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FROM THE SHERIFF'S DESK



Constitutional Awareness

"We the people are the rightful masters of both Congress and the courts, not to overthrow the Constitution but to overthrow the men who pervert the Constitution." Abraham Lincoln

Many of you have expressed your vexation to me regarding the systematic erosion of the US Constitution in recent years; and more particularly, the NYS SAFE ACT. In these trying times, Constitutional Awareness and Education are more important than ever. It was for the purpose of being a "citizen's last line of defense" from tyranny (caused by an overreaching State or Federal government) that the Office of Sheriff was established in our State Constitution. As your Sheriff I am fully aware of my obligation, as a constitutional officer, to uphold (and if need be "protect") our Constitutional rights.

In an effort to address your concerns, I am sponsoring a Constitutional Awareness Seminar, which will encompass a broad view of the Constitution, especially as originally designed by our founding fathers. It will be conducted by a local Delhi resident and businessman, Dave Clark and Undersheriff DuMond at the Sheriff's Office, located at 280 Phoebe Lane, Delhi, New York on November 5th, commencing at 6:00 PM.

Please join us in our study of the Declaration of Independence and the original United States Constitution. In one of his "Letters" Thomas Jefferson wrote, *"I know no safe depository of the ultimate powers of the society but the people themselves; and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion by education. This is the true corrective of abuses of constitutional power."*

Please feel free to contact Undersheriff DuMond at 607-746-2336 with any questions you may have.

I look forward to seeing you on November 5th.

