

DEDICATION

Joseph P. Akerley, Chief Deputy

Rockingham County Sheriff's Office

Retired September 2008



Joseph "Joe" Akerley began his law enforcement career with the New Hampshire State Police in 1973. He attained the rank of corporal before leaving the agency in 1978. He joined the Rockingham County Sheriff's Office under Sheriff Charles Vetter in January of 1981. Throughout the years he rose through the ranks becoming the agency's last Chief Deputy before retiring in September of 2008. He served under three High Sheriffs.

Joe was widely recognized for his expertise in emergency planning. He was the State Transportation Staging Area Manager for the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant evacuation zone. He developed emergency law enforcement response plans for the Manchester Airport. He created a comprehensive guide to the infra-structure of the New Hampshire Seacoast area for the New Hampshire Office of Emergency Management. He was recognized for his efforts by the New Hampshire Association of Counties and was awarded the 2008 Sheriff's department employee of the year award.

Above all Joe was a mentor to all who served with him. He led by example and believed in a civil approach and cooperation with others as the manner to resolve issues.