



David A. Clarke Jr.
Sheriff

County of Milwaukee

Office of the Sheriff

DEBRA L. BURMEISTER

Major Debra Burmeister was appointed to the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office in April of 1998. She is currently assigned to command the Detention Services Bureau which includes the Milwaukee County Jail and the Courts Division. She was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in October of 2010. In November of 2010, she was promoted to Lieutenant. Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr., promoted her to the rank of Captain in August of 2011, Deputy Inspector in September 2012 and Major in December 2012.

From 1999-2004 Major Debra Burmeister was a member of the Sheriff's Office Information Technology Unit. She served as a bailiff from 2004-2005. In 2005, she was assigned to the Detention Services Bureau in the Special Projects Unit. As a member of the special projects and network units she automated many of manual processes used in the Agency. She serves as a CJIS DSA (Database Security Administrator), Jail Log Administrator, Inmate Phone Administrator and Webmaster for Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office internet and intranet. She is highly motivated and resourceful. She facilitated the completion of several major projects such as: 2 installations of the Inmate Phone System; training, programming, and coordinating with IMSD on various database projects; installation of Video Visiting; and a complete camera surveillance system for the House of Correction. She is experienced at writing and evaluating Requests for Proposals, Grants, and contracts. She works with all the vendors that do business with the Detention Services Bureau. Major Burmeister has also worked closely with other County Departments in many capacities.

The talents and desire to serve the Citizens are exemplified when Major Burmeister (as a Captain) assisted with media and crowd control for the Sikh Temple Shooting incident.

Major Burmeister earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She participated as a speaker at the 2002 American Jail Association Conference. She has attended various leadership and technology seminars. Major Debra Burmeister completed Computer Crime training at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia and the Supervisor segment of the FBI-LEEDA program. She also is an Instructor at the MCSO Academy and will complete the NIMS Incident Command System Train the Trainer Class in August 2013.

Giving back to the community is an important component of her life. She volunteers as a Certified Therapy Dog Handler at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin and volunteers at Forest View Pediatrics. She has participated in Shop with a Cop, the National Education Association's Read Across America Program, and the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign. She participated in the training for Habitat for Humanity volunteers. She has helped to raise money for a variety of charities and participates in many of the local fund raising walks.

Major Burmeister is a great asset to Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office. Her talent, skills, knowledge and desire to serve the Citizens of Milwaukee County are exemplified in every task and challenge she has faced in her career with Milwaukee County. Her highly specialized knowledge of both Milwaukee County Jail operations and House of Correction operations, developed over the past 4 years, are unmatched in our Agency.