

Director Kelly Recognizes Troopers in Broadview

To encourage officers responding to the difficult assignment in Broadview, Director Kelly conducted an impromptu recognition of those scheduled to receive awards and promotions at the next promotion ceremony in December.



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ISP at 88th Illinois NAACP Conference



On September 27, 2025, ISP participated in the 88th Illinois State NAACP conference in Kankakee.

The NAACP Criminal Justice Workshop panel (Kankakee County Sheriff Mike Downey, Dr. Melvina Calvin Edwards of Kankakee Community College, Chief Dan Ryan of Leland Grove, Chief Schenita Stewart of Evanston PD, and Lt. Elbert Jennings of ISP) discussed building on the Ten Shared Principles and continuing to improve relationships and trust between law enforcement and black communities.

Winners of Inaugural Survival of the Fittest Competition

On October 11, 2025, P2G Fitness in Oaklawn, Illinois hosted a Survival of the Fittest (SOF) Competition. This inaugural event was for Illinois State Police (ISP) Troop 3 area personnel (Patrol, Investigations, Telecommunications, etc.). The mission of the SOF is to promote health and fitness for police through friendly, encouraging, and challenging competition.

Thanks to everyone who participated in and supported this first-ever Survival of the Fittest fitness competition. It was a tremendous success, bringing together Troopers to promote health, camaraderie, and pride in our physical readiness. Each participant gave an incredible effort during a challenging workout designed to test both strength and endurance. Their energy, teamwork, and support for one another truly represented the best of our department.

Congratulations to our top competitors who finished with the best time:

Top Male Competitor: Joshua Mathis (EPU) and
Top Female Competitor: Ashleigh Wilson (DII)



Both earned the title of 2025 SOF Fitness Competition Champion and received a 6 Pack Fitness meal bag, BlenderBottle shaker cup, and Vitamin Shoppe gift card in recognition of their outstanding performances.

A special thank you to P2G Fitness in Oak Lawn for hosting, to our volunteers who kept everything running smoothly, 100 Club of Illinois for their generosity and to Illinois Five-O Photography for capturing incredible moments from the day.

Events like this remind us that fitness isn't just about performance—it's about readiness, pride, and representing the Illinois State Police with strength and integrity.



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Three Metro East Lab Employees Complete Training

The Division of Forensic Services, Forensic Sciences Command, is pleased to announce that Rebecca Hostettler, Ian Soderlund, and Elena Tepak have been released from training and promoted to Forensic Scientist I. Upon completion of two years of intensive training in Firearms Examination, all three have been transferred from the Training and Applications Laboratory to the Metro-East Forensic Science Laboratory as brand-new Firearms Examiners. Training was conducted by Training Coordinator (TC) Caryn Tucker and assisted by Forensic Scientists Timothy Johnson and Bryan Tomac as training facilitators. This is the first group of Forensic Scientist Trainees to have been trained at the new ISP Forensic Science Institute located next door to the Metro-East lab in Belleville. Congratulations to Rebecca, Ian, and Elena on their success!



L-R: Rebecca Hostettler, Bryan Tomac, Ian Soderlund, and Elena Tepak

Great job, and many thanks, to Caryn, Tim, and Bryan for getting them trained for independent casework!

Fundraisers in Progress for the Thompson family



On Friday, September 26, 2025, while driving his two youngest children to daycare, ISP/DoIT Information Systems Analyst/Server Administrator John R. Thompson was involved in a serious car accident.

John and his son Teddy were treated and released from the hospital. John's daughter Elora suffered a serious head injury, has undergone surgery, and faces a long road to recovery.

Family members of John and Holly Thompson have organized a [GoFundMe](#) on their behalf. The Illinois State Police Heritage Foundation is also accepting donations for the Thompson family. <https://www.isphf.org/donate>

Faith and Blue

Tuesday, October 14, 2025, Lt. Devin Watts #5890 attended the "Fields of Faith" event at McKendree University in Lebanon, Illinois, as a part of ISP's Faith & Blue initiative. The event was sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. The night included a faith-based message, group prayer, singing, and socializing with high school and college athletes from the St. Louis Metro East area. The event was a great way to share a safety message, answer many questions, spread a positive image of law enforcement, and recruit for the future of ISP.



Other events saw ISP partnering with the Christian Activity Center in East. St. Louis, and First Missionary Baptist Church in Cairo, Illinois.



Touch A Truck

September 27, 2025, Troop 7 Officers participated in a community Touch-a-Truck event hosted by the Champaign Park District at Centennial Park. The event allowed direct access to first responders, hoping to strengthen the trust between them and the community.



ISP Teaches Motor Carrier Safety to Employees of America's Largest Retailer

On Monday, September 22, 2025, Trooper Nicholas Griggs #5212 presented a motor carrier safety course to the workers at the WalMart Distribution Center in Spring Valley.



ISP Joins National Night Out in Edwardsville

Troop 8 joined the Edwardsville Fire Department, Glen Carbon Police Department, and the SIU-E Police Department for National Night Out on October 7, 2025 in the City Park in Edwardsville. It was a great, free event aimed at having fun and providing an opportunity for the community to get to know first responders, including Trooper Joshua Daniels, who spent time show kids around his squad (Even those in firefighting gear!)



Troop 8 Helps Make A Wish Come True

On October 2, 2025, Troop 8's Trooper Chase Regenhardt #7688 assisted with an escort through the city of Breese for a Make-a-Wish event. The little boy, Henry, wanted to ride in a combine while harvesting a field. They first held a parade for Henry, and he rode on a fire truck through town. The event was well attended for a weekday. The young guy had the time of his life and loved every minute of it. Thanks to DCI Sgt. Theodore Tebbe #6603 for providing Troop 8 with the information and opportunity to help make a young boy's day.



Troop 6 Wins 45th Annual ISP Softball Tournament

The 45th Annual ISP Softball Tournament was held September 26-28, 2025. Friday night's pre-party kicked off at DH Browns in Springfield with a coaches meeting, food, and drinks all provided by donors.

The tournament started on Saturday morning at Spartan Park in Chatham. This year's tournament had 9 teams from across the state. The following list of teams participated in the event: Troop 1, Troop 3A Team, Troop 3B Team, Troop 4, Troop 6A Team, Troop 6B Team, Troop 8, SWAT, and Zone 6. The competition, comradery, and atmosphere made for a memorable day with troopers, families, and friends all getting together during "happy hour" and during the games. There were veterans of the event and multiple first timers, but all seemed to enjoy the day.

The banquet was hosted Saturday

night at Trooper Lodge #41 in Springfield. The event was catered by Spring Garden Restaurant from Taylorville. There were raffles, a 50/50 drawing, and numerous silent and/or auction items. I want to thank everyone who donated to these raffles and/or auction items.

Sunday morning the tournament resumed with all 9 teams competing for the championship. The final 4 consisted of SWAT vs Troop 3A (Chicago) and Troop 6A vs Troop 1.

SWAT and Troop 6A would both win their games to move to the championship. Troop 3A edged out Troop 1 in the third place game. The championship game was phenomenal with both sides battling for the lead. The game went back and forth with multiple lead changes. In the end, Troop 6A walked off with a thrilling 17-16 come from behind victory over SWAT.

The following is a list of the top 4 places:



- 1st Place: Troop 6A
- 2nd Place: SWAT
- 3rd Place: Troop 3A
- 4th Place: Troop 1

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- Thanksgiving - November 27
- Christmas Day - December 25
- New Year's Day - January 1



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(over \$10,000).....	1.73%	1.75%
(over \$25,000).....	2.47%	2.50%
(over \$100,000).....	2.71%	2.75%
Money Market Savings		
(over \$10,000).....	2.22%	2.25%
(over \$25,000).....	2.96%	3.00%
(over \$100,000).....	3.20%	3.25%
Conventional Certificates		
6 Months.....	2.22%	2.25%
12 Months.....	2.47%	2.50%
24 Months.....	2.47%	2.50%
36 Months.....	2.71%	2.75%
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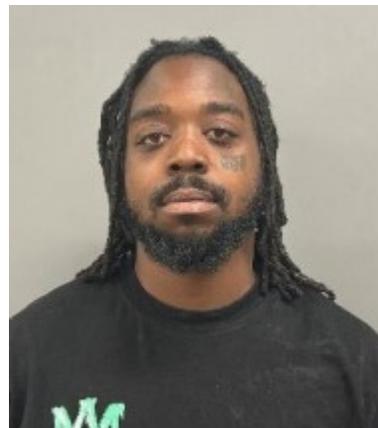
ISP Arrests Chicago Man for Road Rage Shooting

CHICAGO – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 1 Special Agents arrested 27-year-old James G. Sims of Chicago, IL for one count of Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm (Class 1 Felony) related to a road rage expressway shooting nearly a year ago.

On October 2, 2024, ISP troopers responded to an expressway shooting and crash on I-55 northbound near Kedzie Avenue. A road rage incident occurred, and an occupant from a Ford reportedly fired a weapon at the driver of an Audi. The Audi driver suffered multiple gunshot wounds and subsequently crashed into a light pole. They were taken to a local hospital with serious injuries.

Troopers located the abandoned Ford just north of where the incident occurred; it had been reported stolen prior to the shooting. After an extensive investigation, ISP Special Agents identified Sims as a suspect from the stolen Ford. On October 9, 2025, Special Agents located Sims and took him into custody without incident.

On October 10, 2025, ISP Special Agents presented their case to the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and the above-mentioned charge was filed. Sims was held pending his first court hearing.





Public Service Announcement

On Saturday, October 25th, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the Kankakee Area Metropolitan Enforcement Group and assisting local Law Enforcement agencies, along with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will give the public its next opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Please bring your unwanted medications for disposal to the Northfield Square Mall at 1600 North State Route 50 in Bourbonnais, Illinois. A Drive-Thru, drop off system will be utilized in the east parking lot. If there is inclement weather, it will be held just inside the mall entrance from the east parking lot.

This service is free, anonymous, and no questions will be asked. Officers from KAMEG and participating agencies will be stationed to accept medications. According to KAMEG Director Clayt Wolfe, "The program is a success in our area due to continued public support. During the past two collections, officers have collected over 2,000 pounds of unwanted prescription drugs." Director Wolfe reminds the public that **needles, and syringes are NOT accepted during the event. All liquids need to be tightly sealed in their original containers.**

Director Wolfe also advised that most police departments have permanent drug drop boxes. Area residents are encouraged to contact their local law enforcement agencies to determine exact locations and hours of availability.

The DEA reports that the response to the National Prescription Drug Take Back Initiative has been overwhelmingly positive. In the previous Take-Back events nationwide, approximately 2,500 tons of drugs were collected. By participating in the program, the community helps prevent potential safety and health hazards associated with improper prescription drug disposal.

This initiative provides an opportunity for the public to safely dispose of pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications that were not previously collected or have accumulated since the last event. Assisting KAMEG with this program is the **Life Education Center, Kankakee County Health Department, I-KAN Regional Office of Education, Riverside Healthcare, and State Representative Jackie Haas.**

The Bradley Lions Club will also be collecting used eyeglasses to help bring sight to those in need.

Georgie's Closet will be taking donations of baby diapers.

ISP Combats Vehicle Hijacking and Theft

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois State Police (ISP) continues to target vehicle theft, hijacking, and related violent crimes using grant funding from the Illinois Secretary of State Illinois Vehicle Hijacking and Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention and Insurance Verification Council. ISP was awarded a \$10 million grant for the first fiscal year, another \$677,000 in June 2024, and \$637,500 in July 2025.

From July through September 2025, ISP missions resulted in the following:

Vehicles recovered – stolen and/or hijacked	280
Stolen vehicle arrests	21
Hijacked vehicle arrests	4
Firearms seized as a result of stolen/hijacked vehicle recovery	13
Missions targeting stolen/hijacked vehicle recovery and related violent crime	40
K9 used for stolen/hijacked vehicle recovery and related violence crime	30
Air Operations targeting stolen/hijacked vehicle recovery and related violent crime	34
Forensic laboratory assignments related to stolen/hijacked vehicle	1,287

Highlights of ISP vehicle recovery efforts:

- July 20, 2025, ISP located a stolen Nissan and attempted a traffic stop on I-94 southbound at 63rd Street in Chicago, but the Nissan fled. The driver of the Nissan parked around the 13000 block of S. Ellis Ave and the driver ran from the vehicle. ISP took the driver into custody and recovered a stolen firearm.
- August 28, 2025, ISP located a stolen vehicle and attempted a traffic stop on 74th Street and Marybell Avenue in East St. Louis. ISP took the driver into custody and a drug pipe was recovered.
- September 20, 2025, ISP located a freshly carjacked vehicle and attempted a traffic stop on Ogden Ave at Polk Street in Chicago, but the vehicle fled. The vehicle crashed into a Chicago Police Department squad car near Madison and Pulaski and the driver ran from the vehicle. ISP took the juvenile driver into custody.



ISP Leads Human Trafficking Demand Suppression Operation in Marion

MARION – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Trafficking Enforcement Group arrested eight individuals during a two-day human trafficking demand suppression operation in the Marion area of Williamson County on October 14 - 15, 2025. The operation focused on identifying individuals seeking to engage in commercial sex acts.

As a result of the operation, the following individuals were arrested and charged:

- Nicholas A. Love (44) of Marion, IL – Traveling to Meet a Minor (Class 3), Indecent Solicitation of a Minor (Class 3), Solicitation to Meet a Child (Class 4).
- Michael L. Beltz (66) of Herrin, IL – Traveling to Meet a Minor (Class 3), Indecent Solicitation of a Minor (Class 3), Solicitation to Meet a Child (Class 4).
- Jason R. Fox (51) of Alto Pass, IL – Traveling to Meet a Minor (Class 3), Indecent Solicitation of a Minor (Class 3), Solicitation to Meet a Child (Class 4).
- Willie A. Hudson (50) of Colp, IL – Traveling to Meet a Minor (Class 3), Indecent Solicitation of a Minor (Class 3), Solicitation to Meet a

Child (Class 4).

- Isiah J. Rogers (24) of Somerset, IL – Traveling to Meet a Minor (Class 3), Indecent Solicitation of a Minor (Class 3), Solicitation to Meet a Child (Class 4).
- Douglas R. Charles (50) of Union, IL – Traveling to Meet a Minor (Class 3), Indecent Solicitation of a Minor (Class 3), Solicitation to Meet a Child (Class 4).
- Cory T. Stewart (43) of Waverly, IL – Traveling to Meet a Minor (Class 3), Indecent Solicitation of a Minor (Class 3), Solicitation to Meet a Child (Class 4).
- Harley D. Angel (22) of Carrollton, IL – Sex Offender Registration - Duty to Register (Class 3).

This operation was part of a multifaceted approach by ISP aimed at stopping human trafficking in Illinois. The Illinois Trafficking Enforcement Group, Southern Illinois Enforcement Group, Southern Illinois Drug Task Force, ISP SWAT, Intelligence Support Unit, ISP Division of Patrol Troop 10, Homeland Security Investigations, and the Marion Police Department partnered for the operation. The Williamson County State’s Attorney’s Office also provided support for the operation.

ISP Investigating New Canton Homicide

NEW CANTON – At the request of the Pike County Sheriff’s Department (PCSD), the Illinois State Police (ISP) is investigating a double homicide in New Canton.

On October 2, 2025, at approximately 6 a.m., the Pike County Sheriff’s Department was dispatched to a residence in the 300 block of Mississippi Street in New Canton, IL for a report of a person being shot. Upon arrival, responding deputies located a female victim who had been shot and was flown via Air Evac to an area hospital. The female indicated the suspect, identified as 67-year-old Gerald E. Waligorski of New Canton, had made threatening statements about her parents.

Law enforcement officials immediately conducted a welfare check at the residence of the victim’s parents, located in the 200 block of Monroe Street in New Canton. During that check, both the mother and father of the victim were located deceased inside the home.

At the same time, the PCSD requested assistance from ISP and other agencies to respond to the suspect’s home in the 300 block of Mississippi Street. The suspect, believed to still be armed, would not leave the residence. Officers secured the home for approximately five hours, and after obtaining search warrants, SWAT officers entered the home and found the suspect deceased.

There are no further public safety concerns.

ISP Arrests Belleville Woman for Murder



EAST ST. LOUIS – The Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Public Safety Enforcement Group arrested 38-year-old Michelle A. Schultz of Belleville, IL for First Degree Murder (Class M Felony).

On September 26, 2025, ISP Special Agents were requested by the East St. Louis Police Department (ESLPD) to assist with a homicide investigation that occurred in the 6900 block of Church Lane. The victim, 67-year-old Van T. Perry of East St. Louis, IL, was stabbed multiple times inside his residence and later pronounced deceased.

After a thorough investigation by ISP and ESLPD, Schulz was identified as the suspect. On September 28, 2025, the case was presented to St. Clair County State’s Attorney James Gomric, and the above-mentioned charge was filed. Schultz is currently in-custody during the issuance of charges.

ISP Arrests East St. Louis Man for Murder

EAST ST. LOUIS – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Public Safety Enforcement Group officers arrested 42-year-old Jamal L. Wilson of East St. Louis, IL for First Degree Murder (Class M Felony) stemming from a fatal stabbing.



On September 27, 2025, ISP Special Agents were requested by the East St. Louis Police Department (ESLPD) to assist with a homicide investigation that occurred at an apartment in the 3200 block of State Street. The victim, 38-year-old Shanika S. Barbee of East St. Louis, IL, was stabbed inside her residence. She was pronounced deceased on scene by EMS upon their arrival.

After a thorough investigation, ISP and ESLPD officers identified Wilson as the suspect. ISP Special Agents presented the case to the St. Clair County State’s Attorney’s Office and on September 29, 2025, the above-mentioned charge was filed. Wilson is currently being held pending the issuance of charges.

East St. Louis Man Charged with Armed Robbery and First Degree Murder after Long Investigation

EAST ST. LOUIS – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 6 Major Crimes Unit submitted its investigation against 26-year-old Montel Harkins of East St. Louis, IL and obtained charges for First Degree Murder (Class M Felony) and Armed Robbery (Class X Felony) stemming from a deadly robbery in 2021.

On June 5, 2021, ISP Special Agents were requested by the East St. Louis Police Department (ESLPD) to assist with a homicide investigation that occurred near 14th Street and Division Avenue. Officers located the victim, 22-year-old Kaleb Davis of Cape Girardeau, IL, deceased with gunshot wounds.

An extensive investigation by ISP and ESLPD revealed that Harkins allegedly tried to rob Davis at gunpoint when shots were fired, and Davis was fatally wounded.

On September 29, 2025, ISP Special Agents presented the case to St. Clair County State's Attorney's Office and the above-mentioned charges were filed. Harkins is in custody in Oklahoma for an unrelated case and an arrest warrant for this case has been issued.

ISP Arrests Road Rage Expressway Shooting Suspect in Less than 24 Hours

CHICAGO – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 1 Special Agents arrested 33-year-old Cameron Jackson-Bey of Homewood, IL for one count of Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm (Class 1 Felony) and one count of Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon (Class 4 Felony) related to road rage expressway shooting on I-94.

On August 15, 2025, at approximately 3:35 p.m., ISP troopers responded to an expressway shooting on I-94 southbound near 71st Street. A road rage

incident occurred, and the suspect fired a weapon at the victim's vehicle. No injuries were reported. In less than 24 hours from the time of the shooting, ISP Special Agents identified Jackson-Bey as the suspect, located him, and took him into custody.

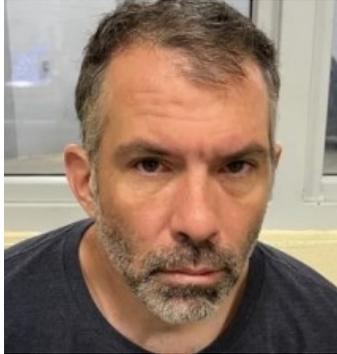
On August 16, 2025, ISP Special Agents presented their case to the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and the above-mentioned charges were filed. Jackson-Bey is being held pending his first court appearance.

ISP Arrests Suspect on Scene of Expressway Shooting

CHICAGO – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 1 Special Agents arrested 33-year-old Valencia Carwell of Chicago, IL for one count of Attempted Murder (Class X Felony), one count of Aggravated Battery with a Firearm (Class X Felony), and one count of Aggravated Domestic Battery (Class 2 Felony) related to an expressway shooting on I-94.

On October 12, 2025, ISP troopers responded to an expressway shooting on I-94 northbound near 159th Street. The victim's vehicle broke down and was parked on the right shoulder. The suspect, Carwell, who was also known to the victim, arrived in a second vehicle and a fight ensued. Carwell reportedly shot the victim multiple times. The victim was transported to an area hospital with serious injuries. Troopers arrived on scene, located Carwell with a firearm, and took her into custody.

ISP Arrests Kankakee County Man for Possession of Child Sexual Abuse Materials



MOMENCE – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 1 Special Agents arrested 47-year-old Nathan D. Rodgers of Momence, IL with one count of Possession of Child Pornography (Class 2 Felony).

ISP Special Agents began an investigation into the possession of child sexual abuse materials from a residence in the 100 block of East Washington Street in Momence, IL. On October 2, 2025, with assistance from ISP SWAT, ISP Special Agents located the suspect, identified as Rodgers, and took him into custody. A residential search warrant was executed, and evidence of child sexual abuse materials was located.

The case was presented to the Kankakee County State’s Attorney’s Office and the above-mentioned charge was filed. Rodgers is being held at the Kankakee County Jerome Combs Detention Center pending his first court appearance.

ISP Arrests Rockford Man for Solicitation of Child Sexual Abuse Materials

ROCKFORD – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 2 Special Agents arrested 32-year-old Nicholas Ortiz-Hansen of Rockford, IL for one count of Solicitation of Child Sex Abuse Material (Class 2 Felony), one count of Grooming (Class 4 Felony), and one count of Enticement of a Child to Remove Clothes (Class A Misdemeanor).

On October 2, 2025, ISP Special Agents executed a search warrant at Ortiz-Hansen’s residence in the 5000 block of Alma Drive in Rockford and collected electronic evidence. The evidence was analyzed and revealed child sexual abuse materials.

On October 8, 2025, ISP Special Agents arrested Ortiz-Hansen on the above-mentioned charges, and he was transported to the Winnebago County Jail where he remains in custody.



ISP Arrests Whiteside County Man for Aggravated Battery to a Child with Great Bodily Harm

PROPHETSTOWN – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 2 Special Agents arrested 55-year-old Earl D. Chinn Sr. of Prophetstown, IL for Aggravated Battery to a Child with Great Bodily Harm Under the age of 13 (Class X), Aggravated Domestic Battery (Class 2), Aggravated Battery of a Child (Class 3), and Domestic Battery (Class A).



A concerned citizen reached out to the Prophetstown Police Department (PPD) after observing a 12-year-old child with apparent facial injuries. PPD requested ISP conduct an investigation. During their investigation, ISP Special Agents identified Chinn Sr. as a suspect. Agents also discovered that the child had sustained a previously unreported broken arm.

On October 8, 2025, the Whiteside County State's Attorney's Office approved the charges above and a warrant was issued for the suspect's arrest. ISP Special Agents located and arrested the suspect without incident. The suspect is currently being held at the Whiteside County Jail.

ISP Shares Results of Violent Crime Suppression Detail in Metro East

EAST ST. LOUIS – Illinois State Police (ISP) conducted a violent crime suppression detail on October 4 - 5, 2025, 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 focus enforcement efforts on known high crime areas, violent offenders, and structured criminal groups

Detail Results	
Arrests	17
Felony Charges	23
Criminal Charges	29
Firearm Related Charges	15
Firearms Seized	9

ISP officers from around the state, including patrol Troops 7 and 8, Zone 6 Firearms Investigations Unit, Public Safety Enforcement Group (PSEG), Crime Scene Services, and ISP Air Operations, assisted ISP Statewide Anti-Violence Enforcement (SAVE) South with this multi-day operation. The Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southern Illinois also provided additional support. ISP will continue to use all available resources, including air operations, technology, forensic services, investigators, increase patrols, and information sharing to combat violent crime.

Happy Anniversary to These Cadet Classes



Cadet Class 145

**October 1, 2023—
December 14, 2023**

Cadet Class 132

**October 4, 2020—
April 23, 2021**



Cadet Class 139

**October 8, 2022—
December 23, 2022**

Happy Anniversary to These Cadet Classes

Cadet Class 146

October 8, 2023—
April 12, 2024



Cadet Class 140

October 9, 2022—
April 28, 2023

Lt. Jayme Taylor Completes FBI-LEEDA Training



The Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Internal Investigation (DII) is proud to announce that Lieutenant (Lt.) Jayme Taylor has successfully completed the **FBI-LEEDA Trilogy**, a nationally recognized series of leadership development courses for law enforcement professionals.

Lt. Jayme Taylor pictured front row, fourth from left.

Thank a Trooper: Sherman Hunt #7413

Trooper Hunt was helpful, just, and compassionate. He stayed with our family through the entire process after arriving on the scene of our accident, providing both protection and oversight. He also provided my wife, daughter, and myself with a ride to the nearest larger town to find shelter and assistance.

His presence was a calming comfort to a family in shock and trauma from the accident. I am very grateful for his time and service to our

state citizens and our family personally. I am also grateful for the other Troopers that were on scene for assistance, investigation, protection and traffic control.

Though their names were not known to us that day, we remember their faces and are grateful for their help as well. Thank you just does not say enough, but THANK YOU. We are exceedingly grateful.

Thank a Trooper: Clayton Johnson #7373

Officer Johnson was the officer who arrived on scene after a ratchet strap from a semi went through my windshield. I felt he was genuinely concerned about my safety and wellbeing. He was very polite throughout the process. I had my dogs and was pretty shaken up. He communicated all the updates to locating the truck and what was going on very well during and after the initial contact. He truly made bad situation a little better with his compassion and quality of service.

Thank a Trooper: Brayden Bisailon #7562 and Michael Cain #7564

A Virginia man left us a voicemail wishing to thank two troopers he met recently.

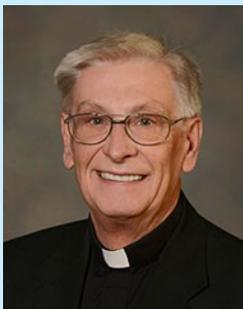
He was traveling through Southern Illinois when he dropped his iPhone out the window of his car while driving on I-64 westbound near milepost 72 in Mt. Vernon, IL. The phone hitting the roadway registered as a car crash and notified ISP.

Trooper Bisailon located the man at a gas station and waited with him while Trooper Cain

went to look for the phone. Trooper Cain was able to locate the lost phone on I-64 and returned it to the man, who was very thankful for both Troopers taking the time to help him out.

We're happy our Virginia motorist got his property back, but we can't pass up a good opportunity to remind motorists that when we say, "drop it and drive," we don't mean literally - we just mean you need to be "hands-free" when talking on the phone. :)

In Memoriam: ISP Chaplain Father Ken Stachyra



It is with great sympathy that we inform you of the passing of ISP Chaplain Father Ken Stachyra, who passed away on Friday, September 26, 2025. Please keep the Stachyra family and the St. Bernadette Church family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

<https://www.fitzgeraldfh.com/obituaries/rev-kenneth-stachyra>

In Memoriam: retired Sgt. Max Turner



Max Turner, 88, of Riverton, Illinois, died at home on Monday, September 22, 2025, beside his loving wife, Sheri, and his beloved dog, Ruby.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/springfield-il/max-turner-12531768>

In Memoriam: retired Sgt. Ralph Leonard

It is with deep regret to inform you of the death of Retired Sergeant Ralph Edward Leonard. Ralph proudly served with the United States Marines before joining the Illinois State Police. Ralph retired in 1991 from District 13 and passed away at the age of 85.



<https://www.campagnafuneralhomes.com/obituary/ralph-leonard>

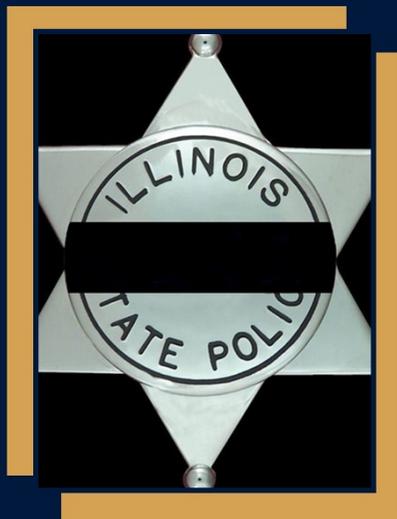
In Memoriam: retired Trooper Richard Tarr



It is with deep sympathy to announce the passing of Trooper Richard Tarr ID #0541 on September 12, 2025. Mr. Tarr worked for Illinois State Police from 1957 until his retirement on December 31, 1984.

A celebration of life will be held at the Wheeler Cemetery, Wheeler, IL at a later date.

<https://www.samaritanfunerals.com/obituary/Richard-Tarr>



**IN MEMORY OF OUR
FALLEN TROOPER**

Trooper
Ray Embree

End of Watch
October 15, 1936