

Happy Retirement, K9 Roman!

Graduate of Canine Class 67 (2013)
Handler: M/Sgt. Sean Veryzer #6106
Retired October 1, 2024

Master Sergeant Sean Veryzer and his canine partner Roman have exemplified exceptional dedication to duty and together have formed an extraordinary partnership. Canine Roman completed the 10-week basic canine training course and began his career in the Spring of 2013 in Troop 2. He quickly became an integral part of the northern Highway Interdiction Team. Canine Roman started his career as a full-service canine, proficient in narcotic odor detection, tracking, article searches, and criminal apprehension.



Master Sergeant Veryzer and Roman engaged with the community through demonstrations at schools and civic events, showcasing the capabilities of a well-trained K9 unit. Their efforts extended to drug searches, school searches, and building searches, impacting multiple facets of public safety.

Master Sergeant Veryzer and Roman worked collaboratively

with numerous state, county, local, and federal agencies. They focused on attacking the vulnerabilities of drug networks through coordinated interdiction efforts at all points along their transportation routes in Illinois. They have maximized the disruptive impact on individuals and criminal organizations trafficking illicit narcotics and currency through our state. Canine Roman's career highlights include:

- Assisting in the seizure of approximately 11,820 pounds of cannabis
- 314 kilos of cocaine
- 157 kilos of heroin
- 121 kilos of methamphetamine
- 13 criminal apprehensions
- Over \$5 million in illicit U.S. Currency.

K9 Roman made his final seizure just days prior to retiring, recovering 20 Kilos of cocaine during a traffic stop on September 23, 2024.

K9 Roman was a proven asset to the ISP, and his contributions will be profoundly missed. The dedication and hard work of Master Sergeant Veryzer and Canine Roman have left a lasting impression on the Illinois State Police Canine Section and set a high standard for K9 teams everywhere.



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ISP Makes Arrest for Attempted Murder

MAROA – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) Zone 5 announces the arrest of 36-year-old Matthew R. Broadhacker of Maroa, IL for Attempted Murder (Class X Felony), Aggravated Domestic Battery (Class X Felony), and Aggravated Battery (Class X Felony).

On September 28, 2024, the Maroa Police Department (MPD) responded to a 911 call at a residence in the 400 block of N. Maple Street in Maroa, IL. Upon arrival, MPD located a female victim with burn injuries. The female was transported to an area hospital with life-threatening injuries. ISP DCI Zone 5 agents were requested by

the MPD to investigate this incident. The suspect, Matthew Broadhacker, remained on scene and was immediately taken into custody by MPD.



On October 1, 2024, the Macon County State's Attorney's Office charged Broadhacker with the above charges. Broadhacker remains in custody at the Macon County Jail.

ISP Arrests Chicago Woman After Fatal Pedestrian Crash on Dan Ryan Expressway

CHICAGO – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 1 arrested 47-year-old Ronne L. Watson of Chicago, IL, for Aggravated Driving Under the Influence Resulting in Death (Class 2 Felony).

On October 6, 2024, at approximately 1:34 a.m., ISP Troop 3 responded to a report of a pedestrian struck by a vehicle while walking on the Dan Ryan Expressway, Interstate 94 northbound near 83rd Street. The suspect vehicle left the scene and the pedestrian was declared deceased. At approximately 1:48 a.m., University of Chicago Police Department located the suspect vehicle and conducted a traffic stop in the vicinity of Hyde Park Boulevard and Woodlawn Avenue. The driver of the vehicle identified as Ronne L. Watson was placed under arrest for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol.

On October 7, 2024, after a thorough investigation ISP Agents presented the case to the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and the above-mentioned charge was approved. Watson is being held at the Riverdale Police Department until her pretrial hearing.

ISP Arrests Bridgeview Man for Fatal Pedestrian Crash on Stevenson Expressway Ryan Expressway

CHICAGO – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 1 announces the arrest of 26-year-old Geraldo D. Flores of Bridgeview, IL for Failure to Report an Accident Resulting in Death (Class 1 Felony).

On September 8, 2024, ISP Troop 3 officers responded to the report of a pedestrian walking on the Stevenson Expressway. At approximately 5:05 a.m., troopers were advised that a pedestrian had been struck by a vehicle on Interstate 55 southbound under Interstate 94. Upon arrival troopers discovered the deceased pedestrian and vehicle debris, but no suspect vehicle. An extensive investigation ensued. A suspect vehicle and alleged driver, identified as Flores, were identified.

On October 7, 2024, Flores turned himself in to ISP officers, and the Cook County State's Attorney approved the above-mentioned charge. Flores is being held at the Riverdale Police Department until his first court hearing.



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ISP Announces Results of Violent Crime Suppression Detail in Metro East

EAST ST. LOUIS – Illinois State Police (ISP) conducted a violent crime suppression detail on October 1-3, 2024, in St. Clair and Madison counties, focusing its efforts on East St. Louis and neighboring Metro East communities. The operation utilized intelligence and technology to target known high crime areas, violent offenders, and structured criminal groups in the communities of the Metro East.

There were several notable events and arrests during the detail.

On October 1, 2024, troopers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for IVC violations. During a subsequent search of the vehicle, troopers located and seized a loaded firearm with no identifiable features, commonly known as a “Ghost gun.” One subject was taken into custody.

On October 2, 2024, troopers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for IVC violations. A subsequent search of the vehicle resulted in the seizure of approximately 46 grams of suspected fentanyl, a loaded handgun, and an additional loaded firearm magazine. Two subjects were taken into custody.

On October 2, 2024, troopers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for an IVC violation. The vehicle stopped and the driver attempted to walk away from the troopers. Troopers detained the driver

and located a loaded firearm magazine on their person. A subsequent search of the vehicle revealed a loaded firearm, cannabis, and ecstasy. The driver was taken into custody.

Nearly 40 ISP officers from around the state, including Troop 7, Troop 8, Troop 10, South Fatal Four Team, Statewide Anti-Violence Enforcement South Team, Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 6, Firearms Investigations Unit, and the Public Safety Enforcement Group joined forces with the Special Operation Group Statewide Anti-Violence Enforcement Unit for the multi-day operation. The Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois provided additional support during the operational period.

ISP will continue to use all available resources, including air operations, technology, forensic services, investigators, increase patrols, and information sharing to combat violent crime.

Detail Results	
Arrests	27
Felony Charges	41
Criminal Charges	57
Firearm Related Charges	27
Firearms Seized	12
Controlled Substance Seized	115 grams
Stolen Vehicles Recovered	3

ISP Investigates Officer Involved Shooting in Mount Carmel

MOUNT CARMEL – The Mount Carmel Police Department (MCPD) requested the Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) Zone 8 to investigate an officer involved shooting that occurred October 10, 2024, at approximately 9:18 p.m. MCPD officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 40 block of Lambert Drive, Mount Carmel, Wabash County.

Preliminary investigative findings indicate upon arriving at the above residence, members from the MCPD encountered a juvenile suspect with a knife. An officer discharged their firearm, striking the suspect and another juvenile. Officers immediately rendered aid to both individuals who were transported to an area hospital. The suspect was pronounced deceased by the Wabash County Coroner.

ISP continues to investigate the officer involved shooting and will provide its findings to the Wabash County States Attorney’s office for review once complete. The investigation is ongoing and no additional information is available at this time.

ISP Announces I-57 Traffic Safety Enforcement Operation Results

Troopers step-up efforts along I-57 corridor to reduce crashes and save lives

PESOTUM – Illinois State Police (ISP) officers from eastern and southern Illinois joined forces to combat aggressive and unsafe driving behaviors along Interstate 57 from October 3-7, 2024. The operation focused its efforts on Interstate 57, starting at milepost zero in Alexander County all the way up to milepost 257 on the northern Champaign County border.

Patrol officers from ISP Troops 7, 9, and 10, with assistance from ISP central and south Special Operations Group’s Fatal Four team saturated the interstate, enforcing Illinois Vehicle Code violations, especially speeding. Speeding is a contributing factor in nearly [one-third](#) of all fatality crashes. Officers also focused on Motor Carrier Safety Inspections for commercial motor vehicles, a function unique to ISP officers. Over a [quarter](#) of all fatal crashes involving large trucks occur on the interstate. By focusing on this known data and taking proactive steps to correct unsafe driving behavior, ISP strives to decrease fatal and personal injury crashes on the interstate.

It should be noted that during this high-visibility traffic enforcement detail there were no fatal crashes, and only five accident reports filed for all 257 miles of Interstate 57.

As ISP’s increased enforcement to save lives and combat personal injury and fatal crashes on the interstate systems has evolved, the need for additional troopers to carry out this important work has increased. ISP recently increased the incentive to become an ISP trooper and enforce these missions and values. Effective July 1, 2024, all new ISP troopers will receive approximately \$90,000 in compensation upon graduation from the Illinois State Police Academy.

For more information about being an Illinois State Trooper and to complete an application, visit the ISP Merit Board website at <https://www.illinoistrooper.com/>, or email ISP.Recruitment@illinois.gov.

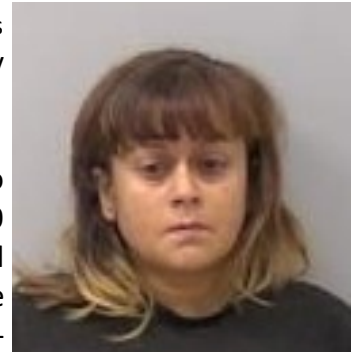
ISP reminds the public that the Move Over Law, also known as “Scott’s Law,” requires all drivers to move over when approaching an emergency vehicle, or any vehicle with its emergency or hazard lights activated. A person who violates the Move Over Law faces a fine of no less than \$250 and no more than \$10,000 for a first offense.

Violation	Results
Speeding Citations Issued	599
Speeding Warnings Issued	484
Motor Carrier Safety Inspections	198
Move Over “Scott’s Law” Citations Issued	16
Criminal Arrests	6
Suspended/Revoked/No Driver’s License Citations	46

ISP Arrests Springfield Woman for Man's Death in Waverly

WAVERLY – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 4 agents arrested 39-year-old Kavita Lettimore of Springfield, IL for Involuntary Manslaughter (Class 2 Felony).

On February 21, 2024, the Waverly Police Department requested ISP to investigate a death that occurred on February 18, 2024, in the 300 block of West State Street. ISP conducted a thorough investigation and discovered that someone interfered with the victim's medical device which led to the victim's death. The victim was identified as 39-year-old Randy L. Lettimore.



On October 15, 2024, ISP presented its case to the Morgan County State's Attorney's Office and Lettimore was charged with Involuntary Manslaughter. On the same day ISP agents located Lettimore in Sangamon County and took her into custody. She is currently being held at the Sangamon County Jail pending transfer back to Morgan County, where she will have her first court appearance.

ISP Arrests Man for Washington Park Murder

WASHINGTON PARK – Illinois State Police Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 6 announces the arrest of 22-year-old Steven Tiller Jr. of Belleville, IL for First Degree Murder (Class M Felony) and Unlawful Possession of a Weapon by a Felon (Class 2 Felony) stemming from a deadly shooting this past March.

On March 29, 2024, Zone 6 agents were requested by the Washington Park Police Department to investigate a homicide that occurred outside of a business in the 6000 block of Forest Blvd. in Washington Park. 39-year-old George Smith of East St. Louis died at an area hospital after being struck by gunfire.



After a thorough investigation, ISP agents identified Tiller as a suspect. On October 11, 2024, Tiller was taken into custody. Tiller is charged with First Degree Murder and Unlawful Possession of a Weapon by a Felon and is being held at the St. Clair County Jail.

K9s and Handlers Train to Survive

Five canine handlers from ISP's Canine Section recently attended a weeklong training course in Butlerville, IN, provided by the American Tactical K9 Association. The training focused on skills K9 handlers need to increase their survivability while deploying their K9 partner.

Teams were presented with scenarios based on real world experiences and were required to

manage the scenario using current training methods. Topics covered included patrol K9 deployment methods utilizing a variety of equipment, how to survive lethal threats, human and K9 tactical emergency casualty care, and legal considerations. The five days of training combined classroom instruction, K9 and handler exposure exercises, and scenario-based training exercises utilizing Simunitions.



Trooper Stephen Feurer #7104



Trooper Tyler Hintz #7210



Trooper Sean Martinez #7040



Trooper Colin Ingalls #6780



Trooper Erik Long #6706

ISP Accepting Cadets, Starting Pay is \$90,000

SPRINGFIELD – People looking to be part of something bigger in the Chicagoland area and earn a starting pay of \$90,000 after graduation still have until November 1, 2024, to meet the application deadline for Illinois State Police (ISP) cadet classes 151 and 152. Physical fitness testing and recruitment exams are happening right now, and cadets will check-in to the ISP Academy in June 2025.

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“The Illinois State Police is one of the most prestigious law enforcement agencies in the country,” said ISP Director Brendan F. Kelly. “We’re looking for individuals with physical and moral courage, dedicated to fighting crime, protecting communities, and pursuing justice.”

In addition to patrolling interstates 1-55, I-80, I-57, I-355, I-290, and I-53, as well as rural and unincorporated areas around Chicago, ISP offers opportunities in multiple specialized work units including SWAT, crime scene services, criminal investigation, air operations, K9, 911, and others. ISP has troopers across the entire state with the largest number in the Chicago area.

ISP offers two types of cadet classes. Traditional classes are for individuals new to law enforcement, while lateral clas-

ses are for current officers looking for increased opportunities and great pay. ISP has taken the 30X30 pledge to increase the representation of women in cadet classes to 30% by 2030. Upon graduation, troopers earn a total of \$90,000, with benefits.

For more information about becoming part of a family dedicated to Integrity, Service, and Pride, go to www.illinoistrooper.com.

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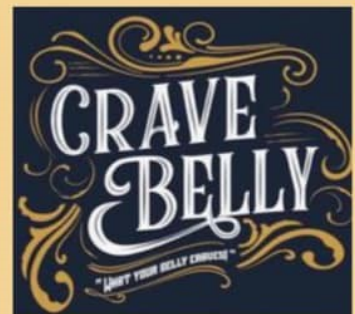


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Team Jermaine Walked for Sickle Cell Disease Awareness

On Saturday, September 28th, Team Jermaine took part in the Sickle Cell Disease Association of Illinois 50th annual 5K/1K Walk, Jog or Bike for a Cure to help support programs and services for those afflicted with sickle cell disease and their families.

Sickle Cell disease is the most prevalent inherited blood disorder in the US. The event took place at Hayes Park in Chicago. Team Jermaine is made of friends and family of ISP code retiree Lawanna Hawthorne in honor of her son, Jermaine Camphor, who lost his battle with the disease. Anyone wishing to



Team Jermaine (left to right): Troy Grison, Michelle Borrero, Donna Harris, LaDonna Grison, Lawanna Hawthorne and Deb Birmingham-Myers.



ISP @ Metro East Traffic Safety Days - Drive Safe!

This week, ISP participated in the CMC Rotary Foundation's annual Metro East Traffic Safety Days promoting safe teen driving. Approximately 800 area students from five local high schools participated in this year's two-day event. Students learned about distracted driving, seat-belt safety, work zone safety, and much more.



ISP Visits Cahokia Football Program

On October 8, 2024, ISP Lieutenant Elbert Jennings and Master Sergeant Calvin Dye got the opportunity to hang out with the [Cahokia High School](#) football team off the field.



They spoke with the student athletes about making positive life choices and understanding how to properly conduct themselves if stopped by the police.

Engagements like this help to foster understanding and create a foundation for positive relationships between law enforcement and the community by promoting both personal growth and public safety.



DFS Recognizes Service Anniversaries, Celebrates Trainees

On Wednesday, October 9, 2024, Division of Forensic Services Deputy Director Robin Woolery, Lieutenant Colonel Linda Mandat, Commander Jan Johnson, Bureau Chief Joanne Liu, DNA Program Manager and Acting Lab Director Brenda Denosky, and Training Applications Laboratory Director William Demuth met with Forensic Scientist Trainees at the Decatur Lab.

DFS is excited these trainees are progressing well and appreciate the effort the trainees and trainers are putting into the program to make it successful.

DD Woolery presented LD Demuth with his 25-year service pin and Administrative Assistant Britney Marquis with her 10-year service pin.

168 Honored in Promotional Ceremony

On Friday, October 11, 2024, ISP held a promotional ceremony at West Side Christian Church in Springfield. Promotions were awarded to 168 sworn officers.

Seventy personnel advanced from Trooper or Special Agent to Sergeant, 61 received promotions from Sergeant to Master Sergeant, 26 advanced from Master Sergeant to Lieutenant, and 11 Lieutenants were promoted to Captain.

Congratulations to all the promotees!



Trooper Brian Frank Awarded the Illinois Law Enforcement Medal of Honor

SPRINGFIELD – October 16, 2024, Governor JB Pritzker and Illinois State Police (ISP) Director and Illinois Law Enforcement Medal of Honor Committee Chair Brendan F. Kelly presented the Illinois Law Enforcement Medal of Honor to ISP Trooper Brian Frank in recognition of his exceptional bravery and sacrificial service to the residents of Illinois.

On February 15, 2021, ISP Trooper Brian Frank was seriously injured as a result of a Move Over Law violation, known as Scott's Law in Illinois. Trooper Frank was responding to a traffic crash in Will County and pulled behind the wrecked vehicles in the left lane with his emergency lights activated. Another car crashed into the rear

of Trooper Frank's squad car causing incapacitating injuries to him. The driver was charged with Aggravated Reckless Driving and for violating the Move Over Law.

"One of the highest distinctions in all of law enforcement, the Medal of Honor is awarded to brave officers who put themselves in harms way to keep Illinoisans safe and protected," said Governor JB Pritzker. "Trooper Frank, in his service to Illinois State Police, and in the example he has set during his recovery, has set a high standard of bravery and made our state a better and safer place — especially for his fellow officers. This Medal of Honor will not even begin to repay Trooper Frank's sacrifices, but I hope it serves as a reminder

of the reverence we hold him in and the incredibly positive impact of his service."

The Illinois Law Enforcement Medal of Honor is awarded by the Law Enforcement Medal of Honor Committee to officers who have been killed or seriously injured in the line of duty, or who have displayed exceptional bravery or her-



oism while performing their duties as a law enforcement officer. Due to his ongoing recovery efforts, Trooper Frank has been unable to attend [previous](#) awards ceremonies.

"There are not enough words to express the extreme gratitude for Trooper Brian Frank's selfless sacrifice, nor the words to convey the heartache for his debilitating injuries," said Committee Chair Kelly. "It is truly an honor to award Trooper Brian Frank the Illinois Law Enforcement Medal of Honor."

Today, Trooper Frank received the award alongside his wife, Lauren Frank, who is a strong Move Over Law advocate. Trooper Frank has persevered through an extensive rehabilitative journey, and with the support of family, friends, and the community at large, he coura-

geously continues to work towards recovery.

"Navigating Brian's severe traumatic brain injury recovery and aftermath has been the hardest thing I ever could have imagined," said Lauren

Frank. "We are 3.5 years out and still waiting for Brian to return to full consciousness. The setbacks,

the complications, the legal matters, the medical bills, the home life adjustments, just to name a few obstacles since the crash, have been incomprehensible. I am grateful to take a moment to pause and recognize Brian for the hero that he is. Amidst all the heartache, he deserves to be celebrated for surviving

another year against all odds, for the sacrifice he made, risking and ultimately giving his life, to protect others. I am so proud of Brian and it is my honor to love him and fight alongside him for his healing. For today, this acknowledgment with the Medal of Honor is certainly a gift."

The Illinois 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 Superintendent Larry Snelling, DeKalb Police Department Chief David Byrd, retired ISP Master Sergeant and St. Clair County Coroner Calvin Dye, and Lake County Sheriff John D. Idleburg.

Squad Car Struck While Blocking Traffic for Expressway Shooting *ISP experiences 18th Move Over Law related crash of 2024*

CHICAGO – Illinois State Police (ISP) officials investigated a traffic crash early yesterday morning in Chicago involving an ISP trooper who was hit by a motorist who failed to move over.

On October 17, 2024, at approximately 3:22 a.m., an ISP trooper's marked squad car was parked with its emergency lights activated on the ramp from 130th Street westbound to Interstate 94 northbound, providing traffic control for an earlier expressway shooting investigation. The trooper was inside of the squad car when a Jeep struck the rear passenger side of the squad car. The trooper was transported to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The driver of the Jeep, 40-year-old Lakisha S. Howard of Chicago, was transported to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. ISP issued Howard citations

for the Move Over Law – Failure to Yield to Stationary Emergency Vehicle, Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Illegal Transportation of Alcohol, Operating Uninsured Vehicle, Following Too Closely, Improper Lane Usage, and Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident.

Already in 2024, ISP has suffered 18 Move Over Law-related crashes with nine troopers injured. In 2023, ISP had 21 Move Over Law-related crashes with seven troopers injured and suffered 25 crashes in 2022, leaving 13 troopers injured. ISP reminds the public that the Move Over Law, also known as "Scott's Law," requires all drivers to move over when approaching an emergency vehicle, or any vehicle with its emergency or hazard lights activated.

Squad Car Struck on Interstate, Second Move Over Crash in 24 Hours *ISP experiences 19th Move Over Law related crash of 2024*

GRANTSBURG – Illinois State Police (ISP) officials investigated a traffic crash in Johnson County involving an ISP trooper who was hit by a motorist who failed to move over.

On October 17, 2024, at approximately 3:50 p.m., an ISP Troop 10 trooper was parked with their emergency lights activated, providing traffic control for a truck-tractor semi-trailer fire on the right shoulder of Interstate 24 eastbound near milepost 21 in Grantsburg, IL. Approaching traffic failed to reduce their speed in time and a separate three-vehicle crash occurred near the trooper. Immediately after, another truck-tractor semi-trailer swerved near the shoulder to avoid the crash that had just occurred, but instead sideswiped the driver's side of the parked squad car. The squad car's driver side was scratched and the mirror was broken. The trooper was inside of the squad car at the time of the crash, and fortunately, was uninjured. The driver of the truck-tractor semi-trailer, 36-year-old Andrii Riabchun of Chicago, was cited for the Move Over Law – Failure to Yield to Stationary Emergency Vehicle.

This was the second Move Over Law, also known

as Scott's Law in Illinois, crash involving an ISP squad car in less than 24 hours. Another trooper's squad car was struck earlier the same day while assisting with a shooting investigation in Chicago. That driver was cited for Driving Under the Influence and other violations.

Already in 2024, ISP has suffered 19 Move Over Law-related crashes with nine troopers injured. In 2023, ISP had 21 Move Over Law-related crashes with seven troopers injured and suffered 25 crashes in 2022, leaving 13 troopers injured. ISP reminds the public that the Move Over Law requires all drivers to move over when approaching an emergency vehicle, or any vehicle with its emergency or hazard lights activated.

A person who violates the Move Over Law faces a fine of no less than \$250 and no more than \$10,000 for a first offense. If the violation results in injury to another person, the violator's driver's license will be suspended for a mandatory period of anywhere between six months and two years. Additional information can be found at the following

link: <https://isp.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dash->



FAITH & BLUE 2024



On Sunday, October 6, from 1p-4p, Illinois State Police partnered with Wal-Mart in Silvis, Illinois for a supply drive to benefit Youth Hope QC.

In addition to supplies, monetary donations were accepted to allow for additional purchases. A huge THANK YOU to Wal-Mart and the QC community for their support in this endeavor.

Participating for the ISP was Lieutenant Dyan Talbot (Troop 2), Master Sergeant Amber Dunn (Troop 2), Sergeant Brian Masters (DAT), and Office Specialist Sarah Manion (Troop 2).

Oneida, IL – October 11, 2023 – Last Friday night, the stands at ROWVA High School were filled with excitement, not just for the thrilling football game but also for a special event that brought the community together. The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) hosted "Catch with a Cop," a meet-and-greet event featuring local law enforcement officers from the Illinois State Police and the Knox County Sheriff's Office.

Starting at 6:30 p.m., community members had the opportunity to engage with officers in a relaxed atmosphere, tossing around footballs and discussing common interests. The event was part of the nationwide #FaithandBlue initiative, aimed at fostering positive relationships between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

As families enjoyed the game, many took a break from their seats to join officers for casual conversation. Children and parents alike participated in games of catch, helping to bridge the gap between uniformed officers and everyday citizens.



Macomb, IL – October 16, 2024 – In a heartwarming display of community spirit, Troop 4 successfully concluded its annual food drive, collecting non-perishable food items for those in need. The drive, which ran from October 7-13, saw generous donations from residents throughout Macomb and the surrounding area.

Troop 4 Trooper Michael Mueller spearheaded the event and set up collection points at the headquarters located at 1600 N. Lafayette Street, as well as at Hy-Vee and Walmart on the weekend of October 12-13. Trooper Michael Mueller and the Macomb Police Explorers played a key role in gathering donations directly from shoppers, making the initiative accessible to all community members.

On October 16, Master Sergeant Bryan Clauson and Trooper Brandi Carson-Homer, alongside Building and Grounds Maintenance worker Bob Fuhr, delivered over \$3,000 worth of food items to the Western Illinois Regional Council – Community Action Agencies’ food pantry in Macomb. They were joined by Kelly Shiraki, the Food Pantry

Manager, and Johnsy Catherine, the Food Pantry Clerk, who expressed deep gratitude for the outpouring of support.

“This year's food drive was a tremendous success,” said Trooper Mueller. “We are thrilled to see our community come together to help those in need, especially as we head into the colder months.”

In addition to the food items, Troop 4 also raised \$463 in cash donations, which will be given to Loaves and Fishes, a local food pantry currently seeking funds to reopen. This extra effort highlights the commitment of Troop 4 and its supporters to address food insecurity in the area.

Community members are encouraged to continue their support, as the need remains great. For those who wish to contribute, Troop 4 plans to organize additional events in the future to aid local food pantries.

Troop 4 would like to extend heartfelt thanks to all those who participated and donated, proving once again that together, we can make a significant impact in our community.





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DOP Troop 3, DCI Zone 1, and the University of Illinois Extension office were joint participants at a Community Event put on by the Hope Center in Blue Island on Saturday, October 12.



ISP Troop 1 shared a "sweet" moment with the students at Newman Central Catholic High School last week.





Fairview Heights, IL

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2024**



In Memoriam: retired Lt. Col. Scott Abbott



It is with heavy heart and profound sadness the Illinois State Police announces the passing of retired Lt. Colonel Scott D. Abbott #4151 (60) of Sorento, IL.

Lt. Colonel Abbott served the ISP for 26 years with unwavering dedication.

Lt. Colonel Abbott's ISP career began in the Division of Operations as a District 11 Trooper before transferring to the ISP Academy where he passionately trained ISP Cadets and Recruits.

Lt. Colonel Abbott continued his dedicated service at the ISP Academy for 10 years before transferring to DOO as Chief of the Motorcycle Enforcement Bureau, Region III and IV Commanders, and culminated his ISP career when he was appointed to the rank of Lt. Colonel to serve as the Assistant Deputy Director of the Division of Administration by the ISP Director, until his retirement November 30, 2014.

Lt. Colonel Abbott made significant contributions to the ISP through his efforts with the Academy Teaching, Assessing and Correcting (TAC) Program, as well as the Motorcycle Enforcement Bureau and Honor Guard. He will be greatly missed.

<https://meridithfuneralhome.com/obituary/scott-d-abbott/>



Trooper Ray Embree

End of Watch: October 15, 1936

Trooper Ray Embree was killed in an automobile accident while returning to the district headquarters in Springfield. He and a Secretary of State employee were returning from Chicago after delivering documents for the Governor. For unknown reasons Trooper Embree's automobile swerved into the path of an oncoming tractor trailer on Route 66, near Towanda. Trooper Embree was transported to Normal Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. His passenger did not receive any injuries.

Trooper Embree served with the Illinois State Police for ten months and was assigned to District 9. Trooper Embree was survived by his wife and child.

A VIEW OF THE NORTHERN LIGHTS FROM TROOP 1



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