



**“News You Can Use”  
from the office of  
Sheriff Kevin S. Hoch**

**NOVEMBER 2024**

**Thank you  
Detective Sgt. Mike Cochrane  
for 10 years of service**

The Sheriff would like to recognize Mike Cochrane for reaching his 10 years of service mark with the Antrim County Sheriff’s Office. Sgt. Cochrane has worked in several areas of our department starting as a road Deputy, gradually moved up to an undercover TNT Detective, Detective and currently Sgt. Detective and head of our evidence department.

Thank you Mike for your hard work and the dedication you bring to our office.

Congratulations on your 10 years of serving our County!



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**The Sheriff's Administration Office will be closed**



**Monday, November 11th, Veterans Day**



**Thursday, November 28th, Thanksgiving Day**



**Friday, November 29th, Day After Thanksgiving**



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**SUPE: Substance Use Prevention Education**, a non-profit organization platform funded and hosted by Drs. providing education and prevention resources for all ages and fields of work to prevent substance use.

SUPE has created some great resources to help educate parents and guardians about Fentanyl.

<https://www.addicted.org/supe/fentanyl/parents-guide-to-fentanyl/>

This comprehensive guide equips parents with valuable information, including tips, warning signs, and helpful videos/articles. It empowers parents to protect their children from the dangers of fentanyl and make informed decisions regarding substance use.

<https://www.addicted.org/supe/parents/protecting-children-from-online-drug-dealers/>

This resource provides essential tools to safeguard children, including the "Emoji code" to identify online drug dealing, insights into the dark web, and other online safety measures.

## **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **“TAKE IT DOWN” WEBSITE**

This past week I attended the Michigan Sheriff's Association Conference in Traverse City. One of the presenters at the conference, Marquette County Undersheriff Lowell Larson Jr, spoke about the tragic suicide of 17 year old Jordan Demay. Demay had committed suicide after getting extorted for money for sending nude photographs to criminals in Nigeria who posed as a teenage girl.

Undersheriff Larson provided the on-line "Take it Down" service as a free and anonymous resource for teenagers to use to have sexually explicit images they have sent on-line taken down.

The use of "Take It Down" is free, anonymous and easy to use. I encourage our teenagers to use this service to protect themselves from on-line predators. We never want to see another child end their life over a mistake.

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<https://takeitdown.ncmec.org/>

## **Sextortion**

*"The #FBI has seen a rise in cases of offenders blackmailing kids and teens after coercing them into sending sexually explicit material. **Educate** the young people and parents in your life on this online threat."*

Please scan the QR code to direct you to information and facts website



## **Smart 911**

Antrim County Central Dispatch urges county residents and visitors to consider using Smart911 and protect what matters most.

Be prepared for any emergency by giving public safety the information they need to better help and communicate with you.

For more information on this program, visit the website at [www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com), where you may also sign up.