



NEW YORK STATE SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION INSTITUTE

SHERIFF THOMAS MILLS ANNOUNCES MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute will begin its annual Honorary Membership drive in Delaware County within the next week according to Sheriff Mills.

The New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute was established in 1979. It is a not-for-profit corporation, tax exempt organization, and contributions to the Institute are tax deductible.

While the Sheriff's Office is a unit of county government, many of the concerns of Sheriffs and other law enforcement agencies are best addressed on a statewide level. The Sheriffs' Institute provides centralized training programs and services for all Sheriffs' Offices, where those programs and services would be unavailable or impractical on a single county basis.

The flagship program of the Sheriffs' Institute is the **Sheriffs' Summer Camp for economically challenged children**. The Sheriffs' Camp, in its 33rd year of operation, is located on Keuka Lake and 800 children from across New York State attend each summer. The Sheriffs' Institute pays the entire cost of the camp stay and the transportation. The children attending for the most part don't have an opportunity for a summer vacation or the opportunity for a summer camp experience.

The Sheriffs' Camp curriculum combines summer recreation with programs designed to teach an understanding of, and respect for, our laws and the men and women who enforce them. The strong camper to counselor ratio allows for individual attention and a real emphasis on the development of self esteem.

"In these difficult economic times, we cannot forget our state's kids who will not have the opportunity for a summer camp experience or a summer vacation," Sheriff Mills said. "By becoming an honorary member you are supporting the Sheriffs' Summer Camp for economically disadvantaged children."

In addition, the Sheriffs' Institute operates a scholarship program that provides one scholarship to each of New York State's Community College's Criminal Justice Program. This program is designed to help attract the best and the brightest to the criminal justice vocation.

Financial support for many of the Sheriffs' Institute programs comes from Honorary Membership dues. Invitations for Honorary Membership are extended on a non-partisan basis, and the invitees are selected at random. Any person interested in supporting the efforts of the New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute by becoming an Honorary Member should contact the Sheriff if they do not receive an invitation in the mail.

All donations made to the New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute are tax deductible. In addition, the Sheriffs' Institute is registered with the New York State Attorney General's Charities Bureau.

EDITORS NOTE – The New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute does not and will not ever use telemarketing to raise funds. If anyone in Delaware County receives a call from someone claiming they are representing the New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute and are asking for a donation they should just hang up. The only contact people will receive from the New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute is a letter of invitation to become an honorary member. They can read the letter and if they choose to support the fundraising campaign, great. If not, they can simply throw the letter out and they will not be contacted by New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute again.