

In Memoriam: K-9 Bane



With love and a deep sadness, we announce the passing of Illinois State Police canine, Bane, the loyal partner of Trooper Carrie Arvidson #6508. On August 5, 2025, Bane passed away after a heroic law enforcement career at the age of 8. Recently, Bane fought valiantly after a life-saving operation that was made possible through the love and contributions of ISP Troopers and supporters. Bane was officially retired on July 10, 2025, after the onset of a rare neuromuscular condition.

Bane initiated his career in May of 2018 after graduation from Basic Canine School Class 77. Throughout his career, Bane has been a fixture in the canine program and was responsible for 117 free-air sniffs and deployments for 13 area searches, 12 article searches and 7 tracks. Through his tenacity and the expertise of Trooper Arvidson, Bane facilitated the seizure of 36 firearms, 352,787.81 grams of cocaine, 9,031 grams of crack cocaine, 1,262 grams of heroin, 187,207.2 grams of cannabis, 220.262.66 grams of methamphetamine, 95,911.5 grams of fentanyl, 549.8 grams of psilocybin mushrooms, 1,356.96 grams of other controlled substances, 1,368.5 MDMA pills, \$3,325,905 USD and the recovery of 2 stolen vehicles. Known for his hallmark Rex Specs, Bane conquered these feats despite a visual impairment in one eye.



As evidenced through these yields, Bane's passion consistently progressed the mission of the Division of Patrol while influencing Divisions across the entire Department. Apart from his professional dedication to ISP, Bane will always be remembered as a loving and devoted companion and friend.

ISP honored Bane with a final salute on Tuesday, August 5, 2025. Please keep Bane and Trooper Arvidson in your prayers.

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ISP Investigates Vehicular Endangerment Incidents Near Effingham

EFFINGHAM – The Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Patrol Troop 9 and Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 8 are actively investigating reports of Vehicular Endangerment in Effingham and Shelby counties. Multiple damage to vehicle reports have been taken as a result of objects being thrown from overpasses along Interstate 57.

These dangerous incidents, which have occurred over a span of several days, are being treated as cases of Vehicular Endangerment, a Class 2 Felony under Illinois law. ISP emphasizes that throwing

items from an overpass onto moving vehicles presents an immediate and severe threat to public safety.

ISP is asking the public for assistance in identifying any suspects or suspicious activity in the area of Interstate 57 near overpasses between Effingham and Sigel (mileposts 165 to 170). Witnesses or anyone with dashcam footage from the affected area during the nighttime hours in recent days are urged to contact ISP at (217) 342-7871. This is an active and ongoing investigation.

ISP Reminds Motorists About School Bus and School Zone Safety

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois State Police (ISP) is reminding motorists about school zone speed laws and sharing the road safely with buses as schools around the state prepare to open their doors for the new academic year.

ISP reminds motorists they are required to slow down in school zones. Posted school zones have a speed limit of 20 miles per hour and are in effect from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on school days when children are present. Driving while talking or texting on a hand-held cellular device is strictly prohibited and fines are increased within a school zone.

Adults are encouraged to promote safe walking habits with their children, including using sidewalks, crossing the street at designated crosswalks, and not walking in-between cars.

The majority of students transported by bus to or from school are injured or killed while outside the bus. Most children injured in the area around the bus, often called the “danger zone,” are struck by motorists who fail to stop for the flashing red lights and extended stop arm.

Motorists approaching a stopped school bus with its visual signals activated, lights and extended stop sign, must stop their vehicle at least 20 feet before reaching

the school bus. When a school bus stops on a two-lane roadway and uses its visual signals, vehicles in both directions must stop until the school bus turns off its visual signals. When the school bus stops and uses its visual signals on a one-way roadway, regardless of the number of lanes of traffic, all traffic must stop. When the school bus stops on a four or more-lane roadway with at least two lanes of traffic traveling in the opposite direction, only those traveling in the same direction as the school bus must stop.

State law requires school buses to stop for railroad crossings. If you are approaching a stopped school bus at a railroad crossing from the opposite direction, you may proceed past with caution. If you are approaching from the rear, in the same direction as the bus, and are within 100 feet from the railroad crossing, the law prohibits driving over the center line to pass the bus.

A first-time violation for failing to stop for a school bus unloading/loading while their lights are activated and stop arm extended can result in a mandatory \$300 fine and a three-month suspension of driving privileges. For additional information concerning the safe interaction with school buses in traffic, visit the ISP website [Traffic Safety Brochures page](#), where you can find the [School Bus Safety Brochure](#).



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ISP Issues 4th Round of Firearm Enforcement Grants

\$1 million for local law enforcement agencies

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois State Police (ISP) is issuing the fourth round of firearm enforcement grants totaling \$1 million to 21 law enforcement agencies across the state to conduct enforcement details for individuals legally barred from having a firearm.

“Keeping Illinoisans safe is my top priority, and that includes keeping people safe from gun violence,” said Governor JB Pritzker. “I’m proud that we are providing local police departments across the state with the resources they need to ensure we keep deadly weapons out of the hands of those who pose a risk to themselves or their communities.”

The enforcement details focus on individuals who have become the subject of a Firearm Restraining Order, a Clear and Present Danger report, or received a criminal conviction, among other reasons.

“Conducting enforcement details can be time intensive and require additional resources,” said ISP Director Brendan F. Kelly. “These grants can help local law enforcement agencies pay for the details, which focus on ensuring individuals who pose a danger to the public or themselves do not have firearms in their possession.”

The chart below shows law enforcement agencies selected to receive Fiscal Year 2026 firearm enforcement grants.

Department	Award Amount
Aurora Police Department	\$34,419.51
Berwyn Police Department	\$14,283.89
Bloomington Police Department	\$21,519.69
Broadview Police Department	\$6,989.87
Chicago Heights Police Department	\$11,413.36
Chicago Police Department	\$425,282.22
Cicero Police Department	\$17,363.70
Cook County Sheriff’s Office	\$329,467.20
Cortland Police Department	\$5,823.68
DeKalb Police Department	\$13,694.09
Island Lake Police Department	\$6,536.63
Joliet Police Department	\$33,230.72
Lincolnwood Police Department	\$6,485.61
Morton Grove Police Department	\$7,753.17
Rolling Meadows Police Department	\$7,982.57
Romeoville Police Department	\$11,624.29
Schaumburg Police Department	\$15,004.41
Vernon Hills Police Department	\$7,647.31
West Chicago Police Department	\$9,325.32
Willowbrook Police Department	\$6,941.38
Worth Police Department	\$7,211.38

During the first three years of the grants, local law enforcement agencies conducted thousands of compliance checks and placed thousands of individuals directly into compliance, transferring all firearms out of their possession and documenting that transfer with a [Firearm Disposition Record](#). The number of compliance checks and individuals placed into compliance has increased each of the three years.

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](#).

ISP Searching for Suspect in Ford County

GIBSON CITY – The Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 5 is investigating the shooting of two officers in Ford County at the request of the Gibson City Police Department (GCPD) and Ford County Sheriff’s Department (FCSD).

On August 9, 2025, at approximately 2:31 a.m., officers from the GCPD and the FCSD responded to a report of a naked man, identified as 70-year-old David D. Jordan of Gibson City, walking outside in the 100 block of Ash Street, Gibson City. Upon attempting to make contact with Jordan at his residence, officers were met with gunfire. A GCPD officer and an FCSD deputy were struck by the gunfire. Both were transported to local hospitals and treated for non-life-threatening injuries. Shortly after the shooting, the house caught fire.

Jordan was last seen at the residence, his whereabouts are currently unknown. He was last seen unclothed and is considered to be armed and dangerous. He may be seen with a red bicycle. If you should see Jordan, do not approach him and call 911. For any information on his whereabouts, please contact GCPD at 217-784-8666. This investigation into the shooting is open and ongoing. When complete, ISP will submit all evidence and facts for review to the Ford County State’s Attorney’s Office.

UPDATE #1 – The Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) Zone 5 continues its search for 70-year-old David Jordan, wanted in connection with a shooting that injured two police officers in Gibson City, Ford County.

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ISP requests that people and business in the area check their camera footage from the time of the incident to now and report any potential footage of Jordan by calling their local police or by submitting a tip on ISP’s Crime Tip [website](#). Jordan should be considered armed and dangerous, and the public is asked to not approach him, but instead call 911.



These images are being shared to help the public identify Jordan.

UPDATE #2 – The Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) Zone 5 continues its search for 70-year-old David Jordan, wanted in connection with a shooting that injured two police officers in Gibson City, Ford County.

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The 6-year veteran FCSO deputy was shot in the left knee and left arm. The GCPD officer has served for one year and was shot in the left hip. Neither the GCPD nor FCSO officers fired their weapons during the incident. Both officers were transported to area hospitals and treated for their injuries. On August 10, 2025, both officers were released from the hospital. The GCPD and FCSO have placed both officers on paid administrative leave.

Anybody who has any information about Jordan’s whereabouts is asked to call their local police or submit a tip on ISP’s Crime Tip [website](#). ISP does not believe there to be an active threat to the public, but citizens are asked not to approach Jordan if they encounter him, and instead call 911.

ISP Establishes Illinois Trafficking Enforcement Group Focused on Combatting Human Trafficking Statewide

ISP announces new Illinois Trafficking Enforcement Group with Decatur Police Department, McLean County Sheriff's Office, and Howard G. Buffett Foundation

New Investigative Support Operations Center Provides Latest Technology and Advancements to Combat Crime

DECATUR – The Illinois State Police (ISP), partnering with the Decatur Police Department, the McLean County Sheriff's Office, and the Howard G. Buffett Foundation, has created the Illinois Trafficking Enforcement Group (ITEG) to take its work in combating human trafficking to the next level. Similar to the nine ISP Metropolitan Enforcement Groups and 13 Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Forces created to combat drug trafficking, ITEG will consist of local and state partners focused on fighting human trafficking, while also working with community groups and health organizations to provide trauma-informed support services to individuals who have been trafficked.

"Human trafficking occurs not just globally, but locally, and it is critical law enforcement at all levels work together," said ISP Director Brendan F. Kelly. "The Illinois Trafficking Enforcement Group enables state and local law enforcement to literally work side by side, while coordinating with our federal partners, to stop this deplorable crime. By collaborating with the Howard G. Buffett Foundation, the Illinois Trafficking Enforcement Group will have access to cutting edge technology and the latest advancements in law enforcement resources to stop those benefiting from forced labor or sexual exploitation, and help those who have been trafficked."

ITEG will be headquartered at the new Investigative Support Operations Center (ISOC) in Decatur, providing special agents and inspectors with cutting edge technology and the latest software to identify and apprehend criminals. ISOC will also house the ISP Investigative Support Command, which tackles human and narcotics trafficking, and cold case death investigations, as well as providing technical support for surveillance and counter surveillance operations. The Howard G. Buffett Foundation is instrumental in advancing the work of law enforcement by ensuring special agents have the latest technology and software

to protect public safety.

"Our investment in the Illinois Trafficking Enforcement Group and the Investigative Support Operations Center here in Decatur is part of our Foundation's broader strategic initiative to combat human trafficking in America," said Howard G. Buffett, Chairman and CEO of the Howard G. Buffett Foundation. "Many communities do not think human trafficking is happening where they live, but our work has shown that the more resources are dedicated to this issue, the more the crime is uncovered and disrupted. With today's investment, Illinois becomes the seventh state with a dedicated task force to combat human trafficking with funding support from the Howard G. Buffett Foundation."

ISOC provides a centralized location where state, local, and federal partners can work to uncover leads and dismantle criminal organizations, hold perpetrators accountable, and provide trauma informed services to victims. ISOC is also a functional human trafficking training center where undercover agents and ITEG inspectors will enhance their skills and methods for both proactive demand suppression details and victim recovery operations.

"The Decatur Police Department is proud to join forces with the Illinois State Police and the McLean County Sheriff's Office as part of the Illinois Trafficking Enforcement Group Task Force," said Decatur Police Department Chief Brad Allen. "This partnership enhances the ability to identify, investigate, and prosecute those who exploit others, while providing support to victims and connecting them with needed resources. Human trafficking often hides in plain sight, but through this joint effort we will take a strong stance to protect the most vulnerable."

"The McLean County Sheriff's Office is honored to partner with the Illinois State

Police, the Decatur Police Department, and the Howard G. Buffett Foundation as part of ITEG," said McLean County Sheriff Matt Lane. "Together, we're committed to launching an aggressive campaign combating human trafficking and protecting victims through coordinated enforcement efforts."

In addition to enhancing law enforcement's ability to conduct proactive human trafficking demand suppression details and rescue operations, ITEG will be able to investigate large scale human trafficking conspiracy cases and working to dismantle criminal organizations. Along with special agents and inspectors, Decatur Police Department forensic examiners will be part of ITEG.

ITEG evolved from the ISP Trafficking Enforcement Bureau created in January 2022 to provide a proactive approach to combatting human trafficking. ISP has been conducting details every month across the state, including demand suppression details where those participating in human trafficking are targeted, as well as recovery operations aimed at providing help and support services to those who have been trafficked. Since that time, more than 1,300 ISP officers have received human trafficking awareness training, and almost 140 officers have been trained in advanced investigative techniques related to human trafficking investigations. Last year, the ISP Trafficking Enforcement Bureau conducted seven human trafficking demand suppression operations resulting in 31 arrests and 90 criminal charges.

As the state of Illinois moves towards a standardized law enforcement response to human trafficking, ITEG will be an integral part in implementing consistent strategies and mentoring other law enforcement agencies to combat human trafficking and better serve those who have been trafficked.

ISP Announces Sweeping Changes to Human Trafficking Laws in IL

Gov. Pritzker signs Statewide Trauma-Informed Response to Human Trafficking Act

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois State Police (ISP) is announcing major updates to several laws impacting the ability to combat human trafficking and help those who have been trafficked with the signing of Senate Bill 2323, the Illinois Statewide Trauma-Informed Response to Human Trafficking Act. The Act addresses human trafficking through prevention, intervention, and establishing standards for survivor support, and impacts laws governing ISP, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS), Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL), Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice (IDJJ), Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC), Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board (ILETSB), Children’s Advocacy Centers (CACs), the Office of the State’s Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor, the Illinois Secretary of State, and other stakeholders.

“As Illinois continues to enhance its strategies to combat human trafficking, it’s crucial that we ensure survivors — no matter who they are or where they live — have access to the resources they need,” said Governor JB Pritzker. “This vital legislation marks a coordinated, multi-agency effort to better identify, protect, and support our most vulnerable, making Illinois a safer place for everyone.”

Human trafficking is one of the most underreported and under-identified crimes. In fiscal year 2024, 448 human trafficking survivors were reported to the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority as receiving services from an Illinois domestic violence or sexual assault agency, and 213 possible cases of child trafficking were reported to DCFS during that same time frame. However, we know these numbers are only a fraction of the human trafficking victims in our state.

“Human trafficking can come in many forms, from commercial sex acts to forced labor,” said ISP Director Brendan F. Kelly. “Because human trafficking has many faces and can happen almost anywhere, it is important to have a comprehensive, statewide victim-centered, trauma-informed response that encompasses those who may come in contact with individuals who are being trafficked, such as law enforcement, child services, case workers, treatment providers, and others.”

The Illinois Statewide Trauma-Informed Response to Human Trafficking Act provides consistency in the state’s response by creating uniform service response, policies, agency infrastructure, screening tools, training, and protocols.

Service Response for Survivors of Human Trafficking

- Coordinates several state agencies through a single statewide plan to identify and respond to survivors.
- Creates standards of care for human trafficking service providers.
- Develops curriculum standards and training for human trafficking and other service providers.
- Calls for collaboration with medical and legal associations to provide training for their members working with survivors.
- Requires Children’s Advocacy Centers adopt multidisciplinary team human trafficking task force protocols and facilitate training, standards, and collaboration to ensure a coordinated response to trafficked children.

Law Enforcement and Prosecution

- Creates multidisciplinary team human trafficking task forces where they do not exist across the state.
- Supports local law enforcement encountering victims of human trafficking.
- Develops law enforcement curriculum standards and policy guidelines for human trafficking detection, investigation, and response.
- Mandates support and training for state’s attorneys prosecuting human traffickers.
- Aligns penalties for child labor trafficking with child sex trafficking penalties.
- Allows an affirmative defense for minors accused of status or misdemeanor crimes committed as a result of human trafficking victimization.
- Requires the court to take into account the age of human trafficking victims when sentencing those convicted of human trafficking crimes.
- Eliminates the statute of limitation for civil liability to allow individuals who were trafficked as a minor to bring suit against their trafficker at any point in their healing process.
- Permits dissolution of corporations convicted of

Sweeping Changes to Human Trafficking Laws, continued

human trafficking crimes.

State Agency Response

- Expands screening of children and youth in state care, juveniles in IDJJ, and individuals under the...jurisdiction of IDOC for indicators of having been trafficked or at high-risk of being trafficked for specialized services and placements.
- Expands training for DCFS, IDHS, and IDOC staff on screening tools and appropriate protocols for children, youth, and adults in state care and custody who have been trafficked or are at risk of being trafficked.
- Creates training for state inspectors, investigators, and regulators on signs of human trafficking in industries at high risk for trafficking, such as restaurants, hotel, agriculture, construction, and educational materials on the rights of youth workers.

“Too often, trafficking victims are left without support because the systems in place aren’t communicating with each other,” said State Senator Julie Morrison (D-Lake Forest). “This law strengthens coordination across state agencies to identify victims earlier and expedite access to trauma-informed care for survivors.”

In October 2023, ISP and the Illinois Department of Human Services launched the Joint Human Trafficking Working Group – an ad hoc working group comprised of several State agencies, the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board, the Office of the State’s Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor, and more than 60 stakeholders representing human trafficking, domestic violence, and sexual assault advocacy organizations, survivors, local law enforcement, prosecutors, and courts, as well as medical, substance use disorder, and behavioral health providers. The working group helped develop policy recommendations, which are reflected in the Illinois Statewide Trauma-Informed Response to Human Trafficking Act.

“Since launching the Joint Human Trafficking Working Group in the Fall of 2023, we have made significant

progress,” said IDHS Secretary Dulce M. Quintero. “I want to thank Governor Pritzker and our sister agencies, ISP and DCFS. This law means our response is not only compassionate, but consistent. It will set standards of care for human trafficking service providers all across the state.”

“Human trafficking is a reality that affects every corner of our nation, from large cities to small towns, and Illinois children and youth are not immune,” said Illinois DCFS Director Heidi E. Mueller. “Through expanded training for our staff and our ongoing collaborations with law enforcement, community organizations and dedicated service providers, we are strengthening our ability to prevent the human trafficking of children and support the children who have been trafficked and their families so they can heal.”

To combat human trafficking, ISP created the Trafficking Enforcement Bureau in 2022. Since that time, more than 1,300 ISP officers have received human trafficking awareness training, and almost 140 officers have been trained in advanced investigative techniques related to human trafficking investigations. Last year, the ISP Trafficking Enforcement Bureau conducted seven human trafficking demand suppression operations resulting in 31 arrests and 90 criminal charges, including Grooming, Indecent Solicitation of a Minor and Traveling to Meet a Minor and obtained charges in three additional cases, including charges of Involuntary Servitude and Promoting Prostitution.

Every year, millions of men, women, and children are victims of trafficking worldwide, including in the United States and in Illinois. The signs of human trafficking can be subtle. To learn more, 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.

ISP Announces Results of Metro East Violent Crime Suppression Detail

EAST ST. LOUIS – Illinois State Police (ISP) conducted a violent crime suppression detail on July 29 - 30, 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.

Detail Results	
Arrests	7
Felony Charges	7
Criminal Charges	13
Firearm Related Charges	8
Firearms Seized	7
Stolen Vehicles Recovered	1

There were several notable events and arrests during the detail.

On July 29, 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 ammunition. One subject was taken into custody. Charges are pending.

On July 30, 2025, a trooper located and recovered an unoccupied, stolen vehicle with no registration parked on the side of the roadway.

On July 30, 2025, troopers conducted a consensual encounter with a group of individuals. One subject was ultimately taken into custody and a stolen firearm was seized. Charges are pending.

ISP officers from around the state including Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 6, Firearms Investigations Unit, Air Operations, SWAT, and the Public Safety Enforcement Group joined forces with the Division of Patrol’s Special Operation Group South Statewide Anti-Violence Enforcement Unit for the multi-day operation. Homeland Security Investigations also provided support during the operation period.

ISP Arrests Two Men on Three Felony Counts for Separate Chicago Crashes

CHICAGO – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 1 special agents presented two cases to the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office on August 5, 2025, resulting in three felony charges. Both unrelated cases involved crashes where victims were seriously or fatally injured.

The first crash occurred on February 2, 2025. ISP troopers responded to a hit-and-run crash involving a pedestrian in the 8000 block of S. Lafayette Avenue, right off I-94 in Chicago. A white Jaguar struck a pedestrian and fled the scene. The pedestrian was transported to an area hospital with critical injuries.

After an extensive investigation, ISP special agents identified 32-year-old Antonio Jackson of Chicago as the driver of the Jaguar. On August 5, 2025, ISP officers took Jackson into custody and the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office approved the following charges: Failure to Report Accident/Injury (Class 2 Felony) and Leaving the Scene of Per-

sonal Injury Crash (Class 4 Felony). Jackson is being held pending his first court appearance.

On August 5, 2025, ISP troopers responded to a fatal crash on I-94 southbound at 95th Street in Chicago. Preliminary reports indicate that a crash occurred and the driver of one of the vehicles, 47-year-old Alassane Tchandikou of Hinsdale, IL, exited his vehicle and was subsequently struck by a passing white Kia. Tchandikou was transported to an area hospital and later declared deceased. The driver of the Kia, 34-year-old Marques D. Worrell of Chicago, was also injured in the crash and taken to an area hospital for treatment.

On August 6, 2025, ISP special agents presented their case to the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office and Worrell was charged with Aggravated Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol Resulting in Death (Class 2 Felony). Worrell was arrested and held pending his first court appearance but has since been released.

ISP at the Illinois State Fair



Top left: Troop 6 Fair Commander J. Adcock briefs the press about security upgrades

Top right: FDD R. Hooks leads the annual Big Slide tradition

Left: Trooper Cooper interacts with the public at the Safety Education tent



Right: Sgt. J. Wilson and Miss Illinois' Teen Lille Brown tape a Safety Tip Saturday message about internet predators

Below: M/Sgt. Hager, Tpr. W. Moyers, Tpr. Amy Cole, Tpr. J. Mathis, and Tpr. J. Jaroszewski on stage with Brad Paisley



ISP Helps DCFS with Back To School event

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Deerfield hosted its annual back-to-school event on August 12, 2025. ISP Troopers Andre Williamson and Eric Nieves were in attendance, providing ISP materials and engaging with local children. This event aims to support neighborhood families by providing essential resources for a successful start to the school year.



Central SAVE Officers Respond to Fire at Senior Living Complex



On Thursday, August 7, 2025, Trooper Erik Long spotted a fire in a second-story window of the Timberlake Estates Senior Home on Taylor Avenue in Springfield.

Trooper Long notified local emergency agency partners, then bravely entered the building to begin notifying residents of the danger.

Sgt. Stephen Feurer and Trooper Andrew Smith also responded to

assist residents to exit the building, followed quickly by the Springfield Fire Department, Trooper Kyle Patten, and M/Sgt. Justin Royer.

The Springfield Fire Department contained the blaze to one residential apartment, and SAVE units dispersed shortly after.

Great work, troopers!

ISP Receives Esri Innovation Award

In July, ISP was recognized for its work with a team of government peers and private partners to enhance how we share information. This project started more than 2 years ago and culminated with 2 successful deployments (2024 Election and 2025 FIFA Club World Cup Games). This tool, known as TRX, will be the future in how the nation works together to share information and intelligence. Each year Esri acknowledges innovative projects at their annual conference. This year our project was selected.



Director's Bulletin

After more than 28 years of dedicated service to the Illinois State Police, Lieutenant Colonel Dan Likens will retire effective October 31, 2025. Please join me in congratulating Lieutenant Colonel Likens on an outstanding career.

I am pleased to announce the following appointments effective September 1, 2025, with transition to being immediately:

Major Kevin Garcia will be appointed to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and will serve as an Assistant Deputy Director in the Division of Criminal Investigation.

Captain Andrew Anselm will be appointed to the rank of Major and will serve as the Chicago Region Commander (Zone 1) in the Division of Criminal Investigation.



Please join me in congratulating these individuals on their appointments.

Brendan F. Kelly
Director

M/Sgt. Thomas Brengel Discusses SMART Lighting at Chicago Conference

On Tuesday, August 5, 2025, M/Sgt. Brengel presented at the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Impaired Driving and Traffic Safety Conference at McCormick Place, Chicago on the topic of SMART Emergency Vehicle Lighting.

M/Sgt. Brengel commented, “This has been a topic which I’ve developed and presented on previously, including at several different virtual webinars, at the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) National Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Team meeting at National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and to the United States Department of Transportation and National TIM Executive Leadership Group in Washington, DC, in Rosemont, Illinois when I assisted FHWA in planning and hosting the FHWA national peer-exchange workshop on SMART Lighting. I also had an article published in March of this year in IACP Police Chief Magazine. SMART Lighting has been incorporated by FHWA into the national TIM curriculum.”

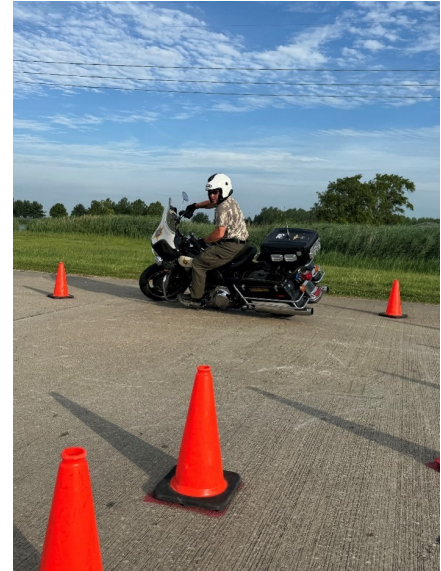
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Troop 7's Newest Motorcycle Officers



On July 2, 2025, Troop 7 had two officers successfully graduate from the motors course and officially become motor officers. Both Trooper Richard Carroll and Trooper Clayton Johnson displayed excellent riding skills over the 3-week course and are completing their field training for motors.



5K Raises Money for Trooper Corey Thompsen Scholarship Fund

In June, Troopers participated in the Corey Thompsen 5K in St Joseph. The run was a fundraiser for Trooper Thompsen's Scholarship fund. Both Troop 7 and SOG were well represented at the race.



ISP News Around Illinois

ISP Sgt. Bradley Wassell Instrumental in Pike County Theft Arrest [facebook.com/PikeCoILSheriff](https://www.facebook.com/PikeCoILSheriff)

Virginia, IL names retired ISP D10 Commander Louis Kink as their next Police Chief [MyJournalCourier.com](https://www.myjournalcourier.com)

Throwback Photo

This image was recently posted on the Facebook page “Old School COPS” (<https://www.facebook.com/OldSchoolCOPS>) as part of a photo album celebrating the early 1990's models of Chevrolet Caprice sedans, used widely by law enforcement across the United States.



**IN MEMORY OF OUR
FALLEN TROOPER**

Sergeant
Phillip Guinto

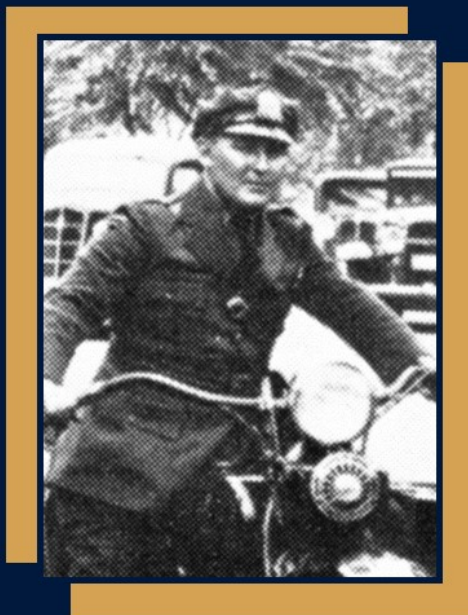
End of Watch
August 5, 1943



**IN MEMORY OF OUR
FALLEN TROOPER**

Trooper
Charles Deans

End of Watch
August 8, 1944



**IN MEMORY OF OUR
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Trooper
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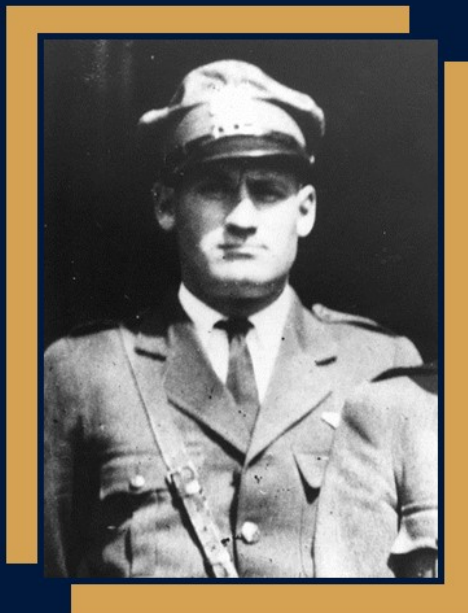
End of Watch
August 9, 1937



**IN MEMORY OF OUR
FALLEN TROOPER**

Trooper
John L. McCabe

End of Watch
August 12, 1933



**IN MEMORY OF OUR
FALLEN TROOPER**

Trooper
Robert Card

End of Watch
August 12, 1930