

## South Dakota Salutes

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Dear Potential Sponsor,

**South Dakota Salutes** (SDS) is statewide entity of volunteers formed to show appreciation to those “First Responders” who are always there to serve and protect the citizens of South Dakota 24/7.

Plans are underway to hold our **8th Annual South Dakota Salutes** two-day appreciation shooting event on Monday and Tuesday, September 25-26, 2023 at *Hunters Pointe Shooting Complex* (HPSC) in Humboldt, SD.

Events planned each day include two (2) sporting clays tournaments, two (2) rifle tournaments, & two (2) pistol tournaments. Participants are provided: targets; ammunition; trophies; gifts; food & beverages; and “bragging rights.” Because of donations from sponsors like you, these appreciation events are “FREE of Charge” to all South Dakota “First Responders” including the following groups:

- a. **Law Enforcement** – Including: city & town police; county sheriffs & deputy sheriffs; highway patrol officers; Game, Fish & Parks Officers; DCI & etc.
- b. **Fire & Rescue including EMT’s** (full-time & volunteer)
- c. **Military personnel and veterans** – including: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Reserve Units, Guard Units (active duty & retired)

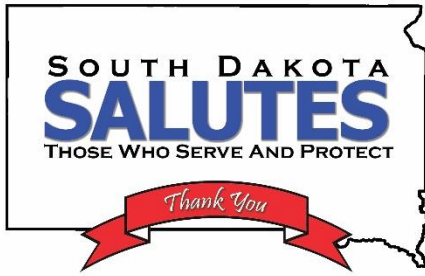
In addition to our signature appreciation shooting competition event, cash gifts from our sponsors have allowed us to establish a special **Loss of Life Fund** with the *Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation*. Five times since our inception, we have responded with \$10,000 cash gifts to bridge the immediate financial concerns for each of the families of South Dakota First Responders who have died in the line of duty, while serving and protecting our state’s citizens. The most recent loss of life was earlier this year:

- Chester, SD Volunteer Firefighter Fred Fedeler | Last Alarm April 22, 2023
- Fire Chief Donny Manger, of Presho, SD | Last Alarm October 14, 2017
- Minnehaha County Deputy Sheriff Steve Maciejewski | End of Watch April 3, 2018
- Sturgis Volunteer Fire Department Assistant Fire Chief David Fischer | Last Alarm September 7, 2018
- Argyle, SD Volunteer Firefighter Dwain Hudson | Last Alarm April 17, 2019

Finally, our **Special Needs Fund** provides “seed money” that is used to raise matching local funds, with proceeds targeted to fund unmet needs of emergency service organizations throughout South Dakota. Since this fund was established in 2021, donations have allowed us to grant a total of \$51,000 to volunteer emergency response organizations in 14 communities throughout South Dakota.

I sincerely hope that you will join me and my fellow volunteers, in our endeavor to show appreciation to those who “Serve and Protect” us 24/7. Please consider providing a cash or payment-in-kind sponsorship. Details are provided on the included form. **THANK YOU!**

Sincerely,



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## South Dakota Salutes Sponsorship Agreement

Yes, I want to show my support for the men and women who “serve and protect” the residents of South Dakota 24/7.

My level of sponsorship support is:

- \$5,000 (Platinum Level)
- \$2,500 (Titanium Level)
- \$1,000 (Gold Level)
- \$ 750 (Silver Level)
- \$ 500 (Bronze Level)
- Other

I would like to support the *Special Needs Fund* to be used to raise matching local funds targeted to fund unmet needs of emergency response organizations throughout South Dakota

Donation amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Or, I would like to pledge a “Payment-in-Kind” Gift of \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I would like to make this pledge for this year and the next three years.

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

Checks can be mailed directly to:

Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation  
 South Dakota Salutes Special Project Fund  
 200 N. Cherapa Place  
 Sioux Falls, SD 57103-2205

South Dakota Salutes is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Contributions are deductible to the maximum extent allowable for federal income tax purposes. SDS has no paid employees; the appreciation event is planned and hosted entirely by volunteers.

“Payment-in-Kind Pledges” can be mailed to:

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