



POLICE DEPARTMENT

United States Deputy Sheriff's Association
2233 South West Street Ct.
Wichita, Kansas 67213

June 2, 2023

Dear Mike Willis,

On behalf of the men and women of the Williamston Police Department we wanted to express our appreciation for the generous donation of simulator gun training equipment by the United States Deputy Sheriff's Association.

Each year, over a hundred officers are killed in the line of duty protecting the communities they serve. Every day our officers continue to live and serve in a heightened threat environment with a lack of training and needed experience. Small town and rural police officers face a variety of trends that make it increasingly difficult to provide police training in the traditional way. Statistics show that incidents of crime are increasing in small towns and rural areas and the methods of response must also be adapted to meet the challenge. Many of the mass shootings we have witnessed across this nation have been perpetrated in small rural and suburban areas. The need for small town law enforcement officers to obtain active threat training is vital to the ability to provide adequate protection to its citizens, however funding can be difficult to secure for such initiatives as well as needed equipment.

Your generous donation of simulator weapons will give the Williamston Police Department the opportunity to provide advanced training to its officers in the area of active threat response and room clearing. For an agency such as ours the ability to obtain equipment of this quality would have been unreachable without outside assistance.

We are truly grateful for all the assistance you have provided to us. From the vital training provided to the donation of this equipment your organization has truly been a blessing.

Sincerely,

Kevin Marsee

Chief of Police