



ILLINOIS SHERIFFS'  
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# NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

MAY 9 - 15

**Respect. Honor. Remember.**



## Join us on May 6th: *Honor the Fallen*

Illinois Peace Officer Memorial, Springfield

- 6:30 am – Squad car motorcade lineup at the fairgrounds
- 8:30 am – Squad motorcade departs the fairgrounds
- 9:30 am – Church service, 524 E Lawrence Ave, Springfield, IL 62703
- 11:00 am – West lawn campus, 301 S 2nd St, Springfield, IL 62703

## Wave your Flag

Proudly display your Thin Blue Line Flag to show support for police officers in their fight for justice, freedom & safety.

Where to purchase: <https://www.ilsheriff.org/solidarity-package/>

"We Stand With Illinois Law Enforcement" Solidarity Kit includes (\$20):

- (1) Thin Blue Line Flag, 3x5
- (1) Thin Blue Line Bracelet
- (1) Special Edition Decal
- (5) Thin Blue Line Postcards

## Virtual Events

- May 9 - 14: Officer Safety & Wellness Product Showcase
- May 10: Built for Blue Art Installation Unveiling
- May 11: Suicide Prevention Program
- May 12: Hall of Remembrance 2021 Installation
- May 13: Police Unity Tour Ceremony & Candlelight Vigil

For more information or to attend Virtual Events, please visit:  
<https://nleomf.org/programs-events/national-police-week>

## Light it Blue

Purchase a Blue Light & place outside your home or business to recognize Police Officers who have died in the line of duty. By displaying your blue light(s) you send a message that you support America's Peacekeepers.

Where to Purchase: Ace Hardware or local hardware store

Illinois Sheriffs' Association  
401 E. Washington, Suite 1000  
Springfield, IL 62704  
[www.ilsheriff.org](http://www.ilsheriff.org)

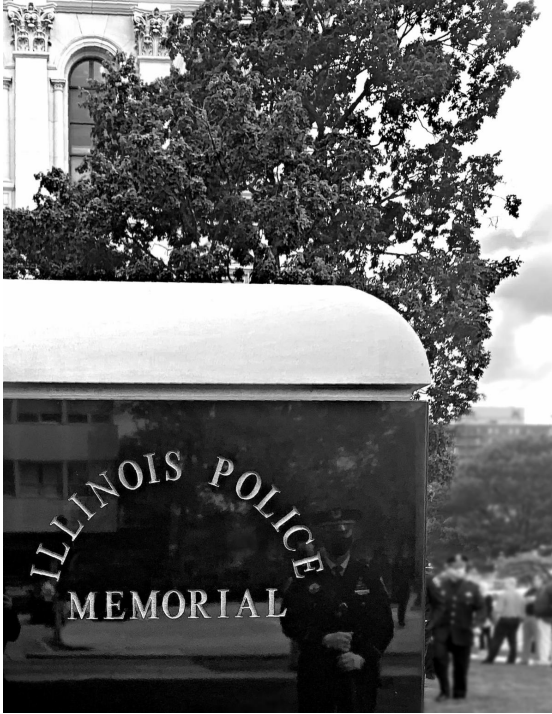


# Honoring Our Fallen

Article From: Capitol News Illinois

After a delay due to the COVID-19 pandemic last year, members of Illinois' law enforcement community gathered in Springfield Thursday to honor officers killed in the line of duty in 2019 and 2020.

In a ceremony at the Illinois State Capitol, the names of 16 Illinois officers killed in the line of duty over the past two years, as well as six historic honorees, were read and added to the Illinois Police Officers Memorial on the Capitol grounds. Speaking during the ceremony, Gloria Bodnar, member of the Illinois Police Officers Memorial Committee, expressed gratitude to the ongoing struggles police officers face on a day-to-day basis. She said names etched on the memorial walls would be remembered by friends and loved ones forever. Her husband, William Bodnar Jr., was killed in duty in 1974 and his name appears on the wall.



"It's not how these officers died that made them heroes, it's how they lived. We are here today to honor their life, their service and their stories," Bodnar said. "This memorial stands as a symbol that is dedicated to the men and women killed in the line of duty whose names are now etched in stone."

"We will say their names today. And we will remember their lives, and we will appreciate their service, and honor their sacrifice. Because that's what we can do," she added.

State Treasurer Michael Frerichs also spoke at the ceremony, offering his gratitude to the service of Illinois police officers and condolences to the families.

"It's been a difficult year, but not nearly as difficult as what these families experience every day, knowing their loved ones aren't coming home again," Frerichs said.

Frerichs echoed words from President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, saying that the honored officers "shall not have died in vain."

"Today we are here, as we should be, to mourn those who have died so that we may live in peace," he said.

Ron Watkins, son of David Watkins, former President of the Illinois Police Officers Memorial Committee who helped organize the construction of the memorial, said the memorial stands as a powerful testament to officers who have lost their lives.

"This is really here for the surviving families. It's for them, and a memory for those officers," Watkins said.

Following remarks from speakers, memorial plaques were presented to the families and colleagues of each of the 16 officers added to the memorial wall.



## 2021 HONOREES' NAMES

Officer Marco Di Franco  
Chicago Police Department  
E.O.W. 04-02-2020

Sergeant Clifford Martin Sr.  
Chicago Police Department  
E.O.W. 04-10-2020

Chief Terrence Allen Engle  
Hampton Police Department  
E.O.W. 04-11-2020

Officer Ronald Newman  
Chicago Police Department  
E.O.W. 04-17-2020

Correctional Officer Sheila Rivera  
Cook County Sheriff's Office  
E.O.W. 04-19-2020

## 2020 CURRENT HONOREES' NAMES

Trooper First Class Christopher Lambert  
Illinois State Police  
E.O.W. 01-12-2019

Deputy Sheriff Jacob Keltner  
McHenry County Sheriff's Office  
E.O.W. 03-07-2019

Trooper First Class Brooke Jones-Story  
Illinois State Police  
E.O.W. 03-28-2019

Trooper First Class Gerald Ellis  
Illinois State Police  
E.O.W. 03-30-2019

Deputy Sheriff Troy Chisum  
Fulton County Sheriff's Office  
E.O.W. 06-25-2019

Trooper First Class Nicholas Hopkins  
Illinois State Police  
E.O.W. 08-23-2019

## 2021 HISTORIC HONOREES' NAMES

Assistant City Marshall Herbert Bronson  
Charleston Police Department  
E.O.W. 05-16-1874

City Marshall John Logan  
Lewis Police Department  
E.O.W. 07-05-1887

Deputy Clarence Lanham  
McLean County Sheriff's Office  
E.O.W. 07-27-1967

*Article by: Tim Kirsinnkas  
Capitol News Illinois  
May 6, 2021  
Find original article [HERE](#)*

## 2020 HISTORIC HONOREES' NAMES

Officer Joseph Hood  
Savana Police Department  
E.O.W. 12-29-1929

Officer Bert Plattenberger  
Savanna Police Department  
E.O.W. 10-11-1945

Officer Owen Masterton  
Glenview Police Department  
E.O.W. 12-06-2014



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## Behind the Badge: Part 1

The Illinois Sheriffs' Association is 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.

You can view the first Behind the Badge interview, featuring Sheriff Roger Scott of DeKalb County, by clicking the below image.





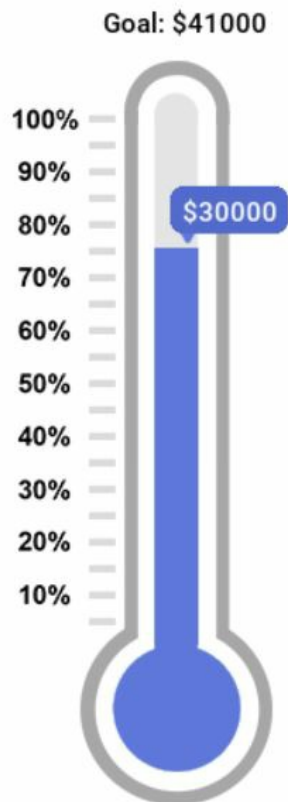
# MEET SHERIFF SCOTT

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## GOOD NEWS!

Thanks so you, we have raised \$30,000 for our Sheriff Bear Comfort Kit Program!



We are asking if you will please continue to spread the word amongst individuals & businesses you believe would be interested in helping us raise the remaining \$11,000 we need to purchase 5,000 Sheriff Bear Kits. This will fill every, single request we've received thus far for kits all across Illinois!

To share, please use the following link: <https://www.flipsnack.com/C5AEC8CC5A8/sheriff-bear-comfort-kit-brochure.html>

# May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Mental health and substance misuse affect so many of us, especially as we're now more than a year into a global pandemic, but there are things we all can do to help address these issues in our communities.

**Working together to reduce stigma and share resources.**

#MentalHealthAwarenessMonth



May is Mental Health Awareness Month - an important opportunity to share resources to help address mental illness, identify warning signs of substance misuse, and prevent addiction.

RALI Illinois is working with our local partners to help end the opioid crisis in Illinois. This month, and every month, we encourage you to reach out to loved ones who may be struggling during these challenging times and recommit to the fight against substance misuse to ensure healthier, happier communities across the state and country.

For more information and resources, visit [rali-il.org](http://rali-il.org) and help raise awareness on social media using #MHAM.

## Did You Know?

### Download our app today!

Search: Champaign Sheriff IL



**Did you know that multiple Sheriff's Offices have their own apps? Here is a listing of apps you can download for free today on Apple or Android:**

Illinois Sheriffs' Association  
Champaign County  
Douglas County  
DuPage County  
Jefferson County  
Jersey County (Coming Soon)  
Kane County  
Kankakee County  
Kendall County  
Lake County  
Macon  
Ogle County  
Tazewell County  
Will County

**Here is a listing of additional apps created for Illinois Public Awareness in select counties:**

Clark County IL Health Department (Coming Soon)  
Crawford County IL Health Department  
Grundy County IL EMA  
McHenry County IL EMA  
Kane County IL Health Department  
Lawrence County IL Health Department  
Morgan County IL EMA

## "Right now, we need to be reminded of hopeful things."



Article from [The Rural Badge](#)

A police wife I've known for a long time asked me to pass along this story. She said, "Right now, we need to be reminded of hopeful things", and she was right.

She said, "My husband left law enforcement after an officer-involved shooting with some really nasty small-town fallout.

He went back to school.

I went back to work.

My parents helped us keep our house, and keep our toddler son safe and loved while we were in a messy transition. Faith helped us keep our sanity.

Eventually we settled in to a self-employed life, running an investigations business from our home. Once he built a full time caseload we made a nice living, and it felt like we'd started over, finally.

Then 9/11 happened.

By 2003, the recession it sparked caught up with us. The contract work that paid our bills dried up like a creek during drought- slowly and then all at once, leaving nothing behind but cracked mud, and want.

After working in the family business for years, I found an outside job to fill the gap but it wasn't enough. Small towns are hard job markets.

His job search dragged out for months, and the savings we'd built so carefully dwindled, nibbled away by rats in the mailbox named Mortgage, Car Repair and Power.

It was frightening. The options were daunting, and few. It turns out that criminal investigations is a pretty particular skill set, no matter what side of the bar you're standing on. Finally he decided the only realistic option was to renew his POST certificate (which required attending an academy two hundred miles away, at our expense), and look for work as a cop once more.

Before he left, a card arrived in the mail. It was from his brother, with whom we weren't terribly close, and there was a note inside with some gift cards. There were cards for groceries and for gas, and for Walmart, where you can buy anything.

The note said, 'We have been praying for you, and God told us to send these. We love you.'

We were grateful and we were embarrassed.

My husband's pride was stung. We were still paying our bills. "We don't need those," he said. "Let's keep them for now. When we know we're back on our feet, we can give them to someone who does need them," I said. I put them in my wallet and forgot about them.

He finished the re-certification academy and found a small department in the mountains where the boss was willing to take a chance on a guy who'd been out of the game for years. I stayed behind to keep working while our house was on the market.

Houses sell slowly in the winter.

He grew familiar with the weekend commute over a 5000-foot pass; my son and I finally figured out how to achieve detente.

Dad had always been the buffer. I was the one who lost my temper with 11 year old sass and shenanigans.

He thrived at the new department; he had a good boss, and police work was like riding a bicycle. He was good at it before, and he was good at it still. It felt good to have hope, and set down the burden of anxiety we'd been carrying for more than a year.

Five months in, I got a phone call at 12:33 a.m. from an emergency medicine doctor at a tiny hospital. My healthy, strong husband was suddenly, critically ill. He was 100 miles away and it was snowing. The helicopters were grounded by weather, so they would keep him stable and transport him to the Big Hospital by ground ambulance in the morning.

I spent the rest of the night awake, packing and suppressing panic. When the sun rose, I woke my sixth-grader and we made the icy drive over interstate, through the canyons into the wide valley where my husband spent the next ten days in the hospital.

Illness and injury are nightmares when you're self-employed. That fear still dogged my mind.

This new job was too new for any usable number of sick days. In fact, he was still on probation and I understood that the department could let him go for any reason or none. Being the new guy and not working for...I don't know, the foreseeable future, seemed like a pretty big reason.

I shoved those thoughts aside, and stuffed worries about loss of income- his, and mine. The Family Medical Leave Act protected my position, but it doesn't pay anything.

He was alive. If he recovered, we'd worry about it later. If he recovered, I wouldn't care.

I had no power, but in that situation who does?

I couldn't make him well.

No one has a budget category for *Loved One Suddenly Ill a Hundred Miles from Home*.

I did have a key though, to my parents' house in the same city where my husband was hospitalized. They were traveling out of state, but there were warm safe beds for my son and me, a stocked kitchen and a washer and dryer.

And soon I had a phone call from his new boss, letting me know that every employee in his tiny county-- all 19 of them-- had donated time to a catastrophic leave bank for the New Guy. He promised me that there would be a light duty position ready for my husband when he was discharged, even if he had to invent one.

And in my wallet were gift cards, for gas and for groceries and for WalMart, where you can buy anything.

I had forgotten about them, those cards we didn't need- but the God Who Provides had not. He sees the end from the beginning, and the word He spoke to a brother we rarely see was perfectly timely.

We just didn't know it, then.

My husband did recover, and return to work. He grew in skill and wisdom, and supported that great boss through his own fatal illness just a few years later.

Then he led the little department himself and made it safely to a healthy retirement. It was a path we could not have foreseen and maybe we wouldn't have chosen but then, we weren't in charge.

If you have no power to fix the problem before you, then it's not your problem. It's too big for you.

Give it over to The One Who Is Bigger Than Yourself and let go of it, even if you have to keep doing it

again every ten minutes.

You can't add a single minute to your life by worrying, and He never intended you to try.

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## Lawmaker asks residents to send thank you cards to police

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (WICS/WRSP) — An Illinois lawmaker wants residents to show their support for law enforcement during National Police Week.

Senator Dan McConchie, R-Hawthorn Woods, is calling it his “Appreciation for your Dedication” Card Drive.

McConchie is asking residents to create handwritten notes or cards with encouraging and uplifting messages to be sent to law enforcement officials.

“National Police Week is a great time to show our support and encouragement to our law enforcement professionals,” Sen. McConchie said. “I hope my constituents join me in sending a heart-felt thank you to those who serve and protect our communities with honor.”

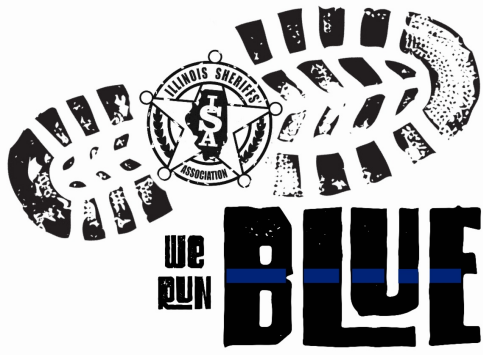
Original article [HERE](#)

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If you would like to participate and send a note of encouragement to Law Enforcement, you can find names and addresses of Sheriffs, Chief Deputies and Jail Administrators on our website at:

<https://www.ilsheriff.org/sheriffs-directory/>





### ISA 5K - Now Accepting Vendors

The ISA 5K will be held on Saturday, October 23rd, 2021 at Rochester Community Park (right outside of Springfield, IL).

Interested in being a vendor? Click [HERE](#) to fill out an application!



### 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

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## Congratulations to ISA Scholarship Recipients!



As many of you are aware, a portion of the ISA membership fees paid annually go toward Youth Programs such as providing scholarships for all 102 Illinois Counties. Thanks to your generosity, the following students were awarded ISA College Scholarships for the 2021-2022 school year!

We are proud of each recipient and congratulations to each and every one of you all on your accomplishments.

Please check your local county's Facebook page as many counties are posting photos and additional information on their award winners!

Adams - Lauren Gille  
Alexander - LaTayvia Little  
Bond - Blake Harnetiaux  
Boone - Jack Riley  
Brown - Sadee Kassing  
Bureau - Kennedy Keegan  
Bureau - Audrey Lopez

Logan - Garrett Fitzpatrick  
Macon - Michael Pundt  
Macoupin - Hailey Odorizzi  
Macoupin - Ashley Odorizzi  
Madison - Jasmine Finley  
Madison - Bailey Isom  
Marion - Claire Skillette

Carroll - Briar Nevills  
Cass - Benjamin Krause  
Champaign - Reese Hogan  
Christian - Shawn Goebel  
Clay - Grace Herman  
Clinton - Audrey Schlaw  
Coles - Melia Eskew  
Cook - Jessica Marszalek  
Cook - Joanna Kryszka  
Cook - Yasmin Conde  
Cook - Ann Duong  
Crawford - Destanee Liston  
Cumberland - Olivia Pruemer  
DeKalb - Maria Muleya  
DeKalb - Bennett Franson  
DeWitt - Lydia Taylor  
Douglas - Ella Hopkins  
DuPage - Bridget Rodgers  
DuPage - Lydia Rennie  
Edgar - Whitney Todd  
Edwards - James Krouse  
Effingham - Ethan Weidner  
Fayette - Cameron Withers  
Franklin - Robert Wyatt McClintock  
Fulton - Kaedi Windsor  
Gallatin - Tyler Newton  
Greene - Layna Mullink  
Grundy - Isabella Burkhardt  
Hamilton - Kaylee Stewart  
Hancock - Dane Pfeiferling  
Hardin - Emma Mott  
Henderson - Spencer Jack  
Henry - Madeline Possin  
Iroquois - Alexis Vogel  
Jackson - Katherine Schwartz  
Jackson - Madison Purdom  
Jackson - Chloe Barnes  
Jackson - Amanda Rowland  
Jefferson - Brendan Parks  
Jersey - Mackenzie Behrends  
Jo Daviess - Livia Haas  
Kane - Sameera Sanders  
Kane - Alexis Nguyen  
Kankakee - Sydney Kane  
Kankakee - Jaret Holt  
Kendall - Hayley Evernden  
Knox - Katelyn Engel  
Lake - Evan Meister  
Lake - Kayla Vines  
LaSalle - Lana Krohe  
Lee - Nicholas Tarr  
Livingston - Audrey Jenkins

Marshall - Brandon Collins  
Mason - Reese Markley  
Massac - Autumn Jeffords  
McDonough - Abbey Donaldson  
McHenry - Anna Karcz  
McLean - Madelyn Ryan  
Menard - Rachel Schlueter  
Mercer - Brynn Bergen  
Monroe - Megan Vogt  
Montgomery - Katelyn Komor-Sies  
Morgan - Johathan Mastin  
Moultrie - Hannah Elzy  
Ogle - Adam Glendenning  
Peoria - Olivia Maurer  
Peoria - Taryn Steidinger  
Perry - Olivia Asbury  
Perry - Olivia Chapman  
Piatt - Joseph Wenke  
Pike - Abby Springer  
Pope - Remington Curry  
Pulaski - Zander Kaufman  
Putnam - Emma Edens  
Randolph - Allison Rheinecker  
Richland - Austin Nuttall  
Rock Island - Calli Godwin  
Saline - Alexis Mitchell  
Sangamon - Devyn Heard  
Sangamon - William Cummings  
Sangamon - Evan Sembell  
Schuyler - Kayde Shaw  
Scott - Madison De Jaynes  
Shelby - Kaitlin Arthur  
St. Clair - Kaden Bouse  
Stark - Matthew McCauley  
Stephenson - Teegan Leverton  
Tazewell - Lucy Waid  
Union - Kennedie Marks  
Vermilion - Xitlally Bonilla  
Wabash - Alexandria Archer  
Warren - Emma Colbrese  
Washington - Alexandra Johannes  
Wayne - Kylie Stewart  
White - Payton Howard  
Whiteside - Kennedi Oltmans  
Will - Jordan McCully  
Will - Helene Simmons  
Will - Natalie Carroll  
Williamson - Brehnn Huddleston  
Winnebago - Emily Riley  
Winnebago - Annah Dulaney  
Woodford - Rebecca Orns

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## Legislative Updates

**HB 111** - Changes the juvenile age from 18 to 19 and then 20 (Link to Full Bill [HERE](#))

**HB 3447** - Reclassifies penalties from felony to misdemeanor for possession of controlled substances (Link to Full Bill [HERE](#))

**HB 3767** - Changes the age that a juvenile may be detained from age 10 to 13 regardless of the crime over a 2 year period (Link to Full Bill [HERE](#))

**SB 667** - Significantly expands the Trust Act and restricts Illinois law enforcement to interact with federal law enforcement on any immigration issue (Link to Full Bill [HERE](#))

**SB 2122** - Limits law enforcement's use of deception in interrogation of Juveniles (Link to Full Bill [HERE](#))

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