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ILLINOIS CHIEFS OF POLICE SEEKING RISING SHIELDS OF LAW ENFORCEMENTsm

Nominations open January 2, 2012

Springfield, IL - Just as talented young up-and-comers in the business world are often profiled in "40 To Watch" lists, the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP) is looking for the Rising Shields of Law Enforcement in Illinois.

"We are seeking professionals under the age of 45 who represent the most progressive law enforcement leaders in the state," said Chief R.T. Finney, ILACP president and chief of the Champaign Police Department. He explained that many in law enforcement first enter the field after the age of 35, after serving in the military or other professional fields. Eligible nominees include sworn officers, attorneys, researchers, public safety experts, security providers and others in the law enforcement field.

Police chiefs and other law enforcement executives who work with outstanding leaders under the ranks of Deputy Chief or Lieutenant may nominate those they believe deserve this special recognition. "Our goals are to encourage those entering law enforcement to continue to grow in the profession, and to understand and meet the needs of law enforcement's next generation," Finney noted. "By honoring rising leaders in all areas of law enforcement, we hope that citizens will better understand the significant role they play in keeping their communities safe."

Forty honorees will be recognized, with eight receiving top honors in the selection categories. They will be chosen from among nominees who work in local law enforcement agencies, federal and state agencies, businesses and universities.

Details about award qualifications and the nomination form are available on the ILACP website at ilchiefs.org. The deadline for nominations is February 29, 2012. The Rising Shields honorees will be announced April 1, 2012.

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