



**Warren C. Evans**  
**Sheriff**

# News Release

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## Sheriff invites public to ride with Mounted Patrol at unit's annual benefit fundraiser

### ◆ *Horse owners and lovers invited to support state's only remaining horse patrol*

Wayne County Sheriff Warren C. Evans is inviting members of the public to attend a special event that will help sustain his department's Mounted Patrol, which is the last of its kind in Michigan.

On Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, Evans and his mounted officers will host their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Benefit Fundraiser, an affordable event that is geared toward families and area horse owners. The Mounted Unit will be present in larger numbers than last year, Evans said, having recently added seven new horses and as many newly trained officers.

The event will take place from 11AM until 4:00 PM at the Nankin Mills area of Hines Park between Farmington and Merriman roads in Westland. For a \$10 tax-deductible donation to the Wayne County Sheriff's Mounted Unit, guests will be able to meet the officers and their horses, enjoy refreshments and take hayrides. They also will have an opportunity to see inside the county's armored personnel carrier and meet & greet with officers from motorcycle unit, marine patrol and K-9 Unit and other Sheriff's Office equipment. Children ages 12 and younger can attend free of charge.

"Being the last remaining full time police mounted patrol in the state in economically challenging times means we have to reach out to the community for support," Evans said. "Our mounted unit is extremely popular with residents and we hope that popularity translates to support for this important event."

### A "Dream Cruise" of horses

For a \$25 donation, individuals who have their own horses will have a rare opportunity to join Sheriff Evans and the rest of the Mounted Unit on a commemorative ride - or "Dream Gallop" - through scenic Hines Park from Nankin Mills to Plymouth and back. Evans said he expects more than 50 horse owners to join the sheriff's office mounts, along with his own personal horse, Jesse, which he will be riding that day.

For ticket information, please call 313-967-6300.