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Sen. Griesheimer Announces Franklin County Residents To Serve On State Committees & Boards

JEFFERSON CITY — State Sen. John Griesheimer, R-Washington, today announced that the Senate has approved the nominations of Franklin County Sheriff Gary Toelke, of Union, to the Amber Alert System Oversight Committee; Keith Henderson, of Union, to the State Blasting Safety Board; and Gregory Roebach, of Washington, as a reappointment to the State Committee for Professional Counselors.

Sheriff Toelke, who has served with the Franklin County Sheriff's Department for more than 30 years — the last 19 as sheriff — joins the Amber Alert System Oversight Committee. The 10-member committee develops criteria and procedures and regularly reviews the functions of the Amber Alert system within the Missouri Department of Public Safety.

Toelke was recently recognized by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in Washington, D.C., by Governor Blunt and the Missouri Senate for participation in the successful conclusion of three high-profile kidnapping cases in Franklin and Washington counties — including the recovery of missing teens Ben Ownby and Shawn Hornbeck — and by the Missouri House as Outstanding Missourian.

A graduate of the Greater St. Louis Police Academy, Toelke is past president of the Missouri Sheriffs' Association and was selected as Sheriff of the Year in 1997 by the Missouri Deputy Sheriffs' Association. In addition, he is a former chairman of the Missouri Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission and served as a member of the 911 Oversight Commission.

"Sheriff Toelke will bring a tremendous amount of high quality law enforcement experience to the Amber Alert System Oversight Committee," Sen. Griesheimer said. "His exemplary work speaks for itself."

Keith Henderson, a technical sales manager and trainer for Dyno Nobel, Inc. in Union, joins the State Blasting Safety Board — a seven-member board responsible for licensing professionals who use explosives.

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He is a graduate of Southwest Missouri State University with a degree in economics and is a member of the International Society of Explosive Engineers, including the local Mississippi Valley Chapter.

“I’m pleased to have Keith Henderson as a member of the State Blasting Safety Board,” Sen. Griesheimer said. “His extensive experience in explosives safety will be a real asset to this organization.”

Gregory Roeback was reappointed to the State Committee for Professional Counselors, a six-member board that guides, advises, and makes recommendations to the Division of Professional Registration and fulfills other responsibilities relating to the licensing of professional counselors.

Roeback is the vice president of integrated care for Crider Center for Mental Health in Washington, Mo., and oversees the operation and organization of the center’s medical, behavioral and dental clinics and personnel. He has served in a number of capacities at the center since 1993. He is also a recent chairperson of the Franklin County Mental Health Steering Committee.

Roeback received a psychology degree from the University of Missouri-St. Louis and a master’s degree in professional counseling from Lindenwood College in St. Charles.

“Gregory Roeback is an extremely qualified and dedicated professional counselor who has worked with families and children for a number of years,” Sen. Griesheimer said. “His input will be invaluable to the State Committee for Professional Counselors.”

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Sen. Griesheimer with Sheriff Gary Toelke during the Gubernatorial hearing.



Sen. Griesheimer with Keith Henderson during the Gubernatorial hearing.

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