

PURPLE HEART AWARD NOMINATION

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The Iowa State Police Association '**Purple Heart**' award was developed in 2013 for the purpose of honoring law enforcement officers who have been seriously wounded or killed in the line of duty as a result of a combat incident.

The Purple Heart award is granted to any sworn Iowa peace officer who has been seriously, critically, or fatally injured in the performance of law enforcement duty. In addition, this award may be conferred if an injury was averted by the wearing of body armor. This award will be given in all cases resulting in line of duty death, but will otherwise be limited to those cases involving an attack by an assailant or the performance of an act of valor.

The 2024 Purple Heart Award will be given to one recipient at the 92nd Annual Iowa State Police Association Conference in Sioux City, Iowa on Tuesday evening October 8th, 2024.



Police Officer Kevin M. Cram
Algona Police Department
E.O.W. September 13, 2023

Police Officer Kevin Cram was shot and killed while attempting to arrest a man with an active arrest warrant for harassment.

At 7:53 p.m., Officer Cram located the subject at the 1100 block of South Minnesota Street in Algona. When Officer Cram notified the man that he was being placed under arrest, the subject shot him and fled.

Officer Cram was transported to Kossuth Regional Health Center where he was pronounced dead.

The subject was arrested in Minnesota and charged with first-degree murder. On July 11, 2023, the subject was convicted of 1st Degree Murder.

Officer Cram had served with the Algona Police Department for eight years and previously served with the Nora Spring Police Department for two years. He is survived by his wife, two sons, a stepson, father, mother, and two brothers.