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HONORING EVERY ILLINOIS STATE POLICE OFFICER KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

SPRINGFIELD – Today, Illinois Trooper Day, the Illinois State Police (ISP), Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), Illinois Tollway, and the Illinois State Police Heritage Foundation announced every ISP Officer killed in the line of duty will be honored for their sacrifice for the people of Illinois with a memorial sign along Illinois roadways.

“The lives and legacies of our fallen State Police Officers deserve to be honored for generations to come, and we will ensure that no sacrifice goes unrecognized,” said Governor JB Pritzker. “Our State Police put their safety on the line to protect the People of Illinois, and that bravery and commitment will be memorialized along roadways across the state.”

Trooper Albert J. Hasson was the first ISP Trooper killed in the line of duty after being struck by a vehicle while on patrol on old Route 66 just north of Chenoa in 1924. Since the agency began providing services on April 1, 1922, 73 ISP Officers have died in the line of duty.

“While the State has installed signs along Illinois highways in dedication of fallen ISP Officers over the years, we recognized there were not signs for every fallen ISP Officer, and to honor them, we are changing that,” said ISP Director Brendan F. Kelly. “These Officers made the ultimate sacrifice for us all and these signs are one way to ensure that sacrifice is not forgotten.”

Over the next several months, IDOT and the Illinois Tollway will erect uniform signs for all fallen ISP Officers. The existing ISP signs vary in design. The new signs will be standardized for a uniform look that shows respect for the Officer’s, and their family’s, sacrifice.

“For the millions of drivers on Illinois roads each day, these signs are a reminder that Troopers constantly put their lives on the line to keep the public protected and safe,” said Illinois Transportation Secretary Gia Biagi. “We are honored to participate in this tribute and forever grateful for the contributions of the Illinois State Police.”

“The Illinois Tollway relies on the Illinois State Police to protect and assist the drivers and workers on our system and we’re proud to participate in this initiative to ensure the sacrifices made by these fallen Troopers are properly honored,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Cassandra Rouse. “Adding the new, standardized signs along our system will help ensure the service, dedication and sacrifice displayed by these Troopers is properly recognized.”

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In 2011, the General Assembly began passing resolutions designating stretches of various highways in honor of ISP Officers killed in the line of duty. It is believed the first ISP memorial sign was installed on State Highway 13 in honor of [Trooper Lory Price](#), who was murdered, along with his wife, by the notorious Charlie Birger Gang in 1927.

“Remembering those men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice is one of the most important endeavors we can undertake to honor their legacies and families,” said ISP Heritage Foundation Executive Director Jarod Ingebrigtsen. “I am thankful for the efforts of the Illinois General Assembly, Illinois State Police, Illinois Department of Transportation, and Illinois Tollway in moving this initiative forward. These signs will serve as a reminder to the citizens of this great state, as well as its visitors, of the sacrifice paid by these Officers as well as the daily efforts of our current and future law enforcement officers to keep our communities safe.”

Video of the news conference is available on ISP’s Facebook page [ILStatePolice](#).

ANTICIPATED SIGN LOCATIONS			
Trooper	EOW	Sign Location	County
Tpr. Albert J. Hasson	September 7, 1924	Old Route 66 north of Chenoa	McLean
Lory L. Price	January 17, 1927	IL Route 13 east of IL Route 166	Williamson
Paul E. Clendening	February 16, 1927	I-59 and US 20 intersection	Cook
George E. Wheeler	November 22, 1927	I-57 outside Kankakee	Kankakee
Robert L. Fisher	April 24, 1929	IL 1 south of Hoopeston	Vermilion
Robert J. McDonald	July 10, 1930	IL 159 north of I-270	Madison
Robert J. Card	August 12, 1930	IL 40 near I-88 south of Rock Falls	Whiteside
Frank M. Schwartz	September 11, 1930	I-55 at US 52	Will
Kenneth L. Church	December 5, 1931	IL 2 at Palmyra Road Sterling	Whiteside
John Connors, Jr.	June 3, 1932	US 51 and IL 16	Christian
Grady L. Sutton	June 30, 1932	IL 34 north of Dorris Heights Road	Saline
Richard Groja	May 28, 1933	I-294 and US 14	Cook
John L. McCabe	August 12, 1933	I-294 and I-88	Cook
Joseph Merritt Elliott	October 20, 1933	IL 116 near Nofsinger	Woodford
Leo J. LaVelle	November 24, 1934	I-80 and IL 84	Rock Island
Ray Embree	October 15, 1936	I-55 southbound milepost 186	McLean
Frank Tamulis	August 9, 1937	I-294 outside Oak Lawn	Cook
Albert Cecil Brokmyer	November 19, 1939	US 45 outside Carrier Mills	Saline
Eugene Roberts	February 18, 1940	IL 30 and IL 34	Kendall
Rocco Gragido	September 11, 1940	I-90 and W. 63 rd	Cook
Ralph R. Newman	August 20, 1941	IL 14 outside Buckner	Franklin
Robert R. Thomas	May 15, 1942	I-270 near milepost 14	Madison
Phillip B. Guinto	August 5, 1943	US 12 and IL 134	Lake
Charles J. Deans	August 8, 1944	I-57 outside Benton	Franklin
Samuel Mangiamele	May 25, 1945	US 41	Cook
Marvin C. Archer	June 18, 1946	IL 9 Paxton	Ford
Forrest F. Spencer	October 27, 1946	IL 37 south of Olmsted	Pulaski
George L. Fredrickson	September 1, 1947	IL 100 Scenic Drive Grafton	Jersey
Roy Kyle Moody	February 28, 1949	I-55 and I-72	Sangamon
Ben R. Seaton	October 14, 1949	US 34 Wataga	Knox
Arthur Paul Goetting	February 4, 1951	IL 57 and IL 162	Madison
Corwin L. McConkey	March 8, 1951	I-72 north of Cisco	Piatt
Millard R. Courtney	April 11, 1951	Dixie Highway at 147 th Street	Cook
Glenn D. Gagnon	December 28, 1952	IL 50 north of Kankakee	Kankakee

Harry B. Bradley	October 24, 1957	US 50 and IL 1 Lawrenceville	Lawrence
Leo S. Burakowski	September 24, 1958	I-94 rear IL Tollway Buckley Plaza	Lake
Clarence U. Swain	August 1, 1959	I-55 and I-72	Sangamon
Michael T. Angelos	July 13, 1960	IL 38 Lombard	DuPage
Dale A. Van Vooren	December 29, 1962	US 6 outside Annawan	Henry/Bureau
Clarence M. Robinson	December 28, 1963	IL 130 and US 50	Richland
Frank A. Doris	May 27, 1967	I-57 at milepost 157	Clay
Warren L. Allen	September 21, 1967	IL 17 at Riverwood Road	Kankakee
Floyd J. Farrar	December 17, 1968	IL 103 and US 24	Schuyler
Richard G. Warner	April 21, 1969	IL 53 ISP Headquarters Lockport	Will
Donald Blickensderfer	September 26, 1970	US 36 south of Pierson	Piatt
Frank R. Dunbar	May 14, 1972	IL 37 north of Benton	Franklin
Pete E. Lackey	November 27, 1972	I-72 near New Berlin	Sangamon
Layton T. Davis	March 18, 1976	I-57 south of 1700 th Avenue	Effingham
George D. Craggs	November 10, 1976	I-55 and US 136 Havana	Mason
Michael K. McCarter	April 7, 1979	I-57 County Road 200 North	Ford
Bernard D. Skeeters	May 20, 1982	I-55 Stuttle Road Overpass Williamsville	Sangamon
John H. Kugelman	November 10, 1986	I-355 and I-290	DuPage
Virgil L. Bensyl	January 15, 1988	IL 105 north of Monticello	Piatt
Gary Degelman	May 4, 1989	IL 67 at 1500 North Road, Macomb	McDonough
April C. Styburski	January 5, 1990	US 20 near Pingree Grove	Kane
Robert L. Kolowski	February 25, 1993	IL 47 in Yorkville	Kendall
Chong S. Lim	June 6, 1995	I-90 and IL 59 Overpass	Cook
Anthony Millison	October 27, 1997	I-57 & Thornton-Blue Island Overpass	Cook
Erin M. Hehl	October 30, 1997	I-55 and IL 83 Overpass	DuPage
Stanley W. Talbot	June 23, 2001	US 67 at IL 92 in Rock Island	Rock Island
Jeffrey Vlcek	July 13, 2003	I-294 at Cicero Avenue	Cook
Rodney T. Miller	May 12, 2006	I-72 Champaign County 500 East	Champaign
Brian McMillen	October 28, 2007	I-72 and milepost 122	Macon
Kyle Deatherage	November 26, 2012	I-55 at milepost 62 Raymond	Montgomery
James Sauter	March 28, 2013	I-294 and Willow Road Overpass	Cook
Ryan Albin	June 28, 2017	I-74 DeWitt County Line	DeWitt
Christopher Lambert	January 12, 2019	I-294 milepost 49	Cook
Brooke Jones-Story	March 28, 2019	US 20 & Springfield Road Overpass	Stephenson
Gerald Ellis	March 30, 2019	I-94 and milepost 16	Lake
Nicholas Hopkins	August 23, 2019	IL 3 south of GG Road Waterloo	Monroe
Todd A. Hanneken	March 25, 2021	IL 121 west of IL 128	Moultrie
Corey S. Thompsen	October 18, 2024	I-74 at County Road 1900 East	Champaign
Clay M. Carns	December 23, 2024	I-55 and milepost 243	Will

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