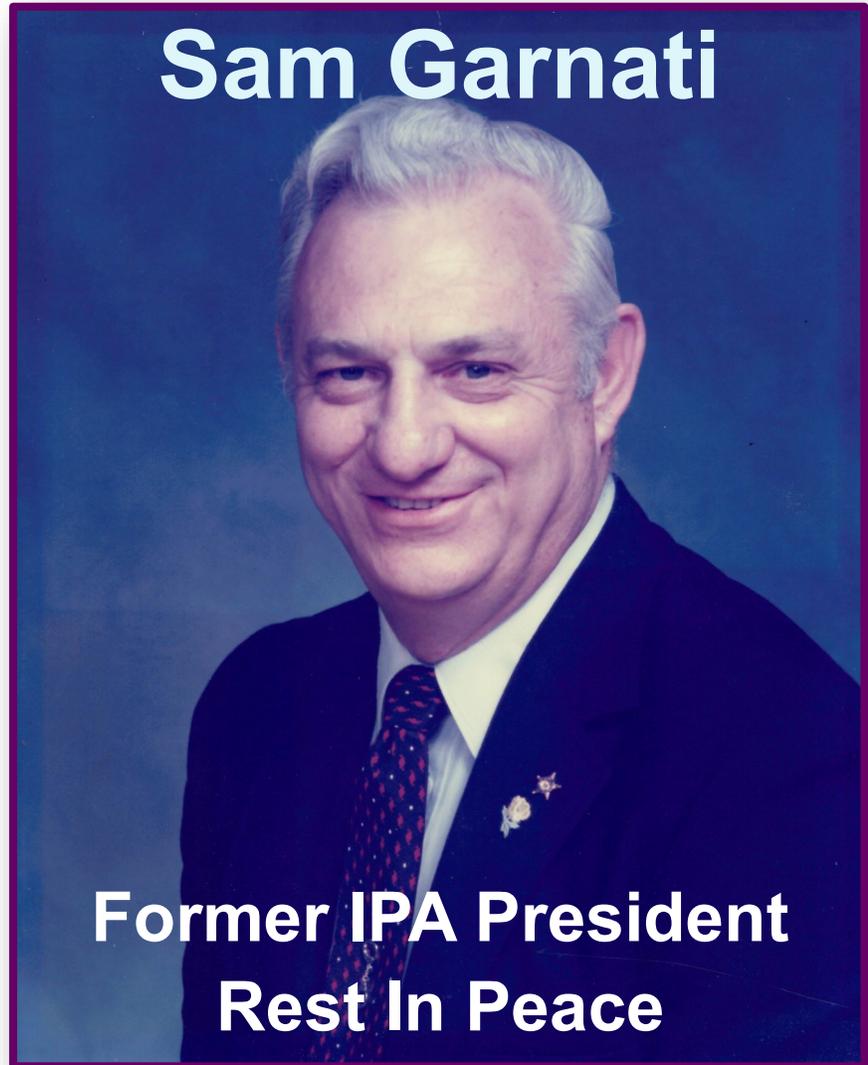




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IPA President Calvin Stearns



IPA President Calvin Stearns
Illinois Police Association
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February 2025 Issue
From: Calvin Stearns IPA President

Greetings Illinois Police Association Members:

I find myself once again writing this letter to the membership with a heavy heart. I look forward to the chance to share with the members all the initiatives we're making progress on and the changes that are taking place.

All that will be overshadowed this issue by the news of the passing of Sam Garnati. Sam was a Past President of the IPA and a driving force in getting me more involved on a state level. He was involved at all levels of the organization and was the first recipient of the Illinois Police Association Lifetime Achievement Award. I had the honor of attending my first several conferences as his Driver when his family was no longer able to make the trip with him. He was a great leader and friend for many at our local division and will be sorely missed.

We do have some news: We have started receiving email updates from John Millner on new legislation that has been introduced at the General Assembly. There has been a torrent of information that has come out. Anyone that has any ideas for screening these bills so we can focus our efforts please contact me. If you want to get on the email list to receive the updates please send me an email at the contact address below.

The April Executive Board meeting will be on April 8, 2025. I hope to have it in the Peoria area, details on that are being finalized. This will again be a very busy meeting, if you have an item you want on the agenda send it to me by email.

Past President and current Chair of the By Laws committee Ken Thomason wrote an excellent letter in remembrance of Sam Garnati, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank him for taking the time to do that. He also notified the board that any by-law changes need to be submitted to the committee for review no later than **May 15, 2025**. You can mail them to the office or email them to me.

We have made some progress on getting information on a new membership management system, there will be a decision on that soon.

I can be contacted at:

dcstearns@aol.com

618-559-4763

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Calvin Stearns".

IPA President

Remembering IPA Past President Sam Garnati

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My thoughts on Sam Garnati.

I first met Sam when he was the President of IPA in 88/89. Sam welcomed me to the IPA. At that point I knew he was someone to look up to and someone to learn from. On many occasions we had conversations about the IPA and his thoughts of where the Association should be doing or not doing. I don't think there was anyone in the Association that had a bad word to say about Sam, yes disagreement was sounded at board meetings, but at the end of the day it was a pat on the back. Back in those day all Board Meeting were held at the IPA office and us Southern Divisions would go up the night before and stay at a hotel, usually the Lyden Motel not far from the office, it wasn't a Motel you would take your wife to. It was said it was once used by some of the Chicago mobs because it was an enclosed motel, one way in and out. Sam would always get a corner room which was a larger one and all the others would assemble there and have refreshments and then walk to Jonny's Steak House to eat then back for more refreshments. One time Sam led the rest of us in some karaoke at a local bar, that was interesting to say the least. I attended several meetings at Sam's Division (Shawnee) especially when it was held at the Marion Prison where the Division grilled steaks and always a big attendance.

At the yearly Conventions Sam usually had something to say and mostly members listened. Sam was very active in Sherwood Youth Camp and he and his Division members always had a bus or a van full of kids headed to camp. On Camp work weekends Sam was there with his tools ready to do what he could. We attended Sam and Helen's 50th Wedding Anniversary Party held at Logan College in Marion, which was attended by too many people to count which showed what people thought of them.

A few years ago, I introduced to the IPA Board for their consideration of a Lifetime Achievement Award for a Member, the Board agreed and put it in place. The next year I nominated Sam to receive the first award and the Board concurred. So many things can be said by so many people about Sam the Man as his friends called him.

Sam a gracious, kind and knowledgeable man will be missed by all who knew him.

God speed my friend

Ken Thomason
Past President

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From The Attorney

Hi Everyone,

The below article is one that I wrote for the Journal in August of 2006. It is just as relevant today as it was 20 years ago. The membership numbers are a bit different, but the point is the same.

"The more things change, the more they stay the same"

Edward Pacilli IPA Attorney

All Kinds of Members Vital to IPA Rolls

It's that time of year again as summer is almost officially here and our yearly conference is right around the corner. This will be our 105th year and at least five years past our organization's "predicted death."

This year's conference will be at Stoney Creek in East Peoria. It has a comfortable feeling and if you were there a few years ago, you know what I mean. I encourage all of you to make the drive to Peoria about two hours from the Chicago area-and enjoy the weekend. I also encourage everyone to come and introduce yourself as I am always happy to meet and talk to members who I don't have a chance to see often or have never met.

One last thing that I hate to harp on but I feel that I must: Membership. I have long believed that for whatever reason, active police officers who do not want to join our organization are not going to join, no matter what. I also believe that there is some sort of "anti--origination" attitude that new police officers have when they get hired not- all new police officers, mind you, but it seems that way.

Remember however, it's just as important to our organization to sign up Associate A and B members as well. "B" members could be your wife, adult children or grandchildren, next-door neighbors or the mailman or the waitress at the coffee shop you have breakfast at every Wednesday morning (you retired guys will know what I mean), or even the owner of the White Hen you stop at every day.

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We have almost 10,000 members but less than 1,000 associates. If every active or paid up life member would sign up just one associate, we would have more than 20,000 members. Sign up a wife son or friend and we would be pushing 50,000 members, which would give us the most members we have ever had in our 105 years. Now, 50,000 is a goal that may never be reached, but 20,000 is a very reachable goal that we should strive to achieve. Call it our "drive to 20 and beyond!"

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Illinois Police Association - Executive Board Meeting

December 2024
Kankakee, Illinois

The Meeting was called to order by President Calvin Stearns

09:00 Start

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer

Roll Call of Officers:

Calvin Stearns:

VP Seychel, VP Kuratko, VP Byrne, Past P Ken Thomason, Steven Pringle, Dick Archibald, Darrell Williams, Bill Niesluchowski, Chairman Iverson, Craig Sim, Ballard Powell, Frank Lara, Attorney Ed Pacilli, Pres. Calvin Stearns - Quorum present

Calvin Stearns:

Motions to dispense with the reading of August minutes

Motion: Steven Pringle
Second: Ballard Powell
Motion Carries

Ed Pacilli

Attorney report:

Audit draft 2023 total taxes were \$8,900, 2024 taxes were \$17,500. as expected, they doubled. Taxes for 2025 not to increase greatly. 2026 Taxes will be a reconfiguration to possibly over \$20,000.

Real urgency to put the sale of the building on hold due to taxes will not be an issue with regard to taxes not expected to increase for 2025.

Haven't completed a breakdown of total audit costs to discover what each utility comes out for ie: Gas, Electric, water, garbage pickup.

Varies gov. compliance requestions. Such as license plate fund details are being gone over in the office. There's been money every year that has been transferred from what appears to be what I call "our death benefit fund: to a sum of about \$120,000 and put into the IPA general account to pay bills, but it looks like the death benefits we paid out came from the license fund. I don't know if the accounting is correct with regards to this. Will be checking into this. Spoke to the attorney Ed Hoes hired, but he suggested that we are on the right track, and can walk me through if we run into any issues.

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A Zoom meeting regarding computer update software was attended, and there will be more information later in this meeting.

The system will track more efficiently the amount of members we have retired or active, and otherwise.

Issue regarding Workmans Comp, need to determine whether to either include or exclude officers of the board in writing. Current coverage for paid employees only. Cost to include acting board members will be approximately \$215 yearly per person. Might have to include maintenance such as snow removal, lawn maintenance etc.

Snow removal contract - \$45 each time they come out to shovel the sidewalks, for up to 4 inches of snow. There is an additional \$10 per inch. Need to get a hold of Johnny to see whether he cleaned off the parking lot.

Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Lawn maintenance contract. That for approx. \$20 every two weeks.

Idea of putting stone pavers in to alleviate the need to mow.

All documents were sent out by email. If you need a copy or want a printout let Calvin know...

Past P Ken Thomason

Audit Report:

The Audit committee consisting of Ballard Powell, Bob Madura, and Myself, went on Oct 1, 2024 to do an audit of the general fund checking account from the fiscal year ending July 1, 2024 of the receipts connected to the general fund checking account.

No discrepancies were found, accounts in good standing

Motion to approve of the Audit Report as it stands.

Pres. Calvin Stearns: Motion by: VP Kuratko
 Second by: Steven Pringle
 Motion Carries

Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Upcoming Conference

Stearns is on the committee for, as well as Joe Seychel are working on.

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VP Joe Seychel:

Looking into three hotels for the costs to share.

Inquiring into when we need to get these rooms books for conference.

Will have the office continue looking into these costs. \$119.00 a night.

Some hotels have a contract with a catering service.

Potential options are, (Naperville - Marriott, The Hyatt hotel)

Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Deerfield Inn - breakfast buffet \$47-\$55 a person \$55 is scrambled eggs potatoes and sausage and turkey bacon, lunch buffet \$54-\$57 plated lunches start at \$65, all day beverage service \$35 a head, dinner plates start at \$76 and goes up to \$104 for an 8 oz. steak with potatoes and vegetables.

Based on the attendance last time. total was \$15,000. Will sort it out and send emails out.

Spreadsheet to be made and circulated for decision at a later date.

Possible special board meeting to finalize the details.

Past P Ken Thomason:

Constitutional by-laws -

May 15, 2025 will be the deadline to turn in constitutional changes' requests to the bylaws. have your requests in writing and sent in by this point.

Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Death benefits -

Email has gone out on the amount of \$7400 that has been handed out for this fiscal year.

There are a couple still pending.

There will be another agenda item to discuss how we will be handling this matter later in this meeting.

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Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Finance Report

We have received the 1st and 2nd quarter money from the Sec of State for the license plate grant.

Emailed Rob Roman about the investment accounts, not heard back on the current accounts. will get the information out once I have.

Law enforcement memorial - emailed Bob Madura. no response as of yet on report.

Legislative - out of session at the moment. No changes from them so far. There are special items that will be going in front of the house shortly after the beginning of the year. We will be giving legislative updates on the matter on a monthly basis or more frequently as needed once we get Milliner onboard.

VP Byrne:

Member Report

515	Active members
33	Associate A Active Members
44	Associate B Active Members
4,717	Paid for Life Members
290	Associate A Paid for Life Members
227	Associate B Paid for Life Members
83	Honorary Members
5507	Grand total of Members

Pres. Calvin Stearns:

The current Paid for life memberships are not showing accurately in the system. In some cases, members have passed and family have not notified us.

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Denise and Rose are to do a card-by-card audit to flag people that might need to be removed ie. have passed away.

Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Official Journal

If you have items for the journal, make sure you get it in in a timely manner.

Please submit the items to Calvin Stearns.

VP Kuratko:

Public Relations

November 19, 2024 - had our annual toy drive for Miracles in Progress, 75 toys were collected for the disabled children and were delivered on Friday November 21, 2024. Super heroes handed them out as represented by the IPA.

December 17, 2024 we are doing a second toy drive for Loyola Hospital aka Ronald McDonald Hospital in Maywood Illinois. Getting a lot of social media coverage over this.

Miracles in Progress are promoting the IPA as a thank you.

The past two months have been strictly toy drive meetings due to weather.

Will made the trip to Loyola Hospital the week of Christmas eve to deliver the toys.

Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Discussion of Shop with a Cop regarding monetary and toy donations as well as distribution:

Daryl Williams:

We have been getting solicitor calls from IPA-COPS that claim are associated with our IPA. Was asking for a donation.

Pres. Calvin Stearns:

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Original information incorrect regarding contracts with other solicitors, turns out not to be a calendar contract for these other solicitors, some of the contracts renewed in July.

The contract issues - we have to find out the duration of the contract and if the executive director can sign for these contracts or if the board needs to be advised prior to starting and stopping the contract.

Intent is that any that can be shut down will be shut down prior to January 1, 2025.

With all the solicitors total we made \$302,000, with expenses of 240,000. Leaving approx. \$30,000 after expense and solicitors take off of 11% or 12%. Getting negative reviews on Yelp with regard to the use of solicitors.

Some of the solicitors: Midway Following, Prime Projects, Visible Productions, RPI, Prime Sales and Marketing, not sure which if any of these are connected with Shop With a Cop. - Believes it is Prime Sales and Marketing.

Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Scholarship 0:41:55

Emailed Michael Jackson - he responded - currently taking applications for the 2025 calendar year.

Michael Jackson asked about replacement of Sue Darif on the scholarship committee. - to be addressed later in this meeting.

Question on raising the scholarship from \$500 to \$2000, and including grandchildren and as well as kids. There has not been discussion, will require a bylaw change to do that or if we can do that at the board committee.

To be added as an agenda item on meeting.

Scholarship Committee to look into it and bring documentation for the next meeting, including Calvin Stearn, Bob Madura, chaired with Michael Jackson.

Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Sherwood Charity -

Dec 31, 2023 - the expense paid out did not exceed the required charitable distribution therefore

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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 disturbing before the end of the year.

VP. Seychel:

Special Membership - Nothing to report at this time.

There are no members listed as special members, just honorary members.

These have been used for communication and good will with legislators and judges etc.

To be left as a committee.

VP Seychel:

Special Olympics (S.O.)

Plan is to kick off in February. Need to take a vote if merchandise is needed to be ordered at this time.

Ken - thought we decided not to do that and give a donation of \$5,000.

\$5,000 is a primary sponsor for S.O.

Calvin - To be recognized on all the statewide t-shirts we need to donate \$14,000 or above.

There are brackets of donation, going to look into seeing what those are and if we want to go that route.

Reaching our local S.O. groups

10:01 a.m. break.

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Call back to order: 1:16:44

Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Old Business

New business from last meeting - Office staff have started an audit of the surviving current paid up life members, approximately 4,000 members to establish a database of emails of members.

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.

New business from last meeting - Options for establishing an online store; looked into Shopify and how it works: 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. 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 a couple of meetings with no significant progress thus far.

Piraino Enterprises - One meeting was with a membership software company. They send you the software and set you up with it. and we set up an administrator, there will be an four-long demo before the end of the year,

Mail Chimp

Constant Contact

Pres. Calvin Streans:

Goal is to be selected by the end of the year.

Spoke with Paul Piraino form Piraino Enterprises - about installing a banner on the website to send individuals to a membership renewal link with the office or on PayPal. He states that that's not possible.

To investigate the volatility of this statement. His goal is to get the IPA to sign a 3-year contract with Paul's company.

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We are currently using Piraino Enterprises and are charging us \$237 to \$257 quarterly less \$3,000 a year to be webmaster of our website, and are charging us \$2500 per posting on the website.

Sounds like the banner can be done but Paul is refusing to install it on the website.

VP Kuratko:

Paul Piraino and IPA are co-owners copyright on the IPAcops.org - Investigating into who owns the domain rights to the ipacops.org

If anyone knows a webmaster or in a college that can assist with this. This will be the first priority with discovering who owns the domain rights.

Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Streamlining the members application renewal process, we did get the bylaws definition changed of associate members is, now if you have \$35 and a pulse and you want to support the police can be an associate member.

Vic. Pres. Seychel:

Office staff are reluctant to take payment directly or via phone call. - Calvin is having them wait till the website is sorted out due to potential conflicts with this method.

Social media presence haven't had a lot of movement because of the website issues. Be sure to share in writing anything that needs to be addressed so there is a way for Pres. to recall the information in its entirety, people can sometimes forget if it is not written out.

Anyone wanting to join the IPA can go to the IPA PayPal link and sign up. Then email the office their information, so the office can respond with new member packets.

Pres. Calvin Stearns:

New Business:

Got the email from the Sec. of State, for the license plate grant regarding acceptable uses for the grant. They strongly recommend that we increase our line of duty death benefits, currently the benefits for members are \$5000 nonmembers are \$1000.

VP Kuratko:

It was thought that Covid deaths were deemed line of duty deaths, and that they got \$10,000 and they weren't members. I didn't think there was a difference.

There are two coming up. (Martinez in Oak Park, Chicago, and Cory Thompson ISP pending), all non-members will receive \$5,000. Rose to confirm. Calvin to track down how to get those funds to

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them.

VP Ken Thomason:

Line of duty deaths are straight \$5,000, member or non-member.

Sherwood Charities benefits are different.

(Current Pres. Calvin Stearns) Just have them send the office an email and then they can just pay the membership on PayPal.

VP Seychel:

We should raise the scholarship amounts as well as the death benefits amounts.

Pres. Calvin Stearns:

As a part of the Southern Illinois Police Association, they give out \$300, and \$600 death benefits. These benefits are dependent on how old the individual was when they join the (SIPA). This group makes personal presentations of these benefits to the families. If we could make these presentations through the IPA in that manner that would be very positive for the IPA.

License plate grant - acceptable uses

V.P Kuratko:

Discussions on raising the line of duty death benefits.

V.P. Ken Thomason:

Motion to increase the death benefits for in the line of duty Police Officers that are IPA Members and non-IPA Members to \$10,000 for the license plate grant.

Motion by: VP Ken Thomason

Second by: Dick Archibald

Motion Carries

VP Byrne:

Motion to amend the previous motion - To increase the death benefits for in the line of duty Police Officers that are IPA members to \$20,000 for the license plate grant.

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Motion by: VP Byrne
Second Steven Pringle
Motion Carries - Unanimously

Incentive for membership to the IPA.

Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Introduction of having board members meeting attendance stipend as an incentive to get members to show up and is dedicated - recommend \$150 per board member per meeting.

Calvin - discussion tabled - allowing everyone time for consideration at a later date.

Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Motion for the board to approve a contract with Lobbyist John Millner and his computer company up to \$3000 a month. Contract will be pending and contingent on Attorney Ed Pacilli review.

Motion by VP Seychel:
Second by Chairman Iverson:
Motion carries- Unanimously

Request for all board members to be given a copy of the contract also.

Contract up to \$3000 a month with the Lobbyist John Millner, with a 30 in written notice end of contract.

Beginning January through August.

We will receive at least a bi-monthly email update.

We are letting him know if there is legislation we want to see introduced, as well as inform the IPA of other legislation that is being introduced by other people for our opinion on those.

IPA will measure the response of lobbyists by means of bills stopped, slow down, and possible repeal of bills such as the no bail etc.

\$3000 is broken down into \$1500 for Millner and \$1500 of which will be the computer tracking he uses.

As an organization, adoption of an aggressively absolutely neutral stand for labor management.

New Executive Director will need to work on a daily basis directly with the Lobbyist, and make connections that are beneficial for the IPA, as part of the job descriptions.

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Millner will assist with how a member should complete witness slips, etc. as it will help in getting bills passed.

Call for a Break - 11:15

Call Back into Session - 11:37

Pres. Calvin Stearns

Illinois Law Enforcement Memorial Presence

Consideration for the IPA to pay expenses for lodging and mileage for all board members.

Currently only covering the expenses for the Executive Director and Bob Madura.

Event is held on the 1st Thursday in May.

Discussion tabled till next meeting.

Clarification to check signing - No where in bylaws states the necessity for two signatures for checks.

Recommendation of documentation amount exceeds \$1000 when and if this occurs.

Consideration for items at the next meeting regarding spending amount on checks. And the need to require two signatures of checks over \$5,000.

Establishing a yearly overall budget.

Worker Compensation, consideration for all board members, Excluded for this current year. And then possible options starting next year.

Committee assignment sheet, please consider joining committees that are open. Reply to Calvin Stearns.

Conference Committee Ken Thomason has agreed to join this meeting.

Pres. Calvin Stearns:
Holiday Bonuses for office staff

VP Seychel- 10%

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Calvin \$500

Motion to issue a \$500 Holiday Bonus to each of the office staff.

Motion by VP Kuratko:
Second by Ballard Powell
Motion Carries

Past Pres. Ken Thomason:

Consideration on how to address a license plate that has Oink on it. As it is offensive to law enforcement.

Owner is thought to be a pig farmer.

Pres. Calvin Stearns to look into and report back.

VP Byrne

Payroll increase for the office staff.

Inquiring into the most recent increase in percentages of wages.

Frank Tri-County
Gift for the service to the IPA

Pres. Calvin Stearns - Thank you for your service to the IPA.

Bob Madura - Thank you for your service to the IPA.

Motion to buy Bob Madura a \$100 gift card for all the hard work for cleaning out the office files.

Motion by Past Pres. Ken Thomason:
Second by Dick Archibald

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Motion withdrawn

Motion to buy Bob Merdina a \$200 gift card for all the hard work for cleaning out the office files.

Motion by Steven Pringle:
Second by Daryl Williams:
Motion carries

Past Pres. Ken Thomason:

Formation of a committee for Executive Director (ED)

Establishing a list of all duties for the new ED.

Use of the prior contract for former (ED).

Establishing a potential salary for the new Executive Director.

Committee will include the following - Past Pres. Ken Thomason, Brian, Ballard Powell, Steven pringle, Darrel Williams, VP Kuratko, Attorney Ed Pacilli, and Chaired by VP Kuratko

Motion to adjourn by Dick Archibald:
Second by Frank Lara
Motion Cares:

12:17 p.m.

Sherwood Charities Board Meeting

Held in conjunction with the IPA Executive Board meeting.

December 3, 2024

Kankakee, Illinois

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The Meeting was called to order by President Calvin Stearns

12:39 Start

Roll Call of Officers:

Calvin Stearns:

Attorney Ed Pacilli, Past Pres. Ken Thomason, VP Kuratko, Pres, Calvin Stearns, VP Kuratko - Past Pres. Randy Benson on phone

Meeting is called to order.

Meeting was suggested by Past Pres. Ken Thomason.

Past Pres. Ken Thomason:

Discussed on raising the amount from \$1000 to \$2000 on what each decision will get. - Required to come up with \$52,000 annually

Agreed upon amount to transfer for office expenses, was

\$10,000 Executive Director

\$5,000 to Special Olympics

\$8,400 for rent.

\$6000 admin office expenses.

\$2000 for meeting expenses. Counting 4 meetings and 1 conference.

12 division - 10 active division two with just under the number to call active.

Pay out to each of the 12 divisions possible increase to the amount of \$1,700.

Current payout is \$1,000 per division.

S.I.D.S. was inquired to join as partners, no response back from them as of yet.

Email to be sent to all committee members with an exact amount within the week.

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Requests can be submitted following the aforementioned email.

Past Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Meeting will be moving around. As considerations for where to hold a future meeting contact Calvin Stearns.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

DUTY HONOR COURAGE



BLUE LIVES MATTER

IPA Welcomes New Members

WELCOME

<u>Active</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Associate</u>	<u>A/B Member</u>
Brandon L. Blake	Knoxville PD Police Officer	Jason Bolda	B
Nicole Brzezinska	Norridge PD Police Officer	Jody Jeras	B
Michael Duncan	Knoxville PD Police Officer		
Terrell Gage	Norridge PD Police Officer		
Gary Govekar	Lake County Sheriff's Office Sergeant, Retired		
Ken Hanford	LaSalle County Coroner Deputy, Retired		
David Laska	Norridge PD Police Officer		
Vincenzo Leopardi	Norridge PD Police Officer		
Connor McElmeel	Norridge PD Police Officer		

IPA Blackhawk Division



L-R: Robert Nichols (Blackhawk Division Treasurer) Kelvin Hawthorne Jr. (Blackhawk Division scholarship Winner). Kelvin was presented a \$500.00 check from our division in Galesburg, IL. In January 2025.

L-R: Julie Carroll (Grandmother), Mike Carroll (Stepfather), Ayden Almaguer (Scholarship Winner), Joe Sims Blackhawk Division Chairman), Amber Dillbeck (Mother), Robert Nichols (Treasurer Blackhawk Division). Ayden Almaguer was presented a check for \$500.00,



IPA Kickapoo Division



The Kickapoo Division scholarship winner was Andrew Thomason. Pictured is Andrew and Past President Ken Thomason. Andrew attends Greenville Illinois University studying sports administration.

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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.



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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)

FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY

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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IPA 2025 Scholarship Award Program



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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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ILLINOIS POLICE ASSOCIATION INC.
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: _____

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	Department & Rank
Roman J. Bokowski Jr.	Chicago PD. (Dist. 8) Officer, Retired
Edward J. Bruski Jr.	LaSalle PD. Lieutenant, Retired
Sam Garnati	Illinois State Police (dist. 13), Retired
Marcellous Henderson	Chicago PD Officer, Retired
Brian D. Janes	Mattoon PD Captain, Retired
William A. Jobe	Champaign PD Investigator, Retired
Garry D. Kindred	Bloomington PD Sergeant, Retired
John J. Kosiewicz Jr.	Chicago PD (Dist. 7) Evidence Tech, Retired
Leroy L. Levy	Chicago PD Sergeant, Retired
John F. Martin	Chicago PD Captain, Retired
Rodney J. Pietrowski	LaSalle PD Lieutenant, Retired
Gerald J. Schmidt	Hillside PD Officer, Retired
Jack M. Schwarz	Chicago PD Officer, 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)



IPA ISPFCU Credit Card Information



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:

- **Annual Percentage Rate (APR) as low as 8.15%* without cash rewards or 9.15%* with cash rewards**
- **Unlimited 1.00% cash back on all purchases with the cash rewards card**
- **No Annual Fee**
- **No Balance Transfer Fee**



But what makes this card different from all other credit cards is that **each time you make a purchase with the card the Illinois Police Association will earn money!** Be proud to carry a card representing the Illinois Police Association all while enjoying a credit card with great benefits and helping the IPA at the same time!

To apply for this card please visit the ISPFCU website at www.ispfcu.org or you may call us at 800-255-0886 with any questions you may have. Show your pride and support of the Illinois Police Association by getting an Illinois Police Association Visa Platinum Credit Card today!

Sincerely,

Matt Wiseman
Director of Marketing / Vice President

*For each billing period we use the first publication of the Wall Street Prime Rate published in The Wall Street Journal. APR for purchases is Wall Street Prime plus 4.90%. APR for cash advances and balance transfers is Wall Street Prime plus 7.90%. Rates quoted are for the ISPFCU Visa Platinum Elite without rewards. This card is for individuals with excellent credit. Add 1.00% to the

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- Home Equity Lines of Credit
- Visa Platinum Credit Cards with Cash Rewards
- Access to over 85,000 Surcharge Free ATMs
- Access to over 6,500 Shared Branch Locations
- FREE Checking Accounts
- FREE Mobile Banking with Remote Deposit Capture
- FREE Online Bill Pay, and much more!

Open to all Illinois Police Association members and their families, ISPFCU is ready to serve you regardless of where you live with a wide array of online products and services. Join thousands of fellow Illinois law enforcement employees who have experienced why ISPFCU is a better value. Call us today at 800-255-0886 or visit us online at www.ispfcu.org for more information.

*All rates are stated as an Annual Percentage Rate (APR). Rates quoted are for individuals with excellent credit. Individuals with less than excellent credit may be offered higher rates. Fixed loan rate of 3.99% equals payments of \$18.41 for 60 months for each \$1,000 borrowed. Federally Insured by NCUA. Equal Housing Lender.

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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

www.ipastore.com

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.

The IPASore.com Web site is presented for the purpose of **Raising Funds, Renewing IPA Memberships**, and to introduce the ILLINOIS POLICE ASSOCIATION to prospective members, customers and the general public.

- **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**
Current Year Calendar Book, Automotive and Motorcycle License Plate Frame 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



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL * **NOTICE** * AVOID PENALTY
PAY YOUR 2025 DUES NOW
Active Members Who Qualify; \$5000 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 renew your membership online at www.ipastore.com/products.php?cat=8

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 _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

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

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**PLEASE CALL IPA OFFICE FOR AVAILABILITY
BEFORE ORDERING ANY MERCHANDISE**

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



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.

Name of Item	Quantity	Size	Color	Total
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

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ELMWOOD PARK, ILLINOIS 60707

Phone: (708) 452-8332

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E-mail: info@ipacops.org



"An Organization For The Professional Law Enforcement Officer"

Missing an Old Friend?

Illinois Police Association office maintains records of all members. Out of state member information is available from the office. Please contact the IPA office during business hours for more information.

The out of state member list is a comprehensive listing of retired members across the United States. Contact the office to find past colleagues and send a friendly note to catch up on the good old days.

Are you a Paid Up Life Member?

Why not continue to support the IPA? Ask your Division Chairman about converting your membership back to Active status. It's a Win, Win Deal. Your membership Dues help support the IPA and your local division.



Fly Your Flag Every Day
in support of our Fighting Men and Women
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