

# Elmhurst Police Department 2018 Annual Report



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Chief of Police



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Dear City Manager Grabowski:

On behalf of the Elmhurst Police Department, I am pleased to present our 2018 Annual Report, which is designed to be a resource for municipal officials, law enforcement professionals, students, journalists and those who live and work in the City of Elmhurst.

This Annual Report contains current and updated information about the many services we provide to the City of Elmhurst and its residents. The report also contains a current employee organizational chart and 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. In 2018 we experienced a significant decrease in UCR crime from 2017 rates—totals decreased by 21% from 2017 levels to the lowest total in the last fifteen years. The level of service provided by the police department is measured by both calls for service (911 calls) and officer-initiated activity. The 2018 calls for service showed a decrease of .37% from 2017 totals, while officer-initiated activity increased by 1.67% over 2017. Also of note: the number of residential burglaries decreased by 28.5% to 25, the lowest number in the past 5 years. We continue to emphasize our community policing initiatives with increased police visibility and continued use of new technology.

The year of 2018 has been a year of staffing changes and professional growth and development following the retirement of a long-time staff member during the first half of 2018. This retirement created multiple opportunities for advancement and new staff selections in 2018. Several members of our command staff attended the FBI Command Leadership Institute, Commanders Kolpak and Gandy completed the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety Management Program, and Deputy Chief Robert Tannehill graduated from the renowned FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA.

The men and women of the Elmhurst Police Department remain committed to service and excellence. I would like to extend my personal appreciation to Mayor Steven Morley, the members of the City Council, City Manager Grabowski, 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael R. Ruth". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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Chief of Police



## Executive Summary

In 2018, Part 1 crimes reported to the State of Illinois Uniform Crime Report (UCR) indicated an overall decrease compared to what was experienced in 2017. Significant decreases in specific categories included a 65% decrease in Aggravated Assault/Battery, a 22% decrease in Theft-related crimes and a 56% decrease in Motor Vehicle Theft. Total UCR crimes decreased from 586 incidents in 2017 to 463 incidents in 2018—the lowest UCR crime total in over 15 years.

The number of Total Burglary incidents, which includes combined commercial and residential crimes, increased to 63 incidents reported in 2018, but the Residential Burglary total was the lowest in the past five years. A decrease was also seen in incidents related to Deception, Forgery, and Fraud type crimes. Significant decreases in Motor Vehicle Theft as well as Thefts of property from vehicles were seen throughout 2018. We saw an increase of .99% over 2017 totals in police service workload indicators, which are made up of 9-1-1 calls (down slightly by 0.37%) and self-initiated officer activity (up by 1.07%). Department 9-1-1 calls for service in 2018 numbered 16,834 and self-initiated activity numbered 33,071 for a combined service workload of 49,905. For historical comparison, this is a 2.67% increase in 9-1-1 calls and a 9.86% increase in self-initiated activity since 2014.

In 2018, 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 continued to use the Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPR) to assist in the investigation of criminal activity, and we continued to inform residents of the Video Sharing Program that allows residents to register their home security cameras to provide assistance in our investigation of criminal activity. This program was successful in identifying suspects and a vehicle used in a residential ruse burglary last year. We also installed video monitoring cameras in the police station jail facility in 2018, and, looking ahead, the department plans to expand its Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) program and add to its nine (9) public safety cameras installed at strategic locations around the city. We continue to seek opportunities to build upon these advances and further expand our use of crime-fighting technologies.

Resident engagement and community partnership continued to be a priority for the police department in 2018 with our award-winning Neighborhood Roll Call program. The 2018 neighborhood roll call was attended by 1163 residents at 36 different locations last summer—the highest attendance since the start of the program. 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 2018 to further connect with residents.



## Mission Statement

Our motto, ***"Providing the Best,"*** is the guiding principle in our delivery of law enforcement services 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 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 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 the police department and for the public we serve.



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## LOOKING FORWARD . . .

Department goals for 2019:

- *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*
- *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.*
- *Continue to seek opportunities for professional development and training.*

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 active 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 specific needs in our community and maintain Elmhurst as a great place to live, work, shop and stay.







## Serving Elmhurst . . .





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# 2018 ORGANIZATIONAL COMPONENT SUMMARIES





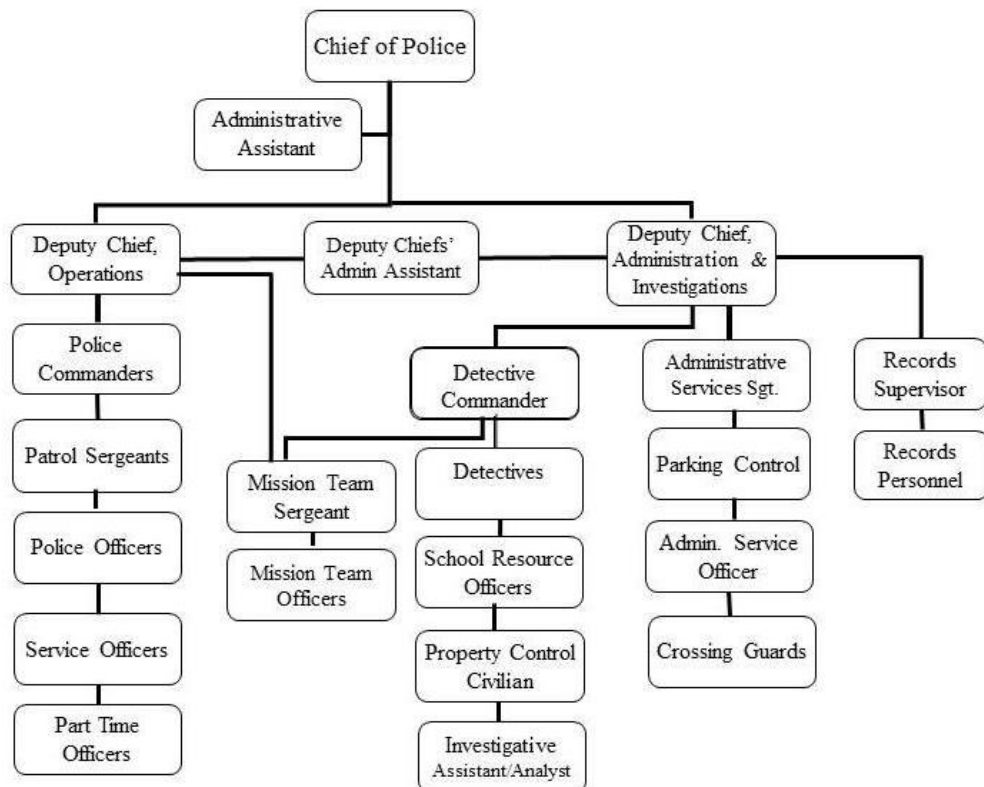
## Office of the Chief

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, led Police Operations in 2018, and **Deputy Chief Michael McLean**, who has served Elmhurst since 2000, was in charge of Investigations and Administration.



Administrative support services were provided by Jami Carrington as the Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police. In 2018, Kerri Chambers joined the Administrative team as the Administrative Assistant to the Deputy Chiefs, and Sergeant Brett Kaczorowski served his second year in the position of Administrative Sergeant.

## 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 as well as 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 order to provide continuous, 24-hour police service, the Patrol Division is divided into three shifts with each shift being 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.

In 2018, Elmhurst Patrol Officers responded to approximately 50,000 calls for service concerning criminal offenses, traffic crashes, alarm activations, disturbances, traffic complaints, and other miscellaneous events.





## ***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 2018, the Mission Team conducted narcotic investigations, assisted other police departments by sharing information, and assisted Patrol and Detectives when needed.

### **2018 Accomplishments:**

- Conducted alcohol/tobacco compliance checks; cited numerous businesses for selling alcohol or tobacco products to minors;
- Conducted surveillances related to residential burglary suspects, retail thefts and burglaries to motor vehicles.
- Made a total of 565 arrests, including:
  - 46 arrests for criminal felonies, 39 for criminal misdemeanors and 11 warrant arrests
  - 126 City Ordinance arrests for liquor violations, cannabis/drug paraphernalia possession, and other ordinance violations
  - 5 DUI arrests
  - 346 Traffic citations issued
- Conducted a Heroin Highway Interdiction Day to combat heroin use in DuPage County
- Attended the annual Illinois Drug Enforcement Officers Association Conference
- Attended an active shooter presentation on the Orlando Pulse Nightclub and the Las Vegas Route 91 Harvest Festival Shootings, put on by members of the Orlando and Las Vegas Police Departments.
- 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.
- Mission Team officers attended a number of specialty training courses in 2018, including:
  - Sergeant Mandat attended the Commander Leadership Institute Training, sponsored by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Law Enforcement Executive Development Association. He also attended Dignitary Protection Specialist Training.
  - Officer Cappitelli attended training related to gypsy crimes.
  - Officer Krupnik attended basic narcotic officer training, managing confidential informants, and surveillance techniques; he also became a certified juvenile officer.
  - Officer Kefaloukos became certified as a Drug Recognition Expert.



## ***Investigations Division***

The Investigations Division is supervised by Detective Commander Leonard Kolpak and is made up of six full-time Investigators, two part-time Background Investigators, one Task Force Officer assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), two School Resource Officers, one Crime & Intelligence Analyst, and an Evidence Custodian. Detectives are experienced, trained investigators who follow up on crimes that were initially reported to the uniformed Patrol division.

In 2018, investigators conducted 231 criminal investigations. A case can be assigned according to an area of specialty held by a particular investigator 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 also work with outside agencies at times to assist on more serious or complex cases. Detectives Torza and Lafin are a part of the Major Crimes Task Force, which investigates Homicides in DuPage County, and Detectives Kucera and Torza are part of the FIAT crime task force, which pools resources on larger crimes that require more investigators. Detectives also conduct background checks for city firefighter and police applications in addition to applications for liquor licenses, solicitor permits, and charitable games permits. The total number of background checks performed in 2018 was 65; of those, 36 were Police and Fire applicants, and 20 were on Liquor License applicants.

This year the Detectives and Crime Analyst solved several cases that caused concern in the community including an Aggravated Vehicle Hijacking at Elmhurst College, a Domestic Battery where the victim was dragged by a vehicle, a theft by deception of \$45,000, which was recovered for the victim, and the theft of a large RV, which was also recovered when the offenders were arrested. In addition, 103 cartons of cigarettes were recovered with the arrest of two burglary offenders, and a handgun and burglary proceeds were recovered in less than 8 hours upon the arrest of another burglary suspect who had stolen the weapon and sold it to Chicago gang members.

### **Crime and Intelligence Analyst**

The Crime and Intelligence Analyst plays an important role in apprehending criminals and closing cases by obtaining critical intelligence for the department. The Analyst assists Investigations by developing information from a variety of law enforcement sources and using it to help determine potential vulnerabilities to crime in the community. By analyzing crime trends and patterns, the Intelligence Analyst is able to develop statistical probabilities on where and when the next crime in a series might occur. Visual presentations such as crime bulletins, maps, and graphs are created by the Analyst to provide both detectives and patrol officers with crime patterns and suspect information for strategic use in the fight against crime. Information from the Analyst is also shared frequently with outside law enforcement agencies in order to pool crime-fighting resources.



### Background Investigators

Background investigators have been added to Investigations this year to lighten the caseload of full-time detectives. The responsibility of the background investigator is to complete thorough and detailed background checks on full-time police and fire candidates. They also investigate part-time police applicants, City applicants for sensitive positions, persons or businesses requesting liquor licenses, businesses providing massage services, applicants for solicitor permits, and organizations requesting to hold a raffle.

### 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 Chicagoland area and the greater Midwest. During 2018, this group was responsible for the arrest of several offenders and the recovery of over a million dollars of illicitly obtained funds, 36 Kilos of Cocaine, 6 Kilos of Heroin, and several weapons and vehicles.

### 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 also conduct regular safety checks at the Elmhurst schools to maintain building security. The Elmhurst SROs are in contact with Administration from 3 high schools and 3 middle schools as well as the local elementary schools. By serving as a mentor, coach and teacher, School Resource Officers have the opportunity to significantly impact the lives of students. 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 2018, there were 5,324 items of property collected as evidence or "found property." The evidence room contains more than 12,100 items of evidence. In 2018, 189 items of evidence were returned to identifiable owners, 295 items were transferred to the DuPage County or State Police Crime Labs for analysis and processing, 5,212 items were appropriately destroyed, 60 items were auctioned in accordance with applicable laws regarding disposal of found or relinquished property, and 166 items were donated to an approved not-for-profit organization.

2018 Investigative Assignments	
Arson	0
Assault/Battery	17
Auto Theft	9
Burglary	32
Death Investigations	11
Financial Crimes	44
Missing Persons	2
Sex Crimes	15
Robbery	6
Theft	68
Other	25





## Part-Time Police Unit

The Elmhurst Part-Time Police Unit began as an auxiliary unit to the Patrol division in 1953 and later changed to an official, sworn 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 their profession and allows the City of Elmhurst to benefit from that professionalism and experience.



Part-Time Police Officers participate in most of the special events that Elmhurst offers over 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 both I.C. and York High Schools as well as Elmhurst College. 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 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.



There are currently 10 part-time police officers serving Elmhurst. Each officer is permitted to work up to 999 hours per year. One or two 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. Part-time officers also work Day shift when patrol staffing is at minimum levels and for special details such as roadside safety checkpoints and public events. Part-time officers receive much of the mandatory training that full-time officers receive on a yearly basis. In 2018, Part-time Officers Al Ortiz and Mary Miceli were selected to serve as supervisors of the part-time police unit. Both officers attended an eighty-hour leadership training course, Supervision of Police Personnel, through Northwestern University, a first for the unit.



## ***Administrative Services/Records***

### **2018 Accomplishments:**

- Police Department handled 49,905 calls.
- 3,639 reports were taken.
- Traffic tickets issued – 9,122
- Warning tickets issued – 7,221
- Combined total – 16,343
- Parking tickets issued – 18,551
- DUI arrests - 246
- City Prosecution of DUI cases: the city is continuing with DUI prosecution for first time offenders. This program has been very successful using consistent, professional prosecutors who work locally with our officers.
- The department underwent a LEADS audit in September 2018. The FBI Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division mandates that the CJIS Systems Agency (Illinois State Police), conduct an audit of each agency every three years. The department was found to be in full compliance with LEADS/NCIC rules, regulations and policies.
- The Records Division now maintains the new detention cell camera equipment and downloads footage for the officers' case files for presentation as evidence in court.
- The Elmhurst Police continue to participate in the DuPage Integrated Justice Information System (DuJIS) project. Included in the project are 17 Fire Protection Districts, 31 municipalities, the DuPage County Sheriff's Office, the State's Attorney's Office, the Circuit Clerk, Probation and the Forest Preserve District Police of DuPage County. This is a county-wide project that will replace ETSB's Computer-Aided Dispatch Mobile Client, and each Department's Field Based Reporting and Record Management Systems. This new records management system will be compliant with the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), which was developed by the FBI to improve the statistical reporting and analysis capabilities of the law enforcement community. Elmhurst PD currently reports Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) to the State and plans to report NIBRS crime reporting to the FBI by January 2021.



## ***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 as reported.

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.



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- INTEGRITY
- RESPECT
- COMPASSION
- DEDICATION
- COURAGE

The Elmhurst Police Department conducted 80 administrative internal affairs investigations of which 64 were initiated internally and 16 were external. The internal investigations consisted of Use of Force, Vehicle Pursuits and policy infractions ranging from squad damage to infractions that occurred during a department member's regular course of duty. These infractions were reviewed and handled with appropriate action ranging from a corrective conference to a written reprimand. The external investigations involved citizen complaints against members of the department. After a review of these complaints, 6 of them were sustained.

Elmhurst officers handled approximately 50,000 incidents last year involving citizen contact, traffic violations, and individuals involved in criminal activity. Of those 50,000 incidents handled, only .0003% of contacts resulted in a citizen complaint. Officers had to use force to effect an arrest only .00038% of the time, and all of those incidents were found to be within department policy. Elmhurst Officers also conducted approximately 13,500 traffic stops with only 2 reported incidents of a vehicle pursuit when a traffic violator did not stop for the officer.



# Specialty Units

## ***Emergency Response Team (ERT)***

The Emergency Response Team (ERT) team is a designated unit of specially trained officers who are equipped to respond to critical incidents so hazardous or complex that they require training and equipment beyond what is regularly supplied to patrol officers. Such critical incidents might include hostage events, barricaded subjects, snipers, terrorists, and/or other types of high-risk incidents. As a matter of department policy, such a unit may also be used to serve high-risk warrants for either search or arrest where public and/or officer safety issues demand use of the unit.

Continued individual training is a key component of the team's readiness. Throughout the year, the ERT Team received monthly training with an emphasis on shooting—both handguns and rifles—covert entry, search warrants, hostage rescue, barricaded subjects, rapid response, officer survival, and critical incident management. Training with outside agencies is a team goal and is very beneficial to staying at the forefront of tactical policing.

This year the ERT Team trained with instructors from the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) and the FBI on using Noise Flash Diversionary Devices. In addition, the team continued training on building searches, and Officers Hamblin and Isaac attended a week long Advanced Hostage Rescue class through ILEAS. The class gave these officers an opportunity to participate in several simulated hostage rescue scenarios. The ERT Team and Hostage Negotiators also conducted joint training in October, testing the ability of operators and incident commanders to resolve complex scenarios while also identifying skills that might need improvement. Continued training ensures the team is prepared to safely handle a variety of high-risk incidents.







## ***Crisis Negotiators***

The Elmhurst Police Crisis Negotiator 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 to any type of critical incident. Crisis intervention team members have been instrumental in resolving incidents for the department, both on-duty and in call-out situations for other agencies. In 2018, the Elmhurst Crisis Negotiators attended the annual Illinois Crisis Negotiator Association conference, which was held in East Moline in April of 2018. Several members of the team were also able to attend a conference/competition in Burlington, Iowa in September of 2018. At both conferences, the team was able to put their skills to work during intense training scenarios. Presentations included information from high-profile events around the country that involved crisis negotiation.

### **Crisis Negotiator Supervisor:**

Commander Jim Gandy

### **Crisis Negotiators:**

Sgt. Brendan Bruckner

Sgt. Anthony Cuzzone

Detective Ken Lafin

School Resource Officer Dan Corrigan

Officer Dorian Jarrette

Officer Joan Velez







## ***Evidence Unit***

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

Following are some highlights of the work performed by the Evidence Unit in 2018:

- The EPD Evidence Technician Unit welcomed two new officers, Officer Dan Bishop and Officer Chris Horner.
- Sgt. Matt McCollum and Officer John Pacewic attended the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA) Forensic Training Conference, where they learned state of the art methods of evidence recovery, collection and processing.
- Sgt. Guy Schweik completed the testing process and obtained recertification from the International Association for Identification as a Level 3 Crime Scene Investigations Senior Crime Scene Analyst.
- Officer John Pacewic attended a three day class regarding bullet trajectory analysis.
- The unit conducted an extensive research project and proposal for a new Forensic Light Source. At the conclusion of this project, the Forensic Light Source was purchased by the Department, and members of the unit participated in an 8-hour In-Service Forensic Light Source training taught by SPEX Forensics.
- ETs gave two presentations for the Citizens Police Academy Evidence and Crime Scene class.
- ETs participated in several in-service training classes on various topics including fingerprint methodology, stolen/retagged vehicles, and mock crime scene practical exercises with attention to photography, videography, measuring and sketching. They also attended a guided tour of the DuPage County Crime Lab.
- The unit also participated in several Community Engagement events such as Science Olympiad programs in the Elmhurst School district, lectures, and presentations for scouting programs and community groups.
- The unit implemented new equipment and technology including a metal detector, a computer software program for digital crime scene diagrams, and a new evidence server for the storage of digital evidence.





## ***Honor Guard***

The Honor Guard unit represents the police department by proudly carrying the flags of the United States and the State of Illinois at special public events, ceremonies, and City-sponsored parades. The Honor Guard has an important role in the police department and is called on in difficult times to express pride in law enforcement by lending a sense of dignity and respect to more solemn occasions.

In 2018, the Elmhurst Police Honor Guard was active at a number of City events including the Elmhurst Memorial Day Parade, Veteran's Day Ceremony, 9/11 Ceremony, American Legion Military Ball, and funerals for retired officers. In addition, the unit had the honor of being selected to open the annual NEMRT training meeting for Chiefs, Deputy Chiefs, and executive-level personnel from agencies throughout the Chicagoland area. The unit was also selected to present the colors for the opening of a Chicago Bears football game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on September 30<sup>th</sup>. The Elmhurst Honor Guard was apparently the Bears' good luck charm as they won the game, 48-10!



### **Elmhurst Honor Guard Members**

Commander Kolpak  
Sergeant Matt Himpelmann  
Detective Victor Almaguer  
Officer Mike Hamblin  
Officer Chris Horner

Officer Dontae Hickenbottom  
Officer Tim Jorgensen  
Officer Jason Litton  
Officer Joan Velez  
Officer Tim Westering

### **Honor Guard Supervisor**

Commander Brett Kaczorowski



## **K9 Unit**

In 2018, the Elmhurst Police Department’s K9 Unit, comprised of Officer Anthony Poli and his canine partner, Diesel, had another busy year with the following accomplishments:

44 total K9 deployments  
14 Arrests (Felony, misdemeanor, and local ordinance)  
37 Narcotics/Vehicle/Currency Searches

### **Total Quantity of Narcotics Located:**

3,565 grams (7.85 lbs) of Cannabis - \$53,482 Street Value  
1.60 Kilos of Heroin - \$80,000 Street Value  
55.26 grams of Cocaine - \$5,526 Street Value  
Numerous items of Drug Paraphernalia  
\$9,599 of United States Currency seized  
Numerous Vape vials containing 100% cannabis THC oil



### **Searches and Assists**

Canine tracking deployments, which successfully located:  
Offenders from a stolen vehicle who fled on foot after crashing the vehicle  
Offender – “Peeping Tom”  
11 Canine assists conducted for outside agencies  
2 School narcotic searches/2 Building Searches/2 Area Searches  
24 Narcotics Searches  
3 Narcotic Searches on Warrants Searches  
Multiple assists to DEA Task Forces—sniff to obtain Search Warrants/US Currency Seizures

### **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 annual Canine Certification from Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board—Dual Purpose Narcotic Detection  
Completed the required annual State of Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board Canine Narcotics Certification Course.

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

### **K9 Unit Goals for 2019**

Attend the 4 week K9 Instructor/Trainer Course at Northern Michigan K9.

Attend the 2019 HITS- Handler Instruction and Training Seminar in Chicago, August 13-16, 2019.



## ***Summer Mobile Patrol***

The Summer Mobile Patrol is a two-fold unit, comprised of the Police Bicycle Unit and a Side-by-Side Vehicle Patrol. The unit is active from May through October and provides access in areas such as the City Centre, parks, and the prairie path that might not be accessible by a patrol car.

### **Bicycle Unit**

In 2018, the Unit had participation from 10 full-time officers and use of 5 Police bicycles. In the warmer months, when manpower and weather permitted, bicycle officers were assigned in conjunction with daily operations assignments of the Patrol division. The Bicycle Unit places our officers in areas of the community with high pedestrian and bicycle traffic, allowing for both a greater police presence and more personal interaction with our residents. In addition to neighborhood patrols, the Bicycle Unit also covers many special events over the summer months including the Memorial and Independence Day Parades, Rock the Block, and the Cycling Classic Bike Race. In June 2018, the unit also conducted presentations on bicycle safety for children at the Elmhurst Park District Safety Town.

In 2018, the Bicycle Patrol logged over 700 hours of activity.







## ***Traffic Unit***

Recognizing that seatbelt usage, impaired driver enforcement, and distracted driving enforcement are the most effective ways to reduce traffic injuries and fatalities on our roadways, the Elmhurst Police Department continued to participate in the IDOT STEP grant program in 2018. STEP is a traffic enforcement grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Traffic Safety, that 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. The program consisted of approximately 20 officers participating in overnight STEP grant patrols on designated dates throughout the year, particularly around holidays. The department applied for, and was granted, these federal funds via IDOT to perform extra patrols for DUI and seatbelt violations during eight holiday campaign periods throughout the year.

*EACH HOLIDAY PERIOD CONSISTED OF A 1 to 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. The patrols were scheduled overnight, between 9 PM and 3AM, the time identified by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration as the most dangerous period on roadways. This type of enforcement was accomplished through saturation/roving patrols, roadside safety checkpoints, and seatbelt enforcement zones. In addition, the department received additional funding to conduct extra patrols in April of 2018 to enforce cell phone and distracted driving violations, which coincided with National Distracted Driving Awareness month.

The culmination of these additional patrols resulted in the following:

57 DUI Arrests	60 Drug arrests
503 Seatbelt and Child Restraint Violations	78 License Violations
260 Distracted Driving Citations	63 No Insurance Citations
131 Speeding Citations	234 "Other" Citations

In addition to STEP grants, the enforcement of truck violations continued to be a key component in maintaining the safety and integrity of Elmhurst streets and roadways. In 2018, Elmhurst cited over 30 trucks for violation of weight restrictions or other laws governing commercial motor vehicles.





## Field Training Program

In 2018, the Field Training Program for new Elmhurst officers was run by three Field Training Supervisors, ten Patrol Field Training Officers, one Service Officer FTO and two Part-Time Officer FTOs.

### **2018 Field Training Supervisors:**

Commander Jim Gandy  
Commander Steve Wright  
Sergeant Matt McCollum

### **2018 Part-time Field Training Officers:**

PT Ofc. John Ryan – Supervisor  
PT Officer Al Ortiz

### **2018 Service Officer Field Training Officer:**

Service Officer Brian Fiorini

### **2018 Field Training Officers:**

Ofc. Dan Bishop  
Ofc. Brandt Cappitelli  
Ofc. Dan Djukic  
Ofc. Mike Hamblin  
Ofc. Carl Hawkins  
Ofc. Tim Jorgensen  
Ofc. Alex Kefaloukos  
Ofc. Jason Krueger  
Ofc. John Pacewic  
Ofc. Tim Westering

Each training officer has received 40-hours of FTO training to prepare them as an effective teacher and mentor for the new recruits. FTO trainers learn how to properly document performance and assist recruits in acclimating to their career in law enforcement at the EPD. During the training process, each recruit works with different FTOs who possess various specialties. This 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 2018, two new full-time officers were hired. One of the officers was already certified as a police officer in the State of Illinois and was immediately assigned to the Elmhurst Police Department Field Training Program. The other officer completed a 14-week Police Academy training course. Three part-time officers were also hired, all of whom came in with a significant amount of previous experience and training. Two of them were immediately assigned to the Elmhurst Police Department Field Training Program. The third officer will be attending a Part-Time Police Academy prior to beginning his Field Training Program.

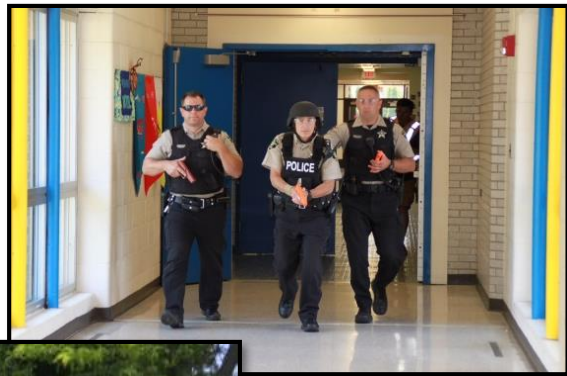


## In-Service Training

In the month of June, the police department held three Rapid Response Joint Training Exercises at Churchville School. The Elmhurst Police, in conjunction with the Elmhurst Fire Department, held these large-scale training scenarios to practice rapid response skills for emergencies. The training had 20 police officers in attendance at each event, assisted by 35 role players acting as victims, students, teachers, news media personnel, and offenders. Many teachers and principals from the local high schools and middle schools participated either as role players or observers. The exercise concentrated on a quick response to stop an initial attack but also included a coordinated effort by Police, Fire, EMS and school staff, who worked together on safe, effective evacuation of the "injured" and reunification of "students."

Other 2018 In-Service training accomplishments included:

- DUI Investigation
- De-Escalation for Smarter Policing
- Sex Assault Response
- Hazardous Materials
- Taser Certification
- Officer Well-Being



## Enforcement

Recognizing that enforcement and recognition of impaired drivers is a vital to enhancing the safety and quality of life in the community, all Elmhurst Officers attended an updated 8-hour training course. This in-service training introduced the newest concepts of DUI and Drugged Driver violations, including being certified by the National Highway Traffic Safety Association (NHTSA) in administering field sobriety tests. In addition, Officer Alex Kefaloukos attended advanced training and became certified as a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE), joining Detective Jacob Beltran as our second DRE specialist.



## Specialized Training

### *Firearms Training*

The Elmhurst Police Department Firearms Training Unit takes great pride in a 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 among law enforcement agencies in that our officers train on a monthly basis with their duty pistol in order to maintain a high level of proficiency. The range staff develops an annual training plan that focuses on three main goals: Marksmanship, tactics, and Use of Force decision-making. This year the range staff implemented a live fire simulator where officers made "shoot/don't shoot" decisions on targets that were projected on a paper screen. This training was successful and we hope to expand it in 2019 with the use of video scenarios.

Elmhurst Police Officers 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 affords officers the opportunity 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. This allows for a significant cost savings to the City of Elmhurst and keeps department firearm maintenance and repairs on schedule. This year, the Elmhurst Police Department hosted a Colt Armorer Course where all four Rangemasters received certification to work on department patrol rifles.

Finally, Officer Dontae Hickenbottom was selected to become the newest member of the Firearms training unit. Officer Hickenbottom successfully completed basic instructor and armorer training and brings his 19 years of law enforcement experience to the unit.

#### **Range Supervisor**

Sergeant Matthew Himpelmann

#### **Firearms Instructors**

Officer Dan Bishop

Officer Tom Cronin

Officer Dontae Hickenbottom



Firearms training at the Police Department range.

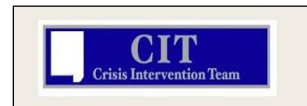


## FBI Command

Sergeants Bruckner, Kaczorowski, Mandat and Schweik attended a week long FBI Command Leadership Institute hosted by the Aurora Police Department. This program is designed to prepare law enforcement leaders for command-level positions. Some of the topics covered included credibility, command discipline & liability, and leading change within an organization. This is one of the many progressive executive leadership courses Elmhurst Police supervisors attended throughout the year to sharpen their leadership capabilities.



## DuPage Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) Association



The Elmhurst Police Department's six CIT trained officers joined the DuPage CIT Officers Association. The association's mission is to hold trainings for CIT Officers within DuPage County, provide legal updates and best practice solutions. The association also promotes relationships between all CIT Officers and provides an opportunity for officers to discuss cases and receive input from other professionals such as State's Attorneys, NAMI, Health Departments and/or hospitals. This year's training topics included: the Mental Illness Court Alternative Program (MICAP), police interactions with veterans in crisis, and police interactions with autistic individuals in crisis. There was also discussion with other area departments regarding different methods of responding to mental health crises.

## Armors Training



In September, the police department hosted a Colt Rifle Armors Course that was attended by 22 officers from surrounding suburbs in addition to our Elmhurst Rangemasters, Sergeant Himpelmann and Officers Bishop, Cronin and Hickenbottom. This training covered a number of topics including history, design changes, parts identification, cleaning, maintenance, and troubleshooting and concluded with a written test and practical exam.





## 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 IMAT

Commander Jim Gandy continued to attend courses and training as part of his involvement with the newly formed DuPage Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT). This team consists of trained supervisors from various police departments throughout DuPage County. The purpose of the team is to complete or enhance the incident command system for large scale events, emergencies, or disasters that would require numerous police and other first responder resources.



### 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 2018 from multiple member agencies throughout the Chicagoland area.

### NIPAS Mobile Field Force (MFF)

The NIPAS MFF was created in 1994 and is comprised today of 85 agencies spanning 4 Chicago area counties (over 700 square miles) with a total population of over two million residents. The full team trains seven times per year, with additional training in smaller team units such as the Arrest, Weapons, and Bicycle teams. Each member agency assigns at least one officer to the MFF. Currently, Elmhurst Officer Artur Ciszewski is an MFF Lieutenant in charge of Line Operations, which is the main component of the team. In exchange, the member agencies have access to a force of approximately 120 Operators to assist them. The NIPAS MFF provides its member agencies with a planned response to control unruly crowds (either hostile or passive); seal off problem areas, regardless of size; rescue citizens or officers from crowds; clear an area of hostile individuals through proactive tactics; and apprehend multiple offenders, if required.

In 2018, there were 18 occasions where NIPAS MFF was asked for assistance. Of those 18, 3 requests involved an actual response by MFF Operators:

- **April** - Response to Bellwood to assist with large crowds at a store giveaway event.
- **September** - Response to Park Ridge to assist Park Ridge Police, Chicago Police, and Illinois State Police with a planned protest in the area of I-90 and Cumberland Ave.

The remainder of the requests involved MFF Operators being placed on a stand-by status in case a response was necessary to the requesting Agency.





### **NIPAS Emergency Services Team (EST)**

NIPAS EST is a full service SWAT team with the capabilities to handle high risk situations such as high risk search/arrest warrants, fugitive apprehensions, barricaded subjects—either suicidal or criminal, hostage rescue missions, and dignitary protection.

The team is comprised of the command-intel team, negotiations team, the entry team, containment team, marksmen unit and tactical medics. The EST team services approximately 90 towns in four counties throughout the Chicago metropolitan area.

In the 2018 calendar year, NIPAS EST responded to 26 active incidents.

### **Felony Investigative Assistance Team (FIAT)**



The Felony Assistance Team (FIAT) is comprised of multiple DuPage County agencies and serves a population of over 300,000 residents. FIAT offers services in SWAT, Major Crimes, K9 Response, Computer Forensics and Accident Reconstruction. FIAT responds to high risk, critical incidents that require specialized training and equipment to minimize the risk of injury or loss of life to all involved. These incidents might include barricaded subjects, hostage rescues, or high-risk search warrants/other planned events. The training requirement for FIAT SWAT is at least 216 hours, along with attendance at the Illinois Tactical Officers Association (ITOA) Conference.



Elmhurst Detective Kucera is assigned to FIAT Major Crimes. Detective Torza is assigned to Computer Forensics, Officer Poli and K9 Diesel are on the K9 Response Team, and Officer Hamblin is on the SWAT Team.

### **DuPage Public Safety Communications (DuComm)**

DuComm, the emergency call-center and dispatch service for Elmhurst, serves 22 police agencies throughout DuPage County taking 911 calls and dispatching Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services. The Elmhurst Police have used DuComm as the primary 911 call center and dispatch for several decades, with an average of just under 50,000 incidents per year. 2018 ushered in a new era for DuComm with the opening of a brand new, state-of-the-art dispatch and call center located in Wheaton. With enhanced digital technology, our Police, Fire and EMS services are at the cutting edge in the field of emergency communications.



# Department Programs

## Citizen's Police Academy

The Citizen's Police Academy is a 12-week program designed to give Elmhurst citizens a working knowledge of both their police department and general law enforcement practices. The program provides participants with an inside view of how the police department serves the community as well as a better understanding of some of the challenges faced by police officers in the field today. The CPA curriculum includes classes on Crime Prevention, Investigations, Evidence Processing, Drug Awareness, the K-9 Unit, and a Law Review. Over the course of the session, CPA students have an opportunity to experience firsthand situations a police officer might face, allowing them to see the challenges in having to make a split-second decision. After completing the CPA program, "graduates" who are not ready for their CPA experience to end are invited to join the Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA).



The Citizen's Police Academy, which is one of our most popular community programs, is overseen by Commanders Len Kolpak and Brett Kaczorowski with assistance from Administrative Assistant Jami Carrington. Many of the CPA Graduates come back to assist the police department as role-players at department training events or as volunteers at city events. The Citizen's Police Academy forges a bond through better understanding between officers and the community they serve.







## ***D.A.R.E***

The Elmhurst Police Department's Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program (DARE) was started in 1987; in 2018, 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 2018, the Elmhurst community had approximately 800 students graduate from DARE and six Elmhurst officers serving as DARE instructors: 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.







## Police Explorers

The Elmhurst Police Explorers 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 youths as they work closely with Elmhurst police officers. Elmhurst Post 66 currently has 15 active members from Elmhurst and the surrounding areas. The meetings are held weekly at the Police Department.

In 2018, the Police Explorers helped provide assistance at a variety of City events including the Memorial Day Parade, 4 on the 4th Run, Rock the Block, Turkey Trot and others. Post members helped the Mission Team check age compliance with the underage alcohol and tobacco sales enforcement at local businesses. The Explorers also participated as role players during an Active Shooter drill at Churchville Junior High School. By volunteering at these events, Explorers can earn ride-alongs with Elmhurst Officers. In addition to the City events, the Explorers participated in the annual Ski Trip, Escape Room, Laser Tag, tour of the Chicago Police mounted unit and other team-building activities.

Over the summer, the Elmhurst Explorer Post 66 attended the National Law Enforcement Explorer National Competition at Purdue University, which included Explorers from Maine to Hawaii and Alaska. The Competition allows Explorers to test their skills and gives them a chance to network with Explorers from across the country. The Explorers competed in crisis negotiations, Emergency Vehicle Operations Course, air pistol, bicycle course, bomb threat and other events.

This year we had Explorers get hired on with Chicago Police Department, Arlington Heights Police Department and the FBI. The program is run by Commander Kaczorowski, Officers Michael Hamblin, Dorian Jarrette, David Gryczewski, Joan Velez and Angel Ramirez.





## Neighborhood Roll Call

The award-winning Neighborhood Roll Call program continued in 2018 with locations in Crescent Park, Salt Creek Park, and Marjorie Davis Park in addition to neighborhood locations. 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 about what was happening both in their neighborhoods and around Elmhurst. This was the fifth year for this community outreach program, which had a total of 1163 attendees in 36 locations this year. The 2018 Neighborhood Roll Call program was the most highly attended in the five years since the program began.







## 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—depending on the type of offense—such as making repairs to damaged property, writing apology letters, performing community service hours, and/or discussing their actions publicly with their parents at the hearings. This process helps the offenders understand the consequences of their actions and take responsibility for them.

The Elmhurst Peer Jury program began back in 2005 and is currently overseen by School Resource Officer Waldenmeyer and Juvenile Officer Hawkins. In 2018, the Peer Jury program heard 25 new cases and 21 return cases, and the program welcomed several new Peer Jurors from area high schools. The program currently has 23 Peer Jurors. Looking forward to 2019, the Peer Jury program plans to hold a training class for all Peer Jurors and to continue seeking juvenile cases to hear for appropriate Peer Jury disposition. In addition, the Elmhurst program is serving as a model for other local law enforcement agencies looking to start their own programs that have inquired into our Peer Jury program.



## 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 2018, there were seven (7) sessions of the program with a total of student 50 participants.



### ***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 for 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 2018, there were 523 administrative tows. There were 1525 compliance citations written and, of those, 273 went to hearing.

### ***S.A.L.T. – Seniors & Law Enforcement Together***

The police department hosts a monthly SALT meeting for seniors in the Elmhurst community to gather at the police station for presentations on different safety topics. The program is coordinated by Officer Kelly Skolozynski and Service Officer Angel Ramirez, who also host a summer picnic for the SALT group at Salt Creek Park in addition to a holiday luncheon at the police station.





### Prescription Drug Take-Back Days

Several times each year, the police department hosts a prescription drug take-back day in the west parking lot adjacent to the police station. Take-back days allow residents to get rid of unused or unwanted medications that might otherwise get into the water supply from flushing them. In 2018, there were 2 take-back events held, with a total of 419 lbs. of drugs collected for destruction. In addition, the lobby collection box yielded a total of 623 lbs. of drugs collected in 2018, for a combined total collection this year of 1042 lbs.



### BASSET – Beverage Alcohol Sellers and Servers Training

BASSET is a State of Illinois training program run by the Illinois Liquor Commission for anyone who serves and/or sells alcoholic beverages. The program is intended to educate sellers and servers about the effects of alcohol and drug abuse. BASSET teaches participants how to identify the signs of intoxication and provides intervention techniques, with a goal of reducing DUI arrests as well as underage alcohol consumption and purchases. In 2018, the Elmhurst Police Department completed 14 basset training classes with a total of 221 students.

### OPERATION LIFESAVER - Railroad Safety Program

The Elmhurst Railroad Safety and Enforcement Program has been in existence for the last 24 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 during "Alive at 25" programs as well as at the Elmhurst Park District's Safety Town Summer Camp.





## Community Engagement

The Elmhurst Police Department prides itself on our partnership with the community. Positive community engagement helps develop a trust, common knowledge, and respect between police officers and the communities 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 the community, 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 with our community goals.

In 2018, the Elmhurst Police Department performed (92) Community Presentations on topics such as Crime Prevention, Identity Theft, Residential Burglary Prevention, and Crimes Against Seniors. The Police Department completes regular tours for Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts and other community groups, and did 11 tours over the summer months alone. Officers regularly attend Neighborhood Block Parties in the summer months to meet local residents, provide tours of their police vehicles, and hand out sticker badges to the children.

In addition to the regular community presentations, Elmhurst Police Officers also attended the following events to interact with the community: Spring Road Days, Bike Rodeo, Fire Department Open House, Family Fall Fest, Park-a-palooza, Immanuel Lutheran Trunk or Treat, the 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 Event, Immaculate Conception Block Party, Knights of Columbus Car Show, Jaycee's Carnival, and many more.

This year, the Elmhurst Police also took a proactive approach to workplace and school violence by completing over a dozen local presentations to local businesses, churches, and school administrators on safe responses and lock down procedures. In an effort to make our neighborhoods safer and less of a target for potential criminals, Officers completed premise checks and home walk-throughs.





## School Presentations and Station Tours

All year long, our Elmhurst Police Officers visit local schools and community groups to teach our Elmhurst youth about a variety of safety topics. We also frequently host tours of the Police Station for scout groups and school groups. Pictured below are some of the 2018 presentations and tours given by the Elmhurst Police.

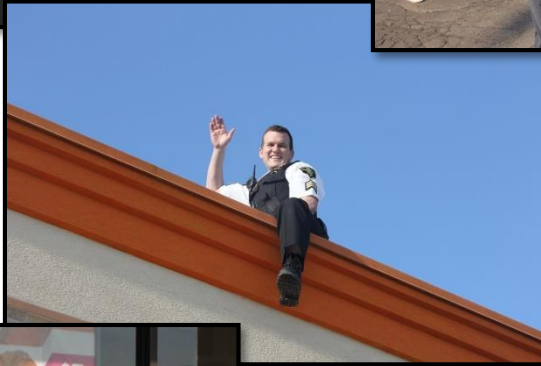
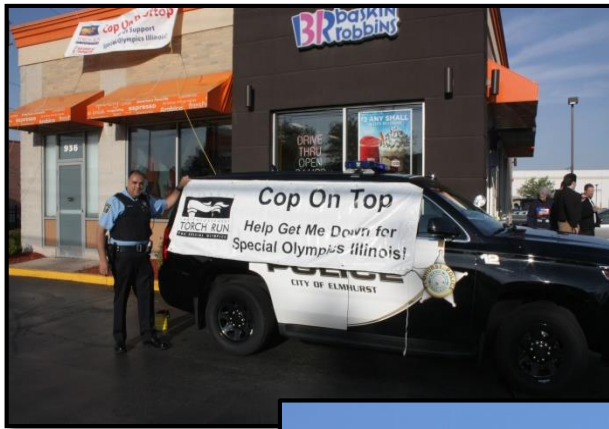






## Cop on Top

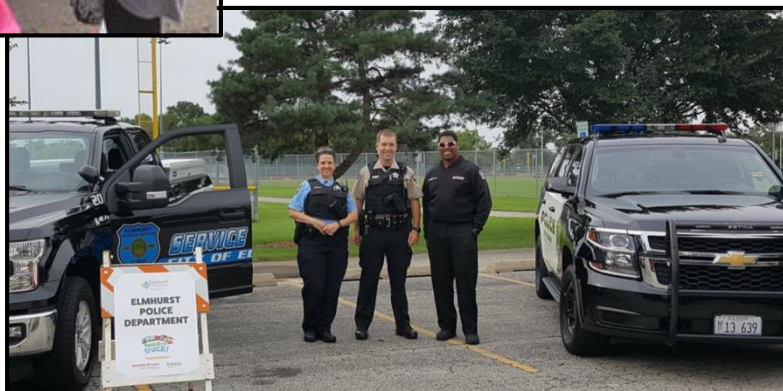
On Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, the Elmhurst Police Department participated in the annual "Cop on Top" fundraiser for Special Olympics Illinois. This year's Cop on Top was held at two different Elmhurst Dunkin' Donuts locations—936 N York Rd and 195 E Butterfield Rd—from 5:00 AM until 12:00 PM. Fifteen Elmhurst Police Officers and eleven members of the Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association were on hand, volunteering their time at both locations. Volunteers collected donations from customers and sold Torch Run merchandise (t-shirts, hats, and pins) in an effort to raise additional funds for Special Olympics. This year's event raised over \$7,000 for Illinois Special Olympics!





## Parades

From the St. Patrick's Day Parade to the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade, the Memorial Day Parade to the Pet Parade, the Elmhurst Police maintain a presence and provide crowd control to help maintain safety for all at our community celebrations. Members of the Elmhurst Police Honor Guard can be counted on to provide the proper dignity in transporting the American flag, and our Police Explorers and Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association show up to help out with traffic control.







## Cops n' Bobbers Fishing Tournament



On Saturday June 10, the Elmhurst Police Department and Elmhurst Police Benevolent Athletic Association (EPBAA) partnered with the Elmhurst Park District for the second annual Cops N' Bobbers Fishing Tournament for kids. Elmhurst Police Officers, Records personnel, and members of our Police Explorer Post volunteered their time for the event. The fishing derby was attended by over 100 kids and adults and will be hosted again in 2019! The E.P.B.A.A. helped sponsor the event by purchasing prizes.

## Torch Run

On Sunday, June 11, 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. Representing the Elmhurst Police Department were: Sergeant McCollum, Sergeant Mandat, Sergeant Cuzzone, and Detective Beltran.





## Epinephrine Auto-Injector Program

On Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, Governor Bruce Rauner came to City Hall for the official signing of the updated Annie LeGere Act, a law allowing police officers to administer epinephrine auto-injectors to those suffering from anaphylactic shock as a consequence of severe allergic reactions. The updated law provided legal protection to medical professionals participating in the program, which then allowed the police department to implement this initiative. The Elmhurst Police Department partnered with the DuPage County Health Department for its supply of adult and child dose epinephrine auto-injectors. Elmhurst Police Officers completed the required training program mandated by the Illinois Department of Public Health pursuant to the Annie LeGere Act. These epinephrine auto-injectors will enable officers who encounter victims suffering from life threatening allergic reactions, anaphylaxis, to provide life-saving first aid. The auto-injectors were provided by the health department with funds generated by the Annie LeGere Foundation, which is dedicated to the memory of Annie LeGere, an Elmhurst resident who was the victim of a fatal allergic reaction in 2015. The auto-injectors were deployed in our patrol vehicles on Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, making Elmhurst the first municipal police department in Illinois to implement this program.







## Boo-tiful Saturday in City Centre

On Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, and again on Halloween, Elmhurst officers were out "in force" patrolling the downtown area during Boo-tiful Saturday and passing out candy and badge stickers. We had a large turn-out this year of young "wanna be" police officers and superheroes in costume!





## Thanksgiving Basket Deliveries

On Saturday, November 17, members of the police department provided assistance to the Elmhurst Elks in packing meals for the annual Thanksgiving Dinner delivery to local Elmhurst food pantries. The group spent the morning at the Elks' Lodge packaging food items for those in need before loading up squad cars for the deliveries. Officers Doneske, Isaac, Schmidt, Westering, and Sergeant McCollum participated in this pre-holiday event.



## Turkey Trot Watering Hole

On Thanksgiving Day, members of the police department volunteered once again to staff the Elmhurst Police Benevolent Athletic Association (EPBAA) "Watering Hole" for the annual Dan Gibbons Turkey Trot. The day was frosty, but the event, which is a fundraiser for local food pantries and charities, was warmly received by Elmhurst with an estimated total of 7,300 participants.







## Shop with a Cop

On December 1st, Elmhurst Officers participated in the 32<sup>nd</sup> 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, ten police officers were able to volunteer their time to take eleven 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.



## EPBAA

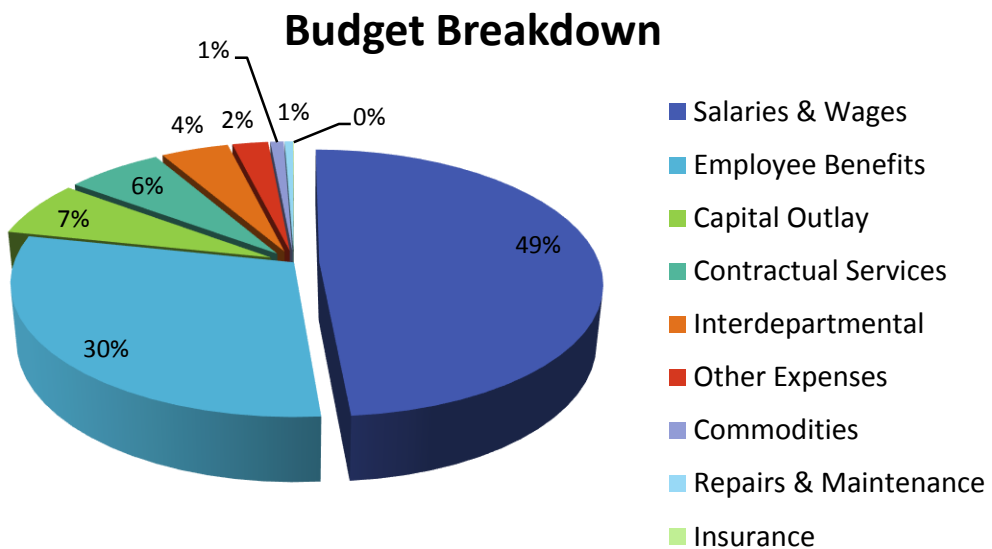
Also in December, current and retired members of the Elmhurst Police Department, in conjunction with the Elmhurst Police Benevolent Athletic Association, volunteered their time on a Thursday night to paint the offices of the Elmhurst Walk-In Assistance Network located at St. Peter's United Church of Christ on West Church Street. The Elmhurst Walk-In Assistance Network serves Elmhurst residents as well as families with children in Elmhurst schools, members of participating churches, and PADS guests by providing compassionate and effective assistance to those in need within the community.





# 2018 Budget Analysis

BUDGET CATEGORY	BUDGET AMOUNT
Salaries & Wages	\$9,311,000
Employee Benefits	\$5,664,300
Contractual Services	\$1,230,470
Commodities	\$171,000
Repairs & Maintenance	\$107,000
Other Expenses	\$459,800
Capital Outlay	\$1,300,700
Insurance	\$7,200
Interdepartmental	\$870,050
<b>TOTAL BUDGET:</b>	<b>\$19,121,520</b>





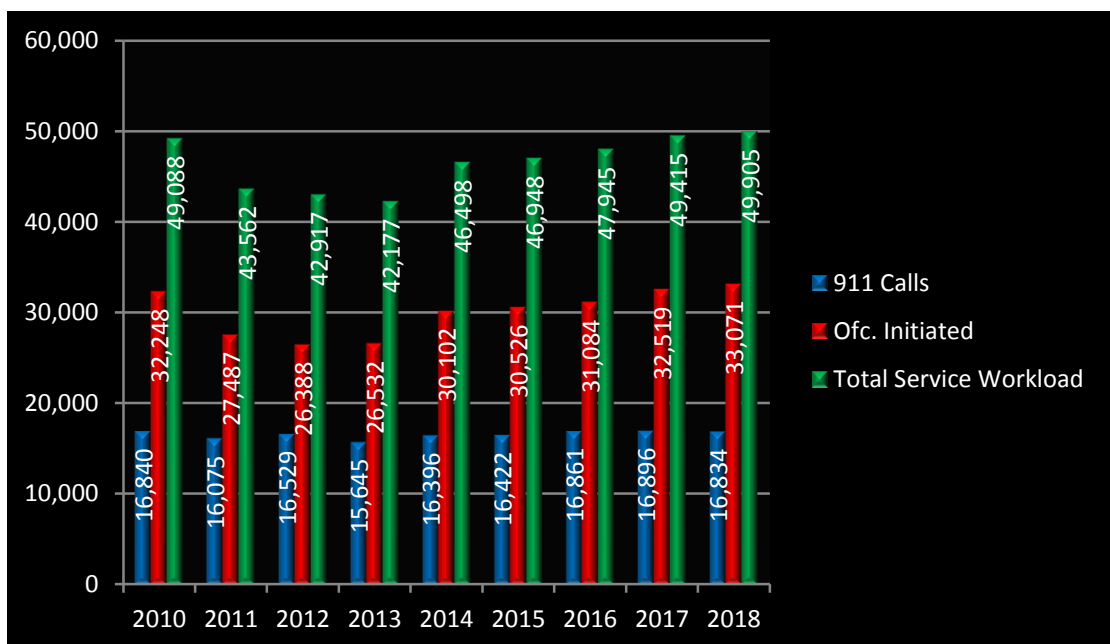
# 2018 Statistical Summary

## CRIMINAL INCIDENTS

### *FBI Defined Uniform Crime Report Summary*

Criminal Incidents	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Homicide	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Rape	5	2	1	3	8	2	5	0	5
Robbery	9	9	9	4	6	4	17	5	7
Aggravated Assault/Battery	8	22	16	6	3	6	10	9	10
Burglary	63	56	68	64	63	57	113	100	85
Theft	368	473	452	412	438	474	452	498	545
Theft of Motor Vehicle	10	23	16	10	5	22	24	27	25
Arson	0	1	0	1	3	1	2	3	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>677</b>

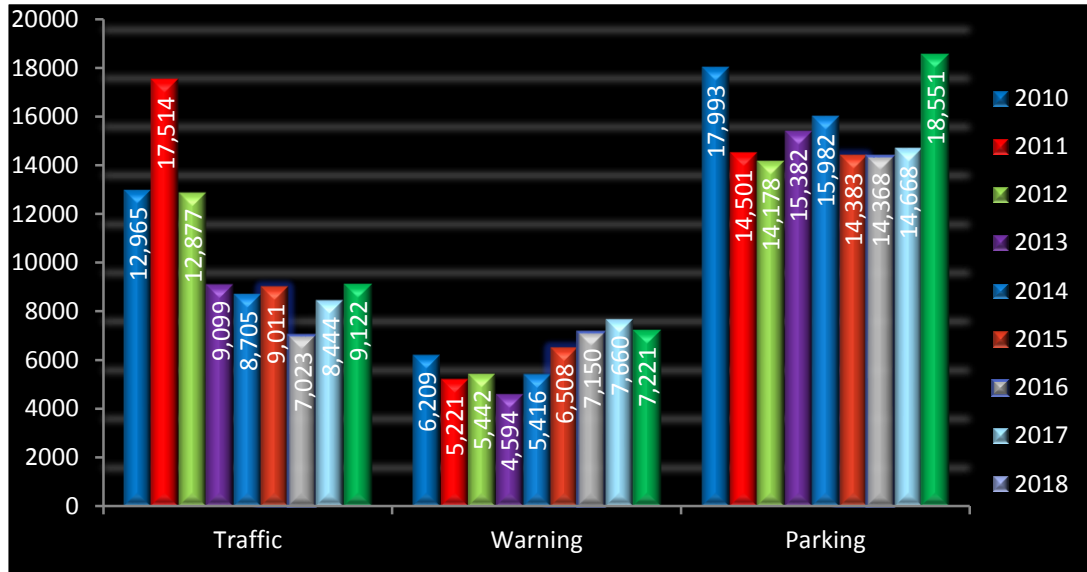
## SERVICE WORKLOAD



2018 shows a 0.99% increase in total service workload compared to 2017. There was a decrease of 62 emergency 9-1-1 calls and an increase of 552 self-initiated calls in 2018 compared to 2017.

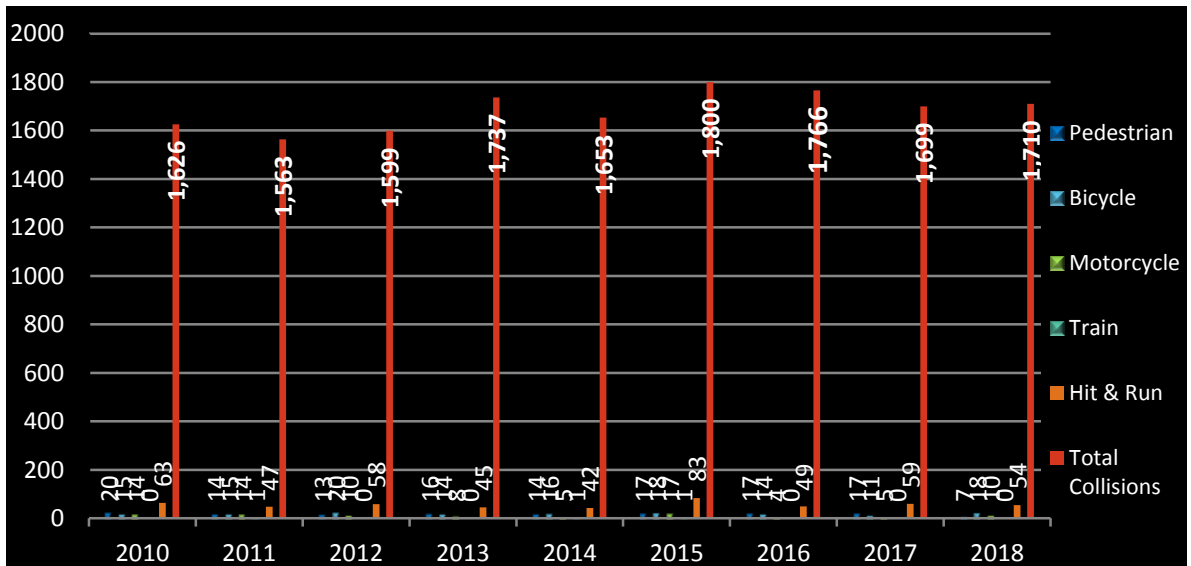


### CITATIONS



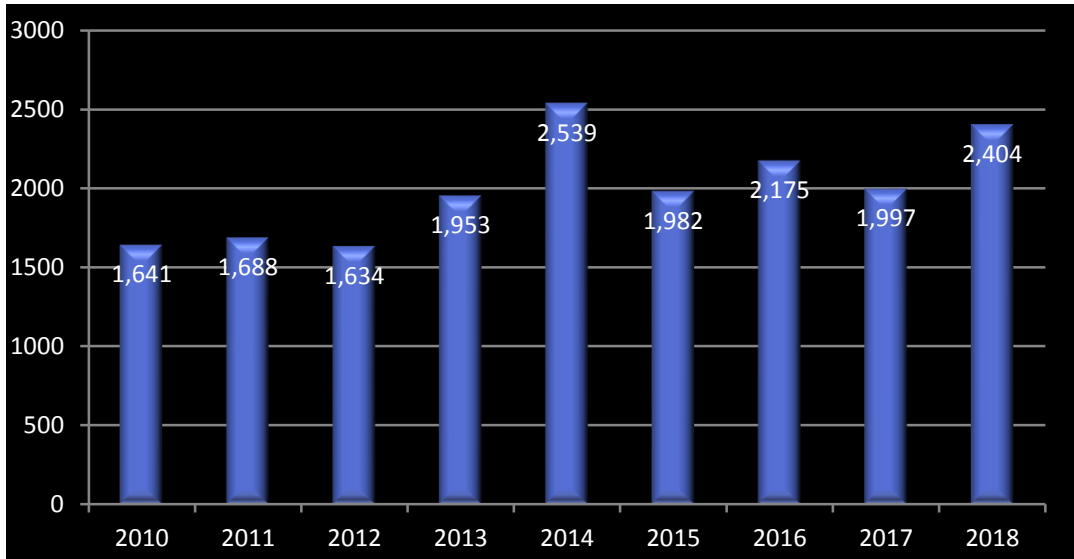
In 2018, the number of traffic citations issued increased by 26.47% compared to 2017. The number of warning tickets issued decreased by 5.73%, and the number of parking tickets issued increased 8.03% compared to 2017.

### TRAFFIC COLLISIONS

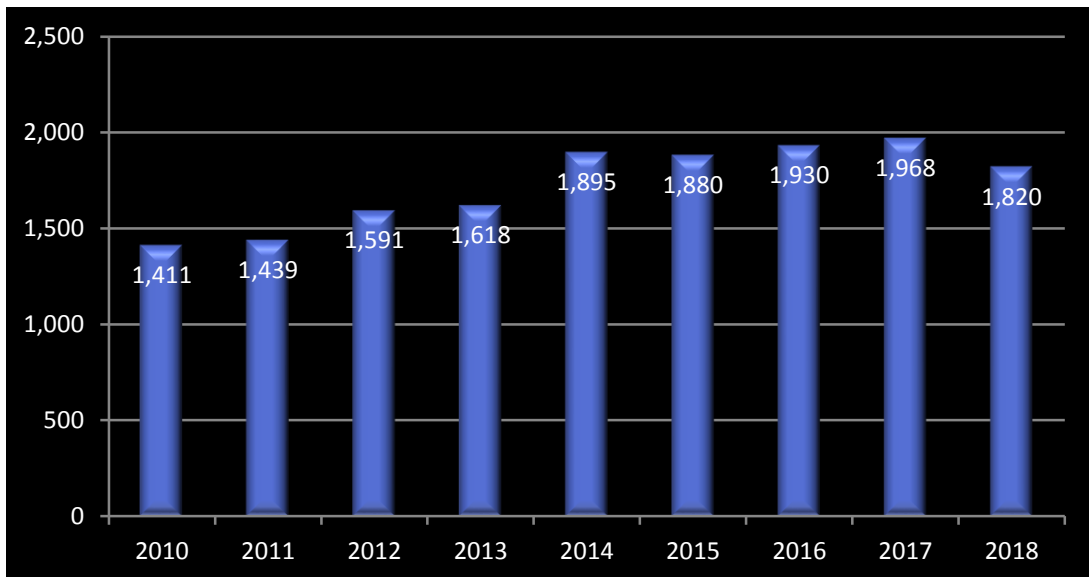


In 2018, the total number of pedestrians involved in motor vehicle crashes decreased 58.8% compared to 2017. Bicycles involved in motor vehicle crashes increased 63.6%, and crashes involving motorcycles increased 100% (from 5 to 10) in 2018. No crashes involving a train were reported in 2018. The number of Hit & Run crashes decreased 8.47% in 2018 from 2017. The total number of traffic collisions in 2018 increased by .65% from 2017.



**ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES**

In 2018, there was an increase of 407 (20.38%) requests for assistance from other agencies compared to 2017.

**ALARM CALLS**

In 2018, there was a decrease of 148 (7.52%) Burglar and Hold Up alarm calls compared to 2017.



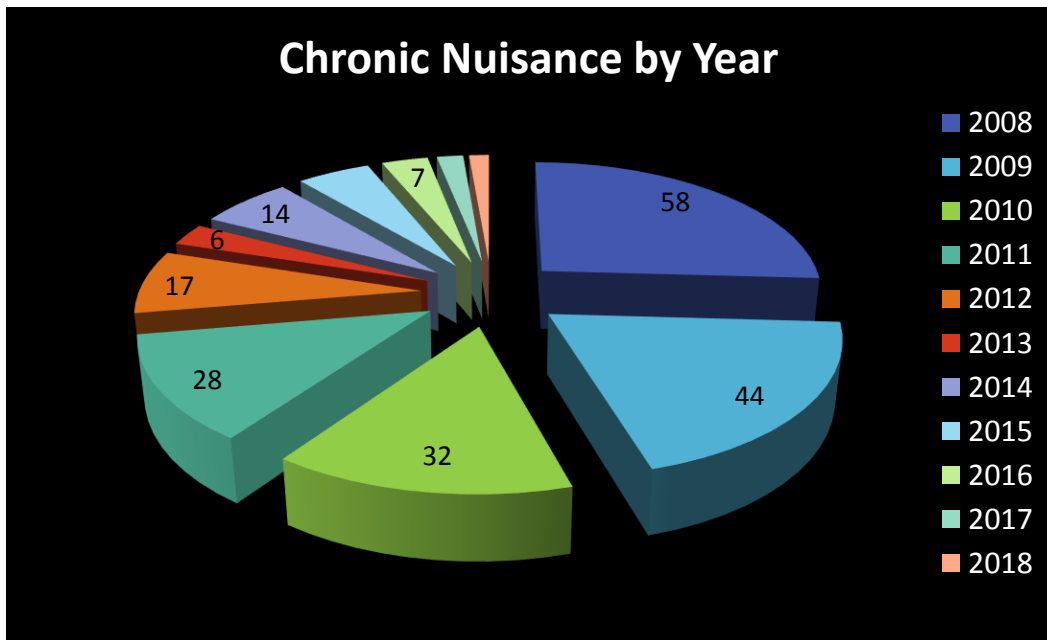
### ***Chronic Nuisance Program***

Chronic Nuisance Ordinance – The police department had 3 Chronic Nuisance cases in 2018. 222 cases have been successfully resolved since 2008, and 2 cases are still active. Only 24 chronic nuisance cases re-offended with a second violation within 180 days, and only 5 went to a third violation. This program continues to be successful in improving quality of life issues for residents and businesses. The chart below shows the success of the program

The Police Department continues to work with the Building Department to enforce quality of life concerns such as:

- After hours construction
- Excessive mud/debris left on street due to construction traffic
- Construction vehicle parking

**A TOTAL OF 224 CASES HAVE BEEN HANDLED SINCE 2008 --**





## Reported Criminal Offenses – 7 year Comparison Study

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
	<u>Offenses</u>	<u>Offenses</u>	<u>Offenses</u>	<u>Offenses</u>	<u>Offenses</u>	<u>Offenses</u>	<u>Offenses</u>
<b><u>Deaths</u></b>							
Homicide	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Attempt Homicide	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>Sex Offenses</u></b>							
Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Criminal Sexual Assault	3	8	3	4	8	2	2
Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Attempted Sexual Assault	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Prostitution	2	1	7	12	3	2	0
Public Indecency	3	1	0	2	2	1	0
All Other Sex Offenses	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
<b><u>Robbery</u></b>							
Armed Robbery - Bank	1	1	1	1	1	0	4
Armed Robbery - Other	2	3	2	2	4	2	4
Robbery - Bank	0	0	2	0	1	1	1
Robbery - Other	5	1	2	2	0	0	3
Attempted Robbery	0	4	2	0	0	1	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>
<b><u>Simple Assault - Battery</u></b>							
Assault	3	1	3	6	14	4	4
Battery	68	74	70	58	59	65	69
Domestic	114	106	93	72	68	81	43
<b>Total</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>116</b>
<b><u>Aggravated Assault - Battery</u></b>							
Aggravated Battery	7	8	3	1	2	1	6
Aggravated Assault	3	13	10	5	1	5	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>
<b><u>Burglary</u></b>							
Burglary Residential	25	35	38	38	48	22	80
Burglary Other	27	14	20	10	9	24	43
Attempted Burglary	11	7	11	16	6	11	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>145</b>
<b><u>Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle</u></b>							
Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle	106	144	142	55	89	97	97
Burglary/Theft of Motor Veh Parts/Accessories	14	23	20	23	34	16	28
Attempted Burglary/Theft from MV	3	8	2	3	4	10	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>134</b>
<b><u>Thefts</u></b>							
Theft Over	50	56	70	83	82	89	93
Theft Under	125	100	108	116	93	122	124
Retail Theft	118	165	120	123	128	139	124
Attempted Theft	9	12	11	8	7	14	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>348</b>





	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
	<u>Offenses</u>	<u>Offenses</u>	<u>Offenses</u>	<u>Offenses</u>	<u>Offenses</u>	<u>Offenses</u>	<u>Offenses</u>
<b><u>Motor Vehicle Theft</u></b>							
Theft of Motor Vehicle	11	22	17	10	5	19	26
Attempted Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	1	0	0	0	2	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>27</b>
<b><u>Deception</u></b>							
Forgery/Deceptive Practice/Fraud	84	71	119	92	29	54	24
Credit Card Fraud	14	17	34	21	14	36	45
Identity Theft	95	127	125	140	56	39	46
Possession of Stolen Property	5	8	9	4	2	8	1
Theft of Lost Property	17	16	25	16	26	19	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>117</b>
<b><u>Criminal Damage To Property</u></b>							
Vehicle	46	43	33	35	45	47	58
Property Damage	50	64	75	44	75	74	75
Attempted Criminal Damage	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>133</b>
<b><u>Trespass</u></b>							
Criminal Trespass to Property/Residence	21	25	23	37	24	20	3
Criminal Trespass to State Supported Land	0	1	2	0	1	1	1
Criminal Trespass to MV	7	10	1	6	1	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>5</b>
<b><u>Arson</u></b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b><u>Deadly Weapons</u></b>							
Unlawful Use of Weapon	8	15	9	7	6	8	8
Unlawful Use or Possession of Weapon by Felon	1	2	2	2	0	0	2
No Foid Card	0	3	1	1	1	0	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>
<b><u>Truancy</u></b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>
<b><u>Hate Crimes</u></b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b><u>Drug Offenses</u></b>							
Possession Cannabis under 10 gm	251	314	0	0	0	0	0
Possession Cannabis 10 gm & over	15	25	0	0	0	0	0
* Possession Cannabis 30 gm & under	0	0	276	280	230	180	155
* Possession Cannabis over 30 gm	0	0	6	2	2	2	0
Delivery Cannabis 30 gm & under	0	2	10	13	17	11	5
Delivery Cannabis over 30 gm	1	1	2	4	4	5	6
Cannabis Plant	0	2	0	0	0	1	1
Possession of Methamphetamine	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Manufacture & Delivery Cont'l Substance	0	0	1	1	4	12	6
Possession Controlled Substance	88	93	75	88	79	62	75
Delivery or Possession w/Intent to Deliver	3	4	5	2	5	16	12
Sale or Possession Hypo Syringes/Needles	9	8	7	13	8	5	11
Possession Drug Equipment	174	236	196	225	213	161	170
<b>Total</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>442</b>
* Pre-Cannabis Act Update							



# 2018 DEPARTMENT RECOGNITION



## ILEAP Accreditation

Over the last 2 years, the police department has been working diligently to prepare for the accreditation process through the Illinois Chiefs of Police Association ILEAP Program. We are proud to announce that in January 2019, the Elmhurst Police Department was awarded a Tier 1 Accreditation.

Accreditation is awarded to showcase the professionalism and best practice methods implemented by a police department. The Elmhurst Police Department has joined the ranks of only 30 police agencies across the State of Illinois that have earned accreditation through ILEAP. The accreditation process involved a thorough analysis, revision, and update of department policies and procedures to ensure they are up to the level of the best practices for modern policing. The department was judged on 67 standards, which were each broken down into dozens of additional individual standards within each of the original 67 standards. The department policies and procedures were thoroughly analyzed offsite by assessors from the Illinois Chiefs of Police Association and were scored based on the highest levels of police services. The review also required "proofs," which are documents, photographs, memorandums and/or reports that demonstrated the department was in compliance with the standards.

After the offsite evaluation, (2) trained assessors from the Illinois Chiefs of Police Association were onsite at the Elmhurst Police Department for (2) days in November of 2018 to interview officers and supervisors, tour the department, complete ride-alongs, oversee lockup procedures, view records maintenance, review investigation procedures and methods, and take feedback from the citizens of our community. We are proud that after this extended process, the Elmhurst Police Department was awarded Tier 1 level of Accreditation through the ILEAP Accreditation Program. Every division of the Elmhurst Police Department worked hard to prepare for and obtain accreditation, and we thank the members of the Elmhurst Police Department and the community for their support.







## Awards & Achievements

A total of 61 Departmental awards were given out by the Police Department in 2018, including 10 Commendations, 4 Letters of Recognition and 4 Unit Citations, honoring a total of 47 Individual officers for outstanding acts of police work.

In 2018, the Elmhurst Police Department was proud to have three of our supervisors attend the Northwestern University Staff & Command program. Staff & Command is a 10-week training class for police supervisors that is run by the Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety. On January 19<sup>th</sup>, Sergeant Brett Kaczorowski and Commander David Rivkin graduated from the Staff & Command program. Sergeant Matthew Himpelmann graduated from the program on May 11<sup>th</sup>.



On Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, members of the police department gathered in afternoon Roll Call for the presentation of a Life-Saving Award to Officer Jason Litton. Officer Litton was the first to arrive on-scene to a call of an unconscious, unresponsive individual on his driveway. Officer Litton was able to use his squad car AED to successfully bring back the subject, who was in full cardiac arrest due to a previously undiscovered heart condition.





On Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, Police Commanders Jim Gandy and Len Kolpak were honored as recipients of the prestigious Executive Leadership Award from the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety.

Deputy Chief Robert Tannehill graduated from the renowned FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA on December 14, 2018. The FBI National Academy participation is by invitation only. Participants are nominated by their agency heads because of demonstrated leadership qualities. They are drawn from every U.S. state and territory as well as from international partner nations.

The selected students participate in a rigorous 10-week training curriculum in executive leadership at the Academy. Coursework includes Intelligence Theory, Law, Terrorism & Terrorist Mindsets, Management Science, Behavioral Science, Law Enforcement Communication, and Forensic Science. The FBI program serves to improve the administration of justice in police departments and to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge, and cooperation worldwide



Pictured is FBI Director Christopher Wray presenting Deputy Chief Tannehill with his graduation certificate. Deputy Chief Robert Tannehill attended the FBI National Academy from October-December, 2018.



## Promotions and Retirements



Officer Anthony Cuzzone was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2018 and is currently serving as a Patrol supervisor with Commander Rivkin on the B shift, working rotating Day Shift and Afternoon Shifts.

The department bid farewell to our long-time supervisor of the Part-Time Police Unit, Officer John Ryan, who retired after 16 years of service to the department . . .



Part-Time Officers Mary Miceli and Al Ortiz were promoted as the new Supervisors of the Part-Time Police Unit.

And Commander Stephen Wright, a 30-year veteran with Elmhurst, retired in 2018. Over the course of his career, Cmdr. Wright served as a patrol officer, a School Resource Officer at York High School, an instructor for the D.A.R.E., VEGA, and BASSET programs, and a coordinator and instructor for the Citizen's Police Academy. He served as a Patrol supervisor and as Administrative Sergeant and achieved many specialties during his illustrious career. Cmdr. Wright continues to stay involved with law enforcement even after retirement as an instructor at the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy at College of DuPage and at Waubonsie Valley Community College.



Our thanks and congratulations to these fine department members for their many years of service to Elmhurst!





## Service Anniversaries

### 25 Years



Cmdr. D. Rivkin

### 20 Years



Ofc. J. O'Connor



Ofc. T. Westering



PT Ofc. M. O'Leary

### 15 Years



Ofc. J. Knebel



SRO N. Waldenmeyer



PT Ofc. A. Ortiz

### 10 Years



Ofc. C. Horner



Ofc. A. Kefaloukos



Ofc. J. Velez

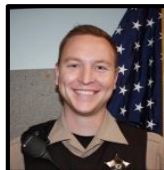
### 5 Years



Ofc. C.  
Bruketta



Ofc. B.  
Cappitelli



Ofc. D.  
Djukic



Ofc. D.  
Gryczewski



Ofc. E.  
Hedstrom



PT Ofc. K.  
Skolozynski

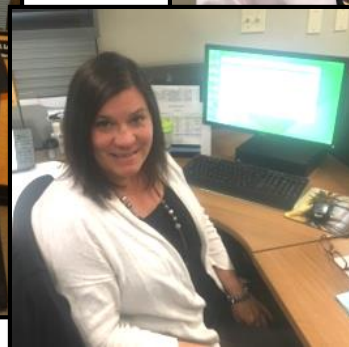
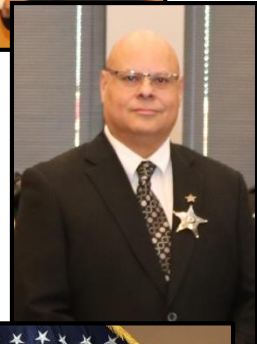


PT Investigator  
L. Panico



## New Police Department Employees

New hires at the police department in 2018 included Officer Wesley Hoyer, Part-Time officers Marc Molina, Fabian Sanchez and Frank Arce, Service Officer Randall Nelson, and Part-time Civilian Background investigator, Michael Lappe. In addition, former Part-time Officer Mark Doneske was sworn in as a Full-time officer, and Kerri Chambers was hired by the City of Elmhurst in Police Administration.





## We Get Mail . . . from Residents

Thank you for helping my husband and me last Sat. when our truck stalled at the intersection. We were holding up traffic and waiting for ONStar to send a tow. The officer called a tow for us and kept checking on us as we waited on that HOT day. Thank you very much for your kindness! BTW – my truck is fixed now ☺. (**Ofcs. Cronin, Doneske & Pacewic**)

Dear Chief Ruth and Dept. Staff—As we close out 2018, we wanted to sincerely thank you for your leadership and service throughout the year. We appreciate the entire staff of the EPD; it is always a pleasant and professional interaction with the great officers of the EPD.

**Ofc. Litton**—Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your quick response to help me. I will be forever grateful!

**Det. Kucera**—I want to bring your attention to the outstanding work by Det. Kucera, who was assigned to my case. His work was exemplary; he was professional, thorough and efficient. He earned my trust and gave me the confidence I needed to keep moving forward. I truly consider him a hero. I will be forever thankful to Det. Kucera and the Elmhurst Police Dept.; you have my endless gratitude.

Thank you for all you do to keep us safe!

We, the Sigma Kappa chapter at Elmhurst College, wanted to give back to all of you and say Thank You! We appreciate your hard work to keep Elmhurst safe. We love being part of the Elmhurst community, and we appreciate you!

To the Elmhurst Police Department—We would like to thank you so very much for helping my husband up after his fall yesterday morning. Everyone was so kind. God Bless!

Thank you for your help in making us safe, a grateful resident

Dear Elmhurst Police Officers—You're appreciated so very much and wished a bright and beautiful new year. As proud Elmhurst residents, we recognize and appreciate your tireless commitment to our community, and we understand the sacrifices and challenges you face daily. Stay safe!

**Ofc. Knebel**—I would like to commend the efforts of Ofc. Knebel to identify the other driver and vehicle involved in a car crash; his report provided all the information necessary to resolve the situation. Thank you for his attention to detail with sketchy information.

Another year has gone by, and the police from Elmhurst have done a wonderful job helping to keep our community a safe place to reside. We appreciate all of the effort, but may each officer remember to take extra precautions and stay safe.



Dear Elmhurst Police Officers—We so very much appreciate you and all of the hard work you do on a daily basis!

Dear Officers—Two weeks ago today, the Elmhurst Police helped to find my missing daughter. I am so appreciative for your assistance—assistance that you've all given on "a few occasions." ;) Thank you!

**Ofc. Bishop**—I wanted to recognize your officer who discovered my hockey bag, containing equipment that is priceless to me, after it fell off the back of my pick-up truck. Ofc. Bishop could have just inventoried the property and left it at that, but he went above and beyond and used his investigative skills to track down my Elmhurst residence and return the bag. A huge thank you to Ofc. Bishop and for everything the EPD does every day for our city.

**Ofc. Horner and Det. Beltran**—I fell victim to a phone scam even though I knew better; the person was able to use the actual number from the DuPage Co. Sheriff's Office to contact me. Thank you to Ofc. Horner for not making me feel like a complete idiot when I reported my mistake and for encouraging me not to let the case drop with the initial loss of money. And thank you to Det. Beltran for contacting with MoneyPak corporation until they responded; I am not sure how I was lucky enough to have the funds returned to me. This is a great example of how the EPD strives to provide the best to the community.

We just completed the Spring session of the Elmhurst Citizen's Police Academy and are writing to let you know what a great experience it was for us. We are especially grateful to all of the police officers and the firefighters who gave their time to provide the classes to us—this experience has encouraged us to forge a much stronger community connection going forward. Thank you for having this class available to residents; we found it fascinating.

Thank you to your department for handling a situation with professionalism and grace. My elderly mother was missing, and, after an agonizingly long night of worry, she was found in Elmhurst in the care of your officers. My family was sick with worry, but your officers treated my mother so graciously and made some great suggestions for eldercare and GPS type services; I can't thank you enough! (**Cmdr. Rivkin and Ofc. Velez**)







## ... and from Agencies.

**Sgt. McCollum**—On May 31, the Lombard Police Dept. responded to a report of a tire theft in progress from a vehicle in a parking lot. Less than ten minutes later, Sgt. M. McCollum had located the offending vehicle E/B on Roosevelt Rd. and was able to make a traffic stop and take 3 offenders into custody. When we located the victim/owner of the vehicle, we were able to tell him we had recovered his property (all 4 tires) and arrested three offenders. The Lombard PD is very grateful for the assistance provided by Elmhurst Police in this case---please extend my sincere appreciation to Sgt. McCollum.

*Roy Newton, Lombard Police Chief*

**Ofcs. Carney, Gryczewski, Valdez and Sgt. McCollum**—My officers and I would like to express our sincere thanks for your department’s assistance on a subject who resisted arrest and fled the scene on foot. If not for the outstanding efforts of your officers, apprehension would not have been possible. We are truly privileged to have the support of the Elmhurst Police and would like to express our gratitude for your officers’ professionalism and commitment.

*Casey Calvello, Oakbrook Terrace Chief of Police*

**Sgts. Kaczorowski and Schweik, Ofcs. Bishop, Schroeder, Coughlin, Litton, O’Connor, Scislowicz, Kazarian, Hawkins, and Det. Kucera**—On Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, our bank branch was robbed by a single male offender, who fled the scene in a vehicle. Elmhurst police responded, and some officers tracked the GPS device attached to the stolen cash while other officers remained on scene to get descriptions from bank staff and witnesses. The bank was able to send clear images of the offender to dispatch, and, after an almost 20 mile track of the GPS device, Elmhurst officers were able to locate the offender at a gas station in Chicago and take him into custody. These officers each played a somewhat different role in this incident, but their ability to work as a team was remarkable. Your officers’ response to this incident truly exemplifies the character and professionalism of all members of the Elmhurst Police Department.

*Patrick O’Meara, Senior VP-Regional Manager, Bank of America*

**Ofc. Coughlin**—I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the assistance provided by Ofc. Coughlin on an ILEAS mutual aid callout on a bank robbery suspect who entered a convenient care medical facility. Ofc. Coughlin’s assistance was invaluable, and his presence and professionalism on the scene of this critical incident allowed it to be brought to a safe conclusion.

*James Volpe, Wheaton Police Chief*

**Ofcs. Hoyer and Pacewic**—I would like to extend our thanks for the assistance that these officers provided following a retail theft where the suspects fled in a vehicle, which was located and stopped by your officers. This is a great example of different law enforcement agencies working together; please express our thanks to these officers for their professionalism, commitment and assistance.

*James Kruger, Jr., Oak Brook Police Chief*



**Dets. Lafin and Torza**—This letter will express our sincere appreciation for the outstanding work provided by Dets. Lafin and Torza in assisting our department with two (2) homicide investigations in 2018. The determination and commitment displayed by your officers was critical in assisting our agency with identifying the necessary elements in solving this crime. On behalf of the West Chicago Police Department, and our community as a whole, thank you for your assistance with this investigation.

*Michael Uplegger, West Chicago Police Chief*

**Deputy Chief McLean and Det. Waldenmeyer**—Thank you to the Elmhurst Police and your staff members for providing assistance to our department in implementing a regional peer jury program with several neighboring municipalities. We reached out to Elmhurst, one of the few successful programs in the area, to gain a better understanding of how your peer jury program is run. Deputy Chief McLean and Det. Waldenmeyer provided us with a significant amount of information on the program along with current training materials. Det. Waldenmeyer has made himself available to answer questions several times over the past few months and arranged for our staff to observe the August peer jury hearing. Thanks to you and your staff for the invaluable assistance you provided.

*Shanon Gillette, Downers Grove Police Chief*

**Ofc. Poli**—I would like to thank Ofc. Poli for the assistance he provided with his K-9 partner, Diesel, in our recent middle school sweep of three schools for contraband. The professionalism demonstrated by Ofc. Poli reflected well on your department. Interagency cooperation is the backbone of our profession—thank you for allowing your K-9 team to participate.

*Douglas Flint, Glendale Heights Police Chief*

**Ofcs. Beltran, Bishop, Carney, Jarrette, and Valdez**—Recognition from the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists for exceptional DUI enforcement.

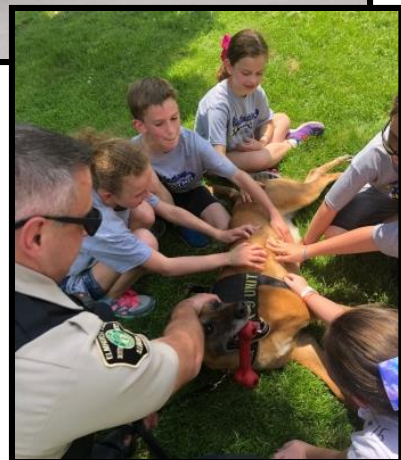
**Ofcs. Scislowicz and Ciszewski** for their assistance through the Northern IL Police Alarm System (NIPAS) to the Elk Grove Village, Evanston, Northfield, Park Ridge and Schiller Park Police Departments.

**And additional thanks to the Elmhurst Police Department from:**

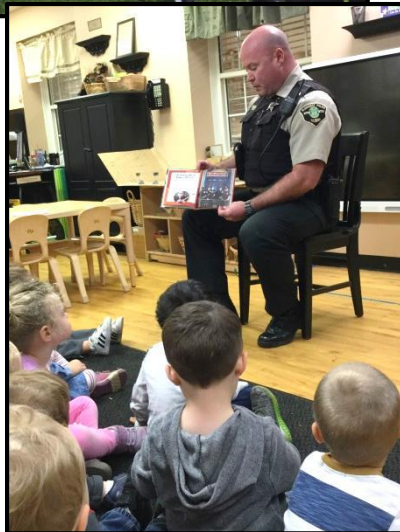
- The Maywood Sportsmen's Club for assistance at their annual picnic;
- Elmhurst Hospital Public Safety for the support and commitment to providing protection and safety to the community;
- The Marine Corp Reserve Toys for Tots campaign for serving as a collection site.



## A final look back . . .













## In Memoriam



Long-serving Part-Time Police Officer Bruce Smith passed away on Feb 2, 2018. Bruce served as a part-time officer and as Supervisor of the Elmhurst Part-Time Police Unit for a total of over 45 years. He joined the police department in 1972 as an auxiliary policeman. For the last 6 years of his career in Elmhurst, Bruce worked in the Investigations Division performing investigative office duties.

The Elmhurst Police Honor Guard stood watch at Bruce's wake and his funeral. The funeral procession route passed the police station, which was dressed in black and purple bunting with Bruce's star number, 107, hanging proudly over the entrance. Bruce was very proud of his service in Elmhurst, and we are equally proud of his dedication, service, and honor. He is missed by his family at the Elmhurst Police Department.

