

SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS

Former Erie County Sheriff Robert N. Michel, Jr., 79, of 18 Putnam Street, Union City, passed away Monday, May 9, 2011, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Meadville, on November 5, 1931, a son of the late Robert N. and Noma G. Dodds Michel, Sr. Bob was a graduate of Union City Area High School. After school, he enlisted in the [U.S. Air Force](#) and served for four years during the [Korean War](#). He served with the Erie County Sheriff's Office for 42 years the last 16 as Sheriff, retiring in 1998. The Erie County Sheriff's Office attended services and presented an Honor Guard for Sheriff Michel.

SHERIFFS' POWERS. We encourage all Erie County Citizens to support your local Sheriff's Office by contacting our legislators and the newly elected governor. The powers of arrest must be restored to the Sheriffs' Offices, the oldest law enforcement agency in this country. By restoring the authority of the Sheriffs' Offices to make arrests, citizens of Erie County and the entire Commonwealth will benefit. The Pennsylvania Sheriffs' Association (PSA) is in the process of meeting with the District Attorneys' Association regarding this matter. The PSA has already met with County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP), the Chiefs, and the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP).

Two new systems were added to the Sheriff's Office improving efficiency and reducing costs.

County suite is the new system where all civil process originates and all fees are collected.

The State updated the License to Carry program making it uniform for all counties in the Commonwealth.

These two updates were financed through grant programs at not cost to Erie County Citizens.

The following promotions have take place in the Sheriff's Office over the past 18 months. Jon Habursky was promoted to Chief Deputy. Three deputies were promoted to Lieutenant: Jeffrey Guild is in charge of civil process and firearms training, John Loomis oversees all Court Security and Brenda Nelson is the Administrative Director.

Deputies Jarrod Carr and John McEnroe completed the 20-week ACT 2 Deputy Sheriffs' Training Academy on December 17, 2010. Deputy McEnroe received awards for the best overall student, firearms and defensive tactics. Deputy McEnroe is now serving as a School Resource Officer at the Northwestern School District. Deputy Carr is assigned to courtroom and courthouse security.