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Illinois Sheriffs Gather in East Peoria for 2025 Summer Conference

**Over 80 Sheriffs and law enforcement leaders unite for training,
collaboration, and partnership**

East Peoria, IL — The Illinois Sheriffs' Association (ISA) successfully hosted its 2025 Summer Training Conference in East Peoria, Illinois, bringing together more than 80 Sheriffs from across the state for three days of training, networking, and professional development.

Sheriffs and their command staff from every corner of Illinois gathered to share strategies, strengthen partnerships and discuss pressing public safety issues. The event underscored the Association's mission to support the Office of Sheriff through education, collaboration, and advocacy on behalf of Illinois communities.

Focus on Training & Preparedness

The conference agenda was built around high-quality training designed to address the evolving challenges facing law enforcement. Sessions included:

- Crisis Communications Training focusing on transparency, community trust, and managing high-stakes incidents.
- Legal and Legislative Updates ensuring Sheriffs remain informed on the latest developments impacting law enforcement operations.
- Officer-Involved Shooting (OIS) Debrief providing valuable lessons learned and strategies for critical incident response.

Strong Partnerships with Sponsors & Vendors

The conference was made possible through the valued support of ISA's sponsors and vendors. Preferred vendors such as BI2 Technologies, Stellar Services, Combined Public Communications, EZ Justice, ICRMT, FirstNet, Zoll, and others showcased services ranging from communications technology and inmate management systems to healthcare solutions and facility operations.

Sheriffs had the opportunity to engage with dozens of exhibitors in the Vendor Hall, gaining insight into innovative tools and services designed to enhance law enforcement effectiveness, efficiency, and safety.

Building Relationships Beyond Training

In addition to formal training, the conference provided opportunities for Sheriffs and their families to connect through social events, including a shrimp boil & BBQ at Eastport Marina, a golf outing at Lick Creek Golf Course, and evening hospitality gatherings.

These moments strengthened bonds among Sheriffs while fostering the camaraderie that is essential to the profession.

Commitment to Public Safety

"As Sheriffs, we stand together in our shared mission to protect Illinois families," said ISA President Sheriff Nicholas M. Petitgout of McDonough County. "This conference allows us to train together, learn from each other, and ensure our offices remain prepared to meet the challenges ahead."

The Illinois Sheriffs' Association extends its gratitude to all Sheriffs, staff, sponsors, and vendors who contributed to making the 2025 Summer Training Conference a success. Together, they reaffirmed the strength of Illinois law enforcement and its commitment to serving and protecting communities across the state.

For more information, photos, and updates from the 2025 Summer Conference, please visit www.ilsheriff.org.

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