

Elmhurst Police Department
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Dear City Manager Grabowski:

On behalf of the men and women of the Elmhurst Police Department, I am pleased to present our 2016 Annual Report, which is designed to be a resource for municipal officials, law enforcement professionals, students, journalists and the people who live and work in the City of Elmhurst.

This Annual Report contains current and updated information about the many services that we provide to the residents and the City of Elmhurst. The report also contains a current employee organizational chart and a detailed description of each unit within the department, as well as information on specialized assignments and mutual aid participation. Also included is a statistical section summarizing important data and emerging trends that have been identified. The year of 2016 has been a year of change and professional growth following the retirement of several long-time staff members during the final quarter of 2015. Those retirements created multiple opportunities for advancement, learning and professional growth in 2016.

Following three straight years of decreases in 2013, 2014, and 2015, we experienced a 12.4% increase in UCR crime in 2016, which returned us to 2013 levels. In addition, the level of service that we provided, measured as calls for service, increased by 2.1%. It should be noted that residential burglary rates remained the same as in 2015, with a total of 38. We continue to emphasize our community policing initiatives with increased police visibility and continued use of technology.

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

Sincerely,

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Executive Summary

Reported Part 1 crimes to the State of Illinois Uniform Crime Report (UCR) indicated an overall increase in 2016 over what was experienced in 2015 due to increases in specific categories. UCR crimes increased from 500 incidents in 2015 to 562 incidents in 2016, which closely matches the UCR crime total seen in 2013.

Residential Burglary remained static in 2016 with 38 incidents reported, matching the number reported in 2015. Burglaries overall, a category that includes both attempted burglaries and non-residential burglaries, increased slightly with a total of 69 incidents reported compared to 64 the previous year. Likewise, we saw an increase of 2.1% in police service workload indicators, which are made up of 9-1-1 calls (up by 2.7%) and self-initiated officer activity (up by 1.8%). Crime relating to deception, including forgery and identity theft, rose to 312 incidents as compared to the 273 incidents experienced in 2015. No incidents of homicide were reported in 2016 or 2015, resulting in zero change.

In 2016, we continued to take a proactive role in addressing theft and burglary trends from motor vehicles. A review of the theft category indicated a significant rise in thefts of property from unlocked motor vehicles, especially during overnight hours. Though the City saw slight declines in routine theft and shoplifting reports, the increase in thefts of property from unlocked motor vehicles was the major contributor to the overall rise in UCR crime in 2016. Throughout the year, the department deployed additional patrols to areas that statistical and intelligence data indicated were likely targets of burglary to motor vehicle crime. The Investigations division partnered with Federal, State, and Local law enforcement task forces to share information and prosecute several offenders responsible for these crimes. Additionally, the department engaged in notifying residents of this crime trend through press releases, social media, and television interviews.

Resident engagement and community partnership continued to be a priority for the police department in 2016. The department continued our award-winning Neighborhood Roll Call program in addition to patrol officer "Walk & Talks," and we implemented a new community policing program, the Summer Mobile Patrol (SMP). This program utilized a combination of bicycle patrols and our new side-by-side electric vehicle to engage residents and promote a cooperative partnership between our police officers and the citizens we serve. The department received significant positive feedback from the community as the SMP was able to make contact with a number of residents while on patrol in parks, on trails, and at special events. Department members were pleased to have this new avenue with which to keep our community a safe place to live and work.

LOOKING FORWARD . . .

Here are some of our department goals for 2017:

- *Continue the Community-Based Policing model*
- *Improve communications via the department Facebook page and social media*
- *Expand participation in the Summer Mobile Patrol program*
- *Continue Neighborhood Roll Calls in the summer months*
- *Implement a strategic professional development plan with quarterly reviews for sworn personnel and supervisors*
- *Complete a comprehensive in-service training program for sworn officers based upon updated training standards*
- *Expand collaboration with the Elmhurst Park District, Elmhurst College, Elmhurst Hospital, and Elmhurst schools*
- *Improve technology and facilities to increase operational efficiency within the police department*
- *Continue to analyze and respond to crime trends and calls for service to create an action plan that ensures the highest levels of service for the City and its residents.*

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



Mission Statement

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

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

VALUES

INTEGRITY ★ COURAGE ★ EXCELLENCE ★ DEDICATION ★ COMPASSION ★ RESPECT





The Elmhurst Police Department in Action . . .





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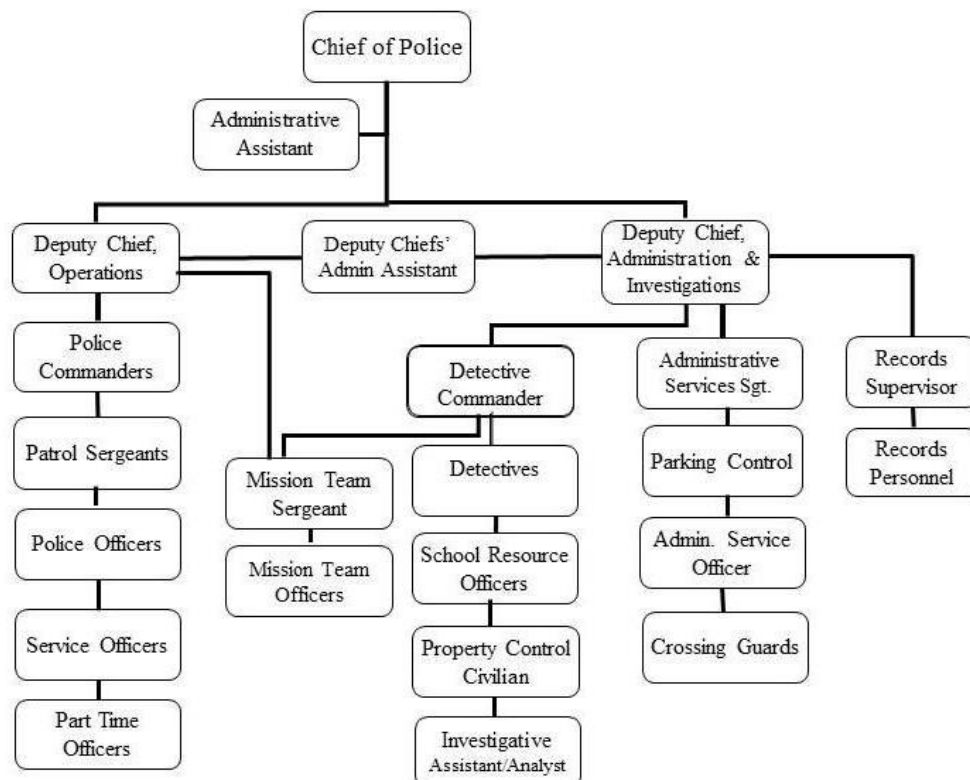
2016 ORGANIZATIONAL **COMPONENT SUMMARIES**



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 36 years of progressive law enforcement experience to our agency. **Deputy Chief Robert Tannehill**, who has served Elmhurst since 1994, leads Police Operations, and **Deputy Chief Michael McLean**, who has served since 2000, is in charge of Investigations and Administration. Administrative support services are provided by Jennifer McKeown, Administrative Assistant to the Deputy Chiefs, and Jami Carrington, Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police. Sergeant Steve Wright served as the Administrative Sergeant in 2016.

Elmhurst Police Table of Organization



Police Operations

Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is the largest component of the Elmhurst Police Department and is responsible for protecting life and property, conducting preliminary investigations, enforcing the Illinois Criminal Code, traffic laws and city ordinances, and helping to maintain order and safety for all. Patrol Officers are responsible for responding to both emergency and non-emergency calls for service from the public, handling special assignments, and proactively addressing community concerns. In 2016, Elmhurst Patrol Officers responded to approximately 48,000 calls for service concerning criminal offenses, traffic crashes, alarm activations, disturbances, traffic complaints, and other miscellaneous events.

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

Part-Time Police Unit

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

Part-Time Police Officers participate in most of the special events that Elmhurst offers during the course of the year, including the St. Patrick's Day parade, Rock the Block, and the Dan Gibbons Turkey Trot, as well as every run, bike, or special walking event that the City hosts. In addition, the Part-Time Officers assist at all Immaculate Conception and York High School home football games and help out with traffic control for graduation days at Elmhurst College, I.C. and York. The Part-Time Police Unit also assists full-time officers with arrests, traffic crashes, transporting prisoners, special watches, and patrolling the City Centre, parking decks, and parks. These duties allow the full-time officers to attend to other calls for service and traffic details. The part-time officers work closely with the full-time officers and are a necessary unit in the department. During 2016, the Part-Time Police Unit increased its ranks from 9 to 12 officers. Each officer is allowed to work up to 999 hours per year. In addition to the special details, one to two part-time officers work the afternoon shift from 6:00 p.m. to 11 p.m. on weekdays and from 6:00 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. on the weekends. Starting in 2016, part-time officers also worked on some day shifts to enhance our police presence in Elmhurst parks, the City Centre, and in the community.



Community Engagement

We believe community engagement is vital to ensure our mission of protecting our citizens. 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 Summer Mobile Patrol over the summer months, presenting the Citizen's Police Academy and D.A.R.E. programs, and participation in various community events and presentations.

In 2016, Department members conducted 77 community presentations on topics such as theft prevention, residential burglary prevention, crimes against seniors, Stranger Danger, police operations, and investigative analysis. Police department personnel also attended many other community events, including Touch-A-Truck, Spring Road Days, school talks, Park District talks, Boy and Girl Scout presentations, and Science Olympiads in addition to manning the information booth at the weekly Elmhurst Farmer's Market. Officers also volunteered their time to manage the parking situation for Special Kids' Day, to pass out water to runners in the annual Dan Gibbons Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning, and to raise funds for Illinois Special Olympics in the annual Dunkin Donuts "Cop on Top" event.

Training

The Elmhurst Police Department conducts a variety of training throughout the year to ensure our officers are up to date on new laws and remain proficient in their skills. Training is presented through in-service training classes, online webinars, video, printed materials, and department communications. Officers also attend offsite classes and seminars. Some possible topics covered include policy and procedures, criminal law, local ordinances, traffic laws and police tactics. Additionally, many of our officers hold specific certifications that require ongoing education.

The majority of outside training comes from North East Multi-Regional Training, (NEMRT) and the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA), of which the Elmhurst Police Department are members. NEMRT provides a wide variety of courses to our officers. Some of the courses that we completed this year include:

- Juvenile Officer Specialist
- Search Warrant Preparation
- Advanced DUI Training
- Incident Command for Patrol Response

In 2016, the Elmhurst Police Department continued to serve as a host agency for NEMRT, holding approximately 30 training classes in our station training room.



In-service Defensive Tactics training



2016 Training Accomplishments and Highlights:

- In February 2016, Elmhurst Police personnel completed a two day in-service training program that included Use of Force, Defensive Tactics, and TASER Recertification. Officers also completed training in First Aid, CPR/AED use, NARCAN overdose drug treatment and Discrimination Prevention.
- In July 2016, officers and supervisors participated in a Mass Casualty Active Shooter Response training exercise. Training was held over 3 days on the campus of Elmhurst College where officers trained with college security personnel and Elmhurst Fire Department members on incident response.
- In October 2016, department members completed an in-service training course on Mental Health First Aid for First Responders. The course educated officers on mental illness and responding to those in crisis.
- Commander Len Kolpak and Sergeant Steve Wright graduated from the prestigious 10-week School of Police Staff and Command program hosted by the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety.
- Officer Jacob Beltran became the department's first Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) after completing 152 hours of advanced DUI impairment training to detect drugged drivers.
- Sergeants Rivkin and Kaczorowski completed both the National Incident Management (NIMS) Incident Command System 300 level course and the Northwestern Center for Public Safety two-week Supervision of Police Personnel course.
- Two Detectives attended Sex Crimes Investigation School at the Southern Police Institute in Louisville, KY.
- Officers Dorian Jarrette and Colleen Cooney attended the 80-hour DARE Instructor course.
- All full time Elmhurst Police Officers completed a minimum of 50 hours of training during 2016.



ERT FBI SWAT training on 7/20/16



Investigations Division

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

Investigators are assigned to follow up on crimes that were initially reported to the uniformed patrol division. A case might be assigned to a particular investigator due to on-call status or because it involves his/her area of expertise. Investigators are subject to call-in 24 hours/day, 7 days/week, and members of the division are also sometimes called upon to work with other local, state, or Federal agencies to assist with more serious or complex cases. Detectives also conduct background checks for City firefighter positions, police department employment, and applicants for liquor licenses, solicitor permits, charitable games permits, and Jaycee Carnival employees. The total number of background checks performed in 2016 was 113.

In 2016, there were 269 cases assigned for investigation as follows:

Investigative Assignments	2016
Arson	0
Assault/Battery	10
Auto Theft	4
Burglary	29
Death Investigations	12
Financial Crimes**	70
Missing Persons	2
Property Damage	3
Robbery	9
Sex Crimes	18
Theft*	87
Other	25

(*) Theft assignments include all Burglary to Motor Vehicle reports.

(**) Identity Thefts are included in the "Other" category rather than "Financial Crimes."



Narcotics Officer

One Elmhurst Narcotics Officer is assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to assist with the investigation of drug related-offenses throughout the Chicagoland area. During 2016, this group was responsible for the arrest of 33 offenders and the recovery of over \$1,000,000 of illicitly obtained funds, 93 kilos of heroin, 178 kilos of cocaine, and the seizure of 7 guns, 10 vehicles, and even a Cessna airplane.



School Resource Officers

The primary goal of the School Resource Officer (SRO) is to maintain a safe, secure environment within the Elmhurst schools. Elmhurst currently has two plain-clothes detectives assigned to liaison with local schools and to work collaboratively with administrators, educators, staff and parents to achieve this goal. The role and responsibilities of a School Resource Officer are similar to those of an Investigator in that they have the ability to conduct criminal investigations. They respond to calls for service within the schools and document information that is collected during the course of their duties; in addition, they are responsible for planning instruction on current youth-related issues. SROs also conduct intruder safety checks designed to test the security of schools within the Elmhurst school district. The checks consist of a detective in plain clothes attempting to gain unexpected entry to the building. Results are reviewed and suggestions are made to school administrators on how to enhance school security based on the results of the checks. The Elmhurst School Resource Officers are in contact with Administration from three high schools and three middle schools in addition to the local elementary schools. School Resource Officers can significantly impact students' lives through their role as a mentor, coach, and teacher. Elmhurst has had an officer assigned to York High School for over 40 years.

Evidence Custodian

The Evidence Custodian is responsible for collecting and maintaining all property submitted into evidence. In 2016, 6,184 items of property were collected as evidence or "found property." The evidence room contains more than 14,000 items of evidence. In 2016, 279 items of evidence were returned to identifiable owners, 423 items were transferred to the DuPage County or State Police Crime Labs for analysis and processing, 3,878 items were appropriately destroyed, and 187 items were auctioned in accordance with applicable laws regarding disposal of found or relinquished property.



Crime Analysis Assistant

The Crime Analysis Assistant is proficient in the use of computers and statistical programs that strategically map-out possible criminal activity. The information retrieved from these databases is used to create visual presentations such as crime bulletins, maps, and graphs that provide detectives, patrol officers, and/or outside law enforcement agencies with crime patterns and suspect information. The Crime Analysis Assistant plays an important role in apprehending criminals and closing cases by obtaining critical intelligence for investigators.

This year the Crime Analysis Assistant conducted an analysis of ATM burglaries from local convenience stores throughout the area to try and predict when the offender might strike again. This information was provided to the patrol division, and the offender was later arrested committing another burglary. On another occasion, the analyst recognized a pattern of salon burglaries occurring throughout the Chicagoland area though Elmhurst had not yet been victimized by these crimes. Recognizing that Elmhurst might be targeted next, the analyst created a comprehensive report and analysis of these crimes. A press release followed the analysis and led later to the identification and apprehension of the offender.

Mission Team

The Mission Team is currently made up of three officers and a Sergeant who work in plain clothes to target criminal activity that a uniformed officer would be unable to investigate.

During 2016, the Mission Team conducted numerous narcotic investigations, developed confidential informants that led to narcotic delivery cases, and assisted other police departments by sharing information. The team also assisted patrol and detectives when needed.

2016 Accomplishments:

- Received grant money from the State of Illinois for alcohol/tobacco compliance checks
- Conducted four alcohol/tobacco compliance checks during 2016 and cited numerous businesses for selling alcohol or tobacco products to minors.
- Conducted numerous narcotics investigations leading to the arrest of drug dealers selling to customers in town
- Conducted numerous surveillances related to residential burglary suspects, retail thefts and burglaries to motor vehicles
- Seized \$4,823.72 in currency, seized 6 vehicles for forfeiture, and initiated 95 Administrative tows
- Recovered 1423.8 grams of Cannabis, 23 grams of Heroin, 17.3 grams of Cocaine, and 260 pills of Controlled Substances



- Recovered numerous items of drug paraphernalia, including syringes
- Made a total of 564 arrests, including:
 - 25 arrests for criminal felonies
 - 36 arrests for drug felonies
 - 45 arrests for criminal misdemeanors
 - 52 arrests for misdemeanor drugs
 - 17 warrants (5 felony warrants and 12 misdemeanor warrants)
 - 174 City ordinance arrests for liquor violations, cannabis/drug paraphernalia possession, and other types of ordinance violations
 - 11 DUI arrests
 - 18 juvenile offenses
 - 158 Traffic citations issued and 28 misdemeanor traffic.
- The Mission Team attended the Cook County Regional Organized Task Force Training Conference and the annual Illinois Drug Enforcement Officers Association Conference.
- Presented community talks ranging from Internet Safety to the function of the Mission Team in dealing with problems in the community.
- Assisted Investigations with 9 background checks of police/fire applicants.
- Sergeant Mandat attended the 400-hour Northwestern University School of Staff and Command Training Program as well as Enfuse training on Cell Phone Forensics.
- Officer Beltran attended training and became certified as a Drug Recognition Expert.
- Officer Jorgensen attended the 40-hour Narcotics Investigator Course, the 80-hour Drug Enforcement Agency Training Program, the 16-hour Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement course.
- Officers Beltran and Jorgensen attended the 40-hour Juvenile Specialist training and became certified Juvenile officers.

Mission Team Goals:

- Continue to conduct alcohol/tobacco compliance checks
- Continue to conduct narcotic enforcement with a focus on local drug dealers
- Continue to develop confidential informants to further our investigations



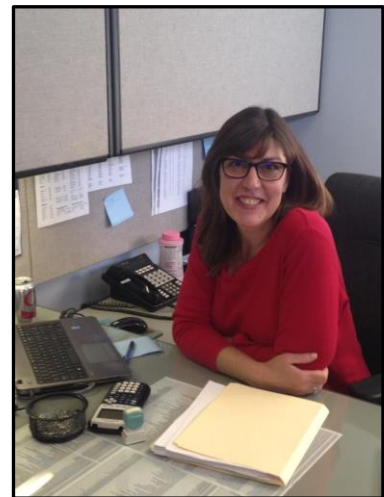
- Provide assistance to the Detective and Patrol Divisions
- Develop patrol officers for future assignments in Mission Team and Investigations
- Continue to conduct tactical training with ERT
- Continue to conduct prostitution investigations at area hotels and establishments and to monitor internet websites for prostitution activity in Elmhurst
- Continue to collaborate and share information with other police departments
- Conduct Heroin Highway Interdiction to combat heroin use
- Continue to develop close relationships with staff at area hotels and establishments to combat illegal activity at those locations.

Administrative Services/Records

The Records Division provides a critical support function of the Elmhurst Police Department. Records coordinates the Department's records retention program and is responsible for compiling, maintaining and disseminating copies of department records concerning crimes, arrests, and traffic accidents to law enforcement agencies, authorized outside agencies, and citizens. In 2016, the Records Division was staffed by Supervisor Jodi Sennett and three full-time Records clerks, Jean Nelson, David Kochick and Christine Burg; one full-time temp, Loretta Franz; and one part-time temp, Kerri Chambers.

In addition to providing assistance to the public, the Records Division is also responsible for a variety of complex and confidential administrative duties for the Police Department, some of which include:

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



Records Supervisor Jodi Sennett



2016 Accomplishments:

- Police Department handled 47,945 calls
- 14,173 tickets issued:
 - Traffic tickets – 7,023
 - Warning tickets – 7,150
- Parking tickets issued – 14,368
- 172 drivers were arrested for DUI Alcohol
- 20 drivers were arrested for DUI Drugs
- 4 drivers were arrested for DUI combination of Alcohol/Drugs.

Prosecution of DUI cases: the City of Elmhurst continues with DUI prosecution for first time offenders. This program has been very successful with consistent professional support from local prosecutors who work closely with our officers.

- 2016 Vehicle-related Citizen Assists included:
 - 653 Lock Outs
 - 99 Motorist Assists



Records Clerk David Kochick and Ruby





Internal Affairs

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

Source of Complaints

Citizen Complaints

Police Agency Complaints

Disposition of Complaints

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

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

Sustained – The allegation is supported by sufficient evidence.

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



DEPARTMENT VALUES

INTEGRITY ★ COURAGE ★ EXCELLENCE ★ DEDICATION ★ COMPASSION ★ RESPECT

Elmhurst Officers handled approximately 40,000 incidents last year involving traffic violators, citizen contacts and individuals involved in criminal activity. Of those contacts, officers had to use force .0006% of the time to effect an arrest or control a situation, and all were within department policy. Elmhurst Officers conducted approximately 11,000 traffic stops in 2016 for various traffic violations or pursuant to criminal acts. There were 6 reported incidents of a vehicle pursuit where a traffic violator did not stop and a vehicle pursuit ensued. Policy infractions ranged from squad damage reports to infractions occurring in the member's normal course of duty. These infractions were reviewed and handled with appropriate action ranging from a corrective conference to a written reprimand.

Of the approximately 40,000 incidents handled by Elmhurst Officers in 2016, only .000125% of those contacts resulted in a citizen complaint against an officer. The Elmhurst Police Department conducted 69 Internal and 5 External investigations on its members. The 69 internal investigations included investigation on Use of Force, Vehicle Pursuits, and Policy Infractions. The 5 external investigations involved citizen complaints against members of the department. After reviewing these complaints, it was determined that 3 were unfounded, 1 resulted in an officer receiving a corrective conference, and 1 was sustained.



2016 SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT **SUMMARY**



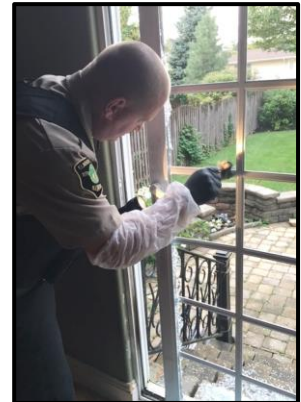
Evidence Technicians

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

In 2016, the Elmhurst Police Evidence Unit processed numerous crime scenes from a variety of incidents and performed complex evidence work in a thorough manner. Evidence Technicians assisted the Detective division on criminal investigations and often linked and identified suspects using forensics. The ETs also taught methods of evidence recovery to both the Citizen's Police Academy and the SALT program. Several Elmhurst ETs also participate in the DuPage County Major Crimes Task Force and DuPage County Accident Reconstruction Team (DUCART) where their expertise is used at especially serious and/or multi-jurisdictional crime scenes.

Some highlights of the evidence work performed in 2016 include:

- ***Recovery of a fingerprint that identified an offender in a burglary to motor vehicle with a \$6,000 loss.***
- ***The recovery of a fingerprint during a residential burglary investigation that identified the offender.***
- ***DNA evidence was recovered while investigating a multi-jurisdictional tire theft ring that linked suspects to crime scene evidence.***



Elmhurst Evidence Technicians attended the 2nd Annual Midwest Forensic Training Conference in January of 2016. There, ETs learned the newest state-of-the-art methods for evidence recovery, collection, and processing. In November 2016, the Evidence Technicians attended in-service training at the Elmhurst Police Department that included familiarization with advanced equipment and learning to process different materials with chemicals. Officers Jake Beltran and Carl Hawkins attended the basic 40 Hour ET Course as they began their training to be Evidence Technicians.



Emergency Response Team (ERT)

The Emergency Response Team (ERT) team is a designated unit of law enforcement officers who are specially trained and equipped to work as a coordinated unit to resolve critical incidents that are so hazardous, complex, or unusual, they may exceed the capabilities of first responders or investigative units. Critical incidents include, but are not limited to, hostage events, barricaded suspects, snipers, terrorist acts and other high-risk incidents. As a matter of Department policy, such a unit may also be used to serve high-risk warrants, both search and arrest, where public and officer safety issues call for the use of such a unit.

Throughout the year, the ERT Team received monthly training with an emphasis on shooting of handguns and rifles, covert entry, search warrants, hostage rescue, barricaded subjects, officer survival, rapid response and critical incident management.

The training highlight this year was a joint training exercise with FBI SWAT in July, 2016. In the scenario, the Elmhurst Police ERT was assisting FBI SWAT with a search for armed bank robbers that had been observed at multiple locations in Elmhurst. The Elmhurst ERT and FBI SWAT conducted simultaneous search warrants at multiple locations in the city. The FBI provided role players for the incident, utilizing “simunition” weapons that fire a paint marking cartridge. Ultimately, the “offenders” were taken into custody, and all officers benefitted from a very realistic training exercise.



New additions to the ERT this year were Officers Hamblin and Isaac, who successfully completed the 80-hour Basic SWAT School. In addition, three ERT members attended a 40-hour SWAT refresher course through the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) that included drills in a live-fire shoot house and steel range training, which greatly enhances officer survival skills.

This year, the ERT successfully completed three search/arrest warrants involving suspected drug and weapons offenses and participated in the successful resolution to a hostage/barricade incident.



Crisis Negotiators

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

Crisis Negotiator Supervisor

Commander Dan Terry

Crisis Negotiator Members

Commander Jim Gandy

Detective Ken Lafin

School Resource Officer Dan Corrigan

School Resource Officer Brendan Bruckner

Officer Anthony Cuzzone

Officer Dorian Jarrette

The Elmhurst Crisis Negotiators once again attended the annual 4-day Illinois Crisis Negotiation Association Conference held in Naperville in April of 2016. The conference consisted of case studies from crisis incidents around the country and included both communications training and scenario training to provide negotiators with firsthand experience in negotiating a crisis.



Field Training Program

The Field Training Program for new Elmhurst Police Officers consisted in 2016 of three Field Training Supervisors, twelve Patrol Field Training Officers, two Service Officer FTOs and two Part-Time Officer FTOs. Each training officer has received 40-hours of FTO training curriculum to comprehend and learn the qualities needed to be an effective teacher, mentor, and coach to the new recruits. FTO trainers are instructed on the essential process of properly documenting a recruit's performance and assisting the recruit in acclimating both to the specific requirements of the Elmhurst Police Department and to their career in law enforcement. During the training process, each recruit is assigned to a series of FTOs possessing various specialties. This wide range of skills and specialties allows the recruit to learn the different skills necessary to become a successful Elmhurst Police Officer. Each FTO assists the recruit with incorporating the application of City, State, and Federal ordinances and statues into both their police academy training and their field training.

The field training program is 22 weeks long and includes 14 weeks of shift work on the Day, Afternoon, and Midnight shifts. After the 14 weeks, the recruit enters a "shadow phase," working independently while the FTO remains at his/her side to assist as needed. Following that is a 4-week "solo phase" in which the recruit works on his/her own, applying all of the cumulative training received up to that point. The final week of training consists of an evaluation phase where the FTO assesses the abilities, confidence level, and experience gained by the recruit prior to his/her being released to solo patrol for the remainder of the 15-month probationary period.

In 2016, 2 new full-time officers were hired, one with prior experience and one who was assigned to the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy at College of DuPage for the 12-week Police Academy training course. Two part time officers have been added, both of whom are in the field training program, and one service officer who has been assigned to a shift.

2016 FTOs:

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

2016 FTO Supervisors:

Commander Michael Burroughs
Commander Len Kolpak
Sergeant Steve Weatherford



Firearms Training

The Elmhurst Police Department Firearms Training Unit takes great pride in the long history of providing high quality firearms training to our officers. In 2016, the Elmhurst Police Department had four state-certified Firearms instructors, each holding the position of Rangemaster. Our training program is distinguished among many law enforcement agencies in that our officers train on a monthly basis with their duty pistols in order to maintain their level of proficiency. The range staff develops an annual training plan that focuses on the three main goals of the program: Marksmanship, Tactics, and Use of Force decision-making. These goals are met by providing officers with an enhanced qualification course that is more difficult than State minimum standards. Officers are trained in a variety of shooting positions and lighting conditions, and scenario-based training is conducted using role players and “simunition” pistols that shoot paint cartridges.

Every Elmhurst Police Department squad car is equipped with a patrol rifle to address serious threats such as an active shooter incident, and officers train with the rifle at several monthly shoots throughout the year. In addition, officers receive twice-a-year training at the St. Charles Rifle Range, which allows them to engage targets at distances up to 100 yards. This year, each squad car was also outfitted with an equipment bag containing a ballistic helmet, enhanced body armor, and first aid supplies. Officers utilized this equipment during a joint-training, active shooter exercise at Elmhurst College in July.

In addition to training, the Elmhurst Rangemasters are also licensed armorers who perform scheduled maintenance on all Department firearms. Having in-house armorers provides significant cost savings to the City of Elmhurst and keeps Department firearm maintenance and repairs on schedule.

Range Masters

Sergeant Matt Himpelmann

Officer Dan Bishop

Officer Tom Cronin

Officer Scott Lange

Range Supervisor

Commander Michael Burroughs



Officers training in the rain at St. Charles Rifle Range, May 2016.



Elmhurst Police Honor Guard

The Honor Guard unit represents the Elmhurst Police Department and the City of Elmhurst by “posting the colors,” i.e., carrying the flags of the United States and the State of Illinois, in City-sponsored parades and ceremonies. The unit also honors U.S. Military veterans at annual ceremonies for servicemen and women—past and present—on Memorial Day and Veterans Day. The Honor Guard lends dignity and honor to important public events, parades, and ceremonies, and is on hand in difficult times as an expression of pride in our police department, our city, and our country.



Elmhurst Honor Guard Members are:

Officer Chris Horner
Officer Tim Jorgensen
Officer Scott Lange
Officer Joan Velez

Officer Tim Westering
Detective Victor Almaguer
Detective Ken Lafin
Sergeant Matt Himpelmann

Honor Guard Supervisors:

Commander Len Kolpak
Sergeant Brett Kaczorowski



K9 Unit

The Elmhurst Police Department K9 Unit is comprised of Officer Anthony Poli and his canine partner, Diesel. Due to an on-duty injury, the Elmhurst K9 unit was inactive for much of 2016.

2016 Activity for the K9 Unit (January- May):

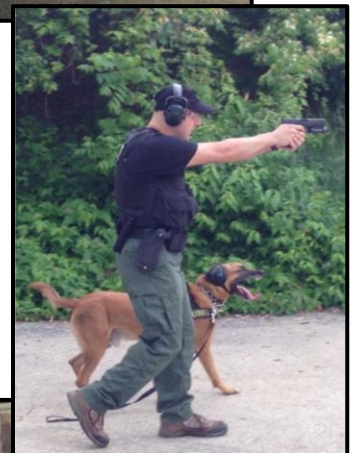
- 8 Assists to other Agencies
- 4 Tracking Deployments
- 16 Vehicle Narcotic Searches
- 8 School Searches
- 1 Building Searches



Officer Poli and Diesel.

Finds:

- US Currency: \$40,000
- Narcotics:
 - 15 grams of cocaine
 - 19.5 grams of Cannabis
 - 160.5 grams of LSD
 - Various items of drug paraphernalia
- Offenders Located:
 - Tracked and located offender from hit & run traffic crash
 - Tracked, located and apprehended burglary offender hidden inside residential garage.



The K9 Unit was able to make appearances and give demonstrations at various community events including the Elmhurst Citizen's Police Academy, DARE classes, the Lexington Square Retirement Community, the Elmhurst Public Library, Veterinary Medical Care, Scouting Programs and School Career Days.



MUTUAL AID ASSIGNMENTS

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

Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS)

The Elmhurst Police Department is a member of the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS). This group is based in Urbana, Illinois, and is the largest mutual aid organization in the United States. ILEAS is responsible for coordinating statewide mutual aid responses as needed. Fortunately, during 2016, the Elmhurst Police Department did not request ILEAS assistance for any incident. However, the department did respond to several mutual aid requests in other towns for larger-scale incidents.



THE ILEAS MISSION

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

"STRENGTH THROUGH COOPERATION"

DuPage Major Crimes Task Force (MCTF)



The DuPage Major Crimes Task Force (MCTF) was first formed in late 1998 to promote County safety and enhance the ability of all law enforcement agencies in DuPage County to solve major crime through resource sharing, partnership and joint cooperation, consistent training, and application of investigative and enforcement methodology. The purpose of the MCTF is to provide member agencies with highly competent and comprehensive investigative, crime scene, evidence collection, analysis, and technical assistance to incidents of major crimes. Today, MCTF consists of 20 law enforcement agencies from Federal, State, and

local police agencies, as well as the DuPage County State's Attorney's Office. MCTF allows all of the member agencies to share equipment, personnel and resources as needed for major investigations or significant events. The Elmhurst Police Department currently has two Investigators assigned to the Major Crimes Task Force, as well as an Evidence Technician and an administrative support Team Leader.



Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS)



The Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS) covers over 90 communities and offers two programs – a special tactical squad known as the **Emergency Services Team (EST)** and a crowd-control team known as the **Mobile Field Force (MFF)**. Officer Marcin Scislowicz serves on the NIPAS EST team and Officer Art Ciszewski serves on the NIPAS MFF. Both teams had numerous training dates and requests for service in 2016 from multiple member agencies throughout the Chicagoland area.

Emergency Services Team

The EST covers an area of approximately 590 square miles (population 1.9 million) for 68 member agencies in Cook, DuPage, McHenry, and Lake Counties. The EST is a full-service team capable of handling both small- and large-scale incidents including hostage rescues, armed/barricaded mental subjects, fugitive apprehension, high risk search/arrest warrants, area searches, and dignitary protection. NIPAS EST also has officers who respond to incidents involving industrial chemicals, WMDs, and meth labs while in fully encapsulated chemical resistant suits and SCBAs. EST trains more frequently than the MFF due to the special circumstances the team must be ready to handle.

In 2016, the NIPAS Emergency Services Team responded to 23 activations for service, including:

- **January 1:** Armed/barricaded subject in Arlington Heights;
- **January 29:** High-risk warrant service in Berwyn;
- **February 6:** Barricaded subject in Arlington Heights;
- **February 23:** Armed/suicidal subject in Franklin Park;
- **April 23:** Armed/suicidal subject in Arlington Heights;
- **May 25-26:** Assisted MFF during the Oak Brook protests;
- **August 13:** High-risk warrant service in Villa Park;
- **November 4:** High-risk warrant service in Villa Park.



Mobile Field Force

The MFF trains 7 times a year and responds to problems within the 696 square miles (population 2.2 million) comprised by its 90 member agencies, including Lake, DuPage, Cook, and McHenry counties. As part of the MFF, Ofc. Ciszewski was promoted in 2016 to team Lieutenant and Line Supervisor—with responsibility for the “skirmish line” consisting of up to 50+ officers.

Some of the 2016 events where Mobile Field Force was on standby, ready to respond if needed:



- **May 25-26:** Full team activation for a “Fight for \$15” minimum wage rate protest in Oak Brook;
- **May 27:** Team standby for a protest at ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) facility in Broadview;
- **July 16:** Arrest and Weapons teams staged for a protest in Forest Park;
- **July 16:** Team standby for an Interfaith Service protest in Lisle;
- **July 28-31:** Team standby for a potential riot/crowd control issues at festivals in Streamwood and Wood Dale;
- **August 20:** Standby for a Bomplenazo event in Forest Park;
- **September 12:** Team standby for a Dakota pipeline sit-in protest in Streamwood;
- **October 20:** Team standby for a Moorish Nation protest in River Forest;
- **November 4:** 51 NIPAS officers were activated for the Cubs World Series Parade and Rally in downtown Chicago
- **November 11:** Team standby for a planned protest march in La Grange.



2016 PROGRAMS SUMMARY



Citizen's Police Academy (CPA)

The Citizen's Police Academy is a 12-week program designed to give Elmhurst citizens a working knowledge of both the Elmhurst Police Department specifically as well as general Law Enforcement practices. The program provides participants with a better understanding of some of the challenges faced by police officers in the field along with insight into how officers might handle different situations and why. CPA is one of the most popular police department programs with the community. The course provides residents with an opportunity to view firsthand how the Elmhurst Police Department serves the community; it includes curriculum on crime prevention, investigations, evidence processing, gangs and drugs, the K-9 Unit, and a law review.



After completing the CPA program, "graduates" are invited to join the Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA). This group has a monthly meeting with speakers on different topics related to Law Enforcement for those who are not ready for their CPA experience to end. The CPAAA group continues to grow with each graduating class and is on hand to assist the Police Department at a number of community events including the

annual St. Patrick's Day parade and the Dan Gibbons Turkey Trot. Members also volunteer as role players for police training scenarios and host an annual picnic to maintain their ties to department members.



The Citizen's Police Academy is overseen by Commander Len Kolpak and Sergeant Stephen Wright, with assistance from Administrative Assistant Jami Carrington.



DARE

The Elmhurst Police Department's Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program (DARE) was started in 1987; in 2016, 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 to the program concerning bullying and cyberbullying. The current program, entitled "*Keepin' it REAL*," is based on preventing drug use by teaching children basic decision-making skills, 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 2016, the Elmhurst community had approximately 880 students graduate from DARE and 9 Elmhurst officers serving as DARE instructors: Officers Tony Cuzzone, Matt McCollum, Brendan Bruckner, Josh Duffy, Nick Waldenmeyer, Alex Kefaloukos, Dorian Jarrette, Colleen Cooney and Carl Hawkins. The DARE program is a valuable tool to connect with children in the community and educate them to make better decisions, stay safe and succeed.

DARE



Explorer Post

The Elmhurst Police Explorer program is a youth group for both males and females, age 14 through 21, who are interested in a career in Law Enforcement or Criminal Justice. The Police Explorer program helps to build confidence and leadership while allowing the youths to learn life skills and good citizenship from the Elmhurst Police officers working with them. The Elmhurst Police Explorer post is currently comprised of 15 police explorers from Elmhurst and surrounding areas.



The Police Explorers provide assistance to the Police Department at annual events such as the Pet Parade, Bike Parade, Memorial Day Parade, 5K Talkie Trot Race, Jaycees Carnival, 4 on the 4th Run, and the bike race. They also assist the Mission Team throughout the year with underage alcohol and tobacco enforcement by checking to see if local businesses are selling alcohol and tobacco to underage individuals. This year, the Police Explorers also assisted with In-Service Training for the police department by acting as role players for the 3-day Active Shooter training event that was held at Elmhurst College.

The Police Explorer program is managed by Sergeant Brett Kaczorowski and Officers Mike Hamblin, Dave Gryczewski, Dorian Jarrette, and Tim Jorgensen.



Neighborhood Roll Call

The award-winning Neighborhood Roll Call program, designed to bring police officers into neighborhoods to interact with residents, was once again a huge success in 2016. The Police Department held 37 outdoor roll calls over the summer months that were attended by a total of 726 residents. The program continues to be very popular with residents and serves to reinforce a feeling of partnership between the Police Department and the community.



Summer Mobile Patrol

In 2016, the Police Department was able to purchase a new side-by-side for the Summer Mobile Patrol through a generous grant from the Union Pacific Railroad. The new vehicle, PD38, provided officers with new opportunities for community engagement while on patrol—a ride in the vehicle was even given as a prize in this summer's Explore Elmhurst campaign.



Bicycle Unit

The second component of the Summer Mobile Patrol, the Bicycle Unit, entails officers on bikes patrolling areas of high pedestrian and bicycle traffic over the summer months. The 2016 Bicycle Unit had 16 officers and 5 police bicycles participating in maintaining a police presence at special events like City parades, Rock the Block nights, Park-a-Palooza, the Elmhurst Park District Safety Town, the Elmhurst College Cycling Classic, the Immaculate Conception Bike Safety Day, The YMCA Bike Registration & Safety Info Day, the Union Pacific Railroad Depot Information Booth, the Elmhurst Fire Department Open House, Booti-ful Saturday, as well as extra patrols on Halloween night. A special City Centre detail was also undertaken this summer on Friday and Saturday evenings for both enforcement purposes and community engagement opportunities.

The combined total of officer time for the Summer Mobile Patrol/Bicycle Unit was approximately 288.5 hours of activity in 2016, with approximately 120 of those hours logged by the Bicycle Unit and 168.5 hours by the SMP.



Peer Jury

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

The Elmhurst Peer Jury program currently has 16 Peer Jurors. The program began in 2005 and is currently overseen by Juvenile Officers Hawkins and Waldenmeyer. In 2016, The Peer Jury program heard 23 new cases and 25 return cases. This year, the Peer Jurors also heard a presentation by Judge Ann Celine O'Hallaren Walsh, along with City Prosecutor William Belmonte, about the criminal justice program and the courts. Officers Hawkins and Waldenmeyer also gave a presentation for the Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association explaining the Peer Jury program and its benefits to members.



In 2017, the Peer Jury program plans to accept additional “jurors” into the program and continues to seek out appropriate cases to hear and assist with proper juvenile dispositions.



Prescription Drop Box and Drug Take-Back Days

The Police Department lobby is home to a collection box for prescription medication to provide citizens with an easy, safe way to dispose of unwanted and/or expired prescription drugs. This safe and easy drop-off location, open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, provides an eco-friendly disposal opportunity that keeps drugs out of the water supply while helping to safeguard residents from possible abuse of unwanted medications. This year the police department partnered with the DuPage County Health Department's prescription drug disposal program to dispose more efficiently of the drugs collected.



Three Prescription Drug Take-Back Days were held in 2016, on April 30th, October 22nd, and December 3rd. For each take-back event, a tent was set up in the police station parking lot, allowing residents to “drive up and drop off” any unused/unwanted prescription medications. The combined drop-off options yielded a total of 612.5 lbs. of drugs taken in for destruction that were kept out of the water supply in 2016.



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 a preponderance of evidence as presented by the City Attorney.



Administrative tow cases involve drivers arrested on serious criminal or traffic offenses that require impoundment of their vehicles. Common offenses requiring vehicle impoundment include Driving Under the Influence, Driving While License Revoked/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 2016, a total of 1,704 Adjudication cases were filed, of which 1,315 were Ordinance Citations and 389 Tow Violation cases (Chart 1).

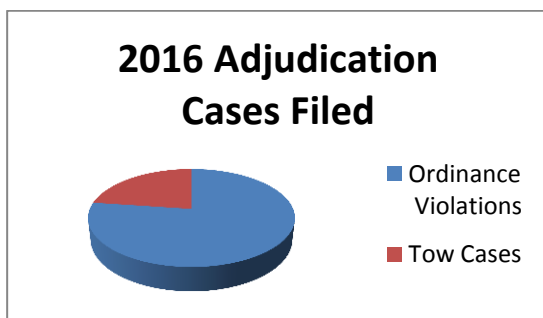


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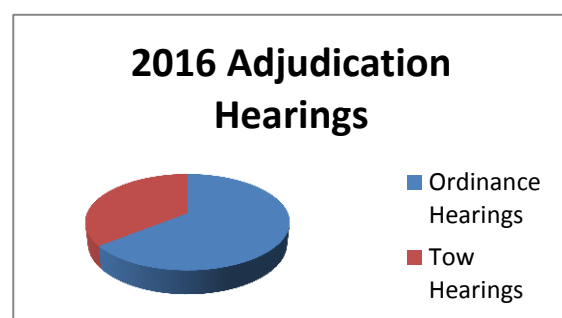


Chart 2

A total of 1,089 Adjudication Hearings were conducted in 2016, of which 700 were Ordinance Hearings and 389 were Tow Hearings (Chart 2)



Fleet Watch Program



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

Department’s belief that the best crime prevention strategies involve a collaborative effort between law enforcement and other community stakeholders.



Alive at 25 Program

Alive at 25 is a National Safety Council Traffic Safety class taught by Elmhurst Police Commander Jim Gandy, Sergeant Steve Wright, and Officer Tim Westering and Detective Matt McCollum. The class is available to all residents and students in Elmhurst, age 16-24. The program teaches decision-making skills for young people in addition to the scope of traditional driver’s education training. The City Prosecutor has also been using Alive at 25 as a diversionary program for young traffic violators to educate them to be safer drivers in the future. In 2016, there were 12 monthly sessions of the program with a total of 138 participants.





BASSET

BASSET is a State of Illinois Program run by the Illinois Liquor Commission, which requires all employers and employees who serve and sell alcoholic beverages to attend BASSET training. The purpose of the BASSET program is to educate sellers and servers of alcoholic beverages about the effects of alcohol and drug abuse and provide them with the necessary skills to identify signs of intoxication as well as intervention techniques when necessary, thereby reducing DUIs and underage sales. The Elmhurst Police Department hosts the 4-hour BASSET certification class approximately 6 - 8 times per year; in 2016, the Elmhurst hosted 6 BASSET classes over the course of the year, with a total of 82 participants attending.

OPERATION LIFESAVER: 2016 Railroad Safety Program

- The Elmhurst Railroad Safety and Enforcement Program has been in existence for the last 22 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 conducted safety blitzes and enforcement initiatives at the Metra train station.
- Elmhurst Police Department Operation Lifesaver presenters conducted safety presentations for both the Citizen's Police Academy classes and "Alive at 25" programs.



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

The Elmhurst Police Department hosts a monthly S.A.L.T. (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) meeting for seniors from Elmhurst and surrounding communities. The S.A.L.T. program offers seniors an opportunity to meet each month to interact with each other and with police department personnel. The group also has the opportunity to ask questions and discuss different topics that concern them. Various speakers are invited to lead a meeting and discussion on a particular topic of interest. The seniors are encouraged to ask questions and speak about their personal experiences with the topic. On occasion, meetings are held "on location" at sites in and around DuPage County to provide seniors facility tours of sites in their community. The S.A.L.T. coordinators this year were Part-Time Officer Kelly Skolozynski, Administrative Service Officer Wendy Satala, and Service Officer Angel Ramirez.



COMMUNITY RELATIONS EVENTS

Presentations and Station Tours

Throughout the year, the Elmhurst Police visit local schools and community groups to make presentations on different topics as requested. In addition, scout groups and school groups frequently come in for tours of the police station; pictured are just a few of the many 2016 tours and presentations given by the Elmhurst Police.



Police K-9 Unit Visits Lexington Square

The Elmhurst Police K-9 Unit, comprised of Officer Tony Poli and his canine partner, Diesel, visited Lexington Square in early March for a presentation on senior safety and the capabilities of a police K-9 dog. After the presentation, Officer Poli and Diesel took some time for a meet and greet with the residents.



St. Patrick's Day Parade

On Saturday, March 5th, 2016, Elmhurst's Finest were on hand to provide assistance and ensure safety at the annual St. Patrick's Day parade. Pictured are Sergeant Weatherford, Deputy Chief McLean, Chief Ruth, Deputy Chief Tannehill, and Sergeant Mandat.



EPBAA Dodge Ball Fundraiser

On Saturday, March 12th, the Elmhurst Police Benevolent Athletic Association participated in a dodgeball tournament fundraiser against other police and fire departments to raise money for pediatric brain cancer research. The event was held at Franklin Middle School in Wheaton to honor a Franklin student who passed away from a brain tumor. A total of 12 Police and Fire Department teams participated in the tournament, including an Elmhurst team of seven police officers, who were joined by City of Elmhurst I.T. Director, Mike Stenson.



From left: Ofc. Valdez, D.C. Tannehill, Dets. Coughlin and Torza, IT Director Stenson, Det. Lafin, Sgt. Rivkin and Ofc. Pacewic

K-9 Unit Visits Citizen's Police Academy Class

On April 6th, the Elmhurst Police Department K-9 Unit, comprised of Officer Tony Poli and his canine partner, Diesel, gave a presentation to the Elmhurst Citizen's Police Academy class with assistance from Officer John Pacewic. Officer Poli explained and demonstrated in the classroom how Diesel would locate hidden drugs. The class then went out to the police garage for a demonstration on how Diesel, on command, can subdue a criminal until he/she can be safely taken into custody by officers.



Cop on Top

The annual Cop on Top fundraiser for Special Olympics was held on Friday, May 20th. Elmhurst officers, along with volunteers from the Elmhurst Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association, gathered at the Elmhurst Dunkin Donuts located at 936 N. York to collect donations for IL Special Olympics. The goal of the fundraiser is to provide opportunities for children and adults with intellectual disabilities to compete in organized athletic events to promote camaraderie, physical fitness, and achievement. The 2016 group was joined by Chicago radio personalities Eric & Kathy from 101.9 FM, The Mix.



The Elmhurst Police Department raised a total of \$5,500.14 in donations for Special Olympics in 2016!



Illinois Torch Run

On June 5, 2016, members of the Elmhurst Police Department, along with friends and family members, participated in the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run to raise money and awareness for Special Olympics Illinois. Throughout the week, approximately 3,000 officers representing every branch of law enforcement across the state, from local police officers to FBI agents, carried the Flame of Hope nearly 1,500 miles through thousands of Illinois communities to its final destination at the Opening Ceremonies of the Illinois Special Olympics in Normal, Illinois. Runners from the Elmhurst Police ran from a start point at York and St. Charles Roads to City Hall.



Four on the 4th Run

The annual Elmhurst Four on the 4th run took place in beautiful summer weather this Independence Day. A total of 1,141 runners registered with approximately 1,000 participants running in the 4-mile adult race and 141 runners in the children's race.



Neighborhood Roll Call in the City Centre

On September 13, the Neighborhood Roll Call program made a special stop in the City Centre. Elmhurst Officers were able to spend a few minutes after the roll call meeting and visiting with residents.



Citizen's Police Academy

The Fall Session of the Elmhurst Citizen's Police Academy enjoyed a hands-on presentation on Evidence and Crime Scene Processing by the Elmhurst Police Evidence Techs.



Turkey Trot

The Annual Dan Gibbons Turkey Trot was once again held on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 26th. Huge crowds came to run the Elmhurst course, and members of the Elmhurst Police Benevolent Athletic Association (EPBAA) and their families participated in the Watering Hole, handing out water to some of the 8,222 runners and walkers as they passed by the police station on Palmer Dr.



Dare to Dream



On December 13, Officer Joan Velez, along with the Dare to Dream program Directors, accepted a \$10,000 grant from the Dupage Foundation on behalf of the Dare to Dream program. Officer Velez has been involved with Dare to Dream for 9 years as a speaker and mentor for Latina middle-school and high-school students. Dare to Dream was created to encourage this at-risk group to make a commitment to their education and set future career goals to work toward. Officer Velez was instrumental in obtaining the grant for the organization.



Special Kids Day

Elmhurst Police officers volunteered once again this year to help at Special Kids Day, held at Wilder Park. Officers braved the cold to assist families with finding parking to attend the event, which provides an opportunity for children with special needs to visit Santa. This year's event was well attended, and Santa event hinted to the police officers assisting that they might receive something special from him this holiday season.



Shop with a Cop

On Saturday, December 3, 2016, Elmhurst police officers took local children Christmas shopping for the annual "Shop with a Cop," which sponsors needy children to shop for their families with funds raised throughout the year by the Elmhurst Police Benevolent Athletic Association (EPBAA). The event culminated in a visit from Santa Claus for all of the participants.



2016 STATISTICAL SUMMARY

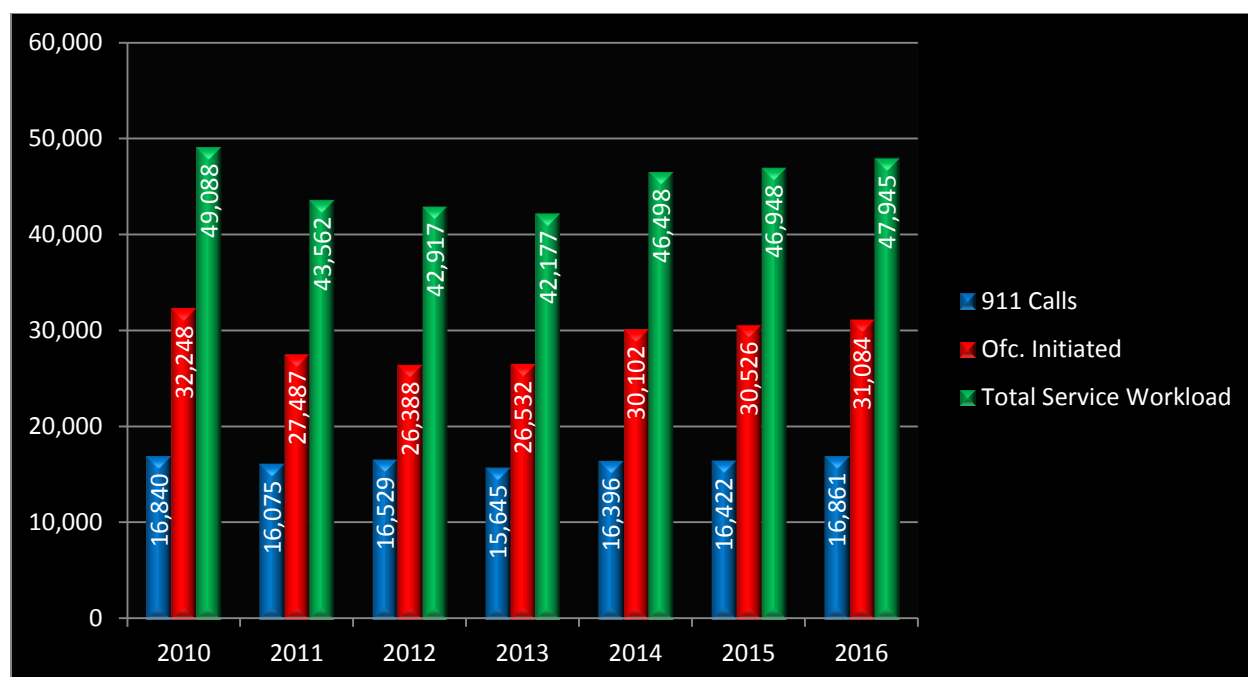


CRIMINAL INCIDENTS

FBI Defined Uniform Crime Report Summary

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

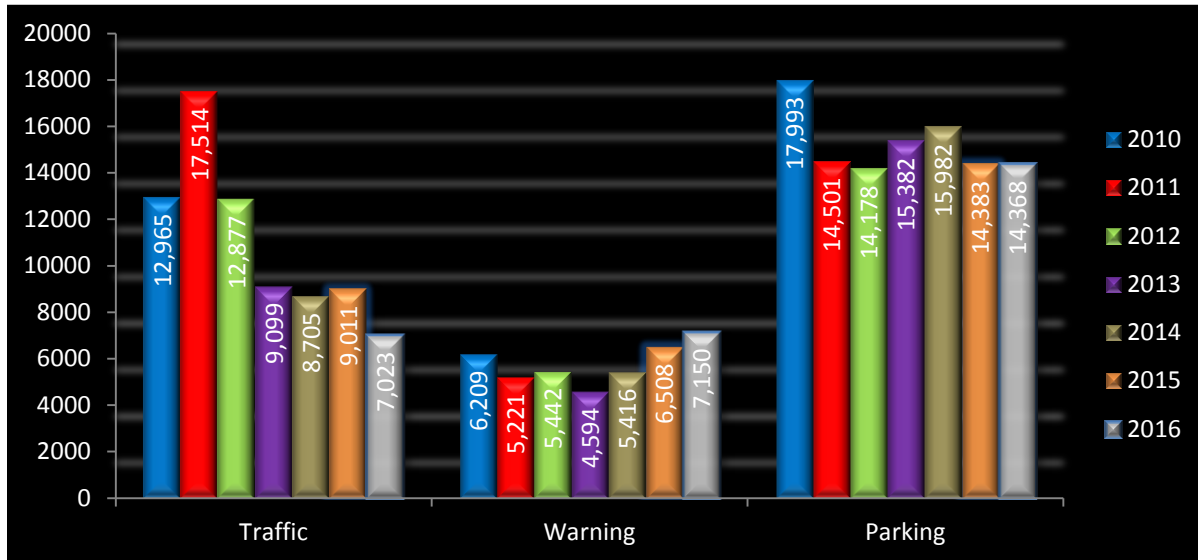
Service Workload



2016 showed a 2.12% increase in total service workload compared to 2015. There was an increase of 439 9-1-1 calls and an increase of 558 self-initiated calls in 2016 compared to 2015.

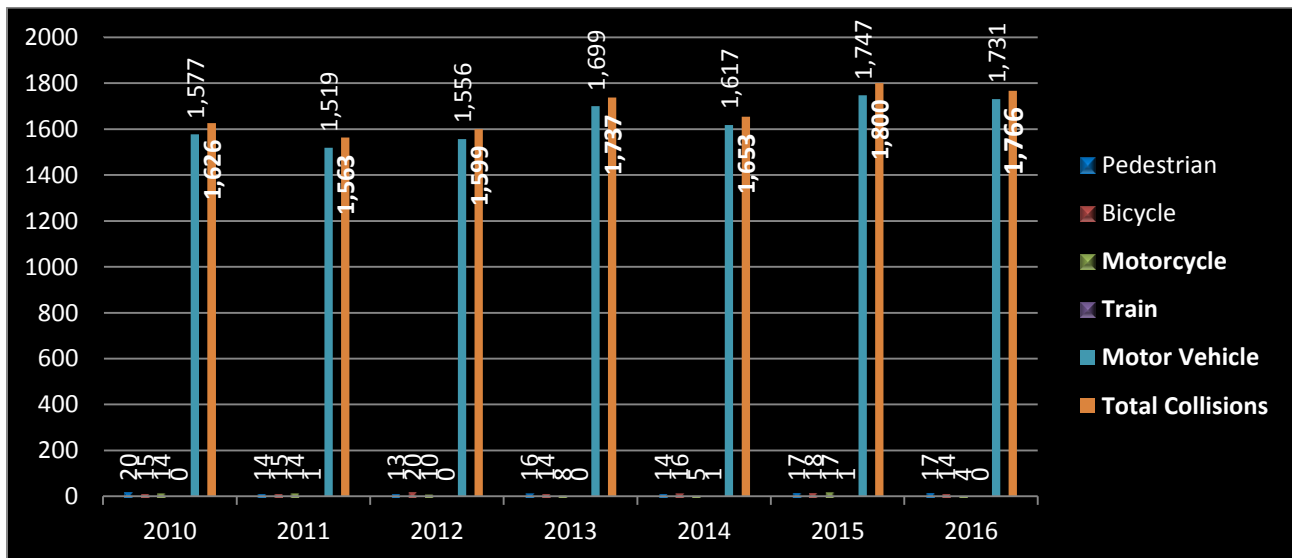


Citations



In 2016, the number of traffic citations issued decreased 22% compared to 2015. The number of warning tickets issued increased 9.86%, and the number of parking tickets issued decreased .10% compared to 2015.

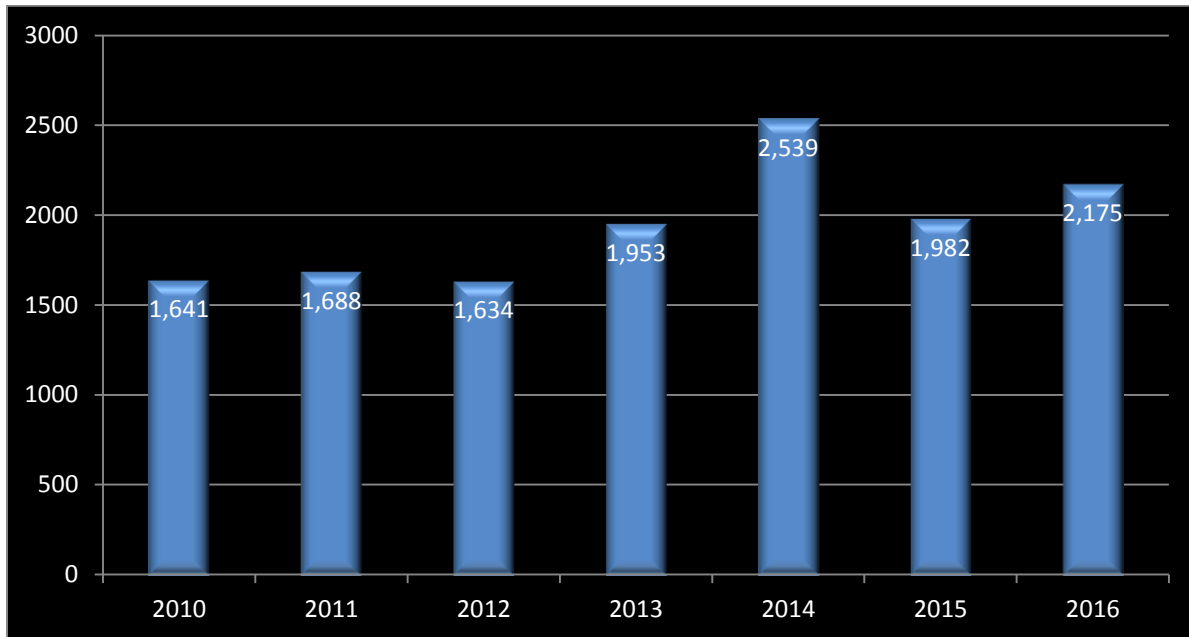
Traffic Collisions



In 2016, the total number of pedestrians involved in motor vehicle crashes remained consistent compared to 2015. The number of bicycles involved in motor vehicle crashes decreased 22.22%, and crashes involving motorcycles decreased 76.47% in 2016. No crashes involving a train were reported in 2016 though there was one suicide. The number of motor vehicle vs. motor vehicle crashes decreased .92% in 2016 from 2015. The total number of traffic collisions in 2016 decreased by 1.88% from 2015.

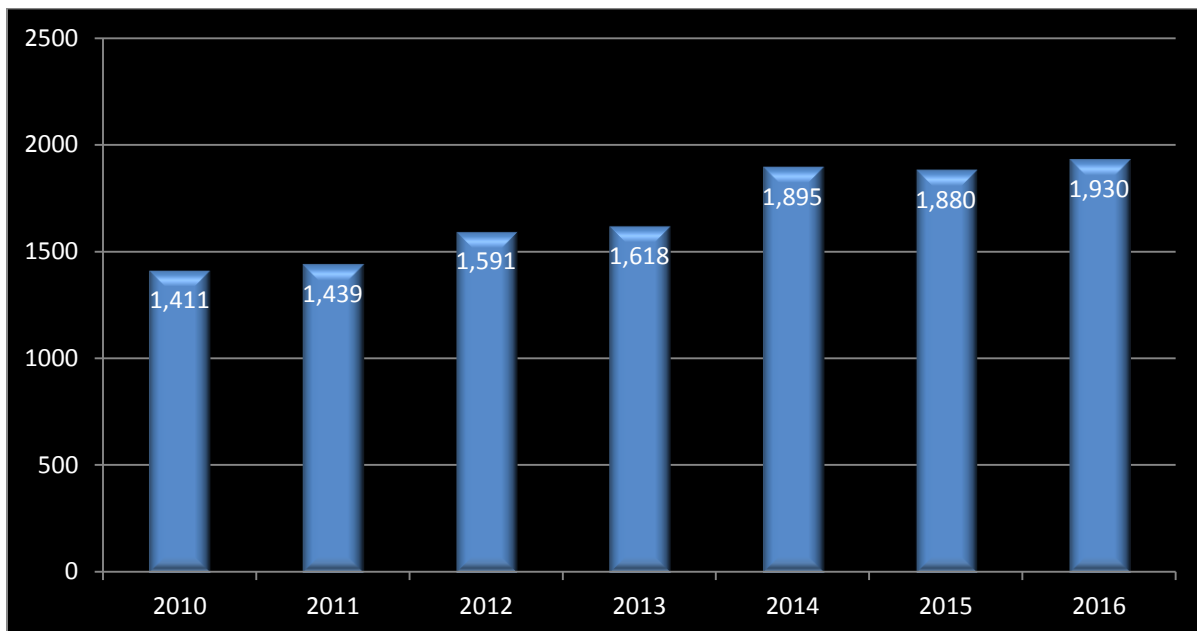


Assist Other Agencies



In 2016, there was an increase of 193 (9.74%) calls to assist compared to 2015.

Alarm Calls



In 2016, there was an increase of 50 (2.66%) Burglar and Hold Up alarm calls compared to 2015.



Reported Criminal Offenses 4 Year Comparison Summary

	<u>2016 Offense Totals</u>	<u>2015 Offense Totals</u>	<u>2014 Offense Totals</u>	<u>2013 Offense Totals</u>	<u>2016 Arrest Totals</u>	<u>2015 Arrest Totals</u>	<u>2014 Arrest Totals</u>	<u>2013 Arrest Totals</u>
<u>Deaths</u>								
Homicide	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Attempt Homicide	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Sex Offenses</u>								
Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Sexual Assault	3	4	8	2	1	1	1	0
Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Attempted Sexual Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prostitution	7	12	3	2	7	16	4	3
Public Indecency	0	2	2	1	0	2	1	2
All Other Sex Offenses	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	10	18	13	6	8	19	6	5
<u>Robbery</u>								
Armed Robbery - Bank	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Armed Robbery - Other	2	2	4	2	1	1	0	0
Robbery - Bank	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Robbery - Other	2	2	0	0	4	4	0	0
Attempted Robbery	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Total	9	5	6	4	7	5	0	0
<u>Simple Assault - Battery</u>								
Assault	3	6	14	4	4	3	9	4
Battery	70	58	59	65	43	31	43	42
Domestic	93	72	68	81	54	37	46	49
Total	166	136	141	150	101	71	98	95
<u>Aggravated Assault - Battery</u>								
Aggravated Battery	3	1	2	1	2	1	1	2
Aggravated Assault	10	5	1	5	12	5	1	5
Total	13	6	3	6	14	6	2	7
<u>Burglary</u>								
Burglary Residential	38	38	48	22	6	8	1	3
Burglary Other	20	10	9	24	12	8	2	5
Attempted Burglary	11	16	6	11	0	0	0	0
Total	69	64	63	57	18	16	3	8



	<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>2016</u> <u>Arrest</u> <u>Totals</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>Arrest</u> <u>Totals</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>Arrest</u> <u>Totals</u>	<u>2013</u> <u>Arrest</u> <u>Totals</u>
<u>Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle</u>								
Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle	142	55	89	97	27	3	4	15
Burglary/Theft of MV Parts/Access.	20	23	34	16	0	2	2	0
Attempted Burglary/Theft from MV	2	3	4	10	0	0	0	0
Total	164	81	127	123	27	5	6	15
<u>Thefts</u>								
Theft Over	70	83	82	89	12	19	5	14
Theft Under	108	116	93	122	34	35	20	45
Retail Theft	120	123	128	139	126	122	137	137
Attempted Theft	11	8	7	14	0	0	0	0
Total	309	330	310	364	172	176	162	196
<u>Motor Vehicle Theft</u>								
Theft of Motor Vehicle	17	10	5	20	1	2	0	4
Attempted Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Total	17	10	5	22	1	2	0	4
<u>Deception</u>								
Forgery/Deceptive Practice/Fraud	119	92	29	54	29	15	0	22
Credit Card Fraud	34	21	14	36	9	9	1	10
Identity Theft	125	140	56	39	14	10	0	4
Possession of Stolen Property	9	4	2	8	13	4	1	8
Theft of Lost Property	25	16	26	19	2	2	1	2
Total	312	273	127	156	67	40	3	46
<u>Criminal Damage To Property</u>								
Vehicle	33	35	45	47	3	4	3	2
Property Damage	75	44	75	74	35	9	14	16
Attempted Criminal Damage	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	108	79	121	121	38	13	17	18
<u>Trespass</u>								
Crim. Trespass to Property/Residence	23	37	24	20	24	28	24	12
Crim. Trespass to State Supported Land	2	0	1	1	2	0	0	1
Total	25	37	25	21	26	28	24	13



	<u>2016 Offense Totals</u>	<u>2015 Offense Totals</u>	<u>2014 Offense Totals</u>	<u>2013 Offense Totals</u>	<u>2016 Arrest Totals</u>	<u>2015 Arrest Totals</u>	<u>2014 Arrest Totals</u>	<u>2013 Arrest Totals</u>
<u>Arson</u>	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	0
<u>Deadly Weapons</u>								
Unlawful Use of Weapon	9	7	6	8	14	12	7	11
Unlaw. Use or Poss. of Weapon by Felon	2	2	0	0	8	2	0	0
No FOID Card	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	0
Total	12	10	7	8	24	15	8	11
<u>Truancy</u>	13	11	5	14	13	10	7	18
<u>Hate Crimes</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Drug Offenses</u>								
Possession Cannabis 30 gm & under	276	280	230	180	414	414	335	266
Possession Cannabis over 30 gm	6	2	2	2	12	2	3	2
Delivery Cannabis 30 gm & under	10	13	17	11	12	14	17	17
Delivery Cannabis over 30 gm	2	4	4	5	5	5	6	9
Cannabis Plant	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Possession of Methamphetamine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manufacture & Delivery Cont'l Substance	1	1	4	12	1	1	3	16
Possession Controlled Substance	75	88	79	62	104	123	105	85
Delivery or Poss. w/Intent to Deliver	5	2	5	16	6	3	6	19
Sale or Poss. Hypo Syringes/Needles	7	13	8	5	9	18	13	8
Possession Drug Equipment	196	225	213	161	285	326	298	239
Total	578	628	562	455	848	906	786	661



Traffic Unit

The Traffic Unit/STEP Grant program consisted of approximately 30 officers participating in overnight STEP grant patrols on designated dates throughout the year. STEP is a traffic enforcement grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Traffic Safety that provides funds for officers to work overtime details during the overnight hours to enforce laws related to impaired/intoxicated driving and unsecured motorists. Recognizing that seatbelt usage and impaired driver enforcement are the most effective ways to reduce traffic injuries and fatalities on our roadways, the Elmhurst Police Department continued to participate in the IDOT STEP grant program in 2016. The department applied for, and was granted, these federal funds via IDOT to perform these extra patrols for DUI and seatbelt violations during eight holiday campaign periods throughout the year.

2016 HOLIDAY GRANT PERIODS

EACH HOLIDAY PERIOD CONSISTED OF A 1-2 WEEK BLOCK

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

The Department was also awarded additional grant funding for extra DUI patrols and DUI roadside safety checks. The patrols were scheduled overnight, between 9 PM and 3 AM—the hours that have been identified by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration as the most dangerous time on roadways. These patrols resulted in 36 drunken driving arrests, 266 seatbelt and child safety seat citations, and numerous cell phone and drug violations. In addition, 3 illegal firearms were recovered during the extra enforcement. DUI saturation patrols, seatbelt enforcement zones, and roving patrols were also conducted in 2016 in an effort to make the roads in Elmhurst safer and to educate the public on the dangers of impaired driving. In total, 186 DUI arrests were made by the Elmhurst Police Department in 2016. Other highlights included:

- A roadside safety checkpoint during the overnight hours.
- Train crossing enforcement, including pedestrian and vehicle violations.
- Educational presentations such as the Alive at 25 defensive driving classes.
- Increased enforcement of cell phone use and texting violations.
- Additional training in DUI enforcement received by several officers.
- Elmhurst applied for, and was awarded, an IDOT STEP grant for 2017 in the amount of \$83,000 for DUI and occupant protection enforcement.
- Officer Beltran received extensive training as a “Drug Recognition Expert,” which will be used to address drivers who are under the influence of drugs.

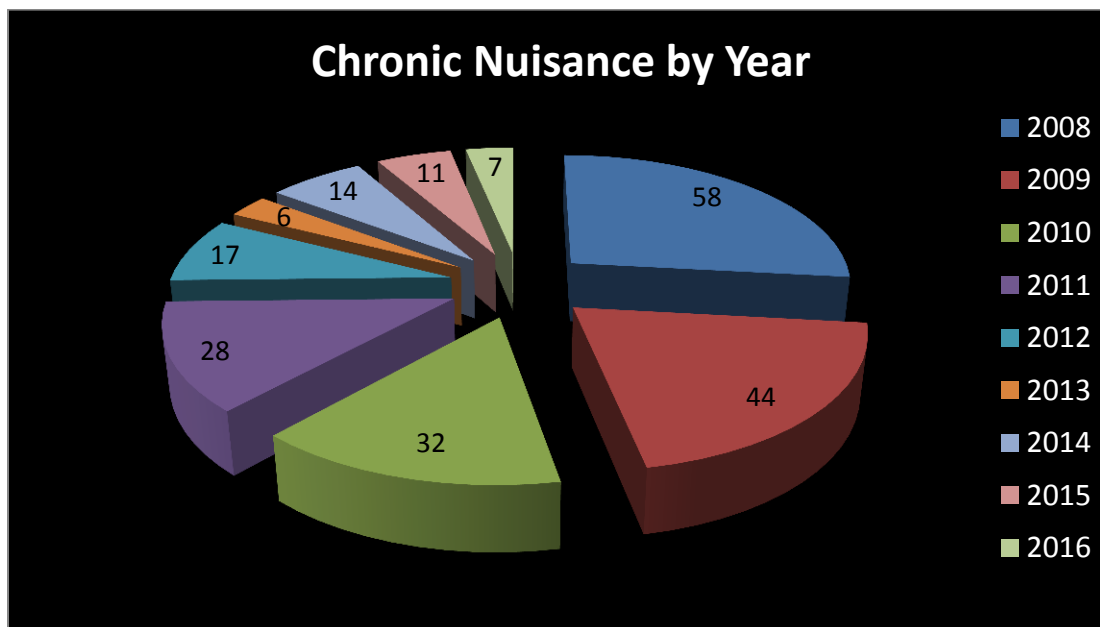


Goals for the Traffic Unit:

- Apply for and receive an IDOT grant for FY2018.
- Conduct supplemental DUI training for officers, including “drugged” driver DUI.

Chronic Nuisance Program

- Chronic Nuisance Ordinance – The police department had 7 Chronic Nuisance cases in 2016. 211 cases have been successfully resolved since 2008, and 1 case is still active. Only 23 chronic nuisance cases re-offended with a second violation in 180 days, and only 5 went to a third violation. This program continues to be successful in improving quality of life issues for Elmhurst residents and businesses. The chart below shows the success of the program
- The Police Department continues to work with the Building Department to enforce quality of life concerns such as:
 - After hours construction.
 - Excessive mud/debris left on street due to construction traffic.
 - Construction vehicle parking.

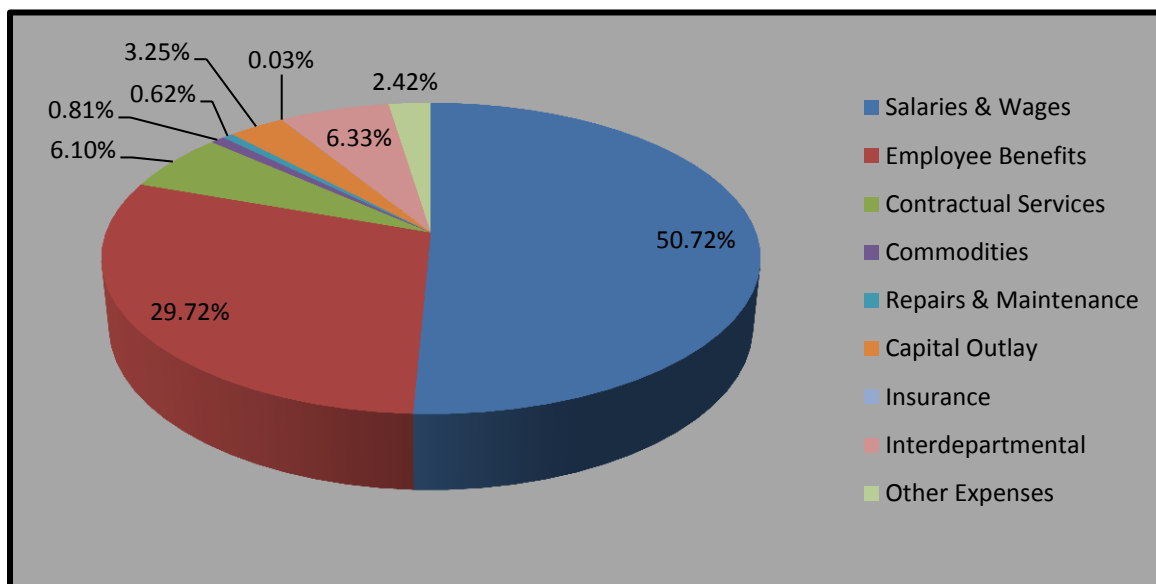


2016 BUDGET ANALYSIS



Elmhurst Police Department 2016 Budget

BUDGET CATEGORY	BUDGET AMOUNT
Salaries & Wages	\$9,141,200
Employee Benefits	\$5,356,310
Contractual Services	\$1,098,803
Commodities	\$146,000
Repairs & Maintenance	\$112,200
Other Expenses	\$435,800
Capital Outlay	\$585,000
Insurance	\$6,630
Interdepartmental	\$1,139,905
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$18,021,848



Equipment Procurement—Funds and Grants

We were fortunate to be the recipient of several grants and criminal justice funds last year to procure items needed to continue to provide the highest quality of police services to our residents. The Department was able to replace several pieces of obsolete equipment and implement new technologies, enabling our officers and detectives to be more efficient and effective in their duties of investigating crime and providing for public safety.



- Kustom Signals Radar Units for traffic enforcement
- Ballistic Helmets and Protective Vests for patrol vehicles
- Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) purchased via grant from Elmhurst Toyota
- Fixed Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR) for investigations
- Side by Side Mobile Patrol Vehicle purchased with a grant from Union Pacific Railroad
- Bi-Directional Amplifier for improved radio communications in the police station
- Dodge Charger squad car donated by Larry Roesch Dodge
- Crime Scene light for evidence technician processing
- Two ballistic shields for officer protection.



2016
DEPARTMENT
RECOGNITION



Awards

A total of 118 Departmental awards were given for 2016, including:

- 2 Life-Saving Awards
- 10 Commendations
- 11 Letters of Recognition, and
- 12 Unit Citations, with a total of 95 individuals being honored.

Officer Alex Kefaloukos received a Life-Saving award and medal for his quick response on a Suicidal Subject call wherein he was able to locate and cut down a suicidal person who had hung himself, thereby saving a life.



Ofc. Kefaloukos shows off his Life-Saving award



Sgt. Himpelmann presents Officer Elizalde with his Life-Saving award.

Officer Leo Elizalde was honored with a Life-Saving award on an Assist Fire Department call for his quick response upon finding the subject unconscious, with no pulse and not breathing. He performed CPR and used an AED to restart the subject's heart, saving his life.

Officer Pacewic receives his Certificate of Appreciation from the DEA.

On March 1, 2016, a Special Agent from the DEA visited morning roll call to present Officer John Pacewic with a Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Law Enforcement. Officer Pacewic was recognized for a field investigation he initiated on two suspicious men in an Elmhurst parking lot last December. His investigation ultimately led to the apprehension of several men involved in drug trafficking and the seizure of approximately 18 kilos of narcotics.



Pictured are OBT Officer Sluzewicz, Sergeant Himpelmann, and Officer Pacewic.

Sergeant Matt Himpelmann, Officer John Pacewic, and Oakbrook Terrace Officer Jason Sluzewicz were recognized on July 29, 2016 by the Fraternal Order of Police at their 28th Biennial State Conference in Rosemont, IL. Sergeant Himpelmann received a Valor award for a 2015 incident in which he rescued an elderly woman from a burning home. Officers Pacewic and Sluzewicz received Valor awards for a 2015 incident in which they rescued an elderly man from his submerged car at Eldridge Pond.



Police Department Service Anniversaries

30 Years



Service Ofc. Robert Miklas



Ofc. Dennis Kazarian



Sgt. Steve Weatherford

20 Years



Det. Ken Lafin

15 Years



Service Ofc. Brian Fiorini



Cmdr. Len Kolpak



Ofc. Chris Timmons

10 Years



Det. Matt McCollum



Administrative Asst.
Jennifer McKeown



Ofc. Marcin Scislowicz



New Employees

In 2016, new additions to the Elmhurst Police Department included Officers Jonathan Szablewski and Mitchell Wierzgac, Part-Time Officers Justin Lauria and Mark Doneske, and Community Service Officer Kara Carlborg. The Department also welcomed a new part-time Records clerk, Kerri Chambers.



Officer Jon Szablewski with Chief Ruth and Mayor Morley



Part-time Officer Justin Lauria is sworn in by Mayor Morley.



New Part-Time Records Clerk, Kerri Chambers

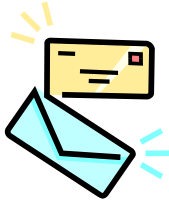


Elmhurst's newest Community Service Officer, Kara Carlborg

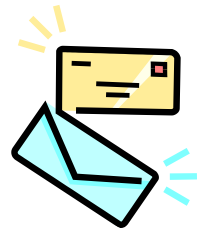


Part-time Officer Mark Doneske (above left) and Officer Mitchell Wierzgac (above right) took the oath of office on September 26, 2016.





LETTERS FROM THE COMMUNITY



In 2016, Elmhurst Police were the beneficiaries of a huge outpouring of support from the community in response to police shootings in Dallas and Baton Rouge as well as anti-police demonstrations around the country. Residents wrote, emailed, and delivered gifts of cookies, cupcakes, pizzas, flowers, and handmade pins for their police officers. Below are some excerpts from just a few of the many letters and notes of appreciation we received this year:

Officer T. Cronin: “Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your kindness and help this weekend. I was so overwhelmed at the time I met you, and you truly made everything better. Thank you for taking all the time you did to take care of me, dealing with my tears, and being so kind and thoughtful. We are so lucky to have your service in our community. You reminded me that we still have wonderful people in this world.”

Detective E. Coughlin, Officers D. Kazarian and A. Krupnik: “I wanted to let you know how thankful I am for Detective Coughlin, who has been so helpful on my case. After I was pulled into an IRS scam, Officer Kazarian was first to respond and was very helpful in moving the matter forward. Officer Krupnik responded the next day when the offenders called again for more money. Both of these officers were professional, compassionate and reassuring. Then the case was assigned to Detective Coughlin, who was unrelenting in making sure I got my money back. I had the pleasure of speaking with him several times by phone when he provided updates—he is an amazing man. I cannot fully express how thankful I am for Detective Coughlin and these officers. They are a team Elmhurst should be proud of. “

Sergeant D. Rivkin: “After I emailed the department about phone call threats from ‘the IRS,’ Sergeant Rivkin came to my residence and explained how to handle these emails and calls. He was extremely helpful and very knowledgeable about these problems. I am extremely proud of how he addressed my inquiry and his demeanor in discussing the problem. It is good to know we have excellent police protection looking out for us. Many thanks to the police department and high praises to Sgt. Rivkin.”

“The patrol officers are doing a fantastic job! Any time of the day or night I always see the cars –and it’s a secure feeling knowing they’re available. Thanks for all your hard work.”

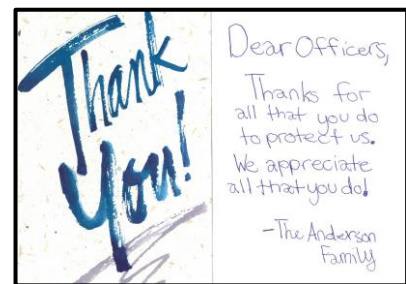
“You are a local hero—Thank You—your lives matter. Be safe! We need you here with us.”



Officer J. Pacewic: “My interaction with Officer Pacewic was very nice. He was very polite and easy going, conversational and even funny. While the role of an Officer is to Protect and Serve, Officer Pacewic added compassion, humor, education and customer relations to his. I know that Law Enforcement has been in the news as the enemy—for that I am sorry. The media does not speak for everyone. Thank you for all that you do—I appreciate you risking your lives each day so I can have peace of mind that my loved ones are safe!”

Officer G. Schweik: “I want to give a shout-out to Officer Schweik, who stopped me today on Schiller for rolling through a stop sign and gave me a warning. He was really nice, and kindly reminded me what I had done (I knew). Just wanted to say thanks—[it’s] really great to have a friendly police force, as I have found with all my encounters with Elmhurst Police. Truly pro, and kind, too.”

“Dear Elmhurst Police Officers [**M. Vargas & D. Kazarian**]: Thank you for helping our daughter Antonia free her leg this morning! We appreciate all you do and for keeping us safe everyday! Thanks for your service. P.S. Hope you enjoy the cookies. ☺”



“Last night at 3:00, I received a call that my garage door was open. I think I managed to mutter an “oh thanks” at the time, but I wanted to let you know that I sincerely appreciate the call. Thank you for alerting me to the problem and being super nice about it too. It makes living in Elmhurst really nice to have such a helpful and courteous police force.”

“Dear Elmhurst Police Department: To all of you who stand in our place, that have pledged to protect and serve—to sacrifice oneself for the safety of others—to answer the call, no matter the time and place—thank you. May you all know you have our steadfast support, our prayers, and . . . that we are also here for you. May you count us amongst your family at any time or need.”

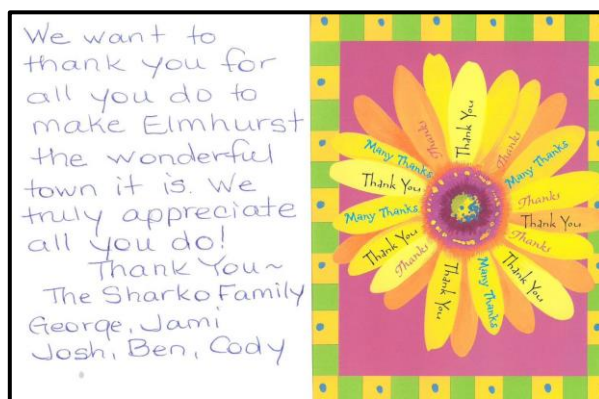
“To the Chief of Police, all the officers and staff of the Elmhurst Police Department: I think of you often, especially in these times when Law Enforcement Officers are often questioned as to performance, motive, etc. I am most appreciative of the work done by all of you—those ‘out front’ and those behind the scenes. It is difficult to imagine how people can be called to serve in an arena as challenging and demanding as what you face . . . I offer my heartfelt thanks for all you do for us!”



Officer J. O'Connor: "I would like to commend Officer J. O'Connor, who pulled me over this morning for disobeying a stop sign. Officer O'Connor was polite, courteous, respectful and professional. At my request, he took time to discuss with me a recent issue regarding 'See something, say something.' I hope Officer O'Connor is eligible for some sort of award for his outstanding manners in 'serving the public'."

"Dear Elmhurst Police: We take your presence so for granted. We know you will enforce the law and keep peace. We don't often think of how each time you stop a car for speeding or a light out you are putting your life on the line—you never know what faces you. I'm writing to let you know you are appreciated. May God bless and protect each of you."

"Dear Chief Ruth and Department Staff: We are grateful for your leadership and the great staff of the Elmhurst Police Department. Your officers were professional, kind and helpful in two situations this year. We appreciate the department and are confident that all are doing their best to keep our city safe."



"I am writing to inform you of the great job the Elmhurst Police Department is doing. We are so lucky to live in a great town with such an amazing, caring and professional police force. Thanks for going above and beyond in all you do to protect and serve our community."

"Dear Elmhurst Police Department: After the events in Dallas, I can't put off emailing you any longer. I have been impressed with police officers in general—and Elmhurst police officers in particular—for my entire adult life. I've had terrific interactions with police on numerous occasions, including a ride-along in Elmhurst almost 20 years ago. As a combat veteran, I somewhat comprehend what I imagine is an increasing challenge in your position: the need to be approachable, helpful, and kind while remaining ever vigilant. We feel blessed to live where we do. Thank you, and keep up the good work."



"To the men and women who serve in Elmhurst—Thank you for a job well done. We are grateful for your never ending service of putting others ahead of yourselves. May each of you know that you don't stand alone. As members of this family and community, we support your efforts and work."

"Thank you for your years of hard work keeping our city safe!"

"As a 2014 graduate of the Citizen's Police Academy, I saw firsthand the dedication and care your department gives to our city. We feel good when we see the officers in town and proud of the long history of service and the current focus on providing the best possible service to all you come in contact with."

"Dear Chief Ruth: Many thanks to you and your officers for their commitment to the safety of our community. No matter what the need or problem, the officers are there to help. We appreciate the Neighborhood Musters [Roll Calls] so we are all in touch. In this world of violence against law enforcement, we appreciate the risks they take on our behalf. God bless you all—"

"Thank you for your help keeping us safe on the road. Our charity ride was a great success. We appreciate all you do!"

"EPD: Just wanted to say 'Thanks' for all that you do. We used your services this year when we were burglarized. Your detectives and officers involved in our case were great—plus, you caught the guy only 3 weeks later, which really helped our peace of mind. We constantly have great interactions with many of you. You smile and wave at my 5 year- old son whenever we are out front playing, and we talked with a couple of officers parked at Eldridge, and they let my son look at the computers in the squad car. We greatly appreciate all you do."

"Dear Elmhurst Police Department: We just wanted to say thank you and tell you how much we appreciate all that you do. We understand it's a hard job without many thanks. We wanted you to know that we stand with you and your brothers . . . I know baking cookies is hardly enough to thank you, but it's all I could think of. We appreciate you keeping our family and community safe. Thank you!!"



"Thank you for your service in our community. I know these are difficult times but you know have support. Thank you and stay strong."

"It was wonderful having the Elmhurst Police Department represented at our 4th Annual Day of Honor and Remembrance. You are an integral part of our community . . . and we were honored by your presence! Thank you for joining us and allowing us to partner with your department in seeking to make our community a friendlier and safer place to live."

"Dear Elmhurst Police Department: Thank you so much for coming and talking to our campers about bike safety! They loved meeting you!"

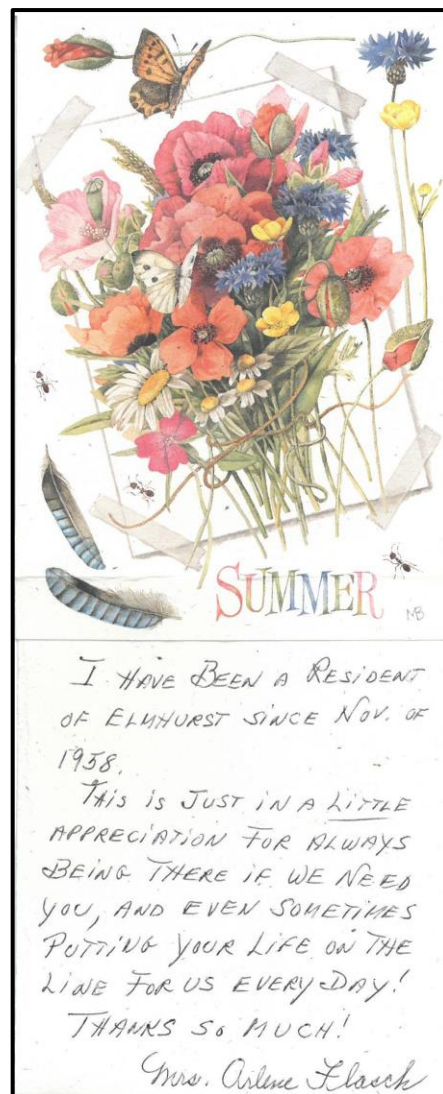
"Thanks to the department for assistance with an alarm that went off after a neighborhood tree was struck by lightning.
"I appreciate your work—always."

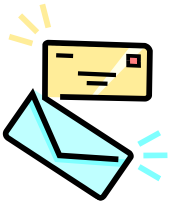
"To Elmhurst's Finest—in deep appreciation of all you do!
Love you all!"

Elmhurst Police: "Thank you for protecting and serving."

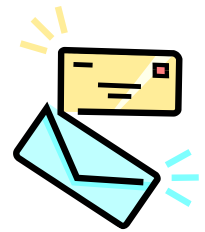
Additional resident thanks and appreciation went to:

- **Officers J. Pacewic and J. Litton** for their compassion and professionalism during a family death;
- **Officer C. Timmons** for his compassionate assistance in helping to locate a missing teenager;
- **Officers D. Kazarian, J. O'Connor, K. Skolozynski, and Service Officer A. Ramirez** for their exemplary manner and kindness while providing roadside assistance;
- **Commander L. Kolpak, Sergeant S. Wright, and Administrative Assistant J. Carrington** for their efforts with the Citizen's Police Academy Class;
- **Service Officer R. Moulis** for his assistance with a locked car.





LETTERS FROM OTHER AGENCIES



Below are thanks and accolades from other agencies in 2016:

Detective M. McCollum: Detective McCollum testified today on a case, and after the hearing, Judge Brennan commented on how impressed he was with his testimony. I have worked with Detective McCollum and . . . he is one of the best, most prepared police officers I have ever dealt with. I have never had a question that he was not 100% prepared to answer. Detective McCollum would be at or near the top of the list of the best officers I have ever worked with—I cannot say enough good things about him.

Assistant State's Attorney Sean P. Kelly, DuPage County State's Attorney's Office

Officer B. Bruckner: I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Officer Bruckner for the assistance he provided on an Aggravated Assault call to our agency where the offender pointed a gun at a fellow motorist on Rte. 83. A description of the offending vehicle was disseminated, and Officer Bruckner positioned himself in the area and was able to locate and stop the offending vehicle shortly after the call came out. Officer Bruckner carried himself with pride, dignity and professionalism at all times. The offender was charged, and a stolen firearm was taken off the streets, potentially saving lives thanks to Officer Bruckner's quick response.

Deputy Chief Casey Calvello, Oakbrook Terrace Police Department

Officer J. Velez: I am writing this letter to express profound gratitude for the kindness and commitment showed by Officer Velez, who has served as a mentor this year to five of our district's highest risk students. Her involvement has truly made a difference in their lives. I reached out to Officer Velez after being impressed by her passion for working with youth at Dare to Dream. Without hesitation, she offered to share her time and expertise. Officer Velez quickly became an authority figure whom the students trusted and looked up to . . . and they worked hard not to let her down. Officer Velez is to be commended for sharing so freely of her time, talents and knowledge to make a difference in the lives of high risk youth. She is an exemplary officer and citizen and a true credit to your department.

Renee Urbanski, English Learner Achievement Coordinator, Community Unit School District 200



Sergeant S. Mandat, Officers J. Beltran, T. Cronin, A. Kefaloukos on an incident of a customer threatening store employees with two handguns: Once again, the men and women of the Elmhurst Police Department bravely and effectively responded to help peacefully resolve the situation. The history of successful missions between the Elmhurst and Villa Park Police Departments adds new chapters every month; traffic stop back-ups and calls of every nature strengthen our bonds. Please extend my sincerest thanks to the officers that helped us on this day and to all your officers that proudly make our communities safer.

Chief Robert Pavelchik, Villa Park Police Department

Commander M. Burroughs, Officers L. Elizalde, J. Isaac, D. Kazarian, J. Krueger, S. Lange, M. Vargas and T. Westering on their assistance in a bank robbery: “I wholeheartedly believe your officers’ response to this incident accurately exemplifies the true character and professionalism of all members of the Elmhurst Police Department. I know first-hand how quick the public is to point the finger of blame and slow to offer their sincere congratulations for a job well done. Please convey to all of these officers who assisted with the apprehension of this individual my sincere appreciation for a job well done.”

Patrick J. O’Meara, Bank of America Senior Vice President-Regional Manager

Officers M. Hamblin, J. Krueger, J. O’Connor and M. Vargas for their compassionate assistance to sexual assault victims at Edward-Elmhurst Hospital: “I want to thank the Elmhurst Police Department. Elmhurst Officers respond to the ER with professionalism and a helpful attitude so that we [can] offer the best care possible. We can always count on help from the Elmhurst PD ... thank you for your commitment and assistance to make a tragic event a little bit easier.”

Kerry O’Connor, RN, BSN, TNS, SANE-A

Sergeant S. Mandat, Officers J. Beltran, T. Jorgensen, and N. Waldenmeyer: I would like to take this opportunity to thank these officers for assisting the Addison PD with a search warrant on 6/16/16. The suspect had an extensive, violent criminal history, and the safety and success of this investigation would not have been possible without the invaluable assistance from the Elmhurst Police Department. I want to personally acknowledge and thank Sergeant Mandat and Officers Beltran, Jorgensen and Waldenmeyer . . . this is a fine example of teamwork at its best between neighboring law enforcement agencies.

Detective Sergeant Sean Gilhooley, Addison Police Department



Additional thanks and honorable mentions went to:

- The Elmhurst K-9 Unit of **Officer T. Poli** and **K-9 Diesel** for assistance provided to multiple jurisdictions in numerous incidents;
- **Officers A. Ciszewski** and **M. Scislowicz** for their participation in NIPAS and their assistance provided to a number of agencies;
- **Detective T. Vascik** for her sign language assistance in communicating with the hearing-impaired parent of a juvenile arson suspect in Glen Ellyn;
- **Officers L. Elizalde** and **T. Westering** for language translation assistance on an Oakbrook Terrace Theft call;
- **Officers C. Timmons** and **M. Vargas** for their assistance to the McHenry County Sheriff's Office with prisoners following the breakdown of a transport bus;
- **Sergeant B. Kaczorowski** for his assistance with a burglary in progress in a neighboring community when he observed the offending vehicle traveling through Elmhurst;
- **Detective K. Lafin** and **Administrative Assistant J. McKeown** for their work with the DuPage County Major Crimes Task Force;
- **Officer J. Velez** for presenting on Women in Service to the League of Women Voters;
- **Detective M. McCollum** and **Officer B. Cappitelli** for their assistance to the Elmhurst Fire Department at their Fire Prevention Open House;
- The **Elmhurst Police Department** for donating 34 firearms to the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA) at College of DuPage for use in training new police recruits.



2016 PHOTO GALLERY



Elmhurst Command Graduations

Commander Len Kolpak graduated on January 15, 2016 from the Northwestern University Police Staff & Command training program, followed a few months later by Sergeant Steve Wright, who graduated from the program on May 6th. This 10-week program at the Northwestern Center for Public Safety prepares police supervisors for executive leadership responsibilities including budgeting, staffing and resource allocation.



Retirement of Officer Margaret Hopkins

On February 14, 2016, the Elmhurst bid farewell to a 23-year veteran officer, Margaret Hopkins. Officer Hopkins distinguished herself with a number of awards over the course of her career, including a life-saving award for her assistance to Officer John Pacewic in the April 2015 water rescue of a resident from a vehicle completely submerged in Eldrige Pond. The police department thanks Officer Hopkins for her years of service to the City of Elmhurst.



Science Olympiad

Elmhurst police officers participated in the annual Science Olympiad held at the Elmhurst elementary schools. On March 18th, Evidence Technician/Officer Tony Cuzzone gave a presentation to students at Edison School about how evidence is gathered at a crime scene.



SLEA Graduation

On March 25th, three new Elmhurst police officers graduated from the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy at College of DuPage. Officers Michael Vargas, Ahmad Sows and John Marino started their 15-month Field Training program, rotating through the shifts with different FTO officers.





Deputy Chief Robert Tannehill, Officers Dave Gryczewski and Tori Sargis, and Detective Ed Coughlin attended.

Illinois Police Memorial

On May 4, 2016, members of the Elmhurst Police Department traveled to Springfield for the Illinois Police Memorial at the State Capitol. This event honors officers from the State of Illinois who were killed in the line of duty; Elmhurst police staff participated in the day's events to honor those fallen heroes.

New Elmhurst Squad 51

On Friday, May 13th, Elmhurst's newest squad car, PD51, hit the streets. The 2016 Dodge Charger was donated to the Police Department by Larry Roesch Dodge and, after being fully outfitted, was placed on rotation through the three Patrol shifts.



Memorial Day Parade

On a bright and sunny Memorial Day, May 30, 2016, the Elmhurst Police Honor Guard once again marched in the annual Elmhurst Memorial Day parade to pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our Country. The community honored our fallen servicemen and women with a strong attendance for this important community event.



Rapid Response Training Drill at Elmhurst College

On July 26-28th, members of the Police and Fire Departments conducted a rapid response training drill on the Elmhurst College Campus before the start of fall classes. Elmhurst College Security Personnel, DuComm 9-1-1 dispatchers, and civilian volunteers contributed to the realism of the training, which consisted of a series of scenario-based incidents involving the apprehension of violent offenders and the rescue of injured victims. The training was valuable for all personnel involved and strengthened the relationship between Elmhurst's public safety agencies.



Comfort Dogs Visit the EPD

On August 17th, the Elmhurst Police Department was visited by four K-9 Comfort Dogs—working animals that are specially trained to interact with people who are suffering and in need. Teams of dogs and handlers are dispatched during times of disaster or crisis to bring comfort to those affected, including first responders and volunteers who serve them. The group is run by Lutheran Church Charities and currently has over 130 trained K-9 Comfort Dogs serving in more than 20 states.



Mission Team Conference

On August 23 and 24, Mission Team Officers attended the Cook County Regional Organized Crime Task Force Conference at McDonald's University in Oak Brook along with over 550 other attendees from Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies as well as private sector investigators in the Loss Prevention field. The Regional Organized Crime Task Force was created in 2010 by the Cook County State's Attorney's Office as a public/private collaboration to battle criminal enterprises in retail theft, identity theft, cargo theft and property crimes.



The Elmhurst Mission Team with veteran Chicago Newscaster/Television Producer Bill Curtis, who spoke at the conference.



IDOT Safety Conference

On Wednesday, August 31st, Officer Westering represented the Elmhurst Police Department at the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over press conference put on by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Illinois State Police. The press conference took place in Chicago's Grant Park to inform the public that extra police enforcement of DUI laws would be taking place over the Labor Day holiday period (along with other holidays over the course of the year).



9/11 Ceremony

On Sunday, September 11th, the City of Elmhurst held a special commemorative ceremony at Wild Meadows Trace to honor first responders and citizens who lost their lives in the World Trade Center on September 11th, 2001. Representatives from the City, the Fire Department, and the Police Department were on hand for the memorial.



Deputy Chief McLean delivers remarks at the ceremony.



Elmhurst Toyota Donates AEDs to the Police Department



Members of the police department visited Elmhurst Toyota on September 12, 2016, for the presentation of a \$10,000 gift from the dealership owners to the police department for the purchase of new AEDs for all Elmhurst squad cars. From left to right are Officer Elizalde, Elmhurst resident Sam Gagliano, and Elmhurst Toyota owners Kurt Schiele and Brian Schiele. Officer Elizalde received a department Life Saving Award after he successfully used an AED to revive Mr. Gagliano on March 20, 2016.

John Millner Speaks at the Elmhurst Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association

Retired Elmhurst Police Chief and IL State Senator John Millner spoke to the CPA Alumni Association group on Thursday, October 6th. Millner, a certified hypnotist and body language instructor, gave a presentation on the topic of Communication, Perception, and Body Language to prepare civilians to be observers who will "See something ... Say something," and take notice of unusual or suspicious activity while they are out in the community.



EPD Recruitment at Northern Illinois University Career Fair

Sergeant Steve Wright attended the NIU Career Fair on Wednesday, October 19th to recruit applicants for the upcoming Elmhurst Police testing process, which began with the written test on November 19th at York High School. Pictured with Sgt. Wright are possible future Elmhurst officers who visited the EPD booth to obtain information on careers in Law Enforcement with the City of Elmhurst.



Veterans' Day

On Veterans' Day, November 11, 2016, members of the Elmhurst Police and Fire Departments participated in the Veterans' Day ceremony at Wilder Park. The EPD Honor Guard opened and closed the ceremony and performed a gun salute in honor of our veterans.



Citizen's Police Academy Graduation—November 16, 2016



Graduates of the 21st session of the Elmhurst Police Department Citizen's Police Academy

Elmhurst Police Volunteer!

Thanksgiving Baskets

On Saturday, November 19th, Elmhurst Officers joined forces with the Elmhurst Elks, police officers from neighboring communities, and local resident volunteers to put together Thanksgiving meal baskets for the Yorkfield Food Pantry. After helping to pack the meals, the officers helped deliver the food baskets to IC church for distribution to local families in need, to help brighten their Thanksgiving holidays. A total of 176 meals were packed.



SLEA Graduation

On Friday, December 23rd, our newest Elmhurst police officer, Mitchell Wierzgac, graduated from the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA) at College of DuPage. Officer Wierzgac began his field training program with the Police Department on December 27th, 2016.



A Final Look...

