



NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

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NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES 2010 AWARD RECIPIENT FOR SHERIFF OF THE YEAR



Alexandria, VA – The National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) is pleased to announce that Jerry "Peanuts" Gaines, Sheriff of Warren County, Kentucky has been selected as the recipient of the 2010 Ferris E. Lucas Award for Sheriff of the Year. The Ferris E. Lucas Award will be presented at the Opening General Session on Monday, June 28th at NSA's Annual Conference in Anaheim, California.

The National Sheriffs' Association established the Ferris E. Lucas award in 1995 to recognize an outstanding sheriff of the year for contributions made to improve the Office of Sheriff on the local, state, and national levels, and for involvement in the community above and beyond the responsibilities required. The award is given in memory of Ferris E. Lucas, NSA Past President (1944-46) and executive director (1964-82), who completed 50 years of distinguished service and leadership in law enforcement. This year's award is sponsored by Pursuit Products, Inc.

Sheriff Gaines, a lifelong resident of Warren County, Kentucky is the longest serving sheriff in the county's history. He has been a sheriff for 31 years. Sheriff Gaines considers his position as a sacred trust of the people. Throughout his three decades of service, he has been and remains committed to assuring his citizens' safety, to protecting their liberty, to encouraging their prosperity, and to fostering a community in which their professional and personal goals are achievable.

Sheriff Gaines served his country as a military policeman and as a magistrate in Warren County before being elected to the Office of Sheriff in 1978. He also served as interim Warren County Jailer.

Sheriff Gaines was the National Sheriffs' Association President in 2000-2001 and has been serving on NSA's Executive Committee and as a member of Board of Director's for many years. He is currently serves on the NSA Constitution and Bylaws Committee, National Association of

Counties, the International Association of Court Officers and Security, and National Sheriffs' Institute Advisory Committee. He also serves as First Vice President of the Kentucky Sheriffs' Association.

As Sheriff of Warren County, Sheriff Gaines has been instrumental in the national D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program, the "REACH for your Dreams" anti-drug and anti-violence program, "Operation Check it Out," the Triad program, and the Senior Crime College. To optimize his county's financial resources, he implemented an innovative approach to resource management by investing the people's tax dollars and earned interest on those funds. As a result of Sheriff Gaines' example, former Governor John Y. Brown introduced a bill and secured passage of law enabling county departments throughout the state to maximize their interest-earning capabilities.

Sheriff Gaines and his wife, Marilyn, have six children and seven grandchildren.

National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) is the largest association of law enforcement professionals in the United States, representing more than 3,000 elected sheriffs across the nation, and a total membership of more than 20,000. NSA is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising the level of professionalism among sheriffs, their deputies, and others in the field of criminal justice and public safety. Throughout its sixty-eight-year history, NSA has served as an information clearinghouse for sheriffs, deputies, chiefs of police, other law enforcement professionals, state governments and the federal government. NSA also provides management training for sheriffs and their command personnel at the National Sheriffs' Institute and through other innovative programs, workshops, and seminars. The National Sheriffs' Association, located in Alexandria, Virginia, also oversees the highly successful Triad Program and Neighborhood Watch.

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