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My journey to this, my announcement of candidacy for the 3rd Vice President of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP), really began on the evening of July 12, 1977. My father, a Tinley Park police officer, responded to an armed robbery, exchanged himself for a hostage and was shot in the head. He ultimately endured years of surgeries and rehabilitation. My dad's selflessness taught me what sacrifice, public service and honor truly were. From that date, I worked to carry on where he left off and to make him proud. Becoming a police officer was really the only thing I have ever wanted to do. With that goal in mind, I acquired a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, M.A. in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from Roosevelt University and was also fortunate to have attended Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety School of Police Staff and Command.

In addition to membership in the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the North Suburban Chiefs of Police and the Lake County Chiefs of Police, I am a proud and active member of the ILACP. Entering my 26th year of law enforcement, I find myself in a position to be able to give back to an organization which has done so much for the Illinois law enforcement community and for me personally. I owe a great debt to the ILACP for the opportunities I have been afforded, opportunities which have helped me develop on both a professional and personal level. This certainly includes the opportunity I have had to chair the association's Traffic Safety Committee beginning in 2013. That position led to my involvement with the Federal Rail Administration's Law Enforcement Working Group, executive Board membership on the DuPage Railroad Safety Council, The National Advisory Council for Operation Lifesaver and membership on the IACP Railroad Police Section. My affiliation with the ILACP has also given me the chance to participate in the ILACP statewide accreditation effort, ILEAP, as an assessor, as well as, inclusion on the PR/Content Strategy Committee. As an ILACP Certified Police Chief since 2013, I have benefitted from the association's progressive approach to the professionalism of the law enforcement executive. I also owe a great deal to many of the members of the association for their mentorship, for their guidance and for their friendship. These relationships have been instrumental as I have moved throughout my professional career. I recognize the value of this association and want to do what I can to ensure other law enforcement professionals have the same experiences.

The challenges and opportunities facing law enforcement require a sophisticated and unified response to ensure that the police meet the public's expectations. Having been a part of the ILACP Executive Board for the past five years, I have had the chance to work closely with association leadership and to participate in the association's strategic planning sessions. I am excited and encouraged about the programs the association has in place and about the direction our previous Board of Officers have taken us. I would very much like to build on those successes, confront the challenges we, as law enforcement executives, are facing and would be honored to represent our association on the Board of Officers. I am seeking the support of ILACP members for my election as 3rd Vice President at the 2019 conference in April in Oak Brook.

Sincerely,



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Chief of Police

