



## BENEDICT COLLEGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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To the United States Deputy Sheriffs Association,

I have enjoyed a lasting and continuous relationship with your organization in the training and preparation for our officers for several years. Each training session encourages, empowers and teaches new and not so new, young and old a different aspect of staying safe and alive while working. This training will never get old and I am eternally grateful and thankful.

I am equally thankful for the generous equipment cash grant of \$5000.00 given to our department. You have once again shown that your organization is willing to help underfunded departments succeed and as such, our department has always wanted but was never able to get laptops for our patrol vehicles.

With your generous grant, we were able to purchase and install 5 mobile laptops for patrol vehicles. Officers now have easier access to do their reports in the field and other law enforcement related work, (i.e, traffic tickets, run NCIC) therefore keeping them more visible to our students, faculty, and staff. This important piece of equipment is a major upgrade for this department and the officers love it! (Keeps them out of the office 😊).

On behalf of Benedict College, Benedict College Police Department and the men and women that serve this campus and surrounding community, please accept my sincere thanks and gratitude for this funding. If I had a million people to say thanks, I still would not have enough to tell you how much this is appreciated. Mike, you and the USDSA will always have Benedict Police Dept. at your disposal when you are in town. Thank you once again!

With Sincere Appreciation,

*Chief Kevin Portee*