

TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR  
AFFIDAVIT FOR MEMBERSHIP DUES

THE STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF HIDALGO

I, RAFAEL GARZA, do hereby state that my membership in the  
NATIONAL SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION on behalf of Hidalgo  
County is necessary in the performance of my duties as an official/employee of Hidalgo County.  
I further state the following:

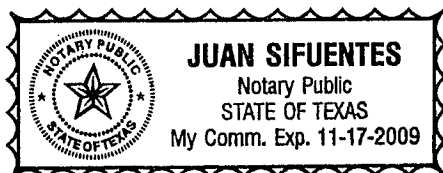
- 1.) My participation in the association or organization is for the betterment of County Government and the benefit of me as a County Official or employee;
- 2.) The association of organization is not affiliated with a labor organization;
- 3.) Neither the association or organization nor an employee of the association or organization directly or indirectly influences or attempts to influence the outcome of any legislation pending before the legislature, except for the providing of information for a member of the legislative committee at the request of the committee or member of the legislature; and
- 4.) Neither the association or organization directly or indirectly contributes any money, services, or other valuable thing to a political campaign or endorses a candidate or group of candidates for public office.

SIGNATURE: Rafael Garza

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

SERGEANT

Before me Juan Sifuentes, a Notary Public, appeared RAFAEL GARZA  
and on his/hers oath deposed and stated that the facts as set forth in the above affidavit to be true and  
correct in every respect.



Juan Sifuentes  
NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR THE  
STATE OF TEXAS

AUTHORITY: LGC Sec. 113.064b

COUNTY AUDITOR'S FORM: SFA-CA-041

# NSA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



	RAFAEL GARZA		GARZA	
PREFIX	FIRST NAME	MI	LAST NAME	SUFFIX

RALPH	SERGEANT
INFORMAL/NICKNAME	TITLE/POSITION

HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
AGENCY/ORGANIZATION

**WORK ADDRESS:**

PREFERRED MAILING ADDRESS     PREFERRED BILLING ADDRESS

STREET ADDRESS	711 EL CIBOLO RD
MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT)	PO BOX 1228
CITY	EDINBURG
STATE/PROVINCE	TEXAS
ZIP	78540
COUNTRY	UNITED STATES
PHONE	(956) 393-6000
TOLL FREE	
FAX	(956) 393-6047
WEB SITE	

**HOME ADDRESS:**

PREFERRED MAILING ADDRESS     PREFERRED BILLING ADDRESS

STREET ADDRESS	
MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT)	
CITY	
STATE/PROVINCE	
ZIP	
COUNTRY	
PHONE	
FAX	

PREFERRED EMAIL ADDRESS	ralph.garza@hidalgoso.org	
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CELL PHONE	(956) 292-6609	DATE OF BIRTH	04/04/1971
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GENDER (CHECK ONE)     MALE     FEMALE

HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY BEEN A MEMBER OF NSA?     YES     NO

HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT NSA?  
 INTERNET     SHERIFF MAGAZINE     DEPUTY AND COURT OFFICER MAGAZINE     MAILING  
 NSA CONFERENCE     CURRENT NSA MEMBER     FORMER NSA MEMBER     OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU JOINING NSA TO ALSO BECOME A MEMBER OF JUSTICE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION?     YES     NO

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# NSA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (CONTINUED)



## MEMBERSHIP DUES STRUCTURE (PLEASE CHECK ONE)

### ACTIVE MEMBERS

- Sheriff
  - Sheriff with county population of 500,000 or more = \$500
  - Sheriff with county population of 250,000– 499,999 = \$250
  - Sheriff with county population of 100,000–249,999 = \$150
  - Sheriff with county population of 10,000–99,999 = \$100
  - Sheriff with county population of less than 10,000 = \$50
- Chief of Police = \$50
- Executive/Agency Director = \$50
- Other Active Members = \$35

### AUXILIARY MEMBERS

- Auxiliary Member = \$25
  - Deputy Member (receives *Deputy and Court Officer* magazine) = \$25
- Student = \$25
- International Member = \$45

*Dues subject to change.*

- PLEASE SEND ME INFORMATION ABOUT INCLUDING ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS IN A GROUP MEMBERSHIP.

I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE NSA SHERIFF'S RELIEF FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF	\$
PAYMENT TOTAL	\$

## MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

### Active Members (eligible to vote):

- Sheriffs
- Sheriffs-elect, provided they qualify for office.
- Undersheriffs, assistant sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, other employees of a sheriff's office, and members of the sheriff's reserve, auxiliaries, and posses.
- Chiefs of police and other employees of an agency having responsibility to enforce criminal law.
- Individuals affiliated with federal and state law enforcement or with military agencies.
- Individuals employed by private rather than public organizations but who have law enforcement duties.
- Individuals employed in any agency, public or private, whose responsibilities relate directly or indirectly to the administration of criminal justice.
- Individuals engaged in teaching, research, and writing in the field of criminal justice.
- Individuals who have demonstrated genuine interest in and support of the Office of Sheriff or the effective administration of criminal justice/law enforcement/public safety throughout the nation.
- Life Members (visit [www.sheriffs.org/membership/LifetimeMembership.asp](http://www.sheriffs.org/membership/LifetimeMembership.asp) for a separate application).

### Auxiliary Members (not eligible to vote and do not receive free AD&D insurance):

- Auxiliary Members
- Deputies
- Students
- International Members

## PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

- CREDIT CARD       CHECK / MONEY ORDER (PAYABLE TO NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION)

TYPE OF CARD:       AMERICAN EXPRESS       VISA       MASTERCARD       DISCOVER

CREDIT CARD NUMBER		EXP DATE	
NAME AS IT APPEARS ON CARD			
SIGNATURE			

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO FAX NUMBER (703) 838-5349 OR MAIL TO NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION, ATTN: MEMBERSHIP, 1450 DUKE ST, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT NSA AND MEMBER BENEFITS, PLEASE VISIT [WWW.SHERIFFS.ORG](http://WWW.SHERIFFS.ORG) OR CALL (800) 424-7827 WITH QUESTIONS.

MEMBER LOGIN

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## About NSA



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### The National Sheriffs' Association (NSA)

The National Sheriffs' Association, now in its sixty-eighth year of serving law enforcement and other criminal justice professionals of the nation, is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising the level of professionalism among those in the criminal justice field.

Through the years, NSA has provided programs for Sheriffs, their deputies, chiefs of police, and others in the field of criminal justice to perform their jobs in the best possible manner and to better serve the people of their cities, counties or jurisdictions.

The National Sheriffs' Association  
1450 Duke St.  
Alexandria, VA 22314-3490  
1-800-424-7827 phone



- Code of Ethics
- Constitution and Bylaws
- Constitutional Charter
- 2008 Annual Report
- 2007 Annual Report
- 2006 Annual Report
- Office of Sheriff State-by-State Elections Information



### Frequently Asked Questions

#### 1. When and where was NSA established?

The Articles of Incorporation for NSA were filed on September 26, 1940, with the Secretary of State for the State of Ohio.

#### 2. How many Sheriff's Offices are there in the U.S.?

3,085 as of December 31, 2008.

#### 3. Are there states that do not have Sheriff's Offices?

Yes. Three states that do not have Sheriff's Offices:

1. Alaska. No county governments.
2. Connecticut. Sheriffs have been replaced with a State Marshal System.
3. Hawaii. There are no Sheriffs in Hawaii but Deputy Sheriffs serve in the Sheriff's Division of the Hawaii Department of Public Safety.

#### 4. What is the difference between a Sheriff and a Police Chief?

A Sheriff is generally (but not always) the highest, usually elected, law-enforcement officer of a county. Chiefs of Police usually are municipal employees who owe their allegiance to a city. Oftentimes, Chiefs are appointed by the Mayor of a city; or, they may be appointed by or subject to the confirmation of a Police Commission. Go to: /about/CountyPoliceElectedSheriff.asp (County Police v Elected Sheriff.pdf)

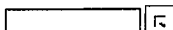
#### 5. How long is the term of office for a Sheriff?

Sheriffs are elected to four-year terms in 41 states, two-year terms in three states, a three-year term in one state and a six-year term in one state. Go to: (State-by-State Election Chart.pdf)

#### 6. What is the difference between a Sheriff's Office and a Sheriff's Department?

Go to: /about/SheriffsOfficevSheriffsDepartment.asp (SheriffsOfficevSheriffsDepartment.pdf)

#### 7. How many members does NSA Have?



As of December 31, 2008, NSA has more than 20,000 members. For Membership Benefits, go to: [Member Benefits](#)

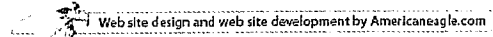
**8. Who is the current President of NSA?**

Sheriff David Goad of Allegany County, Maryland.

**9. What does the National Sheriffs' Association badge signify?**

The National Sheriffs' Association badge has heraldic significance. The shield denotes defense, protection, and faith. The mace denotes authority. The olive wreath denotes peace. The circle surrounding the emblem denotes eternity. The five points of the star denote friendship, guidance, honesty, integrity, and merit.

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