

2025 NAPO Legislative Day

During the week of May 12, members of the Iowa State Police Association Executive Board traveled to Washington D.C. to take part in National Police Week and legislative activities/lobbying with the National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO). Despite some less-than-optimal weather, it was a productive week of meetings with our United State Senators and Representatives. The board also had the opportunity to talk with other board members from our sister associations from across the nation to see what the current trend of political activity is in their respective states.

This year, Past President Becki Sammons (Local # 16 Iowa City Police Department) was selected to be part of the committee to evaluate and select the winner of NAPO's Top Cop Award. On Monday evening, she represented ISPA at the banquet and awards ceremony. The banquet ran a little long (6+ hours!), but we are always excited to be a part of such a long-standing tradition that puts a highlight on amazing police work. Here is the link to the award winners from 2025. [Top Cops | The National Association of Police Organizations](#).

Later in the week, Past President Judy Kellen (Sioux City Police Department), President Fred Lepley (Davenport Police Department), Vice President Jason Feaker (Waterloo Police Department) and 2nd Vice President Shawn Morgan made their way to the Capitol for a long day of meetings. We met with Senator Joni Ernst, Senator Chuck Grassley, Representative Randy Feenstra, Representative Zach Nunn, and Representative Mariannette Miller-Meeks.

During each of the meeting we talked broadly about not cutting funding to programs that help support law enforcement across the nation and how current funds can be expanded to use for new ideas with recruitment and retention. One specific topic that caught the attention of the Senators and Representatives was the specific and unique needs surrounding childcare for first responders. The other hot topic that garnered extensive conversation was the announcement by Governor Kim Reynolds to not seek re-election and who would be seeking the governorship. Because it is so early in the process, all of them were a little vague and non-committal about how the race might go, but the conversation was still interesting and enlightening to be a part of.

With so many political headlines about cutting spending and redirecting federal dollars, our Senators and Representatives all reassured us that first responders and law enforcement was an area that federal dollars were not going to be reduced or cut. With the assistance of NAPO, your ISPA Executive Board will continue to monitor this and take appropriate action when needed. If you hear of an issue, you would like us to take action or further investigate, please contact any ISPA Executive Board member.



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