

Live Auction Items:

- ◆ *Chief's Prime Rib Dinner catered by Daryl Biechler and served by local Fire and Law Enforcement Chiefs.*
- ◆ *Pontoon Ride & Steak Dinner: 3-hour pontoon ride on Lake Delhi for 8 persons with beverages/snacks. Followed by steak dinner and fixings. Donated by Cascade Fire, EMS and Police*
- ◆ *Hay Ride: 4 hour hay ride with beverages/snacks for 10 persons. Donated by Bernard Fire and EMS*
- ◆ *VirTra Firearms Simulator: 2 hours immersive firearms simulator time. Donated by Dubuque Sheriff Department*
- ◆ *Iowa Football Game: Four tickets for a game of choice-September 16 Western Michigan or November 18 Illinois. Donated by Gary Dolphin*

Online Auction:



*Online bidding ends
May 5 at 8:30 pm*



Thank you for attending this event and supporting the DCERTF.

Hall of Flame



*Robin
Ludovissy*



*Jeff
Sanderfield*



*Al
Wessels*

Star of Life



*Jeff
Sanderfield*

Badge of Honor



*Mark
Dalsing*



*Harley
Pothoff*

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Robin Ludovissy ~ Holy Cross Fire

Robin was an active Holy Cross//BuenaVista Volunteer Fire Departments member for 35 years. He was hands-on and instrumental in recruiting firefighters, training new members, and purchasing safety equipment and apparatus. He was never afraid to step up when leadership was needed, serving the department as Captain for ten years and Assistant Chief for 13 years. He was never afraid to speak up for what he believed in for the betterment of the fire service.

Robin served as President of the Dubuque County Firefighter Association for two terms, in 2006 and 2019. He was one of the core building committee members tasked with planning and constructing the Dubuque County Emergency Responder Training Facility. The long hours spent on this project has enabled countless emergency responders and community members to become and train in a safer environment.

Al Wessels ~ Dyersville Fire

Al Wessels committed over 35 years to the Dyersville Fire Department, inspiring and motivating others around him. After beginning his career in 1988, he quickly rose through the ranks as Captain, Assistant Chief, and Chief. Al made himself available to members who had questions or problems, willing to listen and offer solutions. He encouraged members to continue their training to serve in an effective and safe manner.

Al participated in various committees in the Dubuque County Fire Association. He was President for consecutive terms to facilitate the fundraising initiatives for the construction of the Dubuque County Emergency Responder Training Facility. He also served the Association as Secretary and Treasurer from 2004-2016 and the Training Operations Committee for 10 years. Through his work and dedication, the Dubuque County Emergency Responder Training Facility became one of the elite training facilities in the region.

Jeff Sanderfield ~ Dubuque Fire

Captain Jeff Sanderfield served the Dubuque Fire Department for over 22 years. He was passionate about supporting county fire departments by sharing his knowledge and skills through various fire and rescue lectures, hands-on exercises, and live fire training. Jeff also served as the Training Officer of the Peosta/Centralia Fire Department. Jeff was an EMS instructor, committing many years as the primary instructor for the EMT course at NICC. He was an American Heart Association CPR instructor for over 22 years, delivering training classes for emergency responders and the community. As an instructor for the National Education Center for Agricultural Safety (NECAS), he taught forklift safety, confined space entry, and rescue. He led 260 plus classes in over six states in the last ten years alone. He improved emergency responder safety awareness and skills through courses like anhydrous ammonia response, grain bin rescue, tractor rollover, and manure pit rescue. Jeff was involved in industrial and community safety training and guided facilities to develop and implement emergency response plans.

Jeff was not motivated to achieve rank or bugles. Rather he valued his role as a mentor to all levels within the organization. As a role model, his colleagues felt comfortable asking Jeff questions or for help when needed. He took pride in coaching newer members and remained accessible to help them with skills so the next generation of the fire service was prepared. He was a constant professional and reinforced the importance of continuous learning and skill evolution for improvement. Through his actions, many firefighters, EMTs, and law agencies have enhanced the interoperability of emergency calls and provided the excellence in care that the community expects from emergency responders.

Star of Life

Jeff Sanderfield ~ Dubuque Fire Department

Captain Jeff Sanderfield demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to the Emergency Medical Services profession. Jeff spent most of his professional career as a firefighter and paramedic serving the Dubuque Fire Department, where he was promoted to Captain. He was an active member of the Dubuque Professional Firefighters Local 25. He was genuinely dedicated to advancing the EMS and Fire service and was an instructor in multiple disciplines. He taught various courses privately and for Northeast Iowa Community College, including Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), American Heart Association CPR instructor, Confined Space Rescue, Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support, and Agricultural and Grain Bin Rescue.

Jeff continually sought to increase and share his knowledge as he held himself to the highest standard in performing his job duties. As an instructor, he made every effort to provide exceptional support and service to his students. He could identify an individual's needs and learning styles, adapting to provide them with key concepts and strategies to help them improve. Jeff was dedicated to his profession and served selflessly as a provider and instructor to many.

Badge of Honor

Mark Dalsing ~ Dubuque Police Department

Chief Mark Dalsing served the Dubuque Police Department from 1989 until 2021. During his tenure as Chief, he made the Dubuque Police Department one of the most innovative and respected police departments in the state through advancements in technology, equipment, and creative staffing models. He understood the importance of officer training in traditional competencies but also embraced programs that helped officers understand how intercultural competency, brain health, emotional intelligence, and community relations could help them become better public servants in their community interactions. Some of Mark's other proudest accomplishments was his acceptance to the FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA, in 2011. From there, he joined the Presidential Leadership in 2016, where he had the honor of meeting past Presidents of the USA.

Chief Dalsing introduced the mantra "What if it were family" to the Police Department, and he lived it daily. The relationships he established with community partners, advocates, and citizens built a foundation of trust and communication that continues to benefit the agency and the community on a daily basis.

Harley Pothoff ~ Dubuque Sheriff Department

Harley served the Dubuque County Sheriff's Department from 1987 until 2020, serving many roles during his 33-year career with the Sheriff's Office. Captain Pothoff had a passion for traffic safety, serving as director of the STEP program, instrumental in coordinating internal and interdepartmental traffic safety projects within Dubuque County. After working on multiple fatality and serious injury accidents, Harley collaborated with a Department of Transportation focus group, which developed the idea to have rumble strips installed along Hwy 52 North. Prior to this, the stretch of Hwy 52N from Dubuque to Luxemburg was labeled the "Most Dangerous Highway in Iowa." Harley's work contributed significant safety record improvement to that stretch of road. As a First and Second-line supervisor, Harley was dedicated to setting an example for his employees and was routinely one of the department's highest producers of citations and warnings. His passion for law enforcement helped drive him to always give his best effort to the citizens, whether it be through traffic enforcement, crime investigation, or drug investigations. Captain Pothoff's dedication to the people of Dubuque County was a credit to himself and demonstrated the highest standards of the Dubuque County Sheriff's Office.