



Greetings Iowa State Police Association (ISPA) members. As your newly elected Jr. Director to the ISPA Board, I would like to take a moment to introduce myself.

I hail from the Northeast Iowa city of Cresco and have since put down my roots in the Cedar Valley. My wife, Kelley, and I have been married for 13 years. We have two girls, ages 11 and 8. We enjoy taking road trips around the state as well as venturing into neighboring Wisconsin. If you know of any great Iowa adventures, please let me know.

I have been with the Cedar Falls Police Department since 2008. During this time, I have had the opportunity to be a field training officer, bike patrol officer, investigator, SWAT team member, less lethal instructor, disorder control instructor, union steward, and Local 23 board member. I was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in 2021 and have since been assigned to 2<sup>nd</sup> shift patrol. In 2021 I also received my bachelor's degree in public administration from Upper Iowa University (UIU). I utilized the UIU tuition discount available to all ISPA members and their families. I encourage you to check out the many benefits and discount opportunities on the ISPA website.

I began my time on the Cedar Falls Local 23 board as an at-large member and served as the secretary for the last six years. Serving on my local board introduced me to the ISPA at the 2016 annual conference in Sioux City, where current ISPA President Becki Sammons was elected as the Jr. Director. I have been actively attending the conference since. I also had the honor to serve as a committee member on the Officer Assistance Program.

Prior to attending an ISPA conference, I had little knowledge about the work the ISPA Board does in support of its members, the 411 pension system and promoting the interests of all Iowa Law Enforcement Officers. As I began to learn more, I knew this was something I wanted to be a part of. I am passionate about promoting Iowa Law Enforcement and resolute in my desire to defend our pension system. I look forward to working with the rest of the ISPA board and our lobbying team (Maggie, Jeff, Matt, and Jerry) to further the mission of the ISPA. I encourage you to join us by getting to know your local representatives so that you too can advocate on behalf of our noble profession. Stay safe and God bless.