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June, 2023 Illinois Sheriffs Visit Texas Border Wall:

Kankakee, Ogle, & Sangamon County Sheriff's Office head to

Hildago County Texas in June to see the U.S. Southern Border crisis for themselves...

Sheriff Brian VanVickle (Ogle), Sheriff Mike Downey (Kankakee), and Sheriff Jack Campbell (Sangamon), through an invitation that came into ISA were invited and sponsored by **Americans for Prosperity (AFP)**, a national grassroots organization dedicated to promoting economic freedom and individual liberties, to tour the border in South Texas.

The tour did not cost local taxpayers. AFP has been sponsoring trips this year. The group included members from Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Michigan. Along for the ride as well, was Annie Frey, from the **"The Annie Frey Show."** The group toured the wall at McAllen, Texas.



Pictured above, left to right: Sheriff Downey, Sheriff VanVickle, and Sheriff Jack Campbell.



Sheriff Mike Downey, Kankakee County:

"The tour itself was.... eye opening. It doesn't matter what your thoughts are on illegal immigration and legal

immigration. There's a problem," **Sheriff Downey said during his interview with the Kankakee Daily Journal.** "And in our country, I don't think we can handle it. It's not 'think,' I know we can't handle it. Schools, public safety, hospitals, medical care, or health care!"

Heartbreak -

A stop to a Catholic Charities' facility housing immigrants was another eye-opener for Downey. "Heartbreaking is the best way to describe it," Downey said - "I knew there was an issue. I knew there was a crisis." I didn't know the extent of it..."

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The Annie Frey Show:

Conservative news reporter tapes visit at the area of the Rio Grande River in Mission, Texas as part of the tour.

The speaker, Othal Brand, President of the Water District, shared how the cartels run the show South of the Border, and they use intimidation to move their product north of



Sheriff Brian VanVickle, Ogle County:

"While we see the highlights on the news what astonished me was the lack CBP presence

along the border.

The fence in most instances is several miles inland and locals referred to the space between the border and the fence as "no man's land". Even in this area, I did not see a single border patrol agent. Locals also provided a significant increase in single unit Chinese men and women. The sheer amount of Chinese fentanyl along with human smuggling on a very poorly enforced border should concern every citizen in this country not just border residents.

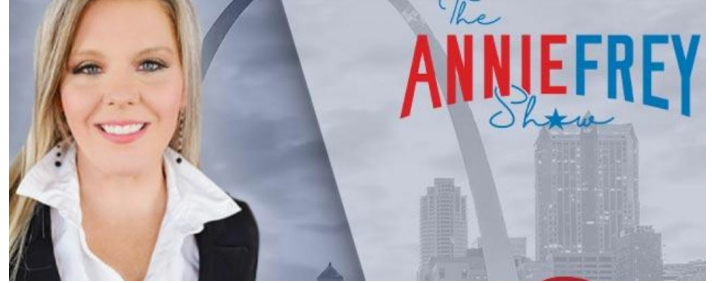
At the Catholic Charity's Shelter many stories were shared but most notably was a mother and two small children who crossed the Darien Gap, one of the most dangerous regions in the world, and then rode on an open-top train car full of scrap metal because the smugglers told them "it would only cost \$15" to work in the United States. This shelter was full of stories just like this.

My takeaway is these current policies are not working. Everyone is at risk, the residents along the border are threatened every day by human traffickers' evasive actions, drug cartels' desire to continue to supply drugs at any cost, and those seeking a better life for their children and themselves."

the Border. These communities in our southernmost towns have had to adapt in enormous ways to absorb the influx of migrants moving across the border.

Brand discusses the daily occurrence of migration across the Water District private property, especially the cartel. He shows the beaten paths that migrants take to cross the river and explains the methods that they use to adapt and outsmart those trying to contain the problem.

Watch "**The Annie Frey Show**" video for his full account. Click on her image to the right to go to her Facebook page.



WATCH VIDEO



Sheriff Jack Campbell, Sangamon County:

"I was honored to travel to the Texas border, as part of a contingent of law enforcement,

politicians and media, at the invitation of Americans for Prosperity.

What an eye opening experience to see firsthand what the Texans deal with on a daily basis, as hundreds of immigrants illegally cross the border each day. The miles of unfinished border walls that would easily stop this invasion, instead act as an open invitation. The area of the Rio Grande Valley was just one small segment of the Border that we were exposed to and to understand this problem stretches from the Gulf of Mexico to the Pacific Ocean is mind boggling.

The lack of Border Patrol at the areas we stopped was shocking. We all thought we would see much more BP activity, but they just don't have enough Officers we were told. The cartels ruling both sides of the Rio Grande probably shocked me the most. The water treatment plant owner told us stories of removing dead bodies from his plant as well as the cartel firing shots in their direction (but not at them) giving them the signal it was time for them to leave so they (the cartels) could use the boat ramp at the plant to bring across illegal drugs.

I remain hopeful that with a Republican President and a Republican Congress, we have a chance to reverse this invasion, thus shutting off the illegal drug supply and stem



human trafficking."



Checking in with a few of Your Sheriffs!



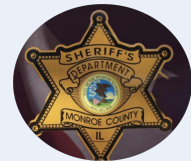
McHenry County Sheriff's Office says... Thanks for the lemonade, Cameron! And thank you for your support. Click the image to see more!



Monroe County Sheriff's Office - 2023 Youth Academy Day 1: Part 1

Yesterday was the start of our Youth Academy. The cadets learned a lot today!

- They explored different types of vehicles and equipment that is used in law enforcement, from squad cars and motorcycles to mobile command centers!
- Learned the dangers of being an officer from the point of view of Sgt Pat Carrier who shared his story of recently being shot in the line of duty.
- Explored the Monroe County Jail and met current inmates that gave them advice on making good decisions.
- Learned the dangers of impaired driving.
- Learned what happens in an accident when not wearing a seat belt.
- Learned the harsh reality of texting while driving.





Woodford County Sheriff's Office, Eureka, IL

Explorers participating in another community event. This was the Annual Nate Hoffman adventure race that supports finding a cure for Melanoma.



Champaign County Sheriff's Office participates in the 2023 Illinois Special Olympics Torch Run.



Christian County Sheriff's Office would like to introduce one of our interns at the Christian County Sheriff's Office!

Wes Kile is a 2020 Pana High School graduate and resides in Oconee. He is currently studying Criminal Justice at Greenville University and will be a senior this fall. Wes has to spend 200 hours with us for his internship program and he plans on becoming a correctional officer at a county jail or prison in the future. During his internship at CCSO, Wes will get to learn how many different departments operate within our agency. He will have the opportunity to shadow our deputies, correctional officers and dispatchers. We are so happy to have Wes be a part of our office for his internship program! Pictured below are (left to right): CO Kody Kersey, Sgt. David Brownback, Wes Kile and CO Levi Hadley.



Lee County Sheriff's Office was at Ace Hardware on Galena Avenue in Dixon today

selling t-shirts and hoodies for our K9 program. Come check us out...here until 1 pm! Click the image to find out more and inquire where to get yours!



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Summertime Safety Tips:

What Information are you DRIVING around?

Let me introduce you to our children, and because they're involved with extracurriculars, we'll be gone most evenings and/or weekends for practices or games.

We'll have our hands full and be distracted when we get where we're going, making us an easy target.

We like expensive toys you can probably find in our garage.

We like outdoor sports and may have expensive equipment at home or possibly in our car. We'll also be gone on most weekends during peak seasons, leaving our house unattended.

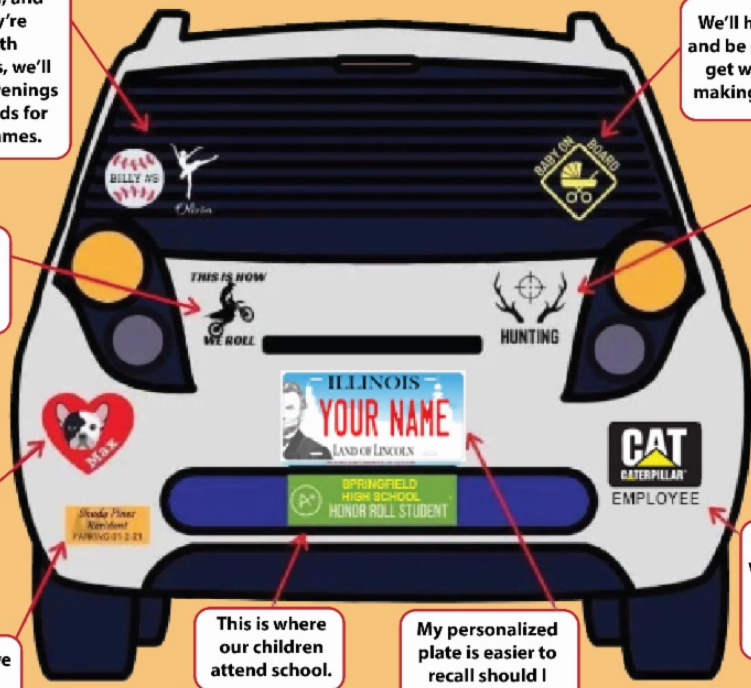
We have a popular small-breed dog that answers to the name of "Max."

This is where I work, and you can find this vehicle there most weekdays.

This is where we live/work.

This is where our children attend school.

My personalized plate is easier to recall should I unintentionally offend someone or if someone wants to keep track of my vehicle.



What information are you driving around?

As we see an increase in thefts from cars, and cars being stolen.

Don't make it easier for thieves by having these tell-tale signs on your vehicle. Protect your property!

Driving through town or parked at your residence. What are you advertising through car decals?

Check out the picture to see what different stickers say about you and/or your family.

Why Participate?

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- Run/Walk in Memory of Someone
- Run/Walk in Honor of Your Blue Line Hero
- Run/Walk to Back the Blue!
- Run/Walk for Your Favorite



Click Image Above for More Information!



- K-9 & Handler
- Run/Walk to Support the Illinois Sheriffs' Association Mission

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Get to Know... Madison County Sheriff Jeff Connor



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Madison County



Elected as Sheriff 2022
38Years in Law Enforcement



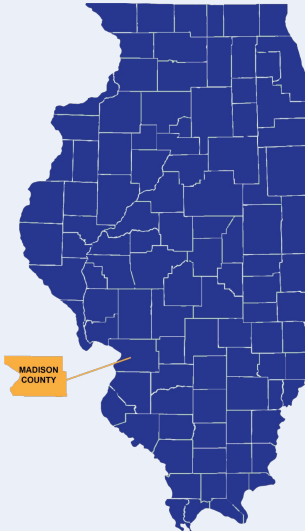
Population Madison County
264,490



Average Household Income
\$66,882



**MADISON COUNTY
SHERIFF JEFF C. CONNOR**



01

What first made you get involved with law enforcement?

When I turned 21, I had a local Police Officer talk to me about becoming a Police Officer. This led to me being hired by the Granite City Illinois Police Department and I have never looked back at that decision. I completed a career in Granite City as the Assistant Chief of Police in 2014 and started a new career as the Chief Deputy Sheriff of Madison County. That led to being Sheriff in 2022.

02

What is your favorite part about being Madison County Sheriff?

Listening to our employees and citizens, molding their ideas and then having the ability to make it happen.

03

What is the best thing to happen to you because of your community or career in service?

I believe the best thing to happen was being elected to serve our community. I am Madison County born and raised, and to have such a large support from my peers is by far the best.

04

Tell us about someone or something that has influenced you?

My father instilled in me, hard work and a consistent Christian life does pay off.

07

What changes would you like to see in your community in the next 10 years, and how can they be brought to fruition?

I would like to see more community involvement by young people. I think this would help people have more respect for themselves and others.

08

What do you consider the biggest challenge in your community?

We are blessed to have community support for our first responders, however recruitment in law enforcement has been a challenge. Fewer people are turning to law enforcement as a career, so we are finding new ways to send the right message to our youth.

09

What advice would you give young people?

I defer to President Abe Lincoln when he said; "Things may come to those who wait, but only the things left by those who hustle."



05

How do you think someone meeting you for the first time would describe you?

Honest and dedicated.

06

Describe what drives you to get involved within your community:

I have been part of this community for 60 years and have developed strong ties with our stakeholders. We continue to see good things happen and I love being part of this, even in a small role. We want to see this community grow and sitting back does not get it done.



SHERIFF CONNOR FUN FACTS:



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

That's a tough question because I am in my dream job. **My second option would be an orthopedic surgeon.**



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

My wife Elizabeth and I are very active with our family which includes 3 adult children, 6 grandchildren and the 6th on her way. **Also, I like to swing a golf club when given the chance.**



WHAT MIGHT SOMEONE BE SURPRISED TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?

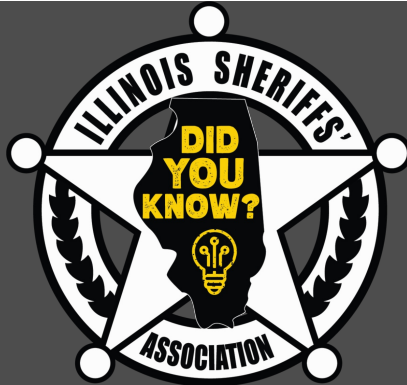
Growing up I was a very shy person that would shutter at the thought of public speaking.



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SOURCE: "Roots - A History of the Office of Sheriff" - Retired Sheriff Roger Scott, Dekalb County, IL



The Office of Sheriff in America came about in the year 1634!

SHIRE: geographic jurisdiction
SHIRE + REEVE = SHERIFF

REEVE: guardian
Book of Dooms (Judgments)
King Alfred 890

Captain William Stone in the Americas

In 1634, Captain Stone was appointed the first American Sheriff for the "Shire" of Northhampton, Virginia.

Henrico became one of the eighth original "shires" (counties) in Virginia. The Henrico Sheriff's Office was born. See their historic patch below.



The current Sheriff of Henrico County, Virginia is Alisa A. Gregory, who was elected in 2019. Click the image of their patch to connect to their website and learn more about one of our nations oldest operating Sheriff's Office!

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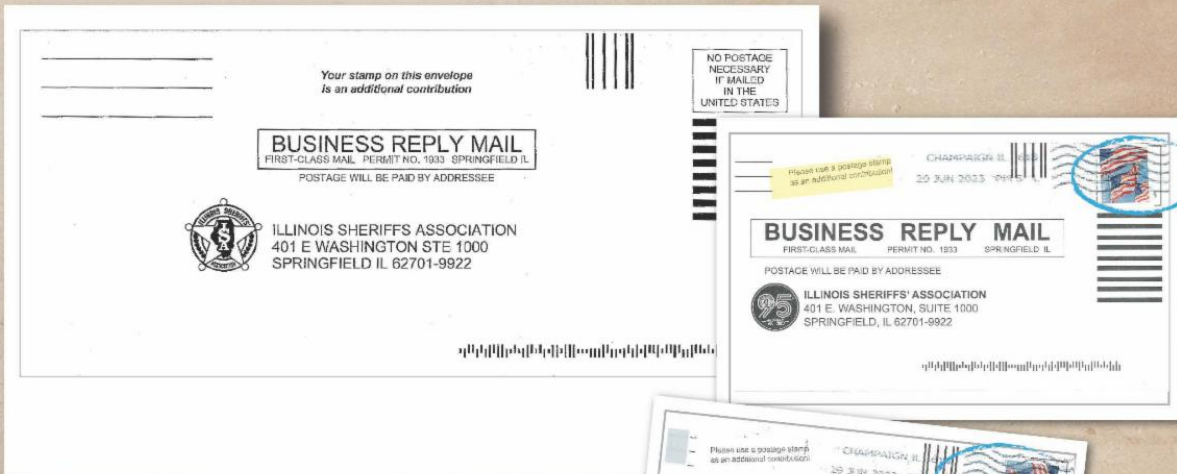
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Congratulations to Lora from Effingham, IL and Neil from Mansfield, IL on winning our drawing for a special gift! See more below:

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!



July Member Winners are
**Lora from Effingham, IL and
Neil from Mansfield, IL**

Thanks so much for taking that extra time
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2023 ISA Conference and Training Dates



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

Civil Process Training
August 10th - in East Peoria

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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