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## Podcast Launches to Improve Understanding of Law Enforcement and Public Safety

The [Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police](#) (ILACP) is partnering with [Team Hochberg](#) and [WGN Radio](#) for a brand-new podcast. This engaging and informative podcast focuses on the partnership between law enforcement and the communities they serve designed to enhance public safety across the state through transparency, education, knowledge, empowerment, and connections.

Host and moderator David Hochberg is joined each week by multiple co-hosts who are law enforcement professionals. Recurring co-hosts include:

- Chief Lou Jogmen, Highland Park Police Department
- Deputy Director AJ Bailey, Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police
- Chief David Byrd, Dekalb Police Department
- Ret. Col. Mimi McGreal, Illinois State Police
- Chief Steve Johnson, Fairview Heights Police Department
- Chief Kirk Brueggeman, O'Fallon Police Department
- Chief Ana Lalley, Elgin Police Department
- Chief Eric Echevarria, Peoria Police Department

This weekly podcast offers listeners the unique opportunity to hear directly from law enforcement subject matter experts on public safety issues that affect them locally, here in Illinois.

“In 1829, Sir Robert Peel established the London Metropolitan Police Force and is known as the ‘Father of Modern Policing,’” stated former ILACP President and founder of Behind the Badge Illinois, Chief Lou Jogmen. “One of his key principles holds true today, ‘The key to preventing crime is earning public support. Every community member must share the responsibility of preventing crime. They will only accept this responsibility if the community supports and trusts the police.’ These words still ring true some 195 years later. BTBI supports this idea by sharing relevant public safety information with the public

and building trust in law enforcement in line with the ILACP/NAACP 10 Shared Principles of Public Safety.”

Discussions focus on topics that ultimately enhance the listener’s understanding of law enforcement operations, current crime trends and events, and strategies to avoid becoming victimized. It also provides a forum for the residents of Illinois to become aware of important public safety issues and programs specific to our state and their community.

Listeners will have access to public safety information at a more detailed level, a level that cannot be achieved on typical media platforms or programming. The discussions will not be set at the policy or legislative level, rather, listeners will have the opportunity to understand what is happening in their communities concerning public safety, what police officers are doing to address those issues, and what they, the public, can do to be an active participant in their own public safety. They will hear real stories from subject matter experts within law enforcement and partnering organizations. Listeners also get the opportunity to ask questions of law enforcement about issues they have always wanted to learn about.

Ten episodes are now available on several podcast platforms and the [ILACP YouTube channel](#). Episodes are released on ILACP channels weekly. They are also featured on [WGN Radio](#).

- [Episode 1](#): 10-41
- [Episode 2](#): Retention Efforts
- [Episode 3](#): How to Stay Safe in Public
- [Episode 4](#): Navigating the Police Hierarchy
- [Episode 5](#): De-escalation & Use of Force
- [Episode 6](#): What the ILACP Can Do for You
- [Episode 7](#): Humble Heroes - Officer Brachear
- [Episode 8](#): The Moms Behind the Officers
- [Episode 9](#): The Rise of Attacks on Law Enforcement
- [Episode 10, Listener Questions Part 1](#): Situations for Use of Deadly Force
- [Episode 10, Listener Questions Part 2](#): What Police Are Allowed to Do About Panhandling
- [Episode 10, Listener Questions Part 3](#): Why Police Pursuits Sometimes End Before Offender is Caught - (Release Date 7/4/24)
- [Episode 11](#): Honoring Law Enforcement Civilian Personnel

Have a suggestion for a topic our hosts should cover? Email [BehindtheBadgelL@gmail.com](mailto:BehindtheBadgelL@gmail.com)