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**KENT COUNTY SHERIFF LAWRENCE STELMA HOSTS
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AND MEDAL OF HONOR
AWARD RECIPIENTS**

Kent County Sheriff Lawrence Stelma is hosting the Michigan Sheriffs' Association's 2016 Professional Development Summer Conference Memorial Banquet and Awards Ceremony. This banquet is being held on Sunday, June 12, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel.

The banquet honors those officers killed in the line of duty from 2015 through 2016. Also, Michigan Sheriffs' Association will be handing out awards to officers from around the State of Michigan. Eight officers will receive Distinguished Service Medals and four officers will receive the Sheriffs' Medal of Honor.

Distinguished Service Medals

Boyer City Police Department Asst. Chief Kevin Spate
Charlevoix County Sheriff's Deputy William Church
Eaton County Sheriff's Deputy Joe Travis
Eaton County Theresa VanDorpe
Eaton County Chris Cunningham
Kalamazoo County Sergeant Jim Harrison
Missaukee County Sheriff's Deputy Eric Grace
MSP Trooper Zachary Helton

Sheriffs' Medal of Honor

Charlevoix County Undersheriff Charles Vondra
Charlevoix County Corporal Frederick Hasty Jr.
Charlevoix County Sergeant George Lasater
Eaton County Sheriff's Deputy Tadd Schwartz

The news media are welcome to attend.