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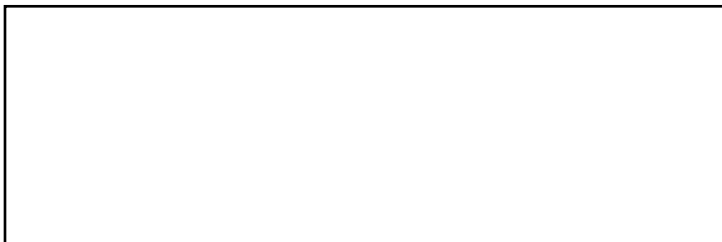
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# Get involved in politics to educate lawmakers on how pension/ union issues affect your family

This will be my last President's message. When you receive your next magazine issue, a new President will have been chosen at the annual conference and it will be their turn. I will say I'm not sure where the last two years have gone? The IPOA has accomplished much in the last few years, but there is still much to do. The challenge of this organization is to bring all aspects of law enforcement and all ranks together to be one voice. That is what makes us unique compared to other groups, and at times, what seems like an impossible task. However, I do believe that all walks and ranks of law enforcement can, and in fact must, work together for the benefit of all.

As our State and local governments across Iowa sit down to develop their upcoming budgets, public employees' wages and benefits are again in the crosshairs. The arguments that public employees are the source of budget woes takes several forms: Employees are too well paid. Employee's pensions are too good and cost too much. And also, employees should not be able to engage in collective bargaining.

The IPOA has traditionally remained neutral on issues relating to collective bargaining and has opposed changes to our member's pension systems. The reason for our past neutrality was because, again, we represent all aspects of law enforcement and we chose to stick to issues affecting the safety and welfare of our members and those we protect.

However, in the current political climate, I do not feel the IPOA can afford to not become "politically active" on these subjects. Changes to our standard of living and our retirement systems affect everyone of all ranks regardless of whether you're in a bargaining unit or not. While those in management may not always get the full wage and benefits increases awarded to those they supervise, there is usually some "trickling upward" of those wages and benefits.

So I believe these are issues we can, and should stand united on. What is happening in states across this country amounts to class warfare on our way of life. It is already happening here in the Iowa House of Representatives with several bills intro-



IPOA President, Sgt. Bill Melville

duced to alter, weaken or flat out kill collective bargaining along with recommendations to change our pensions from defined benefit to defined contribution plans. It is up to the membership, not just the leadership, the membership of this organization to start contacting their lawmakers and help educate them on how our pensions function as well as the collective bargaining process. Quite frankly a lot of people on the Hill are misinformed on these issues. Contact all your local lawmakers and help educate them on these issues. Include a reminder to the Governor in that list as he stood before a room full of officers at the fall ISPA conference and pledged he would not allow any changes to our pension systems. Get involved in your local political scene as well to help explain to the local leadership how these issues affect us all. The opinions on these matters are mine and do not necessarily reflect the views of all the board members, but this is my last message anyway.

Terry has put a link on the website so you can join an email list and be sent legislative updates as well as any matters of importance that arise throughout the year.

We have put together a revised set of bylaws that will be more in line with what is required by Iowa law as well as clarifying the changes that were implemented several

years ago. The bylaws will be posted on the website and will be brought up for approval at the business meeting at the conference on May 2nd.

Fundraising will be an area of concern for this organization in the upcoming months as we have discontinued our relationship with Jack Olson and Bacon Ball and because of the negative publicity cast on our fundraising efforts by the Attorney General's Office last fall. We will be watching our bottom line very closely in the coming months.

I am still trying to put a shoot together before the conference on Sunday, May 1st here in Sioux City. Stay tuned into our website for the details should we be able to pull it off.

I would like to thank my fellow board members for their service, fellowship, and the occasional family feud. I would like to thank Kellie Pashke and Troy Skinner for the outstanding job they do lobbying for the IPOA. I would like to thank the Sioux City Police Officers Association and Chief Doug Young for their support of my service on the IPOA board. I would like to thank my wife and 3 children for being

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# This year's conference free to IPOA members; Invite your colleagues to join us in Sioux City

As spring approaches I look forward to getting the bike out and packing the camper. But before I bore you with my plans, let me update you on important IPOA business at the Annual Training Conference in Sioux City on May 2 - 3.

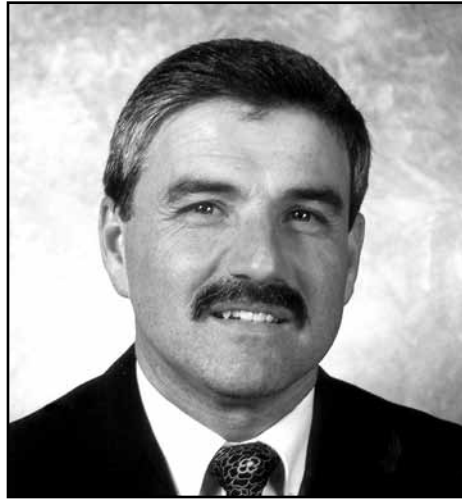
The Iowa Peace Officers Assn. Board met in Ankeny in January and February to discuss a variety of issues. The Board is busy working with lobbyist Kellie Paschke and our partner associations monitoring and promoting our legislative issues. There are too many to mention, but as always you can read Kellie's weekly legislative update on our web site, [iowapeaceofficers.org](http://iowapeaceofficers.org).

The Board finalized plans for us to host a morning meeting with Iowa legislators at the Capitol in March. While the Board continues to communicate and work with legislators, I encourage you to do the same. Contact your local representative and senator to voice your opinions on legislation that concerns you. I am amazed to hear from legislators how few of their constituents actually contact them on issues of vital importance to Iowa and the law enforcement community.

Your calls, emails and attendance at home town meetings really do make a difference. We welcome your voice. The truth is we need your participation, so please consider getting involved and let your voice be heard. As always, feel free to contact any of your board members for assistance.

Des Moines P.D. SPO Greg Dickel chairs our By-Laws Committee. He has worked closely with Kellie Paschke to improve our by-laws and clarify several rules governing our Association. This is not an easy task, and the Board has been actively involved in the process for months. You can find the "proposed changes" posted on our web site. Please review these proposals, which will be voted on by the membership at the May 2 annual business meeting during the Conference in Sioux City.

Chairman Dickel presented these proposals to this office in February, as required



**IPOA Sec./ Treas. Terry Dehmloff**

by our current by-laws. No changes can take place without approval of the members in attendance at the business meeting, so you need to be there!

That brings us to the Conference. In an effort to increase participation in the conference, it is being offered at NO Cost to our MEMBERS. I cannot remember a time in the past when we were able to do this. Thanks to the Sioux City Police Officers Association for their participation, which makes this possible.

I am excited to say that our conference training will be presented by Detective Steve Cook, who will share his experience and expertise working with outlaw motorcycle gangs and clandestine labs in the Kansas City area. Det. Cook has worked undercover in an outlaw motorcycle gang, and had the honor of traveling to Kosovo as a trainer for the U. S. Department of Justice.

It's always difficult to choose our annual Conference training topic, and then to find someone who can deliver quality training. I congratulate President Melville for his work on the Conference, because he definitely has chosen an excellent topic and the right speaker.

Some of you may think you don't need

this training because you don't work gangs, but I beg to differ. This training will benefit all in attendance.

While you are making plans to attend, why not invite an officer from a surrounding agency to join us? Sometimes it just takes that personal invitation to get others involved. You do not have to be a member to attend the conference and take advantage of the training and camaraderie. This is also a reminder to attend the business meeting there on May 2!

Please send your registrations in early to help us finalize plans. We have had strong interest from vendors. Their support helps us provide a zero-cost conference, and it's always great to look over their wares. I know I have several items that I will be looking for. We will have several new vehicles on display, as well.

I invite all officers in Western Iowa who are unable to attend the full conference to please stop by and visit with our vendors. You are most welcome to stop in.

The IPOA Board continues to work for better communication with the Membership – especially during the legislative session. Our magazine has been our No. 1 one source of communication but sometimes it's just not as timely as we would like. In an effort to improve communication, we are doing more electronically and using more emails. Each week I post the legislative update from Kellie for your viewing on our web page. If it is your wish to receive weekly updates during the legislative session and be included on our server, please go to the web site and provide us with your information, which is for IPOA business only. It will only take you a couple minutes to provide the necessary information. It would be great to have at least one contact from each agency that would forward the information to their colleagues.

So, think Spring ...Think Conference... And travel *safely* to Sioux City. See you there on May 2nd!

*Terry*

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## ***(President's Message, continued from Page 4)***

understanding during those occasions I've had to interrupt family time to answer a call or shoot off an email about association business during the last 2 years. And lastly

I would like to thank you, the membership of the IPOA for standing by this organization and allowing me to serve as part of its leadership.

May we all have long, safe, prosperous careers,

Bill

# The Iowa Peace Officers Association 2011 Conference May 2-3, 2011

at The Hilton Garden Inn, Sioux City, Iowa

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**Cost to non-members: \$50 for two days of seminars (no meals or hotel room included)**

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## Agenda on May 2, 2011

### 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Seminar Topics

Outlaw MC Gang Origin and History  
Organizational Structure  
Membership Process  
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Outlaw MC Gangs and the Drug Trade  
Study of the Big 4 Outlaw MC Gangs  
Clubhouses  
Outlaw Biker Women  
Motorcycle Gangs and the Military  
Intelligence Gathering/Investigative Techniques  
Motorcycle Gang Violence and Turf Wars

**Noon:** IPOA Business Meeting with lunch provided for IPOA members

## Agenda on May 3, 2011

### 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Seminar Topics

Weapons and Narcotics Concealment Techniques  
Iowa Outlaw MC Gang Overview (2 hours)  
Converting OMG members into cooperating sources  
Vehicle stop techniques on OMG members



## Conference Speaker: Det. Steve Cook Knows Motorcycle Gangs and Drug Investigations

Steve Cook is a detective with a law enforcement agency in the Kansas City Metro area with more than 16 years of law enforcement experience.

Cook has been a police officer for more than ten years, and has over six-and-a-half years experience with the Jackson County Drug Task Force.

He has completed assignments with the DEA Clandestine Laboratory Enforcement Team, where he assisted in dismantling and processing more than 350 methamphetamine labs, and with the FBI Violent Crime Gang Task Force.

Cook has actively worked motorcycle gangs for the past ten years. He has trained numerous agencies on running enforcement, and has been on details for four Hells Angels USA Runs. He is experienced in methamphetamine conspiracy investiga-

tions, and to date has been the case agent in the federal prosecutions of over 150 methamphetamine manufacturers and distributors in the Western District of Missouri.

Cook has extensive undercover experience and was the case agent and a secondary undercover in an outlaw motorcycle gang infiltration case conducted in Missouri and Kansas.

In 2003, Cook was sent to Kosovo by the Department of Justice to teach prosecutors and judges how undercover and sensitive operations are conducted.

He is a recipient of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) Distinguished Service Award.



Service will be held at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 8301 Aurora Avenue, Urbandale, IA

# Attend powerful peace officer memorial service May 17

by Pastor Richard Dayton  
Urbandale Baptist Church

In the letter to the church at Rome, the Lord guided the Apostle Paul to share our responsibility as citizens toward our government. One of the instructions he gave was to "give honor to whom honor is due." During Peace Officer's Week, we as citizens have that opportunity to express our appreciation to our law enforcement community.

For the past 22 years, the community of Urbandale has had the privilege of conducting a Peace Officer's Memorial Service on the Tuesday of Peace Officer's Week.

The Peace Officer's Memorial Service is an annual religious service conducted by central Iowa law enforcement agencies and Urbandale clergy, with the goal of honoring those presently serving in law enforcement, and of honoring the memory of officers nationwide who died in the line of duty in the past year.

The service begins with the presentation of the colors by the Urbandale Police Honor Guard, with the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem. Two Urbandale clergy then do the Old Testament and New Testament

Scripture readings, followed by a special music selection. Next in the program are prayers offered by law enforcement personnel and their spouses for law enforcement families and the safety of all peace officers.

At the center of the service is the time of honoring the memory of law enforcement personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty in the past year. As officers and their families carry flags representing the 50 states (see photo at right), there is a PowerPoint projection from the "Officer Down" web site with the picture, badge, name, and end of watch for each officer who died in the past year. This is a powerful reminder that law enforcement can carry a high cost, and that the cost involves both an officer and the family.

Following this solemn reminder is a brief Scripture message from a member of the Urbandale clergy, sharing a Biblical perspective on the high value of the law enforcement community to our society.

For the past few years, the West Des Moines Police Honor Guard has done the for-



mal folding of a flag, which is then placed on the display table with the state flags.

As the service concludes, a bagpipe quartet plays "Amazing Grace," and the Des Moines Police Honor Guard presents a 21 gun salute, followed by the playing of "Taps."

This May, during Peace Officer's Week, plan to attend this special service that honors the law enforcement community. Go to the Urbandale Police website at [www.urbandale.org/police-department.cfm](http://www.urbandale.org/police-department.cfm) and check on the calendar tab to get more details as the time approaches.

## Conference 2011 Registration

May 2 - 3, 2011, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Sioux City, Iowa

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# Preparing your “Survival mode”: Why training should exceed minimums

by Officers Greg Erie & Chris Gergen  
Waterloo Police Department

Greetings, we have been graciously asked to write a series of training articles for Iowa Law Enforcement magazine. Our articles will cover issues dealing with control tactics, use of force and training but we will also incorporate other topics that are related.

If you have anything that you would like us to touch on, please feel free to contact either of us. This first article talks about training and what our feelings are. We feel that training is usually the division that is most bastardized – either by people’s feelings or budget cuts.

Training is a word we hear often and dread when we do: “What? We have training that day? \$#@%! I already had plans made!” At one time, we too have been part of that group of disgruntled souls who hated giving up a day off to “train.”

Training does not have to be a word whispered within the halls of the station. Training is something that can be embraced and welcomed in times of need. It is no secret the more you train, the better and more proficient you become. This applies to things from firearms, control tactics, field sobriety testing to practicing for your local bowling league.

It is said that you play the way you train. We have found this through personal experiences to be true. Our jobs have been described as 99% boredom, 1% sheer terror. In times of ‘terror’ your body and mind do strange things that some of you may or may not be aware of.

Under extreme stress, our gross motor skills are usually what come into play, i.e. punching, kicking or grabbing. Our mind begins to go into survival mode. We experience tunnel vision, auditory blockage and some sort of weird time warp where things actually seem to slow down but are in fact,

moving in real time. We had a friend and fellow police officer tell us when he was involved in an on-duty shooting, he actually saw the slide on his pistol moving in slow motion as he fired it!

We haven’t even mentioned the physiological changes that begin to occur (think of an adrenaline dump) and what happens to your fine motor skills (think of threading a needle while driving a car).

Unfortunately, there aren’t ways to duplicate this sort of extreme stress during training. There are some things that come close, but nothing can simulate actual situations where an officer is in fear for his or her life. So what can you do to prepare yourself for these types of situations? Easy. Train.

The more you do something consciously, the more your body will revert to it unconsciously during these times of stress.

This is why you should be paying attention and putting forth maximum effort during firearms and control tactics training. Believe it or not, when the meat hits the grinder, how you train is how you will respond.

If you currently do nothing outside of departmental training, we would strongly encourage you get started doing something now, if nothing else, at least for cardiovascular health. This may help you last longer during a critical incident which, in turn, will allow more time for help to arrive.

If you are seriously injured, your body – depending on it’s current conditioned state – will react accordingly and all on its own. If your heart is strong, it will not quit pumping; if your mind is strong, it will not fail you.

If you are trained, you will react accordingly and without thought. But this only comes from constant correct training.

Until next time, train hard and stay safe.

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Officer Chris Gergen

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Dear Police Chiefs and Sheriffs:

Thank you for your service to all Iowans. Your dedication is valued beyond words. What I want to visit with you today concerns resistance education. DARE is a wonderful program. I have had the pleasure of being involved with this resistance education initiative for the last eighteen years.

What makes it so effective is the fact that it is so multi-faceted. First are the relationships. The rapport the officers, who teach the DARE curriculum, create with the kids is just tremendous. The students see this person as not just the cop but also as a friend who truly cares about them. Second, the program, itself, is second to none regarding prevention. We have done statistics over the past several years and kids in the state of Iowa come out of DARE knowing more about prevention strategies than when they entered. Put quite simply, IT WORKS and we have the stats to support it. Third, DARE has consistently tried to stay current with the times. The Keepin' it REAL program for the junior high school students is right on the mark with how kids learn and retain information. DARE will unveil a new elementary Keepin it REAL curriculum this summer to address that age level with the best methods to help these kids make great decisions.

I have had the pleasure to serve on the DARE Advisory Board with some tremendous individual officers. The commitment to DARE has evolved more and more over the years from this group of people. Currently we are offering a free state conference for all DARE officers. We pay for their registration, training, meals and lodging. It is a great way for them to sharpen their delivery skills, stay current and rekindle relationships with fellow officers. Regarding prospective DARE programs, we are offering free DARE Officer Training. We want this to be as painless as we can for agencies to send officers to these trainings.

We want to continue to promote and support an absolutely tremendous prevention program. I speak to you as an educator. In my twenty-eight years in this field, I have never been more proud to be a part of a program than I have been with my involvement in DARE. It is truly doing something for the greater good.

John Sheahan  
DARE Advisory Board President  
Roland-Story Middle School Principal

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# Fairfield Police Department survived their 2010 “year of transition”



**Chief Julie Harvey**

**by Chief Julie Harvey**  
Fairfield Police Department

The Fairfield Police Department survived our 2010 year of transition and is continuing to move forward.

In January 2010, Chief Randy Cooksey retired after 30 years of service, and I was appointed chief of police. I have been with the Fairfield Police Department for 17 years.

Initially, there was a lot of notoriety in being one of a few female police chiefs in the State of Iowa. Thankfully, that has died down. For me, it doesn't matter if the chief is a man or a woman. What really matters is how well I execute my responsibilities.

This past year has been a big learning curve for me and I owe a lot of thanks to my staff for their patience, support, and guidance.

The Fairfield Police Department consists of 13 sworn officers, a non-sworn Community Service Officer, and six full-time dispatchers.

My department has specialty units consisting of a Special Response Team (Tactical Team), Bike Patrol, and K-9. Out of



**Lt. Dave Thomas**

necessity for a department this size, many officers are cross trained into more than one area, and it says a lot about my officers' dedication to the job.

Fairfield P.D. works out of a consolidated Law Enforcement Center that is shared with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Jefferson County Jail, Dispatch Center, and Emergency Management. The consolidated center fosters inter-agency cooperation that benefits all the agencies and we are all more efficient because we work together on a daily basis.

Dave Thomas and Colin Smith were also promoted in 2010. Dave Thomas was promoted to lieutenant and is in charge of investigations. Lt. Thomas was immediately bombarded with numerous drug cases and a theft ring. He is one of the team leaders for SRT. Lt. Thomas started with the Fairfield Police Department in 1999, and has four additional years experience with the Ot-



**Sgt. Colin Smith**

tumwa Police Department.

Colin Smith was promoted to sergeant and is currently a night shift supervisor. In addition, Sgt. Smith is the department's K-9 handler, and is an assistant SRT leader. Sgt. Smith started with the department in 2001.

David Wall was hired in July 2010 as a patrolman. Officer Wall is currently attending the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy and will graduate April 1, 2011.

I am very honored to serve as Chief of Police for Fairfield, and I am proud of all of my employees who have helped make these transitions seamless.

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# Waterloo P.D. promotes M. Rasmussen, B. Hoelscher, D. Mohlis and M. Frana

Waterloo Chief of Police Daniel J. Trelka has announced the following promotions:

Michael Rasmussen has been promoted to the rank of sergeant, effective Dec. 29, 2010. Sgt. Rasmussen serves as a Patrol Sergeant on Watch III. He has been with the Department since 1999. His previous

certified bomb technician. Sergeant Hoelscher is a graduate of the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminology from the University of Northern Iowa.

David Mohlis has been promoted to the rank of captain effective January 4, 2011. Captain Mohlis serves as the Administra-

the Board of Directors of the Rabiner Treatment Center in Ft. Dodge, Iowa.

Monty Frana has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant, effective Jan. 4, 2011. Lt. Frana serves as the Patrol Watch Commander on Watch II. He has been with the Department since 1996.

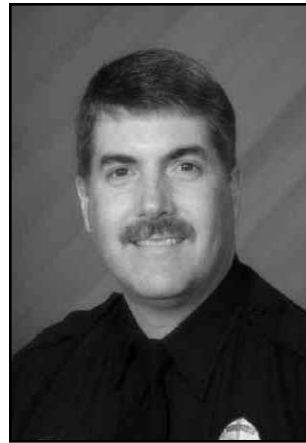
His previous assignments include Pa-



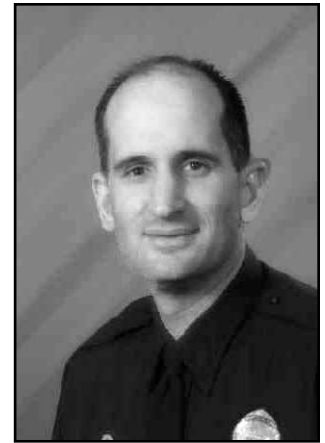
Sgt. Michael Rasmussen



Sgt. Brian Hoelscher



Captain David Mohlis



Lt. Monty Frana

assignments include Patrol, Crime Scene Investigator and Investigations. He is a member of the Tactical Unit.

Sgt. Rasmussen is a graduate of the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminology from the University of Northern Iowa.

Brian Hoelscher has been promoted to the rank of sergeant, effective Dec. 29, 2010. Sgt. Hoelscher serves as a Patrol Sergeant on Watch II. He has been with the Department since 2002.

His previous assignments include Patrol, Field Training Officer and Investigations. He is also a firearms instructor and

Division Commander. He has been with the Department since 1992. His previous assignments include Patrol Watch Commander, Investigations, Training, Crime Laboratory, Motorcycle Unit, Field Training Supervisor and Crime Scene Investigator.

Captain Mohlis is a graduate of the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy with an Associate's Degree in Police Science from Hawkeye Community College, and a Bachelors Degree in Public Administration from Upper Iowa University. Captain Mohlis serves as the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the Iowa State Police Association, and is on

Patrol, Citizens Response Unit, Drug Crime Unit and the Tri-County Drug Enforcement Task Force. He is a member of the Tactical Unit, and is a Firearms Instructor and Department Armorer.

Lt. Frana is a graduate of the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy with an Associate's Degree in Law Enforcement from North Iowa Area Community College.

## The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Jerry Greenlee Sr. Memorial

### Law Enforcement Weekend

August 20 & 21, 2011

The Bremer County Peace Officers Association sponsors this two day event, which includes a 4-person best shot and free hospitality party on Aug. 20 and a bean bag tournament on the Aug. 21. Early registrations is encouraged. To register or for more details contact Capt. Jason Leonard at 319-352-5400 or Jason@ci.waverly.is.us



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# Traffic and Criminal Software

By Dave Meyers

Iowa DOT TraCS Manager

The Traffic and Criminal Software (TraCS) program in Iowa has really taken off since its inception in the mid 1990's.

The expanded use and increased functionality of TraCS has proven to be both tremendously popular and beneficial to Iowa's criminal justice community.

The Iowa Department of Transportation is excited about what TraCS can do and equally excited about the plans for what TraCS will be able to accomplish in the future.

In 1994, the Iowa DOT, working in partnership with the Iowa Department of Public Safety (DPS) and several local law enforcement agencies, initiated a program to create a PC-based crash-reporting system to expedite the electronic capture of data for police crash reports.

After the successful completion of that project in 1995, traffic citations and commercial motor vehicle inspections were then added as a new functionality.

Again, capitalizing on these successes, the program evolved into TraCS – an integrated system used by state and local law enforcement agencies with continuing leadership and support from the state. Participation by city, county and state law enforcement agencies in the development of TraCS was essential to the success of the program.

In 1996, Iowa was selected by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) as a partner for the National Model for the Statewide Application of Data Collection and Management Technology to Improve Highway Safety Project.

The FHWA provided funds to share National Model/ TraCS project successes with other states. Currently, there are 14 states and one Canadian province that are part of the National Model/ TraCS consortium, and several others states are considering joining.

In 2000, the Incident Location Tool (ILT) was added to the National Model crash reporting capability as a user-friend-



**Dave Meyers**

Iowa DOT TraCS Manager

ly tool to collect geographical information system (GIS) coordinates. Although a separate application, the ILT is launched from TraCS and the location output is stored with the report in the TraCS database and exported with the report.

To take advantage of the data, including the location, and make the data immediately useable to local agencies, an Incident Mapping Tool (IMAT) was created. IMAT uses the same look and feel of the ILT for ease of use and provides law enforcement agencies with a set of queries for creating reports and the capability to create and print maps that graphically display the spatial concentration of incidents.

To simplify the transition of the TraCS solution from one state to another, and one jurisdiction to another, the Software Devel-

opment Kit (SDK) was added to the TraCS suite of applications in November 2000. The SDK allows other states to manage the evolution of their current paper forms into TraCS electronic forms, and customize the TraCS environment to meet their individualized needs.

In order to continue to stay current with new technology, TraCS version 10 was released in August of 2009. TraCS 10 was rewritten from the ground up using Microsoft's .NET framework. Rewriting TraCS presented an opportunity to incorporate all of the lessons learned from more than a decade of experience as well as incorporate a significant number of new features. TraCS 10 is the new National Model baseline from which future projects and software will be based. Also in August 2009, ILT 5.0 was

# (TraCS) evolution in Iowa

released. ILT 5.0 is a .NET version of ILT that was rewritten to work with TraCS 10.

In 2010, Mobile Architecture for Communications Handling (MACH) was added to the National Model. MACH is a software application that utilizes an innovative, internet communications architecture to allow public safety agencies including law enforcement, EMS, and fire to share information for facilitating cooperation and organization during everyday activities and emergency events.

MACH offers in-car mapping, session-based messaging for cross agency communications between responders, dispatch capabilities, an NCIC/ NLETS interface, and a TraCS 10 interface that allows TraCS to operate in wireless mode in the vehicle.

TraCS Web, a complete web browser-based version of TraCS, will be made available in the spring of 2011. Because TraCS Web has multiple setup configurations, it can be used as an effective way for rural agencies to go paperless with little or no on-site support, or it can be used in conjunction with TraCS 10 at larger agencies as an alternative to workstation installations.

Initially, TraCS Web will be used for crash reporting only. After it has been successfully deployed in a production environment, consideration will be given to expanding its capability to include traffic

citations. TraCS Web provides yet another alternative for flexible TraCS implementations.

Today, TraCS is a sophisticated data collection and reporting tool used by over 190 agencies in Iowa to streamline and automate the capture of incident data in the field, and transfer that data from the local agency to a statewide enterprise system.

In 2009, Iowa law enforcement agencies transmitted 51,037 crash reports and 337,563 citations electronically via TraCS. In addition to crashes and citations, Iowa's TraCS package includes a component for warning tickets, driving while intoxicated reporting, commercial motor vehicle inspections, field investigative reports, National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) compliant incident reporting, criminal affidavit and complaint forms, evidence tracking, time and activity reports and more.

Electronic data collection also sets the stage for electronic filing with the courts in addition to populating the courts' database with electronic data.

Inherent in the National Model/ TraCS program are several key benefits. Capturing the data where it originates improves the accuracy, completeness, and timeliness of incident data and eliminates the need for duplicate entry into local and state databases; providing quantifiable benefits in

reduced need for data entry resources and administrative duties; and the less quantifiable benefit of having better data more timely for problem identification and improved decision making.

At the local level TraCS provides law enforcement administrators immediate information. Expediting the receipt of data in a central enterprise system facilitates and supports timely business processes, including applying driver sanctions and other important public safety-related management functions. Combining these advantages with the benefit of linking to federal systems provides the opportunity for higher quality data to be delivered more timely to federal data managers whose decisions impact a broader audience than just the jurisdiction submitting the data.

The TraCS Program is truly an example of what cooperation and collaboration among multiple states, agencies and jurisdictions can produce. From its early days as a crash reporting tool to its current status as a robust, nationally recognized information sharing software, TraCS provides officers with the tools necessary to meet the challenges faced by today's law enforcement community.

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## Notice of Proposed IPOA By-law Changes

Please review the proposed changes on our web page:  
**[iowapeaceofficers.org](http://iowapeaceofficers.org)**

The proposed changes will be voted on by the membership  
at the annual business meeting on May 2, 2011

# Joint Public Safety Board picks 2011 Legislative Resolutions

Iowa State Police Association  
Iowa State Patrol Supervisors  
Iowa Police Chiefs Association  
Iowa Peace Officers Association

Iowa State Sheriff's and Deputies Association  
Iowa State Troopers Association  
Iowa Professional Fire Fighters

## Resolution A

**BE IT RESOLVED** *the Joint Public Safety Board* supports amendments to the Iowa Weapons Permit Law (SF2379) to; (a) clarify whether weapons are to be carried open or concealed with a carry permit, (b) establish statewide minimum training standards including successful firearms qualifications for new applicants, (c) clarify restrictions on carrying weapons inside local government buildings and, (d) prohibit the carrying of a firearm while consuming alcoholic beverages.

## Resolution B

**BE IT RESOLVED** *the Joint Public Safety Board* supports the collection of DNA from all suspects charged with indictable offenses including aggravated and serious misdemeanors and all felonies.

## Resolution C

**BE IT RESOLVED** *the Joint Public Safety Board* supports amendments to the Operating While Intoxicated law to include; (a) provide evidentiary weight to preliminary breath testing devices when the operator refuses evidentiary chemical testing, (b) increasing the penalty for 4th and subsequent OWI offenses to a Class C felony, (c) the seizure and forfeiture of a registered motor vehicle to the operator convicted of a 3rd or subsequent OWI violation and, (d) mandatory seizure of blood alcohol concentration evidence for all felony level OWI offenses at the time of arrest.





# three joint legislative priorities



IPOA President Melville presents the IPOA's 2011 legislative agenda.



After each Joint Public Safety Board member association presented its legislative priorities to the group, individual associations met with their members to choose which priorities to support as joint resolutions.

**Above**, the IPOA was represented at the meeting by (upper left, clockwise): SPO Ted Stroope, Chief David Lorenzen, Major Paul Steier, Terry Dehm-low, Sgt. Bill Melville and lobbyist Kellie Paschke.

**At left**, ISSDA members Sheriff Dewey Hildebrandt, Deputy Brian Voss, and Sheriff Mike Balmer confer with ISSDA lobbyist Joe Kelly.

Rocks in the Roadway

## Taking Criticism

Taking criticism requires a great deal of patience. Someone once said, "Patience is the ability to idle your motor quietly when you feel like spinning your wheels."

The citizen has always criticized his public employees, and probably always will, because he has the right to do so. There are two reasons for this: John Q. citizen pays the salaries of his public servants. The second is, when he criticizes his public employees he is given a feeling of importance.

Many Police Officers and Police Administrators have said they find listening to gripes and complaints is not offensive.

On the contrary, they say, they find it rather interesting. People are prone to stretch a bit those things which they present as facts - when they talk about their operation, their accident, their arrest, or their contact with Police. Getting wet, getting cold, being tired, getting blood on your hands - these are all part of Police work. And the higher up the ladder you climb the more criticism you will receive.

So, when a citizen wants to gripe-let him gripe. He may be rude, he may be rough, but maintain a level of self-control and you may learn to improve your police service.

A top Police Administrator once said, "Show me a policeman who never gets criticism, who never gets a complaint filed against him, and I'll show you a man who is not doing very much." This case of listening to criticism from citizens is disagreeable to Policeman. If you learn to take criticism in a pleasant agreeable manner, you will be very proud of that developed ability.

The above is a condensed version of an article that appeared 50 years ago in our

(see *Taking Criticism*, continued Page 20)

# ILEA 236<sup>th</sup> Basic Level I Training School



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September 7 through December 10, 2010 at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy

**First row** (left to right): **Stephanie Timm**, Nevada P.D.; **Anthony Vondrak**, Sioux City P.D.; **Gregory Mahieu**, Davenport P.D.; **Stephen Panich**, Davenport P.D.; **Jerry Olejnik**, Iowa State University Police Division; **Blake Wittrock**, Iowa Department of Transportation; **Caleb Smith**, Atlantic P.D.; **Crystal Hayes**, Iowa Department of Transportation; **Kelly Petrie**, Adel P.D.

**Second row**: **Brian Butcher**, Urbandale P.D.; **Tim Dodge**, Ankeny P.D.; **Mark Cottrell**, Le Claire P.D.; **Sarah Tripolino**, Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office; **Travis Hutzell**, Sioux City P.D.; **Luke Buhrow**, Indianola P.D.; **Jeremy Burdess**, Jasper County Sheriff's Office; **Michael Clark**, Iowa City P.D.; **Donnie Pridemore**, Davenport P.D.

**Third row**: **Dan Stuck**, Council Bluffs P.D.; **Ben Smith**, Iowa State University Police Division; **Kristoffer Lancaster**, Council Bluffs P.D.; **Shamus Altenhofen**, Washington P.D.; **Seth Adam**, Washington P.D.; **Nick Mitchell**, Council Bluffs Police Department; **Brandon Dyer**, Ankeny P.D.; **Chris Hebbel**, Davenport P.D.; **Andy Yungbluth**, Arnolds Park P.D.; **Andy Grunhoyd**, Washington County Sheriff's Office.

**Fourth row**: **Adam Christian**, Story County Sheriff's Office; **Bobby Flaherty**, Davenport P.D.; **Tom Babcock**, Davenport P.D.; **Brockton Trice**, Davenport P.D.; **Anthony Nai**, Black Hawk County Sheriff's Office; **Matt Granzow**, West Des Moines Police Department; **Joseph Fisher**, Urbandale Police Department; **Jeremy Kettmann**, Plymouth County Conservation Board; **Matt Lovelady**, Davenport Police Department.

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# ILEA 237<sup>th</sup> Basic Level I Training School

September 13 through December 17, 2010 at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy

**First row** (left to right): **Chad Dugan**, Waukon Police Department; **Ryan Gruenberg**, Fort Dodge Police Department; **Johanna Kuhlman**, Dyersville Police Department; **Jarad Kraft**, Wapello Police Department; **Joshua West**, Vinton Police Department; **Shannon Musgrave**, Polk County Sheriff's Office; **Dan Henderson**, Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

**Second row**: **Nathan Dunham**, West Burlington Police Department; **Joel Miller**, North Liberty Police Department; **Amber Rozeboom**, Ames Police Department; **Keenan Meinecke**, Maquoketa Police Department; **Rodney See**, Grinnell Police Department; **Tracy Kuiper**, Dickinson County Sheriff's Office; **Kurt Ferguson**, Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Office; **Jared Landt**, Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

**Third row**: **Brent Gibbs**, Fort Madison Police Department; **Jesse Bell**, Mount Pleasant Police Department; **Marc Jasper**, Waterloo Police Department; **Josh Minikus**, Cedar Falls Police Department; **Tim Richmond**, University of Northern Iowa Police Division; **Ryan Wiemold**, Story County Conservation Board; **Cody Harris**, Crawford County Sheriff's Office; **Lucas Dever**, Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

**Fourth row**: **Jeff Williams**, DeWitt P.D.; **Tyler Hunt**, Oskaloosa P.D.; **Andy Jennings**, Red Oak Police Department; **Ben Johnston**, Oskaloosa Police Department; **Kurt Kruger**, Ames Police Department; **Rusty Cruickshank**, Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Office; **Troy Petersen**, Black Hawk County Conservation Board; **Ben Schlader**, Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

IDEA award given for “Innovation, Determination and Excellence in Action”

# Gov.’s drug control policy office gives first IDEA award to Signourney chief

DES MOINES – Honorees selected to receive the State’s first annual “Innovation, Determination and Excellence in Action” (or IDEA) award for reducing substance abuse include a police chief in southeast Iowa and a community coalition in western Iowa.

“The first recipients of this prestigious new award are Sigourney Police Chief Allan Glandon and the Pottawattamie County coalition Partners for Meth Prevention,” announced Gary Kendell, Director of the Governor’s Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP). “Chief Glandon and Partners for Meth Prevention, in their own ways, have risen above and beyond the norm to reduce substance abuse in their communities,” said Kendell.

The IDEA award was created by ODCP to recognize individuals and organizations for exemplary service and leadership that demonstrably improves the health and safety of Iowans through innovative prevention, enforcement or other drug control initiatives.

Sigourney Police Chief Allan Glandon is being honored for innovative leadership that included adoption of the State’s first local keg registration ordinance that subsequently led to a reduction in underage binge drinking in the Sigourney area.

Partners for Meth Prevention is being honored for building and sustaining



**Sigourney Police Chief Allan Glandon, (Center), received the IDEA Award from Mark Schouten, director of the Governor’s Office of Drug Control Policy and Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds.**

multi-jurisdictional collaborations involving numerous citizen volunteers and organizational partners in the Council Bluffs-Omaha area to prevent meth and other drug abuse.

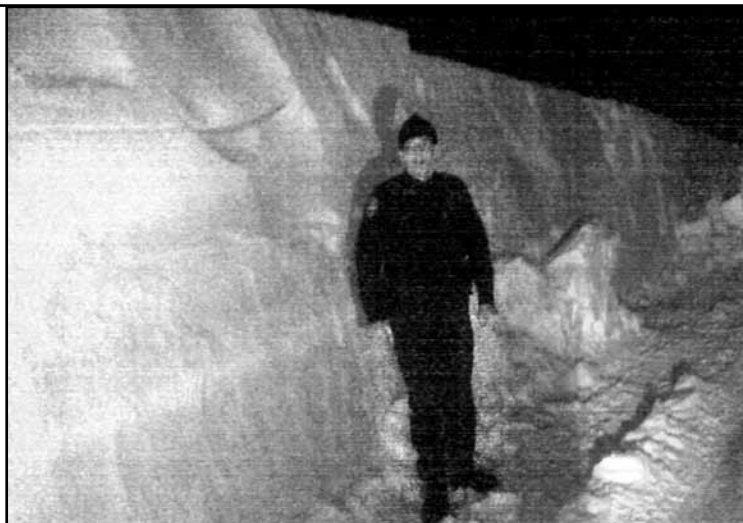
“Chief Glandon and Partners for Meth Prevention are to be applauded, not only

for thinking ‘outside the box,’ but for actions that have made it healthier and safer to live in their communities,” said Kendell.

ODCP officials will present IDEA awards to the winners in their respective communities during ceremonies to be scheduled at a later date.

**Taking Criticism**, from P.7 magazine. The 1961 Conference was held in Des Moines at the Hotel Fort Des Moines, our President was Chief Howard Eide of Des Moines. While much has changed in Public Safety, criticism of police remains. Use this rock in the roadway as a stepping stone to better police public relations.

*Terry Dehmlow*



**(At left)** This is how high the snow drifts were on Hwy. 52 north of Dubuque after the February blizzard. Several Iowa Depart. of Transportation Motor Vehicle Enforcement Officers were assigned to escort DOT snow blowers, providing traffic control around the clock in a effort to get the road opened ASAP. The storm closed several roads across the state for several hours. – from Chief David Lorenzen, Iowa DOT Motor Vehicle Enforcement.