



## Monroe County Sheriff's Foundation

### A non-profit organization that Backs the Blue

The Monroe County Sheriff's Foundation (MCSF) is a non-profit organization established in 1991 to fund special Monroe County Sheriff's Office projects and programs that cannot be covered by taxpayer funding alone. Our Foundation helps enhance Community Service programs focused on crime prevention, drug and alcohol awareness, and safety education. We also provide funding for specialized equipment that aids the Sheriff's Office in crime investigation, public safety services, and the Sheriff's Communications Office. Our primary fundraisers are the annual Golf Classic held in July and the fall time annual Pig Roast. We pride ourselves on being the ONLY Foundation that gives 100% of our donations directly to the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, ensuring your generous support stays right here in our community. We would be grateful if you would consider making a donation.



The MCSFD provides financial support for projects beyond the scope of the county budget, ensuring officers have what they need for community safety and effectiveness. It funds youth programs (safety education, summer camp), crime prevention, and initiatives like the ROCTAC (threat assessment) program. It invests in deputy wellness, training, morale, and specialized gear for investigations and public safety. It supports new tech, such as the Drone as a First Responder program, requiring infrastructure investment.



### Our Mission - Since 1991

Providing financial support for special Sheriff's Office projects and equipment that cannot be supported solely by Monroe County tax dollars - especially those directly affecting the safety and well-being of our community.





## MCSF 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pig Roast Raises Funds for Deputies

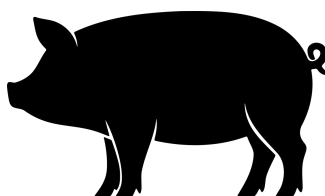
The MCSF held its 2nd Annual Pig Roast on October 19th at Tony D's Restaurant on University Avenue.

The weather was perfect for the occasion, and the outdoor patio was the perfect setting for the roasted pig preparation, live music from Claudia Hoyser, and static displays from the Monroe County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team, Drone Unit, K9, and Mounted Units.

Several generous donors sponsored deputies representing all Sheriff's Office Bureaus—Road Patrol, Jail, Court, and Civil—who attended and enjoyed the festivities. Sheriff Baxter, Chief Deputy Fowler, and members of the drone unit presented exciting information to the dinner audience about the Drone as a

First Responder Program and the Rochester Investigative Operations Center (RIOC), which is supported by Foundation donations. The event, which included a live auction and raffles, was co-chaired by Foundation Board Members David Merrick and Ronald Billitier. The Pig Roast proved to be an overwhelming success, raising over \$125K for the Foundation to support the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, its special projects, and, most importantly, the wellness and needs of the deputies. Thank you once again to all of our sponsors.

Please stay tuned for information about next year's Pig Roast event. We hope you can join us.



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THE BLUE,  
IT'S WHAT WE DO!**





# MCSO Health & Wellness

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MCSO Health & Wellness strives to promote resilience and provide opportunities for sworn and professional staff at MCSO. The three-pronged approach includes embedded clinicians, peer support, and training/programs. The Monroe County Sheriff's Foundation provides monetary support where taxpayer funding cannot be utilized.

## Wickham Farms Hosts Wellness Event

The Wickham Farms event was a huge success for the 4th year in a row! The event is considered one of the most popular by the Health & Wellness team. The event could not happen without the strong support of the Wickham Farm family and staff as they cover the cost of the entry wristbands to all MCSO members and their family. It is a beautiful demonstration of a business that backs the blue!



YOUR MCSF DONATIONS HELP SUPPORT DEPUTY HEALTH & WELLNESS.  
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## Beards for Bucks

During October through December, participating deputies are allowed to forgo their department's strict grooming policy and grow facial hair to raise money for charitable causes.

Beards for Bucks continues in full force. Members can donate \$25 or more and with that donation are then able to grow a beard for the month, or if female able to wear a blue or pink t-shirt under their uniform. In October MCSO staff raised funds for the Breast Cancer Coalition of Rochester, which is meaningful for so many as breast cancer sadly seems to

touch everyone's lives. In November MCSO raised funds for the Christmas Basket Project, giving gifts and food certificates to community families in need. The members of the Sheriff's Office are committed to making a difference each day to their community and that does not limit itself to the job. Being able

to raise funds through Beards for Bucks allows deputies to give back to their community in another way, while also allowing the community to see them and their service in a different light.



## Wellness Gift Card Giveaway

The monthly Health & Wellness gift card giveaway continues to be a huge success. December is

the third month of gift cards to the Drip House being given away, allowing members to try the infrared sauna, red light therapy, or cryotherapy.

Trying new possibilities to bring stress relief to the deputies is what wellness is all about!

# MCSF Launches Campaign to Support Drone as a First Responder Program

Advancements in technology have reshaped how criminals are committing crimes and how police are preventing and investigating these crimes.

Some of the technology includes Body Worn Cameras and Dash Cameras; Tasers; License Plate Readers and Public Safety Cameras; and now added to the list is the Drone as a First Responder Program and the Regional Investigative Operations Center (RIOCC).

Today's police officers face a mountain of requirements for evidence collection, analysis and storage, all with unrealistic timelines to present for trial.

The individual police officer cannot manage the technology from their front seat while multitasking all their other responsibilities.

The MCSF is actively raising funds for the Drone as a First

Responder Program and the RIOCC. Please visit our website at to donate and learn more.




## Key Benefits of a Drone as a First Responder (DFR) Program Include:

- Faster response times with the ability to deploy remotely piloted drones to emergency calls, arriving alongside or before traditional responders
- Increased officer safety by providing better situational awareness and reducing unnecessary risks
- Reduced strain on resources by providing real-time data for better resource allocation
- Enhanced coordination between the RIOCC and first responders in the field
- Potential for de-escalation through live video feeds that allow communication in tense situations



### Regional Investigative Operations Center



DOES NOT REPLACE  
911 or MCAC

- Commonly known as a **Real Time Crime Center**:
  - Making the best possible decisions based on the most accurate information available
  - Links decision makers with technological resources
  - Integrating technology to be more proactive and to operate more safely
- Primary Focus on:
  - Domestic Violent Extremism – **Threat Assessment and Management - ROCTAC**
  - **Multijurisdictional crime patterns** that demand extra resources and coordination
  - Community Wide Hazards – Blizzards, Flooding, Wind Events
- RIOCC has both **command and coordination capability** when necessary:
  - Ample space and tech to assist with coordination efforts across multiple agencies and disciplines
  - Helps Leaders develop and implement strategy by applying technology and sharing resources
  - Links to Schools, EOC, Unified Command Post, 911, MCAC, Local and State Government

## Are you ready to make a difference?

**Making a donation has never been easier. See your options below:**

### ✉ MAIL IN YOUR GIFT

Enclosed with this letter is a reply card and addressed envelope. Please fill out the card and mail it to the address provided below:

Monroe County Sheriff's Foundation  
C/O RDG + Partners  
10 Winthrop Street  
Rochester, NY 14607

### 💻 GIVE YOUR GIFT ONLINE

Scan the QR code or visit the donation page on our website linked below to make a secure online donation of any amount:

[MonroeCountySheriffsFoundation.org/donate](https://MonroeCountySheriffsFoundation.org/donate)



Scan the code (left) to be taken directly to the donation page on our website.

# Christmas Basket Program Now Underway this Holiday Season



This holiday season, deputies and professional staff from the Monroe County Sheriff's Office spread cheer in many different ways, making a positive impact in our community. From donating their time and resources to organizing events, they demonstrate that service goes far beyond the badge.

For nearly 35 years, the Sheriff's Office has provided Christmas baskets that are distributed as part of a holiday gift and food program to needy families throughout Monroe County. Thanks to the generosity of contributions to the Monroe County Sheriff's Foundation, deputies with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office are able to purchase baskets of food for more than 125 families and over 250 toys for children and young adults with special needs.

Families are identified through contact made with road patrol deputies, victim advocates, churches, and low-income housing representatives. Families in each of the three sheriff zones will benefit from the baskets.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to support the Christmas Basket Project or any of the many other important programs funded by the Monroe County Sheriff's Foundation, please visit our website to learn more. Besides making an online donation, checks may be written to the Monroe County Sheriff's Foundation and mailed to RDG+ Partners, 10 Winthrop Street, Rochester, NY 14607-1325.



## DIRECTORS MESSAGE

As the year closes, we, your MCSF Board of Directors, are deeply grateful for your extraordinary generosity. You are not just a supporter; you are a partner in our mission of supporting those that keep our community safe. May your holidays be as bright and impactful as the future you help build. *Thank You*

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