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MAY 2023 MEMBER NEWS



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National Police Week 2023: Honoring and Remembering our Fallen Law Enforcement Officers.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy issued the first proclamation for Peace Officers Memorial Day and National Police Week to remember and honor law enforcement officers for their service and sacrifices. Peace Officers Memorial Day, May 15, honors law enforcement officers killed or disabled in the line of duty.

The Illinois Sheriffs' Association would like to pause and recognize that in the month of May we celebrate Peace Officers Memorial Week with a variety of ceremonies. We honor our fallen heroes, their surviving family members for their sacrifice and for placing the lives of others ahead of themselves.

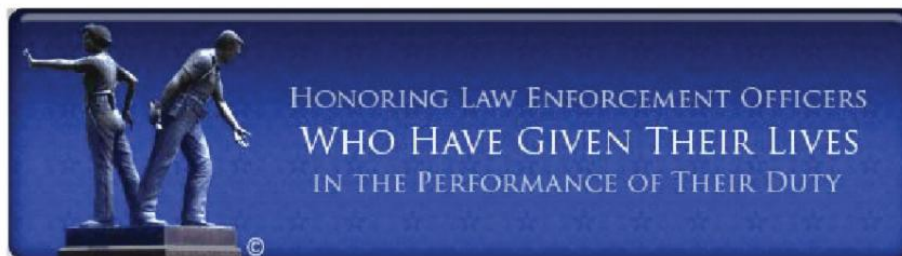
The 2023 Illinois Police Memorial Ceremony was held Thursday, May 4th at the State Capital. Officers killed in the line of duty during the calendar year 2022, and some historic officers were honored. The Illinois Sheriffs' Association along with several County Sheriff's Offices were in attendance to recognize those fallen officers from all over Illinois, across police departments, but specifically for the 5 County Sheriff's Deputies that lost their lives in the line of duty.

For information about the ceremony, go to:

<http://www.illinoispolice memorial.org/Ceremony.aspx>

Today we were humbled to take part in the Illinois Police Memorial Service in Springfield, where families and agencies who lost an officer in the line of duty in the past year were honored. Also added to the memorial was Ogle County Sheriff's Deputy John Donaldson Sr, killed in the line of duty on September 21st, 1956.





illinoispolice memorial.org/Ceremony.aspx

Illinois Peace Officer Memorial was held May 4th, 2023

2023 HONOREES

CURRENT HONOREES' NAMES

Officer Nicholas Kozak
Forest Park Police Department
E.O.W. 11-27-2021

Officer James R. Svec
Chicago Police Department
E.O.W. 12-08-2021

CBP Canine Officer Jeffrey P. Dela Cruz
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
E.O.W. 12-23-2021

Officer Jose M. Huerta
Chicago Police Department
E.O.W. 12-23-2021

Detective Joseph A. Tripoli
Chicago Police Department
E.O.W. 01-03-2022



Deputy Sheriff Michael John Queeney
Will County Sheriff's Office
E.O.W. 01-08-2022

Officer Brian Romel Shields
Aurora Police Department
E.O.W. 01-11-2022



Deputy Sheriff Joseph Robert Tinoco
Cook County Sheriff's Department
E.O.W. 01-13-2022

Sergeant Kenneth John Thurman Sr
Aurora Police Department
E.O.W. 01-19-2022



Deputy Sheriff Brian J. Norton
Ford County Sheriff's Office
E.O.W. 02-05-2022

Officer Brian Lee Sember
Ottawa Police Department
E.O.W. 04-03-2022



Deputy Sheriff Nicholas Donald Weist
Knox County Sheriff's Office
E.O.W. 04-29-2022

HISTORIC HONOREES' NAMES

Sergeant Claude E. Bowman
Cook County Highway Patrol
E.O.W. 07-23-1923

Sergeant Francis J. McGraw
Chicago Police Department
E.O.W. 05-06-1942

Officer Charles Hibsich
Chicago Police Department
E.O.W. 11-09-1947

Officer Dennis F. Collins
Chicago Police Department
E.O.W. 07-03-1953



Deputy John Venton Donaldson Sr.
Ogle County Sheriff's Office
E.O.W. 09-21-1956

Will County Sheriff Mike Kelley, Deputy Chief Mark Kedziora, Deputy Chief Doreice Burse, Deputy Chief Vincent Perillo, and members of the Sheriff's Honor Guard were in attendance at the Illinois Law Enforcement Officer Memorial ceremony held Thursday, May 4. This yearly ceremony is held to honor any officers who gave their lives while serving their communities, in the line of duty. This year was especially moving as they honored our fallen officer, Deputy Michael Queeney who lost his life on January 8, 2022.

The Queeney family was also in attendance at the Illinois State Capitol and the memorial service as Deputy Queeney was honored and his name was added to the Fallen Officers Memorial. Rest in Peace Deputy Queeney. You will never be forgotten.



Deputy Weist's name was placed on the Illinois Law Enforcement Memorial in Springfield today during a ceremony hosted by the Governor. Deputy Weist's family were present and escorted by one of our Deputies to the ceremony.

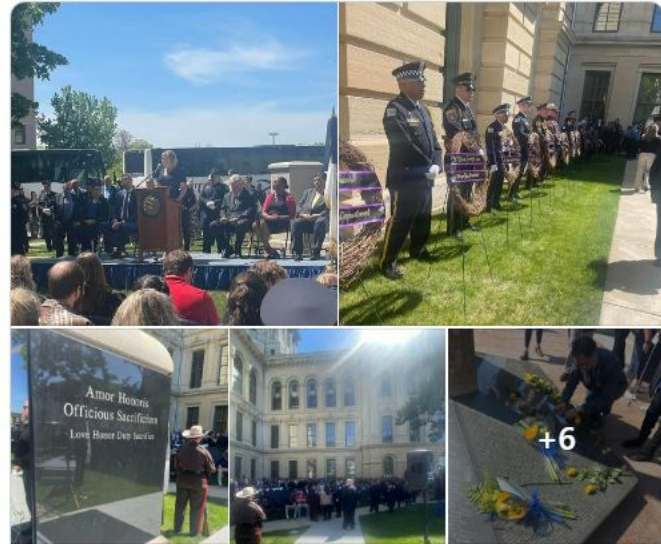
This weekend, the Weist Family will travel to the quad cities where Deputy Weist's name will be placed on the Regional Law Enforcement Memorial.

Next week, the family and our Deputy escort will travel to Washington, DC where Deputy Weist's name will be placed on the National Law Enforcement Memorial.



Some of our Cook County Sheriff's Police Officers were on hand at the State Capitol this week to honor those killed in the line of duty last year (and in late 2021) at the annual Illinois Peace Officers Memorial Service. A total of 12 fallen officers were honored, including one of our own, Deputy Sheriff Joseph Robert Tinoco.

Deputy Sheriff Joseph R. Tinoco passed away in January of 2022 from COVID-19. He had decades of service with us at the Sheriff's Office. His service and his sacrifice will never be forgotten. We remember and we honor him.



I had the opportunity to attend the 2023 Illinois Police Memorial ceremony in Springfield today. If you have never gone, I'd highly suggest it.

Recently fallen police officers and their families throughout Illinois were honored in the ceremony.

The ceremony began with the Governor and some other elected officials giving some emotionless speeches.

This was followed by Amber Oberheim delivering one of the most powerful, tear jerking speeches I have ever heard. Amber Oberheim is an absolute rockstar who is tough as nails. Her speech was followed by a standing ovation from the hundreds of Police Officers and families that were in attendance.

Amber is the widow of Champaign Police Officer Chris Oberheim, who was shot and killed in the line of duty on May 19, 2021.

Amber's message to the recent fallen officers families was you can only control how you respond to the tragedy that you were handed.

Amber's response to her families tragedy was founding [Peacemaker Project 703](#), a nonprofit organization to proactively support law enforcement officers and their families through community outreach, reform, and education.

If you are looking for a pro police organization to support, the Peacemaker Project 703 would be a good one.



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Now is when your partnership can have the most significant impact.

WAVE YOUR FLAG!

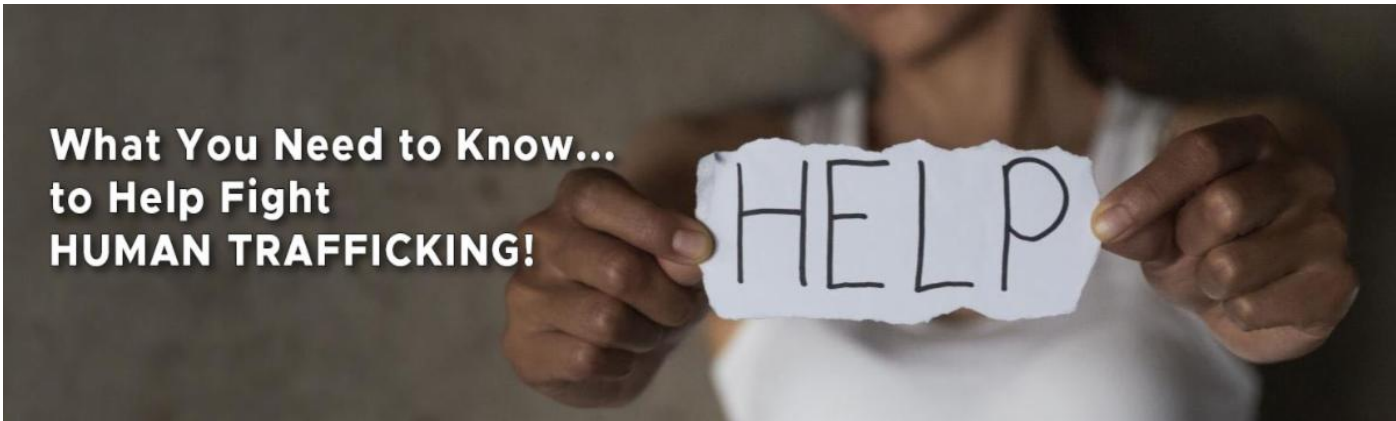
Proudly display your Thin Blue Line Flag to show support for police officers in their fight for justice, freedom & safety.

PURCHASE A "WE STAND WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT" SOLIDARITY KIT! Just \$20!

See items below for what is included in the Solidarity Kit and click on the image to **Purchase Yours Today!**



2023
ILLINOIS SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION
WE RUN BLUE
at Rochester Community Park
SAT OCT 21
Save the Date!
f MORE INFO TO COME!
Who will You Run for?



**What You Need to Know...
to Help Fight
HUMAN TRAFFICKING!**

What is Human Trafficking?
Human trafficking involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act. Every year, millions of men, women, and children are trafficked worldwide – including right here in the United States.

In the United States, some of the most vulnerable populations include American Indian/Alaska Native communities, lesbian-gay-bisexual-transgender-individuals, individuals with disabilities, undocumented immigrants, runaway

Video: Faces of Human Trafficking - an Intro to Labor Trafficking

and homeless youth, and low-income individuals.

These victims are deceived by false promises of love, a good job, or a stable life and are lured or forced into situations where they are made to work under deplorable conditions with little or no pay.



WATCH VIDEO



In 2021 reports, globally, there were 90,354 trafficked victims identified!

READ FULL ARTICLE

Potential Red Flags for Human Trafficking Situations -

There are 8 scenarios that might be red flags for relationships or jobs that may develop into human trafficking. One or more of them may indicate that an individual is at-risk for sex or labor trafficking. (The list is not exhaustive.) [SEE FULL LIST FROM HUMAN-TRAFFICKING-HOTLINE.ORG](#) when you read the full article!

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DEA. 13 January, 2022.
Human Trafficking
Prevention.



Although the duties of the Sheriff's office vary from county to county, the Sheriff's office is active in all THREE branches of the criminal justice system: law enforcement, the courts, and corrections (County Jail).

Get to Know... White County Sheriff Jordan Weiss



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**GET TO KNOW
YOUR SHERIFF**

White County



Elected as Sheriff 2022
11 Years in Law Enforcement



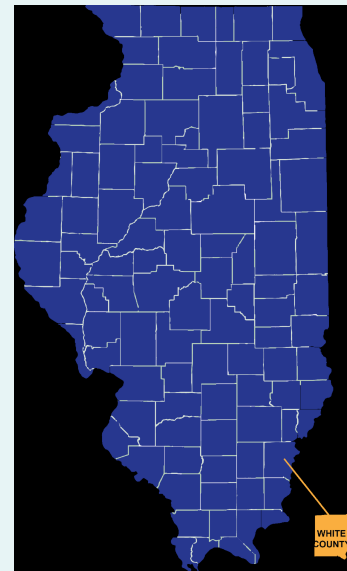
Population White County
13,614



Average Household Income
\$51,351



WHITE COUNTY SHERIFF JORDAN WEISS



01

What first made you get involved with law enforcement?

A family friend was a retired White County Sheriff and I always admired him and his position in law enforcement.

02

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

My role would be a community leader and advocate for the citizens of White County.

03

What is your favorite part about being the White County Sheriff?

The day to day. We do so much as a Sheriff that each day brings something new and it never gets old or mundane.

07

What advice would you give young people?

Stay humble, work hard & be thankful. The world and your community need good people doing things and helping for the right reasons. Not for a pat on the back, but to be a helping neighbor. Young people are the future of each community.

04

Tell us about someone or something that has influenced you?

My father and mother. At a young age I watched as my father and mother helped the community and kids within the community in which they live. They helped without asking for anything in return. My father was a janitor for 22 years at a local Grade school and he always said it is all about the kids.

05

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

The best thing that has happened was being elected at 31 years old to be a voice for my County & the citizens. **The trust that has been placed with me is something indescribable. I could not be more thankful to the citizens of White County.**

06

Describe what drives you to get involved within the community:

My Wife and 2 daughters. Having a safe and respectful area for them to grow up in is what I strive for. Kids are the future of each community.

08

What do you consider the biggest challenge in your community?

As with every community, the flow of narcotics is a huge issue. **Individuals who are addicts are more likely to commit other crimes to fuel their habit.** I worked in a Drug Task Force with ISP for 6.5 years & seeing the narcotics flow through not just my community, but the surrounding communities has caused very large problems.

Each department does what they can to "cut the head off of the snake" but with not enough law enforcement officers & not enough funds it makes it very difficult to have the large impact we would like.



SHERIFF WEISS FUN FACTS:



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

I have always been interested in history.

I would love to be some type of historian.



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

Time with family and friends -
My daughters are competitive dancers & during dance season, we are on the road watching them & their teams perform.

I also love to be outdoors...
doing yard work, fishing, hunting with my wife & oldest daughter.



WHAT MIGHT SOMEONE BE SURPRISED TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?

I was elected as possibly the youngest White County Sheriff.



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LEARN MORE:
<https://whitecountyjail.com>



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. Just go to our HOME page and click the icon you see on the left, or 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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- Coles
- Cook
- Crawford
- Cumberland
- DeKalb
- DeWitt
- Douglas
- DuPage
- Edgar

ONLINE YOU CAN SCROLL DOWN THRU ALL COUNTIES!



Select a Sheriff

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- Bacon, Kyle
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- Boedigheimer, Joshua
- Boewe, Darby
- Bohm, Ryan
- Booker, John
- Bradley, Shannon
- Briley, Ken
- Brown, Timothy
- Brown, William
- Bullard, Jeff Sr
- Burns, Robert
- Campbell, Jack
- Carmody, Mike
- Carroll, Gary
- Caruana, Gary
- Chaplin, Nate
- Connor, Jeff
- Cripps, Kevin
- Dart, Thomas
- Diederich, Jeff
- Diss, Adam
- Downey, Michael

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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

Cathy, Member since 2014
- Sheriff's Deputies go out every day to protect us, my membership supports them.



Submit Your Why!



MY WHY?

...I support
Illinois Sheriffs
...I believe in what
ISA is doing!



Patricia, Member since 2014 - Sangamon County

- I'm 81, & I never thought I would live to see the day our Sheriffs would have to deal with such unimaginable things! They need our support!

TELL US YOUR WHY?

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Congratulations to Shirley from New Boston, IL and Robert from Grayslake, 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!



May Member Winners are
**Shirley from New Boston, IL and
Robert from Grayslake, IL**

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

2023 ISA Conference and Training Dates

ISA PRESENTS - Law Enforcement Continued Education Opportunities

Together, the Illinois Sheriffs' Association is making progress in the right direction by providing our Peace Officers with the resources they need.

Jail Medical Summit

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

Sheriffs Summer Training Conference,

September 16-19, 2023,
in East Peoria

Administrative Assistants Conference,

October 26-27, 2023,
in East Peoria

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posts from the ISA to help us spread
the word about and educate others



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