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**SOUTHWEST CHAPTER CREDIT UNIONS DONATES
TO SHERIFF'S MOBILE UNIT PROGRAM**



ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN (September 16, 2009) - Southwest Chapter Credit Unions donated \$1,650 to the Berrien County Sheriff's Department Motorcycle Patrol unit. The donation was presented to Sheriff Paul Bailey, Deputy Jamie Laughlin and Undersheriff Chuck Heit during the chapter's Legislative Breakfast held recently.

The Berrien County Sheriff's Department Motorcycle Team consists of eight certified riders who operate police motorcycles between April and November of each year. Motorcycles are used for routine patrol as well as being requested to participate in community events such as parades and school programs. They also provide escort for fundraiser rides benefitting various charities.

"Since the Motor patrol is primarily self funded, we couldn't find a better reason to give back for the service and protection they provide financial institutions" stated Duane Nelson, Chapter Vice Chairman and COO of United Federal Credit Union. "Credit Unions were pleased to help out the Sheriff's Patrol when we were made aware they lost support from their major donor based on budget cutbacks."

The Southwest Chapter Credit Unions consist of Berrien Teachers Credit Union, Country Heritage Credit Union, Dowagiac Area Federal Credit Union, Four Flags Area Credit Union, Greater Niles Community Federal Credit Union, and United Federal Credit Union. The chapter plays a role in bettering their communities and the lives of people around them by participating in community fund-raising events, raising money for charity and exchanging information, ideas, experience and expertise among credit unions the county and state.

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