

**2008 IPLEA FALL CONFERENCE
HOSTED BY FOREST PRESERVE
DISTRICT OF WILL COUNTY
Joliet, Illinois**

The IPLEA 2008 Fall Conference was hosted by the Forest Preserve District of Will County in September. Will County Forest Preserve Chief Mike Ganster greeted the attendees as the Will County Forest Preserve Honor Guard opened the conference by posting of the colors. The training sessions were held in downtown Joliet.

Forty three park law enforcement officers from ten agencies registered to hear Speaker Dale Sollars for his two days of training as he taught them lessons on “Identifying Deceptive Behavior.” Dale provided everyone with information about human nature and what people’s actions really mean and how to use the information to further investigations.

Will County Forest Preserve Police showed their hospitality throughout the conference as they provided shuttles to all of the events and kept everyone well fed.



Opening Ceremony



Speaker Dale Sollars



Breakfast and lunch was provided

After Monday’s training session with Dale, participants re-grouped at the hotel. Will County Forest Preserve Police then took everyone to Will County’s new Kerry Sheridan Grove Pavilion in Channahon for a BBQ dinner. Retired Deputy Chief of DuPage County Forest Preserve Rick Haake met up with some old IPLEA friends at the Monday BBQ. After dinner, Rick was given a plaque and gift from IPLEA as a thank you for his past service on the IPLEA board.



Monday Night was “BBQ Night”



Rick Haake made a post retirement appearance at the Monday BBQ

Something unique to IPLEA conferences happened Monday at the BBQ. Will County Sergeant Bob Murphy brought his band, "G Dog Bix and the Murphy Boy" for live music entertainment. Steve Laskowski from DuPage Forest Preserve also brought his drum set to sit in on the "gig" and a jam session ensued. Dave Barrios from Will County Forest Preserve also belted out some vocals as he played an acoustic guitar set.



Bob "Guitar" Murphy



Jeff and Carolyn of IPLEA thank Rick Haake for his years of service



Steve "Sticks" Laskowski

Tuesday's training was another full day with Dale Sollars in downtown Joliet. Dale Sollars, a national speaker, kept everyone involved with his interesting and humorous stories about human behavior and solving cases. After the training session, attendees re-grouped at the hotel. Tuesday night was banquet night at the Elk's Club where networking continued. Awards and prizes were distributed.



IPLEA thanks Will County FP Chief Mike Ganster and Sgt. Bob Murphy for hosting the 2008 IPLEA Conference



PLEA thanks DuPage FP for hosting the 2007 National PLEA Conference



Plenty of food was provided through out the conference

The conference continued Wednesday with a morning training session. Illinois State Police Master Sergeant Tony Lebron provided information on the complex and changing laws and procedures related to field sobriety and implied consent. The training session and the 2008 conference ended at lunch time.

"Thank you Will County Forest Preserve Police for your efforts in hosting a fine conference"