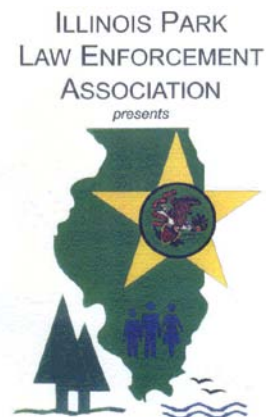




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**Conference Summary**

The 2009 IPLEA Fall Conference sponsored by IPLEA and DPRMA was packed with instructors and topics. The two and a half day training and networking event spanned September 14<sup>th</sup> thru the 16<sup>th</sup>. The conference included five different training topics and ten instructors total. Hosted by the Springfield Park District Police and held at the Springfield Northfield Inn Hotel and Conference Center, twenty two park law enforcement professionals from eleven different agencies received an array of information from: the Illinois DNR, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, the LESO Program, the Statewide Terrorism & Intelligence Center (STIC), and PDRMA's risk management.



Lt. Baumgarner "pelts" the class with Conservation questions.

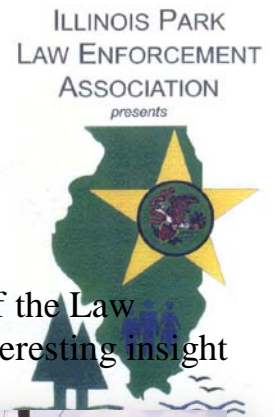


IPLEA thanks IDNR Instructors with gifts.

The Monday morning conference session started with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Conservation Police. Lieutenant Eric Baumgarner, Sergeant Jason Sherman, and CPO Jamie Maul provided an overview of the IDNR recruiting and training program. They also perused the IDNR website, highlighting useful information. Conservation statutes were also reviewed. Many conservation codes were discussed that could provide law enforcement officers extra enforcement options and assistance them with establishing probable cause and making arrests.



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Monday afternoon was spent with State Program Coordinator Curtis Howard of the Law Enforcement Support Office (LESO). LESO Coordinator Howard provided interesting insight on how Law Enforcement Departments can obtain surplus supplies and equipment from the Federal and State Government. With a nominal registration fee, Law Enforcement Departments are able to acquire an array of equipment from; armored personnel carriers, trucks and campers, to boots, furniture, and computers.

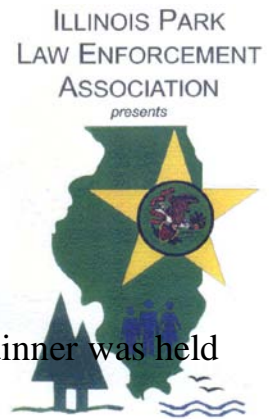


At the end of the conference on Wednesday, some of the attendees visited the LESO facility and checked out the available supplies. In the photo below, Chief Waxweiler checks on a computer order he placed with the program. Chief Waxweiler arranged to pick up equipment for his Department while he attended the conference.





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On Monday evening, IPLEA invited conference attendees to a BBQ dinner. The dinner was held at a park pavilion overlooking a beautiful sunset on Lake Springfield.

The Tuesday morning session started with an interesting presentation by Springfield Resident Special Agent Tim Santel of the US Fish & Wildlife Service. Agent Santel enlightened attendees to the capacity and duties of the US Fish & Wildlife Service Agents.



Agent Santel discussed local US F&W enforcement cases and when other agencies should contact his agency for assistance. The class was fascinated as Agent Santel showed video of a high profile Illinois case he and his agency solved. The case from the Chicago suburbs received National attention when it was discovered that a man was trafficking numerous lions and tigers and then illegally killing them and selling their parts. The case and Agent Santel were featured on a national TV network news program.

Tuesday afternoon's session included three more instructors from the Illinois Statewide Terrorism Center (STIC). Assistant Center Chief Dora Tyrrel, Criminal Intelligence Analyst, Subject Matter Specialist and Narcotics Expert Kathy Leming, and Illinois State Trooper Richard Franck who is a social networking expert provided an insight into the capabilities and functions of STIC.



Conference attendees learned of the functions of STIC during emergencies and disasters. The instructors also enlightened attendees to the Center's support services, which include intelligence support for agencies engaged in drug cases and social networking services for cases.



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*presents*



It was a nice surprise to all in attendance that such a state of the art center could provide direct support to any police agency seeking assistance with case building, particularly drug cases.

After the Tuesday conference session, several attendees met at the STIC office for a tour of the facility. Attendees were led on an interesting tour inside the State of the Art, disaster proof building. Tour members were able to walk through the Center's main planning room where all the major State agencies involved in emergency and disaster management are represented in a centralized communication center.

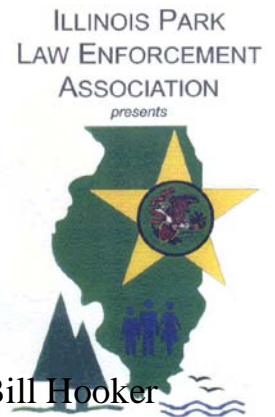


After a day's training, under the watchful eye of Chief Murphy, conference attendees engage in some team building exercises before attending the IPLEA dinner banquet.





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Wednesday morning's session was taught by Bill Hooker (pictured) and Tim Lenac of the Park District Risk Management Agency (PDRMA). Bill and Tim discussed the need for Park Districts to have "Lockdown and Missing Person Procedures" at their facilities. They provided the class with sample policies and procedure requirements for "Shelter in Place," Missing Child- "Code Adam," and Building Intruder procedures. They also explained how their Agency inspects facilities for policy compliance.

The 2009 IPLEA Fall Conference came to a close at lunch time on Wednesday. Some attendees then went over to the LESO facility to check out the available equipment.

IPLEA wishes to thank PDRMA and the Springfield Park District for their assistance in hosting the fall conference. IPLEA would also like to thank all of the conference instructors from the Springfield area that took time out of their busy schedules to make this conference for Park Law Enforcement professionals from around the State, a successful topic filled event.

Thank You and IPLEA hopes to see you at the next training conference, the Winter Retreat in Aurora, Illinois on January 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. See the IPLEA website for more details.