

Jeff Duckworth retires as IL AC

Jeff Duckworth, former Area Coordinator for Illinois, will retire from that position effective Jan. 15, 2018.

Duckworth began shooting IDPA for 10 years and has been an AC since 2008. Looking back he says, "I'm happy that the rule-book is less subjective and that the sport has stayed on course with defensive pistol-craft." As for his accomplishments, Jeff says, "I'm most proud of the Safety Officers that the SOIs and I have trained up over the years. The culture in Illinois is one of safety and fairness, and I firmly believe without those as our foundation that IDPA would end up in a dust heap."

"A huge success was expanding into central Illinois. My predecessor, John Abbott, taught concealed carry classes throughout the state and he introduced IDPA to skeptical clubs. He and I began the expansion into central Illinois which had never had an active club. There have been setbacks along the way, but today the central part of the state has 3 clubs with another on the way. The MDs of those clubs deserve all the credit. John and I just brought them to the water, so to speak. I was also proud to be AC during Illinois' transition to a "shall issue" state from the "never issue" status. IDPA members contacted legislators and sent "witness slips" at a dizzying rate. On a good day, you may be able to outsmart some IDPA shooters, but you'll never outwork them. It was determination in action. I've had incredible support from the Illinois shooters over these years, and I'm still humbled to have been their AC."

What will you Duckworth do after he transitions his duties as an AC? "Spend more time with my family. (Just kidding, I'll be at the range!)"