckman explains, "There are nearly 5.8 million people living in our great State. Think what could be raised if every adult could walk into their County Sheriff's Office and donate just \$5. Think what could be raised if every business in the State sent a check for just \$25 to their County Sheriff. Think what could be raised if every type of civic organization in the State made a \$50 contribution to the *Sheriffs Adopting Sheriffs* program."

The *Sheriffs Adopting Sheriffs* program will run in each County until October 15th. We are currently accepting donations in-person and via postal mail:

Waukesha County Sheriff's Dept., c/o: Amy Tesch 515 W. Moreland Blvd., Waukesha, WI 53188

Make checks payable to:

BSSA – (Badger State Sheriff Association)

ONLINE:

https://www.wsdcharities.org/hurricane-fundraiser

Scan the QR code below to visit the donation website.



Your generosity is greatly appreciated -

Sincerely

Fric Severson

Waukesha County Sheriff

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