

Elmhurst Police Department
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Mr. James Grabowski, City Manager
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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 2015. This is our fourth annual report, which was designed to be an informational resource for municipal officials, law enforcement professionals, journalists and the people who live and work in the City of Elmhurst. This Annual Report contains a current organizational chart for the department and a detailed description of each departmental unit, along with information about specialized assignments and mutual aid participation. The report also contains updated information on the many services we provide both to residents and to the City of Elmhurst, as well as a statistical summary detailing important data and identifying emerging trends.

I am pleased to report that in 2015, Part I offenses as reported to the State of Illinois Uniform Crime Report were down overall by 5.48%, with reported reductions in the categories of Robbery, down 33.33%, Rape, down 62.5%, and Theft, down 5.94%. Reported Burglaries saw a modest increase of 1.59%, while Motor Vehicle Theft doubled from 5 incidents in 2014 to 10 in 2015. In addition, Elmhurst experienced a significant increase in Identity Theft and Deception cases, but this trend follows a regional increase in Credit Card Fraud and Identity Theft. The level of service we provide as measured by calls for service increased by just under 1%.

The members of the Elmhurst Police Department remain committed to service and to providing the best. I would like to extend my personal appreciation to our citizens and to Mayor Steven Morley, the members of the Elmhurst City Council, City Manager Grabowski, and the employees of the Elmhurst Police Department for their continued commitment to professional service.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Ruth
Chief of Police

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Executive Summary

The police department is pleased to report that overall Part I crime as reported to the State of Illinois Uniform Crime Report has remained lower in 2015 than what was experienced in 2014, with some increases in specific categories.

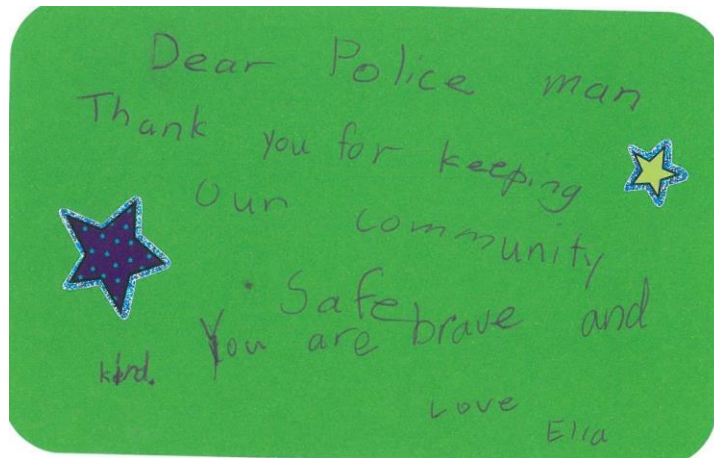
Residential Burglary was down last year by 20.8%, with 38 incidents reported compared to 48 incidents reported in 2014. Burglaries overall, a category that includes both attempted burglaries and non-residential burglaries, increased slightly with a total of 64 incidents reported compared to 63 the previous year. Likewise, we saw a very slight increase of .97% in service workload indicators, which is made up of 9-1-1 calls (up by .16%) and self-initiated officer activity (up by 1.41%). Crimes relating to deception, including identity theft, rose to 273 incidents as compared to the 127 incidents we experienced in 2014.

In 2015, we continued to take a proactive role in addressing residential burglary trends. Statistical data was used to provide insight and guidance in deploying our staff effectively and utilizing resources to address crime trends. It remains important to identify and recognize emerging crime trends and calls for service in order to effectively address both the short-term and long-term needs of our community. One part of our proactive response to crime is the Mission Team, a specialty unit with flexible and responsive scheduling that provides additional assistance in addressing emerging trends on short notice. Additionally, our Investigations division continues to partner with other Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies to share information and prosecute identity theft cases.

Resident engagement and community partnership continued to be a priority for the police department in 2015. Police bicycle patrols, our award-winning Neighborhood Roll Calls, and patrol officer "Walk & Talks" all took place regularly in the warmer months of the year. These efforts to engage residents and promote a cooperative relationship between our police force and the citizens we serve have helped to keep our community a safe place to live and work.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

I am proud of the accomplishments of our staff in 2015. Throughout the year, we have received many letters from residents, organizations, and other law enforcement agencies expressing their appreciation for the quality and level of service we provide. Our employees have also received letters of commendation, letters of appreciation, and various awards.



I would like to thank all of the officers of the Elmhurst Police Dept. for their help they gave us Monday night with finding one of our residents. I, the staff, all of our residents and their families truly appreciate all the work the men + women, of this department, do for Park Place of Elmhurst and the greater Elmhurst community.

Thanks again for all your help.

Don Edgeburn -
Executive Director.

Compassion Awareness Respect Excellence

Dear Officer Poli & Diesel -

Thanks so much for participating in our Hometown Hero storytimes this summer at EPL. You were a huge hit; the kids & parents really enjoyed your story & being able to take pictures with you & Diesel. Thanks for making room for us in your REALLY busy schedule, we really appreciated it!

-Glenn



The Elmhurst Police Department in Action . . .



LOOKING FORWARD

Here are some of the things we are working on for 2016:

- *Continue the Community-Based Policing model*
- *Improve communications via the department Facebook page*
- *Update the police department web page*
- *Continue directed patrols in our parks and residential areas to address emerging trends*
- *Expand participation in the Bike Patrol Program*
- *Continue Neighborhood Roll Calls in the summer months*
- *Implement a strategic professional development plan with quarterly reviews for sworn personnel*
- *Have a more visible and engaging presence on the Prairie Path during the warm weather months to promote resident safety and security*
- *Create a Business Watch notification system for the police department to share information with our business community*
- *Expand communication with the Elmhurst Park District, Elmhurst College, and Elmhurst Hospital*
- *Improve technology 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 to ensure the highest level 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, and 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 service 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.

- **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 ★ DEDICATION ★ COMPASSION ★ RESPECT





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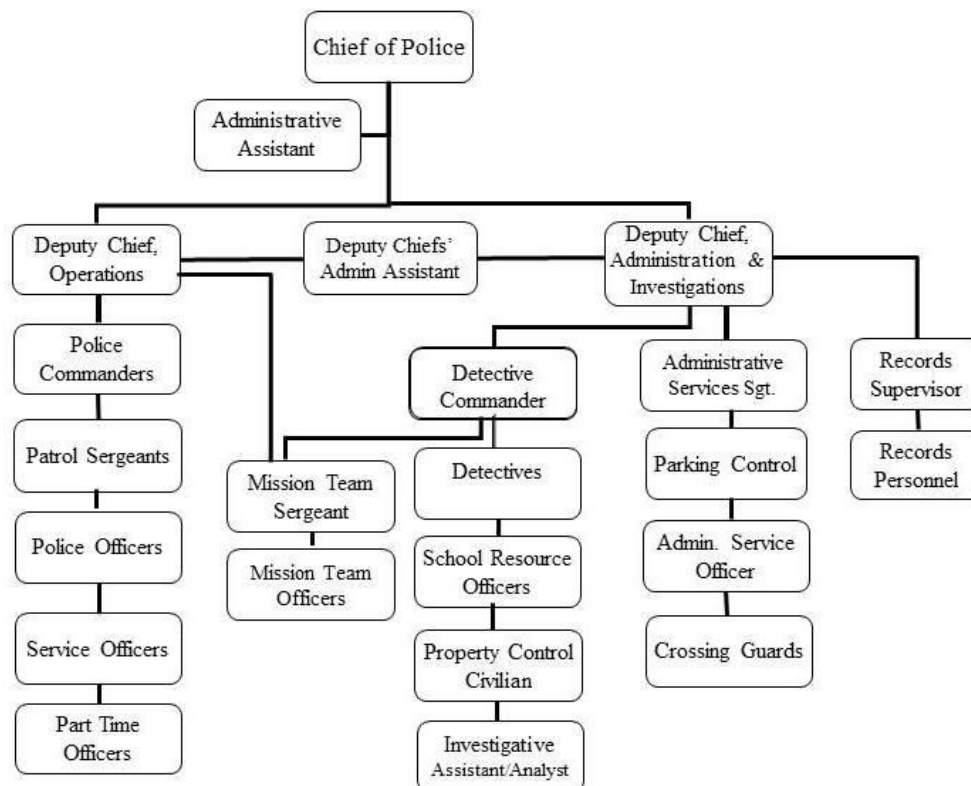
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2015 ORGANIZATIONAL
COMPONENT SUMMARIES

Office of the Chief

The Office of the Chief consists of the Chief of Police, the senior management team, and support staff. The 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 36 years of progressive law enforcement experience to our agency. Police Administration saw some changes this year with the retirement of two 30+-year veterans of the department, Deputy Chiefs Dominic Panico and James Kveton. At the close of 2015, Police Operations were being led by **Deputy Chief Robert Tannehill**, who has served since 1994, and Police Administration & Investigations by **Deputy Chief Michael McLean**, who has served since 2000. Providing critical support services are the Administrative Assistant to the Deputy Chiefs, Jennifer McKeown, and Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police, Jami Carrington.

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 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 protecting life and property, helping to maintain peace, order and safety for all, conducting preliminary investigations, and enforcing the Illinois Criminal Code, traffic laws, and city ordinances. In 2015, Elmhurst Patrol Officers responded to 46,948 total calls for service concerning criminal offenses, traffic crashes, alarm activations, disturbances, traffic complaints, 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 specialized functions such as Evidence Technicians, Field Training Officers, and Canine (K-9) Officer.

Community Engagement

We believe community engagement is vital to ensure our mission of protecting our citizens. The Elmhurst Police Department focuses on community engagement by encouraging Patrol Officers to take a proactive approach to making contact with residents. 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 and neighborhood roll calls 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 2015, Department members conducted 38 community presentations on topics such as theft prevention, residential burglary prevention, crimes against seniors, Stranger Danger, police operations, and investigative analysis. Police department personnel attended many other community events, including Touch-A-Truck, Spring Road Days, and Science Olympiad, in addition to manning the information booth at the weekly Elmhurst Farmer's Market. Officers also volunteered their time to manage the parking lot for Special Kids' Day and to pass out water to runners in the annual Dan Gibbons Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning.

Training

The Elmhurst Police Department conducts a variety of training throughout the year. Training is presented through printed material, video, online webinars, 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 that require renewal.



The majority of the training comes from North East Multi-Regional Training, Inc. (NEMRT) and Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA). 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

In 2015, the Elmhurst Police Department continued to serve as a host agency for NEMRT, holding various training classes for the organization lasting anywhere from 1 day to 1 week.

2015 Training Accomplishments and Highlights:

- Members of the Police Department completed numerous hours of training in 2015, including, but not limited to, training in firearms, legal updates, drugged driver detection, first aid, and traffic incident management.
- Commander Len Kolpak attended a 10-week Police Staff and Command program hosted by Northwestern University Center for Public Safety at the Homewood Police Department.
- Sergeants Mandat and Himpelmann attended the two-week Supervision of Police Personnel program hosted by Northwestern University Center for Public Safety at the Cook County Sheriff's Police Academy.
- Sergeant Mandat also attended the National Incident Management (NIMS) Incident Command System 300 course hosted by Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy.
- Five newly-hired police officers attended the 480-hour Police Officer Basic Training at the Police Academy and were subsequently assigned to the uniformed patrol division.
- The Police Department hosted one intern from Western Illinois University during the spring semester and one intern from Illinois State University during the fall semester. The 600-hour internship exposed the students to all divisions within the department.
- Two Detectives attended Homicide Investigation School at the Southern Police Institute in Louisville, KY.
- Officer Carl Hawkins attended the 80-hour DARE Instructor course at the Elizabethtown, KY Police Department.
- Several detectives attended training on electronic criminal surveillance officer (ECSO) and were either certified or recertified as ECSO I.



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 trained, experienced detectives who specialize in the investigation of deaths and 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 2015 was 164.

In 2015, there were 264 cases assigned for investigation as follows:

Investigative Assignments	2015
Arson	1
Assault/Battery	7
Auto Theft	6
Burglary	29
Death Investigations	10
Financial Crimes**	25
Missing Persons	7
Property Damage	9
Robbery	3
Sex Crimes	15
Theft*	114
Other	38

(*) 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, including Elmhurst. During 2015, this group was responsible for the arrest of 60 offenders and the recovery of over \$2,000,000 of illicitly obtained funds, 80 kilos of heroin, 62 kilos of cocaine, and 38 pounds of methamphetamine.



Evidence Custodian

The Evidence Custodian is responsible for collecting and maintaining all property submitted into evidence. In 2015, 5,207 items of property were collected into evidence as found property and were held either for safe keeping or for destruction. The evidence room contains more than 11,000 items of evidence. In 2015, 443 items were transferred to the DuPage County or State Police Crime Labs for analysis and processing, 4,547 items were appropriately destroyed, 202 items were returned to identifiable owners, and 127 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 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.

School Resource Officers

Elmhurst currently has two plain-clothes detectives assigned to liaison with local schools. The primary goal of School Resource Officers is to develop a safe, secure environment within the schools, and these officers work collaboratively with administrators, educators, staff and parents to achieve this goal. School Resource Officers are in contact with administrators from three high schools, three middle schools, and the local elementary schools. The roles and responsibilities of a School Resource Officer are similar to those of an Investigator; 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. They are also responsible for planning courses of instruction pertaining to current youth-related issues. By playing the role of coach, teacher and mentor, School Resource Officers not only have a significant impact on our students' lives but also help foster better community relations between the police department and the residents of Elmhurst.



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 the year, 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.

Accomplishments:

- Received grant money from the State of Illinois for alcohol/tobacco compliance checks
- Conducted four alcohol/tobacco compliance checks in 2015, citing numerous businesses for selling alcohol or tobacco products to minors.
- Conducted numerous narcotics investigations leading to the arrest of drug dealers selling narcotics to customers in town
- Conducted numerous surveillances related to residential burglary suspects, retail thefts and burglary to motor vehicles
- Presented several 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
- 95 Administrative tows
- Seized 6 vehicles for forfeiture
- \$7,150 in currency seized
- Recovered 1304 grams of Cannabis
- Recovered 34.59 grams of Heroin
- Recovered 34.8 grams of Cocaine
- Recovered 196 pills of Controlled Substances
- Recovered 212.1 grams of Psilocybin Mushrooms
- Recovered numerous items of drug paraphernalia including syringes
- 135 arrests for misdemeanor drugs
- 56 arrests for criminal misdemeanors
- 36 arrests for criminal felonies
- 72 arrests for drug felonies
- 25 misdemeanor warrants



- 9 felony warrants
- 132 City Ordinance arrests, including:
 - Liquor Violations
 - Cannabis/Drug Paraphernalia arrests
 - Other Ordinance Violation arrests
- 548 Traffic citations
- 16 DUI arrests
- Made a total of 1095 arrests
- The Mission Team attended the annual Illinois Drug Enforcement Officers Association Conference
- Officers Waldenmeyer and Beltran attended the 40-Hour Narcotics Investigator Course
- The Mission Team attended a 2-day training course on Gypsy Crimes
- Officers Beltran and Waldenmeyer attended the 24-Hour Drugged Driver Detection Course

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
- Assist 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 monitor internet websites for prostitution activity in Elmhurst
- Conduct prostitution investigations at area hotels and establishments
- Continue to develop a close relationship with patrol and investigations
- Continue to 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 critical support to the Elmhurst Police Department by coordinating the Department's records retention program. The Records Division is also responsible for compiling, maintaining and disseminating copies of Department records concerning crimes, arrests, and traffic accidents to other law enforcement agencies, authorized outside agencies, and citizens. In 2015, 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 clerk, Elizabeth Nowick-Ignatius.

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 Act 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.

2015 Accomplishments:

- The Police Department handled 46,948 calls
- Traffic tickets issued – 9,011
- Warning tickets issued – 6,508
 - Combined total – 15,519
- Parking tickets issued – 14,383



Records Supervisor Jodi Sennett



- In 2015, 169 drivers were arrested for DUI Alcohol,
- 26 drivers were arrested for DUI Drugs, and
- 3 drivers were arrested for DUI combination of Alcohol/Drugs.
- City Prosecution of DUI cases: This program continues to be a very successful way to handle the prosecution of first-time DUI offenders, with local professional prosecutors working in conjunction with Elmhurst officers.

Vehicle-related Citizen Assists included:

- 663 Lock Outs
- 87 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 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 2015, the Elmhurst Police Department investigated 14 formal complaints against its members.

Source of Complaint

Citizen Complaints
Police Agency Complaints

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.



DEPARTMENT VALUES

INTEGRITY ★ COURAGE ★ EXCELLENCE ★ DEDICATION ★ COMPASSION ★ RESPECT



2015 PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT SUMMARY



Citizen's Police Academy (CPA)

This 12-week program provides citizens with an opportunity to view firsthand how the Elmhurst Police Department serves the community. The program is open to anyone who resides or works in the City of Elmhurst. The curriculum includes information about crime prevention, investigations, the handling of evidence, gangs and drugs, use of force, criminal and civil law, scams and confidence games, the Emergency Response Team (ERT Unit), 911 telecommunications, and the K-9 Unit.



The CPA enhances communication between the police department and citizens of Elmhurst by fostering a greater understanding of both the department itself and the role police officers play within the community. By forming a partnership between the police department and residents, this program allows the community to work together with the police to reduce crime and enhance the community. After completing the 12-week course, participants have the opportunity to join the CPA Alumni Association (CPAAA). The CPAAA provides assistance to the police department at community events such as

the annual Dan Gibbons Turkey Trot and the St. Patrick's Day Parade.



The CPA, which is run by Cmdr. Len Kolpak and Sgt. Steve Wright, is one of the most popular and successful programs with the community.

In 2015, the Elmhurst Police Department hosted both a spring and fall session.



DARE

The Elmhurst Police Department's Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program (DARE) began in 1987; in 2015, 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, choosing good friends, and self-confidence, as well as a recent update to the program on dealing with 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.

DARE

The Elmhurst Police Department had 7 officers serving as 2015 DARE instructors: Officers Tony Cuzzone, Matt McCollum, Brendan Bruckner, Josh Duffy, Nick Waldenmeyer, Alex Kefaloukos, and Carl Hawkins. The academic school year culminates with a DARE graduation ceremony, a special event attended by family, friends, and community members. In 2015, the Elmhurst community had approximately 782 students graduate from DARE. The DARE program is a valuable tool to connect with children in the community and educate them to make better decisions, to stay safe, and succeed.



Explorer Post

The Elmhurst Police Explorer Post is currently comprised of 15 active police explorers, males and females ranging in age from 14-21 years. The program was created to instill integrity, leadership, and confidence in youth participants while providing them with an opportunity to explore careers in law enforcement. Several of our graduating members have become police officers in cities throughout the State of Illinois, including Arlington Heights, LaGrange Park, and Chicago, as well as in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Washington DC, and in FBI support positions. This year the Police Explorers assisted the Police Department at the Memorial Day Parade, 5K Talkie Trot race, Jaycees Carnival, 4 on the 4th Run, and the annual Elmhurst bike race.



In August 2015, after several months of training and preparation that included a 3-day training event over the summer, the Elmhurst Police Explorers attended the Illinois Law Enforcement Exploring Competition at Lewis University in Romeoville. The competition had over 325 explorers participating from all over the state, and the Elmhurst Explorers won 6 trophies in competitions focused on Emergency Medicine, Felony Arrest, DUI Investigation, Traffic Crash Investigation, and Drill. The Explorers are looking at the possibility of competing at the national level in 2016.



The Elmhurst Police Explorers with their mentors, Officer Dorian Jarrette, Sergeant Brett Kaczorowski, and Officer Mike Hamblin.



Neighborhood Roll Call

The Neighborhood Roll Call concept of bringing police officers into the neighborhoods to interact with residents won the Best Innovation award at the 2014 DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference. The first Elmhurst neighborhood roll call was held June 16 & 17, 2014 at McKinley and Swain; the public was invited to meet their patrol officers and discuss local issues and concerns with the officers protecting their neighborhood. In 2015, the Neighborhood Roll Call program held 33 outdoor roll calls over the summer months, attended by a total of 608 residents. The program will continue this year, along with other community outreach and engagement programs such as residential foot patrols and bicycle patrols in order to reinforce our partnership with the community.



Peer Jury

The Peer Jury program is an innovative tool used to divert non-violent, first-time juvenile offenders from the DuPage court system. The program operates with a youth peer jury that hears cases and holds juvenile offenders accountable for their actions in place of a judge. The program has been found to significantly impact juvenile offenders as communities with established peer jury programs report a 95% completion rate of the program by teen offenders. In 2015, the Elmhurst Peer Jury heard 20 new cases and 20 returned cases. The peer jury

“sentences” allowed teen offenders to resolve their crimes through community service hours, restitution, and apology letters in addition to discussing their actions publicly with their parents at the hearings. Three adult volunteers from the CPA Alumni Association provided assistance this year; four senior peer jurors graduated from the program and were recognized for their service to the community. The Elmhurst Police Department Peer Jury program began in 2005.



The 2015 Peer Jury program was run by Juvenile Officers Nick Waldenmeyer (pictured) and Carl Hawkins, and supervised by Sergeant Mike McLean.



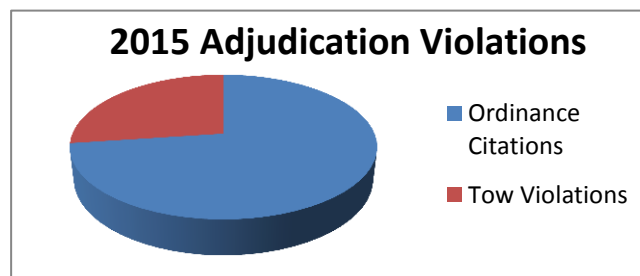
Administrative Adjudication Hearing Program

In January 2015, the Police Department, in partnership with the offices of the City Clerk, Finance Department, and City Attorney, implemented an expanded Administrative Hearing program to adjudicate ordinance violations of the Elmhurst Municipal Code. Common types of cases adjudicated at these hearings include parking violations, vehicle equipment violations, and other minor ordinance violations such as curfew or loud noise complaints. Adjudication is an alternative to the circuit court process for dealing with these minor violations; it provides greater flexibility to the City in resolving these issues while allowing violators an opportunity to resolve their cases without mandatory circuit court appearances. An independent Hearing Officer decides each case based on a preponderance of evidence as presented by the City Attorney.

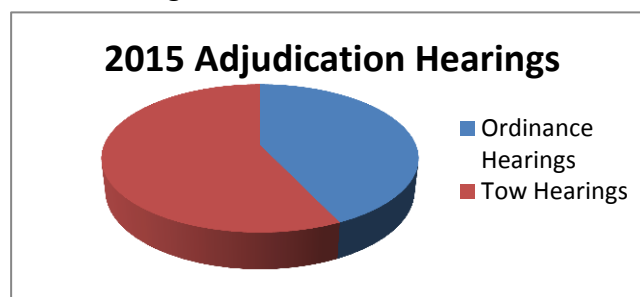


Administrative hearings also continued to adjudicate cases from the Administrative Tow ordinance. These cases involve drivers arrested on serious criminal or traffic offenses that require impoundment of their vehicle. Common offenses requiring vehicle impoundment include Driving Under the Influence, Driving While License Revoked/Suspended, and most felony and Class A misdemeanor crimes.

In 2015, a total of 1,932 Adjudication cases were filed, 1,408 Ordinance Citations and 524 Tow Violation cases.



A total of 1,033 Adjudication Hearings were conducted in 2015, of which 444 were Ordinance Hearings and 589 were Tow Hearings.



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 who live in Elmhurst and surrounding communities. The S.A.L.T. program offers seniors the opportunity to meet each month to interact both with other seniors and with police department personnel. The group also has the opportunity to ask questions and discuss different topics of concern that they might have. Various speakers are invited to attend a meeting and lead discussion on a particular topic of interest. The seniors are encouraged to ask questions and speak about their personal connections to the topic. On occasion, meetings have been held at locations in and around DuPage County so that seniors are able to tour the facility and learn more about their community. The S.A.L.T. coordinators this year were Part-Time Officer Kelly Skolozynski and Administrative Service Officer Wendy Satala.



Officer Matt McCollum and Sergeant Jim Gandy give a SALT presentation on Evidence Technicians and Crime Scene Investigations.

Prescription Drop Box

In 2014, the City of Elmhurst placed a collection box for prescription medication in the police department lobby in an effort to provide residents with an easy, secure, and safe way to dispose of unwanted or expired prescription drugs. This service is provided to assist in keeping those medications out of both the water supply and the hands of individuals who might otherwise abuse prescription drugs. The safe and easy drop-off location allows residents to be eco-friendly while helping to safeguard our youth, our community and the natural environment.



In 2015, a total of 707.5 lbs. of drugs were dropped off, which was a 175.5 pound increase over 2014. In addition, 187 lbs. of unwanted and expired medications were taken in during an Elmhurst drug take-back day in April, and an additional 131 lbs. were collected by Elmhurst Police at a DEA drug take-back day in September—for a total 2015 collection weight of 1,025.5 lbs. In an effort to make it even easier for residents to dispose of their unwanted or expired medications, the police department applied for and was awarded a grant to purchase a portable prescription drug collection box, which officers will begin bringing to various community events in 2016.



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 Sergeants Mike McLean and Steve Wright, and Officer Tim Westering. The class is available to all residents and students in Elmhurst, age 16-24. The program teaches decision-making skills for young drivers beyond 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 2015, there were 11 sessions of the program with a total of 96 participants.



OPERATION LIFESAVER: 2015 Railroad Safety Program

- The Elmhurst Railroad Safety and Enforcement Program has been in existence for the last 21 years, and members of the Elmhurst Police Department continue to be very active in Illinois Operation Lifesaver with 5 presenters, one presenter trainer, and Deputy Chief Jim Kveton as the State Board President. Many Operation Lifesaver events and meetings were held either at the Elmhurst Police Department or at Elmhurst City Hall this year.
- Grants were obtained from the two railroads that traverse Elmhurst. The Union Pacific Railroad provided two separate grants, the first for \$10,000 to supplement the purchase of a side by side utility vehicle and a second of \$1,000 to supplement the cost of the railroad education and enforcement program. The Canadian National Railroad provided a \$5,000 grant that was also used to expand the education and enforcement program. Members of the Police Department conducted railroad “Safety Blitzes” at the Elmhurst train station, along with enforcement of crossing and trespass violations, utilizing these funds.
- Elmhurst Police Department Operation Lifesaver presenters Lynn Howell, Matt McCollum, Dan Torza, and Trisha Vascik conducted safety presentations at various locations throughout the City of Elmhurst. Officers also handed out railroad safety materials at the Illinois Railway Museum in Union, Illinois for the “Day Out with Thomas” event on August 15, 2015.
- Deputy Chief Kveton coordinated the updated railroad crossing inventory for the entire CN Railroad system throughout DuPage County for the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference. As the Public Authority for the DuPage County Railroad Quiet Zone Corridor along the CN Railroad, Deputy Chief Kveton used the inventory to submit the updated information to maintain the quiet zone throughout DuPage County.
- Members of the Elmhurst Police Department continue to stay active with the DuPage Railroad Safety Council, attending meetings and participating in events throughout the Chicagoland metropolitan area.
- The Classic Cinemas York Theatre allowed the Elmhurst Police Department’s Railroad Safety public service announcement to play at no cost on all ten movie screens over a two-month period in 2015.



Elmhurst Police Department Bicycle Unit

In 2015, the police department had 5 police bicycles and 17 officers participating in the Bike Unit program, which entails bicycle officers riding in areas with high pedestrian and bike traffic over the summer months. In addition to community patrols, the Bike Unit also covered the Memorial Day parade, the Immaculate Conception Bike Safety Day, Rock the Block nights, the Elmhurst Park District Safety Town, Park-a-Palooza, and “Touch a Truck” events, the City Bike Parade, the Elmhurst College Cycling Classic, the Union Pacific Railroad Depot Information Booth, The YMCA Bike Registration & Safety Info Day, the Elmhurst Fire Department Open House, and special patrols on Halloween night. The Bicycle Patrol Unit totaled approximately 241 hours of activity in 2015.



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 2015, the Elmhurst Police Evidence Unit processed numerous crime scenes for a variety of incidents, performing 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 serious and/or multi-jurisdictional crime scenes.

Elmhurst Evidence Technicians attended the 1st Annual Midwest Forensic Training Conference in January of 2015. There, ETs learned state-of-the-art methods for evidence recovery, collection, and processing. In September 2015, the Evidence Technicians attended in-service training at the Elmhurst Police Department that included processing of a mock crime scene and a presentation on nighttime photography methods.



Elmhurst Police Honor Guard

The Honor Guard unit is responsible for representing the Elmhurst Police Department and the City of Elmhurst by leading in city-sponsored parades, carrying the flags of the United States and the State of Illinois. The unit also honors our country's veterans on Memorial Day and Veterans Day by firing a three round volley for our Armed Forces, past and present. In 2015, the Honor Guard performed at several different venues, posting the colors (US and State flags) police functions and carrying colors in front of thousands of people at a Chicago Bears football game. The Honor Guard most importantly represents the Elmhurst Police Department at ceremonials or special public events. The Honor Guard is an important part of our Department in that this group can be depended on in difficult times to express a sense of pride in what law enforcement represents.

Elmhurst Honor Guard Members are:

Sergeant Matt Himpelmann
Sergeant Brett Kaczorowski
Detective Victor Almaguer
Detective Ken Lafin

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

Honor Guard Supervisor:
Commander Len Kolpak



Sergeant Brett Kaczorowski, Sergeant Matt Himpelmann, Officer Tim Jorgensen, and Detective Victor Almaguer



Emergency Response Team (ERT)

The Emergency Response Team (ERT) team is a designated unit of law enforcement officers specifically trained and equipped to work as a coordinated team 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.



Highlights this year included a joint training exercise for the ERT and Crisis Negotiation Unit that was conducted on June 25th. The scenario was that a patrol officer responded to an "Investigate 911 call," and then a shooting occurred. Perimeters were set up, the ERT and Crisis Negotiation Team responded, and the mobile command post was deployed.

Over the next few hours of the scenario, the "victim" was extracted, negotiations were conducted with the offender, and a hostage escaped from the residence. All personnel involved were able to experience and learn from a very realistic training exercise.



Crisis Negotiators

Crisis negotiation is a set of communication skills designed to reduce the risks of a critical incident and increase the options available to resolve a situation peacefully. The Elmhurst Crisis Negotiation Team consists of seven members of the department, trained and dedicated to a safe and successful resolution when responding to a variety of crisis incidents.

Commander Dan Terry, Detectives Ken Lafin and Dan Corrigan, and Officers Tony Cuzzone and Brendan Bruckner attended the Illinois Crisis Negotiation Association's annual conference held in April 2015, in Naperville. The training consisted of several negotiator scenarios for the participants. Additionally Dan Corrigan and Anthony Cuzzone were trained in Crisis Intervention Team concepts for responding to those suffering from mental illness.



Crisis Negotiator Supervisor

Commander Dan Terry

Crisis Negotiator Members

Sergeant Jim Gandy

Detective Ken Lafin

School Resource Officer Dan Corrigan

Officer Brendan Bruckner

Officer Anthony Cuzzone

Officer Dorian Jarrette



Field Training Program

The Field Training Program consists of ten Field Training Officers (FTOs), two Service Officer FTOs, two Part-Time Officer FTOs and two Field Training Supervisors. Each FTO has attended a 40-hour FTO training curriculum to learn and understand the qualities needed to be an effective teacher, mentor and coach. FTO trainers are instructed on the essential process of properly documenting a recruit's performance and assisting recruits in acclimating, both to the specific requirements of the Elmhurst Police Department and more generally to their career in law enforcement. Recruit officers are assigned to different FTOs, with various specialties, who then expose them to the wide range of skills necessary to become a successful police officer in Elmhurst. FTOs assist the recruits with incorporating the application of City, State and Federal ordinances and statutes with 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 initial 14 weeks, there is a 3-week "shadow phase" where the recruit works with an FTO who is primarily maintaining an observation mode, letting the recruit work independently while remaining at his/her side to assist if 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 with an FTO to assess the abilities, level of confidence, and experience gained before the recruit is released on an independent basis for the remainder of the probation period, which is 15 months from the date of hire.

During the past year, five new officers were hired and assigned to the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy at the College of DuPage for the 12 week training curriculum. Upon graduation, they begin the 22 week field training program within the police department. Of the five newest officers hired in 2015, one is currently in field training, one has successfully completed the field training program, and three are in the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy. Additionally, during this year, two new service officers and two new part-time officers have also been hired. One part-time officer has successfully completed field training and is in solo patrol; the other is currently in field training and will be ready for solo patrol before the end of the year.

2015 FTO Officers

Ofc. Dan Bishop
Ofc. Brendan Bruckner
Ofc. Tony Cuzzone
Ofc. Matt Himpelmann

Ofc. Margaret Hopkins
Ofc. Alex Kefaloukos
Ofc. Jason Krueger
Ofc. Tim Westering
S.O. Justin Gonzalez

2015 FTO Supervisors

Commander Bob Tannehill
Commander Michael Burroughs
Sergeant Stephen Wright



Firearms Training

The Elmhurst Police Department currently has four state-certified Range Masters holding certification as Master Firearms Instructors. Range Masters conduct Department-wide training for officers on a monthly basis to maintain proficiency in the use of handguns and rifles. This training improves officers' firearms skills as well as decision-making that might be required as part of their duties. In addition to training, the Range Masters are licensed armorers and perform scheduled maintenance on Department firearms, resulting in both a significant cost-saving to the Department as well as helping to maintain a high rate of response readiness.



Range Masters

Sergeant Matt Himpelmann
Officer Dan Bishop

Officer Tom Cronin
Officer Scott Lange

Range Supervisor

Commander Michael Burroughs



Every Elmhurst Police Department patrol squad car is equipped with a Colt Law Enforcement Rifle to address serious threats such as an active shooting incident. Continuing patrol officer training is conducted on a monthly basis in-house, along with scheduled outdoor long-range training and qualification twice a

year. This training consists of, but is not limited to, safe handling of the rifle, team tactics, and shooting skills at both close range and long distances. All sworn officers have attended extensive training to safely and effectively deploy these rifles in situations where use is necessary for the safety of the community.



K9 Unit

During 2015, the Elmhurst Police Department's K9 Unit, comprised of Officer Anthony Poli and his canine partner, Diesel, had a busy year during their assignment to the Midnight shift. Some highlights of the year include:

- 70 total K9 deployments
- 21 Arrests (Felony, misdemeanor, and local ordinance)
- 48 Narcotics/Vehicle/Currency Searches

Total Quantity of Narcotics Located:

- 1,625.712 grams of Cannabis (3.58 lbs) \$27,520 Street Value
- 4.8 grams of Heroin (0.01 lbs)
- 6,577.089 grams of Methamphetamine (14.5 lbs) \$127,000 Street Value
- 6.0 grams of PCP (0.01 lbs)
- Numerous items of Drug Paraphernalia
- \$101,150 of United States Currency seized

Searches and Assists

- 15 Canine tracking deployments – located were:
 - (2) Suicidal Subjects
 - (1) Burglary Proceeds
 - (1) Fleeing offender from a pursuit / bail-out
 - (1) Fleeing offender from a DUI traffic crash
- 31 Canine assists conducted for outside agencies
- 10 School narcotic searches
- 2 Building Searches
- 6 Area Searches
- 2 Article (Evidence) Searches



Officer Poli and Diesel.

Training Hours Conducted

- 160 plus hours of individual/group training conducted
- Successfully completed the annual Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board Narcotic Detection Canine Certification

In addition to the above assignments, the K9 Unit performed various demos and community presentations for the Elmhurst Citizens Police Academy, DARE classes, 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 2015, 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, including a tent collapse in Wood Dale.



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 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 currently has two Investigators assigned to the Major Crimes Task Force, as well as an Evidence Technician and an administrative support person.



Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS)



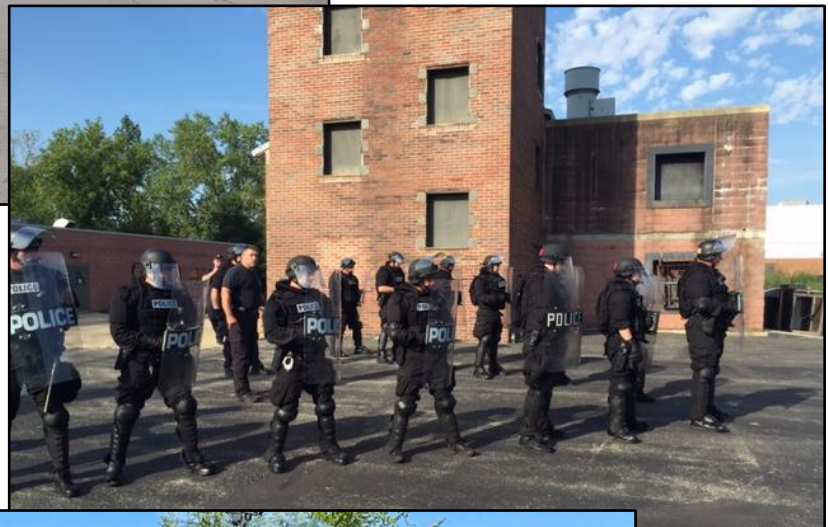
The Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS) covers of over 90 communities and offers two programs – a special tactical squad known as the Emergency Services Team (EST) and, a crowd-control team known as the Mobile Field Force. Officer Marcin Scislowicz serves on the NIPAS EST team and Officer Art Ciszewski serves on the NIPAS Mobile Field Force.

NIPAS EST is a multi-jurisdictional team that covers municipalities in Cook, DuPage, Lake, McHenry and Kane Counties. The team is responsible for serving high-risk warrants—usually involving narcotics and/or firearm charges—apprehending high risk fugitives, responding to



barricaded subjects and/or hostage situations. In 2015, the team had assignments in all of these types of situations in addition to responding as the NIPAS Mobile Field Force for security assignments and protection of visiting dignitaries.

Part of the new operator training class on September 14th and 15th was held at the Elmhurst Fire Department training facility (pictured at right).



COMMUNITY RELATIONS EVENTS

Police Explorer Ski Trip

On January 9-10, Officers Hamblin, Jarrette, and Kaczorowski took the Elmhurst Police Explorers to the Wisconsin Dells for their annual Ski Trip weekend. The Explorers were able to enjoy the waterpark and indoor amusement park at the Kalahari resort on January 9th and then go skiing at Cascade Mountain on the 10th. The ski trip is an annual a team-building experience as well as a reward for the explorers to thank them for their assistance to the Police Department throughout the year at parades and City events.



St. Patrick's Day Parade

On Saturday, March 7th, 2015, the Police Department assisted with the annual St. Patrick's Day parade by providing traffic and crowd control for the event. Thirty-five officers, including two assigned to assist with the Governor's security Detail, and 16 volunteers from the Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association and the Police Explorer post closed streets and performed other parade-related functions. The luck of the Irish shined on us for a happy, peaceful event.



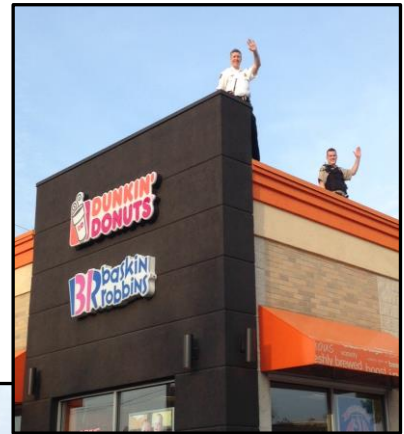


Career Day at Triton Jr. College

On Wednesday, May 6, 2015, the Elmhurst Police Department ran a booth at the Triton Jr. College Career Fair, manned by Sergeant Steve Weatherford. Students were able to ask questions and gather information on career opportunities in Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement, as well as more specific information about our police department.

Cop on Top

This year’s “Cop on Top” fundraiser for Illinois Special Olympics, which took place on Friday, May 29th, was once again highly successful. Special Olympics provides opportunities for adults and children with intellectual disabilities to train and compete in Olympic-type sporting events to increase their physical fitness levels, achieve success in meeting goals, and experience the fun and camaraderie of competitive sports. The Elmhurst Police Department raised a total of \$3,787.14 in donations at the York & Diversey Dunkin' Donuts—over \$600 more than our 2014 total!



Sergeant Steve Weatherford and Officer Brendan Bruckner serve as the “Cops on Top.”

Citizen’s Police Academy Alumni assist Elmhurst officers with Cop on Top event.



Illinois Torch Run

On Sunday, June 7th, 2015, members of the Elmhurst Police Department 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 the Elmhurst City Hall.



Participants in this year's Torch Run included Sergeant Steve Mandat, and Officers Jake Beltran, Colleen Cooney and Matt McCollum.



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.



Senior Fall Clean-Up Day



On Sunday, November 29th, members of the the Elmhurst Police Benevolent Athletic Association (EPBAA) participated in the annual Senior and Disabled Persons Clean-Up Day. Department members who attended were Officer John Pacewic (not pictured above) and his children, Deputy Chief Bob Tannehill, Detective Ken Lafin, Officer Alex Krupnik, School Resource Officers Dan Corrigan and Jeff Kucera, and Detective Ed Coughlin. The group cut lawns, raked leaves, and performed fall clean-up chores that senior or disabled Elmhurst residents were unable to perform themselves.



Shop with a Cop

On Saturday, December 5th, Elmhurst police officers took local children Christmas shopping in the annual “Shop with a Cop” event. Participants met at the police station in the morning to be matched with Elmhurst officers before joining up with groups from other local agencies for breakfast. The entire group then proceeded via squad car caravan, complete with lights and sirens, to the Meijers store in Bloomingdale to Christmas shop before meeting up again for a visit with Santa Claus. The event is made possible by a generous donation from the Elmhurst Police Benevolent Athletic Association (EPBAA).



This year's Shop with a Cop participants were Officers Stephanie Saavedra, Nick Waldenmeyer, Dorian Jarrette, Alex Krupnik, and Brendan Bruckner.



2015 STATISTICAL SUMMARY

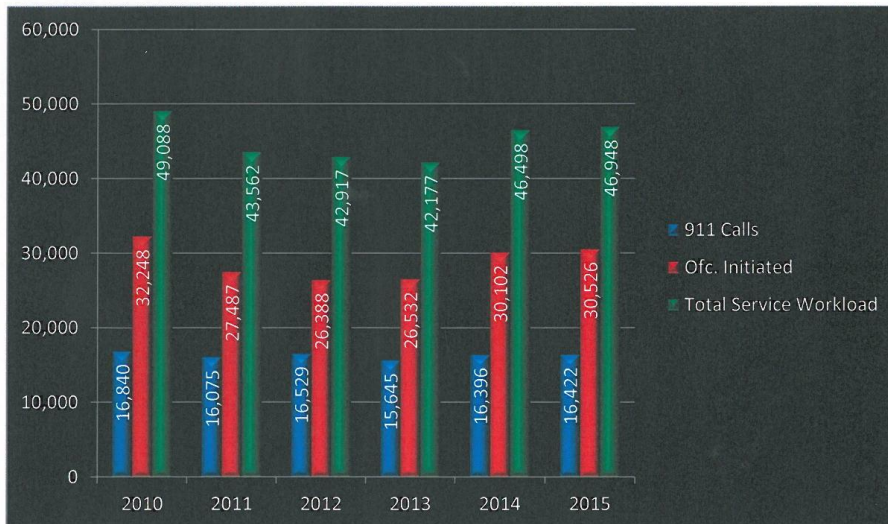


CRIMINAL INCIDENTS

Summary Highlights

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

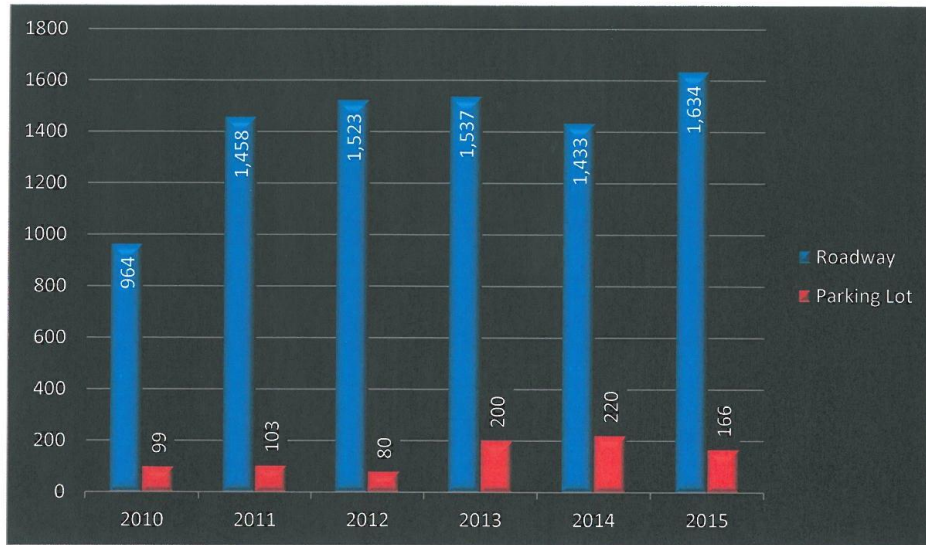
Service Workload



In 2015, total service workload increased by .97% compared to 2014. 911 calls increased by .16% and Officer initiated calls increased by 1.41% compared to 2014.



Motor Vehicle Crashes



In 2015, the total number of motor vehicle crashes increased 8.89% compared to 2014. There was an increase of 201 reported crashes occurring in the roadway and a decrease of 54 reported crashes in a parking lot compared to 2014.

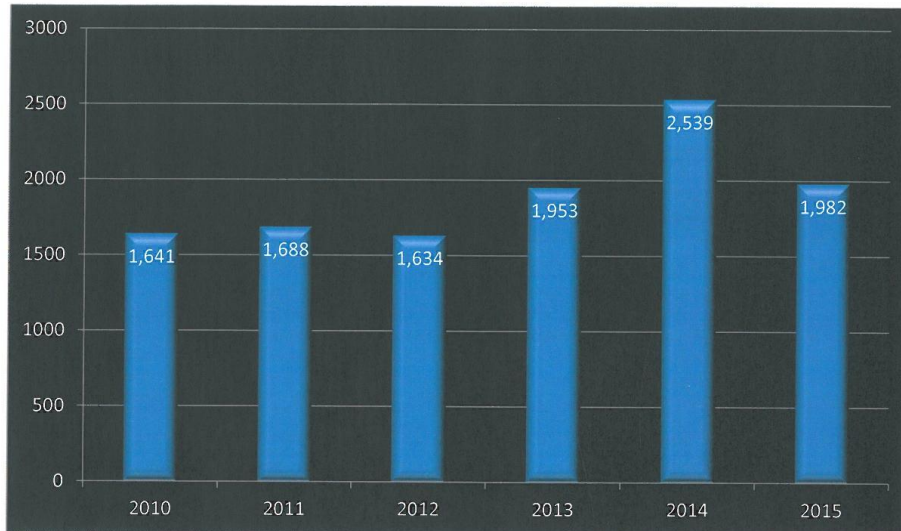
Citations



In 2015, the number of traffic citations issued increased 3.52% compared to 2014.
 In 2015, the number of warning tickets issued increased 20.16% compared to 2014.
 In 2015, the number of parking tickets issued decreased 10% compared to 2014.

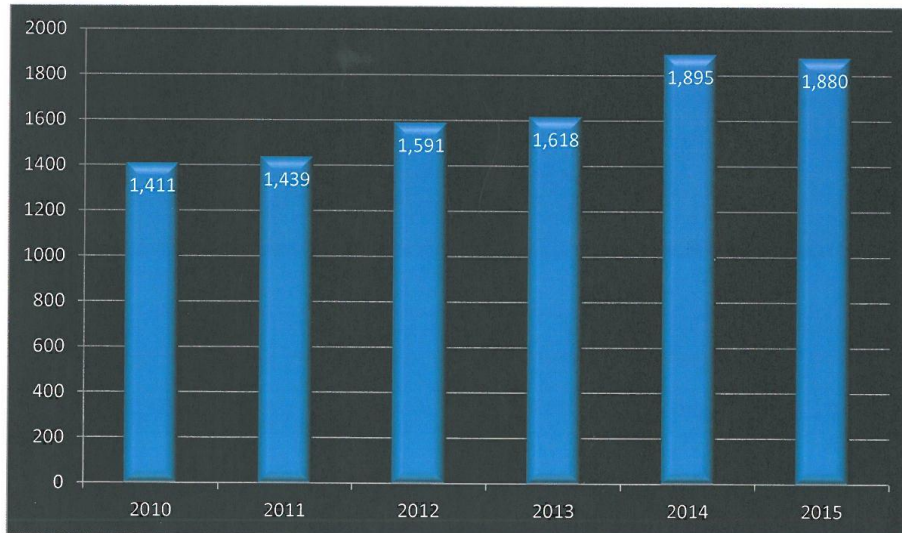


Assist Other Agencies



In 2015, there was a decrease of 557 (22%) calls to assist compared to 2014.

Alarm Calls



In 2015, there was a decrease of 15 (.79%) alarm calls compared to 2014.



4 Year Comparison Summary

	<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>2012</u> <u>Offense</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>2012</u> <u>Arrest</u> <u>Totals</u>
<u>Deaths</u>								
Homicide	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Attempt Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Sex Offenses</u>								
Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Criminal Sexual Assault	4	8	2	4	1	1	0	2
Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Attempted Sexual Assault	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Prostitution	12	3	2	1	16	4	3	1
Public Indecency	2	2	1	2	2	1	2	1
All Other Sex Offenses	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2
Totals	18	13	6	11	19	6	5	7
<u>Robbery</u>								
Armed Robbery - Bank	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	0
Armed Robbery - Other	2	4	2	6	1	0	0	3
Robbery - Bank	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	2
Robbery - Other	2	0	0	4	4	0	0	2
Attempted Robbery	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
Total	5	6	4	17	5	0	0	7
<u>Simple Assault - Battery</u>								
Assault	6	14	4	4	3	9	4	3
Battery	58	59	65	70	31	43	42	50
Domestic	72	68	81	43	37	46	49	34
Total	136	141	150	117	71	98	95	87
<u>Aggravated Assault - Battery</u>								
Aggravated Battery	1	2	1	5	1	1	2	3
Aggravated Assault	5	1	5	5	5	1	5	4
Total	6	3	6	10	6	2	7	7
<u>Burglary</u>								
Burglary Residential	38	48	22	55	8	1	3	6
Burglary Other	10	9	24	28	8	2	5	5
Attempted Burglary	16	6	11	30	0	0	0	0
Total	64	63	57	113	16	3	8	11



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<u>Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle</u>								
Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle	55	89	97	97	3	4	15	10
Burglary/Theft of MV Parts/Access.	23	34	16	28	2	2	0	0
Attempted Burglary/Theft from MV	3	4	10	9	0	0	0	0
Total	81	127	123	134	5	6	15	10
<u>Thefts</u>								
Theft Over	83	82	89	98	19	5	14	27
Theft Under	116	93	122	132	35	20	45	37
Retail Theft	123	128	139	124	122	137	137	125
Attempted Theft	8	7	14	8	0	0	0	0
Total	330	310	364	362	176	162	196	189
<u>Motor Vehicle Theft</u>								
Theft of Motor Vehicle	10	5	20	23	2	0	4	1
Attempted Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Total	10	5	22	24	2	0	4	1
<u>Deception</u>								
Forgery/Deceptive Practice/Fraud	92	29	54	44	15	0	22	10
Credit Card Fraud	21	14	36	46	9	1	10	3
Identity Theft	140	56	39	78	10	0	4	6
Possession of Stolen Property	4	2	8	4	4	1	8	6
Theft of Lost Property	16	26	19	19	2	1	2	8
Total	273	127	156	191	40	3	46	33
<u>Criminal Damage To Property</u>								
Vehicle	35	45	47	59	4	3	2	1
Property Damage	44	75	74	74	9	14	16	16
Attempted Criminal Damage	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	79	121	121	133	13	17	18	17
<u>Trespass</u>								
Crim. Trespass to Property/Residence	37	24	20	25	28	24	12	15
Crim. Trespass to State Supported Land	0	1	1	3	0	0	1	2
Total	37	25	21	28	28	24	13	17



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<u>Arson</u>	1	3	1	2	0	0	0	0
<u>Deadly Weapons</u>								
Unlawful Use of Weapon	7	6	8	8	12	7	11	9
Unlaw. Use or Poss. of Weapon by Felon	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	2
No FOID Card	1	1	0	5	1	1	0	7
Total	10	7	8	15	15	8	11	18
<u>Truancy</u>	11	5	14	17	10	7	18	26
<u>Hate Crimes</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Drug Offenses</u>								
Possession Cannabis 30 gm & under	280	230	180	160	414	335	266	244
Possession Cannabis over 30 gm	2	2	2	0	2	3	2	0
Delivery Cannabis 30 gm & under	13	17	11	5	14	17	17	7
Delivery Cannabis over 30 gm	4	4	5	8	5	6	9	9
Cannabis Plant	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Possession of Methamphetamine	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Manufacture & Delivery Cont'l Substance	1	4	12	6	1	3	16	6
Possession Controlled Substance	88	79	62	77	123	105	85	120
Delivery or Poss. w/Intent to Deliver	2	5	16	11	3	6	19	15
Sale or Poss. Hypo Syringes/Needles	13	8	5	11	18	13	8	14
Possession Drug Equipment	225	213	161	173	326	298	239	257
Total	628	562	455	453	906	786	661	674



Traffic Unit

The Elmhurst Police Department Traffic Unit consists of two primary enforcement efforts: a full-time, Dayshift traffic officer with enforcement duties on weekdays and grant officers working special enforcement details in the overnight hours, usually over holiday weekends, under the Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP grant). In 2015, the Traffic Unit operated both enforcement efforts, with Officer Guy Schweik serving as the daytime Traffic Officer. The combination of these two traffic programs ensured a comprehensive approach to traffic safety in the community throughout the year.

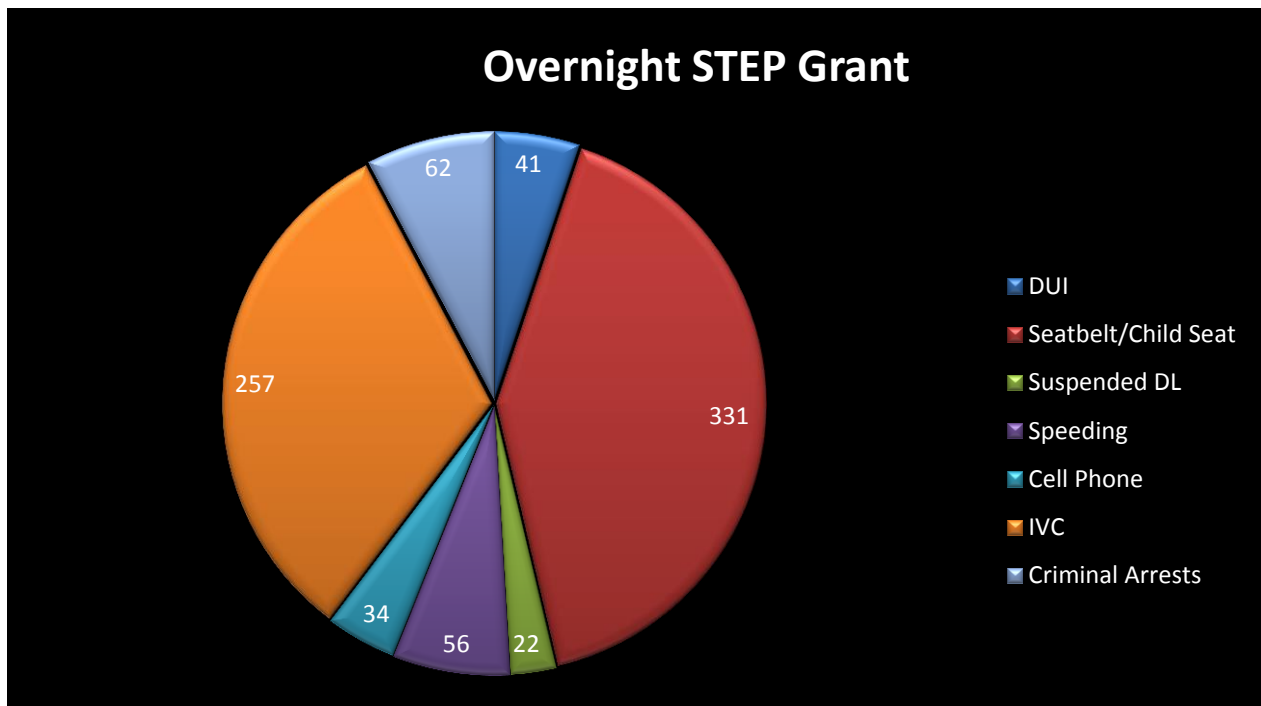
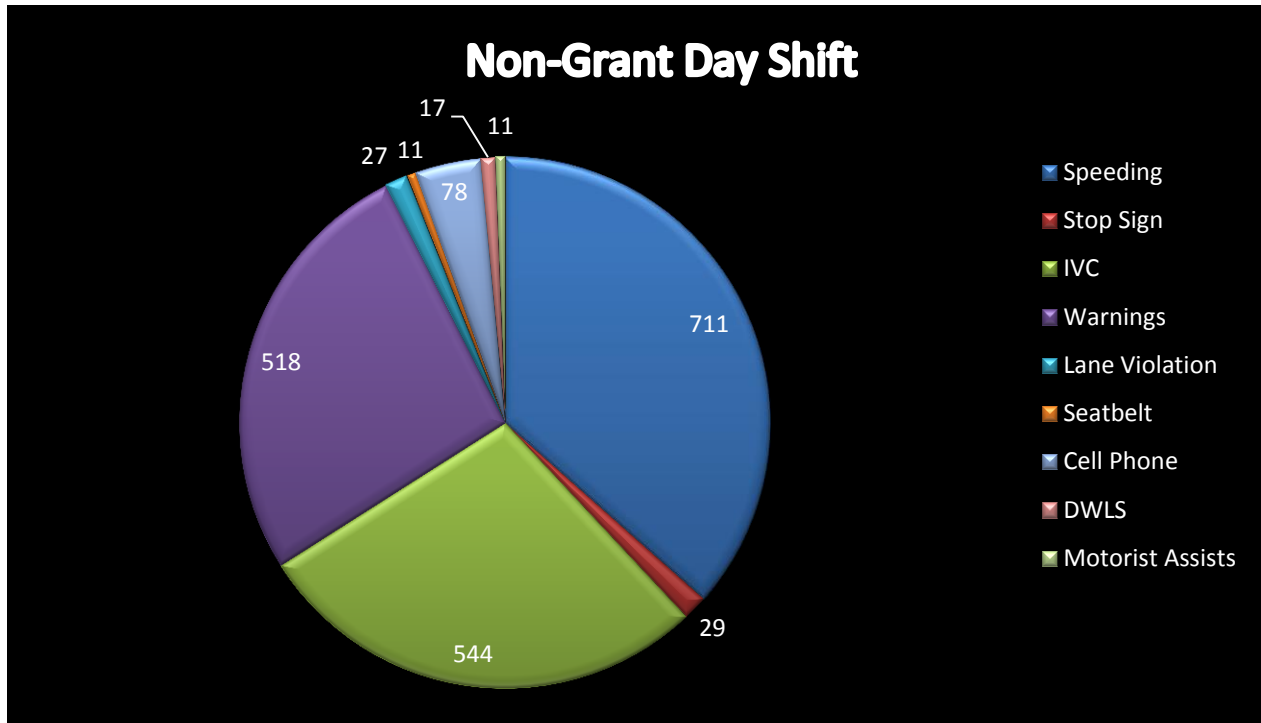
The day shift traffic officer's primary duty was enforcement of speeding and other moving violations along Elmhurst's most heavily traveled routes. These roadways include North Ave., York St., IL Route 83, St. Charles Rd., Lake St., and Butterfield Rd. In addition, enforcement of lane usage and traffic signal violations was emphasized at the intersections at North Ave./Route 83 and St. Charles/Route 83, the areas with the highest occurrence of traffic crashes. Enforcement efforts were also focused on secondary roadways, such as Spring Rd. and West Ave., with emphasis on speeding and stop sign violations in these areas. The traffic officer also maintained a visible presence at local schools during morning arrival and afternoon dismissal times to ensure the safety of our children.

Residential Streets	School Zones	DUI Enforcement	Truck Enforcement	Seatbelt Enforcement
Public Education	Speeding Enforcement	SMART Trailers and speed signs	Coordinate with PW/Engineering	Problem solving with residents

A review of the day traffic unit officer's activity during the year showed 1,935 traffic stops were made. Of those stops, 1,417 resulted in citations and 518 resulted in driver warnings (Chart 1). As a by-product of this traffic enforcement, numerous arrests were made on drivers who were driving without a license or were wanted on warrants. Patrol Officers and supervisors often dealt with individual neighborhood traffic concerns and coordinated enforcement assignments with the City Engineering Department to rectify potential traffic issues. This combination of traffic unit and beat patrol officer attention proved effective in addressing traffic violations in the community.



TRAFFIC UNIT DATA



Part two of the Traffic Unit consisted of a group 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 enforcing laws related to impaired/intoxicated driving and unsecured motorist violations. 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 2015. The department applied for, and was granted, these federal funds via the Illinois Department of Transportation to perform extra patrols for DUI and seatbelt violations during eight holiday campaign periods throughout the year.

2015 HOLIDAY GRANT PERIODS

EACH HOLIDAY PERIOD CONSISTED OF A 1-2 WEEK BLOCK

SUPERBOWL	ST. PATRICK’S DAY	MEMORIAL DAY	4 TH OF JULY	EXTRA
LABOR DAY	HALLOWEEN	THANKSGIVING	CHRISTMAS	eLAP

The Department was also awarded additional grant funding for extra DUI patrols and DUI roadside safety checks under the eLAP program. 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 times on the roadways. These patrols resulted in 41 drunken driving arrests and 331 seatbelt and child safety seat citations being issued (Chart 2). DUI saturation patrols, seatbelt enforcement zones, and roving patrols were conducted in 2015 in an effort to make the roads safer in Elmhurst and to educate the public on the dangers of impaired driving. The Elmhurst Police Department as a whole is committed to traffic safety, and department members made a total of 195 arrests for Driving Under the Influence in 2015.

2015 Traffic Unit Highlights:

- Six roadside safety checks were conducted to locate and identify intoxicated drivers.
- Train crossing enforcement, including pedestrian and vehicle violations.
- IDOT awarded EPD two new preliminary breath testing units and a new radar unit.
- Educational presentations, including holding Alive at 25 defensive driving classes.
- An increase in enforcement of cell phone use and texting violations.
- Several officers received additional training in DUI enforcement.
- The Elmhurst Police Department was recognized by the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists as being 6th in the State for DUI arrests during the previous year, 2014.



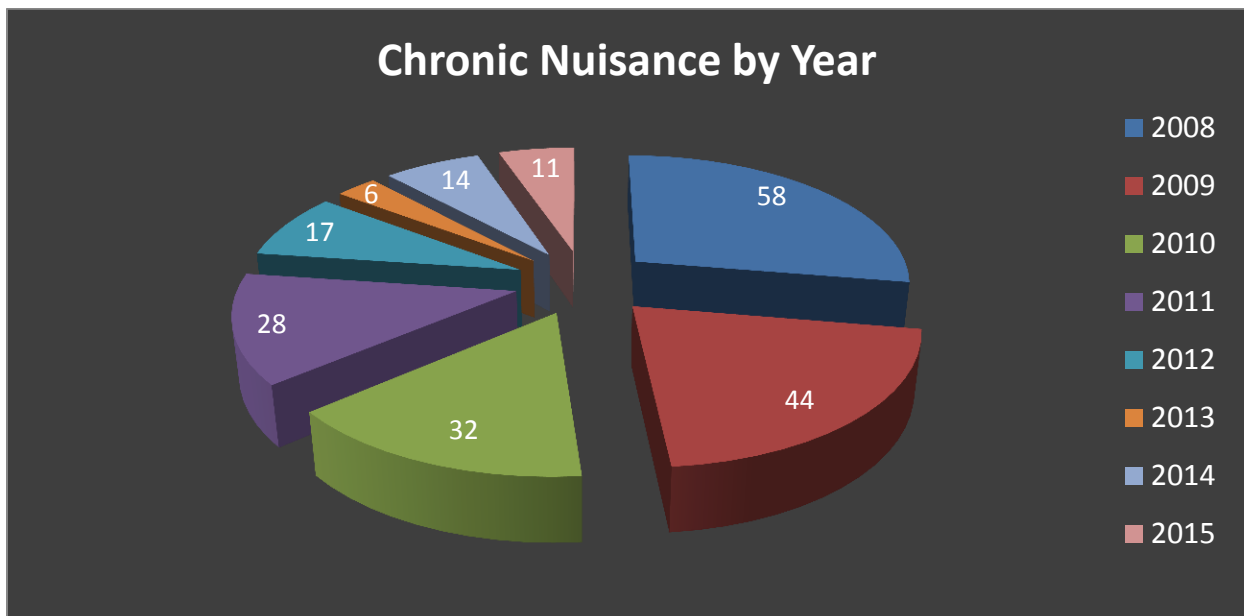
- Elmhurst applied for, and was awarded an IDOT STEP grant for 2016 in the amount of \$61,000 in funding for DUI and occupant protection enforcement.

Goals:

- Apply for and receive an IDOT grant for FY2017.
- Conduct supplemental DUI training for officers, including “drugged” driver DUI.
- Install replacement speed radar units in all patrol vehicles.

Chronic Nuisance Program

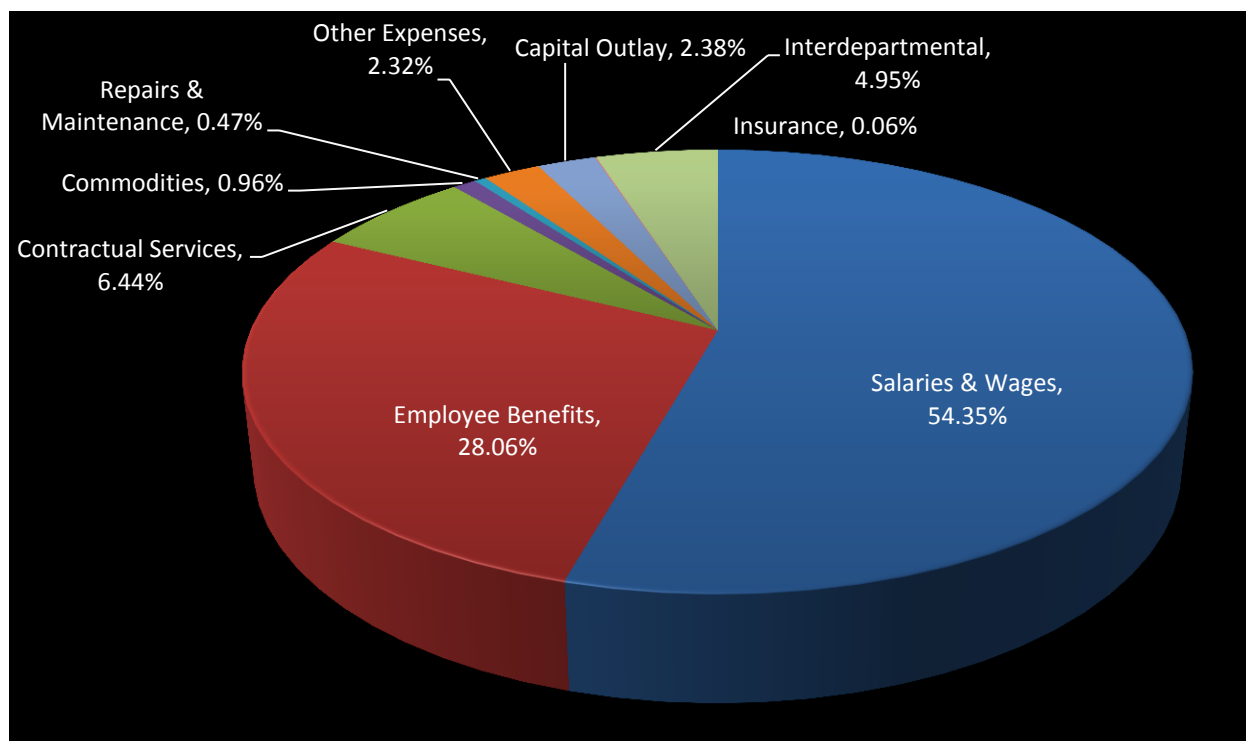
- Chronic Nuisance Ordinance – The police department had 11 Chronic Nuisance cases in 2015. 205 cases have been successfully resolved since 2008, and 1 case is still active. Only 21 chronic nuisance cases re-offended with a second violation in 180 days, and only 4 went to a third violation. This program continues to be successful in improving quality of life issues for residents and businesses. The chart below shows the success of the program
- The Police Department continues to work with the Building Department to enforce quality of life concerns such as:
 - After hours construction.
 - Excessive mud/debris left on street due to construction traffic.
 - Construction vehicle parking.



2015 BUDGET ANALYSIS



Elmhurst Police Department 2015 Expenditures



EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT
Salaries & Wages	\$8,741,446
Employee Benefits	\$4,513,256
Contractual Services	\$1,035,072
Commodities	\$153,681
Repairs & Maintenance	\$76,184
Other Expenses	\$373,608
Capital Outlay	\$383,263
Insurance	\$9,042
Interdepartmental	\$796,816
TOTAL:	\$16,082,368



2015
DEPARTMENT
RECOGNITION



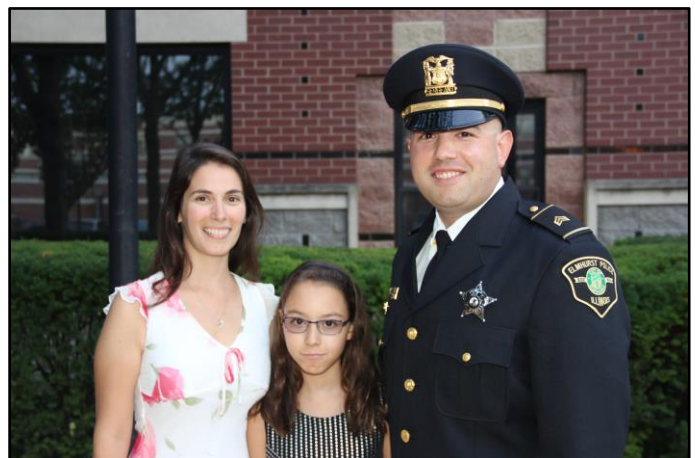
Promotions

Officer Steve Mandat was promoted to Police Sergeant and was sworn in by Mayor Morley at the Elmhurst City Council meeting on May 18, 2015.



Sgt. Steve Mandat, pictured above with his family.

On August 17, 2015, Officer Matthew Himpelmann was promoted to Sergeant. Sgt. Himpelmann was sworn in by Mayor Morley as his parents, his wife, Lorraine, and his daughter, Emily, looked on.



On November 2, 2015, before a full house at the Elmhurst City Council meeting, Commander Robert Tannehill and Sergeant Michael McLean were sworn in as the new Deputy Chiefs of Police.



Sergeants Leonard Kolpak, Jr. and James Gandy were sworn in as new Police Commanders, and Detective David Rivkin and Officer Brett Kaczorowski were sworn in as new Police Sergeants. Congratulations to the new Elmhurst Police Department Command Staff and supervisors.



Pictured above, Deputy Chiefs Michael McLean, Robert Tannehill, Commanders Len Kolpak and James Gandy, and Sergeants David Rivkin and Brett Kaczorowski.



Awards

Elmhurst Officers John Pacewic and Margaret Hopkins, along with Oakbrook Terrace Officer Jason Sluzewicz, were presented the Award of Valor for their heroic April 27, 2015 underwater rescue of a 77 year-old driver whose car jumped a curb and traveled 90 feet into Eldridge Pond before coming to rest, completely submerged, at the bottom of the pond. These three officers, without hesitation, headed straight into the chilly waters and swam out to the submerged vehicle, diving down to reach the unconscious driver and free him from his vehicle restraints before successfully dragging him to EFD paramedics on the shoreline. These officers were recognized before the City Council for their willingness to put themselves at risk and take action to provide assistance to someone in need. They received further honors and commendations later in the year when they were recognized by the 100 Club of DuPage for their heroic actions.



Officers Christopher Horner and Matthew Himpelmann were also recognized in 2015 with Life-Saving Awards; Officer Himpelmann located and carried an elderly victim from a burning residence, and Officer Horner resuscitated an unconscious victim who was not breathing and had no pulse.

Officer Horner displays his Life-Saving Award



Service Anniversaries

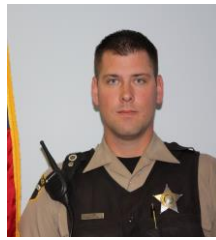
10 Years



Officer
Dan Bishop



Officer
Josh Duffy



Officer
Scott Lange



Parking Enforcement
Officer Ben Muellers



Parking Enforcement
Officer Bob Pulia



Detective
Daniel Torza

15 Years



Deputy Chief
Mike McLean



Sergeant
Matt Himpelmann



School Resource Ofc.
Dan Corrigan



Officer
Jason Krueger



Service Officer
Lynncherie Howell

20 Years



Commander
Jim Gandy



Officer
Art Ciszewski



Officer
John Pacewic



Officer
Tony Poli

25 Years



Detective
Ed Coughlin



Officer
Guy Schweik

30 Years



Deputy Chief
Jim Kveton



Sergeant
Mike Campise



Records Clerk
Jean Nelson



New Employees

In 2015, five new full-time officers were sworn in: Stephanie Saavedra, Leo Elizalde, Mike Vargas, Ahmad Sows, and John Marino, along with two part-time officers, Mark Amerazian, and Timothy Gatesman. The Department also welcomed new Community Service Officers Angel Ramirez and Elizabeth Ignatius (formerly a part-time Records clerk with Elmhurst).



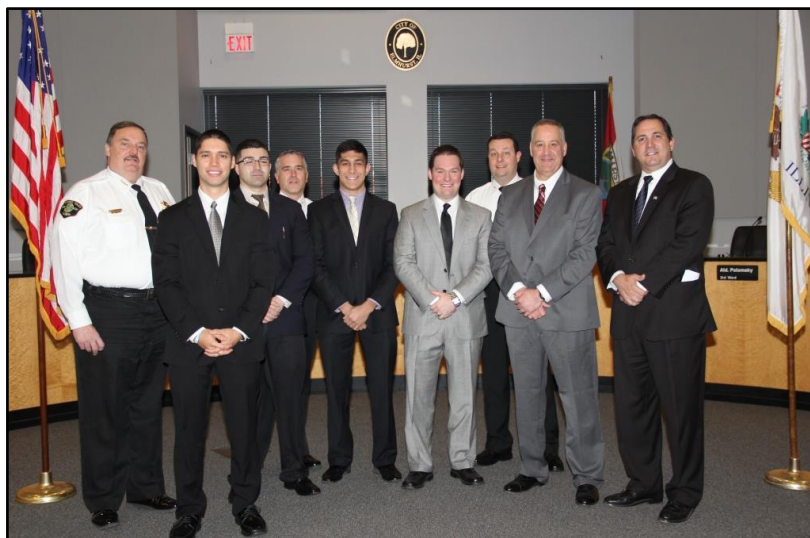
Stephanie Saavedra is sworn in by Mayor Morley



Leo Elizalde takes the oath of office

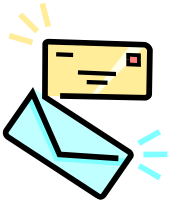


New part-time Officer Mark Amerazian poses with Chief Ruth, Sergeant Mandat, Deputy Chief Kveton, and Sergeant Wright.

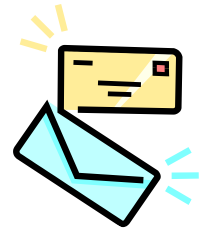


New Elmhurst Police Officers Michael Vargas, Ahmad Sows, John Marino and Part-time Officer Timothy Gastesman





LETTERS FROM THE COMMUNITY



These are excerpts from a few of the letters we received in 2015:

Officers T. Westering and D. Gryczewski: “On January 14th, my husband went into cardiac arrest at Elmhurst Courts Plus; the wonderful staff there saved his life by performing CPR and shocking him. Ofc. Westering came to my home to inform me that my husband had taken ill. He was genuinely concerned, very gentle and kind to me. He was concerned for me to drive alone to the hospital and offered to drive me to the ER to be with my husband. When we arrived, Ofc. Gryczewski was waiting to take me to my husband in ER. He assured me that my husband was doing okay and put his arms around me to lead me to him. I still think about them both today and pray for their safety.”

Officer B. Cappitelli: “I am writing to express my heartfelt thanks to your department and Ofc. Cappitelli for assistance provided to my family on April 20th, when my autistic step-son left our house and did not return. The next day, we received an emailed suicide note from him, and we immediately contacted the DuPage Sheriff’s department to report him missing. After his car was located the next morning at College of DuPage, with locked doors and the key in the ignition, Detectives responded to our residence to obtain leads. They began tracking Zach’s bank account activity online, which showed numerous ATM withdrawals made in Elmhurst. The information was relayed to officers searching for Zach, and Ofc. Cappitelli found Zach later that morning and brought him safely to the hospital. I’m sure we would not have found Zach alive if not for the quick and professional response of Ofc. Cappitelli since Zach had stopped taking his anxiety medication and had become paranoid and suicidal. Ofc. Cappitelli is to be commended for his professionalism and expertise, and my family’s thanks go out to all of the Elmhurst Police Department personnel involved.”

Officer T. Cronin: “. . . I wanted to tell you how pleased I was with Ofc. Cronin after I visited the police department to file a theft report for my wife’s cell phone. Ofc. Cronin was amazing with the job he did. He apologized for having to speak with my wife personally and offered to come to our house that day to make it easier on her. He spent a great deal of time taking the information and explaining the process from that point on. Ofc. Cronin was extremely professional, friendly, and went out of his way to be helpful. He is a valued asset to the City, and I wanted you to know.”



Officer J. Pacewic: “I am writing to express my great appreciation for the service provided and kindness shown by one of your exemplary officers. My mother was involved in a serious traffic accident, and Ofc. Pacewic did an outstanding job of safeguarding her and seeing that she was treated with kindness and dignity. In my opinion, Ofc. Pacewic went above and beyond his duty in assisting my mother and helping her through a traumatic experience. Ofc. Pacewic does honor to your Department and should be held up as an example to other officers.”

Officer N. Waldenmeyer: “I am an old lady and was in a strange area, in a lot of pain, visiting a clinic. I locked my car door with my keys in the ignition. This very thoughtful, kind and gentle officer helped me. What a wonderful example for your department. He was reluctant to give me his card, but I’m sure he went beyond his call of duty and I am most grateful. He is Nick Waldenmeyer—Thank you again Nick.”

Officer J. Velez: “I sing the praises of one of your outstanding employees, Ofc. Velez. Last week, four Elmhurst churches sponsored “Service Squad,” a program for about 50 middle school kids about practicing faith by doing kind deeds. Because the dad of one of our participants is serving in the military in Kuwait, we wanted to buy snacks for his unit. To introduce the topic of serving, Ofc. Velez was asked to stop by after her shift and tell about her experience in the Air Force. Not only did she tell about her military history, but she also seamlessly related the idea of service to the Police Department. The kids were enthralled, listened politely, and asked probing questions that Ofc. Velez answered clearly and respectfully. She is an effective communicator and a wonderful representative of the City whom we are fortunate to have. I appreciate Ofc. Velez!”

“Your department recently responded to a 911 medic call for my neighbor. While the outcome wasn’t good, your officers were exceptional. They were totally professional and compassionate in dealing with the family. Never once did any of the officers appear annoyed or sigh in misery as they would be there for a long time. They were nothing but gracious, compassionate and professional. The responding officers were: **Sergeant S. Wright, Detective D. Rivkin, and Officers S. Lange, J. O’Connor and J. Knebel.** Each of them was kind and answered any and all questions, some of which were asked many times. Ofc. Knebel stayed until the body was removed and made this sad situation a little easier. I am proud these men are part of the Elmhurst PD and are serving our community.”



Officers A. Ciszewski, Detectives K. Lafin and B. Bruckner: We cannot thank you enough for (A) your quick response to our need, and (B) the way you went above and beyond the call of duty to assist us. It's incredibly humbling and inspiring to know there are law enforcement officials who genuinely care about their community—even in the small things. Your service is truly appreciated, thank you."

Detective S. Mandat: "Thank you for believing in us and working hard on the case . . . I could not seem to come up with the words to express my gratitude. I had my hopes up from the beginning knowing that you and your team could do it, and you did not let me down. You made this holiday season a special one for us. Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

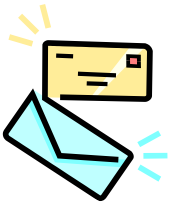
"Elmhurst Police Department: We wish to thank you and the officers [**D. Jarrette and M. Scislowicz**] who helped our son, Paul, when he was suffering from anxiety and depression. Your officers and paramedics were called and were very courteous, offering to help Paul and taking him to Elmhurst Hospital. Paul is attending counseling and is doing much better with new medication. Our sincere appreciation to all."

Service Officer M. Miceli: "This note is extremely late yet sincere. Last summer, seven skunks (a mother and babies) fell into my window well, and S.O. Miceli was so fantastic! She came in and calmed me and was able to help get them out of the drain. She made a very difficult situation tolerable, and I hope she is recognized."

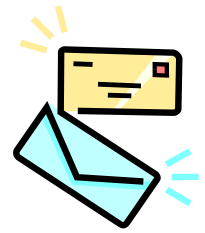
"**Officers M. Hopkins and J. Knebel, Detectives K. Lafin, B. Bruckner and T. Vascik**, and all the other officers that helped in the Indiana Street incident: Thank you so much for all you did for myself, my family, our neighbors, and Elmhurst. I can truly sleep tonight because of you all. You guys were really, really impressive. I know you truly care about our community—you all worked so hard. I am truly proud to say I live in Elmhurst because of you all. Thank you, thank you, thank you!"

"To the Police Department: We wish to share our cheer and support for you who put your lives on the line to keep communities safe. This note is our small way of reaching out to show we recognize you for the important and invaluable service you provide. Your task of defending and protecting the citizens of your community has been more difficult in recent times. With all the instant cameras that people carry (cellphones, iPods, etc.), you are always under observation. In some ways it's good, but oftentimes it's only a one-sided story and not always a good side. We encourage you to walk proudly. We support your endeavors. With respect and best wishes, a Beacon hill resident."





LETTERS FROM OTHER AGENCIES



These are excerpts from letters we received from other agencies in 2015:

Officer B. Kaczorowski: “I have worked closely with Ofc. Kaczorowski . . . [who] has been an excellent collaborative partner to the College, being responsive to my outreach on cases. He shares information with us as appropriate, respects us as valued partners in protecting the campus community, and is receptive to information we can provide to support his investigations. As a featured presenter during our Resident Advisor training, sharing insights into drug trends and signs of drug use, Ofc. Kaczorowski relates well to our students and enhances the image of your department. When I talk with my peers at other colleges, I am reminded of how fortunate we are to have support and collaboration with our local police department, and our interactions with Ofc. Kaczorowski reflect your department’s commitment to working with us to keep our campus safe.”

Caroline Krause, Assistant Director, Elmhurst College Campus Security

Officers J. O’Connor, V. Almaguer, and A. Ortiz: “My sincere thanks and appreciation for the assistance provided by members of your department on a DuCART call-out for a multiple vehicle accident with injuries and entrapment. Because of the knowledge and professional efforts of DuCART member Ofc. O’Connor, we can be assured the court proceedings stemming from the negligent driver’s actions will advance and result in a satisfactory conclusion. Ofcs. Almaguer and Ortiz’s quick response and assistance with traffic control allowed our department to expedite our actions and carry out our investigation. Please accept my personal thanks and gratitude, as well as those of the Oakbrook Terrace Police Department, for the continued support and invaluable professional assistance provided by your agency.”

Wayne E. Holakovsky, Chief of Police, Oakbrook Terrace Police Dept.

Officers A. Ciszewski and V. Valdez: “I would like to extend our thanks to Ofcs. Ciszewski and Valdez for their assistance to our department concerning a burglary, which resulted in the apprehension of two subjects. This is a great example of different law enforcement agencies working together. Again, please express our thanks to Ofcs. Ciszewski and Valdez for their professionalism, commitment and assistance.

James R. Kruger Jr., Chief of Police, Oak Brook PD



Officers S. Lange and J. Pacewic: “The Roselle Police Department recently conducted *Active Shooter/Threat Assessment* training for Lake Park High School teachers and administrators. With 310 teachers in attendance, we requested manpower from your department, and you were able to help us out as you have always done. I would like to thank Officers S. Lange and J. Pacewic for their professionalism, caring attitude and patience during this important exercise. We received 100% positive feedback from the teachers and administrative staff on this training with the assistance of your officers.”

Steve Herron, Chief of Police, Roselle

Officer M. McCollum: “I wanted to express my most sincere appreciation for the participation of Ofc. McCollum, and the resources of the Elmhurst Police Department, for our first Citizen’s Police Academy at Benedictine University. The talent, skill level, and knowledge of Ofc. McCollum was quickly identified by participants as this class was ranked the highest thus far in evaluations by our students, faculty and staff members. Please extend my thanks to Ofc. McCollum and know [that] our staff and resources are always available for any efforts by your agency.”

Michael E. Salatino, Chief of Police, Benedictine University Police

Officers M. Scislowicz and A. Ciszewski: “I would like to extend our thanks to Ofcs. Scislowicz and Ciszewski as members of the NIPAS Emergency Services Team for their assistance provided for the SEIU’s Fight for \$15 Rally. The NIPAS Emergency Services Team program accomplished exactly what it was intended to do. Please extend my sincere appreciation to Ofcs. Scislowicz and Ciszewski for coming to our aid and for their professionalism, commitment, and assistance. This cooperation between departments proved invaluable.”

James R. Kruger, Jr., Chief of Police, Oak Brook PD

Officer T. Poli and K-9 Diesel, D. Bishop and V. Sargis: “The Elmhurst Police Department graciously offered the assistance of Ofc. Poli and his canine, along with Ofcs. Bishop and Sargis, on a call for a suicidal subject, possibly with a gun, last seen in a large, wooded park. Your officers were extremely helpful during the initial search and [in] securing the scene when the subject was found. On behalf of the entire Glen Ellyn Police Department, please extend my gratitude to these officers for helping us resolve this situation. I appreciate the cooperative spirit extended by your department and look forward to future opportunities to work together.

Philip J. Norton, Chief of Police, Glen Ellyn PD



Officer M. Himpelmann: “On behalf of the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy at the College of DuPage, thank you for allowing Officer Himpelmann to serve as a Class Supervisor for the Basic Academy Class 15-04. Ofc. Himpelmann took this assignment very seriously and put forth a great deal of effort preparing evaluations that were objective, fair and comprehensive. The academy staff commented on how hard he worked as he went about his duties and responsibilities. Comments made by the recruits about Ofc. Himpelmann’s leadership skills included the following:

“His professionalism is of the highest level”; “Great knowledge of the law”; “A great example of the type of officer that we should strive to be”; “Supervisor Himpelmann will make a great Sergeant”; “Demands excellence”; “He represented his department well”; and, finally, “I look up to him as a role model and mentor.”

I was most impressed with Ofc. Himpelmann’s professionalism in dealing with the many personalities in this class. He was able to motivate recruits and never hesitated to explain the reasons for certain techniques. My personal perspective is [that] Ofc. Himpelmann is a natural leader who displayed integrity and self-discipline. He is a well-trained, dedicated police professional who requires little supervision. Ofc. Himpelmann has restored my faith that police officers of tomorrow are in good hands with Matthew as a future leader.”

Michael G. Casey, Director, Suburban Law Enforcement Academy

Sergeant J. Gandy and Officers M. McCollum and J. Beltran: “I want to compliment [Officers] McCollum, Beltran and Gandy, who went to great lengths to help me with the presentation on “Street Drugs” to the Elmhurst Fire Department. I am grateful for the time and effort put forth in this endeavor. They shared their vast knowledge and . . . their ability to present the subject in such an interesting way produced one of the most memorable trainings of the year. I am very grateful we have such a great working relationship.

Andrea White, RN, BSN, EMS Coordinator, Elmhurst Memorial Hospital

Additional thanks and commendations from various agencies went to: **Sergeant. S. Mandat and Officers. J. Beltran, C. Cooney, J. Duffy, C. Horner, M. McCollum, T. McNeeley, G. Schweik, D. Torza, V. Valdez, T. Westering, CSO R. Moulis, and Crime Analyst D. Schmidt.**



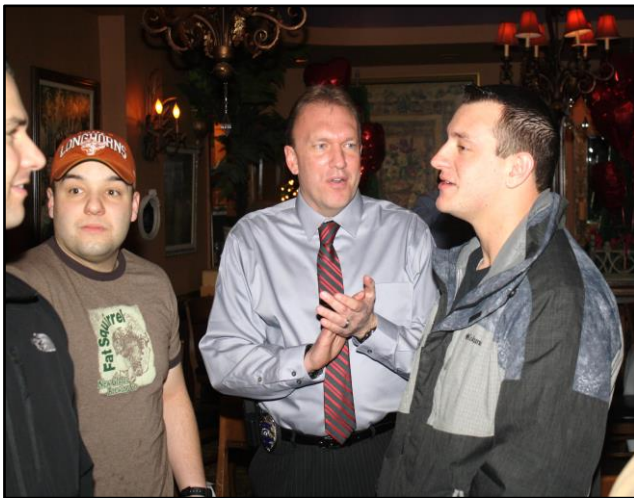
2015
PHOTO GALLERY



**Retirement Celebration for Detective John Tarpey and Officer Mike Reiman
February 19, 2015**



Chief Ruth presents patches to recent retirees, Officer Mike Reiman and Detective John Tarpey.



Members of the department gathered at Roberto's to eat, drink and bid farewell to Officer Mike Reiman and Detective John Tarpey on the occasion of their respective retirements.



SLEA Graduation

On March 27, 2015, Chief Ruth, Deputy Chief Panico, and Sergeant Weatherford attended the graduation of three new officers, Tori Sargis, Alex Krupnik, and Jason Litton, from the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy at College of DuPage.



Sergeant Mike Campise Retires

On April 3, 2015, the Elmhurst Police Department said goodbye to a 30-year veteran of the department, Sergeant Mike Campise. Well-wishers gathered for cake and coffee with Sgt. Campise on his final day.



Illinois Police Memorial

On May 7, 2015, members of the 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.



Attending the services were Deputy Chief Jim Kveton, Sergeant Jim Gandy, Officers Tony Poli, Tony Cuzzone, Alex Kefaloukos, Colleen Cooney, and part-time Officer Kelly Skolozynski. Also present were former IL State Representative/Elmhurst Police Chief John Millner and current IL State Representatives Don Moffitt and Carol Sente.



Memorial Day Parade and Services

The Elmhurst Police Honor Guard marched in the annual Elmhurst Memorial Day parade on Monday, May 25, 2015. In spite of the rain, the community turned out in full force to remember and pay tribute to our fallen servicemen and women from the armed forces.



Roadside Safety Checks

On Saturday, June 13th, members of the Traffic Unit conducted a roadside safety check as part of our traffic safety grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation. Motorists were observed and contacted by officers during the overnight hours on the ramp from westbound Roosevelt Road to northbound York Road. Most of the check occurred during a downpour, and officers made use of our temporary shelter tent. Brief contact was made with a number of motorists to check for seat belt, driver's license, and DUI violations.



SLEA Graduation

On June 19, 2015, Sgt. Weatherford, Deputy Chief Panico, Chief Ruth, Commander Nicholas, and Deputy Chief Kveton were all on hand for the graduation of our newest officer, Stephanie Saavedra, from the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy at College of DuPage.



Retirement of Deputy Chief Dominic Panico

July 3, 2015 marked Deputy Chief Dominic Panico's final day with the department after a distinguished 34-year career. Members of the department, along with Dominic's family and friends, gathered to say goodbye at a retirement party in his honor on August 6, 2015, at the Diplomat West.



At the lectern, Deputy Chief Jim Kveton presents Dominic with a board, reminding him with some tongue-in-cheek police humor that "you don't bring a board to a gunfight."

West Suburban Chiefs of Police

On Wednesday, September 2, Chief Michael Ruth was sworn in as President of the West Suburban Chiefs of Police organization. Chief Ruth is the third Elmhurst Police Chief to hold this position in the last 50 years. The Elmhurst Police Honor Guard was on hand to perform the colors ceremony to open the event.



IDOT Press Conference

On September 3, Sergeant Mike McLean participated in an IDOT press conference in downtown Chicago, in front of Buckingham Fountain. The press conference was taped by local TV stations to promote sober driving during the upcoming Labor Day Holiday weekend. Sgt. McLean and other officers present participated in the event by holding "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" banners for the taping.



Detective Commander Bob Nicholas Retires

On Friday, September 4th, the Elmhurst Police bid farewell to Detective Commander Bob Nicholas, a 33-year veteran of the department, with a cake and coffee reception in the newly-renovated Investigations section. Well-wishers gathered outside afterward for a photo op with Cmdr. Nicholas in front of the police station.



SLEA Graduation

On Friday, September 25th, our newest Elmhurst Police Officer, Leo Elizalde, graduated from the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA) at College of DuPage. Officer Elizalde is scheduled to begin solo patrol in March of 2016.



Retirement of Deputy Chief James Kveton

In October 2015, Deputy Chief James Kveton retired after serving over 30 years with the Elmhurst Police Department. Deputy Chief Kveton was honored on his final day with a cake and coffee reception and again later in the month with an evening gathering in his honor at the Diplomat West.



Veterans' Day

On Veterans' Day, Wednesday, November 11, 2015, members of the Elmhurst Police Department 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 18, 2015



Graduates of the 19th session of the Elmhurst Police Department Citizen's Police Academy



K-9 Unit Attends D.A.R.E. Class

On December 4th, the Elmhurst K-9 Unit, comprised of Officer Tony Poli and canine Diesel, visited the 5th grade D.A.R.E. class at Jefferson School. Officer Poli explained Diesel's role at the Police Department and then showed the students how Diesel searches a room to find drugs. Ofc. Poli concluded the presentation with a question and answer session.



Elmhurst Police Honor Guard at Chicago Bears Game

On Sunday, December 13th, the Elmhurst Police Honor Guard brought in the flags to kick off the Chicago Bears vs. Washington Redskins football game at Soldier Field in Chicago. Though the Bears were not victorious that day, the Elmhurst officers did both the U.S. flag and our agency proud with their performance of the colors ceremony. Pictured from left to right are Sergeant Brett Kaczorowski, Officers Tim Westering and Tim Jorgensen, and Commander Len Kolpak performing at the game.



A Final Look...

