



President's Message



We had a good turn out at the Florida picnic. As usual, Karen and Tom Schneider did a great job hosting. Thanks again!! I am sorry to report, the Arizona picnic has been postponed until later this year, possibly September, due to current covid restrictions in Arizona. We will keep you updated.

We are hoping to have a North Meeting; we are also working on a Central Meeting at the Island Bay Yacht Club in Springfield, as well as, a Central Travel Meeting at the golf clubhouse, north of the airport in Springfield. We keep hoping this covid stuff will get over with once most everyone gets vaccinated. We might actually get back to normal.

Next year, April 2022, will be our 100th year anniversary for the State Police. I would like to see the RSPA involved with the Department and Heritage Foundation. If you have any ideas, please let me know. We will keep in contact with both the Department and Heritage Foundation. Until next quarter, Stay Safe and Stay Healthy.
Delmar

Upcoming Luncheons

2021 ARIZONA PICNIC

The March 24, 2021 date is being **POSTPONED**, due to Arizona covid restrictions,

A future date in September is possible.
We will keep you informed.

2021 NORTH LUNCHEON

Date: T B A Time: 11:00 am

Hosted by: 2nd V-P Brian Williams

Medinah Shriners Center

550 Shriners Drive, Addison, IL

R. S. V. P. hoss3675@icloud.com

Or (312) 296-3709

2021 CENTRAL LUNCHEON

Date: T B A Time: 11:00 am

Hosted by: President Delmar Buske

Island Bay Yacht Club

76 Yacht Club Drive, Springfield

R. S. V. P. delmarbuske@yahoo.com

Or (217) 556-9555

2021 SOUTH LUNCHEON

Date: TBA Time: 11:00 am

Hosted by: 1st V-P Kelley Hulsey

Location: TBA

R.S.V.P. (Text or Call) (618) 335-1462

Currently, if an RSPA member is seeking to make contact with another RSPA member, without knowing their address, phone number, or email; it can be done through your friendly RSPA Acting Secretary. We maintain a database going back to Day 1, but it is only as accurate as the info we receive.

This is why we ask that you keep us informed when you move to a different house, in a different state. When you switch from yahoo to gmail, when you get rid of your land line, and just rely on a cell phone.

The database is kept private, we don't sell your email, and we do not give out any of your information to anyone without your permission.

All of that being said, would the RSPA membership be interested in the RSPA creating an on-line database; having their email, phone number, or address available to other members through the RSPA website?

This idea was inquired about by a member at the Florida picnic. Webmaster, Michael Oyer, advises it is possible.

Did you know we have a website? We do! www.rsapofil.org

You must be registered to log into the website in order to access the website. It has a lot more info than can be put into a quarterly newsletter, and if you missed a newsletter, you can read the one you missed through the website.

SAVE THE DATE!!

2022 FLORIDA PICNIC

Date: February 16, 2022 Time: 11:00 am

Hosted by: Karen & Tom Schneider

Shell Factory & Nature Park, North Fort Myers



2021 Florida Picnic





If you know of someone who could use a bit of Sunshine in their life, please drop us a note at rspaofil@gmail.com

And please remember to hold our brothers and sisters in our prayers. If you are in contact, reach out!

The Fred Scholl Family was hit hard last fall when the entire family was stricken with Covid. Especially Fred Scholl Sr. who passed away on September 17, 2020

12/23/2020 - This is a situation I became aware of recently. District 05 Trooper Jeffrey Aron and his wife welcomed into this world twin daughters, Ellie Mae and Savannah. Unfortunately, they were very premature and have struggled every day in their tiny lives. The story is tear jerking and the task at hand and going forward will be a tremendous challenge. Please read their story at the Go-Fund Me page and help our fellow Trooper and his family in their time of need. Thanks, Rich Wilk

12/26/2020 - Sarah E. Simental, age 18, devoted daughter of Donald and Deborah (nee Gade) Simental; loving sister of Matthew Simental; cherished granddaughter of Lawrence and Karen Gade and the late Raymond and Betty Simental; loved by her furry best friend Bailey; dearest niece, cousin and friend to many.

Sarah quickly succumbed to the ravages of covid. Sarah is the Daughter of Retired D.I.I. Colonel Deb Simental, and the niece of D-15 MSgt Heather Simental. Our prayers to Deb and her family.

11/30/2020 - The motorist responsible in the death of Trooper Brooke Story-Jones appeared in Stephenson County Court, pleading guilty to Reckless Homicide, Fatigued Driving (federal DOT regulations), and Scott's Law. A sentencing hearing is scheduled for 02/03/2021.

11/25/2020 - From Retired Special Agent Roy Garcia:

To all my ISP brothers and Sisters, this holiday is very special to me, the good Lord gave me a new life along with friends who supported me during my time of need, thank you all for being there for me. God bless you

01/15/2021 - Retired Deputy Director Colonel Connell "Fred" Smith

Fred Smith's son Geoffrey was laid to rest on January 3, 2021. Geoffrey was diagnosed with brain cancer in 2017. After four surgeries and three strokes, Geoffrey succumbed to his illness shortly after his 50th birthday. Geoffrey is now at peace, but please remember Geoffrey and the Smith Family in your prayers.

11/17/2020 - Retired Master Sergeant Gary McFarland

Gary's wife of many years, Sandra Jo, was laid to rest due to an illness. Our heartfelt sympathies.

02/11/2021 - Retired Sergeant Reggie Johnson

Reggie underwent open heart surgery. Reggie came through the surgery well, after a brief stay in ICU, he is at home recuperating. Prayers on a speedy recovery.

02/17/2021 - Retired Inspector Rick Weaver

Rick's wife of many years has recently passed after a lengthy illness. Our condolences Rick.

02/21/2021 District 05 Trooper Brian Frank #6397 was seriously injured on Interstate 55 when his squad car was severely impacted by another car. Trooper Frank was airlifted to local hospital where he remains in a medically induced coma. A Go Fund Me page has been set up for Brian and Lauren Frank. Brian Frank Strong

ILLINOIS STATE POLICE—100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

April 2022 will mark the official 100 year anniversary of our department. Although, thanks to Covid, there are no specific celebratory plans, however, there are plans in the making.

RSPA President Delmar Buske is in contact with Director Kelly and the ISP Heritage Foundation to ensure the RSPA is involved. First Vice President Kelley Hulsey is also involved with the planning; which includes a 100 year anniversary star (sworn only), and a 100 year anniversary GLOCK pistol (sworn only).

The pistols will most likely be a Gen 5 “Blue Line” purchase. The price of the pistol will not include engravings; which will add approximately \$110.00 to the final price. A minimum 1,000 pistol order is required and all must be pre-paid. The Glock 22, .40 caliber pistol is the expected purchase.

The ISP Heritage Foundation is overseeing the orders and purchase from Glock. The goal is to have brochures available by the end of this month; a 60 or 90 day window is expected to have your paid order in. After the deadline date, no other orders will be accepted.

Serial numbers will be assigned randomly as orders are filled. It is hoped, serial numbers will be assigned as ISP12345, or ILSP12345, depending on what is available.

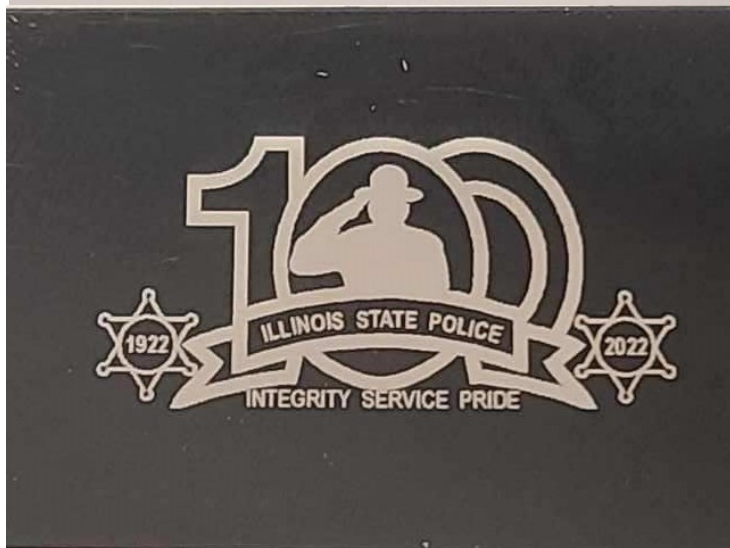
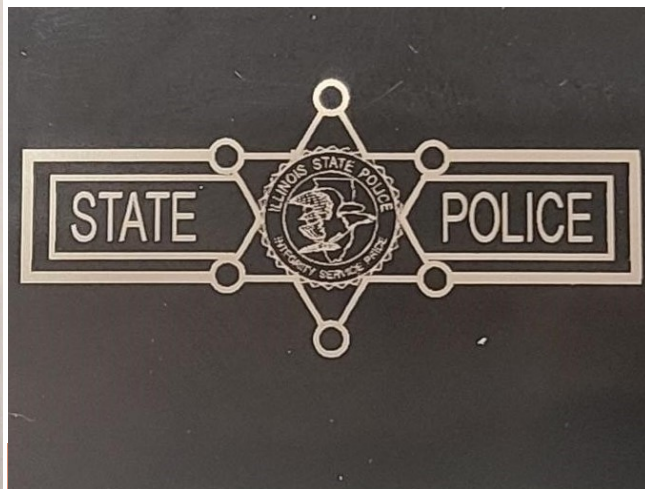
The “Illinois” outline will be on top of the slide, between the rear sight and ejection port.

The “100th” logo will be engraved, centered on the right side of the slide, forward of the ejection port.

The “Door Decal” will be on top of the slide between the ejection port and front sight.

You will have the option of having your I. D. #, or a Trooper Star on the rear slide cover.

The Trooper Star will be engraved on the bottom of all 3 magazines.



Welcome

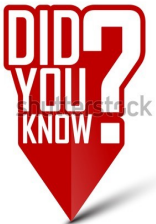
To Our Newest RSPA Members

AND

Look Who Has Retired

Jan	JAMES KUCHTA #3176	MSgt, Zone 01
Feb	JOE STAVOLA #4888 BOB DAVIS VICTOR VALDEZ JOAN SCHACKMANN ANNA SCHOENDIENST JAMIE WESSELMANN DEBRA YORK	MSgt, Zone 03 Bureau Chief, Forensic Services MSgt, TC Specialist, D-04 & D-05

NOVEMBER	ACACIA HATCHER MAUREEN O'DONNELL CYNTHIA WOODS JON MAHAN DAVID NELSON TROY PHILLIPS	Admin Asst-2 Police Field Specialist Forensic Scientist-3 Sr Master Trooper Master Trooper Major	14647 12821 17822 4791 5465 5173	Div Internal Invest. Academy Chicago Lab Executive Protection Revenue Z-04 Narcotics
DECEMBER	NANCY ANTONACCI STEPHEN AVEDISIAN BRUNO BLASZCZAK JAMES COGLIANESE CHERYL DAVIS WM EDWARD FRANK ALLAN FREELAND PATRICIA HAWRYSZ LISA LYNN HORWATH TIMOTHY JONES CAROLYN KERSTING JOSE MANTILLA MARK LESLIE MARSTON LEIGH ANN MCDERMOTT RONALD MENGHINI DEBORAH MEYER-HARRIS SUSAN THEDENS JOHN PAUL WETSTEIN JOHN CARROLL DAVID CARL HAGE JAMES KLEIST STEVEN LEGRAND RYAN MASON ROBERT MEEDER ROBERT PETRACCO ANNAMARIE RAGAN ROBERT REYNOLDS JR JEFFREY SNYDER HENRY SPIGHT III JOSEPH STAVOLA BRIAN ZIELKE	Forensic Sci. Admin 2 Sr Public Svc Admin Accountant Supvr Forensic Scientist 3 Admin Assistant 2 Forensic Sci. Admin 2 Bldg Grnds Maint Criminal Intel Spcl Office Coord. Comm Equip Tech 3 Forensic Scientist 3 Sr Public Svc Admin Firearms Elig. Analyst Public Svc Admin Info Services Spec II Public Svc Admin Admin Asst 1 Forensic Sci. Admin 2 Senior Master Trooper Senior Master Trooper Sergeant Master Sergeant Senior Master Trooper Captain Trooper First Class Senior Master Trooper Senior Master Trooper Master Sergeant Lieutenant Master Sergeant Senior Master Trooper	11565 10166 15092 10455 11907 10218 18844 10208 11258 12173 11395 14125 15043 14763 15269 10740 12044 11833 4676 4705 4864 4677 5025 4558 6484 4652 4809 5242 4887 4888 5078	DFI -SPL DFI -MEL (37 years) DFI -CHL DFI-JOL (37 years) DOO DFI -SPL (36 years) DFI -MOR DOO-SIS (44 years) DFI-JOL (38 years) D-09 DFI-SPL DFI-CHL ITC-FCS DIR DOA-ISB DOO-SIS (41 years) DFI-CHL DFI-SPL D-08 D-15 D-10 D-15 EXEC. PROTECTION DOO D-15 D-15 REVENUE D-11 D-CHGO ZONE 03-Narcotics DOO-OSC



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If you are turning 62 in 2021, your full retirement age (FRA) for social security benefits has increased to 66 years 10 months. This does not negate the “Dan Rostenkowski” rule that penalizes us for having a government pension. Simply what age you can maximize your social security benefits unless you choose to file earlier than your FRA. Social security benefits are based on having your 40 quarters (ten years of reported income), AND how many years of “significant contributions” you have made. You need 30 years of significant contributions to maximize your full social security benefit.

If you are receiving Social Security benefits, prior to age 65, you will be automatically enrolled in Medicare Part A & Part B, 90 days prior to the 1st of the month, in which you turn age 65. If you are not yet receiving Social Security benefits, you will need to reach out to Social Security to enroll in Medicare (no more than 90 days prior to your 65th birthday), by phone at 1-800-772-1213 or online : <https://www.ssa.gov/>. Additional information at: <https://www.medicare.gov/media/4516>

You pay nothing for Part A (hospitalization), but in 2021, \$148.00 for Part B (doctor visits, medical equipment, lab tests, etc). Your vision and dental plans remain unchanged. Medicare is your primary health insurance, and your previous health insurance plan becomes your secondary. If you are collecting social security benefits, the \$148.00 will be deducted from your (social security) check every month. If you are not, social security will bill you quarterly.

The State of Illinois requires retirees and their covered dependents to enroll in Medicare Part A & Part B, when eligible. Failure to do so, will result in a reduction of your benefits. Once you and all covered dependents are eligible and enrolled in Medicare, you will receive information about enrolling in one of the Medicare Advantage plans offered by the State of Illinois. Failure to make a Medicare Advantage plan election, will result in the termination of all health benefits through the State of Illinois. You will receive correspondence from the state, 90 days prior to your/your dependents 65th birthday.

If you have any questions regarding Medicare and/or your State of Illinois coverage, we have permission to email Gail Lumb with your questions, at Gail.lumb@illinois.gov. Gail is with the Medicare Coordination of Benefits unit, Central Management Services in Springfield. You may also reach the Medicare unit at 1-800-442-1300. Due to Covid, she was unable to speak at our Central Meeting last July. Hopefully, Covid restrictions will be lifted, and we can invite Gail to speak at future meetings.



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Did you know that as a member of ISPFCU you have access to your accounts at over 6,000 other participating credit unions in the CO-OP Shared Branch network? The CO-OP Shared Branch network is the nation's largest financial institution branch network and has locations in all 50 states!

With the CO-OP Shared Branch network, your membership and accounts remain at ISPFCU, but you have the ability to perform many of your financial transactions such as making a deposit, withdrawing cash, or making a loan payment through any of these convenient locations.

Using one of these locations is easy. Start by telling the Member Service Representative you are a member of ISPFCU and would like to use their shared branch services. Be prepared to provide your ISPFCU member number and a government issued photo ID such as a driver's license. To search for a participating credit union in your area please visit our website at www.ispfcu.org and click “Shared Branch Search” at the top of the page. If you have any questions while searching for a Shared Branch location or need further assistance please call us at 800-255-0886. Give a shared branch location a try today!



ISP and RSPA Family Members
Who are gone, but Never
Forgotten
We hold them all in our Prayers



	RSPA / ISP MEMBERS	I. D.	SPOUSE	AREA	E O W	YRS OF SVC
Lieutenant	William Heintz Sr	1036	Florence	D—16	11/21/2020	30
Sr Master Trooper	James Lauderdale	1973	(Denise)	R B G	12/01/2020	25
Master Trooper	Charles Frund	1512	Carolyn	D—17	12/05/2020	24
Captain / A. D. D.	George Sweat	3314	(Rosa Claire)		12/10/2020	21
Lieutenant	Gerald “Gerry” Greim	2105			12/11/2020	31
Lieutenant	Thomas Burek	4139	Gaye Lynn		12/12/2020	23
Master Sergeant	Glessner “Les” Davis	884	Kimberly	D—16	12/13/2020	30
Master Sergeant	Charles Schwarting	1137	Susan	D—50	12/28/2020	27
Master Trooper	Carl Brown	1345	Janet	D—08	01/08/2021	23
Master Trooper	Earl Creath	798	Barbara	D—13	01/16/2021	28
Captain	Donald Liehr	892	Angela	D—02	01/28/2021	30
Master Sergeant	Fred Hosteny	4228	Laura	D—Chgo	02/03/2021	22
Captain	Anthony Hornyman	182		D—05	02/14/2021	27
Special Agent	Todd Damasky	3596	Julie	Z—01	02/21/2021	28

Deceased ISP Family Members

Date of Passing	Deceased Name	Relation	ISP Employee	I D	Rank / Position	District / Office
09/17/2020	Fred Scholl Sr.	Father	Fred Scholl Jr		Master Sergeant	District 11, Retired
11/08/2020	Lloyd Haskell	Son	Thurlow Haskell	2542	Sr Master Trooper	D—Chgo Retired
11/17/2020	Sandra Jo McFarland	Wife	Gary McFarland	1831	Master Sergeant	District 12, Retired
01/03/2021	Geoffrey C. Smith	Son	Connell “Fred” Smith Jr	1390	Colonel / Dep Dir	DFS&I—Retired
02/01/2021	Henry Leroy Stroud	Husband	Karen (Tip sword) Stroud	3028	Master Sergeant	D-12 / EOW 01/13/2019

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