

*IN MEMORY of Charles A Newman, Retired*

*(Born: November 19, 1939 - Died: September 15, 2015)*



Newman honored as Employee of Month 2000

Undersheriff Charles Newman retired with 32 years of service to the Delaware County Sheriff's Office on March 17, 2005. He was accorded a well-attended farewell party when he retired and he stopped by the Office to visit us for a few years thereafter when he came back to this area from Florida for summer visits.

Undersheriff Newman was easily recognized as a staunch proponent of loyalty to this Office, his family, and his country. During the severe flooding we experienced in 1996, Newman manned our crisis center for several days, around the clock, until the eminent danger passed. He calmly served in the capacities of leader, buffer and problem solver. He routinely handled any situation dealt him with tact, sound judgment and good humor and was affectionately known as "Uncle Charlie" by his co-workers. He exhibited a policeman's moral strength with just the right amount of a pastor's son's compassion. His compass was steady and his purpose was sure.

Undersheriff Newman had been appointed by two sheriffs as their undersheriff: In the first instance, Sheriff Leonard Rutherford elevated Newman from Road Patrol Lieutenant to Undersheriff. Later, his successor, Sheriff Thomas Mills created a new position ("Chief Deputy/Major") in recognition of Undersheriff Newman's many and valuable accomplishments. In January 2004, upon the retirement of our existing Undersheriff, Douglas Vredenburg, Chief Deputy Newman was accorded for the second time the position of Undersheriff.

Undersheriff Newman's professional accomplishments are many and varied. Throughout his career he continually demonstrated a spirit of selfless public service and loyalty to the Office he so proudly served. In 1990, while holding the position of "Sergeant," he was the recipient of the prestigious Drexler Award, given for career distinction by the New York State Sheriffs' Association.

It was with deep sorrow that we note the passing of our friend and co-worker, Charlie Newman. His smile was sincere and his chuckle infectious. His sense of decorum ran deep and his fight for what's right was always at his core. He is gone but not forgotten.