



**ILLINOIS SHERIFFS'
ASSOCIATION**

Together We Make A Difference.

Local law enforcement officers help raise money for Special Olympics Illinois

If you stopped by a Dunkin' location on Friday, August 20th, you likely saw a bunch of police officers in the area for a good cause!

Representatives from multiple police departments in Illinois, including (but not limited to) the following Sheriff's Offices, were participating in Coffee for Champions, which raises money for Special Olympics Illinois:

- Winnebago County
- Sangamon County
- Lake County
- DuPage County
- Kankakee County
- Rock Island County
- Logan County
- Adams County
- Winnebago County
- Kendall County
- Will County
- McHenry County

Authorities say the event wouldn't be possible without the community. "Love it, humbled by it. I got up early this morning and came out here with the fellow deputies and volunteers who help us out to make this successful," Anthony Machelli, a Winnebago County Sheriff's Deputy, said.

The event has raised a total of more than \$5.8 million dollars for Special Olympics Illinois during the nearly two decades of the program.

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Taking Criminals Off Illinois Streets

Kane County Sheriff's Office detectives teamed with state and local law enforcers to break up a landscaping equipment theft ring and recover deadly weapons and drugs.

According to a Sheriff's Office news release, sheriff's detectives, along with investigators from the Mokena Police Department and the Illinois State Police SWAT Team, executed a search warrant following an investigation into a landscaping equipment theft ring.

Investigators recovered more than 40 suspected stolen items at the residence and several



connected storage lockers in the area. Detectives also recovered several firearms, one of which was modified into a fully automatic weapon, plus ammunition, a ballistic vest, and seven grams of cocaine.

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In late July 2021, the Madison County Sheriff's Office began investigating several shed burglaries outside the Worden area. In addition, several vehicle burglary reports in the region began to following along with reports of stolen vehicles and residential burglaries.

Investigators from the Bethalto Police Department, Macoupin County Sheriff's Office, and Madison County Sheriff's Office, and MEATF developed enough information to execute a search warrant on Wednesday, August 11, 2021. Several subjects were taken into custody.

The Madison County Sheriff's Office was able to recover one of the stolen vehicles and take some of the suspects in the stolen vehicle ring into custody. In addition, a firearm and a significant amount of narcotics were seized.

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Champaign County Sheriff's deputies made five firearms-related arrests and seized six illegally possessed firearms over one weekend in August.

Champaign County Sheriff Dustin Heuerman said that gun violence has become too prevalent throughout the county.

"People in Champaign County are expressing to me their fear of falling victim to gun violence. Even I increasingly worry that a friend or relative may be the next unintended victim of this reckless gun violence," stated Sheriff Heuerman. "Enough is enough. I cannot with good conscience stand by and watch another uninvolved bystander get hurt or killed by the gun violence in our community without knowing I'm doing all I can to help stop it."

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Behind the Badge: Part 5 **Sheriff Kevin Doyle: Putnam County**

Click the image below to view the video of Sheriff Kevin Doyle of Putnam 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) and Retired Sheriff Tom Templeton (LaSalle County).



MEET SHERIFF
KEVIN DOYLE
Putnam COUNTY



20 years after 9/11: How to honor first responders

The attacks on September 11, 2001 remain the deadliest terror attacks in world history, claiming more than 2,900 lives and causing countless injuries and long-term health problems for tens of thousands of civilians and first responders.

The 20th anniversary of 9/11 will no doubt evoke responses that span the emotional spectrum. Sadness may dominate such responses, but the anniversary of 9/11 also is a great time to reflect on the efforts of first responders.

First responders played a vital role on 9/11, and many lost their lives and/or suffered long-term health consequences resulting from their selfless efforts to save innocent victims of the attacks. In the two decades since the 9/11 attacks, first responders have continued to make countless sacrifices to ensure their communities are safe and peaceful places to call home.

The 20th anniversary of 9/11 is a great time to recognize the efforts of first responders and honor them for all they do.

Donate

Donating to departments/offices is a great way to show first responders how much their efforts are appreciated. Donations may be used to purchase new equipment, upgrade existing facilities, provide vital training, and/or improve response times, the latter of which can increase the likelihood that first responders make it through calls safe and sound.

Back Legislation

Citizens can do their part by promoting and voting for local, state and national legislation that makes it easier for first responders to do their jobs well. In addition to urging local politicians to support such legislation, private citizens can utilize social media to promote proposals and other efforts to support first responders.

Commit

Commit to supporting first responders year-round. The 20th anniversary of 9/11 will call attention to the efforts of first responders on that day 20 years ago as well as the countless times since then that these

brave men and women have served their communities. But first responders deserve vocal, year-round support. Make a concerted effort to thank policemen, firefighters, EMTs, nurses, and doctors in your community whenever you interact with them, and urge others to follow suit. First responders play a vital role in communities across the globe. The 20th anniversary of 9/11 can serve as a catalyst for communities to express their support for first responders.

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ISA 5K & Fall Festival!

The ISA is hosting a 5K/1 Mi Walk Family Event on October 23rd, 2021 at Rochester Community Park. (Springfield, IL area) We will have a children's area (bounce house, carnival games, face painting, etc.), fall festival vendors, food trucks, DJ, live music and a farmer's market.

The event starts at 8:00am and cost for the "We Run Blue" event is \$25. This includes entrance to the 5K race (or 1 mi walk), racing t-shirt, timed chip, medal, water/juice and snacks and access to all activities & vendors. We offer a virtual option, as well, for those who would like to participate but don't wish to be in-person. To sign up, individuals can go to www.raceroster.com and search "We Run Blue" or click on the image below.

Proceeds will go to benefit ISA programs including (but not limited to): training for Sheriffs and command staff, Sheriff Bear Comfort Kits for Illinois children in crisis, college scholarships and legislative initiatives to protect Illinois citizens.



Autumn Safety Tips

As the air turns cooler and leaves drop from the trees, it's important to keep a few important fall safety tips in mind. With proper precautions and safety awareness, your family can enjoy that crisp autumn weather while avoiding some of the dangers that come with the season.



Fire Safety Tips for Fall

When the weather turns cold most people spend more time inside their homes using fireplaces, furnaces, and heaters to keep warm. There's nothing quite as cozy as a fire, but it presents some safety hazards. Keep these tips in mind.

- **Service Your Furnace**

Before the cold autumn and winter weather sets in, be sure to call your heating and cooling company to service your furnace. A specialist should inspect the furnace to make sure everything is in working order and that there are no leaks.

- **Use Fireplaces Safely**

Keep that fire in its proper place by using a fireplace screen to keep sparks from flying out of the fireplace. Never leave a burning fire unattended and make sure a fire in a fireplace is completely out before going to bed.

- **Use Caution with Space Heaters**

A space heater can be an effective way to warm up a chilly room, but it's essential that you read the instructions on the unit before you use it. If your space heater requires venting, make sure you have vented it to the outdoors. Never use your stove or oven to heat your home; only use space heaters that are approved for this purpose. Always allow at least three feet of empty area around space heaters.

- **Reconsider Leaf Burning**

According to information from the Environmental Protection Agency, burning leaves produces dangerous and cancer-causing chemicals. For this reason, homeowners should avoid disposing of leaves this way. If you decide to burn leaves, wear a protective mask. Burning leaves should only be attempted far away from a house or other structures on a homeowner's property. Always check the weather forecast before starting to burn leaves. This activity should not be attempted in windy conditions.

- **Exercise Candle Caution**

Candles are a great way to give a room that warm glow, but they can also cause fires. According to the National Candle Association, almost 10,000 home fires start with improper candle use. Never leave candles burning if you go out or go to sleep and keep your candles away from pets and kids.

- **Change Smoke Alarm Batteries**

Change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors when you turn back your clocks for Daylight Saving Time. Make sure to check the alarms with the new batteries installed. Check and replace any home fire extinguishers that have expired.

Safety Tips for Fall Driving

There's nothing more beautiful than a fall drive, but this season brings some unique hazards for drivers. Being aware of these potential dangers can help keep you and your family safe and prevent accidents.

- **Be Aware of Poor Visibility**

Falling leaves, while beautiful, can obscure your vision, as can rain and fog. Shorter days are part of the fall season, making it more difficult to see children playing or people walking and riding bicycles. Be aware of limitations in your visibility and slow down if you can't see well. Use your dimmed headlights in bad weather with decreased visibility. If possible, try not to be on the roads when it's hard to see.

- **Watch for Children**

Children love to play in piles of leaves, so use extra caution where leaves are piled at curbside. In addition, the school bus will be making its rounds now that school is back in session. In addition to educating children about back-to-school safety, it's important to stay vigilant as a driver.

- **Slow Down on Wet Pavement**

In many areas of the country, rain is common during the autumn. If it's raining, keep a safe distance from

the car in front of you. Wet roads make it more difficult to stop. When wet leaves are on roadways, they make the pavement slippery, and it can be difficult for drivers to get good traction.

- **Be Prepared for Bright Sunlight**

When sunrise occurs later in the morning, it can also present challenges for drivers. Have a pair of sunglasses in the vehicle to wear when the sun is bright is a good strategy. If it becomes too difficult to see because of bright sunlight or glare, a good strategy is for the driver to pull over until he or she can see again.

- **Watch Out for Ice**

As the temperatures drop further at night, a driver will need to spend some extra time in the morning scraping frost off his or her vehicle. Shady spots on the roadway may be home to black ice, which a driver may not be aware of until his or her car starts to skid on it.

Autumn Home Maintenance Safety Tips

Fall is the time for yard clean-ups and readying your house for the cold winter ahead. Keep these safety tips in mind as you work.

- **Look Up Before Pruning Trees**

If you have decided that your yard needs to be spruced up by trimming your trees, be sure to look up and survey the area carefully before you start. Make careful note of where power lines are located before you set up your ladder so that it is positioned away from them.

- **Use Caution on Ladders**

Wearing appropriate footwear is important when using a ladder; shoes or boots may be wet, causing you to slip as you climb the ladder. The ladder should be positioned on a flat surface before use. Be sure that the tools you are using are specifically designed for this purpose and are in good condition before starting work.

- **Clean Up Fallen Leaves**

Keep your driveway and walkway clear of falling leaves. Wet leaves can create a hazard for pedestrians in the fall by making sidewalks slippery. Later in the season, snow may mix with leaves to increase the risk of falling. Homeowners should mulch or rake up fallen leaves and dispose of them according to local bylaws.

- **Safely Enjoy the Beauty of the Season**

By keeping these important fall safety tips in mind, you can be sure you are doing everything you can to protect yourself and your family from seasonal dangers. This will leave your mind free to enjoy the beauty of this glorious season.

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ISA Store Opening September 25th!

All merchandise will be mailed in time for Christmas gifts.



**THIN BLUE LINE
DOG COLLAR**



We are adding pet merchandise along with our clothing items (t-shirts, sweatshirts, polos), masks and accessories!

2021 Upcoming Events:

Sheriffs Summer Training Conference
September 19-21, 2021
East Peoria

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

We Run Blue 5K Family Event
October 23, 2021
Rochester Community Park

Administrative Assistant Conference
October 21-22, 2021
Springfield

Civil Process Training
November 17, 2021
Springfield

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