

Elmhurst Police Department
Annual Report
2012



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March 22, 2013

Mr. James Grabowski, City Manager
City of Elmhurst
209 N. York St.
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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 Annual Report for 2012. We have designed this report 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 updated information about the many services which we provide with the City of Elmhurst. The report also contains a current employee organizational chart, a detailed description of each unit within the department, as well as specialized assignments and mutual aid participation. Also included is a statistical section which summarizes important data and identified emerging trends. I am pleased to report that overall crime in the City is down compared to year 2011, while the level of service which we provide, measured as calls for service increased by a little more than 2.8%. Of note for 2012, was a reduction in residential burglary. I attribute this reduction as a result of our focused efforts and use of technology.

The Elmhurst Police Department remains committed to excellence. I would like to extend my personal appreciation to our citizens, Acting Mayor Levin and members of the City Council, City Manager Grabowski and the employees of the Elmhurst Police Department for their continued support of professional services within our community.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Ruth
Chief of Police

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2012 Elmhurst Police Department

Annual Report

Executive Summary

The Police Department is pleased to report that overall crime within the City of Elmhurst fell by 17% in 2012. The 9-1-1 service call workload exceeded previous years by 2.8% returning closer to 2010 levels. In other words, police service was up and overall crime was down and overall workload slightly decreased.

While it is important to recognize general and specific crime trends, it is also beneficial to identify and assess the general components of those trends. A close examination of the statistical analysis provides great insight permitting the police department to more effectively deploy staffing and implement programs which will address the short term and long term needs of the community.

In response to the needs of our community, we took a more proactive role in responding to local and county-wide burglary trends by analyzing data and cooperating with other local police agencies. As a result of these actions, Elmhurst detectives were instrumental in the apprehension of several burglary crews. Although manpower intensive, I believe that these efforts helped to reduce the number of residential burglaries in our community.

In addition, toward the end of 2012, we more closely analyzed our crime trends and calls for service in an effort to more effectively staff personnel based on demonstrated needs rather than historical staffing. We also reviewed our policies and procedures to ensure we limit departmental liability and continue to provide the highest level of service to our community.

CALLS FOR SERVICE

Our 2012 9-1-1 calls for service increased to 16,529 from 16,075 in 2011. This represents an increase of 2.8% over 2011. We will be monitoring the calls in 2013 to determine if there are any emerging trends. The significant crime trends that we noticed in 2012 were decreases in Battery 16% and Burglary 41%.

The reported incidents of Theft decreased by 20%, Identity Theft decreased by 26% and Damage to Property decreased by 52%.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

I am proud of the accomplishments of our staff in 2012. Throughout the year we received many letters from residents and other law enforcement agencies expressing their appreciation for quality and level of service which we provide. In addition, our employees also received letters of commendation, letters of appreciation and lifesaving awards.



DC Jim Kveton & Sgt. Mike McLean



Service Officer Mindy Tameling



Sgts. Steve Weatherford & Mike Campise

LOOKING FORWARD

Here are some of the things we are working on for 2013:

- Implementation of a Community Based Policing Model
- Expand interaction and communication with our schools
- Implement directed foot-patrols for our parks and residential neighborhoods
- Implement bicycle patrols with an emphasis on residential neighborhoods
- Implement a series of Interactive Neighborhood Roll-calls where officers receive shift briefing, assignments and inspection in the community
- Reactivate and host a Citizens Police Academy
- Host a series of community based policing presentations at Police Headquarters and within the community
- Implement a Neighborhood Watch Program
- Implement a Business Watch Program
- The continuation of professional development training
- The implementation of a patrol rifle program
- Continue to evaluate current department policies and procedures to improve service and efficiency
- Improve data collection, analysis, and reporting
- Analyze crime trends and calls for service to provide the highest level of service for the City and its residents



Officer Doug Rumick

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 training, evaluation of current procedures and consideration of future programs. We look forward to working with the City Manager, Mayor and members of the City Council, along with residents of the community to address specific needs of our residents and to maintain that Elmhurst is a great place to live, work, shop and stay.



Officer Tony Cuzzone

Mission Statement

Our Motto

"Providing the Best"

- **We believe** the public must have confidence, trust and faith in the ability of every Elmhurst police officer to efficiently and reliably perform their duties.
- **Therefore, our mission** is to create a feeling of safety and security in all of our citizens by *providing the best* law enforcement service.
- **We will do our best** to safeguard all people in the City of Elmhurst and insure the quality of life for all through effective and efficient delivery of law enforcement.
- **We believe that human resources** represent our community's single largest and most important investment. Therefore, we are committed to excellence in our profession and will do our best to fine tune all of our job skills. We recognize that good interpersonal communication skills are absolutely necessary to perform our duties in an efficient manner.
- **We will *provide the best*** by continually being sensitive to the authority which we are entrusted and to ensure that it is consistent with our responsibility to protect the public with fairness and equality.
- **We will *provide the best*** quality of work by our professional and personal commitment to devote to the community and all its people the highest level of law enforcement services in response to ever changing needs by promoting justice, equality, fairness, honesty, integrity, legality and dedication; both for the police department and to the public we serve.

VALUES

INTEGRITY ★ COURAGE ★ EXCELLENCE ★ RESPECT ★ COMPASSION ★ DEDICATION





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2012 ORGANIZATIONAL
COMPONENT SUMMARIES

Office of the Chief



The Office of the Chief consists of the Chief of Police, senior management team, and support staff. The role of this office is to provide leadership, direction and vision to the Department in the fulfillment of its overall mission. The Department is led by **Chief Michael R. Ruth** who has served as Elmhurst Police Chief since 2012. Chief Ruth brings 34 years of Law Enforcement experience to our agency. Police Administration is led by **Deputy Chief Dominic Panico** who has served since 1981. Police Operations is led by **Deputy Chief James Kveton** who has served since 1985. In addition, providing critical support services are **Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police Susan Duffy** and **Administrative Assistant to the Deputy Chiefs Jennifer McKeown** (Left to Right).



Police Operations

Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is the largest component of the Elmhurst Police Department. The Patrol Division is responsible for responding to both emergency and non-emergency calls for service from the public, handling special assignments and proactively addressing community concerns. Patrol Officers are responsible for protection of life and property, helping to maintain peace, order and safety to all, conducting preliminary investigations, enforcing the Illinois Criminal Code and traffic laws, as well as City Ordinances. The Elmhurst Police Department encourages Patrol Officers to take a proactive approach to interaction with the community. During 2012, Patrol Officers responded to 42,917 total calls for service regarding criminal offenses, traffic crashes, alarm activations, disturbances, traffic complaints, traffic stops and other miscellaneous events.

The Patrol Division is divided into three shifts in order to provide continuous 24-hour police service. Each shift is supervised by a Watch Commander, Sergeant or Officer in Charge. The Department supplements traditional patrol units with Officers trained to perform ancillary functions such as that of Evidence Technicians, Field Training Officer, Canine Officer, and DARE Officer.

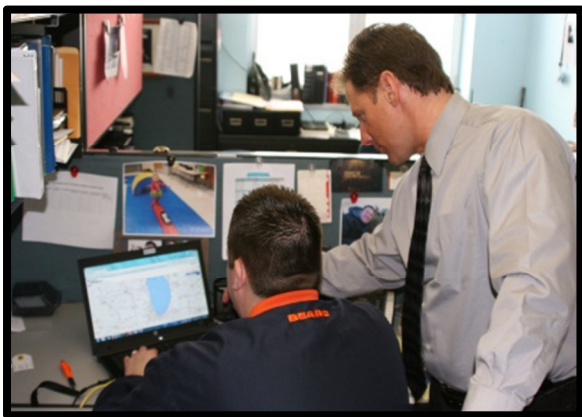


Investigations Division



The Investigations Division is supervised by **Detective Commander Robert Nicholas**. It is a specialized unit staffed with law enforcement professionals who possess special skills and training, generally above that of an average patrol officer. These special skills allow investigators to handle follow-up investigations and investigate crime that is complex or geographically beyond the reach and control of patrol officers. Based on their assignment and the opportunistic nature of criminals, investigators are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The Elmhurst Police Department's Investigative staff is comprised of 5 investigators and a supervisor. The investigators share the responsibility of conducting follow-up investigations and augmenting the patrol division when needed. The investigators also conducted 44 comprehensive background checks for police and firefighter hires and liquor license



Detectives Mandat & Rivkin

applicants. These investigators are

also assigned to the DuPage County Major Crimes Task Force (MCTF), which provides mutual aid to law enforcement in DuPage County.

In 2012, the Elmhurst Police Investigations Division reviewed 623 criminal cases. Of these 623 cases, 261 were assigned to investigators for follow-up.

2012 Assigned Cases	
Homicide	0
Death Investigation	4
Sex Crimes	15
Burglary/Home Inv	29
Theft	78
Battery/Assault	11
Weapons/Narcotics	5
Financial Crimes	33
Property Damage	9
Other	77

School Resource Officers

The school police liaison program allows for effective communication between the schools and police department. In the past, identifying a contact person at the school level who was willing and able to communicate needed information to the police was difficult. Officers assigned to work with juveniles and in a school setting are more likely to be effective when provided with structured access to the school. It is also clear that the visible presence of a police officer is a

deterrent to criminal actions and is likely to have an impact on crime and related problems. In addition, when a crime does occur, there is a significant reduction in response time, a critical solvability factor, thereby minimizing the impact of the crime on the victim as well as the school. More importantly, a police officer in the school leads to better community engagement between the police department and the community. A police liaison officer properly chosen can enhance the cooperation between the police department and the school students and school staff.



Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)

One investigator is detailed to the United States Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). This unit is tasked with the investigation and interdiction of narcotics and money laundering related crimes throughout the United States. In 2012, the Unit generated \$101,191.91 in seizure funds to the police department which are used to support our law enforcement efforts.



Police K-9 Unit

The Elmhurst Police Department K-9 Program started in 1997. We are presently on our third K-9 since that time. **Officer Tony Poli** and **K-9 Diesel**, who is a 4-year old Belgian Malinois imported from Hungary, currently staff the unit. Diesel is a multi-purpose dog trained to detect controlled substance odor, track individuals, search for and find evidence, conduct building/area searches, apprehend suspects, and protect the K-9 handler.



There were 101 **situations requiring the services of the K-9 Unit in 2012**. These situations included tracking, building/area searches and evidence searches resulting in **5** suspect apprehensions, **67** finds were drug-related (marijuana, cocaine, heroin) and **\$2,847 in U.S. currency was seized**.

Bicycle Unit

The Elmhurst Police Department Bicycle Unit provides police patrols to areas that are inaccessible to vehicular patrol. The use of this unit supports community interaction as it reduces patrol speeds, making officers more accessible to the public. The primary areas that are patrolled by the bicycle unit include parking lots, parks, wooded areas and special events.

Our 2012 Bicycle Unit Officers were:

Officer Suzanne Berry	Officer Dontae Hickenbottom
Officer Brendan Bruckner	Officer Matthew McCollum
Officer Dan Corrigan	Officer Nick Waldenmeyer



Evidence Technicians

The Elmhurst Police Department Evidence Technician Unit consists of 11 specially trained officers, who—in addition to regular patrol duties—are responsible for **recovering and processing crime scene evidence**. The Evidence Techs use digital photography and latent print lifting equipment to trace evidence identification. **2012 Evidence Technician Officers: Suzanne Berry, Brendan Bruckner, Dan Corrigan, Matt McCollum, Rick Moulis, Jim O'Connor, John Pacewic, Doug Rumick, Guy Schweik, Tim Westering, Brad Wilcoxon and Evidence Custodian Bob Miklas. The Unit is supervised by Sergeants Jim Gandy and Mike Wiehe.**

Our Evidence Technician officers completed 272 hours of training in 2012.

The Evidence Technician's duties include:

- Identifying, collecting, and preserving trace evidence
- Locating and preserving fingerprints
- Documenting crime scenes through still photography, video, diagrams and drawings
- Field testing suspected illegal drugs
- Testimony in criminal court

The Evidence Technician Unit was called upon many times in 2012 to process crime scenes and serious motor vehicle crashes in Elmhurst. Some of the crime scenes that were investigated in 2012 include:

- Arson and Weapon Offenses
- Serious Motor Vehicle Accidents
- Burglary (residential/business/motor vehicle)
- Crimes Against Person (assault and battery)
- Home Invasion
- Death Investigation
- Damage to City Property



Future plans for the Evidence Technician Program include additional training in crime scene mapping, sketching and diagramming. There are plans to conduct joint training with the DuPage County Crime Lab in 2013.

Administrative Services

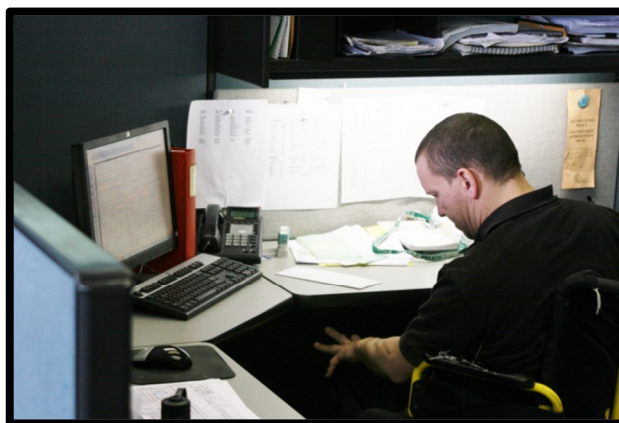
Records Department



The Records Unit was staffed by **Supervisor Jodi Sennett** in the year 2012. The Police Records Division is responsible for performing a variety of detailed report preparation, record keeping, distribution and public contact duties, which must be performed within specified legal guidelines. The Records Division is entrusted with the administration and maintenance of all department records. All criminal histories, arrest records, police reports, traffic citations, statistical data and related information are maintained within this division.

In addition to ***“Providing the Best”*** to the residents of Elmhurst, other law enforcement agencies, the courts and the general public, the Division’s responsibilities include:

- Ensure compliance with State and Federal regulations governing public records law and records retention
- Prepare statistical reports
- Provide the City and State’s Attorney’s Office with the paperwork required for court
- Process subpoenas
- Register sex offenders and monitor sex offender registrations
- Assemble and furnish FOIA requests
- Process petitions, seals and orders of expungements
- Alarm billing
- Provide the press with our incident reports



Records Clerk Dave Kochick



Records Clerk Marian Hammerel

The Division is staffed by one Supervisor and 6 Records Clerks - 3 full-time and 3 part-time. Staffing the Records Division in 2012, were: Jodi Sennett, Records Supervisor, Jean Nelson, David Kochick, Christine Burg, Marian Hammerel, Elizabeth Ignatius and Ashley Vinson.

Training



The coordination of training programs and opportunities for Department employees is the responsibility of **Sergeant Michael McLean**. The Elmhurst Police Department conducts a variety of training throughout the year. Training is presented through printed materials, videos, online, driving school, and department communications. Officers also attend offsite classes and seminars. Topics cover policy and procedures, criminal law, local ordinances and traffic laws. Additionally, many of our officers hold specific certifications.

The majority of the training comes from North East Multi-Regional Training, Inc. (NEMRT) and Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA). The Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency (IRMA) provides training videos and nationally accredited driving courses. These courses focus on helping drivers to understand the safety and performance aspects of vehicle operation.

NEMRT provides a wide variety of courses to our officers. Some of the courses that we completed this year:

- Crimes Against The Elderly
- Gypsy Crime Investigations
- Domestic Violence/Crisis Intervention
- Advanced DUI Training

2012 Training Highlights

- 68 Sworn Officers
- 7457 combined hours of training
- Average of 109 hours of training per officer

Specialty Units Training

Specialty Units (K-9, NIPAS, 5th District SWAT) participate in a minimum of 16 hours per month of *additional* training and a 40-hour block of skill set training twice per year. This level of training is consistent with the National Tactical Officers Association training guidelines.

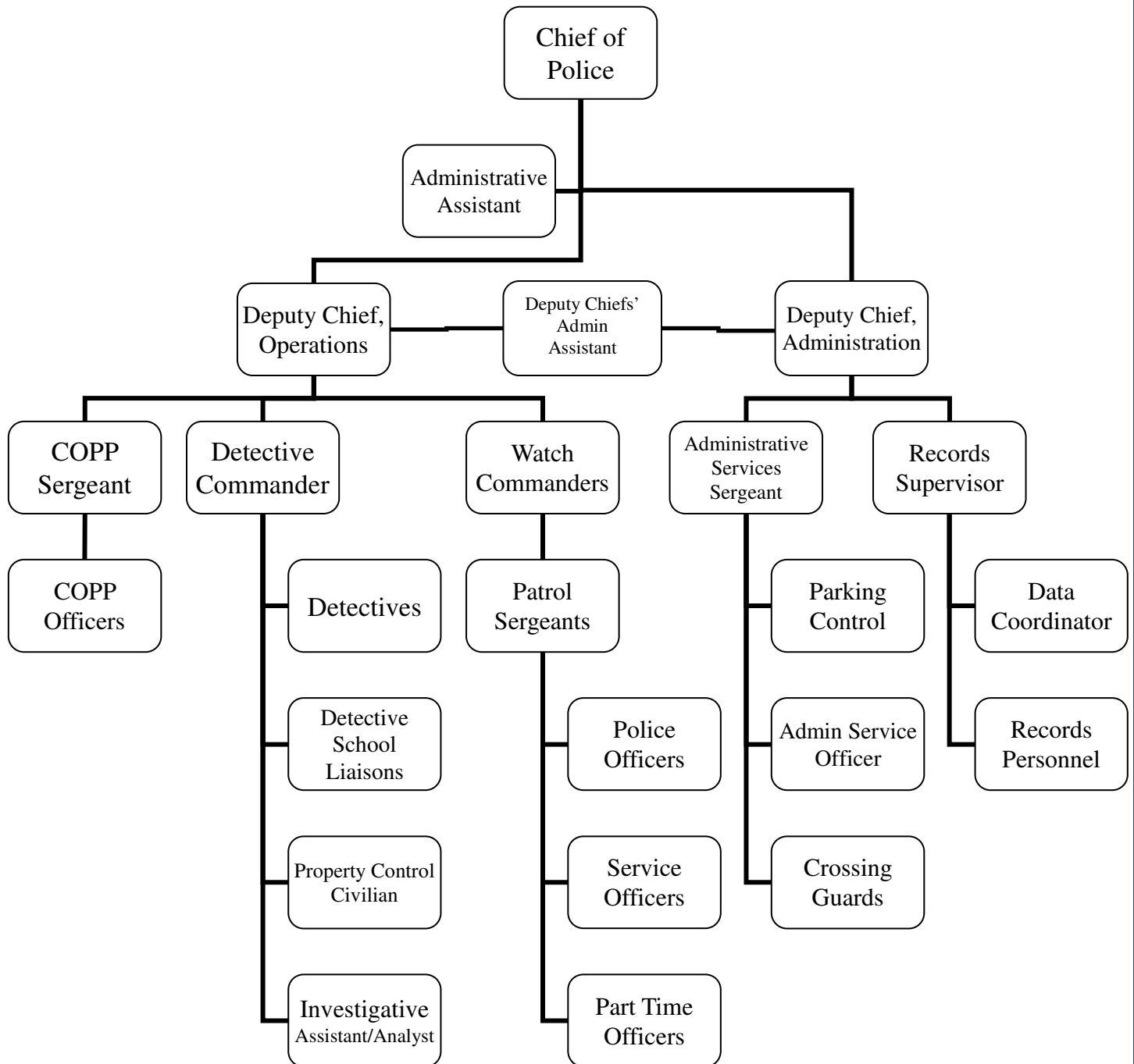
2012 Summary of Training	
RANK	HOURS
Supervisor	1130
Patrol	5367
Detective	960
Non-Sworn	455
Part Time	267
TOTAL HOURS:	8179

Firearms Training

The Elmhurst PD currently has 4 State Certified Range Masters, 2 of which are Rifle Instructors. Other related fields the Range Masters are current in or formerly involved with include: Field Training Officers, Emergency Response Team Members, Master Firearms Instructors and Certified FBI Firearms Instructors. The Range Masters conduct Department-wide monthly training which maintains and further improves officers' firearms skills that may be required as part of their duties. In addition to training, the Range Masters are licensed armorer's and perform scheduled maintenance on Department owned firearms which results in large cost saving measures and promotes a high degree of readiness.



2012
ELMHURST POLICE DEPARTMENT
ORGANIZATION CHART



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 a Department policy, procedure or practice. 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.

In 2012, the Elmhurst Police Department investigated 7 formal complaints against its members.

Disposition of Complaint

Unfounded – Allegation is not factual; did not happen.

Exonerated – The act of the department or officer was consistent with the agency procedures.

Sustained – The allegation is supported by sufficient evidence.

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

IA#	Nature of Complaint	Disposition
2012-01	Care of Department Property	Sustained/Written Reprimand
2012-02	Failed to Appear - Court	Sustained/Written Reprimand
2012-03	Expected Conduct - Truthfulness	Sustained/Written Reprimand
2012-04	Conduct Unbecoming	Sustained/Written Reprimand
2012-05	Release of LEADS Data	Sustained/30-day Suspension
2012-06	Failure to Operate MV Safely	Sustained/1-day Suspension
2012-07	Care of Department Property	Sustained/Written Reprimand

Source of Complaint

Citizen Complaints

Police Agency Complaints

Total 7

2012 PROGRAM AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT SUMMARIES

DARE



The Elmhurst Police Department's Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program (DARE) began in 1987. The Elmhurst Police program challenges students to make good choices using the DARE Decision Making Model and covers topics such as alcohol and drug abuse, peer pressure, choosing good friends and self-confidence. In 2012, DARE America, the parent organization, updated the DARE program. The new program titled, "*Keepin' it REAL*", is based on preventing drug use by developing children's basic skills to make safe and responsible choices.

The Elmhurst Police Department has six officers who serve as our DARE instructors. They are Officers Brendan Bruckner, Tony Cuzzone, Josh Duffy, Matt McCollum, Mike Reiman and Nick Waldenmeyer.

During the year, Elmhurst presented two Parent Information meetings and taught Internet Safety to the 6th grade class.

The academic school year culminates with a DARE graduation ceremony. In 2012, the Elmhurst community had approximately 900 students graduate. This is a special event that is attended by family, friends and community members. The DARE program is a valuable tool to connect with children in the community and provides them with the education necessary to keep them safe, make better decisions and help them to succeed.



Officer Mike Reiman



Chief Michael Ruth & Officer Mike Reiman

As a reward for the students' hard work and commitment, they are taken on a field trip. In 2012, the students were treated to a Chicago White Sox game. The White Sox trip was specially organized for students and included a pre-game parade on the field for the students in attendance.

FLEET WATCH PROGRAM

This program utilizes public works and utility workers as an “extra set of eyes” in the community. The Police Department trains these workers to be alert for any suspicious activity. They are encouraged to take note of important information to assist officers in the event of a crime.

CITIZEN’S POLICE ACADEMY (CPA)

The Elmhurst Police Department is proud to present a Citizen’s Police Academy. The 14-week program includes weekly presentations on topics ranging from Criminal and Civil Law and Police Tactics to Processing Crime Scenes. The Academy is an overwhelming success and concludes with a graduation ceremony.



The Citizen’s Police Academy program is designed to provide our residents with a better understanding of police department functions as well as insight into law enforcement techniques. Classes are geared to assist citizens in understanding laws and police practices within our City. The program is open to anyone who works or resides in the City of Elmhurst. The curriculum includes information about the canine unit, criminal and civil law, crime prevention, juvenile law, evidence, traffic stops, 911 telecommunications, use of force, investigations, gangs and drugs, scams and confidence games, etc.

Attendees of the Citizen’s Police Academy represent a variety of backgrounds. We believe that the entire community benefits when residents take a personal interest in the protection of their neighborhood. The academy also provides an opportunity for students to get to know the men and women who protect their community.



MUTUAL AID ASSIGNMENTS

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

DuPage Major Crime Task Force (MCTF)



The DuPage Major Crime 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, and the DuPage County States Attorneys' 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 has members assigned to leadership roles in every aspect of the task force, including support, investigations, and forensics.

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 2012, the Elmhurst Police did not request ILEAS assistance for any incident or receive any mutual aid requests.



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"

Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS)



The Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS) consists of over 90 communities and offers two programs – a special tactical squad known as the Emergency Services Team and, a crowd control team known as the Mobile Field Force. Mobile Field Force had 1 activation in 2012, the NIPAS EST team responded to 22 emergency calls that consisted of barricaded subjects, high risk search warrants and high risk arrest warrants. Officer Marcin Scislowicz serves on the NIPAS SWAT team and Officers Victor Almaguer and Art Ciszewski serve on the NIPAS Mobile Field Force.



Ofc. Marcin Scislowicz



COMMUNITY RELATIONS EVENTS

Shop with a Cop



Officer Jake Beltran

On December 1, 2012, the annual Shop with a Cop was held. The Elmhurst Police Benevolent Athletic Association (EPBAA) was able to sponsor nine kids this year, the most we ever sponsored. All the kids were extremely happy, their parents were grateful and very moved that the police department sponsored an event like this. Several employees gave rather large donations including those who actually donated enough to sponsor a child, it was overwhelming. It was nice to see that the employees of the Elmhurst Police Department can step up and help out those in need within our own community.



Ofc. Michael Hamblin

A special thank you to the officers who actually volunteered their time and took the kids shopping with them: Nick Waldenmeyer, Matt McCollum, Jake Beltran, Dan Torza, Artur Ciszewski, Brendan Bruckner, Mike Hamblin, Len Kolpak and Jim Kveton. Also, thank you to the officers who volunteered, though we didn't have enough kids to fill the slots.

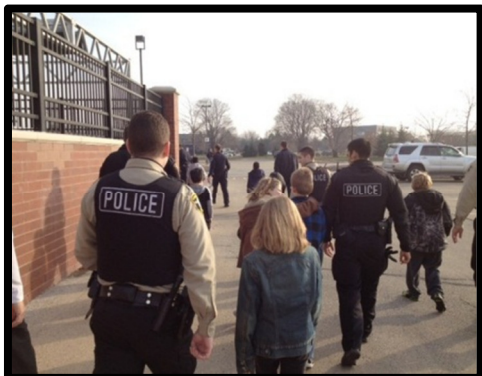
Thanks to Detective Jeff Kucera who was able to get the nine kids names, as this was more difficult to get than one would imagine.



Sgt. Len Kolpak



Ofc. Nick Waldenmeyer



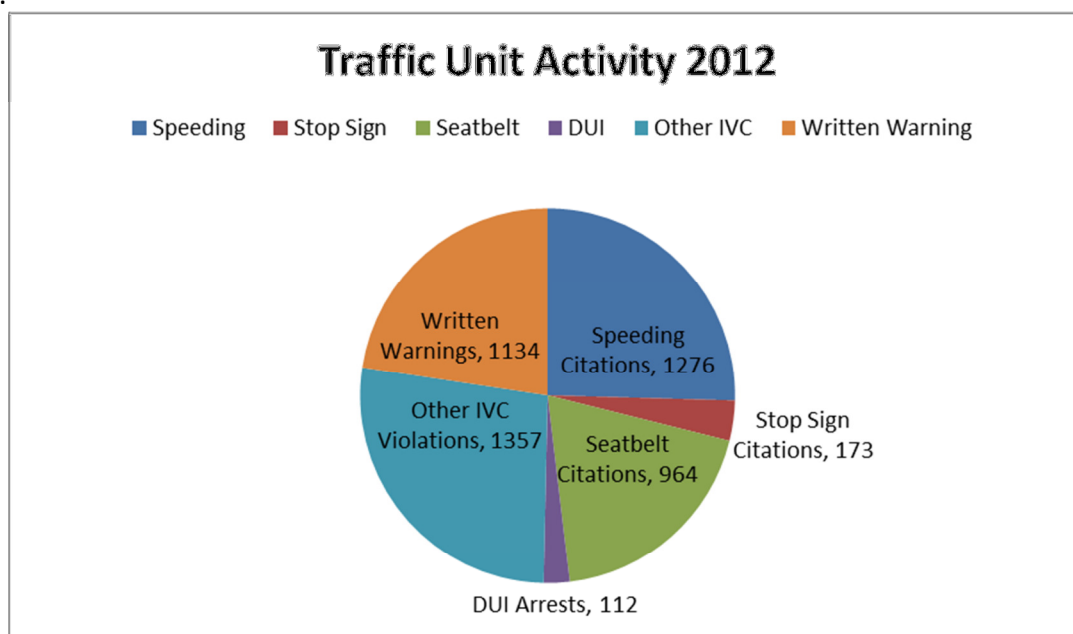
There was some money left over from the donations made that money was used to buy a few toys and donate them to Toys for Tots.



SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS

Click It or Ticket & You Drink & Drive You Lose

In 2012, the traffic unit once again was awarded and took part in an Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) grant which focused on DUI and overnight seatbelt enforcement. This grant consisted of over \$45,000 of funding for this extra enforcement. These programs are highly visible, massive enforcement efforts designed to detect violators of Illinois traffic laws with special emphasis on alcohol and occupant protection. During 2012, the Elmhurst Police Department conducted 7 special enforcement details during the St. Patrick's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Cinco De Mayo and Christmas holiday periods. During these special enforcement details, our officers issued a total of **1,276 traffic citations** and made **112 D.U.I. arrests**. This program is funded by an I.D.O.T. Traffic Safety Grant.



Other Highlights from 2012 Include:

- Train enforcement, including enforcement of both pedestrian and vehicle violations, on/near railroad crossings.
- The Elmhurst Police Department was recognized as being 6th in the State of Illinois for DUI arrests, with 367 DUI arrests the previous year.
- An increase of enforcement of cell phone usage in school and construction zones.
- During the last week of September, the traffic unit conducted several campaigns enforcing texting while driving violations throughout the City.

Alcohol & Tobacco Enforcement

The Elmhurst Police Department has 5 police officers that are state-certified to conduct enforcement stings. The stings are designed to educate retail establishments and eliminate the illegal sale of alcohol and tobacco to children in our community. The Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement Officers for 2012 were:

- Sergeant Michael Campise
- Officer Victor Almaguer
- Officer Brett Kaczorowski
- Officer John Pacewic
- Officer Dan Torza

Our department conducted 2 rounds of compliance checks throughout the year at businesses in the City of Elmhurst. All 2 rounds in 2012 resulted in 16 alcohol violations and 7 tobacco violations. The violators were cited for Unlawful Sale or Purchase of Alcohol and Prohibited Sales of Tobacco and were forwarded to the Liquor Commissioner for disposition. This program is funded by a grant from the State of Illinois.

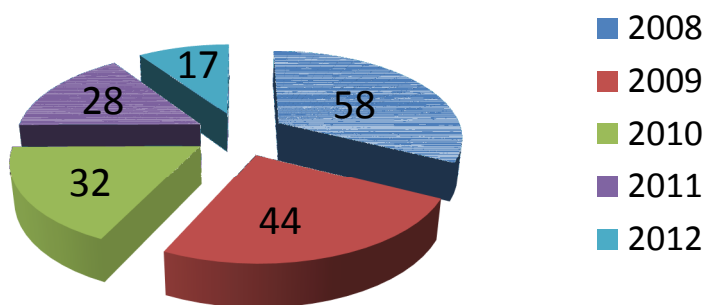
Chronic Nuisance Program

Chronic Nuisance Ordinance - Currently the police department has 4 active Chronic Nuisance cases. 175 cases have been successfully resolved since 2008. Only 14 chronic nuisance cases re-offended with a second violation in 180 days and only 1 went to a third violation. This program continues to be successful in improving quality of life issues for residents and businesses. The chart below shows the success of the program – there has been a decrease in Chronic Nuisance cases every year since its inception.

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.

Chronic Nuisance Totals by Year



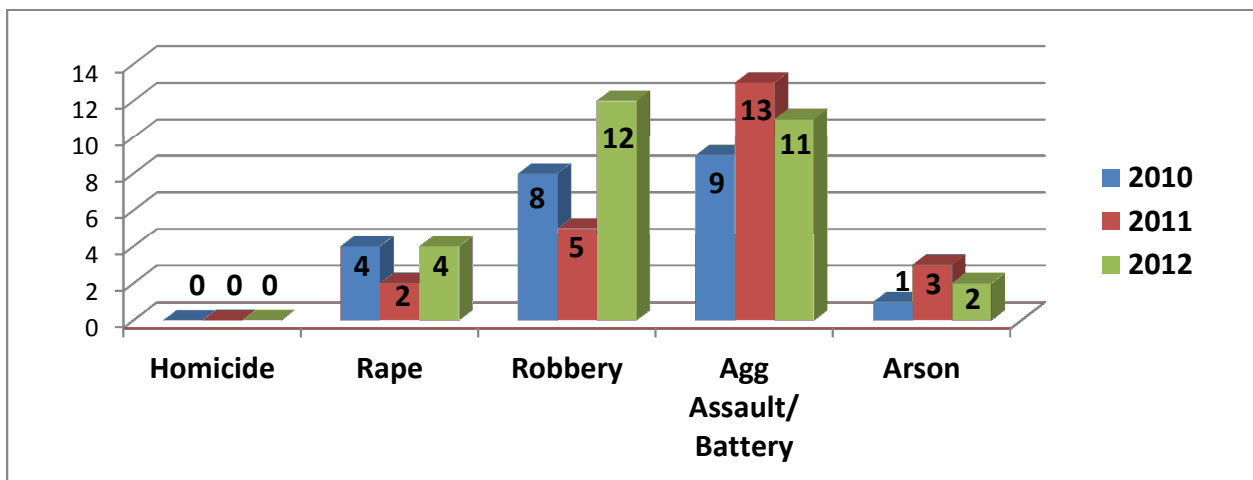
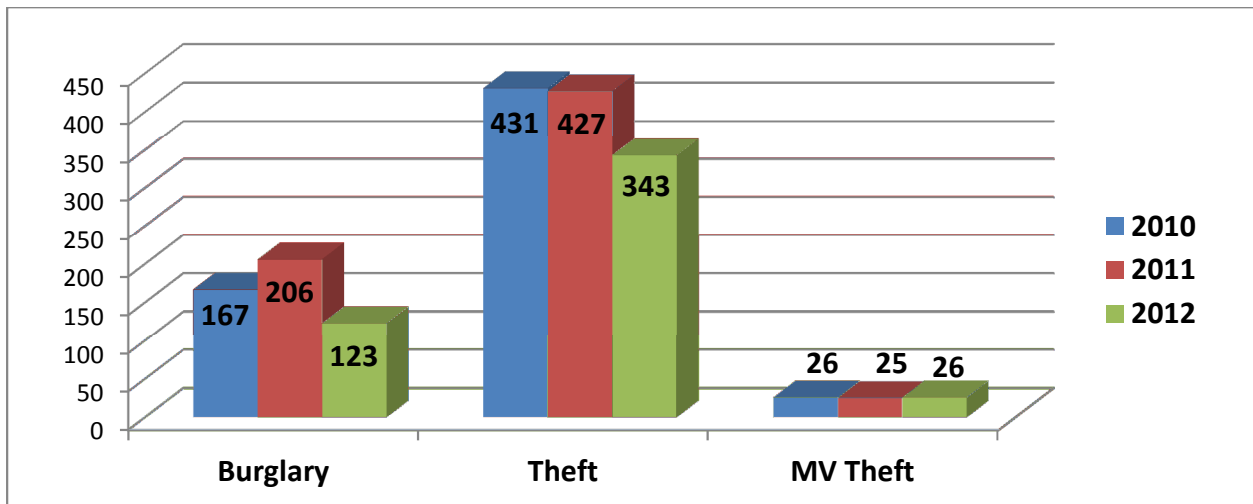
2012 STATISTICAL SUMMARY

CRIMINAL INCIDENTS

Summary Highlights

Criminal Incidents	2012	2011	2010
Homicide	0	0	0
Rape	4	2	4
Robbery	12	5	8
Aggravated Assault/Battery	11	13	9
Burglary	123	206	167
Theft	343	427	431
Theft From Vehicle	26	25	26
Arson	2	3	1

This summary does not include ***all*** criminal incidents that occurred in 2012. It is meant to highlight particular incidents. Overall, criminal incidents have decreased since 2011, with a significant decrease noted in burglary and theft. There was an increase in robberies (7) compared to the previous year of 2011.



3-Year Comparison

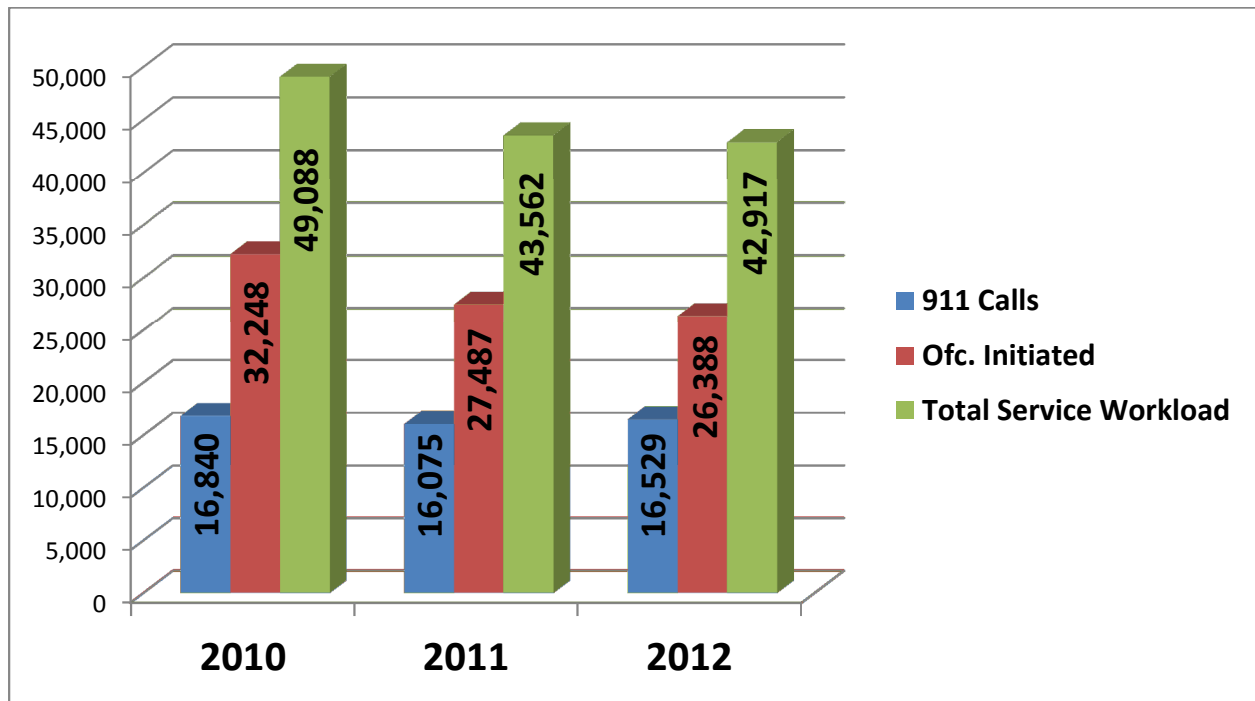
	<u>2010</u> <u>Offenses</u>	<u>2011</u> <u>Offenses</u>	<u>2012</u> <u>Offenses</u>		<u>2010</u> <u>Arrests</u>	<u>2011</u> <u>Arrests</u>	<u>2012</u> <u>Arrests</u>
<u>Deaths</u>							
Homicide	0	0	0		0	0	0
Attempt Homicide	2	1	0		1	1	0
Totals	2	1	0		1	1	0
<u>Sex Offenses</u>							
Criminal Sexual Assault	3	1	2		2	0	1
Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault	1	1	2		1	0	1
Attempted Sexual Assault	0	0	1		0	0	0
Totals	4	2	5		3	0	2
<u>Robbery</u>							
Armed Robbery - Bank	2	0	4		1	0	1
Armed Robbery - Gas Station	0	0	3		0	0	1
Armed Robbery - Other	2	2	1		0	2	1
Robbery - Bank	1	0	1		1	0	1
Robbery - School Grounds	1	0	0		0	0	0
Robbery - Other	2	3	3		0	0	1
Attempted Robbery	1	1	3		0	0	0
Total	9	6	15		2	2	5
<u>Aggravated Assault - Battery</u>							
Aggravated Battery	4	5	6		7	9	3
Aggravated Assault	5	8	5		4	11	3
Attempted Assault/Battery	0	0	0		0	0	0
Total	9	13	11		11	20	6

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<u>Simple Assault - Battery</u>							
Assault	3	5	4		4	4	4
Battery	68	59	69		46	40	37
Domestic	57	52	43		51	46	34
Total	128	116	116		101	90	75
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<u>Thefts</u>							
Retail	157	108	124		160	100	123
Attempted Retail Theft	7	4	2		0	0	0
All Other Theft	267	315	217		84	71	51
Attempted Theft all other	11	15	5		0	0	0
Total	442	442	348		244	171	174
<u>Motor Vehicle Theft</u>							
Theft of Motor Vehicle	26	25	26		2	5	1
Attempted Theft of Motor Vehicle	3	1	1		0	0	0
Total	29	26	27		2	5	1
<u>Burglary</u>							
Burglary Residential	53	66	54		2	6	6
Burglary - Garage	23	32	26		0	0	0
Burglary Commercial	81	91	34		1	4	0
Burglary Church	5	6	2		0	0	0
Burglary Construction Site	5	11	7		0	0	0
Attempted Burglary	8	4	22		0	0	0
Total	175	210	145		3	10	6

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<u>Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle</u>							
Burglary from Motor Vehicle	77	93	93		5	3	10
Burglary of Motor Vehicle Parts/Accessories	6	2	4		0	0	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	10	4	4		0	0	0
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts/Accessories	47	22	24		5	1	0
Attempted Buglary/Theft from MV	16	8	9		0	0	0
Total	156	129	134		10	4	10
 <u>Hate Crimes</u>	 0	 1	 0		 0	 1	 0
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Deception</u>							
Forgery/Deceptive Practice/Fraud	52	46	24		12	17	4
Credit Card Fraud	30	54	45		13	13	2
Identity Theft	54	55	46		1	2	1
Total	136	155	115		26	32	7
 <u>Criminal Damage To Property</u>							
Vehicle	65	84	58		5	8	1
Property Damage/Defacement	78	113	75		28	22	16
Attempted Criminal Damage	3	5	0		0	0	0
Total	146	202	133		33	30	17

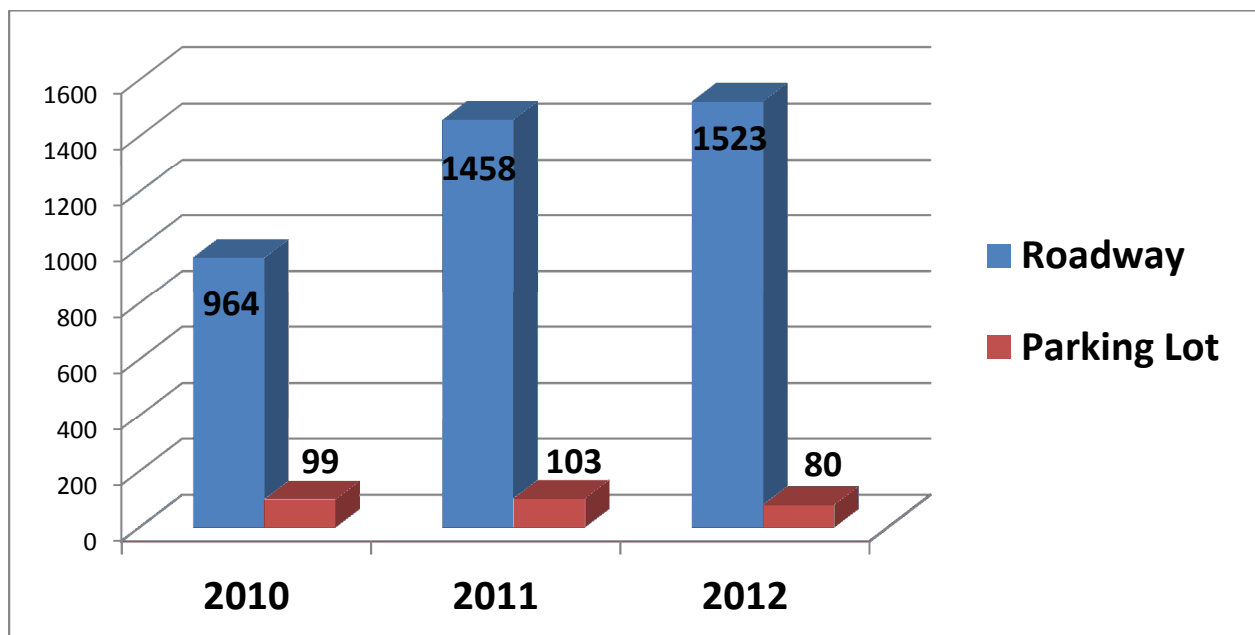
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<u>Drug Offenses</u>							
Possession Cannabis 30 gm & under	148	178	155		228	296	237
Possession Cannabis over 30 gm	2	1	0		4	2	0
Delivery Cannabis 30 gm & under	8	16	5		11	30	7
Delivery Cannabis over 30 gm	6	7	6		12	9	6
Cannabis Plant Possession of	0	1	1		0	5	1
Methamphetamine Manufacture & Delivery	0	0	1		0	0	1
Controlled Substance	16	13	6		20	12	6
Possession Controlled Substance	68	66	75		82	88	113
Look-A-Like Controlled Substance	1	1	0		1	0	0
Delivery or Possession w/Intent to Deliver	1	2	12		1	3	16
Sale or Possession Hypodermic Syringes/Needles	8	7	11		10	9	14
Sale or Delivery Drug Paraphernalia	1	2	0		0	3	0
Possession Drug Equipment	157	160	170		238	282	246
Total	416	454	442		607	739	647

Service Workload

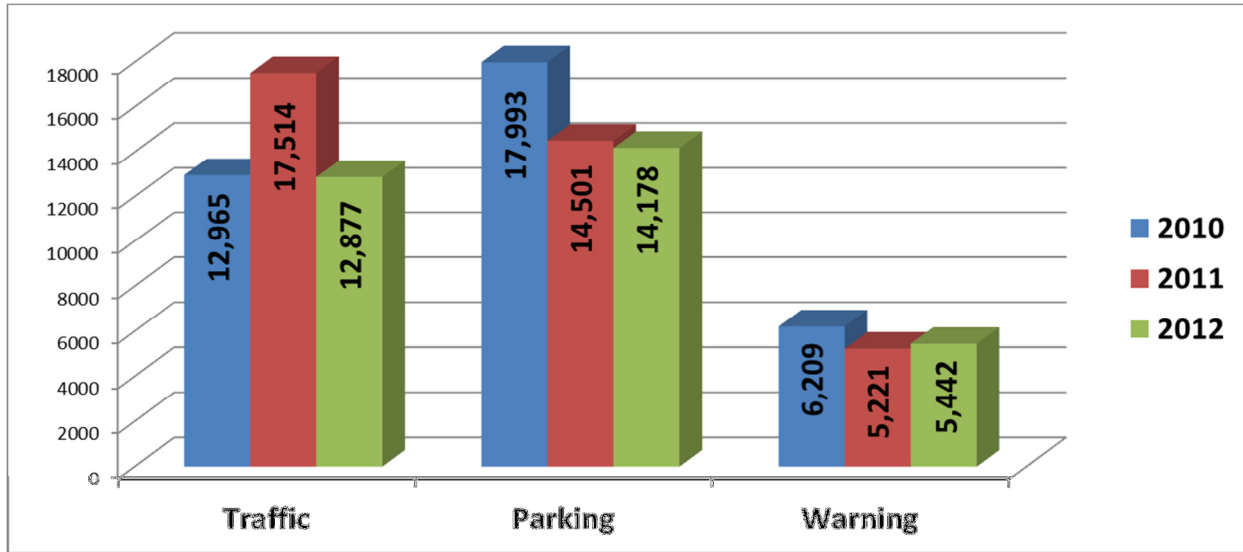


In 2012, the total service workload decreased by 2% over the previous year. The total calls for service increased 3% over the previous year.

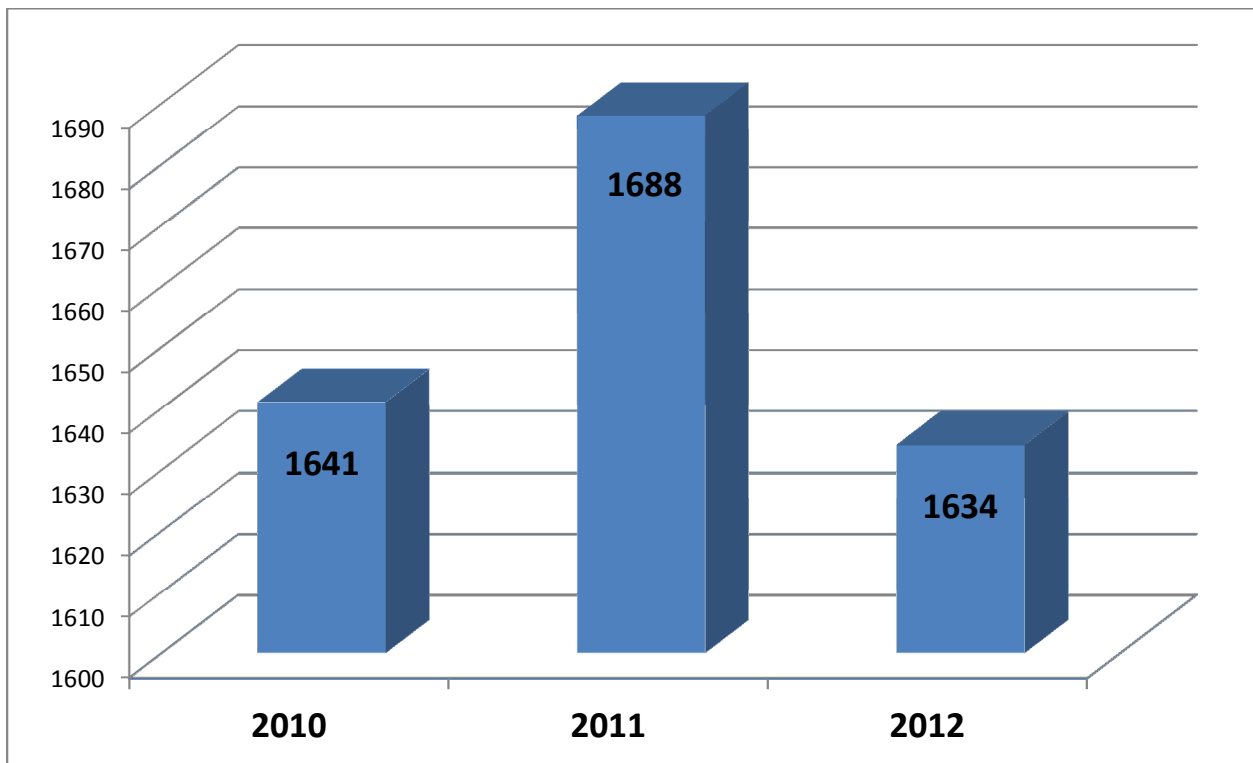
Motor Vehicle Crashes



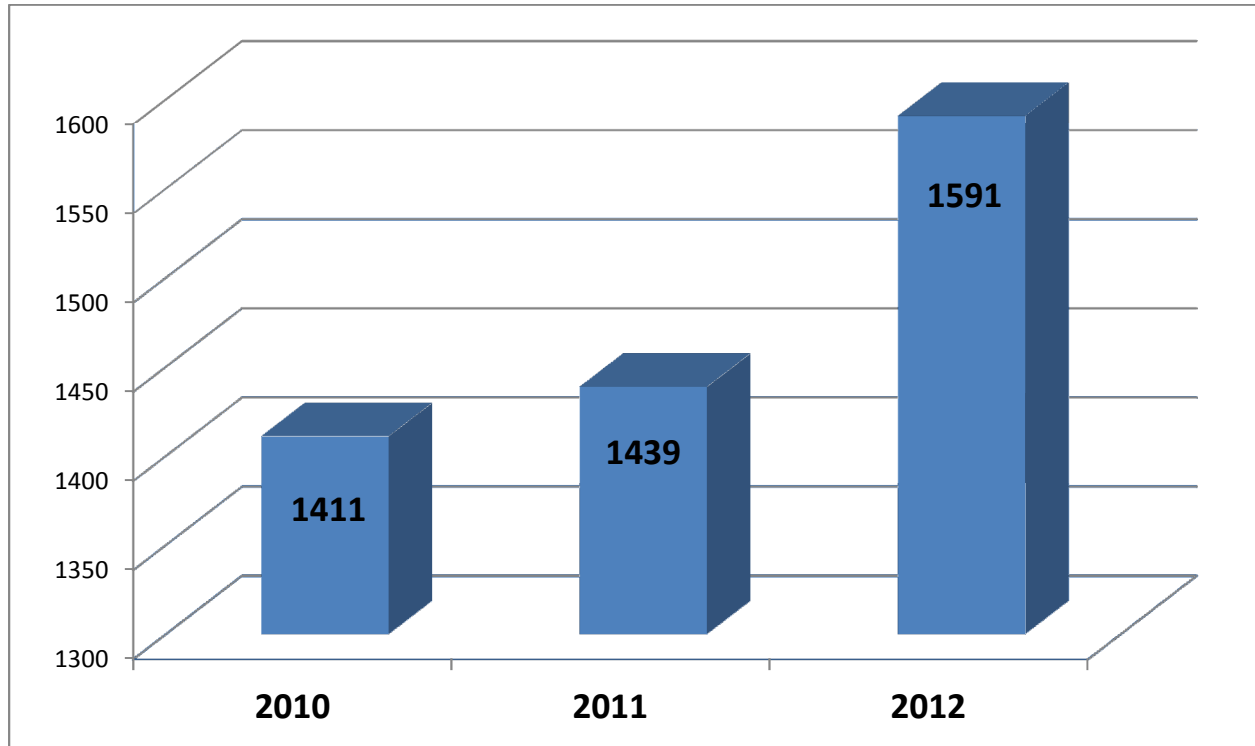
Traffic Citations



Assist Other Agencies

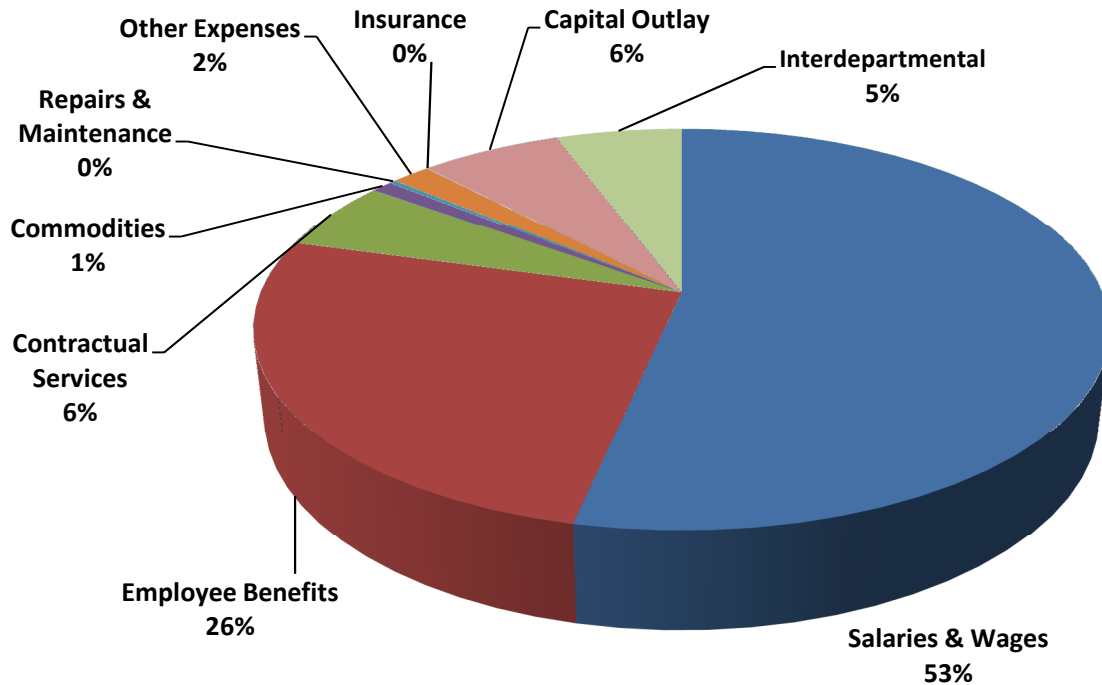


Alarm Calls



2012 BUDGET ANALYSIS

Elmhurst Police Department 2012-2013 Budget



EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT
Salaries & Wages	\$8,226,000
Employee Benefits	\$3,992,683
Contractual Services	\$869,634
Commodities	\$148,000
Repairs & Maintenance	\$42,800
Other Expenses	\$269,800
Capital Outlay	\$975,000
Insurance	\$7,200
TOTAL	\$15,408,627

DEPARTMENT RECOGNITION

New to the Department

New Chief Sworn In

Chief Michael Ruth was sworn in by Mayor DiCianni on November 05, 2012. Chief Ruth is committed to providing exemplary service to the community and professional development for employees while maintaining the highest level of ethical standards through transparency and accountability.



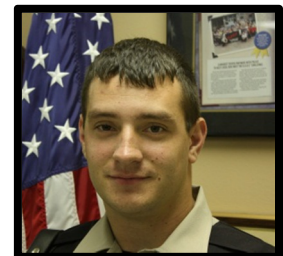
The Elmhurst Police Department welcomed 5 new police officers to the department. They are **Josh Champion**, sworn in on July 23, 2012, **Carl Hawkins**, sworn in on January 20, 2012, **Alina Ignatoff**, sworn in on July 06, 2012, **Dorian Jarrette**, sworn in on September 24, 2012 and **Timothy Jorgensen**, sworn in on January 06, 2012.



Officer Joshua Champion



Officer Alina Ignatoff



Officer Carl
Hawkins



Officer Timothy
Jorgensen



Officer Dorian
Jarrette

Promotion



Michael Burroughs was promoted to **Commander** and was sworn in by Mayor DiCianni on December 19, 2011. Michael joined the Elmhurst Police Department on January 10, 1987. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from the Judson University.

Michael Wiehe was promoted to **Sergeant** and was sworn in by Mayor DiCianni on December 19, 2011. Michael joined the Elmhurst Police Department on September 12, 1987. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from the Indiana University and a Master's Degree in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration from Western Illinois University.



Len Kolpak was promoted to **Sergeant** and was sworn in by Mayor DiCianni on May 01, 2012. Len joined the Elmhurst Police Department on October 8, 2001. He has an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice from the Moraine Valley Community College.

Service Anniversaries

5 Years



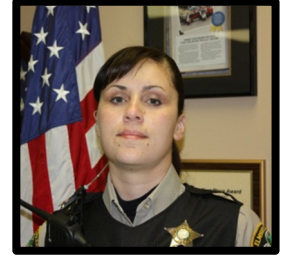
Officer
Brendan Bruckner



Records Clerk
Christine Burg



Service Officer
Amy McCollum



Officer Joan Velez

15 Years



Sergeant
Michael Wiehe



Administrative SO
Wendy Satala

20 Years



Officer
Suzanne Berry

25 Years



Commander
Michael Burroughs

Award of Valor



Officer Rick Moulis was presented the **Award of Valor**. On October 15, 2012, officers were dispatched to a residence for a domestic battery. Officer Rick Moulis was the first to arrive and heard a man and woman arguing loudly. He entered the residence alone to ensure the safety of the combatants. Upon entering a small bedroom, he found one man and three women. The man raised a knife over his head and began to move towards the women who appeared to be afraid of him. Officer Moulis acted quickly and deployed his Taser, stopping the man from further advancing towards them. He struck the offender in his side causing him to fall to the ground and was then able to take him into custody.

Officer Moulis is recognized for his bravery as he entered the home alone, confronted an armed offender and addressed the threat. It is possible that if he had not entered the home and intervened in the confrontation, someone may have been seriously harmed.

Officer Moulis had the option to use deadly force in this situation and instead he chose to use an appropriate less lethal tool and prevented injury to the offender as well.

Officer Moulis is commended for his act of heroism in the face of risk to his own safety that saved the victim from great bodily harm.



Acting Mayor Scott Levin, Officer Rick Moulis
and Chief Michael Ruth during the Valor Award
Presentation



Life Saving Award



Officer
Laural Panico



Service Officer
Julie Dickinson

On June 10, 2012, **Officer Laural Panico** and **Service Officer Julie Dickinson** responded to a residence for a subject in full arrest. They found a 72 year old victim inside a vehicle with her daughter giving her CPR while family members were standing near the car, adding to the stress of the situation.

Officer Panico and SO Dickinson set up the AED and administered a shock to the victim; CPR was continued until Elmhurst paramedics arrived. They took control of the victim and started advanced life support, gaining a pulse.

The actions of Officer Panico and Service Officer Dickinson are recognized as their quick response and team work saved a woman's life in a very stressful situation.

Letters of Commendation

Seven Department employees received a **Letter of Commendation** from Interim Chief Dominic Panico. The employees are:



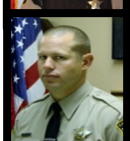
Officer Daniel Corrigan – EL12000531 – Apprehension of Burglary Suspects



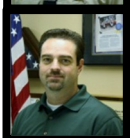
Officer Dennis Kazarian – EL12002369 – Dangerous Dogs who Viciously Attacked Multiple Victims



Officer Scott Lange – EL12002369 – Dangerous Dogs who Viciously Attacked Multiple Victims



Officer Daniel Torza – EL12003301 – Apprehending Drug Dealer and Recovered Cannabis & Weapons



Officer Jeffrey Kucera – EL12003301 – Apprehending Drug Dealer and Recovered Cannabis & Weapons



Officer Margaret Hopkins – EL12015903 – Apprehension of Armed Robber and Recovery of \$40,000 in Stolen Goods



Sergeant Len Kolpak – EL12021902 - Negotiated the Safe Resolution of a Suicidal Subject

MADD Hero Award

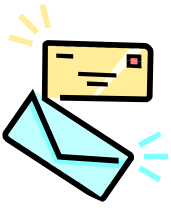


On Saturday, September 22, 2012, in Springfield, Illinois, MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) recognized **Officer Matthew McCollum** of the Elmhurst Police Department for his efforts related to reducing alcohol abuse in our community. Each year, MADD recognizes individuals in the State of Illinois who make exemplary efforts to eliminate drunk driving, provide support for victims of DUI's and help prevent underage drinking.

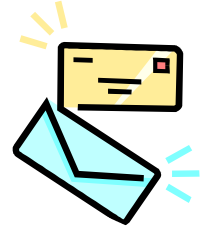
The Elmhurst Police Department has a long history of aggressive DUI enforcement. In 2011, the Elmhurst Police Department made 367 DUI arrests which was the 6th highest in the State of Illinois. Officer McCollum was the leading officer in Elmhurst with 73 DUI arrests. Officer McCollum is also a police academy instructor where he trains police recruits in the administration of DUI field sobriety tests.

Officer McCollum is a firm believer that education is a crucial component in stopping underage drinking. As a DARE officer, he is able to educate our youth of the hazards and consequences of underage drinking. He also provides victims of DUI crashes with information regarding the criminal case and will assist victims with obtaining assistance from other agencies.





LETTERS FROM THE COMMUNITY



These are excerpts from a few of the letters we received in 2012.

Officers Berry and Reiman: “Thank you for your help on an EMS call. This was a fine example of team work at its best.”

Officers Bruckner and Waldenmeyer: “This is a letter of apology to the two arresting officers...” I also want to apologize for the nasty things I said to both officers, I truly am sorry.”

Detective Paul Carney: “I want to thank you for the presentation on Bank Robbery prevention and procedures you made to Elmhurst banks last night. It was professional, understandable and very well received.”

Officers Ciszewski and Hickenbottom: “This is to appreciate your staff on how they were so compassionate and took it upon themselves to handle a really bad situation with one of our residents this morning at Elm Brook.”

Officer Cuzzone: “Thank you to the officer that responded to the ambulance call early Saturday morning. My mother unfortunately passed away, but the level of professionalism from the responding officer who arrived first provided some comfort to her before the fire department arrived.”

Sergeant Gandy, Detective Rivkin and Officers Bruckner, Corrigan, Ignatoff and McCollum: “Ten days earlier, my Honda Civic was stolen from in front of my apartment in Chicago... From what I understand, your officers spotted the driver going 80 mph down North Avenue...the driver refused to stop...the vehicle was lost and your officers continued to look for the driver and found the car parked in an apartment complex. Your officers were professional, timely and patient while answering all my questions.”

Officers Hawkins and Reiman: “I am very pleased to write this letter complimenting your department and the professionalism of your employees.”

Officer Hopkins: “I was pulled over this morning for speeding, and I just wanted to compliment the officer on the way it went. It was a great interaction and I appreciate having officers like her protecting the town.”

Officers Kaczorowski and Reiman: “Thank you so much for taking the time to come talk to the preschoolers. The children love to hear about your job, see all the gadgets on your tool belt and pepper you with questions and stories! It is a great value to have these preschoolers know that they can trust their neighborhood officers.”

Officer Alex Kefaloukous: “I am writing this letter to thank you for allowing Officer Kefaloukos to speak with a group of Boy Scouts at York High School on Saturday morning. As a result of his interaction, the scouts successfully earned the traffic safety merit badge and they did not want him to depart after it was completed. A job well done!”

Officer Matt McCollum: “I was impressed how well-mannered and respectful Ofc. McCollum was. I know what I did was wrong and my own fault, but again, the officer treated me with dignity and respect.”

Deputy Chief Panico and Kveton, Commander Nicholas, Sergeant Campise, Detective Carney and Officer Dan Torza: “Thank you for all the help that you and your officers lent during our recent situation. Your team of outstanding professionals...formulated a plan to ensure that the situation would end up as harmless as possible. Again, I cannot say enough positive about your team.”

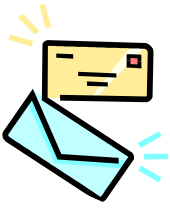
Officer Poli and K-9 Diesel: - “Thank you for your commitment in helping to keep our school drug free. Your assistance in making our school a safe environment for students and staff is greatly appreciated.”

Officer Scislowicz: “Your officer responded to a barricaded subject in our town where shots were fired. Your officer responded with the NIPAS team and the situation was ultimately resolved without injury. This was an excellent example of police professionalism and teamwork.”

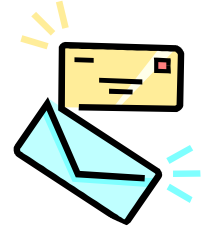
Officer Vascik and Service Officer Howell: A while back, several churches got together for a combined service in downtown Elmhurst. We want to thank the officers and say they were professional and instructive. Great job officers.”

Officer Velez and Administrative Analyst Schmidt: “These ladies made a very professional and heart-felt presentation demonstrating that they both care passionately about their work. In essence, they are the type of employees that any manager would be proud to have representing their organization. Their presentation was very knowledgeable and informative without scaring what is a majority of elderly population in our building. I am truly very grateful to them each!”

Officer Wright: “My Dad was not doing well and Officer Wright went above and beyond to help us that night. I would like to thank him personally. Dad has subsequently passed, but to all the men who treated him with the respect he so deserved, *thank you.*”



LETTERS FROM OTHER AGENCIES



These are excerpts from a few of the letters we received from other agencies in 2012.

Commander Terry, Officers Ciszewski, Almaguer, Knebel, Cuzzone, Corrigan, Coughlin, Wilcoxon, Beltran, Blasky and Webb: “I would like to thank your officers for their quick response and the professionalism they displayed throughout the incident. With the assistance of your officers, this incident was brought to a successful conclusion with no injuries to innocent bystanders.”

Chief Wayne Holakovsky — Oakbrook Terrace Police Department

Officer Berry: “I recently prosecuted a case for two days in front of a jury, and had the opportunity to work with Officer Berry. From start to finish, she did a very professional job.”

Assistant States Attorney Frederick Flather — DuPage County States Attorney

Sergeant Campise: “I can’t tell you how much I appreciate the assistance of the Elmhurst Police Department, specifically Sergeant Campise.

Chief Dale Gustafson—Berkeley Police Department

Elmhurst Police Department: “As usual, personnel from the Elmhurst Police Department quickly came to our aid and helped us bring the incident to a safe and successful conclusion. Our departments have a long history of cooperation and camaraderie; the actions of your officers on December 28, 2012, only reinforce that wonderful tradition.”

Chief Robert Pavelchik — Villa Park Police Department

Officer Kaczorowski: “I wanted to thank you on behalf of myself and all the resident advisors who attended RA training. The presentation was very informative, entertaining and the students learned a lot. Thank you for all your help and we look forward to working with you throughout the school year and again next year.”

Assistant Director Caroline Krause — Elmhurst College

Commander Terry and Detective Lafin: “On behalf of the FBI, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to you and your department for allowing us to hold this course at your facility. In particular, I would like to thank Detective Lafin and Commander Terry for assisting the Crises Negotiation Team in the coordination and operation of this course.”

Assistant Special Agent in Charge Thomas Trautmann — Federal Bureau of Investigation

Officer Velez: “We required the assistance of an interpreter...Elmhurst Police Officer Velez was contacted and provided assistance. Please share my personal thanks, as well as those of the Wheaton Police Department, for the prompt and professional assistance provided by Officer Velez.”

Chief Mark Field — Wheaton Police Department

Officer Westering: “Officer Westering stopped to assist our officers and when he learned that we did not have the ability to help the citizen with her wheel chair, he offered the assistance of the Elmhurst Public Works. I want to commend Officer Westering for his assistance.”

Chief Dale Gustafson — Berkeley Police Department



Dear Chief Ruth,

Thank you for having
Police at our school this week.
We felt very safe.

Love
Rachel
Margaret



Dear Officer Wendy,

Thanks for showing me
the Police Department! I
Loved the fingerprint scanner!

Thanks

From: Caitlin Forbes



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January 3, 2013



Chief Michael Ruth
Elmhurst Police Department
125 E. First Street
Elmhurst, IL 60126

- ☐ Officer
- ☐ Officer File
- ☐ W/C
- ☐ D/C
- ☐ Roll Call
- ☐ BOFPC
- ☐ Adm. Sgt
- ☐ COPP Sgt.
- ☐

Dear Chief Ruth:

MIKE

On December 28th 2012 at 1:47 p.m., the Villa Park Police Department responded to a robbery that just occurred in the 800 block of North Ellsworth. Upon arrival the victim advised that two male subjects entered the business, pushed her down, took cash and fled the scene. A short time later the suspect's vehicle was located in the area of Butterfield/ IL 83 with the assistance of your department. Try as they might, the suspects were unable to defeat the tenacious pursuit of the Elmhurst officers.

Once in custody it was discovered that these two suspects, Donald Petracek of Villa Park and Genesis Peterson of Chicago are career criminals. As usual, personnel from the Elmhurst Police Department quickly came to our aid and helped us bring the incident to a safe and successful conclusion.

Please pass on my thanks to the entire shift working at that time.

Our departments have a long history of cooperation and camaraderie; the actions of your officers on December 28th only reinforces that wonderful tradition.

Sincerely,

Bob

Robert Pavelchik
Chief of Police



Warriors' Watch Riders of Illinois

Police Chief Michael Ruth, Elmhurst Police Department,

Warriors Watch Riders would like to thank you and the men and women of the Elmhurst Police Department for your help with the escorts for LCpl Alex Spencer and SFC David Kennedy on Wednesday December 26th, 2012. Your presence was greatly appreciated by Alex and David and their families.

We look forward to working with you in the future.

Glen DeVries – Warriors Watch Ride Captain

ELMHURST POLICE DEPARTMENT
PHOTO GALLERY

**MADD Hero Award
Presentation
to Officer Matt McCollum
October 15, 2012**



Officer Matt McCollum and Sgt. James Gandy



Officer Matt McCollum and his wife
Service Officer Amy McCollum



Police Officer Testing York High School March 30, 2012



Deputy Chief Dominic Panico
speaks to the applicants



Tackle the Tower Presentation April 16, 2012



School Patrols

After the December 14, 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting, Elmhurst Police Officers' presence at the Elmhurst elementary schools reassured the community.

Officer Doug Rumick
and an appreciative
elementary school
student



Illinois Special Olympics

Torch Run

Elmhurst Leg

June 10, 2012



Elmhurst Police participated in the 2012 Illinois Special Olympics Torch Run

Participants included Officers Beltran, Bruckner, Corrigan, Hamblin, McCollum, Deputy Chief Kveton, Administrative Analyst Schmidt, Service Officer Blasky and Part Time Officer Blasky





IL Special
Olympics
Torch Run





**Flag Presentation
to the
City of Elmhurst
March 3, 2012**



Deputy Chief Kveton,
Sgt. Steve
Weatherford,
Fire Chief Jeff Bacidore
and Michael Mesko





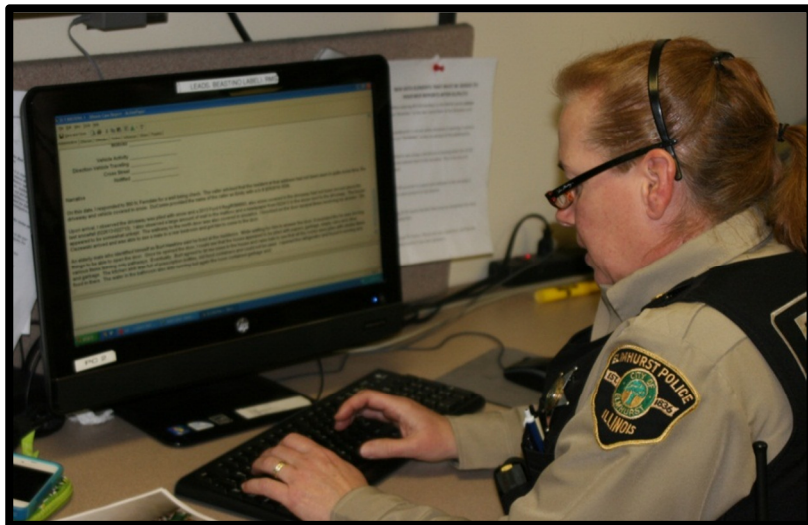
Officers Scott Lange
and
Jim O'Connor

Officer Josh
Champion



Deputy Chief Panico,
Chief Michael Ruth,
Deputy Fire Chief
Bill Anaszewicz,
and Fire Chief
Jeff Bacidore

Sgt. Mike McLean
and
Officer Chris Horner



Officer Laural Panico

Officers Jake Beltran,
Matt McCollum,
Brendan Bruckner,
Mike Hamblin, and
Detective Dave Rivkin

