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UNDERSHERIFF HODSHIRE TAKES NEW POST AT HOSPITAL

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Hillsdale Michigan - Sheriff Burchardt announces that Undersheriff Jeremiah Hodshire has accepted a new post at the Hillsdale Community Health Center as Director of Organizational Development. Undersheriff Hodshire has served the Sheriff's Office in multiple capacities since 1998 and was appointed Undersheriff in 2000. As Undersheriff, Mr. Hodshire has served as Director of Operations, Budget Director and Chief of Staff for the largest law enforcement agency within Hillsdale County. "Undersheriff Hodshire has accomplished 30 years of work within 12 years" said Sheriff Stan Burchardt. During his tenure at the Sheriff's Office, Hodshire has led HCSO in transforming the office into a well-respected law enforcement agency. Undersheriff Hodshire was successful in obtaining dozens of grants for county-wide law enforcement equipment, including fire and police agency radios and life saving gear. He has added grant funded positions such as School Resource Officers, Education Coordinator and Solution Area Planner for Homeland Security. He was instrumental in creating the SWAT team, Drug Team, K9 Unit, Honor Guard, and Cadet Program, along with launching the CSI Lab and providing in-car terminals and bullet-proof vests. He also implemented initiatives such as patrol contracts with local municipalities, overtime grants for alcohol enforcement, and training programs resulting in highly skilled department staff. Additionally, Undersheriff Hodshire has been an expert speaker at many state conferences. These accomplishments have demonstrated his commitment to serve our office and the residents of Hillsdale County.

"I am most pleased with his administrative ability to train staff and institute a leadership program that developed a new mission and focus for Community Oriented Policing that now guides our office," said Sheriff Burchardt. Undersheriff Hodshire's implementation of the Safe School Initiative launched our office into national recognition and allowed him to present to national leaders our model for Safe Schools. His efforts allowed several districts to receive security systems totaling over \$100,000 under a Department of Homeland Security Grant. Undersheriff Hodshire has served as Chairman of many boards and committees during his tenure, representing the Sheriff's Office on important law enforcement and community matters. Moreover, Hodshire has testified at various legislative hearings. He was named Officer of the Year both by the 91st Michigan Legislature and the Hillsdale County Optimist Club, received a Congressional Citation for law enforcement and community efforts, awarded the Medal of Valor for bravery, and received many other citations and awards during his past 12 years at the Sheriff's Office.

Undersheriff Hodshire has accepted a new position with the Hillsdale Community Health Center where he will serve as Director of Organizational Development, and will provide counsel and recommendations to the hospital CEO. He will represent the hospital at community functions, build political coalitions, direct the Management/Supervisors Development Program, prepare grants, and oversee HCHC's Emergency Preparedness Program. Health Center CEO Duke Anderson said: "JJ offers us a unique opportunity to work with a talented, first-rate professional who also has the highest personal integrity. We are very excited for him to join our top-management team." Undersheriff Hodshire currently serves on the Membership Corporation Board of the hospital, as well as Chairman of the Mental Health Recipients Rights Committee. Anderson also said: "JJ was co-chair for the capital campaign which allowed us to build the Dempster Muffitt Psychiatric Unit to address the unmet mental health needs of Hillsdale County." Hodshire will assume his new duties on Monday, May 10th, 2010.

Sheriff Stan Burchardt is pleased to announce the appointment of Hillsdale City Deputy Chief of Police William K. Whorley as the Undersheriff for Hillsdale County. Deputy Chief Whorley has 33 years of law enforcement experience, having served as a Deputy in Arizona, as well as a patrol officer, Sergeant and Deputy Chief with the Hillsdale City Police Department. Deputy Chief Whorley has worked closely with the Sheriff's Office and was appointed as a Deputy 10 years ago, working with our office on important issues and joint task forces. Deputy Chief Whorley will begin training with Undersheriff Hodshire on April 19th, and will receive his full appointment on Monday, May 10th, 2010. Sheriff Burchardt said: "Deputy Chief Whorley has the administrative experience, education and training to serve our office well, and will be able to continue the quality work associated with the Office of Undersheriff."

Undersheriff Hodshire commented: "I am excited to take on this new career opportunity during one of America's most challenging times for healthcare, especially given the recent congressional overhaul." Hodshire will continue to serve the Sheriff's Office as a Deputy, assisting the new Undersheriff and Sheriff Burchardt on budgeting, grants and other initiatives assigned by the Sheriff. "It has been an honor to serve Sheriff Burchardt as his Undersheriff and to have served with the fine men and women of uniform. I am even more grateful for the wise counsel, mentoring and friendship of Sheriff Burchardt who has been a great leader during my career. I am blessed for having the opportunity and will do my best to make sure that the Office of Sheriff continues to be held in high honor" said Hodshire.

-Sheriff Stan W. Burchardt

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