



# SHERIFFS NEWSLETTER

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**NOVEMBER 2021**

## ISA 5K & Fall Festival



Our first ISA 5K/Fall Festival Event a great success!

We had a total of 93 individuals register for the 5K/1 Mile Walk that took place on October 23rd, 2021 (onsite and virtual participants). Virtual participants were mailed a package 5 days prior to the race with their event t-shirt, finishing medal and other items.

Those that participated in person started the race at 8:00am at Rochester Community Park in Rochester, IL. We were joined by over 50 local vendors, food trucks, pumpkin painting activities, a K9 demonstration courtesy of Sangamon County Sheriff's Office, children's area (bounce house, games, inflatable ax throw, etc.), story time, DJ, free workout class, local authors, live music and so much more! A special "Thank You" to Sheriff Nick Petitgout for running in the 5K, Sangamon County Sheriff's Office and our sponsors for this year's event: The [100 Club of Illinois](#), [ISPFCU](#), [C3 Education & Research](#), [Honor-Respect](#), [The Print Shop](#) and [KW Event Design](#).



# Sheriff David Snyders: Stephenson County

Click the image below to view the video of Sheriff David Snyders of Stephenson County as he shares insights, stories and wisdom from his 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), Sheriff David Clague (Knox County). Retired Sheriff Tom Templeton (LaSalle County), Sheriff Kevin Doyle (Putnam County), and Sheriff Jeff Standard (Fulton County).



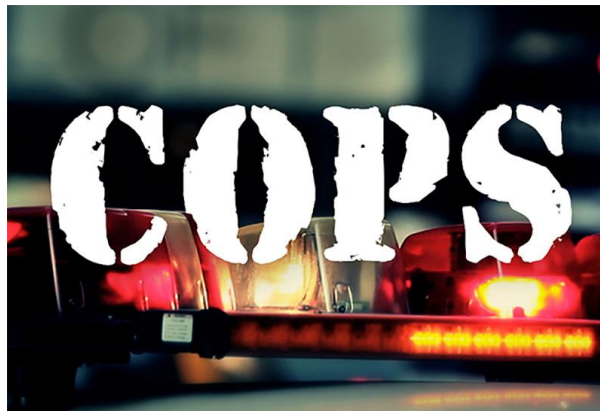
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DAVID SNYDERS  
*Stephenson* COUNTY



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## The return of a favorite TV show gets this LEO family talking

*Watching 'COPS' together is more than a welcome mental getaway – it sparks important conversations about what it means to be a first responder*



[By Lexi Wessling for Police1 BrandFocus](#)

Leo Tolstoy wrote, "All happy families are alike; each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way." Tolstoy wasn't writing about LEO families, of course. But with "COPS" back on Fox Nation following a year-long hiatus, I can't help but think of his famous line a little differently: "All happy LEO families are alike ... because 'COPS' is back."

As a cop family, my fiancé – an officer at a large metropolitan department in the South – and I always caught as many episodes together as his first watch schedule allows. We like it for the same reasons most viewers have, LEO or not, since 1989: “COPS” is an honest, unabashed glimpse at what officers endure every day on the streets. It’s fun to watch the crazy things people do to get arrested, and hear the ludicrous excuses they come up with. (Oh, the 10 pounds of meth in your car belong to your sister’s best friend’s uncle’s dog?)

But for LEO families, “COPS” also does something else: It gets us talking.

## **SPARKING CONVERSATIONS**

Many officers are famously reticent about the struggles of the job, especially around family. Talking about work at all, even in casual conversation, can feel like bringing the work home. It’s like the mini-language some LEO families use when they ask their loved ones in uniform about their day. We know “great” means fine, “fine” means OK, and “OK” means don’t ask.

But when you’re watching “COPS,” the conversation just happens. Someone else in the room is in uniform, and the stress of the job is, for 20 minutes, only on them. LEO families can watch together and ask, “Is that really what you do if a drunk guy tries to fight you?” “Is that really what it feels like to pursue someone into the woods at night?” “What is it like when someone pulls a weapon on you?”

That’s the secret magic of “COPS”: It’s the invisible bridge between two worlds – the overworked, overstressed LEOs and their curious, concerned families.

When he first joined the force, my fiancé and I watched an officer on “COPS” arrest someone on a domestic violence charge, and he said, “I had one like that a couple nights ago.”

His experience had been uglier than the one we’d just watched. It turned out that he had been wanting to tell me about it, but wasn’t sure how. Seeing a similar event on “COPS” helped us break through that emotional barrier.

We talked about it for so long that we accidentally talked through three whole episodes. That showed me something invaluable: A fair and honest depiction of someone else doing the job is all it took for my fiancé to start telling me about his.

So when “COPS” was taken off the air last year after 32 seasons, it left a noticeable void in many LEO households. This was a time when, more than ever, many officers and their families needed to talk but struggled to in the face of conflicting news reports and back-to-back high-stress shifts.

I remember my fiancé returning exhausted from night after night of riot duty. He trudged in with dark-rimmed eyes and a shock of helmet hair after 12 hours in riot gear. There were some minor cuts on his hands. Someone had smashed in the back window of his duty car with a rock. He kicked off his boots and fell into bed.

I’d been following the riots in our city on social media, but the right words were hard to find.

“How was it?” I whispered.

“OK,” he replied. LEO translation: Don’t ask.

That was the extent of our conversations about work for a while. When your loved one comes home desperate for peace and quiet after 12 hours of being screamed at, spit on, hit with rocks and trash, you only want to comfort them. No matter how badly you’re dying to know about their night, the last thing you want to do is start a conversation that just sends them right back to the streets.

That was the limbo many LEO families found themselves in after that summer. “COPS” left the air as a gesture of goodwill toward the global conversation on policing, but for hundreds of thousands of LEO families, that conversation never included them.

## **RESTORING THE CONVERSATION**

Now, thanks to its new home on FOX Nation, the conversation can resume more freely and unapologetically than ever before. The 33rd season of COPS is available to stream, plus 15 more from the season before. All first responders (including police, firefighters and EMS personnel) can watch with a free one-year subscription.

Since FOX Nation does not have ads, “COPS” is protected from advertiser boycotts.

For my family, watching new episodes of “COPS” after a year of absence reminded us not only why the show has lasted more than three decades, but why it’s become such a significant part of our home life. It’s not about the interesting characters or the funny excuses they make (OK, maybe it is a little). It’s about the conversations that start from what we see. It’s about staying connected.



"COPS," for my LEO family, is a show about us.

"COPS" season 33 episodes drop Friday nights, exclusively on FOX Nation.

**First responders can redeem a one-year free subscription [here](#).**

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## **Last Call: Award Nominations**

**Award Nominations are due November 15th!**

Please take a moment to acknowledge any full-time Deputy, Correctional Officer or Telecommunicator in the State of Illinois for going above and beyond the call of duty this year. Please see below for information and contact [Christan Neff \(christan@ilsheriff.org\)](mailto:christan@ilsheriff.org) with any questions or nomination forms.

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## **Sheriff's Offices & Community Outreach**

**Adam's County** deputies went out on November 3rd, 2021 to finish stocking food banks in the county. Canned goods were donated by the community during their Trunk or Treat event.

[Source](#)



**Carol County** Sheriff's Office hosted their first ever Courthouse Community Day this fall and it was a huge success!

They hosted a coloring contest and were able to reward the winners (Taylor Moshure, Bailey Lawyer and Nevaeh Scheffner) prizes a week after the event.

(Photo with Nevaeh Scheffner)

[Source](#)

**Clay County** Sheriff's Office participated in "Shop with a Cop" this fall and helped raise nearly \$1600 to benefit local children.

[Source](#)





**Grundy County Sheriff's Office** participated in the Heroes & Helpers Toy Drive, car seat safety check event and helped raise money for crime victims by partnering with Morris Police Department to sell pork chop sandwiches this fall!

[Source](#)

Two Deputies from **Hancock County Sheriff's Office** participated in the Warsaw High School 2021 Helpathon this fall by providing traffic control to keep kids safe while they cleaned up roadsides.

[Source](#)



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## Study: More Americans want more spending on police in their area

Public opinion on police spending has changed a lot since 2020

By Suzie Ziegler (Full [Article](#))

WASHINGTON — The number of Americans who want more money spent on their hometown police departments has grown to 47%, up from 31% in June 2020, according to new data from the Pew Research Center. Likewise, the number of Americans in support of reducing police spending has fallen to 15%, down from 25% in 2020.

According to researchers, the data reflects a change in public attitude amid growing concern about violent crime.

Here are some more notable takeaways from the study:

- 21% of respondents said police funding should be increased a lot, up from 11% in 2020
- Only 6% want police spending decreased by a lot, down from 12% in 2020
- Age was a significant factor; 63% of those 65 and older favor increased police funding
- 61% of adults said violent crime was a big problem in the U.S., up from 41% in 2020

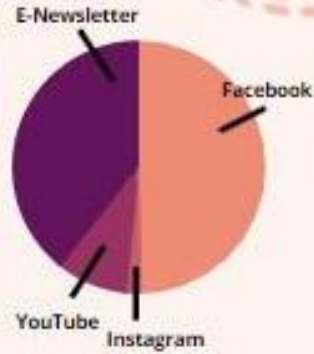
For full survey results, see [here](#).

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# ISA SOCIAL MEDIA

## TOP PLATFORMS

1. Facebook	18,929
2. E-Newsletter	15,016
3. YouTube	3,380
4. Instagram	708



40,000

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20,000

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Instagram

Youtube

E-Newsletter

Facebook

## GROWTH

Platform	1/1/21	11/3/21	%
Instagram	440	708	45.08%
YouTube	0	3,380	
E-Newsletter	8,837	15,016	69.9%
Facebook	12,739	18,929	48.2%



## 2021 Conference Dates:

### Civil Process Training

November 17, 2021  
Crowne Plaza Hotel  
Springfield

## 2022 Conference Dates:

### Sheriff's Winter Training

February 13 - 15, 2022  
Embassy Suites  
East Peoria

### Jail Medical Summit

August 25, 2022

### Sheriff's Summer Training

September 18 - 20, 2022  
Embassy Suites  
East Peoria



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