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## **Illinois chiefs suggest black band in solidarity with Fox Lake fallen officer**

The Illinois police chiefs association is asking chiefs of all agencies in Illinois to have their sworn personnel wear their black mourning bands around their badges on Monday, September 7, the day of Lt. Charles Joseph Gliniewicz's funeral.

Gliniewicz is the Fox Lake officer who was shot and killed Tuesday, September 1, after calling in a report of three suspicious males.

“We want all officers in Illinois to act in solidarity with one another, and we wear the mourning band with reverence,” said Frank Kaminski, president of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police and chief of police in Park Ridge. “We recognize that police are under added stress in the current anti-law enforcement climate, and we want to stand together in support of one another.”

Most departments have their own protocols for wearing the mourning band, but the Illinois chiefs want this to be a coordinated statewide effort.

Therefore, the association's Board of Officers voted this morning to make it a new statewide protocol that all police agencies in Illinois have their sworn officers wear the black mourning band on the day of the wake and funeral whenever a sworn officer in Illinois dies in the line of duty. “Citizens around the state will ask officers what the black band is for, and they can say we're remembering Lt. Gliniewicz in a special way that day,” Kaminski said.

The wake and funeral of Gliniewicz, 52, will be Monday, September 7, in Antioch, Illinois.