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## **Representative Kevin Mahan and Representative Ben Smaltz Awarded “IACP Legislators of the Year”**



### **Pictured Above:**

Representative Kevin Mahan (left) and Representative Ben Smaltz (right).

**Indianapolis, IN (February 14, 2017)** — President Kevin Jowitt of the Noblesville Police Department is pleased to announce both Representatives Kevin Mahan and Ben Smaltz as the 2016 “Legislator of the Year” by the Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police. Both Representatives were nominated by IACP Government Relations Committee and recognized at the IACP Mid-Winter Conference on January 25, 2017.

Both Representatives Mahan and Smaltz were significant in the passage of two pieces of legislation that were high priorities for the IACP; Representative Ben Smaltz for the control of pseudoephedrine products (SEA 80), and Representative Kevin Mahan for the bill (HB 1019) governing the release of camera footage. Both legislators expended considerable time and effort in working with IACP to assure that the views and positions of our members were considered. Each of these legislators were willing to stand firm on areas of importance against special interest groups who expended significant resources to try and direct the resulting legislation.

State Representative Kevin Mahan was born and raised in Blackford County, where he started working after high school at his uncle’s family-owned real estate and auctioneering business. There he received his Auctioneer and Real Estate Sales license and Real Estate Broker’s license. Rep. Mahan was serving his community long before being appointed to serve in the Indiana General Assembly as state representative of House District 31. He served as a patrolman for the Hartford City Police Department, and then was appointed Blackford County Chief Deputy. After serving eight years as Chief Deputy Sheriff, he was elected as the Blackford County Sheriff, which he served for three years.

Representative Ben Smaltz was elected to the Indiana General Assembly in November 2012. Prior to serving his community as a state representative, he served on the DeKalb County Council for 10 years - the past seven years as its President. He is also the President of his family business, Taylor Rental Company, which his parents opened in 1977. In 2011, Rep. Smaltz was able to lead his county council in actually reducing their tax collection levy. He was vocal in his opposition to a new tax called the Local Option Income Tax (LOIT) and the Local Option Highway Users Tax (LOHUT) saving local taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars every year.

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### **About the Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)**

The Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police represents in excess of 95% of municipal law enforcement from around the state of Indiana and has been chartered since 1922. It and its sister foundation provide educational training and benefits to its nearly 500 members.

The mission of the Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police is to promote professionalism, training and networking for the law enforcement executive and to enhance public awareness of law enforcement and public safety issues.

The Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police is an individual member organization consisting of ten local districts within the State of Indiana. Each District has its own elected two-year representative on the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors develops policies and programs for the membership as a whole. To learn more about the IACP, please visit [www.iacop.org](http://www.iacop.org).

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