Candidate Letter to Illinois Police Chiefs

Robert Butler | Candidate for IACP 4th Vice President



Dear Illinois Chiefs,

I am honored to be a candidate for 4th Vice President of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. I appreciate the opportunity to introduce myself and look forward to attending the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police Annual Conference in Springfield.

My accompanying biography provides more detail about my experience and service. I want to use this letter to explain what I would bring to the IACP Executive Board and the priorities that would guide me.

IACP is doing tremendous work for our profession. I am running because I want to bring my energy, passion for law enforcement, and strong work ethic to that effort. If elected, I will be present, prepared, and actively engaged in the work of the association.

My priorities include officer and chief wellness, recruitment and retention, retirement readiness, responsible technology, and practical resources for agencies of every size. IACP already brings together tremendous expertise and experience, and I want to help ensure members receive that information clearly, quickly, and in ways that support their agencies. I also believe leadership requires the courage to ask why, explore new ideas, and revisit approaches that may not have succeeded in the past. Even when current practices are working, we should remain proactive, curious, and forward-thinking.

My campaign is centered on communication, collaboration, and connection. My goal is to make sure members feel heard and receive the information they need. State and county chiefs associations are essential to that effort because they are closest to local leaders and understand the issues affecting their regions. IACP can continue to strengthen those relationships and help information and ideas move effectively in both directions.

I will continue to advocate for membership and participation in IACP, state associations, and county chiefs organizations. Strong associations create trusted networks, encourage involvement, and give our profession a stronger collective voice. Bringing those organizations together has been an important part of my leadership and will remain a priority for me.

I would be grateful for the opportunity to earn your endorsement. I look forward to meeting Illinois chiefs, hearing your priorities, and sharing more about the energy and commitment I would bring to the IACP Executive Board. We are stronger when we remain connected and work together.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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