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SHERIFF THOMAS J. GRILLS
Completes 96th Session of National Sheriffs' Institute
Co-sponsored by
NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION (NSA)
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CORRECTIONS (NIC)

Longmont, Colorado—Sheriff Thomas J. Grills of the Ripley County Sheriff's Office completed participation in the 96th session of the National Sheriffs' Institute (NSI) held in Longmont, Colorado, May 17-23, 2009. The NSI is the only national executive development program designed for sheriffs. It is co-sponsored by the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) and the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) with little or no cost to the Sheriff or Agency.

Sheriff Grills joined 27 other sheriffs from across the country for training on contemporary challenges facing America's sheriffs today. In light of those challenges, the sheriffs explored the role of the local sheriff in providing effective leadership for the public good in such areas as public safety, criminal justice system policy, community relations, and organization effectiveness and efficiency.

Fred G. Wilson, NSA Director of Operations, said, "Sheriff Grills is a leader with vision for the Ripley County Sheriff's Office. It is an honor to have Sheriff Grills join the over 3,000 graduates of the NSI since 1973."

The NIC is a division of the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Prisons. It is the primary federal source of technical assistance, training, and information services for state and local corrections. NIC provides a wide variety of services to the nation's jails, most of which are the responsibility of sheriffs.

The NSA is a non-profit professional association located in Alexandria, Virginia. NSA represents the nearly 3,100 elected sheriffs across the nation and has more than 20,000 members, including law enforcement professionals, state and federal government employees, concerned

citizens, students, and others. Since 1940, NSA has served as an information clearinghouse for law enforcement professionals. NSA also provides management training for sheriffs and their personnel in court security, crime victim services, domestic violence, homeland security initiatives, jail operations, and traffic safety. Additionally, NSA administers the highly successful Neighborhood Watch and Triad programs.