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### **Moms Association Announces 2009 Illini Spirit Awards**

The 2009 Illini Spirit Award recipient, the Division of Public Safety (DPS), was honored at the Moms Association Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. The Illini Spirit Award was created to provide financial support to programs and projects that contribute to a positive Illinois Experience for students at Urbana-Champaign. The award is in its second year.

DPS will use the award to create a more contemporary and user-friendly Web site that will convey timely and critical safety information to the University of Illinois community. Knowing how technologically savvy today's college student is, DPS believes that the improvements to its Web site are necessary to ensure that students have quick and clear access to all safety resources, including crime alerts, crime statistics, information on DPS programs and events and much more.

New Executive Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police Barbara O'Connor and Campus Risk Manager Mark Briggs were present at the Annual Meeting to accept the award on behalf of DPS.

For more information about the Illini Spirit Award and the Moms Association, please visit our website at [www.uofiparentprograms.illinois.edu](http://www.uofiparentprograms.illinois.edu) or call the Parent Programs Office at 217.333.7063

The Moms Association at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, established in 1923, is believed to be one of the nation's longest-serving parent organizations. The Association supports programs, services and activities that promote the health, safety and well-being of the University community and serves as the parent liaison to the campus.

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