



ILLINOIS SHERIFFS'
ASSOCIATION

Together We Make A Difference.



End of Watch

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On May 26th, it was like the world stopped in Monticello, Illinois as the funeral procession for Officer Chris Oberheim, who was killed in the line of duty, came to town.

With hands over their heavy hearts, family, friends, first responders and community members said their final goodbyes. Oberheim, whose community knows him as a hero, is finally home. It was a somber moment for the community.

Police Officer Chris Oberheim was shot and killed at about 3:20 am while responding to a domestic disturbance call at an apartment complex in the 3200 block of North Neil Street in Champaign, Illinois.

He and another officer had arrived at the location and were walking from their patrol cars when they encountered a male subject involved in the disturbance. The man opened fire on both officers, fatally wounding Officer Oberheim. The second officer was also wounded but was able to return fire and killed the subject.

Officer Oberheim had served with the Champaign Police Department for 13 years and had previously served with the Decatur Police Department for seven years. He is survived by his wife and four children.

Oberheim's burial was exclusive to his family, loved ones and first responders. ISA's Executive Director, Jim Kaitschuk, attended the procession and funeral and shared his thoughts later that evening, stating, "I had the honor of attending this remembrance of Officer Chris Oberheim today. I can't think of the words to express my sincere sympathy for this officer's family. He clearly was an amazing father, dad, coach, officer and more.

With that said, as a police officer and Director of the Illinois Sheriffs' Association I want to thank the entire family of Chris Oberheim for their amazing strength, faith and unwavering support for all law enforcement. His wife and daughters have had their lives torn apart but today they displayed their faith in God and demonstrated just how truly strong they are. I truly can't imagine how they were able to share the inspiring words that they did today. To say that were impressive does not say enough.

I also want to recognize the other first responders there as well, whether you were at the service or blocking intersections. I saw you and thank you!

I would be remiss if I didn't recognize all the people that lined the roads, highway and interstate to recognize the sacrifice made by this man and the Oberheim family.

I saw you too and thank you!

Please know that I and many others heard your message today and you can count the Illinois Sheriffs Association and me to carry on your request. We will always be your family. None of you will ever be forgotten."



Behind the Badge: Part 2

The Illinois Sheriffs' Association launched a video series entitled "Behind the Badge" on May 5th, 2021.

The videos 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.

Meet Sheriff Brian VanVickle, President of the Illinois Sheriffs' Association, in his Behind the Badge interview, now on ISA social media sites.



MEET
SHERIFF BRIAN VANVICKLE

Brian VanVickle COUNTY





The ISA store is open now until June 20th!

Click image to shop.

Sign up today for the ISA Fall 5K Event!

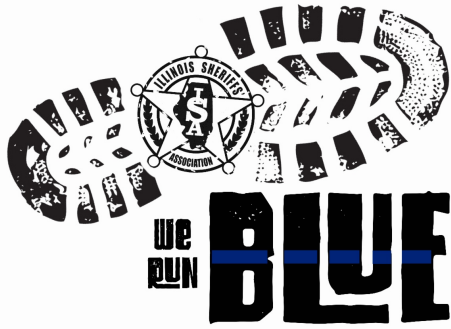


Would you like to meet the ISA Staff, Sheriffs from across Illinois and be a part of a fun event?

Then sign up for our "We Run Blue" 5K event coming up on October 23rd, 2021! Not a runner? That's okay! There is plenty to be a part of on this special day.

5K race
1 mile fun run/walk
Fall Festival
Food Vendors
DJ
Arts/Crafts Vendors
Farmer's Market
Bounce House
Children's Playground
Children's Area (Carnival Games, Face Painting & more!)

Want to participate but don't want to be around a crowd? Select our virtual option!



Interested in advertising at the 5K?

Become A Sponsor!

CALLING ALL VENDORS!
CRAFTS
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CLOTHING
JEWELRY
COOKIES
SKINCARE
PLANNERS
DECORATION

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

Sign up to sell your goods or services for only \$75 at our Fall "We Run Blue" Event on October 23rd, 2021!

Click [HERE](#) to reserve your spot and for additional information!

Questions?
Email Christan Neff at:
christan@ilsheriff.org

Limited spots available.

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

An Honest Letter: Dear Public



Tonight, 5/10/2021, is Dustin's last shift as a law enforcement officer. I can't even believe I'm writing this. I know many of you who read this will be as shocked as I still am. Ever since we met 12 years ago, it was all he talked about. He was getting ready to enter the police academy in Michigan. It was his dream, the only thing he ever saw himself doing, the only thing he ever wanted to do. I had never seen a person so passionate about serving. He dreamed of climbing the ranks, an illustrious 30 year career. What happened???

9 years of working weekends, nights, holidays, and everything in between. Sometimes serving a 12, 13, 14 or more hour shift without a drink of water, a meal, or even a bathroom break. Missing dinners, birthdays, anniversaries, Christmas, school events, funerals, even his own brother's wedding.

Every shift we, his family, hugged and kissed him goodbye, praying for his safe return.

Sending him out into unknown danger to protect you and your family.

My officer, and all those who serve, would lay down their life for yours in a heartbeat. For you, a complete stranger. Whether you hate them or not. Without even taking notice of your race, gender, age, or any way you identify. Unless you have served, you cannot possibly understand the sacrifice. The physical and emotional trauma. Bearing witness to the darkest side of humanity. Seeing things you couldn't even imagine in your worst nightmares. All while being hated, cursed, spat on, punched, assaulted, and have others try to end your life simply because you wear the badge. Seeing your brothers and sisters make the ultimate sacrifice. As law enforcement families, these are the realities we live every single day. I just thought life would always be like this. But when you see your officer's passion, and the good work cops do, most of which goes unnoticed, you understand the sacrifice. You, yourself, become a part of the sacrifice.

To be a police officer is to be underappreciated and misunderstood.
To be criticized by the media and the public, your every move under surveillance.
To be vilified for doing what is right and just.
To be expected to be robotic, emotionless, and without error.

**Hold our public servants to the highest standard of conduct, YES.
But don't demonize an entire profession because of the abhorrent acts of a despicable few.**

Police officers are human, yes, just like you.

And they are not immune to error.

Those who willfully do harm are a disgrace to law enforcement and should never have had the honor and privilege of wearing the badge.

Ask any officer and they will agree vehemently.

To the coward hiding behind your keyboard -

You swallow all of the divisive garbage the media feeds you without a second thought.

You aren't qualified to tell law enforcement that they are undertrained and overfunded.

You have no idea how many hours upon hours of training are required to do the job.

You're not an expert on criminal justice or the law.

You're doing more harm than good.

YOU ROBBED MY OFFICER OF HIS PASSION.

The fire in him died.

He was an exemplary officer, the kind every department needs and everyone wants on their team.

The one every person in need prays will answer their call.

But the hatred, the fear, and the sacrifice... it just isn't worth it anymore.

Stop casting police officers as the scapegoat for societal problems.

You can be black, white, brown, yellow, purple or green and support law enforcement.

You can be liberal, conservative, or apolitical and support law enforcement.

You can be religious, atheist, or anything in between and support law enforcement.

You can be antiracist and support law enforcement.

You can support law enforcement AND STAND FOR WHAT IS RIGHT AND JUST AND GOOD.

YOU CAN DO ALL OF THESE THINGS.

STOP MAKING IT "US" VERSUS "THEM."

STOP MAKING US CHOOSE SIDES.

STOP POLARIZING EVERYTHING.

By painting all officers with the same brush, you are perpetrating the very prejudice that you claim to be against.

And you are fostering a dangerous society plagued by fear and distrust.

If you think law enforcement needs a change, why don't you submit an application and actually BE the change?

Any coward can sit behind his keyboard and criticize.

Talk is cheap.

Is it because you know you can't hold a candle to the men and women of law enforcement?

Is it because you know you don't have what it takes?

It takes a special person to make the sacrifice that LEOs make every single day.

Departments everywhere are hiring.

Officers are walking away in record numbers.

But this is what you wanted, isn't it?

Instead of departments raising their standards, they're now having to lower them because they are overworked and understaffed.

Does that make you feel safer?

Isn't that what you wanted?

Abolish the police?

I hope you're happy.

I hope you feel safe.

If you support our faithful law enforcement officers everywhere, now is the time to speak up.

The profession is in trouble, and your support is needed now more than ever.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS SUPPORTED OUR OFFICER OVER THE YEARS.

Your support means more than you will ever know.

To those who continue to serve every day despite the adversity the profession faces, we see you.

And we will continue to support you.

We see your sacrifice, your courage, your selflessness, and strength.

Hold the line.

Honey, we are proud of you beyond words.

The time you served and the countless sacrifices you made will never be in vain.

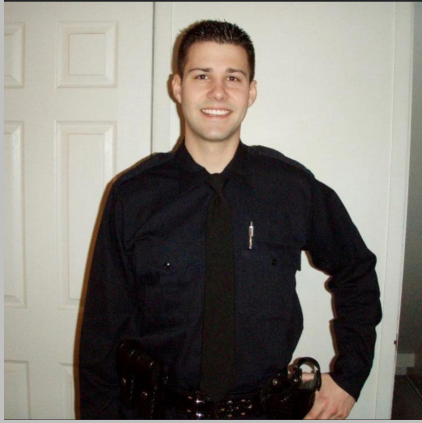
You made our corner of the world a better place for the people you helped and the lives you touched.

We'll support you every step of the way you as you transition to the next chapter and crush your new goals.

To honor your career, I'm sharing some photos from your years of service.

We love you so much, Officer D.C. Harris.

Thank you for being ours



Original Post: <https://www.facebook.com/policefitnessnutrition>

MAGENTA FIRST RESPONDER PLANS

T-Mobile is partnering with the Illinois Sheriffs' Association and offering incredible plans for first responders in Illinois!

Want to learn more? Call T-Mobile Work Perks at 855-570-9947 or click <https://t-mo.co/3f94i2C> to start saving today.

The advertisement features a pink background with the T-Mobile logo in a white square on the left. The main title is 'Magenta® First Responder plans' in white. Below it, a line of text reads: 'Exclusive to state & local first responders, with 50% off our regular Magenta plan rates for family lines. And 5G access is included in every plan.' A white box contains the phone number 'Call T-Mobile Work Perks at 855-570-9947'. Two plan options are shown in white boxes with pink borders. The first is 'Our signature plan' for 'Magenta® First Responder' at '\$25 /line' for 4 lines with AutoPay (\$100/mo). The second is 'Our premium plan' for 'Magenta® Plus First Responder' at '\$35 /line' for 4 lines with AutoPay (\$140/mo).

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For 4 lines with AutoPay (\$140/mo)

Come celebrate the community's bravest & finest and support the Club!

The 100 Club invites you to enjoy dinner, drinks, and games! There will be trivia, bingo, and many chances to win raffle prizes throughout the night.

Date: July 29th, 2021

Time: 6-10 PM

Location: 115 Bourbon Street, 3359 W 115th St, Merrionette Park, IL 60803

<https://www.100clubil.org/event/firstrespondersnight/>

THE 100 CLUB OF ILLINOIS
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FIRST RESPONDER'S NIGHT

TRIVIA | RAFFLES | BINGO

CELEBRATE OUR COMMUNITY'S
BRAVEST AND FINEST

7.29.21 • 6-10 PM

115 BOURBON STREET

WIN PRIZES ALL NIGHT LONG

WRISTBAND REQUIRED FOR ENTRY

\$20 DINNER BUFFET AND 2 DRINKS

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AND

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Your continued
support & letters of
encouragement mean
the world to us.

Thank you.

Illinois Sheriff's Offices
