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FROM THE SHERIFF'S DESK



### **Constitutional Awareness**

*"We the people are the rightful masters of both Congress and the courts, not to overthrow the Constitution but to overthrow the men who pervert the Constitution."* Abraham Lincoln

Many of you have expressed your vexation to me regarding the systematic erosion of the US Constitution in recent years; and more particularly, the NYS SAFE ACT. In these trying times, Constitutional Awareness and Education are more important than ever. It was for the purpose of being a "citizen's last line of defense" from tyranny (caused by an overreaching State or Federal government) that the Office of Sheriff was established in our State Constitution. As your Sheriff I am fully aware of my obligation, as a constitutional officer, to uphold (and if need be "protect") our Constitutional rights.

In an effort to address your concerns, I am sponsoring a Constitutional Awareness Seminar, which will encompass a broad view of the Constitution, especially as originally designed by our founding fathers. It will be conducted by a local Delhi resident and businessman, Dave Clark and Undersheriff DuMond at the Sheriff's Office, located at 280 Phoebe Lane, Delhi, New York on November 5<sup>th</sup>, commencing at 6:00 PM.

Please join us in our study of the Declaration of Independence and the original United States Constitution. In one of his "Letters" Thomas Jefferson wrote, *"I know no safe depository of the ultimate powers of the society but the people themselves; and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion by education. This is the true corrective of abuses of constitutional power."*

**Please feel free to contact Undersheriff DuMond at 607-746-2336 with any questions you may have.**

I look forward to seeing you on November 5th.

