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Broome County Sheriff's Office Donates \$22,700 to Police Athletic League of Binghamton (PAL) to Help Provide Free Summer Camp to Low-Income Families in the Community

(TOWN OF BINGHAMTON, NY) On Friday, organizers and campers from the Police Athletic League of Binghamton (PAL) Camp joined members of the Broome County Sheriff's Office to receive a donation totally \$22,700 to support PAL Camp's continued efforts to provide free summer camp to low-income families in the community. The funding was allocated through the Sheriff's Office and the New York State Gun Involved Violence Elimination (GIVE) Initiative grant.

"We are incredibly fortunate to live in a community filled with so many caring members of law enforcement, both active and retired, who are devoted to providing more opportunities for our youngest residents to be successful," said Sheriff Fred Akshar. "Our BCSO Family is proud to do our part in helping further the PAL Camp's significant and important work to create a safe, fun and free place for our community's families in need to send their children each summer."

The Police Athletic League of Binghamton (PAL) Camp is a completely free summer day camp dedicated to serving at-risk children from ages 5–13 from low-income and underserved communities in Binghamton and Broome County.

This year's PAL Camp enrollment reached the highest level in nearly 40 years, and Pal Camp's organizers and community partners have sought additional local sponsors and donors to help cover their increased operating costs.

Thanks to sponsorships and donations from the community, PAL Camp was able to successfully fund its operating costs for the year.

First organized more than 70 years ago, PAL Camp has helped struggling families provide safe sports and activities for generations. Campers are provided transportation, breakfast, lunch, snacks, and a full schedule of enriching activities — all at no cost to their families.

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