

Elmhurst Police Department
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Mr. James Grabowski, City Manager
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Dear City Manager Grabowski:

On behalf of the men and women of the Elmhurst Police Department, I am pleased to present our 2017 Annual Report, which is designed to be a resource for municipal officials, law enforcement professionals, students, journalists and the people who live and work in the City of Elmhurst.

This Annual Report contains current and updated information about the many services that we provide to the residents and the City of Elmhurst. The report also contains a current employee organizational chart and a detailed description of each unit within the department, as well as information on specialized assignments and mutual aid participation. Also included is a statistical section summarizing important data and emerging trends that have been identified. The year of 2017 has been a year of staffing changes and professional growth following the retirement of several long-time staff members during the first half of 2017. Those retirements created multiple opportunities for advancement, learning and new staff selection in 2017.

Following three straight years of decreases in 2013, 2014, and 2015, we experienced a second year of increased UCR crime in 2017, which showed a 4.3% increase over 2016 levels. The level of service that we provided, measured as calls for service, increased by 3%. It should be noted that the number of residential burglaries was reduced by 7.9% to 35, the lowest number in the past 4 years, and we continue to emphasize our community policing initiatives with increased police visibility and continued use of new technology.

The men and women of the Elmhurst Police Department remain committed to service and excellence. I would like to extend my personal appreciation to our citizens, Mayor Steven Morley, the members of the City Council, City Manager Grabowski and the employees of the Elmhurst Police Department for their continued support of the professional services we provide to our community.

Sincerely,

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2017 Elmhurst Police Department Annual Report

Executive Summary

Reported Part 1 crimes to the State of Illinois Uniform Crime Report (UCR) indicated an overall increase in 2017 over what was experienced in 2016 due to increases in specific categories. UCR crimes increased from 562 incidents in 2016 to 586 incidents in 2017, which falls between UCR crime totals seen in years 2012 to 2013.

Total Burglary incidents, both commercial and residential in nature, decreased in 2017 to 56 incidents reported; the lowest burglary total in ten years. A significant decrease was also seen in incidents related to Deception, Forgery, and Fraud type crimes. Increases in Thefts of property from vehicles as well as Motor Vehicle Thefts were seen throughout 2017, the majority of which were related to vehicles being left unlocked. In 2017, we saw an increase of 3% over 2016 in police service workload indicators, which are made up of 9-1-1 calls (up slightly by 0.2%) and self-initiated officer activity (up by 4.6%). Department 9-1-1 calls for service in 2017 numbered 16,896 and self-initiated activity numbered 32,519 for a combined service workload of 49,415. For historical comparison, this is an 8% increase in 9-1-1 calls and a 22.56% increase in self-initiated activity for a combined 17.16% increase in total department activity since 2013.

In 2017, we continued to take a proactive role in implementing new technologies to solve and deter criminal activity and provide superior police services to our residents. The department further expanded its Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) program and now has nine public safety cameras installed at strategic locations around the city. An example of this program's success was the quick identification and arrest of a man who committed a road-rage shooting this past October. The department also implemented a convenient, online overnight parking system on the City website that is now utilized by the majority of residents seeking parking permission. A video camera sharing program was also created in 2017 that allows residents to register their home security cameras to assist the police department in the investigation of criminal activity. The department seeks to build upon these advances and further expand its use of crime-fighting technology.

Resident engagement and community partnership continued to be a priority for the police department in 2017 with our award-winning Neighborhood Roll Call program, which was attended by 700 residents at 37 different locations last summer. The Summer Mobile Patrol (SMP) continued last year as well with officers engaging residents while patrolling parks, trails, and neighborhoods on bicycles and in our electric side-by-side vehicle. We also conducted two Citizen's Police Academy sessions in 2017 to further connect with residents.

LOOKING FORWARD . . .

Here are some of our department goals for 2018:

- *Continue the Community-Based Policing model*
- *Improve communications via the department Facebook page and social media*
- *Expand the city network of automated license plate reader (ALPR) police safety cameras*
- *Continue Neighborhood Roll Calls and Mobile Patrol in the summer months*
- *Implement the new computer-aided dispatch and records management system as part of the DuPage Justice Information System program*
- *Implement a renewed “Lock It or Lose It” crime prevention campaign to combat theft*
- *Expand collaboration with the Elmhurst Park District, Elmhurst College, Elmhurst Hospital, and Elmhurst schools*
- *Improve technology and facilities to increase operational efficiency within the police department*
- *Continue to analyze and respond to crime trends and calls for service to create an action plan that ensures the highest levels of service for the City and its residents.*

The men and women of the Elmhurst Police Department are committed to the mission of protecting the residents of Elmhurst and **“Providing the Best”** while enforcing the law. We look forward to improving the quality of our department through continued training and regular evaluation of current procedures along with consideration of future programs. We look forward to working with the City Manager, the Mayor, members of the City Council and our citizens to address the specific needs of our community and maintain Elmhurst as a great place to live, work, shop and stay.



Mission Statement

The primary mission of the Elmhurst Police Department is to provide effective and efficient delivery of law enforcement services to the community. The Police Department achieves this mission by a simple motto, ***“Providing the Best.”*** The mission and motto are the guiding principles in the delivery of service to the community.

- **Our mission** is to create a feeling of safety and security in all of our citizens by *providing the best* law enforcement possible.
- **We believe** the public must have confidence and trust in the ability of every Elmhurst police officer to reliably and efficiently perform his/her duties.
- **We pledge to do our best** to safeguard all people in the City of Elmhurst and ensure a high quality of life for all through the effective and efficient delivery of law enforcement services.
- **We believe** that human resources are our community's single largest and most important investment, and we are committed to excellence in our profession. We recognize that good interpersonal communication skills are absolutely necessary to the effective performance of our duties.
- **We will provide the best** by being sensitive to the authority with which we are entrusted and by upholding our responsibility to protect the public with fairness, equality, honesty, integrity, and legality.
- **We will provide the best** by our commitment to justice, both for the police department and for the public we serve.

VALUES

INTEGRITY ★ COURAGE ★ EXCELLENCE ★ DEDICATION ★ COMPASSION ★ RESPECT





Elmhurst Police Department serving the community . . .





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2017 ORGANIZATIONAL **COMPONENT SUMMARIES**

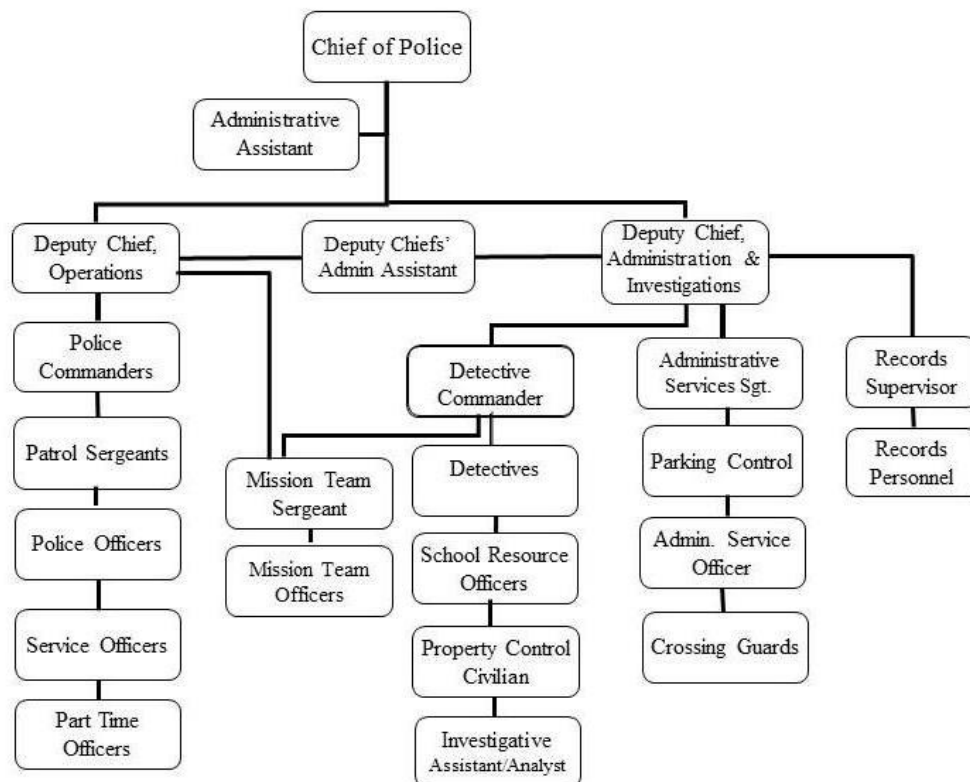


Office of the Chief



The Office of the Chief consists of the Chief of Police, the senior management team, and support staff. The Department is led by **Chief Michael R. Ruth**, who has served as the Elmhurst Police Chief since 2012. Chief Ruth brings 40 years of progressive law enforcement experience to our agency. **Deputy Chief Robert Tannehill**, who has served Elmhurst since 1994, leads Police Operations, and **Deputy Chief Michael McLean**, who has served since 2000, is in charge of Investigations and Administration. Administrative support services are provided by Jami Carrington, Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police, and Jennifer McKeown, Administrative Assistant to the Deputy Chiefs. Sergeant Brett Kaczorowski served as the Administrative Sergeant in 2017.

Elmhurst Police Table of Organization



Police Operations

Patrol Division

The uniformed Patrol Division is the largest component of the Elmhurst Police Department and is responsible for protecting life and property, enforcing the Illinois Criminal Code, traffic laws and city ordinances, conducting preliminary investigations, and helping to maintain order and safety for all. Patrol Officers are responsible for responding to both emergency and non-emergency calls for service from the public, handling special assignments, and proactively addressing community concerns. In 2017, Elmhurst Patrol Officers responded to approximately 49,000 calls for service concerning criminal offenses, traffic crashes, alarm activations, disturbances, traffic complaints, and other miscellaneous events.

In order to provide continuous, 24-hour police service, the Patrol Division is divided into three shifts. Each shift is supervised by a Watch Commander and a Sergeant. The Department supplements traditional patrol units with officers trained to perform specialized functions such as Evidence Technicians, Field Training Officers, a Canine (K-9) Officer, and part-time Police Officers.

Part-Time Police Unit

The Elmhurst Part-Time Police Unit began as an auxiliary unit to the Patrol division in 1953 but later changed to an official Part-Time Police Unit. To qualify as a part-time officer in Elmhurst, applicants are required to attend an Illinois-certified police academy. Some part-time officers are also full-time officers with other agencies, which demonstrates the dedication that these officers bring to the job and allows the City of Elmhurst to benefit from their experience and professionalism.

Part-Time Police Officers participate in most of the special events that Elmhurst offers during the course of the year, including the St. Patrick's Day parade, Rock the Block, and the Dan Gibbons Turkey Trot, as well as every running, biking, or walking event hosted by the City. In addition, the Part-Time Officers assist at all Immaculate Conception and York High School home football games and help out with traffic control for graduation days at Elmhurst College, I.C. and York High Schools. The Part-Time Police Unit also assists full-time officers with arrests, traffic crashes, transporting prisoners, special watches, and patrolling the City Centre, parking decks, and parks. These duties allow the full-time officers to attend to other calls for service and traffic details. The part-time officers work closely with the full-time officers and are a necessary unit in the department. Currently there are 11 part-time police officers serving Elmhurst. Each officer is allowed to work up to 999 hours per year. In addition to the special details, 1-2 part-time officers work the afternoon shift from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on weekdays and from 6:00 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. on weekends. Starting in 2016, part-time officers also worked on some day shifts to enhance our police presence in Elmhurst parks, the City Centre, and in the community.



Community Engagement

The Elmhurst Police Department prides itself on our partnership with the community. Positive community engagement helps develop trust and respect between police officers and the citizens they serve. In order to build and improve the partnership between the community and the police department, we have focused on various initiatives to increase opportunities for positive interaction between department members and community members including continuation of the Bike Patrol Unit, Neighborhood Roll Calls, and the Summer Mobile Patrol during the summer months. Additionally, programs such as the Citizen's Police Academy, D.A.R.E., and the Elmhurst Police Explorers help us to connect with our community.

In 2017, Elmhurst officers gave 81 community presentations on topics such as Crime Prevention, Identity Theft, Residential Burglary Prevention, Crimes against Seniors. The Police Department completes regular tours for Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts and other community groups. Officers regularly attend Neighborhood Block Parties in the summer months to meet residents and show off their squad cars to the children.



In addition to giving presentations, Elmhurst Police Officers also attended community many events including Spring Road Days, the Bike Rodeo, Fire Department Open House, Family Fall Fest, Park-a-Palooza, Immanuel Lutheran Trunk or Treat, Maywood Sportsmen's Club Fall Fest, Craft Beer Fest, Park District Touch a Truck, Elmhurst Farmer's Market, Elmhurst School District Science Olympiad, York High School Activity/Career Fair, Bootiful Saturday, Rock the Block, Hometown Holiday, Immaculate Conception Block Party, Knights of Columbus Car Show, Jaycee's Carnival, and many more.



Department Training

The Elmhurst Police Department prides itself on keeping officers well-trained and up to date with current law enforcement best practices and information. In 2017, all Elmhurst Police Officers received a minimum of (50) hours of training including the following training accomplishments and highlights:

- In April/May 2017, Elmhurst Police personnel completed an (8) hour training session at the College of DuPage/SLEA facility on Safe Traffic Stops and Use of Force/Response to Resistance using the VirTra simulator.
- On April 26, Ofc. Krueger, a certified Use of Force instructor, trained new and part-time officers on safe methods of response to resistance and proper handcuffing technique.
- In September/October of 2017, officers were trained on OSHA HazMat response, OSHA Blood-borne Pathogens, and scenario-based training on proper deployment of Tasers. Officers also received Diversity training from City of Elmhurst Human Resources.
- In October, Cmdr. Gandy, Sgt. Himpelmann, and Service Officer Carlborg participated in a joint training exercise with the Bensenville Police and Fire Departments, Addison Police Department, Chicago Police Department, and other local agencies. The joint training simulated a plane crash in a suburban setting and included coordinating a mutual aid response to such a disaster.
- In November, Elmhurst Officers completed a joint Active Shooter training exercise with Elmhurst Hospital medical and security staff at the Elmhurst Hospital facility.
- In December, all Elmhurst Officers and Service Officers received their American Heart Association HeartSaver First Aid/CPR/AED certification. This completed training allows for the Elmhurst Police Department to carry Epi-Pens once an authorization signed by a doctor becomes available.



- Sgts. McCollum and Bruckner attended the 2-week Supervision of Police Personnel class at the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety.
- Deputy Chief McLean attended the 3-week Executive Management Program at the Northwestern Center for Public Safety and also received the prestigious Northwestern Executive Leadership Award.
- Cmdr. Rivkin and Sgt. Kaczorowski attended the 10-week Northwestern Police School of Staff & Command, hosted at the Elmhurst Police Department.
- Sgt. Schweik and Ofcs. Jarrette and Pacewic attended the Midwest Forensics Conference.
- Ofc. Lange attended 40-hour Evidence Technician School.
- Sgts. Schweik and McCollum attended Incident Command System 300.
- Ofc. Jarrette attended 40-hour Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training; both he and Ofc. Southworth were certified as Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Officers.
- Ofc. Velez attended the Crisis Intervention Team Conference.
- Members of the Emergency Response Team (ERT) attended the Illinois Tactical Officer's Association (ITOA) Conference.
- Cmdr. Kolpak and Det. Kucera became certified as Lead Homicide Investigators.
- Cmdr. Kolpak and Dets. Lafin, Kucera, Vascik and Torza attended the Illinois Homicide Investigator's Conference.
- Ofcs. Szablewski and Gryczewski attended 40-hour Truck Enforcement Officer School.
- Sgt. Himpelmann, Ofc. Torza and Ofc. Scislowicz became certified as Taser Instructors.
- Ofcs. Cooney and Jarrette attended a week-long DARE/Juvenile Officer Conference.
- The Department graduated 6 new officers from Illinois Police Academies.



Investigations Division

The Investigations Division is supervised by Detective Commander Leonard Kolpak and is made up of six Investigators, one Narcotics Officer assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), two School Resource Officers, one Crime and Intelligence Analyst, and an Evidence Custodian. Investigators are experienced, trained detectives who specialize in the investigation of deaths as well as other crimes such as burglary, robbery, assault and battery, auto theft, identity theft, and document crime. During the course of an investigation, Detectives may be called upon to interview witnesses and victims, to interrogate suspects and offenders, and to examine crime scenes for physical evidence with which to identify suspects.

Investigators are assigned to follow up on crimes that are initially reported to the uniformed Patrol division. A case might be assigned to a particular investigator by investigative specialization or due to on-call status. Investigators are subject to call-in 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and members of the division are also sometimes called upon to work with agencies to assist with more serious or complex cases. Detectives also conduct background checks for City firefighter and police department employment as well as on applicants for liquor licenses, solicitor permits, and charitable games permits. The total number of background checks performed in 2017 was 220, of which 83 were Police, Fire, and Liquor applicant backgrounds. In 2017, investigators conducted 243 criminal investigations.

2017 Investigative Assignments	
Arson	0
Assault/Battery	11
Auto Theft	14
Burglary	37
Death Investigations	11
Financial Crimes	61
Missing Persons	4
Sex Crimes	28
Robbery	8
Theft	48
Other	20

Crime and Intelligence Analyst

The Crime and Intelligence Analyst assists Investigations by developing information from a variety of law enforcement sources and using it to help determine potential vulnerabilities to crime within the community. By analyzing crime trends and patterns, the Intelligence Analyst is able to develop statistical probabilities regarding when and where the next crime in a series might occur. Visual presentations such as crime bulletins, maps, and graphs are created by the Analyst to provide Elmhurst detectives, patrol officers, and outside law enforcement agencies with crime patterns and suspect information for use in strategic planning in the fight against crime. Information from the Analyst is frequently shared with outside law enforcement agencies in order to pool crime fighting resources and efforts.

The Intelligence Analyst plays an important role in apprehending criminals and closing cases by obtaining critical intelligence for the department.



Narcotics Officer

One Elmhurst Narcotics Officer is assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to assist with the investigation of drug related-offenses throughout the Chicagoland area and the Midwest. During 2017, this group was responsible for the arrest of 30 offenders and the recovery of over 1.75 million dollars of illicitly obtained funds, 50 kilos of heroin, 160 kilos of cocaine, and the seizure of 5 guns, 10 vehicles, and an airplane.

School Resource Officers

A School Resource Officer (SRO) is a police detective assigned to liaison with local schools and work collaboratively with administrators, educators, staff and parents to maintain a safe, secure learning environment. Elmhurst currently has two plain-clothes detectives assigned as SROs to achieve this goal.

School Resource Officers respond to calls for service within the schools and conduct criminal investigations if necessary. They document information collected during the course of their duties, but are also responsible for planning instruction on current youth-related issues. SROs conduct regular safety checks at the Elmhurst schools to maintain building security. The Elmhurst School Resource Officers are in contact with Administration from 3 high schools and 3 middle schools as well as the local elementary schools. Through their service as mentor, coach and teacher, School Resource Officers have the opportunity to significantly impact students' lives. Elmhurst has had an SRO assigned to York High School for over 40 years.



Evidence Custodian

The Evidence Custodian is responsible for collecting and maintaining all property submitted into evidence. In 2017, 6,549 items of property were collected as evidence or "found property." The evidence room contains more than 14,800 items of evidence. In 2017, 319 items of evidence were returned to identifiable owners, 406 items were transferred to the DuPage County or State Police Crime Labs for analysis and processing, 4,763 items were appropriately destroyed, and 156 items were auctioned in accordance with applicable laws regarding disposal of found or relinquished property



Mission Team

The Mission Team is a plainclothes unit made up of three officers and a Sergeant assigned to target ongoing criminal activity that uniformed officers are unable to investigate. In 2017, the Mission Team conducted numerous narcotic investigations, developed confidential informants that led to arrests in narcotic delivery cases, assisted other police departments by sharing information, and assisted Patrol and Detectives when needed.

2017 Accomplishments:

- Conducted four alcohol/tobacco compliance checks during 2017 using grant money received from the State of Illinois; cited numerous businesses for selling alcohol or tobacco products to minors
- Conducted numerous narcotics investigations leading to the arrest of drug dealers selling to customers in town
- Conducted numerous surveillances related to residential burglary suspects, retail thefts and burglaries to motor vehicles
- Seized \$15,987 in currency
- Recovered 1,147.86 grams of Cannabis, 745 grams of Cannabis Oil, 99.57 grams of Heroin, 30.579 grams of Cocaine, 217 pills (Controlled Substances), 5 MDMA tablets, 2 cannabis plants, and numerous items of drug paraphernalia, including syringes
- Made a total of 695 arrests, including:
 - 75 arrests for criminal felonies, 87 for criminal misdemeanors and 24 warrant arrests
 - 241 City Ordinance arrests for liquor violations, cannabis/drug paraphernalia possession, and other ordinance violations
 - 10 DUI arrests
 - 257 Traffic citations issued
- Conducted 2 Heroin Highway Interdiction Days to combat heroin use in DuPage County
- Attended the annual Illinois Drug Enforcement Officers Association Conference; Sgt. Mandat and Officer Kefaloukos attended the IL Gang Officers Association Conference
- Presented community talks ranging from the function of the Mission Team in dealing with problems in the community to Resident Advisor training at Elmhurst College
- Assisted Investigations with 17 background checks of police/fire applicants.

Mission Team officers attended a number of specialty training courses in 2017, including:

- Dignitary Protection Specialist Training attended by Sergeant Mandat



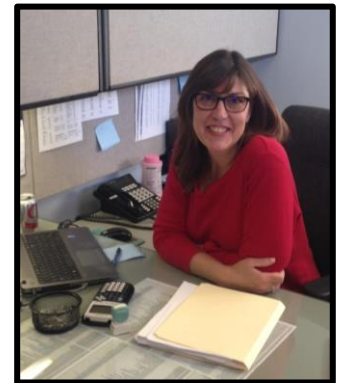
- Advanced Roadside Impaired Driver Enforcement, Advanced Cybercrimes, and Craigslist Investigations by Officer Jorgensen
- Street Gang Investigations, Conducting Surveillance, and NARCAN instructor training by Officers Kefaloukos and Cappitelli, both of whom also received Juvenile Officer certification
- Advanced SWAT School and training on Child Sex Trafficking by Officer Kefaloukos
- Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement and Open Source Investigations by Officer Cappitelli .



Administrative Services/Records

The Records Division is a critical support unit of the Elmhurst Police Department. In addition to coordinating the department's records retention system, Records is responsible for compiling, maintaining and disseminating copies of police reports and other department records, including criminal records and traffic crashes, to other law enforcement agencies, authorized outside agencies and citizens. In 2017, the Records Division was staffed by Supervisor Jodi Sennett and four full-time Records clerks: Jean Nelson, David Kochick, Christine Burg and Kerri Chambers and one part-time clerk, Deborah Laurino. In addition to providing assistance to the public, the Records Division is also responsible for a variety of complex and confidential administrative duties for the Police Department including:

- Maintaining and processing all citations, offense/incident reports, and accident reports in the Department's records management system
- Fulfilling Freedom of Information requests
- Processing petitions, seals, and orders of expungement
- Preparing statistical reports
- Conducting background checks on concealed carry applicants
- Registering sex offenders and monitoring offender registrations
- Recording and invoicing alarm activations
- Processing warrants and subpoenas
- Providing incident reports to the Press.



Records Supervisor Jodi Sennett

2017 Accomplishments:

- Processed 49,415 incident records
- Traffic tickets issued: 8,444
- Warning tickets issued: 7,660
- Parking tickets issued: 14,668—including 1,184 City vehicle license tickets

In 2017, a total of 208 drivers were arrested for DUI: 173 for DUI Alcohol, 28 for DUI Drugs, and 7 for DUI combination of Alcohol/Drugs.

The City of Elmhurst continues with City Prosecution of DUI cases for first-time offenders. This program has been very successful using professional prosecutors who work locally with our officers. In 2017, there were 208 drivers arrested for DUI in Elmhurst.

2017 Vehicle-related Citizen Assists included:

- 647 Lock Outs
- 86 Motorist Assists



Internal Affairs

To maintain the highest level of public confidence, the Elmhurst Police Department investigates all complaints thoroughly and impartially. Internal Affairs investigations also address instances of employee behavior that could discredit the Department or violate Department policy or procedure. Complaints are presented to the Office of the Chief of Police for a fair review and appropriate action and/or sanction, with consideration given to the complainant, the Department, the individual employee and the public trust.

Source of Complaints

Citizen Complaints

Police Agency Complaints

Disposition of Complaints

Unfounded – Allegation is not factual; it did not happen.

Exonerated – The act of the Department or officer was consistent with Agency procedures.

Sustained – The allegation is supported by sufficient evidence.

Not sustained – There was insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the allegation.



DEPARTMENT VALUES

INTEGRITY ★ COURAGE ★ EXCELLENCE ★ DEDICATION ★ COMPASSION ★ RESPECT

Elmhurst Officers handled approximately 49,000 incidents last year involving citizen contacts, traffic violators, and individuals involved in criminal activity. There were 6 reported incidents of vehicle pursuit where a traffic violator did not stop, and a pursuit ensued. Officers had to use force .0004% of the time to effect an arrest or control a situation, and all such incidents were handled within department policy.

Of the approximately 49,000 incidents handled in 2017 by Elmhurst Officers, only .0002% of those contacts resulted in a citizen complaint against an officer. The Elmhurst Police Department conducted 80 Internal and 10 External Investigations on its members. The 80 internal investigations were on Use of Force, Vehicle Pursuits, and Policy Infractions, which ranged from squad damage to infractions occurring in a department member's normal course of duty. These infractions were reviewed and handled with appropriate action ranging from a corrective conference to a written reprimand. The 10 external investigations involved citizen complaints against members of the department. After a review of these complaints, none of them was sustained.



2017 SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

SUMMARY



Crisis Negotiators

The Elmhurst Police Crisis Negotiation Team is made up of seven Department members who have been specially trained in specific communication skills designed to increase the probability of a peaceful resolution of any type of critical incident. Team members trained in crisis intervention have been instrumental in resolving incidents both for on-duty and in call-out situations.

Crisis Negotiator Supervisor

Commander Jim Gandy

Crisis Negotiator Members

Sgt. Brendan Bruckner

Detective Ken Ladin

School Resource Officer Dan Corrigan

Officer Anthony Cuzzone

Officer Dorian Jarrette

Officer Joan Velez



The Elmhurst Crisis Negotiators once again attended the annual 4-day Illinois Crisis Negotiation Association Conference held in Moline in April of 2017. The conference consisted of case studies from crisis incidents around the country, including high profile cases from Dallas, Texas and Orlando, Florida. This conference included both communications training and scenario training to provide negotiators with firsthand experience in negotiating a crisis.

In October of 2017, Officer Joan Velez became the newest member of the unit after attending the 40-hour FBI Basic Crisis Negotiator Course.

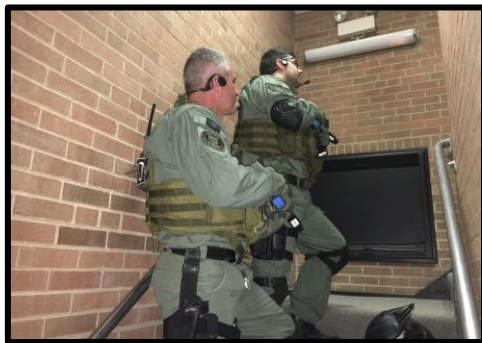


SRO Dan Corrigan and Officer Dorian Jarrette take part in a negotiation as part of a training scenario during the annual conference.



Emergency Response Team (ERT)

The Emergency Response Team (ERT) team is a designated unit of law enforcement officers who are specially trained and equipped to work as a coordinated unit to resolve critical incidents so hazardous, complex, or unusual that they may exceed the capabilities of first responders or investigative units. Critical incidents include but are not limited to hostage events, barricaded suspects, snipers, terrorist acts and other high-risk incidents. As a matter of Department policy, such a unit may also be used to serve high-risk warrants, both search and arrest, where officer and public safety issues might require an ERT response. Throughout the year, the ERT received monthly training with an emphasis on shooting of handguns and rifles, covert entry, search warrants, hostage rescue, barricaded subjects, officer survival, rapid response and critical incident management.



The training highlight this year was the Illinois Tactical Officers Association (ITOA) Conference that was held November 20 and 21, 2017. The conference was an excellent opportunity for the team to keep pace with the latest trends in tactical policing and learn from some of the world's top instructors. Additionally, Officers Pacewic and Kefaloukos attended a week-long Advanced Hostage Rescue class through the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) that provided valuable experience in hostage rescue through simulated scenarios.

This year, the ERT successfully completed two search/arrest warrants involving suspected drug and weapons offenses. Both of these missions were successful and resulted in the recovery of firearms and narcotics.



Evidence Technicians

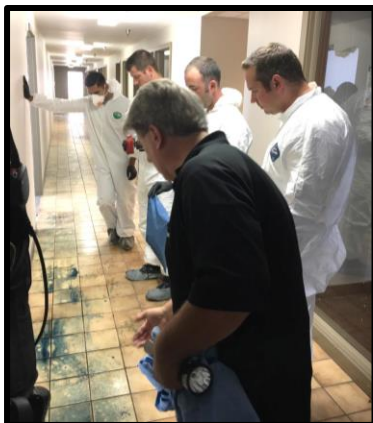
Evidence Technicians are specially trained police officers who document, photograph, and collect evidence left behind at crime scenes. The Elmhurst Police Department Evidence Unit is comprised of ten evidence technicians and one evidence custodian who work under the supervision of a Commander and Sergeant. Elmhurst Evidence Technicians (ETs) are assigned to all three patrol shifts.

In 2017, the Elmhurst Police Evidence Unit processed numerous crime scenes, performing complex evidence work at a variety of incident types. Evidence Technicians assisted the Detective division on criminal investigations and often linked and identified suspects using forensics. The ETs also taught methods of evidence recovery to both the Citizen's Police Academy and the SALT program. Several Elmhurst ETs also participate in the DuPage County Major Crimes Task Force and DuPage County Accident Reconstruction Team (DUCART) where their expertise is used at especially serious and/or multi-jurisdictional crime scenes.

Some highlights of the evidence work performed in 2017 include:

- ***Processing and investigating a fatal car crash, which resulted in an offender being charged with reckless homicide;***
- ***Recovering DNA Evidence from a firearm, which connected an offender to an attempted aggravated vehicular hijacking;***
- ***Processing a shooting scene and recovering evidence that resulted in attempted homicide charges.***

Elmhurst Evidence Technicians attended the 3rd Annual Midwest Forensic Training Conference in January of 2017. There, the ETs learned state-of-the-art methods for evidence recovery, collection, and processing. In addition, Evidence Technicians attended advanced training on a variety of topics such as advanced photography methods and recovery of fingerprint evidence. Officers McNeeley and Lange attended the basic 40-hour ET Course to begin training as Evidence Technicians.



Field Training Program

In 2017, the Field Training Program for new Elmhurst officers was run by two Field Training Supervisors, seven Patrol Field Training Officers, two Service Officer FTOs and two Part-Time Officer FTOs.

Each training officer has received 40-hours of FTO training to prepare them as an effective teacher, mentor, and coach for the new recruits. FTO trainers are instructed on properly documenting the performance of new recruits and assisting them in acclimating to their chosen career in law enforcement and the specific requirements of the Elmhurst Police Department. During the training process, each recruit works with different FTOs who possess various specialties. Being exposed to a range of skills and specialties allows the recruit to learn different skills they will need as an officer in Elmhurst. FTOs also assist recruits in applying Federal and State statutes and City ordinances to information they learned in police academy training and field training.

The field-training program is 22 weeks long and includes 14 weeks of shift work, rotating through the Day, Afternoon, and Midnight shifts. After week 14, the recruit enters a “shadow phase” and works independently while the FTO remains at his/her side to assist as needed. Following that is a 3-week “solo phase” in which the recruit works alone, applying all of the cumulative training received up to that point with a uniformed FTO working nearby. The final week of training is an evaluation phase where the FTO assesses the abilities, confidence, and experience gained by the recruit before he/she is released to solo patrol for the remainder of the required 15-month probationary period.

In 2017, six new full-time officers were hired, one with prior experience in another state, and were assigned to a 14-week Police Academy training course. One part-time officer was also hired, who came in with a significant amount of previous experience and training, and was immediately assigned to the Elmhurst Police Department field-training program.

2017 Field Training Supervisors:

Commander Steve Wright
Sergeant Matt McCollum

2017 Field Training Officers:

Ofc. Dan Bishop
Ofc. John Pacewic
Ofc. Carl Hawkins
Ofc. Tim Westering
Ofc. Dan Djukic
Ofc. Mike Hamblin
Ofc. Jason Krueger

2017 Part-time Field Training Officers:

Supervisor—Officer John Ryan
Officer Al Ortiz

2017 Service Officer Field Training officers:

Service Officer Brian Fiorini
Service Officer Julie Dickinson



Firearms Training

The Elmhurst Police Department Firearms Training Unit takes great pride in the long history of providing high quality firearms training to our officers. The Firearms Training Unit consists of a supervisor and three firearms instructors, each holding the position of Rangemaster. Our training program is distinguished from other law enforcement agencies in that our officers train on a monthly basis with their duty pistols in order to maintain a high level of proficiency. The range staff develops an annual training plan that focuses on the three main goals of the program: marksmanship, tactics, and Use of Force decision-making. These goals are met by providing officers with an enhanced qualification course, dynamic training exercises, and scenario-based training using role players and “simunition” pistols that shoot paint cartridges.

The officers of the Elmhurst Police Department are also trained in the use of patrol rifles to effectively address armed offenders. Officers receive rifle training at some of the monthly training events but also have the opportunity for further rifle training twice a year at the St. Charles Rifle Range, an outdoor facility that allows officers to engage targets at distances up to 100 yards.

In addition to training, the Elmhurst Rangemasters are also certified armorers who perform scheduled maintenance on all department firearms, which provides a significant cost savings to the City of Elmhurst while keeping firearm maintenance and repairs on schedule.

This year Officer Dan Bishop completed his final course through the University of Illinois Police Training Institute and earned certification as a Master Firearms Instructor, a specific designation that recognizes Officer Bishop as a member of an elite group of firearm instructors with the highest level of training possible.

Range Supervisor

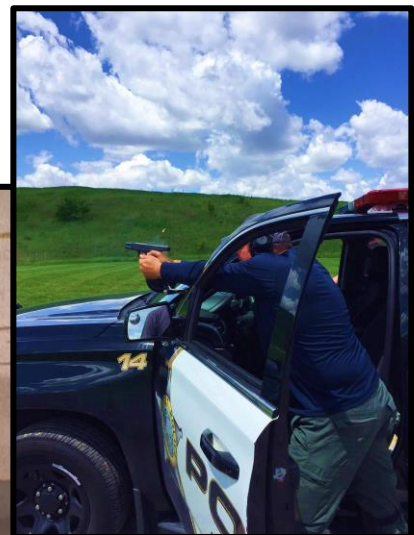
Sergeant Matthew Himpelmann

Firearms Instructors

Officer Dan Bishop

Officer Tom Cronin

Officer Scott Lange



Honor Guard

The Honor Guard is a specialty unit responsible for proudly and respectfully carrying the flags of the United States and the State of Illinois in ceremonies, parades and special public events. Honor Guard participation lends an air of dignity to these events through solemn, respectful treatment of the American Flag, the symbol of our nation. In 2017, the honor guard participated in the Elmhurst Memorial Day Parade, 9/11 Ceremony, Veteran's Day service, the Elmhurst Police/Suburban Law Enforcement Academy Graduation ceremonies, the American Legion Military Ball, the Federation of Women's conference, funerals for retired police officers, the wake for fallen Bloomingdale Police Officer Raymond Murrell, and the Elmhurst City Council meeting when our new aldermen were sworn in.



Elmhurst Police 2017 Honor Guard Members

Officer Chris Horner
Officer Scott Lange
Officer Joan Velez

Officer Dontae Hickenbottom
Detective Victor Almaguer
Commander Len Kolpak
Sergeant Matthew Himpelmann

Officer Michael Hamblin
Officer Tim Jorgensen
Officer Tim Westering

Honor Guard Supervisor

Sergeant Brett Kaczorowski



K9 Unit

In 2017, the Elmhurst Police Department K9 Unit, made up of Officer Anthony Poli and his canine partner, Diesel, had a busy year with 30 total K9 deployments. The team was responsible for 14 Arrests and performed 21 Narcotics/Vehicle/Currency Searches; due to limited duty, the statistics indicated reflect K9 activity from May-December, 2017.

Total Quantity of Narcotics Located:

- 36.92 grams of Cannabis - \$360 Street Value
- 750 grams of Cannabis Oil – (1.6 lbs) \$75,000 Street Value
- 0.2 grams of Heroin (0.01 lbs)
- 10 kilos of Cocaine (22.04 lbs)- \$320,000 Street Value
- 1.5 grams of Methamphetamine
- Numerous items of Drug Paraphernalia
- \$9,599 of United States Currency seized



Searches and Assists

- 2 Canine tracking deployments that yielded Retail Theft Proceeds and an offender from a stolen vehicle who fled on foot after a vehicle crash
- 9 Canine assists conducted for outside agencies
- 4 School narcotic searches
- 2 Area Searches and 1 Building Search
- 4 Article (Evidence) Searches
- 16 Narcotics Searches
- 3 Narcotic Search Warrants Searches

Training Hours Conducted

- Conducted 160 plus hours of individual/group training
- Conducted Several K9 & SWAT deployment integration trainings conducted with ERT
- Range firearms training with K9
- Successfully completed the annual Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board Dual Purpose Narcotic Detection Canine Certification

In addition to the above assignments, the K9 Unit performed various demos and community presentations for the Elmhurst Citizens Police Academy, DARE, Veterinary Medical Care, Scouting Programs and School Career Days.



MUTUAL AID ASSIGNMENTS

The Elmhurst Police Department participates in the following mutual aid groups:

Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS)

The Elmhurst Police Department is a member of the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS). This group is based in Urbana, Illinois, and is the largest mutual aid organization in the United States. ILEAS is responsible for coordinating statewide mutual aid responses as needed. During 2017, the Elmhurst Police Department requested ILEAS assistance for two incidents, one in July and one in November. The department also responded to several mutual aid requests from other towns for larger-scale incidents.

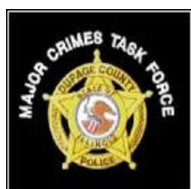


THE ILEAS MISSION

We strive to meet the needs of law enforcement throughout the State of Illinois in matters of mutual aid, emergency response and the combining of resources for public safety.

"STRENGTH THROUGH COOPERATION"

DuPage Major Crimes Task Force (MCTF)



The DuPage Major Crimes Task Force (MCTF) was first formed in late 1998 to enhance the ability of all law enforcement agencies in DuPage County to solve major crimes through cooperation and sharing of resources, consistent training, and application of investigative methodology. The purpose of the MCTF is to provide member agencies with highly competent, comprehensive investigative, crime scene, evidence collection, and technical assistance and analysis for major crimes. Today, MCTF consists of 20 member agencies from Federal, State, and local police agencies and the DuPage County State's Attorney's Office. MCTF allows all of the member agencies to share equipment, personnel and resources as needed for significant events and/or major investigations. The Elmhurst Police Department currently has two Investigators assigned to the Major Crimes Task Force in addition to an Evidence Technician and an administrative support Team Leader.

Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS)



The Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS) covers over 90 communities and offers two programs—a special tactical squad known as the **Emergency Services Team (EST)** and a crowd-control team known as the **Mobile Field Force (MFF)**. Elmhurst's Officer Marcin Scislowicz serves on the NIPAS EST team and Officer Art Ciszewski serves on the NIPAS MFF. Both teams had numerous training dates and requests for service in 2017 from multiple member agencies throughout the Chicagoland area.



NIPAS Emergency Services Team (EST) has 70 member agencies and serves an area covering parts of Cook, DuPage, Lake and McHenry counties. NIPAS EST is a full-service team with the capability to handle large and small-scale incidents including high risk search/arrest warrants, hostage rescues, armed barricaded/mental subjects, area searches, fugitive apprehension and dignitary protection. NIPAS EST is a member of ILEAS Region 4 and has a Weapons of Mass Destruction capability allowing response in fully encapsulated, chemical-resistant suits and SCBAs to incidents involving industrial chemicals, WMD's or Meth labs. Officer Scislowicz serves on the EST.

In 2017, NIPAS EST responded to 30 requests for service from member towns and one ILEAS WMD SRT assist to the Chicago Police Department for the 2017 Chicago Marathon. The EST also celebrated its 30th anniversary with a family day that included presentations on the evolution of personal equipment, vehicles and tactics, with a viewing area set up for visitors to see the equipment.

NIPAS Mobile Field Force (MFF) is comprised of officers from 87 communities in the member counties and covers an area of almost 700 square miles and a population of over 2 million. The full MFF team trains seven times per year, with additional training in smaller team units such as the Arrest, Weapons and Bicycle teams. In 2017, the MFF responded to 21 requests for assistance from member agencies, nearly a 15% increase from the previous year. Elmhurst's Officer Artur Ciszewski is currently a MFF Lieutenant in charge of Line Operations, the main component of the team. 2017 MFF activity included:

- **May**—"Fight for \$15" protest at the McDonald's corporate headquarters in Oak Brook;
- **July**—Arrest and Weapons teams staged in Roselle for a Chicago United Riders event at a local motorcycle shop. The Arrest team staged in Streamwood for potential riot/flash mobs at Summer Fair (the term "staged" means the unit responded to an area near the scene and was ready and waiting in the event of a problem);
- **September/October**—Protests over the death of a female subject at a local hotel in Rosemont in September and a protest that the investigation of the above death was closed and ruled as accidental in October.

Except for the July incidents, these requests were full team activations with 120 officers called-out to the scene. There were also numerous requests during the year where the team was placed on standby but was not called to respond to the scene.



The 2017 NIPAS Mobile Field Force Team



2017 PROGRAMS SUMMARY





Citizen's Police Academy (CPA)

The Citizen's Police Academy is a 12-week program designed to give Elmhurst citizens a working knowledge of their police department and general law enforcement practices. The program provides participants with a better understanding of some of the challenges faced by police officers in the field along with insight into how officers might handle different situations and why. In CPA, residents have an opportunity to view firsthand how the Elmhurst Police Department serves the community through a curriculum that includes crime prevention, investigations, evidence processing, gangs and drugs, the K-9 Unit, and a law review. After completing the CPA program, "graduates" are invited to join the Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) if they are not ready for their CPA experience to end.

The Citizen's Police Academy, which is one of the most popular police department programs with the community, is overseen by Commanders Len Kolpak and Stephen Wright with assistance from Administrative Assistant Jami Carrington.



DARE

The Elmhurst Police Department's Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program (DARE) was started in 1987; in 2017, the curriculum was taught by officers in 12 Elmhurst grade schools. The program challenges students to make healthy choices using the DARE decision-making model and covers topics such as alcohol and drug abuse, peer pressure, self-confidence and choosing good friends, as well as a recent update on bullying and cyberbullying. The current program, entitled *"Keepin' it REAL,"* is based on preventing drug use by teaching children basic decision-making skills with a goal of helping them to make safe, responsible choices. The academic school year culminates with a DARE graduation ceremony, a special event attended by family, friends, and community members.

In 2017, the Elmhurst community had approximately 800 students graduate from DARE and six Elmhurst officers serving as DARE instructors: Officers Tony Cuzzone, Josh Duffy, Alex Kefaloukos, Dorian Jarrette, Colleen Cooney and Carl Hawkins. The DARE program is a valuable tool to connect with children in the community and educate them to make better decisions, stay safe and succeed.



Pictured is Officer Kefaloukos with his 2017 DARE class.



Police Explorers

The Elmhurst Police Explorer program is a youth group for males and females, age 14 through 21, who are interested in Law Enforcement or Criminal Justice careers. The Police Explorer program helps build confidence, leadership, and good citizenship in the youths as they work closely with Elmhurst police officers. Elmhurst Post 66 is currently comprised of 14 police explorers from Elmhurst and surrounding areas, who meet weekly at the Police Department.

The Police Explorers provide assistance to the Elmhurst Police at various City events including this year: the Memorial Day Parade, Jaycees Carnival, Cops & Bobbers, 4 on the 4th Run, Cycling Classic, Rock the Block, Turkey Trot, and the City Centre Hometown Holiday event. They also assist the Mission Team throughout the year with underage alcohol and tobacco sales enforcement at local businesses and participate in regular ride-alongs with Elmhurst officers. In addition, the Explorers assisted this year as role-players for In-service officer training as well as training for the Emergency Response Team (ERT).

Elmhurst Explorer Post 66 is known to be one of the premiere explorer posts in Illinois, and the Police Explorers won an impressive number of trophies at the State Explorer Competition, held this year in Joliet. They plan to attend the National Competition in Summer 2018 in West Lafayette, Indiana. The post is proud to report that every explorer received their certification in CPR/AED/First aid this year.



The Police Explorer program is run by Sergeant Brett Kaczorowski and Officers Michael Hamblin, Dorian Jarrette, Dave Gryczewski, Victoria Sargis, Joan Velez and Tim Jorgensen.



Neighborhood Roll Call

In 2017, our Neighborhood Roll Call locations were expanded to include the United Methodist Church, Crestview Park (held in conjunction with the Elmhurst Park District), Elm Creek Apartments & Townhomes, and the 255 N Addison apartment complex. This change provided inclusion in the program not only of residents in single-family homes but multi-housing residents as well. Business owners and residents were able to meet with the police officers who patrol their neighborhoods to address local concerns and crime trends while learning what is happening in their neighborhoods and in Elmhurst. This was the fourth year of this community outreach program with 706 attendees at 37 locations rounding out the 2017 season.



Summer Mobile Patrol

The Summer Mobile Patrol is a two-fold unit involving both the Bicycle Unit and the Side-by-Side vehicle purchased in 2016 with a grant from the Union Pacific Railroad.

Bicycle Unit

In 2017, the Bike Patrol program ran with 16 police officers participating with 5 police bicycles. This program involves police officers riding into areas of the community that have high pedestrian and bicycle traffic, providing a police presence and enhanced rapport with residents, especially community youth. In addition to neighborhood patrols, the Bike Unit also covers the Memorial Day parade, the Immaculate Conception Bike Safety Day, Rock the Block nights, the Elmhurst Park District events like Safety Town, Park-a-Palooza, and "Touch a Truck," the City Bike Parade, the Elmhurst College Cycling Classic, The YMCA Bike Registration & Safety Information Day, Booti-ful Saturday, the Elmhurst Fire Department Open House, and special bike patrols on Halloween night. The Elmhurst Police Bike Unit is active from May thru October each year. In 2017, the Bicycle Patrol Unit totaled approximately 150 hours of activity.



Side-by-Side

Like the bicycle unit, the Summer Mobile Patrol Side-by-Side provides officers with additional opportunities for community engagement while they are out on patrol. The SMP not only provides greater police visibility in areas that squad cars cannot access but also makes officers more approachable to our residents while they are out in the community.



place officers downtown among citizens. The Summer Mobile Patrol is also used during the St. Patrick's Day and Memorial Day Parades and the Dan Gibbons Turkey Trot. In 2017, the Summer Mobile Patrol totaled approximately 168.50 hours of activity.



Peer Jury

The Elmhurst Peer Jury program provides juvenile offenders with the option of having their misdemeanor cases heard by a jury of their peers instead of going through the juvenile court system. The offenders are “sentenced” by the Peer Jury to various forms of restitution such as making repairs to vandalized property, writing apology letters, performing community service, and/or discussing their actions publicly with their parents at the hearings—depending on the type of offense. This process helps the offenders understand the consequences of their actions and take responsibility for them.



The Elmhurst Peer Jury program currently has 18 Peer Jurors. The program began back in 2005 and is currently overseen by School Resource Officer Waldenmeyer and Juvenile Officer Hawkins. In 2017, the Peer Jury program heard 31 new cases and 33 return cases. Along with hearing various cases that were assigned throughout the year, the Peer Jury welcomed several new

Peer Jurors from area high schools into the program and incorporated a training class to help them better understand the significant role this program has in the community.

Looking forward to 2018, the Peer Jury program plans to bring additional Peer Jurors into the program while continuing to seek appropriate cases to hear and developing appropriate juvenile dispositions.



Administrative Hearing Program

Administrative hearings are an alternative to the circuit court process for adjudicating minor ordinance violations. The Police Department, in partnership with the offices of the City Clerk, the Finance Department, and the City Attorney, has expanded the Administrative Hearing program to adjudicate ordinance violations of the Elmhurst Municipal Code in addition to the usual Administrative Tow cases. The adjudication process benefits both the City and the offender by eliminating mandatory Circuit Court appearances. An independent Hearing Officer decides each case based on the evidence presented by the City Attorney.

Administrative tow cases involve drivers arrested on serious criminal or traffic offenses that require impoundment of their vehicles. Common offenses requiring vehicle impoundment include DUIs, Driving while License Revoked or Suspended, and most felony and Class A misdemeanor crimes. Additional types of cases now adjudicated by Administrative Hearing include parking violations, vehicle equipment violations, and other minor ordinance violations such as curfew or loud noise complaints.



In 2017, a total of 2,769 Adjudication cases were filed, of which 2,296 were Ordinance Citations and 473 were cases requiring administrative tows (Chart 1).

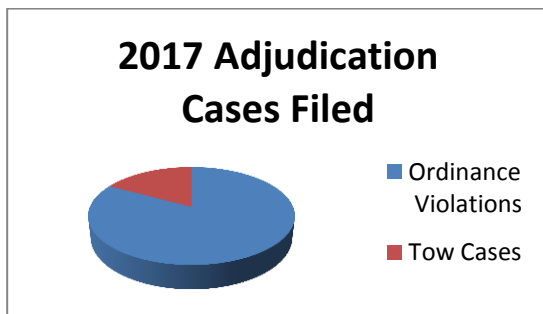


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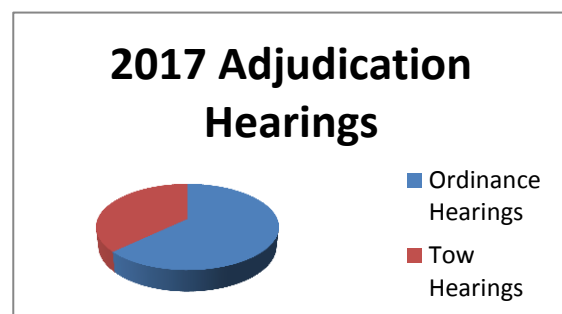


Chart 2

A total of 1,275 Adjudication Hearings were conducted in 2017, of which 802 were Ordinance Hearings and 473 were Tow Hearings (Chart 2).



Alive at 25

Alive at 25 is a National Safety Council Traffic Safety class taught by Elmhurst Police Commander Jim Gandy, Commander Steve Wright, Sergeant Matt McCollum and Officer Tim Westering. The class is available to all residents and students in Elmhurst, ages 16-24, and teaches decision-making skills along with insight into traffic laws to help them understand the reason certain laws are in place. The City Prosecutor also uses the Alive at 25 Program as a diversionary program for young traffic violators to help educate them to be safer drivers in the future. In 2017, there were 12 monthly sessions of the program with a total of student 142 participants.



BASSET



Beverage Alcohol Sellers and Servers Training (BASSET) is a State of Illinois program run by the Illinois Liquor Commission for anyone who serves and/or sells alcoholic beverages. The purpose of the BASSET program is to educate sellers and servers of alcoholic beverages about the effects of alcohol and drug abuse. The program educates participants on recognizing the signs of intoxication and provides them with intervention techniques with a goal of reducing DUI arrests and underage alcohol consumption and purchases. The Elmhurst Police Department generally hosts 7-9 sessions of the 4-hour certification class each year. In 2017, Elmhurst hosted 8 BASSET classes with a total of 97 participants.

OPERATION LIFESAVER - Railroad Safety Program

The Elmhurst Railroad Safety and Enforcement Program has been in existence for the last 23 years, and members of the Elmhurst Police Department continue to be active in Illinois Operation Lifesaver with four (4) Operation Lifesaver presenters. During Illinois Rail Safety Week in September, members of the Elmhurst Police Department participated in a safety blitz and conducted enforcement initiatives at the Elmhurst Metra train station. In addition, Elmhurst Police Department Operation Lifesaver presenters conducted safety presentations in 2017 for the Citizen's Police Academy classes and "Alive at 25" programs, as well as at the Elmhurst Park District's Safety Town Summer Camp.



Fleet Watch Program

The Fleet Watch program is designed to utilize public works employees as reporters of suspicious persons, vehicles, and/or activities as they carry out their daily duties in the community. Through this program, Public Works employees become “force multipliers” for the Police Department, serving as extra sets of eyes and ears for law enforcement when they are supplied with information about missing persons and/or criminal activity that might be going on in the community. The Fleet Watch program reinforces the Police Department’s belief that the best crime prevention strategies involve a collaborative effort between law enforcement and other community stakeholders.



Prescription Drug Take-Back/Collection

Two Prescription Drug Take-Back Days were held in 2017—on April 29 and October 28. For each Take-Back event, a tent was set up in the police station parking lot allowing residents to “drive up and drop off” any unused/unwanted prescription medications. The combined drop-off options yielded a total of 282 lbs. of drugs taken in for destruction. The Police Lobby collection box saw 658 lbs. of medications that were turned in for destruction and kept out of the water supply this year.

S.A.L.T. (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together)

The Police Department hosts a monthly S.A.L.T. meeting for seniors from Elmhurst and surrounding communities to provide them with an opportunity to learn about law enforcement and general safety topics. In addition, participants can meet and interact with police personnel and ask questions about topics that concern them. Speakers from both the department and



outside are invited to present information on their particular topic. The seniors are always encouraged to ask questions and add their personal experiences to the discussion afterward. Meetings are occasionally held “on location” at different sites and facilities that might interest the seniors. The 2017 S.A.L.T. coordinators were Officer Kelly Skolozynski and Service Officer Angel Ramirez.



COMMUNITY RELATIONS EVENTS

School Presentations and Station Tours

Throughout the year, the Elmhurst Police visit local schools and community groups to give presentations on different safety topics requested. In addition, scout groups and school groups frequently come in for tours of the police station; pictured are some of the 2017 tours and presentations given by the Elmhurst Police.



Cop on Top

On Friday, May 19th, the Elmhurst Police Department participated in the annual "Cop on Top" fundraiser for Special Olympics Illinois. This year's Cop on Top was held at two different Elmhurst Dunkin' Donuts locations—936 N York Rd and 195 E Butterfield Rd—from 5:00 AM until 12:00 PM. Elmhurst Police Officers and members of the Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association were on hand at both locations to collect donations from customers and sell Torch Run merchandise (t-shirts, hats, and pins) to raise additional funds for Special Olympics. This year's event raised over \$7,000 for Illinois Special Olympics!



Memorial Day Parade

On Monday, May 29th, Elmhurst DARE Officers posed with their DARE students just before the start of the Memorial Day Parade. A total of 50 students and a few parents marched in the parade alongside the Summer Mobile Patrol, which includes both Bicycle officers and the Side-by-Side. In addition to DARE and SMP officers, the Police Department provided a detail for traffic control along the route and the Police Honor Guard for both the parade and the Memorial Day ceremony that took place afterward in beautiful holiday weather.



Illinois Torch Run

On Sunday, June 4, members of the Elmhurst Police Department participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois. EPD participants ran, along with other law enforcement officials from throughout DuPage County, from York & St Charles Roads to York & Third St. Representing the Elmhurst Police were Sergeant McCollum and Officers Cooney, Jarrette and Kazarian.



Cycling Classic

On July 21, the Elmhurst Police Bicycle Unit was on hand to help out at the 5th Annual Elmhurst Cycling Classic. Officers assisted in street closures and scene safety while interacting with cyclists from around the Elmhurst area and even several other countries. The Police Bicycle Unit also led the Family Fun Race.



"Stuff the Squad"

On September 23rd, the Elmhurst Police Department partnered with Mariano's for a "Stuff the Squad" event. During the month of September, shoppers at our Elmhurst Mariano's store purchased bags valued at \$5-\$10 for donation to those in need. Elmhurst Officers and members of the Citizen's Police Academy Alumni then "stuffed the squads" and hand-delivered the donated food to the United Community Concerns Association Food Pantry in Elmhurst.



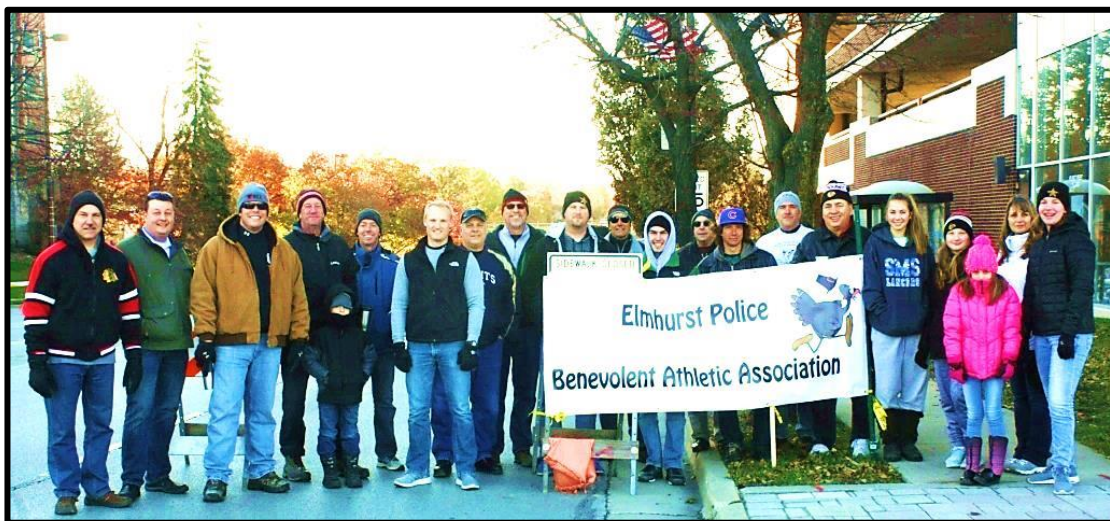
Thanksgiving Baskets

Elmhurst Police personnel provided assistance to the Elmhurst Elks at their annual Thanksgiving basket delivery for needy local families. Officers Vargas, Miceli, and Service Officer Ignatius spent several hours packing up the food and loading vans for delivery and distribution of the food before the Thanksgiving holiday.



Turkey Trot "Watering Hole"

The Annual Dan Gibbons Turkey Trot was once again held on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 23rd. Huge crowds came to run the Elmhurst course, and members of the Elmhurst Police Benevolent Athletic Association (EPBAA) and their families participated in the Watering Hole, handing out water to some of the 7,500 runners and walkers as they passed by the police station on Palmer Dr.



Dare to Dream

Officer Joan Velez served again this year as a mentor and role model for the Dare to Dream program for young Latina students. The goal of the program is to encourage the girls to participate in Math and Science studies with an aim of increasing the number of women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics careers. Officer Velez was a speaker for the program's STEM Conference (**S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering and **M**ath), held on the Fermi Lab campus in Batavia. Workshops were led by female engineers and scientists, who shared details about their careers, answered questions, and provided hands-on activities for the participants.



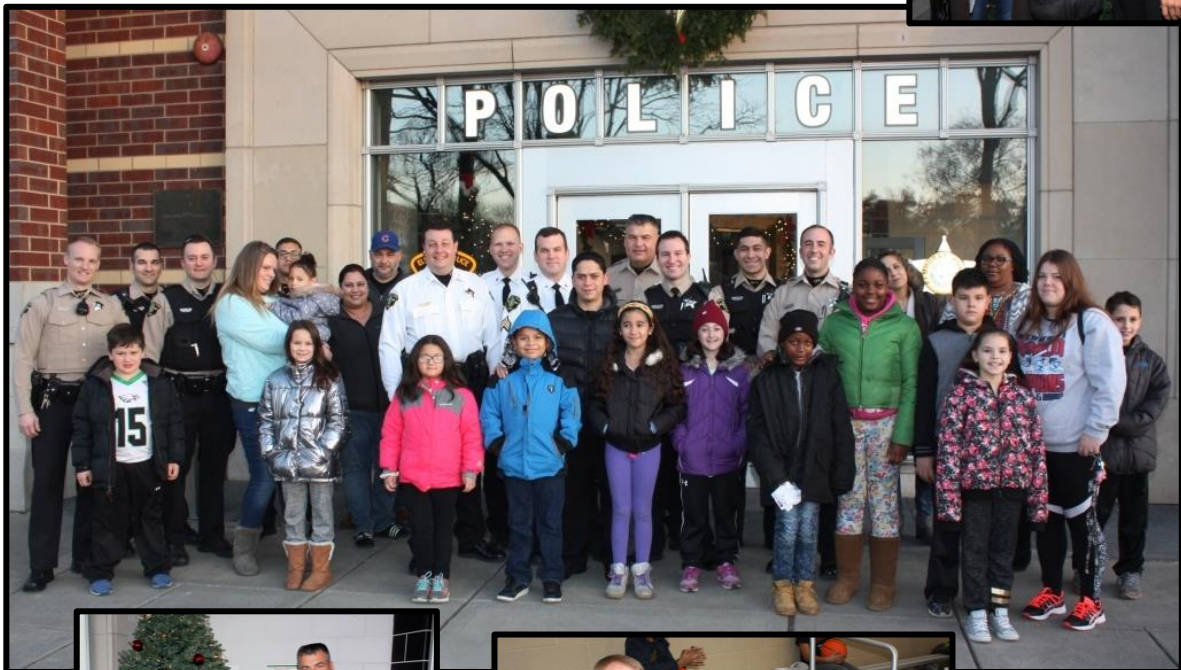
Toys for Tots

The Elmhurst Police participated in Toys for Tots this holiday season with collection boxes in the police department lobby. Thanks to the generosity of department members and the Elmhurst community, a significant donation of toys was dropped off for distribution to children from needy families who might otherwise not have received gifts this year.



Shop with a Cop

On December 2, Elmhurst Officers participated in the 31st annual DuPage County “Shop with a Cop” program, coordinated locally by the Elmhurst Police Benevolent Athletic Association. Thanks to generous donations from the Elmhurst community, eleven police officers were able to volunteer their time to take twelve deserving children to this event, which included a trip to Glen Ellyn for breakfast, games, a climbing wall, and a visit with Santa. Many police agencies participated, creating a parade of squad cars heading to the Bloomingdale Meijer store where each child was able to choose gifts for his or her family.



2017 STATISTICAL SUMMARY

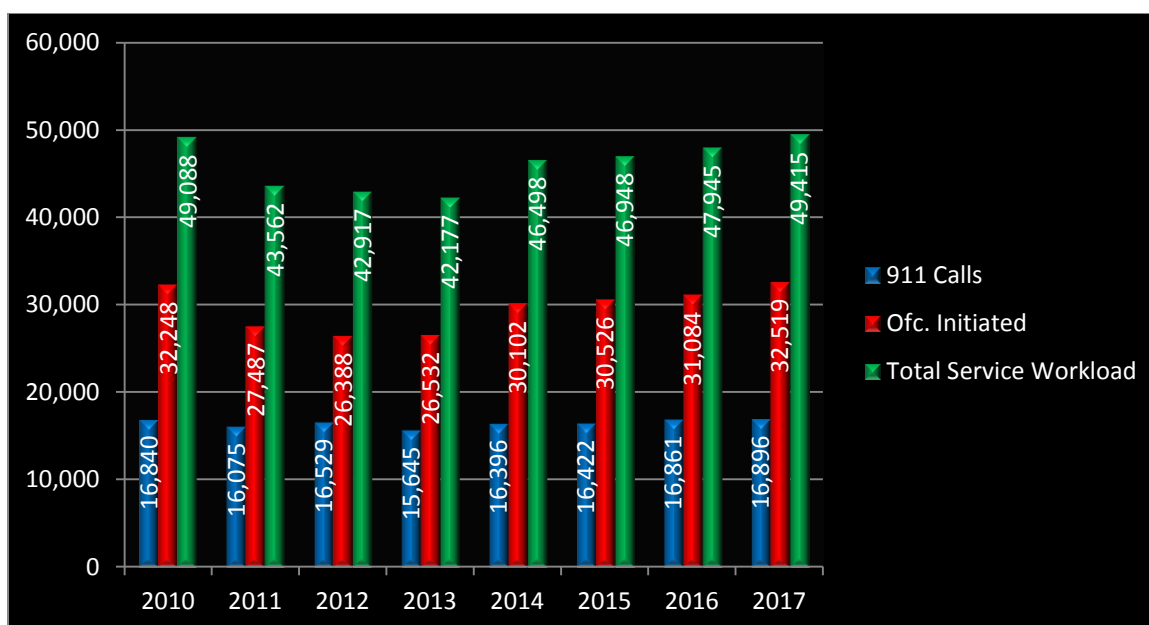


CRIMINAL INCIDENTS

FBI Defined Uniform Crime Report Summary

Criminal Incidents	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Homicide	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Rape	2	1	3	8	2	5	0	5
Robbery	9	9	4	6	4	17	5	7
Aggravated Assault/Battery	22	16	6	3	6	10	9	10
Burglary	56	68	64	63	57	113	100	85
Theft	473	452	412	438	474	452	498	545
Theft of Motor Vehicle	23	16	10	5	22	24	27	25
Arson	1	0	1	3	1	2	3	0
Total	586	562	500	529	566	623	642	677

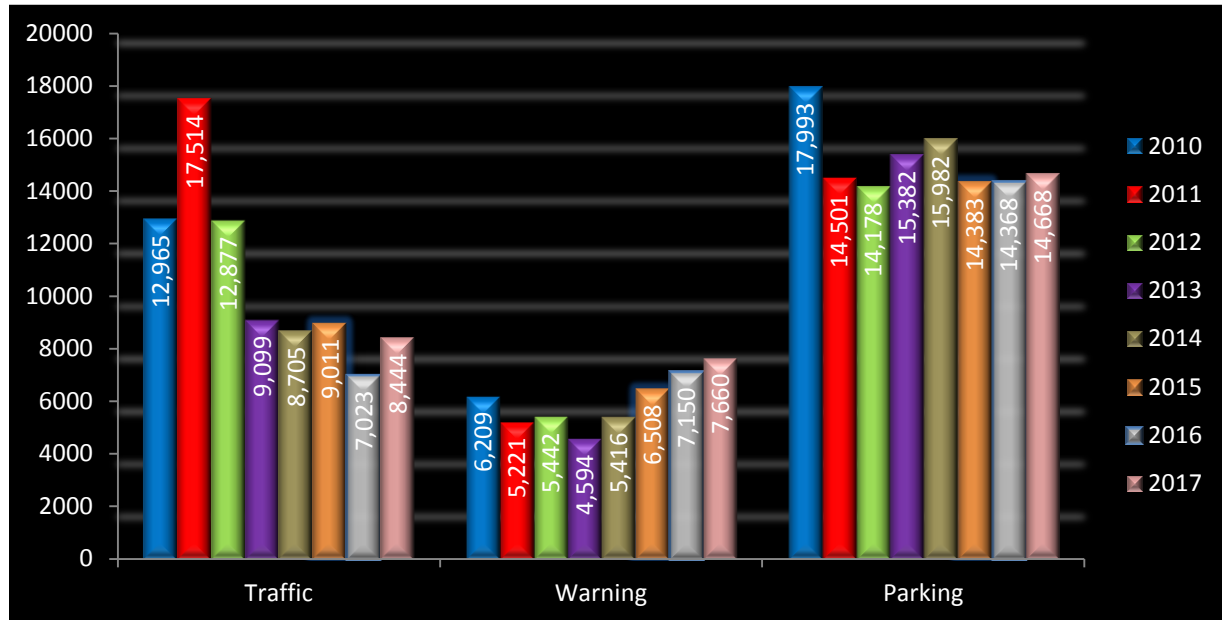
Service Workload



2017 shows a 3.06% increase in total service workload compared to 2016. There was an increase of 35 calls to 9-1-1 and an increase of 1,435 self-initiated calls in 2017 compared to 2016.

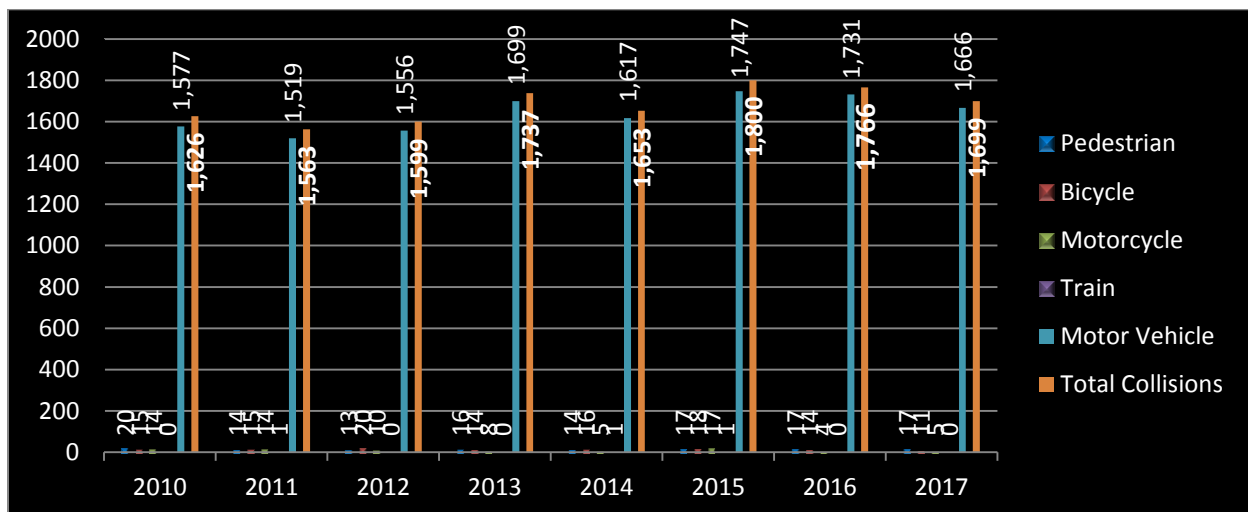


Citations



In 2017, the number of traffic citations issued increased 20.23% compared to 2016. The number of warning tickets issued increased 7.13%, and the number of parking tickets issued increased 2.09% compared to 2016.

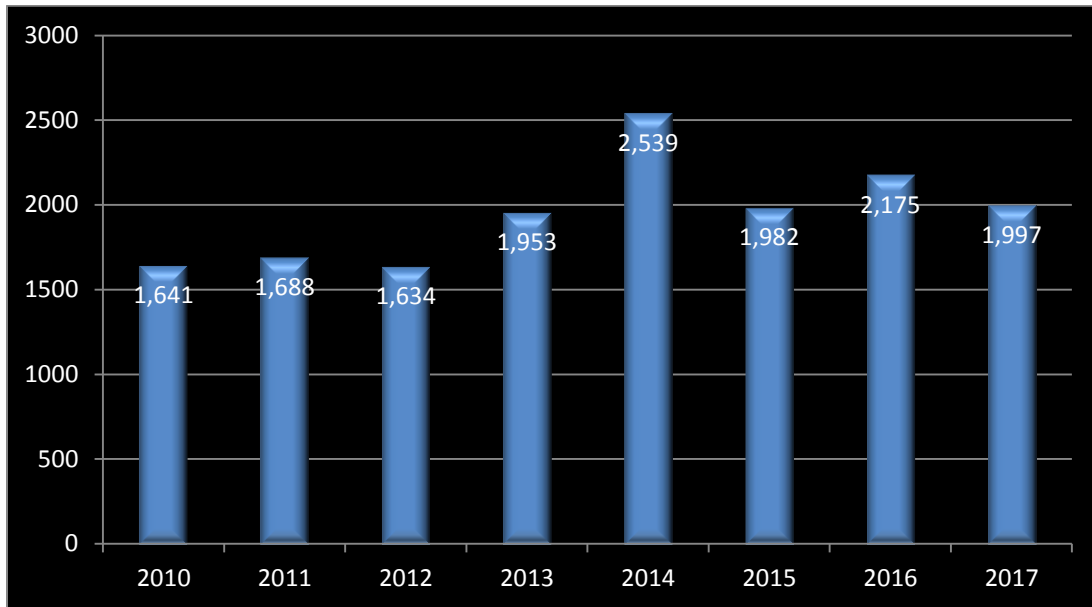
Traffic Collisions



In 2017, the total number of pedestrians involved in motor vehicle crashes remained consistent compared to 2016. The number of bicycles involved in motor vehicle crashes decreased 21.42% while crashes involving motorcycles increased from 4 to 5 (25%) in 2017. No crashes involving a train were reported, and the number of motor vehicle vs. motor vehicle crashes decreased 3.75% in 2017 from 2016. The total number of traffic collisions in 2017 decreased by 3.79% from 2016.

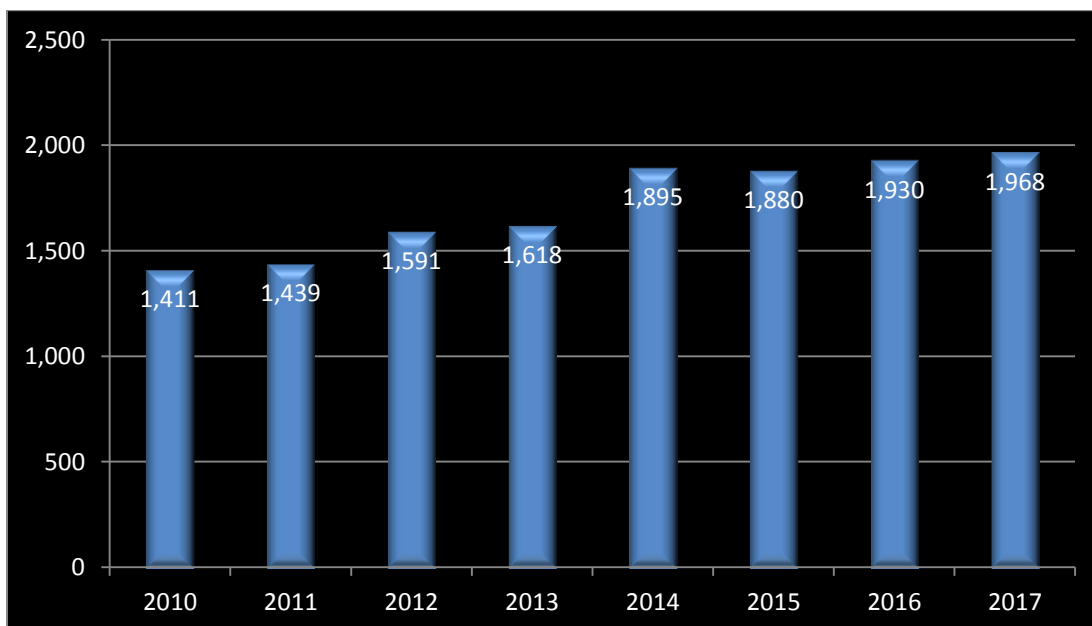


Assist Other Agencies



There was a decrease of 178 (8.18%) in calls to assist other agencies in 2017 compared to 2016.

Alarm Calls



In 2017, there was an increase of 38 (1.97%) Burglary and Hold Up alarm calls compared to 2016.



Reported Criminal Offenses - 4 Year Comparison Summary

	<u>2017</u> <u>Offense</u> <u>Totals</u>	<u>2016</u> <u>Offense</u> <u>Totals</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>Offense</u> <u>Totals</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>Offense</u> <u>Totals</u>	<u>2017</u> <u>Arrest</u> <u>Totals</u>	<u>2016</u> <u>Arrest</u> <u>Totals</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>Arrest</u> <u>Totals</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>Arrest</u> <u>Totals</u>
<u>Deaths</u>								
Homicide	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0
Attempt Homicide	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	1	1	0	3	1	0	0	0
<u>Sex Offenses</u>								
Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Sexual Assault	8	3	4	8	0	1	1	1
Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Attempted Sexual Assault	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prostitution	1	7	12	3	2	7	16	4
Public Indecency	1	0	2	2	0	0	2	1
All Other Sex Offenses	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	12	10	18	13	2	8	19	6
<u>Robbery</u>								
Armed Robbery - Bank	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
Armed Robbery - Other	3	2	2	4	0	1	1	0
Robbery - Bank	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0
Robbery - Other	1	2	2	0	0	4	4	0
Attempted Robbery	4	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
Total	9	9	5	6	1	7	5	0
<u>Simple Assault - Battery</u>								
Assault	1	3	6	14	1	4	3	9
Battery	74	70	58	59	48	43	31	43
Domestic	106	93	72	68	46	54	37	46
Total	181	166	136	141	95	101	71	98
<u>Aggravated Assault - Battery</u>								
Aggravated Battery	8	3	1	2	8	2	1	1
Aggravated Assault	13	10	5	1	11	12	5	1
Total	21	13	6	3	19	14	6	2



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<u>Burglary</u>									
Burglary Residential	35	38	38	48		1	6	8	1
Burglary Other	14	20	10	9		12	12	8	2
Attempted Burglary	7	11	16	6		0	0	0	0
Total	56	69	64	63		13	18	16	3
<u>Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle</u>									
Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle	144	142	55	89		4	27	3	4
Burglary/Theft of MV Parts/Access.	23	20	23	34		0	0	2	2
Attempted Burglary/Theft from MV	8	2	3	4		0	0	0	0
Total	175	164	81	127		4	27	5	6
<u>Thefts</u>									
Theft Over	56	70	83	82		12	12	19	5
Theft Under	100	108	116	93		27	34	35	20
Retail Theft	165	120	123	128		167	126	122	137
Attempted Theft	12	11	8	7		0	0	0	0
Total	333	309	330	310		206	172	176	162
<u>Motor Vehicle Theft</u>									
Theft of Motor Vehicle	22	17	10	5		1	1	2	0
Attempted Theft of Motor Vehicle	1	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Total	23	17	10	5		1	1	2	0
<u>Deception</u>									
Forgery/Deceptive Practice/Fraud	71	119	92	29		14	29	15	0
Credit Card Fraud	17	34	21	14		9	9	9	1
Identity Theft	127	125	140	56		8	14	10	0
Possession of Stolen Property	8	9	4	2		27	13	4	1
Theft of Lost Property	16	25	16	26		3	2	2	1
Total	239	312	273	127		61	67	40	3



	<u>2017 Offense Totals</u>	<u>2016 Offense Totals</u>	<u>2015 Offense Totals</u>	<u>2014 Offense Totals</u>		<u>2017 Arrest Totals</u>	<u>2016 Arrest Totals</u>	<u>2015 Arrest Totals</u>	<u>2014 Arrest Totals</u>
<u>Criminal Damage To Property</u>									
Vehicle	43	33	35	45		4	3	4	3
Property Damage	64	75	44	75		19	35	9	14
Attempted Criminal Damage	0	0	0	1		0	0	0	0
Total	107	108	79	121		23	38	13	17
 <u>Trespass</u>									
Crim. Trespass to Property/Residence	25	23	37	24		26	24	28	24
Crim. Trespass to State Supported Land	1	2	0	1		1	2	0	0
Total	36	25	37	25		27	26	28	24
 <u>Arson</u>	1	0	1	3		0	0	0	0
 <u>Deadly Weapons</u>									
Unlawful Use of Weapon	15	9	7	6		15	14	12	7
Unlaw. Use or Poss. of Weapon by Felon	2	2	2	0		7	8	2	0
No FOID Card	3	1	1	1		3	2	1	1
Total	20	12	10	7		25	24	15	8
 <u>Truancy</u>	10	13	11	5		15	13	10	7
 <u>Hate Crimes</u>	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0



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<u>Drug Offenses</u>									
Possession Cannabis under 10 gm	314					445			
Possession Cannabis 10 gm & over	25					36			
* Possession Cannabis 30 gm & under	0	276	280	230		0	414	414	335
* Possession Cannabis over 30 gm	0	6	2	2		0	12	2	3
Delivery Cannabis 30 gm & under	2	10	13	17		6	12	14	17
Delivery Cannabis over 30 gm	1	2	4	4		3	5	5	6
Cannabis Plant	2	0	0	0		2	0	0	0
Possession of Methamphetamine	1	0	0	0		1	0	0	0
Manufacture & Delivery Cont'l Substance	5	1	1	4		4	1	1	3
Possession Controlled Substance	93	75	88	79		133	104	123	105
Delivery or Possession w/Intent to Deliver	4	5	2	5		17	6	3	6
Sale or Possession Hypo Syringes/Needles	8	7	13	8		17	9	18	13
Possession Drug Equipment	236	196	225	213		362	285	326	298
Total	686	578	628	562		1027	848	906	786



Traffic Unit

The 2017 Traffic Unit/STEP Grant program consisted of approximately 20 officers participating in overnight STEP grant patrols on designated dates throughout the year. STEP is a traffic enforcement grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Traffic Safety, which provides funds for officers to work overtime details during the overnight hours to enforce laws related to impaired/intoxicated driving, unsecured motorists, and distracted driving. Recognizing that enforcement of seatbelt use and impaired and distracted driving laws is the most effective way to reduce injuries and fatalities on our roadways, the Elmhurst Police Department continued to participate in the IDOT STEP grant program in 2017. The department applied for, and was granted, federal funds to perform these extra patrols for DUI and seatbelt violations during eight holiday campaign periods throughout the year:

2017 HOLIDAY GRANT PERIODS

EACH HOLIDAY PERIOD CONSISTED OF A 1-2 WEEK BLOCK

SUPERBOWL	ST. PATRICK'S DAY	MEMORIAL DAY	4TH OF JULY
LABOR DAY	HALLOWEEN	THANKSGIVING	CHRISTMAS

The Department was also awarded additional grant funding for extra DUI patrols and DUI roadside safety checks. These patrols were scheduled between 9PM and 3AM, which has been identified as the most dangerous time period on roads by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. This extra enforcement was accomplished through roving patrols, roadside safety checkpoints and seatbelt enforcement zones, resulting in a total of 30 DUI arrests, 487 seatbelt and child restraint violations, 32 drug arrests, and over 180 citations for distracted driving and other violations.



Truck Enforcement

In 2017, the Elmhurst Police made a concerted effort to improve the safety of Elmhurst roadways through increased enforcement of truck violations. As a key part of this effort, Officers Szablewski and Gryczewski both attended a 40-hour Truck Enforcement Course in April of 2017. These officers, along with other officers who were previously trained and certified in Truck Enforcement, cited over 80 trucks for violating weight restrictions and/or other requirements for commercial motor vehicles.

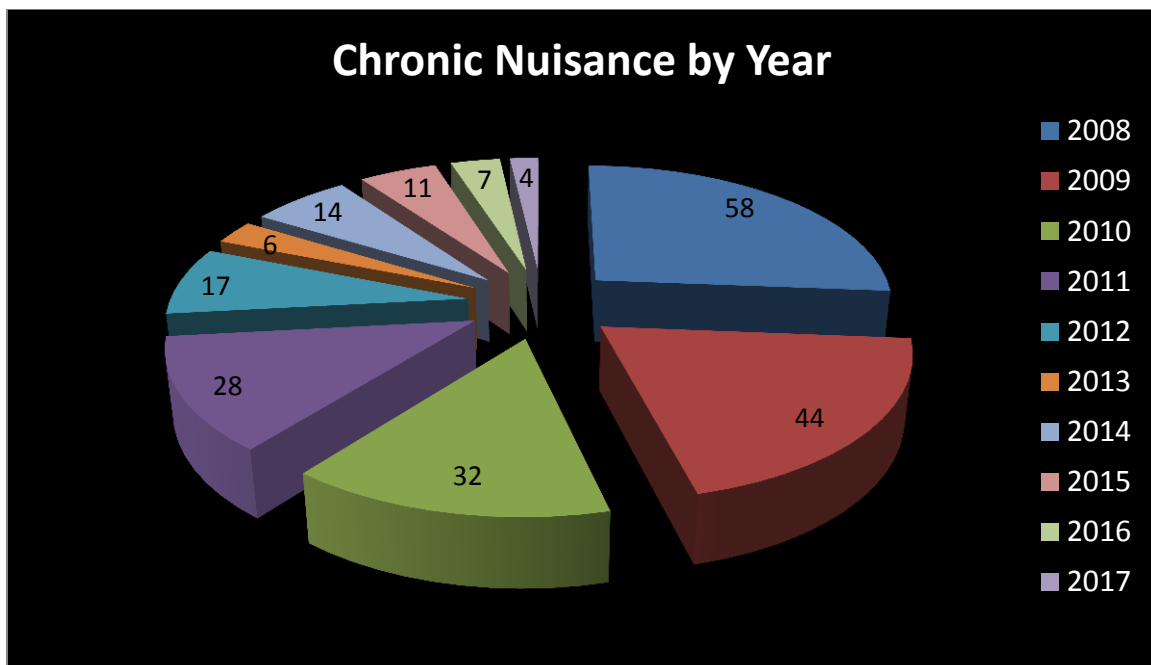
A semi-truck being weighed at the St. Charles/Rt. 83 truck scale.



Chronic Nuisance Program

The police department had 4 Chronic Nuisance cases in 2017. Since the creation of a Chronic Nuisance Ordinance in 2008, 219 cases have been successfully resolved, and 2 cases are still active. Only 24 of all chronic nuisance cases received a second violation within 180 days, and only 5 received a third violation. This program has been very successful in improving quality of life issues for Elmhurst residents and businesses as demonstrated by the chart below showing the number of Chronic Nuisance cases per year.

As part of the Chronic Nuisance program, the Police Department works with the Building Department to enforce quality of life concerns such as after-hours construction, excessive mud and/or debris left on the street by construction traffic, and parking issues with construction vehicles.

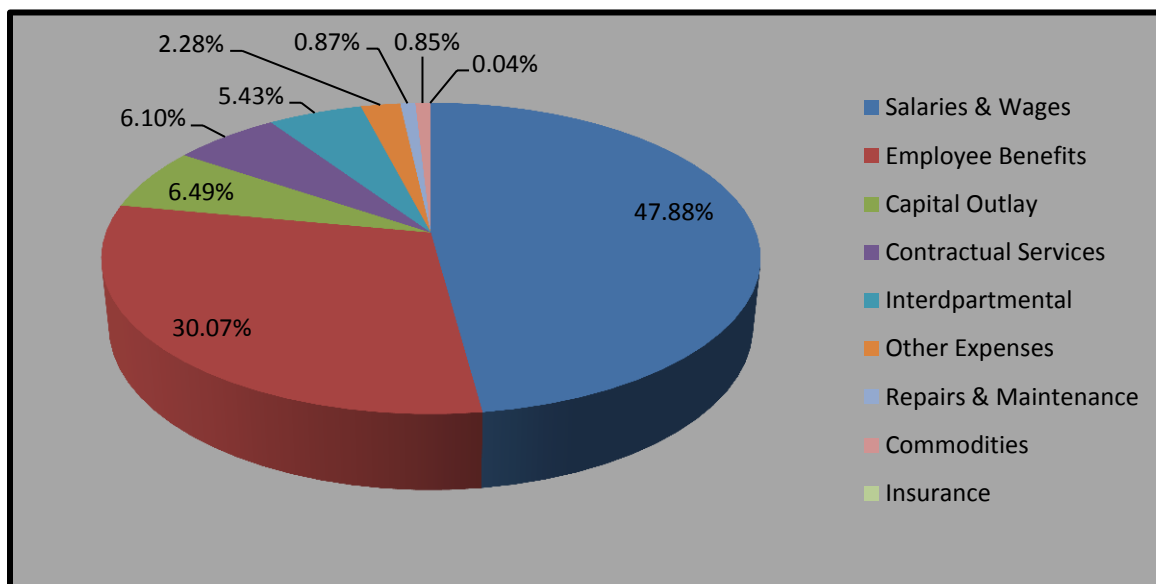


2017 BUDGET ANALYSIS



Elmhurst Police Department 2017 Budget

BUDGET CATEGORY	BUDGET AMOUNT
Salaries & Wages	\$9,030,500
Employee Benefits	\$5,672,650
Contractual Services	\$1,150,620
Commodities	\$160,000
Repairs & Maintenance	\$164,150
Other Expenses	\$429,290
Capital Outlay	\$1,223,240
Insurance	\$6,920
Interdepartmental	\$1,024,990
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$18,862,360



2017
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RECOGNITION



Awards

A total of 105 Departmental awards were given out by the Elmhurst Police Department to officers for the 2017 year, including:

- 4 Commendations
- 13 Letters of Recognition, and
- 12 Unit Citations honoring a total of 88 individual officers.

In addition, a number of officers and personnel were honored with awards from outside agencies and sources:

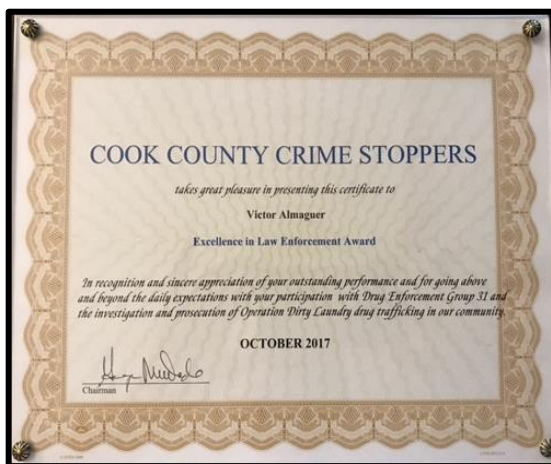
On May 23rd, members of the Elmhurst Investigations Division and Mission Team were recognized at the Westchester Village Board meeting for assistance provided to the Westchester Police Department that led to the apprehension of offenders in Armed Vehicular Hijacking crimes in April. Pictured are Officers Jorgensen and Kefaloukos with Westchester Police Chief Stelter and Village President Gattuso.



In August, Deputy Chief Michael McLean completed the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety Executive Management Program (EMP), a university-based education program for senior police leaders that focuses on leadership, justice, management strategies, digital technology, and accountability. Deputy Chief McLean also received the prestigious Public Safety Executive Leadership Award from Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety in December.



On August 7th, Officer Nick Waldenmeyer was honored by the Elmhurst Elks with the Enrique Camarena Award. This award is for a police officer demonstrating outstanding dedication and commitment to youth drug awareness and is given in memory of a DEA officer, Camarena, who was killed during a drug arrest. Officer Waldenmeyer is a certified Juvenile Officer who maintains membership in the IL Juvenile Officers Association; he has served as an Elmhurst DARE officer for 12 years and a Peer Jury Coordinator for 10 years, and he became the newest Elmhurst School Resource Officer for District 205 just one week after receiving this award.



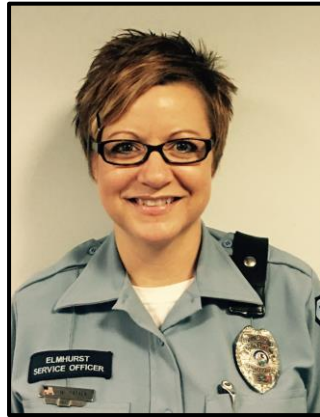
On Oct. 25th, Elmhurst Detective Victor Almaguer was awarded the Excellence in Law Enforcement Award by the Cook County Crime Stoppers for his outstanding work as part of the DEA Task Force. He received the award at the Crime Stoppers annual awards dinner where he enjoyed hearing stories from other officers about their experiences in the field, described by Detective Almaguer as "Some great police work!"





Department Service Anniversaries

20 Years



Administrative Service Officer
Wendy Satala

15 Years



Officer John Ryan

10 Years



Sergeant Brendan Bruckner



Records Clerk Christine Burg



Officer Anthony Cuzzone



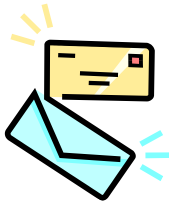
Officer Alan Webb



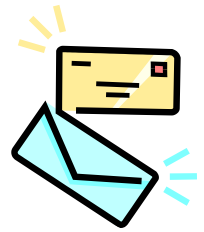
New Employees

In 2017, the Elmhurst Police Department welcomed (clockwise from upper left) new Police Officers John “Jack” Schmidt, Andrew Schroeder, James Ostrega and Milos Radenkovic, Philip Southworth, part-time Officers Robert Larson and Ronald Guichon, and part-time Records clerk, Deborah Laurino.





LETTERS FROM THE COMMUNITY



The Elmhurst Police are honored by the support and appreciation shown them by the Elmhurst community. Many residents, visitors and business owners took the time to write, email or call in their appreciation to the department for services provided, and often their thanks were accompanied by deliveries of cookies, cupcakes, pizza, doughnuts, flowers, candy and treat bags for their police officers. Below are excerpts from just a few of the many letters and notes of appreciation we received this year:

Officer Beltran: Officer Beltran is amazing! He went above and beyond to make our family feel safe. While on patrol late last night, he closed our open garage door and spoke to us to make sure all was safe/secure. We feel so blessed to have this fine, brave officer patrolling our neighborhood. It is clear that he truly cares about us as residents and the safety of our family and town!! Thank you for all you do Officer Beltran—I sleep better at night knowing you’re watching out for us.

Officer Krupnik: We have been part of the Elmhurst community for almost 30 years and have always appreciated the presence of the Elmhurst Police Department in our neighborhood. Recently we had police contact when my elderly father went missing. Officer Krupnik came to my parent’s home about midnight and helped us fill out a missing person report. For the next 6 hours, he kept in touch, giving us updates and asking for more information. He was very calm and knowledgeable, and treated the entire episode with respect. When my father was located in Bloomington, IL, Officer Krupnik came to the house personally and had even taken the time to print out directions for us on where to find him. We so appreciated everything he did for us. He took a stressful situation and helped to keep us calm and hopeful. We are very grateful to live in this community and have fine police officers such as Officer Krupnik overseeing and taking care of our town.

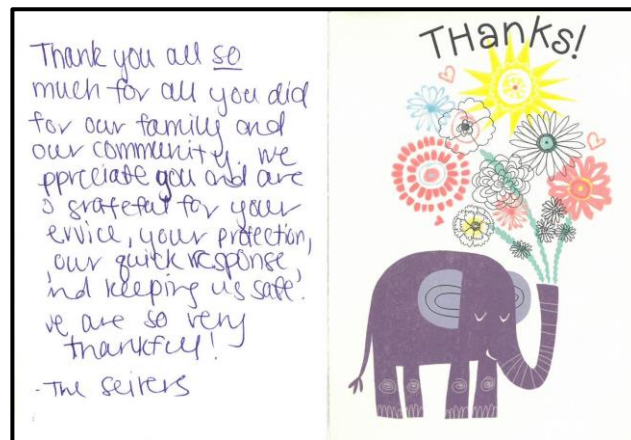
Officer Valdez: I wanted to take time to personally thank you for having a guy like Officer Valdez on your staff. He helped a mom who was terribly worried about her son’s whereabouts. When you don’t know what to do and are sick with worry, it helps to know that someone cares and is doing something. He deserves praise.

Officer Wierzgac: I wanted to comment on the professional manner and courtesy of Officer Wierzgac during a accident report. He was most helpful to me.



Officer Duffy: I was pulled over by Officer Duffy yesterday afternoon; I had flu-like symptoms and was very feverish, and passed a slow driver in the right lane while trying to get home. Officer Duffy was extremely professional and kind. Kind for me at that time was bigger than professional. He was empathetic (and that's hard to come by in a lot of people). I just wanted to let you know that this officer is very kind and professional and I believe an asset to your force.

Officers Vargas and Szablewski: I appreciated the assistance your officers rendered in finding and removing a bat from my condominium. Though it was perhaps a minor event in their day, they never expressed impatience. They were prompt, professional and respectful throughout. They exemplified service, and I thought you should know how well these officers represented the Elmhurst Police Department. Thank you!



Service Officer Spanroff: We will always be grateful for your help in finding our dog, Addison. She got loose from our yard and went missing for several hours. Angie and your responding officers were so kind and helpful. THANK YOU!

Dear Chief Ruth: I wanted to drop you a quick note regarding the apprehension of 3 suspects from a robbery in Sycamore last month. This was no easy task and you guys nailed it! In short order, you took all 3 suspects into custody—congratulations! Great police work! We're proud of our officers and everyone at the EPD.

I just wanted to pass along a big "thanks!" and "job well done!" to the entire EPD for the handling of the 3 robbery suspects earlier this week. I am confused by the mixed reactions on social media and am not sure where the criticism is coming from. I am super pleased with every interaction my family has with your team, and this is another example of tremendous police work that makes me happy to live in Elmhurst.



Officers Cooney and Pacewic: Officers are often the target of negative criticism and certainly have one of the most difficult jobs. Our family felt the need to express our deepest thanks for a job well done—we would like to thank the Elmhurst Police Department, Officer Pacewic, and especially Officer Cooney, who conducted herself with tremendous professionalism and compassion. From the bottom of our hearts, we are and will always remain thankful.

Officer Poli: As usual, your Department's presentation was a hit for my religious education students. Officer Poli was engaging and informative, and he was able to hold their attention for over an hour. The interaction was priceless. Thank you for allowing Officer Poli to present to my class, and please pass on my gratitude. Stay safe.

Officer Velez: Deepest thanks for the many ways you protect and serve. You are the best!

Sergeant Himpelmann: Thank you for taking time to be with us at Elmhurst SDA Church—your presentation was informative, thoughtful, well-prepared, and adaptive to the church environment. We appreciate your professionalism and dedication to the community.

Officers Hawkins and Southworth: Thank you again for the great detective work of our Elmhurst Police officers that stopped by and picked up the remnants of a hit and run in front of our house, pieced the broken pieces together, and found the culprit!! You are amazing. Stay safe. We are proud of you.

Dear Elmhurst Police—Thank you for all of your care and assistance Thursday morning. We are forever grateful.

Thank you for being brave, selfless, and so committed to the residents. We appreciate all you do!

Dear Elmhurst Police: Thank you so much for all of your help during the St. Patrick's Day parade. Officers helped my 90 year-old Irish mom and her 94 year-old friend (who were visiting from Ireland) get to and from the parade and get a seat at Silverado. My family appreciates all you did for our mom—God bless.

Elmhurst Police: Thank you for Neighborhood Roll Call—I was able to meet folks I didn't realize were my neighbors. Any effort to get folks out of their houses is appreciated. Thank you!

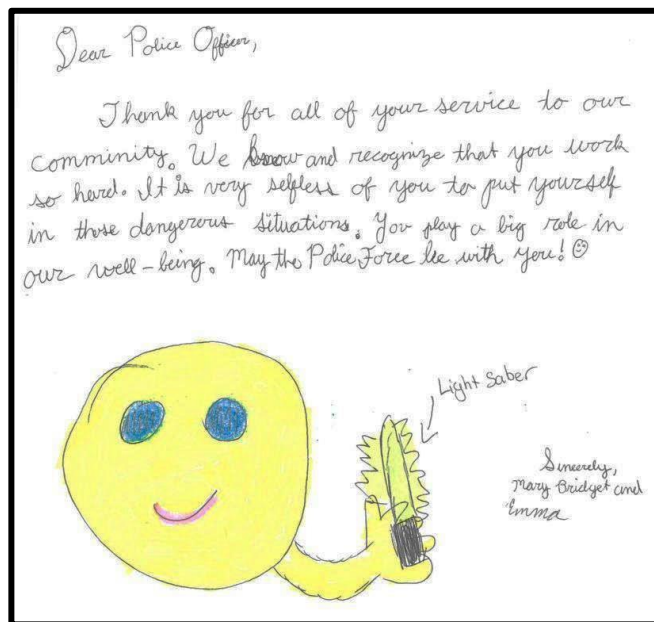


EPD: We are thankful for you and for all you do for our community throughout the year. We know that you are keeping us safe today and are not with your families. Please enjoy these cookies—Happy Thanksgiving!

- Thank you for protecting us and getting the bad guys.

- I want to express my thanks to the officers who responded to my 911 call at the home for my father. I will never forget the kindness shown to me by those officers. Please convey my appreciation to them—their caring words and thoughtful actions have been a source of great comfort to me.

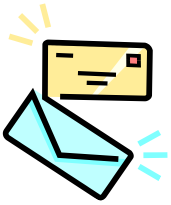
- Just a quick note to say thanks for a wonderful CPA course. I learned so much from everyone. I will be sure to spread the word to friends and neighbors.



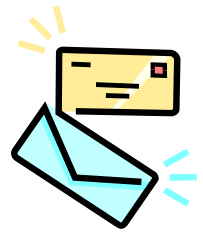
- To the Elmhurst Police: We truly appreciate all you do for our community. Happy holidays!

Officers Hedstrom and Cooney: Thank you so very much for coming to my home and helping with a car horn problem in the very early morning today. I sincerely appreciated your help. Thank you again, and have a very happy new year.





LETTERS FROM OTHER AGENCIES



Officer Poli and Diesel: I want to thank one of your officers for his quick and professional response to our recent request for assistance following a violent robbery. The suspects fled on foot and were apprehended after a brief search, but one had thrown his firearm into a wooded area near the Des Plaines River. Officer Poli and his canine, Diesel, responded to the scene and assisted with a ground search for the next several hours. We were able to recover a fully loaded Glock handgun, which would not have been possible without the assistance of Officer Poli and Diesel. I am extremely grateful for the professional working relationship between the Elmhurst and Riverside Police Departments, and I am very pleased with the immediate response of your canine officer and his professional handling of the situation. Please thank Officer Poli for the assistance he and Diesel provided to Riverside Police Department.

Thomas Weitzel, Riverside Chief of Police

Detective Torza: I want to extend my gratitude to the Elmhurst Police Department and Detective Torza for providing additional assistance on a recent *Attempted Murder and Aggravated Arson* case. Following a call for assistance, our officers located a woman who had been stabbed and a townhouse that had been set on fire. The assistance provided from multiple agencies resulted in locating the suspect, who is now awaiting trial. On behalf of the men and women of the Roselle Police Department, please pass along our thanks and appreciation to Detective Torza.

Steve Herron, Roselle Chief of Police

The Villa Park Police recently responded to a barricaded subject who had an active warrant and had just been involved in a shooting incident. The individual was also a suspect in an armed robbery case. The response of your officers and their assistance in securing the scene was greatly appreciated. A NIPAS call-out was requested and negotiations commenced. Our teamwork resulted in the offender eventually surrendering without incident. He was charged with resisting arrest and for being a felon in possession of a firearm; further charges for other crimes are pending. Please extend my sincere appreciation to your officers for their assistance.

Michael Lay, Villa Park Acting Chief of Police



Detectives Torza and Coughlin, Sergeant Schweik, and Administrative Assistant McKeown:

Following a homicide in Wheaton, your personnel responded through a Major Crimes Task Force call-out. Your detectives and support personnel worked tirelessly with our detectives and personnel from many different agencies. The end result of capturing a wanted murderer before he could flee the country was made possible by the exceptional work of your officers. They exemplified a teamwork attitude that can only be described as remarkable!

Chief James F. Volpe, Wheaton Police Department

Officers Cooney and Horner: I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the assistance that was provided by the members of your department for a traffic stop in which the offender fled, resulting in a foot pursuit. Officers Horner and Cooney quickly responded and assisted our officers—this additional manpower allowed us to expedite our actions and successfully secure and search the offender. Please accept my personal thanks and gratitude as well as that of the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department for the continued support and professional assistance provided by your agency.

Chief Casey Calvello, Oakbrook Terrace Police Department

Commander Gandy, Sergeant Himpelmann, and Service Officer Carlborg: I would like to take a moment to extend my appreciation to your agency for participating in the full-scale aviation crash simulation exercise in Bensenville. The exercise was a success, and that was directly due to the assistance provided by agencies like yours. The fact that it was on a Saturday no doubt made your decision to send officers more difficult—for that, too, I thank you. Commander Gandy, Sergeant Himpelmann, and SO Carlborg demonstrated the utmost professionalism throughout the briefing, safety checks and the duration of the exercise. Commander Gandy and Sergeant Himpelmann immediately assisted with establishing incident command and provided support throughout the exercise. Your officers demonstrated true cooperation with everyone involved—please thank them for me.

Brian Dooley, Bensenville PD Deputy Chief of Operations

Elmhurst Police: Elmhurst Hospital and our community's emergency responders take pride in providing expert teamwork and skill when dealing with challenging emergency situations. Please know that your partnership, excellent care and communication are something we value and appreciate. We applaud you for your ability to handle a very difficult situation and deliver the best possible care to the citizens of the Elmhurst Hospital service area.

Pamela L. Dunley, RN MS MBA CENP, President/CEO, Elmhurst Hospital



Officer Jorgensen: I wanted to thank you on behalf of myself and all the resident advisors who attended RA Training. The presentation was very informative and entertaining, and the students learned a lot. They really enjoyed the videos and PowerPoint presentation. Thank you for all of your help, and we look forward to working with you throughout the school year.

Caroline Krause, Assistant Director, Elmhurst College

Commander Terry, Sergeant Kaczorowski, and Detectives Cuzzone and Torza: On behalf of the FBI, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to your department for allowing us to hold the FBI Basic Crisis Negotiation class at your building. A total of 30 law enforcement officers from the surrounding area, representing 22 departments and federal agencies, attended the course. We are aware of the interruption in the department's daily operations that can occur, and your department's hospitality and professionalism that were extended throughout the week did not go unnoticed. In particular, I would like to thank these officers for assisting the CNT in the coordination and operation of this course.

Michael J. Anderson, FBI Special Agent in Charge

On behalf of the members of the Bloomingdale Police Department, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation for the role your department played in honoring our fallen officer, Raymond Murrell. During this time of great sorrow, we are touched by the overwhelming support.

Frank A. Giammarese, Bloomingdale Chief of Police

Additional thanks went to:

- **Officer Ciszewski** for his assistance provided to other agencies through his participation in the NIPAS Mobile Field Force;
- **Sergeant Schweik** and the department for excellent service provided at the funeral procession for Korean War Hero and Bronze Star Recipient J. W. Scott;
- **Officers Kazarian and McNeeley** for teaching Stranger Danger at the Little Lambs Preschool.
- **Elmhurst Police Honor Guard** for opening and closing the graduation ceremony of the Basic Police Academy Class at the College of DuPage Suburban Law Enforcement Academy;
- **Officer Wierzgac** for his professionalism and dedication in participating in the wake and funeral of retired Oakbrook Terrace Police Officer, Frank Gomez.



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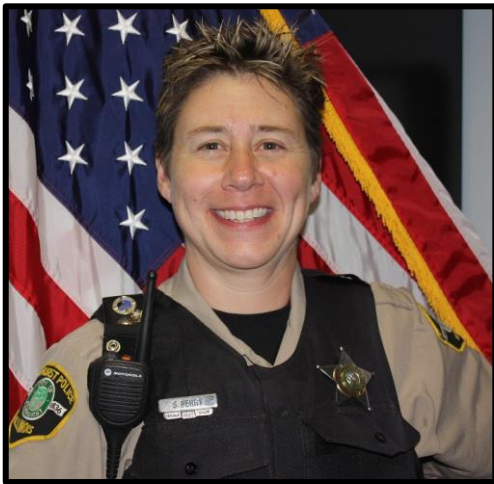
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JANUARY

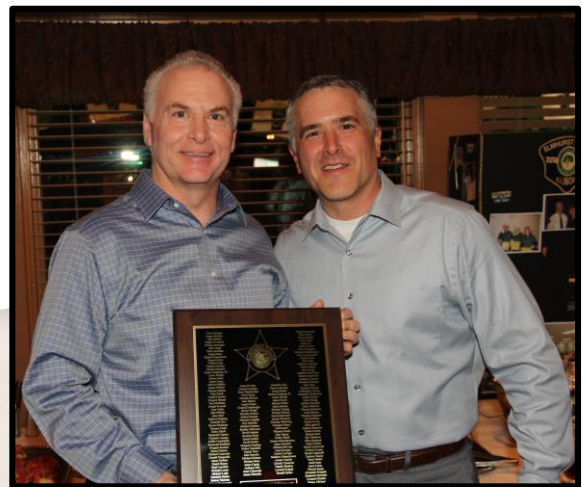
Department Retirements: Sergeant Steve Weatherford, Officer Suzanne Berry and Commander Michael Burroughs

January 3, 2017 marked the final date of service for Sergeant Steve Weatherford, who worked his entire 31-year police career at the Elmhurst Police Department.



In the same week, on January 6th, Elmhurst bid farewell to veteran Officer Suzanne Berry, who served the City as an Elmhurst police officer for 24 and a half years.

Later in the month on January 25th, Commander Michael Burroughs retired after 30 years of service with the Elmhurst Police Department.





Department Promotion

On January 17th, Officer Matthew McCollum was promoted to the position of sergeant. After being sworn in for his new post, Sergeant McCollum was congratulated by Chief Ruth.

Graduation

On January 20th, Sergeant Steve Mandat graduated from the Staff & Command program at the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety. Congratulations to Sgt. Mandat on this accomplishment!



FEBRUARY

Officer Hamblin was on hand on February 2, 2017 to accept a donation in the amount of \$1,500 from the Elmhurst Jaycees for the Elmhurst Police Explorer program. The donation was used to fund the Police Explorers when they competed at the 2017 Illinois Police Explorer Competition at Lewis University in Romeoville, IL later in the year.





Promotions

On February 21st, Sergeant Steve Wright was promoted to Police Commander, and Officer Guy Schweik was promoted to Police Sergeant. After taking the Oath of Office for their new positions and receiving congratulations from their colleagues and families, Commander Wright and Sergeant Schweik took time out for a quick photograph to commemorate the event.



On Saturday, February 25, 2017, officers from the Afternoon Shift joined the community in attending the Elmhurst Lions Club 31st Annual Pizza Party Fundraiser at Sandburg Junior High School to help support the Lions Club projects. (Pictured are Officers Pacewic and Krueger, and Sergeant Mandat.)



MARCH

On March 10th, the Elmhurst Police Benevolent Athletic Association participated in a dodgeball tournament/fundraiser against other police and fire departments to raise money for: Franklin Middle School, The DuPage Hundred Club, Team Red, White and Blue, and The Pat Tillman Foundation. The event was held at Franklin Middle School in Wheaton to honor a Franklin student who passed away from a brain tumor. A total of 30 Police and Fire Department teams participated in the tournament, including two Elmhurst teams of seven police officers each.



Charity Fundraisers

On Friday, March 24th, Student Resource Officer Dan Corrigan participated in the St. Baldrick's Foundation head-shaving fundraiser at York High School, with proceeds going to fight childhood cancer. Detective Corrigan was one of 12 faculty members and students who raised funds by pledging to have their heads shaved during a school assembly. The total amount raised was over \$20,000, and Det. Corrigan was the second highest raiser of funds with a total of \$2,502.00 donated in his honor to St. Baldrick's Foundation.



APRIL

On Sunday, April 2nd, several members of the Elmhurst Police Department participated in the Chicago Shamrock Shuffle 8k run. Pictured from left to right are Officer Cooney, Deputy Chief Tannehill, and Officers Hamblin and Marino.

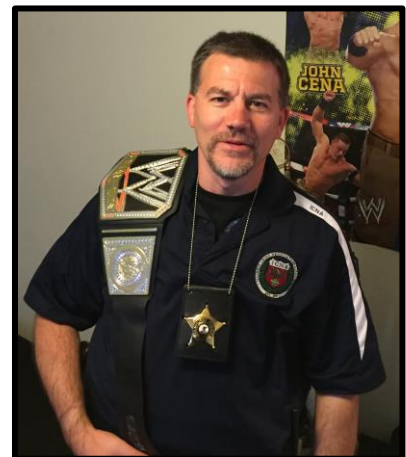


On Wednesday, April 5th, Officer Elizalde represented the Elmhurst Police Department at the York High School Career Fair, speaking to students about careers in the field of Law Enforcement.



Retirement

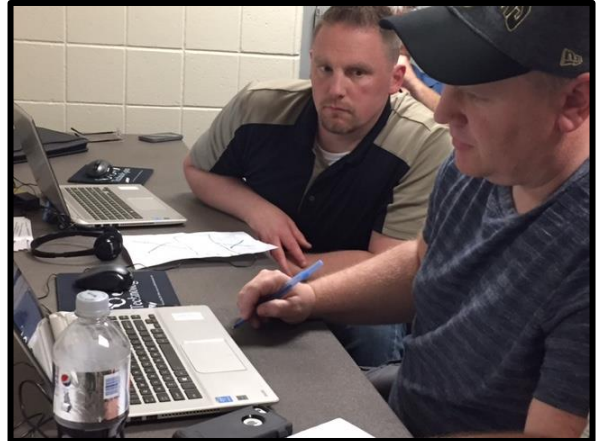
On Friday, April 14th, members of the department gathered in the Training Room to say goodbye to Detective Commander Dan Terry, who accepted a position with a County Sheriff's Department in North Carolina. Commander Terry served the citizens of Elmhurst for over 22 years.





Department Training

The Elmhurst Crisis Negotiators attended a 4-day conference in Moline, Illinois in mid-April. The conference included scenario-based training and presentations on actual negotiations that had recently taken place during emergency incidents in Orlando, FL and Dallas, TX.



On several dates in April, groups of officers attended Second Quarter In-Service Training at the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy at College of DuPage. Officers underwent Vehicle Stop Tactics training and were able to utilize the Virtra 360 simulator system in the exercises.



On Saturday, April 22nd, Elmhurst Police Evidence Technician John Pacewic gave a presentation at the Elmhurst Library entitled CSI: The Real Story. Class participants were shown different techniques used by evidence technicians to retrieve and preserve evidence at crime scenes. Would-be gumshoes were then able to try “lifting” fingerprints from soda cans. Presentations like this promote an interest in Forensic Science among Elmhurst youth.



MAY



Promotions

On Monday, May 15th, Sergeant David Rivkin was sworn in as Elmhurst's newest Police Commander, while Officer Brendan Bruckner became our newest Police Sergeant. After taking the Oath of Office for their new positions, Commander Rivkin and Sergeant Bruckner were able to spend some time with department members and their families, who showed up to offer congratulations.



JUNE

On June 6th, Elmhurst Police Evidence Technicians participated in a training exercise at the old Gerber building on Lake Street. Rooms were staged as various types of crime scenes, and the evidence technicians practiced gathering and processing evidence at the different scenes. Sergeant Guy Schweik provided instruction for this specialized training.



Volunteering

On Saturday, June 10th, Elmhurst police personnel, in coordination with the Elmhurst Police Benevolent Athletic Association (EPBAA) and the Elmhurst Park District, volunteered at the Cops-n-Bobbers fishing derby held at Eldridge Park. Several of the Elmhurst Police Explorers also volunteered, providing additional assistance at the festivities. 56 kids participated in the derby and caught numerous fish during the event to receive prizes donated by the EPBAA. The winning catch of the day was a 24-inch long catfish!





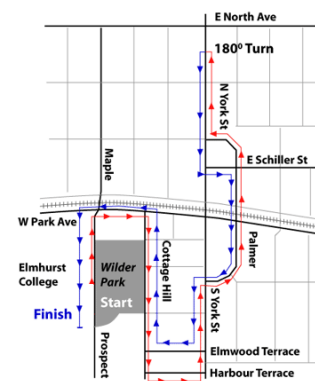
Police Academy Graduation

On, June 23rd, our newest Elmhurst Police Officers Schmidt, DePinto and Schroeder (from L-R) graduated from the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy and started their 22-week field training program to gain the necessary experience for solo patrol duties.



JULY

On July 4th, Elmhurst Police assisted with road closures and worked with the Elmhurst Running Club to stage the annual “Four on the 4th” Race. Over 1,000 runners participated in adult and children’s races on a beautiful, sunny Independence Day with the 4-mile adult route starting and ending at Wilder Park.



On July 11th, Sgt. McCollum gave an “Operation Lifesaver” railroad safety presentation at the Safety Town Summer Camp held by the Elmhurst Park District. Eighteen children, ages 4 to 6, learned how to stay safe around trains and railroad tracks at this presentation. Four additional presentations were made to other Safety Town classes during June and July.



★ Summer Safety

On July 19th, Elmhurst Evidence Technician Carl Hawkins processed a Burglary to Motor Vehicle scene following a rash of vehicular burglaries in South Elmhurst. Elmhurst Police remind you to lock your car whether parking on a street, in a parking lot or in your driveway most vehicle burglaries are crimes of opportunity committed on unlocked vehicles.





Cycling Classic

On July 21, the Elmhurst Police Bicycle Unit was on hand to help out at the 5th Annual Elmhurst Cycling Classic. Officers assisted in street closures and scene safety while interacting with cyclists from around the Elmhurst area and even several other countries. The Police Bicycle Unit also led the Family Fun Race.



AUGUST

Police Explorers

Elmhurst Police Explorers Post 66 participated in the annual Silent Walk and Memorial for fallen officers held during the Illinois State Exploring Competition in the first week of August at Lewis University in Romeoville. Explorer posts from all over Illinois competed in events such as traffic stops, emergency medical treatment, drill competition, physical fitness competitions, written exams, and similar law enforcement-related events. Sergeant Kaczorowski and Officers Hamblin and Jorgensen attended the conference and mentored the members.



SEPTEMBER

On Saturday, September 16th, Elmhurst officers were present at several community events including Craft Beer Fest at the Elmhurst History Museum, Spring Road Days at Wild Meadows Trace Park, and numerous neighborhood block parties held throughout the city. Officer Vargas passed out junior police stickers to children and gave squad car tours at Spring Road Days.



On September 20th, actor Dennis Franz, who played TV Detective Andy Sipowicz on NYPD Blue, stopped by the Elmhurst police station for a surprise visit.



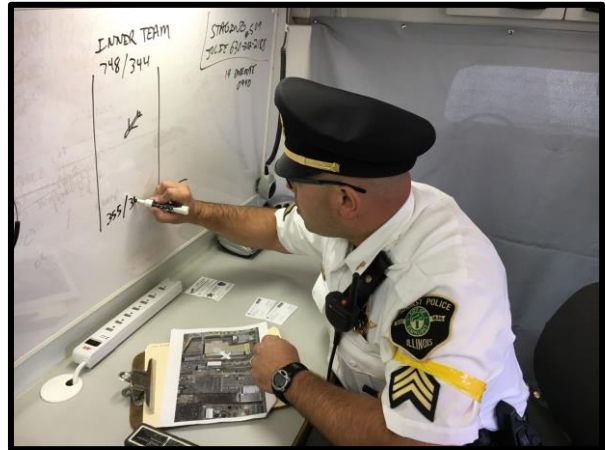
SLEA Graduation

On September 29th, two new Elmhurst police officers, Milos Radenkovic and James Ostrega (L-R), graduated from their basic police training program at the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy at College of DuPage. In attendance were Deputy Chiefs McLean and Tannehill, and Sergeants McCollum, Kaczorowski and Bruckner.



OCTOBER

On October 21st, Commander Gandy, Sergeant Himpelmann, and Service Officer Carlborg participated in a multi-agency drill involving a mock plane crash scenario in Bensenville. Commander Gandy and Sergeant Himpelmann assisted in establishing an initial command post and performing command functions; SO Carlborg assisted with traffic control.



Halloween Fun

Elmhurst Police Officers participated in the annual Bootiful Saturday festivities that took place on October 28th; pictured is Officer Cooney posing with a trick-or-treating "box of doughnuts!"

On Halloween, Afternoon shift officers were busy patrolling Elmhurst streets and neighborhoods during Trick-or-Treat hours.



Sergeant Bruckner (above) and Officer Horner (right) were just a few of the Elmhurst Police who handed out Halloween treats to residents, including a young "police officer" in costume!



NOVEMBER

The Elmhurst Police K-9 Unit, comprised of Officer Poli and his canine partner, Diesel, gave a presentation/demonstration to the Religious Education class at Visitation School. Afterward, Officer Poli and Diesel spent some time visiting with the students and answering questions.



DECEMBER

★ Graduation

Newest Elmhurst Officer Philip Southworth graduated from the Cook County Sheriff's Police Training Academy on December 1st. Officer Southworth came to Elmhurst from the West Harwich, Massachusetts Police Department.



A Final Look...

