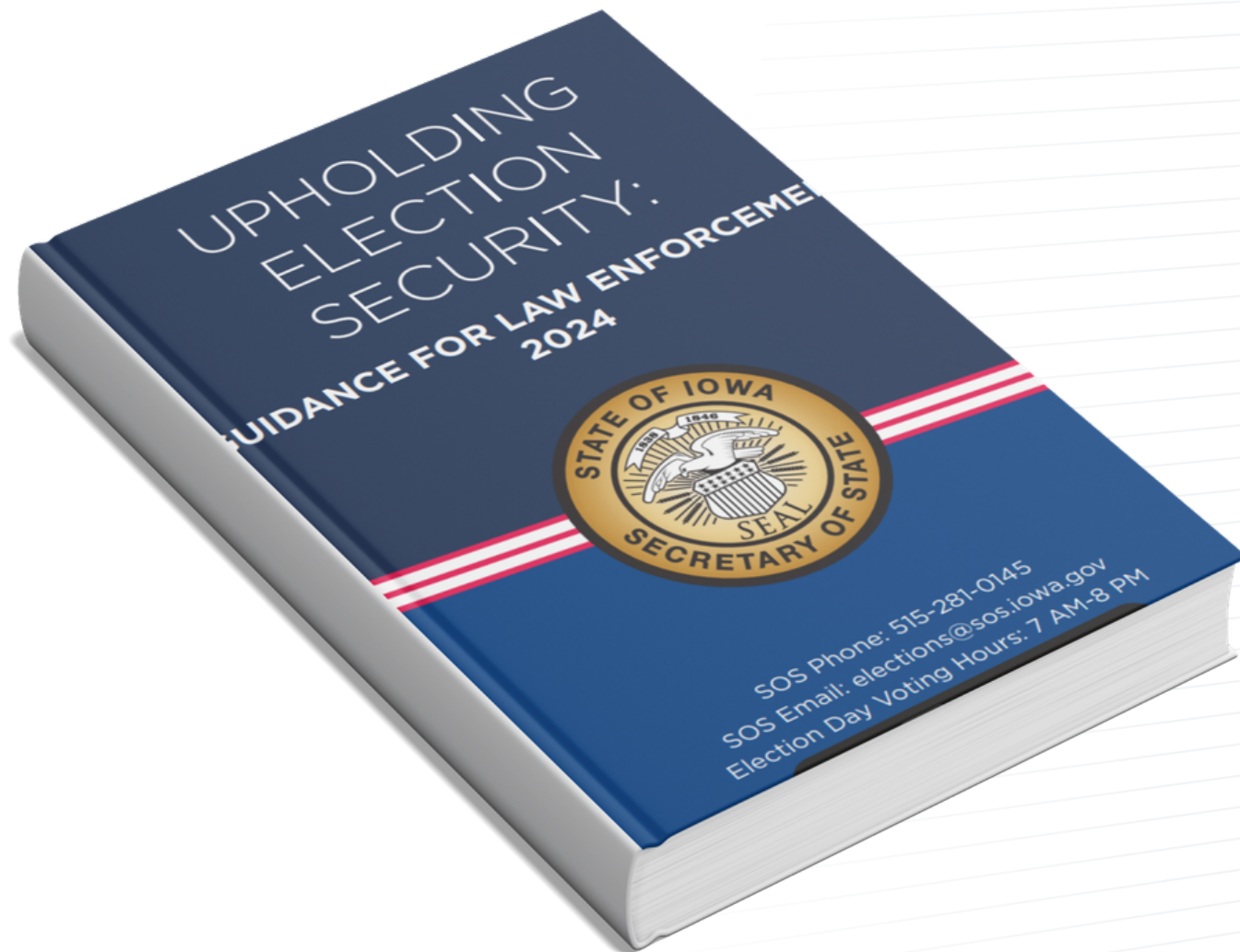


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1 in 3

Iowa county election commissioners
had never run a presidential election
before 2024

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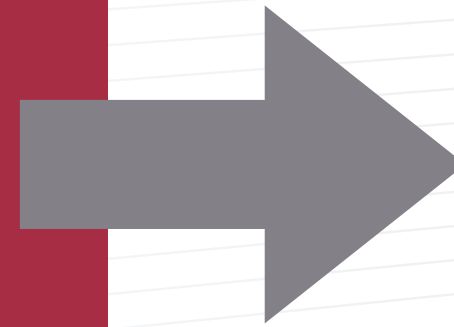


Upholding Election Security: A New Way to Respond to Incidents

OLD WAY

Election officials guess what law enforcement needs

Law enforcement respond with limited information on election-related laws



NEW WAY

Built directly with sheriffs, local law enforcement, and county election officials

Guidance built from actual need – not assumptions

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Upholding Election Security: LEO Buy-In, Accessibility, Efficacy

- Input provided from LEO on what information is actually useful
- How to structure the resource to be widely used and easily accessible
- Sheriff feedback: e-version to pull up in patrol car and hard copies to have on hand

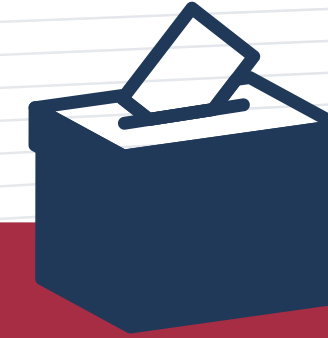
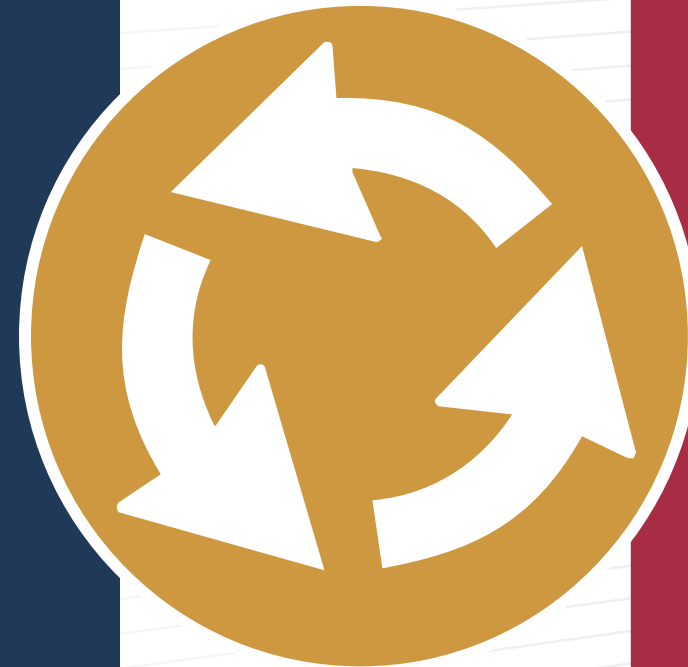


Upholding Election Security: Ongoing + Statewide Collaboration



Iowa State Sheriffs &
Deputies Association
statewide reach

Provided input on
format, real-world
scenarios



Election Officials +
SOS

On-the-ground view
of potential scenarios

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Upholding Election Security: Significant Impact + Ongoing Partnerships



Presentation to full board of Iowa State Sheriffs & Deputies Association for first time



Law enforcement at the table during tabletop exercises, part of Incident Response Plan team

For many counties, it was the first time the whole election security team was in one room.

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Testimonial



“Because we are in uniform and present on Election Day, the public expects us to have all the answers and to know what the law says. Deputies don’t deal with election laws every day, so the Law Enforcement Guidebook helps us quickly find some of those answers.”

Sergeant Shawn Ireland #57-114, Linn County Sheriff’s Office
2024 President of the Iowa Sheriffs’ & Deputies’ Association (ISSDA)

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Upholding Election Security: Replication + Long Term Impact

Built to Scale

Flexible framework to work with any state's legal code

One core legal intern to develop over approx 120 hours

Built to Last

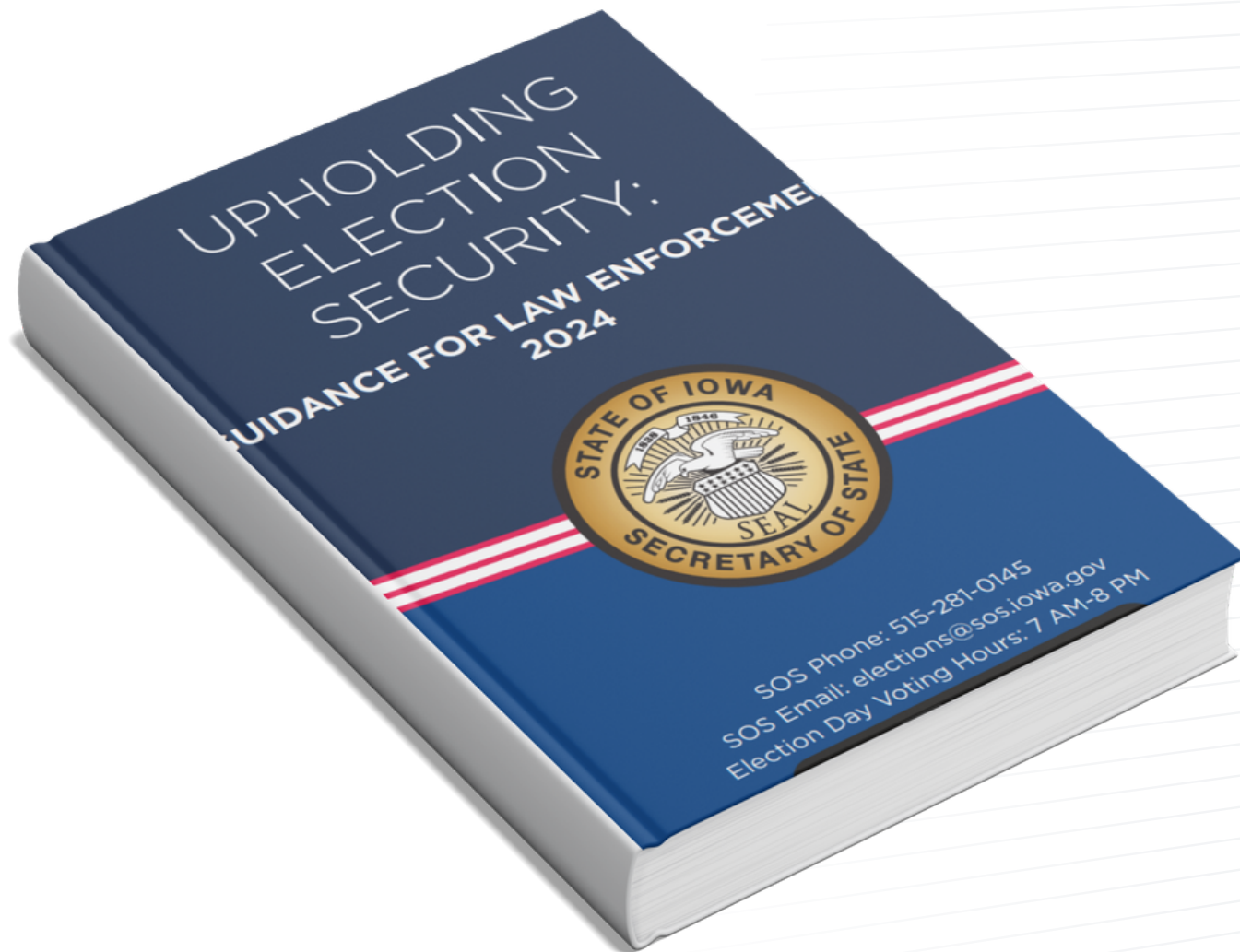
Minimal ongoing investment – updates only if law changes

Lasting relationships between SOS, county officials, and law enforcement

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