

Safety SCENE

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Building bridges through collaboration

Typically, law enforcement begins and ends at the local level. Each city within Scott County has a Police Department that handles the calls within their city limits on their own. The Sheriff's Office is responsible for calls outside of each city's limits. However, if the need arises, all of our agencies work together across these boundaries to provide assistance to each other.

The Sheriff's Office is responsible for several duties, most of which I've written about in previous SCENE articles. Some examples of these duties include providing security to the courts, providing 911 dispatch services to all Scott County public safety agencies, providing Emergency Management support throughout the County, and operating the county jail.

Beyond these services, there are several areas where the Sheriff's Office is able to offer resources to our city police departments that few know about. In the past few years, we've added special positions that assist agencies throughout Scott County, including a Crime Analyst and an Electronic Forensics Analyst. Both of these positions are available to city and county law enforcement to provide detailed technical assistance when needed.

The Scott County Crime Analyst position was added to our staff in 2016. The Crime Analyst monitors law enforcement activity throughout the County to help identify trends, patterns, and data to use toward predictive analytics and improved efficiency with local resources. After thorough research, the Crime Analyst disseminates information to all jurisdictions to help reduce crime in the community. In the past two years, our Crime Analyst has provided support on over 200 cases each year. Almost half of those cases were assists to our local law enforcement partners.

The Electronic Forensic Analyst position, which was added in 2018, helps local investigators obtain evidence located on hard drives, cell phones, tablets, computers, and other media sources. This position gathers and analyzes data found on electronic devices to determine whether or not criminal activity has taken place through the use of computer devices. The position helps provide technical guidance in evaluating and investigating cases where computer or related computer media contains potential evidence. Like the Crime Analyst, the Electronic Forensic Analyst provides support to any law enforcement agency within Scott County who require this type of technical assistance.

Though the Electronic Forensic Analyst works for the Scott County Sheriff's Office, fewer than 10 percent of the 141 cases he assisted on -- and less than 10 percent of the 297 pieces of evidence he worked with -- in 2018 were associated with Scott County Sheriff's Office cases. Over 90 percent of the Electronic Forensic Analyst's time was spent assisting our local jurisdictions.

In addition to these two positions, there are other ways the Sheriff's Office assists our local police departments. For instance, our Crime Scene Unit is available as a resource to provide assistance to local jurisdictions in processing DNA evidence, collecting and analyzing latent prints, evidence collection, and more.

The investigators within the Sheriff's Office have assisted our local Police Departments on a wide range of cases including fraud, thefts, missing children, and homicides. The added staffing and expertise all of these resources help provide our partner agencies in Scott County allows their police departments to use tools which may have otherwise been unavailable to them.

The Sheriff's Office follows the mission of the Scott County Association for Leadership and Efficiency (SCALE) to *forge new and innovative ways in which government entities can collaborate to provide superior services while making the most of limited resources*. By following this philosophy, we not only make our communities safer, we also help reduce duplication of effort with a goal of lowering the cost to taxpayers. Each city within the County may have their own individual law enforcement agency, but we all have the same goal: to improve the safety and quality of life within our communities. Through partnerships and shared resources, we are able to take a step closer to achieving those goals.

Volunteers sought to pack meals for Feed My Starving Children

You may already be familiar with local activist, child advocate, and Prior Lake seventh grader Sanya Pirani -- after all, she's a dynamo of volunteerism and charitable giving. Her organization, "Sanya's Hope for Children," is now



Sanya Pirani

looking for volunteers to help pack meals for "Feed My Starving Children" at an event on Thursday, March 29, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. This volunteer event will be held at FMSC -- Chanhassen, MN (18732 Lake Drive East, Chanhassen, MN 55317)

Please visit the following site to sign up:

<https://www.sanyashopeforchildren.org/causes/fmsc-packing-event-2019/>

Tee It Up golf event scheduled

Mark your calendars! The Scott County Drug Prevention Task Force and ChooseNotToUse will be hosting their 13th Annual *Tee It Up For the Task Force* Fundraiser on Sept. 6, 2019 at Stonebrooke Golf Club. This annual event features raffles, a ball drop, live auction, golfing, and much more. The fee of \$125 per golfer includes 18 holes of golf, the use of a cart, and lunch. Sponsorships are also available. For further information or to register, please contact Kathy Welter at (952) 388-9750 or kwelter@co.scott.mn.us

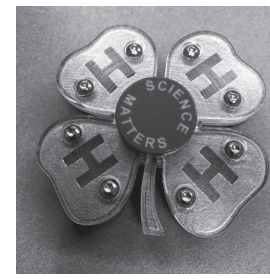
Youth invited to Design to Build workshops at Bayer CropScience in Shakopee

Helping youth explore career options is one of the core goals for the 4-H program. Thanks to committed employees at Bayer CropScience in Shakopee, Scott County youth have the opportunity to explore the world of product design, manufacturing, and distribution firsthand.

The connection between Scott County 4-H and Bayer CropScience in Shakopee began in 2017 with a Science Matters field trip to the Bayer facility. During that trip, 60 Scott County youth had the opportunity to tour Bayer's facility and explore the different types of careers available through Bayer. Youth were also able to explore the manufacturing process and assemble their own 4-H fidget spinners.

The Shakopee business is home to about 50 employees and Bayer's Seed-Growth Equipment Innovation Center, where Bayer designs and builds the machinery, technology and parts for direct on-seed growth and pest treatments for crops. By utilizing technologies like laser cutting and 3D printing, the Seed-Growth Equipment Innovation Center can supply custom parts cheaply all around the world, sometimes as easily as sending an email,

This year, the two-part Design to



In a previous workshop, participants made 4-H fidget spinners.

Build Workshops will be held on Feb. 18 and March 29. Bayer CropScience staff will lead youth through the various processes required to create a product, including assessing customer needs, evaluating materials, understanding manufacturing, design, and packaging. At the end of the second workshop, youth will take home the product they designed together.

Design to Build Workshops are open to both 4-H members and non-members. For more information on participating, contact Sarah Odendahl, Scott County 4-H Program Coordinator, at 952-492-5384 or via email at sodendah@umn.edu.

Thank you to the entire Bayer CropScience staff, including project leads Josh Betcher, James Betcher, and Tony Jimerson for helping bring the workshops to life.



Cody Colosio and his extended family posed with the men who saved his life following an ATV accident in Cedar Lake Township.

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him helping me."

Turgi, of Prior Lake, was traveling on Zinn Ave. near East 140th St. on his way to St. Patrick's Tavern in Cedar Lake Township around 3:30 p.m. on Aug. 1 to get a hamburger when he saw a flipped over ATV -- wheels still spinning -- just off the road. Then he saw Colosio in obvious distress. Turgi stopped, quickly called 911, and after assessing the situation he grabbed a tow strap from his vehicle to use as a tourniquet on Colosio's left arm, which was nearly severed.

Scott County Sheriff Sergeant Robert Ryan was the next on the scene and applied a medical tourniquet that is carried in all Scott County Sheriff patrol cars. When Deputies Jacob Lannon and Ben Koestner arrived, they assisted in the care of the victim. While they performed an overall assessment of his injuries, they observed a deep laceration to his thigh, which was packed with gauze and wrapped by Koestner. Koestner also applied an additional tourniquet to the arm just below the armpit which stopped further bleeding. Lannon administered oxygen to the victim to help stabilize his breathing, helped pack a large gash on Colosio's leg with gauze and administered oxygen until he was taken by helicopter to North Memorial's trauma center.

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presented the awards to Turgi and the deputies, commending them for their quick, life-saving actions. The award was established by Scott County in 2002 to honor people in the community who make a spontaneous reaction to an emergency, while not thinking of their own safety during an unusual medical or lifesaving incident. The award was named in honor of the late Morris A. Miller, who was highly respected in the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) field. Miller had worked diligently for many years in the area of pre-hospital care in Scott County and throughout the Metro area.

Hennen said equipment carried in squad cars like AEDs, the ResQ CPR Systems (both used to restart hearts), medical tourniquets, and Naloxone (a drug which can reverse opioid overdoses) help emergency responders be better prepared and able to respond to incidences in the community. "More lives are being saved," he said.

Colosio said he appreciated the visit he received from the Scott County deputies once he returned home. "The deputies came by my home to see me, so I've been able to have a connection with them. I just really appreciate everything you guys did for me. I'll never forget it. Thank you."