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# DEDICATION

This publication is dedicated to all law enforcement officers, and in particular, to those officers who lost their lives in the performance of duty while upholding the laws of the state of Illinois.



Deputy Dwight Darwin Maness  
Patrolman George S. Nissen  
Deputy Craig Stephen Whisenand

*“Courage knows no bounds greater than that,  
that a man or woman shall give his or her life in the  
service of his or her community.”*

*(Source Unknown)*

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED**

During 2015, three Illinois law enforcement officers lost their lives as the result of performing their duties while upholding the laws of the state of Illinois. A brief narrative of the circumstances surrounding each death is presented below.

### **March 12, 2015— Stone Park Police Department**

Patrolman George Nissen succumbed to injuries sustained ten years earlier when he was battered while attempting to break up a large bar fight on February 13, 2005. As Patrolman Nissen approached the subjects involved in the altercation, he was attacked and thrown to the ground, striking his head on the pavement. He suffered a concussion, which resulted in several surgeries. A complication left him a quadriplegic and unable to speak. Patrolman Nissen died as a result of his injuries on March 12, 2015. He had served in law enforcement for 27 years, having served with the Stone Park Police Department and the Northlake Police Department.

### **August 11, 2015—Tazewell County Sheriff's Department**

Deputy Craig Whisenand was killed in a single vehicle accident while responding to a domestic disturbance call. Dispatchers lost contact with him prior to his arrival to the call. Another Deputy located the accident scene where Deputy Whisenand was pronounced dead at the scene. Deputy Whisenand had served with the Tazewell County Sheriff's Department for 15 years.

### **September 14, 2015 — McHenry County Sheriff's Department**

Deputy Dwight Maness succumbed to gunshot wounds sustained eleven months earlier after being ambushed when responding to a welfare check. The suspect invited three deputies inside the residence and immediately opened fire on them with an AR015 rifle. Deputy Maness survived multiple surgeries and was confined to a wheelchair. He died due to medical complications following a rehabilitation session. Deputy Maness was a U.S. Army veteran and had served with the McHenry County Sheriff's Department for seven years.