

# MARATHON COUNTY PROTECTOR

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Dear Friend,

The Marathon County Protector Fund Raising Committee wants to publicly acknowledge the outstanding job that cops are doing every day of the week. To this end, we have decided to commission an artist to create a suitable bronze sculpture, an original work of art, that captures all the pride, confidence, decency and determination that police officers experience daily in their departments.

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We are currently conducting a fund-raising campaign. \$10,000 is needed to build the statue entitled "THE MARATHON COUNTY PROTECTOR" and we are asking for your help.

Police officers are a special breed of people. They do a job that not just anyone can do... job that few would even like to try. Often they do it without thanks, and more times than not, they do it very well.

But because of the nature of the work, the uniforms they wear, even the cars they drive, officers are seldom recognized as individuals, and rarely do they receive a pat on the back for a job well done. They know in their hearts that there is dignity and honor in wearing a badge -- but is that always enough?

"THE MARATHON COUNTY PROTECTOR" is a bronze sculpture created by nationally known artist Rodger M. Brodin, a Minneapolis native, and no stranger to law enforcement -- with two brothers on the force, he has an insider's knowledge of what the job entails, but more importantly, he understands what the job means to those who do it.

Two-thirds life size and painstakingly detailed, "THE MARATHON COUNTY PROTECTOR" is a tribute to every man and woman who wears this badge, persons of strength, character and compassion. It is a tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, yes, but also to those who have served honorably, who do so now, and will continue to do so in the future.

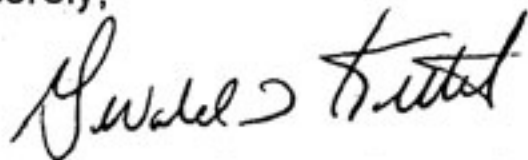
This fund-raising campaign is independent of any city or state funding. By supporting this tribute, you honor our law enforcement officers at time in our history when it is essential that their efforts be reinforced -- for they are the individuals who strive to make Marathon County a safe place in which to live and do business.

There will be an annual program geared towards youth appreciation of law enforcement with prizes donated by local service clubs. The concept at the present time is an essay contest for grade school students with a law enforcement theme.

A committee member will contact you within the next few weeks.

Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerald S. Tuttle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G".

The Marathon County Protector Committee

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### For Immediate Release

Monday, April 22, 1996

Contact: Jerry Kittel

Noon Optimists  
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Wausau—The Noon and Breakfast Optimist Clubs of Wausau in conjunction with "Respect for Law week" are sponsoring a 3 part program to heighten public awareness and inspire respect for law.

The first component to this program is the "Marathon County Protector" statue created by Roger M. Brodin a nationally know artist. Funds to purchase this statue came from both clubs as well as private and corporate sponsors. The statue is a bronze sculpture of an officer holding the hand of a smiling child. The statue eventually will be at the Marathon County Library who generously provided the location.

The second part to this on going program will be the honoring of a local officer.

Marathon County law enforcement agencies have been asked to nominate an officer who works with the community and youth, to make our community a better place to live and raise children.

The third and final portion of this program is the essay contest for all middle and junior high school students. The subject for the essay will be "To Protect and To Serve". 3 winners will receive savings bonds. The events and unveiling of the statue will be at the Rose Garden on May 13, 1996.

The main purpose of these programs are to inspire respect for law enforcement officers in a time when it is essential that their efforts be reinforced. We are involving citizens to heighten public awareness of the outstanding job law officers provide both on the job and off.



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## Agenda

May 13, 1996

### "Respect For Law Week"

Welcome: Greg Sliwicki

Prayer and Pledge: Gary Joloffe

Unveiling of the Statue: Jerry Kittel

Presentation of "The Protector" to the Library: Greg Sliwicki

Presentation of Essay Award: Tom Finley

Presentation of "Outstanding Law Officer": Jim Wadinski

Recognition of Contributors: Al Nakhla

Closing Comments: Greg Sliwicki

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## Youth and Law Enforcement Program

As of 1996, the Marathon County Protector Program will sponsor an essay contest to coincide with Respect for Law Week during the month of May each year. The contest will be for children, ages 10 - 12. The theme topic will change each year, but will pertain to the overall general theme of youth and law enforcement.

The essay will be sponsored by the Noon and Breakfast Optimist Clubs of Wausau. Children throughout Marathon County will be eligible to participate. The first place winner will receive a miniature copy of the Protector statue plus a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond. The second and third place winners will each receive a \$300 and \$200 U.S. Savings Bond respectively.

The entire cost of the annual essay will be covered by the sponsoring service clubs. Contributors to the fundraising for the statue itself will not be asked for additional funds.