



## YATES CENTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

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US Deputy Sheriff's Association C/O Mike Willis, David Hinnens  
209 S. Spruce  
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Re: Equipment Assistance

Dear United States Deputy Sheriff's Association,  
On behalf of the Yates Center Police Department I, Chief Douglas E. Smoot would like to thank you for the assistance you gave our Department. As a new Chief, I had to build a new department as I went along my new journey. This included hiring new Officers, and trying to meet the needs of life saving equipment. Without your assistance I would have had a difficult time in meeting the needs of new body armor. Sadly costs and budgets are at an all time high priority for those who do not know what it is like to work the road. It is with your experience, and knowledge of our noble profession that you take such pride in assisting local, and nationwide agencies with both valuable training, and equipment. I know I can speak for myself and Officer Michael Strode as we both have been through your amazing training. The City of Yates Center Police Department will always be grateful for all the amazing things you all have done for Law Enforcement in the Nation, and more especially in your home state of Kansas. Your training and assistance with life saving equipment is a gift to all Law Enforcement who get to know you, and work with you. We as a Department look forward to working with you in the future with your valuable training. Again thank you for all you have done, and will continue to do for all of Law Enforcement.

Respectfully,  
Doug Smoot  
Chief of Police