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ILLINOIS STATE POLICE ACCEPTING CADETS WITH STARTING PAY OF \$90,000

SPRINGFIELD – People looking to be part of something bigger in the Chicagoland area and earn a starting pay of \$90,000 after graduation still have until November 1, 2024 to meet the application deadline for Illinois State Police (ISP) cadet classes 151 and 152. Physical fitness testing and recruitment exams are happening right now and cadets will check-in to the ISP Academy in June 2025.

“The Illinois State Police is one of the most prestigious law enforcement agencies in the country,” said ISP Director Brendan F. Kelly. “We’re looking for individuals with physical and moral courage, dedicated to fighting crime, protecting communities, and pursuing justice.”

In addition to patrolling interstates 1-55, I-80, I-57, I-355, I-290, and I-53, as well as rural and unincorporated areas around Chicago, ISP offers opportunities in multiple specialized work units including SWAT, crime scene services, criminal investigation, air operations, K9, 911, and others. ISP has troopers across the entire state with the largest number in the Chicago area.

ISP offers two types of cadet classes. Traditional classes are for individuals new to law enforcement, while lateral classes are for current officers looking for increased opportunities and great pay. ISP has taken the 30X30 pledge to increase the representation of women in cadet classes to 30% by 2030. Upon graduation, troopers earn a total of \$90,000, with benefits.

For more information about becoming part of a family dedicated to Integrity, Service, and Pride, go to www.illinoistrooper.com.

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