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- Executive Director's Report

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Please send in your monthly meeting
notices and treasurers' reports
to the Office in a timely basis.

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IPA Interim Executive Director



**IPA Executive Director
Illinois Police Association
Official Journal
May 2026 Issue
From: Calvin Stearns, Interim Executive Director**

IPA Members:

We have had an incredibly busy start to the year.

Thanks to some excellent work by IPA Attorney Pacilli, there were successful negotiations for the sale of our building to Elmwood Park at a great (and fair) price for us and the village. That had a cascade effect of numerous things that have to be done to complete the sale and moving the office to a new location. Based on a request from a member of the Executive Board, I'll be sending an email giving progress updates. If you'd like to receive that email, please send me a note to:

president@illinoispoliceassociation.org

There has been a request to try to schedule a final gathering at the office for people to stop by and have a moment of fellowship and remembrance with our fellow IPA members. There will soon be an email sent out to gauge interest/attendees for a meeting. If you receive emails from your division, you will get an email. If you do not, please send a note to the above email address, call the office or call me to make sure you get notified.

In addition to that project, we have the annual audit coming up soon and are preparing for the conference. President Seychel has selected the Embassy Suites in East Peoria for this year's conference; there will be more information coming soon. The dates for the conference are:

September 18th & 19th, 2026.

As always, if you have questions, need information, or have input on association matters please email me at the above address or call me at: 618-559-4763.

**Calvin Stearns
Executive Director**

IPA President Joseph Seycel



IPA President Joseph Seycel
Illinois Police Association
Official Journal
February 2026 Issue
From: Joseph Seycel IPA President

I hope everyone has had a good new year start. I had the honor of being sworn in as IPA President at the December 2025 Executive Board meeting, and then the honor and privilege of swearing in the rest of the executive board members. I look forward to serving as president of this association for the next two years. I am realist, a family man, and I currently work full time, and hope we can make some changes to grow this organization.

I would like to thank all the members of the Executive Board past and current, for their service to the IPA, your dedication and service is essential and appreciated. I would like to say thank you Director Calvin Stearns for stepping up and taking this position and carrying on the load of this title.

Now since I have taken over as the president, I have been involved with selling our property and we have cut some costs including unused phone lines and not paying a salary for a director. We are still looking for permanent solution to the position of Executive Director.

I look forward to hopefully making better and greater decisions for this organization for the next two years. If any member needs to ask me anything, please reach out.

IPA President

Joseph C Seychel Jr.
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Illinois Police Association - Executive Board Meeting

April 7, 2026

East Peoria, Illinois

The Meeting was called to order by Past President/ Executive Director Calvin Stearns

09:01 Start

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence for fallen and departed officers

Prayer: VP Kuratko

Calvin Stearns:

Roll Call of Officers:

Current President. Joe Seychel,
First VP/Tri-Co. Kuratko,
Second VP Byrne
Third VP/ North Shore Rick Iverson
Sergeant at Arms Bill Niesluchowski
Sergeant at Arms Pringle
Auditor Bob Madura – Excused
Auditor Ken Thomason
Auditor Roman Hyrnnowitz
Past Pres. Calvin Stearns
Chairman/ South Division Darryl Williams
Fox Valley Division: Keith Chrastka- Absent

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Mid State Craig Sim -Absent
Black Hawk Joe Sims
Frontier Division - Vacant
Mississippi Valley: Hassenstab- Absent
Shawnee Division Kay Doan
Illinois Valley Dick Archibald - Excused
Kick-A-Poo Richard Burton
Starved Rock Drew McGlaughin
IPA Attorney Ed Pacilli,

Current Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Motions to dispense with the reading of August minutes, as they are posted in the journal.

Motion: Auditor Roman

Second: Sergeant at Arms Bill Niesluchowski

Motion: Carries

VP Ed Pacilli:

Attorney report:

Discussion - Voting via email for Death Benefits.

Discussion - Review applications for Sherwood Charities.

Discussion - Sale/Possible additional offer of the IPA office building.

Discussion - Potential location space to move the new office to by summertime.

Discussion - Hiring of new Executive Director prior to moving.

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Past Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Discussion - recommend approval of all reports at the end, pulling out any that need further discussion.

Past Pres. Ken Thomason:

Audit Report

Discussion - No Report

Discussion - Scheduling of Audit(s)

Past Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Conference Committee Report

Discussion - Location 2026 Conference, Embassy Suites East Peoria was chosen by the Current Pres. Joe Seychel.

Discussion - Cost of Past and Upcoming Conference fees.

Discussion – Possible Conference give-away cups for review.

Past Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Motions to raise the Conference fee from \$85.00 to \$95.00.

Motion: Hyrn

Second: Joe Sims

Motion Carries: One “No” vote, all others were “Aye”

Third VP Rick Iverson:

Constitutional bylaws report:

Discussion – No report at this time.

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Past Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Death benefits Report:

Discussion - 2026 Death Benefits paid, totaling \$1,600, four pending.

Discussion – Michael Ruth a good standing member death in 2022, IPA notified 2026.

Past Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Motions to pay Death Benefit of \$400.00 for Michael Ruth from the Sherwood Charities fund to avoid conflict with by-law.

Motion: Current Pres. Seychel
Second: Sergeant at Arms Pringle
Motion: Carries

Rob Roman:

Finance Committee Report:

Discussion - Market Updates, solid past 3 years.

Discussion - Accounts current set up.

License Plate fund

Sherwood Charities

Death Benefits

Discussion - Fund fact sheet.

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Discussion – Actuarial Analysis looking for where new Director funding will come.

Discussion – Up Coming annuity from sale of Camp in 2027.

Discussion – Rob Roman to send IPA “The Perspective” of Stocks for review.

Break Adjourned: 09:53

Meeting Reconvened: 10:08

Auditor Bob Madura: (Report Read by Past Pres. Stearns)

Law Enforcement Memorial Report:

Discussion – Rooms are already reserved at the Ramada Hotel.

Discussion – To be held on May 7, 2026.

Discussion - 2026 Gospel reading will be Joe Seychel, etc.

Past Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Legislative Committee Report:

Discussion – House Bill 5521 in the news

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Discussion – ILGA.GOV to discover who every local Representatives and Senators are.

Discussion – Witness slips filling out on ILGA.GOV

Discussion – If you want committee notification, refer to the admin@illinoispoliceassociation.org

Discussion – Milner updates in the Official Journal.

Discussion – Amending the Safety Act.

VP Burns:

Member Report

Discussion -

545 Active and Associates

5151 Paid Up Life members

Total 5596 Members

Discussion – Official Journal, new application for scholarships.

VP Kuratko:

Public Relations

Discussion – Hosting monthly Tri-County meetings

Discussion - Prep for scholarship later in April 21 meeting.

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Discussion – Continuing Facebook page updates, with 165 members

Discussion – Attended retirement party for 45 years serviceman Lee Zeeland, Lee Zeeland to liaison with Bob Madura for the Police Memorial Committee.

Discussion – Signing checks for office.

Discussion – Informal conversation regarding possible new location of office with Attorney.

Discussion – Life Saving Award (Sergeant Johnson), at Cook County Sheriff's Department, or one of the monthly meetings.

Discussion – Life Saving Award given to Urbana Police Officer from a call to Hospital, Past President Thomason, Past Pres. Thomas's grandson apprehended unruly subject stabling people. IPA to acknowledge act of bravery forth coming.

Michael Jackson: (Report Read by Past Pres. Stearns)

Scholarship Report

Discussion – Zoom meeting held March 19, 2026, 7:20 pm

Discussion – Reviewed to 2025 division scholarships winners.

Discussion – Old business (current scholarship awards will remain at \$500.00 per division).

Discussion – New business (new eligibility and guidelines for 2026 educational trust fund).

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Past Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Sherwood Charities

Discussion – IRS penalties for 2025 avoided, disbursement totaling \$94,969.17 sent out. All prior amounts for 2023 and 2024 are covered with these disbursements. Additional 2025 requirements have till December 31, 2026, for disbursement to avoid further penalties.

Discussion – Sherwood Charities meeting regarding applications for this consideration to be held later today.

VP Rick Iverson:

Special Membership

Discussion - No report for Special Members at this time.

Discussion – No report for Special Olympics at this time.

Past Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Motions to approve all committee reports.

Motion: VP Kuratko

Second: VP Iverson

Motion Carries

Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Old Business

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Discussion - Establishing email database membership in progress. Ongoing Audit of Paid-Up Life Members.

Discussion – Online store options looked at – no progress yet.

Discussion – Updated website still in progress, new website guy John Han is in progress of updates with links. Still working with Paul Piraino with cooperation regarding detour and domain issues to new [website](#).

Discussion – Shop with a Cop fund raiser disbanded as of last meeting; Divisions will have access funds through the IPA Division link.

Discussion – Social Media presents.

Past Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Motions to approve Eric Colvin for a \$40.00 per hour of Website maintenance up to 40 hours a month, on a monthly to month contract basis, with an additional \$75.00 hourly for custom programming.

Motion: VP Rick Iverson

Second: Unknown

Motion Carries

Pres. Joe Seychel:

New Business

Discussion – Anyone who has requests for by-law changes needs to be in by May 15, 2026.

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Past Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Motions to adjourn the meeting

Motion: Pres. Joe Seychel

Second: VP Kuratko

Motion Carries

Meeting adjourned: 1118 hours

Sherwood Charities Board Meeting -

Held in conjunction with the IPA Executive Board meeting.

April 2026

East Peoria, Illinois

The Meeting was called to order by Interim Executive Director Calvin Stearns

11:16 a.m. Start

Roll Call of Officers:

Pres. Calvin Stearns:

VP Dan Burns, Attorney Ed Epically, Auditor Ken Thomason, VP Rick Iverson, VP Brian Kuratko, Pres. Joe Seychel, Interim Executive Director Calvin Stearns

Meeting is called to order.

Interim Executive Director Calvin Stearns:

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New Business

Discussion – Death Benefits;

Illinois Valley Animal Rescue, not amount written down.

(Tabled)

Mike Vaughn Carbondale Police Office \$1,000.00.

Initial request for Chicago Police Chaplains \$10,000.00. (full amount tabled)

Michael Ruth \$400.00,

Shepard of the Lake, food pantry (PADS) \$1,000.00

Discussion – Keep up with the \$30,000.00 for the 8 food pantries around the state around Christmas time. (Tabled till August)

Discussion – TSA during the shutdown.

Discussion – Look into app for mobile devices, through new Website manager Eric Coven.

Interim Executive Director Calvin Stearns:

Motions to approve Michael Ruth \$400.00 and Shepard of the Lake food pantry for \$1,000.00.

Motion: Auditor Ken Thomas

Second: VP Dan Burns

Motion Carries

Interim Executive Director Calvin Stearns:

Motion for conditional approval pending review by Tri-County,

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for Chicago Police Chaplains for \$1,000.00.

Motion: VP Dan Burns

Second: VP Brian Kuratko

Motion Carries

Interim Executive Director Calvin Stearns:

Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Pres. Joe Seychel

Second: VP Dan Burns

Motion Carries



IPA Legislative Update

From the Desk Of

John Millner

As of the writing of this article, the legislature has a little over 3 days until the scheduled May 31 adjournment. There are still several large issues left to tackle. The largest being the budget. At this point there is no agreement between the 2 legislative leaders and the Governor as to a resolution to the financial conditions in Illinois. The Governor has proposed what some legislators are considering cuts. However, there is not a real appetite to raise revenue to cover the potential cuts.

Budget Update: The Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB) and the legislature's Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability (COGFA) released updated revenue projections for the current and upcoming fiscal years. For FY 2026, GOMB increased its revenue forecast by \$445 million to \$55.673 billion, while COGFA decreased its prediction by \$75 million to \$55.908 billion—a difference of \$235 million. Deputy Governor Andy Manar noted that stronger individual and corporate income tax receipts have not fully offset declines in sales tax revenues and lower federal reimbursements.

On May 7, each chamber compiled the Governor's introduced budget into one amendment in each chamber, positioning it for future consideration. The leaders issued a joint statement at the time indicating the move was to allow adequate public viewing and input. HFA #1 to HB 131 (Welch) was subsequently assigned to the House Executive Committee, but has not been considered by the committee at this time. SFA # 1 to SB 2512 (Sims) was filed, but remains in the Committee on Assignments.

GOMB also provided an update on state expenditures. Spending for the Department of Healthcare and Family Services is currently \$167 million over budget, or 2.3% over. Another challenging area: state employee group insurance, whose expenses exceeded its budget by \$87 million (3.9%).

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IPA Legislative Update

Pension expenditures have also increased by over a billion dollars; however, the GOMB analysis clarifies that this surge is due to the timing of pension system prepayments.

The comptroller's office is unable to make "annual pension contributions above the certified amount for a fiscal year," as noted in the explanation.

The Senate approved 66 House Bills on an Agreed Bill List. The House did not use an Agreed Bill List and instead considered each bill individually. In total, the Senate approved 17 Senate Bills and 140 House Bills in the week before session is scheduled to end. The House, meanwhile, approved 108 Senate Bills and 1 House Bill. Both chambers will continue to move legislation through the process until adjournment.

Artificial Intelligence/Data: The Senate approved an AI/Data package, sending it to the House for consideration.

BUILD Housing Package: The Senate filed a housing package that incorporated some of the Governor's proposals. There continues to be substantial opposition to the concept of overriding a municipalities' control on housing zoning.

Mega Projects/Chicago Bears: The Senate did not act on the Mega Projects legislation, which would provide incentives for large-scale projects, including efforts to relocate the Chicago Bears to Arlington Heights. There is still hope that some form of solution for the Bears will happen. The latest rumor is that there may be a watered-down version of the House bill that only solves the issue for the Bears.

We continue to monitor all law enforcement issues that may arise. Because of the timing, the only issues that should be allowed to move will be by way of amendment. We continue to monitor and read every amendment that is filed and will work with leadership to make sure they are involved should any last-minute issues arise.

IPA General Counsel Update

Hello everyone,

By chance, I was viewing an online continuing legal class that us attorneys need to do. The subject matter of this one in particular I thought would be nice to share with our group. The class focused on the Illinois safe gun storage act and other FOID card issues. The following is a summary of the class given, and I would like to give credit for most of the content to the presenters, Attorneys Dan Cummings and Paul DeLuca of Wheaton.

By now most of you have probably heard something about Illinois Senate Bill 8 (the Safe Gun Storage Act) which the Governor recently signed into law here in Illinois. I want to take a few minutes and give you a plain-language rundown of what it actually requires, because this is going to affect just about every one of us who keeps a firearm at home. And that, I am guessing, is just about all of you.

Under the new Illinois law, you are required to store your firearms safely when a child under 18, what the law calls an “at-risk” person, or anyone else who is prohibited from possessing a firearm under state or federal law could access them. The law also significantly tightens your reporting obligations when a gun is lost or stolen. If you discover a firearm is missing, you must report it to local law enforcement within 48 hours. That is down from the previous 72-hour window. Miss that deadline, and you are looking at civil penalties.

Now, I know some of you are going to ask me about LEOSA, the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act, and whether that changes things for retired officers. A fair question. LEOSA is a federal law, and it does give qualified retired law enforcement officers the right to carry a concealed firearm across all 50 states, regardless of state permit requirements. That is a carry right, and it is a good one to have. But here is the important distinction: LEOSA addresses your right to carry. The Illinois Safe Gun Storage Act addresses how you store firearms at home. These two laws are dealing with completely different situations, and LEOSA does not give you any exemption from Illinois storage requirements. Federal officers, think FBI, DEA, U.S. Marshals, are in the same boat. LEOSA covers their carry rights too, but they are still subject to Illinois law when it comes to storage in their Illinois homes.

So the practical takeaway is straightforward. If you have grandkids who visit, an at-risk family member in the house, or frankly any situation where a minor could get to your firearms, make sure they are locked up. A quality gun safe is the safest bet. The law specifically requires a locked container that makes the firearm inaccessible or unusable to anyone but you. A trigger lock may satisfy the “unusable” standard, but the statute’s “locked container” language is not entirely settled. So, if a gun safe is not an option for you, I would suggest not to rely on a trigger lock alone. Most of us already keep our firearms secured, now it is simply the law, and the tightened reporting deadline for lost or stolen guns is worth taking note of.

Hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer.

As always,

Edward C. Pacilli

IPA General Counsel

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IPA Welcomes New Members

WELCOME

Active

Department

Richard J. George	Air Force office of Special Investigation, Agent - Retired
Richard E. Readell	Villa Grove PD. Patrolman
Scott Twidwell	Knoxville PD. Patrolman

Associate

Mark Elliott - Security Officer
Tyson Wooldridge - Owner, TW Gun Works

IPA 124th Annual Conference Pre-Registration Form

IPA 124th Annual Conference Pre-Registration Form**ILLINOIS POLICE ASSOCIATION****124th Annual Conference****September 18th & 19th 2026****Embassy Suites by Hilton****100 Conference Center Drive, East Peoria, IL 61611****(309) 694-0200****Name:** _____**Department or Agency:** _____**Spouse or Guest name:** _____

Detach and send in your payment (Check or Money Order or call the office with a credit card) of \$95.00 per person, to the Illinois Police Association, 7508 W. North Ave, Elmwood Park, Illinois 60707 by September 4th, (Late Payment After September 4th is \$100.00 per person) NO REFUNDS

HOTEL REGISTRATION FORM**September 18th & 19th 2026****Embassy Suites by Hilton****100 Conference Center Drive, East Peoria, IL 61611 (309) 694-0200****Room rates: \$154.00 per person, per night, plus tax****Name:** _____**Street Address:** _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____**Arrival Date:** _____ **Departure Date:** _____**I will need:** _____ **Room(s) with one bed for:** _____ **Persons****I will need:** _____ **Room(s) with two beds for:** _____ **Persons****Type of Payment; (Check/Money Order or call the office with a credit card) enclosed:** _____**Credit Card: Type:** _____ **Credit Card Number:** _____**Expiration Date:** _____ **3 Digit Security Code:** _____

Cutoff date for room reservations is August 28th, 2026. Rooms are held on a guaranteed basis only by credit card or advanced deposit of first night's stay. If your reservation is not canceled 24 hours in advance, you will be billed for one night plus tax and your reservations will be canceled for future nights.

Booking link – <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/2026-illinois-police-association-room-block/>

Group code – 91T, Cutoff date – August 27, 2026

IPA Division 12 Pictures



Division 12 scholarship recipient Bryce McLaughlin. Bryce is currently in his second year at Lewis University, studying Aviation Flight Technology.



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7508 NORTH AVENUE, ELMWOOD PARK, ILLINOIS 60707



SHERWOOD CHARITIES

Phone: 708-452-8332

Fax: 708-452-1618

Email: sherwoodcharities@ipacops.org

Application Requirements:

The Sherwood Charities Applications must meet the 501C 3 criteria, for organizations, groups, etc.

All applications must be filed out completely and signed off by the Division Chairmen or committee member.

Each Division will be allowed to request \$1,000.00 donation per year. The yearly allotment cannot be carried over year to year.

Active Law Enforcement Officers and their families can request and be approved for up to \$2,000.0 per year. Applications can be obtained through the Division Chairman, IPA Office, as they must be approved and Signed by the Division Chairman.

Non-Law Enforcement members can qualify for a \$1,000.00 donation.

The Sherwood Charities Committee has the authority of approving up to Five (5) different 501 C 3 Charities at \$1,000.00 each per year.

The FINAL decision on approving the DONATION, will be made by the Sherwood Charities Committee. If you have any questions, contact the Division Chairman or a Committee member.



ILLINOIS POLICE ASSOCIATION, INC.

7508 NORTH AVENUE, ELMWOOD PARK, ILLINOIS 60707

**SHERWOOD CHARITIES**

To help expedite your donation procedure, please complete this form in its entirety, in addition a descriptive letter written on official letterhead of the organization must accompany this form.

Name of organization/Individual: _____

Summarize the focus of your organization. (i.e., shelter, school, healthcare, etc.)

Mailing address: _____

Email address: _____

Contact person: _____

Phone Number: _____

Non-Profit ID#: _____

Date of event: _____

Type of event will you be having: _____

What type of donation are you requesting: _____

Additional comments: _____

Signature of person requesting donation: _____ **Date:** _____

Division name & Number: _____ **Chairman signature:** _____

Send completed application to: Sherwood Charities, 7508 W. North Ave, Elmwood Park, Illinois 60707.
(Email: SherwoodCharities@ipacops.org)

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Donation Given/Date: _____

Donation Denied/Date: _____

Reason Denied: _____

Processed by: _____

Comments: _____

IPA 2025 Scholarship Award Program



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By **Michael Jackson**
Chairman Scholarship Committee

In 1994 the IPA Board decided to implement the annual scholarship award program. There were two dominant reasons for this decision:

1. To offer a recruitment incentive to prospective new members of the Illinois Police Association.
2. To reward our current members for their continued commitment and support for the organization.

On January 16, 2004, the Scholarship Committee held a meeting and reviewed the guidelines of the program. These guidelines were approved by the IPA Executive Board on April 6, 2004 to administer the program in a more efficient and effective manner for the benefit of our membership.

This information is being published to educate applicants and as a guideline for division officers during their review and processing of all required documentation.

All division chairmen will receive a copy of these guidelines and are expected to follow them to that their applicants receive proper consideration for the award. Any and all questions regarding eligibility should be directed to the corresponding division chairman. The scholarship committee of the Illinois Police Association will ultimately review all submitted applications for compliance and has the final decision regarding the awarding of scholarship funds.

The scholarship committee has worked hard to ensure the success of this ongoing program and asks that the following rules are strictly followed. Thank you for your consideration.

Eligibility:

1. A child (natural or legally adopted), regardless of residency, of an Active or Active Paid Up life member or a stepchild who resides in the same household of the IPA member. The applicant must be under the age of 24 as of November 1 of the corresponding scholarship year.
2. The member must be in good standing with the IPA for least one year prior to the date of application.
3. The scholarship applicant must be a full time student carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester or an equivalent number of hours per quarter in an undergraduate capacity.
4. Full time nursing students who meet the above criteria are eligible to apply.

Persons who are not eligible:

1. IPA members or spouses.
2. Students in a trade, industrial or graduate school.
3. Part time students carrying less than 12 credit hours per semester or an equivalent number of hours per quarter.

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Eligibility will be predicated upon each division's roster of Active or Active Paid Up life members as of May 1 of the current year. No transfer of members to a different division will be made within 12 months prior to the deadline for application submissions (November 1 of each year) for the purpose of benefiting in the scholarship award program. Applicants may apply to only one division.

Scholarship Expenditures:

1. The current award will be \$500.00 per school year per student. Each eligible student in a family may apply.
2. Award winners may reapply annually.
3. The Illinois Police Association, Inc. will remit one lump sum payment of \$500.00 to award winner. The payment will be made after the division chairman submits the winning application with all necessary supplementary documentation to the IPA office. All winning applications will then be reviewed and ultimately approved by the scholarship committee.
4. Each of the 13 divisions of the IPA will receive one scholarship annually (if so submitted) at a cost to the association of \$6,500.00

Procedure for Selection:

All applications will be collected and screened by each division for eligibility and the submission of all necessary documentation. After proper verification the division board will prepare the names of all candidates for a random drawing. The winner will be drawn by the chairman at a regular meeting of the division no later than the 30th day of November in the corresponding year. The chairman will also draw the name of the one alternate winner who will not be announced.

Should the announced winner be ineligible for any reason then the alternate be awarded the scholarship and announced at a later date. Divisions should retain all submitted applications in event that the alternate is also found ineligible and yet another winner may have to be selected.

The winning application with all supportive documentation will be forwarded to the IPA office by the division secretary no later than December 15. Pending the receipt of all documentation in a timely manner, announcements of the official winners will be made by the chairman of the scholarship committee at the earliest scheduled board meeting.

If any division fails to submit the name an eligible winner no scholarship will be awarded to said division. Winners of the scholarships will be eligible to reapply the following year.

Verification of Eligibility:

The following must accompany all applications:

1. A copy of the applicant's current class schedule.
2. A copy of an invoice or statement from the bursar's office indicating full or partial tuition payment.
3. A copy or printout of a financial instrument electronic or other document showing full or partial tuition payment.

Important dead lines to remember:

- *November 1 - Application due to division chairman
- *November Division meeting - Random drawing
- *December 15 - Winning application due at IPA office

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Please type or print legibly and do not omit any information.



To be completed by the student applicant:

Date of Application: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

 Last First Middle

Social Security number: _____ - _____ - _____

Birthdate	Month	Day	Year
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Home address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip code: _____ Home Phone: (_____) _____ - _____ Collage Residency Phone: (_____) _____ - _____

Collage or University Name: _____ Collage or University Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Major field of study: _____ Relationship to IPA Member: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

To be completed by the IPA Member:

Name: _____ Membership Card Number: _____ IPA Division: _____

Home address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip code: _____ Home Phone: (____) _____ - _____ Department or Agency: _____

Department or Agency address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Signature of IPA Member: _____

All information will be held in strict confidence by the Illinois Police Association.

The award will be payable directly to the qualifying student so as not to interfere with any other type of financial assistance.

The following **MUST** accompany the application submission. Please indicate with a check accordingly.

- ☐ A copy of the applicant's current class schedule.
- ☐ A copy of an invoice or statement from the bursar's office indicating payment or full or partial tuition.
- ☐ A copy or printout of a financial instrument electronic or other document showing full or partial tuition payment.

The completed application and required documentation must be submitted to the DIVISION CHAIRMAN no later than November 1st of the current year. Questions? Please call the IPA office at 708 452-8332

Division Chairman: _____ Date received: _____



In Memoriam Departed Brethren

Deceased Member's Name

Peter LoCascio

Daniel Petry

Michael Ruth

Department & Rank

Illinois State Police (Dist. 17) M/Sergeant,
Retired

Kankakee PD Sergeant, Retired

Elmhurst PD Chief of Police, Retired

IPA Past Presidents

1901-1909	D. Frank Gahan, Elgin PD*
1910-1911	M.B. Little, Rockford PD*
1911-1915	Martin Murphy, Joliet PD*
1916-1918	Frank W. Licht, Forest Park PD*
1919-1930	James E. Corcoran, Joliet PD*
1931-1938	Ed W. Licht, Forest Park PD*
1939-1940	Richard H. Bailey, Maywood PD*
1940-1942	William E. Koerber, Oak Park PD*
1942-1943	Carl W. Sodelin, River Forest PD*
1944-1945	Lorenz Schey, Lincolnwood PD*
1946-1947	Lawrence Hoffman, Oak Park PD*
1948-1949	Fred H. Eichler, Evanston PD*
1950-1951	Lester Connerty, Cicero PD*
1952-1953	William C. Griffin, Skokie PD*
1954-1955	Arthur T. Linderman, Chicago PD*
1956-1957	Harold C. Johnson, Springfield PD*
1958-1959	Dan Conway, Secretary of State Police*
1960-1961	Donald Barnes, State Police*
1962-1963	James Bambick, Cook County SD*
1964-1965	William H. Sandgren, LaGrange PD*
1966-1967	S. Harold Roberts, Alton PD*
1968-1969	William P. O'Brien, State Police*
1970-1971	Charles Wheelhouse, Galva PD*
1972-1973	Irvin McDougall, Arlington Hgts PD, Retired*
1974-1975	Frank Trankina, Cook County SD*
1976-1977	George B. Kramer, Batavia PD, Retired*
1978-1979	Donald Gibbons, State Police*
1980-1981	Raymond Forrest, Chicago PD*
1982-1983	Dale Gulbrantson, Rockford PD*
1984-1985	Jimmie Rogers, Lake Forest PD, Retired*
1986-1987	Charles Whelpley, Forest Park PD, Retired*
1988-1989	Sam Garnati, State Police, Retired*
1990-1991	Kenneth Wallace, Monmouth PD, Retired*
1992-1993	Larry Kearns, Champaign PD, Retired
1994-1995	Thomas O. Madole, Mundelein PD, Retired*
1996-1997	Thomas H. Schmidt, Chicago PD, Retired*
1998-1999	Edward W. Hoes, Riverside PD, Retired*
2000-2001	John Hassenstab, Bellville PD, Retired
2002-2003	Kenneth Thomason, Saint Elmo PD, Retired
2004-2005	Clifton Bartelt, Aurora PD, Retired*
2006-2007	Richard Trojanek, Cicero PD, Retired
2008-2009	Sue DaRif, LaSalle Co Sheriff, Retired
2010-2011	Ray Holman, Canadian Pacific Railroad PD, Retired
2012-2013	Randy Benson, Galesburg PD, Retired
2014-2015	Mike Perry, Cicero PD
2016-2017	Chris Surdel, Mokena PD (Retired)
2018-2019	John Idleburg, U.S. Treasury Department
2020-2021	Robert C. Nichols, Galesburg PD (Retired)
2021-2023	Fred J Garza, Cicero PD (Retired)
2024-2025	Calvin Stearns, Carbondale PD (Retired)



(*=DECEASED)

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Dear Illinois Police Association Member,

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about a great benefit you have available to you because of your membership with the Illinois Police Association in that you are eligible to apply for an Illinois Police Association Visa Platinum Credit Card! The Illinois Police Association Visa Platinum Credit Card is offered through the partnership between the Illinois Police Association and ISPFCU – Your Law Enforcement Credit Union and is available exclusively to Illinois Police Association members. This card comes with many great benefits including:

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Director of Marketing / Vice President

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IPA CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

Name: _____ Today's Date: _____

New address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

New phone number: () _____ - _____

Old address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

IPA Card#: _____ Police Department: _____

Email _____

Please fill out completely and mail to:

Illinois Police Association, 7508 W North Ave, Elmwood Park, IL 60707

Many Police Officers and the General Public do not fully realize the history of the ILLINOIS POLICE ASSOCIATION since 1901. The IPA continues to represent the individual police officer in this State in the related field of law enforcement.

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- **Renew your Membership**
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Lapel Pins and Tie Tac
- **Merchandise**
Automotive and Motorcycle License Plate Frame and IPA Medallions

The IPA office will be closed on the following dates:

- January 19th, 2026 - Martin Luther King Day
- February 16th, 2026 - Presidents Day
- April 3rd, 2026 - Good Friday
- May 25th, 2026 - Memorial Day
- July 3rd, 2026 - Independence Day
- September 7th, 2026 - Labor Day
- October 12th, 2026 - Columbus Day
- November 11th, 2026 - Veteran's Day
- November 26th & 27th, 2026 - Thanksgiving
- **December 24th 2026** through **January 3rd, 2027**
Christmas and New Years Holiday

IPA Membership Renewal Form

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL * **NOTICE** * AVOID PENALTY

PAY YOUR 2026 DUES NOW

Active Members Who Qualify; \$20,000.00 Paid Upon Death in the Line of Duty

Penalties added starting March 1st

After March 1st, \$1.50 Additional**After April 1st, \$2.00 Additional****After May 1st, \$3.00 Additional******COMPLETE THIS FORM FOR RENEWALS ONLY****Please fill in the following form completely (**please provide area codes**) All information requested is necessary.

Date:_____ Please check one of the following:

___PUL/Active Member -\$30.00 ___Active Member -\$30.00 ___Associate A Member-\$30.00 ___Associate B Member-\$30.00

Name:_____

Address:_____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip Code:_____

Home phone:() _____ Cell phone:() _____

Signature of Member:_____

Social Security #:_____

Star # _____

Police Department:_____

Work phone: () _____ District _____

Rank:_____ ___Full-time ___Part-time ___Retired ___Disability

IPA Card Number:_____

Email:_____

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED FORM AND PAYMENT TO:

Illinois Police Association

7508 W North Avenue

Elmwood Park, IL. 60707

Or call the office with a credit card.

IPA Vanity & Personalized License Plate Info



Illinois Police Association License Plates are multi-year and may be displayed on passenger vehicles, B-trucks and vans weighing 8,000 pounds or less.

To purchase Illinois Police Association plates, please submit the appropriate request form along with your license plates registration or renewal application and the following applicable fees:

Random-Number Illinois Police Association License Plates

- Newly-acquired vehicle/first-time issuance — \$219
(\$95 title fee, \$99 registration fee, \$25 Illinois Police Association plate fee)
- Currently titled vehicle/first-time issuance — \$124
(\$99 registration fee, \$25 Illinois Police Association plate fee)
- Current plates expire within 90 days — \$153
(\$99 registration fee, \$25 Illinois Police Association plate fee, \$29 replacement fee)
- Current plates do not expire within 90 days — \$54
(\$25 Illinois Police Association plate fee, \$29 replacement fee)
- Annual renewal — \$124
(\$99 registration fee, \$25 Illinois Police Association plate fee)

Vanity Illinois Police Association License Plates

- Newly-acquired vehicle/first-time issuance — \$313
(\$95 title fee, \$99 registration fee, \$94 vanity fee, \$25 Illinois Police Association plate fee)
- Currently titled vehicle/first-time issuance — \$218
(\$99 registration fee, \$94 vanity fee, \$25 Illinois Police Association plate fee)
- Current plates expire within 90 days — \$247
(\$99 registration fee, \$94 vanity fee, \$25 Illinois Police Association plate fee, \$29 replacement fee)

Illinois Police Association Vanity & Personalized License Plates Request Form

Vehicle Owner's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Daytime Telephone Number (8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) _____

Current License Plate # _____ Expiration Date _____

1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____ 3rd choice _____

If your exact 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices are not available, would you like the next plate number available in that series? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you want a space between letters, please indicate with a slash mark. An automatic space is required between letters and numbers.

A B C D

examples

A B C / 1

Note: Spacing will vary with the type of plate requested.
Proper completion of this form is the customer's responsibility.

Vanity Illinois Police Association Plates
Numbers 1-999

or
1, 2, 3 or 4 letters

Personalized Illinois Police
Association Plates
1, 2 letters plus 1-99

or 3 letters plus 1-9

OFFICE USE ONLY

ALL IPA Merchandise

Call the office for availability of merchandise.

Purchases can only be made through the office with a credit card.

IPA star badge



Large \$35.00 Small \$30.00

ONLY ACTIVE POLICE OFFICERS

may purchase the Star badge



Golf shirts: black, white, and red. Call for available Size and pricing



T-Shirts: black and gray
Call for available Size and pricing.



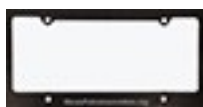
Property of IPA 1901
T-shirts: black, gray, navy blue
Call for available Size and pricing



Sweatshirt: grey, navy and black
Call for available Size, Color



Motorcycle license plate holder \$5.00



Car license plate holder \$5.00



Iron on patch: star or state \$5.00



Lapel Pin \$5

NOTE: If ordering more than one product please use the reverse side to list each additional item as shown below or call the office with a credit card.

Name _____ Address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
Email _____

Shipping and Handling

Merchandise other than LICENSE PLATE HOLDERS can only be purchased BY MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION.

Non members will be charged a 25% RESTOCKING FEE on any refunded merchandise.

Cost of products\$ _____ +shipping and handling \$ _____ =Grand total \$ _____

Please mail and include shipping and handling (see above) to IPA, 7508 W. North Ave, Elmwood Park, IL 60707
Or call the office with a credit card.

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