



# Countywide Services and Initiatives

*DuPage County Sheriff's Office*  
*John E. Zaruba, Sheriff*

**“The citizens of DuPage County have a right to expect the best law enforcement services possible delivered to them in a cost-effective, efficient manner, we have exceeded those expectations and are a leader in Law Enforcement, Court Security and Corrections” Sheriff John E. Zaruba**

- ★ **SPEAR (SEXUAL PREDATOR ENFORCEMENT APPREHENSION & REGISTRATION TEAM)**: Sheriff Zaruba oversees this multi-jurisdictional countywide team that takes a proactive approach to ensure known sexual offenders comply with the Sex Offender Registration Act.
- ★ **FIRST STEP**: Helps families take the first step in preventing and addressing drug use with their children. Parents may anonymously submit suspected drugs to the office's crime laboratory for testing at no charge.
- ★ **TNT**: A multi-jurisdictional narcotics task force dedicated to illegal narcotic enforcement.
- ★ **CRITICAL REACH**: A part of Sheriff Zaruba's missing persons protocol, this high tech program helps spread the word about missing persons or wanted individuals using a computer and faxing system to distribute color bulletins within minutes to law enforcement agencies, schools, libraries, and other businesses.
- ★ **ACIM (A CHILD IS MISSING)**: Used in conjunction with Critical Reach to help locate endangered missing persons by sending a detailed computerized message, via telephone, to homes and businesses in a designated area to inform them of case details and ask them to call police if they spot the missing person.
- ★ **REVERSE 911**: An automated system that calls phones in a specific geographic area to warn the community of crime in their area, provide emergency information, or request citizen assistance.
- ★ **SENIOR SERVICES UNIT**: Sheriff Zaruba established this unit to foster a community of trust between DuPage's senior community & law enforcement. A senior volunteer directs the unit and pursues an aggressive community outreach program targeting issues affecting seniors while providing a network of support.
- ★ **GUARDIAN SYSTEM**: Sheriff Zaruba operates an automated system that calls senior citizens or the disabled at specified times & days to check on their well being. If there is no answer a deputy is dispatched to their home.
- ★ **SWAP**: The **SHERIFFS WORK ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM**, an alternative to incarceration for non-violent offenders, has saved taxpayers 12 millions dollars compared to the cost of incarceration and was recognized by the Illinois Criminal Justice Authority as “the most innovative program to ever come along in Illinois.”
- ★ **OFFENDERWATCH**: Use the Sheriff's website to find where registered sexual offenders live in DuPage County and register for alerts about offenders living within a 1 mile radius of any number of registered addresses.
- ★ **INMATE CO-PAY**: Inmates are required to pay their medical expenses while in custody.
- ★ **A-TAC**: Sheriff Zaruba leads a taskforce of Sheriff's Deputies and local police agencies throughout the county to track gang activity and attacking gang crime at its roots.
- ★ **DUPAGE COUNTY FIRE INVESTIGATION TASK FORCE**: A partnership of county, municipal & federal investigators who bring specialized investigative skills in arson investigations throughout the county. Serves as a national model for other jurisdictions.
- ★ **SPARR(SHERIFF'S PROGRAM FOR AT RISK RESIDENTS)**:A voluntary program designed to assist residents of DuPage County who may be at risk of becoming confused, lost, disoriented or missing. Registering the at risk residents information prior to an emergency may save critical minutes in information gathering so law enforcement can expedite the search for the missing person.
- ★ **VINE (VICTIM INFORMATION & NOTIFICATION EVERYDAY)**: Originally brought to Illinois by Sheriff Zaruba, VINE, an automated victim notification system warns registered victims when their offender is released from jail.
- ★ **VINE- OOP** - The Sheriff's Office is the first in Illinois to offer VINE Protective Order, which lets petitioners of Order of Protections access information about their order. The petitioner can also register to be notified when their order is served, going to expire and other related information.
- ★ **CELL 911**: Primary answering point for all DuPage County municipal cellular 911 calls for immediate directed response..

***And Many More.***