



Arrowhead Valley Chapter  
A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois  
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Dear Arrowhead Valley Member,

In the past several months it has become overwhelmingly clear that in order for this chapter to survive much longer, major changes will have to be made within Arrowhead Valley.

I am aware that our chapter has already gone through many major changes in the past several years. Unfortunately, a lot of these changes have not always worked out to be in the best interest of this chapter, and has caused great disappointment and frustration amongst our members.

In the past few months, the officers of this chapter have been diligently working to build new and rebuild some old relationships within the community, only to find this task very difficult and in some cases impossible to achieve because, sadly, Arrowhead Valley has earned a reputation that has proven to be less than positive in our service area.

In an effort to make the necessary changes to help this chapter move forward and to greatly improve relationships within the community, your chapter Board of Directors is recommending that we change our chapter name. We believe that this chapter needs a fresh start and a new beginning and we believe that changing the name will be the first step in achieving this.

Although the Board of Directors is highly recommending this change, we would prefer not to make the decision alone. Whether you agree or disagree with this recommendation, we strongly urge you to attend the October 11, 2011 Membership Meeting where we will be discussing this in more detail. If the membership agrees to change the chapter name, we will have the opportunity to present our request to the State Executive Board and the State Board of Directors at the State BOD Meeting on October 15, 2011.

Your opinion does matter and we look forward to seeing you on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully,

Dawn Winterfeldt, President  
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**Membership Meeting**  
**Tuesday October 11, 2011**  
**7 PM**  
**Kankakee VFW**  
**756 W. Jeffery Street**

