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Illinois Sheriffs' Association Opens 2025 Annual Awards Nominations

Celebrating Excellence and Heroism Among Illinois' Law Enforcement Community

(Springfield), IL — The Illinois Sheriffs' Association (ISA) is proud to announce that nominations are now open for the **2025 Annual Awards Program**, honoring the dedication, professionalism, and bravery of law enforcement personnel across Illinois.

Established in 2008, each year the ISA recognizes the remarkable service and sacrifice of those who protect and serve their communities through four distinguished categories:

- **Deputy of the Year (DOY)**
- **Correctional Officer of the Year (COY)**
- **Telecommunicator of the Year (TOY)**
- **Life-Saving Award** (a newly added category celebrating those whose actions directly resulted in saving a human life)

"These awards celebrate the very best of Illinois law enforcement," said **Jim Kaitschuk, Executive Director of the Illinois Sheriffs' Association**. "Each honoree embodies courage, compassion, and commitment to their communities. We look forward to recognizing another incredible group of heroes this coming year."

Last year's 2024 award recipients honored during the ISA Winter Conference in February 2025 represented outstanding examples of service, leadership, and bravery from agencies across the state. Their stories of compassion, quick thinking, and unwavering professionalism continue to inspire their peers and the communities they serve.

Now Accepting Nominations

Sheriffs throughout Illinois are invited to submit nominations for the 2025 awards, recognizing exemplary individuals in their agencies.

- **Nomination Deadline: Wednesday, November 5, 2025**
- **Eligibility Period: November 1, 2024 – October 31, 2025**
- **Submission:** Complete nomination forms and supporting materials must be sent to ISA at lynn@ilsheriff.org.

The ISA Membership Committee will review all submissions and select the winners later this fall. Award recipients will be honored at the **Illinois Sheriffs' Association Annual Winter Training Conference Banquet**, scheduled for **Monday, February 9, 2026**, at the **Abraham Lincoln DoubleTree Hotel and Conference Center** in Springfield, Illinois. Winners and their guests will be hosted by ISA for an evening celebrating excellence in public safety.

To view last year's winners and learn more about the Illinois Sheriffs' Association Annual Awards Program, visit www.ilsheriff.org and scroll down to the middle of the home page.

About the Illinois Sheriffs' Association

The Illinois Sheriffs' Association supports the Office of Sheriff across the state through training, resources, and advocacy. ISA works to strengthen law enforcement, promote community partnerships and ensure the safety and security of Illinois residents.

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