



# COUNTY NEWS

## Maine County Commissioners Association Newsletter

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The Achievement Awards Program is a non-competitive awards program that seeks to recognize innovative county government programs. One outstanding program from each category will be selected as the "Best of Category." All NACo members may apply! To begin the application process, please prepare your nomination summary according to the outline of sections to the right. The entry fee is \$75 for early entry until March 9 and then it's \$100. The submissions deadline is March 30, 2020. ~ Click here for more info.



Abstract of the Program	+
The Problem or Need for the Program	+
Description of the Program	+
Responding to Economic Downturn (Optional)	+
The Cost of the Program	+
The Results/Success of the Program	+
Worthiness of Award	+
Supplemental Materials (Optional)	+



### The Changing of the Guard

Knox County has had several changes in department heads in the 2020 New Year!

- Jonathan Liberman, DA
- Donna L. Dennison, Sheriff
- Major John Hinkley, Jail Administrator
- Linwood Lothrop, Communications Director
- Jeff Northgraves, Airport Manager



- Natasha C. Irving, DA
- Timothy K. Carroll, Sheriff
- Raymond Porter, Jail Administrator (Knox County & Waldo County)
- Robert J. Coombs, Interim Communications Director
- Jeremy B. Shaw, Airport Manager



### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



EMA is developing a program of classes with local EMS Directors for the community including hands-only CPR, CPR Certification, First Aid, "Stop the Bleed", how to use an AED, and the proper installation of a child car seat. There may be more courses added in the future. The EMA team just completed their first class on January 29th showcasing hands-only CPR. The plan is to have a class once a month on a regular schedule. The group is still working on planning classes/courses for the rest of the year. Click here to see a flier created for the January training.

### Citizen's Police Academy



Sheriff Timothy Carroll will be announcing the next date for the Knox County Citizen's Police Academy soon! The Knox County Sheriff's Office has found that education is very effective in gaining understanding and support from the Community. Through implementation of the Citizen's Police Academy; the Knox County Sheriff's Office can offer the Citizens of Knox County new insights into how Police, Corrections Officers and Dispatchers perform their duties, as well as how these departments serve the Community.



The Citizen Police Academy is a ten-week program where Citizens from the Community attend a three-hour class one night a week. Citizens who wish to attend may fill out an application online at [knoxso.com/community](http://knoxso.com/community) or pick up an application at the Sheriff's Office. Completed applications should be returned to the Sheriff's Office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Applications will be reviewed, and all attendees will be selected by the Sheriff and his Command Staff.

Classes will be taught by Deputies within the Knox County Sheriff's Office. The curriculum will cover such areas as History of Policing, Maine Law, Patrol Procedures, Criminal Investigative Techniques, Evidence Recovery, K-9 Program, Drug Recognition Expert Program, Etc. Each Academy participant will also receive basic hands-on training in Arrest Control, and Basic Hand to Hand Combat Techniques.



Attendees will have the option of riding with a Deputy on Duty and will conduct Shoot / No-Shoot exercises prior to graduating. The minimum participation to conduct the class is 10 with a maximum of 15. Space is limited so if interested, please apply ASAP.



This picture from Sgt. Marcia Clark's award ceremony.



On January 14<sup>th</sup> Sheriff Carroll and Knox County Administrator Andrew Hart on behalf of the Knox County Commissioners, presented Sergeant Marcia Clark with two awards, thanking her for 25 years of dedicated service to the Knox County Jail. Sgt. Clark has transitioned to retirement and they wish her all the best. ~She will be missed!

### Notes from the Sheriff | January 2020

Welcome to 2020! Already this year there have been many references to 20/20 vision. It is often said that hindsight is 20/20; I hope we as a community can look at the future with clear vision.

In Knox County, we have a lot to look forward to. This past year has shown that we live in a community that cares. We want to properly identify the struggles our citizens, friends, and family members are facing every day when it comes to Substance Use Disorder (SUD). It is no longer seen as strictly a bad choice for which people deserve to be stigmatized. We have programs in place, houses to live in, and employers to work for that have a better understanding of the challenges that people face with SUD. The message is getting out there. Many of our citizens are accepting, not condoning, that people have struggles and if we can look at things a little more humanely, with a little more respect and patience for one another, together we become a better community.

For those battling the disorder, please know that many people care and are here to help you with your fight. I can speak of our work with Knox County Recovery Collaborative from the Knox County Sheriff's Office and Jail; we are doing things differently than ever before. We want to help you and are making concerted efforts to give you opportunities to succeed. Please take no offense that we don't want you to come back through the Jail doors. Let us help you strive and succeed outside of those walls and hope that someday you wish to come back on your terms to maybe help someone where you have been and be that coach or mentor that gets them through their struggles. With what is in place and our plans for the future, we are going to see more people stay in recovery. We are going to see those in recovery carry out healthy, happy lives. We are going to see people get a place to live, get good jobs and most importantly re-acquaint themselves with their families and children. I am excited and encouraged by the positive vision of those that I get to work with. The future looks bright this year.

I am proud to be your Sheriff and be a part of the change in culture that is occurring in this fantastic community of Knox County.

~Sheriff Tim Carroll

