

## Finalist Details

*John Montgomery*  
*Sheriff*  
Baxter County Sheriff's Office  
Mountain Home, AR



Sheriff John Montgomery began his career in 1988 at the Mountain Home Police Department. He continued to work in law enforcement until he retired in 2003. In 2004 he decided to run for Sheriff of Baxter County and took office in January 2005. His nominator praises him for designing and implementing the Sheriff's Office website which automatically notifies members of the community about amber alerts, when unregistered sex offenders move into the neighborhoods, when criminals have been arrested, and when prisoners escape. The site he created went live in November 2007 and has since had over one million visitors, averaging at about 75 thousand visitors per month and is used as a template in seven states including nineteen sheriff's offices in Arkansas. The website includes its own Most Wanted page which has proven to be very useful due to the 608 captures made. He has also implemented the use of Facebook in correlation with the department website. He often receives several tips weekly from Facebook alone. His anonymous tip-line has helped cut down on the methamphetamine laboratories in the community. Sheriff Montgomery is a member of the Northwest Arkansas Development Council and the Legislative Chairman for Arkansas Sheriff's Association. John Montgomery has received the 2006 Mountain Home Chamber of Commerce Presidential Award and the 2009 Morgan's Choice Award in recognition of protection of children and the exemplary performance of duty in the safe recovery of Aiden Mullins.