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## **Daniel McNeely Presented with IIA of IL Agent of the Year Award**

Springfield, IL. (October 2021) – The Independent Insurance Agents of Illinois (IIA of IL) presented Daniel McNeely, CIC, of Dimond Bros Insurance in Taylorville and Mt. Zion, IL., with the IIA of IL Agent of the Year Award during the association’s annual convention, held October 5-7 in Springfield.

The Agent of the Year Award honors the outstanding performance and achievement of an individual who is a retail agent member of the IIA of IL. The nominee must be a licensed agent and contribute to their agency’s performance through production, use of technology, professional development, and civic responsibility.

Daniel McNeely has been in the insurance industry for over 16 years, has achieved significant growth in personal lines, and has earned the distinction of having the largest personal lines book in the agency. McNeely also experienced great success with commercial lines retention and cross-selling products.

By implementing a new agency management system, customer service centers, and additional technology solutions, McNeely was able to improve efficiency and customer service. When it mattered most and the local community was faced with a natural disaster, he took pride in the role he played in assisting agency clients with over \$11 million in claims.

McNeely demonstrates a commitment to professional development and has earned the CIC designation, has participated in carrier insurance education programs, and is taking both CRM and CSRM designation courses.

In addition to the time dedicated to the insurance industry, this fifth-generation insurance professional has given back to the community by not only coaching, but also by serving on the boards for and fundraising for Taylorville youth sports.

Dimond Bros, started in 1867, has over 40 locations in Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin, and is one of the largest independent insurance agencies in the Midwest. The agency employs more than 300 people.

*The Independent Insurance Agents of Illinois is an association representing Trusted Choice® independent insurance agents throughout the state. IIA of IL membership is comprised of 1,000 insurance agencies representing 10,000 licensed independent agents engaged in all facets of the insurance industry, including property, casualty, life and health. Its members are businesses that offer customers a choice of policies from a variety of insurance companies. In addition to serving the professional needs of members, IIA of IL works for the betterment of the insurance industry through legislative and consumer awareness programs. The IIA of IL is headquartered in Springfield, Illinois. Visit IIA of IL’s website at [www.iaofil.org](http://www.iaofil.org).*

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