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**Loss of Illinois State Crime Commission / Police Athletic League of Illinois
(ISCC/PAL) Director Michael H. Prueter**



The Illinois State Crime Commission / Police Athletic League of Illinois (ISCC/PAL) expresses its deepest sympathies to Director Michael Prueter's family and friends on their loss and mourns the sudden death of a fierce pro-police/public-safety advocate, friend, and colleague.

“Mike Prueter was very passionate in his support of the men and women in law enforcement,” stated Jerry Joyce, Executive Director of the ISCC/PAL. That passion was on full display at a recent ISCC/PAL gathering that Director Prueter organized with nearly one hundred law enforcement officers, veterans, elected officials, concerned citizens, and area business leaders.

When he rose to speak to present an award to one of the evening's honorees, Sheriff Dwight Baird of Kendall County, Prueter became visibly emotional while delivering a deeply heart-felt ‘thank you’ to law enforcement officers for their service. Calling Prueter a good friend, Joyce went on to say, “Mike was very generous with his time, volunteering for numerous charitable undertakings. He approached his work with the ISCC very seriously but never took himself too seriously. He was very kind and had a great sense of humor. He will be missed.”

Director Prueter's leadership and support of the Illinois State Crime Commission mission spanned nearly three decades, importantly expanding the ISCC to adopt the Police Athletic League of Illinois program in 2007. Prueter served as ISCC/PAL Director of Policy & Government Affairs, leading legislative development and reviewing law enforcement and public safety challenges. His policy work has significantly influenced the ISCC/PAL [record of accomplishments](#) and helped make significant strides toward a safer Illinois. Director Prueter was a champion in the fights against terrorism, corruption in government, and organized crime. He also zealously advocated for youth outreach and mentorship through athletics, special events, and recreational activities. His thirty (30) years of service included a recent stint as president of the Illinois State Crime Commission, a tax-exempt public safety charitable organization.

We ask that Director Prueter's family and other ISCC officials' and their families' privacy be respected during this difficult time.

[Director Michael H. Prueter Obituary](#) [Click]

Visitation

Monday November 22, 2021

3 PM-8PM

Friederich-Jones Funeral Home – Naperville

Funeral

Tuesday November 22, 2021

10 AM

Friederich-Jones Funeral Home – Naperville

****The family asks that those attending the funeral wear something green or Irish themed to honor Michael's love for his family's Irish heritage and St. Patrick's Day.***

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Statement From Michael Prueter's Friends And Family

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Michael Prueter. There aren't enough kind words to describe how sweet Michael was. He was indeed a lovely, humble soul and will surely be missed terribly by all who knew him.

Mike was a sweet-natured Irishman who loved a good joke and tall beer, and everyone who met him adored him.

He was a pro-public safety, fiercely loyal Republican, and he loved supporting the mission of the Illinois State Crime Commission and Police Athletic League of Illinois. Mike cared about people and was very passionate about his role in reducing juvenile delinquency, promoting positive interaction between law enforcement and communities while also pushing for resources and legislation that aligned with the same. Mike had an incredible work ethic. He was earnest about showing up early and refused to call out sick unless necessary.

Our loss of Michael leaves a hole in our hearts.

The support we have received from law enforcement and the community has been overwhelmingly warm and generous. We're very grateful for everyone's kindness during this difficult time.