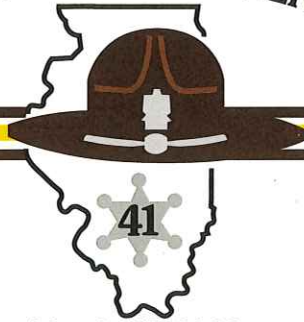


# ILLINOIS TROOPERS

TROOPERS LODGE #41

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March 17, 2020

To All Troopers Lodge #41 Members:

We hope this message finds everyone and their families healthy and safe. Due to the recent COVID-19 pandemic, the Troopers Lodge leadership has made the decision to cancel all District meetings, and the Spring Board of Trustees Meeting scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020. This decision did not come easily, but we are doing what we can to help mitigate the spread of the virus within the Lodge Building not only for our employees, but the entire membership, their families and the communities we serve.

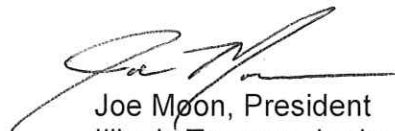
In the upcoming weeks, the Troopers Lodge leadership will continue to work with the Department and command staff to ensure proper steps are taken to protect the health and safety of our members.

During these uncertain times, we ask that all Lodge Trustees remind our members that they should not act as if it is "business as usual" in the field. As Troopers Lodge leaders, it is our responsibility to remind everyone that they should take steps to limit any potential exposure to COVID-19. Some examples of the ways our members can protect themselves until this health crisis is controlled include: wearing of personal protective equipment, wearing gloves when forced to interact with anyone, including taking someone into custody or taking possession of identification or personal property. Additionally, members should significantly reduce the amount of unnecessary contact with the public. When both EMS and Troopers are on scene, allow EMS to provide primary medical care and maintain a safe distance from patients showing signs of illness. Continue to wash hands repeatedly and use hand sanitizer during your shift. These temporary measures can help keep everyone healthy and safe.

Troopers Lodge Leaders understand these recommendations are not typical for law-enforcement organizations, but this worldwide health crisis is not typical either. Our priority as a Department, and as a Lodge, is the health, safety and welfare of our Troopers and their families. In the coming days, Troopers Lodge leadership will suggest how the members can protect themselves as they serve on the front line defending our communities.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support as we work through these difficult times. As leaders, we encourage the agency to continue to make the health and safety of our Troopers their first priority, as they have demonstrated so far.

Be safe,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Moon', is written over the printed name and title.

Joe Moon, President  
Illinois Troopers Lodge #41

