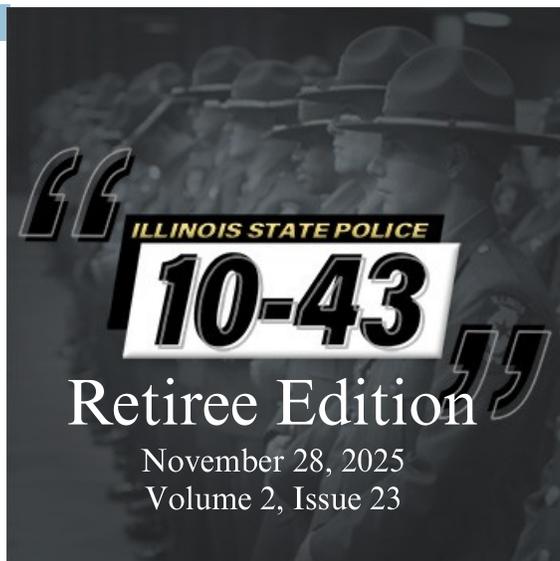
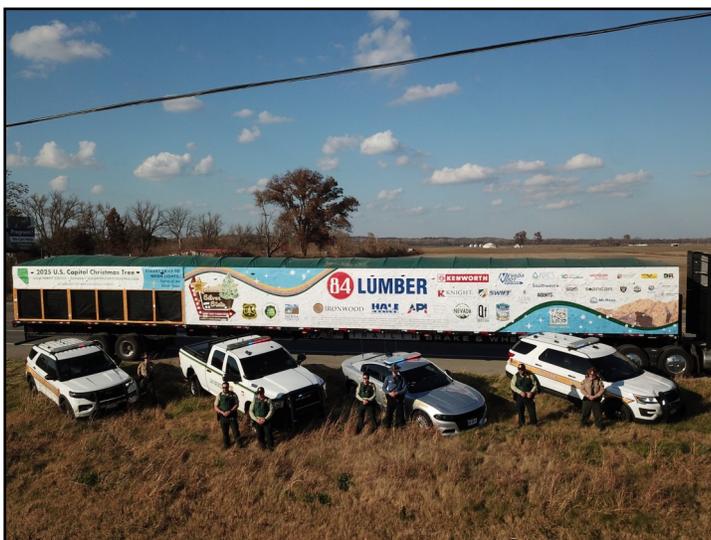


Spreading Holiday Magic!

ISP helped to spread holiday cheer by escorting the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree across the Cairo Ohio River Iron Bridge into Kentucky on its journey to the Nation's Capitol. Every year, the U.S. 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, Silver Belle, is traveling all the way from Nevada's National Forests!



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Honoring the Life of Colin Brown

During this year's holiday season, STIC has chosen to give back to our own family and we encourage the entire ISP family to join our efforts.

STIC has coordinated a campaign to raise funds for the St. Louis Children's Hospital Foundation to honor the life of Colin Brown. Colin was the 16-year-old son of Tracy and retired Lieutenant Colonel Calvin Brown. In November 2024, Colin's life was taken away far too soon by a stray bullet while traveling home from his hockey game. Colin was taken to St. Louis Children's Hospital where he was placed on life support long enough to allow his family and friends to say goodbye and give the precious gift of life to others through organ donation, including his caring and loving heart.



Calvin retired from the ISP in 2023 and spent time during his career at STIC. During this holiday season, please join friends and colleagues of Colin's family in supporting St. Louis Children's Hospital in his honor. You may donate [HERE](#)

During this holiday season, please join friends and colleagues of Colin's family in supporting St. Louis Children's Hospital in his honor. Every day, St. Louis Children's is working to improve outcomes for children by providing cutting-edge research, innovative treatments and highly personalized care to patients and families. Thank you!

Happy Anniversary, Cadet Class 123!

November 10, 2013



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Trooper Hoogerwerf Honored at Blackhawks Game



Trooper Tyler Hoogerwerf #7113 was honored during the Chicago Blackhawks vs. Toronto Maple Leafs game on November 15, 2025, at the United Center in Chicago.

The Chicago Blackhawks honored Jacob Lowell, who was killed in action in Afghanistan, 18 years ago. Trooper Hoogerwerf, and others in his unit, were severely injured during the same attack that killed their teammate, Jacob.



It was an honor for Trooper Hoogerwerf to stand on the ice with singer Jim Corneilson during the National Anthem. Jim Corneilson was nice enough to let Trooper Hoogerwerf try on his 2015 Championship ring.

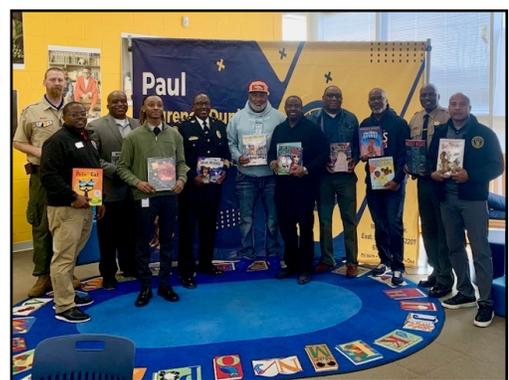
The Saber Six Foundation is comprised exclusively of veterans who served under Task Force Saber in Afghanistan during 2007-2008. They regularly hold retreats and reunions to reunite veterans after combat.

Trooper Hoogerwerf is a member of the ISP SWAT Team and a skilled sniper. Congratulations, Trooper Hoogerwerf, on this well-deserved recognition!

Inspiring Future Leaders, One Story at a Time

Tuesday, November 18, 2025, ISP A/Cpt. Elbert Jennings, Lt. Jarran Riley, and Tpr. Marquis Jones visited Dunbar Elementary School in East St. Louis to participate in their "Real Men Read" event. The Troopers read books to several classes.

Thank you for letting ISP be part of this unforgettable day spent with other community leaders, fathers, mentors, and role models inspiring young minds.



Firearms Services Bureau Blesses Central Illinois Foodbank with Donations

The Firearms Services Bureau (FSB) within the Division of Justice Services (DJS) recently finished up a drive to provide food and non-food items to the Central Illinois Foodbank for the upcoming Holiday Season. On November 19, 2025, FSB was able to donate 948 pounds of items to help those in need in the Springfield area. Items included canned goods, peanut butter, cereal, shampoo, and laundry detergent.

The FOID Card Record Challenge Unit earned the award as the top donating unit within FSB based off an established point system.



ISP K9 Riot has Received Donation of Body Armor

Illinois State Police, IL, K9 Riot has received a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. K9 Riot's vest was embroidered with the sentiment "In memory of K9 Poseidon, Camp Point, IL - EOW 11/8/24".

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., established in 2009, is a 501(c)(3) charity whose mission is to provide bullet and stab protective vests and other assistance to dogs of law enforcement



and related agencies throughout the United States. This potentially lifesaving body armor for four-legged K9 officers is U.S. made, custom fitted, and National Institute of Justice (NIJ) certi-

fied. Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. has provided over 6,225 vests valued at \$6.9 million to K9s in all 50 states, made possible by both private and corporate donations.

The program is open to U.S. dogs at least 20 months old and actively employed and certified with law enforcement or related agencies. K9s with expired vests are also eligible to participate. There are an estimated 30,000 law enforcement K9s throughout the United States.

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., accepts tax-deductible contributions in any amount, while a single donation of \$1,050 will sponsor one vest. Each vest has a value of \$1800.00, weighs an average of 4-5 lbs., and comes with a five-year warranty. For more information or to learn about volunteer opportunities, please call (508) 824-6978. Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provides information, lists events, and accepts donations at www.vik9s.org, or you may mail your contribution to P.O. Box 9, East Taunton, MA 02718.

Congratulations on Your Retirement!

We offer congratulations to these former ISP colleagues who retired over the last few months.

Cynthia Barbera-Brelle Statewide 911 Administrator 9 years, 4+ months	Michael Kindhart Sergeant #5297 24 years, 5 months	Hanford Tanner Sergeant #5068 26 years, 4 months	Jeffrey O'Connell Evidence Technician 2 15 years, 6 months
Robert Dubbert Forensic Scientist 3 19 years, 8+ months	Stacy Kinter Master Sergeant #4845 28 years, 3 months	Jeremy Walk Lieutenant #5074 26 years, 4 months	Edward Veselsky Building/Grounds Laborer 14 years, 4 months
Jill Ford Office Coordinator 25 years, 6 months	Carl Linderman Sergeant #5166 25 years, 4+ months	Joshua Ward Captain #5367 24 years, 2 months	Marcia Banfe Senior Inspector #5233 25 years, 4 months
Steven Ent Sergeant #5139 25 years, 3+ months	Michael Link Lieutenant #5222 25 years, 2 months	Christopher Weidler Lieutenant #4735 28 years, 8 months	Courtney Mazur Sr Master Trooper #5026 26 years, 6 months
Anthony Brucker Sr Master Trooper #4837 28 years, 2+ months	Matt McCormick Master Sergeant #5027 26 years, 4 months	Richard White Sergeant #5368 24 years, 2 months	Lisa Mitchell Captain #5728 19 years, 8+ months
Sara Cox Captain #5272 24 years, 6+ months	Joseph Moon Sr Master Trooper #5031 26 years, 4 months	Anna Lake Firearms Elig Analyst 1 17 years, 9 months	William Parks Master Sergeant #5547 21 years, 9 months
Tyson Dillavou Sergeant #5380 23 years, 6 months	Robert Mott Master Sergeant #5165 25 years, 4+ months	John Chase Sergeant #5668 20 years, 2+ months	Phillip Taylor Sergeant #5823 19 years, 4 months
Nathan Douglas Captain #4849 28 years, 2+ months	Craig Nolan Captain #5169 25 years, 4+ months	Rodger Goines Master Trooper #5789 22 years, 7+ months	Kevin Nable Stationary Eng Chief 8 years, 3 months
Curt Dykstra Senior Inspector #5285 24 years, 5 months	Santos Orta Lieutenant #5228 25 years, 2 months	Julius Jones Lieutenant #5008 26 years, 5 months	Paul Ringer Evidence Technician 2 21 years, 3 months
Kristopher Gebke Master Sergeant #4916 26 years, 9 months	Sergio Ortiz Lieutenant #5035 26 years, 4 months	Jason Miller Master Sergeant #4937 26 years, 10 months	Dawn Schaible Telecommunicator Specialist 24 years, 4+ months
Jeffry Gray Master Sergeant #4854 28 years, 3 months	Sean Ramsey Master Trooper #5313 24 years, 5 months	Ryan Palmer Sr Master Trooper #5352 24 years, 3 months	Chanda Stockdale Executive 2 33+ years
Daniel Hill Senior Inspector #5260 24 years, 6+ months	Mark Stram Sr Master Trooper #5704 20 years, 1+ months	Guy Vancina Sergeant #4893 28 years, 4 months	Stano Domma Senior Inspector #5495 21 years, 10 months
Christopher Jones Lieutenant #5152 25 years, 4+ months	Brian Strouss Sergeant #5188 25 years, 4+ months	Louis Webster Master Sergeant #5401 31 years, 11+ months	Daniel Likens Lieutenant Colonel #4788 28 years, 8 months
Steve Kerley Trooper First Class #5305 24 years, 5 months	Kerry Sutton Captain #5822 19 years, 2 months	Cindy Mosley Administrative Assistant 2 36 years, 11+ months	John Paprocki Master Sergeant #5112 26+ years

ISP Makes Two Arrests Stemming from Vandalia Homicide

VANDALIA – An investigation by Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Special Agents resulted in charges against 43-year-old Arnold B. Rivera of Vandalia, IL in connection with the death of 14-year-old Kylie M. Toberman of Vandalia.

On November 14, 2025, Vandalia Police Officers found the body of Toberman in the 1100 block of West Gallatin Street in Vandalia and requested assistance from ISP and the Illinois Child Death Investigation Task Force. An extensive investigation identified Rivera as the suspect and Vandalia Police located Rivera within a few hours and took him into custody. ISP is aware of a post on social media concerning the death of Toberman and that is part of the ongoing investigation.

On November 17, 2025, ISP presented its case to the Fayette County State's Attorney's Office who filed charges for two counts of First Degree Murder (Class M Felony), one count of Concealment of a Homicidal Death (Class 3 Felony), two counts of Criminal Sexual Assault (Class 1 Felony), and one count of Conceal Death (Class 4 Felony). Rivera is being held pending trial. There is no additional information available at this time.

In addition to the Vandalia Police Department, ISP was assisted by the Fayette County Sheriff's Office, Effingham County Sheriff's Office, FBI, Fayette County Coroner's Office, McLean County Coroner's Office, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, and the St. Elmo Police Department.

VANDALIA – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Special Agents arrested 65-year-old Donna Toberman of Vandalia, IL, adopted mother of 14-year-old Kylie M. Toberman, for four counts of Unlawful Possession of Firearm Without Requisite Firearm Identification Card.

Stemming from the death of Kylie M. Toberman, on November 14, 2025, ISP, along with Vandalia Police Department and the Child Death Investigation Task Force, executed a search warrant at Donna Toberman's residence located in the 1100 block of W. Gallatin Street in Vandalia, IL. During the search, multiple firearms were located inside the home and law enforcement verified Donna Toberman does not possess a valid Firearm Owner's Identification Card.

On November 20, 2025, ISP Special Agents presented their case to the Fayette County State's Attorney's Office, who approved four counts of Unlawful Possession of Firearm Without Requisite Firearm Identification Card. Donna Toberman was arrested and transported to the Fayette County Jail.

ISP Arrests Matherville Man for Dissemination of Child Sexual Abuse Materials

MATHERVILLE – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 2 Special Agents arrested 24-year-old Bryce Berhenke of Matherville, IL for five counts of Dissemination of Child Sexual Abuse Materials (Class X Felony), three counts of Possession of Child Sexual Abuse Materials Under 13 (Class 2 Felony), and two counts of Possession of Child Sexual Abuse Materials Over 13 (Class 3 Felony).

On November 20, 2025, ISP Special Agents executed a search warrant at Berhenke’s residence in the 100 block of 1st Street in Matherville and collected electronic evidence. The evidence was analyzed and revealed child sexual abuse materials.

ISP Special Agents presented their case to Mercer County State’s Attorney Grace Simpson who approved the above-mentioned charges. Berhenke was arrested and transported to the Mercer County Jail where he remains in custody.

The Mercer County Sheriff’s Office and the Illinois Attorney General’s Office assisted with the investigation. There is no further information.

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

ISP Arrests Chicago Man for Threatening a State Senator

FREEPORT – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Special Agents arrested 59-year-old Joseph Haggerty of Chicago, IL today on charges of threatening an Illinois State Senator.

On September 2, 2025, Senator Andrew Chesney contacted ISP regarding threats he received from Haggerty. On November 24, after an extensive ISP investigation, the Stephenson County State’s Attorney’s Office approved two counts of Threatening a Public Official (Class 4 Felony) and issued an arrest warrant. On November 25, Haggerty turned himself in to ISP Special Agents in Cook County. Haggerty was transported back to Stephenson County where he remains in custody. No additional information is available at this time.

When public officials alert ISP of potential threats (calls, emails, in-person, or online postings), ISP implements its Inappropriate Contact and Communication protocol to assess the communication, investigate confirmed threats and those meeting a criminal threshold, and offer a security assessment to the subject of the threat.

ISP Gives Results of Crime Suppression Detail

EAST ST. LOUIS – Illinois State Police (ISP) conducted a violent crime suppression detail on November 18 - 19, 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 in the communities of the Metro East.

There were several notable events and arrests during the detail:

On November 18, 2025, Troopers conducted a traffic stop for an Illinois Vehicle Code (IVC) violation near the intersection of 25th Street and St. Clair Avenue in East Saint Louis. A probable cause search was conducted; a firearm and suspected cannabis were recovered. The driver and passenger were interviewed, and charges are pending.

On November 18, 2025, Troopers conducted a traffic stop for an IVC violation near the intersection of 33rd Street and St. Clair Avenue in East Saint Louis. A probable cause search revealed a firearm and suspected cannabis.

The driver was interviewed, and charges are pending.

On November 19, 2025, Troopers conducted a traffic stop for an IVC violation at the intersection of 12th Street and Gaty Avenue in East Saint Louis. A probable cause search was conducted and a firearm, controlled substance, drug paraphernalia, and suspected cannabis were recovered. The driver and passenger were interviewed, and charges are pending.

ISP officers from around the state, including patrol Troops 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.

ISP Squad Car Struck on I-94 by Hit and Run Driver

CHICAGO – An Illinois State Police (ISP) squad car was damaged on I-94 when it was sideswiped by another vehicle during a traffic stop.

On November 25, 2025, at approximately 1:25 a.m., an ISP Trooper was pulled over for a traffic stop on the right shoulder of I-94 southbound near the 63rd Street exit ramp; their emergency lights were activated. An unknown black SUV exiting at 63rd Street failed to move over and sideswiped the rear passenger side of the Trooper's squad car, resulting in minor damage. The Trooper was inside of the squad car at the time of the crash but reported no injuries. The black SUV fled the scene. The investigation is ongoing.

In 2025, ISP has now suffered 14 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.

ISP Announces Results of Crime Suppression Detail Honoring Trooper Brian Frank

CHICAGO – The northern Illinois State Police (ISP) Special Operations Group (SOG) conducted an interdiction and crime suppression detail in northern Illinois on November 17-25, 2025 in honor of Trooper Brian Frank, who served as a member of ISP’s Highway Interdiction Team (HIT) before being severely injured in a crash in 2021. The successful operation utilized multi-agency intelligence and technology in a unified effort to combat interstate gun and drug trafficking.

On February 15, 2021, Trooper Frank was parked behind a crash on I-55 northbound near US-30 in Will County with his emergency lights activated when another vehicle failed to move over and struck his squad car while he was inside. Trooper Frank suffered serious injuries requiring extended hospitalizations and was unable to return to duty due to the extent of his injuries. This crime suppression detail was conducted in honor of his dedication to keeping Illinois roadways safe from guns and drug trafficking.

There were several notable events and arrests during the detail:

On November 21, Troopers on I-94 near 87th Street located a vehicle reported stolen and attempted a traffic stop, but the vehicle fled. The driver of the vehicle eventually stopped, and the occupants attempted to flee on foot, but Troopers successfully took them into custody. The Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office approved charges related to the stolen vehicle and resisting arrest.

On November 22, a Trooper patrolling on I-94 near 75th Street conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for an Illinois Vehicle Code violation. Troopers recovered a weapon and took the driver into custody for Aggravated Unlawful Possession of a Weapon and No Valid FOID, as well as Illegal Transportation of Alcohol.

On November 24, a Trooper patrolling in Will County stopped a commercial motor vehicle to conduct a Motor Carrier Safety Inspection. A subsequent search of the vehicle revealed more than 150 pounds of cannabis. Troopers took one person into custody for cannabis trafficking.

ISP SOG Officers from Statewide Anti-Violence Enforcement (SAVE) North, HIT, and Fatal 4 teams led this multi-day operation, with assistance from ISP patrol Troops 1, 2, 3, and 5, Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 1, Air Operations, Quad City Metropolitan Enforcement Group, and the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois.

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

In Memoriam: ret. M/Sgt. Newell LaVern Robertson



N. LaVern Robertson, 90, of Cambridge died on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center, Peoria. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at Cambridge Lutheran Church. Pastor Stacy Christianson and Rev. Randall Mullin will officiate. Burial will be in Rosedale Cemetery, Cambridge. Visitation will be from 4 to 6 pm on Monday at Stackhouse-Moore Funeral & Cremation Services, Cambridge, with a Masonic service following at 6 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Cambridge Lutheran Church, Cambridge Masonic Lodge, or Cambridge Ambulance

N. LaVern Robertson was born on October 6, 1935, in rural Cambridge, IL, the son of Milem T. and Myrtle (Golden) Robertson. He graduated from Galva High School in 1953. He was united in marriage to Carole Gustafson on October 11, 1952, in Galva, IL. She survives.

LaVern served with the Naval Reserve in Davenport, IA for eight years and he was an officer with the Illinois State Police for 36 years. He was a member of Cambridge Masonic Lodge, where he served as the Past Master and Grand Lecturer. He was also a member of the York Rite Bodies, Scottish Rite Bodies, 33rd Degree, Kaaba Shrine, and Eastern Star, Cambridge Lutheran Church, Jaycees, and Valley View Club Charter Member. He enjoyed golfing, bowling, playing cards, and coffee with his friends.

Survivors include his wife, Carole; sons, Willard (Felecia) Robertson, Jasper IN, Rex (Marabeth) Robertson, Moline, and Brad (Dorothy) Robertson, Tamarac FL; daughter, Teri Robertson, Hampton, IL; grandchildren, Adam Robertson, and Katy (Chris Lynn) Robertson; sister, Jackie (Rich) Nystrom, Cambridge; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Lina Mae Engstrom; and brothers, Kenneth Osborne, Milem Robertson, Jr., and James Robertson.

<https://www.stackhousemoore.com/obituaries/N-LaVern-Robertson?obId=46356437>



**IN MEMORY OF OUR
FALLEN TROOPER**

Trooper
Cecil Brokmyer

End of Watch
November 19, 1939



**IN MEMORY OF OUR
FALLEN TROOPER**

Trooper
George Wheeler

End of Watch
November 22, 1927



**IN MEMORY OF OUR
FALLEN TROOPER**

Trooper
Leo LaVelle

End of Watch
November 24, 1934



**IN MEMORY OF OUR
FALLEN TROOPER**

Trooper
Kyle Deatherage

End of Watch
November 26, 2012



IN MEMORY OF OUR FALLEN TROOPER

Special Agent
Pete Lackey

End of Watch
November 27, 1972

Bill to Rename Road in Memory of Special Agent Pete Lackey Passes IL House

Illinois State representative CD Davidsmeyer sponsored a resolution to honor special agent Pete Lackey, who was killed on Old Route 36 on his way to work in November 1972. The resolution has passed in the Illinois House of Representatives; now the Illinois Senate must vote on the proposal.

Introduced Session: 104th General Assembly

Bill Summary: Designates Old U.S. Route 36 from Jacksonville to Alexander as the "Special Agent Pete Lackey Memorial Highway."

AI Summary: This resolution honors Special Agent Pete Earl Lackey, a law enforcement officer who was killed in the line of duty on November 27, 1972, while working for the Illinois Bureau of Investigation (IBI). The resolution designates Old U.S. Route 36 from Jacksonville to Alexander as the "Special Agent Pete Lackey Memorial Highway" to commemorate his service and sacrifice. The document provides details about Lackey's murder, noting that he was attacked by a defendant in a drug trial while driving to Springfield, and was killed before he could testify. The resolution requests the Illinois Department of Transportation to erect appropriate plaques or signs marking the highway, and directs that copies of the resolution be presented to Lackey's surviving family members, the Illinois State Police, and the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation. The resolution highlights Lackey's background as a former physical education teacher and coach at Winchester High School, and emphasizes the importance of remembering law enforcement officers who have died while serving their communities.

Committee Categories: Transportation and Infrastructure

Sponsors (1): C.D. Davidsmeyer (R)*

Last Action: Resolution Adopted 114-000-000 (on 10/28/2025)

Official Document: <https://www.ilga.gov/Legislation/BillStatus?DocNum=42&GAID=18&DocTypeID=HJR&SessionID=114&GA=104>