

**SHERIFF BURCHARDT'S EDUCATIONAL FUND REACHES
HIGHEST DONATIONS IN 4 YEARS**

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Sheriff Stan Burchardt is pleased to announce that the Hillsdale County Sheriff's Office Educational Fund has reached the highest amount of donations during one fiscal year which will be used to provide quality community resources and a scholarship for a criminal justice student. This year, business leaders, corporate sponsors and friends of the Sheriff's Office community members have donated over \$3,400 for the Sheriff Burchardt Educational Fund. These funds are used to provide quality training materials for elementary age students on the dangers of drugs, alcohol, gangs as well as senior awareness materials which are provided free of charge at the annual Hillsdale County Fair.

This year, Sheriff Burchardt appointed an education committee to nominate and select one student who would receive a \$250 scholarship for an accredited college of his/her choice with the condition that they pursue a criminal justice degree. The committee will be meeting at the end of this week and will be making their recommendation to Sheriff Burchardt for one Hillsdale County student. This marks Sheriff Burchardt's first year offering the scholarship. Sheriff Burchardt states; "*education is the pathway preparing a student for a lifetime of achievement*". Burchardt further states; "*This scholarship and the ability to purchase much needed resource materials for educating our public would not be possible without the leadership of our community who have made a financial commitment to improve Hillsdale County*". The Hillsdale County Sheriff's Office could not offer such quality educational programs or provide resource materials without the support of our community who have taken the leadership to make this program a success. This represents the most successful year since the program was initiated by Sheriff Burchardt in 2004 as a way to put valuable information into the hands of the community without the burden of the taxpayers funding this program rather allowing individuals to make donations directly to our office.

--Sheriff Stan W. Burchardt