



# Lake County Illinois

## Legislation Text

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Special recognition commending the Lake County Auxiliary Deputy Unit for their dedicated and valuable service to the Lake County Sheriff's Office and the residents of Lake County.

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**WHEREAS**, in the late 1970's, concerned citizens organized to patrol neighborhoods and notify the Sheriff's Office of suspicious activity; and

**WHEREAS**, soon after, the citizens issued a plea to the Lake County Sheriff to merge as one group and to be deputized; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1978, 16 members were sworn in as the first Reserve Deputies of Lake County; and

**WHEREAS**, today, the Auxiliary Deputy Unit today consists of up to 50 dedicated members who perform a valuable service to the Lake County Community by volunteering their time to augment the Sheriff's Office during natural and man-made emergencies, traffic and crowd control, searches for missing persons, crime scene evidence search, and provide assistance to local municipal police department and charitable organization functions; and

**WHEREAS**, Auxiliary Deputy recruits initially receive approximately 145 hours of training over a five to six-month period with refresher training on a yearly basis in various areas; and

**WHEREAS**, men and women volunteer as Auxiliary Deputies out of a sense of community responsibility and, last year, volunteers contributed over 14,900 hours to the County, resulting in a savings to taxpayers of more than \$509,000.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RECOGNIZED**, by this County Board of Lake County, Illinois, the County Board does recognize the efforts and contributions of the Lake County Sheriff's Auxiliary Deputy Unit; and

**BE IT FURTHER RECOGNIZED**, that the Lake County Board does hereby commend the Lake County Auxiliary Deputy Unit for their dedicated and valuable service to the Lake County Sheriff's Office and the residents of Lake County.

**DATED**, at WAUKEGAN, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, on August 11, 2020.