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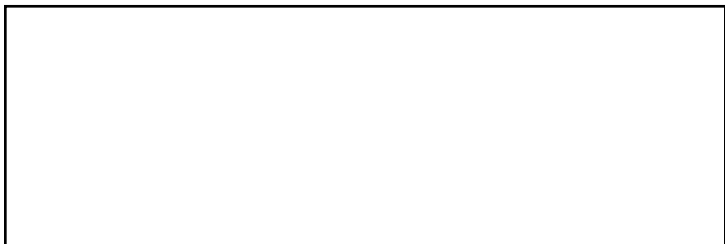
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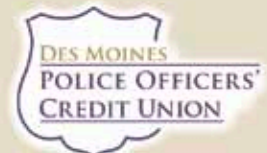


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Law enforcement finds ways to work more efficiently

“Doing more with less” is a phrase commonly utilized these days. In the law enforcement community, we cringe when hearing it. Technology has allowed us to do some things faster, and in some instances more detailed; however, the bottom line is that law enforcement will always need boots on the ground to accomplish our mission. The balancing act is securing the funding and selecting the right people for the job.

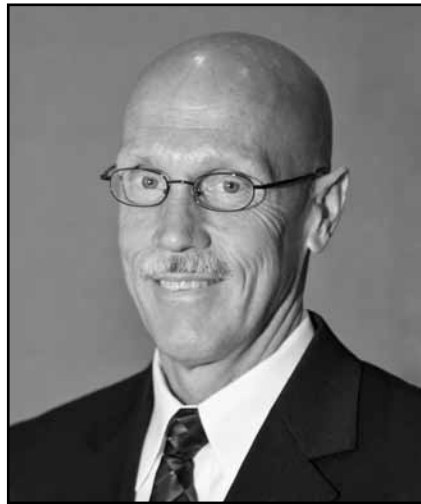
Hiring/ training efficiency

In my 35 years of law enforcement, I have been involved in the hiring of personnel and it's been interesting to see how that process has evolved. In the past, the personal interview held as much weight as anything in the selection process. Although still an important component, we now have access to much more background information. Agencies have found social media like Facebook to be an excellent tool.

Also, today's candidates come into the hiring process with much different backgrounds. I have always felt that law enforcement is not just a job – it's a career – but the longevity of persons in the profession is less than previous. It is not uncommon for people less than 30 years of age to switch jobs and careers several times before retiring. An agency that is constantly in the hiring mode needs to have the resources to conduct field training and teach other skills that new employees may need. Of course, the bottom line is hiring the right people to fit the philosophy and skill set needed for the agency.

Another challenge is the multiple generations in the law enforcement community, each bringing a set of characteristics unique to them. Conflicts can arise between more experienced and older command staff and younger, less experienced, field staff. It's not so much the specific laws or policies themselves, but rather the manner in which the generations differ in their core beliefs.

Today, law enforcement attracts fewer military veterans who understand rank, chain of command and discipline. We may be hiring people today who have never been away from their parents' home, never had to share a room, never been out of the



Chief David Lorenzen
IPOA President

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state, have always had their own car and not been told “No” very often. Now they come to work for a law enforcement agency and find out there are policies, rules, public perception, tremendous responsibilities, training requirements, travel requirements, physical requirements, shift work, seniority, bargaining units, and on top of all that they have to share a patrol car and its rear wheel drive.

It's the responsibility of each agency to constantly evaluate training requirements to ensure that all new and current employees are getting the training and have the tools to do their assignments to the best of their abilities. Cities, counties and state agencies have a huge responsibility to ensure that the law enforcement services they are providing are meeting their mission goals.

Networking saves funds and lives

I recently participated in the State Highway Safety Plan Strategies Workshop, a broad spectrum of folks who have a stake in highway safety – law enforcement, fire services, EMS, county engineers and supervisors, DOT safety and traffic engineers, GTSB, FMCSA, FHWA, crash analysts and high school students – all meeting to strategize what each of us can do to get our state to zero deaths on the roads.

Last year in IOWA, 360 people died in

traffic crashes. At first glance, compared to other years, that may be a positive. It's 30 less fatalities than 2010, when 390 persons were killed. But to all the families affected by these deaths, I don't think those numbers matter. Just think if 360 persons died from the flu in Iowa in one year, or 360 persons were killed in a tornado. It would be a huge tragedy. Yet, killing 360 people on our roadways is just the cost of transportation? I don't believe so, and it was neat to be a part of the energy in that workshop to develop plans to get IOWA toward zero deaths on our roads.

Doing more with less came up several times, because law enforcement resources are stretched very thin, and I believe there is a correlation between the presence of law enforcement on the road systems and the number of fatal crashes. The high school students in the group I participated in told us the most effective tool in compliance is seeing the patrol cars out there.

One thing that law enforcement has always done well is work together for a common goal. I am confident that we will all recognize that just sitting around and complaining that we are short of staff and resources will not solve any problems. Rather, creatively working together towards the common goal of making our cities, counties and state a safe and healthy place to live will confirm that doing more with less can be overcome in our profession.

Thank you for your service, and be safe out there.

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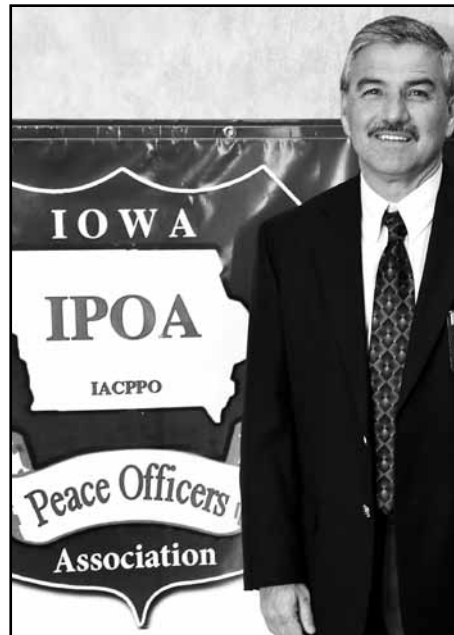
Conference provides most diverse training in years

Hello from the office of the Sec. /Treasurer. All is well and I am looking forward to and anticipating warmer weather soon. Even though this has not been a bad winter, it seems to drag on this time of year. It might be a sign of my age! Definitely looking forward to spring and all that it brings.

For the IPOA, that means our Annual Training Conference is coming soon. I am super excited about the lineup we have for speakers and programs this year. After making a late change due to many conflicts, we have developed an even better training block for both days. This may be the most diverse training we have offered in years, and something for everyone regardless of your position or rank.

I am eager to hear from Dr. Neal Trautman on Wednesday, April 24, and the presentation from Special Agents Douglas Hurley and Darrell Simmons on Tuesday, April 23, has been given enthusiastic reviews by those who have been in attendance for "Where the Fight Is... Is Where You Fight." This training block is in memory of Sgt. Eric Stein, as we take an in-depth look at the tragedy of April 4, 2011.

The conference will be held at the Stoney Creek Inn, located on 84th St. in Johnston, Iowa. The facilities are excellent, the rooms have all been recently updated, and the location is near many other amenities. All we need now to make this training successful is YOU. Make plans now to attend and help us reach our goal of 100-plus in attendance. The Board puts a lot of work into hosting this conference and we do it for all of you – where else could you receive a two-day training program with such an assortment of seminars for \$50?



Terry Dehmloff
IPOA Secretary/ Treasurer

Please send me your registration by April 15th, as we have to lock in some numbers for the hotel. Make your room reservations directly with Stoney Creek Inn, and I look forward to seeing you there. Thanks to Major Paul Steier and Sgt. Gus Farmer for co-chairing this event, and without the support of Chief David Lorenzen it would not be possible. Thanks, Chief!

Just a last reminder for those who have still not paid their dues for 2012-2013. They are obviously delinquent, and you were mailed the last notice in January. I now have the unfortunate task of removing you from the membership list unless they are sent in immediately. On a positive note, we have several new memberships

this year, thanks to Board Member Officer Dean Sharp for signing up the remaining members of the Council Bluffs Police Department. I look forward to meeting many of you at this year's conference and future events.

The legislative session is well under way and our lobbyist, Kellie Paschke, continues to do an excellent job representing the interests of law enforcement across Iowa. Kellie provides a weekly report on bills of interest, which is posted on our web page (iowapeaceofficers.org). So visit it often, to stay informed, and continue making contact with your local senators and representatives to voice your concerns.

We have a proposal to amend the by-laws of the IPOA. The changes have been loaded onto the web page and are also listed in this issue of *Iowa Law Enforcement* magazine. They will be voted on at the annual business meeting on April 23rd. Both of these issues have been of concern to the Board, and we have received requests for clarification from the membership.

Our newest Board Members, Officer Dean Sharp of Council Bluffs P.D. and Officer George Griffith of Urbandale P.D., are introduced on Page 20. Please make them welcome and thank them for their willingness to serve you on the IPOA Board. Both are well qualified and have the support from their departments and police chiefs. Welcome Dean and George!

Feel free to contact me with any concerns or assistance on conference reservations (Email: iacop2@mchsi.com). Until then, all the best to each of you and your families during 2013!

Terry

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Day One of the conference (Tuesday, April 23), will feature staff from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and United States Department of Homeland Security (USDHS) including: FBI Special Agents Stephanie Post and Scott James, along with FBI Intelligence Analyst Darin Challacombe; and from USDHS, Intelligence Officer Tom Riggs.

These presenters will cover present day topics to assist law enforcement officers in enhancing their crime fighting knowledge and ability to protect those we serve. Topics include: interdiction intelligence and suspicious activity reporting, success stories of joint intelligence operations, understanding abnormal behavior patterns, anti-government movement trends, de-escalating violent situations and crisis negotiations, and conspiracy and gang investigations. This day will provide something of value for every attendee.

Also on Tuesday, attend the seminar

on the shooting death of Keokuk County's Sgt. Eric Stein, "Where the Fight Is... Is Where You Fight." This presentation will take an in-depth look from start to finish of the tragic shooting that occurred on April 4, 2011. Presenters are Iowa DNE Special Agent J. Douglas Hurley and Iowa DCI Special Agent Darrell Simmons.

We will change things up for Day Two (Wednesday, April 24), with conference attendees having the unique opportunity to learn from one of the nation's top trainers on integrity and ethical behavior in law enforcement. Dr. Neal Trautman will share his expertise with officers on a variety of areas to enhance their ability to recognize and overcome the many challenges they face both internally and externally as a sworn law enforcement officer. Dr. Trautman brings real life experience with him as he served 16 years as a police officer, and then carried that experience with him as he began the National Institute of Ethics. This day of training will help attendees understand why choosing a career as a police officer is something to be proud and respected by those lucky enough to serve in the profession.

We hope you choose to join us for the 2013 IPOA Conference. The conference facility promises to be top notch, and the training offered will bring your career as a law enforcement officer to a new level.

Training Conference 2013 speakers

Dr. Neal Trautman is the author of EthicsEd's "Preventing Sexual Misconduct and Abuse" course. He has authored 12 books, presented over 500 ethics and leadership seminars, been a special guest speaker at 59 conferences, written 56 articles and conducted four nationwide research studies.

Dr. Trautman is the founder of the National Institute of Ethics, a non-profit Congressional award-winning organization

dedicated to furthering ethics and integrity throughout America. He is also the founding president of the International Association of Ethics Trainers.

As a Senior Analyst, Dr. Trautman consults and teaches anti-corruption seminars to foreign government officials for the United States Department of State and Commonwealth Trading Partners Inc. Prior to founding the National Institute of Ethics, Dr. Trautman finished his 16-year government career as the director of Human Resources for the city of Winter Park, Florida.

Special Agent Stephanie R. Post graduated from Kansas State University with a B.A. in sociology with a specialization in criminology and a minor in Spanish in 2004, and then received her Master's Degree in criminal justice from Loyola University Chicago in 2006. While at Loyola, SA Post published a thesis on serial killers in the media, and also served as a research analyst for the Chicago Bar Foundation and Loyola University Chicago. In 2006, SA Post was hired on with the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, and assigned to the Midwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) where she worked as an intelligence analyst supporting local and federal drug conspiracy cases.

In 2008, SA Post was hired by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as a Special Agent, and was assigned to the Chicago Field office out of the Academy, where she worked on an African-American Safe Streets Gang Task Force. SA Post assisted with several complex gang investigations, and served as case agent on a multi-agency and multi-state Title III case called "Operation Blood Hound," and an ongoing Chicago gang RICO investigation called "Operation Boxcar Willie." SA Post is the 2012 recipient of the Chicago Crime Commission Award and the Chicago Crime Stoppers award for her work on "Operation Blood Hound."

In October 2012, SA Post transferred to the Des Moines office out of the Omaha Division, and has been assigned to the Fu-



Business meeting to be held during Training Conference

Proposed change to IPOA bylaws: “Lifetime Memberships”

On November 30, 2012, a motion was made by IPOA Vice President Gus Farmer to amend the bylaws with the following changes, with 2nd by Major Paul Steier. All voted in favor of the motion - motion passed and was submitted to Secretary/Treasurer Terry Dehmlow.

By-Laws: Now referenced in Article II, 4.

To be eligible for IPOA Lifetime Membership:

1. Lifetime Membership in the IPOA will only be available to Retired members that meet the following criteria;

2. Before retirement, was a regular member of the IPOA for an aggregate of 22 years or more;

3. Has a non-forfeitable right to retirement benefits with the law enforcement

agency they retired from and is eligible to begin receiving retirement benefits immediately;

4. The cost to purchase a Lifetime Membership in the IPOA is \$200.

Note: Reserve officers are not eligible for a Lifetime Membership.

Add this to Article IV, Board of Directors, would become section 12. The intent would be to allow us to individually participate as individuals in the political process as we so choose. We would not be offering support as President or Sec.-Treasurer of the IPOA. In the past we have had magazine articles from candidates and we always offer both parties the opportunity to submit information and we have never made any endorsement of those candidates as an association.

Section 12. The IPOA acknowledges the right of our Members to engage in political campaign activity in their individual capacity and encourages Members to participate in the political process. However, as a non-profit organization, the IPOA is prohibited by State and Federal Laws from directly or indirectly engaging in certain types of political activity. Therefore, All Association Members are prohibited from using their official affiliation with the IPOA when participating in any political activity in their individual capacity, including political endorsements. Upon request, candidates will be offered a reasonable opportunity to share their agenda and concerns to the membership through the Iowa Law Enforcement Magazine.

Conference Training, continued

sion Center as the FBI representative for the State of Iowa.

Special Agent Scott James has been an FBI agent for 12 years, and a crisis negotiator for five years. He is currently assigned to the Des Moines Joint Terrorism Task Force. Prior to moving to Iowa in 2008, SA James lived in Los Angeles, where he specialized in white collar crime. After graduating from Colorado State University in 1994 with a B.A. in history, SA James served as an active duty artillery officer in the U.S. Army until 1999.

Intelligence Analyst Darin Chalacombe has been an intelligence analyst with the FBI for more than five years, and is assigned to the FBI Des Moines office. His job duties include working on international and domestic terrorism and criminal cases. He is also an FBI representative to the State of Iowa Department of Public Safety Division of Intelligence and Fusion Center. Prior to the FBI, Darin taught (and continues to teach) at a Kansas university, and worked as a grant writer for a non-profit. He has a Masters' in psychology and is currently working on his PhD.

Special Agent J. Douglas Hurley, of

the Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement, has been employed with the DNE since 1997, conducting covert and overt narcotics investigations. Special Agent Hurley instructs in areas of narcotics investigations, search warrant preparation and execution, confidential source management, clan lab hazards, drug endangered children, firearms and open sight rifles. To date, Special Agent Hurley has investigated and dismantled just shy of 400 methamphetamine laboratories and serves as an expert witness in both state and federal courts. Prior to working with DNE, Special Agent Hurley was a Gaming Enforcement Officer for the Division of Criminal Investigation working in the Burlington/Ft. Madison, Iowa, area from 1994 through 1997. Special Agent Hurley is a 1993 graduate of Central Missouri State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice Administration, and is an original founding member of Iowa Narcotics Officers Association (INOA), currently serving as the secretary.

Special Agent Darrell Simmons of the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation started his law enforcement career with

the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI), graduating from the 22nd Iowa Department of Public Safety Basic Academy in 1995. From 1995 through 1999 SA Simmons was assigned to the DCI's Gaming Unit. In the fall of 1999 SA Simmons transferred to the Iowa Division of Narcotics Enforcement (DNE). SA Simmons was assigned to the Clandestine Laboratory Emergency Response Team (CLERT), where he was responsible for investigating individuals and groups who were manufacturing and distributing methamphetamine throughout North East Iowa. SA Simmons also worked in an undercover capacity making controlled buys of illegal narcotics and weapons. During SA Simmons time with the DNE, he testified as an expert in state and federal court on numerous occasions. In April 2006 SA Simmons transferred back to the DCI's Major Crime Unit. As part of the Major Crime Unit, SA Simmons is responsible for investigating and testifying in a variety of felony cases including homicide, embezzlement, public corruption, officer involved shootings, sexual assault, bank robbery, kidnapping, and missing persons.

The Importance of Networking

I hope that everyone had a safe and joyful holiday season filled with family and loved ones. It is the time of the year to reflect back on all that we are grateful for, and to give thanks for our blessings.

Now, down to business. The one thing as law enforcement officers we are all guilty of at some time in our careers is putting training on the back burner. We then pull our heads out of the proverbial nether regions and get back to training. But what happens is we train our bodies but forget to train our minds. Our minds are our most important weapons, whether you want to believe it or not.

In this issue we would like to talk to everyone, especially trainers, about the wealth of knowledge found in professional organizations. One of the organizations we belong to is the International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association (ILEETA). This is a group of trainers and educators from all over the world who share the latest in law enforcement training techniques and research findings. Once a year the association has a 7-day convention, which is usually hosted in Wheeling, Illinois. Wheeling is a small suburb outside of Chicago, Illinois. During that week, there are training classes offered all day long that allow a participant to pick and chose which classes they want to attend. A lot of the classes are offered more than once in the week, so if you have a hard time choosing between two, you can attend the other one later.

The topics offered cover the entire range of law enforcement training. Some of the classes offered are control tactics, law updates, use of

force, less lethal, law enforcement work outs, bike officer tactics, nutrition, critical incident debriefings, handgun and long gun tactics and techniques, weapons armorer, TASER updates, force-on-force scientific research findings, psychological topics, returning veteran training, crowd control and much, much more. Along with the classes there are many trainer certification courses, which usually cost no more that \$30.

Where can you attend a conference and get certified as a TASER instructor or a Glock armorer for \$30 or less? Usually, the minimal cost is just to cover the instructor's cost of handout materials for the students.

Some of the presenters that teach courses at the conference are Bill Lewinski, Alexis Artwohl, Chris Lawrence, Larry Hahn, Larry Smith, Rick Guilbault, Laura Scarry, Massad Ayoob, John Bostain, Charles Remsberg, Gary Kluegewitz, and Jeff Chudwin. These are just some of the world-renowned trainers who offer classes. But what is great about ILEETA is that if you are a certified trainer in some specialty, you can submit a proposal before the end of the year for the next conference. If you are chosen, then you can teach your block of instruc-

tion at the conference and have your conference fees waived. Yes, there is a conference fee of around \$400, but it is the best money you will ever spend.

What is nice about these types of training conferences is that you learn as much networking with other trainers in the hallways between and after classes as you do in the actual classes. Being able to talk to someone from a different part of the country, or world, helps increase our knowledge base. They may do something different
(See *Networking* on next page)

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72 Council Bluffs officers join IPOA; CBPD Capt. Robert Miller retiring

Council Bluffs Police officers are now 100% behind the Iowa Peace Officers Association. In a recent vote conducted by the Fraternal Order of Police, the organization representing non-supervisory officers for the department, the members overwhelmingly approved full membership to the IPOA. Prior to this, several individual officers within the department had joined the IPOA at their own expense. Officers determined a need to associate with a state organization that would voice their concerns around the state. The cost of membership will be paid by the FOP and is well worth the representation provided the IPOA, according to FOP President Dean Sharp.

“Joining an organization with the reputation of the Iowa Peace Officers Association is long overdue for our entire mem-



Capt. Robert L. Miller

bership,” Sharp says. “I have a new appreciation for the IPOA, and the work done on behalf of Iowa peace officers, and would encourage every law enforcement officer to join.”

While new membership is always a priority for the Iowa Peace Officers Association, there are times when we lose long-time members to retirement. Such is the case for Captain Robert L. Miller with Council Bluffs Police. Capt. Miller will retire in March, 2013, having served with department since 1981. In his

long career, Miller progressed through the ranks to become the commander of the Uniform Patrol Division, the largest division within CBPD. Capt. Miller was responsible for authoring an historical overview of the Council Bluffs Police Department, which was researched over a four-year period. During this research, Capt. Miller uncovered information that resulted in the

inclusion of three CBPD officers names on the National Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, D.C.

“I’m proud of the historical work I did for the department and for leaving a lasting legacy for officers and their families,” Capt. Miller said.

An avid hockey fan, Capt. Miller participated in the “Guns & Hoses Hockey Night,” an annual hockey game played between local law enforcement and fire personnel. He also coached youth hockey in Nebraska. Miller recently purchased a residence in the Phoenix, Arizona, area and plans a move in mid-March –just in time to use his new Phoenix Coyote season tickets that were a retirement gift to himself. Enjoy your well-deserved retirement.



Networking, continued

that could work in your department. Or, sometimes, it is reassuring to find they are doing the same things. And yes, there are attendees from all over the world who come to this event. They range from Canada to Mexico, England, Bosnia, France, Jordan, to just name a few. There are many other organizations that you can join if you are an instructor, or even if you are not an instructor.

These include but are not limited to the International Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors; Midwest Association of Technical Accident Investigators; International Association of Women Police; International Association of Chiefs of

Police; National Tactical Officers Association; International Association of Identification, and so on.

One thing to remember, though, is make sure the organization is credible and recognized before you join. Most of the organizations allow you access to training schedules, recent research and usually have a forum where you can talk with other members – again, a way to network with fellow officers.

So as you hit the gym, the dojo, the trail, the courts or whatever arena you train the body, don’t forget to continue sharpening the edge on your #1 weapon – your mind.

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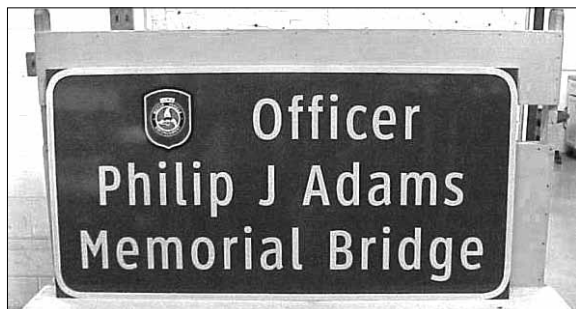
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I-29 bridges near Missouri Valley dedicated to highway officer killed in the line of duty



On December 17, 2012 a bridge dedication ceremony was held honoring Iowa State Highway Commission Officer Philip J. Adams, who was killed in the line of duty in 1973. The Interstate 29 bridges that overpass U.S. 30 in Missouri Valley have been named in Adams' honor.

The dedication ceremony was held at Rand Community Center in Missouri Valley. Officers representing the Iowa Department of Transportation's (formerly Iowa State Highway Commission) Motor Vehicle Division, the Iowa State Patrol as well as members of the Adams family were in attendance.

Officer Philip J. Adams was a traffic weight officer who was

working a portable scale operation along U.S. 30 near Missouri Valley on March 30, 1973, when he was struck by a motorist. He died March 31, 1973, from his injuries.

Adams was born in Neola, Iowa. He began his law enforcement career with the Missouri Valley Police Department in 1958. He was employed by the Iowa State Highway Commission in 1963.

Officer Adams was a longtime member of the Iowa Peace Officers Association.

There have been several bridges dedicated to peace officers that have died in the line of duty.

The Motor Vehicle Enforcement Office worked with the City of Missouri Valley to establish a resolution approving the bridge designation. The DOT requires the government entity that the bridges are located in to pass a resolution prior to naming the bridge.

Officer Adams has also been approved for inclusion to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C. His name will be formally dedicated on May 13, 2013, at the 25th Annual Candlelight Vigil during National Police week. The name Philip Joseph Adams will be engraved on the Memorial.

Philip J. Adams
Feb. 16, 1928-March 31, 1973

Officer Philip J. Adams Memorial Bridge

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Legislative Session Overview

By **Kellie Paschke**
IPOA Lobbyist

The 2013 legislative session began on January 14. This session marks the first year of the biennium, and as such is scheduled to last 110 days. The session may extend past the 110 days, but the deadline does encourage action since legislators will not receive a per diem after May 3.

One of the issues which may take time to resolve is the budget. House and Senate budget subcommittees begin this task in January and will likely continue meeting throughout February and part of March.

Once again, this session indicates different concerns among Democrats and Republicans. In the Senate, Democratic leaders prioritized Medicaid coverage and skilled job training while Republican leaders stressed the need to maintain fiscal discipline. House Republican leadership echoed its Senate counterparts' thoughts, stating that fiscal discipline from past years has led to the current budget surplus. House Republicans also support property tax reform and education reform. House Democrats agree that education reform is important, but are concerned that new proposals could ignore existing obligations for growth and funding.

Two important dates to remember this session are March 8 and April 5, which are funnel dates. The legislative funnel is a self-imposed deadline that helps legislators narrow down the number of bills that are eligible for debate. During the funnel, a bill must at least be passed out of committee in order to continue to move through the process.

While the funnel applies to most legislation, there are certain types of bills that are exempt from the funnel. They include tax and spending proposals and bills sponsored by legislative leaders. Although specific bills may not survive the legislative funnel, they can always be resurrected through an amendment to an eligible bill. Thus, a bill may technically die in the funnel, but the issue itself can still remain alive



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and be proposed in a variety of other ways. Until legislators go home for the year, there is never a guarantee that any particular issue is dead.

Public Safety Issues

There are a number of public safety issues already on record in the Iowa Legislature. Most will be monitored and will likely not be big issues, while others may require more action and response from members and leaders. There are also a few issues that the IPOA will be actively pursuing at the Capitol this session.

The IPOA is actively lobbying for three main issues this session. One of those issues is the requirement that peace officers pay sales tax on off-duty security work. Under the current tax system, a peace officer that performs these services outside of work and paid directly by the third party must pay a sales tax. However, a peace officer doing the same work but is paid through his or her law enforcement agency is not required to pay the sales tax. Legislation is being drafted to change Iowa tax laws by eliminating the sales tax for any peace officer who is acting with the knowledge and consent of the chief executive officer of the peace officer's law enforcement agency.

There appears to be support for this change not only in the House and Senate, but also in the Executive Branch.

Another priority for the organization involves GPS search warrants. At this time, the law permits only a special state agent apply for these warrants. Legislation has already been introduced which would authorize a peace officer to make an application to a judge for the issuance of a search warrant for this purpose.

The IPOA will also address an issue regarding injuries to peace officers. Changes will be recommended related to penalties for a person who knowingly resists or obstructs a peace officer by allowing the charge when the interference results in a bodily injury to the officer, rather than requiring that the injury be caused intentionally.

Legalization of marijuana is a hot topic in the area of public safety. The Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy has been working on a few bills which would create more substance restrictions. One of those bills is intended to clarify the ambiguity in the current law by making marijuana a Schedule I controlled substance. It would also eliminate the authority of the Board of Pharmacy to establish rules for medical marijuana.

Supporters of medicinal marijuana have also introduced legislation which would permit the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes. The bill that was introduced in the House died at a public safety subcommittee meeting at the end of January. A similar bill remains in the Senate, but it is not likely to get enough support to pass both houses.

What can you do to let your voice be heard? Getting involved with legislative policy decisions is easier than you think! Legislators in your community have regular events such as Saturday morning coffees, breakfasts and forums for the sole purpose of getting feedback from their constituents. Attend these events and get to know your legislator – it makes a difference!

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Iowa Peace Officers Association Legislative Resolutions:

1. We oppose any effort to impose or require a sales tax for law enforcement services provided by certified peace officers when those services must be approved by the chief officer.
2. We support fully funding the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy to enhance training activities.
3. We support legislation amending Iowa Code Chapter 719.1 to permit persons who knowingly resist or obstruct a peace officer to be charged if the interference results in bodily injury to a peace officer.
4. We support legislation authorizing any peace officer to obtain a search warrant to use a GPS device to track a suspect.
5. We support appropriate funding to maintain administrative salary, computer and software needs for the Iowa Criminal Justice Information Systems.

2013 Legislative Priorities of the Iowa JOINT PUBLIC SAFETY BOARD

Representing

Iowa State Patrol Supervisors Association
Iowa Police Chiefs Association
Iowa State Troopers Association
Iowa State Sheriffs' & Deputies' Association

Iowa Peace Officers Association
Iowa Association of Professional Firefighters
Iowa State Police Association

from a Meeting on Saturday, December 1, 2012

Resolution A

BE IT RESOLVED the Joint Public Safety Board supports the protection of public safety employee pensions and the reinstatement of the state contribution to MFPRSI and POR.

Resolution B

BE IT RESOLVED the Joint Public Safety Board supports equalizing the E911 wire-lined and wireless surcharges at \$1.00 and maintain cost recovery opportunity for wireless providers.

Resolution C

BE IT RESOLVED the Joint Public Safety Board supports maintaining Iowa Code Chapter 20 in its current form.

Resolution D

BE IT RESOLVED the Joint Public Safety Board supports making distracted driving a primary offense and utilize the federal definition in order to be eligible for federal funding.

Resolution E

BE IT RESOLVED the Joint Public Safety Board supports and advocates for policies that protect public safety organization funding at all levels of government.

Resolution F

BE IT RESOLVED the Joint Public Safety Board recognizes that high quality, up-to-date public safety training is critical to the public safety of all Iowans. Therefore, the Joint Public Safety Board supports the critical importance of public safety training and increased funding for law enforcement, fire and EMS training programs.

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Council Bluffs P.D. Officer Dean Sharp and Urbandale Ofc. George Griffith Join Board

Council Bluffs P.D. Officer Dean Sharp and Urbandale P.D. Officer George Griffith are the newest members of the Iowa Peace Officers Association (IPOA) board of directors.

Officer Sharp, appointed to the IPOA Board in November 2012, will assume the chair of the IPOA Finance and Membership Committee with a commitment to increasing the Association's membership.

"My appointment to the IPOA board was an opportunity to serve Iowa peace officers and make a difference," Officer Sharp says. "I look forward to the opportunity."

Officer Sharp began his law enforcement career in January 1983. In nearly 30 years with Council Bluffs Police Department, he has worked various assignments including Vice/ Narcotics, Criminal Investigations and is currently assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division. While in Criminal Investigations, Officer Sharp specialized in checks and fraudulent crimes, becoming a Certified Fraud Examiner. He was also an original member of the Metro Fraudulent Crimes Task Force with the U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Marshalls and Omaha Police.

Officer Sharp is the current president of the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #1, which is the organization representing the 90 sworn police officers in Council Bluffs. Officer Sharp has held the position of president for 15 of his 30 years within the organization.

Officer Sharp says he is the lucky husband of wife Kathi, a Surgical R.N., and the proud father of three children. With his wife and two children having attended Iowa State University, the entire household are



Council Bluffs Police Department Officer Dean Sharp has joined the IPOA Board as chair of the Finance/ Membership Committee.

clearly Cyclone fans. When not working, Officer Sharp officiates high school wrestling and baseball as a 25-year member of the Iowa High School Athletic Association.

Urbandale P.D. Officer George Griffith worked for Ruan Transportation for nearly 20 years before he began his career in law enforcement in 1986. He started as a Reserve Officer with the City of Des Moines, and then transferred to the Urbandale Police Department before becoming a full-time Officer in 1996.

Officer Griffith started his career in the Patrol Division, serving in various capacities such as a Motorcycle Officer, Emergency Response Team member, and Bike Patrol Officer. Officer Griffith later transferred to the Criminal Investigation Division,



Urbandale P.D. Officer George Griffith has joined the IPOA Board as a member of the Finance/ Membership and Legislative committees.

and served six years as a Detective. Currently, he is assigned to the Administrative Division where he is responsible for all property, evidence and impounds.

Officer Sharp was awarded Urbandale's Officer of the Year in 2009, and he holds a B.S. degree in business administration from Iowa State University and an Associate Degree in criminal justice from Des Moines Area Community College.

Officer Griffith welcomes the opportunity to advance the overall professionalism of Iowa law enforcement by serving with the IPOA Board of Directors.

He will serve on the Iowa Peace Officers Association Finance & Membership Committee, and the Legislative Committee.

Make a Difference in Iowa Public Safety

Become an active member of the Iowa Peace Officers Association

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