

Elmhurst Police Department 2020 Annual Report



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Michael R. Ruth
Chief of Police



Mr. James Grabowski, City Manager
City of Elmhurst

March 12, 2021

Dear City Manager Grabowski:

On behalf of the Elmhurst Police Department, I am pleased to present our 2020 Annual Report, designed to be a resource for municipal officials, law enforcement professionals, students, journalists and the citizens of Elmhurst. This Annual Report contains current and updated information about the many services we provide to the City of Elmhurst and its residents. The report also contains a current employee organizational chart, a detailed description of each unit within the department as well as information on specialized assignments and mutual aid participation. Also included is a statistical section summarizing important data and emerging trends that have been identified.

This year, the COVID-19 pandemic brought many challenges, both to our community and to first responders. I am proud of the work put forth by members of the Department to meet these challenges with continued dedication to providing the best service possible to the members of our community. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Elmhurst Police were forced to be innovative in our approach to crime prevention and community engagement; we hosted online presentations that included storybook readings for children, an internet safety talk, and a Lock It or Lose It Christmas video. In 2020, we also observed nationwide demonstrations and protests, many of which called for criminal justice reform. The City of Elmhurst experienced multiple demonstrations in the form of protest marches, organized rallies and assemblies starting in June and leading up to the November Presidential Election. I am proud not only of the response from members of the Police Department and City employees but also from our community where citizens peacefully, and for the most part respectfully, exercised their constitutional right to protest injustice.

Total Calls for Service in 2020 numbered 41,777 including both 9-1-1 calls and officer self-initiated activity. UCR crime in 2020 remained consistent with 2019 rates except for increases seen in stolen motor vehicle offenses—not only in Elmhurst but throughout the Chicagoland area. We remain committed to utilizing new technology to fight crime, and this year we implemented the Target Alert System (TAS) to detect stolen motor vehicles and vehicles connected to criminal activity as they enter our city. Officers are alerted in real time by our ALPR network to the location of these vehicles for immediate response.

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

Sincerely,

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

Michael R. Ruth
Chief of Police



Executive Summary

2020 was a unique and challenging year as we faced the COVID-19 pandemic and the many complications that came with it. In calls for service last year, we saw a decrease of 12.9% in total police service workload indicators, made up of both 9-1-1 calls and self-initiated officer activity. Department 9-1-1 calls totaled 18,043 (1,061 fewer than in 2019), and self-initiated activity totaled 23,734 incidents for a combined service workload total of 41,777.

Part 1 crimes reported to the State of Illinois Uniform Crime Report (UCR) remained relatively flat in 2020 with a total of 515 reported incidents compared to 517 incidents in 2019. Robberies saw a significant decrease (55%), and Burglaries—including combined totals from commercial and residential crimes—decreased by 17%. The number of Thefts remained flat with 388 thefts last year vs. 390 thefts in 2019.

2020 saw a significant increase in Theft of Motor Vehicle incidents, not only in the City of Elmhurst but in the entire Chicagoland area. Elmhurst reported an increase of 56% in Motor Vehicle Theft in 2020. The Elmhurst Police have been proactive in their response to the increasing Motor Vehicle Theft trends by initiating a "Lock It or Lose It" campaign to remind residents to lock their vehicles and doors to secure their property.

There was also a significant increase in Identity Theft cases last year as the State of Illinois experienced a surge in unemployment scams through the Illinois Department of Employment Security. Elmhurst saw 600 cases of Identity Theft in 2020 compared to 137 in 2019. Elmhurst Police Officers met with each victim to document their incident and provide identity theft information to help secure and protect their finances.

2020 also saw nationwide protests, demonstrations, and political unrest calling for accountability and reform in government and criminal justice. The Elmhurst Police were proud to display the professionalism of our agency in a community forum hosted by City Hall and televised through the City of Elmhurst YouTube channel for residents to view. This forum included an in-depth explanation of department practices and allowed questions from community members.

We continued to implement the use of new technologies in 2020 both to deter criminal activity and to provide superior police services to our residents. The Elmhurst Police implemented the Target Alert System (TAS) to accompany our Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) program. The Target Alert System provides a real-time alert to on-duty officers when either a stolen vehicle or a vehicle connected to a crime enters Elmhurst. As the Chicagoland area has seen a major increase in crime by offenders using stolen vehicles, the Elmhurst Police are utilizing this available technology to be alerted immediately to the location when a stolen vehicle has been "sighted."



The Elmhurst Police Department has remained innovative as we continue our commitment to building community partnerships and making resident engagement a priority. In spite of the required cancellation of so many programs and City events last year, officers continued our popular Summer Mobile Patrol (SMP) with social distancing and masks. Crime Prevention presentations were organized through online video programs such as Zoom and YouTube, and officers recognized and remembered the 100-year anniversary of the Department’s only death in the line of duty, Harry Magers, Elmhurst’s first Chief of Police.

Department Goals for 2021:

- *Continue to expand our Community-Based Policing model*
- *Resume our Neighborhood Roll Call and Citizen’s Police Academy programs that were suspended last year due to the Covid-19 pandemic*
- *Implement a Tactical Patrol Officer program with expanded training to further develop officers who are able resolve crisis situations*
- *Continue the Summer Mobile Patrol program in the summer months to make proactive, positive community contacts*
- *Continue to focus traffic enforcement efforts on reducing speeds in residential neighborhoods and promoting pedestrian and bicycle safety throughout the city*
- *Maintain a high level of professional training and continue to seek out advanced courses for our supervisors, investigators, and officers*
- *Work with the community to create an “At-Risk” database of community members that are vulnerable to becoming lost*
- *Complete State-mandated training in the following categories: Human Rights Legal Updates, Civil Rights, Constitutional Use of Law Enforcement Authority, Cultural Competency, Procedural Justice, Use of Force, Sexual Assault—Trauma Informed Response, Officer Wellness, Implicit Bias, and Racial/Ethnic Sensitivity Training*
- *Improve technology and facilities to increase operational efficiency within the police department*
- *Continue to analyze and respond to crime trends and calls for service to create an action plan that ensures the highest levels of service for the City and its residents.*





Mission Statement

The men and women of the Elmhurst Police Department are committed to the mission of protecting the residents of Elmhurst and ***"Providing the Best"*** while enforcing the law.

Our motto, ***"Providing the Best,"*** is the guiding principle in our delivery of law enforcement services to the community.

Our mission is to create a feeling of safety and security in all of our citizens by *providing the best* law enforcement possible.

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

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

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

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

We will provide the best by our commitment to justice, both for the police department and for the public we serve.



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Elmhurst Police Officers Serving the Community





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2020 ORGANIZATIONAL COMPONENT SUMMARIES



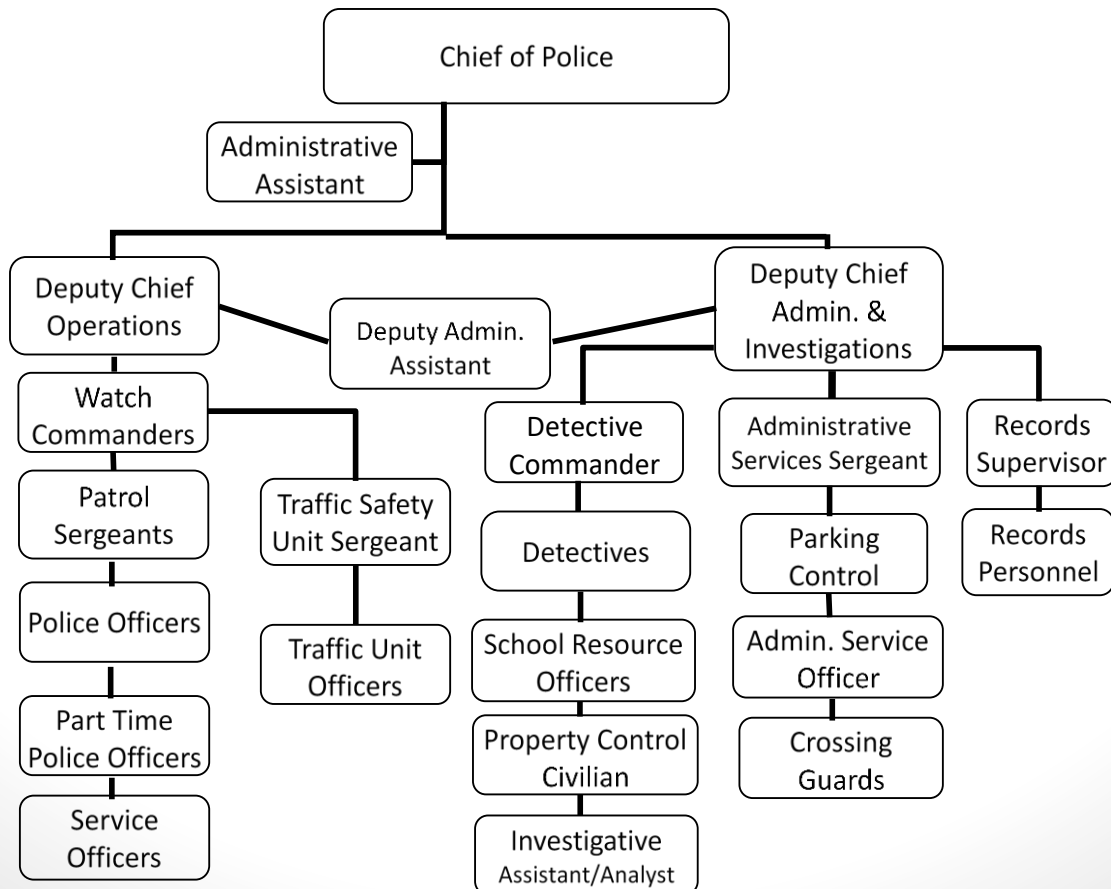
Office of the Chief

The Elmhurst Police Department is led by **Chief Michael R. Ruth**, who has served as the Elmhurst Police Chief since 2012 and brings 42 years of progressive law enforcement experience to our agency. **Deputy Chief Michael McLean**, who has served Elmhurst since 2000, and former **Deputy Chief Robert Tannehill** rounded out the Executive Management team until Tannehill's retirement in March of 2020. His vacancy was filled by the promotion of **Deputy Chief Brett Kaczorowski**, who has served Elmhurst since 2004. In 2020, **Deputy Chief McLean** was in charge of the Operations division, and **Deputy Chief Kaczorowski** led the Investigations & Administration division.



Administrative support services were provided by Jami Carrington, the Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police, and Kerri Chambers, the Administrative Assistant to the Deputy Chiefs. Sergeant Steve Mandat served as the Administrative Sergeant.

2020 Organizational Table





Police Operations

Patrol Division

The uniformed Patrol Division is the largest component of the Police Department. Patrol Officers are responsible for responding to calls for service from the public—both emergency and non-emergency. Patrol Officers are responsible for protecting life and property and enforcing the Illinois Criminal Code as well as traffic laws and city ordinances. Patrol Officers respond to 9-1-1 calls for service, conduct preliminary investigations of all crimes, and help to maintain order and safety for all. They proactively address community concerns and perform special assignments as required.

In order to provide continuous, 24-hour police service, the Patrol Division is divided into six teams working a 12-hour shift schedule. Patrol Officers are assigned to Day, Night, and Power shifts. Each team operates under the supervision of a Sergeant who reports to a Watch Commander. Traditional patrol units are supplemented with officers trained to perform specialized functions such as Traffic Unit Officers, Evidence Technicians, Field Training Officers, a K-9 Officer, Part-Time Police Officers, and Community Service Officers.

In 2020, Elmhurst Patrol Officers responded to approximately 41,000 calls for service that included criminal incidents, traffic crashes, burglar alarm activations, public disturbances, and a wide variety of other event types. This year also required Patrol Officers to adjust operations and demonstrate resilience as they continued to provide critical services during the COVID-19 pandemic.





Investigations Division

The Investigations Division is supervised by Detective Commander Leonard Kolpak and is made up of six full-time Investigators, two School Resource Officers, one Crime & Intelligence Analyst, two part-time Background Investigators, one Task Force Officer assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and an Evidence Custodian.

In 2020, Investigators conducted 228 criminal investigations. Cases are assigned according to a particular area of specialty or by on-call status—Investigators are subject to call-in 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Members of the division also work with outside agencies to assist on more serious or complex cases. Detectives Torza, Labin and Kucera are part of the Metropolitan Emergency Response and Investigation Team (MERIT), which investigates Homicides in DuPage County by pooling resources for large-scale cases that require additional investigators. Elmhurst Detectives also assist our Background Investigators in conducting background checks on City firefighter and police applications as well as on applications for liquor licenses, solicitor permits, and charitable games permits.

Crime and Intelligence Analyst

The Crime and Intelligence Analyst plays an important role in apprehending criminals and closing cases by obtaining critical intelligence for the department. The Analyst assists Investigations by developing information from a variety of law enforcement sources and using it to help determine potential vulnerabilities to crime in the community. By analyzing crime trends and patterns, the Intelligence Analyst is able to develop statistical probabilities on where and when the next crime in a series might occur. Visual presentations such as crime bulletins, maps, and graphs are created by the Analyst to provide both detectives and patrol officers with crime patterns and suspect information for strategic use in the fight against crime. Information from the Analyst is also shared frequently with outside law enforcement agencies in order to pool crime-fighting resources.

Evidence Custodian

The Evidence Custodian is responsible for collecting and maintaining all property submitted into evidence. In 2020, there were 3,962 items of property received into the property room as evidence or "found property." The evidence room contains more than 13,000 items of evidence. In 2020, 326 items of evidence were returned to identifiable owners, 401 items were transferred to the DuPage County or State Police Crime Labs for analysis and processing, 5,210 items were appropriately destroyed, 122 items were auctioned in accordance with applicable laws regarding disposal of found or relinquished property, and 56 items were donated to an approved not-for-profit organization.

Task Force Officer

One Elmhurst Task Force Officer is assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to assist with the investigation of drug related-offenses throughout the Chicagoland area and the greater Midwest. In 2020, this group was responsible for the recovery of over 2.8 million dollars of illicitly obtained funds in addition to 491 kilograms of Cocaine, 184 kgs. of Heroin, 151 kgs. of Methamphetamine, and 90 kgs. of Fentanyl as well as stolen weapons and vehicles.



Background Investigators

The responsibility of the Background Investigator is to complete thorough and detailed background checks on police and fire candidates. They also investigate City applicants for information-sensitive positions, persons or businesses requesting liquor licenses, businesses providing massage services, applicants for solicitor permits, and organizations requesting raffle permits. In 2020, a total of 34 background investigations on police and fire applicants were assigned as well as one DuComm Dispatcher and 24 other background investigations.

School Resource Officers

School Resource Officers (SRO) are police detectives assigned to liaison with local schools and work collaboratively with administrators, educators, staff and parents to maintain a safe, secure learning environment. Elmhurst currently has two plain-clothes detectives assigned as SROs to achieve this goal. School Resource Officers respond to calls for service within the schools and conduct criminal investigations if necessary. They document information collected during the course of their duties but are also responsible for planning instruction on current youth-related issues. SROs also conduct regular safety checks at Elmhurst schools to maintain building security. The Elmhurst SROs are in contact with administration from three high schools and three middle schools as well as the local elementary schools. By serving in the role of mentor, coach and teacher, a School Resource Officer has the opportunity to significantly impact the lives of students. Elmhurst has had an SRO assigned to York High School for over 40 years.

2020 Investigations Highlights:

- In January, Elmhurst Detectives, with assistance from the unit's Crime Analyst and Patrol Officer Hawkins, generated a report for a Commercial Burglary that occurred at a business located on North York Street in Elmhurst. Stolen from the property were four envelopes containing a total of \$3,410.00. The offender, who was identified through DNA blood evidence left at the scene, was responsible for similar burglaries in Cook County. Investigators obtained an arrest warrant, set up surveillance, and were able to take the offender into custody.
- Early in 2020, numerous businesses were victims of motor vehicle burglaries on vehicles left parked at work sites around Elmhurst. Victims reported equipment stolen from work trailers and trucks that were providing services to residents. Through investigation, it was learned that the offenders had committed numerous burglaries throughout DuPage, Cook and Lake Counties. Elmhurst Detectives were able to identify the offending vehicles and deploy a tracking device to each vehicle. Surveillance enabled detectives to arrest the offenders after they committed another burglary. A cellphone search warrant was obtained, which produced evidence that solved numerous burglaries in multiple jurisdictions. Offenders were charged accordingly in both DuPage and Cook County.



- On May 14, 2020, Detectives investigated an attempted murder near Butterfield Park. Around 9 PM, a resident walking his dog near the park was shot multiple times with an AR-15 from the driver seat of a silver Lincoln Navigator. Patrol Officers, Evidence Technicians, Detectives, Analysts, Service Officers, and other members of the Elmhurst Police Department spent an incredible amount of time investigating the incident, scanning thousands of images from license plate readers, conducting hundreds of neighborhood interviews, executing multiple search warrants and collecting multiple surveillance videos, which ultimately identified a suspect. The offender, who had to be taken into custody in AZ, was charged with Attempted First-Degree Murder and Aggravated Battery.
- In August, a 13-year-old victim came forward to report being extorted out of \$450 in cash after sending nude pictures to a child predator over the internet. While Elmhurst Officers were on scene, the offender sent the pornographic images to the victim's mother. Investigation by Detectives revealed the offender had used multiple accounts with Microsoft, Snapchat, Pinger, and AT&T in an attempt to conceal his identity and extort the child. The offender was located in Pittsfield, IL, and was arrested on multiple felony counts through collaboration with the Illinois Attorney General's Office and the Pittsfield Police Department.
- Detectives received a tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children that Child Sexual Abuse Material had been sent via a social media app to an Elmhurst address. A Search Warrant was executed for the residence to find the suspect involved in the dissemination of the material. After further investigation, the child victim was identified and the suspect was charged with Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault and eleven (11) counts of Child Pornography.

2020 Investigative Assignments	#
Arson	1
Assault/Battery	8
Auto Theft	12
Burglary	31
Death Investigations	14
Financial Crimes	47
Missing Persons	4
Sex Crimes	18
Robbery	4
Theft	59
Other	30



Administrative Services/Records

2020 Accomplishments:

The Records department underwent a Law Enforcement Automated Data System (LEADS) operational audit in May of 2020 pursuant to the FBI Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) mandate requiring State Police agencies to conduct an audit of each local agency under their jurisdiction every three years to ensure compliance with LEADS/NCIC policy and procedures. The audit reviewed compliance with LEADS/NCIC computerized hot file records and supporting documentation, security, criminal history record information, LEADS training, hit confirmation, operational and administrative procedures, and LEADS messaging. Elmhurst was found to be in full compliance with LEADS/NCIC rules, regulations and policies.

The Elmhurst Police Department continues to participate in the DuPage Integrated Justice Information System (DuJIS) project, which involved a county-wide replacement of the Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB) Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) system as well as each individual agency's field-based reporting and record management systems. In addition to police departments, the project includes 17 fire protection districts, 31 municipalities, and the DuPage County Sheriff's Office, State's Attorney's Office, Circuit Clerk's Office, Probation Department, and the County Forest Preserve District Police. The new records management system, which was rolled out in June of 2019, was developed by the FBI to improve the statistical reporting and analysis capabilities of the law enforcement community. The Elmhurst Police Department currently reports Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) data to the State of Illinois and plans to begin reporting to the FBI through the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) by November, 2021.

We continued the automatic juvenile expungement process of all eligible juvenile records in accordance with Illinois State Statute 705 ILCS 405/5-915.

We began the automatic Cannabis expungement and sealing process of all eligible cannabis records in accordance with Illinois State Statute 20 ILCS 2630/5.2(a)(1)(G-5).

We destroyed old records and transferred reports onto disk in accordance with the Local Records Act (50 ILCS 205/) to free up storage space. In addition, we are transferring old microfilm to disk for improved back-up of files.

In 2020, the Elmhurst Police Department handled a total of 41,777 calls.

- Reports taken – 3,502
- Traffic tickets issued – 5,583
- Warning tickets issued – 2,963
- Parking tickets issued – 6,011
- DUI arrests – 166



Internal Affairs

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

Source of Complaints: Citizen Complaints or Police Agency Complaints

Disposition of Complaints:

Unfounded — The allegation is not factual and/or did not happen as reported.

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

Sustained — The allegation is supported by sufficient evidence.

Not Sustained — The evidence is insufficient to prove or disprove the allegation.



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The Elmhurst Police Department conducted 69 administrative Internal Affairs investigations of which 61 were initiated internally and 8 externally. The internal investigations consisted of Use of Force, Vehicle Pursuits and policy infractions such as squad or equipment damage. All infractions were reviewed and handled with appropriate action ranging from corrective conference to written reprimand or, in some cases, suspension. The external investigations involved citizen complaints against members of the department. After a review of these complaints, 8 were determined Not Sustained.

Elmhurst officers handled approximately 41,777 incidents last year involving citizen contacts, traffic violations, and criminal activity. Of those 41,777 incidents, only .0002% of contacts resulted in a citizen complaint. Officers needed to use force to effect an arrest only .0004% of the time, and each of the 13 Use of Force incidents was found to be within department policy. Elmhurst Officers also conducted approximately 7,400 traffic stops with only 9 reported incidents of vehicle pursuit in cases where a traffic violator refused to stop and fled from the officer.



Police Department Social Worker - Stephen Buhr, LCSW Hahn & Associates

The Elmhurst Police Department partners with Hahn and Associates to offer counseling services when needed. Stephen Buhr, a licensed clinical social worker, works part-time for the Police Department in addition to providing counseling and social services to the community.



Stephen helps address problems at their core and is on call for Department needs; he has responded to assist in crisis counseling, death notifications, and various types of domestic trouble. Stephen keeps an office at the Elmhurst Police Station where he is able to offer private one-on-one or family counseling to address issues that are discovered and reported to him by police officers as they respond to calls in the community. Last year, Stephen provided counseling on domestic violence, child abuse and/or neglect, teenage pregnancy, elder abuse and/or neglect, substance abuse, job loss, depression/anxiety, coping with grief, couples problems, and teenage bullying.

In 2020, Stephen handled a total of 95 cases for the Elmhurst Police Department involving a total of 239 hours of in-house counseling and/or crisis intervention. Stephen also offers his services to employees of the Police Department who might experience a tragedy—either on or off-duty—and need some help to process their emotions for a full recovery. We are proud to partner with Stephen to provide these necessary services in Elmhurst, and we appreciate his contributions to keeping our community healthy.



Specialty Units

Emergency Response Team (ERT)

The Emergency Response Team (ERT) team is a designated unit of specially trained officers who are equipped to respond to critical incidents so hazardous or complex that they require training and equipment beyond what is regularly supplied to patrol officers. Such critical incidents might include hostage events, barricaded subjects, snipers, terrorists, and/or other types of high-risk incidents. As a matter of department policy, such a unit may also be used to serve high-risk warrants for either search or arrest where public and/or officer safety issues demand use of the unit.

Continued individual training is a key component of the team's readiness. Although training was reduced this year in order to safely navigate the global pandemic, successful training did occur prior to the pandemic and, with safeguards in place to protect against the transmission of COVID-19, during the pandemic. This training consisted of marksmanship training—both handguns and rifles—covert entry, search warrants, hostage rescue, barricaded subjects, rapid response, officer survival, and first aid.

Building relationships is a key component of success between law enforcement and the community. This year the ERT Team conducted training at the DuPage Water Commission to gain knowledge of the facility in order to provide a more effective police response in an emergency. Another training event this year took place at an outdoor site where ERT Officers worked on capturing armed offenders hiding in wooded areas. This is a situation that officers routinely encounter while working in the patrol division when tracking armed offenders.





Crisis Negotiators

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

Elmhurst Crisis Negotiators normally attend an annual Illinois Crisis Negotiator Association conference in the month of April, and members of the team also participate in a Negotiator conference and competition in September; however, due to social distancing restrictions in 2020, both conferences were cancelled this year.

In addition to serving as Elmhurst Police Department Crisis Negotiators, Sergeant Cuzzone, Officer Corrigan and Detective Lafin also serve on the county-wide MERIT Crisis Negotiator Team.

Crisis Negotiator Supervisor:

Commander Jim Gandy

Crisis Negotiators:

Sgt. B. Bruckner

Sgt. A. Cuzzone

Detective K. Lafin

Detective D. Jarrette

Officer D. Corrigan

Officer J. Velez





Evidence Unit

Evidence Technicians are officers who are specially trained to document, photograph, and collect evidence left behind at crime scenes. The Elmhurst Police Evidence Unit is comprised of ten evidence technicians and one evidence custodian who work under the supervision of a Commander and a Sergeant. Elmhurst Evidence Technicians (ETs) are assigned to all three shifts, providing 24/7 coverage for the department.

In 2020, the Evidence Unit was unable to participate in community engagement events such as Science Olympiads at Elmhurst Schools, Evidence & Crime Scene presentations for the Citizen's Police Academy classes, and presentations to scouting programs and community groups.

2020 Highlights from the Evidence Unit:

- ETs were able to locate and collect a small droplet of blood from a piece of broken glass at a business that was burglarized. A DNA profile was then developed by the DuPage County Crime Lab, identifying a suspect who was later arrested by Elmhurst detectives.
- ETs located footwear imprints from a commercial burglary scene that assisted in the identification of the offender.
- ETs were able to locate a suspect's DNA from a residential burglary, which assisted in identifying a career criminal with a lengthy history of committing residential burglaries.
- Using advanced chemical processing, ETs were able to locate a fingerprint from a piece of tape, which assisted in identifying the offender in a theft of a valuable piece of construction equipment.



ETs were involved in the documentation and processing of a crime scene for attempted murder where they worked to locate and identify pieces of crucial evidence to assist in the criminal investigation.



K-9 Unit

2020 marked the first full year of patrol duties for Officer Cappitelli and K-9 Ozy, our newest K-9 Unit. The team was deployed numerous times for tracking missing and/or wanted subjects, locating articles of evidence, and detecting narcotics. K9 Ozy was very successful this year, assisting in the seizure of \$34,452 in US currency from narcotics trafficking as well as the following controlled substances:

- 2.1 kilograms of Cocaine
- 1 kilogram of Fentanyl
- 576.5 grams of Heroin
- 70 grams of PCP
- 24 items of LSD

Another important component of the K-9 unit is community outreach. Opportunities were limited this year due to the global pandemic, but Ofc. Cappitelli and Ozy were able to meet members of the Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association via Zoom. We are looking forward to hopefully getting back to normal with our community events in 2021.



On September 26, 2020, Elmhurst Police K-9 Diesel was memorialized at the Northern Illinois Police K-9 Memorial in Libertyville, IL. Diesel was a 10-year-old Belgian Malinois who passed away from cancer in 2019 after faithfully serving Elmhurst with his handler, Ofc. Poli, since 2010. He joins former Elmhurst K-9s Ice and Tommy, whose names are also inscribed on the memorial.



Traffic Unit

Two officers were assigned to the Traffic Safety Unit between January and March of 2020, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. During that time, Traffic Safety Unit officers conducted 726 traffic stops resulting in 449 citations and 349 warnings. Traffic Safety Officers received complaints from residents regarding traffic concerns (i.e., speeding vehicles and stop sign violations) and conducted directed patrol details to address those concerns. In addition to enforcement details, the Traffic Safety Unit utilized electronic radar speed signs and/or speed trailers to assist in calming traffic. Electronic radar speed signs were deployed at seven locations and radar speed trailers were deployed at 34 locations throughout the city.

STEP Grant

Despite the challenges of 2020, the Elmhurst Police Department once again participated in the IDOT Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP). This federally-funded grant allows extra officers to be assigned to focus on some of the most dangerous driving behaviors including impaired driving, unrestrained drivers, distracted driving, and speeding. These campaigns coincide with designated periods of time, usually during the overnight hours around holiday periods, which are statistically the most dangerous times on Illinois roadways.



EACH HOLIDAY PERIOD CONSISTS OF A 1-2 WEEK BLOCK
SUPERBOWL
ST. PATRICK'S DAY
MEMORIAL DAY
4TH OF JULY
LABOR DAY
HALLOWEEN
THANKSGIVING
CHRISTMAS

While several campaigns were cancelled due to the pandemic and the statewide stay-at-home order, officers assigned specifically to the grant campaigns were able to accomplish the following arrests and citations:

Over 30 DUI Arrests	459 Seatbelt & Child Restraint Violations
18 Misdemeanor/Felony Arrests	198 Other Traffic Citations



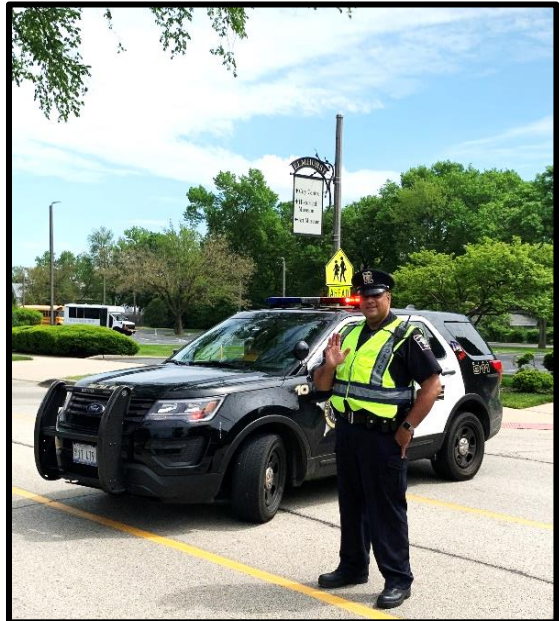
Part-Time Police Unit

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

Part-time officers provide assistance at most of the special events offered in Elmhurst throughout the year in addition to providing assistance at home football games for York and I.C., and helping with graduation day traffic control for our high schools and Elmhurst University. Part-time officers also assist Patrol with arrests, traffic crashes, transporting prisoners, special watches, and patrolling our parks, parking decks, and the City Centre, especially in the summer months.



Part-time officers are permitted to work up to 999 hours per year; usually on the afternoon shift from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. on weekdays and from 6:00 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. on weekends. Part-time officers also work the day shift when full-time staffing is at minimum levels. In 2020, we had 8 part-time officers serving Elmhurst.





Honor Guard

The Police Department Honor Guard is a noble symbol demonstrating respect for the culture of service valued by members of our agency. The Honor Guard shows respect for officers who have fallen in the line of service and proudly represents the Police Department at City of Elmhurst events and functions.

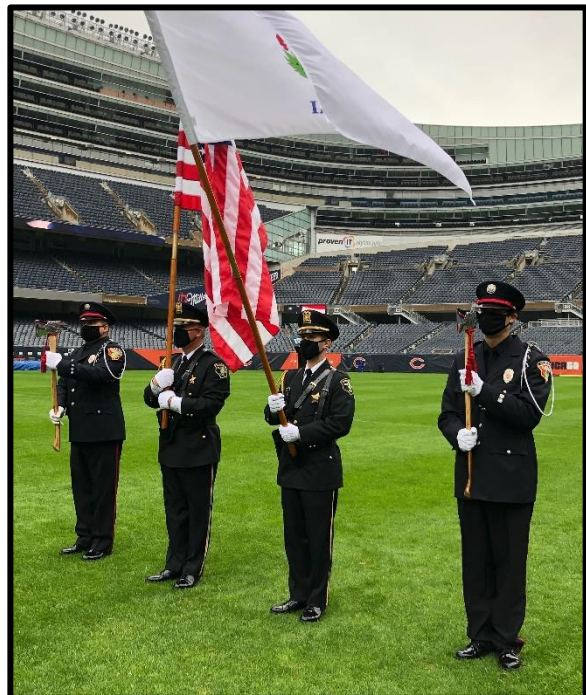


In 2020, the Elmhurst Honor Guard Unit was proud to assist at the funeral of a former Elmhurst Deputy Police Chief, Ralph O'Connell, as well as the 100-year memorial ceremony for first Elmhurst Police Chief, Harry Magers. The Honor Guard also participates in the annual Elmhurst 9/11 Ceremony and other City-sponsored parades, special events and ceremonies.

This year, the Elmhurst Honor Guard was invited to present the colors at a videotaped segment to be used for televised Bears games during the spectator-free COVID-19 Fall season. A combined Elmhurst Police/Fire Honor Guard participated in the taping.

Elmhurst Police Honor Guard

Commander Brett Kaczorowski
 Sergeant Matt Himpelmann
 Detective Victor Almaguer
 Officer Mike Hamblin
 Officer Chris Horner
 Officer Dontae Hickenbottom
 Officer Tim Jorgensen
 Officer Jason Litton
 Officer Philip Southworth
 Officer Victor Valdez
 Officer Joan Velez
 Officer Tim Westering





Summer Mobile Patrol

The Summer Mobile Patrol (SMP), which is usually active from May through October, is comprised of the Bicycle Unit and the electric Side-by-Side Vehicle Patrol. In 2020, the unit got a later start due to COVID-19. SMP had 14 officers this year using 5 police bicycles and the side-by-side vehicle to patrol areas less accessible by squad car, i.e., the City Centre, Elmhurst parks, and the Illinois Prairie Path, for community outreach and crime prevention purposes.



This Summer Mobile Patrol Unit logged over 130 hours of patrol time during the warmer months of 2020, with SMP officers out meeting residents and providing promotional items to the community. The SMP would normally participate in parades, walks/runs, and other City-sponsored events in addition to offering a police presence in harder to reach areas; however, due to most parades and special events being cancelled in 2020, the unit was focused on positive community contacts with park, neighborhood and City Centre patrols.





Officer Training

Field Training Program

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

In 2020, the Elmhurst Field Training Program was run by three Field Training Supervisors, eleven Field Training Officers (FTOs), three Field Training Service Officers, and one Part-Time Officer FTO. Each training officer has received 40-hours of FTO training to prepare them as an effective teacher and mentor for the new recruits. FTOs learn how to properly document performance and assist new recruits during the acclimation process of becoming a police officer. During field training, each recruit works with several different FTOs, allowing them to learn different skills they will need as an Elmhurst patrol officer.

2020 Field Training Supervisors:

Commander Jim Gandy
Sergeant Matt McCollum
Sergeant Steve Mandat

2020 Part-time Field Training Officer:

PT Officer Supervisor Al Ortiz

2020 Field Training Service Officers:

SO Brian Fiorini
SO Lynncherie Howell
SO Angela Spanroff

2020 Field Training Officers:

Ofc. Dan Bishop
Ofc. Brandt Cappitelli
Ofc. Dan Corrigan
Ofc. Dan Djukic
Ofc. Mike Hamblin
Ofc. Carl Hawkins
Ofc. Tim Jorgensen
Ofc. Alex Kefaloukos
Ofc. John Pacewic
Ofc. Joan Velez
Ofc. Tim Westering

The Field-Training Program is 22 weeks long and includes 14 weeks of shift work rotating through the Day and Night shifts. After week 14, the recruit enters a "shadow phase" and works independently while the FTO remains at his/her side to assist as needed. Following that is a 2-week "solo phase" in which the recruit works alone, applying all of the cumulative training received up to that point with a uniformed FTO working nearby. The final week of training is an evaluation phase where the FTO assesses the abilities, confidence, and experience gained by the recruit before he/she is released to full solo patrol for the remainder of the required 15-month probationary period.

In 2020, a full-time police officer who was hired in late December of 2019 completed both Police Academy and the Field Training Program, and graduated to solo-patrol. In addition, a part-time officer who was hired in 2019 completed the Field Training Program.



Firearms Training

The Elmhurst Police Department Firearms Training program takes great pride in a long history of providing high quality firearms training to our officers. The Firearms Training Unit consists of a supervisor and four firearms instructors. Our training program is distinguished among law enforcement agencies in that our officers train on a monthly basis with their duty pistol in order to maintain a high level of proficiency. The range staff develops an annual training plan that focuses on three main goals: Marksmanship, Tactics, and Use of Force decision-making. Although the global pandemic created new challenges for the training staff, procedures were put in place to conduct training safely. For example, this year the range staff created an active shooter scenario where officers trained in solo response and had to interact with armed threat and no-threat targets.

Elmhurst Police Officers are also trained in the use of patrol rifles to effectively address armed offenders. Rifle training is primarily conducted at the St. Charles Rifle Range, an outdoor facility that affords officers the opportunity to engage targets at distances up to 100 yards. Officers also conduct additional rifle training at the police department range utilizing .22 caliber rifles that simulate the standard issue patrol rifles.

Range Supervisor

Sergeant Matthew Himpelmann

Firearms Instructors

Officer Dan Bishop

Officer Tom Cronin

Officer Dontae Hickenbottom

Officer Marcin Scislowicz



In addition to Range training duties, Elmhurst Firearms Instructors are also certified armorers who perform regularly scheduled maintenance on all department firearms. This provides significant cost savings to the City of Elmhurst and ensures that department firearm repairs are handled quickly and efficiently when needed.



Training

During 2020, members of the Elmhurst Police Department completed approximately 4,679 hours of training. All sworn personnel were able to maintain the training mandates set forth by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board, which includes training related to Civil Rights, Constitutional & Proper Use of Law Enforcement Authority, Cultural Competency, Human Rights, Procedural Justice, Mental Health Awareness, Law Updates, and Trauma Informed Response to Sexual Assault. In addition, all active officers completed training on Implicit Bias, Diversity, and Racial Profiling. Elmhurst Investigators are certified in Sexual Assault/Abuse Investigations and as Lead Homicide Investigators.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing restrictions last year, training opportunities were reduced after March of 2020. Some training opportunities were still available, however, including online classes on topics such as Autism Spectrum Disorder Awareness for Law Enforcement, Psychology of Domestic Violence, New Illinois Laws, U.S. Supreme Court Decisions, Dispute Resolution, Hate Crimes, and Proper Use of Force.



Training highlights from 2020:

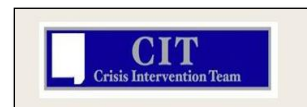
- Thirteen (13) Elmhurst Police Officers completed a 40-hour State of Illinois certification program in Crisis Intervention Team training; a total of 26 Elmhurst Officers have now completed this training.
- Officer Baldacci successfully completed the Suburban Law Enforcement 560-hour Basic Police Academy and the Elmhurst Police Department Field Training Program.
- Retired Deputy Chief Tannehill, Commander Dave Rivkin and Sergeant Steve Mandat completed the 3-week Northwestern University Executive Management Program.
- Sergeant McCollum completed the 10-week Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command.
- Detective Beltran completed Cyber Investigations training sponsored by the United States Department of Justice.
- Officer Gryczewski became a State of Illinois-certified Drug Recognition Expert.



- Sergeant Mandat completed the 3-week Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Basic Academy, which is training on disaster and major event management.
- Officers Kefaloukos and Gryczewski both completed the 40-hour Driving While Intoxicated Instructor Development course.
- Detective Jorgensen completed training in Physical Security for Government Facilities and Protective Intelligence Investigations for Law Enforcement.
- Members of the Evidence Unit completed training related to evidence recovery, crime scenes, proper collection of fingerprints and footwear prints, and traffic investigations.



DuPage Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) Association



The Elmhurst Police Department's Crisis Intervention officers continued to be part of the DuPage Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) Officers Association. The mission of the association is to conduct training for CIT Officers within DuPage County, providing legal updates and best practice solutions, promoting relationships between all CIT Officers, and offering input from other types of agencies (i.e., States Attorneys, NAMI, the Health Department, hospitals, etc.) as well as other officers for conferring on cases.

While the group was unable to meet in person last year, virtual events through NAMI DuPage were held covering topics such as mental health as it relates to COVID-19, suicide awareness during social distancing, and co-occurring disorders in young adults.



Mutual Aid Assignments

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

Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS)

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



In 2020, the Elmhurst Police Department, like many areas of the United States, saw several large-scale demonstrations. The Elmhurst Police utilized ILEAS assistance during these times to assist in traffic control and direction.

THE ILEAS MISSION

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

"STRENGTH THROUGH COOPERATION"

DuPage IMAT

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

While pre-planned events were rather limited in 2020, the team was activated in June and again in November for incidents that occurred outside of Elmhurst.

DuPage Public Safety Communications (DuComm)

DuComm is the consolidated emergency call-center and dispatch service for Elmhurst which serves 44 police and fire agencies throughout DuPage County. DuComm answers 9-1-1 calls and dispatches Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services. The Elmhurst Police have used DuComm as the primary 9-1-1 call center and dispatch service since 1975 for an average of approximately 50,000 incidents per year.



Metropolitan Emergency Response & Investigations Team (MERIT)

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

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

The MERIT METRO SWAT team comes from multiple DuPage County agencies to serve a population of over 300,000 residents. METRO SWAT offers response services to incidents such as barricaded subjects, hostage rescues, high-risk search warrants, and other planned or unplanned events that might have a risk of injury or loss of life to those involved. The training requirement for METRO SWAT is a minimum of 216 hours including attendance at the Illinois Tactical Officers Association (ITOA) Conference. Officers must pass a physical fitness test, interview, and SWAT school before being accepted on the team. Officer Hamblin has been assigned to the Team since 2019.

This year the team served several high-risk search warrants and responded to various calls for assistance from agencies during the summer months.





MERIT Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT)

Elmhurst crisis negotiators, Officer Corrigan and Sergeant Cuzzone, are assigned to the MERIT CNT. Throughout the year, **MERIT CNT** was called out to assist DuPage County residents in a variety of cities and towns in a total of 18 incidents. These call-outs included assistance in dealing with armed, barricaded subjects, suicidal subjects, psychiatric cases where subjects threatened to shoot police, and other situations where shots were fired. During these incidents, CNT members utilized a wide array of negotiation techniques ranging from the deployment of a “throw-in” phone for text and/or phone negotiation as well as long-range and face-to-face negotiation to bring incidents to a peaceful resolution. Some of the call-outs also included full SWAT activation, others only required CNT activation. Elmhurst Detective Lafin was also activated when MERIT added Intelligence Specialists to the Metro SWAT/CNT units to assist with large-scale incidents and call-outs.

Some highlights from CNT’s efforts during 2020 include:

- Protracted negotiations for 9.5 hours with a barricaded, armed (hatchet) suicidal subject in Lombard, brought to a peaceful conclusion;
- Face-to-Face negotiations with a barricaded, armed (handgun) subject in Bensenville, brought to a peaceful conclusion;
- Assistance to Elmhurst Police during a search warrant execution at the residence of an attempted murder suspect;
- Assistance to Hinsdale Police with simultaneous search warrants on multiple suspects in residential burglary and armed violence incidents.



MERIT CNT trains every month, with three of those trainings including the full MERIT SWAT/CNT teams for scenario training. Members of the CNT unit also attend the annual Illinois Crisis Negotiators Association conference, while the command staff for CNT also attends the annual Illinois Tactical Officers Association conference.



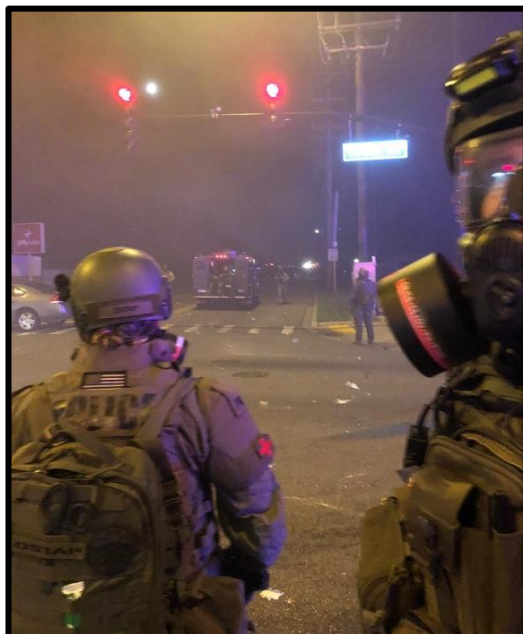
Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS)



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

NIPAS EST is a full service SWAT team capable of handling both large and small scale incidents such as a hostage rescue, armed/barricaded subjects, fugitive apprehension, area searches, service of high risk search or arrest warrants, dignitary protection, and/or civil disturbance incidents. In 2020 NIPAS EST responded to 47 activations and covered all of the incident types listed. In addition, the Emergency Services Team was tasked with assisting the NIPAS MFF with multiple Civil Disturbance activations throughout the area including two staging activations in Elmhurst. The team has 75 member agencies and serves an area covering parts of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake and McHenry counties. EST fields a Mobile Command Post, 4 armored vehicles, an equipment truck, and 3 rapid response pick-up trucks—each capable of sustaining 8 operators during an incident.

NIPAS EST took a 2-month break from training this year due to the COVID 19 mandates but continued to respond to activation requests throughout the pandemic. Changes in operations have included wearing masks on all activations, implementing social distancing practices, and holding training exercises for smaller team units.





NIPAS Mobile Field Force (MFF)

Identical to the Emergency Services Team, the Mobile Field Force follows the original principles of NIPAS agencies, pooling their resources to provide the best service possible for their communities along with retaining local control and offering cost savings through the sharing of specialized equipment. Member agencies participate in the Mobile Field Force voluntarily. However, agencies that choose not to supply resources, i.e., members, to the team may not request services from the MFF.

The social, economic, and political mood of our nation raised speculation in the 1990s and beyond that trying times, leading to possible civil unrest, might lie ahead. To effectively deal with events such as labor-related conflicts and social or political demonstrations, NIPAS adopted the Mobile Field Force concept. The Mobile Field Force program is designed to provide rapid, organized, and disciplined response to civil disorder, crowd control, and other tactical situations.

The NIPAS Mobile Field Force provides its member agencies with a planned, organized, and rapid response to:

- Control unruly crowds (either hostile or passive);
- Seal off problem areas, regardless of size;
- Rescue citizens or officers from crowds;
- Clear an area of hostile individuals by use of proactive tactics; and
- Apprehend multiple offenders, if required.

Officer Marino was assigned as the new Elmhurst Police Department MFF representative in 2020; he attended 10 training sessions with the team over the year, including Mobile Field Force Basic training. The Mobile Field Force was deployed over 40 times in 2020 to 34 different suburbs—including Elmhurst—due to various protests, civil unrest, and other events.





Department Programs

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, most of our department programs were cancelled in 2020 to comply with social distancing requirements and to keep our community safe and healthy. Programs that were not able to run this year included:

- The Citizen's Police Academy
- DARE – Drug Abuse Resistance Education
- Neighborhood Roll Call
- Seniors & Law Enforcement Together (SALT)
- Station Tours
- School Presentations
- Cop on Top
- Parades
- Stuff the Squad
- The Torch Run for Special Olympics
- Cops & Bobbers Fishing Tournament
- Public Safety Night
- Boo-tiful Saturday
- The Turkey Trot/Watering Hole
- Shop with a Cop (adapted version)



In spite of the difficulties created by COVID-19—and there were many!—the Elmhurst community went out of its way to express appreciation to the department (see our cards and letters section on page 59). We thank you all for thinking of us and showing your support during the rollercoaster ride that was 2020!





Alive at 25

The Elmhurst Police Department teaches the "Alive at 25" program to young drivers in the community to help keep them safe on our roadways. This class is a 4-hour defensive driving course designed to teach drivers between the ages of 16 to 25 the risks of dangerous driving behaviors. The course is typically taught once every two months, but this year, due to social distancing requirements, the department held only three classes for a total of 21 students. "Alive at 25" instructors this year were Commander Gandy, Sergeant McCollum, and Officer Westering.

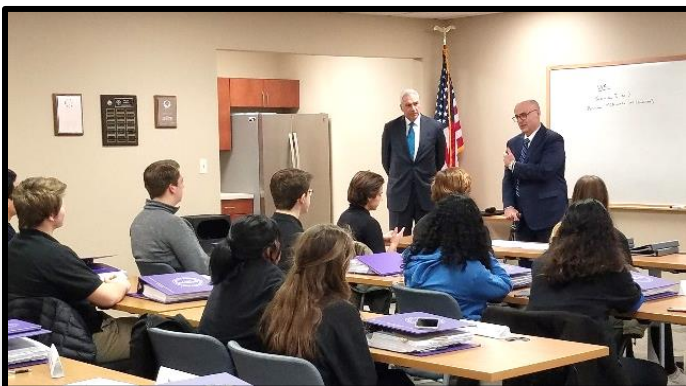


Basset

BASSET is a State of Illinois training program run by the Illinois Liquor Commission for servers and/or sellers of alcoholic beverages. The program is intended to teach participants responsible service and selling of alcohol beverages within our community. The BASSET program has teamed up with MADD, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, to share their personal stories to the participants. BASSET also teaches participants to identify signs of intoxication and how to properly check ID's in order to help prevent underage consumption of alcohol within our businesses. In 2020, The Elmhurst Police Department conducted 12 BASSET classes for 181 participants.

Peer Jury

Peer Jury is a diversionary program for first-time misdemeanor juvenile offenders that offers the option of having their cases heard and resolved by the Peer Jury in lieu of going through the court system. Due to restrictions in 2020 related to COVID-19, a socially distanced Peer Jury was able to meet and hear 20 cases.



In February, before the mandated shutdowns due to COVID-19, the Department's Peer Jury program hosted a training session that was attended by approximately twenty jurors who had an opportunity to receive instruction and guidance from DuPage Circuit Court Judge Michael Fleming and Elmhurst City Prosecutor Bill Belmonte.



Administrative Hearing Program

The Administrative Hearing program operates as an alternative to going through the circuit court process for the adjudication of minor ordinance violations. The Police Department, in partnership with the City Clerk's Office, the Finance Department, and the City Attorney, has expanded the Administrative Hearing program to adjudicate ordinance violations of the Elmhurst Municipal Code in addition to Administrative Tow cases. The adjudication process benefits both the City and the offender by eliminating the need to appear in court for minor offenses. An independent Hearing Officer decides each case based on evidence presented by the City Attorney.

Administrative Tow cases involve drivers who are arrested for serious criminal or traffic offenses requiring impoundment of their vehicles. Common offenses that require vehicle impoundment include DUI, Driving with License Suspended/Revoked, and most felony or Class A misdemeanor crimes. Additional cases that are now being adjudicated by Administrative Hearing include parking violations, vehicle equipment violations, and other minor ordinance violations including curfew and loud noise complaints. In 2020, there were 366 administrative tows and 1,372 compliance citations issued.

Citizen's Police Academy

Though we were not able to run our CPA sessions this year due to COVID-19, the Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAA) enjoyed an online Zoom meeting in place of their annual holiday party. The Alumni were very appreciative of the opportunity to "meet" with Ofc. Cappitelli and K-9 Ozy, who were scheduled to visit the group in person this year before all in-person meetings were cancelled. Instead, Ofc. Cappitelli gave a K-9 Unit presentation with Ozy and answered questions from the group. We hope to be back on schedule in 2021 for both our CPA classes and our CPA Alumni Association meetings.





Prescription Drug Take-Back

The Elmhurst Police Department, in cooperation with the Drug Enforcement Agency, is committed to preventing the abuse of dangerous prescription drugs that could lead to accidental poisoning, misuse or overdose. Residents are encouraged to check their cabinets for unused prescription drugs that could be dangerous to others in their household. Since 2013, the Police Department has collected over 5,134 lbs. of prescription drugs from both our drug drop-box in the lobby and our annual collection events. Due to the pandemic, we held one prescription drug collection event in 2020—

which took in over 100 lbs. of prescription drugs in a single day. Residents also had access to the collection box in the lobby, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, which took in 468 lbs. of unwanted prescription drugs last year. The collection total for 2020 was 568 lbs. of prescription drugs that were kept out of our water supply.



S.A.L.T. Program

Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (S.A.L.T.) is a program for Elmhurst senior citizens that offers a monthly meeting, usually at the police station, with some type of safety presentation for members. Though most of the 2020 meetings had to be cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions, the group did meet in February for a presentation by NICOR and ComEd, who provided information to help seniors recognize and identify legitimate utility employees who might come to their homes vs. imposters who might be trying to gain unlawful entry. The S.A.L.T. program is run by Ofc. Skolozynski and Service Ofc. Ramirez.





Police Explorers

The Elmhurst Police Explorers program continued to advance and excel this year even with the challenges brought by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Explorer post consisted of 15 members in 2020—both male and female, between the ages of 14 to 21—who are interested in careers in Law Enforcement or Criminal Justice. Police Explorer meetings were transitioned to online meetings for the majority of the year; in-person meetings with social distancing and facial coverings started up again in the Fall after reported COVID-19 cases in our area saw a significant decline.

Prior to the closures in March, the Police Explorers had a meeting with the Elmhurst K-9 Unit, Ofc. Cappitelli and K-9 Ozy, as well as a meeting on self-defense techniques, including both instruction and practice. Our members also assisted with making Public Relations videos for the City and the Police Department in addition to assisting with the St. Patrick's Day parade that was held a week before the COVID-19 shut-down occurred.

This year, former Elmhurst Police Explorers accepted positions with the Illinois State Police, the Dubuque, Iowa Police and the Okaloosa Sheriff's Office in Florida. A former Elmhurst Police Explorer was also accepted to the United States Air Force Academy. We are very proud of the accomplishments of our Police Explorers!

Please visit our website: www.ElmhurstPoliceExplorers.com for more information on the Elmhurst Police Explorers.





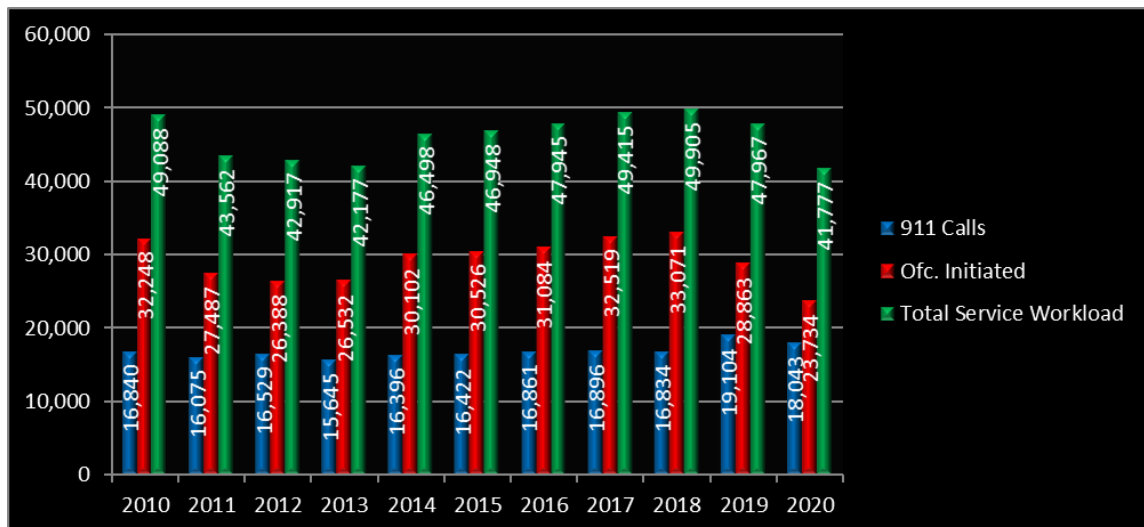
2020 Statistical Summary

CRIMINAL INCIDENTS

FBI Defined Uniform Crime Report Summary

Criminal Incidents	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Rape	7	13	5	2	1	3	8	2	5
Robbery	5	11	9	9	9	4	6	4	17
Aggravated Assault/Battery	24	12	8	22	16	6	3	6	10
Burglary	59	71	63	56	68	64	63	57	113
Theft	388	390	368	473	452	412	438	474	452
Theft of Motor Vehicle	30	17	10	23	16	10	5	22	24
Arson	3	3	0	1	0	1	3	1	2
Total	515	517	463	586	562	500	529	566	623

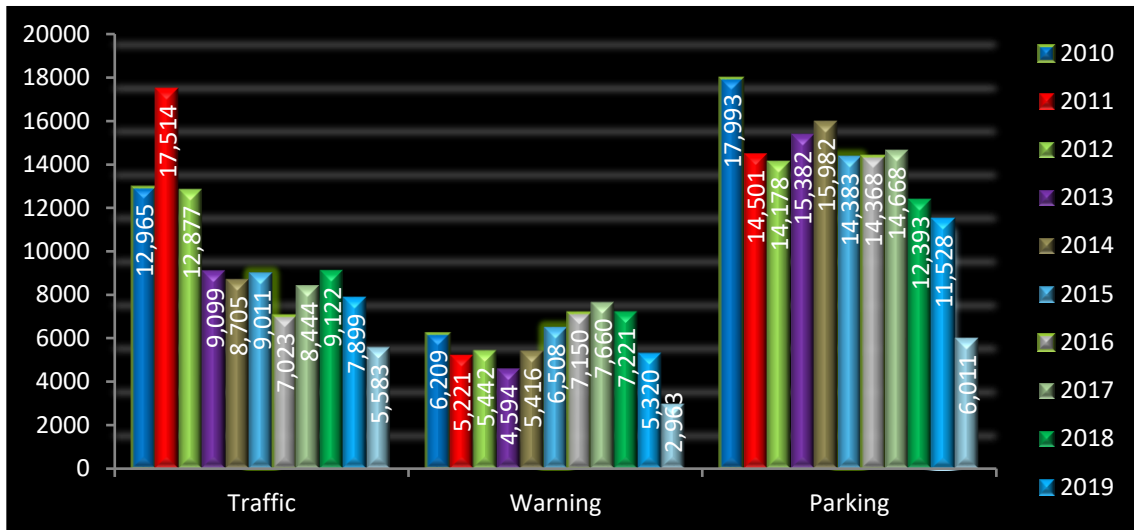
SERVICE WORKLOAD



2020 showed a 12.9% decrease in total service workload compared to 2019. There was a decrease in 9-1-1 calls of 1,061 and a decrease in self-initiated calls of 5,129 in 2020 compared to 2019.

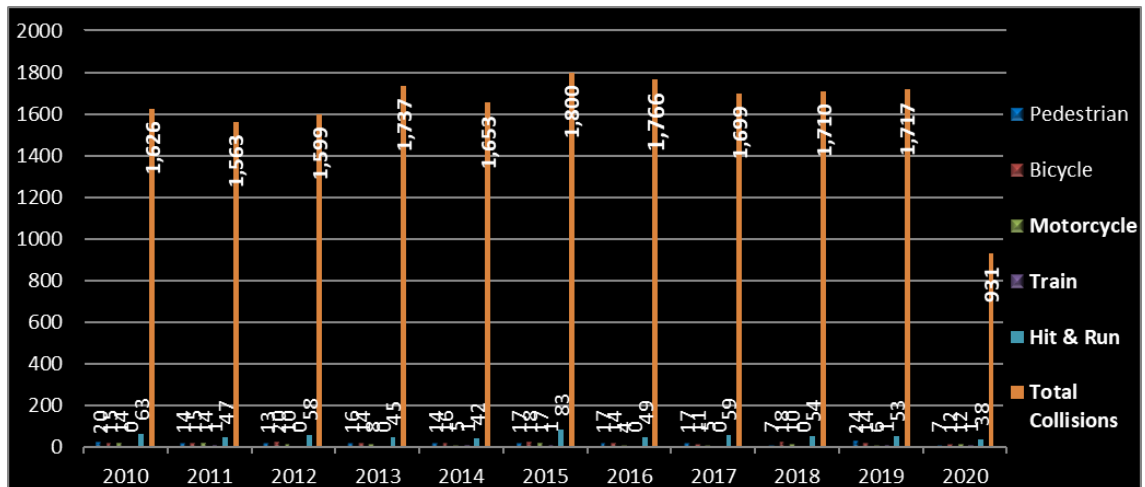


CITATIONS

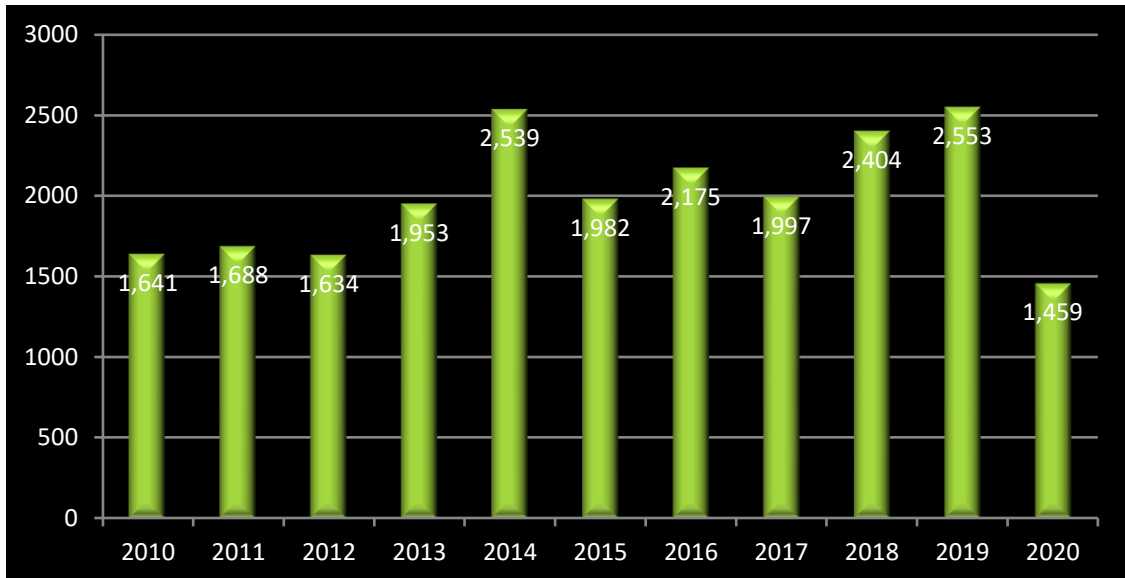


In 2020, the number of traffic citations issued decreased 29.32% compared to 2019. The number of warning tickets issued decreased 44.3% and the number of parking tickets issued decreased 47.86% compared to 2019.

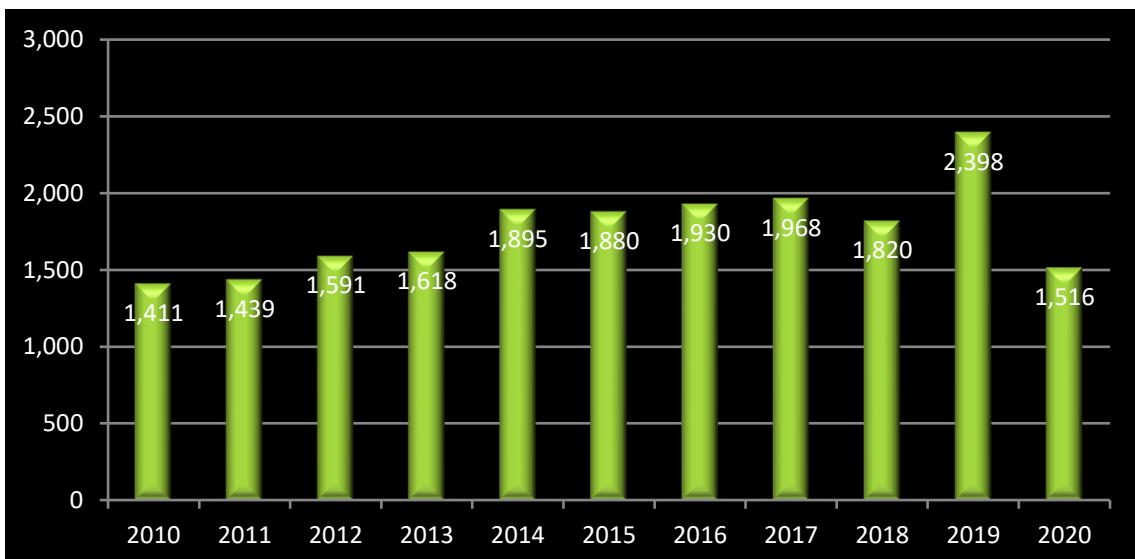
TRAFFIC COLLISIONS



In 2020, the number of pedestrians involved in motor vehicle crashes decreased compared to 2019. The number of bicycles involved in motor vehicle crashes decreased by 14.29%, while crashes involving motorcycles increased from 6 to 12 in 2020. No traffic accidents involving a train were reported in 2020. The number of hit and run crashes decreased by 28.3% in 2020 compared to 2019. The total number of traffic collisions in 2020 decreased by 786 crashes from 2019 totals.

**ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES**

In 2020, there was a decrease of 1,094 (42.85%) calls to assist compared to 2019.

ALARM CALLS

In 2020, there was a decrease of 882 (36.78%) Burglar and Hold-up alarm calls compared to 2019.



7 Year Comparison Study

	<u>2020</u> <u>Offense</u> <u>Totals</u>	<u>2019</u> <u>Offense</u> <u>Totals</u>	<u>2018</u> <u>Offense</u> <u>Totals</u>	<u>2017</u> <u>Offense</u> <u>Totals</u>	<u>2016</u> <u>Offense</u> <u>Totals</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>Offense</u> <u>Totals</u>	<u>2014</u> <u>Offense</u> <u>Totals</u>
<u>Deaths</u>							
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Attempt Homicide	1	1	0	1	1	0	0
Totals	1	1	0	1	1	0	3
<u>Sex Offenses</u>							
Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Criminal Sexual Assault	6	10	3	8	3	4	8
Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Attempted Sexual Assault	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Prostitution	1	0	2	1	7	12	3
Public Indecency	4	5	3	1	0	2	2
All Other Sex Offenses	4	1	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	16	18	10	12	10	18	13
<u>Robbery</u>							
Armed Robbery - Bank	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
Armed Robbery - Other	2	6	2	3	2	2	4
Robbery - Bank	0	0	0	0	2	0	1
Robbery - Other	3	5	5	1	2	2	0
Attempted Robbery	0	0	0	4	2	0	0
Total	5	11	8	9	9	5	6
<u>Simple Assault - Battery</u>							
Assault	5	4	3	1	3	6	14
Battery	50	48	68	74	70	58	59
Domestic	121	125	114	106	93	72	68
Total	176	177	185	181	166	136	141
<u>Aggravated Assault - Battery</u>							
Aggravated Battery	18	7	7	8	3	1	2
Aggravated Assault	6	7	3	13	10	5	1
Total	24	14	10	21	13	6	3
<u>Burglary</u>							
Burglary Residential	28	32	25	35	38	38	48
Burglary Other	24	30	27	14	20	10	9
Attempted Burglary	8	10	11	7	11	16	6
Total	60	72	63	56	69	64	63
Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle							
Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicle	153	113	106	144	142	55	89
Burglary/Theft of MV Parts/Access.	39	16	14	23	20	23	34
Attempted Burglary/Theft from MV	5	5	3	8	2	3	4
Total	197	134	123	175	164	81	127
<u>Thefts</u>							
Theft Over	52	48	50	56	70	83	82
Theft Under	86	95	125	100	108	116	93
Retail Theft	89	144	118	165	120	123	128
Attempted Theft	5	5	9	12	11	8	7
Total	232	292	302	333	309	330	310



	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Offense</u>	<u>Offense</u>
	<u>Totals</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>Totals</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<u>Motor Vehicle Theft</u>							
Theft of Motor Vehicle	30	16	11	22	17	10	5
Attempted Theft of Motor Vehicle	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Total	31	17	11	23	17	10	5
<u>Deception</u>							
Forgery/Deceptive Practice/Fraud	101	110	84	71	119	92	29
Credit Card Fraud	16	18	14	17	34	21	14
Identity Theft	600	137	95	127	125	140	56
Possession of Stolen Property	4	2	5	8	9	4	2
Theft of Lost Property	11	10	17	16	25	16	26
Total	732	277	215	239	312	273	127
<u>Criminal Damage To Property</u>							
Vehicle	34	39	46	43	33	35	45
Property Damage	50	80	50	64	75	44	75
Attempted Criminal Damage	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	84	119	96	107	108	79	121
<u>Trespass</u>							
Crim. Trespass to Property/Residence	18	24	21	25	23	37	24
Crim. Trespass to State Supported Land	0	2	0	1	2	0	1
Criminal Trespass to MV	17	4	9	10	1	6	1
Total	35	27	28	36	26	43	26
<u>Deadly Weapons</u>							
Unlawful Use of Weapon	11	18	8	15	9	7	6
Unlaw. Use or Poss. of Weapon by Felon	3	4	1	2	2	2	0
No FOID Card	3	1	0	3	1	1	1
Total	17	23	9	20	12	10	7
<u>Arson</u>	2	3	0	1	0	1	3
<u>Truancy</u>	0	6	16	10	13	11	5
<u>Hate Crimes</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Drug Offenses</u>							
Possession Cannabis under 10 gm	179	300	251	314			
Possession Cannabis 10 gm & over	3	14	15	25			
* Possession Cannabis 30 gm & under	0	0	0	0	276	280	230
* Possession Cannabis over 30 gm	0	0	0	0	6	2	2
Delivery Cannabis 30 gm & under	1	5	0	2	10	13	17
Delivery Cannabis over 30 gm	1	3	1	1	2	4	4
Cannabis Plant	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Possession of Methamphetamine	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Possession Controlled Substance	75	108	88	93	75	88	79
Delivery or Possession w/Intent to Deliver	1	2	3	4	5	2	5
Sale or Possession Hypo Syringes/Needles	10	17	9	8	7	13	8
Possession Drug Equipment	43	177	174	236	196	225	213
Total	313	626	542	686	578	627	558

* Pre-Cannabis Act Update



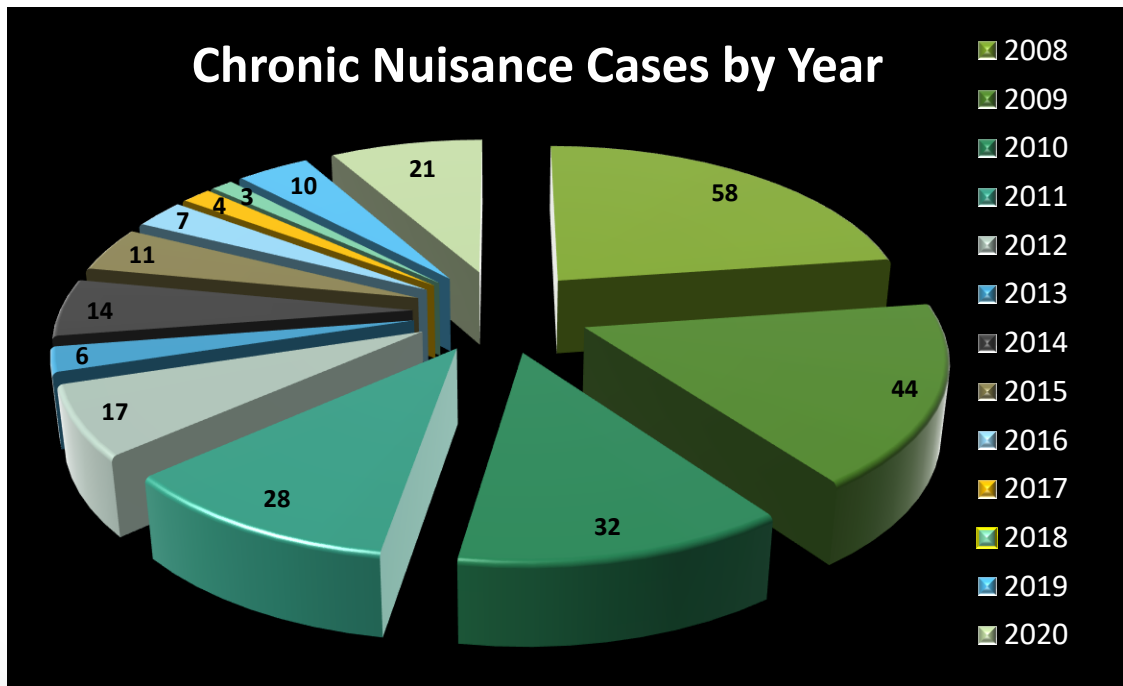
Chronic Nuisance Program

In 2020, the Police Department administered 21 Chronic Nuisance cases. Since the beginning of the program in 2008, a total of 255 chronic nuisance cases have been successfully resolved. Only 25 of those cases had a second offense within 180 days, and, of those, only 5 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

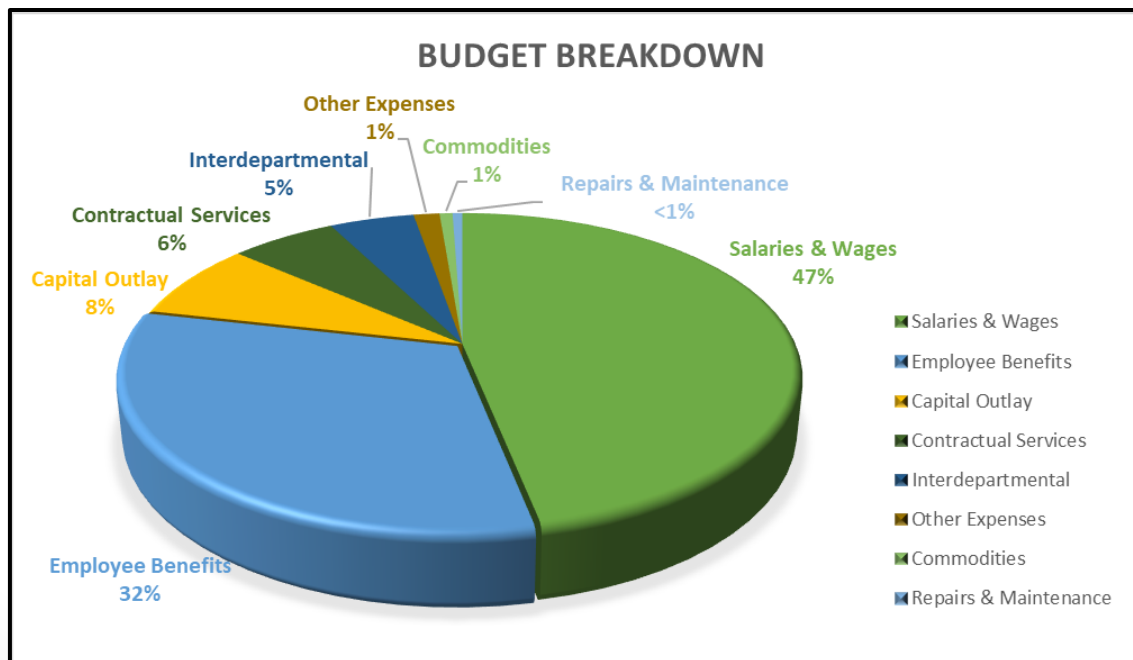
A total of 255 Chronic Nuisance cases have been handled since 2008.





2020 Budget Analysis

BUDGET CATEGORY	BUDGET AMOUNT
Salaries & Wages	\$10,114,500
Employee Benefits	\$6,851,600
Capital Outlay	\$1,695,000
Contractual Services	\$1,303,800
Interdepartmental	\$1,038,150
Other Expenses	\$318,050
Commodities	\$159,000
Repairs / Maintenance / Insurance	\$119,800
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$21,599,900





2020 DEPARTMENT RECOGNITION

In 2020, a total of eighty departmental awards were presented including 5 Commendations, 15 Letters of Recognition, and 8 Unit Citations that honored a total of 38 individual officers for excellence in policing.

In January, Sergeant Matthew McCollum became our newest graduate of the School of Police Staff & Command offered by the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety. This intensive 10-week training course prepares law enforcement managers for advanced responsibilities by combining academic principles with practical police applications.



In March, Deputy Chief Robert Tannehill, Commander David Rivkin and Sergeant Steven Mandat graduated from the Northwestern University Executive Management Program. The EMP program was created for chiefs, deputy chiefs, and senior command and mid-level police managers from around the world.

In April, Officer Tony Poli was recognized by the Drug Enforcement Administration with a certificate of appreciation for over 10 years of assistance to the DEA with his K9 partners "Ice" and "Diesel" in recovering hidden narcotics, drug money, weapons, and assisting with search warrants. The DEA thanked Ofc. Poli and the Elmhurst Police Department for their continued assistance and support to DEA investigations.





Service Anniversaries

30 Years



Ofc E Coughlin



Sgt G Schweik



Cmdr J Gandy



Ofc J Pacewic



Ofc T Poli

20 Years



Ofc D Corrigan



Sgt M Himpelmann



Ofc J Krueger



DC M McLean



SO L Howell

15 Years



Ofc D Bishop



Sgt A Cuzzone



Ofc J Duffy



Ofc S Lange



Det D Torza



B Muellers

10 Years



Ofc M Hamblin



Ofc L Elizalde



Ofc J Marino



SO E Ignatius



SO A Ramirez

5 Years



2020 by the Month

January

In early January, members of the Elmhurst Police and Fire Departments gathered at Fire Station 2 to receive donations of "Comfort Bears" from the Elmhurst Knights of Columbus. City police and fire vehicles were then stocked with the bears, named Casey (K.C.), to give to children during traumatic events and emergency response scenes to comfort and calm them.



On Saturday, January 25th, Officer Joan Velez participated in the 12th annual "Dare to Dream: Get Educated!" conference for Latina students. The conference was held at the College of DuPage and included sessions on career opportunities, goal-setting, mentoring programs, and the college application process for approximately 600 attendees. Officer Velez serves as a volunteer mentor for the program year-round and was one of many successful female professionals who conducted a workshop at the conference.

February

On February 27, Evidence Technicians gave presentations to students at the Conrad Fisher Elementary School Science Olympiad. The ETs demonstrated how to detect latent fingerprints with a forensic light source and collect the prints with lifting materials.





March

March 6 was Deputy Chief Bob Tannehill's final day with the City as he retired from the Elmhurst Police Department. Deputy Chief Tannehill's 26-year career in Elmhurst included service as a Patrol Officer, a Field Training Officer, and a Detective before he was promoted to supervisory positions, first at the rank of Sergeant, later to Commander, and, in 2015, to Deputy Chief. We appreciate Deputy Chief Tannehill's distinguished service in Elmhurst, and we wish him the best in his retirement.



The annual St. Patrick's Day parade took place on Saturday, March 7. Police personnel were posted to perform traffic control and public safety duties during the event, and the bright sunshine was a welcome backdrop to the festivities.





April

In response to the Governor's Stay at Home order, the Elmhurst Police added new material to Facebook posts in an effort to stay connected with the community. In April, an Internet Safety presentation by Detective Jarrette was posted in place of in-person presentations that would normally have taken place.



May



On Thursday, May 7, a video of Officer Scislowicz in his squad car, reading a children's book, "A Day at the Police Station," was posted to the Elmhurst Police Facebook page and Elmhurst TV. This collaboration with the City Communications Department aimed both to entertain and to build trust with children during the Stay at Home order. As of the next morning, the video had been viewed over 2,400 times and reached over 5,100 people!

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, the Elmhurst Police had to get creative due to the no-assembly order dictating the cancellation of our annual Memorial Day parade. Instead, the Police had a convoy of vehicles travel through the city in honor of our fallen service members, who gave their lives for their country.





June

On Saturday, June 20, the Elmhurst Police assisted with the York High School 2020 Graduation parade. Officers led 263 happy graduates from their neighborhood middle and elementary schools to the York campus, where participants were able to drive up to the York High School entrance with their families to receive their diplomas. Our congratulations and sincere best wishes go out to the class of 2020!



On June 23, the Elmhurst Police presented Peer Jury volunteer and Citizen's Police Academy Alumnus Wayne Johnson with a plaque to honor him for his volunteer service at the department. Wayne has served as an adult coordinator to the Peer Jury program for 15 years, providing guidance and supervision to student jurors who serve on the peer jury. Our thanks go out to Wayne for his years of service to the community.

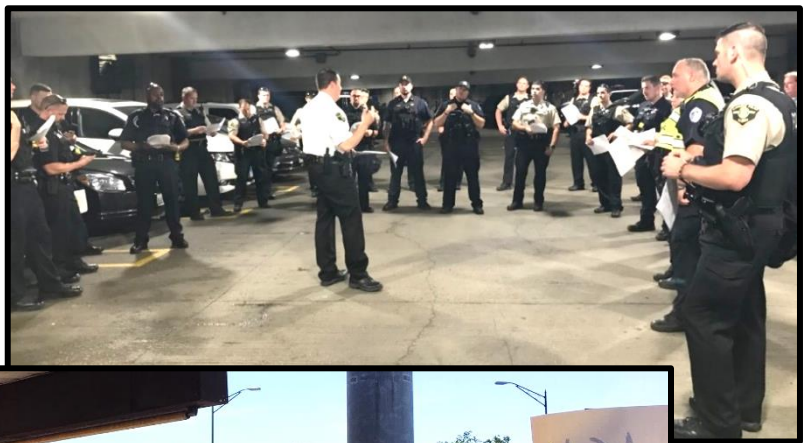
On June 26, Elmhurst's newest police officer, Viktoria Baldacci, graduated from the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy at College of DuPage. Ofc. Baldacci then went on to complete her 22-week Field Training program with Elmhurst Field Training Officers before starting solo patrol in late November.





Demonstrations

The month of June was dominated by civil unrest, protests and demonstrations throughout the United States, and Elmhurst was no exception. Most of the gatherings here were peaceful—including the five protests that took place in the month of June and several more in the months that followed. . . right up through the election in November.





The Elmhurst Police were present at all protest demonstrations in our town to provide safety for citizens who were exercising their right to peacefully assemble and protest.





July

Over the summer months, the Summer Mobile Patrol (SMP) program performed afternoon patrols of the City Centre, parks and the Illinois Prairie Path—areas of the city that are less accessible by a squad car. The SMP officers use police bicycles and the electric side-by-side vehicle in areas of high pedestrian and bicycle traffic, which allows for both a greater police presence in those areas as well as more personal interaction between citizens and officers.



August



In mid-August, the 2020-2021 school year began at several private schools in Elmhurst. City crossing guards took their posts near these schools to ensure elementary-age children had safe passage, and our School Resource Officers took time to visit the schools, introduce themselves to students, and monitor traffic patterns for the morning arrival and afternoon dismissal.

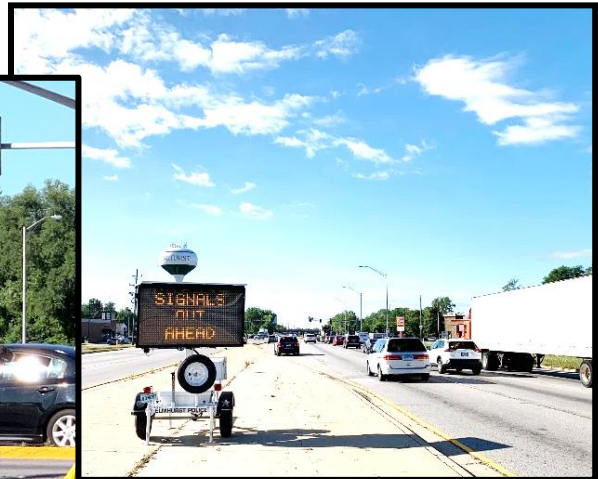
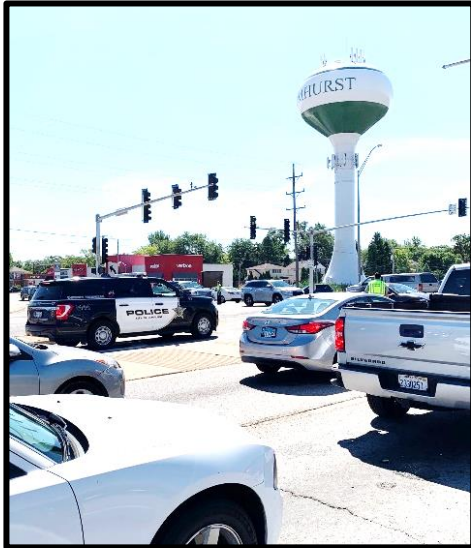


On Wednesday, August 19, members of the Elmhurst Police and Fire Departments assisted the Illinois State Police Honor Guard with traffic control for former Illinois Governor James Thompson's funeral procession to Mount Emblem Cemetery.



Derecho Storm

In the afternoon hours on Monday, August 10th, the area suffered a derecho storm that downed wires and trees causing property damage, obstructed roadways, and traffic signal outages—and left thousands without power. Following the storm, officers responded to approximately 136 storm-related calls for police service. Traffic lights were down for several days, necessitating around-the-clock traffic direction at larger intersections.



On a lighter note with regard to the storm, we received an email from Alex A., thanking us for returning his patio chair that had blown down from his apartment balcony—a number of stories up across from the police station!

Sergeant Bruckner responded: Alex, Glad we could return it! I found the chair blowing into our garage area (off of Palmer Dr) fairly early in the storm. I assumed it had blown from a passing truck and set it aside just in case. Today when I looked up, I saw a set that looked awfully similar on a balcony, and the building manager confirmed that you were looking for one. I'm glad we could return it; that is a solid chair to survive falling 80+ feet to the street!



September

On Friday, September 11, the Elmhurst Police Honor Guard partnered with the Elmhurst Fire Honor Guard at a virtual ceremony broadcast by the City to honor those lost on 9/11.



October

At the October 5th City Council meeting, Elmhurst Police Commander Brett Kaczorowski was sworn in as the new Deputy Chief of Police by City Clerk Jackie Haddad-Tamer.





Halloween Fun

On Saturday, October 17, Summer Mobile Patrol Officer Kazarian drove the "Spooky SMP" over to a Pumpkin Party at Wilder Park. The SMP vehicle is an important part of our Community Engagement initiative that encourages officers to interact with the community on a personal level.



And on Saturday, October 24, officers stopped by an annual neighborhood block party and costume parade. This type of friendly interaction between patrol officers and residents helps children see that police officers are trusted friends in the community.



The beautiful weather on Halloween Saturday, October 31, gave Summer Mobile Patrol officers plenty of opportunities to interact with members of the community, who were out in costume, enjoying the sunshine.



November

On Monday, November 2, Deputy Chiefs McLean and Kaczorowski, along with members of the Elmhurst Police Honor Guard, conducted a ceremony to honor the first Elmhurst Police Chief, Harry F. Magers, on the 100th anniversary of his death in the line of duty on November 2, 1920. Chief Magers, a WWI veteran who was very popular with the community, was killed responding to a Robbery call just one day after his 26th birthday.



December

In spite of challenges presented by the COVID-19 virus and social distancing requirements, the Elmhurst Police managed to spread some holiday cheer in different and creative ways this year. . .

The holiday season kicked off with our annual **Toys for Tots** collection box in the police station lobby, which received generous donations from the community. In just a few weeks, we were able to drop off a sizable contribution of toys at the local distribution point to help bring holiday joy to local children in need.

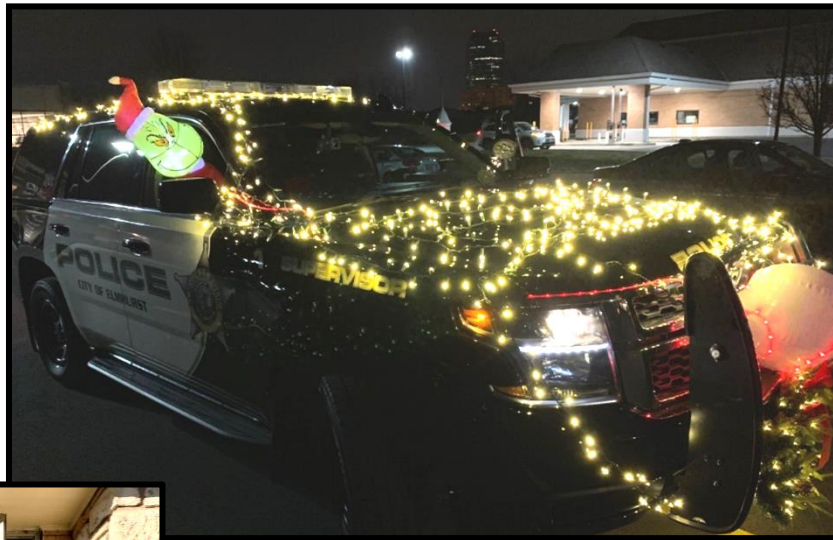




Our annual **Shop with a Cop** holiday event required some creative retooling this year due to the cancellation of the usual countywide event, which involves squad cars conveying to Meijer to purchase gifts for the children and their families. Instead, the Elmhurst Police Benevolent Athletic Association (EPBAA) volunteers stepped in to shop, wrap, and deliver the gifts! The EPBAA and individual officers donated over \$2000 to purchase items needed by the kids and their families including jackets, toiletries, and food. Our volunteers then "pranced" around the city (minus reindeer) and delivered gifts under the cover of darkness to bring holiday joy to the designated families via "EPD Operation Secret Santa."



On the evening of Thursday, December 17th, we got further into the holiday spirit by decorating our squad cars to join with other City vehicles in the Elmhurst Holiday Parade that traveled through town bringing holiday cheer to all!



On Christmas Day, officers delivered cookie boxes to the front porches of approximately 60 of our SALT (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) members residing in town. Due to the pandemic, many seniors had to isolate—even from family members—over the holiday season to protect themselves from COVID-19. The officers delivered cookies and cards to the seniors on the holiday to brighten their spirits and let them know we were thinking of them. The deliveries brightened the officers' holiday, too!



Letters from Residents

Ofc. Marino—I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to Ofc. J. Marino. My Jeep Patriot ran out of gas on I-290 near the York Rd exit, and I could not get assistance from emergency road service. I began to push my jeep onto the curved ramp to York Rd when Ofc. Marino came to my rescue. It was close to 1:00 AM, and Ofc. Marino pushed my Jeep to the gas station. He asked if I had money for gas. I had about \$3, and he filled up my gas tank. Despite what's going on in the world, I have had officers of different cultures like Ofc. Marino assist me—but he went over and beyond the call of duty. I hope and pray that we have more officers like Ofc. Marino on the streets around the United States.

Ofc. Hoyer—Some weeks ago, I had the good luck, as I was about to discover, to be pulled over by Elmhurst Police Officer Hoyer. I didn't feel lucky at the time, but within moments, my luck became apparent because Ofc. Hoyer proved to be a congenial, good-spirited officer—the type of police officer who contributes to the desirability of living in Elmhurst. My experience with Ofc. Hoyer was one I was actually glad to have had; he showed how all police officers should be.

Ofc. Jorgensen—I'm writing to tell you how much our family appreciated the wonderful response of the Elmhurst Police Dept this week to a 911 call. My father was the victim of a scam, and your officers immediately responded to the scene to help recoup the package and investigate the crime. Their rapid response, care and concern were so appreciated. Ofc. Jorgensen was especially kind to myself and my father. He went above and beyond the call of duty in helping us, and he was very respectful and sensitive to my father, who wasn't his friendly self. With deepest respect and gratitude to you all.

Ofc. Pacewic—I am writing to bring to your attention an incident in September when my disabled husband and I blew a tire on Rt. 83. I felt very much at risk of being another roadside fatality due to very heavy truck traffic. Before roadside assistance even arrived, Ofc. Pacewic stopped, partially diverted the traffic, helped me unload the car, changed the tire, and reloaded the car in less than 20 minutes. Ofc. Pacewic's calm demeanor and very capable assistance gave an incredibly stressful experience a positive outcome. I wanted to express my deepest appreciation to Ofc. Pacewic and my thanks to all police officers serving in these exceedingly difficult times.

Ofc. Kazarian—Thank you for the kindness and patience you showed me today after my accident. I am extremely grateful to you.





Ofc. Poli—I am writing to commend Ofc. Poli on the extraordinary and professional service he recently displayed in a sensitive encounter with our son. Ofc. Poli spoke to Terry in a non-confrontational manner that de-escalated the situation. Because of Ofc. Poli’s insightful police work, no damage occurred and, more importantly, everyone is safe. I thanked Ofc. Poli many times for his service but felt it important to share my experience with you.



And to the Department:

“To our Elmhurst Police Officers, we wanted to thank you for all the countless ways you serve us and our community. In these difficult times especially, we wanted to tell you how much you are appreciated. Prayers for your safety and health!”

And, “From a very grateful heart . . . I’m on your side!”

“Dear Chief Ruth: On behalf of Elmhurst-Chicago Stone Company, I would like to express our sincere and heartfelt gratitude to the men and women of the Elmhurst Police Department for resolving a potentially dangerous situation at our quarry when a trespasser gained unlawful access to our property in the nighttime hours. After many hours, Police personnel were able to find and safely remove the trespasser unharmed. This is an example of the professionalism, skill and dedication of the responding officers. Over the years, the Police Department has responded to the occasional situation on our company property, and each time the incident was handled in an exemplary, professional manner—for that we are grateful. Thank you for all you do for Elmhurst-Chicago Stone Company and for the Elmhurst community.”

“Dear Elmhurst Police, A few days ago you were called to check on my well being. I suffer from severe PTSD and was at a low point in my life. I want to thank you for the respect you all showed me and how you handled the situation. As a veteran and someone who works with veterans, I know that if you are called to help one of us, things will work out. I was impressed and grateful. Keep up the amazing work you do. Thank you for your help and caring.”

“To the Elmhurst Police—I’ve lived at Park Place a little over 5 years, and my observation is that, no matter why you are here, you are always professional and efficient. Never once have I heard a comment like, “Here we go again.” You all have decided to be public servants and that is no easy task. Thank you all for your service! Your families should be proud of you. Though your presence means we need help, I feel safe and cared for whenever I see you. Blessings to you all.”



"Want to thank the Police Department for their practices during the peaceful protest that occurred in Elmhurst on 6/2. EPD handled it all with grace and class. Understanding that our world sometimes has to get worse before it gets better, the EPD handled this round of worse pretty well. Thanks again."

"I am emailing to express thanks to the Elmhurst Police Department for keeping Elmhurst safe on Tuesday during the protests. We are residents, and the police have always done a great job of keeping our streets safe. We are so grateful that Tuesday ended peacefully for our town. We are very grateful for our outstanding police department during these frightening times. Thank you Elmhurst Police!"

"Elmhurst Police, I'm 11 years old and I live in Elmhurst. I would like to thank you guys for protecting our town. I know a lot of people are against you right now but you guys are the ones keeping us safe during these protests. You are doing your job. I'm thankful for that, and a lot of people should be too. Thank you for keeping us safe, please stay safe yourselves!"

"To All Who Serve: Just a thank you for the diligence and perseverance in keeping Elmhurst a safe and desirable community. We've lived here 47 years and appreciate the security you provide, especially in these disturbing times. You are the best!"

"Dear Police Officers, Thank you for protecting our community yesterday. We have always had a high regard for our police department. We appreciate your efforts to keep us safe in very difficult times. Thank you!"

"To the Elmhurst First Responders: We are joining the chorus of well-wishers and grateful citizens to thank you for your competent and dedicated efforts to keep your citizens safe in the time of COVID-19. We appreciate your day-in/day-out skill and professionalism in carrying out your duties. We've lived in Elmhurst since 1971 and have consistently admired Public Safety efforts in our town, but our 'Thank you' today is timely and heartfelt. Best wishes to all of you and your families!"

All the noise in the streets and the media is NOT how the majority of us feel. We support and appreciate all of you. Thank you for all you're enduring to keep us safe and uphold the laws.

Forever Grateful!
The Majority





"Dear Elmhurst Police Dept: I would like to say thank you for all you do to keep our town safe. You do so much each day to care for and protect the community. In my 15 years living in Elmhurst, I have seen you carry yourselves with dignity, class, and integrity. The work you do does not go unnoticed, and we as a community probably don't express our gratitude enough. We appreciate you."

"Hi to all Police and staff, Thank you for everything that you all do to protect and help us, not only now during this pandemic, but always!"



"When I first moved into Park Place of Elmhurst, I did not know how much I would be relying on the services of first responders for help, but I have had to call 911 a few times. Thank you for the quick response and wonderful care given to my sister, Annette! When I see how badly the police are treated these days, it makes me very angry and sad. Keep up the good work—all of us appreciate it!"

"Dear Police: Thank you for the excellent job you are doing in our town of Elmhurst. Thank you for the security of knowing when we call, someone will answer and be sent to our aid. As a senior citizen, this means so much! You serve and you protect."

"With a grateful heart, I thank you for your help and kindness when my home was burglarized. We are fortunate to have such a great police department in Elmhurst!"

"We love our Elmhurst Police! I always appreciated having one of you arrive with the EMTs when my husband was ill. Thank you for your dedication to service. We are grateful for all you do."

"My family and I are so thankful and grateful for all that you do! Thank you so much. We realize during this time you are working harder than ever before and know that we appreciate you."





Letters from other Agencies

Dets. Beltran, Torza and Kucera—For investigation assistance: *After a theft from a landscape trailer where the offender struck the victim with a chainsaw, Det. Beltran immediately contacted our detectives reporting similar cases and ongoing surveillance on several vehicles. A suspect and accomplices were identified and were ultimately taken into custody, which would not have been possible without the cooperation of your agency and the sharing of intelligence and resources. I would especially like to thank these Elmhurst detectives for their assistance. This was an excellent example of outstanding teamwork and professional conduct.*

Karl Walldorf, Lake Forest Police Chief

Sgt. Cuzzone—For his crisis negotiation assistance with an armed subject: *Sgt. Cuzzone from your agency responded to our call. Respect of your peers is one of the most difficult things to achieve in this profession, and I applaud his efforts to attain it. His dedication to duty is clearly a reflection of his commitment to our profession.*

Daniel Schulze, Bensenville Police Chief

Crime Analyst Schmidt—For assistance with an Aggravated Robbery investigation: *I am writing with sincere appreciation for the diligent work of Analyst Schmidt. After an offending vehicle description and plate number returned with No Record on File, your analyst was able to find that the registration had been recorded by a license plate reader near a Bolingbrook hotel. The lead was successful, and we were able to take the offender into custody less than 24 hours from the crime being committed.*

John Severson, Morris Police Chief

Dets. Lafin and Torza—For investigation assistance: *I would like to thank these officers for assisting the Addison Detectives, along with members from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms, on a 5-month gang investigation, resulting in 10 suspects being taken into custody. At the conclusion of the investigation, nine firearms and thousands of dollars in controlled substances were confiscated and taken off the streets. This is a fine example of law enforcement working together to take dangerous street gang members off the streets.*

Timothy Hayden, Addison Police Chief

Sgt. Mandat—For set-up and manning of the Elmhurst Mobile Incident Command (MIC) Unit at the COVID-19 Northlake Test Site operation: *Sgt. Mandat—and Elmhurst Fire Dept Battalion Chief Dick Dufort—offered leadership and experience during this crisis worth more than 100 times the MIC costs. On behalf of my entire department and every person tested, thank you for supplying both the men and the MIC!*

Norman Nissen, Jr., Northlake Police Chief



Additional thanks to Department members from outside agencies:

- **Dets. Torza, Kucera and Lafin** for their assistance through the DuPage County Metropolitan Emergency Response and Investigations Team (M.E.R.I.T.) to the Hanover Park Police with a homicide investigation
- **Ofc. Scislowicz** for his assistance as a NIPAS Emergency Service Team member with crisis incidents in Arlington Heights, Berwyn, Crystal Lake, Schaumburg, and Winnetka.
- **Ofc. Marino** for his assistance as a NIPAS Mobile Field Force member with activations in Park Ridge and Vernon Hills.
- **Ofcs. Cappitelli, Wierzgac, Lazic, Kukla, Pacewic, and Gryczewski** for assistance with protests in Villa Park and Northlake.

Dear Chief Ruth: *On behalf of the Niles Police Department, I would like to express my most heartfelt thanks and appreciation to your agency for being there for us during an exceptionally difficult time. The recent death of our officers left us feeling immobilized with grief. In our profession this is something that happens, and we know that we can count on our brothers and sisters in law enforcement. Your support and thoughtfulness through these challenging times gave us the much-needed strength to forge ahead and continue to proudly serve and protect the Niles community. Please convey our thanks to your personnel for their assistance and professionalism during a very difficult and stressful time for our department.*

Luis C. Tigera, Niles Police Chief





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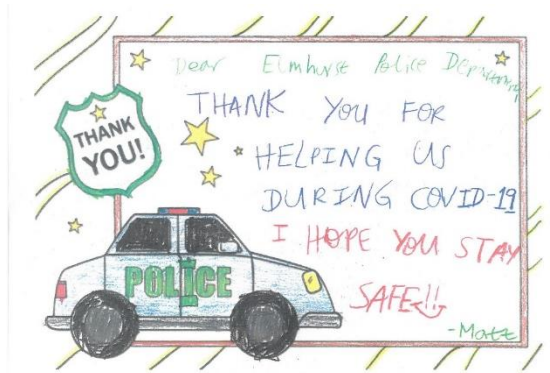
I've seen the glossy calendars
Of firefighters holding kittens
Those shirtless guys cooking chili
On outdoor grills in oven mittens

And I'll admit sometimes I drool
Then say out loud, "What a hunk!"
Until I break a high heeled shoe
And lock my keys inside the trunk!

That's when I want the Boys In Blue
The ones who smile and simply nod
Then call a lock doc to be kind
Although I look a little odd

Despite the pressures that they face
And now there's a pandemic too!!!
No better group found ANYWHERE
Than guys (and girls) dressed in blue!!!

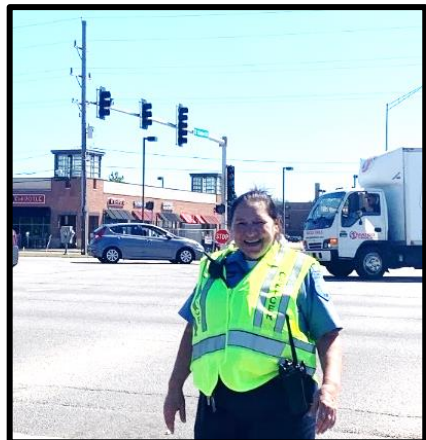
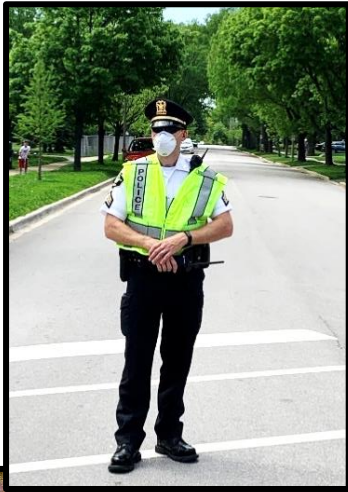
WE ARE SO FORTUNATE TO HAVE HEROES LIKE YOU!!!





Looking back . . .









In Memoriam



Harry F. Magers

***City of Elmhurst Marshal
1919 - 1920***

The Elmhurst Police Department remembers the sacrifice of Harry Magers, WWI veteran and first City Police Chief, who died in the line of duty on November 2, 1920. Gone but not forgotten.