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National Police Week 2025

**Honoring and Remembering our
Fallen Law Enforcement Officers**

PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL WEEK IN ILLINOIS & AROUND THE NATION - May 11-17th

The Illinois Sheriffs' Association honors our fallen heroes and their surviving family members for their sacrifices and for placing the lives of others ahead of themselves.

*We remain committed to preserving their legacy of service, courage, and dedication. Their sacrifice will never be forgotten.
This week, and always, we honor them.*

The 2025 Illinois Police Memorial Ceremony was held Thursday May 1st at the Illinois State Library. Officers killed in the line of duty during the calendar year 2024 were honored.

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2025 HONOREES



Deputy Sheriff Christina Musil
DeKalb County Sheriff's Office
E.O.W. 03/29/2024

Sergeant Andrew J. Faught
Illinois Department of Corrections
E.O.W. 04/08/2024

Officer Luis M. Huesca
Chicago Police Department
E.O.W. 04/21/2024



Deputy Sheriff Rafael D. Wordlaw
Cook County Sheriff's Department of Corrections
E.O.W. 07/30/2024

Officer James B. Crowley
Chicago Police Department
E.O.W. 08/22/2024

Trooper Corey S. Thompson
Illinois State Police
E.O.W. 10/18/2024

Officer Enrique Martinez
Chicago Police Department
E.O.W. 11/04/2024

Detective Allan M. Reddins
Oak Park Police Department
E.O.W. 11/29/2024

Trooper Clay M. Carns
Illinois State Police
E.O.W. 12/23/2024

2025 K-9 HONOREES



K9 Nyx
Rockford Police Department
E.O.W. 01/28/2024

K9 Dax
Lake County Sheriff's Office
E.O.W. 04/12/2024

K9 Odin
Alton Police Department
E.O.W. 08/22/2024

2025 HISTORIC K-9 HONOREES

K9 Sam
Chicago Police Department
E.O.W. 02/27/1965

K9 Kirk
Chicago Police Department
E.O.W. 12/03/1970

K9 Caesar
Chicago Police Department
E.O.W. 02/14/1972

K9 Rex III
Chicago Police Department
E.O.W. 02/13/1979

K9 King
Chicago Police Department
E.O.W. 05/03/1978

Sieger
Chicago Police Department
E.O.W. 05/14/1979

K9 Duke
Chicago Police Department
E.O.W. 01/01/1985

K9 Max II
Chicago Police Department
E.O.W. 02/09/1986

K9 R.O.C.C.O.
Roselle Police Department
E.O.W. 06/16/1995



K9 Uno
Peoria County Sheriff's Office
E.O.W. 11/02/2006

K9 Bobby
Geneseo Police Department
E.O.W. 02/22/2013

K9 Kali
Peru Police Department
E.O.W. 08/03/2013

K9 Draco
Pontiac Police Department
E.O.W. 10/30/2013

K9 Simmie
East St. Louis Police Department
E.O.W. 08/27/2014

K9 Drago
Cook County Forest Preserves
E.O.W. 06/14/2017



K9 Loki
Boone County Sheriff's Office
E.O.W. 12/27/2020



K9 Hudson
Kane County Sheriff's Office
E.O.W. 05/24/2023



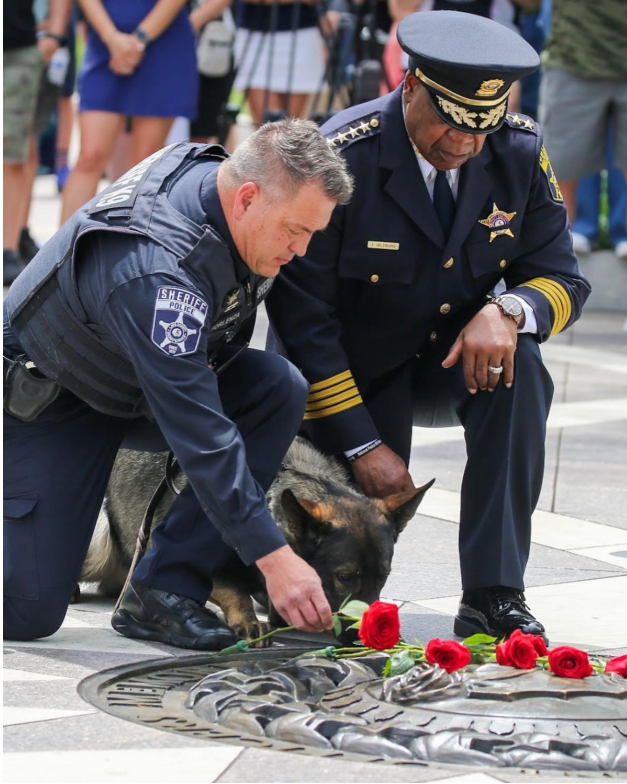
Lake County: K9 Dax Honored in Washington D.C. During Police Memorial Week



"K9 Dax courageously served the Lake County Sheriff's Office alongside his handler, Deputy John Forlenza, for almost a decade. During his distinguished career, Dax was responsible for hundreds of successful tracks, apprehensions, and evidence recoveries — all while protecting his partner and community with unwavering loyalty.

Sheriff John D. Idleburg was in attendance to pay tribute, along with Deputy Forlenza and K9 Lux — Dax's direct offspring, who now continues his legacy in service.

K9 Dax's name is now etched into the



Above photo credit: [National Police Dog Foundation](#)

National Law Enforcement K9 Memorial, a lasting tribute to his bravery and dedication. Though he may be gone, Dax's legacy will continue to inspire and protect".

- Statement from Lake County Facebook

ISA K-9 Heroes Program: Donation to Lake County Sheriff's Office

The Illinois Sheriffs' Association is thrilled to be able to present the Lake County Sheriff's Office K-9 Program this donation check for \$2,000 from the ISA K9 Heroes Series - K9 Dax Plush Campaign!

K9 Dax was the first in our new series. The Donation K9 plush were a HUGE hit! We still have a few K9 Dax plush left, and there is time to get one for yourself!!

To learn more, visit our [K9 Heroes page](#)





Pictured in the photo left to right - ISA Executive Director Jim Kaitschuk, ISA President McDonough County Sheriff's Office, Sheriff Nick Petitgout, Lake County Sheriff John Idleburg, Lake County Deputy K9 Handler John Forlenza, and K9 Dax's son, the newest to join the Lake County K-9 Force, K9 Lux!

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Final Weeks of Spring Session

Update from ISA Executive Director,
Jim Kaitschuk

The clock is ticking on yet another spring legislative session. The scheduled adjournment date is May 31st which is just a couple weeks away now. While this session has certainly had its ups and downs, as they all seem to, there certainly has not been the volume of ideas that we far too often find ourselves immersed in. I, for one, am very thankful for that. This year seems to have brought much more dialogue and discussion on an array of topics which should, in theory, bring better outcomes.



Adjustments to the Police Training Act, fixes to Tier 2 Pensions and changes to the Criminal Code relating to cannabis containers have been at the forefront of the many discussions this year. As of the writing of this update, it is simply too early to tell where these issues will land. One thing I can assure you is that your Sheriffs have a seat at the table in all of these conversations.

SB 42 - A plan to block Illinois law enforcement from searching vehicles based solely on cannabis odor is moving to the House floor. An Illinois Supreme Court ruling in September did not give probable cause for police to search vehicles if they smell burnt cannabis. Yet, a ruling in December gave probable cause for law enforcement to search vehicles if they smell raw cannabis. This bill would eliminate the requirement that cannabis be contained in an odorless container. **ISA opposes.**

SB 1784 - This would not allow juveniles under the age of 12 to be detained for any reason. The current age is 10. The bill would also stagger the age up to under 14 for detention, but only for very limited offenses. **ISA opposes.**

SB 2264 - The legislation would impose limitations on county and municipal units of government regarding restrictions placed on them for penalizing residents and landowners for certain activities on those properties. **ISA opposes.**

SB 1953 - This legislation was introduced in effort to provide stronger background checks and hiring procedures for law enforcement after the tragic death of Sonya Massey. **ISA supports.**

SB 2323 - The legislation would create additional human trafficking training and awareness for law enforcement and DCFS. This would also expand prevention and access to resources to better identify and intervene in human trafficking cases. **ISA supports.**

SB 1773 - The legislation would add xylazine as a Schedule III controlled substance. Xylazine is often found as an additive in a number of fentanyl cases. **ISA supports**

HB 2873 - This legislation expands the definition of stalking to include harassment that is not necessary to accomplish a purpose that is reasonable under the circumstances and would reasonably cause emotional distress. **ISA supports.**

A Week of Gratitude | Celebrating National Correctional Officers Week | May 4th - 10th

National Correctional Officers Week is a time to recognize the vital role correctional staff play within our Sheriff's Offices across Illinois. These dedicated professionals are the backbone of our county jails, working tirelessly to maintain safety, security, and order while upholding the values of justice and public service. Their work is demanding and often goes unseen, but their impact is deeply felt - within our facilities and throughout the communities we serve.

Last week, we honored their commitment, resilience, and the critical part they play in our law enforcement family. ***The Illinois Sheriffs' Association extends its heartfelt thanks to the men and women in corrections for your hard work, dedication, and service!***

NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS WEEK 2025



THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO!



Champaign County Sheriff's Office

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EFFINGHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE | CORRECTIONS DIVISION



KNOX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE | CORRECTIONS DIVISION, THIRD SHIFT

What makes you proud to be a Corrections Officer?

What makes me proud to be a Corrections Officer is the opportunity to make a difference.

I take pride in treating people with dignity and respect, upholding the rules and regulations of the facility, and contributing to being a positive influence in the lives of everyone around me.



CO Sergot
SRU Tactical Team Leader
15 Years of Service



FRANKLIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE | CORRECTIONS DIVISION

2025 ISA Conference & Training Schedule

Civil Process Training,
June 4, 2025,
Par-a-Dice Hotel, East Peoria

Sheriffs Summer

Training Conference,
September 20-23, 2025,
Embassy Suites, East Peoria

**ISA PRESENTS -
Law Enforcement
Continued Education
Opportunities**

Together, the Illinois Sheriffs' Association
is making progress in the right direction
by providing our Peace Officers
with the resources they need.

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GET TO KNOW YOUR SHERIFF - Montgomery County



*Appointed as
Sheriff 2024*
16 Years in
Law Enforcement



Population
Montgomery County
27,663



Average
Household
Income
\$61,863



1.

What first made you get involved with law enforcement?

I spent the first several years of my career active duty in the military. Law enforcement provided a similar sense of being able to serve others while working to make a positive impact on the communities we work in.

2.

Describe your role as Sheriff in your Office and throughout your County:

My role includes overseeing the daily mission of responding to emergencies and calls for service. To ensure we are utilizing the necessary resources to prevent and solve crime, effectively manage our jail, and to interact with other city and county departments as well as the citizens to ensure the overall safety of our county.

3.

What is your favorite part about being Montgomery County Sheriff?

Having the opportunity to work with and lead a tremendous group of people and to create future leaders within our agency.



4.

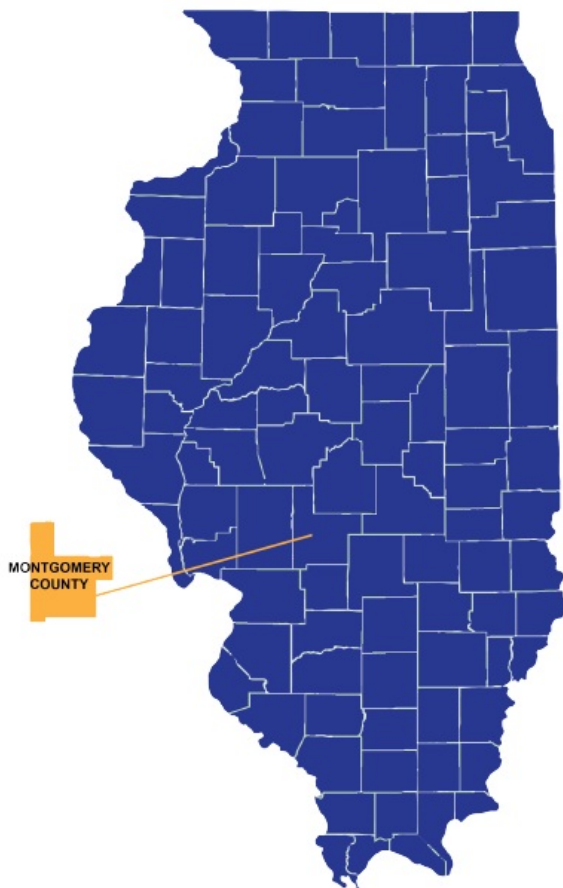
Describe what drives you to get involved within the community:

Positive minded people going out of their way to make the areas we live, work, and play in the best they can be.

5.

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

The best thing to happen to me is being surrounded by a great family both at home and at work. I would not succeed without either of them.



6.

Tell us about someone or something that has influenced you:

There are too many people to name that have influenced me but a guy once told me to slow down, take a breath, and keep it simple.

7.

What do you consider the biggest challenge in your community?

Recent legislation has created a lack of accountability for criminals who continuously violate laws.



8.

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

I have no idea. In a positive light I would hope.

9.

What advice would you give young people?

Put your phones down and stay off of social media.....and this may be a repeat answer but, learn to swim.



SHERIFF HOLSHOUSER FUN FACTS:



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

USAF CCT



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

Spend time with my family, go
to the gym or range, and
attempt to spend as much
time as possible on a golf
course.



WHAT MIGHT SOMEONE
BE SURPRISED TO KNOW
ABOUT YOU?

That I am not as athletic
as I appear to be.

(That's a joke)



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Montgomery County Sheriff's Office

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Scenes from D.C.:
What it means to be
at Police Week

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New protections for
domestic violence
victims in Illinois now
in effect under
Karina's Law

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John Odenthal | CBS News

What is Karina's Law?

Important Measures of Karina's Law

This law will allow courts to order the seizure of



Karina's Law went into effect on Sunday, May 11, 2025. The bill was written in recognition of Karina Gonzalez of Chicago who was fatally shot by her husband 2 years ago.

Why It Matters?

Karina's Law creates a new process so that firearms are taken away quickly and clearly when a court says someone might be in danger.

firearms and parts that could be assembled to make firearms from a Respondent during an EMERGENCY Order of Protection. Current law mandates that firearms can only be taken away after a Plenary Order of Protection has been issued. This change in the law matches the Firearm Restraining Order where firearms can be taken away in an emergency if there is an immediate and present danger to the Petitioner in the Order of Protection.

What Happens to the Firearms?

- The Respondent (accused person) shall be prohibited from possessing firearms and parts that can be used to make a firearm.
- If the Respondent has the firearm or the parts or the FOID or CCL on his person at the time of service of the EOOP, they shall be immediately turned over to the service agency.
- If the Respondent does not have the firearm or parts or the FOID or CCL on his person at the time of services of the EOOP, the Respondent shall turn over the items within 24 hours of service to local law enforcement officer.
- The Court MAY issue a search warrant at the time of the issuance of the Order of Protection if the Court finds by probable cause
- Police must provide a receipt listing the firearms they collect and share that with both the person involved and the court.
- Surrendered or seized firearms or firearm parts shall remain with LEO until the termination of the Order of Protection or further order of the court. Respondents do have the ability to transfer the items at the next court hearing to a 3rd party FOID card holder that also goes to court with the approval of the courts.

When the Order Ends

- The person can request to have their firearms returned, if they are legally allowed to own them again.
 - The police must return them within 14 days of that request.
 - If they don't ask for their guns back, or can't be reached after three attempts, police must ask a court for permission to dispose of the firearms.
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Scholarship Feature

**Congratulations to the 2025–2026
ISA Scholarship Recipients!**

Thank you to our members who continue to
make this scholarship opportunity possible for
the youth in our state!



Illinois Sheriffs' Association

2025 - 2026 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Adams County	Nathan Konrad
Alexander County	Essence Brown
Bond County	Laynie Taylor
Boone County	Yesenia Contreras
Brown County	<i>no applicants</i>
Bureau County	Luke Smith
Calhoun County	Jenna Fraley
Carroll County	Presley Nellish
Cass County	Mila Capps
Champaign County	Jac Corbin
Christian County	Lillyanna Rochkes
Clark County	<i>n/a</i>
Clay County	Hazel Ord
Clinton County	Daisy Brammeier
Coles County	Macey Vanderport
Cook County	Deniya Dickerson
Cook County	Sarah Torres
Cook County	Kelly Fergus
Cook County	Veronica Thomas
Crawford County	Kassey Shipman
Cumberland County	Meah Scales
DeKalb County	Timothy Sutter
DeWitt County	Talan Thrasher
Douglas County	Braden Phillips
DuPage County	Julieta Salazar
Edgar County	Abigail Sanders
Edwards County	Paige Mosson
Effingham County	Camille Zeigler
Fayette County	Faith DuPlayee
Ford County	Lainey Bertrand
Franklin County	Marissa Kinkade
Fulton County	Kayleigh Shubert
Gallatin County	Kaden Cobb
Greene County	Billy Springman
Grundy County	Logan Matzen
Hamilton County	<i>no applicants</i>
Hancock County	Kaylee Fecht
Hardin County	Ella Staggs
Henderson County	Brooklyn Miller
Henry County	Katelynn McMahon

Iroquois County	Quinn Starkey
Jackson County	Audrey Brumley
Jackson County	Madison Stanton
Jackson County	Skyler Hussey
Jackson County	Isabella Lipsey
Jasper County	Isaac Street
Jefferson County	Addysen Denault
Jersey County	Ella Smith
Jo Daviess County	Javier Montalvo
Johnson County	Anniston Steinmann
Kane County	Madalyn Wolf
Kankakee County	Brandon Kropp
Kankakee County	Sofia Ramirez
Kendall County	Kaitlyn Wolf
Knox County	Haven Manning
Lake County	Alyssa Tchebotarev
LaSalle County	Jacob Quick
Lawrence County	Dillon Darnell
Lawrence County	Addison Dining
Lee County	Landon Whelchel
Livingston County	Noah Nagel
Logan County	Lilyan Block
Macon County	Spencer Jordan
Macoupin County	Ellie Wilson
Madison County	Claire Jones
Marion County	Braden Rector
Marshall County	Isaac Tower
Mason County	Carly DeSutter
Massac County	Jocelyn Kerr
McDonough County	Jeffery Lee
McHenry County	Serenity Magouirk
McLean County	Ellasyn Loudenburg
Menard County	Tyler Sathoff
Mercer County	Madilyn Lair
Monroe County	Geraldine Blanchfield
Montgomery County	Clayton Logsdon
Morgan County	Lauren Eoff
Moultrie County	Addison Stollard
Ogle County	Isabella Thiel
Peoria County	Emma Clark

Perry County	Henry Ruppert
Piatt County	Megan Allen
Pike County	Draven Puterbaugh
Pope County	Lilith Ibata
Pulaski County	<i>n/a</i>
Putnam County	Jacob Edens
Randolph County	Jaydian Montroy
Richland County	Elizabeth Bahl
Rock Island County	Eva Zimmerman
Saline County	Wade Romonosky
Sangamon County	Elizabeth Ford
Sangamon County	Jackson Kulavic
Schuyler County	Alice Hynek
Schuyler County	Audrey Sutor
Schuyler County	Delaney Meyer
Schuyler County	John Schoonover
Schuyler County	Katelyn Vogler
Schuyler County	Madeline Stoll
Scott County	Marissa Galloway
Shelby County	Isaiah Harbert
St Clair County	Allison Sheldon
Stark County	<i>n/a</i>
Stephenson County	Ryan Pieper
Tazewell County	Emma Schurman
Union County	Kenzie Stover
Vermilion County	Brooklyn Campbell
Wabash County	Evan Roberts
Warren County	Mae Sims
Washington County	Rhyse Kwiatkowski
Wayne County	Landon Lowery
White County	Paige Jackson
White County	Ava Shiever
Whiteside County	Bryce Hartman
Will County	Gianna Stack
Will County	Contessa Szymczak
Williamson County	Nicholas Hellriegel
Williamson County	Olivia Rushing
Winnebago County	Andrea Gonzalez Acero
Woodford County	Annabelle Fortner

Congratulations to all of our 2025-2026 Illinois Sheriffs Scholarship Winners!



Lawrence Co. Sheriff Trenton Masterson
and 2025-2026 winner Dillion Darnell



Henry Co. Sheriff Josh Verscheure and
2025-2026 winner Katelynn McMahonill



Henderson Co. Sheriff Matthew Link
and 2025-2026 winner Brooklyn Miller



Shelby Co. Sheriff Brian McReynolds and
2025-2026 winner Isaiah Harbert



Kendall Co. Undersheriff Bobby Richardson and Sheriff Dwight
Baird with 2025-2026 winner Kaitlyn Wolf

For more photos and information visit the [youth outreach](#) section on our website



501(c)3 raising money for Illinois Law Enforcement Families & members of the Illinois Military.

The 2025-2026 Peacekeepers Scholarship Application is NOW OPEN!

Each year the Illinois Sheriffs' Association offers special scholarships to dependents of our military and law enforcement community. We believe these scholarships demonstrate honor to the families of those who serve our country and communities.

Those eligible to apply for the Peacekeepers Scholarship include dependents of Law Enforcement Officers who are either active duty, retired or those killed in the line of duty. Also eligible are dependents of active duty Military, Military Reserve, National Guard or of those killed in action.

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS MONDAY JUNE 2, 2025.

Click the link to download a fillable PDF Application.

[Peacekeepers Application](#)



For over 30 years, the Illinois Sheriffs' Association has been awarding scholarships for youth to attend the Cebrin Goodman Teen Institute (CGTI).

REGISTER FOR CGTI 2025!
JULY 13 - 17 | EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION, \$430
MARCH 1 - MARCH 31

STANDARD REGISTRATION, \$475
APRIL 1 - MAY 31

LATE REGISTRATION, \$500
JUNE 1 - JUNE 15



APPLY AT IL SHERIFFS' ASSOC WEBSITE- ilsheriff.org/youth-2



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