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**Belleville Police Sergeant to Receive Award
From Illinois State Bar Association**

Belleville Police Sergeant Jon J. Brough will be presented with the 2008 Law Enforcement Award from the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA) on Monday, August 18, at 7 p.m., just prior to the start of the Belleville City Council meeting, in the City Council chambers, 101 S. Illinois.

ISBA President Jack C. Carey, an attorney in private practice in Belleville, will present the award.

The Law Enforcement Award was created to recognize sworn law enforcement officers for conduct that promotes justice and to distinguish those individuals whose service to the public brings honor and respect to the entire criminal justice system. The award is given sparingly to recognize those who truly excel in the field of law enforcement.

Sergeant Brough was part of an emergency response team attempting to locate and apprehend a man suspected of stabbing to death his former in-laws. When the Sergeant and his team entered a dwelling in Belleville, the suspect fired his shotgun in the face of the sergeant before taking his own life. Sergeant Brough was critically injured, disfigured and blinded. He has undergone nine surgeries, including two to save his life and seven to reconstruct his face.

Carey, who nominated Sergeant Brough, said that he is “a true hero who, like all police officers, constantly face danger as they serve and protect the public. The Sergeant credits his family and support from the community for getting him through the tough times. And he acknowledges the importance of keeping a sense of humor, even when faced with life’s most serious challenges. For that, he is a true role model.”

The 35,000-member Illinois State Bar Association, with offices in Springfield and Chicago, provides professional services to Illinois lawyers, and education and services to the public.

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