



SHERIFFS NEWSLETTER

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Lawmakers Eye Limits On Qualified Immunity For Law Enforcement

Illinois State legislators are considering eliminating or limiting aspects of qualified immunity for law enforcement. With this on the table, let's take time to better educate the public on the myths and facts of Qualified Immunity.

QUALIFIED IMMUNITY FACTS

What is Qualified Immunity?

Qualified immunity applies only in civil lawsuits where a state actor (i.e. police officer or government official) is sued in his or her individual capacity for performing a discretionary function and the plaintiff seeks monetary damages directly from the state actor.

Qualified immunity is an affirmative defense available to state actors, and, if granted, provides them protection from personal, civil liability.

QUALIFIED IMMUNITY MYTHS

What Qualified is NOT:

Qualified immunity does not protect those that "knowingly violate the law." In cases where it is obviously, or sufficiently clear, that the officer or government official's conduct was unlawful, qualified immunity is unavailable and the case will proceed to trial.

Qualified immunity does not prohibit suits against the city, municipality, or other government entity itself.



First Responder Discounts Guide is the result of a quarterly survey of brands that offer discounts to first responders.

DISCOUNTS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

Needing to do some last minute shopping or looking for a deal during the holiday season?

Compiled [HERE](#) is a list of over 22 categories and 200 brands who are giving discounts specifically to firefighters, law enforcement, disaster response personnel, EMTs, paramedics and rescue team members.

Categories include: Retail, Firearms, Education, Automotive, Health & Wellness, Insurance, Recreation, Food & Restaurants, Hotels & Resorts, Eyewear, Car Rentals and more!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stuff the Squad Car: Sheriff's Offices, Schools, Restaurants and Small Businesses are combining efforts this December to "Stuff the Squad Car!" Lake County Sheriff's Office is one location participating and is

requesting that community members donate unwrapped toys that will benefit families in their area. Hancock County Sheriff Deputies are also participating by setting up locations throughout the county. They are requesting donations of unwrapped toys or non-perishable food items that will be distributed to multiple toy drives and food pantry collections throughout Hancock County.

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 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.

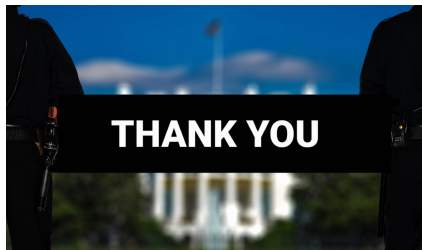
Reminder: Double-check training records to be sure you have your 20 hours by December 31, 2020. You can do this through your LEDI Portal. www.ptb.illinois.gov

Registration information for the 2021 Winter Conference will be sent out the December 15th.



No man is worth his salt who is not ready at all times to risk his well-being, to risk his body, to risk his life in a great cause.
— Theodore Roosevelt

Dear Sheriff: Thank You



Words are not enough to express our deepest gratitude for your dedication and professionalism. Despite the danger you face in the course of discharging your duties, you are always the first to arrive when help is needed.

I know that many of you see everyday the worst our community has to offer. You see the poor results of choices that we sometimes make as humans. Also the pain and suffering that come of these choices. Yet you choose to get up every day, put on your badge and service the community that you've taken an oath to protect. That...is bravery.

We want to remind you even though the voices on social media scream loudly, studies show that Law Enforcement Officers are still widely appreciated and valued by most Americans - men and women; black and white; rich and poor, because most people value being SAFE.

As one of our members recently wrote to us, "Please remember that the silent majority is with you."

We are honored to have dedicated officers like you to keep our citizens safe. Thank you for everything you do. Thank you for your service.

2021 Conference Dates:

Sheriffs Winter Training Conference
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

College Scholarship Applications

College Scholarship Applications are available on our [website](#) under the "Youth Outreach" section or from individual sheriff's offices starting January 15th, 2021.

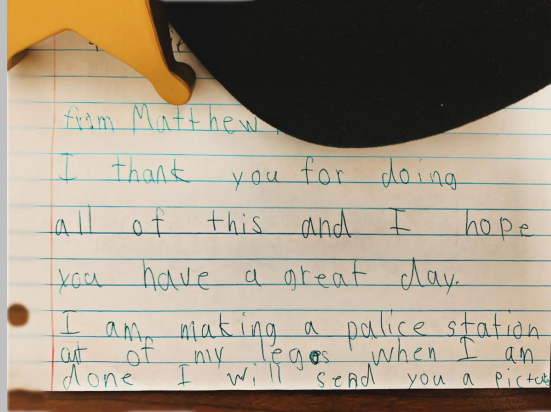
The deadline to submit applications is: March 15th, 2021

PeaceKeepers College Scholarship Applications will be posted on: March 1st, 2021

Thank You Letters From The People You Serve

As Sheriffs, you don't get to see every letter that comes through the ISA thanking you for the work you do daily. We wanted to take time this month to share a few words of encouragement to you from

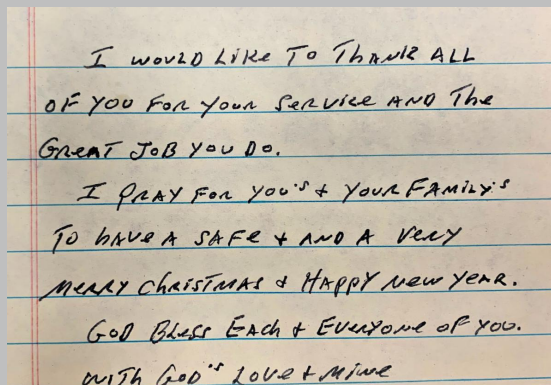
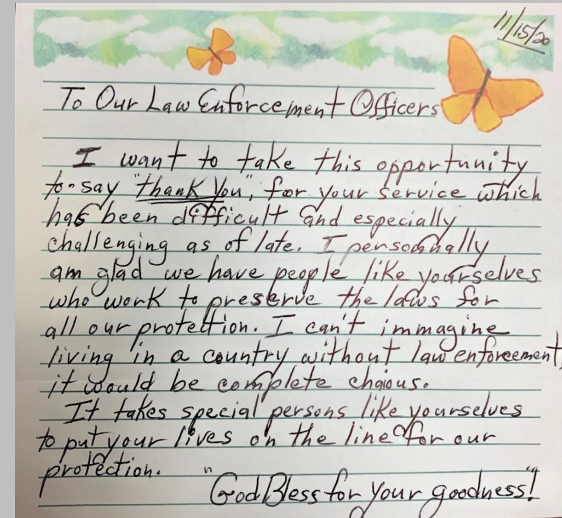
our members.



"We park at our local Police Stations and pray for all law enforcement officers. Psalm 91 is one of our prayers for you."

- Couple from St. Clair County

"When I opened up your letter regarding the Special Appeal, I thought about how much you are unappreciated lately. I felt I needed to let you know that you are truly appreciated. Most of the time people do nothing but complain and they never say thank you. I'm a retired ER nurse, so I know how hard you work, plus my dad was a police officer. I want to let you know with all the craziness going on in the world right now that you are doing a great job. I hope in some way this elevates your morale." -
Member, LaSalle County



"It is an honor to be writing to you. When I was a young boy in Ripley, Tennessee, we looked up to the Sheriffs in our town. They were always helping people and we knew they could be counted on in times of trouble. I am now in my 70s and can only send \$1.00, but I wanted to let you know that you are appreciated and respected. Thank you for everything you do and may God Bless You All." -
Member, Champaign County

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