

# 1977

## Deputy Daniel A. Dunlap

### Lake County Sheriff Department

Today, it's called community policing. It's one of the buzzwords used within the law enforcement profession, and speaks of an agencies commitment to working with the citizenry they represent. Back in 1977, the concept of crime prevention was the forerunner of community policing. In most agencies, it was an afterthought, usually practiced on a part time basis, around other duties, by extremely dedicated and community minded individuals. Deputy Daniel Dunlap became one of those individuals.

A deputy sheriff for 4 years, Dunlap was asked by Sheriff Edwin Cunningham, in 1976, to lead the department's crime prevention efforts. He embraced the concept, and quickly established a reputation for the department. Chief Deputy Richard Amiott stated that "as every season comes up, he's come up with another idea or program for the townships." Dunlap used his training to give talks and security surveys designed to educate the public about ways to stop crime.

Dunlap had had training in many areas of police work including hostage negotiation, drug investigations, homicide, and robbery. .

Deputy Dunlap received his award on November 30, 1977 at the Kirtland Country Club where the Blue Coats held their annual dinner banquet.

Dunlap had a long and successful career with the Lake County Sheriff's Department. In 1985, Dunlap became one of only 2 persons to receive the Blue Coats award for the second time. In 1992, he ran for the office of Sheriff. He was elected by the people of Lake County and took office in January, 1993. He succeeded Sheriff Patrick Walsh. He retired on August 31, 2019 with 46 years of service to the county, 27 of which were as the Sheriff of Lake County.