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Congratulations Sgt. Sherry Knight and Jeremy Ball Receiving the VFW Public Service Awards!

Each year, the Veterans of Foreign Wars selects emergency medical technicians, law enforcement, firefighter and dispatcher personnel to receive VFW Public Servant Awards. On Saturday, March 2, 2024, Commander, Eric Boals and Quartermaster, Derek Braun from the VFW Cherryland Post 2780 presented Sgt. Sherry Knight, Antrim County Jail Administrator, the **VFW Law Enforcement Public Servant Citation** and Jeremy Ball, Antrim County Communications Deputy, the **VFW 911 Dispatcher Public Servant Citation**. Candidates for the VFW Public Service Award must have demonstrated recognition by their colleagues or those they serve, consistent excellence in the performance of their duties and consistent dedication to their official responsibilities over a period of years and continuous growth in responsibilities and skills within their profession.

Sgt. Sherry Knight has worked for the Sheriff's Office for the past 22 years. Sgt. Knight, has worked her way up the ranks from Corrections Deputy, Corrections CPL and now Sgt. Jail Administrator. Sgt. Knight, is the first into work and usually the last to leave her post. When the Courts system needs assistance with having a Deputy in the court room, and all the other Deputies are busy with task, she steps up and takes care of the courts with no questions asked. Sgt. Knight has had numerous hours of command training and has lead by example by being on the front line supervising her staff. Sgt. Knight is a true leader.

Officer Ball has worked for the Sheriff's Office for the past 29 years. Ball keeps our Deputies, Corrections, Michigan State Police, Fire and EMS all safe while he is sitting and taking the calls at his dispatch console. Ball does all our LEIN Audits with the Sate of Michigan and our recent Audit from the State, Our office received a letter from the state explaining Officer Ball is the second best LEIN TAC officer in the state and our agency should be very proud of him. Officer Ball is always willing to help anyone and is a true example of a Team Player.

Sgt. Sherry Knight and Officer Jeremy Ball now have the opportunities to run for the National VFW Awards.



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Congratulations Deputy Martin

The Antrim County Sheriff’s Office would like to congratulate Deputy Martin for receiving the SALUTE MADD award. The MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) award is given to officers that have arrested 25 or more drunk and drugged drivers. Deputy Martin has had 26 this past year. Great Job, Deputy Martin on your achievements and earning this insignia bar for your 26 OWI arrest in 2023! Antrim County thanks you for all the hard work and dedication you provide this county to keep our roads more safe.



5 Signs of a Scam

If you spot any of these tactics, stop, hang-up or walk away. You're probably being scammed.

1. **They contacted you** When you contact a business, you know who's on the other end of the line. But when someone contacts *you* first, you can't be certain they're telling the truth. You don't know if they are whom they say they are. And remember, email addresses and caller ID information can be faked.
2. **They dangle bait—usually money** Let's face it: People simply don't give away large sums of money easily. If someone dangles bait in front of you—a big prize, a shopping spree, an easy loan — for nothing, they're probably lying.
3. **They want your personal information** Anytime *anyone* asks for your personal information — bank accounts, social security number, etc. — you should be on alert. Don't give it away quickly or easily, especially to someone you don't know. You may become a victim of [identity theft](#).
4. **You have to pay them first** If someone offers you a [prize](#), [debt relief](#), or employment — but first you have to pay an [up-front fee](#) to get it —you're probably being scammed.
5. **You have to wire money or send gift cards** If you're about to [wire money or send gift cards](#) to someone in order to receive a prize, or pay off a debt collector that contacts you ... **STOP!** This may be a scammer trying to take your money.

IF YOU FEEL YOU HAVE BEEN A VICTIM OF A SCAM, PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE OR 911!



Warren Williams - Corrections

