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ILLINOIS STATE POLICE GRADUATES LARGEST CADET CLASS IN 25 YEARS

ISP Welcomes Cadet Class 150

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois State Police (ISP) today graduated the largest cadet class in the last 25 years. ISP welcomed 95 new troopers today from Cadet Class 150 at a graduation ceremony at the Westside Christian Church in Springfield. The new troopers will report to all ten ISP Troop locations throughout the state on Sunday, July 13, 2025. Cadet Class 150 marks the 22nd cadet class graduation under Governor JB Pritzker and ISP Director Brendan F. Kelly. Since 2019, 692 troopers have joined ISP.

“I am proud to congratulate Cadet Class 150 on their graduation and commend them on their commitment to the people of Illinois,” said Governor JB Pritzker. “As the largest class in 25 years, the brave men and women of Cadet Class 150 exemplify the core values of the Illinois State Police and will serve our state with honor, integrity, and pride.”

“It’s a privilege to swear in the largest ISP cadet class in the past 25 years,” said ISP Director Kelly. “Law enforcement agencies across the country can struggle to hire new officers, but we continue to rise above that challenge because of our values of Integrity, Service, and Pride to now commission the largest class so far in the 21st century.”

Cadet Class 150 was a combination of a traditional class and a lateral entry class. The traditional class included 43 cadets who completed a demanding 29-week program. The lateral class consisted of 52 cadets who completed the 12-week program designed for certified police officers who previously graduated from an accredited law enforcement academy and had at least two years of experience while employed as a full-time officer. Both programs consist of physical and classroom instruction, which included training in cultural diversity, procedural justice, domestic violence, critical incident response, de-escalation tactics, firearms, first responder certification, control and arrest tactics, Illinois vehicle code, criminal law, motor carrier safety, juvenile law, and more.

In addition to either the 29-week or 12-week academy training, cadets are required to participate in one-on-one mentoring with Field Training Officers as part of a 14-week field training program, expanding their total training to either 42 or 25 weeks. Troopers who successfully complete the field training program advance to solo-patrol status.

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The new officers are assigned to the following areas of the state and will immediately begin their patrol duties:

- Troop 1 Pecatonica/Sterling, 2 troopers
- Troop 2 LaSalle/Moline, 4 troopers
- Troop 3 Chicago, 25 troopers
- Troop 4 Macomb/Metamora, 9 troopers
- Troop 5 Pontiac/Ashkum, 2 troopers
- Troop 6 Springfield/Pittsfield, 1 trooper
- Troop 7 Pesotum, 6 troopers
- Troop 8 Collinsville, 33 troopers
- Troop 9 Effingham/Carmi, 11 troopers
- Troop 10 DuQuoin/Ullin, 2 troopers



ISP Cadet Class 150 Graduation

New troopers earn approximately \$90,000 in compensation upon graduation from the Illinois State Police Academy. Anyone interested in joining the ranks of Illinois State Police is encouraged to visit the Illinois State Police Merit Board website at www.illinoistrooper.com for application information.

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