

ELMHURST POLICE DEPARTMENT



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ANNUAL REPORT



Elmhurst Police Department
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Elmhurst, IL 60126



Mission Statement

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

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

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

We believe that human resources are the single largest and most important investment of our community, and we are committed to excellence in our profession. We recognize that superior interpersonal communication skills are absolutely necessary in the effective performance of our duties.

We pledge to do our best to safeguard all people in the City of Elmhurst and ensure a high quality of life for all through the effective and efficient delivery of law enforcement services.

We will provide the best by being sensitive to the authority with which we are entrusted and by upholding our responsibility to protect the public through fairness, equality, honesty, integrity, and legality.

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



RESPECT * COMPASSION * DEDICATION * INTEGRITY * COURAGE * EXCELLENCE



Executive Summary

Mr. James Grabowski, City Manager
City of Elmhurst

On behalf of the Elmhurst Police Department, I am pleased to present our 2023 Annual Report, which contains current and updated information about the many services we provide to the City of Elmhurst and its residents. The Police Department continues to emphasize our community policing initiatives, and we have included information and photos from the many outreach programs and events demonstrating that focus. In addition, we have an updated statistical section summarizing important data and emerging trends that have been identified and tracked through continued use of investigative techniques.

In 2023, our total crime rate fell by 13% when compared to the prior year, resulting in the second lowest year recorded since 2010. The city recorded no homicides, and sex assault incidents remained flat. Increases were recorded in aggravated assault/battery, burglary, vehicle theft, and arson while robbery and theft incidents decreased. During the year, officers responded to 43,323 calls for service consisting of 18,624 (911) calls and 24,699 officer-initiated activities, resulting in a 6% increase in total calls for police service in 2023. Traffic crashes decreased 3% from 1,307 reported in 2022 to 1,267 in 2023. Department use of force remains low, with 13 such uses in 43,323 incidents during the year, an occurrence rate of .0003%, and each within policy. The Department made 1,284 arrests for felony, criminal misdemeanor and city ordinance offenses in 2023, up 19% from the 1,076 made in 2022. The effectiveness of the police department was demonstrated with fewer people being victims of UCR crime as the Department solved more cases, apprehended more criminals, and charged more criminal offenses.

The Elmhurst Police Department focused on its strategic goals of crime suppression and traffic safety, community policing, employee wellness, and recruitment & retention in 2023. To increase the effectiveness of our public safety capabilities, the Department implemented a first responder drone program, trained police K-9 Tommy, and trained evidence technicians in digital crime scene scanning. The Department had a successful community outreach year with two Citizens Police Academy classes, Public Safety Night, Summer Mobile Patrol, SALT, and 29 Neighborhood Roll Calls. Collectively, these programs provided over 1,200 in-person resident contacts. We established a formal recruitment team and modernized our application process, hiring 6 full-time officers, 2 part-time officers, and 1 background investigator. As 2023 ended and the new year began, the Department entered a fully staffed period for the first time in four years. As part of our wellness initiative, the Department implemented a 6-officer peer support team in coordination with our licensed clinical social worker. As a capstone, the Department received 4-year re-accreditation as a Tier I law enforcement agency by the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP); achieving this status places our agency in the top 5% of agencies in Illinois.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael S. McLean".

Michael S. McLean
Chief of Police



Department Goals for 2024

- Continue expansion of our Community-Based Policing Model through focused outreach programs and communication efforts;
- Recruit, train, and retain newly hired police officers to provide the community with high quality public safety through staffing of patrol, investigations, and traffic services;
- Build employee peer support team services with expanded wellness education, physical fitness, and stress management principles;
- Complete implementation of the police body camera program in coordination with integrated police vehicle camera and digital evidence storage technologies;
- Improve vehicle pursuit termination technology, less lethal de-escalation equipment, and facilities to increase operational efficiencies and support successful crisis incident outcomes;
- Receive a state Organized Retail Crime Grant award to install video monitoring equipment within local business districts to reduce localized property and violent crime;
- Complete all state-mandated training, both academic and scenario-based, pertaining to: Human Rights, Legal Updates, Civil Rights, Constitutional Use of Law Enforcement Authority, Cultural Competency, Procedural Justice, Use of Force, Trauma-Informed Response to Victims, Officer Wellness, Implicit Bias, and Racial/Ethnic Sensitivity Training.





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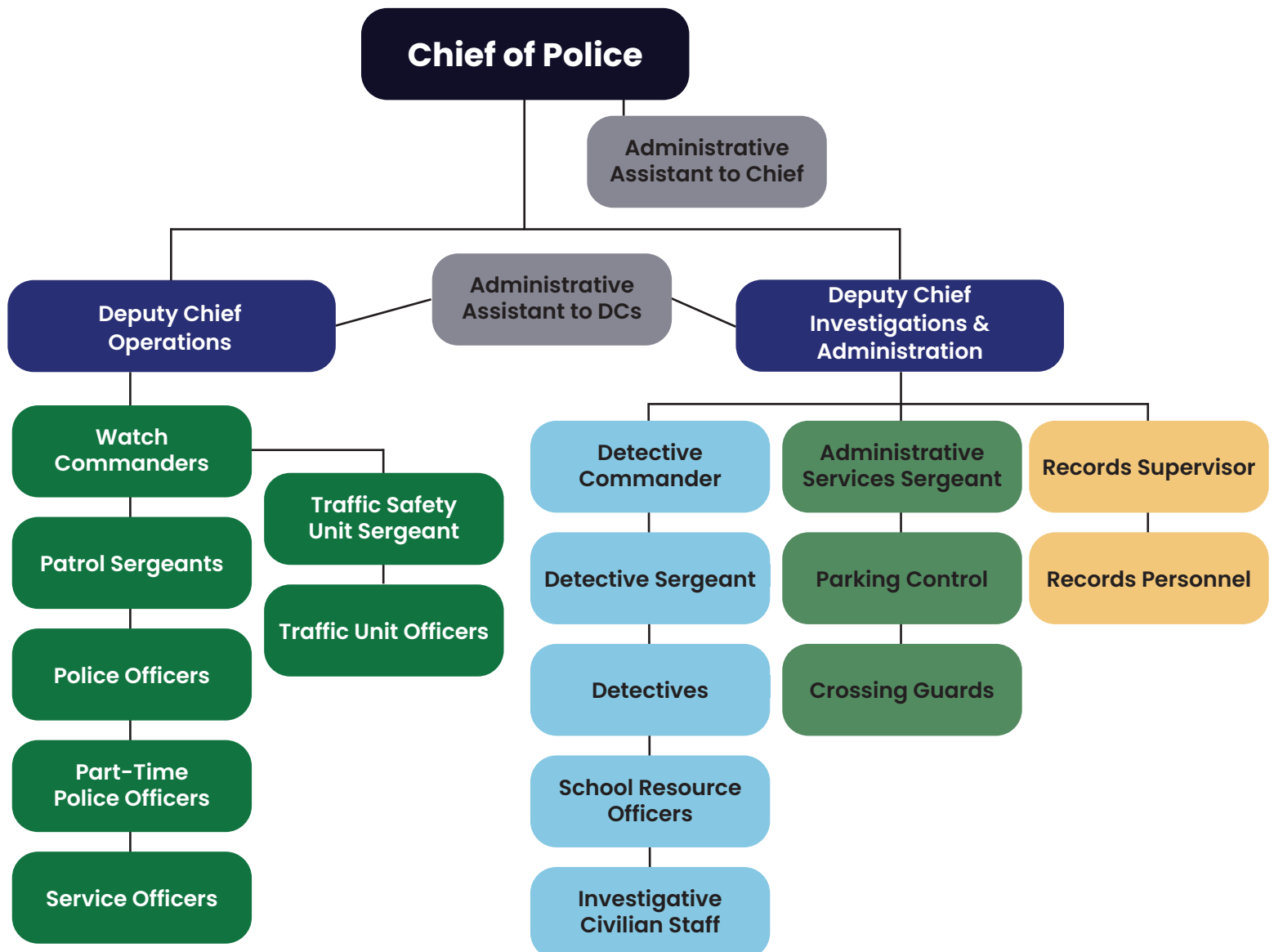


Office of the Chief

The Elmhurst Police Department is led by **Chief Michael McLean**, who was appointed as Chief in 2022 after rising through the ranks since his hire in January 2000. The Executive Management team includes **Deputy Chief Brett Kaczorowski**, DC of Investigations & Administration, and **Deputy Chief James Gandy**, DC of Operations. Administrative support services are provided by Jami Carrington, Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police, and Kerri Chambers, Administrative Assistant to the Deputy Chiefs. In 2023, Sergeant Guy Schweik was assigned as Administrative Services Sergeant.



Chief McLean

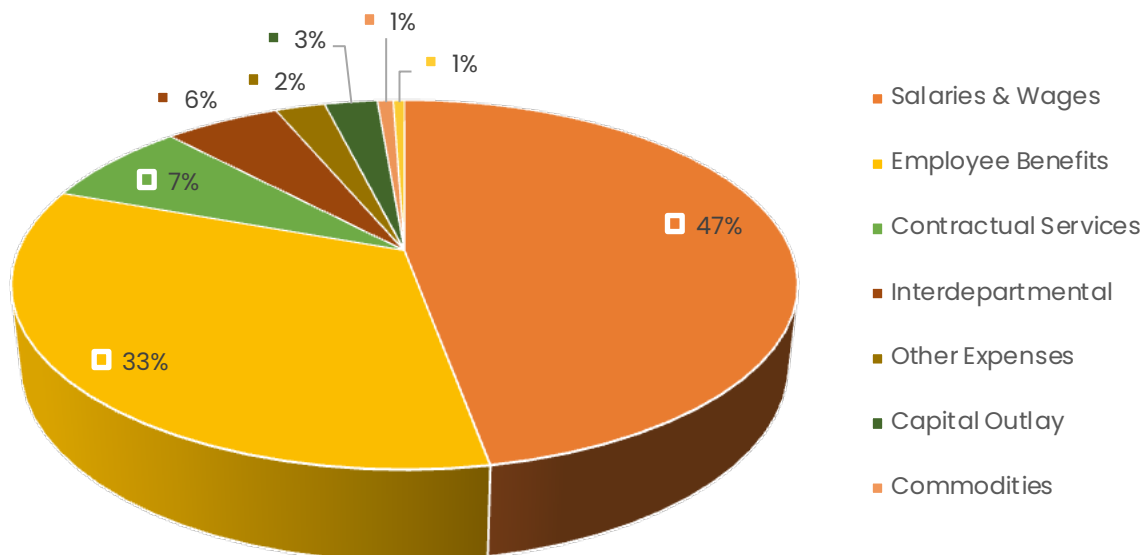




Budget Analysis

BUDGET CATEGORY	BUDGET AMOUNT
Salaries & Wages	\$10,611,800.00
Employee Benefits	\$7,535,300.00
Contractual Services	\$1,668,800.00
Interdepartmental	\$1,282,300.00
Other Expenses	\$550,250.00
Capital Outlay	\$585,000.00
Commodities	\$175,500.00
Repairs/Maintenance/Insurance	\$124,500.00
TOTAL	\$22,533,450

2023 Budget Breakdown





Internal Affairs

The Elmhurst Police Department investigates all complaints thoroughly and impartially to maintain public confidence. Internal Affairs investigations also address any violations of Department policies or procedures as well as any employee behavior that might discredit the Department. Complaints are presented to the Office of the Chief of Police for a fair review and appropriate action, taking into consideration the complainant, the Department, the individual employee and the public trust.

The possible disposition of complaints, whether from citizens or policy/agency complaints, are:

- **Unfounded**—The allegation is either not factual or did not happen as reported.
- **Sustained**—The allegation is supported by sufficient evidence.
- **Not Sustained**—The evidence is not sufficient to prove or disprove the allegation.
- **Exonerated**—The act of the officer or the Department was consistent with agency policies and procedures.

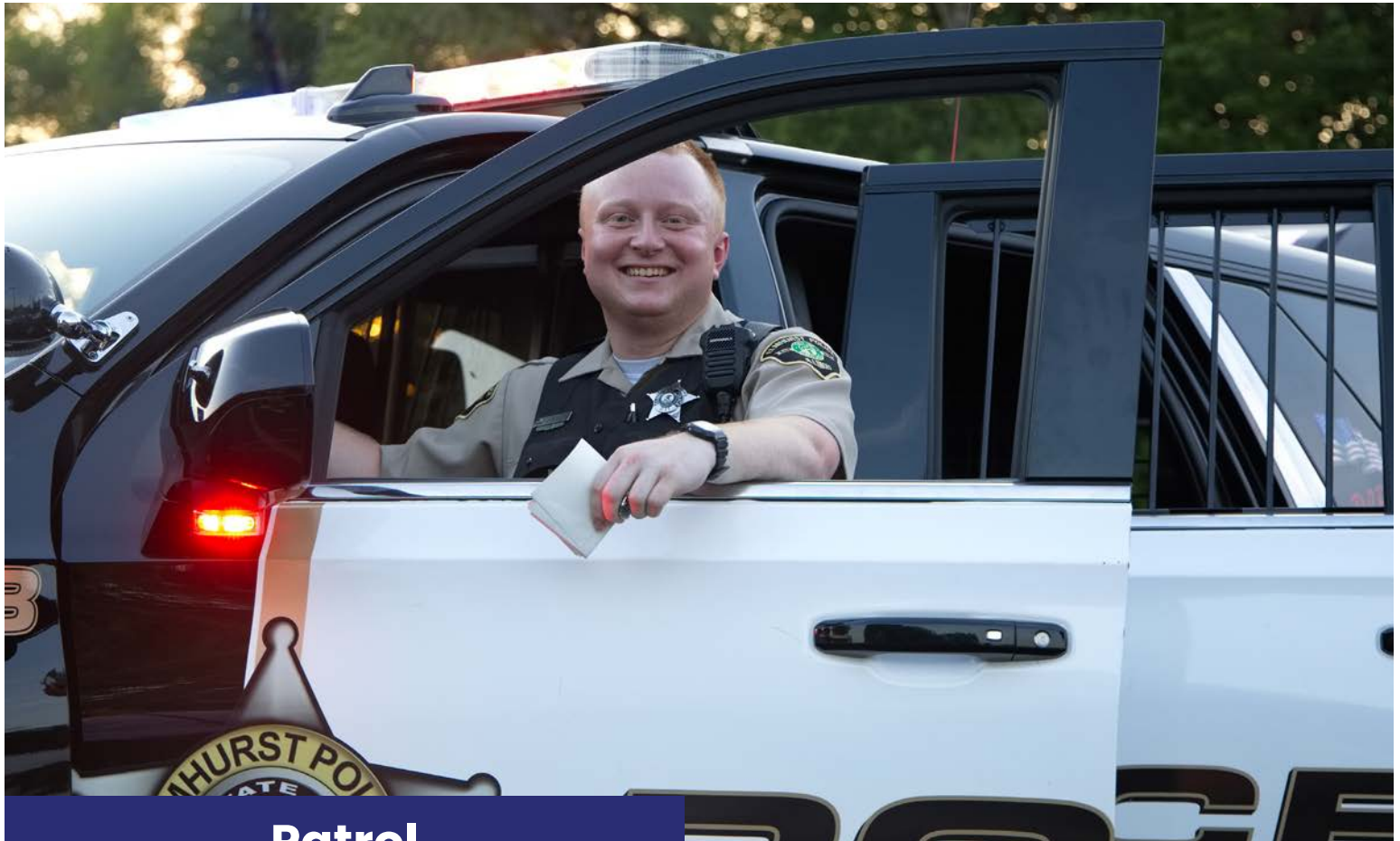
The Elmhurst Police Department conducted 78 administrative Internal Affairs investigations of which 71 were initiated internally and 7 externally in 2023. As a matter of standard procedure, internal investigations were conducted on Use of Force, Vehicle Pursuits and policy infractions such as squad or equipment damage. All infractions were reviewed and handled with action ranging from corrective conferences to written reprimands to possible suspensions. The external investigations involved 7 citizen complaints against members of the department, which upon review 7 were determined to be Unfounded or Not Sustained.

Elmhurst officers handled approximately 43,000 incidents last year involving citizen contacts, traffic violations, and criminal activity. Of those incidents, only .0002% of contacts resulted in a citizen complaint. Officers needed to use force to effect an arrest only .0003% of the time, and each of the 13 Use of Force incidents was found to be within department policy. Elmhurst Officers also conducted approximately 10,300 traffic stops with 13 reported incidents of vehicle pursuit out of 82 cases where a traffic violator refused to stop and fled from the officer.





Police Operations



Patrol

The uniformed Patrol Division is both the face and the backbone of any Police Department. Patrol Officers respond to 9-1-1 calls for service—both emergency and non-emergency—from the public. When called to the scene, they conduct preliminary investigations of the incident/crime while enforcing the Illinois Criminal and Vehicle Codes, State of Illinois statutes, and City ordinances. Their goal is to proactively address community concerns and help maintain order and safety for all.

The Elmhurst Patrol Division is divided into four teams of officers working 12-hour shift schedules to provide continuous 24-hour police services. Officers are assigned to Day, Night, and Power shifts—which provide coverage during shift changes and add additional officers to the busier afternoon/evening hours. Supplemental coverage is provided by a unit of 10 part-time officers. Officers are assigned to four geographical areas of responsibility, referred to as beats, with additional officers assigned as north or south cover cars. This arrangement reduces response times when officers are deployed in emergency situations.

In 2023, Elmhurst Patrol Officers responded to approximately 43,000 calls for service on criminal incidents, traffic crashes, burglar alarm activations, public disturbances, and a wide variety of other events.



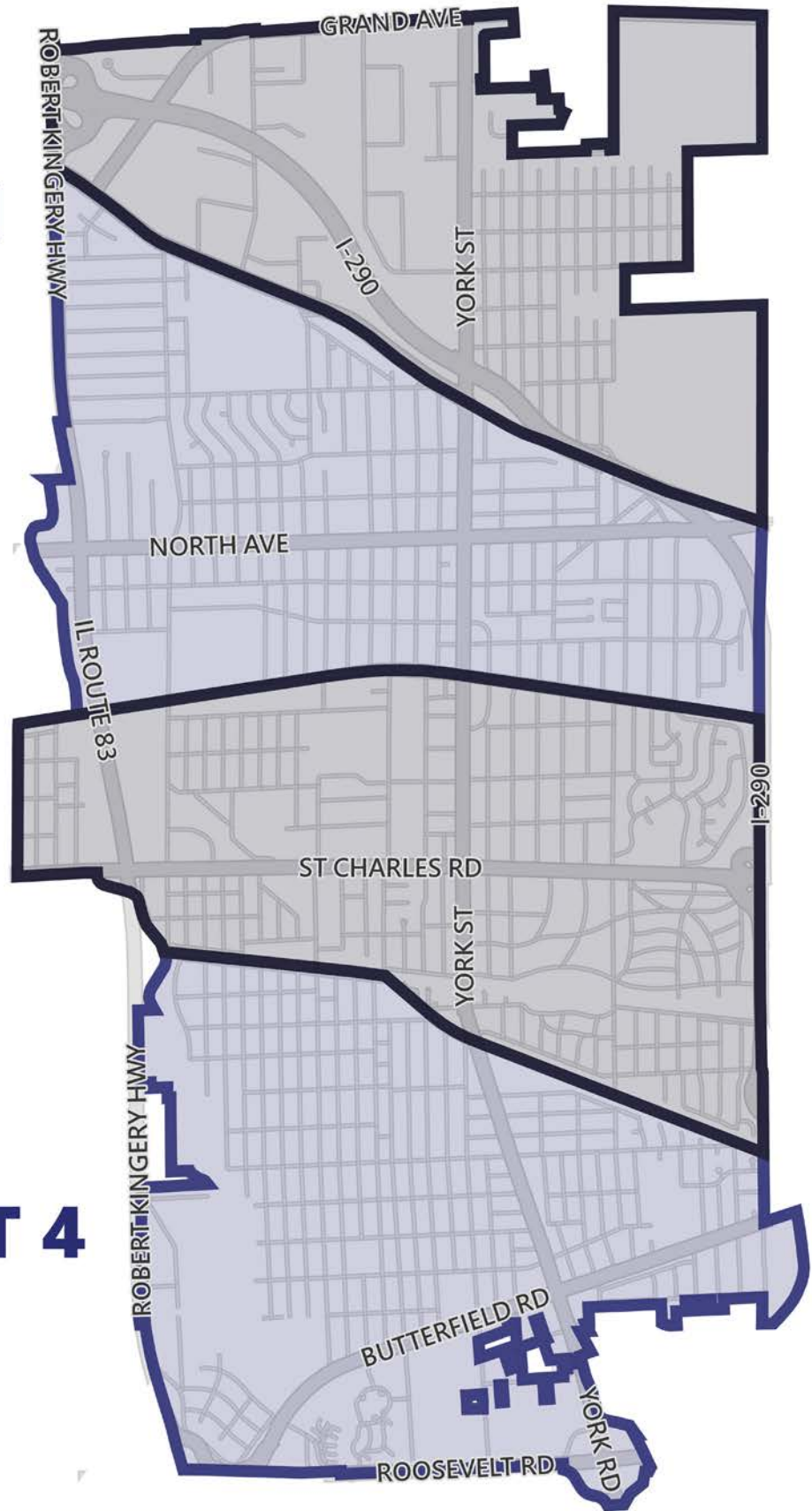
City of Elmhurst Police Beats

BEAT 1

BEAT 3

BEAT 2

BEAT 4





Investigations Unit

2023 Accomplishments

- The Division filled (3) vacancies, conducted joint training with federal partners, and upgraded software of the Digital Forensics Unit.
- Detectives secured a 67-count burglary, stolen vehicle, and retail theft indictment against an organized retail crime group targeting 9 suburban communities.
- Major cases solved by arrest included 2-person armed robbery, 3-person ruse burglary, and 3-person pickpocket groups as well as a hate crime and child sex offender.

250

Criminal cases assigned to detectives for investigation and resolution

83

Background investigations on liquor license, police, fire, and city employee applicants

40

Background checks performed for raffle, solicitor, and merchant applicants

License Plate Reader Program (ALPR)

527

Wanted/stolen felony vehicles detected in city limits

47

Criminal investigation suspect vehicles identified

24

Stolen and criminal suspect vehicles interdicted

9

Stolen vehicles recovered with criminal arrests (the remainder fled)

3

Missing persons and wanted fugitives recovered

ALPR was a significant tool for the development of leads in criminal investigations.

Division by the Numbers

6

DETECTIVES

2

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

1

DEA TASK FORCE OFFICER

1

CIVILIAN CRIME ANALYST

1

EVIDENCE CUSTODIAN

2

PART-TIME BACKGROUND INVESTIGATORS



Investigations By the Numbers

Investigative Assignments	Number
Arson	0
Assault / Battery	5
Auto Theft	17
Burglary	19
Death Investigations	15
Financial Crimes	44
Homicide	0
Missing Person	2
Sex Crimes	17
Robbery	4
Theft	89
Other	38
Total	250

Task Force Officer

One Elmhurst Task Force Officer is assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to assist with the investigation of drug-related offenses throughout the Chicago area and beyond. In 2023, the Task Force recovered over 2 million dollars in illicitly obtained currency and financial instruments along with 77 kgs of cocaine, 2 kgs of heroin, 8 kgs of fentanyl plus fentanyl pills, and 47 kgs of illegal cannabis.

Crime Analyst

The Crime Analyst provides investigative assistance by developing information from various law enforcement resources. By analyzing crime trends and patterns, the Analyst is able to develop statistical probabilities on where and when the next crime in a series might occur, which assists in developing leads and ultimately in apprehending criminals and closing cases.

Evidence Custodian

The Evidence Custodian collects and maintains all property submitted into Evidence. 2023 totals include:

- 20,791 items of evidence housed
- 5,473 new items received as Evidence or Found Property
- 319 items of evidence were returned to identifiable owners
- 344 items were transferred to the DuPage County or State Police Crime Laboratories for analysis and processing

In accordance with applicable laws regarding disposal of found or relinquished property:

- 3,200 items destroyed
- 31 items auctioned
- 34 items were donated to approved not-for-profit organization

In addition, over 700 items of digital evidence were prepared for the State's Attorney's Office, the City Attorney's Office and/or as a result of a Freedom of Information Act request.

20,791
Items of
evidence
housed



School Resource Officers

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

Background Investigators

Background Investigators complete thorough background checks on all police and fire candidates and screen City applicants for sensitive positions. They also complete backgrounds on businesses requesting a liquor license or massage permit, applicants for solicitor permits, and organizations applying for raffle permits. In 2023, the civilian Background Investigators completed a total of 83 background investigations.

Background Investigations	Number
Firefighter	14
Police	46
Liquor	11
City of Elmhurst Positions	7
Community Service Officers	2
DuComm Dispatch	1
Civilian PO Interns	2
Total	83

2024 Goals

- Re-implement the Strategic Mission Team to target ongoing criminal activity such as retail thefts, burglaries, and narcotics offenses.
- Expand the use of the Real-Time Crime Center software and establish community partners willing to share/integrate their video surveillance cameras with the Elmhurst Police Department.
- Continue use of cell phone forensics to further criminal investigations; research and implement additional software/technology for cell phone forensics.
- Expand participation in the MERIT Digital Forensics Unit (DFU) by adding an additional officer to the team.
- Expand participation in the MERIT Major Crimes Unit (MCU) by adding additional detectives to the team.



Records Division

The Records Division provides critical support to the Police Department by compiling, maintaining and disseminating copies of department records regarding crimes, arrests, and traffic accidents to law enforcement agencies, authorized outside entities, and citizens. Records is also responsible for a variety of complex and confidential administrative duties for the department including:

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

Police Department Social Worker

Stephen Buhr, LCSW

The Elmhurst Police Department partners with Hahn & Associates to offer counseling services when needed. Stephen Buhr is a licensed clinical social worker who works part-time for the Police Department in addition to providing counseling and social services to the community. Stephen is on call for the Department and has responded to assist with crisis counseling, death notifications, and domestic issues; he maintains an office at the police station to offer individual or family counseling and address issues that are reported to him by officers as they respond to calls in the community.

**123**

total cases

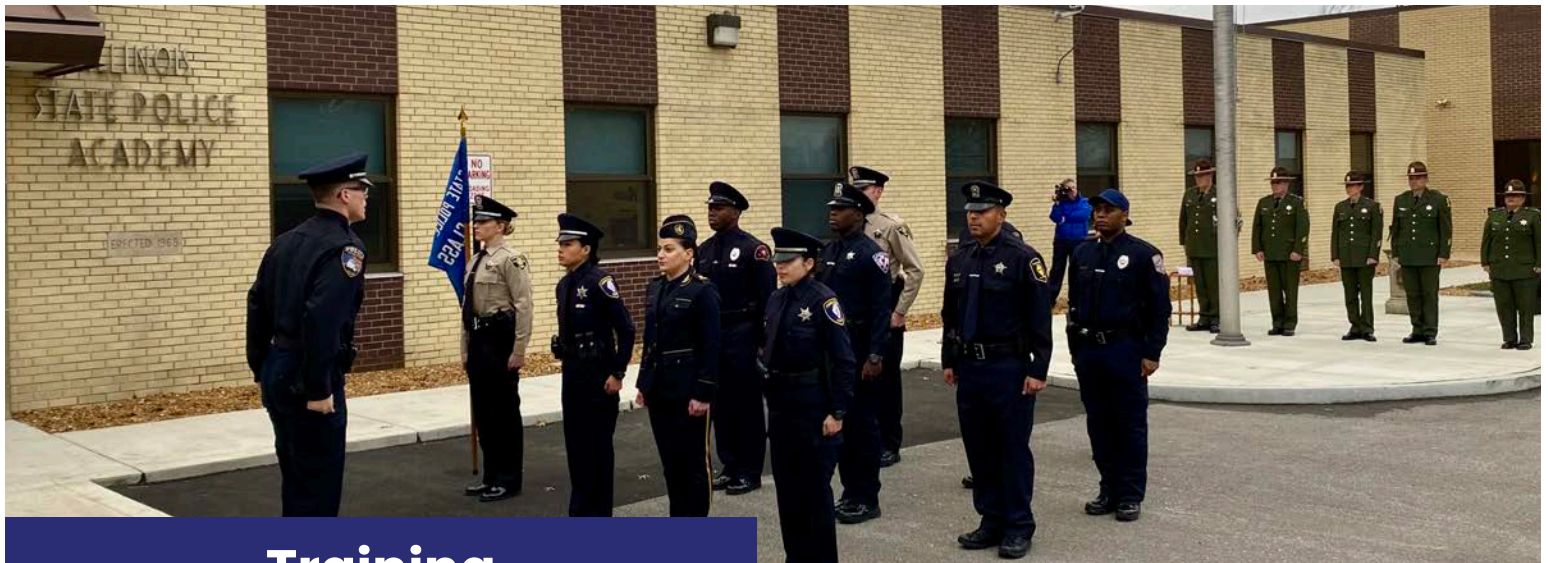
570total
counseling
hours**85**total hours
for crisis
events

We are proud to partner with Stephen to provide these necessary services in Elmhurst, and we appreciate his contributions to keeping our community healthy.



Recruiting

In 2023, the Elmhurst Police Recruitment Team completed outreach at several colleges, universities, job fairs, and community events to help find the best quality candidates for the Elmhurst Police. The Department offered both entry level and lateral officer hiring programs that resulted in over 100 applicants applying for the position of an Elmhurst police officer. Through an extensive screening process that includes a polygraph, physical fitness test, medical and psychiatric examinations, and background investigation, we select the top quality candidates to serve the Elmhurst community.



Training

Field Training Program

The Elmhurst Police Department prides itself on having an intensive Field Training Program for new officers to teach them the "Elmhurst" way of policing. After being hired as an officer by the City of Elmhurst, new police recruits attend a 16-week police academy. Following successful completion of academy training, new officers spend 20 weeks training with Elmhurst Police Field Training Officers (FTOs), rotating through Day and Night shifts with 5-6 different trainers, which exposes them to different types of calls to continue upgrading their skills.

In 2023, the Elmhurst Police Department hired (6) full-time police officers and (2) part-time police officers.



Officer Training

In 2023, Elmhurst Police Officers completed a total of 6960 hours of training on different Law Enforcement topics. All active, sworn members participated in training to fulfill mandates set forth by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board (ILETSB). In addition, officers completed monthly online training through the Police Law Institute, which offered certified training on topics including:

- Implicit Bias and Cultural Competency
- The Pretrial Fairness Act
- U.S. Supreme Court Rulings in 2023
- Autism Awareness
- Driving Under the Influence
- Law & Interrogation Practices for Minor Offenders
- Crisis Intervention and De-escalation Training
- Lawful Searches
- Miranda Interrogations, and
- Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect.

Monthly In-Service training events were conducted for sworn members and service officers on a variety of topics:

- AED/CPR/Epi-Pen Use
- Blood-Borne Pathogens
- Hazardous Materials
- Officer Wellness
- Taser Recertification
- STOPS Live Training Scenarios, and
- Response to Active Shooter – Scenario-based training using simulations and role-players.

Firearms Training / Armory



The Elmhurst Police firearms program continues to expand on its long history of high-quality firearms training for our officers. In 2023, two of our firearms instructors received Master Firearms Instructor Certification—the highest certification available in the State—from the University of Illinois Police Training Institute. Firearms instructors are also certified armorers who repair and maintain department weapons in-house at significant savings to the department. A new duty pistol was selected to replace the Glock model 21 that has served as our primary pistol since 1998. After an extensive comparison of available firearms and accessories, the Glock model 45 (9mm) was selected and equipped with LED sights and flashlights for greater accuracy and versatility.



Specialty Units

Tactical Patrol Officers



Tactical Patrol Officers are specially trained officers equipped to respond to high-risk/in-progress critical incidents, which might include active shooter response, barricaded subjects, a search for armed offenders, or multi-casualty incidents. The TPO unit is currently comprised of eleven members including a Commander, a Sergeant, a Detective, and 8 Patrol officers. This year the TPOs focused on enhancing their response to hostage situations, escape techniques, and immediate trauma care.

While TPOs train and maintain skills to handle critical incidents, they are also responsible for providing monthly training to the department to assist fellow officers in enhancing their skills in response to critical incidents. This year's department-wide training consisted of topics related to barricaded subjects, weapon retention, close-quarter combat, building searches, use of ballistic shields, handcuffing, trauma care, and rapid response. The Tactical Patrol Officer (TPO) unit was implemented in 2021.





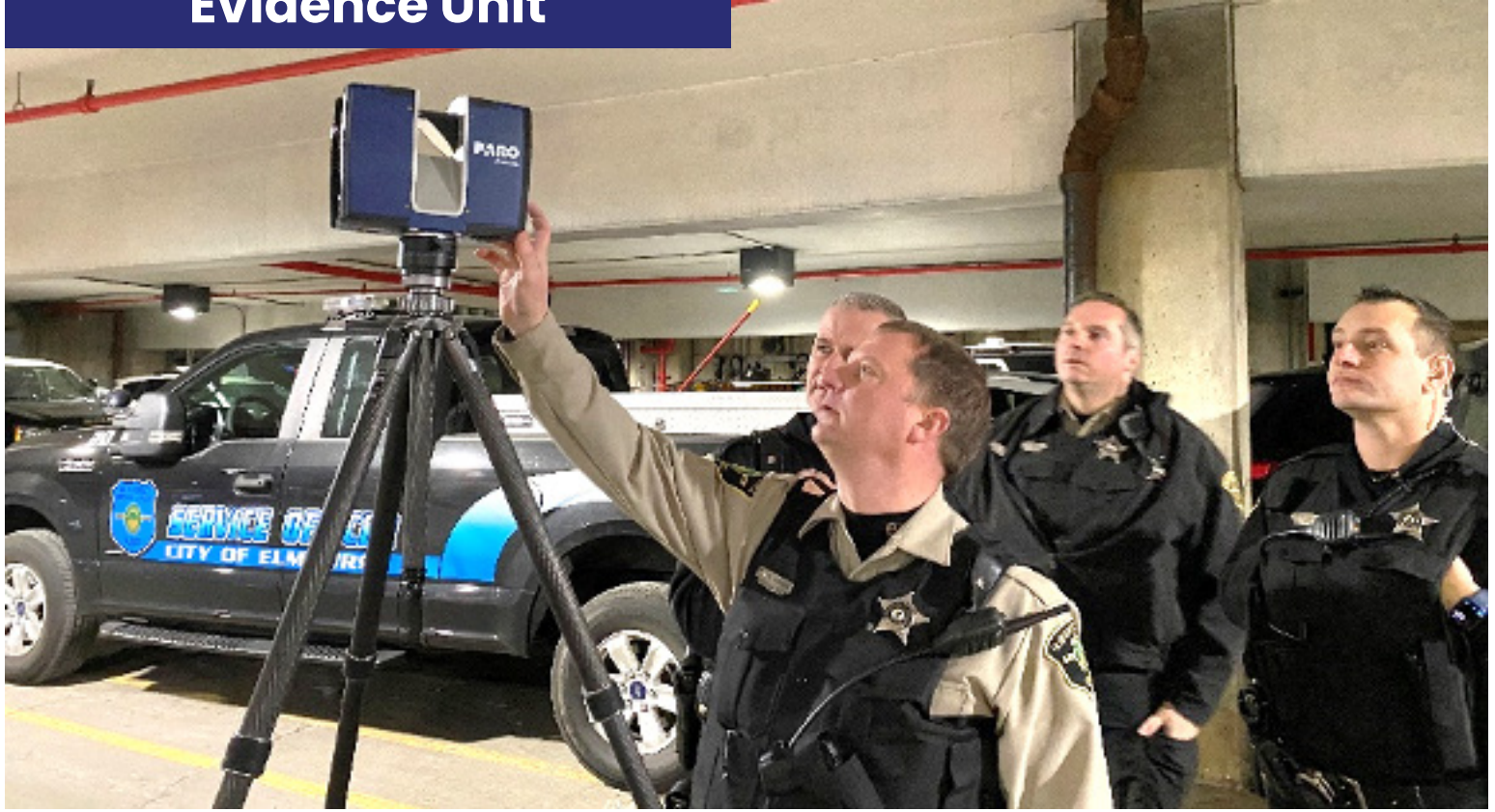
Crisis Negotiators

The Elmhurst Crisis Negotiation Team consists of department members who are specially trained to work as a team to address emergency incidents by establishing an ongoing dialog/rapport with person(s) involved in crisis situations. Team members may work closely with Tactical Patrol Officers during more protracted, hazardous incidents and can be instrumental in safely resolving a situation, lowering the risk of injury and/or loss of life. These unusual situations are difficult and unpredictable, but can be effectively managed when using CNT personnel and equipment.

In 2023, the team attended training seminars and scenarios, including the annual Illinois Crisis Negotiators Association conference where the team honed their skills in de-escalation, building rapport, and conflict resolution during intense training scenarios. The team also took part in a joint-scenario training day with DuPage MERIT-CNT alongside crisis negotiators from the County's regional crisis negotiations team.



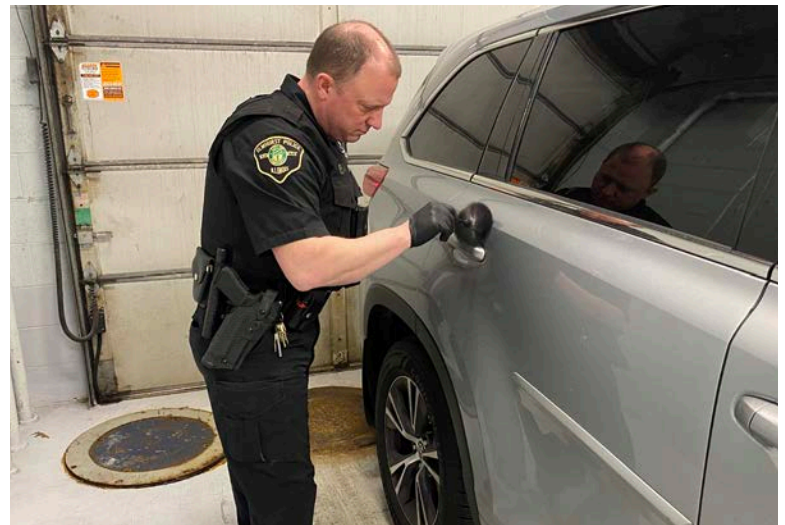
Evidence Unit



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

Evidence Unit Highlights:

- The successful processing of numerous crime scenes, leading to the identification of offenders and the filing of criminal charges against offenders
- ETs attended a 3-day Forensic Science Conference



- Members of the Evidence unit were trained and certified to use the FARO Digital Scanning device that was purchased last year, allowing ETs to take digital scans of crime scenes with precise measurements of evidence.



K-9 Unit

The end of 2023 marked an expansion of the K9 unit with Officer Giesel and K9 Tommy joining Officer Cappitelli and K9 Ozy. Together, the K9 Unit performed numerous deployments to track missing or wanted subjects, locate articles of evidence, and detect narcotics. Additionally, numerous community outreach programs were conducted throughout the year to show citizens how valuable our canine partners are to law enforcement.

Training Highlights for the team:

- Officer Giesel and K9 Tommy completed their 320-hour Canine Academy course.
- K9 Ozy completed his annual K9 Patrol Re-Certification in Tracking, Narcotics Detection, Article Searches, and Apprehension.
- Both teams successfully completed their Annual State of Illinois Canine Team Drug Detection Test.

K9 Unit Deployments:

- 95 total K9 Unit deployments
- 62 drug sniffs (narcotics detection deployments)
- 22 suspect/missing person tracks
- 11 article searches

Seizure Highlights:

- \$328,313 in U.S. currency seized from narcotics trafficking
- 1,308 total grams of narcotics seized
- 79 items of drug paraphernalia recovered
- 5 fleeing suspects apprehended via K9 tracks
- 1 firearm and 1 firearm magazine recovered



Summer Mobile Patrol



Parks, paths, and crowds are all places where a squad car cannot get through, and the Summer Mobile Patrol's Bicycle and Side-by-Side officers fill that gap by providing superior mobility in tight spaces. The patrols are designed as both a community outreach and crime prevention extension of the Department. Officers are easily able to interact with the public while maintaining a uniformed presence in parks, on the Prairie Path, at concerts, and in the City Centre. In addition to patrols, Bicycle officers are frequently asked to give presentations on bike and pedestrian safety. The unit also keeps in touch with local bicycle groups and participates in City parades and the annual Ride of Silence honoring cyclists who have lost their lives to traffic.

25
officers

90
hours





Part-Time Police Unit

The Elmhurst Part-Time Police Unit began as an auxiliary unit in 1953 but was later changed to a fully sworn Part-Time Police unit. Part-time officers in Elmhurst are required to have attended an Illinois certified police academy and be able to perform the same duties as a full-time officer. Most of our part-time officers are former full-time officers from other agencies, which benefits Elmhurst by providing experienced, trained personnel.

In 2023, 9 part-time officers provided extra patrol strength, mostly on evenings and weekends, and for special events such as parades, the Turkey Trot, and Rock the Block. Part-time officers also assist at home football games for both of the high schools and help with graduation day traffic control for the high schools and Elmhurst University. Part-time officers can frequently be seen patrolling city parks, the downtown area, and parking garages, providing extra coverage during the busy summer months!





Traffic Safety Unit



Traffic safety is a topic on everyone's mind, and the Elmhurst Police Department is committed to making our streets safer. We take a multi-faceted approach to traffic safety by utilizing education, technology, and officer presence to make streets safer. Whether responding to citizen complaints, working with the Streets department, or monitoring known traffic hotspots from collision data, officers are assigned to proactively address traffic issues throughout the city. Approximately 20 traffic studies were conducted in 2023, and officers logged their observations from over 100 details that allowed our Traffic Unit officer to direct patrols to pre-identified locations for traffic enforcement.

Over the summer, we hired two traffic interns to assist with placing sensors and speed signs at specific locations to monitor traffic. The interns also tracked intersections for stop sign and pedestrian crossing violations, helping to direct officers to the right place, at the right time to combat traffic safety issues. In addition to their traffic studies, the interns participated in our annual public safety night and our bicycle safety/registration days to educate the public about bicycle safety.

Drug Recognition Experts (DREs)

Drug Recognition Experts (DREs) are officers who receive specialized training and certification to perform Drug Influence Evaluations through a 12-step, systematic process of examining a driver suspected of Driving Under the Influence of Drugs to determine: A) Is the driver impaired? B) Is the impairment due to drug use (as opposed to a possible medical condition)? and C) What type(s) of drugs are likely the cause of impairment?

The Elmhurst Police Department has three active DREs who serve the community and are called out to assist other Chicagoland agencies. One of these officers is also a DRE instructor who trains new DREs. In 2023, the Elmhurst DREs conducted 14 Drug Influence Evaluations with a 93% accuracy rate.

Drone Unit



2023 marked the beginning of the new Elmhurst Police Drone Team, which consists of two sergeants and five officers. Team members completed a 36-hour training course at the College of DuPage where they learned about Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) and FAA rules and regulations. Each member was required to pass a rigorous FAA exam to become certified as a remote, unmanned pilot. The unit currently operates two Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs); a DJI Mini 2 "Grey 1" and an Autel Evo II 640t Dual "Red 2."

Our public safety drones are now being used to protect special events such as Rock the Block. In addition, EPD pilots responded to a number of in-progress calls this year including domestic incidents, hit-and-run vehicle investigations, vehicle thefts, and searches for missing persons. During one search involving an aggravated vehicular hijacking, five suspects were located hiding just outside a police perimeter. The use of the Autel drone with thermal imaging capabilities allowed officers from multiple agencies to locate and apprehend all of the suspects safely.

7

Pilots

2

Drones

43

Missions

52

Flight Hours

285

Miles



Honor Guard

The Honor Guard is responsible for representing the police department at various public events throughout the year. In 2023, these events ranged from the solemn duty of silent guard at funerals of fallen officers to more festive occasions such as presenting the colors at Soldier Field for the Chicago Bears Game. The honor guard also participated in annual City events including the Memorial Day Parade, 9/11 remembrance ceremony, and Veterans Day events.





Mutual Aid Assignments



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

Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS)

The Elmhurst Police Department is a member of the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS). This group is based in Urbana, Illinois, and is the largest mutual aid organization in the United States. ILEAS is responsible for coordinating statewide mutual aid responses when needed.



THE ILEAS MISSION

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

"STRENGTH THROUGH COOPERATION"

DuPage Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)

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





DuPage IMAT

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

Metropolitan Emergency Response & Investigations Team (MERIT)

Created in 2019, MERIT is a consolidation of Law Enforcement specialty teams, the former DuPage County Major Crimes Task Force and SWAT Team. MERIT consists of components: SWAT, Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT), Incident Management Assistance Team, Major Crash Reconstruction Team, Major Crimes Unit, K9 Unit, Forensics Investigation Unit and Digital Forensics Unit. Elmhurst PD supports MERIT with Officer Hamblin (SWAT), Officer Westering (Major Crash Reconstruction Team), Detective Commander McCollum (Asst. Major Crimes Team Coordinator), Officer Hawkins (Digital Forensics Unit), Sergeant Cuzzone (Asst. CNT Commander), and Officer Corrigan (CNT Team Leader/IT Specialist). The Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT) is comprised of 18 crisis negotiators from agencies throughout DuPage County along with 7 mental health advisors.

CNT Members attend monthly training that includes incident debriefings from the Chicago Police Department and the FBI. Members also attend the Illinois Crisis Negotiators Association Conference. During the 2023 conference, MERIT-CNT was activated to assist SWAT with an armed, barricaded subject incident. The team successfully negotiated a suspect in an aggravated domestic battery using cell phone CNT equipment from 150 miles away at the conference in Peoria.



26

MERIT SWAT/CNT
Assists

4

Major Crime
Assists

18

Major Crash
Reconstruction
Team Assists



Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS)

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



NIPAS Emergency Services Team (EST)

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

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

NIPAS Mobile Field Force (MFF)

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

The NIPAS Mobile Field Force provides its member agencies with an organized rapid response to:

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

The Mobile Field Force had activations in 2023 in North Riverside, Skokie, Evanston and Northbrook as well as in Elmhurst for a demonstration in February.



Statistical Summaries

2023 Service Totals

- Service was provided on 43,323 incidents—43% in response to 9-1-1 calls; 57% as officer-initiated activity.
- 1,806 directed patrols of businesses/facilities
- The Department investigated and filed 394 criminal felony charges and 468 criminal misdemeanor charges.
- 215 DUI arrests were made.
- 422 city ordinance citations were issued.
- 8,080 traffic violation citations issued
- 4,295 warning citations
- 9,470 parking citations

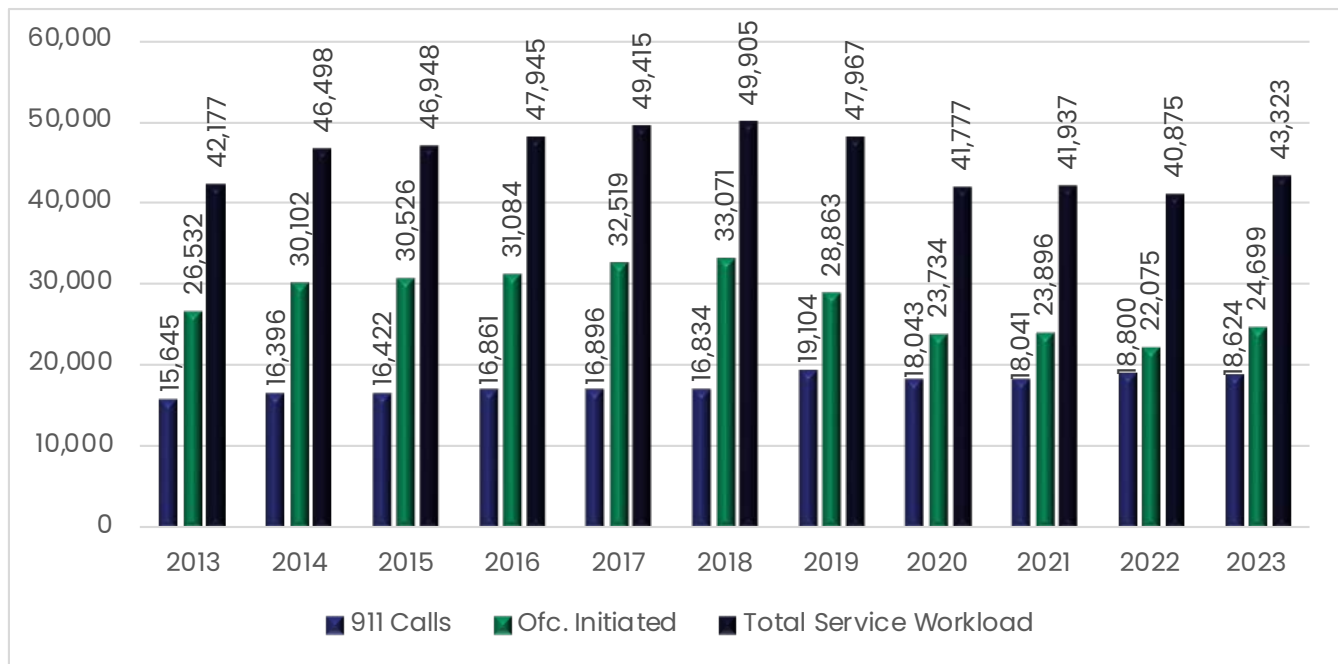
Criminal Incidents

FBI Defined Uniform Crime Report Summary

Criminal Incidents	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Homicide	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Sex Offenses	10	10	14	7	13	5	2	1	3	8	2
Robbery	3	5	8	5	11	9	9	9	4	6	4
Aggravated Assault / Battery	23	17	25	24	12	8	22	16	6	3	6
Burglary	42	36	39	59	71	63	56	68	64	63	57
Theft	338	421	311	388	390	368	473	452	412	438	474
Theft of Motor Vehicle	24	17	22	30	17	10	23	16	10	5	22
Arson	2	1	1	3	3	0	1	0	1	3	1
Total	442	507	421	515	517	463	586	562	500	529	566

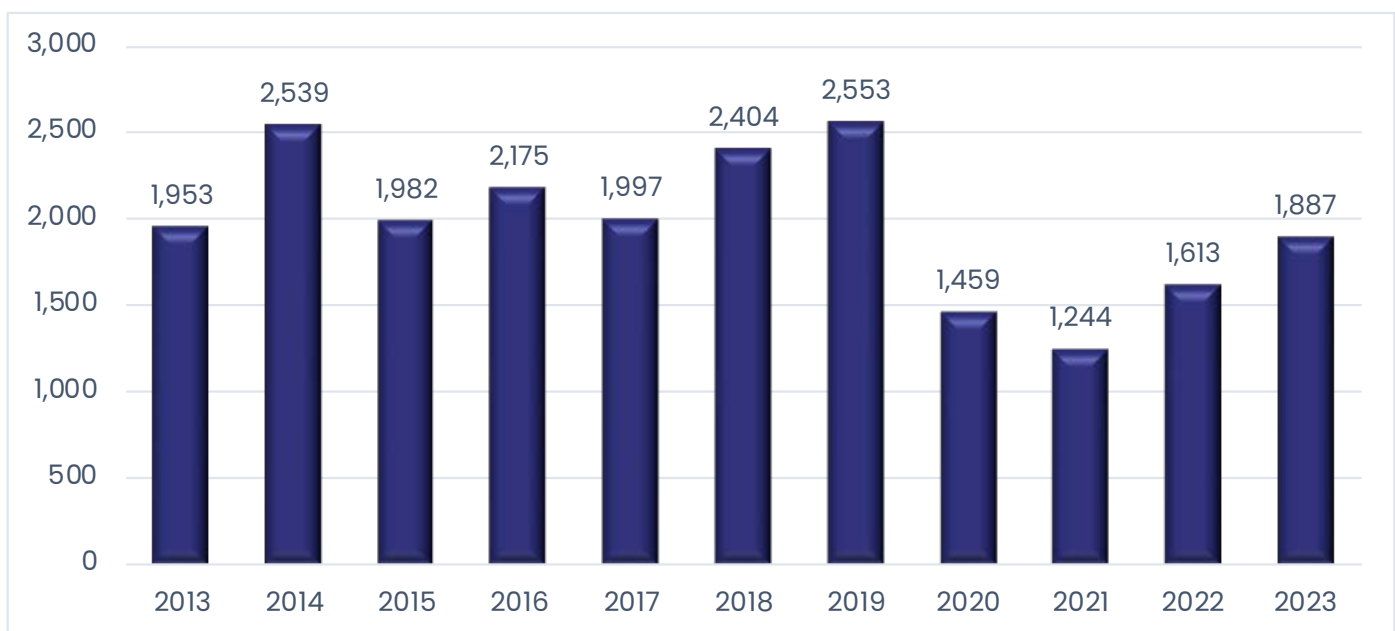


Service Workload



2023 showed a 6% increase in Total Service Workload compared to 2022; 9-1-1 Calls decreased by 176 while Self-Initiated Calls increased by 2,624 compared to 2022 totals.

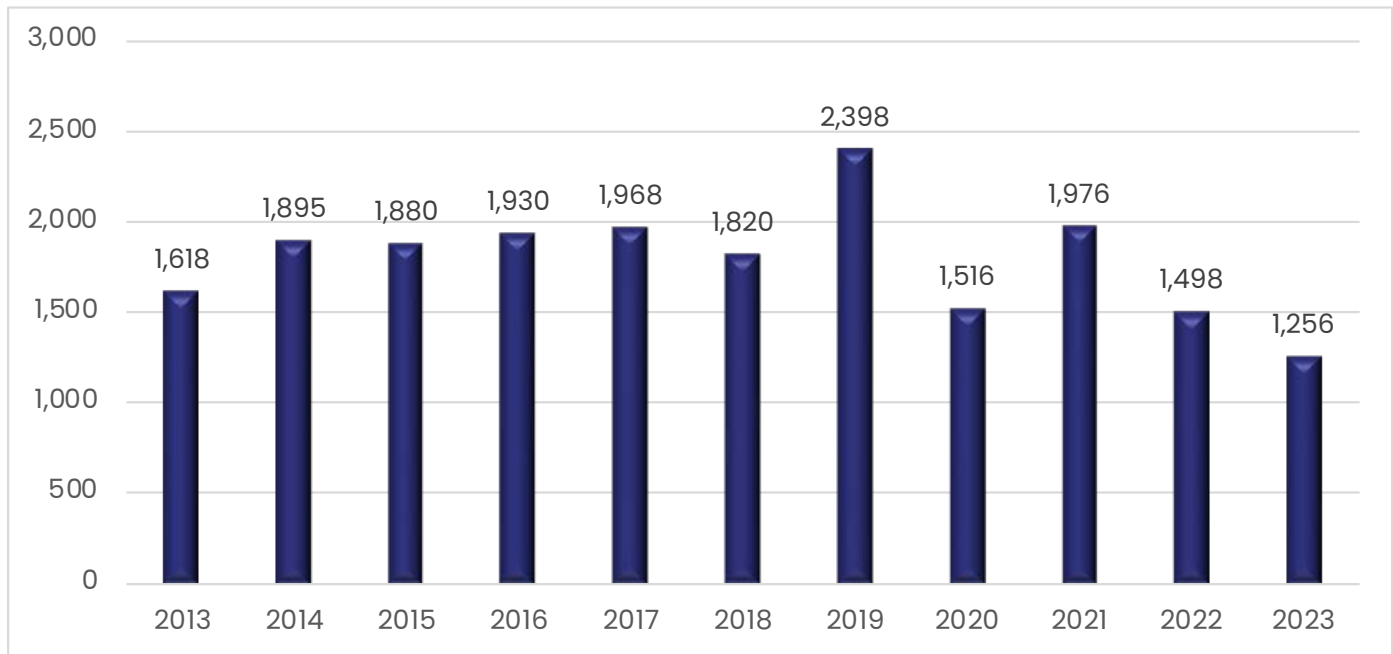
Assist other Agencies



There was a 17% increase in Calls to Assist neighboring jurisdictions compared to 2022.

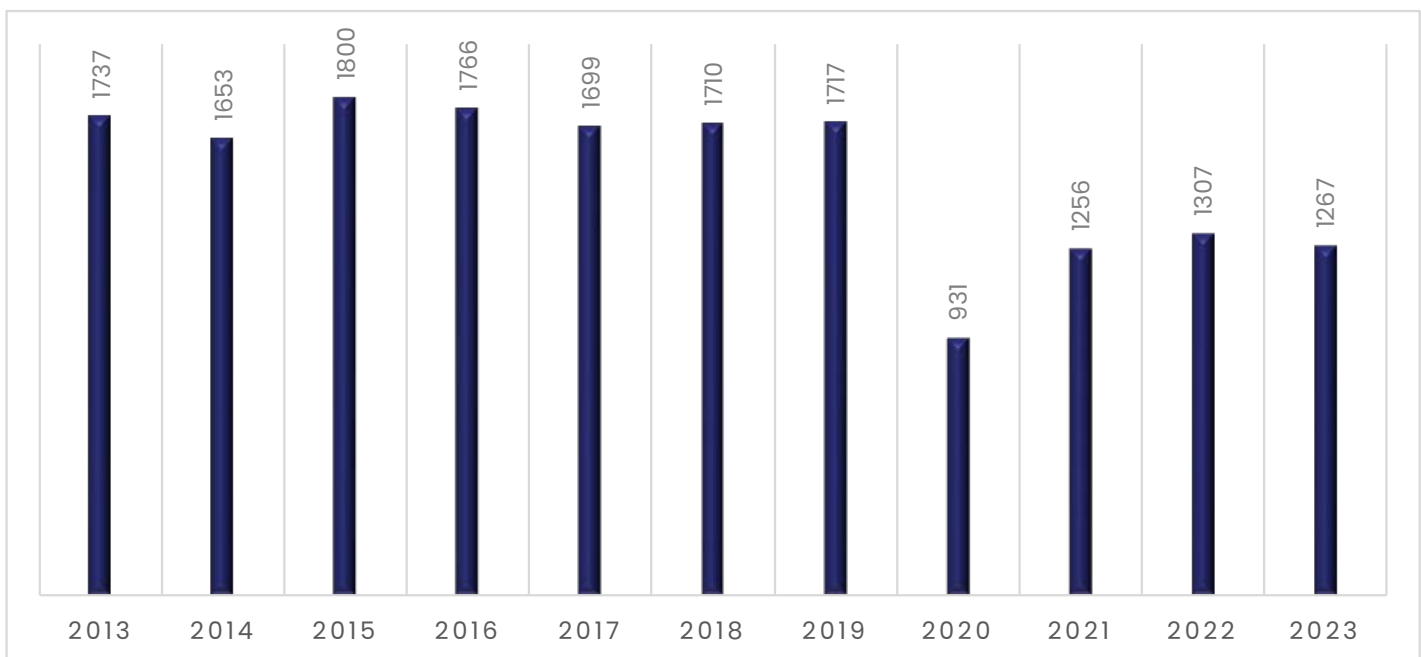


Alarm Calls



In 2023, there was a decrease of 242 (16%) Burglar and Hold Up Alarm calls compared to 2022.

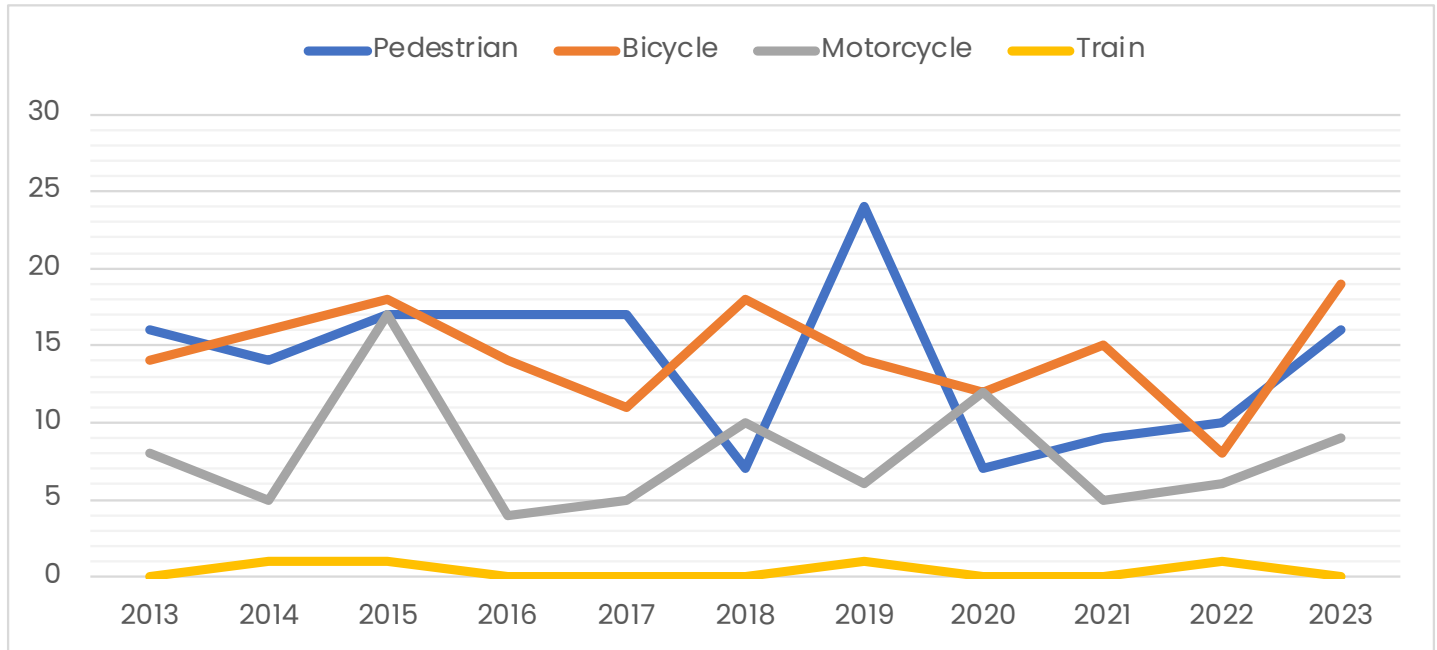
Traffic Collison Totals



The total number of Traffic Collisions decreased by 40 crashes from 2022.

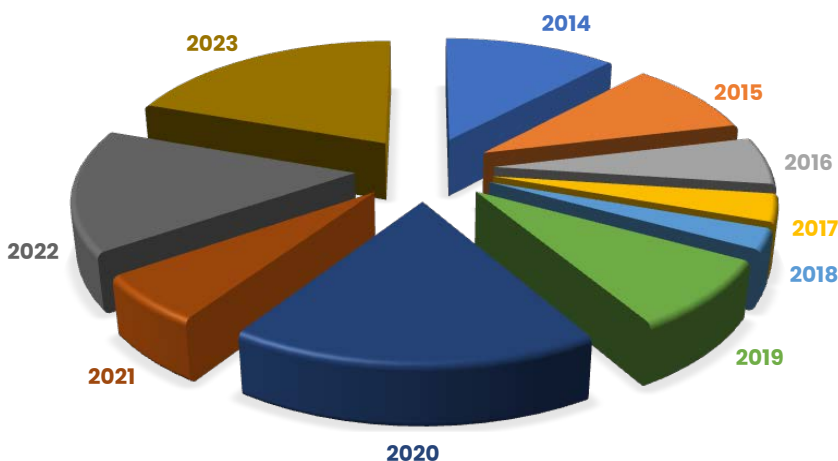


Special Circumstance Traffic Collisions



The total number of motor vehicle collisions involving pedestrians increased to 16 in 2023. The number of motor vehicle vs. bicycle crashes increased from 8 to 19, and collisions involving motorcycles increased from 6 to 9. No train vs pedestrian accidents were reported in 2023.

Chronic Nuisance Program



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

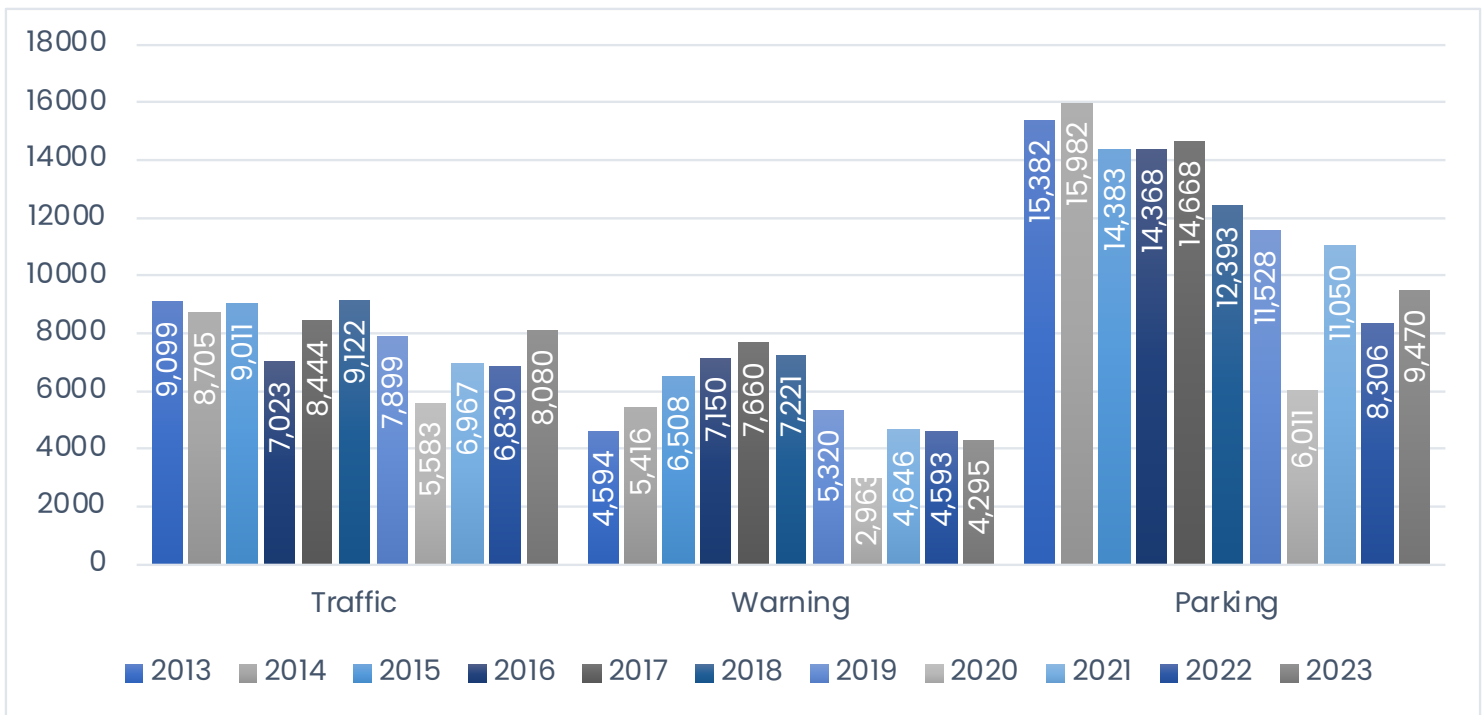
- Construction violations
- Code enforcement violations
- Criminal law violations

Chronic Nuisance Ordinance - The police department administered 23 Chronic Nuisance cases in 2023. 303 cases have been successfully resolved since 2008. Only 30 chronic nuisance cases re-offended with a second violation within 180 days, only 6 went to a third violation, and 1 went to a fourth violation. This program continues to be successful in improving quality of life issues for residents and businesses. The chart above shows the success of the program.

A TOTAL OF 118 CASES HAVE BEEN HANDLED IN THE LAST 10 YEARS.



Citations



In 2023, the number of Traffic Citations issued increased 18% compared to 2022. The number of warning tickets decreased 6.5% and the number of parking tickets increased 14% compared to 2022.





Programs



Citizen's Police Academy

The Citizen's Police Academy is a 12-week program designed to give residents a general overview of law enforcement practices and a behind the scenes look at their police department. The CPA curriculum includes classes on evidence and crime scene processing, DUI & traffic enforcement, the investigative process, the K-9 Unit, tactical patrol officers and crisis negotiators, the narcotics unit and a law review. The program provides plenty of hands-on experience in addition to opportunities for role-play scenarios that give students a better understanding of emergency response and the inherent challenges that come with making split-second decisions. The Elmhurst Police Department has run 31 sessions of this popular program and "graduated" nearly 700 total residents. Both spring and fall sessions were held in 2023.



Neighborhood Roll Call



Since the 2014 inception of the Neighborhood Roll Call program, over 7,500 residents have attended one of 317 NRCs held. The outdoor roll calls provide opportunities for residents to meet the police officers who patrol their neighborhoods as well as learn crime prevention tips, address concerns, and hear about current crime trends. Neighborhood Roll Calls are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings over the summer months in different neighborhoods throughout the city. Average attendance is approximately 25 people, with the largest 2023 Roll Call drawing a crowd of 61. The Neighborhood Roll Call program continues to help strengthen the relationship between police officers and the community they serve. A total of 29 Neighborhood Roll Calls were held in 2023.





Cop on Top

On Friday, May 19th, 2023, the Elmhurst Police participated in the annual "Cop on a Rooftop" statewide fundraiser for Special Olympics Illinois. This year's Cop on Top was held at the Dunkin' on North York. The fundraiser included 12 members of the Elmhurst Police Department and 9 members of our Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association, all of whom volunteered their time to collect donations and sell Torch Run merchandise (t-shirts, hats, and pins). Our location raised over \$7,500 for Special Olympics Illinois!

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Shop with a Cop



On December 9th, Elmhurst Officers proudly participated in the 2023 “Shop with a Cop” event hosted by the DuPage County Sheriff’s Office. Eight Elmhurst officers each escorted a deserving child to the event, which began with meeting the kids at the police station and transporting them by squad car to the Ackerman Center in Glen Ellyn for breakfast, pictures with Santa (and the Grinch!), and games. Everyone then loaded up for a squad car parade with lights and sirens to the Bloomingdale Meijer store where each child had the opportunity to shop from their holiday wish list for themselves and their families, bringing holiday joy to all!





D.A.R.E

D.A.R.E.—Drug Abuse Resistance Education is a national program embraced by Elmhurst that has D.A.R.E. Officers going into the classrooms to teach a 7-week curriculum to 5th graders at all Elmhurst schools, both public and private. The program focuses on the effects of drugs, alcohol and tobacco on the human body and teaches students to make good decisions for safe and healthy living.

Alive at 25

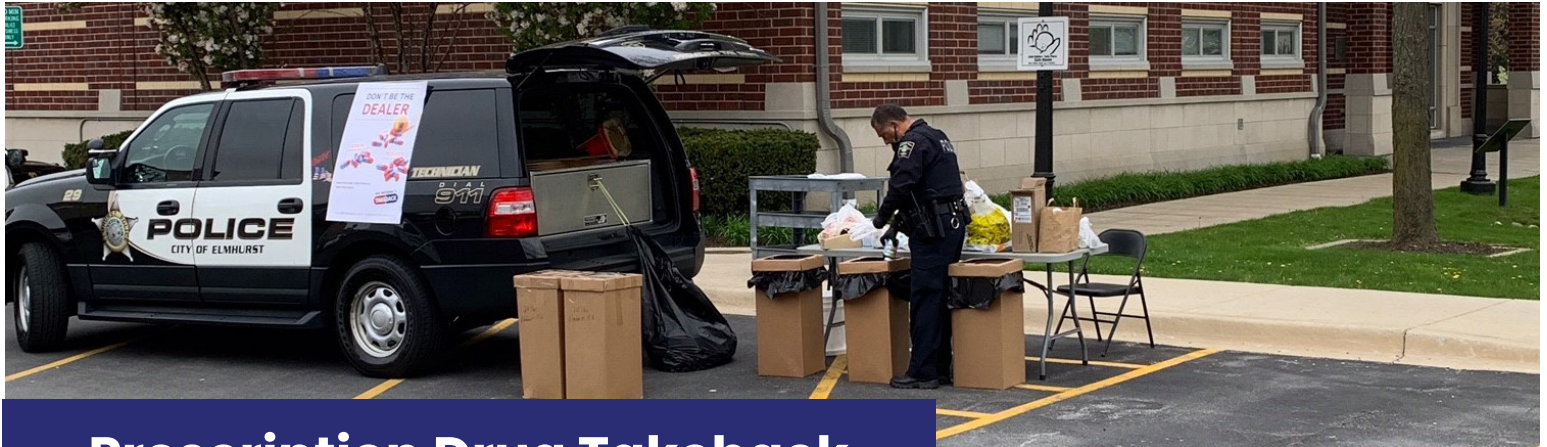
Alive at 25 is a safe driving course taught by officers and administered by the National Safety Council. The class educates young drivers by improving their behind the wheel decision-making to help make them safer drivers. The program is utilized by the City Prosecutor as a diversionary program for young traffic violators. Seven classes were held in 2023.



BASSET Training



BASSET is a Statewide program run by the Illinois Liquor Commission to educate servers and sellers of alcoholic beverages and train them in responsible service and sales—including prevention of underage sales and consumption. In 2023, the Elmhurst Police Department held 14 Basset classes completed by 209 servers and sellers who received their certification.



Prescription Drug Takeback

In cooperation with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), the Elmhurst Police Department holds several drug take-back events each year to help residents dispose of unused/unwanted prescription drugs. Improper disposal of drugs (flushing) puts them into the water reclamation system, leaving them in the medicine cabinet can lead to misuse or accidental poisonings. In 2023, the Elmhurst Police held two Take-Back events in addition to maintaining a lobby drop-box at the police station for safe disposal.

249

lbs. of unwanted
drugs collected at
Takeback Events

602

lbs. of unwanted
drugs collected in
lobby dropbox

851

total lbs.
collected for safe
destruction



Peer Jury

Peer Jury is a program that provides juvenile offenders with the option of having a misdemeanor case heard by a jury of their peers instead of going through the court system. The Peer Jurors that hear the cases are volunteers selected from the community to be a part of this process. The Peer Jury conferences with the juveniles to arrive at a restorative justice sentence with a goal of helping them better understand the consequences of their actions and accept responsibility. In 2023, the Peer Jury program heard 29 juvenile cases.



S.A.L.T.



Seniors & Law Enforcement Together (S.A.L.T.) is a community outreach program for senior citizens that includes presentations at the police station on crime prevention, safety, and topics specifically geared to keep seniors aware and informed of crime trends and scams targeting them. The program helps senior residents maintain connections in the community, both with other senior residents and with the police officers patrolling their community.

Police Explorers



The Explorer Program is designed to provide opportunities for youths between the ages of 14 to 21 to learn about and participate in careers in Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement. In 2023, the explorers participated in training with our tactical patrol officers (TPOs), presented the colors at the Elmhurst Eagles youth football game, and participated in a multi-jurisdictional explorer competition where the Elmhurst post received several trophies.

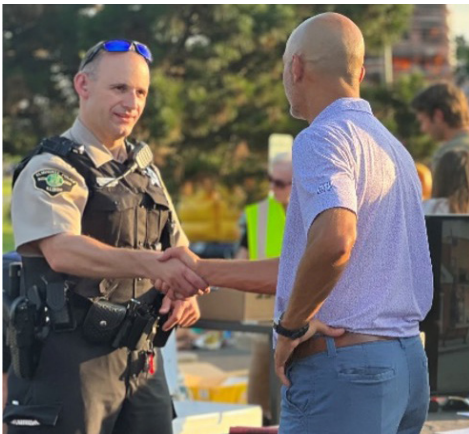


Community Outreach

Public Safety Night Out



On August 3rd, the Elmhurst Police and Fire Departments, along with the Park District, joined forces once again for Public Safety Night at Berens Park. A host of family-friendly fun was available, from a bouncy house to remote-controlled police cars, a firehose game, tours of emergency vehicles, free hot dogs, a dunk tank, fingerprinting a police car, a visit from the Superior Ambulance Helicopter, and much, much more. This event strengthens our police and community partnership.





City Parades
Bike Registration Days
Make-A-Wish Illinois
Spring Road Pet Parade
Park-a-Palooza
School Visits & Station
Tours
Ride to School
Science Olympiads
Special Kids Day!
Boo-tiful Saturday &
Halloween
Veterans Day
Ceremony
No-Shave November
Toys for Tots Collection





Department Recognition

2023 Awards & Recognition



The Elmhurst Police Department was again awarded prestigious Tier 1 Accreditation by the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program Council (ILEAP), placing Elmhurst in a category with only 5% of Illinois agencies.

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Life-Saving
Awards

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Official
Commendations

12

Letters of
Recognition

10

Unit
Citations

107

Department
Awards

A total of 107 Departmental awards were presented honoring excellence in police work by 84 individual officers.

A Lifesaving award was presented in May to four officers for their negotiation and rescue efforts to save a distraught teenager who was preparing to jump from the 7th floor of a parking structure. Deputy Chief Gandy, Officers O'Connor and Hamblin, and Detective Velez were honored for their successful actions.





Officers Elizalde and Ostrega received the Department Life-Saving Award for their quick action assisting an individual who went into cardiac arrest at the DuPage County Field Court. The officers performed CPR and applied an AED to restart the subject's heart, saving his life. The victim's family came to the station for the award presentation, bringing treats and Teddy bears to thank the officers who saved him.



Sergeant Kefaloukos received the 2023 Paladin Award from the Midwest Center for Traffic Safety for evaluating drivers impaired by drugs during DUI investigations. As a highly trained Drug Recognition Expert (DRE), Sgt Kefaloukos trains officers throughout the state in DUI investigation and is a member of the DuPage MERIT Major Crash Investigation Team where he investigates drug impairment in fatal traffic crashes.

Also recognized in 2023 were Officers Hoyer, Gryczewski, Kuper, and Kamieniarz, who received Certificates of Appreciation from the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) for outstanding DUI enforcement. AAIM performs an annual traffic safety survey that named Elmhurst as a Top 10 Police Department out of 700+ Illinois agencies surveyed in DUI enforcement. Congratulations to this group of dedicated officers recognized for their efforts in keeping our streets safer!



New Employees

Elmhurst welcomed five new full-time patrol officers to the Police Department in 2023—Giovanni Pardo-Vega and Joseph Groch in January, Gregory Doherty in February, and Matthew Gamperl and Isaiah Palacios in May. In addition, we were joined in April by a new part-time background investigator, Duane Mellema, and in November by two new Part-Time Officers, Patrick Casey and Don Vasquez.



Promotions & Retirements



Detective Nicholas Waldenmeyer was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and was later assigned as the Detective Sergeant.



In October, Officer Alexander Kefaloukos was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.



2023 marked the departure of veteran detective Kenneth Ladin, who was honored by members of the department and his family at a luncheon in the Police Training Room.

Congratulations to Sergeants Waldenmeyer and Kefaloukos on their promotions and thank you to Detective Ladin for his 26+ years of service to the City of Elmhurst!



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