

## **ILACP President and Executive Director Messages After Pretrial Fairness Act Ruling July 19, 2023**

Dear Members,

The ruling on the allowance of the no-cash-bail provision of the SAFE-T Act comes as a disappointment to law enforcement leaders across the state. For it is us, those tasked with protecting public safety, who realize more than anyone else the true potential impact that a decision like this may have for our communities. And it is us who will have to navigate the unintended consequences of this new legislation.

While the news is discouraging, this is no time for us to allow our frustrations to get the best of us. Now is the time for us to do what we have been called on to do countless times before; adapt and overcome. Law enforcement will find a way to work within the restrictions imposed upon us. We must find a way to keep the faith in our system. Law enforcement leaders are experts at finding solutions. I am confident we will find a way to keep our communities and crime victims safe despite the challenges this ruling imposes. As law enforcement leadership in the State of Illinois, I know by working together we will find a way through this challenging time and continue to protect and serve the communities who place their trust in us.

-ILACP President Laura King

Dear Members,

As a result of yesterday's ruling, I'm sure many of you spent yesterday and today going through a range of emotions as well as reviewing previous documents, plans, and training to refresh your memories. We at the ILACP want to be of service to our members and remind everyone that you can access our [SAFE-T Act Resource Center](#) behind the membership wall. You will just need to log in. There you will find documents and fact sheets to assist you as you prepare for implementation. While implementation will look different from county to county, I believe you will find these resources of value.

As you did late last year, now is the time to prepare and re-train your officers. Policies need to be updated, training needs to occur, and conversations need to be had with your local state's attorney and municipal attorneys. You may also need to educate your community. I'm sure everyone did this last year, but with almost eight months past, we all probably need a refresher.

Yesterday, we put out a survey with the announcement of the court's decision asking if members would be interested in a refresher training on Trailer Bill 3. Please take a moment to respond, if you have not done so already, so we can make a decision as to whether or not this would be of value and interest.

We have been through challenging times before and as in the past, I'm confident we will get through this. Our members and officers are intelligent and adaptive, and while there will be a learning curve, we will succeed in our mission to keep our communities safe.

Please see the special message below from our legal advisor, Don Zoufal, on yesterday's ruling

As always, be safe, and thank you for all that you do.

-ILACP Executive Director Kenny Winslow