



## ILLINOIS SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

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## *The inside stories for you!* **SPRING APRIL 2023 MEMBER NEWS**

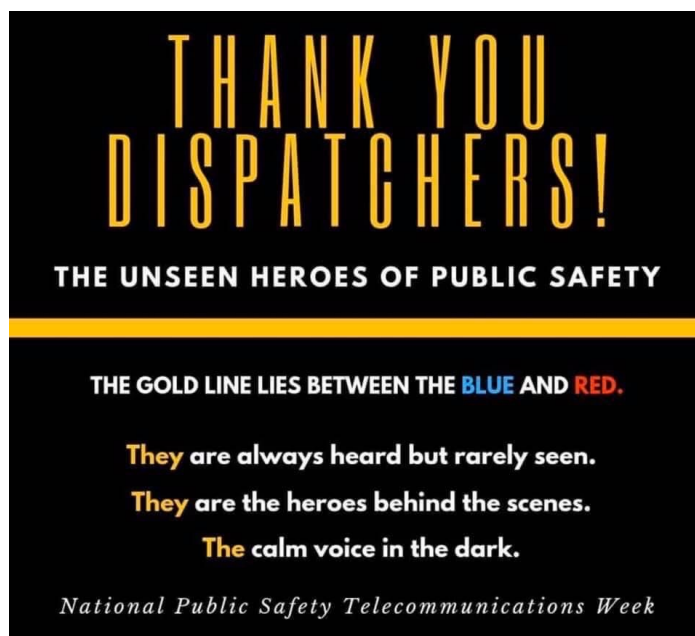
### **April 9-15 was National Telecommunicators Week -**

National Telecommunicators Week (NPSTW), the second week of April, is a chance to honor all our wonderful telecommunications personnel in the public safety community for their commitment, service, and sacrifice.

NPSTW initially started in 1981 by Patricia Anderson of the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office in California. In 1994, President William J. Clinton signed [Presidential Proclamation 6667](#), declaring the second week of April as NPSTW.

This week is a time to celebrate and thank telecommunications personnel across the nation who serve our communities, citizens, and public safety personnel 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

With 102 Illinois County Sheriff's Offices, there are plenty to honor and celebrate! Here are just a few.  
**Be sure to go to your County Sheriff's Facebook Page and thank your Illinois County Telecommunicators!**




# Click below to watch video of Lee County Sheriff's 911 Dispatchers!

**DeKalb County Sheriff's Office, Illinois**  
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We're proud to recognize and celebrate our Telecommunicators this year during National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week, April 9-15!

Today, we are highlighting our Night Shift B Telecommunicators: Sabrina, Jill, Kevin and Alexis.


We thank not only our own Telecommunicators, but all Public Safety Telecommunicators, for their dedication, perseverance and courage in performing one of the most difficult and important jobs in this community.... See more



## WATCH VIDEO

**Lee County Sheriff's Office, Dixon IL**  
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Just a short video with a couple of our Telecommunicators being interviewed by a company we deal with. What a heart felt message and again, thank you for everything you do every day.



**RapidSOS**  
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Happy [#NationalPublicSafetyTelecommunicatorsWeek](#)! Telecommunicators and first responders are driven by a shared purpose: to keep people and communities safe. That purpose is also what inspires our mission at RapidSOS to better connect the world to public safety. This week and every week, we're proud to support to our [#RapidSOSReady](#) community in their life-saving work—with purpose.

[Lee County IL 911 Center](#)  
[Galesburg, IL Police Department](#)

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**Christian County Sheriff's Office**  
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We are continuing to celebrate our dispatchers this week!

We're so grateful for the men and women who work tirelessly to keep our communities in Christian County safe.

Pictured below are four more of our dispatchers at the Christian County Sheriff's Office (left to right): Bradley Jackson, Ben Risley, Justin Wood and Nicholas Chrispen.







# PUBLIC ENEMY: FENTANYL

Fentanyl Is The Biggest Public Health Problem Currently Facing The U.S.: Federal, State, And Local Governments Aren't Doing Enough To Combat It...

While the U.S. has been battling the Covid-19 pandemic it's gotten lost in the shuffle that the nation endured record numbers of drug overdose-related deaths. Illicit fentanyl is the primary culprit. Federal, state, and local governments aren't doing enough to combat this massive problem.



[Read More](#)





# Drug Overdose Deaths in the United States up to 2020

[Click the graphic below to view USA Facts graphs and sourced data:](#)

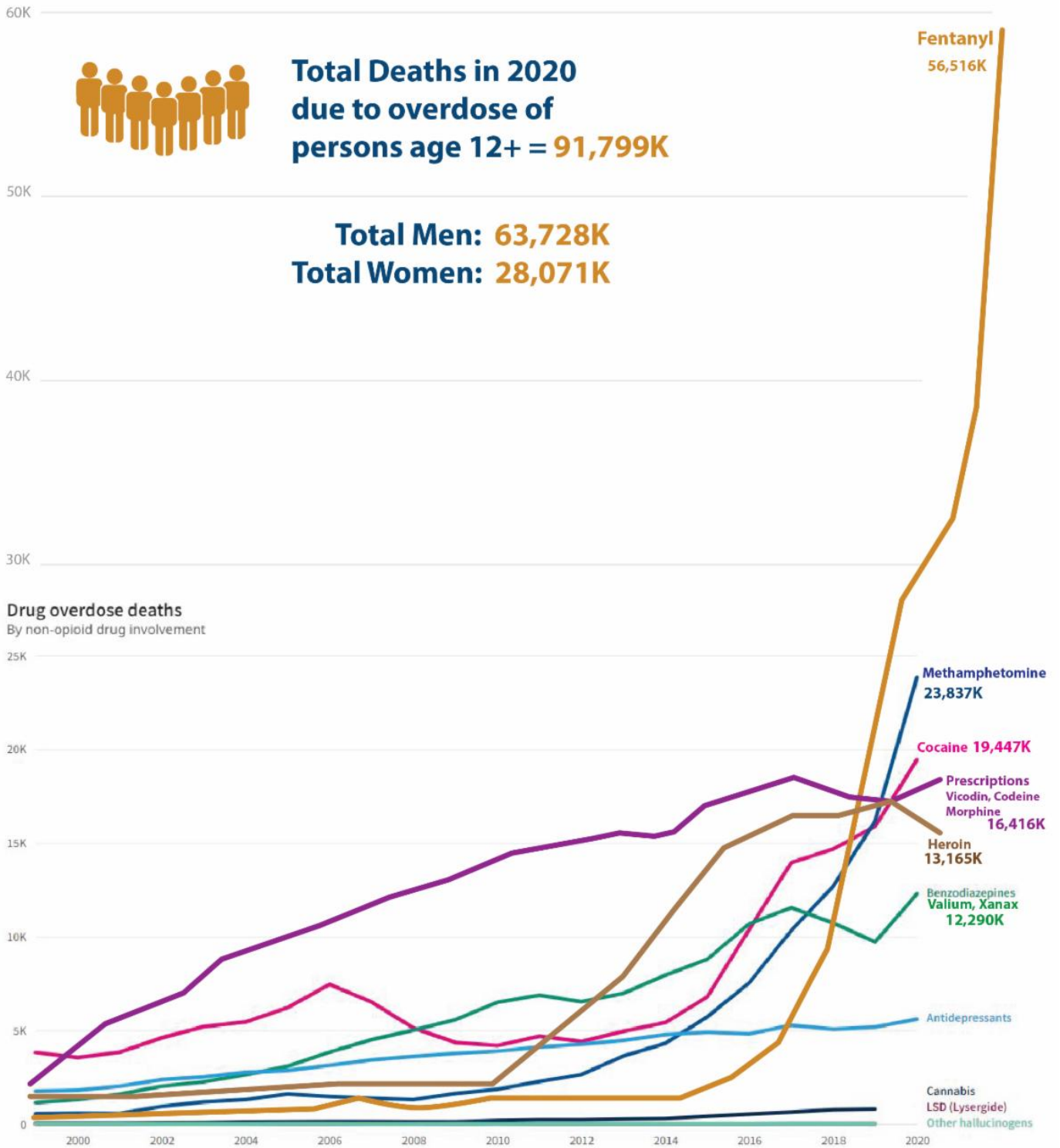
# USA Drug overdose deaths-



**Total Deaths in 2020  
due to overdose of  
persons age 12+ = 91,799K**

**Total Men: 63,728K  
Total Women: 28,071K**

**Fentanyl  
56,516K**



Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. [see more](#) ▼

Footnotes: The National Vital Statistics System multiple caus... [see more](#) ▼

**Get to Know Your Sheriff! Coles County Sheriff Kent Martin**





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# GET TO KNOW

# YOUR SHERIFF

## Coles County



*Elected as Sheriff 2022*  
30 Years in  
Law Enforcement



Population  
Coles  
County  
46,863



Average  
Household  
Income  
\$73,500



Coles Co. Sheriff - Kent Martin



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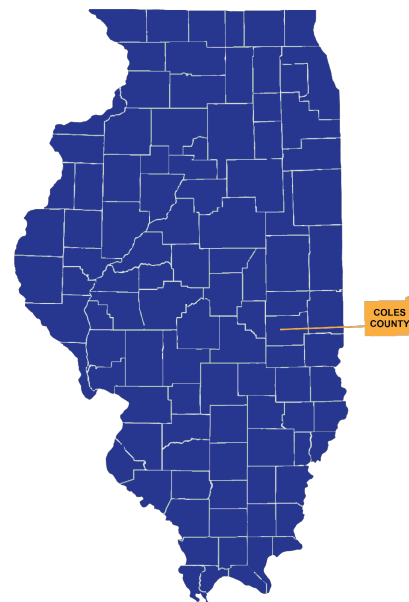
**What first made you get involved with law enforcement?**

I have always been interested in mysteries and true crime stories. I enrolled in a criminal justice course as an elective in college and took a part-time job with the university police, which led to a decision to pursue law enforcement as a career.

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**Describe your role as Sheriff in your department and throughout your county:**

My role as sheriff is to provide my staff with the tools they need to do their jobs effectively and efficiently, and to ensure the citizens of Coles County receive the highest level of service we can provide to them.



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**What is your favorite part about being the Coles County Sheriff?**

I enjoy meeting and interacting with the public and helping them find solutions to their problems.

04

**Tell us about someone or something that has influenced you?**

A couple of years ago I was fed up and frustrated because of the national media coverage painting law enforcement in such a negative light. Then I participated in the funeral procession for Officer Chris Oberheim. The overwhelming turnout along the procession route reminded me of how much support there is for law enforcement in central Illinois and reset my attitude.

05

**What's the best thing to happen to you because of your community or career in peace keeping service?**

My law enforcement career allowed me to meet other public safety professionals, one of whom introduced me to my wife.

06

**Describe what drives you to get involved within the community:**

My wife and I are involved in our community because we want to support local organizations and programs that improve the quality of life for our children and our neighbors.

07

**What advice would you give young people?**

I have two pieces of advice for young people. First, don't be in a hurry to grow up. Enjoy your youth. And spend time interacting with your family. Your electronics are fun and entertaining, but they will never take the place of your family.

08

**What do you consider the biggest challenge in your community?**

One challenge we face is countering the national media's negative portrayal of law enforcement.





# SHERIFF MARTIN FUN FACTS:



## IF YOU WEREN'T DOING WHAT YOU DO NOW, WHAT WOULD BE YOUR DREAM JOB?

When my time as Coles County Sheriff has ended, I intend to focus all of my attention on the two best jobs I've ever had... **Dad and Husband.**



## WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU AREN'T WORKING OR VOLUNTEERING?

When we're not working or volunteering, my wife and I spend time with our three kids-ages 19, 15, and 4!



## WHAT MIGHT SOMEONE BE SURPRISED TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?

I was a member of a Triple-A baseball team, the Nashville Sounds. Unfortunately, I was a 14-year old batboy, not a player.

Follow Coles County Sheriff's Office on Facebook:  
[Facebook.com/ColesCountySheriff](https://www.facebook.com/ColesCountySheriff)

Learn More About Coles County Sheriff's Office on their Website:  
[www.co.coles.il.us/Sheriff](http://www.co.coles.il.us/Sheriff)



## Want to Find Your County Sheriff's Information?

The Illinois Sheriffs' Association hosts a Sheriff Directory on our Website, where you can search using an Interactive Map, by County or by your Sheriff's last name. Click on any of the examples below to go to that page on our site!

### Interactive Map





## Select a County

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Adams  
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ONLINE YOU  
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 ALL COUNTIES!



## Select a Sheriff

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 Brown, Timothy  
 Brown, William  
 Bullard, Jeff Sr  
 Burns, Robert  
 Campbell, Jack  
 Carmody, Mike  
 Carroll, Gary  
 Caruana, Gary  
 Chaplin, Nate  
 Connor, Jeff  
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# TELL US YOUR WHY?

“Submit a testimonial to tell us your “WHY?” We want to hear from you on why you support Illinois Sheriffs? Why you believe in the mission of the Illinois Sheriffs' Association and why you feel our Citizen Memberships are important?”



## TELL US YOUR WHY?

...Why you support Illinois Sheriffs

...Why you believe in what ISA is doing!

[ilsheriff.org/yourwhy](http://ilsheriff.org/yourwhy)

*Cathy, Member since 2014*

*- Sheriff's Deputies go out every day to protect us, my membership supports them.*



Submit Your Why!

**Congratulations to Roseanne from Crete, IL and Wayne from Elwood, IL on winning our drawing for a special gift! See more below:**

**Continue to support the Sheriffs of Illinois when you do the simple act of placing a stamp on your envelope. It saves the ISA thousands in postage fees each month and allows us to do MORE with your donations!**



**April Member Winners are  
Roseanne from Crete, IL and  
Wayne from Elwood, IL**

**Thanks so much for taking that extra time  
to place a stamp on your return envelope!**

## 2023 ISA Conference and Training Dates

### Jail Medical Summit

August 23 & 24th - 2-Days this Year! in East Peoria

**Sheriffs Summer Training Conference,**  
September 16-19, 2023, East Peoria

**Administrative Assistants Conference,**  
October 26-27, 2023, East Peoria

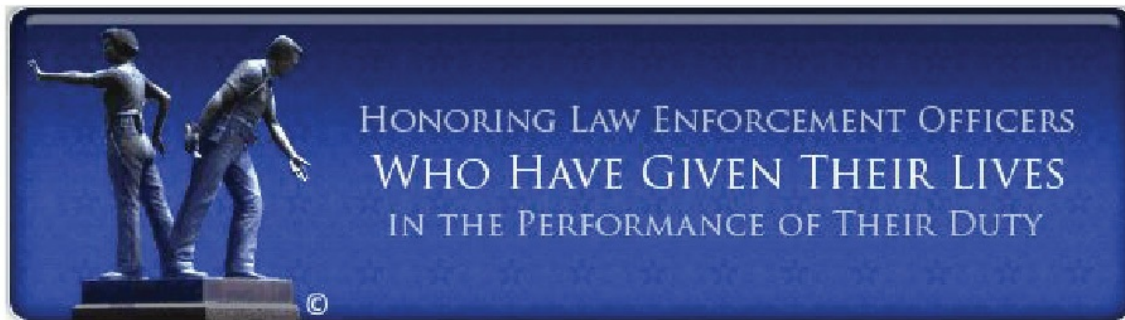


MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
TO COMMEMORATE AND  
GIVE THANKS!

MAY 4 - 15TH



## ILLINOIS POLICE OFFICERS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE



### CEREMONY

Thursday, May 4, 2023 - Springfield, IL

The Illinois Police Officers Memorial Committee was established in 1985. Our monument in Springfield, Illinois bears the names of the officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving their communities. Every year on the first Thursday of May, we hold a ceremony to pay tribute to fallen officers and their families. See details below and click the banner above to go to their website.

#### 2023 Ceremony

Our 2023 Ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 4th. Officers killed in the line of duty during the calendar year's 2022 will be honored. Ceremony information is below. Please refer to our Ceremony Tab for Information and registration for Honor Guards.

Thursday May 4, 2023, 9:30 am - Interfaith Ceremony  
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception  
524 East Lawrence Ave. (6th and Lawrence)  
Springfield, IL 62705

Thursday May 4, 2023, 11:00 am - 2022 Ceremony at the Illinois Police Officers Memorial Site,  
West lawn, Illinois State Capitol, 301 S 2nd St, Springfield, IL 62703

Plan to **FOLLOW** and **SHARE** posts from the ISA regarding our **BILL OF THE DAY** series to help us spread





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the word about and educate others on bills we are supporting and those we oppose that affect public safety, policing and your rights!

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