



PRESS RELEASE

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Wapello County Sheriff's Reserves
330 W. Second St.
Ottumwa, IA 52501

It is with great excitement that the Wapello County Sheriff's Reserves announce and give a special thanks to the Ottumwa Regional Legacy Foundation for their generous donation by funding our recent project. The Wapello County Sheriff's Reserves Communications Interoperability Project is funded by a grant from the Ottumwa Regional Legacy Foundation, which partners to improve the health, education and vitality of the City of Ottumwa and Wapello County.

The Wapello County Sheriff's Reserves were awarded a \$15,782 grant for the purchase of new Kenwood P25 portable radios. The radios will replace those currently equipped by the Reserves, which will be obsolete and non-compatible with the system used by the new radio tower project. The radios will be a great asset to the Reserve Organization, providing the best communication and increased interoperability with other departments.

The Wapello County Sheriff's Reserves is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose purpose is to supplement the Wapello County Sheriff's Office and their duties, as well as providing support to many children-based organizations in Wapello County. If we are not donating to several little league baseball teams, hosting our scholarship golf fundraiser, or taking children shopping with our Shop With A Cop program, then you can find us working at the Wapello County Fair, Race For the Cure, and providing security at other events in Wapello County. We also assist our deputies regularly by helping serve civil papers, act on a call-out basis, and provide extra officers in the county for patrol and calls for service.

The Ottumwa Regional Legacy Foundation, a non-profit charitable foundation created in 2010, is committed to creating opportunities to develop, implement and sustain innovative programs and services that will have a measurable impact on the improved health, education and vitality of the City of Ottumwa and Wapello County

With the generous support of the Ottumwa Regional Legacy Foundation, the Wapello County Sheriff's Reserves will be able to continue providing services to the citizens of Wapello County. Once again, many thanks to the Ottumwa Regional Legacy Foundation from all of us here at the Wapello County Sheriff's Reserves.

Sincerely,

Mark Smoot
Wapello County Sheriff's Reserves
President