



# SHERIFFS NEWSLETTER

*United in Justice*

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## THANKSGIVING TRIBUTE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT

Every year, we gather together with family and friends to give thanks for the many blessings in our lives. This Thanksgiving, the Illinois Sheriffs' Association wants to say thank you to the men and women in law enforcement who risk their lives every day to protect and serve the state of Illinois. Many great heroes have lost their lives in this noble profession and there is no greater sacrifice than those who give their lives selflessly serving others. We will always honor their legacy. We give thanks for the sacrifice by all of our fallen heroes in law enforcement, for their families, and for the countless officers who continue to serve and protect us this Thanksgiving holiday and every day.



**A podcast that discussing current news & critical issues impacting all police officers.**

## OFFICER WELL-BEING IN 2020

The year 2020 has presented numerous challenges for law enforcement, beginning with the management of the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic and then a rapid transition to rioting, looting and ongoing civil unrest.

In the podcast "Officer Well-Being in 2020: Addressing Mental Health Challenges in Law Enforcement", host Jim Dudley talks with researchers Dr. Michelle Lilly and Sergeant Shawn Curry, both co-directors of the Training and Research Institute for Public Safety, about the findings of a recent survey they conducted to assess current psychological health in law enforcement officers. Listen [HERE](#).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**If you're shopping on Amazon** this year for gifts, please remember that Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the Illinois Sheriffs' Association. To be a part, please go to [www.amazonsmile.com](http://www.amazonsmile.com) and click "Get Started." You will then be instructed to log into your existing Amazon account. Simply type in "Illinois Sheriffs' Association" into the Select Your Charity box then click Select.

**Douglas County Sheriffs' Office App** is now live! You can download the app on Apple & Android devices. Log in to see a welcome message from Sheriff Joshua Blackwell, Douglas County's Most Wanted, Current Openings and more.

**Reminder:** Double-check training records to be sure you have your 20 hours by December 31, 2020. You can do this through your LEDI Portal. [www.ptb.illinois.gov](http://www.ptb.illinois.gov)

**Registration** information for the 2021 Winter Conference will be sent out the first week of December.



*"Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgment that something else is more important than fear."*

-Ambrose Redmoon

**Award Nominations**

**2021 Conference Dates:**

Now more than ever we need to demonstrate

**Sheriffs Winter Training Conference**

to our communities and staff all the tremendous things that you all do every day.

Please take a few moments to reflect on 2020 and what has happened in your office and staff. Do you have someone that deserves Deputy of the Year, Correctional Officer of the Year or Telecommunicator of the Year?

**Nominations are due by November 20, 2020!**

The awards will be presented at the 2021 Winter Training Conference on Monday, February 8th at our banquet in East Peoria, Illinois.

If you need a form resent to your email, please contact Christan Neff (christan@ilsheriff.org) For general questions please call the ISA office.

February 7-9  
Embassy Suites, East Peoria

### **Chief Deputy & Jail Administrators Conference**

April 21-23, Embassy Suites  
East Peoria

### **Jail Medical Summit**

August 26, Holiday Inn & Suites Peoria

### **Sheriffs Summer Training Conference**

September 19-21  
Embassy Suites, East Peoria

### **Administrative Assistant's Conference**

October 21 & 22  
President Abraham Lincoln Hotel  
Springfield

## **Clinton County Sheriff's Office Post Goes Viral**



Clinton County Sheriff's Office Facebook post shows something that the public doesn't see very often, but police everywhere deal with on a regular basis.

People are seeing it now, as the post has now been shared thousands of times. It shows officers making the best out of a terrible situation, and paying out of their own pockets to do it.

The post reads:

"You won't see or hear about this on the evening news but this is something we deal with regularly. This young child was taken into protective custody early Saturday morning. He was up much of the night and was exhausted. Correctional Officer Litteken spent her own money buying the child diapers, a stuffed animal, and clean clothing. The picture shows Detective McClaren watching cartoons with a sleeping child in our telecommunications center. Our staff, including Deputy Davis who took the child into protective custody, cared for the child for over six hours until a family member was able to take over custody. I don't write this to toot our own horn, but to try and show what sheriff offices and police departments all over the country do every day. The national press would rather fixate on the negative. I'm here to tell you, 99.9% of sheriff's deputies and police officers, are just like Detective McClaren, Deputy Davis and Correctional Officer Litteken. They chose a profession and have given their hearts to help and serve their communities every day!!!"

Dan Travous, Acting Chief Deputy  
Clinton County Sheriff's Office  
Carlyle, Illinois

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