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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **Sheriff Clarke to Honor Deputies, Correctional Officers and Civilians**

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr. will honor Milwaukee County Sheriff's deputies, correctional officers and civilians for heroic acts and community service at an awards ceremony tomorrow.

Patty Flowers, Regional Chief Executive Officer with the American Red Cross will be the keynote speaker. The American Red Cross helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

Among the stories attendees will hear include the following:

Patrol Division Deputy Sheriff Larrel Lirette, who, with only seconds to react, illuminated his emergency lights and positioned his squad car directly in the path of a wrong-way drunk, blocking her path.

Deputy Sheriff Steven J. Schmitt, a Crisis Negotiator, who responded to a 22-year old man climbing over the railing from the freeway out onto the outer ledge of the Hoan Bridge.

Deputy sheriffs Kay Hamelin and John Schroeder, who responded when, without warning, a noted 60-year old criminal defense attorney and lecturer at the University of Wisconsin Law School collapsed at the defense table, suffering a massive heart attack.

Deputy Sheriff Sergio Aleman, who assisted in ending a three-month hunt for the elusive "Ball Cap Bandit" bank robber who now is under a 10-count indictment. Deputy Aleman tragically, less than three short weeks later, lost his life.

Media is invited to attend. Information on individual award winners will be available at the event.

**DATE:** Thursday, September 27, 2012

**TIME:** Noon

**LOCATION:** Intercontinental Milwaukee Hotel  
The Grand Salon  
139 East Kilbourn Avenue

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