Agreement Gives College Credit for ISP Cadet Training

ISP thanks Governors State University for hosting us recently for the signing of an agreement that allows our troopers to earn credit hours towards a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice while serving. Under this new agreement, GovState will accept Credit for Prior Learning as transfer credits for the successful completion of ISP cadet training.

ISP places a high value on helping its officers reach their

academic goals and has worked diligently with Governors State to secure this opportunity. Ongoing education helps people further their critical thinking and communication skills, as well as generate new ideas and perspectives, which ISP is always looking for.

ISP continuously works to grow and improve to meet the needs of communities and education is one avenue in which to do this.







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ISP Investigates Officer Involved Death in LaSalle County

SHERIDAN - The Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of the suspect grabbed a firearm located within the resi-Criminal Investigation Zone 1 is investigating an officer dence and administered a self-inflicted gunshot to the involved death at the request of the LaSalle County head. The deputies did not fire any shots. Deputies im-Sheriff's Office (LCSO).

On November 21, 2024, LCSO deputies were serving an pect died of their injuries. arrest warrant for an Internet Crimes Against Children investigation at a residence in the 4300 block of East. An autopsy is scheduled to be performed today in 2175th Road in Sheridan, IL. LCSO deputies entered the McLean County. At the conclusion of its investigation, residence and made contact with the suspect. As LCSO ISP will present the case to the LaSalle County State's deputies attempted to place the suspect into custody, Attorney's Office. There is no additional information.

mediately attempted life saving measures on the suspect until emergency medical services arrived. The sus-

Results of Metro East Violent Crime Suppression Detail

EAST ST. LOUIS - Illinois State Police (ISP) conducted a pect. It was determined the vehicle was stolen. A fireviolent crime suppression detail on November 18- arm was also recovered. 20, 2024, in St. Clair and Madison counties, focusing its efforts on East St. Louis and neighboring Metro East On November 19, 2024, troopers conducted a traffic communities. The operation utilized intelligence and stop on a vehicle for IVC violations. A probable cause technology to target known high crime areas, violent search of the vehicle resulted in the seizure of a stolen offenders, and structured criminal groups in the com- firearm and over 150 grams of cannabis. Two subjects munities of the Metro East. There were several nota- were taken into custody. ble events and arrests during the detail.

On November 18, 2024, troopers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for Illinois Vehicle Code (IVC) violations. The vehicle fled. Trooper located the vehicle a short while later and attempted to conduct another traffic stop on the vehicle, when the vehicle rammed an ISP squad car and began fleeing again. The vehicle subsequently crashed, and the driver attempted to flee on foot, but Troopers successfully apprehended the sus-

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Firearms Seized	8
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On November 19, 2024, troopers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for IVC violations. A probable cause search of the vehicle resulted in the seizure of a loaded firearm with an extended magazine, suspected oxycodone, and over 400 grams of cannabis. One subject was taken into custody.

Nearly 40 ISP officers from around the state, including Troop 3, Troop 6, Troop 7, Troop 8, Troop 9, Troop 10, South Fatal Four Team, Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 6, Firearms Investigations Unit, Crime Scene, Air Operations, and the Public Safety Enforcement Group joined forces with the Division of Patrol's Special Operation Group South 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.



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ISP Investigation Leads to Arrest of Watseka Man for Possession of Child Sexual Abuse Material

WATSEKA – An Illinois State Police (ISP) investigation led to the arrest of 22-year-old Manuel Perez of Watseka, Illinois for possession of child sexual abuse material.

After receiving a cyber tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), ISP conducted an investigation into possession of child sexual abuse material, which led to an arrest warrant for Perez.

On November 18, 2024, officers took Perez into custody and he is being held pending an arraignment hearing in Iroquois County, Illinois. Perez is charged with five counts of Possession of Child Pornography (Class 2 Felony).

This investigation is a collaborative effort between the Illinois Attorney General's Office Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, the Iroquois County Sheriff's Office, the Watseka Police Department, the Iroquois County State's Attorney's Office, and ISP.

ISP Continues to Combat Public Corruption

EAST ST. LOUIS – The Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Special Investigations Unit continues to combat public corruption with a recent case involving charges against a former city official. ISP worked with the Saint Clair County State's Attorney to bring charges against 60-year-old Carlos Mayfield of East St. Louis, IL.

On April 3, 2024, ISP received an allegation of theft and official misconduct against former East St. Louis City Manager Carlos Mayfield.

ISP immediately began an investigation into Mayfield's conduct and special agents found evidence Mayfield knowingly used City of East St. Louis funds for personal gain.

On October 1, 2024, an arrest warrant for Mayfield was issued for one count of Theft \$500-\$10,000 of Government Property (Class 2 Felony) and one count of Fraudulent Use of a Credit/Debit Card (Class 4 Felony). Mayfield surrendered himself to law enforcement on November 15, 2024.

Move Over Violations & More During Brian Frank Details

ISP conducted 3-day Fatal Four details in Will and DuPage counties in honor of Trooper Brian Frank, who was seriously injured due to a Scott's Law violation. Troopers issued 68 speeding citations, 54 distracted driving violations, 11 seatbelt violations, and 5 Move Over violations. They also arrested three subjects and filed four criminal charges.

Concurrently, a Highway Interdiction Detail in the same area resulted in the seizure of over 84,000 grams of cannabis and almost \$41,000 in cash.

ISP Investigates Death of Missing Wisconsin Man Found in Rosemont

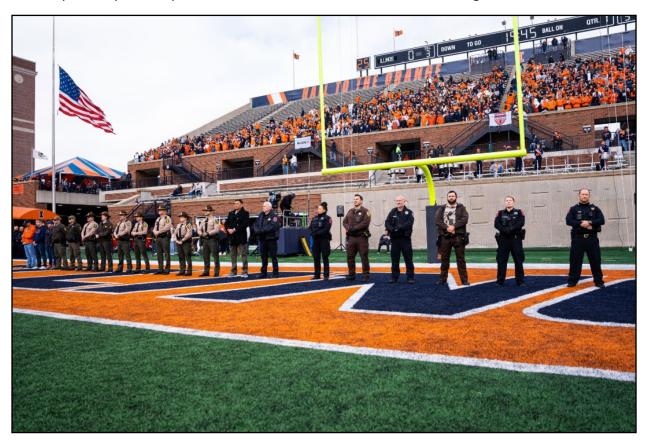
ROSEMONT – Illinois State Police Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 1 announces that the search for missing 45-year-old Benjamin Oberto of New Berlin, Wisconsin has ended after he was located deceased inside his vehicle in Rosemont, IL.

On November 14, 2024, Oberto was reported missing to the New Berlin Police Department in Wisconsin. On November 15, 2024, Rosemont Police Department (RPD) officers located a Subaru Impreza with Wisconsin registration partially submerged in a creek at the bottom of the embankment, on the curve of the Interstate 90 eastbound ramp to Interstate 294 northbound. RPD divers located a body inside the vehicle, later identified as Oberto.

ISP agents have taken over as the lead agency on this investigation.

Fighting Illini Honors Trooper Corey Thompsen

During Saturday's (11.16.24) University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Fighting Illini First Responders appreciation football game at Memorial Stadium, the U of I held a moment of silence to honor ISP fallen Trooper Corey S. Thompsen, who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our communities.



TROOPER BRIAN FRANK FUNDRAISING

HOLIDAY ** EVENTS ***



ZOO LIGHTS

Brookfield Zoo | 10a - 4:30p

Join us Saturday afternoon to decorate a tree for Brian and the Got Your 6 Foundation for Holiday Magic! Bring the kiddos!

GY6 BLUE BREW

Alter Brewing, Downers Grove | 6p - 11p

Join us and the Got Your 6 Foundation to celebrate the lives of Trooper Christopher Lambert and Jerry Ellis. Funds will be raised for Brian Frank's Recovery.





THE FRANK'S FA LA LA

223 Main Street, St. Lemont | 9a - 2p

We are hosting a family friendly holiday pop-up shop for Brian! We will have Santa (we know him!) for photos, a hot chocolate bar, new Frank Strong merch, and more!

SADDLE UP SALOON

4440 Ogden Ave, Aurora, IL 60504 | 4p - 8p+

Join us for round 2 at Saddle for a night of line dancing & drinks! This will be our send-off event. \$5 at the door.





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Troop 7 Gets a Sweet Thank You

Members of Victory Church in Camargo, IL, stopped by Illinois State Police Troop 7 Headquarters on November 21, 2024, to deliver cookies for the Troopers.

They wanted to express their gratitude for the State Police service to their communities.

Carbondale Youth Police Camp Thanksgiving Reunion Dinner

On November 16, 2024, the Team Illinois Youth Police Camp (Carbondale) hosted a Thanksgiving dinner for cadets and their families at Touch of Nature in Makanda, IL. The YPC is a collaboration between ISP, Carbondale PD, and other local law enforcement agencies. The event provided an opportunity to stay in touch with the cadets, dis-

cuss goals, give support, and offer any advice. The YPC – Carbondale is gearing up for its' third year with the next camp scheduled on June 8-14, 2025.

Check out the newest YPC video for some great testimonials. https://youtu.be/-6MvU1GEHKA



ISP Demonstrates Drills at Project Upturn

Project Upturn is a program developed through a collaboration between ISP and Community Lifeline that engages youth in positive behavioral change through a mix of instruction and interactive activities.

Yesterday, after weeks of planning, practice, and coaching, youth were able to participate in the first Project Upturn youth talent show held at the Mary Brown Community Center in East St. Louis. Students were also able to learn military drills lead by Zone 6 Special Agent Tyronn Madison, who is also a member of the United States Army Reserves.

We would like to thank all the volunteers and community partners who contributed to making this a successful event.





DII Is Sweet as Pie!

November 21, 2024, the Division of Internal Investigation (DII) Northern Command delivered 70 sweet potato and pumpkin pies to the Greater Chicagoland Food Depository location at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Matteson. The food pantry will be serving 215 Families in need for this Thanksgiving season.



Retirement Party at DAT

The Division of the Academy and Training held a Retirement Celebration on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, to celebrate the upcoming retirements of Colonel Marcus Gipson (December 31, 2024) and Lieutenant Colonel Jason LoCoco (November 30, 2024).

Congratulations on a well-deserved retirement, gentlemen!



Left: Lt. Col. Jason LoCoco; Right: Col. Marcus Gipson

M/Sgt. Jennifer Smith Receives Award From Danville Noon Rotary

The Danville Noon Rotary is pleased to announce that Illinois State Police Master Sergeant Jennifer Smit has been named the winner of the 2024 Vocational Service Award.

After earning her master's degree in education, Jennifer served as a seventh-grade science teacher for nearly three years at North Ridge Middle School in Danville. In 2014, her career shifted when she accepted the call to serve the citizens of Danville as a police officer. She took the compassion that she developed for her students as a middle school teacher to the streets and was able to assist some of Danville's neediest citizens. She has helped to steer struggling high school students away from violent behaviors toward completing their education. It was not uncommon for her to purchase meals for individuals being held in custody or find her shooting hoops with young people in Garfield Park.

Jennifer has also shown dedication to her community by assisting the DACC Foundation with scholarships and supports the Women's Survivor Resource Center in their annual fundraising "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" event. After three years on the Danville Police Department, she earned a position as an Illinois State Trooper where she quickly rose to the rank of sergeant within five years. In 2024, she was promoted to Master Sergeant.

She has been commended by her superiors as taking her oath very seriously, donating hours of her own time if it was required to complete a task. She has a passion for investigating and building strong cases against sexual predators. She is a wealth of knowledge for her law enforcement peers on case information and serves as an Academy instructor in several fields. In April of 2024, Jennifer, along with four other ISP personnel, traveled to Accra, Ghana to conduct *Domestic and Gender Based Violence Investigation* training. Being a specialist in this field, she did not hesitate to be part of helping other nations combat domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.

The Vocational Service Award is presented every year to an individual in the community who exemplifies the Rotary ideals of service. "In her role as police officer, state trooper and sergeant, Jennifer has demonstrated a caring commitment to the community that is second to none. She is a true testament to Rotary values in promoting integrity, advanced world understanding, good will and peace and is much deserving of this recogni-

tion" stated Rotary President Tonya Hill.

Jennifer resides in Westville, IL with her husband Jonathan and her 3 fur babies, Bodie, Dewey and Wrigley. The award will be presented on December 2, 2024.

Full article and audio file
here: https://
vermilioncountyfirst.com/2024/11/20/danvillenoon-rotary-names-illinois-statepolice-master-sergeant-jennifersmit-2024-vocational-serviceperson-of-the-year/



Photo: Illinois State Police Master Sergeant Jennifer Smit and Rotary President Tonya Hill

Special Agent Madeekah Smith Gives Presentation to College Students

On Saturday, November 23, 2024, Division of Internal Investigation Special Agent Madeekah Smith #6726 presented "Let Me Find Out: Investigating the Truth" to the Women of the Shield Academy class. The material presented provided a crash course into investigating criminal misconduct.

The Women of the Shield is a law enforcement course that is held during the fall and spring semesters at Northeastern Illinois University. The program focuses on preparing women in underrepresented communities for a career in law enforcement while taking an active approach to create diversity and inclusion.



It's The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

ISP helped to spread holiday cheer by escorting the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree across the Iowa line to Ottawa on its on its 4,000-mile journey to the Nation's Capitol. Every year, the USDA Forest Service selects a different national forest to provide a tree to appear on the west lawn of the U.S. Capitol building for the holiday season. This year's tree, Spruce Wayne, is traveling all the way from Wrangell, Alaska!



Trooper Marcus Nettles Honored in Las Vegas

Congratulations to Trooper Marcus Nettles as he was the recipient of the Community Impact Award at the Rise 2 Greatness Foundation Gala in Las Vegas, Nevada on November 12th, 2024.

Trooper Nettles is a true leader in the community, both in his role with the Illinois State Police and through his work with the Marcus Nettles Project. An accomplished athlete who played Triple-A baseball with the San Diego Padres, Trooper Nettles joined ISP in 2012. In 2017, he launched the Marcus Nettles Project, organizing baseball clinics across Chicagoland to link the gap between youth, community, and law enforcement. Focusing his efforts in high-crime neighborhoods, he brings hope and opportunity to young boys and girls by working alongside fellow law enforcement officers who volunteer their time and talents to inspire the next generation.

Throughout his career, Trooper Nettles has been assigned to ISP District Chicago Gang Violence Task Force, District Chicago Patrol and

Troop 3 Patrol. Now assigned to the Recruitment Section, he continues to lead by example, inspiring his peers and the community.

Congratulations, Trooper Nettles, on this well-deserved recognition. Your commitment and dedication serve as an inspiration to us all. Thank you for making a positive impact in every role you serve.



Ret. Master Sgt. David Conrod

David Edward Conrod, age 69 of Murphysboro, passed away on Novem-

ber 26, 2024, at St. Louis University Hospital with his family at his bedside.

David was born to Barbara and Donald Conrod in Chicago, Illinois, later relocating to Fairbury, Illinois. He graduated from Fairbury Cropsey High School, and upon graduation he attended Judson College in Elgin, Illinois. He began working at Elgin Mental Health Center, and while there he met and married his wife Jean in 1975. They enjoyed a long and happy marriage, eventually settling in Murphysboro, IL. He graduated from the Illinois State Police Academy in 1979 and worked as an officer until he retired as a Master Sergeant in 2005. He lived a life full of blessings, joy, and service to his community and the many friends he made along the way. He spent his retirement years with Jean, the animals that he collected, and assisting a dear friend Cathie Hutcheson in the banding of thousands of hummingbirds. He was a collector of granite coffee pots and unique knives.

He leaves behind his wife Jean of Murphysboro, son Daniel (Marilyn) and grandchildren Addison Dora (7) and Nathan Edward (3), all of Wheaton, Illinois.

A private memorial service is being planned for family and friends with Pastors Joas Troyer and David Wickey.

Friends may gather on Friday December 6, 2024 at 12:00 PM at Crain Pleasant Grove - Murdale Funeral

In lieu of Flowers, the family requests with gratitude that a memorial donation be made in David's name to the wonderful animal shelters in your area and or the Murphysboro Public Library.

His presence was large, and he will be missed by all who he called Friend.

The cremation of David Edward Conrod will be personally handled by the staff of Crain Funeral Home.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



End of Watch: November 19, 1939



Trooper Cecil Brokmyer succumbed to gunshot wounds sustained two days earlier in Carrier Mills while attempting to arrest a man for an armed robbery.

Trooper Brokmyer and his partner located the man in a service station where he had taken a stolen vehicle to have it repaired. As they approached him the man pulled out a handgun from his coat and shot Trooper Brokmyer twice before fleeing. Trooper Brokmyer gave chase but did

not return fire for fear of striking citizens.

Trooper Brokmyer succumbed to his wounds two days after the shooting.

Trooper Brokmyer had served with the Illinois State Police for seven years and was assigned to District 13. He was survived by his wife and two children.

Trooper George Wheeler

End of Watch: November 22, 1927

Trooper George Wheeler was killed in a motorcycle accident in Kankakee, Illinois.

Trooper Wheeler just picked up his new motorcycle with sidecar and left headquarters. He lost control and was thrown from the motorcycle, striking a tree. He suffered a fractured skull and succumbed to the injuries a short time later.

Trooper Wheeler was a six-week veteran of the Illinois State Police; He was assigned to District 12. Trooper Wheeler was survived by his father and two sisters.



Trooper Leo LaVelle
End of Watch: November 24, 1934

Trooper Leo LaVelle was in a motorcycle accident while patrolling Route 80 near Rapids City. He succumbed to his injuries two months later.

Trooper LaVelle was a U.S Army veteran of WWI and had served with the Illinois State Police in District 7 for one year. He had previously worked with the Los Angeles Police Department, California for nine years.



Trooper Kyle Deatherage End of Watch: November 26, 2012

Trooper Kyle Deatherage was struck and killed by a tractor trailer while making a traffic stop on I-55, at mile marker 62, near Litchfield.

He had parked his motorcycle on the shoulder and was speaking with the driver of the vehicle when the collision occurred.

Trooper Deatherage had served with the Illinois State Police for three years. He was survived by his wife, daughter, son, father, mother, sister, and two brothers.



Special Agent Pete Lackey End of Watch: November 27, 1972

Special Agent Pete Lackey was ambushed and killed on his way to work on November 27, 1972.

Special Agent Lackey had served with the Illinois Bureau of Investigation for two years. He was survived by his wife and two children.



In Memoriam: Helen Miller

It is with deep sadness the Division of Statewide 9-1-1 announces the passing of Helen (Edwards) Miller, 85, of Mt. Vernon, formerly of Fairfield, Illinois, mother of Division of Statewide 9-1-1 Radio Network Services Bureau Chief Chris Miller. Ms. Miller passed away at 7:54 a.m. Friday, November 22, 2024, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Mt. Vernon.

Funeral Services were held at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 26th at the Cornerstone Church in Fairfield, with burial in Maple Hill Cemetery.

The full obituary is available at https://www.johnsonvaughn.com/obituary/Helen-Miller

Memorials in her honor may be made to Cornerstone Church and will be accepted at the services or the Johnson and Vaughn Funeral Home.



In Memoriam: Colin John Brown

It is with profound sadness and a heavy heart that I share the tragic news of Colin Brown's passing. Colin is the beloved son of our colleague and friend, Retired LTC Calvin Brown.

While ISP protocol usually reserves LDALLs for the death of family members of those currently working for ISP, the circumstance of this death strikes close to home for many and is unfathomably heartbreaking.

On Saturday, November 23, 2024, at approximately 10:30 P.M., while traveling home from a hockey game on Interstate 55 in St. Louis, MO, Calvin and Colin encountered unimaginable tragedy as shots were fired the in area and they were caught in crossfire. Colin sustained a gunshot wound and, Wednesday, November 27, 2024, succumbed to his injuries.

Colin was an exceptional young man, a talented hockey player, and a source of joy to all who knew him. He touched many lives with his kindness and energy. Please keep Calvin, Tracey, Liam, and the entire Brown family in your thoughts and prayers as they navigate this devastating loss.

As an agency, we've experienced line-of-duty deaths and most of us have seen up close, in one way or another, the loss of human life in any number of situations. We understand it is part of the mission and the "business of risk" we all commit ourselves to on a daily basis. However, death like this is not just hard to understand, it's jarring, searing, gut wrenching.

But we will not falter or hesitate. All resources of the Illinois State Police permitted by law are being brought to bear on this case and we are working closely to support the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department and other law enforcement partners across the river to apprehend those responsible, and to seek justice for the murder of Colin Brown. Let us come together to support the Brown family during this incredibly difficult time.

Director Brendan Kelly

Funeral arrangements for Colin Brown:

https://www.schildknechtfh.com/obituaries/Colin-John-Brown?obId=33911023

Visitation:

Thurs, December 5, 2024 4:00-9:00 PM Christian Brothers College High School, 1850 De La Salle Drive, St. Louis, MO 63141

Mass of Christian Burial:

Friday, December 6, 2024 10:00 AM Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis 4431 Lindell Blvd St. Louis, MO 63108

IN MEMORIAM: ISP K9 RIGGS



END OF WATCH: NOVEMBER 19, 2024

It is with profound sadness we share the passing of Illinois State Police Canine Riggs. Riggs, who faithfully served the people of Illinois alongside his handlers, sergeants Steve Ent and Jeremy Moyer passed away unexpectedly November 19, 2024, from a cardiac event at the age of 10.

Riggs graduated with Canine Class 75 in the spring of 2017 with his original handler Jeremy Moyer of District 11 (Troop 8). In 2018, Canine Riggs was assigned to Sgt. Ent and worked with the Statewide CRIMPAT Team. Together, they worked tirelessly to protect the people of Illinois and this country by disrupting the flow of illicit narcotics and currency throughout our borders, while helping to dismantle drug trafficking organizations. During his impressive 8-year career, Riggs helped seize 220 kilograms of cocaine, 105 kilograms of heroin, 131 kilograms of methamphetamine, 2,032 pounds of illegal cannabis, 97 firearms, and more than \$5 million in US currency. Canine Riggs was a loyal, beloved partner and team member whose presence will be missed dearly.

Our prayers are with Sgt. Ent, his family, and all those who had the privilege of working alongside Riggs during his distinguished career. We pause to honor Rigg's memory and give thanks for the incredible work he did to keep our communities safe.

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