

Illinois State Police Welcomes 29 New Troopers Of Cadet Class 133

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The Illinois State Police (ISP) commissioned 29 new Troopers of Cadet Class 133 at a graduation ceremony at the Illinois State Police Academy in Springfield, Illinois on Friday, March 4. The new Troopers will report to two ISP patrol districts in the Chicago area on Monday, March 7, 2022.

“The new troopers of Cadet Class 133 embody the excellence that defines the Illinois State Police, and I wish them a heartfelt congratulations as they step into their new roles,” said Governor JB Pritzker. “I’m proud to have worked with the Illinois General Assembly to rebuild ISP by adding hundreds of sworn officers to our forces after their

numbers were severely reduced over the last two decades. The 29 individuals who join the force today are leaders in their communities who have committed to serve and protect, and I am so grateful for their commitment. We couldn't keep our residents safe without them."

Cadet Class 133 marks the fifth cadet class graduation under Governor JB Pritzker, which brings the total investment to 264 new Troopers since 2019. Cadet Class 133 is also the most diverse cadet class ever in the almost 100-year history of the ISP. Furthermore, the Governor's proposed ISP budget for the Fiscal Year 2023, will be the largest in ISP history and will allow for an additional 300 new Troopers.

ISP Director Brendan F. Kelly welcomed the new Troopers after delivering the Oath of an Officer.

"On the cusp of the ISP centennial and the largest state investment in ISP history, these brave men and women, from all walks of life, from all parts of Illinois, are stepping up to serve and helping us continue to rebuild the Illinois State Police," said Director Brendan Kelly. "These new troopers will join the most professional crime fighters in the nation to advance the cause of safety and justice across Illinois, living the values integrity, service, and pride."

The Troopers have completed a demanding 28-week regimen of physical and classroom instruction which included training in Cultural Diversity, Procedural Justice, Domestic Violence, Critical Incident Response, Firearms, First Responder Certification, Control and Arrest Tactics, Illinois Vehicle Code, Criminal Law, Motor Carrier Safety, Juvenile Law, and more.

In addition to the 28-week academy training, Troopers are required to participate in one-on-one mentoring with Field Training Officers (FTOs) under a 14-week field training program, expanding their total training to 40 weeks. Troopers who successfully complete the field training program are advanced to solo-patrol status.

The new officers have been assigned to the following areas of the state and will immediately begin their patrol duties, joining veteran Troopers in the effort to safeguard the public and Illinois roadways:

- District Chicago, 10 cadets
- District 15 Downers Grove, 19 cadets

The ISP Academy is one of the most respected and recognized training facilities in the country. Dozens of law enforcement agencies use the ISP Academy curriculum to meet standards set forth by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board.

Earlier this year, the ISP Academy became the first Academy in the nation to adopt the National Association of the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) “Ten Shared Principles”.

Anyone interested in joining the ranks of the Illinois State Police is encouraged to visit the Illinois State Police Merit Board (ISPMB) website at www.illinoistrooper.com for application information. The ISPMB is processing applications for Cadet Class 138 which is tentatively scheduled to begin in October 2022. Cadet Class 138 has the potential to include Fast Track and Non-Fast Track applicants. The deadline to apply and submit all required documents is June 1, 2022.