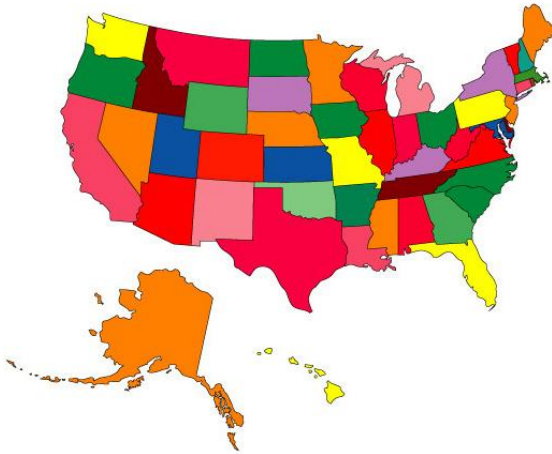




**ILLINOIS SHERIFFS'
ASSOCIATION**



Together We Make A Difference.



ISA: Reaching the Nation

ISA Executive Director, Jim Kaitschuk, spent weeks before and after HB3653 was signed by Governor Pritzker doing interviews on behalf of the ISA and Law Enforcement in Illinois.

Here are a few of the locations across the country reached with our message:

AM 560 The Answer - Chicago, IL
WLS - AM Radio - Chicago, IL
89.9 WWNO - New Orleans, LA
WBUR Radio - Boston, MA
Vermont Public Radio - Burlington, VT
101.9 WDET Radio - Detroit, MI

Connecticut Public Radio WNPR - New Haven, CT
WLRN Radio - Miami, FL
Hawaii Public Radio - Honolulu, HI
WBFO FM Radio - Buffalo, NY
WESA FM Radio - Pittsburgh, PA
WHYY Radio - Pittsburgh, PA
WUSF 89.7 FM - Tampa Bay, FL
KNPR Radio - Las Vegas, NV
KPCC FM Radio - Los Angeles, CA
Mississippi Public Broadcasting - Columbus, MS
WAMY FM Radio - Washington, D.C.
WFLD Fox - Chicago, IL
WBEZ FM Radio - Chicago
FMOX AM Radio - St. Louis, MO

Fox News - Davenport, IA
NBC News - Champaign, IL
CBS News - Peoria, IL
NBC News - Chicago, IL
Fox News - Peoria, IL
Fox News - St. Louis, MO
WRX TV - Rockford, IL
WSIL TV - IL, MO, KY & TN
NPR
New York Times
Rockford Register Star - Rockford, IL
Crime Report - Illinois
The Center Square - Illinois
Lake and McHenry County Scanner - IL
Chicago Tribune
Alton Daily News - Alton, IL

Sheriff Bear Comfort Kits

As you're aware, often times an Illinois police officer is the first to arrive at a shooting, accident or disturbance. Any of these can be traumatizing for a child, especially if their parent is needing assistance. **The Illinois Sheriffs' Association is working to comfort children in your community by providing kits to help make a stressful situation a little easier.**

Sheriff Bear Comfort Kits will be kept inside county police vehicles and officers in your community will be allowed to provide them anytime they feel necessary.

Mental health advocates say giving out stuffed animals can have a calming effect on children and a spokesperson with Social Services says often times a child will shut down after a traumatizing situation. They say giving them a toy or stuffed animal can begin the healing process, enabling them to open up and express their feelings.

Would you like to help provide Sheriff Bear Comfort Kits to children in your county and across the State? Every \$15 that is raised puts one kit in a squad car. Our goal is to obtain 5000 kits for squad cars in Illinois.

If you are an individual or a business interested in collaborating with the Illinois Sheriffs' Association in comforting children in crisis across Illinois, please see below or [CLICK HERE](#) for detailed information.

Although featured partnership levels are listed below, any donation amount is greatly appreciated.



SHERIFF BEAR COMFORT KITS

COMFORTING CHILDREN IN CRISIS






Partner with the ISA and provide for children in your community.

401 E. Washington Street, Suite 1000 - Springfield - Illinois - 62701

The ISA is working to comfort children in these situations by providing kits to help make a stressful situation a little easier.




All donations are tax-deductible.

Sheriff Bear Comfort Kits Include:

- Sheriff Teddy Bear
- Poly Drawstring Bags (Blue)
- Sheriff Coloring Book
- Pack of Crayons

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Featured Partnership Levels



Company Logo on Sheriff Bear (Limit: 5)

Company Logo on Drawstring Bag (Limit: 5)

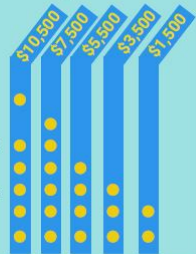
Paid Advertisement through ISA Social Media

Press Release Provided

Partnership Mention in Member E-Newsletter

Recognition in Membership Packets

ISA Official Business Membership w/ Plaque




Details 1/2

- Paid Advertisement through ISA Social Media will be via Facebook & Instagram reaching a minimum of 10,000 individuals in Illinois. \$10,500 + partners receive two (2) paid advertisements in 2021. \$7,500 partners will receive one (1) paid advertisement in 2021.
- Press Release about your organization's partnership with the ISA/Sheriff Bear Comfort Kit Program will be created and provided to your Marketing/HR department.

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How to Get Involved



Interested in helping the ISA provide comfort kits to children in Illinois? Here are 3 ways to get involved:

- Complete enclosed form and mail to: Illinois Sheriffs' Association, 401 W Washington, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701
- Visit our website at www.ILSHERIFF.org, hover over "Membership" and click on "Corporate Partner" to complete form
- Contact Christian Neff, Membership & Marketing Coordinator, at: 217-753-2372 or christan@ilsheriff.org

Details 2/2

- ISA Business Membership includes: (1) Business Wall Plaque, Personalized Business Membership Cards, Star Logo Window Decals & Bumper Stickers and an Annual Subscription to our Illinois Sheriff Newsletter.
- Company Logo on back of Sheriff Bear is limited to the first five (5) organizations to donate \$10,500 or more. Logos on Drawstring Bags are limited to the first five (5) organizations to donate \$7,500 or more.
- *Please note: If your logo is on the Sheriff Bear it is not eligible to be printed on the drawstring bag.

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Join

The 100 Club Challenge this April!



The ISA supports The 100 Club and is thrilled to see the expansion of critical services to the first responder community in Illinois.

In March of 2021, the 100 Club expanded opportunities for 100 Club families, student scholars, and active duty first responders including:

- Family assistance at the time of a line of duty death
- Family and First Responder financial assistance at any time
- Scholar mentorship & training
- 100 Club family events & resiliency programs
- First Responder wellness & resiliency programs
- First Responder Advisory Council for support services
- Statewide liaisons for community support

What is The 100 Club Challenge?

The 100 Club of Illinois challenges first responders, members, families, board members, supporters, anyone who would like to participate to complete a physical challenge of the number 55 in honor of The 100 Club's 55th anniversary on August 27th, 2021. Join the ISA as we help raise awareness about The 100 Club and promote health and wellness.

To participate you must complete 55 of a physical challenge (ex. miles, laps, push-ups, jumping jacks) Once complete, feel free to share a photo or video on your social media and tag the [100 Club](#) & [The Illinois Sheriffs' Association!](#)

You can also send your challenge photo or video to christan@ilsheriff.org.

Editorial: Attacking Qualified Immunity

Link to Original Article [HERE](#)



The concept of qualified immunity was established as a shield against liability for government officials—

including law enforcement officers—who unknowingly violate someone’s civil rights. It was created to reduce the number of unwarranted lawsuits faced by government employees. It is not, despite the claims of those who wish to eliminate it, a shield against all lawsuits involving excessive force, illegal searches, and the other actions that get officers sued.

The keyword in qualified immunity is “qualified.” There’s a two-part test for whether an officer’s action qualifies for immunity. One: There has to be some form of constitutional violation involved in the case. Two: If the violation occurred, then the official has to have violated a clearly established right.

That second part of the test is what makes anti-police activists angry. They believe you should be held personally liable for any action you take that violates someone’s civil rights, regardless of whether you violated clearly established law.

One, it’s important to remember that qualified immunity is decided by judges. It’s not automatic.

And it’s absolute hypocrisy that many of the people who are most vocal about wanting to end your qualified immunity protection are protected by even stronger shields. The journalists who write editorials calling for the end of qualified immunity have the cover of “absence of malice,” which essentially shields them from libel lawsuits over false reports, even if the reports cause harm, if they didn’t recklessly disregard the truth or intentionally harm the subject.

Then there’s judges. They have a great shield called “absolute immunity.” See the difference between your shield and theirs. They don’t have to qualify. They just have immunity, as long as they are being sued for some action they took in the scope of their official duties.

There have been attempts to include abolition of qualified immunity in a number of “police reform” bills, even at the national level. Most of these bills have failed. Unfortunately, that didn’t happen last year in Colorado. The Centennial State is currently the only one of the 50 that no longer allows law enforcement to seek qualified immunity in state lawsuits. Note: Colorado-based officers still can qualify for immunity in federal civil rights cases.

Maybe not for long. There is a growing movement to abolish qualified immunity at the federal level. The Campaign to End Qualified Immunity is promoted by rappers, activists, athletes, and businesses. It has become a mission for ice cream magnates and anti-police gadflies Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield. Cohen calls qualified immunity “a get-out-of-jail free card for bad cops.”

Many of you have responded to Ben & Jerry’s attack on qualified immunity saying that you were already boycotting their products or that you plan to boycott them now. But I’ve got sad news for you. No boycott of Ben & Jerry’s will hurt these guys. They are both worth an estimated \$150 million, and their money is not all derived from dairy treats. It’s likely a lot of Unilever stock. The massive British-Dutch multinational bought Ben & Jerry’s in 2000, and it allows the co-founders to continue their political activities in the name of the brand. You could boycott Unilever and its dozens of consumer brands, including Breyers, Hellmans/Best Foods, Dove soap, Q-Tips, and the list just goes on and on. But trying to boycott a company like Unilever is like trying to hold back the ocean.

So what can you do to fight back? You can learn more about qualified immunity and combat the anti-police propaganda. You can also contact your unions and make sure they are fighting state and national legislation. And you can write e-mails to your elected representatives explaining to them the importance of qualified immunity in letting you do your job.

You need to let people know what could happen if qualified immunity is abolished. Here’s the basic prediction. Officers would be less likely to take action for fear of being sued. Agencies will find it harder to recruit sworn personnel—and it’s about as hard as its ever been right now. Officers or their agencies will have to buy personal liability insurance. Taxpayers will have to pay off many more nuisance lawsuits. And the only people who will benefit will be plaintiff’s attorneys.

The National Fraternal Order of Police introduces video about Qualified Immunity:



MAGENTA FIRST RESPONDER PLANS



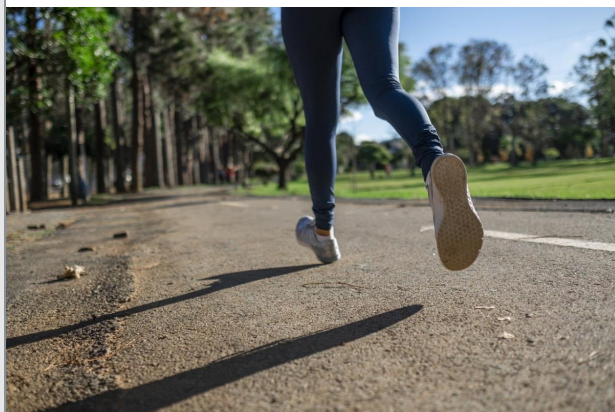
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T-Mobile is partnering with the Illinois Sheriffs' Association and offering incredible plans for first responders in Illinois! Want to learn more? Call T-Mobile Work Perks at 855-570-9947 or click <https://t-mo.co/3f94i2C> to start saving today.



Mark Your Calendars: ISA 5K Coming This Fall

Prepare to come wearing blue for the first annual We Run Blue 5K + 1 mile fun run/walk! We will have a children's area, vendors and Rochester, IL will be



2021 Upcoming Events:

Jail Medical Summit
August 26, 2021
Peoria

Sheriffs Summer Training Conference
September 19-21, 2021

hosting their Fall Festival on this day, as well. The ISA 5K will be held on Saturday, October 23rd, 2021 at Rochester Community Park. Want to avoid the crowd? Sign up to run virtually! More details in coming months. Follow our [We Run Blue](#) page on Facebook!

East Peoria

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

Administrative Assistant Conference
October 21-22, 2021
Springfield

Bad Apples in Policing Accountability Act

Rep. Curtis Tarver's HB1727, Bad Apples in Policing Accountability Act was voted out of the Restorative Justice Committee yesterday by a vote of 4-2. The bill would subject officers to State Civil litigation and eliminate qualified immunity for officers. This bill would have devastating impacts on policing in Illinois.



Why the Change?

You may recall that this was one of the items that was originally included in the discussion during the lame duck session in January. As you know, the ink hasn't even dried yet from these changes.



Eliminating Qualified Immunity

HB 1727 Provides that qualified immunity is not a defense to liability under this provision. Allows attorney's fees and costs to be awarded to the plaintiff.



Reviewing Qualified Immunity:

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.



Double Standard?

Other public officials including, but not limited to: judges, state's attorney and legislators are provided ABSOLUTE immunity which is not subject to the parameters described above, yet HB 1727 takes QUALIFIED Immunity away from Law Enforcement.

Want to wear your support for Law Enforcement?

Check out [Boutique Obsessed](#) & [The Treadery](#)!



A Special "Thank You!"

Thank you to the [Clay County Sheriff's Office](#) & [Stanford Marketing](#) for donating the proceeds from their t-shirt fundraiser to the Illinois Sheriffs' Association!



What's Happening in Illinois?

The ISA is keeping our community informed on important news, events & legislation being introduced in the IL General Assembly. For these updates, please follow us on one or more of our social media platforms:



Parade & Ceremony: Saturday, May 22nd

BACK THE BLUE PARADE AND CEREMONY SATURDAY, MAY 22nd



PARADE STARTING POINT:

Chi-Town Harley Davidson

17801 S. LaGrange Road • Tinley Park, IL

Police escort down Interstate 80! We will have groups join our parade from every exit down Interstate 80 from Tinley Park to Psycho Silo Saloon. We ask that you gather a group and join in. SHOW YOUR SUPPORT! Be as loud as you want - lights, sirens, flags ... anything to stand out!

— WE STAND AGAINST HB3653 —

CEREMONY:

Psycho Silo Saloon • Langley, IL

Ceremony at 3:00 pm. We will be honoring a special officer. All profits from t-shirt sales will be donated to the hero officer!

ANY AND ALL VEHICLES ARE WELCOME.

**YOUR SUPPORT IS IMPORTANT
TO OUR BOYS IN BLUE!**

Let's make a statement! We Back the Blue!

For more information, email: music@psychosilo.com

Legislative Updates

HB 2743 - Sponsor: La Shawn K. Ford

Amends the Unified Code of Corrections relating to certificates of expungement for Class 3 and 4 felonies. Eliminates the requirement that a certificate of expungement may only be issued to a person who has served in the United States Armed Forces or National Guard of this or any other state and had received an honorable discharge from the United States Armed Forces or National Guard or who at the time of filing the petition is enlisted in the United States Armed Forces or National Guard of this or any other state and served one tour of duty and who meets the requirements of this provision. Expands the offenses ineligible for a certificate of expungement to include offenses involving domestic violence as defined in the Protective Orders Article of the

Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963, including aggravated assault, aggravated battery, violation of an order of protection, domestic battery, or aggravated domestic battery. Amends the Criminal Identification Act. Provides that notwithstanding the eligibility requirements of the expungement provisions, upon the issuance of a certificate of expungement by the Prisoner Review Board under the Unified Code of Corrections, the circuit court shall automatically expunge all records of arrests or charges not initiated by arrest and all court records that resulted in the conviction for the Class 3 or Class 4 felony listed in the certificate of expungement. [LINK](#)

HB 3447 - Sponsors: Carol Ammons, Justin Slaughter, Kelly M Cassidy, Will Guzzardi, Maurice A. West, II, Anna Moeller, William Davis, Robyn Gabel, Barbara Hernandez, Edgar Gonzalez, Jr., Delia C. Ramirez, Anne Stava-Murray and Mark L. Walker

Amends the Criminal Identification Act. Provides that a petitioner may petition the circuit court to expunge the records of his or her arrests and charges not initiated by arrest when each arrest or charge not initiated by arrest sought to be expunged resulted in: (1) an order of misdemeanor diversion under the Unified Code of Corrections, and the diversion program was successfully completed by the petitioner; or (2) a conviction for possession of certain specified amounts of a controlled substance; (3) a conviction for possessing less than 5 grams of methamphetamine; or (4) a conviction where the statutory penalty changed as a result of a resentencing hearing under the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963. Amends the Illinois Controlled Substances Act. Changes the penalties for the manufacture, delivery, or possession with intent to manufacture or deliver, or possession of a controlled substance. Amends the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act. Changes the penalties for methamphetamine delivery or possession. Amends the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963. Provides that a person serving a sentence, including a sentence of probation, for an offense for which the statutory penalty has been subsequently reduced under the amendatory Act to petition the trial court that entered the judgment of conviction to request resentencing in accordance with the statutory penalty in effect at the time of the filing of the petition. Amends the Unified Code of Corrections to create a Misdemeanor Diversion Program. [LINK](#)

Please click [HERE](#) to see other bills being tracked by the ISA.