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Columbia County Deputies Become Major Contributors to Law Enforcement Museum of Valor

MADISON – The effort to establish Wisconsin’s first museum to honor the state’s law enforcement heroes took yet another step forward this week when it announced a \$10,000 contribution from the Columbia County Deputy Sheriff’s Association (CCDSA).

An independent charitable organization, **The Wisconsin Law Enforcement Museum of Valor** announced its formation in May of last year, along with the news that legendary University of Wisconsin basketball coach Bo Ryan serves as its honorary chairman. In the last year, the Museum has raised more than \$200,000 from the public and law enforcement officers throughout the state.

The CCDSA will join an exclusive class of law enforcement contributors and be recognized as a Museum “Law Enforcement Founding Partner.” Through the generous donations of individual donors and larger endowments from various law enforcement groups throughout the state, the Museum is well on its way to raising the \$1 million it needs to construct an exhibition facility to display historical stories of law enforcement courage. Current plans for the museum also include a police motorcycle photo booth, a squad car simulator, and an interactive bomb-disarming robot, among other features.

“Our mission to honor Wisconsin’s law enforcement heroes in an educational and respectful fashion has been received with a great deal of enthusiasm from both the public and officers alike,” said Museum CEO Jim Palmer. “We’ve been gratified to have received such support from both individual donors and law enforcement groups, along with the recent endorsements of groups like the Wisconsin Concerns of Police Survivors and Wisconsin Chiefs of Police Association. The CCDSA’s generous gift helps bring us that much closer to fulfilling our benevolent vision.”

For CCDSA President Cory Miller, it was important that the deputies he represents become an important part of this historic effort.

“We are very proud to play a leading role in this momentous undertaking to establish the Museum of Valor, which we know will greatly benefit the entire State of Wisconsin,” said Miller. “It is critically important that we as a society honor not only those officers that have died in the line of duty, but those who act bravely and then return to duty. The Museum of Valor will serve that critical need.”

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