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LOCAL SHERIFF ANNOUNCES MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Sheriff Thomas J. Grills today announced that Ripley County citizens who would like to join him in the fight against crime are invited to become members of the Indiana Sheriffs' Association. Many local citizens and some businesses have already joined the Association in support of our efforts.

The Indiana Sheriffs' Association is a nonprofit, professional, educational and service organization dedicated to improving the Criminal Justice System through education, training, service and the protection of the lives and property of the citizens of Indiana, according to the sheriff.

The membership program was instituted to provide citizens with an opportunity to lend their support of crime prevention and awareness programs, promote public safety, provide more and improved training for sheriffs and their personnel plus support the Summer Youth Leadership Camps and College Scholarships for teenagers interested in law enforcement that are provided by the association.

"We are inviting the public to help us better serve them by joining our efforts to provide effective law enforcement," Sheriff Grills said. Ripley County residents should soon receive membership applications in the mail. "It is difficult to get an application to everyone who might want to join the Indiana Sheriffs' Association as a member," the sheriff said. If you don't receive an application by mail, you can call or stop by the sheriff's department to obtain one.

All members will receive a membership card, two star decals and releases of the newsletter.

The sheriff stated that this letter of invitation sent to citizens is the only manner or way used to invite citizens to become members of the Association. He stated that NO telephone solicitation or other methods are used to solicit members as are currently being used by some organizations.

"Your joining of the Indiana Sheriffs' Association will be welcomed as an expression of your support of our Association and its many worthwhile programs," the sheriff concluded.