

## LETTER FROM YOUR COUNTY SHERIFF

Fall has come and the weather is great. God has given us blessings all around our county. Law enforcement has seen its ups and downs. There are many questions people have asked concerning their personal problems that happens at home. I would like to address some of these questions and the answer is "LOVE." These answers are just my opinion and my opinion only. I always try to answer them by what I think is the truth, but some may believe the truth hurts. We have lots of issues on juvenile problems, I am asked why my child does not mind me or I can't control the actions of my child. I tell them a child starts its learning process at birth, we as parents need to be parents not friends. You as a parent should raise your child in love. If your child is raised in a home with love then discipline should not be hard to administer. Some parents feel that discipline is to hash and are afraid they will break the law if they spank their child. The law says "Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God gives thee." "He who withholds his rod hates his son. But he who loves him disciplines him diligently." Spanking your child does not break the law if it's done with love not hate. Schools are failing because parents do not want them to punish their child. The issue of punishment on children falls on legal matters. Laws and legality should not be a factor in our schools. Schools should discipline our children when they break school rules. That is how children learn about breaking laws when they become adults and the punishment that is given for wrong doing.

Children are interesting, all they want is love and encouragement, but when they get their way, look out. What I mean "look out" is when they get around other children they become individuals and start trying to become adults and make adult decisions. As a parent if you let your child make adult decisions, then your child will not make the right decision and cause problems in home, school and society. We as parents need to know that discipline is the key to successful upbringing of our children. I ask the parents if they go to church with their family. Almost every parent that I ask says no. It's sad to see children go to church alone and the parents not going. You as a parent should be the leader of your house and raise your children in a Christian home. The main word as a parent is "LOVE" and we as parents and mates should take "LOVE" serious. That is how I answer the question about "What is wrong with my child?"

Sheriff Art Kell