

From the Desk of Sheriff David Doak



In Reflection

Entering into my second term as the Sheriff of Portage County, I have begun to reflect once again on my role as a citizen and public servant (which also includes being a husband, a father, and a friend). I appreciate the quote by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., “The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.” As a law enforcement administration, we need to be mindful of the role that each and every one of us plays, as we are all part of “one” administration – the whole being a reflection of the sum of its individuals.

The primary responsibility of any law enforcement agency is the protection, peace and welfare of its citizens. We are called to live our lives in such a way as to inspire confidence and trust, not only in the eye of the public, but at home as well. Our actions as law enforcement officers should be marked by honor and integrity, giving strict heed to the choices we make (both personally and professionally) as we endeavor to be effective leaders that promote positive change.

Moving forward, it is my goal for this administration to live and conduct our lives as examples of public trust, recognizing and holding in high esteem our influence upon the citizens of Portage County, our co-workers and our families; to give diligent study and sincere attention to self-improvement, as we make every effort to make the best possible application of science to the solution of crime.

Please continue each day to be safe and do your job to the highest standards we strive for, as you regard your position to be an honorable profession - on the job and off.