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22ND ANNUAL CYCLE ACROSS ILLINOIS



JULY 9-12, 2026

**HONORING POLICE HEROES
AND SUPPORTING THEIR SURVIVORS**

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2026 CYCLE ACROSS ILLINOIS

**Honors Fallen Heroes
with 331 Mile Tribute Ride**



This past weekend, cyclists from across Illinois came together for the 22nd Annual Cycle Across Illinois, a powerful four-day event honoring Illinois law enforcement officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

The ride began on Thursday, July 9, and concluded on Sunday, July 12, as participants traveled approximately 331 miles across Illinois. Along the route, riders stopped in communities to pay tribute to fallen officers, offering moments of remembrance while standing alongside the families, friends, and fellow officers whose lives have been forever impacted by their loss.

In 2025, 111 law enforcement officers lost their lives in the line of duty across the United States. In Illinois, two officers made the ultimate sacrifice and were honored throughout this year's ride:

**Police Officer Krystal Rivera
Chicago Police Department**

Detective Timothy Jones
Park Forest Police Department
EOW: December 3, 2025

Organized by Illinois Concerns of Police Survivors (ILCOPS), the annual ride serves as a moving reminder that the service and sacrifice of our fallen officers will never be forgotten. Every mile ridden represents a commitment to honoring their legacy while supporting the loved ones they left behind.

ILCOPS is a nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting the families and co-workers of law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty. Through peer support, counseling, survivor retreats, financial assistance, legal guidance, and other resources, ILCOPS provides compassionate care and support during life's most difficult moments. Their team responds to every line-of-duty death in Illinois, ensuring survivors receive immediate and ongoing assistance.

The Illinois Sheriffs' Association is proud to support the mission of ILCOPS and extends its sincere appreciation to every rider, volunteer, sponsor, and donor who made this year's Cycle Across Illinois a success. Together, we honor our fallen heroes, support the survivors they leave behind, and ensure their sacrifice is never forgotten.

To learn more about the mission of Illinois Concerns of Police Survivors or to make a donation, please visit www.ilcops.org.





(Left to right) Whiteside Co. Sheriff John Booker, McHenry Co. Sheriff Robb Tadelman, Rock Island Co. Sheriff Darren Hart, ISA Executive Director Jim Kaitschuk, DeKalb Co. Sheriff Andy Sullivan, Ogle Co. Sheriff Brian VanVickle, and Carroll Co. Sheriff Ryan Kloepping

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Sheriff Brian McReynolds



GET TO KNOW YOUR SHERIFF | SHELBY COUNTY



**Elected as
Sheriff 2022
38 Years in
Law Enforcement**



**Average
Household
Income
\$82,841**



**Population
Shelby County
20,990**



1. What first made you get involved with law enforcement?

I felt a calling towards service in Law Enforcement and the Military from a young age. It was a natural fit to enlist in the US Army Military Police after high school.

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

Leading, mentoring and building a capable, competent and confident Law Enforcement agency to provide the best services possible to all.

3. What is your favorite part about being Shelby County Sheriff?

Building friendships with community members I would otherwise not have had contact with.

4. Describe what drives you to get involved within the community:

Desire for the citizens of Shelby County to have a safe and welcoming community to live and raise their families.

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

Raising cattle somewhere requiring them to be worked from horseback

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

My wife and I are involved in our church. I like to spend time in the woods, hunting mostly deer and squirrels. Recently it is being a proud Grandpa to our grandson.

WHAT MIGHT SOMEONE BE SURPRISED TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?

That I met my wife, Lynette, got married and had my first son in Germany.



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

The satisfaction of helping, especially the weak and vulnerable members in our county.



members in our county.

6. Tell us about someone or something that has influenced you:

My late father's example on how to treat all people with respect. In my 38 years in Law Enforcement, I have learned from many great supervisors and coworkers on how to strive to be the constant professional.



7. What do you consider the biggest challenge in your community?

Substance abuse disorder and mental health illness, most of the time it is both together. Finding appropriate and available resources to assist those who are struggling is a constant concern.

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

Slow to speak and quick to listen, hopefully with a steady calming presence.

9. What advice would you give young people?

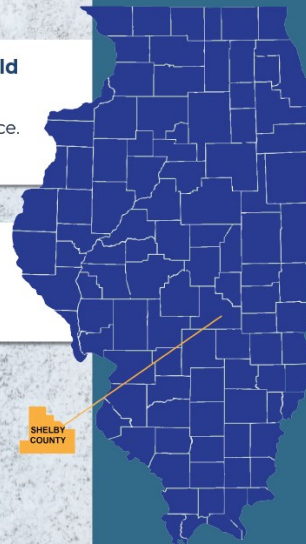
Work hard at "a job", while you're deciding and looking for "the job" you want to make a career out of.



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Shelby County Sheriff's Office



SHELBY
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2026/2027 ISA Conference & Training Schedule



**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.

**Sheriffs Summer Training
Conference**

September 12-15, 2026
Embassy Suites, East Peoria

New Sheriffs Management Institute

November 15-19, 2026
President Abraham Lincoln Hotel,
Springfield

Sheriffs Winter Training Conference

February 13-16, 2027
Springfield, IL

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Reminder for National Night Out - Tuesday, August, 4th

National Night Out is just around the corner! This annual event brings communities and law enforcement together to promote safety, strengthen relationships, and celebrate community partnerships.

Many Illinois Sheriff's Offices host National Night Out events featuring family activities, safety demonstrations, emergency vehicles, and opportunities to meet local deputies.

Be sure to check with your local Sheriff's Office to see if a National Night Out event is being held in your community.



Driving Impaired Isn't A Victimless Crime, It's A Choice

ILLINOIS SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION GRANT UPDATE

As the Illinois Sheriffs' Association wraps up its 2026 Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Highway Safety Grant focused on cannabis-impaired driving prevention, we want to thank our members for helping share this important public safety message across Illinois.

Through this grant, ISA launched a statewide public education initiative to address a growing and dangerous misconception, that driving after using cannabis is safe, legal, or less dangerous than driving under the influence of alcohol. The campaign's message has remained clear and direct: **If you're high, don't drive. It's still a DUI.**

Over the past year, ISA developed and shared digital educational resources, monitored outreach performance, and delivered targeted traffic safety messaging to help reduce cannabis-impaired driving throughout Illinois. The campaign also featured Illinois families who courageously shared their stories after losing loved ones to drivers impaired by cannabis, reminding us that these tragedies have real and lasting consequences.

The campaign's educational resources will remain available and continue to serve as valuable tools for law enforcement agencies, schools, community organizations, and the public.

We encourage our members to continue sharing these resources within their communities to help prevent impaired driving and save lives. Don't be silent and don't become a statistic.

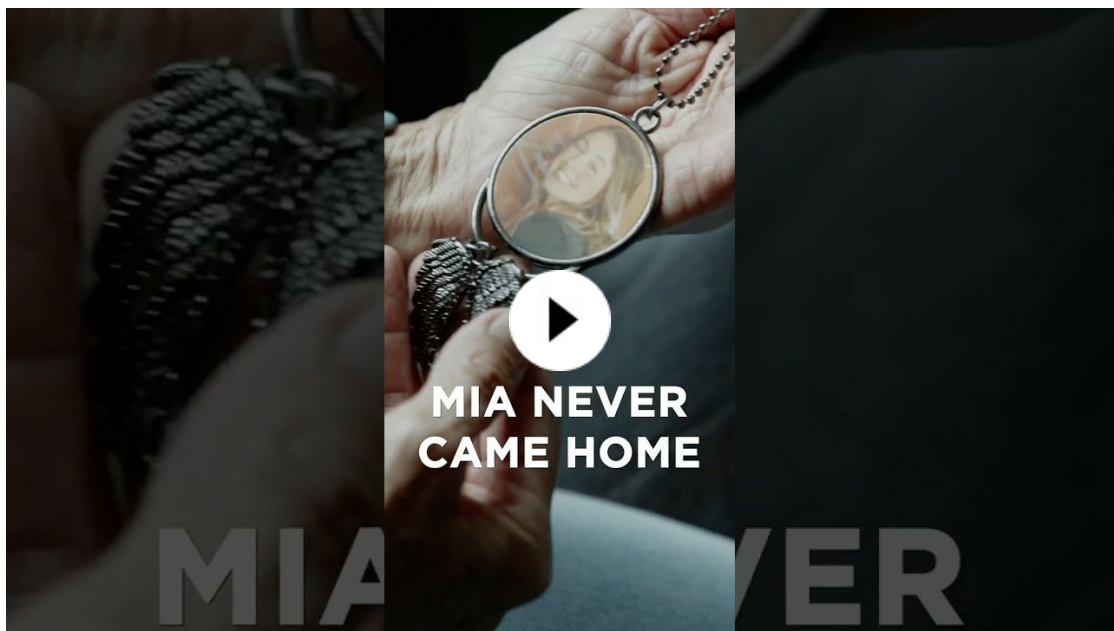
The campaign features Illinois families whose loved ones were killed by a driver impaired by marijuana:

- **George Harvey** died when a 19-year-old impaired driver caused a fatal crash, leaving his pregnant wife and young daughters without their father.
- **Mia Dusek**, just 15, was killed during what should have been a routine outing with family friends.
- **Bethany Baker** was a passenger, trusting the driver she was with to get her home safely, but the driver, impaired by cannabis, swerved and lost control of his truck.

Campaign Website: <https://stilladui.org>

The website includes educational videos, downloadable resources, and information about the dangers and legal consequences of cannabis-impaired driving.

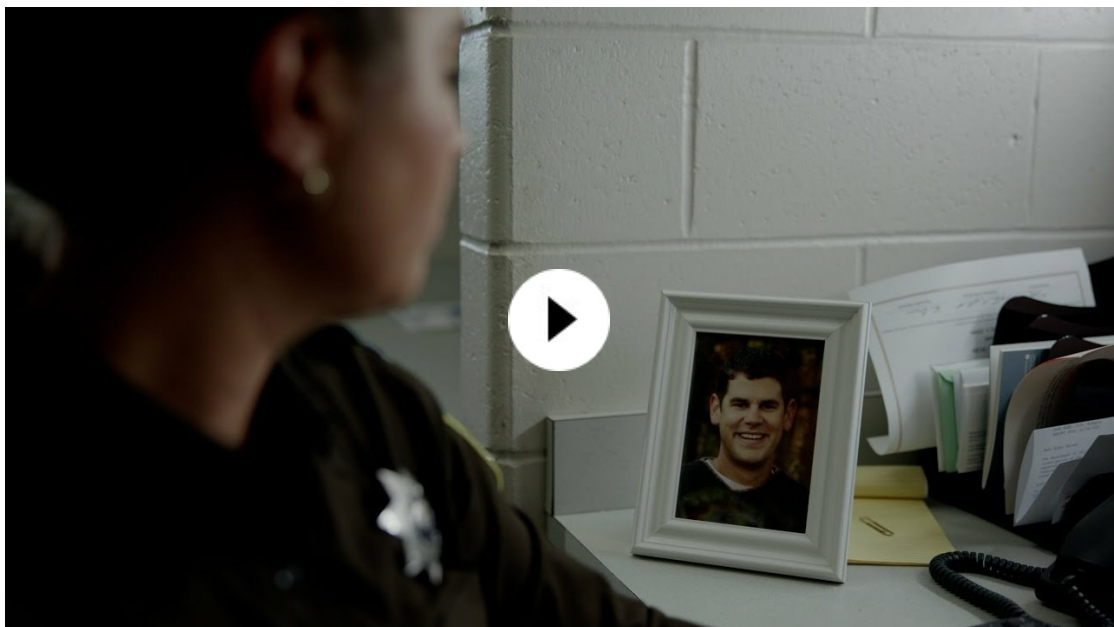
StillADUI is an initiative of the Illinois Sheriffs' Association.
Funded by the Illinois DUI Prevention and Education Fund.



Cannabis DUIs: Bethany's Life Was Cut Short By A High Driver



Tragic DUI: How Cannabis Impaired Driving Killed George Harvey





Scholarship Feature

We are excited to announce the 2026 Peacekeepers, Inc. Scholarship Winners!
A BIG thank you to The Peacekeepers for raising the funds each year and
partnering with the ISA to make this scholarship opportunity possible!
Congratulations to this year's winners!!

The Peacekeepers are a non-profit organization, and their annual Ride will take place on Sunday, July 19th in Springfield, Illinois.



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



2026 PEACEKEEPERS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Each year, the Peacekeepers organization proudly awards scholarships to outstanding dependents of Illinois law enforcement and military families. The program is coordinated through the Illinois Sheriffs' Association.



This year's recipients have shown exceptional promise in their fields of study and a strong commitment to service - qualities that reflect the mission of the Peacekeepers and honor the sacrifices of Illinois' law enforcement and military families.

We're proud to share that the Peacekeepers awarded a total of \$7,500 in scholarships this year. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all of the recipients and their families!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S WINNERS AND A "THANK YOU" TO ALL OF THE STUDENTS WHO SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS.

Abbie Hernandez

Madison County/St. Clair County - Saint Louis University -
MBA Product & Brand Management - \$3,000

Abigail Perez

Kane County - Rice University - Biosciences (BS) & Psychology (MA) Major - \$2,000

Ian Conard

Sangamon County - Missouri University of Science & Technology -
Computer Science \$1,500

Jeremy Grime

St. Clair County - Missouri State University -



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