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IPA President Calvin Stearns



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From: Calvin Stearns IPA President

Greetings Illinois Police Association Members:

The first thing I want to mention for this issue is a reminder that the annual conference is going to be held next month at the Embassy Suites in Peoria. If you are able, please try to attend. This is an election year and all the candidates would like to see you there.

There has been a lot going on this year. We started the contract with our lobbyist and have been receiving regular updates about pending legislation. There was an enormous response from the public (including our members) about the odor proof container bill that was introduced this year. We are refining the process of getting information out to the membership so that we can increase our influence on future legislation.

There has been another initiative that was ongoing this year. Every month, I send out financial reports that are received from the bank and generated in-house from QuickBooks that detail income & expenses. If you'd like to receive this information, send me an email and I will add you to the list.

Rose & Denise have been diligently working on an update for the Paid-Up Life membership roster. This is an important effort that will yield benefits in increased awareness and keeping trust funding obligations current.

I can be contacted at:

President@IllinoisPoliceAssociation.org 618-559-4763

Calvin Stearns

IPA President

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Illinois Police Association - Executive Board Meeting

April 2025

East Peoria, Illinois

The Meeting was called to offer by President Calvin Stearns

09:03 Start

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer

Roll Call of Officers:

Calvin Stearns:

Pres. Calvin Stearns, VP Seychel, VP Kuratko, VP Byrne, IPA Attorney Eward Pacilli, Chairman Darrell Williams, Chairman Pringle, Chairman Iverson, Randy Benson sitting in for Chairman Craig Sim, Past P/ Auditor Ken Thomason, Sgt-at-Arms Bill Niesluchowski, Carl Sprinkle, Frank Lara, Dick Archibold (on I-55 representing Tri County) - Quorum present

Calvin Stearns:

Motions to dispense with the reading of December minutes

Motion: Randy Benson Second: Seychel Motion Carries

VP Seychel:

Attorney report:

- Plans to look for and move to a new office has been put on hold. Not set as a priority at the moment.
- A month ago in March, a Trustee from Elmwood Park inquired about selling the building. They are tearing the house down behind the building for parking, and while the equipment was on site for the house that they would consider purchasing the building and tearing it down as well. Trustee indicated that if they bought the building that they would deal with the current tenant Johnny's. VP Seychel said that we were possible entertaining an offer between \$300,000 and \$600,000. Trustee indicated that the potential offer could be in the area of \$500,000.

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- Concerns regarding a new Executive Director position, (1) the cost for the position, (2) do we have a budget for the position most businesses have a statement of income and expenses we do have it set up like this.
- A notice to renew an annual LLC for a group called the Illinois Police Academy. Neither Pres Stearns nor Eward Pacilli
 had heard of this. According to the Sec. of State it was started in 1954.
- There is another group that doing is fundraising. According to the spreadsheets there is income coming from some type of fundraising. As discussed during last meeting some of the contracts for fundraising groups that IPA is under contract with do not run on a calendar year schedule. These groups are running on a July 1 June 30 schedule. After reaching out to some of these groups, two have stated that they have made no money out of them for fundraising. And two of these groups cancelled their contract themselves. One was Shop with a Cop, which no paperwork has been found for this group. Pres Stearns recommends that we end all the contracts for fundraisers to prevent any additional damage to the IPA branding.
- The IPA sales tax exemption number is under the Sherwood Youth Camp. Ed recommended that we terminate this and create a new one under the Sherwood Charities moving forward.
- Shop with a Cop program has several thousand in the account. Need to find out what the standing is to comply with the
 states reporting on income and outgoing. No funds going out as of 2025 so far. There was a club/youth group that did a
 fundraiser for Shop with a Cop. Fred Garza is the one who received the check from the fundraising for the IPA. Going
 to check with Fred as to the check that was received.
- Request for the current property taxes are around \$16,000 range for both parcels. Recess of the property with be in soon for the 2025/2026 years. And there is the \$6,000 that Johnny is paying IPA.

Past P Ken Thomason

Audit Report:

• The next audit is coming in the first part of August to have the report ready for the executive board and online at the conference. This audit is only covering the checking and is not part of the CPA audit which will subsequently be approximately the same time. The non-CPA audit needs to be expanded to include the investment accounts for clarity with fund movements. Currently there is \$53,000 in the general checking account and no knowledge of where it came from.

VP Joe Seychel:

Upcoming Conference:

- Conference location Embassy Suites by Hilton 100 Conference Center Drive, East Peoria, IL 61611
- Looked into Schaumburg Illinois but prices are little high.

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Discussion about not including breakfast to save money on the next conference.

Past P Ken Thomason:

Constitutional bylaws:

- May 15, 2025, will be the deadline to turn in constitutional changes' requests to the bylaws. Have your requests in writing and sent into the office by this point.
- After the 15th committee will have the meeting and will mail out the recommendations to the delegates.

Pres. Calvin Stearns:

- Death benefits -
- We are believed to have paid out \$2400 for death benefits as of this point.
- Don't current have the total left.
- There are currently 5 death benefits still pending. All are \$400 each.
- Meeting approved 4 Line of duty death benefits from the license plate money, and they were distributed.
- Since then, there are an additional Line of duty death benefit, and it was distributed.
- Illinois F.O.P. person, inquire about the license plate funds for line of duty death benefits. He didn't know that we have moved forward in the distributing of these funds.
- Bob Madura is researching past line of duty deaths, confirm them and get them caught up.
- This needs to be an agenda item for next meeting.
- Because of the current IPA renewed efforts we did receive the first round of grant money for 2025 for the license
 plate funds.

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• To-Do List find out when we started paying the \$1,000.00 line of duty death benefits and make sure all deaths are accounted for. Jimmy Rogers old office should have the records for the to-do list.

Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Finance Report

Rob Roman:

Phone Call:

- Unable to be there in person at the moment due to tax season. Will be there in person for the July meeting.
- Wants to discuss what going on in the accounts. Market has been good for 23/24. Markets for this year started pretty good and now there's a bit of a pull back. With the uncertainties because of the issues going on with interest rates, and tariffs. Analysts say that this will work its self out within the next few weeks/months. Suggest that IPA stay the course for the moment. If the situation changes, if the board decided that a large sum of money was needed by like August 1, we would definitely meet and reassess this and make adjustments.
- Current values are as of the market close yesterday, 1st Quarter was down but not as of the past few days. Gains are for the 4th Quarter numbers being emailed to Calvin at a later date.

Death benefit Fund was - \$936,605.00

Long term investment - YTD down 11.2%

1st Quarter Down ± 5.0%

License Plate Fund was - \$1,901,117.43

Is invested less conservatively – YTD down 8.7%

1st Quarter Down ± 3.0%

Sherwood Charities Account was - \$733,407.48

Is invested more conservatively – YTD down 5.1%

1st Quarter Down ± less 1.0%

- Office/Pres. Stearns is emailing out the finance report the bank statements and Quick Books for transparency.
- As lists are formed for the whole Divisions including Blackhawks are being compiled for information distributions.
 Division Chairmen are requested to make sure that former member/deceased member emails are excluded from the list to assure IPA finance reports, and all other IPA business remains confidential.
- LE memorial a proposal was made for a good turnout, that all who are able and willing to attend the have their lodging paid for. Will revisit in the business section.

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Pres. Calvin Stearn:

Legislative Report

- Got our contract from Millner \$3000.00 monthly, \$1,500 for his computer company Marquardt, \$1,500 to Millner.
 Original cost in 2008 for Millner alone was \$2,000.00. He has since partnered with another group Marquardt to more efficiently track bills for his clients.
- A personal profile for IPA needs to be established on Illinois General Assembly website, to streamline witness forms from 5 minutes to 45 seconds.
- Witness slips can only be filled out for House and Senate bills when it is scheduled for committee hearing. And only
 during a limited timeframe. Stearns to get the time limits clarified and out to everyone.
- Millner has cleared with his other longtime client Illinois Chiefs, that IPA will not take a position with labor management issues, to offset the issue of representing both IPA and Illinois Chiefs at the same time.
- Millner has prepared a sheet that IPA can use and modify for use to spread information to the members so we can take position on it.
- A female legislator has proposed a bill that if a person that is mentally ill when they commit an aggravated assault
 against a police officer that they cannot charge them for the action. This bill excludes firefighters due to the fact that
 she is married to a firefighter. The bill has been assigned to committee.

Calvin Stearns:

Motion to oppose this bill. Motion: Randy Benson

Second: Chairman Rick Iverson

Motion Carries

- Millner's contract all members were to receive a copy of the contract to look over for review. IPA received a bill prior
 to the contract for review. Contract that was received doesn't have a clear cancelation clause in it.
- Millner has suggested that we form a legislative committee. This is critical to have someone to manage this
 information for us.

10:37 a.m. break.

Call back to order: 10:51 a.m.

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VP Byrne:

Member Report

Office is still in the process of compelling the updated member list. No new information currently.

Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Old Business

 Reconstitution of pre-meeting request with the finance committee on the Monday night meeting or a Tuesday 9:00 am meeting. To set agenda and help streamline general meeting. Meeting will be at Executive President call.

Calvin Stearns states that at the next meeting in August, the finance committee will meet at 09:00 prior to General meeting at 10:00.

VP Kuratko:

Public Relations

- We are averaging 25 to 35 member per meeting per month. Meeting has had several guest speakers including Speaker Ed Sajak from the Police Officers Memorial.
- Will being getting an update from Speaker Ed Sajak at next Tuesday 's meeting for the Memorial being built.
- Hosted members of the Josh Harris VFW Post in Brookfield, received a donation for IPA toy drive.
- Placed an ad the Fall Fund Raiser on the inside cover for the 20th anniversary of the Police Officers Memorial Foundation.
- IPA got positive exposure on the 20th anniversary of Chicago Police Michael Gordan fund raiser at Rigley Field, where again a prominent ad was placed for this event.
- Still monitoring and updating our Division Facebook page. We are releasing statements from the Sheriff Association, the Chicago FOP regarding pending legislation, which is open to anyone. Updates are on average weekly. There are 156 members on the page.
- Twitter or X website is still up and running.
- Bob Madura has reached out to SIDS of Illinois, still waiting to hear back from Executive Director for a partnership.
- Some member said they still could not renew their memberships on the website. Going to look into the PayPal option.

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- Inquiry for merchandise It is still not being sold, referred to the office to purchase anything.
- Donations have been distributed wide.
- Interest in Sherwood Charities is not doing good.
- A donation of \$400.00 was given to a Greek family whose house was destroyed in an explosion.
- Going to check into an ad for Quarterly Journal from the Illinois Funeral Directors.

Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Scholarship

- Received an email a report from Michael Jackson, Tri-County, Black Hawk, and North Shore were winners.
- Mississippi Valley has entered a submission from scholarship. Check for this will be forth coming soon.
- Discussion for a later meeting. If we stay at \$10,000 for the line of duty death benefit, the overage that is saved can be
 use toward a scholarship opportunity for the children of these fallen heroes. The addition of grandchildren has been
 mentioned for consideration to the scholarship and will require will bylaw change to the scholarship bylaws.

Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Sherwood Charity -

- Dec 31, 2023 the expense paid out did not exceed the required charitable distribution therefore Sherwood Charity will be required to make distributions of at least \$34,156 before the end of calendar year of 2024 to account for calendar year 2023.
- Required charitable distribution for the calendar year 2025 will have to be distributed by December 31, 2025, in the estimated amount of charitable distribution is \$52,625.
- Part of the \$34,156 will be the \$10,000 executive director salary which is being put back into the IPA and \$12,000 for rent of the building. Leaving \$10,156 to be distributed before the end of the year.

VP. Seychel:

Special Membership - Nothing to report at this time.

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VP Seychel:

Special Olympics (S.O.)

• IPA member has attended multiple polar plunge events through Lake County for boosting memberships with no interest and no merch sold. Possible increase from \$5,000 bracket to \$15,000 bracket in donations for better recognition. After discussion with finances.

Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Old Business

- Office is working on the audit of membership.
- When the database is complete, we are going to send emails to inform all members of current events and the new initiative with the lobbying efforts, as well as conference information.
- Options for establishing an online store; Shopify works like Amazon: merchandise is made to order. They only keep
 inventory on hand for up to thirty days at a time. So, they aren't holding and charging overhead for inventory. Option of
 having the merch coming out of the office was not lucrative with all the process needed to sell items. Other options are
 listed on the Duck Duck Go website. The Memorial Committee which Bob Madura is a part of is already using this site.
- Updating the Website.
- We have had two vendors narrowed down for the updating of the website. Discussion will be made soon.
- Still working on streamlining membership application.
- No progress on social media presence possible contract for hiring someone to facilitate this for IPA, if funds can be cut out from finance report meeting.
- Potentially offering stipend for board member attendance, with this option we can potentially offer this to encourage
 more active board meetings. Only during this time while we do not have Executive Director.
- Potential payment of expenses by IPA for any board member that attends the Law Enforcement Memorial, only if the board member is there to represent the IPA.
- Come up with a rule for when a check that is over \$1,000 or a determined amount will require two signatures. This can
 be change either by Executive Director/President order for the duration of the current board or changing of bylaw which
 will affect future boards.

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- Bylaw possibly change any expense over \$1000 will require board approval.
- Purposed bylaw changes due in writing by May 15, 2025
- Succession planning for office staff in the event they are out for a duration of time or plan to retire. Possible parttime
 worker as trainee.

Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Motion to provide a \$100.00 stipend on top of room, mileage, and additional extra meals for board members that attend meetings.

Motion: Seychel Second: Rick Iverson Motion Carries Unanimously

Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Motion to pay for expenses for any board member that attends the Law Enforcement Memorial, as long as the board member are there to represent the IPA.

Motion: Kuratko Second: Randy Benson Motion Carries Unanimously

Motion to adjourn by Chairman Pringle:

Second by Bill Niesluchowski:

Motion Carries

11:53 a.m.

Sherwood Charities Board Meeting -

Held in conjunction with the IPA Executive Board meeting.

April 2025

East Peoria, Illinois

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

1153 a.m. Start

Roll Call of Officers:

Calvin Stearns:

VP. Seychel, Ed Pacilli, Past Pres. Ken Thomason, VP Kuratko, Pres, Calvin Stearns, VP Kuratko - Past Pres. Randy Benson

Meeting is called to order.

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- We have issued all checks for charities; we have done the engagement letters for accountant and transfers are authorized for the office and Director salary. Goals have been made for 2024. Once a audit is complete, we will get amount that is required for year 2025. As of December 2024, we had \$52,000.00 due to be distributed for the fiscal year of 2025. And \$34,000 has been spent to date, not counting executive salary and general expenses.
- Checking on two donation Ezyrh gift program and Great Lakes Law Enforcement.
- Donations from divisions to worthwhile causes might need to be postponed till new fiscal year, August 1st.
- Donations for an Officer and their family in need is not set up as a specific amount, it is a discretionary amount decided by the board.

Meeting adjourned at 1243 p.m.





IPA Thoughts from your Attorney...

Recently I have made reference to a monthly breakfast I attend with retired police officers who are mostly paid-up life IPA members. We discuss many things and of course topics affecting us old guys.

One thing that came up was since our pension money is being managed by the State of Illinois, is there and benefits the State can give to retired police officers in the area of health insurance? Our thinking was Part B Medicare benefits similar to State employees and teachers. Any member with any ideas, please contact me and let me know your thoughts.

Something else came up in conversation that pertained to Tier II or newer police officers (not everything is about the old guys). So, 30 years' service is the maximum pension of 75%. The Teir II officer cannot collect their pension until they are 55 years old. If an officer starts between 21 and 25 years of age and stays working until, he is 55, does he get any credit for the extra years over 30 years?

I really would like to hear from anyone that this may affect.

As Always,

See you at the Conference in East Peoria,

Edward C. Pacilli IPA General Council

Contact me at: edpacilli@gmail.com or text to 630-669-7374

Legislative Affairs Update by John Millner

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The 104th General Assembly ended up being a fairly busy session. Several bills were finalized in the final week of session, including the FY 26 operating and capital budgets: the FY 25 supplemental and omnibus packages on revenue, Medicaid, pensions, and reform measures concerning pharmacy benefit managers and prior authorization for mental health and substance abuse treatment. The General Assembly did not pass legislation concerning transit reforms and the impending transit fiscal cliff, cannabis, hemp regulations, energy, election reforms, the 340B program, Adequate and Equitable Public University Funding, a Tier 2 pension overhaul, community college baccalaureate degree authorization, a measure to ban cell phones in schools, or the authorization of medical aid in dying. Those items could be considered in the Fall Veto session or during next year's spring session.

There were over 2400 Senate bills and 4000 House bills introduced in the session. In total, 432 bills passed both chambers this year, including 228 House bills and 202 Senate bills.

We continued to monitor bills that could affect the association. Our user file grew to almost 200 bills. Specifically, we helped stop the odorless container legislation and we slipped many bills in support and opposition for the Association. We cannot thank the members enough for getting involved by slipping bills throughout the session. We will continue to monitor any legislation that is introduced throughout the remainder of the year.

Below are some of the major topics that were considered in the spring session:

Transit Reforms: In the final hours of the Spring Session, the Illinois Senate voted 32-22 to approve HB 3438 (Andrade/Villivalam), which represents transit reforms and addresses the impending \$750 million fiscal cliff. The bill replaces the RTA with a new body known as the Northern Illinois Transit Authority, overseeing bus and rail service in Chicago, Cook County, and the collar counties. It establishes reforms addressing transit planning, safety, environmental protection, and governance. Key provisions include creating safety oversight bodies, promoting zero-emission buses, and establishing transit-supportive development guidelines. The bill also limits local

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parking requirements near transit hubs, creates coordination committees, and makes various conforming changes to multiple Acts to support an integrated regional transportation system.

HB 3438 also includes \$1.5 billion in revenues, \$50 million in fare increases, and \$113 million in "efficiencies". Also, the measure implements new funding mechanisms through electric vehicle charging and retail delivery fees. Specifically, the bill creates the Electric Vehicle Charging Fee Act, which imposes a fee (beginning on January 1, 2026) on the privilege of engaging in business as an electric vehicle power provider in Illinois. Creates the Retail Delivery Climate Impact Fee Act, which establishes a climate impact fee, on and after January 1, 2026, of \$1.50 on certain retail deliveries statewide. The measure was not considered in the House prior to adjournment.

Tier 2 Pension Reform: While larger efforts to pass a more comprehensive Tier 2 pension fix stalled in the final days of the spring session, two Tier 2 pension bills were approved. As mentioned above, the FY 26 budget adds \$75 million to ensure the Tier Two pension program meets the Social Security minimum retirement benefit level, and the General Assembly also passed another bill to provide a limited Tier 2 pension fix for the Chicago Police and Fire Pension funds.

Gun Legislation: The House approved, by a vote of 69 - 40, SB 8 (Ellman/ Hirschauer), creating the Safe Gun Storage Act. The bill expands what it means to safely store weapons (to keep them away from children under 18 years of age and "at-risk" persons) and increases reporting requirements for gun owners whose weapons are lost or stolen. The bill now heads to the Governor's desk.

The Illinois General Assembly will return for a two-week Veto Session on October 14 – 16 and October 28 – 30.

IPA Constitution and By-Laws

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Article 4, Section 1, Paragraph B Membership

The current text reads:

CONTRACTS- GENERAL PROVISIONS. The Board is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into such contracts and assume such obligations, as it shall in its discretion deem necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Association. All contracts made in the name of the Association must be authorized by a majority of the Board and all contracts, except those for the publishing and distribution of the Official Journal, for solicitation of contributions by a professional fundraiser and for the leasing of any

property, shall be void if made for a period of time that exceeds the balance of the President's term of office.

Proposed Language:

CONTRACTS- GENERAL PROVISIONS. The Board is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into such contracts and assume such obligations, as it shall in its discretion deem necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Association. All contracts made in the name of the Association must be authorized by a majority of the Board and all contracts shall be void if made for a period of time that exceeds the balance of the President's term of office.

Proposed by Committee recommendation

Board Attorney To adopt

Ed Pacilli Not to adopt

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Article 5, Section 1, Paragraph D (1) Membership

The current text reads:

(1) The position of President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President and 3rd Vice President will only be filled with an Active member where he or she has a minimum of Five (5) years as an Active member and a minimum of Four (4) years on a Division Board.

Proposed Language:

(1) The position of President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President and 3rd Vice President will only be filled with an Active member. This amendment takes effect upon passage.

Proposed by Committee recommendation

President To adopt

Calvin Stearns Not to adopt



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123rd Annual Conference

September 19th & 20th 2025

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IPA Welcomes New Members

WELCOME

Active

Department

Associate

A/B Member

Lysis Rodriguez

North Riverside police officer

Stephen Thomas

В

IPA Tri-County

At the October 2024 Meeting of the Tri-County IPA, we welcomed Ed Sajak. Ed is the President of the Peace Officers Memorial Foundation of Cook County. Ed gave us an update of the proposed memorial that will be built in Cermak Woods in Lyons, IL.





At the Tri-County IPA November 2024 meeting, Mary Mathis presented Chairman Brian Kuratko, a donation from the Josh Harris VFW Post in Brookfield.

The donation was to purchase toys for the annual Toy Drive for disabled children.

IPA Tri-County



At the December 2024 meeting of the IPA Tri-County, toys were generously donated by our members to be distributed at Miracles in Progress and the Ronald McDonald House at Loyola Hospital. Pictured L-R is Chairman Brian Kuratko, Riverside Trustee Alex Gallegos, Director Matthew Buckley, Sheryle Lara, Sgt-at-Arms Bill "Ski" Niesulowski and Secretary Frank Lara



Toys donated at the December meeting of the Tri-County Division

IPA Tri-County



On May 10, 2025, IPA 2nd Vice President Brian Kuratko was the keynote speaker for the annual Peace Officers Memorial Foundation of Cook County. The IPA is a proud sponsor of this memorial.



On June 27, 2025, the Illinois Police Association presented a check for \$5000.00 to the Illinois Special Olympics. Pictured L-R is Bill Devine, Director Torch Run-Special Olympics (retired Tinley Park PD), Illinois Special Olympian Nick Lorenz and IPA 2nd Vice President Brian Kuratko. Picture taken by Special Olympics Senior Director George Peterson (retired Oak Brook PD)

IPA Sherwood Charities

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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.



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SHERWOOD CHARITIES

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

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Phone Number:					
Non-Profit ID#:					
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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)					
FOR INTER/AL USE ONLY					
Donation Given/Date:					
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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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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:

- 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 the13 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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2025 Scholarship Award Application



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	
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:		
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In Memoriam Departed Brethren

Deceased Member's Name

Department & Rank

William Desmond US dept of Treasury (IRS/C) Special Agent Retired

Philip Dienethal Chicago PD - (dist. 20) Retired

Ronald Johnson Chicago PD. - (Dist. 7) Patrolman, Retired

John Leuck US Dept. of Justice – (FBI) Special Agent, Retired

Joyce McAuliffe Chicago PD. - (Dist. 25) Patrolwoman, Retired

Edward Merki Chicago PD. - Unit 050, Retired

Harrisburg PD. - Patrolman, Retired

Eldon Quick Rantoul PD. - Chief, Retired

Charles Schuttler Lombard PD. – Patrolman, Retired

Thomas Swaine Chicago PD. - (Dist. 15) Lieutenant, Retired

John J. Fennell Chicago PD. – Investigator, Retired

Robert Schmidt Chicago PD. - O'Hare, Retired

IPA Past Presidents

1901-1909 D. Frank Gahan, Elgin PD* 1910-1911 M.B. Little, Rockford PD* 1911-1915 Martin Murphy, Joliet PD* Frank W. Licht, Forest Park PD* 1916-1918 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. Grifin, 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* Charles Wheelhouse, Galva PD* 1970-1971 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* Dale Gulbrantson, Rockford PD* 1982-1983 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, Monmounth 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 Robert C. Nichols Galesburg PD (Retired) 2020-2021 Fred J Garza Cicero PD (Retired) 2021-2023 2024-2025 Calvin Stearns Carbondale PD (Retired)





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Director of Marketing / Vice President



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New address:	
	State:Zip:
New phone number:() _	-
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City:	State:Zip:
PA Card#:	Police Department:
Email	

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
 Active and Associate
- Purchase IPA Apparel Golf Shirts and more
- Baseball Caps
 Navy, Black, and Red

- Jewelry
 Lapel Pins and Tie Tac
- Merchandise
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 and IPA Medallions

The IPA office will be closed on the following dates:

- February 17th, 2025 Presidents Day
- April 18th, 2025 Good Friday
- May 26th, 2025 Memorial Day
- July 4th, 2025 Independence Day

- September 1st, 2025 Labor Day
- October 13th, 2025 Columbus Day
- November 11th, 2025 Veteran's Day
- November 27th & 28th, 2025 Thanksgiving
- December 24th 2025 through January 2nd, 2026
 Christmas and New Years Holiday

IPA Membership Renewal Form



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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 o	f the following:			
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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)

or 3 letters plus 1-99	1, 2, 3 or 4 letters	Note: Spacing will vary with the type of plate requested. Proper completion of this form is the customer's responsibility.
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Call the office for availability of merchandise.

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



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may purchase the Star badge



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



T-Shirts: black and gray
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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



Lapel Pin \$5



Car or motorcycle license plate holder \$5.00



Iron on patch: star or state \$5.00

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.

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