

# Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge

## Continues With a Great Year

Illinois Law Enforcement agencies stepped up to the plate again for the 2010-2011 Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge (ITSC). Municipal agencies, sheriff departments and state police districts compiled their programs into quality submissions for the ITSC judging committee to review.

For those not familiar with this program, the Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge recognizes the traffic and highway safety efforts of law enforcement agencies in the state and rewards those agencies that are determined to have the best overall programs. The program is managed by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP) Traffic Committee under the guidance of the Chair and Vice-Chair, Chief Steven Casstevens of the Cary Police Department and Deputy Chief Paul Rizzo of the Schaumburg Police Department. The program is supported by a grant from IDOT/DTS.



Sgt. Sarah Schmidt – Sterling Police – Rejoices after picking the winning key for the 2011 Dodge Charger



Miss Illinois, Hannah Smith, gives keynote address at ITSC awards ceremony



Northwestern University Center for Public Safety Director Dave Bradford and Director of Management Training Michelle Camden receive partner award from Paul Rizzo

they feel may add to their submission, provided the entire submission does not exceed one inch. Submissions encompass the agency's efforts for the entire calendar year, which is then submitted in April of the following year.

The judging is conducted by 12 members of the ILACP Traffic Committee and other highway safety professionals. An entire weekend is committed to the detailed review of all the submissions. Agencies are divided into categories based on agency type (municipal, sheriff, state police district, etc.) and then the municipal and sheriff categories are broken down further based on the total number of sworn employees.

After careful consideration by a three-person team, a first, second and third place agency is determined in each category, though any winning agency must achieve a minimum score to be

considered for recognition.

Once the judging is completed, the applications are forwarded to the International

Association of Chiefs of Police for participation in the National Law Enforcement Challenge (NLEC).