

Iowa State Police Association Legislative Day – February 20, 2025

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On February 20, 2025, the Iowa State Police Association (ISPA) hosted its annual Legislative Day, bringing together board members, legislators, and law enforcement professionals for important discussions on the future of policing in Iowa.

The day began with a wonderful breakfast attended by ISPA board members, ISPA local representatives and several legislators. Those who stopped by engaged in meaningful conversations about the current state of policing in our communities. Key topics included retention and recruitment challenges, as well as legislative efforts to support officers and departments across the state.

Key Legislative Discussions

- **Retention and Recruitment Challenges**
 - Exploring a potential bill to create scholarships for police officers and their families.
 - Considering tax credits as an incentive for law enforcement professionals.
- **Accident Report Threshold Increase**
 - Advocating for an increase in the minimum reporting requirement for accident reports from \$1,500 to \$5,000.
 - Aimed at allowing officers to focus on more urgent calls and alleviating some of the burden on understaffed departments.
- **Infectious Exposure Protections**
 - Discussion of a future bill or an amendment to a current law allowing for mandatory blood draws of offenders/suspects without a search warrant if a law enforcement officer is exposed to infectious fluids in the line of duty, aligning with standard hospital practices for nurses and doctors.
- **Homestead Tax Credits for Severely Injured Officers or Line of Duty death families**
 - Proposal to add or amend a bill that would provide severely injured law enforcement officers or their families with the same additional homestead tax credits afforded to the state of Iowa's military personnel.
- **Discussions on Chapter 20 and Disability Pension Earnings**
 - Conversations with legislators regarding the 2017 Legislative session changes to Chapter 20, the Collective Bargaining for Public Employees, as well as a hopeful increase to the amount of money a retired officer on disability can earn on their pension.

Following the Legislative Day breakfast, ISPA board members had a productive meeting with **Representative Bobby Kaufmann**. This meeting provided an opportunity to present, in detail, ISPA's legislative priorities and future initiatives aimed at strengthening law enforcement across Iowa.

The **ISPA** remains committed to working alongside legislators to ensure that Iowa's law enforcement officers have the resources, support, and policies necessary to serve their communities effectively.