



## ILLINOIS SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

An organization of peace officers, our highest priority is to protect lives, property, and to make communities safer places to live, work, and raise our children.



FEBRUARY 2023



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**ILLINOIS SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION  
2023 WINTER CONFERENCE  
ILLINOIS SHERIFF ATTENDEES  
FEB. 13, 2023 | PEORIA, IL**



The ISA hosted our Annual Winter Conference in Peoria, IL this past week. We hosted our Executive Board Meeting, two-days of continuing education training, ISA Business Meeting, and our Annual Banquet to swear in our new, 2023 Executive Board President, new Executive Committee members and to celebrate our 2022 Service Award Winners.

**As always, the Illinois Sheriffs' Association would like to thank our Preferred Vendors for making these conferences possible!**

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## 2023 ISA Executive Board Sworn in at Winter Conference Banquet!

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

**President:**

Sheriff Andy Hires, Richland County

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:**

Sheriff Dwight Baird, Kendall County

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:**

Sheriff Nicholas Petitgout, McDonough Co.

**Secretary/Treasurer:**

Sheriff Brian VanVickle, Ogle County



### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sheriff Pat Hartshorn, Vermillion County  
(Past President)

Sheriff Andy Sullivan, Dekalb County

Sheriff Darby Boewe, Edwards County

Sheriff Kevin Turner, Jo Daviess County

Sheriff Mike Downey, Kankakee County

Sheriff Mark Landers, Logan County

Sheriff Shawn Kahl, Macoupin County

Sheriff Jack Campbell, Sangamon County

Sheriff Jeff Lower, Tazewell County

Sheriff J. Derek Morgan, Wabash County

### ILLINOIS SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

Jim Kaitschuk  
Executive Director



ABOVE: Supreme Court Justice David Overstreet swears in new ISA Executive Board President, Richland County Sheriff Andy Hires.



ABOVE: ISA Executive Director, Jim Kaitschuk presents President Hires with the gavel and commemorative gifts.





**ABOVE:** Ogle County Sheriff Brian VanVickle sworn in as Secretary/Treasurer.



**LEFT TO RIGHT:** Kendall County Sheriff Dwight Baird and McDonough County Sheriff Nick Petigout, sworn into 1st & 2nd Vice President positions.



**LEFT TO RIGHT:** Dekalb County Sheriff Andy Sullivan, Logan County Sheriff Mark Landers, and Sangamon County Sheriff Jack Campbell newest members of the Executive Committee.

**IMAGE TO LEFT:** Sheriff Andy Hires, Richland County addresses the membership and banquet attendees as ISA's new President.



**BILL OF  
THE DAY  
COMING SOON!**



With over 12,000 bills introduced this year in the House and Senate, ISA Executive Director, Jim Kaitschuk has his hands full tracking these bills, working to collaborate with Legislators as they are drafted and to have conversations in the earliest stages on bills that impact public safety and policing!

The ISA also testifies during session on behalf of the public, victims of crimes and law enforcement, working with legislators wherever possible to make meaningful changes and protect your rights!

## ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY - HOUSE SCHEDULE - FEBRUARY

February 2023

### IMPORTANT DATES

3—House Deadline LRB Requests

13—Lincoln's Birthday State Holiday

17—House Deadline Intro. Of House Bills

20—President's Day State Holiday

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <a href="#">SESSION</a>	2 <a href="#">SESSION</a>	3 HOUSE DEADLINE LRB—Requests	4
5	6	7 <a href="#">SESSION</a>	8 <a href="#">SESSION</a>	9 <a href="#">SESSION</a>	10	11
12	13 <i>Lincoln's Birthday</i> STATE HOLIDAY	14 <a href="#">SESSION</a> <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 <a href="#">SESSION</a> <i>Gov. Budget Address &amp; State of the State</i>	16 <a href="#">SESSION</a>	17 DEADLINE Intro. of House Bills	18
19	20 <i>President's Day</i> STATE HOLIDAY	21 <a href="#">SESSION</a>	22 <a href="#">SESSION</a>	23 <a href="#">SESSION</a>	24 <a href="#">SESSION</a>	25
26	27	28 <a href="#">SESSION</a>				



# 2023

ILLINOIS SENATE CALENDAR  
103<sup>RD</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
SENATE PRESIDENT DON HARMON



FEBRUARY						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 SESSION	8 SESSION	9 SESSION	10 <small>DEADLINE Introduction of Substantive Senate Bills</small>	11
12	13 <small>LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY STATE HOLIDAY</small>	14 SESSION <small>VALENTINE'S DAY</small>	15 SESSION <small>GOVERNOR'S STATE OF THE STATE / BUDGET ADDRESS</small>	16 SESSION	17	18
19	20 <small>PRESIDENT'S DAY STATE HOLIDAY</small>	21 SESSION	22 SESSION <small>ASH WEDNESDAY</small>	23 SESSION	24	25
26	27	28 <small>CONSOLIDATED PRIMARY ELECTION</small>				

**IMPORTANT DATES**

February 10 - DEADLINE - Introduction of Substantive Senate Bills

February 15 - Governor's State of the State / Budget Address

February 28 - Consolidated Primary Election



Plan to **FOLLOW** and **SHARE** posts from the ISA regarding our **BILL OF THE DAY** series to help us spread the word about and educate others on bills we are supporting and those we oppose that affect public safety, policing and your rights!

## ISA CELEBRATES THE 2022 SERVICE AWARD WINNERS AT OUR 2023 WINTER CONFERENCE



### DEPUTIES OF THE YEAR - LEE COUNTY

Lee County Deputies Nathan Hollinger, Joe Presley, Kolton Morgan, and Sgt. Derek Ranken were awarded the Illinois Sheriffs' Association, 2022 Deputies of the Year in recognition for their heroic actions while placing themselves in grave danger.



Follow Lee County Sheriff's  
on **Facebook**

Read more online at [www.ilsheriff.org](http://www.ilsheriff.org), just scroll down! And check out the video account at the link below!

**WATCH LEE CO. VIDEO -IN THEIR  
OWN WORDS SERIES**



## CORRECTIONAL OFFICER OF THE YEAR - ADAMS COUNTY

Adams County Correctional Officer Taylor Leszkai was awarded the Illinois Sheriffs' Association, 2022 Correctional Officer of the Year in recognition for his above and beyond work ethic and his selfless actions in the face of extreme crisis.



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on **Facebook**

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## TELECOMMUNICATORS OF THE YEAR - PIKE COUNTY

Pike County 911 Supervisor, Stephanie Reinhardt, with Pike County Sheriff's Office for 32 years and 911 Dispatcher Missy Grimsley, with Pike County Sheriff's Office for 5 years, were awarded the Illinois Sheriffs' Association, 2022

Telecommunicators of the Year in recognition for their dedication to public safety and their continued concern for the safety of all first responders.

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**THEY PROTECT US  
WE SUPPORT THEM**



# Get to Know Your Sheriff and 2023 ISA Executive Board President! Richland County Sheriff Andy Hires



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## GET TO KNOW YOUR SHERIFF Richland County

01

### What first made you get involved with law enforcement?

There was no one specific thing or incident that got me involved in law enforcement. Law Enforcement was a career I had always been interested in since a young age, and I think in most part, from the way I was raised.

02

### Describe your role as Sheriff in your department and throughout your county:

My role as Sheriff within my department is to lead by example, not only professionally, but also in my personal life. I feel that I must provide my employees with the necessary training and equipment for them to be successful in meeting our mission.

03

### What is your favorite part about being the Richland County Sheriff?

Having a leading role or voice in the manner in which we provide law enforcement services within our county and being able to shape those beginning their career toward a mindset of service above all else.

04

### Tell us about someone or something that has influenced you?

My parents. They provided me with a Christian upbringing, which paved the desire to treat others as I would want them to treat me. They instilled within each of their children a servant's heart. *They taught us the value of hard work!*

05

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

The best thing that has happened to me was being elected Sheriff. I am honored and humbled that the community has placed enough trust in me to have elected me to five terms as Sheriff. As of date I am the longest serving Sheriff in Richland County.

06

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

Being involved in my community comes easy. Richland County is such a great place to live and raise children. The community is supportive of law enforcement. There is just an atmosphere within the community that



atmosphere within the community that creates a desire to be involved.

07

#### What advice would you give young people?

Do not let fear keep you from pursuing different things/ideas/dreams. We often fail to pursue ideas and dreams for various fears. Always be moving forward and do so in a way that brings honor to yourself and your family. Serve others.

08

#### What do you consider the biggest challenge in your community?

Our biggest challenge in Richland County is growth. Due to the lack of opportunities, and the climate within our state, our youth, once educated are moving away.



**Elected as  
Sheriff 2006**  
29 Years in  
Law Enforcement



**Population  
Richland  
County**  
15,796



**Median  
Household  
Income**  
\$60,000



## SHERIFF HIRES FUN FACTS:



#### IF YOU WEREN'T DOING WHAT YOU DO NOW, WHAT WOULD BE YOUR DREAM JOB?

I am doing my dream job, but if I must answer in some other way it would likely be something in the arena of owning my own business.



#### WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU AREN'T WORKING OR VOLUNTEERING?

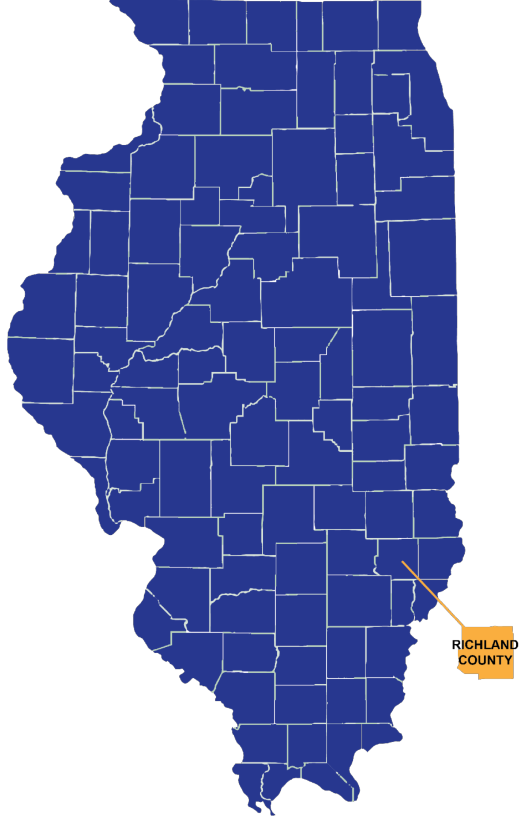
*When not working or volunteering, my wife and I are supporting our children. We like to take short weekends away, traveling to areas of the state & neighboring states on mini getaways together.*



#### WHAT MIGHT SOMEONE BE SURPRISED TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?

That prior to becoming a law enforcement officer, **I was a welder.** I began a short career in pipe welding, before deciding law enforcement was my true passion.



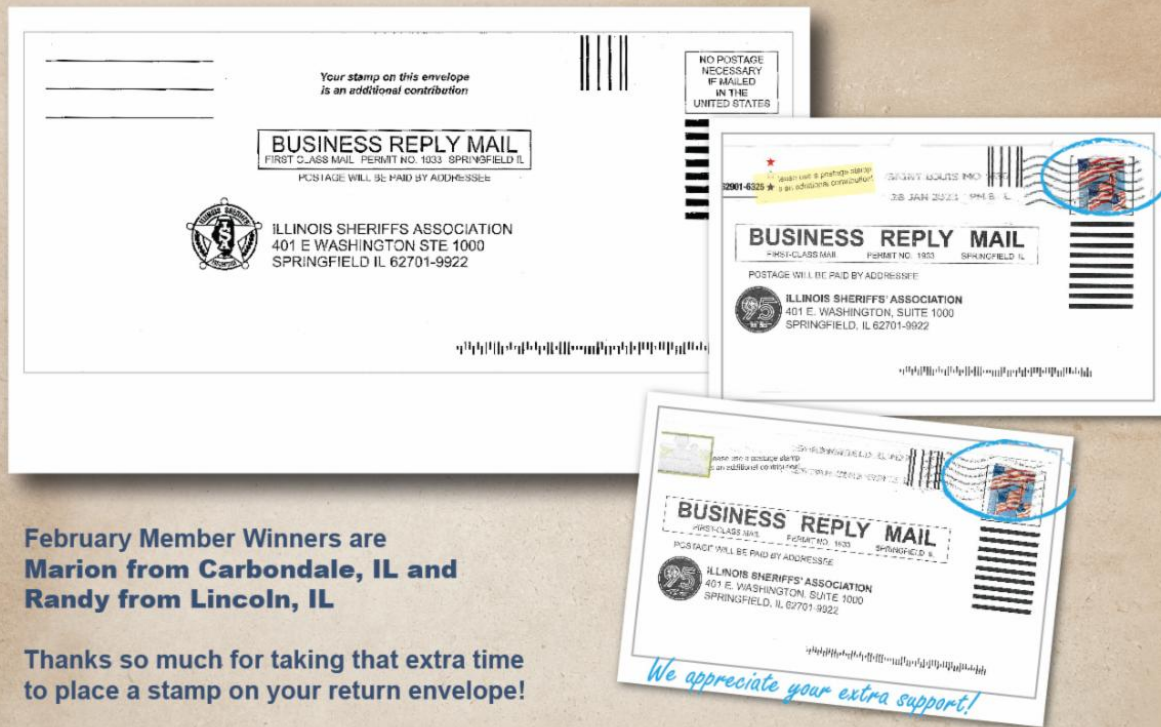


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Learn More About Richland County Sheriff's Office on their Website:  
[www.richlandcso.com](http://www.richlandcso.com)

***Congratulations to Marion from Carbondale, IL and Randy from Lincoln, IL on winning our drawing for a special gift! See more below:***

Continue to support the Sheriffs of Illinois when you do the simple act of placing a stamp on your envelope. It saves the ISA thousands in postage fees each month and allows us to do MORE with your donations!



February Member Winners are  
**Marion from Carbondale, IL and  
Randy from Lincoln, IL**

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KENDALL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



GALLATIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## 2023 Conference Dates

Chief Deputy & Jail Administrators,  
April 12-14, 2023, East Peoria

Sheriffs Summer Training Conference,  
September 16-19, 2023, East Peoria

Jail Medical Summit,  
August 24, 2023, East Peoria

Administrative Assistants Conference,



*On behalf of our men and women in uniform, thank you to the members and loyal supporters of the Illinois Sheriffs' Association. We sincerely believe that the backing and financial support that you provide helps to make a difference in the lives of others. **Your Membership Matters!***



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