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The Illinois and Missouri Bi State Fraternal Order of Police will be hosting the First **Annual Badges and Country Music Concert to Benefit Backstoppers.**

**Date:** August 25<sup>th</sup> 2010

The event will be held at Wild Country located at 17 Gateway Dr, Collinsville, IL 62234. The event will be introducing Dustin Wilkes from Nashville, TN. The event will be from 8:00 PM till 12 Midnight with tickets costing \$20.00 with all proceeds being provided to the Backstoppers Organization.

Tickets are available from:

Wild Country, Collinsville, IL  
Alternative T's, 5300 N Belt West, Belleville, IL  
Commerce Bank, 5701 W Main St, Belleville, IL  
St Louis Police Officers' Association, 3710 Hampton, St Louis, MO  
Eastern MO Coalition of Police, 9620 Lackland, Overland, MO  
On line at [www.ilfop.org](http://www.ilfop.org)

The Backstoppers provide relief to the families of first responders gravely injured in the line of duty. For more information about Backstoppers, visit [www.backstoppers.org](http://www.backstoppers.org) or call 314.692.0200.

Dustin Wilkes is originally from Jefferson, GA, arrived in Nashville in the fall of 2004 within just hours of being discharged from the Marine corp. During his time serving our country as a US Marine he received the US Navy and Marine Corp Achievement Medal, the only marine in history to receive a medal for writing a song. Dustin wrote "One Toy at a Time" for the Toys for Tots foundation that ultimately rose over \$350,000 for children nationally. Dustin has been a two-time regional finalist in the Colgate Country Showdown, country music's largest and oldest talent contest in the world. Most recently, Dustin was a top ten finalist on USA Network's Nashville Star, which drew 9 million viewers nationwide. For more information on Dustin visit [www.dustin-wilkes.com](http://www.dustin-wilkes.com).

The Fraternal Order of Police is the largest national fraternal and labor organization representing law enforcement officers across the nation. For more information on the FOP visit:

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