

Candidate Questionnaire

Name and title?

Darren Gault – Chief of Police

How long have you been in law enforcement?

Since 1998

What position are you running for?

Vice President At-Large Region #2

How have you benefited from being an ILACP member?

ILACP has made me a more knowledgeable and seasoned leader. During my time on the Board of Officers, I have been more in tune with legislative affairs and have a more in-depth knowledge base on significant changes such as the SAFE-T Act and CESSA. Additionally, the network of experts in ILACP is remarkable. I've made some very good friends, new connections and expanded my network, which is a key skill for a leader to have and rely upon in challenging times.

If elected, what would be your top 3 priorities?

ILACP has some significant challenges ahead. First, we need to work towards a succession plan for the Legislative Committee Chairman and expand our lobbying abilities. Second, we need to expand and diversify our revenue streams in order to meet our future needs and keep the organization financially sound. Third, we need to increase the engagement of our members. By getting more people involved in committees, networking and educational opportunities offered by ILACP, we become a stronger association and stronger members.

What do you see as the biggest challenge facing the ILACP? The association operates a very lean budget. This puts a significant pressure on the staff to meet expectations or expand the association capabilities. We need to find new revenue streams to relieve this pressure, diversify our income avenues, keep membership dues affordable, and increase our lobbying efforts.

Anything else you'd like members to know about you?

It has been an incredible honor to serve as the Vice President At-Large for Region #2 these past three years. I wanted to be a voice for this region and our noble profession. We have great people doing great things in Illinois and we have to tell that story. It has been a privilege to be a part of the board. The At-Large position is only allowed two terms, so I hope to serve a second term and continue the exceptional work on behalf of our membership.