



First Responder Hero Award
Sgt. William Lind, East Moline Police Department

Oct. 24, 2022, Sgt. William Lind was critically injured in the line of duty while attempting to arrest a suspect wanted on felony arson charges. The suspect was subsequently arrested and charged with multiple serious offenses, including attempted murder and aggravated battery.

Demonstrating remarkable resilience and determination, Sgt. Lind has recovered from his injuries. He has returned to work on restricted duty, showcasing his unwavering commitment to upholding the safety and security of the community.

The Black Hawk College Criminal Justice program proudly recognizes the exceptional dedication and selfless sacrifice of Sgt. William Lind.

Jeff Ramsey, East Moline chief of police, accepted the award on behalf of Sgt. Lind.

First Responder Agency of the Year Award
Moline Fire Department

This recognition highlights the dedication and exceptional contributions of the Moline Fire Department in ensuring the safety and well-being of the community. The department received the most nominations of any first responder agency.

In 2022, the Moline Fire Department responded to 8,592 calls for service (CFS). Total calls for service have steadily increased for several years, from 7,642 in 2020 and 7,888 in 2021. The department is on pace to respond to more than 8,800 calls for service in 2023.

The department also participated in 7,457 hours of training, provided more than 100 hours of public education, installed 176 smoke/carbon monoxide detectors, and performed more than 1,000 business inspections in 2022.

Travis Noyd, deputy fire chief, accepted the award on behalf of the department.

Civilian First Responder Hero Award
Peyton Sallows, 7-year-old civilian

Certificate of Appreciation
Michael Arp, first responder

On Sept. 5, 2023, Peyton Sallows, a 7-year-old from Port Byron, displayed incredible bravery when her mother was experiencing severe anaphylactic shock. Peyton saved her mother's life with her quick thinking and calm response when calling 911. Her actions were instrumental in the first responders' swift arrival and successful life-saving intervention.

Michael Arp, a first responder from Genesis Ambulance Services, administered critical first aid that played a crucial role in stabilizing Ali Sallows' condition when she was experiencing severe anaphylactic shock.

This incident exemplifies the importance of community and first responders working together during emergencies and serves as a reminder of the significant impact individuals can have during crises.