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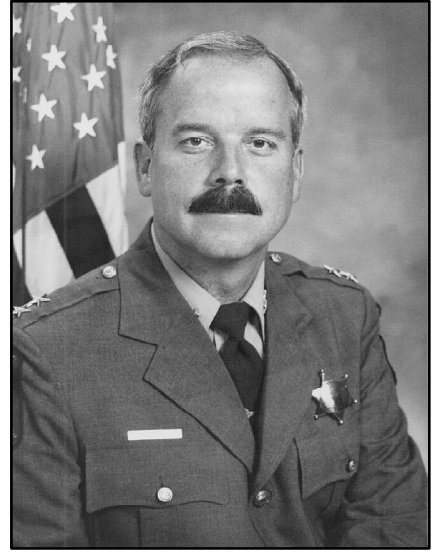


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PREFACE

Crime in Illinois is in its twenty-ninth year of publication by the Illinois State Police. There are more than 900 agencies who report their data directly to the Uniform Crime Reporting Program. We continue to have a 100 percent compliance rate and once again, reflect a decline in the statewide crime index figures.

Information reported in this publication measures the nature and volume of crime in various jurisdictions in Illinois. Crime in Illinois remains a valuable tool for enhancing the public's awareness of the impact of crime on their communities.

Thanks to all who have contributed to this publication, I present *Crime in Illinois, 1997*.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terrance W. Gainer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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DEDICATION

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



Officer David C. Evans
Trooper Erin Sweeney Hehl
Officer Larry Jordan
Officer Sean Laura
Sergeant Wilford Lewis
Trooper Anthony Millison
Officer Richard R. Schott
Officer Gregory I. Young

*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.*

The Illinois State Police would like to express its appreciation to all personnel who assisted in this publication and to the law enforcement agencies who provided the information.

MISSION STATEMENT

Recognizing that Uniform Crime Reporting is part of a broader law enforcement case management system, the Crime Studies Section proposes to provide a quality incident-based crime reporting system that serves its users by:

- providing an efficient reporting system
- eliminating redundant reporting
- capturing complete and accurate data
- generating meaningful information for planners, researchers, police managers and other users
- providing information in a timely manner
- encouraging and supporting agency compliance
- assisting, evaluating, and certifying vendors
- adhering to national program standards
- ensuring the integrity of the statistical data provided in the annual ISP publication