

# ISP Graduates Largest Cadet Class in 25 Years

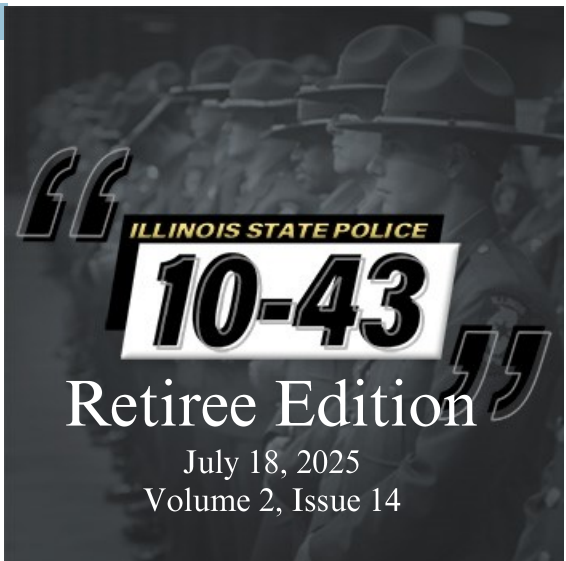
*Welcome, Cadet Class 150!*

**SPRINGFIELD** – The Illinois State Police (ISP) graduated the largest cadet class in the last 25 years on Friday, July 11, 2025. ISP welcomed 95 new troopers today from Cadet Class 150 at a graduation ceremony at Westside Christian Church in Springfield. The new troopers will report to all ten ISP Troop locations throughout the state on Sunday, July 13, 2025. Cadet Class 150 marks the 22nd cadet class graduation under Governor JB Pritzker and ISP Director Brendan F. Kelly. Since 2019, 692 troopers have joined ISP.

“I am proud to congratulate Cadet Class 150 on their graduation and commend them on their commitment to the people of Illinois,” said Governor JB Pritzker. “As the largest class in 25 years, the brave men and women of Cadet Class 150 exemplify the core values of the Illinois State Police and will serve our state with honor, integrity, and pride.”  
“It’s a privilege to swear in the largest ISP cadet class in the



past 25 years,” said ISP Director Kelly. “Law enforcement agencies across the country can struggle to hire new officers, but we continue to rise above that challenge because of our values of Integrity, Service, and Pride to now commission the largest class so far in the 21st century.” *continued*  
Cadet Class 150 was a combination of a traditional class and a



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## Cadets, continued

lateral entry class. The traditional class included 43 cadets who completed a demanding 29-week program. The lateral class consisted of 52 cadets who completed the 12-week program designed for certified police officers who previously graduated from an accredited law enforcement academy and had at least two years of experience while employed as a full-time officer. Both programs consist of physical and classroom instruction, which included training in cultural diversity, procedural justice, domestic violence, critical incident response, de-escalation tactics, firearms, first responder certification, control and arrest tactics, Illinois vehicle code, criminal law, motor carrier safety, juvenile law, and more.

In addition to either the 29-week or 12-week academy training, cadets are required to participate in one-on-one mentoring with Field Training Officers as part of a 14-week field training program, expanding their total training to either 42 or 25 weeks. Troopers who successfully complete the field training pro-

gram advance to solo-patrol status.

The new officers are assigned to the following areas of the state and will immediately begin their patrol duties:

- Troop 1 Pecatonica/Sterling, 2 troopers
- Troop 2 LaSalle/Moline, 4 troopers
- Troop 3 Chicago, 25 troopers
- Troop 4 Macomb/Metamora, 9 troopers
- Troop 5 Pontiac/Ashkum, 2 troopers
- Troop 6 Springfield/Pittsfield, 1 trooper
- Troop 7 Pesotum, 6 troopers
- Troop 8 Collinsville, 33 troopers
- Troop 9 Effingham/Carmi, 11 troopers
- Troop 10 DuQuoin/Ullin, 2 troopers

New troopers earn approximately \$90,000 in compensation upon graduation from the Illinois State Police Academy. Anyone interested in joining the ranks of ISP is encouraged to visit the Illinois State Police Merit Board website at [www.illinoistrooper.com](http://www.illinoistrooper.com) for application information.



## The Return of the Sam Browne Belts

Starting with CC150, Director Kelly has ordered the return of the traditional Sam Browne belts for the dress uniform going forward. The belts remind us of our history and the professionalism all ISP officers display.

The belt got its name from Sir Samuel J. Browne (1824-1901), the British Indian Army general who invented it and is part of the official dress uniform of many law enforcement agencies.



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## ISP Arrests East St. Louis Woman in Fatal Hit and Run Crash

**EAST ST. LOUIS** – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 6 Public Safety Enforcement Group (PSEG) special agents arrested 34-year-old Parshay M. Lewis of East St. Louis, IL for Failure to Report an Accident Involving Personal Injury or Death (Class 1 Felony), Failure to Stop after Having an Accident Involving Death (Class 4 Felony) and Failure to Give Information / Render Aid to Injured (Class A Misdemeanor).

On July 12, 2025, the East St. Louis Police Department (ESLPD) requested ISP's assistance with a fatal hit and run crash in the 2200 block of State Street in East St. Louis. The suspect's vehicle struck 35-year-old Coryesha Davis from East St. Louis, IL and fled the scene. Davis was transported

to an area hospital and later succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced deceased. ISP special agents located the suspect's vehicle and identified Lewis as a suspect.



On July 14, 2025, Lewis turned herself into ISP. On July 16, 2025, the St. Clair County State's Attorney's Office filed the above charges against Lewis.

Lewis is currently being held at the St. Clair County Jail.

## ISP Arrests Chicago Man for Road Rage Related Expressway Shooting

**ELMHURST** – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 1 West special agents arrested 27-year-old Juan A. Terrazas of Chicago, IL, for Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm (Class 1 Felony) and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon (Class 3 Felony) stemming from a road rage shooting last year.

On November 27, 2024, at approximately 6:49 a.m., ISP troopers responded to an expressway shooting on the Eisenhower Expressway, I-290 westbound near Lake Street. Following a road rage incident, the suspect, later identified as Terrazas,

reportedly fired a weapon at the victim's vehicle. The victim's vehicle was struck, but the victim was not injured.



After a thorough investigation, a warrant was issued for Terrazas. On July 16, 2025, ISP special agents took Terrazas into custody. He is being held at the DuPage County Jail pending his first court appearance.

## ISP Arrests Blue Island Woman for Aggravated Reckless Driving Crash

**BLUE ISLAND** – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 1 VCU West arrested 31-year-old Lisa E. Cotton from Blue Island, IL for Aggravated Reckless Driving Resulting in Injury (Class 4 Felony), Leaving the Scene of a Crash Resulting in Injury (Class 3 Felony), and Failure to Report a Crash Resulting in Injury (Class 2 Felony).

On June 26, 2025, at approximately 5:48 a.m., ISP responded to a rollover crash that occurred on Interstate 57 southbound, near Exit 312 in Kankakee. The preliminary investigation revealed that a truck-tractor had overturned and became engulfed in fire. The sole occupant of the vehicle, 57-year-old

James C. Denton, was transported to the hospital with significant injuries.

After a thorough investigation, ISP special agents identified Cotton as the at-fault driver. They determined Cotton had left the area immediately after the crash. That same day, ISP patrol units located and apprehended Cotton at her residence in Blue Island. The Kankakee County State's Attorney's Office reviewed the facts of the case and approved the abovementioned charges. Cotton is currently detained at the Kankakee County Jerome Combs Detention Center.



# ISP Responds to Numerous Fatal Motorcycle Crashes as Summer Kicks Off

**SPRINGFIELD** – As summer gets into full swing, the Illinois State Police (ISP) is reminding the public about the importance of motorcycle safety for everyone on the road. In just the past week, ISP alone responded to four motorcycle fatalities.



Photo by Nicholas Dias

Summer is historically when the highest number of motorcycle crashes and fatalities occur. A National Highway Transportation and Safety Administration (NHTSA) [assessment](#) shows from 2013-2022, 47% of motorcycle fatalities occur during the summer months. According to NHTSA, motorcycles account for less than 3% of all registered vehicles, but comprise an estimated 12% of all traffic fatalities. To date in 2025, there have been 44 motorcycle

fatalities in Illinois according to [Illinois Department of Transportation data](#).

Speed and driving while impaired are two of the main causes of motorcycles fatalities and injuries. According to NHTSA, 59% of motorcycle fatalities involved impaired driving and 40% of serious injuries involved speeding.

## Important Safety Reminders for Motorcyclists:

- Wear a helmet
- Wear protective gear like eye protection, a sturdy jacket, pants, boots, gloves
- Make yourself visible by wearing high-visibility colors and retro reflective materials
- Don't ride impaired – alcohol or drugs

## Important Safety Reminders for Drivers:

- Always be on the lookout for motorcyclists, especially your blind spot. Motorcycles are smaller and harder to see in traffic compared to cars and other vehicles,
- Keep a safe distance from the motorcycle in front of you. They can slow by downshifting instead of using their brakes.
- Motorcyclists may change positions in their lane to avoid debris in the road.

ISP encourages new riders to follow the IDOT [Ride S.M.A.R.T.](#) guidelines, which emphasize sober riding, offers [free license waiver courses](#) to get your motorcycle endorsement, and highlights the importance of wearing proper safety gear, including helmet, eye protection, gloves, jacket, pants, and boots.

For those more experienced riders, IDOT also offers the [Advanced Rider Course \(ARC\)](#) to increase skills and confidence.

## ISP Squad Car Struck on Ramp to I-57 in Cook County

### *ISP Experiences 7th Move Over Law-Related Crash of 2025*

**CHICAGO** – Illinois State Police (ISP) officials investigated a traffic crash that occurred on the 147<sup>th</sup> Street ramp to Interstate 57 northbound involving an ISP trooper, who was handling a previous traffic crash, when their squad car was struck by a driver who failed to move over.

On June 28, 2025, at approximately 1:41 a.m., an ISP trooper was parked on the 147<sup>th</sup> Street ramp to I-57 northbound near Posen with emergency lights activated. The trooper was sitting inside the squad car conducting a traffic crash investigation. A Mercedes-Benz C300 struck the rear of the squad car. The driver of the Mercedes-Benz, 33-year-old Brian Blackwell Jr. from Chicago, Illinois, was transported to an area hospital with injuries. Blackwell was cited for Aggravated Scott's Law (Class 4 Felony), Driving Under the Influence - Alcohol and Drugs, Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident, Following Too Closely, Improper Lane Usage and Move Over Law violations.

In 2025, ISP has already suffered seven Move Over Law-related crashes. In 2024, ISP suffered 27 Move Over Law-related crashes with 12 troopers injured and one death. In 2023, ISP had 21 Move Over Law-related crashes with seven troopers injured. ISP reminds the public the Move Over Law, also known as "Scott's Law" in Illinois, 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 about ISP related crashes can be found at the following link: <https://isp.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/340d57cd956c453da2de25af804c268d>.



## Statewide 9-1-1 Gets New Vehicles



There are new vehicles parked around some of the ISP facilities.

The Division of Statewide 9-1-1 recently acquired 13 brand new Ford MACH-E electric vehicles, free of purchase costs through CMS Division of Vehicles. The recent acquisition of these electric vehicles will play a role in fuel

saving and efficiency costs within agency. These vehicles will be utilized in several different administrative roles, offering a great option for short in town business trips and will be spread throughout the state to other ISP Divisions, to initially include Forensic Services, Justice Services, and Academy & Training.

## Pushed to a Lofty Goal

During the first week of June 2025, Sergeant Jeremiah Mitchell #6800, Class Coordinator for Cadet Class 150a, challenged himself to complete 25,000 pushups to honor the approximate number of police officers that gave the ultimate sacrifice since the inception of law enforcement. These nearly 25,000 men and women have given their lives while serving their communities, state, and nation as officers. This number is based on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund which currently has 24,412 names engraved on its walls with the first recorded police death in 1786.

Sergeant Mitchell frequently speaks to his cadets on the importance of staying motivated and honoring those that have come before us. Each pushup Sergeant Mitchell completed was accounted for by his counselors and fellow staff members. On the last day of this personal challenge, the Cadets of CC150a checked in early and completed the last 5,000 pushups as a class. Sergeant Mitchell's continuous application of consistency binds together a sure foundation for a career of service to be built upon. This challenge was a test mentally, physically, and emotionally. We are sincerely grateful for Sergeant Mitchell's dedication to the mission of the Illinois State Police Academy and the fact he is always looking for ways to encourage, motivate, and develop the next generation of Illinois State Troopers!





## Safety Education Brings Home 3 USEOW Awards

The Uniformed Safety Education Officers Workshop (USEOW) is an organization that was founded in 1968 to allow safety education officers (exclusively state troopers) from across the country to come together annually to network, discuss current trends their states are experiencing and share ideas on how to better present safety information to their respective audiences.

Throughout the week each participating states present on traffic and public safety and share radio and tv public service announcements. Then the representatives from each state agency votes for the best of each category.

This year's conference was hosted by the Texas Department of Public Safety and held in Dallas, Texas. The ISP's representatives this year were: Acting Master Sergeant Mike Kindhart, Trooper Roger Goines and Trooper Jason Wilson. Illinois shared their "Move Over" television PSA and took third in the competition. Trooper Goines presented on "Gun Violence" in public safety and also took third. Trooper Wilson presented on "Why" police officers enforce traffic laws in traffic safety and was awarded first place.

Throughout the week with officers from across the country Texas DPS coordinated and filmed a joint state PSA to be aired across every state's respective social media platforms targeting DUI enforcement throughout the nation with zero tolerance of driving while impaired.

ISP A/M/Sgt. Mike Kindhart, current President of USEOW, presented the awards.



## Personnel Updates

*These ISP personnel recently received a promotion - to retiree!*

*Congratulations on beginning your next chapter!*

<b>Brian Lee Ewing</b> Sergeant #4769 28+ years	<b>Kathy Kassing</b> Executive 1 4 years, 9+ months	<b>Scott Eugene Sheff</b> Repro Service Tech 3 25 years, 7+ months	<b>Jason Springer</b> Sergeant #5180 25 years, 1+ months	<b>Dana Lynn Adams</b> Senior PSA 35 years, 4+ months
<b>Daniel Lee Osenberg</b> Sr Master Trooper #4803 28+ years	<b>Laurie Lee</b> Forensic Scientist 3 34 years, 4+ months	<b>Jason Heinzl</b> Sr Master Trooper #5091 25 years, 6+ months	<b>Kelly Walter</b> Colonel #5336 23 yrs, 10+ months	<b>Melissa Gamboe</b> Forensic Scientist 3 30 years, 1+ months



On Wednesday, July 17, 2025, Troop 8 held a retirement celebration for Sergeant Hanford Tanner, who will retire on July 31, 2025, after 26 years and 3 months of service.

Troop 8 congratulates Sgt. Tanner and thanks him for his service to the residents of Illinois.

### *Director's Bulletin*

I am pleased to announce the following personnel moves.

Effective July 1, 2025, Mr. Declan Binninger was appointed to serve as an Assistant Deputy Director for the Division of Academy and Training. Mr. Binninger was previously serving as the Chief Public Safety Policy Advisor in the Office of the Director.

Effective July 1, 2025, Ms. Alicia Atkinson was appointed to serve as the Statewide 9-1-1 Administrator. Ms. Atkinson has worked in various roles in the field of 9-1-1 since 2006, most recently serving as the Assistant Communications Manager for the Evanston Police Department. Ms. Atkinson's appointment comes as Ms. Cindy Barbera-Brelle retired effective June 30, 2025. Ms. Barbera-Brelle was the first Statewide 9-1-1 Administrator for the State of Illinois and was appointed to the position in February of 2016.

Effective July 15, 2025, Ms. Beth Leahy will be appointed to serve as the Chief Public Safety Policy Advisor in the Office of the Director. Ms. Leahy was previously serving as the Public Service Administrator in the Office of Firearms Safety.

Effective June 16, 2025, Senior Public Service Administrator Amanda Shanbaum was promoted to Laboratory Director at the Forensic Science Center at Chicago (FSC-C), Division of Forensic Services (DFS), Forensic Sciences Command (FSC). Ms. Shanbaum has a wealth of knowledge and experience in the field of forensic science having served in a number of leadership positions including Deputy Laboratory Director and Drug Chemistry Section Chief during her 20 plus years of service with ISP.

Please join me in congratulating each of these individuals.

Brendan F. Kelly  
Director



## Inaugural Command Run



On July 10, 2025, ISP held its inaugural Command Run. Director Brendan Kelly, FDD Rebecca Hooks, ISP Command and DAT staff, and Cadet Class 150 started the run at ISP Central Headquarters, went past Lincoln's Home, and finished at the Illinois State Capitol. The start of this new tradition symbolizes the unity and teamwork that develops among cadets, and serves as a reminder of their hard work and commitment to finishing strong together. It also is the beginning of integrating our soon to be troopers with the rest of the ISP family as they approach their graduation date.





## Summer Camp News

The 2025 Metro East Team Illinois Youth Police Camp took place this week. This camp is a week-long residency camp structured to promote educational and learning opportunities for youth ages 13-17 from diverse communities and backgrounds. Areas of focus include law enforcement, military, leadership, personal development, physical fitness, and social and interpersonal skills. Meals and dorms provided.

At the conclusion of this week, we will proudly watch these youths walk across the graduation stage and take the next step toward being future leaders.



Olympic gold medalist Dawn Harper-Nelson inspired our cadets with her stories and life lessons during her visit to the youth camp on Wednesday, July 16, 2025!



Graduates of the 2025 American Legion/Illinois State Police Youth Police Program stood tall at the Illinois Military Academy, Springfield, Illinois, June 27, following a week of immersive training focused on discipline, teamwork, and leadership.

Brig. Gen. Lenny Williams, Assistant Adjutant General –

Army, Illinois National Guard, addressed the cadets alongside law enforcement and American Legion leaders during the graduation ceremony. “The military and law enforcement have a lot of things in common... similar discipline, similar decision-making skills,” Williams said. “But the most important similarity is the concept of teamwork.”

Throughout the week, cadets participated in a wide range of training events, including drill and ceremony, that helped them move and perform as a single unit — building a bond rooted in responsibility, respect, and service.

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ISPFCU's Shared Branching network is excited to introduce IDCheck, a new tool designed to enhance security and streamline identity verification for out-of-state shared branching transactions. IDCheck will validate members more effectively, reducing the risk of potential fraud.

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- Enter ISPFCU for your Credit Union's name or choose from the dropdown list.
- Enter your Member Number and the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number.
- Upload a photo of the front of your government-issued ID.
- Upload a photo of the back of your government-issued ID.  
*Note: Your ID is securely stored and can be reused for future transactions.*
- Take a selfie for identity verification.  
*Note: Your selfie is also stored securely for future use.*
- Receive a unique verification code, valid for 20 minutes.
- Present the verification code to the Teller to proceed with your transaction as normal.



Please note that IDCheck will only apply to out-of-state shared branching transactions. If your ID and the shared branching location you are visiting are in the same state then ID check will not apply. If you have any questions about IDCheck please call us at 800-255-0886.

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	Dividend Rate	APY*
Regular Shares.....	0.99%	1.00%
Christmas Club.....	0.99%	1.00%
<b>Money Market Checking</b>		
(over \$5,000).....	1.49%	1.50%
(over \$10,000).....	1.98%	2.00%
(over \$25,000).....	2.71%	2.75%
(over \$100,000).....	2.96%	3.00%
<b>Money Market Savings</b>		
(over \$10,000).....	2.47%	2.50%
(over \$25,000).....	3.20%	3.25%
(over \$100,000).....	3.44%	3.50%
<b>Conventional Certificates</b>		
6 Months.....	2.22%	2.25%
12 Months.....	2.71%	2.75%
24 Months.....	2.71%	2.75%
36 Months.....	2.96%	3.00%
48 Months.....	3.20%	3.25%

\*APY - Annual Percentage Yield  
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ISPFCU will be closed in observance of these holidays:

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Labor Day - September 1



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## Top Shot Scheduled for September 27, 2025

This year's ISP Top Shot 2025 event and After party is scheduled for **Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>** at ISP Troop 3, Range facility at 16648 S. Broadway St. Lockport, IL. Registration for the Main Event competition is NOW OPEN you may register at [Got Your 6 Store - Main event / After Party](#). This year we have partnered with "The Got Your 6 Foundation," (501-c-3 charity) and Top Shot will directly benefit the Clay Carns Memorial.

The Main Event will feature a similar format to past years, all the rules, regulations and the course layout with description can be found at the Top Shot Web-site [www.isptopshot.com](http://www.isptopshot.com). The prize table will be the best around and like past years prizes featuring Guns, Safes, Grills, Tools, Range Gear and more. The side match will be the plate rack plus one further target and is sponsored by Walther. (You do not need to be in the main event to compete in the side match). Main event Raffle Table will have similar high dollar items as the main event prize table.

When the Smoke Clears the after party is open to everyone until it sells out. The After party will be at the Moose Lodge in Lockport, IL and will go from 5pm – 10pm. Cost is \$40 a person and will include dinner, a Got Your 6 / Top Shot T-Shirt, Top Shot PVC Patch, two drink tickets and access to the raffle table that will be exclusive to the after party as well as the other raffles from Top Shot.

We are continually seeking volunteers, sponsors, ideas, etc. Please do not hesitate to contact [keith@isptopshot.com](mailto:keith@isptopshot.com) for any questions or concerns. Stay Dangerous!

## ISP Academy Gets an Update



Ace Sign Company of Springfield recently upgraded signage fabricated and installed at the Illinois State Police Academy in Springfield, IL and Training Facility in Pawnee, IL.

## TROOPER JOSETTE BATTLE

A driver with a mechanical issue was thankful for Trooper Josette Battle:

*My car broke down on I-57 near 167th Street in Chicago, and she came around. Spoke courteously with me and stayed with me in the cold until the tow truck came and helped me get the vehicle away from where it was parked. It was a 5-Star representation for a state trooper...yeaaaaaaaaa!*

## TROOPER TERRY HAGAN

A Quincy resident appreciated Trooper Hagan's kindness toward his sons:

*Trooper T Hagan influenced my biracial boys in a positive way during a traffic stop last night.*

*I am grateful for the positive interaction and professionalism he displayed with them. Please share my gratitude with the trooper.*



## TROOPER SAMUAL GRONEK

A young father writes this:

*I was going west on I-80 when my car became disabled after hitting debris from a truck that lost a tire. I had my pregnant wife with me and Trooper Gronek went above and beyond the call of duty to take care of us and get us off the side of the highway. Kudos to ISP. You guys have a great Trooper and an even better man. We need more men like him this world. Thank you, Trooper Gronek.*

## SERGEANT CYNTHIA PFAU

Sgt. Pfau's godson wanted the agency to know how much she is admired:

***She is the best State Police officer in Illinois.***

And there are many others who share his sentiment. Keep up the good work, Sgt. Pfau!





## K-9 Ares

### End of Watch: July 10, 2025

With deep respect and heavy hearts, we announce the passing of K-9 Ares on July 10, 2025, following an ongoing medical issue. K-9 Ares served faithfully alongside his handler, Illinois State Police Trooper Cornelius Harris #6951, as a dedicated member of our law enforcement family.

K9 Ares, a 3-year-old German Shepherd, passed away on July 10, 2025, due to heart-related complications. K-9 Ares began his distinguished service in May 2023 after graduating from Basic Canine Class 87. In his two years of devoted duty, K9 Ares conducted 32 free air sniffs, 6 article searches, and 3 tracks. His efforts directly contributed to the recovery of 2 stolen vehicles, 4 firearms, and the seizure of narcotics including 9.2 grams of crack cocaine, 5,503.8 grams of cannabis, and 8.4 grams of methamphetamine.

More than just a working dog, K9 Ares was a loyal partner, protector, and member of our law enforcement family. His courage, discipline, and service embodied the values of the Illinois State Police.

Trooper First Class Ryan Albin was killed in a vehicle crash on I-74, near milepost 155, in the area of Farmer City at approximately 3:10 pm.

His patrol car collided with a box truck as the vehicles reduced speed for slow moving traffic in a construction zone. He was flown to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.



#### IN MEMORY OF OUR FALLEN TROOPER

Trooper  
Ryan Albin

End of Watch  
June 28, 2017

Trooper First Class Albin's canine was transported to a veterinary hospital with minor injuries.

Trooper First Class Albin had served with the Illinois State Police for 11-1/2 years and was assigned as a canine handler in District 6.



**IN MEMORY OF OUR  
FALLEN TROOPER**

**Trooper  
James Grady Sutton**

End of Watch  
June 30, 1932

Trooper James Grady Sutton and Chief Daniel Law, of the Harrisburg Police Department, were shot and killed during an arrest.

As Trooper Sutton and Chief Law were escorting three suspects in a stolen car to jail, the violators drew weapons and opened fire on the officers.

The officers stopped the vehicle at Poplar and Vine Streets, directing the driver to City Hall for further questioning. Trooper Sutton stood on the left running board and Chief Law on the right running board of the vehicle. As the vehicle approached City Hall, the driver stepped on the accelerator and the men drew weapons, killing both officers.

Trooper Sutton was struck in the chest and fell to the street near City Hall. Before being shot in the head and body, Chief Law was able to cling to the vehicle for four blocks, exchanging gunfire with the suspects and killing one of them until finally dropping from the vehicle.

Trooper Sutton died from his wounds following emergency surgery shortly after midnight. The suspect killed by Chief Law was found in the abandoned vehicle ten miles north of Harrisburg. The other two fugitives were later captured in Virginia and returned to Illinois for trial where they both received life sentences.

Trooper Sutton and Chief Law were buried in adjoining plots in Sunset Lawn Cemetery in Harrisburg. Trooper Sutton was a 3-year veteran of the Illinois State Police. He was survived by his wife.

Trooper Robert J. McDonald was killed in a motorcycle accident during a pursuit on Troy Road in Edwardsville. Trooper McDonald's motorcycle sideswiped another car as he was attempting to maneuver his motorcycle around another vehicle. He succumbed to his injuries while being transported to the hospital.



**IN MEMORY OF OUR  
FALLEN TROOPER**

**Trooper  
Robert J. McDonald**

End of Watch  
July 10, 1930

Trooper McDonald served with the Illinois State Police in District 11 for one year.



**IN MEMORY OF OUR  
FALLEN TROOPER**

**Trooper  
Michael T. Angelos**

End of Watch  
July 10, 1960

Trooper Michael T. Angelos was killed in an automobile accident.

Nearing the end of his eight-hour shift, Trooper Angelos was pursuing a speeding

car on Roosevelt Road near Elmhurst. Trooper Angelos pulled into the left lane to pass an eastbound vehicle. He was side-swiped by a westbound car and was knocked into the vehicle he was attempting to pass. Trooper Angelos was transported to Elmhurst Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries one hour later. The drivers of the other vehicles suffered injuries and survived.

Trooper Angelos was a U.S Navy veteran of WWII and had served with the Illinois State Police for four years and was assigned to District Chicago.

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Master Sergeant Jeffrey Vlcek served with the Illinois State Police in District 15. Master Sergeant Jeffrey Vlcek's Illinois State Police career spanned from November 28, 1977 to July 13, 2003.



**IN MEMORY OF OUR  
FALLEN TROOPER**

**Master Sergeant  
Jeffrey Vlcek**

End of Watch  
July 13, 2003