THERE AT THE BEGINNING

The IDOT

“Minutemen”
Early 1950, Cook County Highway Department Superhighways.
In 1953, Governor Stratton pledged an aggressive road building plan.
Another “fast track” Inaugural proposal.
The 1956 Federal Highway Act.
1.7 Billion dollars in road building.
Election / New Governor in 1960
- Congress Expressway (Eisenhower Expressway I-290)
- Final construction / critical work.
- Traffic Safety Patrol suggestion.
- Early “Incident Management” foresight.
- Build a patrol vehicle.
- Blessing from the top Engineer.
Commencement of the new “Patrol”.
Motorist’s reactions.
District Engineer impressed.
Conception…Expansion?
Sales pitch to Central Office / Springfield
Challenges…putting it all together
Employees, Fleet & Facility
The Patrol Begins
Patrol exceeds expectations.
Minutemen
Early Achievements
Illinois Department of Transportation

Emergency Traffic Patrol
Emergency Traffic Patrol - Services

- Freeway Patrol
- Primary Objective
- Quick Clearance
- Expertise
- Assist Reports
Emergency Traffic Patrol - Fleet

- Emergency Patrol Vehicle – EPV
- Supervisory Vehicles
- Heavy Duty Wreckers
- Other Resources
Emergency Traffic Patrol – Operations

- Motorist Assists
- Safety Paramount
- Relocation of Vehicles
- Communication
Emergency Traffic Patrol – Accolades

- Program Awards
- Federal Highway Administration
- Tour Groups to ETP
- ETP to the Olympics