

National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

Saturday, January 9, 2021

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Shelby County Sheriff's Office & Harlan Police Department for their*
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**First female officer for
Harlan Police Dept.**

Rylee Walter ready to assist the community

By Kim Wegener,
Family Living Editor

HARLAN -- Rylee Walter made law enforcement history in Harlan when she joined the force of the Harlan Police Department less than two months ago. Walter became the first female police officer in the history of the Harlan Police Department.

Her first day as a police officer in Harlan was November 16, 2020 and her first impression of the Harlan community was a good one.

"My first impression of Harlan was that it is a friendly atmosphere and most of the people have shown a great deal of respect to their community," said Walter.



Rylee Walter is interested in every aspect of law enforcement. She began her duties as an officer with the Harlan Police Department nearly two months ago. (Photo by Kim Wegener)

Female Officer [please see page 7](#)

Stone, Henry serve as reserve police officers

By Kim Wegener, Family Living Editor

HARLAN -- Sam Stone loves the community aspect of law enforcement. Charissa Henry wanted to volunteer in the community and had an interest in law enforcement. Stone and Henry both were drawn to serve as Harlan Police Reserve Officers.

"I have been involved with the program for about two years. I have completed the Iowa Reserve Officer Training. I applied to be a reserve officer because I wanted to volunteer in the community and have also been interested in law enforcement," said Henry.

Henry is a native of Shelby and lives in Harlan. She is a special education teacher at the Harlan Community High School.

She said her mentors in the reserve program are all the full-time officers of the police department. Reserve officers assist fellow police officers with different aspects of law enforcement.

Reserve officers are required to put in at least 12 hours monthly along with keeping up certifications and training hours. They also are required to complete a number of training courses and range training before being allowed to participate.

"We assist police officers on the police department. We also do foot patrol and security for school and some local events," said Henry.

Stone is an Underwood native, she and her husband, David, reside in Mondamin. She earned a degree in psychology from Creighton University and currently works full-time in corrections. Her father was military police in the United States Army.

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Left to Right: Assistant Chief Steve Davis (Retired), Patrol Lee Whyte, Patrol Derrick Yamada, Patrol Rylee Walter, Chief Frank Clark, Sergeant Brent Soll, Patrol Dillon Willadsen, Patrol/K-9 Tim Pederson & Jax, Patrol RJ Bielenberg and Office Manager Angie Hansen.

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HPD Patrolman Tim Pederson, handler



HPD Patrol Lee Whyte
2 years of service



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1 year of service



HPD Patrol Rylee Walter
1 year of service



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I RECOGNIZE the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of the police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession.....law enforcement.

To the Citizens of Harlan:

As our community recognizes National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, I am reminded that this will be my last one as a law enforcement officer.

The Harlan PD and our community continue to struggle with the COVID-19 crisis. I would urge you all to keep yourselves and others safe.

I would like to thank the citizens of Harlan for the support that Assistant Chief Davis and I have received over the last 26 years on the Police Department. You will see changes at the PD as Assistant Chief Steve Davis and I embark on the next phases of our lives. Your continued support of Law Enforcement is greatly appreciated.



Harlan
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Heartfelt thanks to you all,

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I want to thank the citizens of Shelby County for their generosity and support through this past year. It is you, the citizens, that encourage and embrace us to continue to get better. We take pride in our community and want to thank you for all you do for this office.

I would also like to thank everyone with the Shelby County Sheriff's Office for all their hard work, dedication, and commitment to providing safety in our community. The professionalism you display everyday does not go unseen. Your countless days lost with family and friends, the holidays, weekends, and nights spent at the office or in a patrol car are valued and appreciated. You all exert an extreme amount of time and energy to train and prepare to do whatever you are called to do to assist in day-to-day operations of the office, and to help make our community a safer and better place to live.

I would also like to thank all the Shelby County Sheriff's Office previous employees, for you are the ones who helped pave our way and made this office what it is today.

To all officers and deputies, thank you for the sacrifices you make so that others may enjoy their freedoms in a safe community.



Shelby County Sheriff Neil Gross

Shelby County Sheriff's Office Mission Statement

The mission of the Shelby County Sheriff's Office is to work in partnership with the community to provide prompt, professional service with the emphasis of enhancing the quality of life while maintaining respect for individual rights and human dignity.

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All officers mentor Harlan Reserve Officers

Reserves *from front page*

Stone was sworn in as a reserve officer in October of 2017.

"I serve the city of Harlan by helping full-time officers in their duties. Duties can include traffic, search warrants, security, community outreach, and any other assignments. I was recruited by fellow reserve officer Mike Schleimer. I am a state certified officer who completed the ILEA training. I went through the same academy and training as the full-time officers as I worked full-time for another agency in 2016," said Stone.

Stone says she loves the community aspect of law enforcement and being a part of a small town and getting to know the people she serves.

"Officer Bielenberg has been a great mentor, he has wonderful communication skills and finds a way to connect with each person he comes into contact with. He is also in charge of our Reserve unit," said Stone.



Sam Stone (left) and Charissa Henry are two of the reserve officers who assist full-time officers of the Harlan Police Department with traffic, search warrants, community outreach and other assignments. (Photo by Mike Kolbe)



Shelby County Sheriff's Office

Front: Deputy Jake Hoss, Deputy Reserve Colin Weaver, Deputy Kelly Lefebber, Deputy Bill McDaniel, Deputy Glenn Birks. Back: Chief Deputy Cody Eckles, Deputy Nathan Pigsley, Sheriff Neil Gross, Sergeant Chad Butler, Deputy Braden Quist, Deputy Nathan Tibbets. Not pictured: Office Secretaries Karla Kramer & Julie Goetzinger.

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Uncle in law enforcement influences Walter's career choice

Female Officer *from front page*

A Stanton native, she was raised by her grandparents, Val Gene and Martha Walter. She earned an associates of art degree in criminal justice from Iowa Western Community College. Following college, she served an internship with Heartland Family Services for homeless services. She then worked for two years at the SWI Juvenile Detention Center in Council Bluffs.

Having a family member in law enforcement was a big reason she wanted to pursue a career in the field.

"My uncle Derrick Walter is the assistant chief at Red Oak Police Department," said Walter. "After learning more about law enforcement from my uncle during college, I knew I did not want to commit to any other career."

Walter is ready to learn more about every aspect of law enforcement.

"Everyone in the police department and sheriff's office have been supportive and welcoming. I have already learned so much from each person. They are a selfless and humble group of people that I look forward to learning more from," said Walter.

Her goal as an officer in Harlan is to assist the community to the best of her ability. Walter will attend the law enforcement academy which lasts approximately 16 weeks beginning on May 2.

Harlan Police Department Organizational Values

As members of the Harlan Police Department we accept responsibility for contributing to the quality of life in our community. We believe the character of our Department is best reflected in the quality of service provided by each of our members. We will meet the challenge to provide quality through our shared values and commitment to the following:

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- **Maintain** an attitude which respects the dignity and rights of those we serve
- **Facilitate** open communication with public
- **Take responsibility** for our actions and be willing to admit our mistakes
- **Professionalism** which is the result of clear sense of perspective and direction strengthened by teamwork and innovations
- **Remain** enthusiastic and put empathy first and foremost in public and employee relations
- **Promote** community involvement and cooperation
- **Be ever mindful** that we are members of the public we serve



We salute the officers and support staff of the Shelby County Sheriff's Office and the Harlan Police Department!

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