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### **LAW ENFORCEMENT MEDAL OF HONOR AWARDED TO 136 RECIPIENTS FROM 41 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ACROSS ILLINOIS**

**SPRINGFIELD** – Governor JB Pritzker, Illinois State Police (ISP) Director Brendan F. Kelly, and law enforcement officials from across the state honored the acts of heroism performed by local and state officers during the Law Enforcement Medal of Honor Ceremony today in Springfield. The Law Enforcement Medal of Honor Committee awarded 136 officers from 41 agencies the Medal of Honor in recognition of their brave and sacrificial service to the citizens of Illinois.

“Every single one of our Medal of Honor Awardees exemplify the unwavering unselfishness and courage that it takes to be a true public servant,” said Governor JB Pritzker. “From the July 4th Highland Park massacre to hostage situations and armed robberies, Illinois’ police officers respond to our most daunting emergencies with resolve and selflessness — and on behalf of the people of Illinois, we couldn’t be more grateful.”

The Medal of Honor is awarded to officers who have been killed or seriously injured in the line of duty or who have displayed exceptional bravery or heroism while performing their duties as a law enforcement officer.

“The special souls we pay tribute to met the common daily challenge of enforcing our laws with uncommon bravery,” said ISP Director Brendan F. Kelly. “The Law Enforcement Medal of Honor Committee and the Illinois State Police honor these heroes, some who paid the ultimate price, in the pursuit of justice and the protection of public safety.”

The Law Enforcement Medal of Honor Committee was established in statute through the [Law Enforcement and Fire Fighting Medal of Honor Act](#) in 1990. Current committee members include ISP Director Kelly, Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board Executive Director Keith Calloway, Chicago Police Department Interim Superintendent Eric Carter, DeKalb Police Department Chief David Byrd, retired ISP Master Sergeant and St. Clair County Coroner Calvin Dye, and McHenry County Conservation District Police Chief Laura King.

Today’s ceremony was the first held since 2016. The follow are the list of recipients from 2017 through 2022.

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**Aurora Police Department**

2022

Officer Alexander Lopez  
Officer Andrew C. Soderlund

**Belvidere Police Department**

2017

Officer Ryan R. Davenport  
Officer Joseph M. McDermott

**Bloomington Police Department**

2017

Officer Raymond A. Murrell, posthumously

**Bolingbrook Police Department**

2022

Officer Salvatore Davi

**Bradley Police Department**

2021

Officer Tyler J. Bailey  
Sergeant Marlene R. Rittmanic,  
posthumously

**Bridgeview Police Department**

2019

Officer John Stein

**Brooklyn Police Department**

2021

Officer Brian R. Pierce Jr., posthumously

**Carbondale Police Department**

2017

Sergeant Guy G. Draper

**Carpentersville Police Department**

2019

Sergeant Kevin M. Stankowitz  
Officer Ian R. Abrahamsen

**Champaign Police Department**

2021

Officer Jeffrey J. Creel  
Officer Christopher N. Oberheim,  
posthumously

**Chicago Heights Police Department**

2021

Officer Gary S. Hibbs, posthumously

**Chicago Police Department**

2017

Sergeant Michael Keeney  
Sergeant Scott Kravitz  
Sergeant John Pellegrini  
Sergeant Sonia Rios  
Sergeant Erick Seng  
Officer Bernard W. Domagala,  
posthumously  
Officer Patrick W. Forbes  
Officer David Hardt  
Officer Martin Hernandez  
Officer Michael L. Hudson  
Officer Joel Lopez  
Officer Luis Lopez  
Officer Victoria Mendoza  
Officer Christian Nunez  
Officer David Perez  
Officer Efrain Rodriguez  
Officer Andre H. Van Vegten,  
posthumously

2018

Commander Paul R. Bauer, posthumously  
Officer Conrad Gary, posthumously  
Officer Samuel Jimenez, posthumously  
Officer Eduardo Marmolejo, posthumously  
Officer Elvis Turcinovic

2019

Lieutenant Thomas Lamb Jr.  
Sergeant John Hamilton  
Detective Michael J. Chiocca  
Officer James Henson  
Officer Angelina M. Palermo  
Officer Fernando Soto  
Officer Michaela Tuohy  
Officer Jairo Valeriano  
Officer Adam M. Wazny  
Officer George Whiting

2020

Sergeant Frank V. Ramaglia  
Officer Carlos Castillo

2021

Sergeant Mathew J. Lopez  
Officer Mark R. Bean  
Officer Joshua Blas  
Officer Roger Ferreira  
Officer Ella G. French, posthumously  
Officer Julio Garcia  
Officer Brayon Jauregui  
Officer Michael Kocerka  
Officer Bernard Lee Jr.  
Officer Daniel McAuliffe  
Officer Adrian McCoy  
Officer Nicolas Morales Jr.  
Officer Mark J. Nakayama  
Officer Eduardo Perez  
Officer Thomas Raap  
Officer Justin Simik-Valadez  
Officer Crysel A. Torres  
Officer Carlos A. Yanez Jr.

2022

Officer Fabian Arreola  
Officer Rudy Estrada  
Officer Sean J. Murray  
Officer Erik A. Moreno  
Officer Olivia A. Sardella  
Officer Felipe A. Zamorano

**Cicero Police Department**

2018

Officer Jamarie Coleman  
Officer Luis Duarte

**DeKalb Police Department**

2021

Officer Brian Bollow  
Officer Kaela Gardner

**Dixon Police Department**

2018

Officer Mark A. Dallas

**East Moline Police Department**

2019

Officer Ryan T. Clark  
Officer Logan A. Wolfe

**East Peoria Police Department**

2021

Officer Jeffrey A. Bieber

**Evanston Police Department**

2020

Officer Brandon Marx

2021

Officer Justin L. Conely  
Officer Corey D. McCray  
Officer Adam A. Nawotka  
Officer Karl M. Witt

**Fulton County Sheriff's Office**

2019

Deputy Troy P. Chisum, posthumously

**Glen Ellyn Police Department**

2017

Officer Kevin J. Riggle

**Hampton Police Department**

2020

Chief of Police Terrence A. Engle,  
posthumously

**Hometown Police Department**

2021

Lieutenant James Kouski, posthumously

**Illinois Conservation Police**

2017

Conservation Police Officer Shane M. Teas

**Illinois Gaming Board**

2020

Senior Special Agent Bryan E. Hileman

**Illinois State Police**

2017

Sergeant Nicholas Colon

Trooper Ryan M. Albin, posthumously

Trooper Chad Martinez

2019

Trooper Gerald W. Ellis, posthumously

Trooper Jeffery A. Graham

Trooper Nicholas J. Hopkins, posthumously

Trooper Brooke Jones-Story, posthumously

Trooper Christopher J. Lambert,  
posthumously

Trooper Kyle M. Seger

2021

Trooper Adam G. Bowers

Trooper Brian W. Frank

Trooper Jeffery A. Graham

Trooper Matthew W. Hannan

Trooper Todd A. Hanneken, posthumously

Trooper Delano Harris-Samuels

Trooper Michael D. Higgins

Trooper Tyler J. Hoogerwerf

Trooper Alexander J. Oakley

Trooper Steven E. Smith

Trooper Robert D. Swift

Special Agent Mark S. Perry

2022

Sergeant Jeff D. Moore

Trooper Kristopher Martinez

Trooper Matthew A. Reents

**Jefferson County Sheriff's Office**

2021

Deputy David A. May

**Jerseyville Police Department**

2017

Officer Nathan D. Miller

**Knox County Sherriff's Department**

2022

Deputy Sheriff Nicholas D. Weist,  
posthumously

**Lake County Sheriff's Office**

2018

Deputy John B. Forlenza

Deputy Raymond J. Gilbert

**Lombard Police Department**

2022

Detective Ryan A. Postal

**McHenry County Sheriff's Office**

2020

Sergeant Daniel Kramer

Deputy Thomas Sieber

2019

Deputy Jacob H. Keltner, posthumously

**North Aurora Police Department**

2017

Officer Christopher M. Joswick

**Oswego Police Department**

2017

Officer Brandon T. Dilg

**Peoria Police Department**

2018

Officer Ian K. McDowell

**Pontoon Beach Police Department**

2021

Officer Tyler N. Timmins, posthumously

**Rockford Police Department**

*2017*

Officer Jaimie J. Cox, posthumously

**University of Chicago Police Department**

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Officer Nicholas Twardak

**Wamac Police Department**

*2019*

Chief of Police Steve R. Prather

**Waukegan Police Department**

*2017*

Officer Peter V. Lyons

*2018*

Officer Christopher A. Harris

**Wayne County Sheriff's Department**

*2021*

Deputy Sean I. Riley, posthumously

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