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Career fair, documentary, will mark Criminal Justice Week at IU Kokomo

KOKOMO, Ind. — Indiana University Kokomo will host a career fair and law enforcement documentary screening in honor of Criminal Justice Week.

Campus police Chief Wayne James said 20 federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies will be on hand to meet with potential recruits during the career fair, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, April 17, in the Kelley Student Center, Room 130, and Alumni Hall. Officials from the Department of Child Services and the Indiana Department of Corrections will also accept resumes.

“This is an opportunity for us to showcase our criminal justice students, who will be qualified and prepared for many of the jobs these agencies have available,” said James. “All of the agencies that will be there are currently recruiting. This event gives our students the chance to learn about these jobs, and to apply for them.”

Career fair sponsors are the IU Police Department, the Criminal Justice Association (CJA), and the Department of Criminal Justice and Homeland Security. For more information call the IU Police Department at 765-455-9432.

Also as part of Criminal Justice Week, the CJA will host the state’s first screening of a new documentary about law enforcement officers, at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 19, in Kresge Auditorium.

Tickets are \$10 each for *Heroes Behind the Badge: Sacrifice and Survival*. The event is open to the public. Proceeds will benefit the National Law Enforcement Officer’s Memorial and the CJA.

Emily West, Peru, association president, said the documentary tells personal stories of police officers caught in the line of fire.

“This film makes us have greater appreciation of what police officers do, by seeing it from an insider’s point of view,” she said. “You see them doing their daily jobs, and what happens when they make the ultimate sacrifice, and are killed in the line of duty. It truly tugged at my heartstrings, because I plan a career in law enforcement.”

Representatives from the Peru Police Department will also be at the event, accepting donations for protective vests for its K-9 officers.

Tickets will be available at the door. Those attending should be seated by 6:30 p.m. for a short program, before the movie starts at 7 p.m.

For more information about the documentary, or to reserve a seat, e-mail Tim Fulk, visiting lecturer in criminal justice, at timfulk@iuk.edu before Friday, April 18.

Indiana University Kokomo serves north central Indiana.

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