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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **AUTHORITY OF SHERIFF TROY HECK**

The Benton County Sheriff's Office had the privilege of receiving a donation from a citizen on behalf of the Minnesota Sheriff's Association scholarship fund.

On August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Rice resident Jim Hovda presented to the Benton County Sheriff's Office a donation for the Minnesota Sheriff's Association (MSA). Mr. Hovda, representing Firearms Instruction of Rice, explained that his group holds Minnesota law enforcement in high regard and wished to help individuals pursuing a law enforcement career in attaining their goal. The MSA scholarship fund annually gives out thousands of dollars in scholarships to students pursuing a career in law enforcement.

The MSA scholarship fund and donations like this one from Firearms Instruction are very important for the future of law enforcement. Today, more than ever, our profession needs bright and capable people willing to serve their communities and make a difference with their careers. I am very grateful to Mr. Hovda, Firearms Instruction, the MSA, and everyone who contributes to the MSA scholarship fund.

Troy Heck  
Benton County Sheriff