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## **ISA 5K & FALL FESTIVAL**



Thank you to everyone who made our first ISA 5K/Fall Festival Event a 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 curtesy 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 our sponsors for this year's event:

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# Thanksgiving Safety

The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving. Kids love to be involved in holiday preparations. Safety in the kitchen is important, especially on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home.

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

## Did you know?



Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment.

**Have activities** that keep **kids out of the kitchen** during this busy time. Games, puzzles or books can keep them busy. Kids can get involved in Thanksgiving preparations with recipes that can be done **outside** the kitchen.



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## Policing in America during Thanksgiving Weekend

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# IF YOU'RE ON DUTY TODAY



For police officers, Thanksgiving can be a pretty busy time — beginning early in the morning on the Wednesday before the big feast. Many departments have programs through which officers deliver food to homeless shelters and food kitchens. Citizens volunteer to help the police pack bags full of canned foods and other essential Thanksgiving items, and load up the trunks of the squad cars with the donations.

This may be the very best part of the weekend for many cops — whose sense of service runs deep and whose desire to help people drove them to become a police officer in the first place.

The feeling of joy one gets in acts of kindness will serve those officers well, because by the time Wednesday afternoon arrives, the long weekend of real police work has begun.

As all of those people hit the roads across the country, the sheer volume of cars on the freeways skyrockets, and with that increase in the number of cars comes the prospect of an uptick in traffic collisions. Depending on where you patrol, weather and road conditions could amplify this problem. If you are working a collision, wear your reflective vest and keep your head on a swivel — we don't want any struck-by Line of Duty Deaths.

Wednesday evening rolls around and transplanted friends and relatives returning "home" from where they presently reside frequently get dinner at a restaurant (who wants to cook a big meal two days in a row?) and head to the local watering holes to catch up over a few drinks.

Herein lies problem number two: the Thanksgiving holiday weekend frequently outpaces other holidays in the number of DUI traffic collisions. Many agencies publicize that they will be conducting DUI enforcement, and still, drunks decide (stupidly) to endanger themselves and others by getting behind the wheel. Brush up on your Standard Field Sobriety Testing skills and keep those drunks off the roads.

Thursday morning is generally quiet, with annual "turkey bowl" football games played by men who long outgrew their athletic abilities they cherished in high school. Twisted ankles and other injuries keep our EMS partners busy, but for the cops, a respite until about noon. In the cities and towns that have a Thanksgiving Day parade, police will stand guard to ensure that the festivities proceed without incident.

In the early afternoon, as the Turkey roasts in the oven and the NFL games get underway, the combination of alcohol and emotion again can cause problems. The number of domestic violence calls on Thanksgiving Day frequently rise, as drunken uncles who differ on anything from the teams on television to the recent presidential election needlessly come to blows in the living room. Some confrontations can turn deadly, promoting serious criminal interdiction and the involvement of homicide investigators. It's sad to say, but it's true.

By late Thursday afternoon, police may have had more than one opportunity to work with first responders from other disciplines. They may be called to assist during a medical emergency being handled by fire and/or EMS. They may also be called to aid those same responders in dealing with a house fire started in an oven in the kitchen or the deep fryer in the garage.

After sundown and moving into the nighttime hours, officers brace for the dreaded “Black Friday” shopping routine. With many stores now opening at the stroke of midnight with the promise of “door buster” deals, the potential for mobs getting out of hand is a very real thing. People get hurt as fists fly over who gets the last big-screen television on the shelves. Charges are filed and reports are taken. This means a copious amount of paperwork lays ahead (yay!).

The bedlam of “Black Friday” continues in earnest all day with millions of people flooding the malls and the big box stores. One of the things that police must be most concerned about is the possibility of an attack on these soft targets. Whether at the hand of a deranged man seeking to get the “high score” in a long list of rapid mass-murder incidents, or an ISIS-inspired terrorist attack by one or more radical Islamist jihadis, cops need to be on their toes and ready for anything.

For the remainder of the weekend, it’s really much of the same — lather, rinse, repeat. The DUIs and DVs continue throughout Saturday and Sunday. Officers working the airports, train stations, and other major transportation hubs will be on high alert as the throngs make their way back home. According to the trade group Airlines for America, more than 27 million people will fly during the holiday weekend — cops have overwatch for their safety and security.

Through it all and no matter what your shift or assignment, officer safety will be paramount. Cops out there on the roads need to watch their six and the six of their fellow-officers. Even if no backup call is made, do everything in your power to be that backup officer for whatever call comes in, no matter how trivial it may sound on the radio. Inspect your long gun, your less lethal tools, and be sure you have your self-care/buddy care kit strapped to your ankle.

In closing, it is important for us all to remember that even in these trying times, there is a lot to be thankful for. What are you thankful for? I’ll start: “I’m thankful that American law enforcement officers are out there 24/7/365, serving their communities and keeping our country safe.”

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## **Behind the Badge: Part 7** **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).



MEET SHERIFF  
DAVID SNYDERS  
*Stephenson* COUNTY



# Illinois Sheriff's Offices: Serving & Protecting



## Jefferson County

*Oct 26, 2021* An inmate attacked a correctional officer at the Jefferson County Courthouse on Tuesday, October 26, according to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.

On Friday, October 29, Illinois State Police released surveillance video of the attack.

According to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, the correctional officer was transporting an inmate to court just before 1 p.m. for a jury trial.

The inmate was identified as 55-year-old Frederick Goss.

While in the sally port in the courthouse basement, investigators say Goss was unhandcuffed by the correctional officer because he was supposed to appear before the jury unrestrained. After the handcuffs were removed, they say Goss was transferred from the transport vehicle into a wheelchair.

According to Illinois State Police, he then grabbed the correctional officer's sidearm and after a struggle, disarmed the correctional officer. During the continued struggle for the gun, a round was discharged. A deputy inside the courthouse witnessed the attack on the courthouse video surveillance system and rushed to the sally port located in the basement.

The deputy then confronted the armed inmate.

According to the sheriff's office, the deputy was forced to fire his gun to protect himself and the correctional officer.

The inmate was injured from the gunfire. He was taken to a local hospital and then to a St. Louis hospital for treatment. The condition of the inmate is unknown at this time.

The deputy was not hurt, but he was checked out at a local medical facility and then released. The correctional officer that was attacked suffered minor injuries that were treated at a nearby hospital and later released.

According to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Illinois State Police was contacted to investigate the officer-involved shooting and circumstances surrounding the attempted escape. According to the sheriff's office, they will be running a side-by-side workforce investigation along side the ISP investigation.

In a released statement, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office said: "While we do not condone the actions of the inmate in the slightest, our prayers go out to the family as they handle this difficult news."

[Source](#)

## Grundy County

*Oct 7th, 2021* A deputy with the Grundy County Sheriff's Department was said to be in "good spirits" Thursday after a bulletproof vest stopped multiple bullets that were fired at him during a pursuit-turned-shooting, authorities said.

At approximately 5:10 p.m., the deputy tried to conduct a traffic stop near the town of Mazon, approximately 8 miles south of Morris, but the driver in question refused to pull over and led police on a

pursuit.

After jumping out of his vehicle, the deputy chased the suspect for several blocks, Grundy County Sheriff Ken Briley said. At one point, the deputy got within an "arms length or two" of the suspect. Moments later, the individual turned with a handgun, fired shots at the deputy, striking him three times, police said.

The deputy sustained one gunshot wound to the forearm, which resulted in a muscle injuries. He was shot a second time in the chest, and a third time in the back, but those bullets were stopped by his bulletproof vest, authorities said.

The deputy was said to be in "very good shape" Thursday evening.

"We're very, very lucky that the ballistic vest stopped those two bullets," Briley said.

The suspect was apprehended following a standoff at an apartment complex, authorities said. He advised negotiators that he had been shot, but authorities said it wasn't immediately clear if the deputy opened fire.

The shooting investigation is being led by the Illinois State Police.

[Source](#)

## **LaSalle County**

*Oct 27th, 2021* An Ottawa man has been charged with two counts of possession of child pornography Wednesday.

LaSalle County Sheriff Adam Diss said an investigation into 29-year-old Zachary P. Stolz led to police executing a search warrant at Stolz's place of residence, located at 1560 N. 30th Rd. Stolz is currently being held at the LaSalle County Jail.

His bond has been set at \$150,000.

[Source](#)

## **Cook County**

*Oct 26th, 2021* A child and a man were safely recovered and taken to a local hospital for evaluation after a barricade situation at a home in unincorporated Lemont Township, the Cook County Sheriff's Office said.

The Sheriff's office had first responded at 9:14 a.m. Tuesday to Oak Avenue off of Walker Road. At 5:50 p.m., members of the Sheriff's police hostage barricade team entered the home and were able to safely recover the man and child.

There were no injuries, and no other people were inside the home, police said.

[Source](#)

## **Will County**

*Oct 7th, 2021* A 26-year-old Braidwood man is in the Will County Jail after Sheriff's deputies say John Michalowski Jr. beat a woman, striking her, biting her, choking her and dragging her by her hair across Route 129 and Stripmine Road in Wilmington.

Michalowski was booked into the Will County Jail late Tuesday night, and he's charged with aggravated battery, aggravated domestic battery, criminal damage to property, resisting a peace officer and violation of bail bond stemming from his Aug. 7 arrest in Wilmington.

According to the Will County Sheriff's Office: deputies were notified of a disturbance at Route 129 and Stripmine Road around 8:30 p.m. Tuesday. At the scene, deputies saw Michalowski jogging away from a car parked along the side of Stripmine Road and ordered him to stop, but he didn't, authorities said. Police say Michalowski ran back to his vehicle and he refused to come out.

"While on scene, deputies then spoke to a female who was inside the vehicle, "Will County Sheriff's Office reports state. "She stated that her and John were having a conversation about their relationship when John became extremely angry.

"John threw objects at the vehicle causing the windshield to crack and began striking the female. John proceeded to bite, headbutt, choke and drag the woman by her hair across the roadway."

Another motorist saw the attack as it happened, and she called 911 asking for police assistance, the Sheriff's office stated.



A Braidwood resident, Michalowski lives in the 800 block of West Main Street, jail logs show. His bail was set at \$100,000.

[Source](#)

## Piatt County

*Oct 7th, 2021* A Granite City man and two Springfield teens have been charged with first-degree murder in a Jan. 26 incident in which a Hammond man was fatally shot in his garage.

Michael Brown, 65, was found dead from a gunshot wound about 3 a.m. that morning. Authorities believe he may have been shot as part of an attempted burglary at his home on South C Street in the village on the southern edge of Piatt County, about halfway between Decatur and Tuscola.

Arrested were Blayton M. Cota, 19, of Granite City; Jerome Schmidt, 17, of Springfield, who has been charged as an adult; and a 16-year-old male from Springfield.

Piatt County State's Attorney Sarah Perry said she plans to pursue adult charges for the youngest as well, adding he was 15 at the time of the incident. She confirmed a police theory that the trio were likely traveling through towns and burglarizing homes and garages.

"I think they were just stopping in small towns and seeing what they could get," Perry said. "Mr. Brown apparently interrupted the trio as they were burglarizing his home."

All three suspects were arraigned Thursday in Piatt County Circuit Court in Monticello. Illinois State Police said the 16-year-old has been in custody since Sept. 30. Cota was apprehended Oct. 4 and Schmidt a day later. Cota is being held in Piatt County jail on \$1 million bond and will need to post \$100,000 to be freed.

The other two suspects are being held in juvenile detention facilities.

Piatt County sheriff's officers initiated the investigation, asking for help from the Illinois State Police's Zone 5 Criminal Investigation Division.

Other agencies involved included the Illinois Attorney General's office; Illinois Department of Natural Resources; sheriff's offices in Logan, Menard, Piatt and Sangamon counties; the Lincoln, Petersburg and Springfield police departments; the Piatt County Coroner's Office; and the Piatt County State's Attorney's office.

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## Driving During Deer Season

Thank you [Douglas County Sheriff's Office](#) for posting Safety tips for driving during Deer Season!



1. Be cautious while driving during dusk or dawn.

Deer are most active during sunrise and sunset, especially during mating season, which is in full swing from October through December. Ensure that you and your passengers are wearing seat belts at all times, even in the back seat, just in case you have to make a sudden stop.

2. Pay attention to deer crossing signs!

Be alert and observe your surroundings for any signs of wildlife while on the road. Deer are abundant in forested areas, but may wander into suburban neighborhoods in search of food, so it's important to drive cautiously even if you're no longer in a deer-crossing zone.

3. Stay alert if you spot a deer

Deer tend to travel in packs – so if you see one deer, slow down and proceed with caution. Even if you spot a deer on the side of the road or surrounding areas, remember that there could be others about to cross your path.

4. Take precautions when driving at night

Nighttime driving can put a strain on the eyes, so be safe by driving at a moderate speed. If there is no oncoming traffic, turn on your high beams: You'll not only be able to see clearer, but you'll have a greater chance of spotting a deer from a distance

5. Don't swerve to avoid hitting a deer

Do not swerve to avoid a deer collision. By swerving you put yourself at risk for a worse collision with another vehicle or running off the road. Stay in your lane and try to slow down.

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## 2021 Upcoming Events:

Civil Process Training  
November 17, 2021  
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