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PREFACE

Crime in Illinois is in its 31st year of publication by the Illinois State Police. With more than 900 agencies that report data directly to the Uniform Crime Reporting Program, we continue to have a 100 percent compliance rate. Once again, figures reflect a decline in the number of crimes reported statewide during 1999.

Information reported in this publication measures the nature and volume of crime within various jurisdictions in Illinois. *Crime in Illinois* remains a valuable tool for enhancing the public's awareness of the impact of crime on their communities.

With thanks to all who contributed to this publication, I present *Crime in Illinois 1999*.

Sam W. Nolen
Director
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DEDICATION

This publication is dedicated to all law enforcement officers, and in particular, to those police officers who lost their lives in the performance of duty while endeavoring to uphold the laws of the State of Illinois.



Officer James H. Camp
Officer John C. Knight

*Courage knows no bounds greater than that,
that a man or woman shall give his or her life in the
service of his or her community.*

The Illinois State Police would like to express its appreciation to all personnel who assisted in this publication and to the law enforcement agencies who provided the information.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED

During 1999, two Illinois law enforcement officers were feloniously killed in the line of duty. A brief narrative on the circumstances surrounding their death is presented below:

JANUARY 9, 1999 - CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

On January 9, 1999, Officer John C. Knight, a 9-year veteran, was killed while on duty. He and his partner were investigating two suspicious persons in a vehicle. Having been spotted by the officers, the suspects fled the scene with both officers in pursuit. After a brief chase, the suspects' vehicle struck a parked auto. The offenders exited their vehicle and one offender drew a weapon, firing at both officers. During the exchange of gunfire, both officers were struck. Officer Knight died as a result of his injuries. He was 38 years old.

MARCH 9, 1999 - CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

On March 9, 1999, Officer James H. Camp, a 4-year veteran, was killed while on duty. He and his partner observed what appeared to be a stolen auto occupied by two suspicious persons. The driver of the vehicle refused to exit the vehicle when asked, and instead began to struggle with Officer Camp. The offender gained control of Camp's weapon during the struggle and fired. Officer Camp was struck and fatally wounded. Camp was 34 years old and was killed just 3 days prior to his 35th birthday.

