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This *Crime in Illinois 2005* publication is the 34th annual report on crime statistics in Illinois. The information contained in the publication is based upon crime statistics submitted by police departments, sheriffs' offices, and specialized law enforcement agencies to the Illinois Uniform Crime Reporting (I-UCR) Program in 2005.

The I-UCR Program was developed and implemented on January 1, 1972, as a means to collect comprehensive data on crime incidents and arrests and has become a staple for researchers, news and information services, academics and others seeking a better understanding of crime in Illinois. The primary objectives of the I-UCR Program are to inform the Governor, Legislature, and other governmental officials, and the public as to the nature of crime in Illinois and to provide law enforcement administrators with crime statistics for administrative and operational purposes.


I am very proud of the combined efforts of all participating law enforcement agencies in the state. The dedication, cooperation, and support of these agencies have resulted in a successful program and permit the Department to accurately compile the *Crime in Illinois* publication.

With thanks to all who contributed to this publication, I present *Crime in Illinois 2005*.

Larry G. Trent
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DEDICATION

This publication is dedicated to all law enforcement officers, and in particular, to those police officers who lost their lives during the past year in the performance of duty while upholding the laws of the state of Illinois.



Sergeant Daniel Paul Figgins
Special Agent Robert (Rob) Russell Hardesty
Detective Anthony (Tony) J. Hosey
Police Officer Robin G. Vogel
Police Officer Steven Michael Zourkas

***Courage knows no bounds greater than that,
that a man or woman shall give his or her life in the
service of his or her community.***

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED

During 2005, five Illinois law enforcement officers lost their lives in the performance of duty while upholding the laws of the state of Illinois. A brief narrative on the circumstances surrounding their death is presented below.

APRIL 8, 2005 - NILES POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Officer Steven Michael Zourkas, 33, was killed in an automobile accident while enroute to a call. Officer Zourkas was responding to a disturbance at a restaurant when he swerved to avoid a pedestrian on the roadway and lost control of his squad car. The vehicle flipped onto its side and crashed into several parked cars. Officer Zourkas was pronounced dead at the scene. Officer Zourkas had served with the Niles Police Department for four years and had recently joined the North Regional Major Crimes Task Force as an evidence technician. He is survived by his wife and two sons.

APRIL 9, 2005 - ST. CHARLES POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sergeant Daniel Paul Figgins, 53, suffered a fatal heart attack while in a foot pursuit of a suspect. Sergeant Figgins was dispatched to St. Charles East High School to investigate suspicious activity. Shortly after arriving at the scene, he advised dispatch that he was in pursuit. When backup officers arrived, they found Sergeant Figgins unresponsive on the ground. He was transported to a local hospital and was pronounced dead a short time later. Sergeant Figgins had served with the St. Charles Police Department for 27 years and is survived by his wife and two daughters.

APRIL 25, 2005 - ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Detective Anthony (Tony) J. Hosey, 37, was killed in a single-car accident on Interstate 55 while traveling home from an investigation. Detective Hosey's unmarked squad car veered off the side of the road and rolled several times along the edge of the median. Detective Hosey worked for the Illinois State University (ISU) Police Department and Task Force 6, a multi-agency narcotics unit coordinated by the Illinois State Police. He was assigned to the ISU's criminal investigation division for most of his tenure and previously served with the Robbins Police Department. He is survived by his wife and four children.

JUNE 2, 2005 - FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION - BLOOMINGTON

Special Agent Robert (Rob) Russell Hardesty, 40, succumbed to injuries sustained eight days earlier from a 20 foot fall from an airplane wing during a training exercise at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Agent Hardesty died from complications as a result of being paralyzed from the fall. Agent Hardesty had served with the FBI for three years and was assigned to the FBI Office in Bloomington, Illinois. He previously served with the Indiana State Excise Police for six years and the Porter County, Indiana, Sheriff's Department for seven years. Agent Hardesty is survived by his wife and two daughters.

OCTOBER 3, 2005 - DECATUR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Officer Robin G. Vogel, 37, succumbed to injuries sustained two days earlier in an automobile accident. Officer Vogel was on patrol when her squad car was broadsided by a vehicle that ran a red light at a high rate of speed. Officer Vogel was transported to a local hospital and then transferred to a trauma center where she died of her injuries. Officer Vogel had served with the Decatur Police Department for seven years. She is survived by her son, parents, and two sisters.