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Introducing the Sheriff Branch Officers Association (SBOA): Uniting Sheriffs in Alberta to Advocate for Rights and Recognition

July 11, 2024 – Edmonton, Alberta – Today marks the official launch of the Sheriff Branch Officers Association (SBOA), an organization committed to facilitating collaboration among sheriffs across Alberta and advocating for their rights and interests. Membership in the SBOA is open to both sworn and non-sworn members of the Alberta Sheriff Branch, representing a diverse community dedicated to public safety.

The SBOA endeavors to garner support and attain recognition as a union, aiming to amplify the voices of Alberta's sheriffs and advocate for their needs. With a focus on initiatives such as improved mental health programs, enhanced wages, legal representation, specialized pension plans, and enhanced working conditions, the SBOA seeks to empower all sheriffs in their critical roles in public safety.

"We aim to foster solidarity among our members and ensure their voices receive due consideration," stated Dornubari Tornwe, president of the Sheriff Branch Officers Association. "Through collective action, we aspire to address concerns, provide necessary resources, and cultivate a professional environment adhering to the highest standards of justice and service."

Key initiatives of the SBOA include advocating for better wages, professional development opportunities, and improved working conditions for all sheriffs. Through concerted effort and community engagement, the SBOA is dedicated to establishing a robust and cohesive community that upholds principles of fairness and integrity.

Tornwe, a former local chair with AUPE, emphasized the unsuitability of AUPE to represent sheriffs and questioned the appropriateness of sheriffs being part of a broader union.

"We extend an invitation to the Alberta government to collaborate with us in forming a union that genuinely represents and advocates for the needs of our officers," added Don Tornwe.

"Together, we can effect meaningful change and cultivate a promising future for Alberta's sheriffs." He also thanks the Alberta Legal Counsel for their decision to represent the Sheriffs during this time.

For further information about the Sheriff Branch Officers Association and avenues to support their endeavors, please visit www.sheriffbranchab.com or contact info@sheriffbranchab.com