



Stearns County Sheriff's Office

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CHIP Volunteers:

The Benton/Stearns Meth Coalition was conceived early in 2006 and tasked with educating and motivating the community as to the undeniable impact of methamphetamine. From the beginning the coalition stressed that methamphetamine was not simply a law enforcement problem better describing methamphetamine as a community problem. This approach partnered law enforcement, education and the community forming a triad of sorts to combat an enemy the likes of which had never been experienced. This alliance proved formidable as strides have in fact been made to reduce or minimize the horrors of methamphetamine.

We now find ourselves at a crossroad where the torch is being passed from local government to the community as the coalition prepares to disband as of January 1, 2009. The coalition has served its purpose and this shift would not be possible without the steadfast commitment that a handful of community members have exhibited. Thank you to all involved for your hard work and dedication but believe me the job is far from done. It would be a grave mistake to reduce either enforcement or community pressure thus allowing methamphetamine to gain any new traction.

Working together we did make a difference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John L. Sanner".

Sheriff John L. Sanner
Stearns County Sheriff's Office

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brad Bennett".

Sheriff Brad Bennett
Benton County Sheriff's Office

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