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This report was prepared by Illinois State Police (ISP) Director Brendan F. Kelly and is submitted to the Governor pursuant to 725 ILCS 5/108B-13 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes. Please contact the ISP Electronic Criminal Surveillance Officer (ECSO) program coordinator, Division of Criminal Investigation, if you require further information.

# Summary

Notices requesting eavesdrop statistics were sent to the state’s attorney in each of the 102 counties in Illinois. The participating state’s attorneys are provided documentation and instructions to report the following information: the number of law enforcement personnel involved in the seizure of intercepts; the total cost incurred by the respective departments for all activities relating to the eavesdrop, including salaries, equipment purchased, and other needed resources; and the total number of Illinois law enforcement personnel authorized to monitor, install, and/or possess non-consensual eavesdropping devices and who are trained to participate in eavesdropping.

Of the 102 Illinois counties, 46 reported 0 non-consensual eavesdrops were applied for in their jurisdiction. The following page lists the counties reporting 0 applications, as well as those failing to file a report. The statute requires each state’s attorney to file a report with the ISP; however, 56 counties failed to file a report by the given deadline. Historically, several counties do not submit their report or fail to submit it before the deadline.

The following counties reported no non-consensual eavesdrops in 2020:

Alexander	Bond	Boone	Carroll	Champaign	Clinton	Coles
DeWitt	DuPage	Edwards	Effingham	Fayette	Ford	Grundy
Hardin	Henry	Jasper	Jersey	Kane	Kankakee	Kendall
LaSalle	Lawrence	Lee	Livingston	Macon	Macoupin	McHenry
McLean	Morgan	Moultrie	Piatt	Pope	Pulaski	Randolph
Saline	Sangamon	Schuyler	Scott	St. Clair	Stephenson	Vermilion
Wabash	Warren	Washington	Whiteside			

The following counties failed to submit reports to the ISP in 2020:

Adams	Brown	Bureau	Calhoun	Cass	Christian	Clark
Clay	Cook	Crawford	Cumberland	Dekalb	Douglas	Edgar
Franklin	Fulton	Gallatin	Greene	Hamilton	Hancock	Henderson
Iroquois	Jackson	Jefferson	Jo Daviess	Johnson	Knox	Lake
Logan	Madison	Marion	Marshall	Mason	Massac	McDonough
Menard	Mercer	Monroe	Montgomery	Ogle	Peoria	Perry
Pike	Putnam	Richland	Rock Island	Shelby	Stark	Tazewell
Union	Wayne	White	Will	Williamson	Winnebago	Woodford

# **Training and Certification of Law Enforcement Officers**

Personnel instructed as Electronic Criminal Surveillance Officers (ECSO) are required to pass training accredited by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. Officers must successfully complete ECSO I as a prerequisite to advancing to the technical levels of ECSO II and ECSO III.

An ECSO I certified officer is certified to monitor and record pertinent intercepted conversations for investigative and evidentiary purposes and apply for non-consensual eavesdropping orders.

An ECSO II certified officer performs the duties of an ECSO I and is given the added responsibility of being qualified to install, maintain, and remove electronic criminal surveillance devices used for the interception of private communications.

An ECSO III certified officer performs the duties of an ECSO I and ECSO II, and when authorized by the courts, may unobtrusively enter any vehicle, structure, or property to install, maintain, or remove electronic surveillance devices. Due to the responsibilities associated with ECSO III certification, only full-time sworn law enforcement officers assigned to a dedicated electronic surveillance unit may apply for training at this level.

The ISP is responsible for the training and certification of law enforcement officers at all three levels of the ECSO program. There were 18 officers certified and/or recertified at the ECSO I level during 2020 (16 full certifications/2 recertified). Of these, 1 was from the ISP. There were 0 officers certified and/or recertified at the ECSO II level during 2020. There were 0 officers certified and/or recertified at the ECSO III level during 2020.



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