

Contact public officials, make your voice heard

If you have a complaint about your department, call us. ICOPs is always ready to assist!

But if you're concerned about a broader issue that applies to Police Officers everywhere, why not contact your elected public officials and make your views known? It makes a difference when they hear personally from Police Officers.

To find out how to reach your representatives:

- Go to www.elections.il.gov (Illinois State Board of Elections)
Click "*District/Official Search*," insert your 9-digit zip or your address to find your U.S. Senators, U.S. Congressman, IL State Senator, IL State Rep and IL officials (such as Governor and Attorney General) and how to contact them.

To learn more about an elected official, visit their website:

- For U.S. Congressman – www.house.gov
Click "*Find Your Representative*" at the top and insert your 9-digit zip.
- For U.S. Senator Dick Durbin – www.durbin.senate.gov
- For Illinois State Senators and Representatives – www.ilga.gov
But if you don't know WHO your state legislators are, first go to www.elections.il.gov (see above) to find out.

Whether you write a letter, fax, call or e-mail –
identify yourself and make your points clearly.

An example:

"Dear Congressman _____:

I am a police officer and deeply concerned about the lack of federal resources for local law enforcement efforts. I'm writing to ask you to fight for adequate funding of regional interagency task forces to reduce the violence and drugs in our communities."

– signed with your name and address

For more information, visit "*police news and resources*" at www.icops.org.