

Sheriff Skinner completes NSI

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Sheriff Gus H. Skinner, Jr. Completes 94th Session of the National Sheriff's Institute Sponsored by National Sheriff's Association (NSA) National Institute of Corrections (NIC)

Longmont, Colorado- Sheriff Gus H. Skinner Jr. of the McCreary County Sheriff's Office completed participation in and was elected Sergeant at Arms of the 94th session of the National Sheriff's Institute (NSI) held in Longmont, Colorado, on April 13-19, 2008. Sheriff Skinner was awarded his degree of completion from Mr. Jim Barbee, Correctional Program Specialist, National Institute of Corrections (NIC), and Fred G. Wilson, Director of Operations, National Sheriff's Association (NSA). Sheriff Skinner is the first Sheriff of McCreary County to graduate from the NSI.

The National Sheriff's Institute is the only national executive development program designed for Sheriff's. Sheriff Skinner was joined by 27 other sheriffs from across the country to address the pressing issues faced by sheriffs. During the NSI 94th session, Sheriff Skinner and the other sheriffs discussed the numerous ways to respond as leaders to emerging and continuing issues in criminal justice and public safety, such as homeland security, school violence, court security, leadership, drugs, disaster relief, jail operations and community relations in the current context of increased awareness for public safety.

Fred G. Wilson, NSA Director of Operations, said, "Sheriff Skinner is a leader with vision for the McCreary County Sheriff's Office. It is an honor to have Sheriff Skinner join the over 3,000 graduates of the NSI since 1973."

The National Institute of Corrections is a division of the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Prisons. The NIC has been a long-time sponsor of the NSI and is the premier national resource for jail operations, jail design and programming.

The National Sheriff's Association (NSA) is a non-profit professional association located in Alexandria, Virginia. NSA represents the nearly 3,100 elected sheriffs across the Nation and has more than 20,000 members, including deputy sheriffs, other law enforcement professionals, students and others. Since 1940, the NSA has served as an information clearinghouse for sheriffs, deputies, chiefs of police, other law enforcement professionals, state governments, and the federal government. NSA also provides management training for sheriffs and their command personnel in school safety, court security, jail operations, offers liability insurance, and administers the highly successful National Neighborhood Watch, Weapons of Mass Destruction Response and Triad Programs.