

Indiana Law Enforcement Journal Submission Guidelines

The ILEJ welcomes submissions from current and retired Indiana law enforcement officers and selected non-law enforcement officers. Authors should adhere to the following guidelines:

Subject Matter:

1. As the ILEJ supports law enforcement efforts throughout Indiana, submissions for publication should be pro-police. However, submissions that criticize law enforcement tactics, policies, philosophies, etc., may be published if the ultimate point is to improve Indiana law enforcement. Make no mistake: the editor's decision on this point is final and unappealable. If you want nothing more than to criticize law enforcement then forward your submission elsewhere.
2. If searching for a topic for a submission, authors should be guided by this principle: will this article help make law enforcement in Indiana better? This is not to say that an article that is humorous would not be published (yes, police officers like to laugh, too) but a learning point is very important. The ILEJ helps the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy fulfill its mission to train the finest police officers in the history of mankind.
3. Articles that touch upon tools, techniques, policies, practices, etc., are peer reviewed by subject-matter experts for accuracy; suggestions, opinions, observations, etc., are not.
4. Please don't treat the ILEJ as a chat board, social media page, letter to the editor, or similar outlet. The purpose of the ILEJ is to foment academic discussion on law enforcement topics, so all submissions should be supported by research and/or experience. If you disagree with a prior article, and would like to submit a rejoinder, it should cite to authorities for support.
5. Articles that are self-laudatory, denigrating to any person living or dead, or which simply promote the author's company, training, or product will be rejected. Remember that 'war stories' must have an educational point. Articles that honor a law enforcement officer will be considered if the person so honored made substantial contributions to the law enforcement community in Indiana. Again, the editor's decision on these points is final and unappealable.

Technical:

1. All submissions must be in Microsoft Word format, 12 point sans-serif font, with one (1) inch margins on top, bottom, and sides. The body of the article should be double spaced. Page numbers centered at the bottom are appreciated but not necessary. The author's name, mailing address, phone number, and email address should be typed below the title of the article on the first page. A brief biography of the author on a separate page is appreciated and used to introduce the article.

2. Submissions are accepted only as an attachment to an email sent to: TiCain@ilea.in.gov. Facsimile transmissions and hard copy submissions sent through postal services are not accepted. Anonymous submissions will be rejected.
3. Although photographs of the author are not accepted, charts, graphs, tables, etc., will be included unless technical or legal problems arise. Authors must verify the right to publish any charts, graphs, tables, photographs, illustrations, etc.
4. Articles should be written in the third person narrative; first person narratives will be considered at the editor's discretion and whose decision is final and unappealable.
5. Submitted articles should contain between 1,500 and 2,500 words. Articles with a higher or lower word count will be considered at the editor's discretion and whose decision is final and unappealable.
6. Articles may be submitted at any time of the year. ILEJ does not send rejection or acceptance notices. ILEJ does not accept 'simultaneous' submissions; that is, do not submit an article to ILEJ that has been submitted and under consideration for any other publication. If your submission hasn't been published within ninety (90) days, or otherwise heard from the editor, feel free to submit your article to another publisher.
7. The ILEJ does not offer to authors any compensation for articles published.
8. Articles published in ILEJ are featured for a period of time, then archived and made available to future readers.

Legal:

1. By submitting an article to ILEJ the author represents that the article is his/her own work and either is not plagiarized or attribution has been given, that she/he has never previously submitted the article for publication, and further understands that ILEJ is relying on those representations.
2. The ILEJ reserves the right to edit submissions. Edits could include, but are not limited to, changes to clarify the story, improve the writing, improve grammar and/or punctuation, trim the length, or ensure that an article meets ILEJ guidelines. Articles edited for purposes other than grammar and punctuation will be forwarded to the author for approval prior to publication.
3. Publication of a submission in the ILEJ is not an adoption or approval of the substance of the article by the State of Indiana, the Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board, the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, the Indiana Law Enforcement Journal, and/or any person associated with any of the foregoing. The opinions, suggestions, etc., are solely those of the author, and the foregoing entities assume no liability of any kind whatsoever for any of the content of such submissions. Any and all warranties, express or implied, are disclaimed.

4. In consideration of being published in the ILEJ, the submitting author(s) agrees that the State of Indiana, the Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board, the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, and/or the Indiana Law Enforcement Journal, may reprint, reproduce, and disseminate the submission as determined by the editor. ILEJ reserves the right to disseminate submitted photos, biographies, excerpts, etc., as needed for website, advertisements, etc.

5. In the unlikely case of litigation, the author holds the State of Indiana, the Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board, the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, the Indiana Law Enforcement Journal, and/or any person associated with any of the foregoing harmless for any damages, compensatory and punitive, that may be assessed. Further, the author agrees to indemnify the State of Indiana, the Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board, the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, the Indiana Law Enforcement Journal, and/or any person associated with any of the foregoing for any and all costs, including attorney fees, for defending against any claims arising as a result of the publication of the submission and/or any collateral circumstances arising therefrom.

6. And, if it hasn't been mentioned enough times already, the editor's discretion and decisions on all matters are final and unappealable.