

The Dog Days of Summer—Meet K-9 Joker!

Joker and his handler, Trooper John Peyton, have been patrolling together since November 1, 2019. Joker will turn 7-years-old this month!

His favorite off duty activity is playing fetch with his favorite ball. Joker also enjoys going to schools and doing K9 demonstrations with children.

Throughout the years, K9 Joker has seized:



- \$400,000 worth of cocaine
- \$148,000 worth of fentanyl
- \$1,045,800 worth of heroin
- \$1,599,641 worth of marijuana
- \$128,930 worth of methamphetamine

Keep up the great work,
K9 Joker!



Retiree Edition

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**ILLINOIS
STATE POLICE**

Brendan F. Kelly—Director

In Memoriam: Inspector Michael Belevedere Cowling

December 25, 1950 - June 14, 2024

Michael Belvedere Cowling, affectionately known as Big Mike, was a man whose laughter was as hearty as his appetite for life.

Born on a snowy Christmas Day in 1950, in the bustling city of Chicago, IL, Michael's larger-than-life presence filled every room he entered until his final curtain call in Bolingbrook, IL, on June 14, 2024, due to heart failure. He was a man who lived his 73 years with the kind of gusto that would make even the most adventurous souls envious.

Michael was a proud graduate of John Marshall High School, class of '68 – a time when bell-bottoms were in, and he was out, tearing up the town. He didn't stop there; he hit the books and showed the kids how it's done by earning a Bachelor of Arts from Governors State University in 2016, proving it's never too late to be a college heartthrob. Professionally, Michael was nothing short of a local legend. He began throwing people over his shoulder as a Judo & Karate Instructor in 1973, which we all know was just his way of hugging people really fast.

In 1977, he traded his black belt for a badge, becoming an Illinois State Trooper. His dedication and keen sense of justice saw him rise through the ranks, becoming an Illinois State Investigator in 1982 and then an Illinois State Inspector in 1986 – a title he proudly held until he hung up his hat and badge for the last time upon retirement.

Michael's interests were simple yet profound: barbequing, cracking open a cold beer, and spending time with his family and friends. He believed that the best things in life aren't things at all, but the memories we make with the people we love – preferably over a perfectly grilled steak. Described by those who knew him as funny, passionate, and adventurous, Michael never

shied away from a challenge.

He leaves behind a legacy of laughter and love through his children: Paul Jones(Ginger), Lucille "Lupe" Cowling-Neal(Derrick), Michele Adams(Delores), Jillian Cowling(Letitia), and Justin Cowling(Janet), and his adoring 17 grandchildren. His siblings Phyllis Fanroy, Pat Jones, Denise Herring, Cecelia "Suga" Davis, Kimberly Carter, and RC Carter (Treyce), will continue to share stories that will keep his memory alive, alongside a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, lovers and countless friends who were all touched by his infectious humor.

Michael was preceded in passing by his parents Malachi, Christine, and Gladys "BB," his brothers Kirk and Larry "Sonny," and his son Michael. Each of them played a pivotal role in shaping the man he became, and their absence was deeply felt.

In true Michael fashion, he'd want us to leave you with a smile, so here's a quote from the great Robin Williams that he would have loved: "You're only given a little spark of madness. You mustn't lose it." Michael certainly never lost his spark, and his madness was the kind that drew people in and made life a riot.

So, as we say "LATER" to Michael, let's not dwell on the silence left in his wake, but rather fill it with the echoes of his laughter and the warmth of the stories he left us. After all, as he would say, "I'm not here for a long time, I'm here for a good time." And a good time it was. Michael, your final bow may have come, but the applause for the LOVE you brought to our lives will never fade.



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ISP Leads Human Trafficking Enforcement Operation

YORKVILLE – The Illinois State Police (ISP) trafficking in Illinois. ISP special agents and Division of Criminal Investigation Trafficking SWAT officers partnered with the Kendall Enforcement Bureau arrested three individuals during a two-day human trafficking enforcement operation in the Yorkville area of Kendall County on June 26-27, 2024. The operation focused on identifying individuals seeking to engage in commercial sex acts.

As a result of the operation, the following individuals were arrested and charged:

- Nathanael Beckley (34) of Bolingbrook, IL – Traveling to Meet a Child (Class 3 Felony)
- Salvo Campagna (39) of Plano, IL – Indecent Solicitation a Child (Class 3 Felony), Traveling to Meet a Child (Class 3 Felony), and Solicitation to Meet a Child (Class 4 Felony)
- Marcus Ramirez (26) of Sandwich, IL – Indecent Solicitation a Child (Class 3 Felony), Traveling to Meet a Child (Class 3 Felony), and Solicitation to Meet a Child (Class 4 Felony)

This operation was part of a multifaceted approach by ISP aimed at stopping human

[Human trafficking](#) is the use of force, fraud, or coercion to compel a person into commercial sex acts, labor, or services against their will. ISP continues its multifaceted approach toward protecting those most vulnerable with its ongoing statewide human trafficking enforcement operations. The signs of human trafficking can be subtle; to learn more, please visit [Recognizing the Signs | National Human Trafficking Hotline](#).

If you suspect human trafficking, contact the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 or text *233733. For more information visit www.humantraffickinghotline.org. You can also email ISP.CrimeTips@illinois.gov.



Beckley



Campagna



Ramirez

ISP Announces Arrest for Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault and Multiple Other Sex Offenses



arrested 30-year-old Austin L. Rodhouse of Pleasant Hill, IL for numerous domestic violence and sex related offenses.

On May 8, 2024, ISP initiated an investigation into Domestic Violence and Criminal Sexual Abuse after being notified that a victim was at a local hospital. As a result

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of the initial investigation, Rodhouse was arrested for Aggravated Domestic Battery and transported to the Pike County Jail. After Rodhouse's arrest on May 8, 2024, ISP conducted a follow-up investigation which led to numerous additional charges. The Pike County State's Attorney's Office has charged Rodhouse with 48 criminal charges which include but are not limited to the following:

- 5 Counts of Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault (Class X Felony)
- 2 Counts of Criminal Sexual Assault involving force (Class 1 Felony)
- 4 Counts of Criminal Sexual Abuse

- involving force (Class 4 Felony)
- 4 Counts of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault (Class X Felony)
- 3 Counts of Child Pornography (Class X Felony)
- 3 Counts of Involuntary Sexual Servitude of a Minor (Class X Felony)
- 4 Counts of Indecent Solicitation of an Adult (Class 2 Felony)
- 2 Counts of Aggravated Battery to a Child (Class 3 Felony)

Additional victims have been identified in the investigation and further criminal charges are pending by the Pike County States Attorney's Office.

ISP A/MSgt. Mike Kindhart Sworn In As President of USEOW

ISP is a premier law enforcement agency training with the best and for the best.

June 23-27, 2024, ISP attended the 56th Uniformed Safety Education Officer Workshop (USEOW) in Kansas City, Mo. USEOW is a national non-profit organization dedicated to building and fostering state relationships through the sharing of ideas, resources, and experiences in all areas of traffic and public safety. The mission is to provide each member with information and support to improve their ability to increase traffic and public safety through education, with the ultimate goal of saving lives.

USEOW hosts an annual conference where states present their best traffic and public safety presentations to each other. Troopers can then take those shared presentations back home and build new and better safety education lessons.

USEOW strives to protect people and communities by educating the public on a variety of safety issues. State police and highway patrol troopers across the country provide safety presentations to individuals to arm them with the information needed to make good choices. Whether it is a short presentation instructing our children to be safe, or a full eight-hour defensive driving course, excellence in safety education is USEOW's goal.

This year, troopers Rodger Goines and Haylie Polistina presented on Internet Safety and Traffic Safety. Acting Master Sergeant Mike Kindhart

was also sworn in as the new President of the USEOW.

Prior to being named President, Acting Master Sergeant Kindhart was the Vice President for two years, and second Vice President for two years. The President and Board of Directors are an appointed group committed to maintaining the mission and integrity of the Uniformed Safety Education Officers Workshop, and ensuring continued growth in education for participating states. Acting Master Sergeant Kindhart's dedication to safety education is commendable and the Illinois State Police Public Information Office Safety Education Unit thanks him for all of his work and leadership.

Congratulations Acting Master Sergeant Kindhart! Thank you for proudly representing ISP!

<https://www.useow.com>



Troop 1 Assembly Inspection



The Troop 1 Assembly Inspection was held on June 20, 2024, at Sterling.



Collective Bargaining Agreements: Lodge 41, Teamsters, Command Council

Congratulations to all the labor and management teams for successfully negotiating and ratifying the most recent cycle of collective bargaining agreements.

When I was a kid, way back before Netflix and streaming, the big three broadcast networks would often have movie marathons during the long, hot summer- James Bond, Superman, Star Trek, etc. Not only did these flicks provide a good reason to sit on the couch in the air conditioning, they occasionally taught a few life lessons.

In the classic “Wrath of Khan”, Mr. Spock sacrificed himself to save the crew, saying “the needs of the many outweighed the needs of the one.” In the sequel, Captain Kirk sacrificed the ship to save Mr. Spock, saying “the needs of the one outweighed the needs of the many.”

That’s often the toughest challenge with labor negotiations- how to balance the needs of the many and the needs of the one, how to balance the needs of the ISP as an agency and the needs of each individual ISP officer. The ISP has vast, important duties and missions, mandated by the public and the law. The individual officers fulfilling those duties and missions rightly have certain privileges, protections, and benefits enshrined within the law.

Even with the highest level of good faith, finding that balance between the two and putting it into an actual written document can be difficult and hard fought. While there is plenty of give and take in the process, the key is finding those unifying goals that benefit both the agency and the

individual members of the collective bargaining unit.



There is no better example of this than our agreement to increase the overall pay of new troopers. The ISP value of “pride” is not about arrogance, but about the agency being the best we can be, and individual officers being the best they can be. ISP needs more people and those serving in the ISP need more people to help make their job easier and to be more effective. So, we need strong, competitive pay to attract the best, bravest, and brightest to make that happen, now and in the future. From the outset, both sides of the negotiation teams agreed on this wholeheartedly and I am grateful for the results. As the word has gone out about our higher overall starting pay, we are already seeing a greatly expanded pool of qualified applicants from both inside and outside the state.

As with all contract negotiations, both labor and management gave some and got some. But overall there are many great things in the collective bargaining agreements that benefit both the agency and individual members, that benefit “the needs of the many” and “the needs of the one.”

Again, my thanks to the negotiating teams, and congratulations to everyone in ISP for an agreement that makes strong investments in the agency and our people, preparing the agency to meet the challenges ahead of us, and undoubtedly helping the ISP live long and prosper.??

Happy Fourth of July week, stay cool and stay safe!

*Brendan Kelly
Director
Illinois State Police*



ISP Issues Third Round of Firearm Enforcement Grants

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois State Police (ISP) is issuing the third round of firearm enforcement grants totaling \$1.5 million to law enforcement agencies across the state to conduct enforcement details for individuals legally barred from having a firearm. The enforcement details focus on individuals who have become the subject of a Firearm Restraining Order or Clear and Present Danger, or received a criminal conviction, among other reasons.

“People who have made homicidal or suicidal threats and clearly pose a danger to the public should not have a firearm,” said ISP Director Brendan F. Kelly. “These grants can help local law enforcement agencies pay for enforcement details to ensure those who are legally prohibited from having a firearm do not have them in their possession.”

The table at right lists the law enforcement agencies receiving Fiscal Year 2025 firearm enforcement grants.

In Fiscal Year 2023, ISP awarded almost \$1 million in firearm enforcement grants to 30 law enforcement agencies across the state. During that time, local law enforcement agencies completed 311 details consisting of 3,557 compliance checks. As a result of these efforts, 1,151 individuals were placed directly into compliance, transferring all firearms out of their possession and documenting that transfer with a Firearm Disposition Record. ISP awarded another \$1 million in grants to 16 law enforcement agencies in Fiscal Year 2024.

Law enforcement agencies that are members of the Violent Crime Intelligence Task Force are eligible to receive grants from the State Police Enforcement Fund. Funding will help agencies conduct firearms enforcement details and ensure firearms are turned over to a person who is legally allowed to possess firearms, or to law enforcement.

Funding for the enforcement grants comes from the State Police Enforcement Fund and were made possible through Public Act 102-0237.

<u>Department</u>	<u>Award Amount</u>
Aurora Police Department	\$52,592.89
Berwyn Police Department	\$23,383.07
Broadview Police Department	\$12,864.14
Brookfield Police Department	\$14,791.30
Cherry Valley Police Department	\$11,120.03
Chicago Heights Police Department	\$19,165.02
Chicago Police Department	\$612,097.48
Cicero Police Department	\$27,447.96
Cook County Sheriff's Office	\$479,633.39
DeKalb Police Department	\$19,139.62
Joliet Police Department	\$50,744.59
Lincolnwood Police Department	\$12,147.72
Morton Grove Police Department	\$13,909.77
Naperville Police Department	\$36,689.44
Park Ridge Police Department	\$16,389.38
Riverwoods Police Department	\$10,634.09
Rolling Meadows Police Department	\$14,216.02
Romeoville Police Department	\$19,662.09
Schaumburg Police Department	\$24,367.05
West Chicago Police Department	\$16,211.90
Willowbrook Police Department	\$12,793.05

Team Illinois Youth Police Camp at Lewis University Garner's High Praise

The TIYPC at Lewis University in Romeoville was held June 22-29, 2024. Brittany Freeman, ISP Bureau of Identification, sent in this note and photos:

I wanted to send a special thank you, to recognize Sgt. Schumann and Trooper Chappell on hosting this past week's youth academy at Lewis University. My son, Mason Freeman, talked the whole ride home about what a great time he had. I was thankfully blessed to have a son who gives me little to no problems, who chooses to surround himself with a great crowd of friends, and who keeps up with his academics. So when I saw that the State Police offers a youth academy and knowing that my son has taken an interest in Law Enforcement, I thought what better opportunity to have than to send him to a camp that will give him a true insight into what law enforcement entails. And let me tell you, he had an amazing time!! He went

on to explain the physical aspects they took part in, learning about the aviation center and how the National Guard was there as well to educate them. Mason expressed how much he enjoyed training with Trooper Chappell and how he is someone to truly look up to. Even though, in his words "he pushed them to a new level" 🙌 He has already asked to attend next year's academy and I couldn't feel more proud. I hope this thank you can be expressed to all the members who took part in putting together, attending, and helping our youth. Their time and efforts did not go unnoticed. I also want to thank our Director Brendan Kelly for allowing the youth academies to continue year after year. It is well well-disciplined experience for young minds to take part in.

Thank you, Freeman family, for your dedication to ISP, both now and (hopefully) in the future!



In Memoriam: Richard Allan Kirchner

With our deepest sympathy, Troop 6 announces the passing of Richard Allan Kirchner, 88, the grandfather of Troop 6 **Trooper Thomas (Cole) Carlock** and father-in-law to retired **Master Trooper Hugh Carlock**. Richard A Kirchner was a lifetime farmer and an Army Veteran. Please keep the Carlock family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Richard Allan Kirchner
November 28, 1935 ~ June 28, 2024



Visitation was held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 02, 2024, at Lintner Hurley Funeral Home in Chandlerville. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 3, 2024, followed by burial at the Chandlerville Cemetery.

<https://www.hurleyfh.com/m/obituaries/Richard-Kirchner-3/Memories>

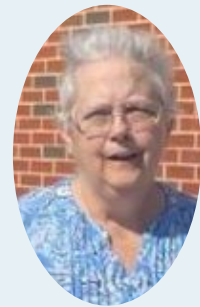
In Memoriam: Ladonna Coleman Austin

It is with deep sympathy the Division of Internal Investigation announces the passing of Mrs. Ladonna Coleman Austin, age 61, of Virden, Illinois.

Mrs. Austin was the sister-in-law of **Mrs. Ginger Coleman**, Administrative Assistant II.

Mrs. Ladonna Coleman Austin passed away unexpectedly on June 27, 2024. The visitation was held on Wednesday, July 3, 2024, at the Airmen & Calvert funeral home in Virden, Illinois with the funeral service immediately following. Burial was at Union Chapel Cemetery.

[Ladonna Coleman Austin's obituary](#)



In Memoriam: Tim Coleman

It is with deep sympathy the Division of Internal Investigation announces the passing of Mr. Tim Coleman, age 68, of Virden, Illinois.

Mr. Coleman was the sister-in-law of **Mrs. Ginger Coleman**, Administrative Assistant II.

Mr. Tim Coleman served on the Virden police force for approximately 22 years. Mr. Coleman passed away unexpectedly on June 28, 2024. The visitation was held on Sunday, July 7, 2024, at the Airmen & Calvert funeral home in Virden, Illinois. Funeral services were held on Monday, July 8, 2024, with burial following at the Union Chapel Cemetery.

[Tim Coleman's obituary](#)



Gather Your Friends and Co-Workers to Pull a Plane!



The 16th annual [Law Enforcement Torch Run Plane Pull](#) at O'Hare International Airport will be held on Saturday, October 5 at the United Airlines Cargo Facility. Teams of 20 will test their strength against a United Airlines 737 weighing nearly 95,000 lbs.

The Plane Pull features the ultimate tug-of-war competition! Teams raise funds for the opportunity to test their strength by pulling an aircraft 12 feet as fast as possible. Each team is required to raise a minimum of \$1,000 to participate (that's only \$50 per team member for a team of 20). Participants will receive an official 2024 Plane Pull t-shirt.

Walk Like MADD—Sherman

When: Saturday, September 7, 2024

Where: Sherman Village Park, Sherman, IL

Time: 8:00 a.m.



The 2024 Walk Like MADD Sherman event is MADD's signature fundraising event to help raise both awareness and funds to end drunk driving and fight drugged driving. With every step taken and each dollar raised, walkers are supporting MADD's lifesaving mission to keep our families and communities safe.

In Memoriam: Robert Lee Lubin

It is with deep sadness the Division of Justice Services announces the passing of Mr. Robert Lee Lubin, 91 of Palm Springs, CA, formerly of Springfield, IL. Mr. Lubin is the father of Firearms Eligibility Analyst, Anna Lake. Mr. Lubin passed away peacefully on Saturday, July 6, 2024, in Palm Springs, CA. He served in the U.S. Army in Korea from 1954 to 1956.

Graveside services will be held on Sunday July 14th at 3:00 at Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, IL.

Please keep the Lake and Lubin families in your thoughts and prayers.

Obituary for Robert Lee Lubin: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/springfield-il/robert-lubin-11891760>

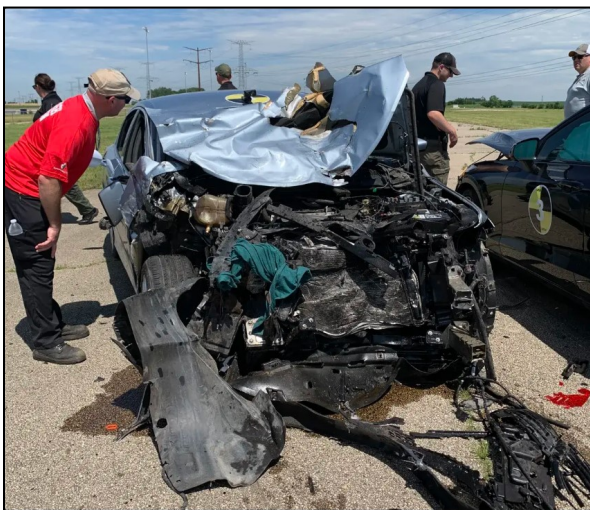


ISP Improves Crash Investigation and Safety Techniques During Testing and Research Event in Joliet

JOLIET – To help with traffic crash investigations, as well as identify best practices to keep officers safe, the Illinois State Police (ISP) participated in the Illinois Association of Technical Accident Investigators crash testing event on June 26-28, 2024. The event took place at the Route 66 Raceway in Joliet, IL. ISP officers from the Traffic Crash Reconstruction Unit, Crime Scene Services, Division of Patrol, and representatives from the ISP Forensic Laboratory joined law enforcement officers and crash scene investigators from other agencies for the three-day event. Attendees witnessed live crash testing and participated in forensic mapping and digital evidence recovery.

“Opportunities for ISP to participate in events like this are instrumental to our continued success in crash scene reconstruction and digital evidence analysis,” said Director Brendan F. Kelly. “Experiences gained in these controlled environments and this level of in-depth training deepens our understanding of crash scene intricacies and allow us to further develop crime solving techniques. It also helps us determine the best practices to keep our troopers safe when they’re at a crash scene or on a traffic stop.”

A large focus of the testing was aimed at developing best practices for scene safety management as it pertains to the positioning of responding officer’s squad cars upon arrival to a scene. ISP donated multiple older squad cars to the event to evaluate the forces the retired squads received during crash events. This allowed personnel to evaluate how differences in vehicle placement at a scene could lower the amount of force incurred by the squads and how to minimize damage to the vehicle and potentially an officer inside. High-tech, biomechanical crash test dummies were brought in to measure the force a human body would sustain while seated inside a squad car while being struck from behind. The dummies were also tested standing on the side of vehicles, to replicate a trooper’s position while outside their vehicle on a traffic stop. Analysis of this data will help ISP and other law enforcement agencies develop ever-evolving best safety practices and improve training for officers.



Officers also had the opportunity to practice and hone their skills of controlling an Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS), also known as drones. ISP routinely uses UAS’s when responding to serious injury and fatal crashes to accurately map the scenes and document evidence.

Already in 2024, ISP has suffered 15 Move Over Law-related crashes with seven troopers injured. In 2023, ISP had 21 Move Over Law-related crashes with seven troopers injured, and suffered 25 crashes in 2022, leaving 13 troopers injured.

ISP Combats Vehicle Hijacking and Theft

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois State Police (ISP) continues to target vehicle theft, hijacking, and related violent crimes using grant funding from the Illinois Secretary of State Illinois Vehicle Hijacking and Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention and Insurance Verification Council. ISP was awarded a \$10 million grant for the first fiscal year, and another \$677,000 grant announced in June 2024.

“The Illinois State Police uses a multi-pronged approach, including increased patrol, air operations support, investigations, and forensic services to combat vehicle hijackings and thefts,” said ISP Director Brendan F. Kelly. “This grant funding will allow ISP to focus additional resources on catching those committing vehicle thefts, hijackings, and other related violent crimes.”

From April through June 2024, ISP missions resulted in the following:

Vehicles recovered – stolen and/or hijacked	251
Stolen vehicle arrests	24
Hijacked vehicle arrests	3
Firearms seized as a result of stolen/hijacked vehicle recovery	15
Missions targeting stolen/hijacked vehicle recovery and related violent crime	58
K9 used for stolen/hijacked vehicle recovery and related violence crime	22
Air Operations targeting stolen/hijacked vehicle recovery and related violent crime	58
Forensic laboratory assignments related to stolen/hijacked vehicle	1,356

Highlights of ISP vehicle recovery efforts:

- April 5, 2024, ISP pursued a stolen Jeep on 57th and Wells in Chicago. The vehicle parked in the area of 88th and Kenwood where the suspects exited the Jeep and entered a Lincoln. The Lincoln fled and crashed near 93rd and Harper where the suspects ran from the vehicle. ISP took two suspects into custody and recovered a stolen firearm.
- May 6, 2024, ISP located a stolen Nissan and attempted a traffic stop at Laramie and Gladys in Chicago, but the Nissan fled. The Nissan parked at 16th and Homan and four suspects ran from the vehicle. ISP took all four suspects into custody and recovered two firearms.
- June 6, 2024, ISP located a stolen Dodge on I-94 at 71st. Troopers attempted a traffic stop, but the Dodge fled. The Dodge stopped in the area of 50th and Morgan and ISP took two suspects into custody.

ISP Trooper Struck on I-94

ISP experiences 16th Move Over Law related crash of 2024

CHICAGO – On July 5, 2024, at approximately 2:59 a.m., Illinois State Police (ISP) officials investigated a traffic crash in Cook County involving an ISP trooper hit by a motorist who failed to move over.

On the above date and time, an ISP trooper's squad car was parked in Lane 3 on Interstate 90 near 75th Street with emergency lights activated, while the trooper was handling a previous traffic crash. The trooper was out of their squad car assisting the driver from the previous crash exit the passenger side of their vehicle. A Mercedes struck the driver's side of that vehicle causing it to strike the trooper. The trooper was transported to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The driver of the Mercedes, 33-year-old Damaya Herriott of Chicago, IL., reported no injuries on scene. Herriott was cited for the Move Over Law – Failure to Yield to Stationary Emergency Vehicle, Following Too Closely, Improper Lane Usage, and Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol.

Already in 2024, ISP has suffered 16 Move Over Law-related crashes with eight troopers injured. In 2023, ISP had 21 Move Over Law-related crashes with seven troopers injured and suffered 25 crashes in 2022, leaving 13 troopers injured. ISP reminds the public that the Move Over Law, also known as "Scott's Law," requires all drivers to move over when approaching an emergency vehicle, or any vehicle with its emergency or hazard lights activated.

A person who violates the Move Over Law faces a fine of no less than \$250 and no more than \$10,000 for a first offense. If the violation results in injury to another person, the violator's driver's license will be suspended for a mandatory period of anywhere between six months and two years. Additional information can be found at the following link: <https://isp.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/340d57cd956c453da2de25af804c268d>.

ISP Arrests Alsip Man for Murder

CHICAGO – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 1 arrested 44-year-old Lloyd Wickliffe of Alsip for Attempted Murder (Class X Felony).



On July 7, 2024, at approximately 5:58 a.m., ISP received a call of an expressway shooting that occurred on Interstate 57 southbound near 115th Street, Chicago. The preliminary investigation revealed that the victim vehicle was shot at by a suspect in a Chevrolet

Impala. No injuries were reported.

After an extensive ISP investigation, the suspect and vehicle were identified. ISP presented the case to the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and the above-mentioned charge was filed. No further information is available.

ISP Heritage Foundation Gift Shop Open in Springfield

Come visit the new Illinois State Police Heritage Foundation gift shop, open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 11:00 am—3:00 pm.

Located at 1306 South Sixth Street in Springfield, IL (note: parking is not available on Sixth Street; there is a lot behind the building accessible from E. Vine Street or South Grand Avenue East).

New designs released frequently and always plenty on clearance! Come support the foundation and the people who keep us safe!



The Number of Chicago Area Expressway Shootings Down for 3rd Straight Year

CHICAGO – For the third year, the Illinois State Police (ISP) is reporting a decrease in the number of shootings on Chicago area expressways. At the midway mark for 2024, ISP is reporting a 36% decrease in the total number of Chicago area expressway shootings compared to this time last year. When compared to 2021, we’ve seen a 65% reduction in shootings. The number of non-fatal injury expressway shooting in the Chicago area is down 47% compared to this time in 2023.

“Year after year, we have seen a decrease in the number of Chicago area expressway shootings,” said ISP Director Brendan F. Kelly. “This year’s reduction, on top of the decreases we’ve seen over the last two years, shows our tactics to reduce violence on the expressway are having an effect. ISP will continue to dedicate the resources needed to help keep the public safe.”

ISP Statewide Anti-Violence Enforcement (SAVE) Unit North and Troop 3 Chicago Patrol statistics for January 1–June 30.

Date	Shootings	Injury Related Shootings	Arrests	Guns Seized	Recovered Vehicles
2024	38	9	1,249	204	283
2023	59	18	794	165	283
2022	77	35	319	199	262
2021	109	61	288	110	89

After the number of expressway shootings reached an all-time high in 2021, ISP implemented a multi-faceted approach to reducing expressway shooting, including increased patrols, the creation of Special Operation Groups focused on strategic violent crime reduction missions, the use of automated license plate readers, increased Air Operations, intensive investigations, and enhanced forensic services.

Part of stopping crime includes solving crime and ISP Division of Criminal Investigation special agents aggressively pursue all leads in expressway shootings. In one instance, special agents began an investigation following an expressway shooting stemming from a road rage incident in early June. Agents conducted numerous interviews and reviewed license plate reader photos, which led to the identification of the vehicle and possible suspects. During the investigation, agents obtained several search warrants, conducted surveillance, and collected evidence. Within two days of the shooting, the investigation resulted in one person being charged with two counts of attempted murder, and another being charged with Aggravated Fleeing to Elude and three counts of Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon. This is just one example of the extensive and thorough investigations ISP special agents conduct to get violent criminals off the expressways.

In its ongoing mission to reduce expressway shootings, ISP is faced with several challenges. Victims and witness increasingly are reporting road rage was involved in expressway shootings. ISP’s approach to reducing expressway violence will continue to evolve as we address new challenges and implement successful strategies.

28-Year-Old Danville Man Pleads Guilty to Possession of Child Pornography

PRESS RELEASE - July 11, 2024

FROM: Jacqueline M. Lacy, Vermillion County State's Attorney

On June 10, 2024, Daniel Richards, formerly of Danville, Illinois, was sentenced to 9 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections following a contested sentencing hearing. Richards pleaded guilty on April 15, 2024, to three counts of Possession of Child Pornography, all class 2 felonies. Richards will serve a term of 1-year mandatory supervised release.

Judge Robert McIntire heard evidence that the Illinois State Police received a tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children about an Illinois resident who had uploaded child pornography to the internet. Working with the Attorney General's Office and Vermilion County Authorities, the Illinois State Police made contact with this defendant, Daniel Richards. Investigators uncovered more evidence, and obtained a confession from Richards, that he had possessed and exchanged multiple images and videos of child pornography.

State's Attorney Jacqueline Lacy said, "The rapid response and thorough investigation by the Illinois State Police led to a successful prosecution in this case. Child pornography is a serious crime and puts the children depicted in the images in grave danger."

VOTE ISP FOR BEST CRUISER



It is officially time for the American Association of State Trooper's 11th annual Best Looking Cruiser Contest.



To cast your vote for Illinois State Police in the "2024 Best Looking Cruiser Contest" click on this link

<https://www.statetroopers.org/>, click on the survey, and select Illinois.

This is a popularity contest! Vote for ISP and tell your friends to vote for ISP.

Voting ends Monday, July 29, at 12:00 p.m. (EST).

ISP and American Legion Youth Police Camp Inspires Future Public Protectors

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois State Police (ISP) and the American Legion hosted the American Legion Youth Police Camp (ALYPC) at the Illinois National Guard Academy at Camp Lincoln in Springfield June 23-28, 2024. Twenty-five 15–17-year-old teens, called Cadets, successfully completed the week-long residency camp. The primary goal of the ALYPC is to establish an interactive and positive relationship between Illinois teens, military personnel and law enforcement officers. The ALYPC is structured to promote educational and learning opportunities for youth from across Illinois in the areas of law enforcement, military, leadership, cultural diversity, personal development, physical fitness, as well as social and interpersonal skills.

“The American Legion has enjoyed

another successful year of our American Legion Youth Cadet Program, with the assistance of the Illinois State Police and the Illinois National Guard,” said Chairman Wayne Madson of the American Legion. “We graduated 25 cadets this year on the 28th of June. It is very rewarding to watch these young kids grow in a week’s time. During the week, you saw kids working together for a goal of completing a task, and building confidence in themselves,” he added.

American Legion volunteers and ISP staff were assigned to manage the program and serve as instructors and mentors. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the Illinois Secretary of State as well as the Illinois National Guard provide numerous resources and counselors

for the camp. Many of the American Legion and ISP volunteers are former graduates of the program. The ALYPC Cadets were honored at a graduation ceremony and received a graduation certificate.

While the camp’s primary goal is to build positive relationships with teens, it also builds a path towards a potential career in law enforcement or the U.S. military. The ALYPC is one of four youth camps across the state ISP participates in - Principia College in Elsah, Lewis University in Romeoville, and Touch of Nature in Makanda. Anyone interested in joining the ranks of the Illinois State Police is encouraged to visit the Illinois State Police Merit Board (ISPMB) website at www.illinoistrooper.com for application information.

Retired State Police Association Annual Meeting Held July 11, 2024

On Thursday, July 11, 2024, the Retired State Police Association of Illinois' (RSPA) annual Central meeting and luncheon was held at the Island Bay Yacht Club on Lake Springfield (Springfield, IL).

Topics covered in the meeting included:

- an update from FOP Lodge 41,
- information from the Illinois State Police Heritage Foundation about store location and hours,
- an ISPHF-sponsored golf outing at Edgewood Country Club (Auburn, IL) scheduled for August,
- an appeal for volunteers to work in the ISPHF store and at the State Fair booth,
- officially recognizing a segment of retirees in Tennessee, which allows them to hold and conduct meetings under the umbrella of RSPA,
- and various business topics related to the ad-

ministration of the organization.

Current ISP Lt. Mike Link (PIO/SEU) and Public Information Coordinator Kim Runkle also attended the meeting to give a presentation about the 10-43 employee newsletter and a new version of the 10-43 made available just for ISP retirees.

The RSPA OF IL is a non-profit social organization created in 1974 for retirees & employees of the Illinois State Police. Anyone retired from ISP or currently employed by ISP, with at least 15 years of service, can join the organization. Dues are \$12 per year; payroll deduction is available. For more information on how to join, visit the RSPA website at <https://rspaofil.org/>





**Trooper
Robert J.
McDonald**

**End of Watch
July 10, 1930**

Trooper Robert J. McDonald was killed in a motorcycle accident during a pursuit on Troy Road in Edwardsville. Trooper McDonald's motorcycle sideswiped another car as he was attempting to maneuver his motorcycle around another vehicle. He succumbed to his injuries while being transported to the hospital.

Trooper McDonald served with the Illinois State Police in District 11 for one year.



**Trooper
Michael T.
Angelos**

**End of Watch
July 13, 1960**

Trooper Michael T. Angelos was killed in an automobile accident.

Nearing the end of his eight-hour shift, Trooper Angelos was pursuing a speeding car on Roosevelt Road near Elmhurst. Trooper Angelos pulled into the left lane to pass an eastbound vehicle. He was sideswiped by a westbound car and was knocked into the vehicle he was attempting to pass. Trooper Angelos was transported to Elmhurst Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries one hour later. The drivers of the other vehicles suffered injuries and survived.

Trooper Angelos was a U.S. Navy veteran of WWII and had served with the Illinois State Police for four years and was assigned to District Chicago.



**Master Sergeant
Jeffrey Vlcek**

**End of Watch
July 13, 2003**

Master Sergeant Jeffrey Vlcek served with the Illinois State Police in District 15.

Master Sergeant Jeffrey Vlcek's Illinois State Police career spanned from November 28, 1977 to July 13, 2003.



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**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

Car Show

Saturday, August 10th

Rain Date August 17th

10 am -2 pm



St. Francis of Assisi Parking Lot - 15050 S. Wolf Rd., Orland Park

10 Categories

*Winners announced
at 2:00pm*



Proceeds to support ISP Heritage Foundation

**\$20 Car Entry Fee
Spectators/Guests Free**

**Entertainment
DJ
Popcorn
Food Truck
and Much More**

Upcoming Blood Drives

Donate the Gift of Life at one of the ISP drives below!

Each donation can save 3 people who may be co-workers, friends, or someone you LOVE. **Also, please consider donating Double Red Cells, especially if you are type O - it counts as 2 units for the drive too!**

**Illinois State Police Belleville
Metro-East Forensic Science Laboratory**

July 9
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
2220 West Main Street
Belleville, IL
Sign up on Link Below
https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/126363

**Forensic Science Center
Chicago Wellness Committee**
July 24
9:30 AM - 2:30 PM
1941 Roosevelt Road
Chicago, IL 60608
Sign up on Link Below
<https://donors.vitalant.org/dwp/portal/dwa/appointment/guest/phl/timeSlotsExtr?token=%2Fdop7Qgcs0yCKW%2FoEYAerXJqhL-HvhHSm1hQHJwfdwZA%3D>

Zone 8
July 25
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
American Legion
117 S Poplar St,
Centralia, IL
Sign up on Link Below
<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Badges>

Morton Forensic Science Laboratory

July 30
10:30 AM – 2:00 PM
1810 South Main St.
Morton, IL
Sign up on Link Below
https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/130442

ISP CHQ Springfield
August 7
7:30 AM – 2:30 PM
801 S 7th Street
Springfield, IL
Sign up on Link Below
https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/129213

Troop 8
Collinsville
August 28
12:30 PM - 3:30 PM
Cafeteria- 1100 Eastport Plaza
Drive
Collinsville, IL
Sign up on Link Below
https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/130175

Troop 7 Headquarters
September 6
12:00 PM – 3:00 PM
611 S. Chestnut
Pesotum, IL
https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/130328

Zone 7
Veterans Airport of Southern Illinois
September 11
2:00 PM – 6:00 PM
10400 Terminal Drive, #200,
Marion, IL
Please sign up using the Red Cross app or at redcrossblood.org
Use Sponsor Code: ILState

Troop 9
Effingham
September 18
2:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Effingham Event Center
1501 West Fayette
Effingham, IL
Please sign up using the Red Cross app or at redcrossblood.org
Use Sponsor Code: KCEffingham

Troop 3
District Chicago
September 25
7:30 AM - 2:00 PM
9511 W Harrison,
DesPlaines, IL
Sign up on Link Below
<https://donors.vitalant.org/dwp/portal/dwa/appointment/guest/phl/timeSlotsExtr?token=ojl%2BLadDD133CzhSINB%2B2BcQse5NgXkcTuLFrdq5tZI%3D>

Early Morning Promise

June 26, 2024 -

Before field inspections, Sergeant Clayton Chapman arrived early to make sure his equipment was all in good shape.

He snapped this picture of a double rainbow.



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