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BOARD SPOTLIGHT

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Greetings Iowa State Police Association (ISPA) members. As a new member on the ISPA Board, let me take a minute and tell you a little about myself.

I have been with the Cedar Rapids Police Department since 2002. During my career, I have been a field training officer, bike officer, honor guard team member, special response team sniper and shield operator, union steward and Local 5 board member.

Since 2011, I've been in the Criminal Investigation Division (CID), and for the last three years, I have been assigned to the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task force. Being on the ICAC task force, I have worked with some great law enforcement officers across Iowa and throughout our country. I've learned that our 411 pension plan is one of the best in the nation, and I'm proud of that.

My wife, Kim, and I are celebrating our 20th year of marriage. We have three boys who are all involved in sports, so we do plenty of running around. As a family, we like to camp and go boating. I also try to get out on my motorcycle as much as I can. Let me know of any rides in your area.

Passion is one of the keys to a long, happy life. I think for most of us, we've had a "calling" to this profession that is hard to explain. This passion is what allows us to strap on a vest, buckle our gun belt, work crazy hours and be everything for everyone.

I've learned that ISPA is one of the benefits we have as officers, and it really does have our best interests at heart, whether it's fighting for our pension, supporting laws that are in our best interests or helping change the lives of young men at the Rabiner Treatment Center in Fort Dodge. I knew ISPA was something I wanted to be a part of.

This past fall I was honored and humbled to be elected as the newest ISPA board member. It's been an eye opener. I'm impressed with the professionalism shown by everyone, regardless of whether they're an Iowa State fan, or worse — a Nebraska fan...I can look past that. I'm looking forward to representing you for the next eight years. God bless and stay safe. Go Hawks!