



Heritage Foundation Says "Thank You!"

On behalf of the Illinois State Police Heritage Foundation, thank you for supporting and contributing to this year's northern golf outing.

The feedback we have received has been nothing but positive. The event generated the maximum number of golfers, the course played at a charitable pace, and the weather gods were probably our fallen ISP troops.

To say we couldn't have done this without your support would be an understatement. In times when the world often loses sight of supporting and never forgetting good fortunes, your support gives hope and security to the Illinois State Police.

The baskets and silent auction items the 'Troops' sent were much appreciated and generate additional funds for the cause.

All the best and the most heartfelt thank you,

Clare, Ryan, Jon, and Melissa



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ISP Arrests 6 Men for Over 60 Child Sexual Abuse Materials Charges

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 4 arrested six individuals in September in Sangamon and Christian counties for internet crimes against children, including possession and dissemination of child sexual abuse materials.

On September 5, 2024, after an extensive investigation, ISP agents arrested Robert W. Retzloff, a 45-year-old male of Taylorville, IL. The Christian County State’s Attorney’s Office approved eight counts of Dissemination of Child Pornography (Class X Felony) against Retzloff and he is being held at the Christian County Jail.

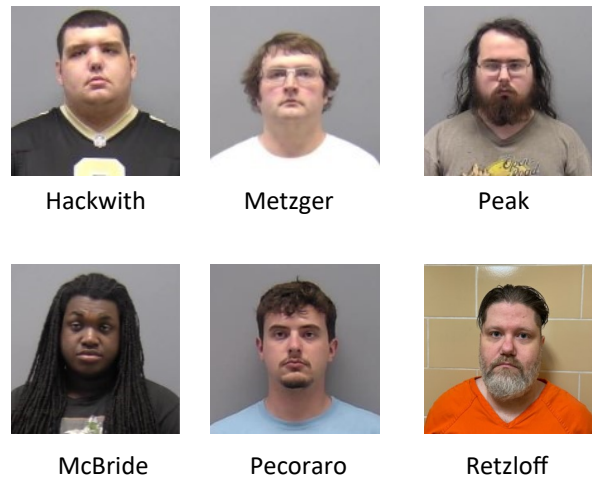
ISP agents conducted five additional child exploitation investigations in Sangamon County. On September 18, 2024, the Sangamon County State’s Attorney’s Office issued arrest warrants on these cases. The following individuals were taken into custody on September 18-19, 2024 for the charges listed below:



- Nicholas R. Hackwith (20) of Springfield, IL – 12 counts of Possession of Child Pornography (Class 2 Felony)
- Daniel J. McBride (22) of Springfield, IL – 13 counts of Dissemination of Child Pornography (Class X Felony) and two counts of Dissemination of Child Pornography (Class 1 Felony)
- Cam A. Metzger (37) of Springfield, IL – 12 counts of Possession of Child Pornography (Class 2 Felony)
- Stephen K. Peak (20) of Springfield, IL – Three counts of Dissemination of Child Pornography (Class X Felony) and two counts of Possession of Child Pornography (Class 2 Felony)
- Giacomo A. Pecoraro III (23) of Springfield, IL –

two counts of Dissemination of Child Pornography (Class X Felony) and 10 counts of Possession of Child Pornography (Class 2 Felony)

ISP agents were assisted by the Illinois Attorney General’s Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC), the United States Marshals Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force, and ISP Troop 6.

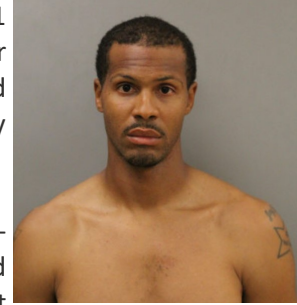
The Illinois State Police provides resources for parents, for the public to report crimes against children, and victims to start their path towards healing and recovery. Anonymous tips of child sexual abuse and exploitation materials can also be reported through the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children’s (NCMEC) cyber tip line at www.cybertipline.com. To keep kids safe online, learn more at: <https://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/onlineSAFE/>; www.cybertipline.org; For resources for survivors of sexual abuse visit: <https://www.missingkids.org/gethelpnow/csam-resources>.



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ISP Arrests Chicago Man for Road Rage Attempted Murder

LANSING – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 1 arrested 31-year-old Jerrell W. Harris of Chicago, IL, for Attempted Murder (Class X Felony), Aggravated Battery with a Firearm (Class X Felony) and Armed Habitual (Class X Felony) stemming from a road rage related expressway shooting.



On September 21, 2024, at approximately 12:02 p.m., ISP responded to a 9-1-1 call of an expressway shooting that occurred on Interstate 80 westbound near Torrance Avenue, Lansing. The preliminary investigation revealed that the victim's vehicle was shot during the road rage incident. The driver of the victim vehicle was injured by gun fire as a result of the shooting and was transported to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

After an extensive ISP investigation, the suspect and vehicle were identified. ISP presented the case to the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and the above-mentioned charges were filed. No further information is available.

ISP reminds the public that when it comes to aggressive driving, don't lose your temper or your life. *Road Rage. Don't Engage.* If you are the victim of road rage or believe a driver is following or harassing you, call 911 and/or go to the nearest police department to report it. For more information about how to avoid road rage or ISP's "*Road Rage. Don't Engage.*" campaign, visit the ISP website at: <https://isp.illinois.gov/TrafficSafety/RoadRage>.

ISP Blackhawk Area Task Force Make Arrest in Narcotics Investigation

STERLING – On September 25, 2024, Illinois State Police (ISP) Blackhawk Area Task Force (BATF) arrested 29-year-old Dakota L. Bottoms of Sterling, IL for Delivery of Cannabis (Class 3 Felony), Delivery of Cannabis (Class X Felony), Possession of Cannabis with Intent to Deliver (Class 1 Felony), and Possession of Cannabis with Intent to Deliver (Class 2 Felony). Bottoms was arrested and released on pre-trial conditions and awaits a further court date in Whiteside County.



ISP-BATF in collaboration with the Sterling Police Department, United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Scott County (IA) Special Operations Unit (SOU), and Rock Island Police Department conducted the investigation. Prosecution will be handled by the Illinois Attorney General's Office. The investigation remains open and ongoing and no further information will be disseminated by the Illinois State Police.

ISP Arrests Chicago Man for Expressway Shooting

CHICAGO – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 1 arrested 37-year-old Terrence Robinson of Chicago, IL, for Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm (Class 1 Felony).

On May 30, 2024, at approximately 1:05 a.m., ISP responded to the report of an expressway shooting on the Dan Ryan Expressway, Interstate 94 southbound near 120th Street. The suspect, later identified as Robinson, fired a weapon at the victim's vehicle. The victim's vehicle was struck, but the victim was not injured.

On September 26, 2024, the United States Marshalls Service Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force located Robinson and took him into custody. ISP presented the case to the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and the above-mentioned charge was filed. Robinson is being held at the Chicago Police Department 4th District pending his first court appearance.



ISP Arrests Menard County Man for Dissemination of Child Sexual Abuse Materials

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 4 arrested 51-year-old Shane E. Guernsey from Petersburg, IL for Dissemination of Child Pornography (Class X) and Possession of Child Pornography (Class 2).

On June 18, 2024, ISP agents initiated an investigation after learning a subject was possessing and disseminating child sexual abuse material. During the investigation, ISP agents assigned to the Office of the Illinois Attorney General Internet Crimes against Children Task Force gathered digital evidence indicating that Guernsey possessed child sexual abuse material at his residence in Menard County.



On September 26, 2024, ISP agents, the Petersburg Police Department, and the Office of Illinois Attorney General executed a search warrant at Guernsey's residence and placed him under arrest. Guernsey was charged by the Menard County State's Attorney's Office with the above charges. Guernsey is being held at the Menard County Jail.

The Illinois State Police provides resources for parents, for the public to report crimes against children, and victims to start their path towards healing and recovery. Anonymous tips of child sexual abuse and exploitation materials can also be reported through the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's (NCMEC) cyber tip line at www.cybertipline.com. To keep kids safe online, learn more at: <https://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/onlinesafe/>; www.cybertipline.org; For resources for survivors of sexual abuse visit: <https://www.missingkids.org/gethelpnow/csam-resources>.

ISP Leads Nation in Move Over Crash Safety with New Early Alert System

CHICAGO – October 2, 2024, Governor JB Pritzker and Illinois State Police (ISP) Director Brendan F. Kelly announced a new notification system to help reduce the number of crashes caused when drivers fail to move over for vehicles with flashing emergency lights. To help prevent troopers and drivers from being injured while stopped along the interstate, ISP and the Illinois Department of Innovation & Technology (DoIT) partnered with Google Public Sector to develop a real-time, GPS-based alert to inform drivers of ISP traffic activity on the road, urging them to slow down and move over.

“The men and women of the Illinois

State Police provide an invaluable service in keeping our highways safe, and we owe them every possible effort to ensure that safety is extended to them as well,” said **Governor JB Pritzker**. “The tragic accidents that have injured and killed Illinois State Police officers cannot become an expected hazard of the job. Illinois drivers—slow down, pay attention, and help our law enforcement officers stay safe while they save lives.”

“This new alert system is a critical step in keeping our roads safer for both law enforcement officers and drivers,” said **Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton**. “By using real-time technology to help prevent ‘Move Over’ crashes, we’re not only protecting

those who protect us but also ensuring a safer driving experience for everyone in Illinois.”

ISP is one of the first law enforcement agencies in the country to provide real-time GPS-based traffic information to help prevent what are commonly referred to as ‘Move Over’ crashes. The Move Over Law, also known as Scott's Law in Illinois, requires drivers to slow down and change lanes when approaching stationary emergency vehicles, including all highway maintenance vehicles displaying flashing lights,

Partnership with Google Public Sector makes ISP one of the first law enforcement agencies to provide move over crash notification in Waze and Google Maps

and any stationary vehicle with their hazard lights activated.

“Too many Illinois State Police officers have been killed or injured in ‘Move Over’ crashes,” said **ISP Director Brendan F. Kelly**. “In our determination to protect our troopers and prevent ‘Move Over’ crashes anyway we can, ISP partnered with the Department of Innovation & Technology and Google Public Sector on a real-time notification system that warns people of traffic issues ISP is handling on the road ahead. The advanced warning gives people time to slow down and move over, reducing the risk of a crash for both drivers and troopers.”

To alert drivers to slow down and move over, a message about a crash, traffic stop, motorist assist, or debris in the roadway is generated by ISP. That message, along with the officer’s GPS coordinates are fed to Google Cloud where it is transformed and sent to Waze. As drivers approach the GPS location of the ISP trooper, they will see a police, crash, or disabled vehicle icon on the screen of their map and receive an alert to slow down and move over. Similar icons will appear on Google Maps in the coming weeks.

“The collaboration between DoIT, ISP, and Google Public Sector represents a significant milestone in leveraging innovative technology

to protect both drivers and law enforcement officers,” said **Illinois DoIT Secretary and Chief Information Officer Sanjay Gupta**. “By providing real-time notifications to drivers about police presence on the roadway shoulder, we are improving the safety of the driving environment for everyone. We are proud to be at the forefront of this solution.”

“Our partnership with the Illinois State Police is a pivotal step toward enhancing road safety and protecting those who protect us,” said **Brad Hoffman, Director, State & Local Government and Education at Google Public Sector**. “By routing incident information through Google Cloud to populate

ISP Leads Nation in Move Over Crash Safety, continued

in Waze and Google Maps, we can help ensure drivers are better informed and attentive when approaching road incidents. We applaud the Illinois State Police and Gov. Pritzker for taking a proactive approach to preventing 'Move Over' crashes and safeguarding the lives of those who serve and protect communities across the state.”

This advanced warning application was created to help protect troopers working the highways. Since 2019, two ISP troopers have been killed, nine seriously injured, and 51 others injured in Move Over crashes.

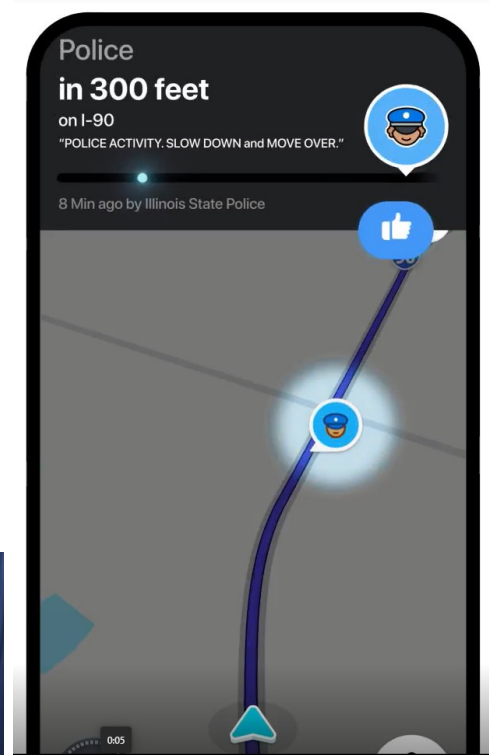
On January 12, 2019, Trooper Christopher Lambert was handling a crash on I-294. Trooper Lambert was outside his vehicle with his emergency lights on when a vehicle failed to slow down and Trooper Lambert was killed.

On March 28, 2019, Trooper Brooke Jones-Story was conducting a motor carrier safety in-



spection on U.S. Route 20. Trooper Jones-Story was outside of her vehicle with the emergency lights on when another semi-truck hit her squad car. Trooper Jones-Story was killed as a result.

This new notification system will help drivers see in advance the locations where ISP is handling a crash or other traffic activity, warning people to slow down and move over.



More information about Scott’s Law can be found on the [ISP website](#), as well as a [Scott’s Law dashboard](#) that includes information and data about ISP crashes.

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Raise a glass in remembrance of Troopers Lambert and Ellis while raising funds to assist the recovery of Trooper Brian Frank.



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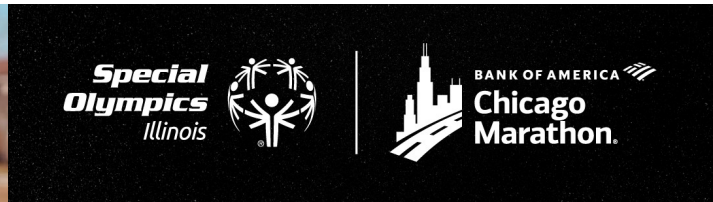


Sgt. Del Rio Running in Chicago Marathon for Special Olympics



On October 13, Sgt. Sam Del Rio will be running in the Chicago Marathon on the [Special Olympics Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run](#) Team.

Let's help him to surpass his fundraising goal of \$1,250. Your support will benefit a community of more than 55,000 traditional athletes, young athletes, unified partners, coaches, volunteers, and more.



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and running in the
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**Help me reach my fundraising
goal for the athletes!**



Click the link below to donate and learn more.

<https://support.soill.org/fundraiser/5589240>

Three Troopers Receive new F-150 Police Responder Trucks

On September 24, 2024, Colonel Owen presented new Ford F-150 Police Responder trucks to Trooper Michael Mueller #6893 (Troop 4) and Trooper Nicholas Retherford #7170 (Troop 5).

Their unwavering dedication to serve the people of Illinois is reflected through their consistent enforcement activity, criminal arrests, dedication to removing impaired drivers from our roadways, team mentality, and their willingness to mentor other officers is to be commended.

Trooper Mueller shines as an example to other troopers and as a model of recruitment for the ISP. From his volunteer work with the Macomb Police Explorers to his willingness to attend recruitment events at Western Illinois University, Trooper Mueller has led many officers to apply to the Illinois State Police. Furthermore, Trooper Mueller has served as a liaison for the Special Olympics and Torch Run fundraising and he has also expanded the previous District 14 food drive into a vastly successful event for Troop 4. In addition to his dedication and leadership in enforcement activity, Trooper Mueller also conducts SFST refresher training to all Troop 4 personnel.



Trooper Retherford consistently volunteers for special details within Troop 5 and outside of Troop 5 boundaries; he recently participated in Operation Save the Night in Chicago. Trooper Retherford is a great person, treats people with respect, yet still remains very active on the road. His willingness to drop what he is doing to help others is something Captain Tim Sweeney has clearly noticed since the reorganization. Trooper Retherford is a CAT instructor, assigned to the crowd control team, and currently serves the statewide honor guard team.

Job well done!

We are thrilled to recognize Trooper Kyle Patten #7128 (Troop 7) for his exceptional contributions to the Illinois State Police, which has earned him a 2024 Ford F-150 Police Responder Truck presented to him by Colonel Owen on September 25, 2024.

Trooper Patten's unparalleled expertise in Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) technology has significantly advanced criminal enforcement efforts in Troop 7. Beyond his technical proficiency, Trooper



Patten's professionalism, unwavering dedication, and consistent work ethic have made him a standout in the field. He continuously goes above and beyond in his role, ensuring the safety of the public while maintaining the highest standards of law enforcement. Trooper Patten is Troop 7's LPR coordinator, PFIT monitor, Taser Instructor, and a Field Training Officer.

Congratulations to Trooper Patten on this well-deserved recognition!

ISP Tests New Equipment



From September 17-20, 2024, Statewide Motorcycle Coordinator Sgt. Tim Harley hosted Harley Davidson Sales Rep Jeff Dickey at the Academy's Pawnee facility. Mr. Dickey brought a 2024 Harley Davidson Road Glide for current ISP motorcycle troopers and surrounding agencies try out. The test ride included cone course work, curve negotiation and braking.



Alton Dealership Salutes First Responders

On September 14, 2024, Ted's Motorcycle World in Alton, Illinois, hosted a salute to First Responders and Military personnel. Troopers Justin Krisby and John Keen from Troop 8 participated in the event, taking an active role by providing motorcycle safety education to the youth in attendance.



SMART Lighting Technology in ISP Fleet Showcased

The Federal Highway Administration Traffic Incident Management Program recently held an in-person workshop in Rosemont, Illinois, as part of their NextGEN TIM technology series. Representatives from all states attended the event on September 18-19, 2024. The main theme of the workshops was SMART lighting for emergency vehicles and the workshops included discussions from state leaders in the field pertaining to implementing best practices. In addition to several presentations from various states, there were day and night live demonstrations of vehicle lighting options. Statewide Body Camera Coordinator, Master Sergeant Thomas Brengel represented the Illinois State Police (ISP) and provided a presentation on SMART lighting, showcasing the ISP's use of these technologies on our new fleet vehicles.



Thank you, Master Sergeant Brengel for your hard work and dedication to developing best practices and standards that improve the safety of first responders!

ISP Escorts Gold Star 500 Bike Ride

ISP motorcycle officers from across the state and the Central Fatal 4 team provided an escort for the GS 500 (Gold Star 500).

The GS 500 bicycle ride started on September 24, 2024, in Metropolis, IL and ended four days later in Rockford, IL, covering over 513 miles.



The GS 500 bicycle ride is a memorial ride for all military personnel that gave their lives fighting for our freedom. There was a total of 55 bicycle riders who participated in the ride: 6 US Gold Star family members, 26 US military personnel (retired and active), 6 high school students from Poland, 4 high school educators from Poland, 9 Gold Star family members from Poland and 4 personnel from Poland Veteran Affairs.



Troopers Honored for Heroic Actions and Outstanding Service

Normal, IL – On September 20, 2024, a special ceremony recognized the bravery and dedication of local law enforcement officers during Constitution Day celebrations.

ISP Master Sergeant Ross Green and Trooper Christopher Greene were awarded the Medal for Heroism for their daring rescue of a driver from a burning vehicle in a construction zone in Peoria. The officers risked their lives, ultimately jumping from a

bridge approximately 12 feet high to escape the flames with the driver, who sustained severe burns.

Trooper Cameron Boers and Trooper Christopher Beaupre received the Law Enforcement Commendation Medal for their high activity resulting in multiple criminal arrests, gun seizures, and DUI arrests, showcasing their commitment to public safety. The awards were presented during a meeting hosted by the Letitia Green Stevenson Chapter of

the Daughters of the American Revolution and the General Joseph Bartholomew Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution at the Grace Church Activity Center.

Photographs of the ceremony were taken and shared on the General Joseph Bartholomew website at www.gjbsar.org.

This ceremony celebrated the remarkable contributions of local law enforcement, highlighting their bravery and commitment to serving the community.



Progressive Agriculture Safety Day in Troop 4

Trooper Michael Mueller participated in the [Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau](#) Progressive Agriculture Safety Day for kids. Trooper Mueller was able to teach groups of 5th grade students about the importance of seatbelt safety. Progressive Agriculture Safety Day was held on Thursday, September 12, 2024, at the Henderson County Fairgrounds in Stronghurst. Approximately 250 youth were in attendance.



Troop 5 Honors Fallen Indiana Deputy

On September 1, 2024, an inter-state pursuit that began in Illinois, briefly entered Indiana, and returned to Illinois, ended in an exchange of gunfire. The driver of the suspect vehicle, as well as Newton County (IN) Sheriff's Department Corporal Brandon Schreiber, were both struck by bullets.



Sadly, Corporal Schreiber succumbed to his injuries. On September 12, 2024, Troop 5 personnel assisted with the transportation of Corporal Brandon Schreiber from the Troop 7/5 border to the Illinois/Indiana border.



Trooper Leo Burakowski

End of Watch: September 24, 1958

Trooper Leo Burakowski was killed in an automobile accident while patrolling the Illinois Tollway near Libertyville.

His patrol car left the roadway and struck a guard rail which impaled the car for its entire length. Trooper Burakowski was thrown from the wreckage and received fatal injuries.

Trooper Burakowski had served with the Illinois State Police for one year and was assigned to District 15. He had previously served as a U.S. Air Force military policeman and was a WWII veteran.

Trooper Burakowski was survived by his wife.



Trooper Warren Allen

End of Watch: September 21, 1967

Trooper Warren Allen was killed in an automobile accident when his squad car ran off the roadway on Illinois 17 East in Kankakee County and crashed into a large utility pole. The accident occurred shortly after 1:00 a.m., about a half mile west of Trooper Allen's home.

Illinois State Police who investigated the accident said they are uncertain as to what happened. One theory offered is that Trooper Allen's eastbound car was forced off the highway by a westbound car that left the scene of the accident.

Trooper Warren Allen joined the Illinois State Police on June 27, 1959. He was assigned to



Trooper Donald Blickensderfer

End of Watch: September 26, 1970

Trooper Donald Blickensderfer was killed when his squad car collided head-on with another car on U.S. 36, one mile west of Pierson Station, in Piatt County. The accident occurred just before 11:00 p.m. The driver and passenger of the other car involved also died in the accident.

Trooper Donald Blickensderfer, a Navy veteran who served in the Korean War, joined the Illinois State Police on February 24th, 1963. He was originally assigned to District 15, Oak Brook and transferred to District 10, Pesotum in August of 1966.

Trooper Blickensderfer was survived by his wife, two daughters, parents, brother, and sister.

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