



**ILLINOIS SHERIFFS'  
ASSOCIATION**



## **Line of Duty Death: Knox County Deputy**



*Knox County Sheriff David Clague announced the devastating news on April 30th, 2022 that Deputy Nicholas D. Weist was killed in the line of duty. Please read below for official Press Release:*

"On April 29, 2022 at approx. 8:00 AM, Galesburg Police Department responded to a 911 call of a suspect with a gun at the Circle K Gas Station on E. Main St., Galesburg, Illinois. Officers were able to locate the suspect vehicle and attempted to make a traffic stop. The suspect vehicle continued traveling north on US Highway 150.

Knox County Deputy began setting up spike strips at the intersection of the US Highway 150 at 150 Avenue, in Henry County Illinois when he was struck by the suspect vehicle. Life saving measure were taken by Deputies and Officer and the Deputy died at the scene. The victim Deputy is Nicholas D. Weist, DOB 074/29/1987. Deputy Weist began his career with the Knox County Sheriff's Department on May 22, 20218 as a road deputy. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Deputy Weist's family."

According to a news release by ISP, on the afternoon of April 29, 2022, the Henry County State's Attorney approved the following charges for named offender Daylon K. Richardson: two counts Murder (Class M Felony), Unlawful Possession of Weapon by Felon (Class 2 Felony), and Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding (Class 4 Felony). Richardson is being held at the Henry County Jail with no bond.

The Illinois Sheriffs' Association grieves the loss of Deputy Weist. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Weist family, Knox County Sheriff's Office, and everyone affected by the murder of one of our own.

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## **National Police Week: Embracing Families of the Fallen**

# NATIONAL POLICE WEEK



**Respect. Honor. Remember.**

## MAY 11 - 16, 2022

Article [HERE](#)

Some of the strongest people on the planet are law enforcement officers. And behind them are legions of similarly strong people otherwise known as family or loved ones or the at-home squad.

Indeed, it takes special people to perform a job so unlike what others entail, and cops

know this quite well. At varying times, they express the proverbial idiom of having a front-row seat to life—implicit are the highs and lows, the ins and outs, the saves and losses. And, sadly, sometimes they are among the losses.

**Self-sacrifice is a bedrock principle among police personnel, undeniably equating to Biblical proportions of laying down one's life for fellow man, whoever that may be.**

As we usher in National Police Week, let us bow our heads for the heroes who have lived and died fulfilling sacred tenets of the Police Officers Oath. Let us remember that it is the families of the fallen who more deeply relive the tragedy which took their beloved police hero from their nucleus. Let us remember the cops who know the perils of police work and exhibit such depth and solace by enveloping surviving loved ones, while silently harboring the reality that they, too, can be shattered by a line-of-duty-death.

Let us all...honor the fallen.

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### **The Police Officers Memorial 2022 Ceremony**

will be held on Thursday, May 5th. Officers killed in the line of duty during the calendar year's 2021 will be honored. The public is welcome to join us at 11:00 am at the Illinois Police Officers Memorial Site, West lawn, Illinois State Capitol, 301 S 2nd St, Springfield, IL 62703

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### **Behind the Badge: Sheriff Dwight Baird**

*Kendall County*



MEET SHERIFF  
**DWIGHT BAIRD**

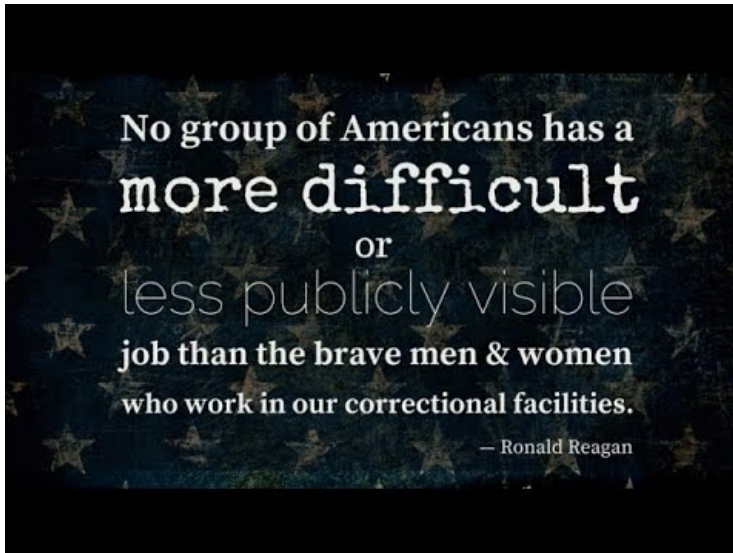
*Dwight Baird*  
Kendall COUNTY



**[Click on above images to view video](#)**

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# A Day in the Life of a Corrections Officer



Article by: [Lisa Myers](#)

A lot what most people know about life as a corrections officer is built on what we see on TV.

Shows like Orange is the New Black tend to lean on the idea that all corrections officers and corrupt or brutal, to increase the drama of the show. The reality is quite different.

So if your favorite Netflix show has gotten it wrong, then what is it really like to work as a correctional officer?

Correctional officers make up a vital part of our criminal justice

system, working to protect the inmates under their care and civilians alike.

Working as a correctional officer can be an incredibly fulfilling career, so if you are thinking of how to make a difference and considering a career as a correctional officer, here are the facts you need to know.

## What Do Correctional Officers Do?

Correctional officers are responsible for maintaining order and safety in our nations prison facilities. A correctional officer follows specific procedures put in place to keep the peace and ensure the safety of inmates, visitors, and other prison staff. One of the principal responsibilities of a correctional officer is to safely escort prisoners in and out of their cells and when they visit facilities outside the prison, such as medical centers or courtrooms.

Generally, a correctional officer typically focuses on preventing fights, escapes and other disturbances. This means patrolling on rounds, checking cells for evidence of security issues, hunting for contraband items and examining surveillance camera footage.

Correctional officers are required to keep accurate and precise records, filling out records detailing anything that took place during their shift, especially any suspicious incidents.

## Where Do Correctional Officers Work?

Most correctional officers work for the government and are employed by state or local prison facilities. Private prison companies also employ correctional officers. Correctional officers working in jails are more likely to encounter a broad assortment of inmates on rotation for short-term sentences and less serious infractions, while correctional officers in prisons generally deal with felons who are serving longer sentences.

Correctional officers are often required to work overnight, at weekends and during holidays. Part of the job is remaining alert and being prepared to take action no matter what time of day you happen to be on duty.

## What Skills Does a Correctional Officer Need?

Strong interpersonal and leadership skills are a key part of being a good correctional officer. Since one of your main responsibilities will be to keep the peace in a place that can be rife with conflict. Correctional officers also need to be shrewd observers who have a strong understanding of other people's motivations and reactions, as this can usually allow them to spot and head-off trouble before it begins.

Communication skills are vital as a correctional officer. Teams of officers need to communicate well to make sure they're always in sync with the rest of their team, allowing them to work together to keep each other and the prisoners safe. Good communication skills also allow officers to accurately relay instructions and other information to inmates from a position of authority.

## How Do You Become a Correctional Officer?

Most correctional officers need only a high school diploma to apply for the position, with specialized training given by their state or facility to get them started.

Check with your local County Sheriff's Office for any current or upcoming open correctional officer positions.

## Reaching the Community



Lake County Sheriff's Officers participate in The Village of Beach Park's Easter Egg Hunt



Logan County Sheriff's Office congratulates the Harsburg-Emben DARE class of 2022



Jasper County Sheriff's Office



Adams County Sheriff Officers are

participated in "Shop with a Cop" to benefit county children

helping to take a public stand against child abuse

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## Meeting Fulton County Sheriff: Jeff Standard

### **Tell us about yourself and your family:**

I have been married to my wife Kim for 35 years. We have two children and two grandchildren.

### **Describe what you do professionally, as well as your roles within the community:**

I am the Sheriff of Fulton County. I handle all of the duties that come along with that position. Other roles in the community include being a board member for various groups, coaching kids sports, and volunteering for various clubs and events held in the community.



### **What first made you get involved with your chosen field?**

I wanted to be able to do something different every day. Policing definitely fit the bill.

### **Describe what drives you to get involved within the community:**

Being a member of the community and being involved has always been a part of who I am. I am always willing to volunteer for different functions. If these groups flourish, your community will be better.

### **What's the best thing to happen to you because of your community or career service?**

I think being involved in the community and volunteering was instrumental in being elected as Sheriff. The community already knew me and knew what kind of person they were electing for their community.

### **What's your personal philosophy on life?**

It has always been do the right thing at the right time.

### **Tell us about someone or something that has influenced you:**

Those that influenced me were those that had a great work ethic and didn't whine about their predicaments. They worked hard, overcame the obstacle and persevered.

### **What changes would you like to see in your community in the next 10 years, and how can they be brought to fruition?**

I would like to see the community more involved with each other. It seems like there is such a disconnect with people anymore. I wish people were more neighborly.

### **If you weren't doing what you do now, what would you be doing instead?**

I would definitely be involved in the agricultural industry. I continue to do that even today. I get satisfaction from working with livestock and working a farm field for neighbors.

### **How do you think someone meeting you for the first time would describe you?**

Probably a first impression would be a regular guy that likes to hang with his family and friends. Pretty no-nonsense until you get to know me then see my humor and easy going attitude.

### **What do you do when you aren't working or volunteering?**

I like to spend time on the pontoon boat with family and friends. I also like to ride my Harley and go fishing when I can.

### **What do you consider the biggest challenge about your community?**

Job creation and keeping the young people in the community. Our area is pretty depressed financially. Business investment is a hard sell in the rural area.

### **Tell us about your biggest strength:**

My family and friends. I am blessed to have great people to bounce things off of.

### **What are your goals for yourself?**

I am ending my police career and I want to have an enjoyable retirement. I plan on staying active and doing things that make me enjoy the day.

### **What might someone be surprised to know about you?**

I don't know. I am not really a surprising guy. Just normal in every way.



The Illinois Sheriffs' Association had an incredible turnout for the Chief Deputies & Jail Administrators Conference in April!

Did you know that the jail is one of two things that a Sheriff must oversee for a county in the State of Illinois? The deputies and administrators are vital in keeping the jail running effectively.

The ISA is grateful to the unsung heroes working in Illinois jails!

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## Cook County Sheriff's Police Celebrate 100 Years of Service

*April marks the centennial celebration of the creation the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department*



Article by [Silence DoGood](#)

April marks the centennial celebration of the creation the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department, an agency that has grown from patrolling Cook County with 32 sworn officers to a dynamic operation of nearly 500 officers devoted to promoting public safety, social services, and mental health.

### History of the Cook County Sheriff's Office

In December 1921, Cook County Sheriff Charles W. Peters proposed the Sheriff's Office create a police force responsible for patrolling the roadways and other areas of suburban Cook County.

In early January 1922, the hiring of 70 highway police deputies was approved by Cook County, and on April 1, 1922, the first 32 Cook County Highway Patrol Officers were officially sworn in. These officers were required to patrol on their own motorcycles and were paid \$125 per month, along with a small stipend for the upkeep of their vehicle.

Several police stations were strategically opened throughout the county. The first station, known as Station 1, was at Waukegan Road and Dempster Street until a permanent building was completed in 1924 in Maine Township. Other locations were proposed, with one near 147th Street and Western Avenue, and another in Palos Park.

Eventually, the Highway Patrol deputies were reorganized into a Sheriff's Police force, and their responsibilities continued to grow throughout the 1940s and 1950s, corresponding with post-war suburban population growth.

In the early 1960s, Sheriff Richard Ogilvie worked with state legislators to create a Merit Board to test police applicants and review credentials for police officer positions. The name "Cook County Sheriff's Police Department" was adopted, and the colors of tan and brown were introduced for the new Sheriff's Police uniform.

## Today's Sheriff's Police

Today, the Sheriff's Police Department is the third-largest police department in the State of Illinois. The Department is divided into five principal divisions: Field Operations, Criminal Investigations, Street Crimes, Communications Operations, and Operational Support.

"The Sheriff's Police Department is a leader in protecting the health and safety of residents throughout the county and a trusted partner to numerous local police agencies," said Sheriff Thomas J. Dart. "The fact that the organization that has grown from a small number of people patrolling county roads a century ago to become the multi-faceted and nationally recognized agency it is today is an achievement every Cook County resident can take pride in."

Sheriff's Police currently provide primary police services to more than 126,000 residents in unincorporated Cook County as well the Village of Ford Heights. The Department also provides backup services to several suburbs that have significant budgetary constraints, as well as ancillary services to scores of suburbs, including a K9 unit to help locate missing individuals, crime scene technician services to help solve crimes, and the Community Safety Team, which provides proactive policing in areas of high violence. Sheriff's Police have been on the cutting edge of law enforcement, implementing programs that include:

- **Treatment Response Team (TRT):** This initiative was developed in 2019 to integrate clinicians and social workers with the police department to prevent the involvement of individuals in the criminal justice system who are suffering from opioid addiction. The clinicians work closely with individuals to help them engage in treatment.
  - **Co-Responder Program:** Sheriff's Police launched a virtual co-responder program in 2021 that provides officers the assistance of a trained clinician during mental health related calls for service. The team of clinicians work with the individual and their support network to identify and navigate appropriate treatment options. The program is currently being used by other suburbs, including Oak Lawn, Blue Island, and Northbrook.
  - **Hostage Barricade Team (HBT):** This team is trained to respond to hostage and terrorism incidents. These specialists and SWAT officers work to resolve hostage or barricade situations without injury to civilians, victims, police, or offenders.
  - **Juvenile Justice & Advocacy Unit (JJAU):** This unit is tasked with advocating for children who fall between society's cracks. It is comprised of officers who have received special training on how to engage young people. It also participates in several Sheriff's Office outreach programs and coordinates scholarships for Cook County students.
  - **Carjacking Initiative:** Developed in 2021, this unit combines detailed data analyses with partnerships with automobile manufacturers and other law enforcement agencies to rapidly recover stolen vehicles before they can be used in other crimes.
  - **Chicago Initiative:** Sheriff's Police set up a permanent presence in the 15th District on Chicago's West Side in 2018 to work alongside Chicago Police to address violence. The effort has included community policing, bike patrols, foot patrols, and deep engagement with local organizations. The initiative has contributed to a decrease in shootings and homicides. Sheriff's Police also assist Chicago Police in numerous other areas of the city.
  - "I am honored to have this centennial celebration happen under my watch." Sheriff Dart said. "As a department, we are all looking forward to continuing to serve and advocate for Cook County residents with integrity, compassion, professionalism, diversity, and transparency."
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# WORK ZONE AWARENESS

Work Zones are a Sign to Slow Down

## If lanes are reduced due to road work and

the road is **not heavily congested**, merge early into the open lane.



there is **heavy congestion or slow-moving traffic**, use either lane up to the reduction, then take turns merging.



\* This keeps traffic moving up to the lane reduction.



## 2022 Upcoming Events:

Jail Medical Summit  
August 25, 2022  
Peoria

Sheriff Summer Training Conference  
September 17 - 20, 2022  
East Peoria

Administrative Assistants Training  
October (TBA)  
TBA

New Sheriff's Management Institute  
November 13 - 17, 2022  
Springfield