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*The inside stories for you!*  
**OCTOBER 2023 SHERIFFS, LAW  
ENFORCEMENT & MEMBERS NEWS**



**ILLNOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY FALL  
VETO SESSION SET TO BEGIN -**

October 24-26 and  
November 7-9

[Learn  
More](#)

**AAA urging drivers to exercise  
caution during deer mating  
season!**

Oh deer, it's mating season! Use extra caution and lower speeds, especially when driving along wooded roads and parks, to avoid colliding with deer who have entered the roadway. #BeAlert #DriveSafe



**DEER STRIKES**

- AVERAGE CLAIM FOR REPAIRS IN 2022: \$6,300
- UP NEARLY 60% IN 5 YEARS
- SLOW DOWN, BE ATTENTIVE
- USE BRAKES IF IMPACT IS IMMINENT

WJZ CBS NEWS BALTIMORE

[WATCH VIDEO](#)

## ISA HOLIDAY STORE WILL OPEN OCTOBER 20TH - NOVEMBER 28TH

### NEW THIS YEAR!

We have our tradition ISA Apparel, but NEW this year!! We are excited to add some new accessories to the mix.

Check out these ISA Engraved Tumblers as well as our K-9 Hero Plush series!

These K-9s are fitted with a personalized tactical vest, embellished with the ISA badge, a Sheriff's collar, and a metal K-9 Hero dog tag! **They will make GREAT gifts for the holiday, birthdays, or even gift one to your favorite K-9 Handler!**



K-9 Heroes | Black & Tan German Shepherd



K-9 Heroes | Bloodhound

### YOUR PURCHASE MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

Every time you shop or become a member, you help ISA continue to provide support and training

to Sheriff's Offices throughout Illinois. Law enforcement officers' risk their own well-being daily to protect and serve our communities.  
*Let's continue to support them!*

**SO, ON OCTOBER 20TH - Go to: [www.ilsheriff.org](http://www.ilsheriff.org) and hover on SHOP to access the link for the ISA Store!**

ABC News - Channel 7 Chicago -

## Illinois becomes first state to eliminate cash bail as Pre-Trial Fairness Act took effect Sept. 18th



**Click the Image to Watch Video Coverage**

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### GET TO KNOW... Marion County Sheriff Kevin W. Cripps



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**GET TO KNOW  
YOUR SHERIFF**  
Marion County



Elected as Sheriff 2022  
27 Years in Law Enforcement



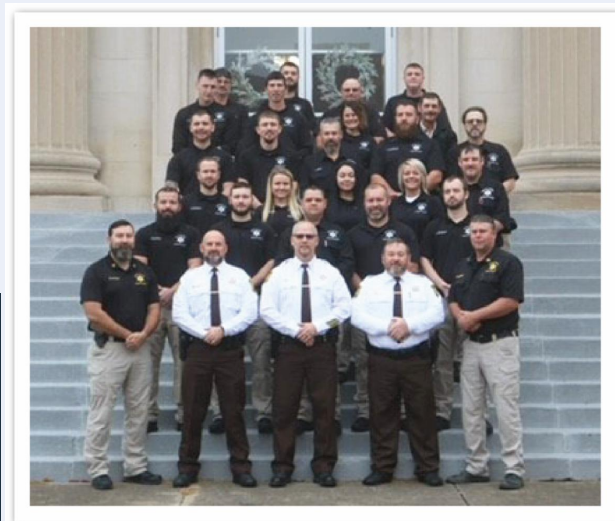
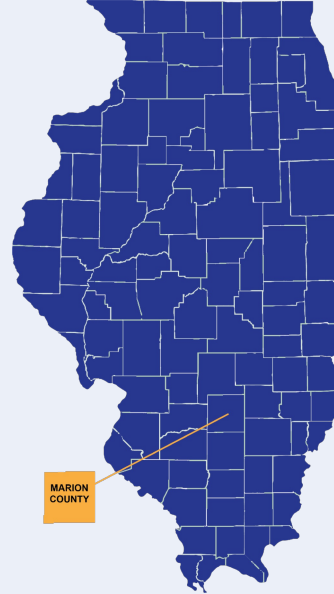
Population Marion County  
37,390



Average Household Income  
\$53,209



**MARION COUNTY  
SHERIFF KEVIN W. CRIPPS**



**01**

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

It was a childhood dream to be a police officer.

**02**

**What is your favorite part about being Marion County Sheriff?**

The favorite part about being Sheriff in Marion County is the fact I get to serve, meet and speak with the citizens/other officers throughout the county. I get to talk with them about the good and the bad things going on in our area. Just being a listener and see if we can fix or help an issue.

**03**

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

I was so honored to be awarded a few awards for my involvement in saving 5 teenagers from flooded water. I was just one small part in the event and God was the leader for sure. The awards from the ISA and the local Salem Area Foundation stand out in my career.

**04**

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

My parents and grandparents for sure, but I would have to say my High School Coach pushed me to be a man and work hard for whatever goal I had in mind. He will never



whatever goal I had in mind. He will never know how much I appreciate him. I think each one of them for the Christian values they instilled in me.

05

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

I think they would describe me as "seems like a nice guy", but I also think they would describe me as "pretty strict".

06

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

Just being able to help in some way. My wife says that I like to be on the move all the time and I agree with her. I want to be involved in activities around the county.

07

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

Drugs, thefts, and the new laws coming about in our State (there have been a lot of changes over the past few years). I would say also the ability to get people willing to serve. Finding good employees is a huge task. When I first applied in 1997, there were dozens of applicants, now only a handful at a time.

08

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

Don't give up. I was just like you. If I can fulfill my dream, so can you!



# SHERIFF CRIPPS FUN FACTS:



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

Pilot, I'm thinking Helicopter Pilot. Even though my wife says she would never ride with me.



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

My kids' activities, hunt, fish and camp.



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

I help my in-laws farm during harvest time. We have 4 goats, 5 dogs and 2 cats at the Cripps homestead.

## STAY IN TOUCH WITH MARION CO. MOBILE APP



AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD -



**DEA NATIONAL &  
TAKEBACK**

**Saturday,  
October 28**  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
[DEATakeBack.com](http://DEATakeBack.com)



The drug overdose epidemic in the United States is a clear and present public health, public safety, and national security threat. DEA's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day reflects DEA's commitment to Americans' safety and health, encouraging the public to remove unneeded medications from their homes as a measure of preventing medication misuse and opioid addiction from ever starting.

**Collection Site  
Locator**

It's that time of year again with ISA is seeking candidates from County Sheriff's for the 2023 "Deputy of the Year,"

Seeking Candidate Nominations for

**2023**

- DEPUTY OF THE YEAR —
- CORRECTIONAL OFFICER OF THE YEAR —
- TELECOMMUNICATOR OF THE YEAR —



*Traffic Safety*  
Extraordinary Valor  
*Youth Programs*  
**Court Security**  
*Achievement, Innovation  
or Contribution to Crime Prevention*  
**Jail Operations**  
*Drug Abuse Prevention & Control*  
*Criminal Investigations*

"Correctional Officer of the Year," and "Telecommunicator of the Year."

Any full-time County Deputy, Correctional Officer or Telecommunicator in the State of Illinois is eligible for consideration but must be approved and submitted by that County Sheriff in order to be included in the judging process.

DEADLINE for Sheriffs to submit is Friday, October 27, 2023.

Awards will be presented in February 2024 at the Annual Sheriffs Winter Conference.

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## 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.

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

**We would not be able to put our training and conferences on without our Preferred Vendors! The Illinois Sheriffs' Association would like to thank your vendors listed below!**

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