

Elmhurst Police Department 2022 Annual Report



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Michael S. McLean
Chief of Police



Mission Statement

The primary mission of the Elmhurst Police Department is to provide effective and efficient delivery of law enforcement services to the community. Our motto, **"Providing the Best"** is the guiding principle in our delivery of those services.

The members of the Elmhurst Police are committed to the mission of protecting the citizens of Elmhurst and *Providing the Best* while enforcing the law.

We believe the public must have confidence and trust in the ability of every Elmhurst police officer to reliably and efficiently perform their duties.

We believe that human resources are the single largest and most important investment of our community, and we are committed to excellence in our profession. We recognize that superior interpersonal communication skills are absolutely necessary in the effective performance of our 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 will provide the best by being sensitive to the authority with which we are entrusted and by upholding our responsibility to protect the public through fairness, equality, honesty, integrity, and legality.

We will provide the best by our commitment to justice, both for those we interact with and for the public we serve.



RESPECT * COMPASSION * DEDICATION * INTEGRITY * COURAGE * EXCELLENCE



Executive Summary

Mr. James Grabowski, City Manager
City of Elmhurst

On behalf of the Elmhurst Police Department, I am pleased to present our 2022 Annual Report, which contains current information about the many services we provide to the City of Elmhurst and its residents. The Police Department continues to emphasize our community policing initiatives, and we have included information and photos from the many outreach programs and events demonstrating that focus. In addition, we have an updated statistical section summarizing important data and emerging trends that were identified and tracked during the year.

In 2022, our violent crime rate fell by 33% and our property crime rate increased by 27% compared to 2021. All Elmhurst UCR crime categories fell in 2022 with the exception of the Theft category. We experienced a 20% increase in total UCR crime in 2022 compared to a historically low year in 2021, but levels were still marginally lower than in 2020 and 2019. Over the course of the year, Elmhurst police officers responded to 40,875 calls for service consisting of 18,800 (9-1-1) calls and 22,075 officer-initiated activities. Traffic crashes reported in 2022 rose to 1,307 from 1,256 reported in 2021 but remained well below the pre-pandemic level of 1,717 reported in 2019. Department use of force incidents remained low with 12 occurring in the 40,875 total incidents during the year, an occurrence rate of .0003%, all determined to be within policy.

2022 was a year of significant transition for the Elmhurst Police Department with the passing of Chief Michael Ruth in May and my appointment to Chief of Police in September. Other leadership positions were filled with the promotions of James Gandy to Deputy Chief; Matthew Himpelmann, Steven Mandat, and Matthew McCollum to Commander; and Daniel Bishop & Dorian Jarrette to Sergeant. Our Field Training Officers were active in preparing the next generation of officers to serve our community: 8 full-time police officers, 1 part-time police officer, and 2 community service officers were field-trained during the year. The department also employed two summer traffic safety interns as part of our new Traffic Safety Team Program. Commanders Himpelmann & McCollum and Sergeants Bruckner & Schweik were recognized by Northwestern Center for Public Safety with Executive Leadership Awards for completing all police supervisory courses offered within their program. The Elmhurst Police Department continued to strive for community outreach opportunities by holding a fall session of our Citizen's Police Academy, a Community Public Safety Night event, and reactivating the DARE and Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (SALT) programs after their pandemic pauses. Our award-winning Neighborhood Roll Call program saw just under 1,000 residents in attendance over the summer.

The Elmhurst Police Department remains committed to service and excellence. I would like to extend my personal appreciation to you, Mayor Scott Levin, the members of the City Council, the employees of the Elmhurst Police Department and, most importantly, our residents for their continued support of the professional services we provide to our community.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Ruth".

Chief of Police



Department Goals for 2023

- Continue expansion and innovation of our Community-Based Policing Model through focused outreach programs and efforts;
- Develop a department Recruitment Team to focus on community engagement and professional recruiting of new police officer candidates to staff critical public safety positions;
- Train and retain newly hired employees to be successful police officers, providing the highest level of safety to our community through full-service public safety services;
- Implement an Officer Wellness Program consisting of peer support, professional counseling, chaplain, physical fitness and educational wellness services for police employees;
- Implement a police officer body camera program in coordination with integrated police vehicle camera and digital evidence storage technologies;
- Improve technology, equipment, and facilities to increase operational efficiency within the police department;
- Complete all state-mandated training in the following categories: Human Rights, Legal Updates, Civil Rights, Constitutional Use of Law Enforcement Authority, Cultural Competency, Procedural Justice, Use of Force, Trauma-Informed Response to Victims, Officer Wellness, Implicit Bias, and Racial/Ethnic Sensitivity Training.





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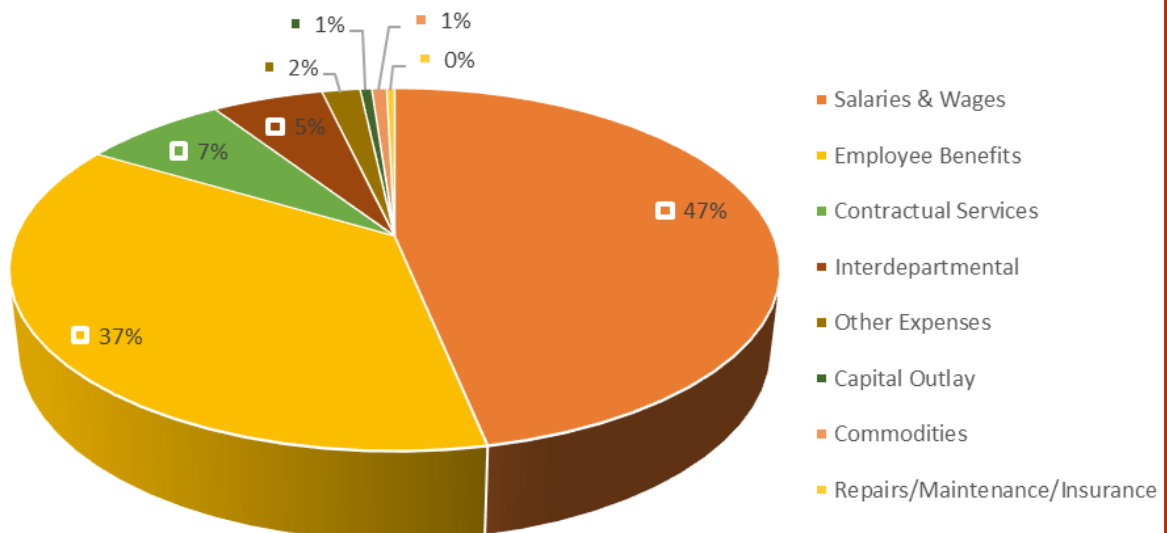
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2022 Budget Analysis

BUDGET CATEGORY	BUDGET AMOUNT
Salaries & Wages	\$9,742,885
Employee Benefits	\$7,656,209
Contractual Services	\$1,504,175
Interdepartmental	\$1,161,726
Other Expenses	\$399,289
Capital Outlay	\$121,111
Commodities	\$156,005
Repairs / Maintenance / Insurance	\$83,478
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$20,824,878

2022 Budget Breakdown





Office of the Chief

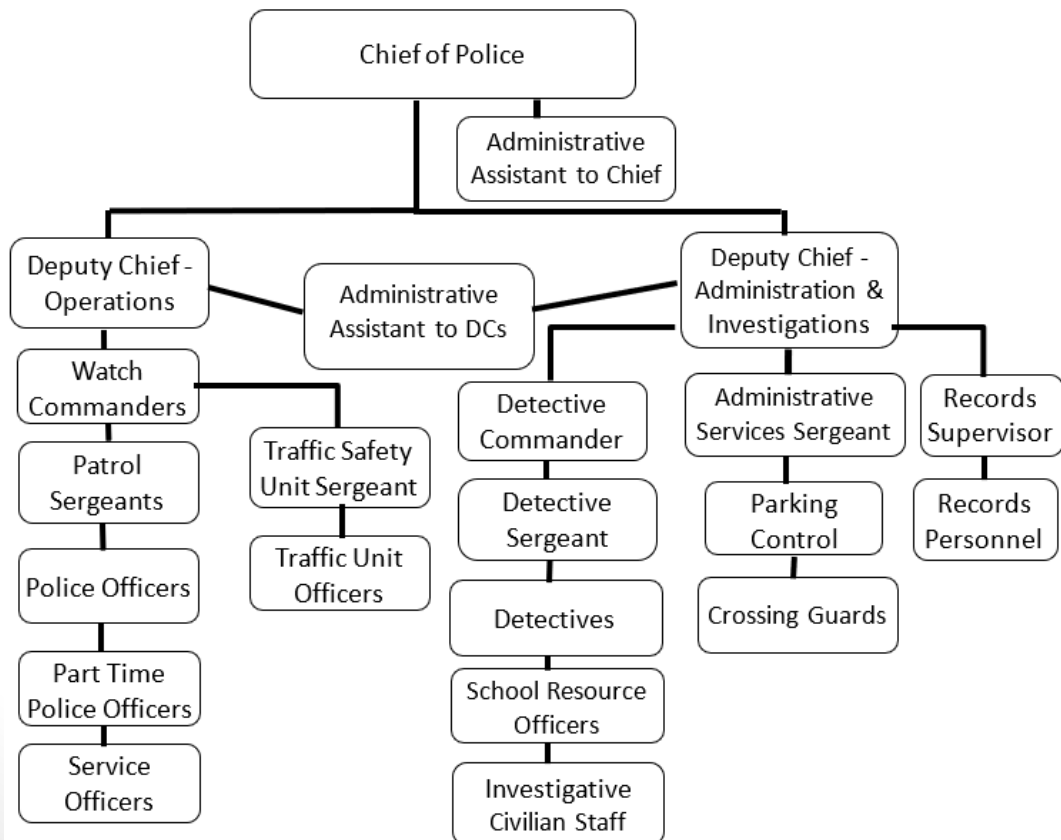
The Elmhurst Police Department is led by **Chief Michael McLean**, who was promoted to Chief of Police in September of 2022 after the unexpected passing of Chief Michael Ruth. Chief McLean rose through the ranks of the Elmhurst Police since being sworn in January of 2000. Rounding out the Executive Management team are **Deputy Chief Brett Kaczorowski**, currently assigned as DC of Investigations & Administration, and **Deputy Chief James Gandy**, who leads the Operations Division since his promotion to DC in November of 2022.

Administrative support services are provided by Jami Carrington, Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police, and Kerri Chambers, Administrative Assistant to the Deputy Chiefs.



Sergeant Matthew Himpelmann was assigned as the Administrative Sergeant until his promotion to Day Shift Commander in November; Sergeant Steve Mandat was promoted to Night Shift Commander, Sergeant Matthew McCollum was promoted to Detective Commander, and Sergeant Guy Schweik was assigned as the new Administrative Sergeant.

2022 Organizational Table





Internal Affairs

To maintain the highest level of public confidence, the Elmhurst Police Department investigates all complaints thoroughly and impartially. In addition, Internal Affairs investigates any instances of employee conduct that could discredit the department or violate policies or procedures. Complaints are presented to the Office of the Chief of Police for a fair review and appropriate action and/or sanction, taking into consideration the complainant, the department, the individual employee and the public trust.

Source of Complaints: Citizen Complaints or Police Agency Complaints

Disposition of Complaints:

Unfounded — The allegation is not factual and/or did not happen as reported.

Exonerated — The officer or the department acted consistently to agency procedures.

Sustained — The allegation is supported by sufficient evidence.

Not Sustained — The evidence is insufficient to prove or disprove the allegation.



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In 2022, the Elmhurst Police Department conducted 57 administrative Internal Affairs investigations of which 49 were initiated internally and 8 externally. The internal investigations consisted of Use of Force, Vehicle Pursuits and policy infractions such as squad or equipment damage. All infractions were reviewed and handled with appropriate action ranging from corrective conference to written reprimand or, in some cases, suspension. The external investigations involved 8 citizen complaints against members of the department; upon review, 8 were determined to be unfounded or not sustained.

Elmhurst officers handled approximately 41,000 incidents last year involving citizen contacts, traffic violations, and criminal activity. Of those incidents only .0002% of contacts resulted in a citizen complaint. Officers needed to use force to effect an arrest only .0003% of the time, and each of the 12 Use of Force incidents was found to be within department policy. Elmhurst Officers also conducted approximately 7,400 traffic stops with 6 reported incidents of vehicle pursuit. In 2022, there were 84 reported vehicles that fled from Elmhurst Police Officers.



Police Operations

Patrol

The uniformed Patrol Division is the backbone of any Police Department. Patrol Officers are responsible for protecting life and property while enforcing the Illinois Criminal Code, traffic laws, and city ordinances. Patrol Officers respond to 9-1-1 calls for service from the public—both emergency and non-emergency—and conduct preliminary investigations of crimes when called to the scene. They proactively address community concerns and help maintain order and safety for all.

In order to provide continuous, 24-hour police service, the Patrol Division is divided into four teams working a 12-hour shift schedule. Officers are assigned to Day, Night, and Power shifts (which provides coverage for the evening shift change and adds back-up for the busier afternoon/evening hours). Each team operates under the supervision of a Sergeant and a Watch Commander and is supplemented by a unit of ten part-time officers. Traditional patrol units are also supplemented with officers trained for specialized functions such as Traffic Unit Officers, Evidence Technicians, Field Training Officers, a K-9 Officer, and Community Service Officers.

In 2022, Elmhurst Patrol Officers responded to approximately 41,000 calls for service which included criminal incidents, traffic crashes, burglar alarm activations, public disturbances, and a wide variety of other events.





Investigations

The Investigations division is made up of five Detectives, a Crime Analyst, two part-time Background Investigators, two School Resource Officers, one Task Force Officer assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and an Evidence Custodian. The unit is supervised by a Detective Commander.

In 2022, Elmhurst Investigators conducted 263 criminal investigations. Cases are assigned by an area of specialty or by on-call status as Investigators are subject to call-in 24/7, as needed. Members of the division also work with outside agencies to assist on more serious or complex cases. Two Elmhurst Detectives are part of the Metropolitan Emergency Response and Investigation Team (MERIT), which pools resources from different departments to investigate the most serious crimes in DuPage County. Elmhurst Detectives also assist our Background Investigators in conducting background checks on City police and firefighter applicants.

Investigative Assignments	Number
Arson	1
Assault/Battery	9
Auto Theft	15
Burglary	20
Death Investigations	11
Financial Crimes	49
Homicide	0
Missing Persons	1
Sex Crimes	18
Robbery	3
Theft	85
Other	51
Total	263

Crime Analyst

The Crime Analyst provides investigative assistance by developing information from a number of law enforcement resources. By analyzing crime trends and patterns, the Analyst is able to develop statistical probabilities on where and when the next crime in a series may occur, helping to develop leads, apprehend criminals and close cases.

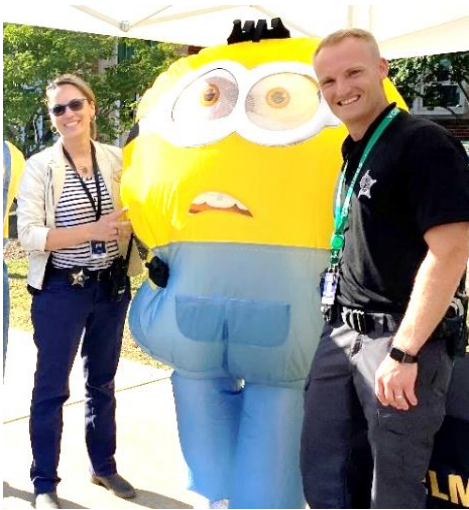
Task Force Officer

One Elmhurst Task Force Officer is assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to assist with the investigation of drug-related offenses throughout the Chicago area and the greater Midwest. In 2022, the Task Force recovered almost 2 million dollars in illicitly obtained currency and financial instruments as well as 356 kgs of cocaine, 75 kgs of heroin, 9.5 kgs of fentanyl, and 13.4 kgs of illegal cannabis.



Evidence Custodian

The Evidence Custodian collects and maintains all property submitted into Evidence. The Police Department has more than 19,000 items of evidence housed in the Property Room, the exterior Evidence area, and bicycle storage area. In 2022, there were 4,841 items of property received into the Property Room either as Evidence or Found Property. 187 items of evidence were returned to identifiable owners, 366 items were transferred to the DuPage County or State Police Crime Laboratories for analysis and processing, 207 items were appropriately destroyed, 43 items were auctioned in accordance with applicable laws regarding disposal of found or relinquished property, and 31 items were donated to an approved not-for-profit organization. In addition, over 700 items of digital evidence were prepared for the State's Attorney's Office, the City Attorney's Office and/or as a result of a Freedom of Information Act request.



School Resource Officers

School Resource Officers (SROs) are detectives assigned to liaison with our local schools. The SROs respond to calls for service at the schools and conduct criminal investigations when needed in addition to conducting safety checks at the schools to maintain security. One SRO is assigned to York High School and one SRO services the middle schools. Both SROs service the elementary, private and parochial schools upon request.

Background Investigators

Background Investigators complete thorough background checks on all police and fire candidates and screen City applicants for sensitive positions. They also complete backgrounds on businesses requesting a liquor license or massage permit, applicants for solicitor permits, and organizations applying for raffle permits. In 2022, the civilian Background Investigators completed a total of 95 background investigations.

Background Investigations	Number
Firefighter	27
Police	25
Liquor	17
Cleaning Crew	14
City of Elmhurst Positions	3
Community Service Ofcs	3
Evidence Custodian	1
DuComm Dispatch	1
Civilian PO Interns	2
Massage License	2
Total	95



Administrative Services/Records

The Records Division is a critical support function of the Elmhurst Police Department. The Records Division coordinates the Department's records retention program and is responsible for compiling, maintaining and disseminating copies of Department records concerning crimes, arrests, and traffic accidents to law enforcement agencies, authorized outside agencies, and citizens.

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, some of which include:

- Maintaining and processing all citations, offense/incident reports, and accident reports in the Department's records management system
- Providing the State's Attorney and City Attorney's Office with crime reports for purposes of prosecution
- Reporting NIBRS crime statistics to the FBI and UCR crime statistics to the State of Illinois
- Preparing statistical reports
- Fulfilling Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests
- Processing petitions, seals, and orders of expungement
- Conducting background checks
- Entering sex offender registrations
- Forwarding study data on traffic stops to the Illinois Department of Transportation
- Receiving and processing court notifications to the officers
- Recording and invoicing alarm activations
- Processing warrants and subpoenas
- Providing incident reports to the Press.

2022 Elmhurst Police Department Service Totals

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| • 40,875 calls for service | • 6,830 Traffic citations |
| • 4,917 written reports | • 4,593 Warning citations |
| • 224 DUIs | • 8,306 Parking citations |



Police Department Social Worker

Stephen Buhr, LCSW Hahn & Associates

The Elmhurst Police Department partners with Hahn and Associates to offer counseling services when needed. Stephen Buhr, a licensed clinical social worker, works part-time for the Police Department in addition to providing counseling and social services to the community.



Stephen helps address problems at their core and is on call for Department needs. He has responded to assist in crisis counseling, death notifications, and various types of domestic trouble. Stephen keeps an office at the Elmhurst Police Station where he is able to offer private one-on-one or family counseling to address issues that are uncovered and reported to him by police officers as they respond to calls in the community. In 2022, Stephen provided counseling on domestic violence, child abuse and/or neglect, teenage pregnancy, elder abuse and/or neglect, substance abuse, job loss, depression/anxiety, coping with grief, domestic problems, and juvenile delinquency.

In 2022, Stephen handled 119 cases for the Elmhurst Police Department with a combined total of 83 crisis intervention hours and 402 total hours of in-house, virtual and off-site counseling. Stephen also offers his services to employees of the Police Department who might experience a tragedy of some sort, whether on or off-duty, where they might require help in processing their emotions in order to make a full recovery. We are proud to partner with Stephen to provide these necessary services in Elmhurst, and we appreciate his contributions to keeping our community healthy.



Recruiting

In 2022, the Elmhurst Police recruited at various colleges and universities to find our next group of Elmhurst officers to *Provide the Best*. The Elmhurst Police Department offered the eligibility test three times last year, twice to potential new recruits who had yet to attend their basic police academy training, and once under our new Lateral Hire program for officers from other agencies who are interested in working for the Elmhurst Police Department.



Field Training Program

Field Training is a 20-week in-house training program completed by new police recruits after completion of the initial 16-week police academy training. During field training, new officers "learn the ropes" while rotating through the Day and Night Shifts working with different Field Training Officers (FTOs). In their final weeks of the program, the recruits are "shadowed" by an FTO for evaluation purposes while working independently in preparation for their release to full solo patrol. They remain on probation for a full 15 months after their hiring date.



In 2022, eight full-time police officers, one part-time officer, and two community service officers participated in the field training program after being hired and/or police academy graduation.





Officer Training

In 2022, Elmhurst officers completed approximately 9,800 hours of training on different law enforcement topics. All active, sworn members participated in training to fulfill mandates set forth by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board. Last year, the ILETSB updated training mandates for all Law Enforcement officers in Illinois; new mandates were broken down into annual, 3-year and 5-year training requirements that went into effect in July of 2022. The Elmhurst Police Department created a 5-year training plan to meet all of the required mandates on a range of topics including: Law Updates, Use of Force, Civil Rights, Constitutional & Proper Use of Law Enforcement Authority, Cultural Competency, Human Rights, Procedural Justice, Mental Health Awareness and Trauma Informed Response to Sexual Assault. Elmhurst Police Investigators additionally maintain certification in Sexual Assault/Abuse Investigations and Lead Homicide Investigation.

Officers also completed monthly trainings online through the Police Law Institute, which offers training certified through the ILETSB on topics including:

- New Illinois Laws (3 Lessons)
- Use of Force; Deadly Force; Legal Standards
- Drone Law and Use in Law Enforcement
- Hate Crime Law, Investigation and Enforcement
- Landlord-Tenant Law and Dispute Resolution
- Body Cameras
- 2022 U.S. Supreme Court Decisions
- Psychology of Domestic Violence
- Racial Profiling, Implicit Bias, and Cultural Competency
- Law Enforcement Officer Mental Wellness

In-Service Training:

Multiple In-Service training events were also held for all sworn members and service officers over the course of the year on a variety of topics:

- Pepper Spray Refresher
- Blood Borne Pathogens
- Hazardous Materials
- Taser Recertification
- DUI/Standard Field Sobriety Test Refresher
- Ethics
- Safe-T Act (Law Updates)
- Crowd Control/Civil Disturbance
- Response to Active Shooter - *Scenario-based training using simulations and role-players.*



The Elmhurst Police Department partnered with Elmhurst University and School District 205 for several days of Active Threat training over the summer at Elmhurst schools. In addition, we hosted an OC (Pepper Spray) instructor class in August; pictured above left is Elmhurst Officer Valdez decontaminating a probation officer from McHenry County after the Pepper Spray training deployment.

Monthly In-Service training was conducted by the Department on many topics ranging from Forcing Entry to Trauma Care to Building Searches.



**Training highlights from 2022:**

Sergeants Bruckner and Schweik completed the 3-week Northwestern University Executive Management Program for command staff.

Officers Ostrega, Djukic, and Beyer completed basic SWAT training subsequent to their selection for the Tactical Patrol Officers (TPO) unit.

Two officers completed the 40 hour Field Training Officer course to become FTOs for new officers.

Officer Krupnik completed Police Tactical Firearms Training and the Master Firearms Instructor Apprenticeship at the Police Training Institute at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Officer Velez completed the 40 hour School Resource Officer (SRO) training course; and SROs Velez and Jorgensen attended the Illinois School Resource Officer Association (ILSROA) School Safety Conference.

Officers assigned to the Crisis Negotiator Team (CNT) attended the IL Crisis Negotiators Annual Conference.

Officer Cappitelli and K9 Ozy attended a 3-day advanced Suburban and Urban Trailing course in addition to bi-monthly K-9 Unit training.

Members of the Evidence Unit completed training related to videography techniques for crime scenes, advanced evidence and crime scene photography, and workshops on latent prints, footwear evidence, and bloodstain pattern analysis.





Specialty Units



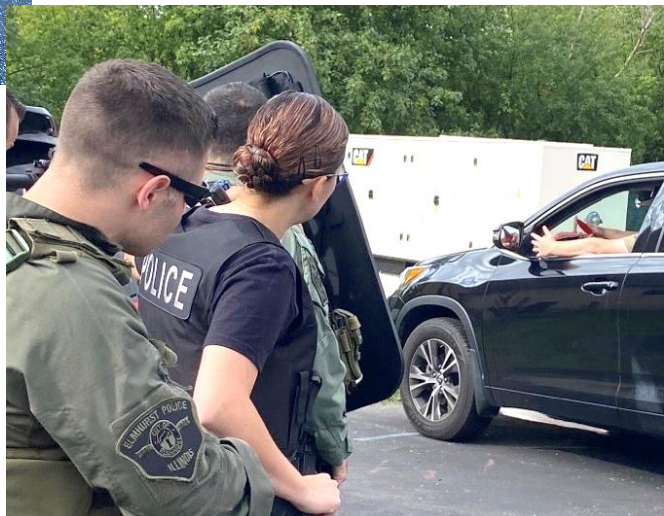
Tactical Patrol Officers

The Tactical Patrol Officer (TPO) unit is an innovative program implemented in 2021. TPOs are officers who are specially selected, trained, and equipped to respond to in-progress critical incidents that are especially high-risk and/or complex. Such incidents might include an active shooter response, armed offender search, barricaded suspect or multiple-casualty incident.



The primary duties of Tactical Patrol Officers are to maintain the skills and equipment needed to successfully respond to a critical incident and to provide monthly training to fellow police officers to enhance their tactical and emergency medical response skills.

Training is a key component of the TPO program. The TPOs conducted monthly training days for fellow officers in 2022. This annual training plan consists of topics related to building searches, hostage rescue, barricaded subjects, rapid response, officer survival, first aid, and the use of emergency equipment.



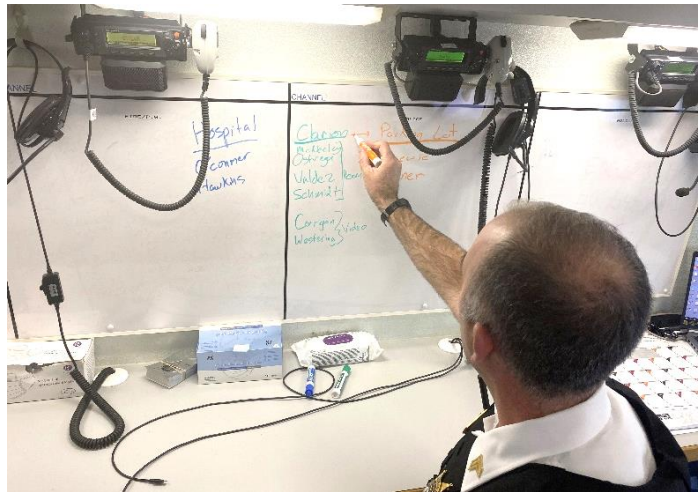


Crisis Negotiators

The Elmhurst Crisis Negotiator Team is comprised of department members who have been specially selected and trained in communication and de-escalation techniques. Negotiators can utilize their skills as patrol officers when responding to calls for service or as a team, working in conjunction with the Tactical Patrol Officers during more prolonged and hazardous incidents. The goal in crisis negotiation is to bring about a peaceful resolution to critical incidents by diffusing the intensity of a situation.

The Elmhurst Crisis Negotiator Team frequently attends training seminars and participates in training scenarios, including attending an annual Illinois Crisis Negotiator Conference where they have the opportunity to test their skills in de-escalation tactics during intense training scenarios.

All Elmhurst Crisis Negotiators are trained in FBI Hostage Negotiation classes and Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) courses.





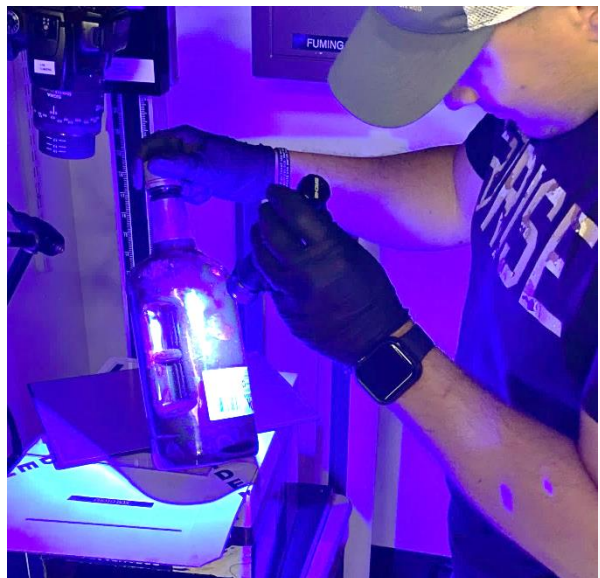
Evidence Unit

Evidence Technicians are officers who are specially trained to document, photograph, and collect evidence left behind at a crime scene. The Elmhurst Police Evidence Unit is comprised of thirteen evidence technicians and an evidence custodian who are supervised by a Commander and Sergeant. Elmhurst Evidence Technicians (ETs) are assigned to all shifts to provide 24/7 coverage for the department.



2022 Evidence Unit Highlights:

- ETs participated in Science Olympiads at various Elmhurst schools
- ET McNeeley attended the 3-day Forensic Science conference
- ETs received fingerprint training from outside instructors
- Sgt Jarrette and ET Valdez were trained in Cellebrite Phone Extraction
- The unit researched and obtained a new FARO digital crime scene documentation system.
- In October, the Evidence Unit, with help from Detectives, conducted a mock crime scene training scenario at the Clarion Inn utilizing the Mobile Incident Command vehicle.





Part-Time Police Unit

The Elmhurst Part-Time Police Unit began as an auxiliary unit in 1953 before later changing to a fully-sworn Part-Time Police unit. Many of our part-time officers are full-time officers with other agencies, which allows Elmhurst to benefit from their experience and training. Part-time officers in Elmhurst are required to attend an Illinois-certified police academy.



In 2022, ten (10) part-time officers provided extra patrol strength mostly on evenings, weekends, and for special events. Part-time officers also assisted at home football games for both York and I.C. High Schools and helped with traffic control on graduation days for both high schools and Elmhurst University.

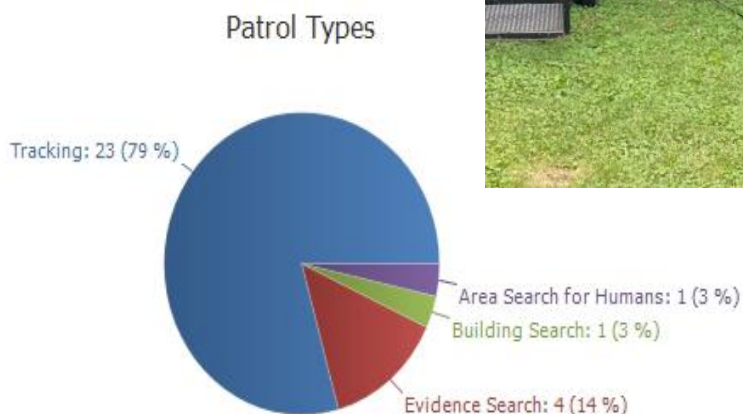




K-9 Unit

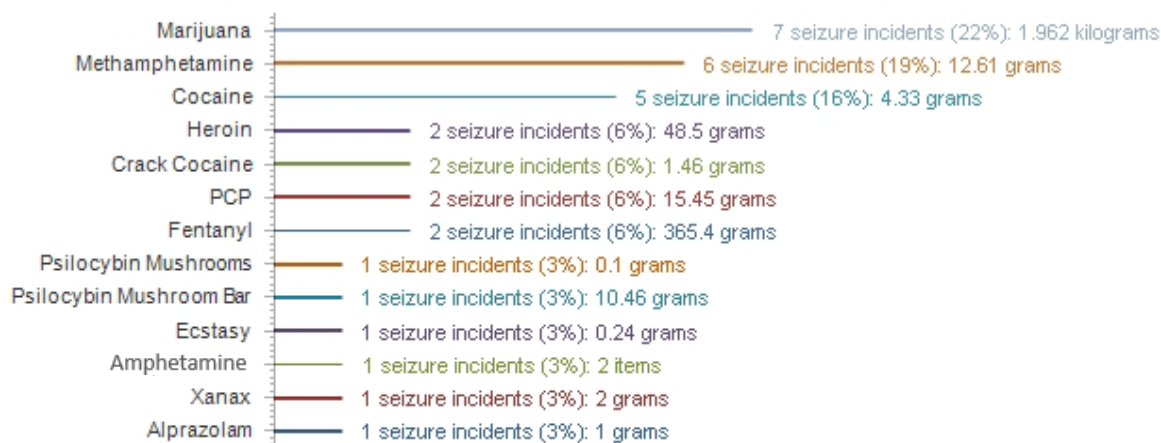
The Elmhurst Police K-9 Unit is made up of Officer Cappitelli, K9 handler, and K9 "Ozy." Together, the K-9 Unit performed numerous deployments to track missing or wanted subjects, locate articles of evidence, and detect narcotics.

Deployments were primarily for tracking purposes and broke down as follows:



The K-9 Unit had a very successful year with 6 suspects located by tracking and seizure of US currency from narcotics trafficking in addition to 32 drug seizures as listed below:

Drug Indications





2022 Highlights for the team include:

- Annual K9 Patrol Re-Certification in Tracking, Narcotics, Article Search and Apprehension;
- Earned a Suburban Level 1 Trailing/Handler certification; and
- Completed Annual State of Illinois K9 Drug Certification.

In addition, the K-9 Unit was busy with community outreach events including presentations for the Citizen's Police Academy, talks for Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts and other community groups, and participation in Neighborhood Roll Calls.





Summer Mobile Patrol

The Summer Mobile Patrol (SMP), which is active from May through October, is made up of the Police Bicycle Unit and the electric Side-by-Side Vehicle, allowing officers to patrol less-accessible outdoor areas during the warmer months. The Summer Mobile Patrol is designed for both community outreach and crime prevention purposes, a goal that was accomplished with high-visibility patrols in the City Centre, parks, the prairie path, and other areas as needed.

In 2022, the Bicycle Unit included 18 officers who were used in conjunction with daily patrol assignments when manpower permitted, plus 4 additional officers who operated the electric side-by-side vehicle. Bicycle Officers participated in various bicycle safety events, bike rodeos, and the annual Ride of Silence bike ride. The highlight of the unit was the Elmhurst Bike Ride and Safety Day held in May.



The SMP places officers in areas with high levels of pedestrian and bicycle traffic, allowing for more personal interaction with citizens. In addition to neighborhood patrols, the unit also covers parades, festivals, Public Safety Night, and special events. SMP officers patrolled these areas and events, met with citizens, and passed out promotional items. The Summer Mobile Patrol Unit logged over 109 total hours of patrol time in 2022.



Traffic Safety Unit

Traffic safety is an area of frequent concern in the community, and the Elmhurst Police have an ongoing commitment to addressing traffic safety. Officers are assigned specific areas of concentration both to address violations and to educate the public.

In addition, the Elmhurst Police Department continues to participate in the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) STEP Grant program, which is a traffic enforcement grant that provides funding for officers to work overtime enforcement details on laws related to dangerous driving behaviors. Enforcement of seatbelt usage, impaired driving and distracted driving is the most effective way to reduce traffic fatalities and injuries on our roads. To maintain safe roadways throughout our community, the Elmhurst Police Department made 224 DUI arrests in 2022 and was recognized as a "Top 10 Department" in the state of Illinois by the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists.



The Traffic Safety Unit responded to 52 traffic concern locations pertaining to speeding, stop sign, or other traffic violations. 71 traffic details were assigned to patrol officers for sustained enforcement at the locations of concern. With assistance from two Traffic Safety interns, 31 traffic data recording studies were performed at locations of concern using a combination of traffic data recorders, speed display signs and speed trailers.





Range Masters

The Elmhurst Police Department Firearms program takes pride in a long history of providing high quality firearms and training to our officers. The Firearms Training Unit consists of a supervisor and five firearms instructors. In addition to Range training duties, Elmhurst Firearms Instructors are also certified armorers who perform regularly scheduled maintenance on all department firearms. This results in significant cost savings to the City of Elmhurst and keeps department firearms well-maintained and in good repair.

Range Masters conduct monthly pistol training at the police department range for all officers using a variety of scenario-based methods. Elmhurst Range Masters conduct rifle training on a yearly basis at the St. Charles Rifle Range, an outdoor facility that provides opportunities to engage targets at distances up to 100 yards. Officers receive ongoing training in the use of patrol rifles in order to effectively address armed offenders if necessary. In 2022, Officer Litton was selected as our newest firearms instructor.





Honor Guard

The Police Department Honor Guard demonstrates respect at ceremonies and funerals of officers who have fallen in the line of duty. The unit proudly represents the Police Department at City of Elmhurst events and functions including the annual 9/11 and Veterans' Day Ceremonies. In 2022, the Elmhurst Police Honor Guard Unit served with pride at the memorial ceremony for Elmhurst Police Chief Michael Ruth.



Drug Recognition Experts (DREs)

Drug Recognition Experts (DRE) are officers who receive specialized training to be certified to administer a Drug Influence Evaluation. The evaluation is a 12-step process with a standardized, systematic method of examining a driver suspected of Driving Under the Influence of Drugs to determine A) If the driver is impaired; B) Whether any impairment is due to drug use (as opposed to a possible medical condition); and C) What type(s) of drugs are likely the cause of impairment? The Elmhurst Police Department has three active DREs who serve the Elmhurst Community and assist other Chicagoland agencies. One of these officers is also an instructor responsible for training new DREs. In 2022, Elmhurst was second in the state for total Drug Evaluations performed. Elmhurst DREs conducted 17 total Drug Influence Evaluations with a 100% accuracy rate in determining the category/ies of drugs causing impairment.



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 when needed.



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 IMAT

The DuPage Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT) consists of highly trained supervisors from various police departments throughout DuPage County; Commander Jim Gandy was the Elmhurst representative on the team until his promotion to Deputy Chief. The purpose of the team is to complete or enhance the incident command system for large scale events, emergencies, or disasters requiring numerous police / first responder units.

DuPage Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)



Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) officers receive special training focused on mental health and behavioral health issues—specifically as pertinent to law enforcement officers—including de-escalation techniques. Officers train with behavioral health specialists and learn from individuals with mental illnesses and their family members. Though training cannot prevent all crisis situations from escalating, CIT officers are available as a resource on 9-1-1 calls involving persons in mental health crisis, providing immediate aid in potentially dangerous situations. The Elmhurst Police Department Crisis Intervention Team is part of the DuPage CIT Officers Association, which holds training for DuPage County CIT Officers and provides legal updates and best practice solutions for in the field.

DuPage Public Safety Communications (DuComm)

DuComm is the consolidated emergency call-center and dispatch service for Elmhurst which serves 44 police and fire agencies throughout DuPage County. DuComm answers 9-1-1 calls and dispatches Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services. The Elmhurst Police have used DuComm as the primary 9-1-1 call center and dispatch service since 1975 for an average of approximately 50,000 incidents per year.



Metropolitan Emergency Response & Investigations Team **MERIT**



MERIT was created to provide a single, highly-skilled, collaborative response to major crimes and incidents. The former DuPage County Major Crimes Task Force (MCTF) and Felony Investigative Assistance Team (FIAT) were merged to form the MERIT organization, a county-wide Law Enforcement Major Crimes Taskforce to consolidate efforts and resources for the mutual benefit of every community in DuPage County.

The Elmhurst Police have continued involvement with MERIT since its inception. Elmhurst Crisis Negotiators Officer Corrigan and Sergeant Cuzzone are assigned to the Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT), Officer Hamblin is assigned to SWAT, Detectives Lafin and Kucera are assigned to the Public Integrity/Major Crimes Investigative Unit, Officers Westering and Kefaloukos (DRE) are assigned to the Major Crash Reconstructions Team (MCRT), Officer Cappitelli and K9 Ozy are assigned to the K9 Response Team, and Commander Gandy was assigned to the Incident Management Team (IMAT) until his promotion to Deputy Chief.

In 2022, MERIT CNT responded to 19 call-outs including six to assist SWAT with high-risk search/ arrest warrants; five for persons in mental health crisis; and eight for barricaded/possibly armed subjects. Two of those calls originated with shots fired from/at a residence and reached peaceful resolution with subjects being taken into custody. One call dealt with a possible kidnapping that resulted in a subject fleeing from a residence but taken into custody later by SWAT and local police in Glendale Heights.





MERIT's METRO SWAT is comprised of SWAT operators and Crisis Negotiators from 36 DuPage County Law Enforcement agencies. The team responds to high-risk critical incidents and assists local agencies with in-progress crimes and crisis response calls. These incidents require specialized techniques and equipment that teams train with on a monthly basis.

2022 training for the METRO SWAT team included attending the Illinois Tactical Officer Association conference, learning how to use fire department apparatus to fight barricaded subjects setting fires with innocent people involved, and a week of range training at The Site in Mt. Carroll, which included live firearms training, range work and scenarios. SWAT also trained with Superior Ambulance Air Medics on patient evacuation from crisis sites and safe transport to the helicopter in an unsafe environment. Numerous call-outs for the year included barricaded subjects, potential hostage rescue situations and warrant services.





Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS)



The Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS) covers over 90 communities and offers two units—a special tactical squad known as the **Emergency Services Team (EST)** and a crowd-control team known as the **Mobile Field Force (MFF)**. Elmhurst Patrol Officer Marcin Scislowicz served on the NIPAS EST team, and Officer Leo Elizalde served on the NIPAS MFF in 2022.

NIPAS Emergency Services Team (EST)

NIPAS EST is a full-service SWAT team equipped to handle incidents both large and small. Such incidents include high risk search or arrest warrants, hostage rescues, armed/barricaded mental subjects, area searches and fugitive apprehension, and dignitary protection. The team fields four armored vehicles, an equipment truck, and three rapid response pickups—each of which has the capability to sustain approximately 8 SWAT operators over the course of an incident. The team also has a Command Post and a WMD Air truck allowing officers to respond to incidents involving industrial chemicals, WMD, and Meth labs in fully encapsulated, chemical-resistant suits with breathing apparatus.

NIPAS EST also provides security and intelligence support to the NIPAS Mobile Field Force during incidents, responds to special events like the Chicago Marathon, and assists statewide with natural disasters.

NIPAS Mobile Field Force (MFF)

The mission of the NIPAS Mobile Field Force is to effectively deal with events and conflicts by providing a rapid, organized, disciplined response to civil disorder, crowd control, and other tactical situations that can arise from civil unrest. Identical to the Emergency Services Team, the Mobile Field Force follows the original principles of NIPAS agencies: Pooling resources to provide the best service possible for member communities by retaining local control and offering cost savings by sharing specialized equipment. Member agencies participate in the Mobile Field Force voluntarily, and agencies that choose not to supply members to the team do not receive services from the MFF.

The NIPAS Mobile Field Force provides its member agencies with a planned, organized, and rapid response to:

- Control unruly crowds (either hostile or passive);
- Seal off problem areas;
- Rescue citizens or officers from crowds;
- Clear an area of hostile individuals using proactive tactics; and
- Apprehend multiple offenders when required.



Community Engagement Programs

The Elmhurst Police are actively committed to community outreach opportunities and utilize a number of different programs to engage with residents. Citizen's Police Academy, Neighborhood Roll Call, Summer Mobile Patrol, Police Explorers, Peer Jury, DARE, School Visits, Station Tours for scouting groups, Walk & Talks—these are just some of the many opportunities our officers take to connect with members of the community.

Citizen's Police Academy

The CPA program is a 12-week program that offers citizens a chance to go "behind the scenes" at the police department and learn more about how the department operates. The CPA curriculum includes classes on Investigations, Evidence Processing, Drug Awareness, the K-9 Unit, and a Law Review. The program provides plenty of hands-on experience as well as opportunities for role-play scenarios, giving participants a better understanding of Emergency Response and the challenges involved in making split-second decisions. The Elmhurst Police Department has run a total of 29 sessions of this popular program, and graduates are invited to participate in the Elmhurst Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association to continue their CPA experience if they wish.





Police Explorers

The Police Explorers is a leadership program for youths, aged 14 to 21, which provides an opportunity to explore career options in Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. The Explorer program is designed to foster responsibility and leadership skills, and a number of former Elmhurst Police Explorers have been hired by Law Enforcement agencies around the U.S.—including Elmhurst Police Chief Mike McLean!

The Elmhurst Police Explorers program conducts team-building exercises throughout the year and continues to excel at Explorer competitions. For more information on the Elmhurst Police Explorers, please visit our website: www.ElmhurstPoliceExplorers.com.





Neighborhood Roll Call

The Elmhurst Police Neighborhood Roll Call program began in 2014 and has been a huge success from its inception. Outdoor Roll Calls provide opportunities for police officers and residents to meet face-to-face in a relaxed environment to discuss local crime trends, concerns, and general crime prevention, which strengthens the overall relationship between the police department and the community. In 2022 alone, over 900 residents attended a Neighborhood Roll Call, and nearly 7,000 residents have attended since the program began!







Public Safety Night

The Elmhurst Police and Fire Departments once again partnered with the Elmhurst Park District for our second annual Public Safety Night at Berens Park. The event included lots of family fun with a dunk tank, a bouncy house, remote-control police cars, a firehose game, free hotdogs, tours of police and fire vehicles and even a Superior Ambulance helicopter!





Other community programs that the Elmhurst Police participate in include:

- **D.A.R.E., Drug Abuse Resistance Education**, which is taught during the school year to 5th graders at Elmhurst schools, both public and private, by our DARE officers.
- **Peer Jury**, which provides juvenile offenders with the option of having their misdemeanor or status cases heard by a jury of their peers instead of going through the juvenile court system. The juveniles conference with the Peer Jury and arrive at various forms of restitution, helping them to better understand the consequences of their actions and accept responsibility for them.
- **Alive at 25** is a safe driving course administered by the National Safety Council. Taught by our officers, the class helps younger drivers improve decision-making skills for safer driving. The program is utilized by the City Prosecutor as a diversionary program for young traffic violators to educate them to be safer drivers.
- **BASSET**, a State of Illinois training program run by the Illinois Liquor Commission for servers and/or sellers of alcoholic beverages that aims to educate them in responsible service and sales—including the prevention of underage alcohol consumption. In 2022, a total of 14 classes were held and 155 servers / sellers completed the program.
- **Administrative Hearings**, like Peer Jury, offer an alternative to going through the circuit courts for adjudication of minor ordinance violations. The Police Department partners with the City Clerk's Office, the Finance Department, and the City Attorney on Administrative Hearings to adjudicate minor offenses including parking violations, vehicle equipment violations, and other minor ordinance violations such as curfew and loud noise complaints.
- **Prescription Drug Take-Back**, in cooperation with the Drug Enforcement Agency, several collection events are held each year for residents to dispose of unused prescription drugs, which could lead to accidental poisoning, misuse, or overdose if left in the medicine cabinet. In 2022, the Police Department collected a total of 792 lbs. of prescription drugs between our lobby drop-box and collection events.
- **Turkey Trot watering hole**—In conjunction with the iconic Dan Gibbons Turkey Trot, volunteers from the Police Department turned up to pass out water to runners and walkers as they passed by the police station on Palmer Drive.





- **Cop on a Rooftop**—In partnership with Dunkin' Donuts, the Elmhurst Police participate in this annual fundraiser event for Special Olympics Illinois. Volunteers from the Police Department and our Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) raised \$6,508 to help send local Special Olympics athletes to the Illinois games.



- **Explore Elmhurst Trolley**—To connect with our community, several officers took a turn reading children stories on the City-sponsored *Explore Elmhurst Trolley*, which transported residents and visitors to various locations around town over the summer.

- **Shop with a Cop and Toys for Tots**—Officers were involved in both of these annual charity events; Shop with a Cop involves taking children in need to enjoy breakfast, games, and a visit with Santa before caravanning to Meijer to shop for gifts for their families. Toys were collected in the police station lobby for the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots program, and officers then delivered two carloads of collected toys to the Toys for Tots collection center.





In addition to the many programs we sponsor and/or participate in that offer opportunities for interaction with members of the community, a key philosophy of the Elmhurst Police is to actively initiate positive contact with our residents.



Opportunities abound to achieve this goal—Station tours and school visits, or just taking time for a patrol stop in a park, the City Centre, at a block party, or at parades, runs, and other types of special events.







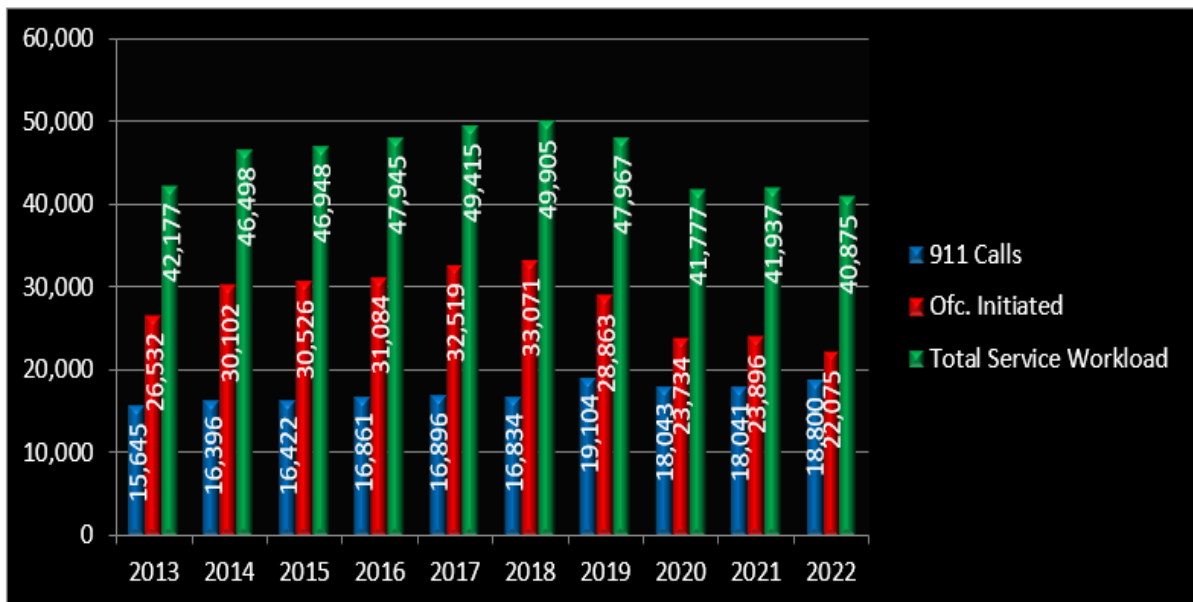


2022 Statistical Summary

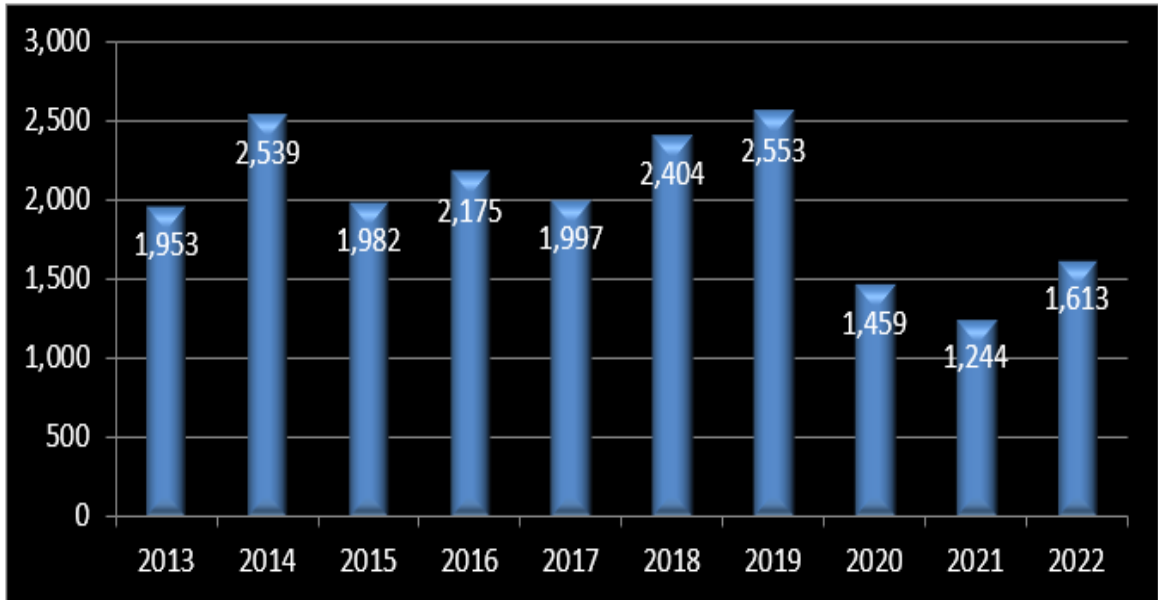
CRIMINAL INCIDENTS—FBI Defined Uniform Crime Report Summary

Criminal Incidents	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Homicide	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Sex Assault	10	14	7	13	5	2	1	3	8	2
Robbery	5	8	5	11	9	9	9	4	6	4
Aggravated Assault/Battery	17	25	24	12	8	22	16	6	3	6
Burglary	36	39	59	71	63	56	68	64	63	57
Theft	421	311	388	390	368	473	452	412	438	474
Theft of Motor Vehicle	17	22	30	17	10	23	16	10	5	22
Arson	1	1	3	3	0	1	0	1	3	1
Total	507	421	515	517	463	586	562	500	529	566

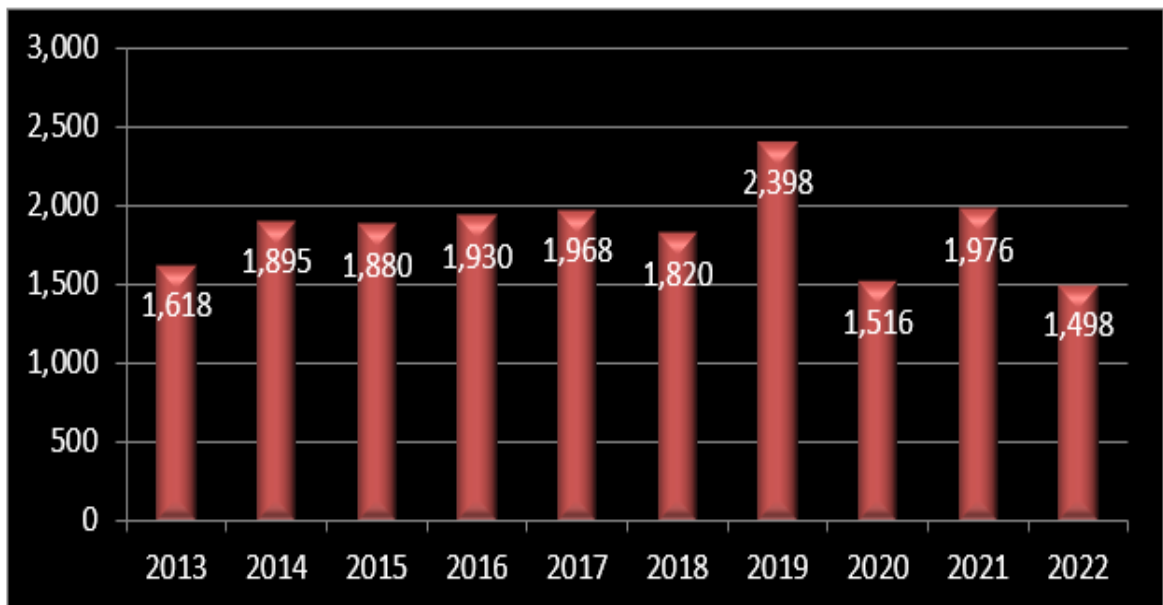
SERVICE WORKLOAD



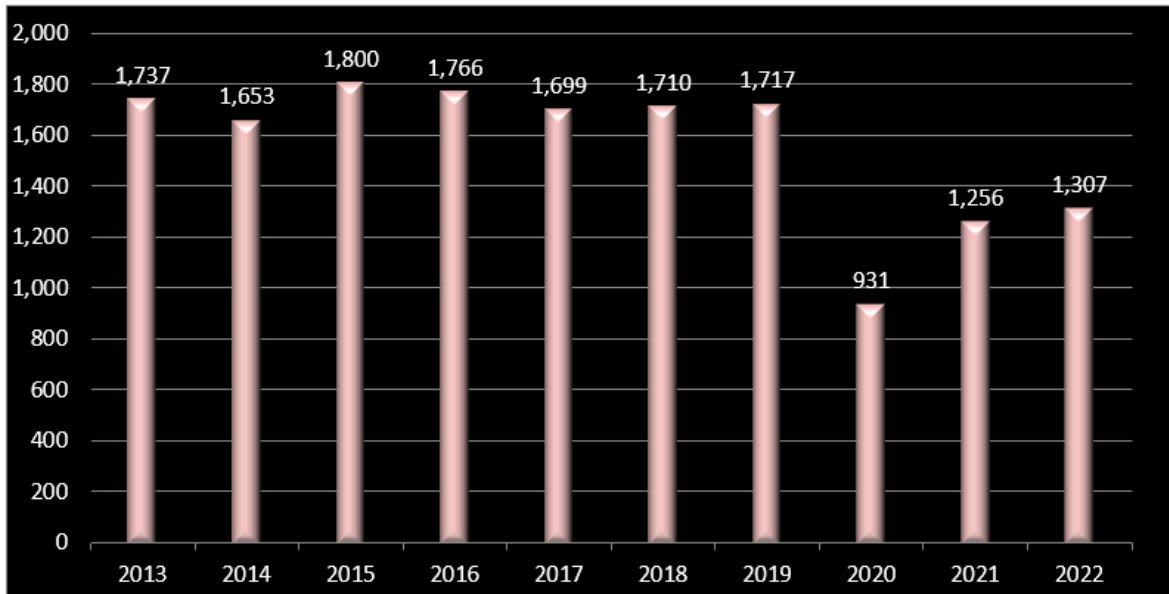
2022 showed a 2.5% decrease in Total Service Workload compared to 2021.
9-1-1 Calls increased by 759, and Self-Initiated Calls decreased by 1,821 compared to 2021.

**ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES**

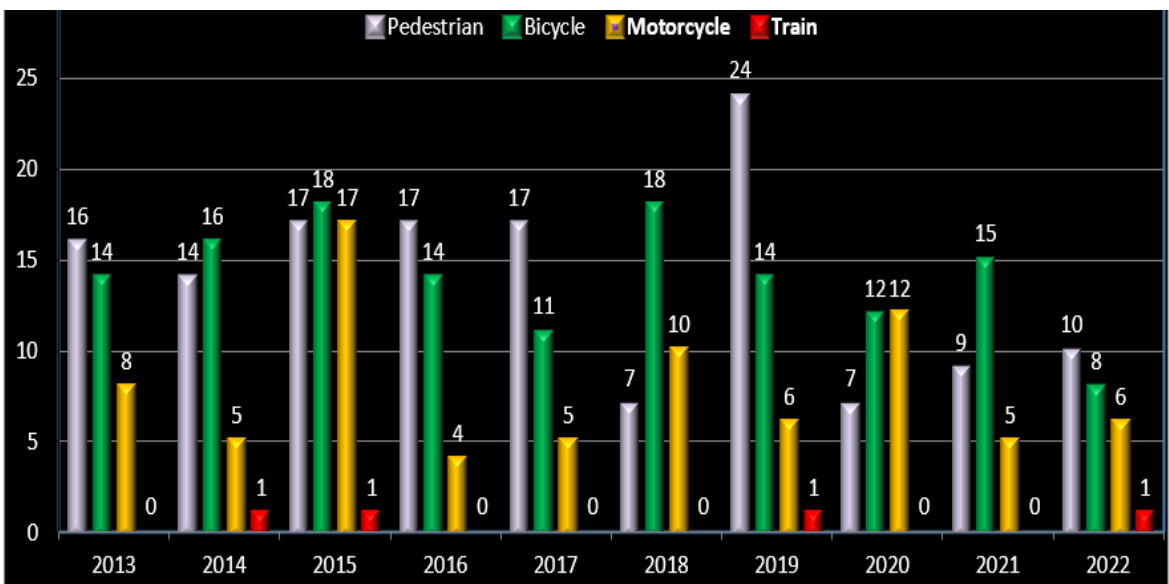
In 2022, there was an increase of 369 Calls to Assist compared to 2021.

ALARM CALLS

In 2022, there was a decrease of 478 Burglar and Hold Up Alarm calls compared to 2021.

**TRAFFIC COLLISIONS — TOTALS**

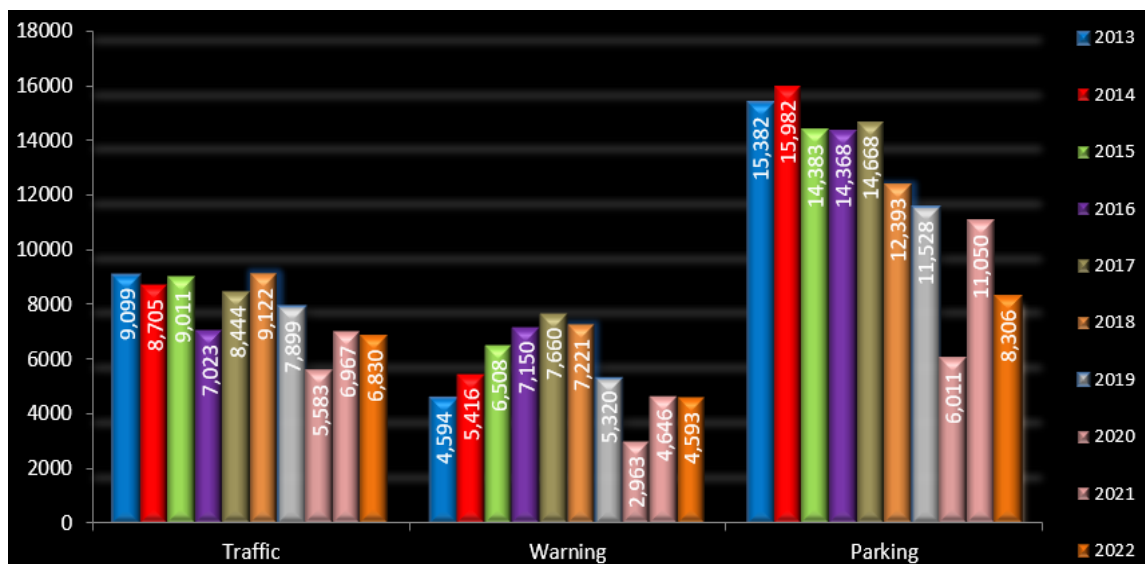
The total number of Traffic Collisions in 2022 increased by 51 crashes from 2021.

TRAFFIC COLLISIONS — OTHER

In 2022, there was an increase of 1 Pedestrian vs. Motor Vehicle collision compared to 9 in 2021. The number of Bicycle vs. Motor vehicle crashes decreased from 15 to 8, while Motorcycle vs. Motor Vehicle collisions increased by 1 in 2022. There was 1 Train vs Pedestrian accident reported in 2022.

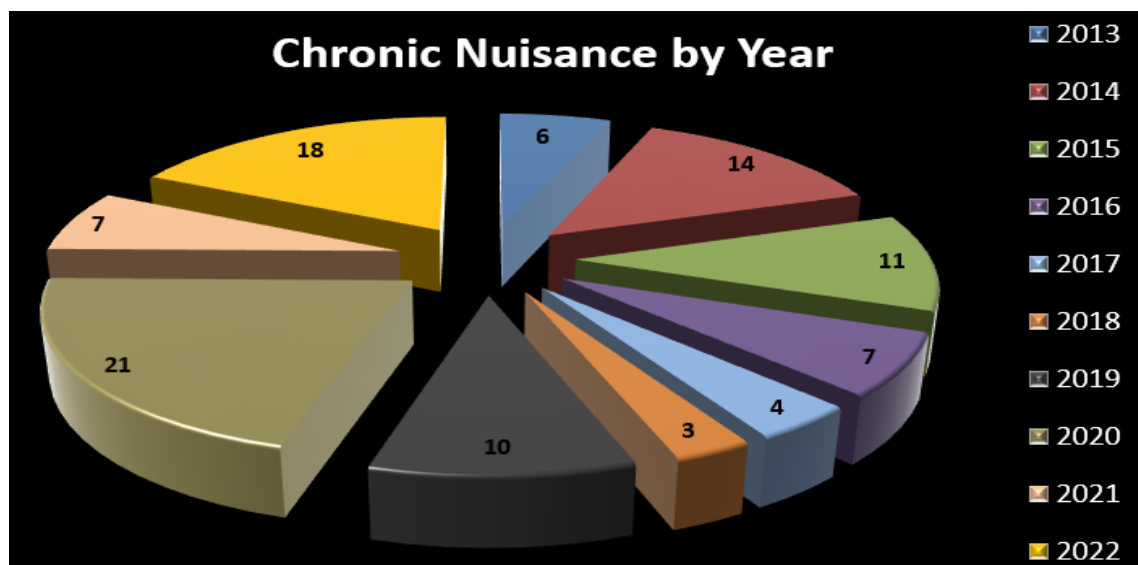


CITATIONS



In 2022, the Elmhurst Police Department issued 6,830 Traffic Citations, 4,593 Warning Citations, and 8,306 Parking Citations.

CHRONIC NUISANCE PROGRAM



The Chronic Nuisance Ordinance improves quality of life for residents and businesses in Elmhurst. Since the program started in 2008, there have been 280 cases successfully resolved, with only 28 cases receiving a second violation and only 5 going to a third. The Police and Building Departments work together to enforce concerns related to issues with construction. In 2022, there were 18 Chronic Nuisance cases administered.



8 Year Comparison Study

	<u>2022</u> <u>Offenses</u>	<u>2021</u> <u>Offenses</u>	<u>2020</u> <u>Offenses</u>	<u>2019</u> <u>Offenses</u>	<u>2018</u> <u>Offenses</u>	<u>2017</u> <u>Offenses</u>	<u>2016</u> <u>Offenses</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>Offenses</u>
<u>Deaths</u>								
Homicide	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Attempt Homicide	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
Totals	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0
<u>Sex Offenses</u>								
Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Criminal Sexual Assault	7	12	6	9	3	8	3	4
Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Attempted Sexual Assault	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Prostitution	1	0	1	0	2	1	7	12
Public Indecency	2	1	4	5	3	1	0	2
All Other Sex Offenses	3	0	4	0	1	1	0	0
Totals	14	14	16	16	10	12	10	18
<u>Robbery</u>								
Armed Robbery - Bank	1	2	0	0	1	1	1	1
Armed Robbery - Other	3	2	2	3	2	3	2	2
Robbery - Bank	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Robbery - Other	1	3	3	5	5	1	2	2
Attempted Robbery	0	1	0	0	0	4	2	0
Total	5	8	5	8	8	9	9	5
<u>Simple Assault - Battery</u>								
Assault	10	11	5	2	3	1	3	6
Battery	66	51	50	40	63	74	70	58
Domestic	99	110	121	99	124	106	93	72
Total	175	172	176	141	190	181	166	136
<u>Aggravated Assault - Battery</u>								
Aggravated Battery	10	19	18	5	7	8	3	1
Aggravated Assault	8	6	6	5	4	13	10	5
Total	18	25	24	10	11	21	13	6
<u>Burglary</u>								
Burglary Residential	11	14	28	26	19	35	38	38
Burglary Other	21	20	24	24	29	14	20	10
Attempted Burglary	4	4	8	9	8	7	11	16
Total	36	38	60	59	56	56	69	64
<u>Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle</u>								
Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle	65	44	153	100	108	144	142	55
Burglary/Theft of MV Parts/Accessories	110	70	39	12	14	23	20	23
Attempted Burglary/Theft from MV	6	4	5	4	3	8	2	3
Total	181	118	197	116	125	175	164	81
<u>Thefts</u>								
Theft Over	52	57	52	42	49	56	70	83
Theft Under	109	84	86	85	119	100	108	116
Retail Theft	87	63	89	126	109	165	120	123
Attempted Theft	5	7	5	4	9	12	11	8
Total	253	211	232	257	286	333	309	330
<u>Motor Vehicle Theft</u>								
Theft of Motor Vehicle	16	21	30	14	10	22	17	10
Attempted Theft of Motor Vehicle	1	3	1	1	0	1	0	0
Total	17	24	31	15	10	23	17	10



	2022 Offenses	2021 Offenses	2020 Offenses	2019 Offenses	2018 Offenses	2017 Offenses	2016 Offenses	2015 Offenses
<u>Deception</u>								
Forgery/Deceptive Practice/Fraud	101	97	101	98	86	71	119	92
Credit Card Fraud	10	19	16	14	17	17	34	21
Identity Theft	189	447	600	112	100	127	125	140
Possession of Stolen Property	7	5	4	1	6	8	9	4
Theft of Lost Property	15	10	11	9	17	16	25	16
Total	322	578	732	234	226	239	312	273
<u>Criminal Damage To Property</u>								
Vehicle	49	29	34	31	47	43	33	35
Property Damage	70	78	50	69	51	64	75	44
Attempted Criminal Damage	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	119	107	84	100	98	107	108	79
<u>Trespass</u>								
Criminal Trespass to Property/Residence	22	17	18	21	19	25	23	37
Criminal Trespass to State Supported Land	1	0	0	2	0	1	2	0
Criminal Trespass to MV	5	12	17	4	9	10	1	6
Total	28	29	35	27	28	36	26	43
<u>Arson</u>	1	1	2	3	0	1	0	1
<u>Deadly Weapons</u>								
Unlawful Use of Weapon	10	13	11	17	7	15	9	7
Unlawful Use/Possession of Weapon by Felon	2	1	3	4	1	2	2	2
No FOID Card	4	3	3	1	0	3	1	1
Total	16	17	17	22	8	20	12	10
<u>Truancy</u>	0	0	0	5	17	10	13	11
<u>Hate Crimes</u>	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Drug Offenses</u>								
Possession Cannabis under 10 gm	234	291	179	258	270	314	0	0
Possession Cannabis 10 gm & over	5	2	3	10	17	25	0	0
* Possession Cannabis 30 gm & under	0	0	0	0	0	0	276	280
* Possession Cannabis over 30 gm	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	2
Delivery Cannabis 30 gm & under	0	0	1	4	1	2	10	13
Delivery Cannabis over 30 gm	2	0	1	2	2	1	2	4
Cannabis Plant	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Possession of Methamphetamine	1	3	0	0	1	1	0	0
Manufacture & Delivery Cont'l Substance	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Possession Controlled Substance	64	81	75	96	84	93	75	88
Delivery or Possession w/Intent to Deliver	0	0	1	2	2	4	5	2
Sale or Possession Hypo Syringes/Needles	3	2	10	14	10	8	7	13
Possession Drug Equipment	36	44	43	144	183	236	196	225
Total	346	423	313	530	570	686	578	628
* Pre-Cannabis Act Update								



2022 AWARDS & RECOGNITION

There were 59 departmental awards presented in 2022, including 3 Life-Saving Awards, 1 Official Commendation, 4 Letters of Recognition, and 7 Unit Citations honoring a total of 51 individual officers for excellence in police work.

Sergeants Bruckner and Schweik completed the Executive Management Program offered by the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety. This three-week course is the third and final class in an Executive-level training program totaling 15 weeks. The EMP program was hosted by the Elmhurst Police Department and was attended by police supervisors from agencies throughout the U.S.



Award Certificates from the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) were issued to Officers Hoyer, Gryczewski and Kuper in recognition of their outstanding DUI enforcement. Of the 235 DUI arrests made on Elmhurst roadways last year, these three officers were responsible for 130 of them!



In November, Officer Cappitelli was presented with a Department Life-Saving Award and medal for putting his own life in danger to assist a woman in escaping from a burning automobile.

Sergeants Himpelmann, McCollum, Bruckner and Schweik received the Executive Leadership Award from the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety. Eligibility for this award requires completion of a three-part series of Supervisory level courses totaling 15 weeks of training that prepares law enforcement managers for advanced responsibilities by combining academic principles with practical police applications.





Promotions

The Elmhurst Police saw a number of promotions in 2022 to fill supervisory positions vacated by retirements. Officers Daniel Bishop and Dorian Jarrette were promoted to the rank of Sergeant; Sergeants Matthew Himpelmann, Steven Mandat, and Matthew McCollum were promoted to the rank of Commander; Commander James Gandy was promoted to Deputy Chief of Operations, and Deputy Chief of Operations Michael McLean was appointed Chief of Police after the loss of Chief Michael Ruth. Congratulations to these employees as they move up the chain of command.





2022 Service Anniversaries

25 Years



Admin SO Rybak



Sgt Bruckner

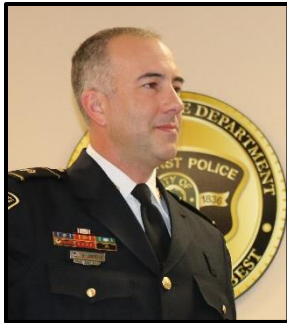


Ofc Webb



Records Clerk Burg

10 Years



Sgt Jarrette



Ofc Hawkins



SRO Jorgensen

5 Years



Ofc Ostrega



Ofc Schmidt



Ofc Guichon



Records Clerk Laurino



New Employees

We welcomed five new employees to the Elmhurst Police Department in 2022—two full-time sworn police officers, Peter Cikowski and Alyssa Aspan, one part-time officer, Tami Andersen, and two civilian service officers, John Perez and MJ Sumila.





Retirements

In 2022, the Elmhurst Police bid farewell to five seasoned veterans of the department: Officer Chris Timmons, Detective Trisha Vascik, Commander David Rivkin, Officer Tom Cronin, and Property & Evidence Technician Bob Miklas. These five employees had a combined total of 131 years of service to the City of Elmhurst; we thank them for their dedication and wish them well as they go on to new endeavors!



Officer Timmons on Halloween Patrol



Detective Vascik on an investigation

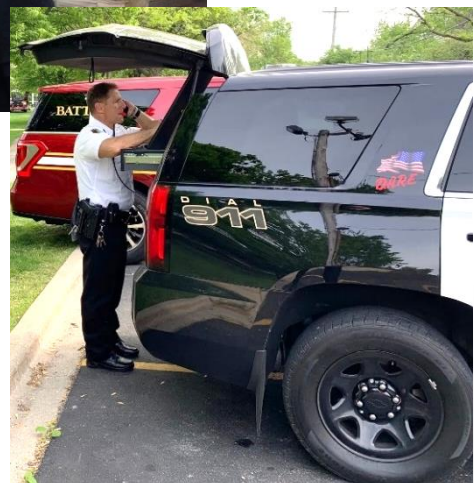


Officer Cronin speaking to a Citizen's Police Academy class



Property Custodian Miklas running the property room

Commander Rivkin running an incident command post





Notes from the Community

Ofc Pacewic—On Feb. 4th, I locked my keys in my running vehicle in the church parking lot. I was quite upset and really appreciated Ofc Pacewic responding in such a timely manner. He was able to unlock my vehicle quickly and did so with professionalism and a friendly smile. Ofc Pacewic is definitely an asset to the Elmhurst Police Department and the community he serves.

Ofc Gryczewski & CSO Ignatius—Dear Chief: I want you to know what a fine job your two officers did helping me out of a scary situation by railroad tracks. They were both kind, compassionate and professional—the type of officers who give police a good reputation. Thank you for teaching them so well!

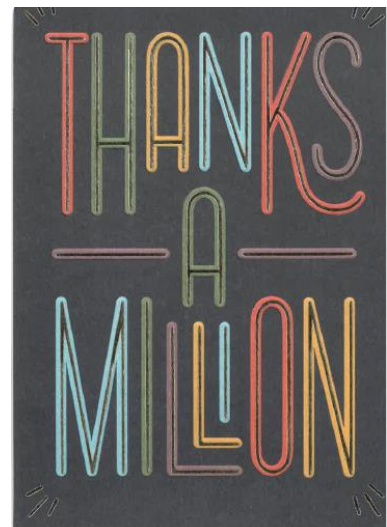
Ofc Cronin—I would like to commend Ofc Cronin. He contacted me yesterday regarding my husband, who had been taken to the hospital suffering from a mental illness. Ofc Cronin was very kind and sympathetic, and it was comforting to confide in him. He was sensitive to my needs and I am very appreciative!

Ofc Lazic—I wanted to thank Ofc Lazic, who notified us our garage door was open/broken. Thanks to all of you for taking care of all of us here in Elmhurst—I so love our town, and we appreciate your services. New garage door on order!

Ofcs Cronin & Kazarian, CSO Ignatius—Thanks to all the Elmhurst Police who protect and help the public all year long! Special thanks to Ofcs Cronin and Kazarian, and SO Ignatius, who were especially kind to me!

Ofc Westering—Ofc Westering was very pleasant and patient in obtaining details needed for the report following a catalytic converter theft from a company vehicle. His professional demeanor and assistance were greatly appreciated!

CSO Perez—A resident called to compliment Community Service Ofc Perez for his lock-out assistance stating, "He is the nicest officer I have ever met, so helpful, so nice!"



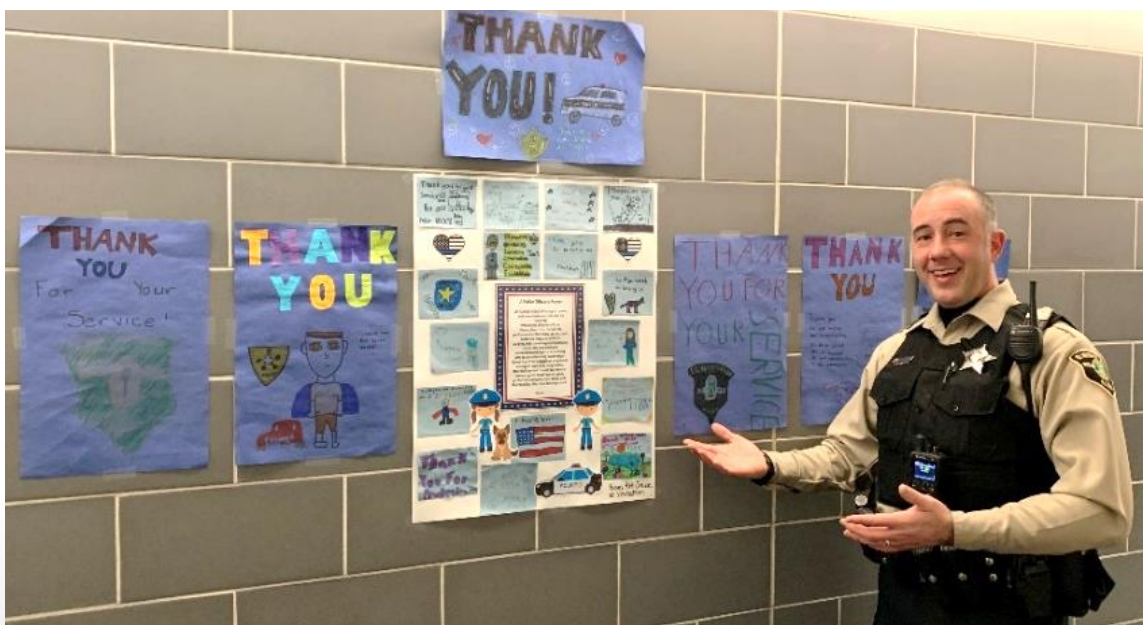


Ofc Lange—A resident was motivated to call the front desk to speak to a supervisor after being pulled over for speeding by Ofc Lange. Ofc Lange was described as respectful, pleasant, and kind as well as a good representative of the City's police department. 😊

Elmhurst PD—Thank you so much for all you do! My 17 year old son was in a minor accident recently and was very upset. Three officers came to the scene and showed him so much care and concern, calming him down. Luckily, no one was hurt, but I appreciate that his first experience with the police was a good one. Thank you!

CSO Ignatius—A resident phoned to compliment CSO Ignatius for her help at a traffic crash, saying, "Thank you for all of your help; you went above and beyond!"

Elmhurst Police—We want to thank you for your hard work, dedication and bravery all year to protect all of us in Elmhurst everyday. We admire and appreciate you and all that you do to keep us safe. We are lucky to have you, and we are very grateful!





Letters from other Agencies/Organizations

Det Lafin—*For assistance above and beyond in a burglary case. Following a liquor store burglary in the early morning hours, our Detectives distributed video evidence via a critical reach seeking information on the identity of the offender. Within 30 minutes, our Detectives received an email from Det Lafin with not only identifiers but a complete history, workup and intelligence on the offender. With the information he provided, our detectives connected the offender to a second burglary in Hoffman Estates. He was located and taken into custody within 4 days of the incident and provided a full confession, which led to charges. Without the resourcefulness and attention of Det. Lafin, our case could not have been solved in such an efficient and timely manner. Please extend our sincere thanks for his dedication to his profession.*

William Frese, Wood Dale Deputy Chief of Police

Sgt McCollum and Dets Kucera and Waldenmeyer—*During the last eleven days, I worked closely with these Elmhurst Detectives and saw firsthand true dedication to their job. They were available and actively involved in the investigation right from the start and continued their assistance up to the arrest of a fugitive who severed a GPS unit. Sgt McCollum and Dets Kucera and Waldenmeyer are a primary reason this offender was captured.*

David Zdan, Deputy Chief of Investigations,
DuPage County State's Attorney's Office

Cmdr Gandy and Ofc Krutoyarskiy—*The Schiller Park Police Department was investigating a criminal sexual assault involving a victim and offender who spoke only Russian. Without the assistance of Cmdr Gandy arranging for Ofc Krutoyarskiy to help with translation, this investigation could not have progressed as effortlessly as it did. Please thank Ofc Krutoyarskiy for his professionalism and assistance with this incident.*

Thomas Fragakis, Director of Police

Sgt Cuzzone—*On behalf of the FBI, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to you and your department for inviting the FBI to hold a weeklong course at your facility. Your department served as a fantastic venue to learn and work during the course. Additionally, Sgt Cuzzone took time to meet with our training coordinator to ensure the team was prepared for the course; he did an excellent job and was very professional and hospitable. The FBI greatly values this relationship, and we look forward to working with the Elmhurst Police Department in the future.*

Special Agent in Charge, Emmerson Buie, Jr, US Department of Justice



Ofc Giesel—*For his assistance in apprehending an offender in a wallet theft and \$5,000 charge purchase at Oakbrook Center. A male offender fled on foot while a female offender fled in a van. Ofc Giesel responded to a call for additional units requested to set up a perimeter. With mutual aid help, K-9 units and a drone officer, the male offender was taken into custody and charged with several felonies. The female driver was identified, and a felony warrant was issued for her arrest. Please share our appreciation with Ofc Giesel for his invaluable assistance with this incident.*

Terry Mee, Oak Brook Chief of Police

Ofc Scislowicz—*For assistance through NIPAS on mutual aid requests from Antioch, Gurnee, Highland Park, Rosemont and Vernon Hills Police Departments.*











In Memoriam



Elmhurst Police Chief Michael R. Ruth 2012-2022

Thank you for your 44-year career in Chicago-area law enforcement—beginning as a dispatcher in Alsip in 1978, then becoming a patrol officer in Hometown, followed by a distinguished 29-year career at the Skokie Police Department. And, after serving as Chief of Police in Countryside, serving for 10 years as our Chief of Police.

Your wisdom and leadership live on.