

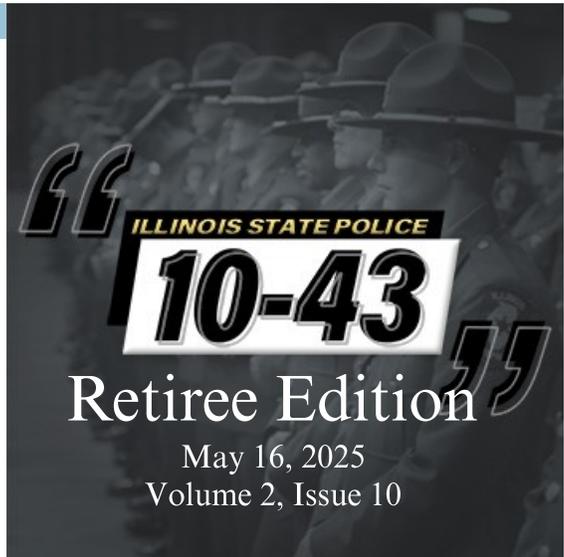
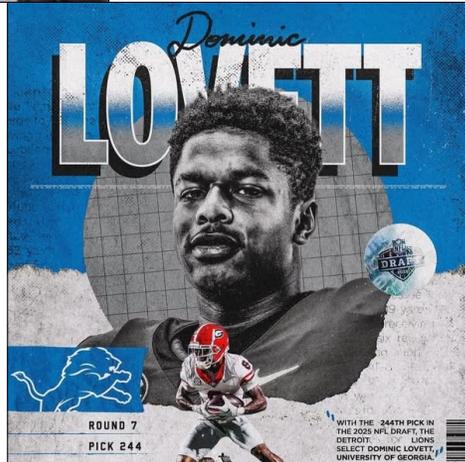
# ISP Youth Camp Cadet Drafted by Detroit Lions

On Saturday night, April 26, 2025, Team Illinois Youth Police Camp (TIYPC) graduate Dominic Lovett was selected by the [Detroit Lions](#) as their final pick for the 2025 NFL Draft! Prior to being drafted by the Detroit Lions, Lovett attended the [University of Georgia](#) where he played as wide receiver on the football team. Congratulations, Dominic!



Lovett attended TIYPC in the Metro East two years in a row as cadet in 2015 and 2016. He came back as the graduation speaker in 2022.

He said, "Attending the Team Illinois Youth Police Camp was undoubtedly a memorable experience. The lectures the troopers gave us were invaluable. They taught me many life lessons that have significantly contributed to my personal growth and development. One of the most impactful lessons I received was the importance of never giving up. Even though going through the camp was hard work we still had fun. I still remember playing basketball with the troopers and all the cadets making it through the camp together."



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*Brendan F. Kelly—Director*

## ISP Seeks Public's Assistance with Fatal Crash on I-80

**OTTAWA** – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 1 is requesting the public's assistance with a fatal crash investigation.

On May 5, 2025, at approximately 6:46 p.m., ISP responded to I-80 eastbound at milepost 86 near Ottawa. The crash involved a black Kia Sedona van and a tractor-trailer. One adult died and at least one child sustained injuries as a result of the crash.

Anyone driving in the area at the time of the crash, anyone who witnessed the crash, or anyone who may have dash camera footage of the incident or of the involved vehicles before the crash are asked to please contact ISP Zone 1 special agents at 224-277-4945.

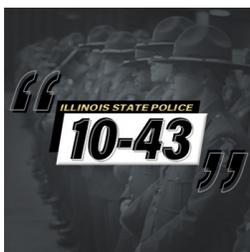
## ISP Arrests Chicago Man For Attempted Murder Within 12 Hours of Expressway Shooting

**CHICAGO** – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 1 arrested 33-year-old Freddie Jones from Chicago, IL, for two counts of Attempted Murder (Class X Felony) and two counts of Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm (Class 1 Felony) stemming from an expressway shooting.

On April 27, 2025, ISP responded to the Chicago Police Department for the report of an expressway shooting that occurred on Interstate 94 northbound near 71st Street. The preliminary investigation revealed that the victim's vehicle was shot during the incident. The driver and passenger of the victim vehicle reported no injuries.

After a swift and thorough investigation, ISP agents quickly identified Jones as the suspect and took him into custody within 12 hours of being notified of the expressway shooting.

On April 28, 2025, the Cook County State's Attorney's Office charged Jones with the abovementioned charges. Jones remains in custody.



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## ISP Arrests Chicago Man for Leaving the Scene of Fatal Crash on I-94

**CHICAGO** – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 1 arrested 36-year-old Jeremy J. Arnold from



Chicago, IL for one count of Leaving the Scene of a Fatal Crash (Class 1 Felony) stemming from a deadly crash on I-94.

On April 19, 2025, at approximately 12:27 a.m., ISP responded to a fatal crash that occurred on Interstate 94 southbound near 170th

Street in South Holland. The preliminary investigation revealed that a Chevrolet Monte Carlo struck a Chevrolet Traverse, which resulted in the death of 30-year-old Rickia Blair from Chicago, IL. Five other occupants from the Traverse were injured. The driver of the Monte Carlo fled the scene on foot.

After a thorough investigation, ISP special agents identified Arnold as the driver of the Monte Carlo. On May 7, 2025, ISP special agents took Arnold into custody and the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office approved the abovementioned charge.

## ISP Arrests Gary Indiana Man for First Degree Murder In Expressway Shooting

**CHICAGO** – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 1 arrested 37-year-old Herman Yancey from Gary, IN for First Degree Murder stemming from a 2024 expressway shooting investigation. The victim, 36-year-old Tywuan Donald, had been struck by gunfire and was pronounced deceased on scene. After a thorough investigation, ISP agents identified Yancey as a suspect.

On June 7, 2024, at approximately 9:50 p.m., ISP officers responded to an expressway shooting on Interstate 94 northbound at 37th Street. On May 9, 2025, ISP officers arrested Yancey and the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office approved one count of First-Degree Murder (Class M Felony).



## ISP Announces Results of Violent Crime Suppression Detail in the Metro East Area

**EAST ST. LOUIS** – Illinois State Police (ISP) conducted a violent crime suppression detail on May 6-8, 2025, in St. Clair and Madison counties, focusing its efforts on East St. Louis and neighboring Metro East communities. The operation utilized intelligence and technology to target known high crime areas, violent offenders, and structured criminal groups in the communities of the Metro East.

There were several notable events and arrests during the detail.

On May 6, 2025, troopers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for Illinois Vehicle Code (IVC) violations. A probable cause search of the vehicle resulted in the seizure of a firearm and a large amount of illegal cannabis. Two subjects were taken into custody. Charges are pending.

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and one additional firearm. One subject was taken into custody. Charges are pending.

On May 7, 2025, troopers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for IVC violations. Two passengers ran from the vehicle on foot and troopers gave chase. A loaded AR 15 style rifle was seized during the foot pursuit and the suspects were not located. Investigation continues.

Nearly 60 ISP officers from around the state, including Troop 7, Troop 8, Troop 9, Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 6, Firearms Investigations Unit, Air Operations, Academy, and the Public Safety Enforcement Group joined forces with the Division of Patrol’s Special Operation Group South and Central Statewide Anti-Violence Enforcement Unit for the multi-day operation.

The Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois and the office of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms provided additional support during the operational period.

ISP will continue to use all available resources, including air operations, technology, forensic services, investigators, increase patrols, and information sharing to combat violent crime.

<b>Detail Results</b>	
Arrests	<b>36</b>
Felony Charges	<b>45</b>
Criminal Charges	<b>67</b>
Firearm Related Charges	<b>33</b>
Firearms Seized	<b>20</b>
Controlled Substance Seized	<b>13 grams</b>
Stolen Vehicles Recovered	<b>1</b>

## Illinois State Police Squad Car Struck on I-290 in Cook County

### *ISP Experiences 6th Move Over Law-Related Crash of 2025*

**CHICAGO** – Illinois State Police (ISP) officials investigated a traffic crash that occurred on Interstate 290 involving an ISP trooper, who was handling a previous traffic crash, when their squad car was struck by a driver who failed to move over.

On May 13, 2025, at approximately 7:42 p.m., an ISP trooper was parked on the right shoulder of I-290 near Lavergne Avenue in Chicago with the emergency lights activated. The trooper was standing outside of the squad car conducting a traffic crash investigation. A Dodge Charger struck the rear of the squad car, pushing the squad car into the rear of the vehicle from the previous crash.

The driver of the Charger, 40-year-old Cordell Franklin from Chicago, Illinois, reported no injuries on scene. Franklin was cited for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Illegal Transportation of Alcohol, Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident, Improper Lane Usage, Following Too Closely,

Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and a Move Over Law violation.

In 2025, ISP has already suffered six Move Over Law-related crashes. In 2024, ISP suffered 27 Move Over Law-related crashes with 12 troopers injured and one death. In 2023, ISP had 21 Move Over Law-related crashes with seven troopers injured.

ISP reminds the public the Move Over Law, also known as “Scott’s Law” in Illinois, 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.



## National Police Week 2025

This week is National Police Week, a time when we remember fallen officers across the country and express our gratitude for ISP Troopers and all law enforcement officers who protect and serve every day.

An estimated 2,500 cyclists took part in the [Police Unity Tour](#) ride-in from New Jersey to the Memorial in Washington, D.C. Each mile was ridden in honor of those who made the ultimate sacrifice. This year, we honor both Trooper Corey Thompsen and Trooper Clay Carns, who died tragically in the line of duty last year from injuries sustained in traffic crashes.

We will never forget their sacrifice.



## ISP Honors Two Fallen Troopers During

**SPRINGFIELD** – The Illinois State Police (ISP) will attend National Police Week May 11 through May 17, 2025 in Washington D.C. National Police Week serves as a time to remember those who have lost their lives in the line of duty, honor those who have served and continue to serve, and offer support to fellow officers and their loved ones. It’s also an opportunity for citizens to show their appreciation to the men and women who keep our communities safe while dealing with the inherent dangers of police work.

“National Police Week is especially poignant for ISP this year as we honor both Trooper Corey Thompsen and Trooper Clay Carns, who were killed in the line of duty in 2024, and recognize them and their families for making the ultimate sacrifice,” said ISP Director Brendan F. Kelly. “It takes a special kind of person to be willing to walk out their front door every day, knowing it could be their last, and doing it anyway. God Bless law enforcement and law enforcement families, those we’ve have lost, those who have served, and those who are serving.”

Trooper Corey Thompsen and Trooper Clay Carns both died tragically last year as the result of injuries sustained in traffic crashes. Trooper Thompsen and Trooper Carns will be honored throughout National Police Week in Washington D.C. National Police Week events, including the Candlelight Vigil and the National Memorial Service, are open to the public and allow families, friends, and coworkers to mourn the loss of their loved ones and honor their sacrifice. ISP's attendance at this event provides an opportunity for ISP officers to honor their fallen comrades from other police agencies around the country, and highlights ISP's continued support to the families of our fallen officers. ISP officers are attending National Police Week to pay



respects for not only our own fallen officers, but those across the country. ISP will also provide support and assistance to the families, friends, and co-workers of Trooper Thompsen and Trooper Carns.

Law enforcement has been regularly ranked as one of the 10 most dangerous occupations in the United States, specifically for police and correctional officers, according to the U.S Bureau of Labor Statistics cited by the University of Illinois Chicago Law Enforcement Epidemiology Project. In 2021, 159 law enforcement officers died on the job, of which approximately 40% were caused by assaults/homicides, and 40% were caused in transportation incidents.



## Six New K9s and their Handlers Graduated Friday, May 2

*Congratulations to ISP's newest four-legged officers and their handlers!*



**Trooper Shaun Magill  
& K9 Cash**



**Trooper Stan Smalec  
& K9 Blaze**



**Trooper Riley Stevens  
& K9 Durk**



**Trooper Josh Teimeyer  
& K9 Reaper**



**Trooper Frank Vollmer  
& K9 Zeus**



**Trooper William Burns  
& K9 Taz**

## Trooper David Ptak and K9 Luna Complete ATF Certification

The Protective Services Unit would like to recognize Explosive Detection K9 handler Trooper David Ptak, #6810, and his partner, K9 Luna, as they successfully completed an Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms – National Odor Recognition Test (ATF-NORT). The training and certification took place in Louisville, Kentucky between April 14 – 17, 2024, where over 30 explosive detection K9 teams from across the US were in attendance. K9 teams underwent rigorous training, allowing each team to imprint on homemade explosives. Each team was ultimately assessed and certified during a single blind test, which was administered by an ATF-NORT chemist.



## ISP at Women in Criminal Justice Conference

In April, some of the women of the Illinois State Police from around the state, representing all ranks and units, attend the ILETSB Executive Institute's 15th Annual Women in Criminal Justice Conference hosted in East Peoria.



## Troop 10 Receives Award from National Guard

The Illinois State Police Troop 10 in DuQuoin was nominated for an Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Freedom Award. ISP Captain Joshua Anderton accepted the nomination certificate on behalf of Troop 10. The nominator was Illinois Army National Guard Sergeant Jagger Ellis who is very appreciative of the accommodations and support he and his fellow service member employees receive from his superiors at Illinois State Police - Troop 10 DuQuoin. He says, "They go out of their way to assist us in whatever we may need and accommodate our absence on the schedule. They go above and beyond what USERRA/policy requires to make our lives a little less chaotic and complicated."

Congratulations to Illinois State Police Troop 10 DuQuoin for being nominated for this national honor.

Captain Anderton invited veterans and National Guard and Reserve members to apply to the Illinois State Police saying the ISP wants more Troopers with military service.



## ISP Bass Fishing Tournament Raises Money for St. Jude

On Saturday April 26, 2025, Troop 9 hosted the 43rd annual ISP Bass Fishing Tournament. This event was held on Newton Lake in rural Jasper County. This year 43 teams participated in the event. One of the requirements of this event is that one person of the two person team must be associated with law enforcement. \$10 per entry along with some donations taken during the day of the event is donated towards St. Jude's Children Research Hospital. This year \$500 was donated to St. Jude. The top 10 finishers collected some prize money and plaques.

1<sup>st</sup> place: Ray Hall (Mattoon PD), Mike Bails 11.52 lbs

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Mindy Street (IDOC), Preston Street 8.64 lbs, *Preston Street caught big bass of the tournament at 5.29 lbs*

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Dave Sapetti (Sangamon Co), Kim Sapetti 8.03 lbs

4<sup>th</sup> place: Robbie Blythe (Richland Co SD), Brycen Short 7.62 lbs

5<sup>th</sup> place: Justin Rieke (Federal Bureau of Prisons), Shawn Runkel 7.57 lbs

6<sup>th</sup> place: Rich Chambers (Marion CO SD), James Sager 7.24 lbs

7<sup>th</sup> place: Alex Rodgers (Christian Co Probation), Mike Miller 6.89 lbs

8<sup>th</sup> place: Craig Phillips (Salem PD), David Snow 4.46 lbs

9<sup>th</sup> place: Drake Hall (ISP Troop 9), Austin Hunter 3.92 lbs

10<sup>th</sup> place: Mike Bretscher (Chatham PD), Mike Tuchmann 3.49 lbs



## Trooper Jason Hinds Assisted at Special Olympics Spring Games



On Sunday, May 4, 2025, Special Olympics of Illinois held the Region H Spring Games at Glenwood High School in Chatham. Trooper Jason Hinds was on hand to help athlete Jameson Knott carry the flame, and later awarded medals to the athletes.



## ISP Shows Off New Equipment at Pikeland Community Schools Big

Pikeland Big Truck Night was held on May 6, 2024, at Pikeland Community School in Pittsfield, Illinois.

The Illinois State Police showcased their brand-new Mobile Command Vehicle along with a SWAT Bearcat.

Troopers Rudolph Brida and Doug Zulauf were on hand to assist with the Bearcat, while Sergeant Brad Wassell helped present the Mobile Command Vehicle.

Tpr. Brida even joined in the fun, tossing a football with some of the kids and showing off his arm!



### TROOPER CAMERON BOERS

Driver "Katie" sent us this message about Trooper Cameron Boers #7297:

*I'd like to start off with Thank You for your dedication and service to help make the roads safer.*

*Because of you my life changed for the better. I didn't realize how fast I truly was going until Trooper Boers pulled me over. I know*

*someone's probably never really thought about why they received a speeding ticket, but I did. The situation could have been a lot worse but I'm so thankful it wasn't. I had no business going as fast as I was.*

*Thank you, Trooper Boers, from the bottom of my heart. It's because of you I respect the privilege to drive now. Thank you kindly for your service and dedication and for serving. You truly are remarka-*



*ble and that's why I took the time to write this message and I hope it reaches you and your heart like it did mine. It's the principle and the respect I've gained. Thank you again.*

Keep up the great work, Trooper Boers! This small interaction served as a safety education lesson; a lesson this driver is likely to pass on to others.

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## In Memoriam

It is with sadness we inform you of the death of retired **Lieutenant Colonel George Murray**.

Lieutenant Colonel Murray graduated from the Illinois State Police Academy in February of 1976. Throughout his career, he served in Special Operations, Intel North, Zone 10, District Chicago, District 6, and District 15 to name a few. Recognizing his commitment and his proven ability to achieve results, he was appointed Assistant Deputy Director of the Division of Internal Investigation and subsequently promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in March 1991.

This promotion was a significant milestone, making him the first African American to hold the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the history of the Illinois State Police. Lieutenant Colonel Murray served the ISP and the citizens of the State of Illinois for 27 years, officially retiring on July 31, 2003. He left a lasting legacy on ISP and the citizens of Illinois.

A Celebration of Life service is planned for Saturday May 10, 2025, at the Campbell Chapel AME Church located at 311 Mill Street Pulaski, Tennessee.

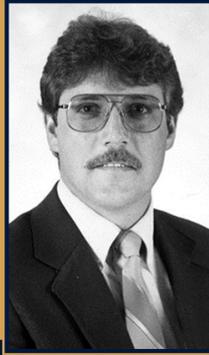
Special Agent Gary Degelman died at St. Francis Hospital in Peoria from head injuries a day after he fell from a truck while on duty.

Prior to joining the Illinois State Police, Agent Degelman was an officer for the Monmouth Police Department,

serving as that agency's representative to the Peoria Metropolitan Enforcement Group from 1980-1981.

He began his service in District 7 - Rock Island after his graduation from the Illinois State Police Academy in 1984. Two years later, Agent Degelman transferred to the Division of Criminal Investigation and successfully trained as a Special Agent. After fourteen months in Zone 7, he was assigned to the Zone 14 - Macomb Office where he served until his death.

Special Agent Degelman was a 5-year veteran of the Illinois State Police. He is survived by his wife and two children.



**IN MEMORY OF OUR  
FALLEN TROOPER**

**Special Agent  
Gary Degelman**

End of Watch  
May 4, 1989



**IN MEMORY OF OUR  
FALLEN TROOPER**

**Sergeant  
Rodney Miller**

End of Watch  
May 12, 2006

Sergeant Rodney Miller was killed in a traffic accident near Bondville, Illinois.

Sergeant Miller was driving west on Champaign County Road when his car was struck by a southbound car. The other driver was airlifted to Carle Hospital in Urbana, where

she was treated and released.

Sergeant Miller is a sixteen-year veteran of the Illinois State Police. He is survived by his wife, two sons, parents, and sister.

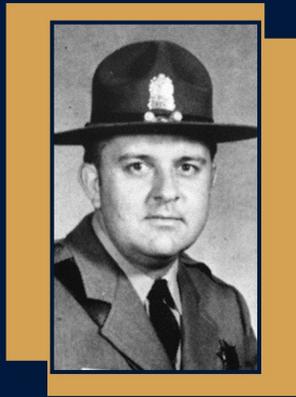
Trooper Frank Dunbar was killed in an automobile accident while patrolling Route 37, north of Benton.

Trooper Dunbar was traveling south in his marked patrol car when a 19-year-old man began to pass another vehicle heading north. Just as he noticed Trooper Dunbar approaching, he tried to

veer back into the northbound lane, but was unable to keep the car under control. The vehicle flipped end-over-end into the oncoming trooper. The top of Trooper Dunbar's squad car was completely sheared off by the rolling car. Trooper Dunbar died while in route to the hospital.

The other driver was charged with reckless homicide, reckless driving, and improper lane usage.

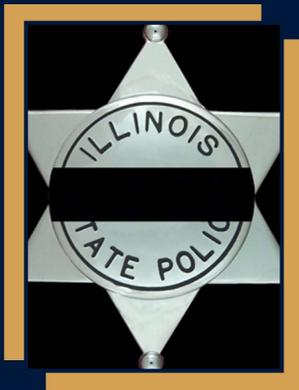
Trooper Dunbar was the first trooper in 26 years to be killed in the line of duty, and the first to be killed in a patrol car accident in southern Illinois. He joined the Illinois State Police on October 28, 1957. He was assigned to District 13 in DuQuoin. He was survived by his wife and two children.



**IN MEMORY OF OUR  
FALLEN TROOPER**

**Trooper Frank Dunbar**

End of Watch  
May 14, 1972



**IN MEMORY OF OUR  
FALLEN TROOPER**

**Trooper  
Robert Thomas**

End of Watch  
May 15, 1942

Trooper Robert Thomas succumbed to injuries received two days earlier when he was involved in a motorcycle accident while responding to a drowning call in Edwardsville. The motorcycle began to have mechanical troubles that caused him to lose control of the bike. He was thrown into a culvert and sustained severe injuries. He regained consciousness for a short time and explained what happened before passing away.

Trooper Thomas had served with the Illinois State Police for one year and was assigned to District 11. Trooper Thomas was killed one day before he was to enlist in the U.S. Army. He was survived by his fiancée.