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## Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Announces Specialty License Plates

**Springfield, Illinois**—The Illinois Fraternal Order of Police (ILFOP) is excited to announce specialty license plates that include the state FOP logo are now available to the organizations' active and retired members statewide.

Nearly a year ago, Governor Pat Quinn signed into law the legislation that provides for the issuance of specialty license plates for members of the ILFOP. Since then, board members and FOP staff have worked diligently with the Secretary of State on design, production and operational fluidity.

"On behalf of the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Board of Trustees, we are excited that our members will be able to display the State Lodge logo on their personal vehicles," said Ted Street, president, Illinois Fraternal Order of Police. "Our membership is very excited to have their own license plate that shows their fraternalism and dedication to their profession. The board of directors and members extend their heartfelt thanks to Secretary of State Jesse White, members of the Illinois General Assembly and Governor Quinn for this opportunity."

The Illinois FOP license plate will be exclusive to FOP members in Illinois. Revenue from the license plates will aid in education and scholarship opportunities for members and their children, financial relief in times of need for members and their families, and community outreach.

"The ILFOP closed the doors on telemarketing over 18 months ago and has continued its efforts towards becoming completely self sufficient," said Jeff Newberg, chair of the license plate committee. "These plates will not only help accomplish that goal, but will also provide an additional benefit to members. We feel that this newest step toward fiscal solvency will have positive effects for the state FOP for years to come."

The Illinois Fraternal Order of Police serves a community of nearly 34,000 active duty and retired police officers through education, public awareness, political advocacy, and financial and insurance benefits. Its mission is, "To encourage fraternal, charitable, and social activities among law enforcement officers. To

increase the efficiency of the law enforcement profession and thus more firmly establish the confidence of the public in the service dedicated to the protection of life and property."

Current ILFOP focus areas include, attracting new members and associate members, raising awareness among members and the public, and encouraging donations to support member benefits and programs.

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