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PREFACE

The 1998 edition of *Crime in Illinois* marks the thirtieth year of its publication by the Illinois State Police. There were 910 agencies reporting their data directly to the Uniform Crime Reporting Program, representing a 100 percent compliance rate. The data reflects a decline in statewide crime index figures.

You may notice changes in the 1998 publication. Additional tables and charts were added to better depict crime trends. My staff has worked in partnership with the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority to provide a valuable tool to enhance public awareness of the impact crime has on their communities.

With appreciation and thanks to all who have contributed to this publication, I present *Crime in Illinois, 1998*.

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DEDICATION

This publication is dedicated to all law enforcement officers, and in particular, to those police officers who lost their lives in the performance of duty while endeavoring to uphold the laws of the State of Illinois.



Officer Michael A. Ceriale

***Courage knows no bounds greater than that,
that a man or woman shall give his or her life in the
service of his or her community.***

The Illinois State Police would like to express its appreciation to all personnel who assisted in this publication and to the law enforcement agencies who provided the information.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED

During 1998, one Illinois law enforcement officer was feloniously killed in the line of duty. A brief narrative on the circumstances surrounding the death is presented below:

AUGUST 21, 1998 - CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

On August 21, 1998, a 26-year-old police officer died from injuries received on August 15, 1998. Officer Michael A. Ceriale and his partner, working in plain clothes, had observed some drug dealing activity. While conducting surveillance, they were spotted by a “look-out” who fired one shot at the officers. The round struck Officer Michael A. Ceriale just under his bulletproof vest.