

Iowa State Police Association Legislative Day – January 29th, 2026

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On January 29th, 2026, the Iowa State Police Association hosted its annual Legislative Day at the capital in Des Moines. This day brings together ISPA board members, ISPA members, other law enforcement professionals, and legislators for important discussions on current and future legislative issues that impact our profession.

The morning began with a well-attended open-house style breakfast for the legislators hosted by the ISPA board members, with other local ISPA representatives also in attendance. ISPA board members and others engaged in productive conversations with the legislators outlining our priorities for this legislative session. Key topics again this year were continued conversations about the recruitment and retention challenges that we are facing, as well as other efforts to support officers across the state.

2026 Key Legislative Initiatives

- Enact and enhance programs to assist law enforcement agencies with recruitment and retention of qualified law enforcement officers by utilizing programs such as SLIP, tax credits/incentives, secondary education funding programs, health insurance financial support programs, and ensure retired members benefits stay current as the economy changes.
 - Tuition reimbursement for dependents of active First Responders.
 - Increase COLA for 411 (MFPRSI) pensions from 1.5% to 2.5%.
- Work to change Iowa Code 321.266, and all other applicable sections of the Iowa Code, to increase the damage threshold for a reportable vehicular accident from \$1,500 to \$5,000.
- Provide severely injured law enforcement officers and the families of officers killed in the line of duty the same additional homestead tax credits afforded to the state's military personnel.
- Increase the amount of money an officer who is retired on a disability pension can earn before being penalized by loss of pension from 1.5 times the salary of their position to 2.5 times that salary.

After breakfast, the ISPA board members had private meetings with House Majority Leader Bobby Kaufman, Senate Majority Leader Mike Klimesh, and Senate President Amy Sinclair. The board also met with Senator Ken Rozenboom and Representative Megan Jones. These meetings provided the ISPA board an opportunity to explain the association's legislative priorities in detail, have conversations regarding other specific legislative issues, and strengthen relationships for the future.