

Training

During a 12-month probationary period, investigators attend a certified 10-week Basic Law Enforcement Course and an advanced 10-week training program. Trainees are assigned to field training investigators to apply what they have learned in the final phase of the course.

Organization

Springfield is home to the Secretary of State Police Command Center and Support Service personnel as well as the Police Inquiry Unit, which responds to emergencies and law enforcement inquiries on a 24-hour basis. Springfield also is home to the Capitol Police Unit.

The department has five uniformed district offices located in Villa Park, Rockford, Springfield, Mt. Vernon and Belleville. The department regulates the automotive industry, tracking auto thieves, conducting surveillance on suspected "chop shops," infiltrating auto theft rings, investigating fraudulent state identification documents and conducting "sting" operations. Each year, hundreds of thousands of dollars in stolen vehicles and vehicle parts are recovered statewide.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Command Center

Springfield217-782-7126

Uniformed District Offices

Villa Park630-693-0551
Rockford815-987-7560
Springfield217-785-5486
Mt. Vernon618-244-8343
Belleville618-236-8765

Capitol Police217-782-6008

Salvage Vehicle Inspection Stations

Villa Park630-693-0551
Belleville618-236-8755
East Peoria309-694-7961
Springfield217-557-2084

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Secretary of State Police



**TRADITION,
SERVICE,
DEDICATION**



Jesse White
Illinois Secretary of State

I am proud to oversee one of the oldest statewide law enforcement agencies in Illinois — the Secretary of State Police. Founded in 1913, this department serves all citizens of Illinois. Secretary of State Police investigators are trained in all aspects of law enforcement, with special expertise in auto theft investigations and vehicle-related consumer fraud.

The men and women of the Secretary of State Police are a source of pride for all of us. They serve our state with distinction and are committed to serving the people of Illinois.

Jesse White

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Duties

The Secretary of State Police serves the public by:

- Enforcing laws governing businesses that deal with vehicles and auto parts.
- Providing law enforcement and security for the State Capitol Complex.
- Inspecting salvage vehicles for stolen parts.
- Helping dispose of hazardous explosive devices and chemicals.
- Training other governmental agencies in the *Illinois Vehicle Code* and other police-related subjects.
- Promoting traffic safety.

Traffic Safety

Supported by federal funds, the Secretary of State Police conduct several programs promoting traffic safety.

Anti-Drunk Driving Enforcement Project

The department hires off-duty investigators to patrol selected routes and apprehend alcohol- and drug-impaired drivers. Some of the video camcorders and portable breath testing devices are donated by Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Aetna Insurance.

Blood-Alcohol Testing Training (BATT)

Certified investigator/trainers instruct local and county police officers in the proper operation of BATT instruments. Officers learn the effects of alcohol and listen to an in-depth interpretation of Illinois DUI laws and other topics needed to pass the state test.

Special Units

Capitol Police

Provides a 24/7 police and security presence on the State Capitol Complex in Springfield. The Capitol Police Unit is comprised of uniformed Capitol Police investigators and security guards.

Emergency Response Team

Handles high-risk situations, such as civil disturbances, disasters and hostage situations, all of which require the use of specially trained personnel. The focus is on property maintained by the Secretary of State in Springfield.

Hazardous Device Unit

Highly-trained investigators who are certified bomb technicians are capable of handling, transporting, disarming and disposing of explosive devices and chemicals.

Special Event Team

Helps oversee large special events at the Capitol Complex, including public gatherings, demonstrations, parades and visiting dignitaries.

Salvage Vehicle Inspection Stations

Using four stations around the state, officers enforce the law by requiring inspection of all rebuilt vehicles. Mobile units are used for field inspections.

Underwater Investigation Unit

Specially trained officers recover stolen vehicles from bodies of water and assist other law enforcement agencies in investigations of vehicular criminal offenses involving submerged evidence.

Honor Guard

Represents the Secretary of State at ceremonies, parades and funerals.