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IPA Interim Executive Director



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

IPA Members:

I hope you have had a great start to 2026 and that it keeps getting better.

We have a lot going on at the Association. After a long process we are launching the new website. A lot of thanks to our vendor, Prominent Web Design, for their patience and expertise in getting this process accomplished.

I'd also like to thank Paul Piraino from Piraino Enterprises for all the years that he worked with us. We will continue working with Paul on the publication of the Official Journal.

We will also be starting to use the new membership system, which will allow members to join online and to set up auto-renewal for their membership.

We have annual audits coming up, grant reports due, and meetings and conferences to plan and schedule. There will be an intense effort to step up our presence in the area of legislation. If you have thoughts on how to do that or can assist with review of bills that have been introduced, please send me an email at:

admin@illinoispoliceassociation.org

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

**Calvin Stearns
Interim Executive Director**

IPA President Joseph Seycel



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

I hope all had a great New Year. I am honored and pleased to represent this organization as the IPA President and I am looking forward to serving for the next two years. I hope to make some changes for the positive and try to build membership back into this association.

I would like to say I am checking into ways we can save money and keep this association moving forward. My biggest thing is to help our members and always give back to the community as best as possible.

I also want to remind our members that our annual conference is going to be held at the Embassy Suites in Peoria.

I am working alongside our Interim Director Calvin Stearns to address the obstacles and challenges we are encountering. If you have any questions, please reach out.

I look forward to working with all of you and I can be reached at the information below.

IPA President

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Illinois Police Association - Executive Board Meeting

August 2025

Bloomington, Illinois

The Meeting was called to order by President Calvin Stearns

09:07 Start

Roll Call of Officers:

Calvin Stearns:

Current Pres./Acting Director Calvin Stearns,

IPA Attorney Ed Pacilli,

First VP Joe Seychel,

Second VP Brian Kuratkol,

Third VP Dan Byrne

Randy Benson Black Hawk Division,

Ken Thomason State Auditor,

Stephen Pringle Kickapoo Division,

Dick Archibald Illinois Valley Division,

Susan Darif Past P/Alt. for Starved Rock Division,

Bill Niesluchowski Sergeant at Arms,

Rick Iverson North Shore Division,

Darrel Williams South Division Chair,

Tri-County/Second VP Kuratko,

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer: VP Bryne

Pres. Calvin Stearns: Motions to dispensation with the reading of April minutes

Motion: Randy Benson

Second: Rick Iverson

Motion Carries

VP Ed Pacilli:

Attorney report:

- Reviewing contracts and documents pertaining to everyday operations of the association.
- Reviewed comments of the website.
- Reviewed monthly financial pertaining to expense accounts, further discussion to come, regarding where money is coming from.
- Appeal for taxes due by September 2nd; taxes are just over \$16,000 for the year at a property evaluation of \$260,000. Online property site estimates it at around approx. \$350,000-\$450,000. If appealed, we could easily have to pay double the taxes. An appeal would add a cost of \$1,500 for an appraisal and another couple thousand for the appeal itself.

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- Of the \$16,000 IPA receives \$6,000 rent from Johnny's, bringing IPA cost to \$10,000.
- Last year's taxes were \$7,500 our cost after Johnny's rent contribution.
- Recommendation to pay the cost instead of an appeal to avoid the potential increase now.

Randy Benson: Question

Is anyone interested in buying the building?

- o Johnnys is interested, but not in hurry for the purchase.
- o Last March we were approached by a trustee at Elmwood Park, in April they were on hold.
- o Will reach out because of the more current demolish that has restarted to the west of IPA building.
- o Attendance at Village function to happen on August 20th to discover if they would still be interested in purchasing the building.

Randy Benson

- Demolition and construction currently happening of new restaurants to the west on North Ave. Village could be a better option if they were interested in the building and possibility for a better price.

VP Joe Seychel:

- Clarification regarding a mentioned 20-year lease to Johnny's

VP Ed Pacilli:

- Village is aware of the 20-year lease to Johnny's and would handle the situation.
- Office staff would like to keep the possible new location within a 10-mile radius for walking possibility distance to work.
- Consideration of renting verses purchasing a new location due to maintenance.

Pres. Calvin Stearns: Motions to accept the attorney report.

Motion: Randy Benson

Second: Susan Darif

Motion Carries

Past P Ken Thomason

Audit Report:

- Audit to take place on August 19th at the home office.
- Report with be forth coming at the Conference.

VP Joe Seychel:

Upcoming Conference:

- Conference location East Peoria on the September 19th and 20th.
- Order pending for the gifts.
- Finalizing the menu next week.
- Emails being sent to paid up life members that are that are not over the departments and aren't reading the journals.
- Women's gifts are still coming from the local divisions. \$25 per gift
- Room blocks cost (per previous meeting discussion) is at \$120 per room. Breakfast is included from the hotel.
- Each division to bring 5 gifts for attendees not including the gift for the women's gifts.

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Past P Ken Thomason:

Constitutional bylaws:

- No Report - No suggestion for by-law change.

Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Death benefits -

- We have completed our fiscal years.
- Currently undergoing a course with Secretary of State office with the license plate grant on death benefits.
- IPA has paid out \$50,000 in line of duty death benefits. One pending for Officer Krystal Rivera.
- New grant monitor at the Secretary of State office. Based on the report they had we were potentially not going to be eligible for the full grant. New information from recent motions to increase the line of death benefits was relayed to them and IPA is now in good standing to move forward.
- An additional six more death benefits coming from Rose.
- Email about this to come shortly.

Question

- What is the current line of death benefits? Is it coming out of the license plate grant? Is this negatively affecting this account?
- Is this a benefit that could move to the Sherwood Charities?
- License plate grant is designed to cover the line of duty death benefits first and foremost at a rate of \$10,000 for non-members and \$20,000 for members.

Question

- Is the IPA getting some publicity for the Distributions of line of Duty of Death benefits?
- Not as of right this moment.
- Looking into this matter and digital marketing at the upcoming conference regarding this.
- Facebook publicity mention will need to not mention the officers name directly.
- Lobbyist John Millner is going to attend a banquet and has requested IPA to attend, will discuss with him regarding publicity.
- Most line of duty deaths are tragic and controversial. An option is to conduct publicity in the same manner as the 100 Club, allowing distribution and publicity without names, just dollar amounts.

Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Legislative Report

- First year with Lights we still have a veto session to go through. There are a couple of items that just came out. Discussed regarding emailing everyone directly. He suggested if there is a legislative committee, that the information be distributed from the committee.
- During the legislative session 1300 bills introduced, 900 had a connection to law enforcement or public safety. Tracking that many bills without a computer company will cause IPA to be lost.
- If you get notice of a bill, and you file a witness slip, so you oppose it or in favor, or just present to track the bill, such as the bullet proof container bill. Dogs are possibly going to be euthanized or shipped out of state to cut the cost on maintenance for the departments. This bill had 923 witness slips filled out. Most bills have 3 or 4 slips are filled out. If the legislator does not like the way the witness slips are being filled out, they will withdraw the bill from the committee hearing, clearing the witness slips to zero, then immediately reschedule it for a committee meeting the next day. Email word got push out again from our group and then there were 800 newly filled out slips in opposition.

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- Procedures for setting up a profile changed starting July 1, 2025.
- Looking into having an online class to educate IPA members on how to set up their profile and how to fill out new slips.
- A legislator has introduced a bill that if a person that is mentally ill when they commit an aggravated assault a police officer that they cannot charge them for the action. This bill did not include removing protection for Firefighters, Paramedics or EMS. This bill has not made it to the Governor's desk. Will confirm with Millner if the bill was completely pulled or if it will pop up during the veto session.
- Veto session will occur over 5 days during October, 3 days for one and 2 days for the other. Please pay close attention to emails with regard these sessions so you can get the slips filled out in the appropriate time frame for these sessions.
- Suzan Mendoza at the Law Enforcement Memorial speech states, the last officer that was killed by the Glock switch would be alive if weren't for the Safe-t act being in place.

VP Byrne: Member Report

- Currently as of July 23, 2025
- 448 Active Member
- 71 Active Associate Members
- 517 Paid for Life Associate Member
- 4692 Paid for Life Members
- 5728 Totals
- Office staff are still checking to verify that all Paid for Life Members are still alive.
- Active Members are in a regular decline.
- Black Hawk Division is going to create a flyer to handout to improve membership in the IPA, will include the positives offered to Member such as; Death Benefits, charities, legal defense team, and a lobbyist to help with legislative issues,
- Possibly recreate the program handout that is in the office as a tangible item to handed out to those who aren't aware of the website, with the website on the program handout for future visits.
- Option – sign up five new members and get \$25 bonus.
- Website would be a good option once it's finalized and updated.
- Information display board was suggested to set up at police departments with handout on it about the IPA.
- Office Journal on-hold waiting on additional information to be printed.

VP Kuratko: Public Relations

- IPA attended the Cook County Peace officer Memorial and was asked to be the keynote speaker. There was feedback showing we were well received. First time in history that IPA was asked to be keynote speaker.
- In July met with two of the directors Special Illinois Special Olympics, retiree Oak Brooke George Petersons and retiree from Tinley Park. Met with and had a photograph with the Midwest athlete with all his medals on. Photos were sent to journal and place on the Special Olympics Facebook page thanking the IPA.
- Our Facebook is still active.
- Have reached out with SIDS foundations to become a sponsor. Have yet to contacted back from them. IPA to reach back out again at a later date.
- Dealing with a couple of disputes in office, if members had 20 yrs of Paid for Life Members to receive death benefits.
- Members want to renew membership on the website and have it reoccurring on the website, not available on our website.
- New website is under construction and will include the paid membership+ that will allow reoccurring membership.

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Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Scholarship Report

- Approval of scholarship winners from Michael Jackson,
- 4 winners for:
 - o North Shore Division: John Fitzgerald,
 - o Black Hawk Division: Iris Reynolds,
 - o Mississippi Valley Division: Andrew Thompson,
 - o Starved Rock Division: Nichole Aso Vaso,

Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Old Business

Pres. Calvin Stearns:

New Business

- New 2025 scholarship are now available in the Journal.
- Request that scholarship be increased from \$500 to \$1000 due to the cost of living and cost of education increases, provided funds are available. To be approved by executive board. Fund is currently being withdrawn from general fund.
 - Request to move scholarship funding from general fund to the license plate funding.
 - Clarification of License Plate bill to determine if this will be an optional way to fund the scholarship winners.

Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Sherwood Charity -

- Sherwood Charities, letter from Cygan Hayes, sent out May 12th
 - o Undistributed 2023 income of \$19,580,
 - o Undistributed 2024 income of \$54,439,
 - o Distributable 2025 income estimated at \$54,439,
 - o Total amount required to distribute out in 2025 - \$74,019
- Will be checking with the accountants regarding distribution of the funds because of the lack of transference by journals only from one account to another. Needs to be a physical cash transfer to a different account.
- Approx. \$22,000 a year in funds is being allocated - to \$12,000 to office expenses and salary to go to the \$10,000 to the Executive Director position.
- Need to do another round of solicitations for charities moving forward.
 - o One option of \$2,000 spread amount several charities to widen the publicity of the IPA rather than one lump sum to one or two charities of like \$15,000.
 - o Multiple single donation amounts can be offered to the same charities that are deemed necessary.
- If doing a check distribution get it photographed to share in the journal. If applicable can be distributed to the local papers.

VP Seychel:

Special Membership - Nothing to report at this time.

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VP Seychel:

Special Olympics (S.O.)

VP Brian Kuratkol:

- Discovery that a \$15,000 donation is required to have IPA logo on the Special Olympic Shirts.

Pres. Calvin Stearns: Motions to approve all committee reports as have been given to this point.

Motion: VP Kuratko

Second: Williams

Motion Carries

Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Call for a break

Meeting called back to order 10:28

Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Finance Report – Deferring to Ed Pacilli

Rob Roman:

Phone Call:

- Will come in for a special meeting, whether at the end of the year or at the conference as needed, just let him know. Numbers are tight right now: Interest rates are settling down a little but are still crazy. With the uncertainties because of the issues going on with interest rates, and tariffs. Market is still unstable. Started the year up a little in February, March, April and even the first part of May. Then the market had a pretty good Spring and Summer turn around. When it's all said and done looks like we will be in the positive for the year. Fundamental research and feel that things are in a good spot. People are out spending money companies are making money. With interest rates being high still that wrinkle down, things will go down a little at the end of this year or the start of next year. Bigger picture we don't see anything out there that makes us think we are in a tough spot, looking out for this year and into 2026. Over the next few months all movements like to be lateral movement, because there's nothing out there that is going to push the market forward, barring a COVID or 911 or something like that would make thing go crazy putting us in a tough spot. Possible picking up as we finish the rest of the year.

- Death benefits Fund, License Plate Fund, and Sherwood Charities Account are in a very good spot. We feel we have done a pretty good job. Accounts are not all in the market. The IPA is in a very good spot financially with accounts.

- License Plate Fund is at 1,350,066

- o 76% stocks, 24% bonds

- o Up 95,000 +8.98 ytd

- Death Benefit Fund is at 1,272,626

- o 71% stocks, 29% bonds

- o Up 87,927 +7.03 ytd

- Sherwood Charities Fund is at 838,317

- o %? stocks, %? Bonds

- o Up 74,000 +9.57 ytd

- Watching the overall mix of the accounts. Do not recommend changing these accounts at the moment. Example of market is that the overall average growth fund is up 9.1%, IPA is up 11.0%. Not changing things as of now market is holding steady. Will make necessary changes as market changes

- Not sure but believe that there is still a fixed annuity on the Sherwood Charities account of 300,000 in a bank at 4% or 5%. But don't actually see that.

- \$50,000 distributions have been made to the association for the physical year that started July 1, 2025.

- Everyone will be getting a copy of Rob's report

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Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Motion to accept the investment advisors report.

Motion: VP Pringle

Second: Archibald

Motion Carries

Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Old Business continued

- April meeting - Status and Email database is underway.
- Office staff audit of paid for life members is still in progress. Have a prepared email to send out of those who email IPA has, so that they get information for the conference.
- Establish an online store, Police Memorial committee is doing this, looking to have information before the conference. Shopify, one is the vendor Police Memorial Committee uses, and one that is from Murphysboro Illinois. Will be doing Polo shirts will IPA logo on it in any color wanted in available but is done in batch over the next two or three weeks then sent out.
- Updated the website, vendor was selected, new webmaster Contract was executed with Jon Han, and first page of the website is out. Feedback is that the page looks great.
- Streamline of membership application renewal is now available through new part of the website. Paid membership Pro, giving the ability to select auto pay for automatic renewals with credit card/debit cards.
- No progress for the social media effort.
- Stipend for board member to attend meetings, per last meeting, has gone from \$150 to \$100.
- Recommended to IPA pay expenses for any board members to attend the law enforcement memorial. Passed, but was not really taken up by members. Potentially due to the short response of passing. Unless this changes this will still be in effect for the one coming up in May.
- No movement on establishing a check amount that requires two signatures.
- Any expense that exceeds \$1,000 requires board approval.
- Contract with Johnny's 20 years lease was not brought to the board due to provisions in the by-laws, Things that have these contracts provisions are real estate contracts and IPA journal publication.
- Would like to see this changed, anything that commits the IPA to over a year, or over a specific dollar amount be brought before the board.
- No movement on the enablement of projects and parameters for the executive director and president.

VP Brian Kuratkol:

New Business

- Scholarships, the addition of grandchildren, How the member track funds issues for non-college age recipients,
- License plate funds allow - can be used for providing death benefits for families and members of IPA dying of natural causes and for providing scholarships for children and spouses of members dying of natural causes.
- Regular Scholarships are provided through the general funds.
- Raising scholarships to \$1,000 and extending them to grandchildren is tabled.
- Joann Milferd is past president Robert Nichol's sister, was hit by an 80-yr old driver. Has undergone several surgeries. Fund raiser August 16 for the family to raise money for the family.

Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Motion to give the family at \$1,000 for Sherwood Charities, Joann De La Cruse recovery.

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Motion: VP Joe Seychel:

Second: VP Byrne

Motion: Withdrawn

- To be brought before Sherwood Charities meeting following this meeting.

Motion to adjourn by VP Kuratko:

Second by Chairman Steven Pringle:

Motion Carries:

11:05 am

Sherwood Charities Board Meeting -

Held in conjunction with the IPA Executive Board meeting.

August 2025

East Peoria, Illinois

The Meeting was called to order by President Calvin Stearns

11:14 a.m. Start

Roll Call of Officers:

Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Ken Thomason, Randy Benson, Dan Byrne, Brian Kuratko, Joe Seychel, Ed Epically, Pres, Calvin Stearns

Meeting is called to order.

Pres Calvin Stearns:

New Business

- Report from Sagg Haze –
- 2025 – we must have the funds transfer with physical check for the amount of \$74,019 from one bank account to another. Will confirm with Denise what transfers have been made.
- There is \$22,000 a year for charities accounts that are due for \$12,000 executive directors' salary and \$10,000 for office rent cost.
- Expenses 2024 office rent and executive directors' salary have not been distributed.
- Unknown if 2023 office rent and executive directors' salary was distributed. Will discover from Denise today if the funds have been distributed.
- \$52,000 required distributions for 2025, unless we have not gotten credit for the transfers for 2024.
- One options for distribution of necessary funds are, SIDS of Southern Illinois, or 30 charities at \$2,500, or use the money at \$1,000 for local food banks through the state. No regulation that requires distributions to law enforcement related issues.
- Virtual meeting to be scheduled if need arises to distribute approvals.
- 2023 undistributed is \$19,580.
- 2024 undistributed is \$54,439.
- Total of \$74,019 undistributed critical to be disburse by end of year 2025.

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- 2024 undistributed is \$52,000. Looking into use of the previous years 2023 and 2024 expenses to fulfill required spending amounts. If no funds have been Sherwood charities have till December 2026 for distribution of 2025 funds.
- Possibility of remove the annuity \$300,000 from Hunington Bank and place it into another type of account/fund or real estate.
- Two requests from Galesburg to come in.
- Three meeting of per diem have not yet been sent out. Looking into the per diem payments or board meetings.

Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Motion to give the family a \$1,000 per year for the past three years pending documentation for Joann De La Cruse or the family thereof for recovery.

Motion: VP Joe Seychel:

Second: VP Burn

Motion: Carries

Pres. Calvin Stearns:

Motion to adjourn meeting.

Motion: Randy Benson

Second: Ken Thomason

Motion: Carries

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.



IPA Legislative Update

From the Desk Of
John Millner

The second year of the 104th General Assembly is off to a roaring start. In total there has been over 9500 pieces of legislation introduced over the last 2 years. We continue to monitor all the introductions to make sure we are informing the Association of any issues that may be detrimental. As of the writing of this, we are monitoring over 600 bills relating to law enforcement that are currently in the general assembly.

This is an election year for all statewide office holders. Normally in election years we would expect a somewhat calm legislative session. Although the session has started a bit slow and both chambers have not been in session on the same days that often, we do expect the action to pick up significantly in the coming month. We will continue to track legislation and communicate any issues we see coming.

On February 18th, a joint session of the Illinois General Assembly convened to hear Governor JB Pritzker present his eighth Budget and State of the State Address. Characterizing his fiscal proposal as a “maintenance budget”— it accounts for only a 0.5% increase in discretionary spending over FY26— Pritzker emphasized that the uncertainty in the state’s fiscal picture made the FY27 approach a well-reasoned one.

The Governor acknowledged the difficulties in crafting this particular budget and encouraged legislators to exercise restraint in the budget process. The state’s chief executive told legislators that the budget levels off and, in some cases, reduces programs important to him, signaling legislators should be willing to sacrifice projects important to them as well.

Now seeking his third term as Governor, Pritzker has an increasing national profile and is not bashful about his dislike for President Trump. Pritzker directly blamed the President for the loss of \$8.4 billion in funding to Illinois, exhorting Republican legislators to “demand the return of the money and resources this President has taken from the people of Illinois.”

Saying everything is “too expensive”, the Governor cited a number of new proposals aimed at addressing affordability for families, like banning junk fees, making homeowners’ insurance policies more affordable, addressing rising energy costs, building more affordable housing, and easing the path toward and cost of college degrees.

Pritzker cautioned that Illinois’ budget position would be worse if not for his administration’s prudent fiscal management. Since Pritzker took office, Illinois’ bill backlog (which stood at \$8 billion when Pritzker took office) is now current, the Rainy-Day Fund has grown to \$2.4 billion, Illinois has received 10 credit upgrades, the Pension Fund ratio has grown to 47.9%, and Illinois’ Gross Domestic Product stands at \$1.216 trillion.

John Millner

IPA Welcomes New Members

WELCOME

Active

Department

Jack Dane Boma	Norridge PD. Patrolman
Joseph Del Rio	Norridge PD. Patrolman
Richard J. George	Air Force office of Special Investigation, Agent -Retired
Iliana Mathews	Norridge PD. Patrolman
Richard E. Readel	Villa Grove PD. Patrolman
Scott Twidwell	Knoxville PD. Patrolman

Associate

Mark Elliott, Security Officer
Tyson Wooldridge, TW Gun Works

IPA Swearing in of the NEW President



Swearing in of President Joseph Seychel by Past President Calvin Stearns



Appreciation Award for his time as President presented to Past President Calvin Stearns by President Joseph Seychel.

IPA Division Pictures



Pictured is Richard Burton chairman of the IPA Kickapoo Division presenting a check on Behalf of IPA Sherwood Charities to Amanda Borman VP of the East Central Illinois Food Bank.



The 2025 Kickapoo Division scholarship winner is Andrew Thomason who is attending his sophomore year at Greenville University. Presenting the check is past President/state auditor Ken Thomason.



The Starved Rock Division of the Illinois Police Association presented Ottawa Friendship House with a donation of \$1000 through Sherwood Charities. Accepting the donation for Friendship House was Executive Director Allison Perez. Pictured left to right are IPA Division Chairman Drew McLaughlin, Sgt at Arms Jay Quinn, Treas Sue DaRif, Perez, Vice Chair Kevin Sweirkosz, Sgt at Arms Greg Elliott, and Sect Bill Wujek.



Pictured is Past President Ken Thomason representing IPA Sherwood Charities presenting a check to Sereta Barnes a volunteer for the St. Elmo Food Pantry

IPA Tri-County Pictures



John Gordon – National Police Federal Credit Union addresses the Members



Robert Madura



Marsha Cooper – SIDS



Lorenzo Fiorentino
Chicagoland Veterans Campus



Debbie Lechman - Bensenville Wood Dale Food Pantry



IPA Sherwood Charities

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SHERWOOD CHARITIES

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Email: sherwoodcharities@ipacops.org

Application Requirements:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



ILLINOIS POLICE ASSOCIATION, INC.

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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)

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Donation Given/Date: _____

Donation Denied/Date: _____

Reason Denied: _____

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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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2026 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
Kenneth E. Crowder	Chicago PD, Patrolman Retired
Michael DeForest	Galesburg PD, Captain Retired
Leonard J. Grabner	Evanston PD, Patrolman Retired
Norris Horton	Madison PD, Sergeant Retired
Ronald Robinson	Des Plaines PD, Lieutenant Retired
John Smith	Springfield PD, Sergeant Retired
Raymond Smith	Chicago PD, Marine unit Retired
Stanley Szczesny	Chicago PD, Patrolman 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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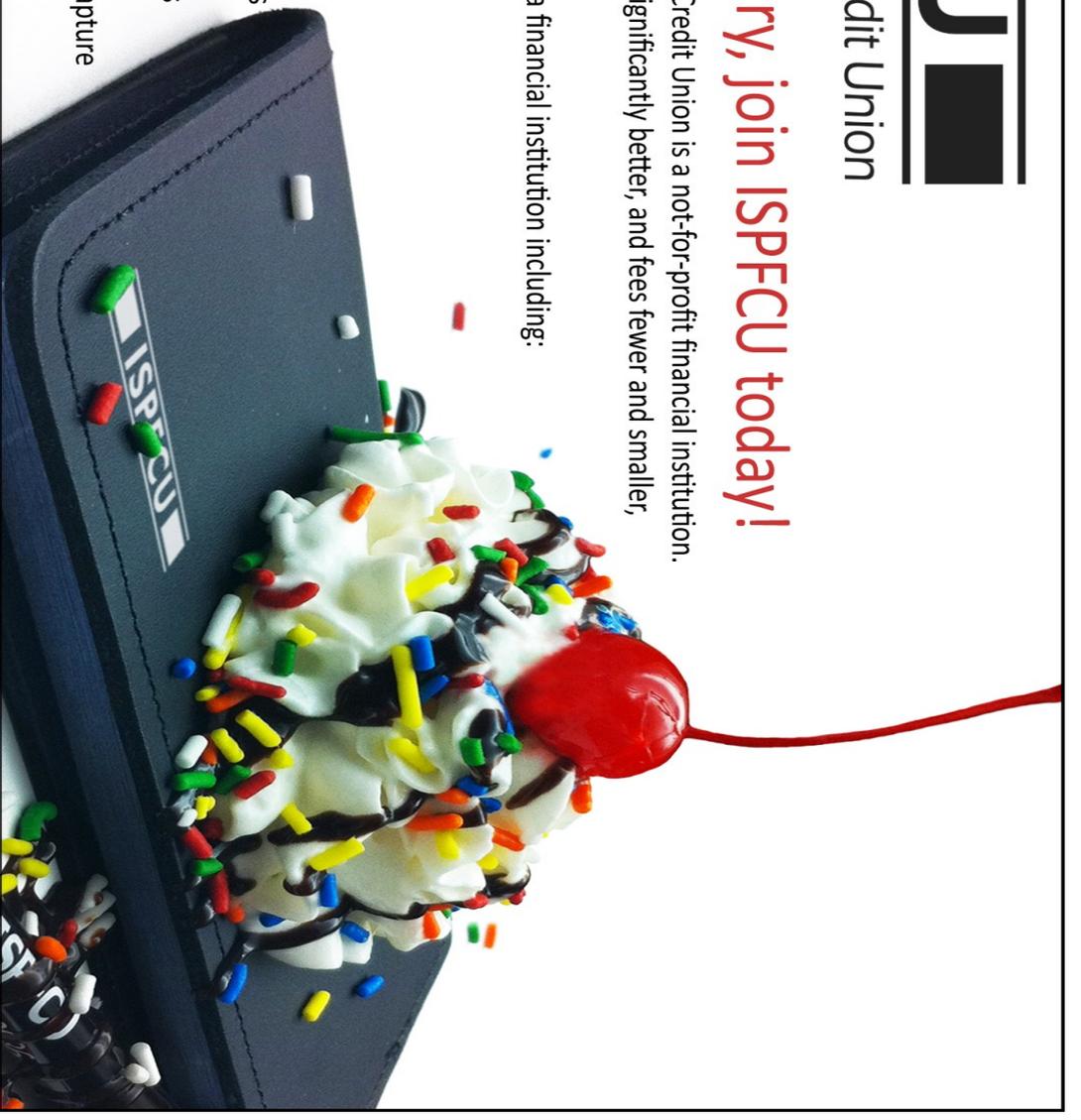
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- Fixed Rate Home Equity Loans
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- Access to over 6,500 Shared Branch Locations
- FREE Checking Accounts
- FREE Mobile Banking with Remote Deposit Capture
- FREE Online Bill Pay, and much more!

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IPA CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

Name: _____ Today's Date: _____

New address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

New phone number:() _____-_____

Old address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

IPA Card#: _____ Police Department: _____

Email _____

Please fill out completely and mail to:
Illinois Police Association, 7508 W North Ave, Elmwood Park, IL 60707

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

Renewing your IPA Membership and purchasing any of our items and merchandise can be done by calling the office with a credit card.

- **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**
Automotive and Motorcycle License Plate Frame and IPA Medallions

The IPA office will be closed on the following dates:

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

IPA Membership Renewal Form



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL * **NOTICE** * AVOID PENALTY
PAY YOUR 2026 DUES NOW

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

Penalties added starting March 1st

After March 1st, \$1.50 Additional

After April 1st, \$2.00 Additional

After May 1st, \$3.00 Additional

****COMPLETE THIS FORM FOR RENEWALS ONLY****

Please fill in the following form completely (please provide area codes) All information requested is necessary.

Date: _____ Please check one of the following:

PUL/Active Member -\$30.00 Active Member -\$30.00 Associate A Member-\$30.00 Associate B Member-\$30.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

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

Signature of Member: _____

Social Security #: _____

Star # _____

Police Department: _____

Work phone: () _____ District _____

Rank: _____ Full-time Part-time Retired Disability

IPA Card Number: _____

Email: _____

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED FORM AND PAYMENT TO:

Illinois Police Association
7508 W North Avenue
Elmwood Park, IL. 60707

Or call the office with a credit card.

IPA Vanity & Personalized License Plate Info



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

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

Random-Number Illinois Police Association License Plates

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

Vanity Illinois Police Association License Plates

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

Illinois Police Association Vanity & Personalized License Plates Request Form

Vehicle Owner's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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

ALL IPA Merchandise

Call the office for availability of merchandise.

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

IPA star badge



Large \$35.00 Small \$30.00

ONLY ACTIVE POLICE OFFICERS

may purchase the Star badge



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



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



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



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



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.

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

Shipping and Handling

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

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

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

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

Illinois Police Association

7508 W. NORTH AVENUE
ELMWOOD PARK, ILLINOIS 60707

Phone: (708) 452-8332

FAX: (708) 452-1618

E-mail: info@ipacops.org



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BLUE LIVES MATTER

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
serving in our Armed Forces

