

MDT AWARD

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QUARTERLY WINNER - YATES COUNTY INV. MEGAN MOREHOUSE



A Yates County native, Morehouse has been an investigator with the Yates County Sheriff's Office since October 2022. Before that, she worked at the jail and on road patrol. She holds bachelor's degrees in American Sign Language and Criminology/Criminal Justice.

Q: You're a member of the dive team. What's that like? What drew you to be part of that team?

A: I've been a certified Diver since 2001 became an Scuba Instructor in 2016. I've been a rescue diver for Branchport Fire Department since 2013, and it just made sense to be a part of the Sheriff's Dive team as well. I was asked to be the head of the Sheriff's Underwater Search and Recovery Team in 2016. Our team can be activated any time of the year for water emergencies.

Q: What's your favorite part of your job?

A: When I am able to be out in my community helping people. Not everyone has a good view of law enforcement and what we do, so it's always nice to be able to show the community that we are here to help with whatever we can.

Q: What career highlight are you most proud of?

A: I am proud to be a part of the Crisis Intervention Team, which helps individuals who are experiencing some sort of mental health crisis.

Q: What do you do in your spare time?

A: I am a scuba diving instructor, so I teach classes, I work as an EMT for Penn Yan Ambulance and I am a volunteer for Branchport Fire Department Underwater Search and Rescue Team.

Q: Since we work in the child abuse prevention field, what's one piece of advice you would give to parents to help protect their kids?

A: Parents [and] society in general need to teach their children about the dangers of social media and exposing their private information online, which could result in their child being targeted by online predators.

'Megan, with her various abilities, has shown to be an asset as a member of the [Yates County Sheriff's Office]!'
- Sheriff Ron Spike