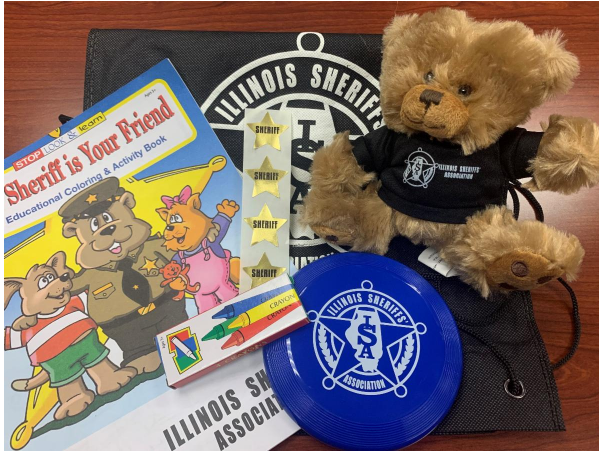




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Together We Make A Difference.



Thank you!

Thank you for your generosity in giving to our Sheriff Bear Comfort Kit program!

With your help we were able to purchase 5,000 Sheriff Bear Kits. Thanks to the assistance of local junior high and high school students, the kits are being assembled and sent to Sheriff's Offices across Illinois to help comfort children in crisis situations. Interested in learning more about this program? Click [here](#).

Running 4 Heroes, Inc.



Running 4 Heroes is a Non-Profit founded by a then 10-year old (now 12). This mission seeks to raise funds for our injured First Responders while also paying tribute to our Fallen Heroes through running.

Running 4 Heroes started with a kid, an appreciation for our First Responders, and a mission to raise awareness and funds for those fallen in the line of duty.

Zechariah Cartledge was born with the gift of running. He was raised with an appreciation for First Responders and all they do for the community. As he grew older, Zechariah decided to help the families of our fallen First Responders in a meaningful way. Encouraged by the mission and vision of the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, Zechariah began his journey raising funds for those families by running.

In 2019, Running 4 Heroes officially became a non-profit 501(c)(3). Zechariah runs one mile for every First Responder who makes the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. He wants to honor those who gave up their life so we may live in a better world.

**"Our First Responders do so much for us.
I want to let them know they are
appreciated."**

Zechariah's 2021 Run Tracker:

Total Miles Run in 2021:
(as of 8/8/21): **197**

Total Miles Run in 2020: 401
Total Miles Run in 2019: 376
Overall Miles Run: 974

www.running4heroes.org



END OF WATCH



End of Watch: August 4th, 2021

Full Article [HERE](#)

A Brooklyn, Illinois, police officer was



End of Watch: August 7th, 2021

Full Article [HERE](#)

One Chicago police officer was killed

fatally injured early Wednesday, August 4th, while trying to stop a car fleeing from a nightclub in the Metro East.

The officer who died was identified by his family as Brian Pierce Jr., 24, who has been with Brooklyn force about nine months.

Pierce was struck by a car around 3 a.m. while trying to deploy stop sticks on the McKinley Bridge over the Mississippi River to flatten the tires of the car that had fled the nightclub, said Lt. Michael Lewis of the Illinois State Police.

Police are still searching for the driver who hit the officer.

"He was born with a passion to be a police officer," Pierce's mother, Tammy Pierce, told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. "His favorite thing about police work was just being out in the public and stopping crime."

Pierce formerly worked for about two years with the police agency in Spillertown, Illinois, and was also a lieutenant with the Makanda Fire Department. Until he moved to Carbondale recently, he had been making the 100-mile drive every day from Makanda to Brooklyn to work the night shift, his mother said.

and another was critically wounded during an exchange of gunfire with at least one suspect during a traffic stop Saturday night in the West Englewood neighborhood on the South Side.

Police, family and the Cook County medical examiner's office identified the officer who died as Ella French, a 29-year-old who had worked as a Chicago cop since April 2018.

Andrew French said his younger sister always thought of others before herself.

"My sister's always been a person of integrity. She's always done the right thing even when nobody's looking. She's always believed in people and believed in doing the right thing. ... She's always believed in taking care of people that can't take care of themselves," he said.

Andrew French, an Iraq War veteran, said that "even before she joined the force," his sister was a proponent of therapy or social services over more jail time. He said she wanted to see people get the help they needed, more "than throwing people in jail."

"She was a humanitarian. She believed in human rights. She was one of the officers on the force that thought they needed reform," he said. "Because she's seen the front line, just like I have. She's always been a very caring person ... When I was in Iraq, me and her, we talked. And she has some attributes that you don't find in this world anymore."

National Night Out

National Night Out (NNO) is a nationwide event designed to build strong police community partnerships that promote safe neighborhoods. NNO enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

See below to discover a sampling of how Sheriff's Offices in Illinois celebrated August 2nd!



Winnebago County Sheriff's Office assisted in hosting a free Block Party to celebrate NNO. Free food was served at the event, K9 demonstrations, vehicle displays and games. A fun time was had by all!



Ogle County Sheriff's Office celebrated NNO with Byron Fire Protection District and Police Department. It was an evening of vendors, face painting, K9 demonstrations, vehicle displays, games and more!



Lake County Sheriff's Office celebrated NNO at the Village of Beach Park with pizza, hot dogs, ice cream coupons, Mission BBQ, children's area, DJ, K9 demonstrations and vehicle displays. It was a huge hit!

[Behind the Badge: Part 4](#) [Tom Templeton: LaSalle County](#)

Click the image below to view the video of Retired Sheriff Tom Templeton of LaSalle County as he shares insights, moving stories and wisdom from his 50 years in Law Enforcement.

ISA's "Behind the Badge" video series feature Illinois Sheriffs as they share stories of what life is like as law enforcement officers in modern America. Behind the Badge video series serves as a tool to forge stronger relationships between law enforcement officers and the Illinois communities they serve.

Previously posted interviews include: Sheriff Roger Scott (DeKalb County), ISA President & Sheriff Brian VanVickle (Ogle County) and Sheriff David Clague (Knox County).



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DRIPPING OUT OF HIS
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cried WITH HIM.



Thirty-seven U.S. police officers were murdered in the first five months of 2021

As violent crime rises, so does the on-the-job risk for police officers. Forty-six were murdered in all of 2020.

By Ken Dilanian (Original Article [HERE](#))

WASHINGTON — With violent crime on the upswing across the nation, the number of police officers who have died violently in the line of duty is also spiking.

FBI Director Christopher Wray highlighted the issue in an appearance Tuesday, June 15th, before the House Oversight Committee. Wray said a total of 37 officers had been murdered in the first five months of 2021, compared with 46 during all of 2020.

“And that’s not counting all those officers who’ve died in the line of duty facing the countless other inherent dangers of the job, like from a car accident in pursuit after a subject or drowning during an attempted rescue. Or even the scores of officers who’ve died from Covid-19.

Because, of course, law enforcement kept coming to work every day despite the pandemic.”

According to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, 148 police officers have died of all causes so far in 2021, up from 134 this time last year. Traffic deaths, in particular, have risen 42 percent, according to those statistics.

Police deaths mirror the increase in violent crime across the country.

There were 56 shootings of four or more people in May, the highest number of mass shootings of any month since the Gun Violence Archive, a research nonprofit, started tracking the data in 2013.

Homicides are up by 20 percent or more in cities large and small. Included among the deaths has been a litany of police killings.

In May, two police officers were shot and killed in two separate incidents in California.

In April, a Capitol police officer was killed when a man drove into him as he rammed a barrier.

In February, two FBI agents were shot and killed in Miami while attempting to serve an arrest warrant in a child pornography case.

The FBI director revealed to Congress Tuesday he has made a condolence call each time it happens.

“Since August of 2017 when I started in this job, I’ve made more than 200 of those calls,” he said. “And with each one I think about the friends and family members rocked by the loss of a loved one, the careers cut short and the communities hurting.”

He added, “It takes a pretty special person to get up in the morning and put his or her life on the line for a total stranger.”

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

We have partnered with the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police in sponsoring 5 billboards across Illinois thanking Law Enforcement for their service.

The first three can be found off I-55 (near Braceville), off I-57 (near Loda/Paxton) and off I-74 (near Brimfield). Two more locations coming in the following 3-4 weeks!



2021 Upcoming Events:

Jail Medical Summit
August 26, 2021
Peoria

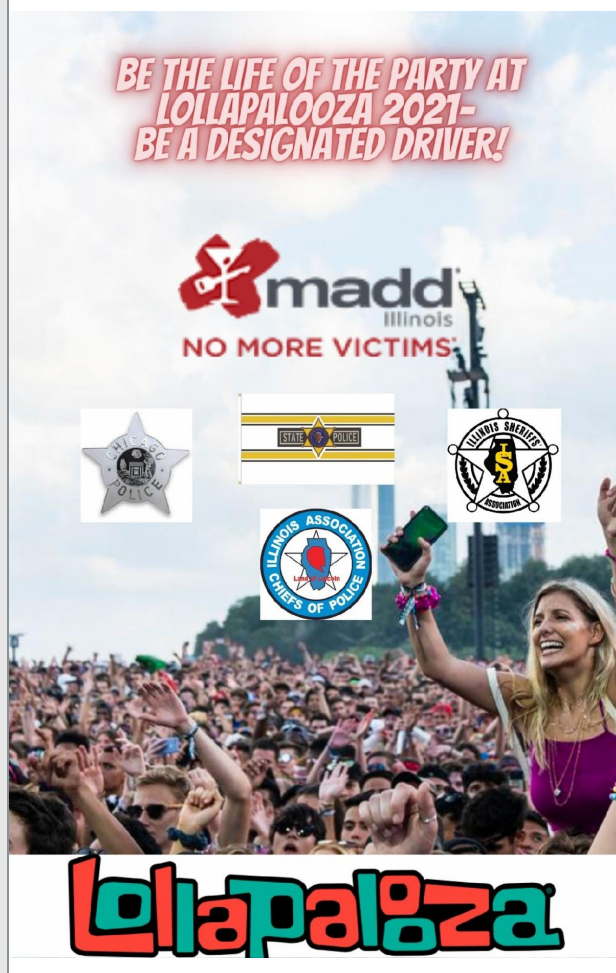
Sheriffs Summer Training Conference

September 19-21, 2021
East Peoria

Chief Deputy & Jail Administrators
Conference
October 12-14, 2021
East Peoria

Administrative Assistant Conference
October 21-22, 2021
Springfield

UPCOMING EVENTS



The ISA is proud to support Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

The mission of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) is to end drunk driving, help fight drugged driving, support the victims of these violent crimes, and prevent underage drinking.

Join us in creating a future of NO MORE VICTIMS.

www.madd.org