

Elmhurst Police Department 2019 Annual Report



Michael R. Ruth
Chief of Police



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Mr. James Grabowski, City Manager
City of Elmhurst
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Dear City Manager Grabowski:

On behalf of the members of the Elmhurst Police Department, I am pleased to present our 2019 Annual Report. This report is designed to be a resource to municipal officials, law enforcement professionals, students, and others who live and work in the City of Elmhurst.

This Annual Report contains current and updated information about the many services that we provide to the City of Elmhurst and our residents. The report also contains a current departmental organizational chart, a detailed description of each unit within the department, and information on specialized assignments and mutual aid participation. Also included is the statistical section summarizing important information and emerging trends that have been identified. In 2019, we experienced an 11% increase in UCR crime from 2018 rates though current totals are still below those recorded in 2017 and 2016. The level of service provided by the police department is measured by a combination of calls for service (9-1-1 calls) and officer-initiated incidents. The 2019 combined total service workload was 47,967 incidents, a decrease of 1.9% compared to the year prior. Though an increase in UCR crime was reported in 2019, a corresponding increase in solved criminal cases and charges filed by the Elmhurst Police Department was noted. Officers and Detectives resolved 29% more misdemeanor and felony cases with criminal charges in 2019 than in the previous year.

2019 was a year of professional development, marked by several supervisors attending the Executive Management Program and the 10-week Staff & Command Program at Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety. This prestigious training aligns with the department goals of exemplary leadership and ongoing professional development. In addition, we continue to emphasize our community policing initiatives with increased public contact and the use of new technology.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael R. Ruth".

Michael R. Ruth
Chief of Police



Executive Summary

In 2019, Part 1 crimes reported to the State of Illinois Uniform Crime Report (UCR) showed an overall increase compared to 2018. For perspective, in 2018 Elmhurst saw the lowest UCR crime total in over 15 years. Total UCR crimes increased from 463 incidents in 2018 to 517 incidents in 2019; however, the total number of UCR crimes reported was still below the totals seen in 2017 or 2016 and was below the average UCR crime total over the past ten years. As in the four prior years, Elmhurst saw no Homicides in 2019. Incremental increases were seen in the UCR crime categories of Sexual Assault, Robbery, Aggravated Assault/Battery, Burglary, Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft, and Arson. In line with increased crime reporting, 2019 also saw increases in criminal charges filed by the Department with 371 felony and 499 misdemeanor criminal charges issued last year compared with 319 felony and 354 misdemeanor charges filed in 2018. We saw a decrease of 1.9% under 2018 totals in police service workload indicators, made up of 9-1-1 calls and officer initiated activity. Department incident totals in 2019 numbered 47,967 compared to 48,905 incidents recorded the previous year.

In 2019, we continued to take a proactive role in implementing new technologies to solve and deter criminal activity while providing superior police service to our residents. The department continued to use the Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPR) to assist in the investigation of criminal activity. A significant expansion of the ALPR network was achieved in 2019, with 31 additional cameras installed at 13 locations strategically placed throughout the city. We continued to inform residents of the Video Sharing Partnership program that allows residents to register their home security cameras to provide assistance with investigation of criminal activity. This program was successful in identifying suspects and a vehicle used in a residential burglary last year. The Department successfully transitioned its computer-aided dispatch and records management systems to the countywide DuPage Justice Information System (DUJIS) in 2019. This system integrates crime data from police agencies across DuPage county to facilitate information sharing, increasing the effectiveness of law enforcement entities. The Department was also a founding member of the Metropolitan Emergency Response and Investigation Team (MERIT), a mutual aid association created to provide assistance to DuPage County law enforcement agencies when a community is affected by an emergency event requiring additional specially trained personnel. We continue to seek opportunities to build upon advances and expand our use of crime-fighting technology and partnerships.

Resident engagement and community partnership continued to be a priority for the police department in 2019. Our award-winning Neighborhood Roll Call program saw attendance by 1,025 residents at 36 different outdoor roll call locations. The Summer Mobile Patrol (SMP) continued last year with officers engaging residents while patrolling parks, trails and neighborhoods on bicycles and our electric side-by-side vehicle. We also conducted two Citizen's Police Academy sessions in 2019 to connect with residents and, in partnership with the Fire Department, held our first Public Safety Night at Berens Park.



LOOKING FORWARD . . .

Department goals for 2020:

- *Continue the Community-Based Policing model*
- *Improve communications via the department Facebook page and social media*
- *Integrate the Patrol Division into the automated license plate reader (ALPR) notification system to interdict criminal activity at City entry points*
- *Continue Neighborhood Roll Calls and Mobile Patrol in the summer months*
- *Expand efforts of the Traffic Safety Unit to reduce traffic crashes, increase traffic law compliance, and address neighborhood traffic concerns throughout the City*
- *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.*

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.





Mission Statement

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.

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.



RESPECT * COMPASSION * DEDICATION * INTEGRITY * COURAGE * EXCELLENCE

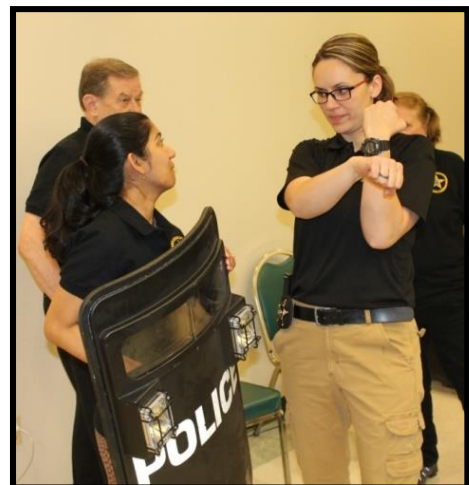


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Elmhurst Officers Serving the Community . . .





2019 ORGANIZATIONAL COMPONENT SUMMARIES



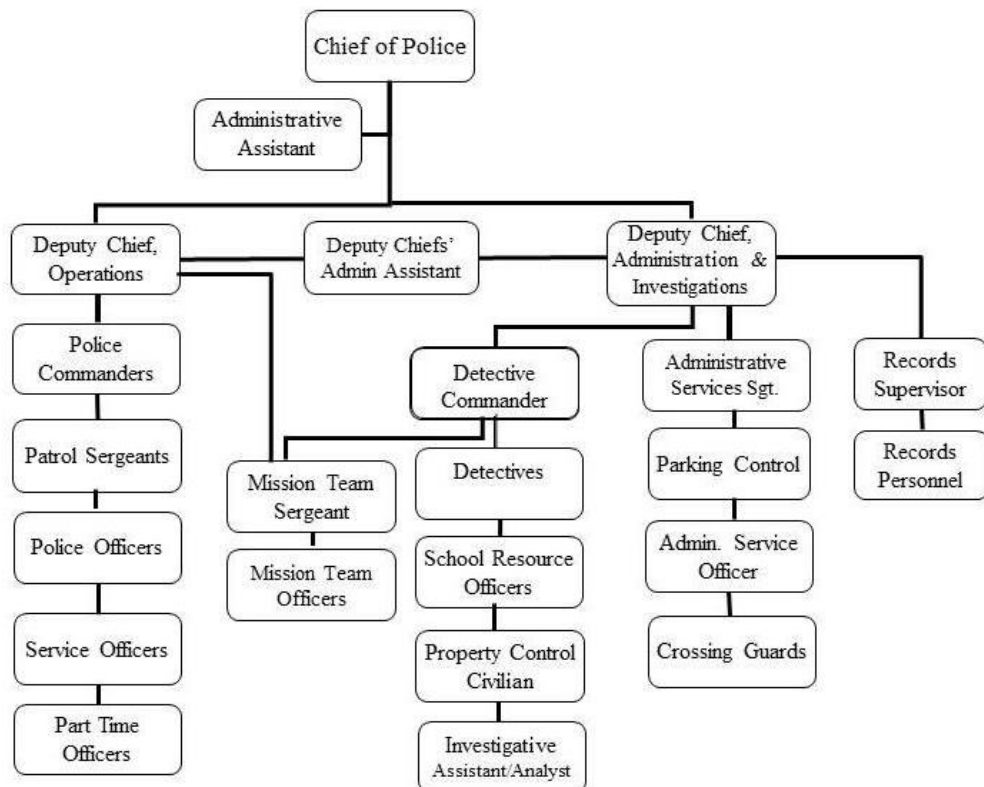
Office of the Chief

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 41 years of progressive law enforcement experience to our agency. **Deputy Chief Robert Tannehill**, who has served Elmhurst since 1994, led Police Operations in 2019, 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 and by Kerri Chambers as the Administrative Assistant to the Deputy Chiefs. Sergeant Steve Mandat served 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 Police Department. Patrol Officers are responsible for responding to calls for service from the public, both emergency and non-emergency. Patrol Officers are responsible for protecting life and property, enforcing the Illinois Criminal Code in addition to traffic laws and city ordinances, conducting preliminary investigations, and helping to maintain order and safety for all. They proactively address community concerns and handle special assignments as required.

In order to provide continuous, 24-hour police service, the Patrol Division is divided into three shifts, each under the supervision of a Watch Commander and a Sergeant. Traditional patrol units are supplemented with officers trained to perform specialized functions such as Evidence Technicians, Field Training Officers, a Canine (K-9) Officer, and a unit of Part-Time Police Officers.

In 2019, Elmhurst Patrol Officers responded to approximately 50,000 calls for service on everything from criminal incidents, traffic crashes and complaints, alarm activations, public disturbances, and a myriad of other types of events.





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.

In 2019, Investigators conducted 243 criminal investigations. Cases were assigned according to either a particular area of specialty or by on-call status. Investigators are subject to call-in 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; members of the division also work with outside agencies to assist on more serious or complex cases. Detectives Torza, Lafin, Kucera and Beltran are a part of the Metropolitan Emergency Response and Investigation Team (MERIT), which investigates Homicides in DuPage County by pooling resources for large-scale cases that require additional investigators. Elmhurst Detectives also assisted our Background Investigators in conducting background checks for city firefighter and police applications as well as applicants for liquor licenses, solicitor permits, and charitable games permits.

2019 Highlights:

Elmhurst Detectives, with assistance from the unit's Crime Analyst, solved several investigations that were cause for concern to the Elmhurst community. The year started with a woman being kidnapped and sexually assaulted in Gary, Indiana before being brought to Elmhurst. The offender then attempted to commit a robbery in Elmhurst with the kidnapped victim. The offender was taken into custody, and Detectives put together a timeline of events to successfully prosecute the subject both in Elmhurst and Gary, IN. The Elmhurst community also experienced a series of commercial burglaries to hair salons and medical offices. Detectives were able to develop suspects in these cases, ultimately leading to the arrest of one subject burglarizing hair salons and another targeting medical offices. Elmhurst also experienced "ruse" type burglaries targeting the elderly, and Detectives again were able to develop leads that culminated in the arrest of a subject involved. In December, an Elmhurst family fell victim to a residential burglary of numerous collector coins and the cremated remains of their young son. By working with coin dealers, our Detectives were able to develop, and ultimately charge, a suspect and recover the cremated remains of the family's young son before Christmas.

Vehicle Thefts and Vehicle Theft by Deception investigations increased in 2019, but detectives were able to solve several of these cases while educating local car dealerships on how to thwart them. One dealership lost several vehicles to a subject using false identification, but Detectives were eventually able to locate and return the vehicles and arrest the suspects involved. As other vehicle thefts from dealerships were investigated and evidence was sent out for analysis, several suspects were identified. Elmhurst Investigators provided training to dealership personnel to help them identify potential scams and false identification, which reduced the number of vehicles obtained by deception over the course of the year.



Background Investigators

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 Information-sensitive positions, persons or businesses requesting liquor licenses, businesses providing massage services, applicants for solicitor permits, and organizations requesting raffle permits. In 2019, a total of 155 background investigations were completed.

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.

School Resource Officers

School Resource Officers (SRO) are police detectives 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.



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. In 2019, this group was responsible for the arrest of several offenders and the recovery of over 2.1 million dollars of illicitly obtained funds, 75 Kilos of Cocaine, 80 Kilos of Heroin, and several weapons and vehicles.

Evidence Custodian

The Evidence Custodian is responsible for collecting and maintaining all property submitted into evidence. In 2019, there were 4,860 items of property collected as evidence or "found property." The evidence room contains more than 16,500 items of evidence. In 2019, 189 items of evidence were returned to identifiable owners, 381 items were transferred to the DuPage County or State Police Crime Labs for analysis and processing, 2,609 items were appropriately destroyed, 57 items were auctioned in accordance with applicable laws regarding disposal of found or relinquished property, and 1 item was donated to an approved not-for-profit organization. Over 2,000 in-car videos and other related video surveillances were sent to the DuPage County States Attorney's office to used for court prosecutions.

2019 Investigative Assignments	
Arson	3
Assault/Battery	10
Auto Theft	6
Burglary	31
Death Investigations	16
Financial Crimes	41
Missing Persons	8
Sex Crimes	20
Robbery	8
Theft	55
Other	26



Mission Team

The Mission Team is a plainclothes unit containing a sergeant and three officers assigned to target ongoing criminal activity. In 2019, the Mission Team conducted numerous narcotics investigations and provided assistance to Patrol and Investigations as well as to other agencies by sharing resources and information.

2019 Accomplishments:

- Conducted alcohol and tobacco compliance checks, citing numerous businesses for selling alcohol and tobacco products to minors.
- Conducted surveillances related to residential burglary suspects, retail thefts, and burglaries to motor vehicles.
- Conducted a "Heroin Highway" Interdiction Day to combat heroin use in DuPage County; approximately 60 police officers from 16 law enforcement agencies participated.

Mission Team officers attended a number of specialty training courses and conferences in 2019 including a Narcan Train-the-Trainer course, the annual Illinois Drug Enforcement Officers Association Conference, and the annual Midwest Gang Investigators Association Conference. In addition, Sgt. McCollum attended Northwestern University's 10-week School of Police Staff and Command as well as Train-the-Trainer courses on the new DuJIS Records Management System, Field Based Reporting, and Computer-Aided Dispatch programs. He also had training on Complex Coordinated Attacks and Dignitary Protection.

Officers Bruketta, Djukic, and Krupnik attended a combination of training, including Crisis Communication, Trauma Informed Response to Sexual Assault/Abuse, Conducting Effective Street Gang Investigations, Developing and Managing Confidential Informants, Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement, Concealed Compartments in Vehicles, Interviews & Interrogations, Complex Coordinated Attacks, Gang Enforcement Skills, and Basic Dignitary Protection.

In addition, both Officers Bruketta and Djukic became certified Juvenile Officers in 2019.

<u>2019 Mission Team Activity</u>		
Traffic Stops: 476	Felony Drug: 50	Arrest Warrants Served: 55
IVC Citations: 495	Felony Criminal: 33	Cannabis Recovered: 991.9 gms
Adjudication -Traffic Citations: 123	Felony Traffic: 5	Heroin Recovered: 41.1 gms
Warning Citations: 158	Misdemeanor Traffic: 99	Cocaine Recovered: 13.3 gms
City Ordinance – Cannabis: 91	Misdemeanor Drug: 41	Controlled Pills Recovered: 29
City Ord. – Drug Paraphernalia: 38	Misdemeanor Criminal: 35	Firearms Seized: 3
City Ordinance – Liquor: 12	Administrative Tows: 56	Currency Seized: \$859.36
City Ordinance – Other: 29	Forfeiture Tows: 15	



Part-Time Police Unit

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



Part-time officers provide assistance at most of the special events offered in Elmhurst throughout the year including parades, Rock the Block, and the Dan Gibbons Turkey Trot as well as the many organized walks, runs and biking events hosted by the City. Part-Time Officers assist at home football games for York and I.C., and help with graduation day traffic control for both high schools and Elmhurst College. Part-time officers also assist Patrol with arrests, traffic crashes, transporting prisoners, special watches, and patrolling our parks, the City Centre and parking decks, especially in the summer months.

Part-time officers are permitted to work up to 999 hours per year; usually one or two part-time officers work the afternoon shift from 6:00 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 the Day shift when full-time staffing is at minimum levels. In 2019, we had 10 part-time officers serving Elmhurst.





Administrative Services/Records

The Police Department handled a total 47,967 calls last year

- Reports taken – 3,436
- Traffic tickets issued – 7,899
- Warning tickets issued – 5,320
- Combined total – 13,219
- Parking tickets issued – 11,528
- DUI arrests – 207



2019 Accomplishments:

The Records department underwent an audit by the FBI Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division in July 2019. CJIS mandates an audit of each agency every three years. The Elmhurst Police Records Department was found to be in full compliance with LEADS/NCIC rules, regulations, and policies as pertaining to the security of criminal justice information.

The Elmhurst Police Department continues to participate in the DuPage Integrated Justice Information System (DuJIS) project, which is a new DuPage County records management system that is compliant with the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). NIBRS was developed by the FBI to improve statistical reporting and analysis in the law enforcement community. Included in the project are the DuPage County Sheriff's Office, State's Attorney's Office, Circuit Clerk's Office, Probation Department, Forest Preserve District Police, as well as 17 Fire Protection Districts and 31 municipalities. This is a county-wide project that replaced ETSB's Computer-Aided Dispatch Mobile Client and each department's field-based reporting and records management systems. The new system was rolled out in June 2019, and we continue to work with the County to improve the capabilities of the program.

The Elmhurst Police Department currently reports Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) to the State and plans to report NIBRS crime reporting to the FBI by January 2021.

We accomplished automation of our juvenile expungement process for eligible juvenile records from 2013 to 2015 in accordance with a State of Illinois mandate. We are working backward to expunge records going back to the year 2000.

In 2019, Records received approval from the Secretary of State's Office to destroy records in accordance with the Local Records Act to free up storage space. We destroyed old papers records and transferred reports onto disk. In addition, we are transferring microfilm to disk for a safer means of backing up files. Records lost a clerk to retirement this year with 30+ years of experience, and a new temporary employee was hired to take over her responsibilities until the position is filled.

Going forward, we are preparing for the new cannabis law changes starting in 2020.



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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The Elmhurst Police Department conducted 81 administrative internal affairs investigations of which 68 were initiated internally and 13 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, 4 of them were sustained.

Elmhurst officers handled approximately 48,000 incidents last year involving citizen contact, traffic violations, and individuals involved in criminal activity. Of those 48,000 incidents, only .0002% of contacts resulted in a citizen complaint. Officers needed to use force to effect an arrest only .00029% of the time, and all of those incidents were found to be within department policy. Elmhurst Officers also conducted approximately 11,000 traffic stops with only 5 reported incidents of vehicle pursuit in cases where 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. This year, the Elmhurst Crisis Negotiators attended the annual Illinois Crisis Negotiator Association conference held in East Moline in April of 2019. Several members of the team were also able to attend a conference/competition in Burlington, Iowa, in September of 2019. 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

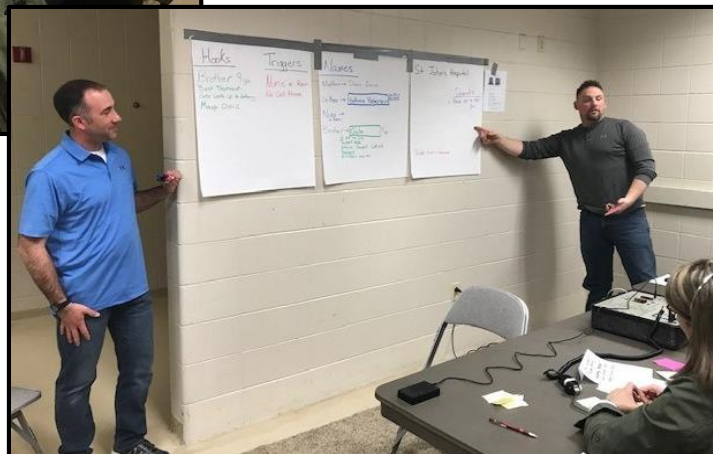
Sgt. Anthony Cuzzone

Detective Ken Lafin

Officer Dan Corrigan

Officer Dorian Jarrette

Officer Joan Velez





Evidence Unit

Evidence Technicians are officers who are specially trained to 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.



The Evidence Unit participated in multiple Community Engagement events such as Science Olympiads at Elmhurst Schools, Evidence & Crime Scene presentations for the Citizen's Police Academy classes, and presentations to scouting programs and community groups.

2019 Highlights from the Evidence Unit:

- ETs located fingerprints on a screen at a residential burglary, enabling them to identify a suspect who was ultimately arrested.
- ETs located blood drops at a commercial burglary of a car dealership where a vehicle was stolen. The blood was sent out for a DNA search that identified a suspect who was arrested for the crime.
- ETs were able to develop tool mark impressions on several forced entry office burglaries. A suspect was identified, and a search warrant obtained on the suspect's home and vehicle yielded several tools—including a screw driver that matched up to the tool mark impression—which was evidence that aided in the conviction of the suspect for Burglary.
- ETs recovered two fingerprints on an Attempted Burglary call that matched a suspect who had fled from officers after attempting to force entry into Elmhurst homes. ETs also recovered evidence linking the same suspect to a stolen vehicle that he had abandoned in the area of the attempted burglaries. The suspect was caught and arrested.



Training highlights from 2019 included workshops on Arson Investigation and Developing Latent Prints and Footwear Impressions; a 3-day workshop on Bullet Trajectory Reconstruction; a 3-day Crime Scene Investigation class; and a 3-day training seminar through the Illinois division of the International Association for Identification.



Honor Guard

The Elmhurst Police Honor Guard unit proudly represents both the City and the Police Department at city-sponsored events and parades, ceremonies, and other special public events. The Honor Guard is a noble symbol demonstrating respect for the proud culture of service valued by the Police Department. Our Honor Guard plays an important role in difficult times by lending a sense of dignity and respect to solemn occasions. The Elmhurst Police Honor Guard was proud to have assisted in 2019 at the wake for Elmhurst City Clerk Patricia Spencer as well as for an officer from the Downer's Grove Police Department.



Elmhurst Honor Guard Members

Commander Brett Kaczorowski
Sergeant Matt Himpelmann
Detective Victor Almaguer
Officer Mike Hamblin
Officer Chris Horner
Officer Dontae Hickenbottom

Officer Tim Jorgensen
Officer Jason Litton
Officer Philip Southworth
Officer Victor Valdez
Officer Joan Velez
Officer Tim Westering



The Illinois Chiefs of Police Association selected the Elmhurst Police Honor Guard to present the colors for the opening ceremonies of their annual conference in Oak Brook this year. The Elmhurst Police Honor Guard also assisted at the American Legion Military Ball, the 9/11 Ceremony, the annual Elmhurst Memorial Day Parade, Veteran's Day Ceremony, Special Olympics, and swearing in of new council members. The Honor Guard was also excited to be invited back by the Chicago Bears to present the colors on-field at the start of the Chicago Bears vs. New York Giants game.



K9 Unit

With deep sadness, the Elmhurst Police announced the passing of Police Canine, "Diesel," to cancer on April 17, 2019. Diesel was a 10 year-old Belgian Malinois who was dual-purpose trained for tracking and passive alert to the presence of drugs.

Diesel had served the department since June of 2010 with Officer Tony Poli as his handler. He will be remembered for the dedication and honorable service he provided, not only to Officer Poli, but to the Police Department and the Elmhurst community.



Being committed to the K-9 program, over the summer the Department began the process of obtaining a new canine. The program was opened up to new applicants within the Department, and Officer Brandt Cappitelli was ultimately selected to be the new canine handler. Our new canine, "Ozy," a 2 year-old German Shepherd, was welcomed to the Department in October of 2019.



Ozy arrived in time to join Officer Cappitelli for the K-9 Unit presentation at the fall session of our Citizen's Police Academy class.

Ozy has already begun his patrol duties and is being utilized for both tracking and narcotics detection. We are confident that with hard work and dedication, Officer Cappitelli and Ozy will continue our long history of excellence in Elmhurst Police K-9 Units.



Summer Mobile Patrol

The Summer Mobile Patrol is comprised of the Bicycle Unit and the Side-by-Side Vehicle Patrol. This unit is active from May through October and provides access to areas less accessible by squad car such as the City Centre, parks, and the prairie path.

In 2019, the Bicycle Unit included 15 officers using 5 police bicycles. In the warmer months when manpower and weather permitted, bicycle officers were utilized in conjunction with daily patrol assignments. The Bicycle Unit places officers in areas of the community with high pedestrian and bicycle traffic, allowing for both a greater police presence and more personal interaction with citizens. In addition to neighborhood patrols, the unit also covers many special events over the summer months including parades, Rock the Block, and the Cycling Classic Bike Race. The SMP/Bicycle unit also participated in the Hawthorne Elementary Bike to School event, the Kite Fest event at Berens Park, and the Mariano's "Stuff the Squad" food pantry event.

A special detail of the Summer Mobile Patrol, designed for both community outreach and crime prevention purposes, was conducted via high visibility patrols in the City Centre, parks, prairie path, and other areas as needed. Bicycle officers, in conjunction with the additional 4 officers who operate the SMP Police Utility Vehicle, patrolled these areas, met with citizens, and provided promotional items to the general public. This detail logged over 165 hours of patrol time during the summer months.





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 continued to participate in the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) STEP grant program in 2019.

STEP is a traffic enforcement grant from the IDOT Division of Traffic Safety. The grant provides funds for officers to work overtime details during the overnight hours to enforce laws related to impaired and 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 over holiday periods. The department obtained federal funds from IDOT to perform these extra patrols for DUI and seatbelt violations during eight holiday campaign periods throughout the year.



EACH HOLIDAY PERIOD CONSISTED OF A 1-2 WEEK BLOCK

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

The Department was also awarded additional grant funding for extra DUI patrols and DUI roadside safety checks. The patrols were scheduled overnight, between 9 PM and 3 AM, 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.

The department received additional funding to conduct extra patrols in April of 2019 to enforce cell phone and distracted driving violations, which coincided with National Distracted Driving Awareness month.

The total arrests/citations from additional, grant-funded patrols were as follows:

61 DUI Arrests	83 Drug arrests
781 Seatbelt and Child Restraint Violations	156 Speeding Citations
255 Distracted Driving Citations	



Officer Training

Field Training Program

Field Training is a 22-week program completed by new police recruits following their initial 14-week police academy training.

In 2019, the Elmhurst Field Training Program was run by three Field Training Supervisors, ten Field Training Officers (FTOs), one Field Training Service Officer, and two Part-Time Officer FTOs. Each training officer has received 40-hours of FTO training to prepare them as an effective teacher and mentor for the new recruits. FTOs learn how to properly document performance and assist new recruits during the acclimation process of becoming a police officer. During Field Training, each recruit works with several different FTOs, allowing them to learn different skills they will need as an Elmhurst officer.

2019 Field Training Supervisors:

Commander Jim Gandy
Sergeant Matt McCollum
Sergeant Steve Mandat

2019 Part-time Field Training Officers:

PT Officer Supervisor Al Ortiz

2019 Field Training Service Officers:

SO Brian Fiorini
SO Lynncherie Howell
SO Angela Spanroff

2019 Field Training Officers:

Ofc. Dan Bishop
Ofc. Brandt Cappitelli
Ofc. Dan Djukic
Ofc. Mike Hamblin
Ofc. Carl Hawkins
Ofc. Dorian Jarrette
Ofc. Alex Kefaloukos
Ofc. Jason Krueger
Ofc. John Pacewic
Ofc. Joan Velez
Ofc. Tim Westering

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 2019, five new full-time officers were hired, three of whom have already completed their police academy and field training programs and have graduated to solo-patrol. One has almost finished his field training program, and one, hired at the end of 2019, has just begun Police Academy. In addition, two new part-time officers were also hired, both of whom came in with a significant amount of previous experience and training, making them eligible for immediate assignment to the Elmhurst Police Field Training Program.



Firearms Training

The Elmhurst Police Department 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 four firearms instructors, each holding the position of Rangemaster. Our training program is distinguished among law enforcement agencies in that each of our officers trains with their duty pistol on a monthly basis 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 utilized a new computer simulator for training in Use of Force decision-making. The simulator has laser training weapons that allow officers to react to a variety of scenarios that they might encounter on patrol through interaction with a video screen.

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 receive specific twice a year rifle training at the St. Charles Rifle Range, an outdoor facility that affords officers the opportunity to engage targets at distances up to 100 yards.

In December, Officer Scislowicz was selected to join the Firearms Training Unit as an instructor. Officer Scislowicz brings several years of SWAT experience to the unit; he will begin his instructor training in 2020.

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

Range Supervisor

Sergeant Matthew Himpelmann

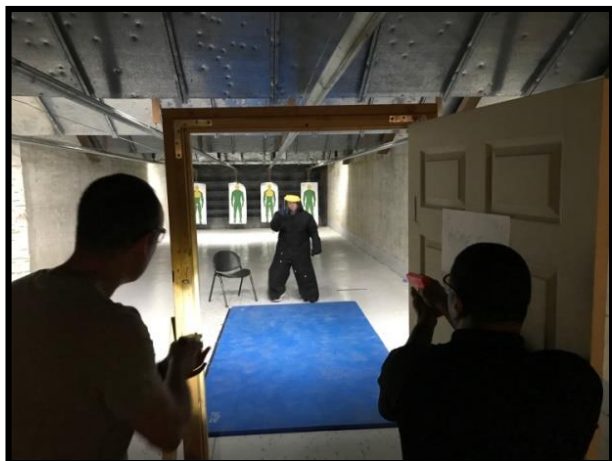
Firearms Instructors

Officer Dan Bishop

Officer Tom Cronin

Officer Dontae Hickenbottom

Officer Marcin Scislowicz





Outside Training

In 2019, members of the Elmhurst Police Department received a total of 9,543 hours of training related to topics including Civil Rights, Constitutional and Proper Use of Law Enforcement Authority, Cultural Competency, Procedural Justice, Human Rights, Use of Force, Homicide Investigation, Mental Health Awareness, Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, and Legal Updates.

Additional specialized training that took place in 2019 included:

- Mission Team plainclothes officers attended a 3-day Illinois Drug Enforcement Officers training conference.
- Elmhurst Crisis Negotiators participated in a SWAT/Crisis Negotiation training for the Felony Investigative Assistance Team (FIAT). The event included scenario training at an abandoned building in Lisle. We currently have 3 Elmhurst officers in this elite, multi-jurisdictional response agency, one on the SWAT team and two in the Crisis Negotiator Unit.
- Our School Resource Officers attended a week-long Emergency Threat Instructor training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Georgia. This intensive training curriculum included tactical subject matter on individual and multiple officer response to an active threat situation.
- Elmhurst DRE Officers Beltran and Kefaloukos attended the Drugs, Alcohol & Impaired Driving (DAID) Conference—the largest training conference for Drug Recognition Experts (DREs)—which provides law enforcement officers, physicians, toxicologists, prosecutors, and other traffic safety professionals with a forum in which to share information, countermeasures, and best practices for reducing drug- and alcohol-impaired driving.
- Our Investigations Unit attended a 3-day training conference of the Illinois Homicide Investigators Association. Elmhurst Detectives took advantage of a photo op with former Chicago Bears Defensive Lineman Dan “Danimal” Hampton.





In-Service Training

The Police Department held quarterly In-Service training events in 2019 on the following topics:

- Use of Force decision-making
- Defensive Tactics
- CPR/First Aid/HAZMAT
- Sex Assault Response
- Taser Certification

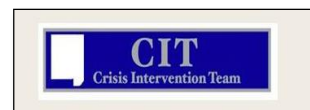


In addition, monthly Roll-Call training was held on various department policies concerning Missing Persons, Domestic Violence, Vehicle Pursuits, Mental Illness Commitments, Digital Evidence Collection, Squad Car Camera Use, Patrol Tactical Equipment, Social Media, and Bomb Calls.

Other 2019 training accomplishments included:

- Officer Carney completed an extensive 112-hour training program to become the Department’s third Drug Recognition Expert (DRE);
- Detective Torza and Officers Krueger and Marino all completed programs for specialty Defensive Tactics Instructors;
- Officer Scislowicz and SRO Waldenmeyer completed training as Rapid Response Instructors;
- Sergeant Himpelmann, Detective Torza, and Officers Hickenbottom and Scislowicz completed the required training to be Taser Instructors.

DuPage Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) Association



Mental health and behavioral health crises sometimes result in 911 calls for assistance. Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Officers have received additional, focused training on mental health and behavioral health issues specifically as they pertain to law enforcement officers—including de-escalation techniques. Officers learn firsthand from behavioral health specialists as well as individuals with mental illnesses and their family members. Though training cannot prevent all crisis situations from escalating, CIT officers are available to act as a resource on calls involving persons in a mental health crisis and provide immediate aid in potentially dangerous situations.

In 2019, Officers Hedstrom, Doneske, Krueger, Litton and Westering attended the 40-hour, state-certified CIT course and were certified as Crisis Intervention Team officers. Looking forward to 2020, we hope to send additional, qualified officers to receive CIT training to assist in responding to mental and behavioral health crises while serving the City of Elmhurst.



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 2019, the Elmhurst Police Department requested ILEAS assistance for one incident in January. 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. In August of 2019, Commander Gandy served as a planning section Chief during the BMW Classic Golf Tournament held in DuPage County.

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.



Metropolitan Emergency Response & Investigations Team (MERIT)

In August of 2019, DuPage County unveiled a new county-wide Law Enforcement major crimes taskforce to consolidate efforts and resources for the mutual benefit of every community in DuPage County. MERIT was created to provide a single, highly-skilled, collaborative response to major crimes and incidents. The former DuPage County Major Crimes Task Force (MCTF) and Felony Investigative Assistance Team (FIAT) were merged to form the MERIT organization.



Operational components include SWAT Response, Crisis Negotiation, Major Crash Reconstruction, K-9 Response, Planned Events, Major Crimes Investigation, Crime Scene Investigation, Computer Forensics, Intelligence, and Incident Management Assistance. Elmhurst Investigations were involved in several MERIT call-outs already for 2019. Elmhurst Detectives Kucera and Lafin are assigned to MERIT Major Crimes Team, Detective Torza is assigned to Computer Forensics, Officer Hamblin is on the SWAT Team, Sergeant Cuzzone and Officer Corrigan are members of the Crisis Negotiation Team, Commander Gandy is a member of the Incident Management Team, and Officer Cappitelli and K9 Ozy are on the K9 Response Team.



Felony Investigative Assistance Team (FIAT)

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





Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS)



The Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS) covers over 90 communities and offers two units—a special tactical squad known as the **Emergency Services Team (EST)** and a crowd-control team known as the **Mobile Field Force (MFF)**. Elmhurst Officer Marcin Scislowicz serves on the NIPAS EST team and Officer Art Ciszewski served on the NIPAS MFF. Both teams had numerous training dates and requests for service in 2019 from multiple member agencies throughout the Chicagoland area.

NIPAS EST is a full service SWAT team with capability of handling both small and large scale incidents. Such incidents might include high risk search/arrest warrants, hostage rescues, armed/barricaded mental subjects, area searches, fugitive apprehension, and/or dignitary protection. In addition, the unit responds to special events like the Chicago Marathon or assists statewide with natural disasters like the flooding in Southern Illinois. NIPAS EST also provides security and intelligence support to the NIPAS Mobil Field Force during large-scale crowd control incidents.

The team fields four armored vehicles, an equipment truck, and three rapid response pickups, each capable of self-sustaining an incident for approximately 8 SWAT operators. In addition, the team has a Mobile Command Post and a WMD air truck for possible chemical threats, which allows officers wearing fully encapsulated, chemical resistant suits and SCBA's to respond to incidents involving industrial chemicals, WMDs, or Meth labs.

The Emergency Service Team has 71 member agencies and serves an area covering parts of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake and McHenry counties. NIPAS EST responded to 39 activations for service in calendar year 2019.





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 along with 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 inherent challenges of being forced to make split-second decisions. 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).



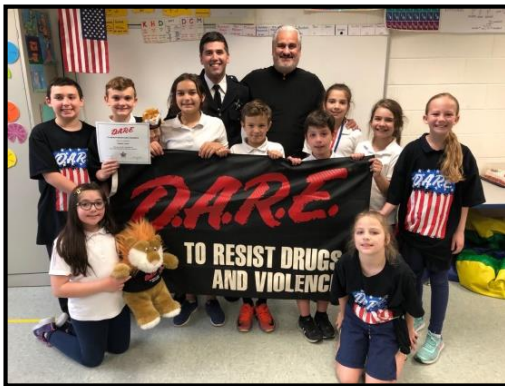
The Citizen's Police Academy is one of our most popular programs with the community. Brett Kaczorowski oversees the Academy with assistance provided by Administrative Assistant Jami Carrington. The Citizen's Police Academy fosters better understanding between Elmhurst officers and the community they serve.





D.A.R.E

The Elmhurst Police Department's Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program (DARE) was started in 1987; in 2019, 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 2019, 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 Bruketta 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 continues to excel each year. In 2019, the post welcomed over 10 new members, bringing the total to over 20 current members. The Explorer Post consists of males and females between the ages of 14 to 21 who are interested in careers in Law Enforcement or Criminal Justice.

The Explorers place an emphasis on youth leadership and responsibility. Members can apply for and earn positions within the post such as Captain, Lieutenant, Sergeant, and Corporal. Youth are tasked with planning and coordinating events, which teaches them fundamental leadership skills and responsibility.

In 2019, the Elmhurst Police Explorers attended and excelled at the State Competition in Bloomington. The Explorers also volunteered at a significant number of events this year for the City of Elmhurst, assisting with traffic/road closures and providing extra hands at City-sponsored special events including the Memorial Day Parade, Elmhurst College Graduation, Four on the 4th run, the Jaycee's Carnival, Park-a-palooza, Public Safety Night at Berens Park, YMCA Healthy Kids Day, Rock the Block and the Turkey Trot. Additionally, the Police Explorers assisted our Investigations division with local business compliance checks on alcohol and tobacco sales.

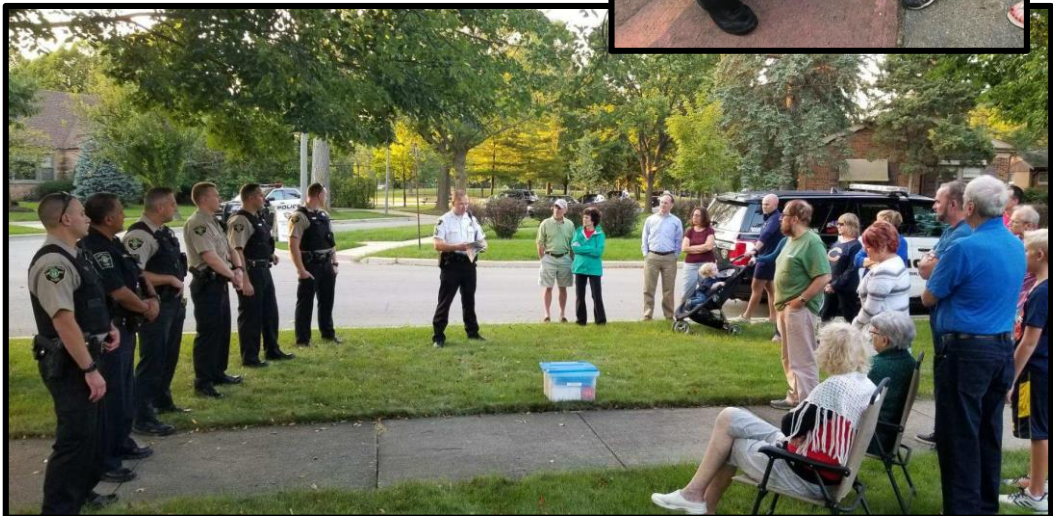
We are proud that current and former Elmhurst Police Explorers have been hired by various Law Enforcement agencies including the Federal Bureau of Investigations, the Illinois State Police, the Plainfield Police Department, and the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Department in Florida. The Elmhurst Police Explorers redesigned their website in 2019; it can be found at www.ElmhurstPoliceExplorers.com.





Neighborhood Roll Call

The award-winning Neighborhood Roll Call program continued in 2019 at locations around the city that included all neighborhoods and wards. Both business owners and residents were able to meet with the police officers who patrol their neighborhoods to address any concerns and to learn about current crime trends and happenings around Elmhurst. This was the sixth year for this community outreach program, which saw a total of 1025 attendees in 36 locations this year.





Peer Jury

The Elmhurst Peer Jury program began back in 2005 and is currently coordinated by School Resource Officer Waldenmeyer and Juvenile Officer Hawkins. This program provides juvenile offenders with the option of having their misdemeanor or status cases heard by a jury of their peers instead of going through the juvenile court system. The offenders are "sentenced" by the Peer Jury to various forms of restitution depending on the type of offense. Sentences might include 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 to understand the consequences of their actions and accept responsibility for them.

In 2019, the Peer Jury program heard 15 new cases and 15 return cases. The Peer Jury program welcomed several new jurors from area high schools. There are currently 20 Peer Jurors who participate in the program. Looking forward into 2020, the Peer Jury program plans to hold a training class for all Peer Jurors. In addition, the peer jurors will be able to attend presentations by a representative from our City Prosecutor's office and by a DuPage County Judge. The program will continue to seek juvenile cases to build upon the restorative justice model.



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 as well as a holiday luncheon at the police station.





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 2019, there were 451 administrative tows. There were 1619 compliance citations written.

Alive at 25

Alive at 25 is a National Safety Council Traffic Safety class taught by Elmhurst Police Commander Jim Gandy, Sergeant Matt McCollum, and Officer Tim Westering. The goal of the class is to help residents in the 16-24 year-old age bracket learn to be better decision-makers while driving. By providing participants with a better understanding of certain traffic laws and the reason behind them, we hope to encourage compliance with the laws, making the roads safer for everyone.

The Alive at 25 Program is utilized by the City Prosecutor as a diversionary program for young traffic violators in an effort to educate them to be safer drivers. In 2019, the Elmhurst Police held five sessions of the program for 47 students.



**BASSET****Beverage Alcohol Sellers and Servers Training**

BASSET is a State of Illinois training program run by the Illinois Liquor Commission for servers and/or sellers of alcoholic beverages. The program is intended to educate sellers and servers about the effects of alcohol and drug abuse. BASSET teaches participants to identify signs of intoxication while providing intervention techniques in an effort to reduce both underage alcohol consumption and/or purchase as well as DUI arrests. In 2019, the Elmhurst Police Department conducted 17 BASSET sessions for 298 servers.

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.

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 2019, there were 3 take-back events held, yielding a combined total of 243 lbs. of drugs collected for destruction. In addition, the Police Department lobby collection box saw 590 lbs. of drugs collected in 2019, for a combined total collection this year of 833 lbs.





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 2019, the Elmhurst Police Department conducted 75 Community Presentations on topics from Identity Theft to Crimes Against Seniors as well as general Crime Prevention and Residential Burglary Prevention tips. Officers also regularly attend neighborhood block parties in the summer months to interact with residents while providing squad tours and handing 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, Park-a-Palooza, Immaculate Conception Block Party, Knights of Columbus Car Show, Jaycee's Carnival, Park District Touch a Truck, Fire Department Open House, Elmhurst Farmer's Market, the Craft Beer Fest, Rock the Block, Elmhurst School District Science Olympiad, York High School Activity/Career Fair, Family Fall Fest, Immanuel Lutheran Trunk or Treat, Boo-tiful Saturday, Hometown Holiday Event and many more.

This year, the Elmhurst Police also took a proactive approach to workplace and school violence by providing over a dozen presentations to local businesses, churches, and school administrators on safe response and lock down procedures. In an effort to make our neighborhoods safer against potential criminals, Officers completed premises checks and home walk-throughs at the request of homeowners.





Presentations and Station Tours

Throughout the year, 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, school, and church groups. Pictured below are just a few of the presentations and tours given by the Elmhurst Police in 2019.





Cop on Top

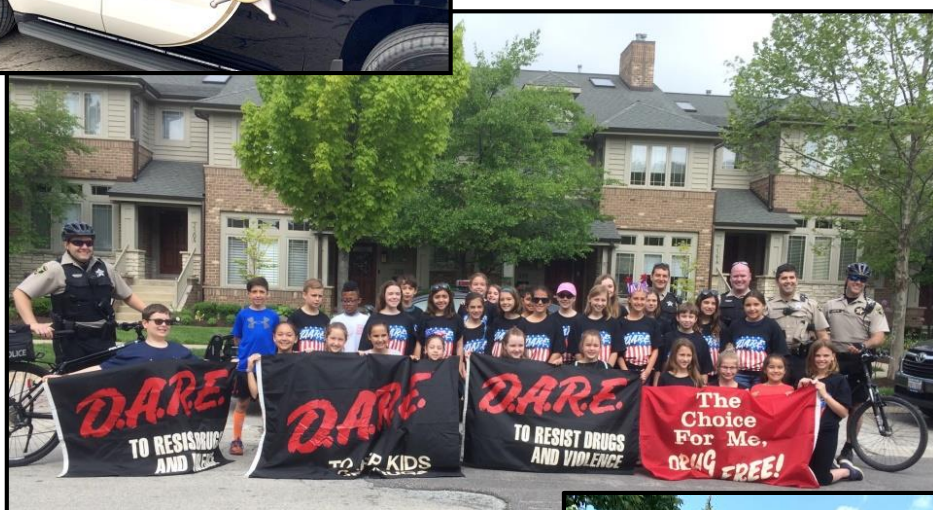
On Friday, May 17th, the Elmhurst Police Department participated in the annual "Cop on Top" fundraiser for Special Olympics Illinois. The one-day fundraiser was held at two Elmhurst Dunkin' Donuts locations—936 N York and 195 E Butterfield—from 5:00 AM until 12:00 PM. Elmhurst Officers and members of the Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association were on hand at both locations to collect donations from customers and sell Torch Run merchandise (t-shirts, hats, and pins) to raise additional funds for Special Olympics. With the help of our volunteers, our two locations raised over \$8,000 for Illinois Special Olympics!





Parades

From the St. Patrick's Day Parade to the July 4th 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.





Community Assistance

Elmhurst officers, with assistance from our Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association, helped out last August with Mariano's/United Community Concerns "Stuff the Squad" food drive. Donated food was loaded into a parade of police and civilian vehicles for transport to the Elmhurst Food Pantry for distribution.





Torch Run

On Sunday, June 2, members of the Elmhurst Police Department participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois. EPD participants, along with law enforcement officials from agencies throughout DuPage County, ran from the York & St. Charles intersection to Elmhurst City Hall, located at York & Third.



Cops n' Bobbers Fishing Tournament

On Sunday, June 9th, the Elmhurst Police Benevolent Athletic Association (EPBAA) sponsored the third annual Cops-n-Bobbers kids fishing derby in conjunction with Elmhurst Park District Adventure Days at Eldridge Park. Fishing was open to everyone, but only kids under 14 were eligible for prizes. 109 youngsters registered for the derby and were assisted by police department volunteers.





Safety Presentations

Throughout the year, the Elmhurst Police give a number of presentations on different safety topics—to local businesses concerned with employee safety, to parents of high school students concerned about drug awareness, from young children at Safety Town, to a Defensive Tactics class taught through the Elmhurst Park District.



Public Safety Night

August 6, 2019 marked the first Elmhurst Public Safety Night Out collaboration between the Elmhurst Police and Fire Departments and the Elmhurst Park District. The Police Department hosted activities including an evidence collection station, where residents were able to dust for fingerprints just like at a crime scene, tours of the Mobile Command Unit and a squad car, and a SWAT station with police SWAT gear and tools on display. Approximately 200 attended the event.





Halloween in Elmhurst

Halloween events in Elmhurst include the Park District Family Fall Fest on October 12th, Boo-tiful Saturday in the City Centre on the 26th, and the actual Halloween holiday on the 31st. Elmhurst officers were out "in force" for all three events, patrolling the area and passing out candy and badge stickers to happy Trick-or-Treaters who braved the unseasonable weather this year!





Thanksgiving Feast Deliveries

Members of the police department teamed up again this year to assist the Elmhurst Elks in packaging meals for their annual Thanksgiving dinner delivery to local food pantries. After spending the morning at the Elks' Lodge packing holiday meals for those in need, the group loaded up their squad cars and delivered the baskets to area food pantries for distribution in time for the Thanksgiving holiday.



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 8,500 participants.





Elmhurst Holiday Events

Shop with a Cop

On Saturday December 7th, Elmhurst Officers participated in the 33rd annual "Shop with a Cop" event hosted by the DuPage County Sheriff's Department. Thanks to donations from the Elmhurst community, officers volunteered their time to take seven deserving children to this holiday event. The kids received a special breakfast followed by games, activities, and a visit with Santa at the Glen Ellyn Ackerman Center. Afterward, a convoy of police vehicles traveled to the Bloomingdale Meijer store where each child was provided with funds to buy holiday gifts for family members.



Toys for Tots Collection

The Police Department once again conducted a Toys for Tots collection in the lobby over the holiday season to brighten the holidays of local families in need.

Wilder Park Tree Lighting

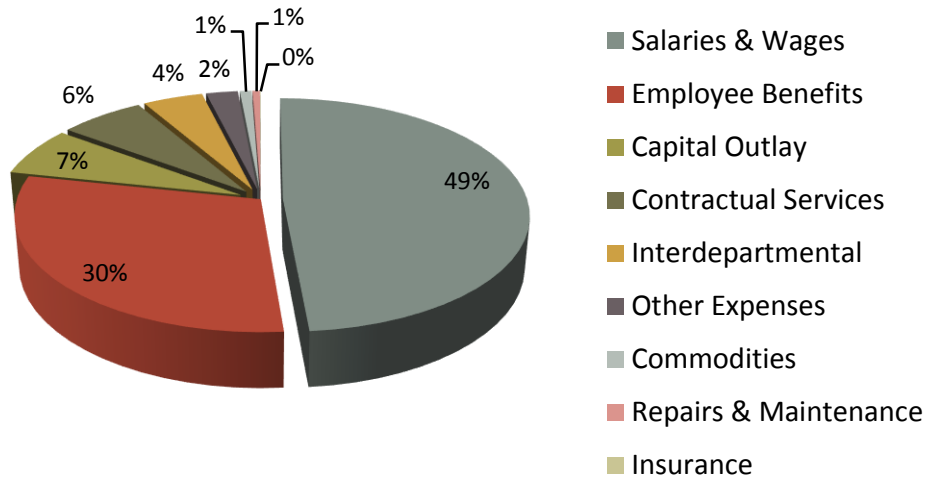
The Elmhurst Police participated in the Park District Tree Lighting event at Wilder Park and even provided transportation to Santa Claus in the form of a festively lit squad car!





2019 Budget Analysis

Budget Breakdown



BUDGET CATEGORY	BUDGET AMOUNT
Salaries & Wages	\$9,644,200
Employee Benefits	\$5,955,000
Capital Outlay	\$1,852,000
Contractual Services	\$1,338,200
Interdepartmental	\$980,900
Other Expenses	\$438,800
Commodities	\$157,500
Repairs & Maintenance	\$107,000
Insurance	\$7,400
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$20,481,000



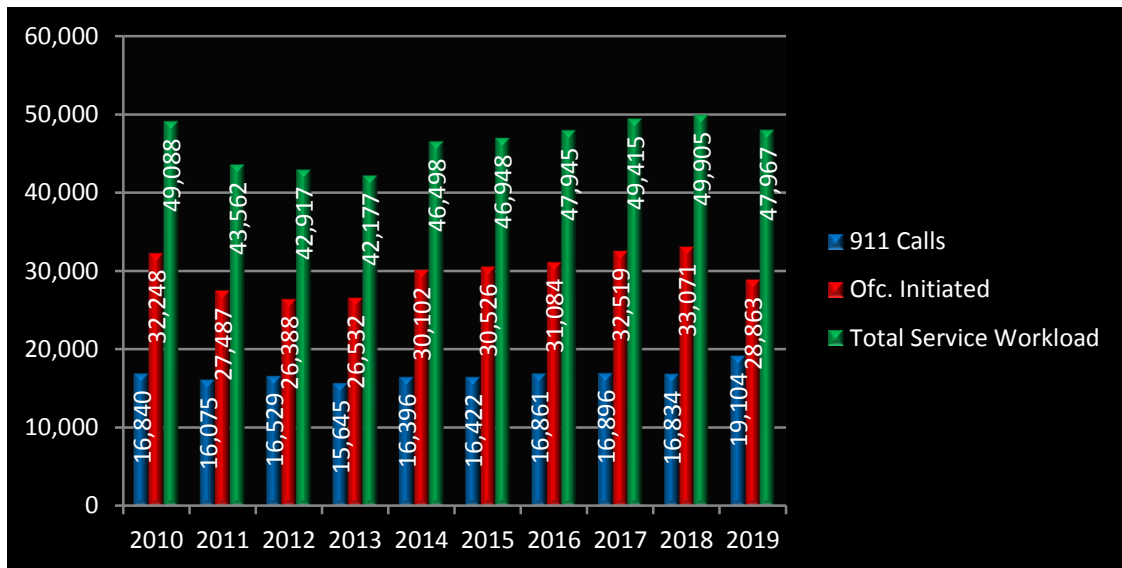
2019 Statistical Summary

CRIMINAL INCIDENTS

FBI Defined Uniform Crime Report Summary

Criminal Incidents	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Rape	13	5	2	1	3	8	2	5	0
Robbery	11	9	9	9	4	6	4	17	5
Aggravated Assault/Battery	12	8	22	16	6	3	6	10	9
Burglary	71	63	56	68	64	63	57	113	100
Theft	390	368	473	452	412	438	474	452	498
Theft of Motor Vehicle	17	10	23	16	10	5	22	24	27
Arson	3	0	1	0	1	3	1	2	3
Total	517	463	586	562	500	529	566	623	642

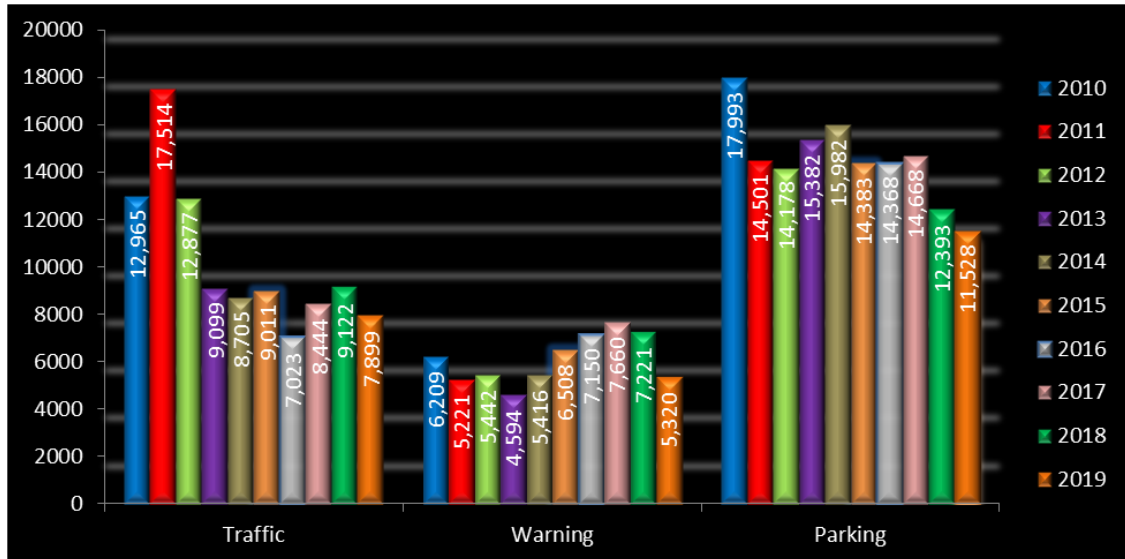
SERVICE WORKLOAD



2019 shows a 3.88 % decrease in total service workload compared to 2018. There was an increase of 2,270 in 9-1-1 calls and a decrease of 4,208 in self-initiated calls in 2019 compared to 2018.

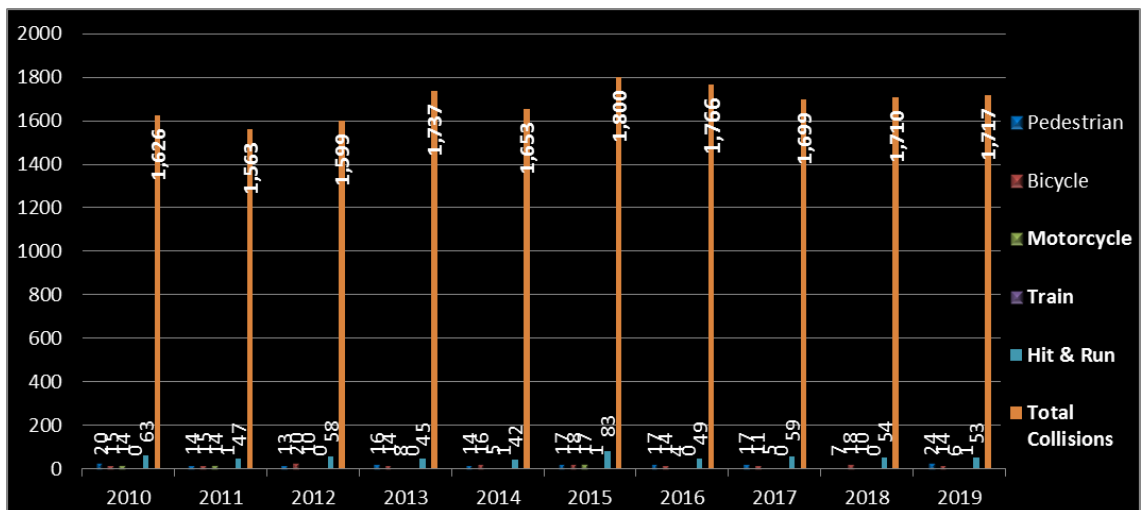


CITATIONS

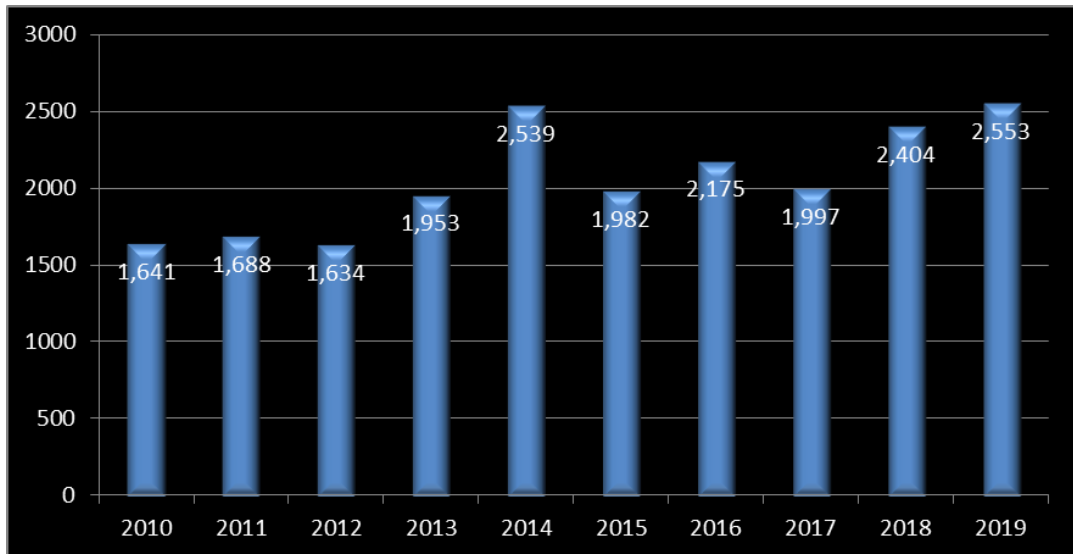


In 2019, the number of traffic citations issued decreased 13.41% compared to 2018. The number of warning tickets issued decreased 26.33% and the number of parking tickets issued decreased 37.86 % compared to 2018.

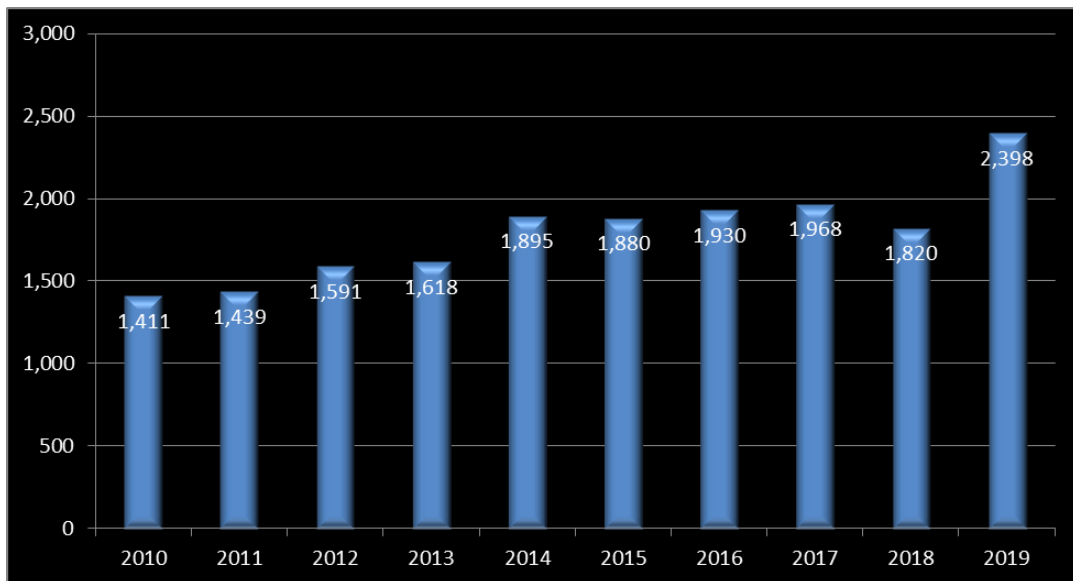
TRAFFIC COLLISIONS



In 2019, the number of pedestrians involved in motor vehicle crashes increased compared to 2018. The number of bicycles involved in motor vehicle crashes decreased 22.22%, and crashes involving motorcycles decreased from 10 to 6 in 2019. One crash involving a train was reported in 2019. The number of Hit & Run crashes decreased 1.85% in 2019 compared to 2018. The total number of traffic collisions in 2019 increased by 7 crashes from 2018.

**ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES**

In 2019, there was an increase of 149 (6.2%) Calls to Assist compared to 2018.

ALARM CALLS

In 2019, there was an increase of 578 (31.76%) Burglar and Hold Up alarm calls compared to 2018.



Reported Criminal Offenses - 7 Year Comparison Study

	<u>2019</u> <u>Offense</u> <u>Totals</u>	<u>2018</u> <u>Offense</u> <u>Totals</u>	<u>2017</u> <u>Offense</u> <u>Totals</u>	<u>2016</u> <u>Offense</u> <u>Totals</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>Offense</u> <u>Totals</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>Offense</u> <u>Totals</u>	<u>2013</u> <u>Offense</u> <u>Totals</u>
<u>Deaths</u>							
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Attempt Homicide	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
Totals	1	0	1	1	0	3	0
<u>Sex Offenses</u>							
Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Sexual Assault	10	3	8	3	4	8	2
Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Attempted Sexual Assault	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Prostitution	0	2	1	7	12	3	2
Public Indecency	5	3	1	0	2	2	1
All Other Sex Offenses	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Totals	18	10	12	10	18	13	6
<u>Robbery</u>							
Armed Robbery - Bank	0	1	1	1	1	1	0
Armed Robbery - Other	6	2	3	2	2	4	2
Robbery - Bank	0	0	0	2	0	1	1
Robbery - Other	5	5	1	2	2	0	0
Attempted Robbery	0	0	4	2	0	0	1
Total	11	8	9	9	5	6	4
<u>Simple Assault - Battery</u>							
Assault	4	3	1	3	6	14	4
Battery	48	68	74	70	58	59	65
Domestic	125	114	106	93	72	68	81
Total	177	185	181	166	136	141	150
<u>Aggravated Assault - Battery</u>							
Aggravated Battery	7	7	8	3	1	2	1
Aggravated Assault	7	3	13	10	5	1	5
Total	14	10	21	13	6	3	6
<u>Burglary</u>							
Burglary Residential	32	25	35	38	38	48	22
Burglary Other	30	27	14	20	10	9	24
Attempted Burglary	10	11	7	11	16	6	11
Total	72	63	56	69	64	63	57
<u>Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle</u>							
Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle	113	106	144	142	55	89	97
Burglary/Theft of MV Parts/Access.	16	14	23	20	23	34	16
Attempted Burglary/Theft from MV	5	3	8	2	3	4	10
Total	134	123	175	164	81	127	123
<u>Thefts</u>							
Theft Over	48	50	56	70	83	82	89
Theft Under	95	125	100	108	116	93	122
Retail Theft	144	118	165	120	123	128	139
Attempted Theft	5	9	12	11	8	7	14
Total	292	302	333	309	330	310	364



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<u>Motor Vehicle Theft</u>							
Theft of Motor Vehicle	16	11	22	17	10	5	20
Attempted Theft of Motor Vehicle	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Total	17	11	23	17	10	5	22
<u>Deception</u>							
Forgery/Deceptive Practice/Fraud	110	84	71	119	92	29	54
Credit Card Fraud	18	14	17	34	21	14	36
Identity Theft	137	95	127	125	140	56	39
Possession of Stolen Property	2	5	8	9	4	2	8
Theft of Lost Property	10	17	16	25	16	26	19
Total	277	215	239	312	273	127	156
<u>Criminal Damage To Property</u>							
Vehicle	39	46	43	33	35	45	47
Property Damage	80	50	64	75	44	75	74
Attempted Criminal Damage	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Total	119	96	107	108	79	121	121
<u>Trespass</u>							
Crim. Trespass to Property/Residence	24	21	25	23	37	24	20
Crim. Trespass to State Supported Land	2	0	1	2	0	1	1
Total	26	28	36	25	37	25	21
<u>Arson</u>	3	0	1	0	1	3	1
<u>Deadly Weapons</u>							
Unlawful Use of Weapon	18	8	15	9	7	6	8
Unlaw. Use or Poss. of Weapon by Felon	4	1	2	2	2	0	0
No FOID Card	1	0	3	1	1	1	0
Total	23	9	20	12	10	7	8
<u>Truancy</u>	6	16	10	13	11	5	14
<u>Hate Crimes</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Drug Offenses</u>							
Possession Cannabis under 10 gm	300	251	314				
Possession Cannabis 10 gm & over	14	15	25				
* Possession Cannabis 30 gm & under	0	0	0	276	280	230	180
* Possession Cannabis over 30 gm	0	0	0	6	2	2	2
Delivery Cannabis 30 gm & under	5	0	2	10	13	17	11
Delivery Cannabis over 30 gm	3	1	1	2	4	4	5
Cannabis Plant	0	0	2	0	0	0	1
Possession of Methamphetamine	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Possession Controlled Substance	108	88	93	75	88	79	62
Delivery or Possession w/Intent to Deliver	2	3	4	5	2	5	16
Sale or Possession Hypo Syringes/Needles	17	9	8	7	13	8	5
Possession Drug Equipment	177	174	236	196	225	213	161
Total	626	542	686	578	627	558	443

* Pre-Cannabis Act Update



Chronic Nuisance Program

Chronic Nuisance Ordinance - A total of 234 Chronic Nuisance cases have been successfully resolved in Elmhurst since 2008. Of those, only 24 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.

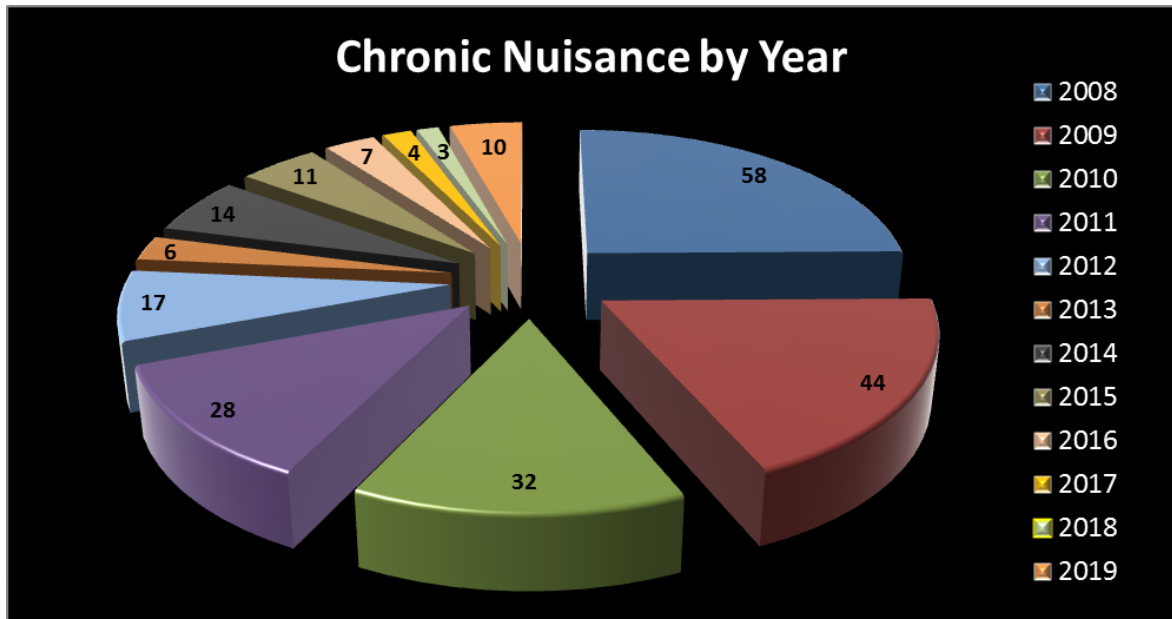
In 2019, the police department administered 10 Chronic Nuisance cases.

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

The chart below demonstrates the success of the program by breaking down the number of Chronic Nuisance cases by year.

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2019 DEPARTMENT RECOGNITION

Awards & Achievements

Over the last two years, the police department worked diligently on the process of achieving accreditation through the Illinois Chiefs of Police Association ILEAP Program. On February 4, 2019, a representative from the Illinois Chiefs of Police attended the Elmhurst City Council meeting to award Tier 1 ILEAP Accreditation to the Elmhurst Police Department. We are very proud to be one of only 30 police agencies in the State of Illinois to earn accreditation through ILEAP for professionalism and best practice methods in modern policing.



On Friday, August 16th, Commander Brett Kaczorowski graduated from the Executive Management Program at the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety. Cmdr. Kaczorowski is the fifth of the current Elmhurst Police supervisors, including Chief Michael Ruth, Deputy Chief Michael McLean, and Commanders Jim Gandy and Len Kolpak, who have graduated from this prestigious program.



Thirty-four Departmental awards were bestowed in 2019, including 5 Commendations, 10 Letters of Recognition, and 2 Unit Citations—honoring a total of 19 individual officers—for outstanding acts of police work.



Department Service Anniversaries

30 Years



Crime Analyst
D. Schmidt

20 Years



Ofc. T. Cronin



Ofc. D. Hickenbottom

25 Years



Deputy Chief
R. Tannehill



Records Clerk
D. Kochick



Det. J. Kucera



Records Supervisor
J. Sennett



Svc. Ofc.
A. Spanroff



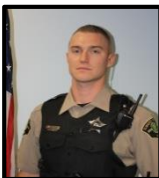
Det. T. Vascik

15 Years



Cmdr. B. Kaczorowski

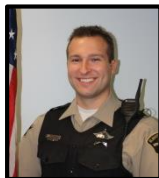
5 Years



Ofc. Z.
Carney



Ofc. J.
Isaac



Ofc. A.
Krupnik



Ofc. J.
Litton



Ofc. V.
Valdez



Svc. Ofc. R.
Moulis



AA J.
Carrington



New Police Department Employees

2019 saw a number of new employees welcomed to the police department including Officers Joseph Kukla, Quentin Kuper, Anna Lazic, Edward Beyer and Viktoria Baldacci, Part-Time Officers Nolan Jaffe and Darrell Davis, Service Officers Anthony Aponte and Denise Raga, and Part-time Civilian Background Investigator Robert McGowan. Also, Julie Chan and Paul St. Onge were new to the Records Department.





Promotions and Retirements

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

Promotion

In January of 2019, Sergeant Brett Kaczorowski was promoted to the rank of Commander. He served as the Patrol supervisor of the Midnight shift for the year.



Retirement

Records Clerk Jean Nelson retired in July of 2019 after 33 years of service to the City of Elmhurst.

Retirement

In September, the Department said goodbye to Officer Art Ciszewski, who retired after 24 years of service to Elmhurst.





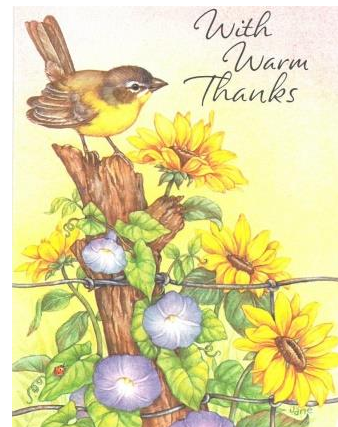
Notes from Residents

“To the men and women of the Elmhurst Police Department, I wanted to say thank you for all that you do for me, my family, and all Elmhurst Residents. The other night when my car was parked outside, in the morning I found a Crime Prevention Notice for leaving it unlocked. I was so impressed and grateful that you take such a proactive approach to looking out for us. I was also in the library last winter when you stormed in and evacuated the building—I found out later it was due to a bomb threat. Even in the midst of the somewhat alarming scenario that day, I was grateful that we are protected by all of you who run toward danger in order to keep the rest of us safe. Each interaction I have had with a police officer since moving to Elmhurst 4 years ago has been courteous and helpful. I wish people in all communities enjoyed the feeling I have, that our police officers are neighbors and friends who are proactively looking out for our safety and wellbeing. Please accept my sincere thanks for all that you do.”

Det. Kucera—Last summer I had reason to use the services of the Elmhurst Police Department after I was scammed by a “landscaper.” Det. Kucera contacted me to introduce himself and explain how he was going to handle the case. He was extremely professional and made me feel at ease—I immediately had confidence in his handling of the case. I think he’s a real jewel in the police department He solved the case and returned my money to me; I cannot thank him enough for everything he did. I feel very safe living in this wonderful town. Kudos to the Elmhurst Police for the way the department is run and what it does for citizens.

Ofc. Westering, Dets. Beltran and Lafin—Yesterday, my daughter was at an outing with her special needs adult group at York Theater when she wandered off and was missing. She had 3 guardian angels who found her ... from the bottom of our hearts, all 3 of you will forever have a special place in our family hearts. These 3 exceptional officers are truly my heroes. Thank you!

Ofc. Hickenbottom—I believe Ofc Hickenbottom helped to show my son and his friends that police are wonderful public servants who can be trusted and for whom we should be grateful. My son’s first adult experience seeking police help for a missing friend was quite a positive experience because of your officers. Ofc. Hickenbottom was wonderful in working through the missing person report, and the Elmhurst officers delivered the young man to my house by 6:30 a.m.; so I thank you!





“To All of the Elmhurst PD: I’d like to thank all of you for serving us. I can’t imagine the difficulties and dangers you might face, literally without warning. I very much appreciate that you keep an eye on things here! Thank you.”

Ofcs. Elizalde, Hoyer, and Valdez—We were privileged to have these officers come to the Little Lambs Preschool Ministry to teach the children about the role of police officers in our community and about Stranger Danger. They did a great job interacting with the children and teaching them at their level of understanding, explaining the purpose of the items on their tool belts, especially their radios, and how they get the calls to go help someone. They really drove home the point that police officers are to be trusted and are here to help everyone. After the presentation, they took time to talk to the children who wanted to ask further questions or get a “high five” before they went home. Thank you so much for providing this invaluable service to us!

Ofcs. Pacewic and Kuper—I just wanted to thank you both once again for coming to my aid when I locked my phone and keys in my car . . . You were both so kind to me, and I know you have many more pressing matters to worry about. I truly appreciate your quick response and that you didn’t make me feel bad about taking your time. I am grateful to you both.

Ofc. Velez—My purpose in writing is to commend Ofc. Velez for her professionalism and the respectful way she handled all aspects of a traffic stop. I have great respect for police officers and the difficult, at times dangerous, nature of their job. It has always been my philosophy to compliment someone on exemplary work or behavior, in this case Ofc. Velez.

“I just wanted to compliment and thank the Elmhurst Police Department for their visibility and community outreach called Neighborhood Role Call. My four year-old is obsessed with vehicles and safety, so seeing the police around town is one of the highlights of his day. I took him over to chat, and he was just exuberant about the event. We also stopped in at the station over the summer, and the officer on duty was so accommodating to answer his questions. I am so happy to live in Elmhurst where the police have a great tenured staff, some 15-25 years at the same career, which says a lot. You all really exemplify public safety and security—thanks for the neighborhood event!”





... and other Agencies.

Cmdr. Kaczorowski, Ofcs. Bishop, Hickenbottom, Marino, Ostrega & Schroeder—For assistance in responding to a reported auto theft: *Elmhurst officers safely took the suspect into custody and turned him over to Wood Dale Officers for further investigation. With the assistance of your officers, we were able to charge the individual with felony possession of a stolen vehicle. Please accept our thanks to all of these officers for their diligence in this case, from monitoring neighboring radio frequencies for criminal activity to eventually capturing an auto thief who was intent on evading arrest . . . and the recovery of the citizen's vehicle.*

Greg Vesta, Wood Dale Police Chief

Det. Beltran—For assistance with a juvenile shooting investigation: *Det. Beltran from your agency was one of the investigators who responded to our call for assistance. It makes me proud to have talented people with his level of dedication on our respective departments. His dedication to duty is clearly a reflection of his commitment to our profession.*

Daniel J. Schulze, Bensenville Police Chief

Ofcs. Doneske, Duffy, Lange, Lazic, Southworth & Scislowicz—For assistance with an Armed Robbery: *I would like to thank these officers for their quick response and professionalism displayed throughout the incident. Please extend my gratitude and appreciation to them for their assistance.*

Casey Calvello, Oakbrook Terrace Police Chief

Ofcs. Coughlin, Cronin & Ortiz—For assistance with a felony Retail Theft: *The suspects detained by your officers were identified by the witness and admitted to involvement in the crime in Wood Dale; both of these individuals had a significant criminal history. Without assistance from your department and excellent observation skills of Ofc. Coughlin, these individuals would clearly have escaped. It should be noted that at 8:00 p.m., traffic on I-290 is heavy and moderately congested. Ofc. Coughlin was still able to identify the suspect vehicle traveling through your town. We truly appreciate the assistance from your department.*

Greg Vesta, Wood Dale Police Chief

Elmhurst Police—For assistance with an Armed Robbery: *As always, members of the Elmhurst Police Department were already in position to assist our Lombard Officers. They provided traffic control and secured the scene as a criminal investigation. Your department also handled the property damage accident investigation. I thank them for their assistance, bravery and professionalism; they all represented the Elmhurst Police Department as the fine law enforcement agency that it is.*

Roy Newton, Lombard Police Chief



Dear Chief Ruth: *As you know, our agency responded to a tragic event this past Friday night in unincorporated Elmhurst. I wanted to take a moment to thank you and your entire evening shift of officers for their assistance. Without hesitation, they jumped in to help control the enormous flow of police, fire and media traffic, which allowed my deputies to concentrate on the task at hand. The ability to work together is the best way to ensure that all the citizens of DuPage County are kept safe. Your agency's response was both admirable and very much appreciated.*

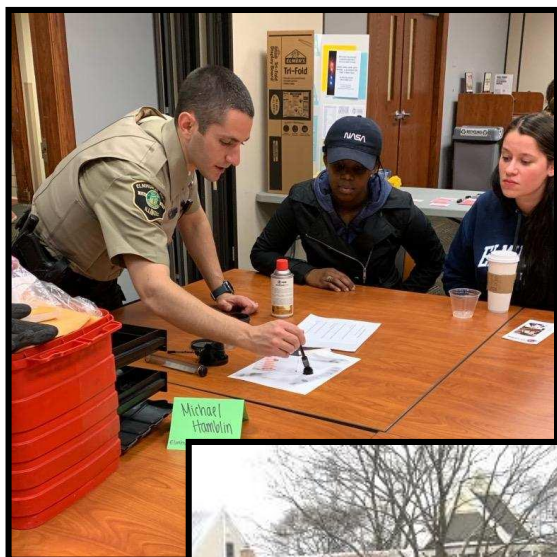
DuPage County Sheriff James Mendrick

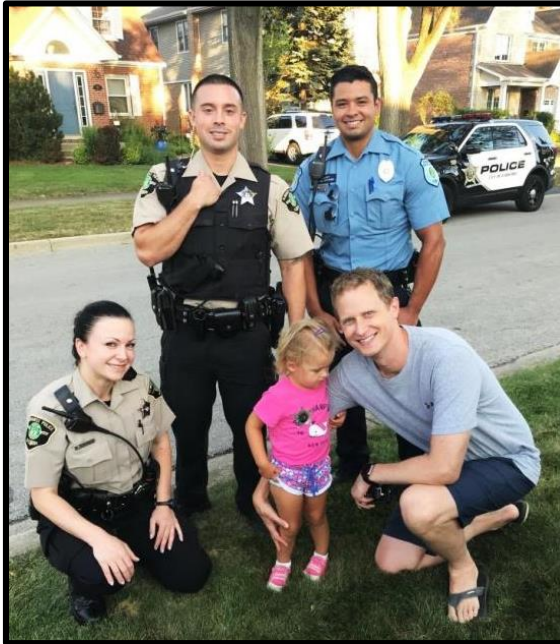
Additional thanks to members of the Elmhurst Police from outside agencies:

- **Ofcs. Scislowicz and Ciszewski** for their assistance through the Northern IL Police Alarm System (NIPAS) to the Berwyn, Buffalo Grove, Gurnee, Norridge and Waukegan Police Departments.
- **Det. Lafin** for assistance with the DuPage Major Crimes Task Force on an Aggravated Kidnapping case in Bloomingdale.
- **Det. Kucera** for assistance as a member of the FIAT Major Crimes Unit for surveillance and a directed patrol operation at Oakbrook Center Mall to combat repeated Motor Vehicle Thefts and Burglaries in Oak Brook.
- **Dets. Lafin and Torza, Crime Analyst Schmidt** for assistance with a Homicide in Roselle.
- **Ofcs. Hamblin, Valdez and Kefaloukos** for assistance on an Armed Subject call in Oak Brook.
- **Ofc. Westering** for assistance as Elmhurst's DuCart member with a serious injury multi-car accident. Because of his knowledge and professionalism, the investigation was able to be carried out thoroughly and expeditiously.
- **Ofc. Webb & Srvc. Ofc. Ramirez** for assistance at a two-vehicle accident site with injuries in Oakbrook Terrace.
- **Ofc. Poli & K9 Diesel** for keeping a safe school environment for the kids at Jefferson Junior High in Woodridge.



A final look back . . .









In Memoriam



Diesel

Elmhurst Police K-9, who faithfully served the community with his handler, Officer Anthony Poli, from June of 2010 through April 17, 2019.

Rest peacefully; we have the watch now.