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In its 36th year of publication, *Crime In Illinois* reflects the collection of accurate and pertinent crime data collected through the Illinois Uniform Crime Reporting (I-UCR) Program for use by law enforcement, government, and the citizens of the state of Illinois.

Law enforcement agencies rely on the I-UCR Program data to aid in determining staffing decisions, allocating funding and resources, gauging the effectiveness of specific programs, and to support legislative and judicial mandates. I-UCR Program data has also developed into an effective tool for researchers, criminologists, media services, academics, the public, and others seeking a better understanding of the state of crime in Illinois.

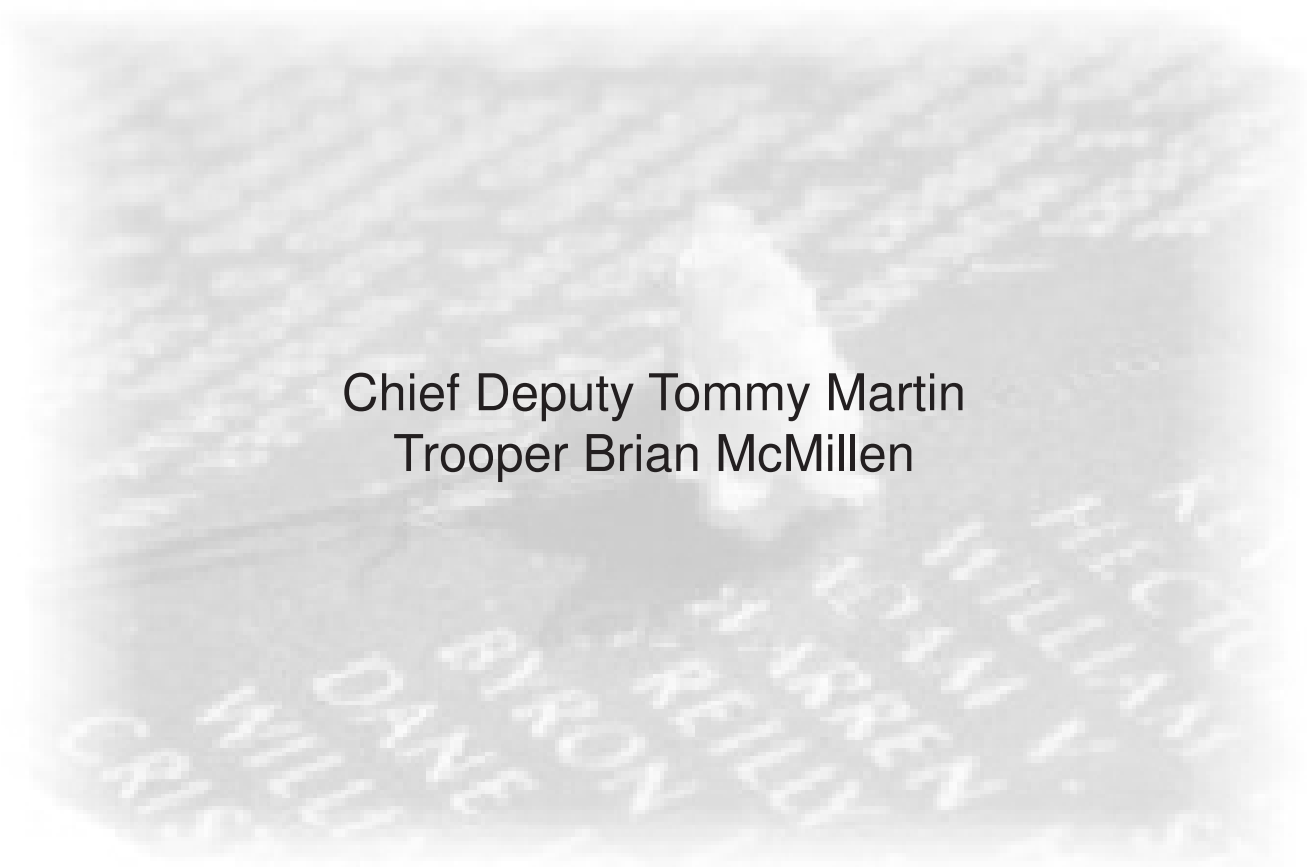
Data is collected through the reporting efforts of front-line law enforcement officers who are first responders to the report of a criminal incident, as well as the cooperation of police agencies, sheriff's departments, and other specialized law enforcement agencies throughout Illinois in compiling and reporting crime statistics through the I-UCR Program.

With thanks to all those whose commitment contributed significantly to this publication, I present *Crime in Illinois 2007*.

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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.



Chief Deputy Tommy Martin
Trooper Brian McMillen

***“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.”
(Source Unknown)***

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED

During 2007, two Illinois law enforcement officers lost their lives in the performance of their duties while upholding the laws of the state of Illinois. A brief narrative of the circumstances surrounding their deaths is presented below.

July 17, 2007 - DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Chief Deputy Tommy Martin, 59, succumbed to gunshot wounds sustained one month earlier on June 21, 2007, while investigating a reported home invasion. Chief Deputy Martin was conducting a canvass of the area when he observed the suspect vehicles approaching from the opposite direction. The driver of one of the suspect vehicles opened fire on Martin as the vehicles passed one another, wounding him in the face and torso. Chief Deputy Martin served in law enforcement for 29 years.

October 28, 2007 - ILLINOIS STATE POLICE

Trooper Brian McMillen, 24, died as the result of injuries sustained in a traffic accident. Trooper McMillen was responding to a request for assistance from a local law enforcement agency officer at the scene of a bar altercation when his vehicle was involved in a multi-vehicle collision. The drivers of the two additional vehicles were both intoxicated and face charges including aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol. Trooper McMillen served with the Illinois State Police for eight months.

