

Wood Dale  
Police Department  
Annual Report  
2015



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*City Council Members*

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# DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

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On behalf of all of the members of the Wood Dale Police Department, I am pleased to present to you our 2015 Annual Report. We would like to thank you for your interest in our department, and taking the time to review our accomplishments and activities from 2015.

Behind the scenes and often without fanfare or recognition, our employees perform countless acts of heroism, professionalism, volunteerism, and sacrifice to deliver the services that the public not only expects, but deserves. I am honored and humbled to be a part of such a fine group of people who are committed to the Wood Dale community.

While it is impossible to highlight every event or program that we participated in throughout the year, we are confident that this report gives a comprehensive review of our commitment to providing the highest level of professional service to our residents, businesses and visitors that they have come to expect from the Wood Dale Police Department.

During 2015, violent crime continued to decline, although we did experience a slight uptick in our theft cases. This is largely in part to increased cargo theft from the industrial park. We have been working as part of a multi-jurisdictional group to address these instances that are occurring throughout the entire suburban area. With thousands of trucks and trailers entering and leaving our industrial park on a regular basis, detection of these types of thefts as they are occurring is quite problematic. We continue to work with businesses to address these issues.

With regards to our community involvement, we take pride in the continued strong relationships that we have established with our residents and businesses. This is not a new initiative, and is at the root of our policing philosophy. We believe in fulfilling our mission *with* the community, not imposing our actions *on* the community. We can only do this in partnership with others. This has been our goal for decades, and we are thankful for the ongoing support we receive from the community.

An example of our sustained and increased community involvement includes another successful Citizen's Police Academy, expansion of our Coffee With a Cop program, growth in our Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (SALT) program, and the addition of a bike patrol program. Our new bike patrol program has resulted in hundreds of additional contacts with our residents that has only strengthened our relationship with the community.

During 2016, we will look to make our existing partnerships stronger, seek new ways to connect with our community, and continue to operate with the highest of standards. In fact, we are looking forward to our 6<sup>th</sup> Accreditation review from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) in April, and their independent opinion about the professionalism throughout our department.

We submit this report with a great sense of pride in our accomplishments, and with a renewed sense of commitment to improve even further upon our performance in 2016.

Respectfully,

*Greg Vesta*

Chief of Police



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**WOOD DALE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
COMPARISON - ANNUAL STATISTICS 2006 THROUGH 2015**

|                            | 2006   | 2007   | 2008   | 2009   | 2010   | 2011   | 2012   | 2013   | 2014   | 2015   |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| <b># Of Sworn Officers</b> | 33     | 33     | 33     | 33     | 34     | 32     | 35     | 35     | 33     | 34     |
| <b>Incidents</b>           |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Calls for Service          | 19,456 | 19,149 | 18,504 | 17,809 | 17,527 | 17,513 | 18,379 | 19,122 | 18,903 | 18,701 |
| Accidents                  | 522    | 552    | 502    | 382    | 383    | 371    | 370    | 318    | 412    | 408    |
| Assault                    | 15     | 10     | 1      | 4      | 4      | 2      | 7      | 3      | 4      | 3      |
| Auto Theft                 | 14     | 9      | 11     | 10     | 14     | 8      | 8      | 7      | 9      | 6      |
| Battery                    | 125    | 116    | 77     | 79     | 69     | 83     | 73     | 81     | 69     | 74     |
| Burglary                   | 34     | 20     | 36     | 24     | 21     | 40     | 45     | 30     | 22     | 23     |
| Burglary to Auto           | 61     | 45     | 60     | 64     | 65     | 59     | 55     | 48     | 34     | 35     |
| Criminal Damage            | 221    | 159    | 134    | 125    | 97     | 98     | 89     | 66     | 66     | 76     |
| DUI Arrests                | 139    | 187    | 171    | 192    | 198    | 149    | 172    | 173    | 150    | 111    |
| Felony Arrests             | 146    | 90     | 100    | 82     | 79     | 62     | 67     | 104    | 80     | 86     |
| Misdem Arrests             | 1,075  | 1,118  | 950    | 1,111  | 933    | 879    | 833    | 851    | 673    | 522    |
| Murder                     | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      |
| Parking Tickets            | 3,052  | 2,288  | 1,661  | 1,373  | 2,623  | 1,720  | 1,790  | 2,210  | 2,157  | 1,750  |
| Rape/Sex Offense           | 2      | 0      | 0      | 3      | 0      | 1      | 0      | 1      | 1      | 0      |
| Robbery                    | 1      | 1      | 4      | 1      | 2      | 2      | 0      | 4      | 7      | 3      |
| Theft                      | 184    | 204    | 150    | 104    | 105    | 110    | 114    | 115    | 85     | 107    |
| Traffic Tickets            | 8,092  | 7,049  | 8,561  | 8,500  | 7,975  | 7,927  | 8,294  | 7,882  | 7,757  | 6,712  |
| Warning Tickets            | 2,037  | 2,348  | 2,447  | 3,053  | 2,880  | 3,114  | 4,122  | 5,847  | 5,079  | 4,762  |

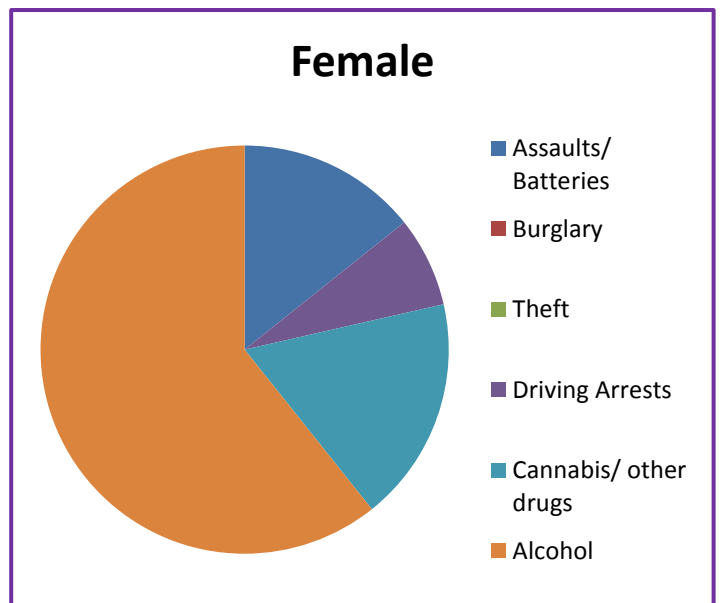
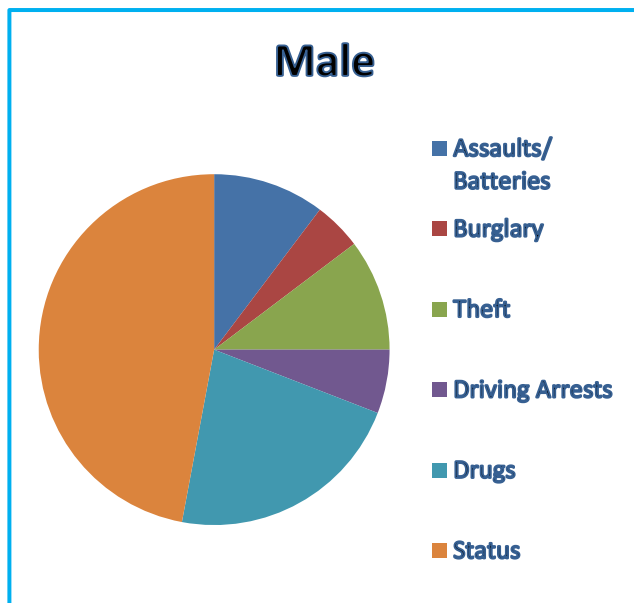
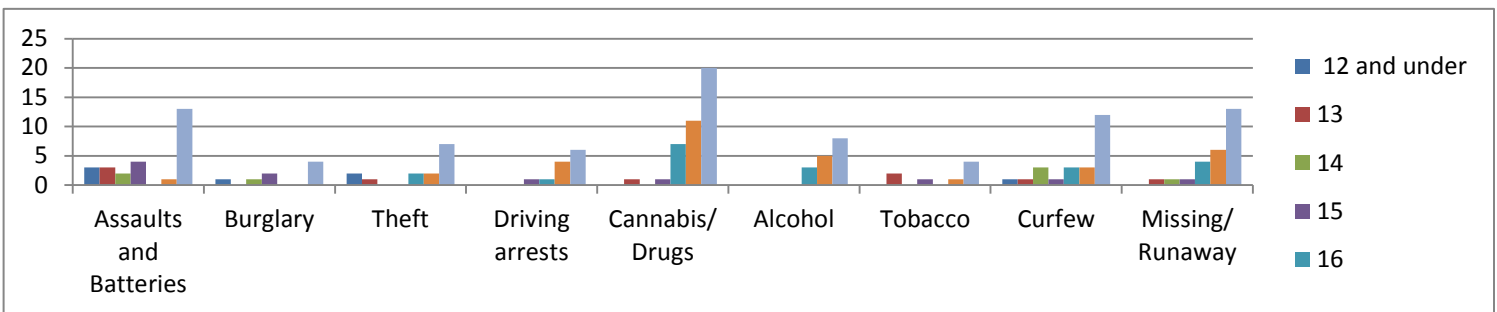
### CALLS FOR SERVICE - CRIME STATISTICS 2015

|                               | Wood Dale   | Addison | Bensenville | Elk Grove    | Elmhurst     | Itasca      | Roselle     |  |  |
|-------------------------------|-------------|---------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|--|--|
| Police Budget Total           | 5.4 Million | -       | 6.4 Million | 19.2 Million | 16.9 Million | 6.2 Million | 6.6 Million |  |  |
| Population                    | 13,945      | 36,942  | 18,600      | 34,800       | 44,121       | 8,649       | 22,763      |  |  |
| Officers                      | 34          | 67      | 33          | 90           | 67           | 23          | 32          |  |  |
| Residents/Officer             | 410         | 551     | 564         | 387          | 659          | 376         | 711         |  |  |
| Officer/Per 1,000 pop.        | 2.44        | 1.81    | 1.8         | 2.59         | 1.52         | 2.67        | 1.4         |  |  |
| Calls for Service             | 18,701      | 25,162  | 13,555      | 14,707       | 46,948       | 9,103       | 22,446      |  |  |
| Cities Square Mileage         | 4.7         | 9.2     | 5.6         | 10.9         | 10.31        | 5.07        | 5.4         |  |  |
| Miles of Road                 | 71          | 96      | 56          | 136          | 169          | 39.5        | 48.4        |  |  |
| *****                         |             |         |             |              |              |             |             |  |  |
| Calls for Service/Per Officer | 550         | 375     | 410         | 163          | 701          | 396         | 701         |  |  |
| Accidents                     | 408         | 1,398   | 420         | 1,711        | 1,800        | 531         | 643         |  |  |
| Assaults                      | 3           | 41      | 4           | 12           | 6            | 1           | 9           |  |  |
| Auto Thefts                   | 6           | 29      | 10          | 42           | 10           | 3           | 6           |  |  |
| Battery                       | 74          | 445     | 60          | 168          | 130          | 9           | 52          |  |  |
| Burglary                      | 23          | 92      | 20          | 42           | 64           | 10          | 19          |  |  |
| Burglary Auto                 | 35          | 144     | 28          | 132          | 81           | 23          | 26          |  |  |
| Criminal Damage               | 76          | 236     | 41          | 187          | 79           | 52          | 110         |  |  |
| DUI                           | 111         | 86      | 55          | 49           | 198          | 59          | 58          |  |  |
| Murder                        | 0           | 1       | 0           | 1            | 0            | 0           | 0           |  |  |
| Parking Tickets               | 1,750       | 9,062   | 2,335       | 3,381        | 14,383       | 1,405       | 4,048       |  |  |
| Sex Offenses                  | 0           | 24      | 7           | 32           | 4            | 2           | 7           |  |  |
| Robbery                       | 3           | 19      | 4           | 8            | 4            | 0           | 7           |  |  |
| Thefts                        | 107         | 605     | 151         | 280          | 330          | 72          | 132         |  |  |
| Traffic Tickets               | 6,712       | 4,876   | 2,240       | 9,232        | 9,011        | 2,221       | 3,911       |  |  |
| Warning Tickets               | 4,762       | 3280    | -           | 7,618        | 6,508        | 1,061       | 2067        |  |  |
| Total Traffic Stops           | 11,474      | 6,345   | -           | 18,105       | 12,696       | 2,344       | 4,851       |  |  |

## Juvenile Cases

In 2015, the Wood Dale Police Department had 104 juvenile offenses where one or more juveniles were positively dispositioned or identified. Under the Illinois Compiled Statutes, most offenses that are committed by subjects ages 17 and under are covered under the Illinois Juvenile Court Act. Dispositions can range from release to a parent, verbal or written warnings, local or state citations, stationary adjustments, preliminary conference settings with DuPage County Juvenile Probation and direct file to the court. Many times, depending on the crime and the infrequency of contacts, the initial officer may decide to release the juvenile to the parents. Offenses requiring DuPage Juvenile Court follow up have Illinois certified juvenile officers assigned. Under the Juvenile Court Act, these officers have been assigned by the Chief of Police and have completed additional juvenile officer training as prescribed by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board. Youth officers continually receive additional training on the updated statutes and trends.

These statistics do not include those committed at Fenton High School or those where not enough evidence supported a probable cause arrest. These also include offenses, where if committed by an adult, would not be criminal. Drug offenses may also not have resulted in juvenile disposition if the youth resulted in medical care for an emergency as a result of its ingestion. Status offenses and medical needs for drug ingestion are included as studies show their correlation with other crimes.



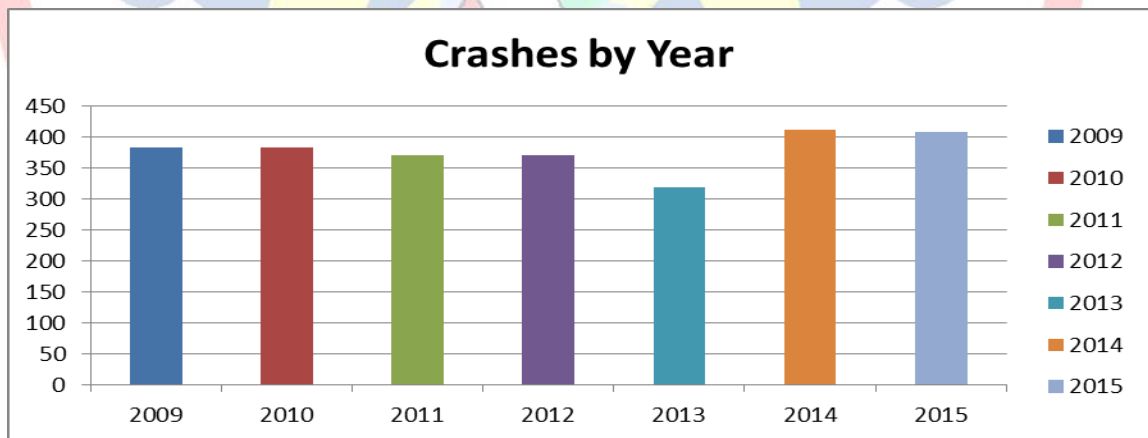


## Traffic Crash and Special Enforcement Analysis 2015

During 2015, there were 408 total traffic crashes, a decrease of four (.09%) from 412 in 2014. There were 318 in 2013, 370 in 2012, 371 in 2011 and 383 in 2010.

Sixty-two of the accidents, or 15.2% of them, involved some level of personal injury to one of the drivers or passengers. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the average for accidents that involve injuries is 30%. There were no fatal injury crashes in 2015.

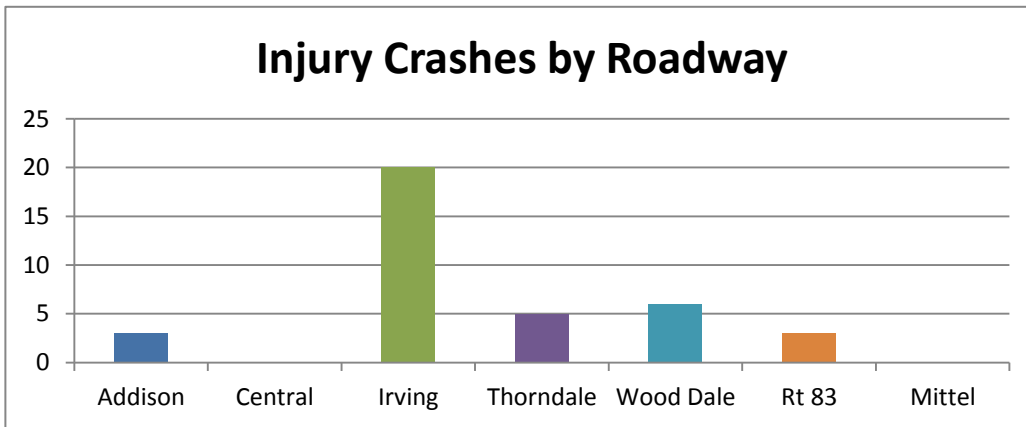
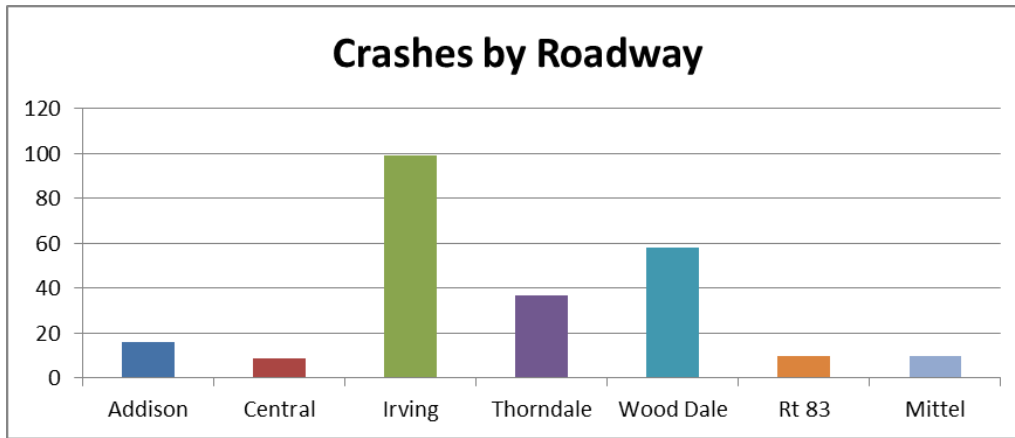
Fourteen (3.4%) of the 408 crashes involved driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Four of the fourteen had a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.16% or greater (twice the legal limit), one had a BAC of 0.24% or greater (three times the legal limit) and two had a BAC of .32% or greater (four times the legal limit). Four of the fourteen refused a breath test.



Fifty-eight (14.2%) of the crashes involved Hit and Run crashes and four of those (6.8%) involved some type of injury to the driver or passenger.

The highest concentrations of accidents occurred in the areas along Irving Park Road, Wood Dale Road, Thorndale, Addison Road, Central, Mittel and Rt. 83, accounting for about 54% of the accidents, with the remaining 46% occurring around other intersections and roadways. This should not be surprising as they are Wood Dale's seven most heavily traveled areas of town. Many of the accidents are due to improper backing occurring mostly in our shopping centers and industrial park.

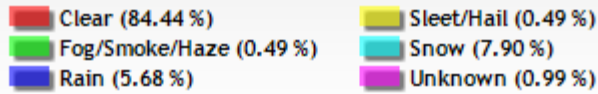
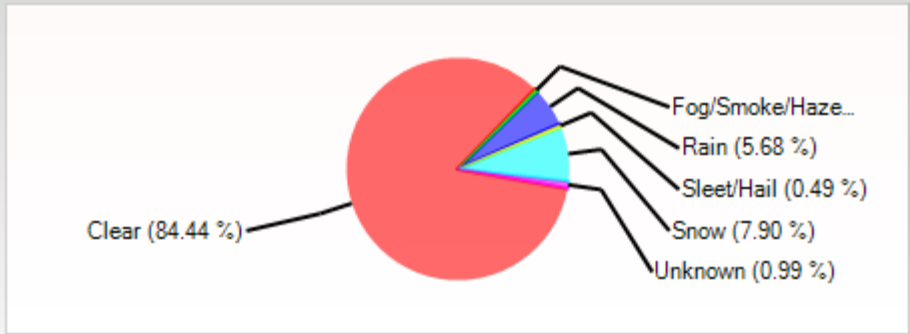




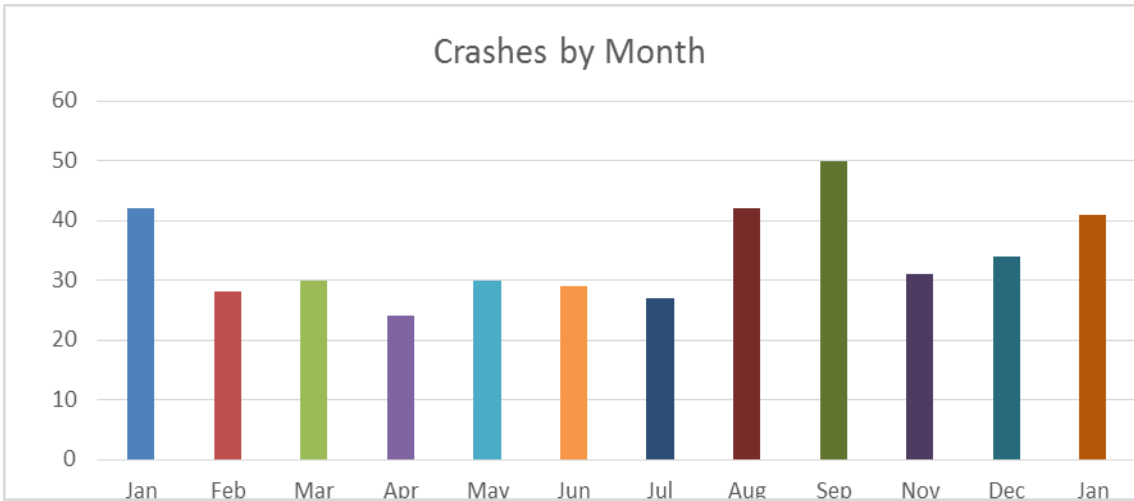
While some reporting guidelines have changed at the State level affecting the total number of reported accidents, the various initiatives that are implemented during the year have no doubt assisted in reducing the number of accidents in past years. However the winter of 2014 brought numerous additional snow days with it, having a total of 82". The previous winters of 2013 had 30", 2012 had 19", 2011 had 57" and 2010 had 54". Upon analyzing the amount of snow in previous years relative to crashes from previous years, there is a clear increase in crashes in years with the higher snow accumulation. This no doubt played a vital role in the increase of crashes for 2014.

In 2015, crashes were reduced over all by about 1%, however, Irving Park Road saw an increase in traffic crashes from 71 in 2014 to 99 in 2015 and Wood Dale Road had 50 in 2014 with an increase to 58 in 2015. In examining the accidents along these corridors, these occurred in construction zones, but an analysis of the individual reports did not show that the reason for the increase was due to the construction. Most of the increases were for rear end type incidents, as opposed to obstructed views or other construction related reasons. Crashes along Addison decreased to 16 in 2015 from 20 in 2014, Central to 9 in 2015 from 16 in 2014 and Thorndale to 37 in 2015 from 42 in 2014.

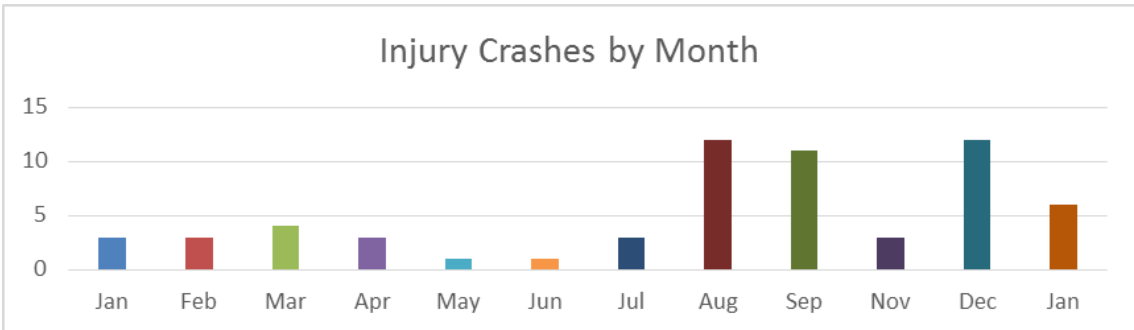
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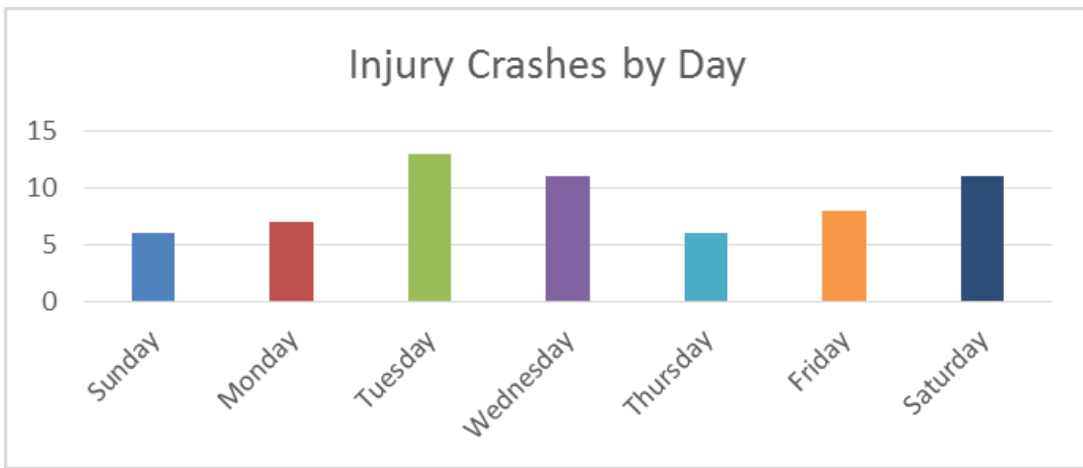
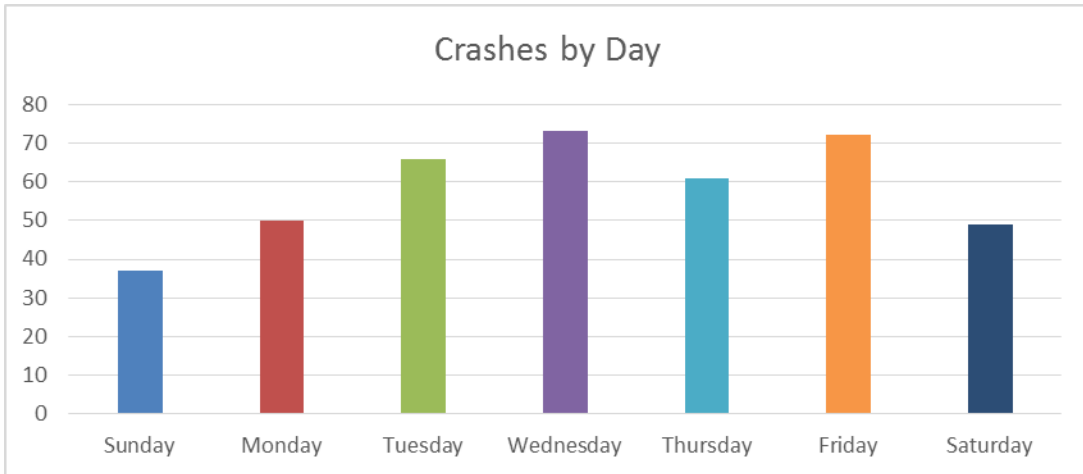


## Crashes by Month



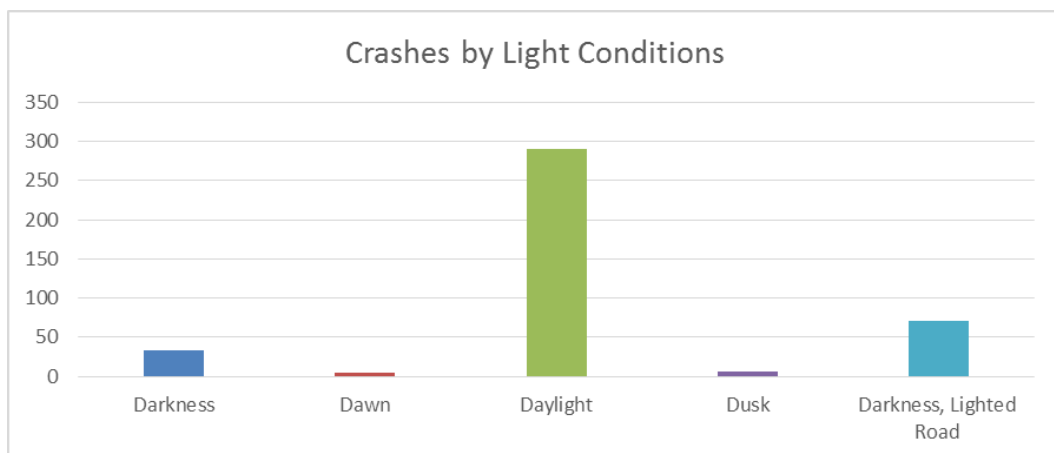
## Injury Crashes by Month

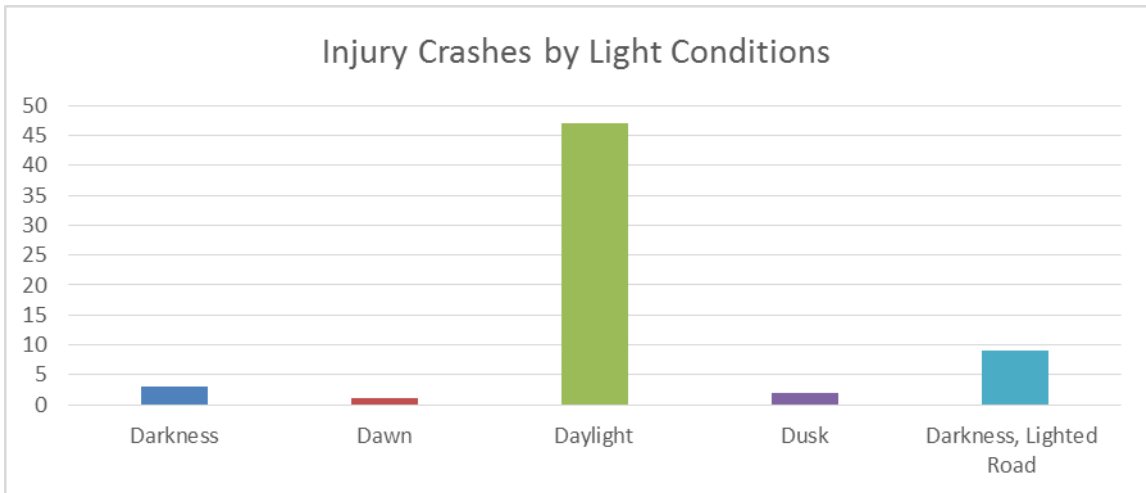




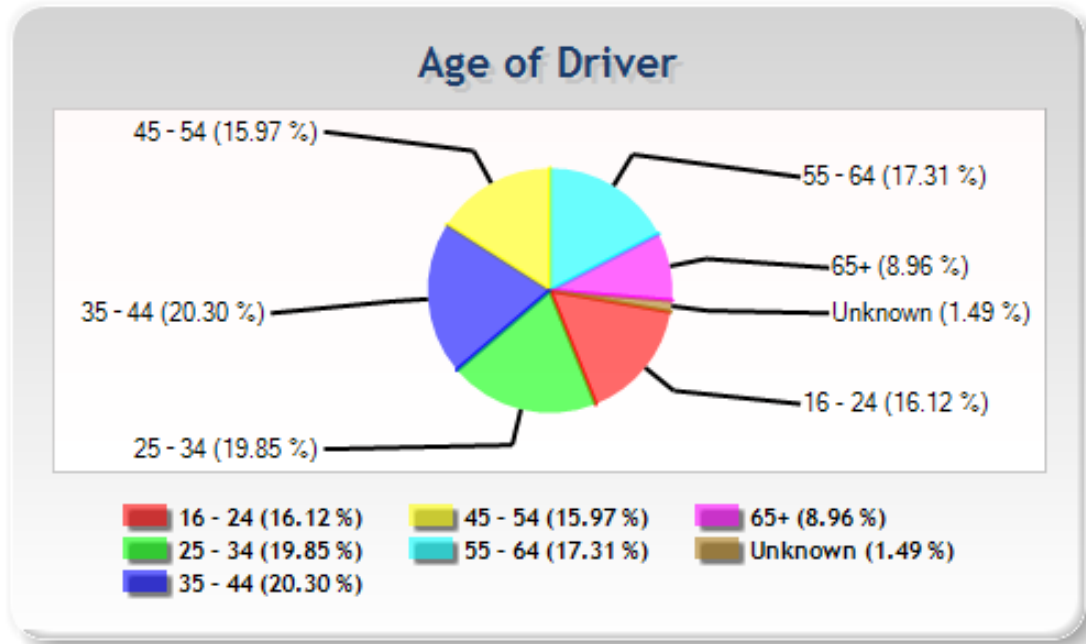
Some of our traffic enforcement initiatives include over 500 special traffic enforcement details. These details monitor school zones, median violations, stop sign violations, neighborhood speeding violations, directed traffic control, or any other traffic enforcement related to either a citizen complaint or traffic detail assigned in an effort to reduce traffic accidents or violations in a specific area of Wood Dale where there is a higher ratio of crashes.

In addition to these special details, Officers are at times assigned to saturate reported problem areas, such as school zones, in multi-squad enforcement patrols. This means assigning several units to the area to have a highly visible law enforcement presence to deter violators or change their poor driving habits.





In addition, the various grant-funded special enforcement details outlined in this WDPD annual report have had a positive effect on the accident rate in Wood Dale. Over \$37,000 worth of grant funding accounted for dozens of traffic arrests, hundreds of citations, and *hopefully* a change in driver behavior that will reduce the accident and/or injury rate. The additional police presence of officers in marked squads paid for by outside grants from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), Division of Traffic Safety, is a great benefit to the City of Wood Dale that does not cost its citizens financially.



*Prepared by: Sgt. Paul Wyse*

## 2015 YEAR END TRAFFIC GRANT REPORT

The department has again been awarded grant money for enforcing a number of traffic infractions that have been identified by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and the federal government as being most critical to the safety of drivers, passengers, and the public in general.

After many years of successful grant campaigns, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) again received an increase in the grant funding amount. IDOT approved the request based on our continued improvement in arrests and ticketing along with our commitment to traffic safety. We conduct regular meetings with our liaison from IDOT, and all of the 2015 grant visits resulted in reports that Wood Dale was exceeding the minimum standards and that our paperwork and documentation was in excellent order.

With the current budget impasse in Springfield, we have not received the federal dollars for our enforcement at this time, but the monies have already been distributed to Springfield, and Wood Dale will be reimbursed once the state establishes a formal budget.

### **STEP Grant**

The Wood Dale Police Department was awarded the STEP Grant, which is administered through IDOT Division of Traffic Safety. The STEP Grant was for **\$37,680.00** awarded in 2014 and was expended from October 1, 2014 – Sept. 30, 2015. This Grant is a two-part grant utilized to hire back off-duty police officers to enforce DUI Laws by targeting impaired drivers and enforce Occupant Restraint laws through Seat Belt Enforcement Zones (SBEZ).

### **The 2015 STEP Grant resulted in the following:**

|     |   |
|-----|---|
| 891 | Vehicles stopped  |
| 28  | Driving Under the Influence Arrests (2 which were Felony) |
| 375 | Seat Belt Restraint Citations                             |
| 23  | Child Restraint Citations                                 |
| 87  | Speeding Citations  |
| 9   | Driving While License Suspended/Revoked/No Valid DL       |
| 9   | Drug or Alcohol Related Arrests                           |
| 113 | Other Citations   |
| 42  | No Insurance Citations                                    |
| 5   | Warrant Arrests   |
| 41  | Tows  |





## Traffic Stop Analysis - 2015

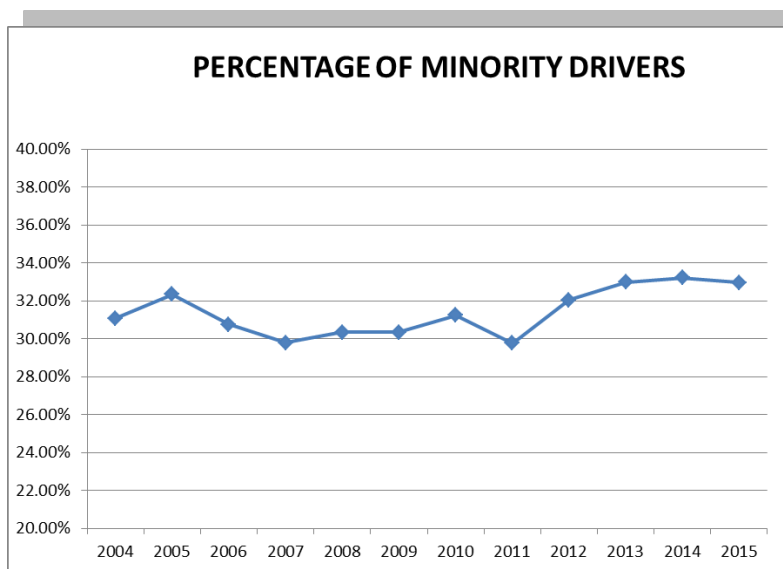
In 2003, the Illinois General Assembly passed a public act that required police departments to collect data on every traffic stop. The law established a four year statewide study of traffic stops to collect data to identify racial bias. The study began on January 1st, 2004 and was originally scheduled to end December 31, 2007. However, Public Act 96-0658 has extended the Illinois Traffic Stop Study. All Illinois law enforcement agencies must continue to collect and submit traffic stop data until July 1, 2015. This has again been extended to 2019.

The Wood Dale Police Department has collected this data every year for the thousands of traffic stops that are completed. Officers complete data entry forms for each traffic stop they conduct, the communications center enters the data into a program, and the data is transmitted by the administration to the Illinois Department of Transportation.



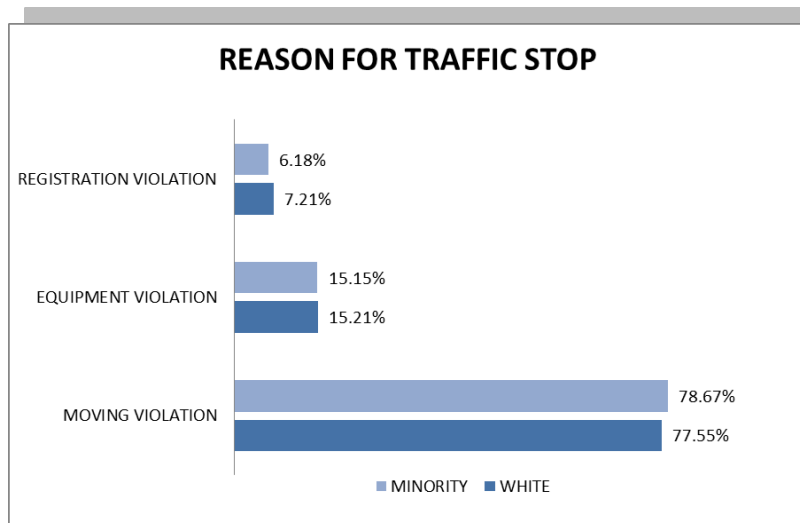
Northwestern University was selected by the Illinois Department of Transportation to analyze the traffic stop results for every town in Illinois. Due to the complexity of the study, Northwestern did not conduct an individual analysis of each town's driving population, but rather followed census numbers to determine the racial makeup of a town's driving population.

During 2006, Wood Dale presented a lengthy argument backed up with valid statistical information to the analyst at Northwestern University requesting a modification to our benchmark. The benchmark is the percentage of driving population that is considered to be minorities driving through town. Our rationale was seen as valid, and in February 2006, Northwestern advised the department that they would be adjusting our benchmark. Although a request was made to raise the benchmark to 32% minority



driving population, Northwestern determined that the benchmark should be 28.74% based on the minority population of the 4 towns surrounding Wood Dale. The department firmly believes that our minority population is in somewhere near 32%. The department is going to be seeking another review by Northwestern University to our benchmark in 2016.

Northwestern uses their benchmark in comparison to the actual percentage of minority drivers that are stopped by our officers. For 2015, the actual percentage of minority drivers stopped by Wood Dale officers was 32.95%. Putting this into comparison with the 28.74% benchmark that Northwestern uses, and our ratio is 1.14. This number is consistent with the percentage of minority drivers stopped over the previous years (33.22%, 32.98%, 32.03%, 29.76%, 31.23%, 30.33%, 30.34%, 29.80%, 30.75%, 32.34% and 31.07%).



There are two other areas that Northwestern will be analyzing. These are the reason for stop and the result of the stop. This examines if minorities are being pulled over for the same infractions as Caucasians. Moving violations for Caucasians was the reason 77.55% of the time, and 78.67% for minorities. Equipment violations for Caucasians was the reason

15.21% of the time, and 15.15% for minorities. Registration violations for Caucasians was the reason 7.21% of the time, and 6.18% for minorities. These numbers are very close and show consistency among all members of the department for stopping any particular vehicle.

The final analysis on the result of the stop is one of the most important parts of this study. One can argue that at night, driving behind a vehicle, or passing in an opposite direction at 35 or 45 mph, an officer would many times have difficulty identifying the race of the driver. Regardless of whether the officer knew the race prior to the stop, there is no argument that once the officer has approached the driver, he or she certainly would have an indication of what the race of the driver was. Once stopped for a traffic violation, Caucasians received citations 51.34% of the time, while minorities received citations 57.57% percent of the time. The analysis of these numbers show that once officers have approached the driver, learned the race of the driver, had a conversation and decided whether to issue a citation, Caucasians and minorities are being cited or warned at a statistically consistent rate.

The department reviews statistics for each officer to ensure that there are no trends that would indicate bias based policing. Based upon these reviews, there are no areas of concern that have been identified. Although there has not been any biases identified, the department continues ongoing training about racial profiling and bias based policing.

In summary, the Wood Dale Police Department is confident that the actual traffic stops of minorities are very comparable to the minority driving population.

**B.A.S.S.E.T.  
TRAINING  
PROGRAM**



BASSET certification, "Beverage Alcohol Sellers and Servers Education and Training" was created by the State of Illinois to teach sellers and servers of alcoholic beverages the importance of serving alcohol responsibly. The City of Wood Dale, in conjunction with state law, requires individuals serving alcohol within the city limits to complete a certified BASSET class every three years.

Officers John Pohl and Matt Nelson held two alcohol server training classes at the Wood Dale Police Department during 2015.

**August 8, 2015:**

Four individuals participated in the BASSET server class on that date. The following establishments were represented:

- JB's Inn
- Wood Dale Discount Liquors

**October 17, 2015:**

Nine individuals participated in the BASSETT server class held on that date. The following establishments were represented:

- VFW
- Courtyard by Marriott
- Wood Dale Discount Liquors
- JB's Inn

**July 27, 2015 and July 28, 2015:**

Twenty-seven individuals involved in serving or selling alcohol at the summer Prairie Fest attended an abbreviated BASSET class prior to the fest. This class was a refresher class focused on ID checking and preventing over serving.



## Graffiti/Tagging

The Wood Dale Police Department responded to, and investigated 12 incidents of Criminal Defacement for graffiti and/or tagging in 2015. This compares to 13 incidents in 2012, 10 incidents in 2013, and 11 in 2014. Wood Dale's 12 tagging incidents are the lowest in DuPage County.

Of the 12 incidents:

- ✓ 5 were in residential areas
- ✓ 1 was in/on church
- ✓ 3 were at train/RTA station
- ✓ 2 were on businesses or in the industrial park
- ✓ 1 was in public park

Only 25% of the incidents were street gang related, and none of the cases resulted in arrests

Graffiti should not be tolerated in ANY community. It frequently, if left intact, leads to the degradation of a neighborhood and the devaluation of property. Studies have shown in many cases that if graffiti is left unchecked and not removed, additional graffiti will follow. The removal of graffiti is extremely costly, and some cities have developed graffiti removal programs or ordinances to aid in the speedy removal to reclaim and re-beautify the neighborhood or community.

**Sec. 14.521** of the Wood Dale Municipal Code restricts sales and possession of spray paint and wide tip markers to persons under 18 years of age. Minors caught in violation could face a fine up to \$500.00. Section PM-302 of the Wood Dale Code gives building owners 15 days to remove graffiti or face a similar fine.

**NOTE:** Not all graffiti is gang related. Individuals known as "**taggers**" paint graffiti on buildings, fences, signs, highways, overpasses, and even trucks and railway cars. Many of these individuals enjoy a reputation for creativity and will frequently sign their "tagger" name.

## **Who are these “Taggers”?**

Taggers come from every race and socio-economic background. Although most taggers are males, there are also female taggers. Some indicators that a child may be a tagger are:

- ✓ Child is in the age group statistically associated with tagging, ages 12-18.
- ✓ Child has tagging written on their clothing such as their shoes or inside their baseball cap, schoolbooks, notebooks, backpacks, CD covers, and on their bedroom furniture or walls.
- ✓ Child frequently wears baggy pants or carries a large backpack. These are used to carry cans of spray-paint, various colors and types of magic markers, etching tools, slap tags and cameras to take photos of their tagging. The clothes and backpack may be paint stained.
- ✓ Child has large quantities of magic markers in various colors, types and sizes, spray-paint cans, shoe polish containers, or dot markers used to mark bingo cards.
- ✓ Child has or carries tools used for etching glass or mirror surfaces such as spark plug porcelain, drill bits, screwdrivers with a sharpened tip, small rocks, or any other type of sharp instrument.
- ✓ Child has large quantities of “Hello My Name Is” stickers, priority mail stickers, or number or letter stickers. These stickers may have drawings or a tagging moniker written on them. These stickers are used to “slap tag.” They are slapped upon a surface and are difficult to remove and generally leave a residue.
- ✓ Child has the same moniker or set of letters written repeatedly on the above-described material. This may be your child’s tagging moniker and tagging crew’s initials.
- ✓ Child is frequently deceitful about their activities and cannot adequately explain why they possess the above described items.
- ✓ Child stays out late at night or has taken to sneaking out of the house.
- ✓ Child frequently has paint or marker residue on their fingertips.
- ✓ Child has or carries a black artist notebook that contains tagging or drawings. These books are called “bibles” or “piece books.”
- ✓ Child frequently visits tagging websites on the computer, owns tagging magazines, or has photographs of tagging in their bedroom.
- ✓ Child has the same tagging on their schoolbooks, clothing or in their bedroom that you see in your neighborhood or surrounding area. Taggers generally tag in or near their own neighborhoods.
- ✓ Child associates with other people who exhibit these same traits. These other people may be members of your child’s “tagging crew.”



## INVESTIGATIONS SUMMARY OF CASES FOR 2015



The Investigations Division is primarily charged with the responsibility of investigating all criminal incidents reported to the Police Department. The unit consists of one Deputy Chief, five Detectives and one Patrol Officer. One of the five Detectives is assigned to the DuPage County Metropolitan Enforcement Group (DuMEG) and another is a Patrol Officer who provides plain clothes enforcement services as a School Liaison Officer assigned to Fenton High School.

On a daily basis, the Deputy Chief reviews all criminal incidents reported to the Police Department. Utilizing a crime analysis report, the reports are screened for solvability factors in order to determine if they merit assignment to an investigator for follow-up. Not all cases reported to the Police Department are actually assigned to an investigator. Examples might include minor thefts or acts of vandalism for which there are no witnesses or suspects. Additionally, if the victim does not wish to prosecute, the case may not be investigated. Following assignment to an investigator, cases are actually worked based upon the seriousness of the offense. Typically, crimes committed against persons receive the highest priority.

The Investigations Division also makes a significant contribution to the prevention of crime. This is done by analyzing crime data, gathering intelligence information and discerning patterns of criminal activity. When data and patterns of criminal activity yield enough information, the Investigations Division may conduct surveillances, execute search warrants, conduct sting operations or initiate a task force to address ongoing criminal activity.

In addition to the daily task of investigating criminal activity, the Investigations Division performs a variety of other tasks throughout the year to assist the Police Department and help the City of Wood Dale maintain a high quality of services to residents, business owners and visitors. These activities include background investigations of police officer applicants, registration and tracking of convicted sex offenders, alcohol and tobacco compliance checks and coordination of a peer jury system for juveniles.

Members of the Investigations Division also take part in several task forces and special assignments, including:

- ★ Major Crimes Task Force
- ★ Internet Child Exploitation Task Force
- ★ Sexual Predator Enforcement and Apprehension Countywide Unit
- ★ West Suburban Detectives Association
- ★ Felony Investigative Assistance Team (FIAT)
- ★ DuPage Juvenile Officers Association
- ★ DuPage County Accident Reconstruction Team (DUCART)
- ★ Major Crimes Accident Reconstruction Team (MCART)
- ★ Arson Task Force

During 2015, the Investigations Division investigated 289 cases. 247 of those cases were classified as closed through arrests, charges brought by another agency, victims refusing to prosecute, or identifying the offender but not having enough evidence to obtain criminal charges giving a closure rate of 85.5%. 42 of the cases are currently classified as pending further investigation, and will be closed unless further information or evidence develops to lead to criminal charges. Listed below is a summary of cases handled during 2015:

Detectives assisted the patrol division with two missing person reports. The first was a missing suicidal subject. Investigations started the process of getting a pen register on the subject's phone. Subject was located a short time later. The second was a missing juvenile who had an argument with his parents and left the house in the cold weather only wearing socks. The juvenile was located 45 minutes later and was checked out by paramedics for hypothermia.

Victim reported while getting coffee at a gas station, she put her silver LG Optimus F3 cellular phone down on the counter and walked away to get condiments for her coffee. The victim stated when she returned approximately five minutes later her cell phone was gone. Surveillance video revealed an unknown M/H or M/W approximately 30 years of age, heavy set approximately 5'08" picked up the cellular phone, paid for his merchandise, and left the store. Upon speaking with store employees, the subject was unknown to any of them and no video footage could be found of the subject leaving the store (no vehicle information or direction of travel could be located).

Over several months there had been a rash of catalytic converter thefts. In one incident the suspect is seen exiting a Pontiac Grand Prix, getting a reciprocating saw out of the trunk, then crawling under a van and within 40 seconds is seen putting the converter in the trunk of the car.

Wood Dale officers were dispatched to a restaurant for an attempted robbery. Upon arrival, officers learned the offender was in the establishment for a few minutes before walking up to the cashier to place an order. The offender hands the cashier money. The cashier opens the register and the offender attempts to reach inside the register. The cashier quickly swipes his hand away and shuts the register drawer. A co-worker immediately gets a phone and calls 911. The offender is then seen on the camera running W/B from the scene. The offender was described as M/W, approximately 20 YOA, wearing a gray jacket, blue jeans and a balaclava covering his head and lower half of his face.

Complainant reported her mother missing. The mother has been homeless for several years and lives out of her vehicle. After further investigation, it was learned the female subject had passed away at Elmhurst Hospital.

Residents in the 300 block of Maple Ave, report their residence had been burglarized and immediately suspected a local male as the offender. Two guns, multiple laptops and jewelry had been stolen. The same date as the burglary, a Chicago pawn shop had been questioned about an earlier transaction by possible offenders. The pawn shop contacted Wood Dale investigations informing of suspects selling a laptop and distinctive jewelry bearing the name "Hellen", the name of the victim. The two suspects

in this case were also suspect in two other residential burglaries and were eventually charged with multiple counts of felony residential burglary.

Detectives worked with other area agencies in surveying a known European residential burglary crew. A Wood Dale resident became victim to one of the many residential burglaries. DNA evidence was found at the scene of our burglary that led to identifying one of the burglary crew participants. The offender was ultimately apprehended in Holmdel, New Jersey. One detective from Wood Dale and another from Downers Grove Police Department flew to NJ and transported the subject back to Illinois where a search warrant for the subject's blood was obtained. The subject's blood was an exact match to the DNA sample recovered at the residential burglary scene which led to his felony arrest of residential burglary.

New construction in the 200 block of East Irving Park, reported 16 welding leads at 80 pounds apiece were stolen overnight from the locked gang box. The gang box was resecured. An employee, known to the business, had a key to the box. On 5/30/15, the employee scrapped 16 similar pieces of property at a scrap yard in St. Charles.

Over the course of this year we took multiple trailer theft reports. The contents of the trailers range from food products to alcohol, electronics and vacuums. Wood Dale detectives have worked with other agencies including the FBI and Illinois State Police on Cargo Task Forces to combat this ongoing problem.

Subject entered the victim's BMW and removed a Taurus PT111 9mm handgun from the trunk. Also taken from the center console of the vehicle was a box of 9mm ammunition containing 3-4 bullets. Left behind was a spare magazine for the weapon. The victim believes that his brother, a known 4 corner hustler gang member, may be responsible for the theft.

Victim stated that she checked her online banking and noticed there were two purchases on her Visa Debit card through TCF Bank. One charge was an internet purchase from Popular Electronics for \$978.58 and the other charge was an internet purchase from Straight Talk Phones for \$690.63. Victim also stated that Visa called her to advise her of another charge for approximately \$900.00 that did not go through at a Best Buy in Minnesota. Visa and TCF Bank put a hold on Santiago's checking account.

Victim went to use his credit card at a local dining establishment; however, when he went to pay he was informed that the card was declined for insufficient funds. It was learned that unknown persons made two transactions at a Home Depot totaling close to \$900.00. Investigators are working with the victims to find out where his credit card was compromised and to identify the offenders.

Over a two month period, a M/W and F/W have been responsible for entering vehicles while they have been parked in Jewel and Target parking lots. The two subjects would remove personal belonging. Similar incidents have occurred in Itasca and other DuPage towns. Several agencies have been working together and have identified the two subjects.

Victim reported that unknown subject(s) attempted to gain entry to his business by climbing through a skylight. The skylight had multiple nails removed which were in a

pile next to the skylight. The victim then stated there were 8 screws still in the frame of the skylight keeping it secure. The complainant believes the skylight was disassembled by removing the nails and screws, and after entry was made to the building through the skylight the screws were replaced but not the nails.

The victim reported that they received a collection notice addressed to "Edna Velazquez" (no such person) but with victim's Social Security Number, from First National Collection Bureau on behalf of Direct TV for an overdue payment for equipment for \$110.22. The victim never had a Direct TV account. Victim is unaware of how someone got her social security number.

Pizza delivery man arrived at location, to deliver ordered pizzas and soda. Upon exiting his vehicle, he was approached by three unknown masked men with handguns who demanded his money and pizzas before leaving. The victim was reluctant to report the incident to the PD but did at the insistence of the restaurant management. Search warrant for telephone records have been applied for and executed.

A gas reported an unknown subject requested cigarettes and after trying to pay for them with a declined credit card, took them from the counter and ran away. Video surveillance is being reviewed.

An initial report was forwarded to the DuPage Children's Center but referred back to local enforcement. The 16 year-old female victim reports a family adult male friend came over while her mother and brother were out of the house. This is common practice. The male began rubbing her neck in a massage and progressed to a foot rub followed by a thigh rub. The initial report taken third party denies any sex organs involved. Follow up interview reveals the victim did not voice her unwillingness. The suspect has become evasive though.

While working the Prairie Fest detail, a physical altercation was broken up between a non-dating man and woman after the man choked the woman first. Initially, the woman did not want to pursue charges but changed her mind after the initial night wore off and her injuries became more apparent. Misdemeanor warrant acquired and the male subject arrested.

The victim reported that he had entered into a verbal contract with a fence installer. After approximately one month, no work has been completed, no fence has been ordered and the suspect has received two separate checks from the victim. The victim has had contact with the suspect, but feels that he is being scammed. An attempt was made to contact the suspect and have him come to speak with a detective, but he has refused to come to the station. At this point, it is a civil case, but could potentially turn into a criminal case.

Target security reported on August 19<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, two unknown subjects came into the store and took bottles of liquor and left without paying for the items. The subjects were described as: #1-M/H Subject, approximately 165lbs, 20yoa, 5'6" tall. #2-M/H Subject, approximately 185 lbs., 20yoa, 5'8" tall. Subjects have been identified and arrest warrants have been obtained.

Victim reported when he was attempting to apprehend a subject for retail theft, the subject struck him in the left eye with his fist. The subject was described as an M/W, 5'10, 165 LBS., long brown hair, black shirt and tan shorts. The subject left the two bottles of alcohol and was last seen running through the parking lot possibly getting into a 2008 Silver Toyota Rav4.

Victim reported while at a bar, he started a tab at the bar with his credit card. The victim stated he ordered one drink off that tab to later discover that his credit/debit card was never returned by the server. The victim then checked his online banking report while he was still at Top Golf and discovered several unauthorized charges totaling \$176.60 on his account from Top Golf. The unauthorized charges were made using the victim's card at BASE16.

Complainant reported that an unknown subject described as M/H, short, heavy set, wearing a navy blue colored baseball cap, green polo shirt with dark colored stripes and dark colored pants walked out of the Jewel/Osco with a cart full of unpaid merchandise. After the subject was stopped by the store manager, he left the cart and ran to a dark colored vehicle (possibly newer model Chevrolet or Ford) and fled the scene W/B on Irving Park Rd.

Complainant reports being restrained in the basement of his multi-residential house by a housemate and then subsequently beaten. Complainant had gone to the hospital for treatment. At the time of follow up, multiple hours after the incident, the complainant was still highly intoxicated. Investigation showed the complainant had started a physical altercation with the housemate and the housemate had held him down while waiting for the landlord. No charges, complaint unfounded.

Complainant reports leaving his 17 year-old son home over a weekend. When the father returned home, he learned his son had several friends for a party. A friend of an invited subject also came over. During the party, numerous electronics, jewelry and a mountain bike were stolen. The acquaintance posted to Facebook the day after the party about stealing and subsequently "getting rich."

Patrol officers responded to a pedestrian struck by a vehicle accident. Initial scene investigation revealed several baggies of cannabis and paraphernalia at the scene and in the vehicle. Subsequent search warrant for controlled substances was executed. Charges pending toxicology report.

Wife of 59 year-old male subject came into the WDPD after trying unsuccessfully to locate her husband after coming to the US from Poland. Databases do not show the subject deceased but there is no activity located on his social security number or information. The last known address is in Wood Dale in 1996.

- ★ Officers assigned to MCAT and DUCART on four accident reconstruction callouts.
- ★ Officers assigned to MCTF and FIAT on five homicide investigations.
- ★ Officers assigned to the Arson Task Force assisted on four arson investigations.
- ★ Officers assigned to NIPAS on three calls out and nineteen stand-by situations.



## KIDS CAN'T BUY 'EM HERE

The Wood Dale Police Department, through a grant sponsored by the Illinois Liquor Commission, has been conducting tobacco compliance checks since 2000. The grant enables the Wood Dale Police Department to fund the training of local area juveniles and businesses, to help discourage the sale of tobacco to the youth of Wood Dale. The grant is funded by the 1998 Master settlement agreement between tobacco manufacturers and the 48 states, not taxpayer money.

Prior to performing the checks, the businesses are visited by the Police Department's State Certified Tobacco Compliance Specialist. The business is reminded about the program, and offered free training to their employees. Businesses with perfect compliance records are also rewarded with gold "Kids Cant Buy'em Here" lapel pins, and encouraged to keep up the good work.

The Wood Dale Police Department has recruited several local youths, ages 15-17, to attempt to purchase tobacco from the businesses. Officers Steve Pernice, Matt Nelson, Mike Danzi, and Justin Bjes, oversee the volunteer juveniles in the program and through the training process. The juveniles are trained on how to fairly and discreetly enter a business and attempt to purchase tobacco products. The juvenile needs parental permission to participate in this program.

From 2011 to 2014, current cigarette smoking declined among middle and high school students. Nearly 3 of every 100 middle school students (2.5%) reported in 2014 that they smoked cigarettes in the past 30 days—a decrease from 4.3% in 2011.

About 9 of every 100 high school students (9.2%) reported in 2014 that they smoked cigarettes in the past 30 days—a decrease from 15.8% in 2011. This does not include the use of E cigarettes, which is more dangerous and on the rise with teens.

Wood Dale Police supervised 69 cigarette sales compliance checks in 2015, resulting in 2 sales to minors. That's a 97.1% compliance rate in 2015 by Wood Dale tobacco businesses. In 2014 the compliance rate was 93.2; the state requires a 90% compliance rate, so Wood Dale businesses are above state requirements.

Businesses who sell to the minors are cited under the local ordinance and with continual or numerous violations can face fines in the hundreds or even suspension of their tobacco license.

DUPAGE COUNTY  
METROPOLITAN  
ENFORCEMENT GROUP



The Wood Dale Detective Division is represented in this enforcement by the presence of one detective on a full-time basis. This group is responsible for county-wide drug investigations and is coordinated by the Illinois State Police via Illinois Compiled Statutes. Below is a description of cases that occurred in Wood Dale during 2015 through the efforts of the entire group, as directed by our representative and coordinated with Investigations.

- ▲ DuMEG received a total of 10 referrals from the Wood Dale Police Department. DuMEG had 5 total incidents that occurred in Wood Dale. DuMEG made a total of 2 arrests while in Wood Dale.
- ▲ DUMEG initiated a total of 2 cases in Wood Dale.
- ▲ DuMEG arrested 2 residents of Wood Dale.
- ▲ DuMEG made a total of 2 arrests while in Wood Dale.
- ▲ In January 2015, DuMEG Agents conducted an ecstasy narcotics investigation that began in Wood Dale. Multiple purchases of ecstasy were made from a subject. Approximately 22 pills of ecstasy were seized. The subject was charged with Unlawful Delivery of a Controlled Substance (Class 1) and Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance (Class 4). Said subject provided his source and an in-custody rip (arrest) was conducted. Source delivered approximately 20 pills of ecstasy to DuMEG Agents. Source was then taken into custody and while in custody, provided a consent search of his hotel room, where an additional 1,500 pills of ecstasy were seized along with a total of approximately \$13,143.00 United States Currency. Source was charged with Unlawful Delivery of a Controlled Substance (Class Super X and Class X).
- ▲ In March 2015, DuMEG Agents conducted a cocaine narcotics investigation of a Wood Dale resident. Multiple purchases of cocaine were made from the subject. Approximately 37.4 grams of cocaine, a revolver, and approximately \$1,033.00 United States Currency were seized. Subject was charged with Unlawful Delivery of a Controlled Substance (Class X).
- ▲ In March 2015, DuMEG Agents conducted a search warrant on a Roselle resident. Wood Dale K-9 Officer O'Neil and K-9 Laika assisted by conducting a dog sniff of the residence. Approximately 472.0 grams of cannabis, two (2) metal grinders, one (1) digital scale, miscellaneous drug paraphernalia, and approximately \$10,581.00 United States Currency were seized. Two subjects

were arrested and charged with Unlawful Possession of Cannabis with the Intent to Deliver (Class 3) and Child Endangerment (Class A).

- ▲ In August 2015, DuMEG Agents conducted a heroin narcotics investigation of a Wood Dale resident that began in Wood Dale. One (1) purchase of heroin for approximately four (4) capsules weighing approximately 0.8 grams was made from the subject. The narcotics investigation is currently ongoing and the subject has not been charged yet.
- ▲ In August 2015, DuMEG Agents concluded a cocaine narcotics investigation on a Wood Dale resident that began in October 2014. Multiple purchases of cocaine were made from a subject. Approximately 12.0 grams of cocaine were seized. Subject was charged with Unlawful Delivery of a Controlled Substance (Class 1).
- ▲ In September 2015, DuMEG Agents conducted an ecstasy narcotics investigation on a Roselle resident. Multiple purchases of ecstasy were made from a subject. Approximately 269 pills of ecstasy were seized. A search warrant was subsequently conducted at subject's residence. Wood Dale K-9 Officer O'Neil and K-9 Laika assisted by conducting a dog sniff of the residence. An additional 103 pills of ecstasy were seized. Subject was charged with Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance with the Intent to Deliver (Class Super X and Class X).
- ▲ In November 2015, DuMEG Agents conducted a cannabis narcotics investigation that began in Wood Dale. One (1) purchase of cannabis for approximately 8.6 grams was made from the subject out of his residence in Bensenville. A consent search of the residence was conducted following a knock and talk at the residence, which resulted in a seizure of approximately 247.0 grams of cannabis, two (2) digital scales, and miscellaneous drug paraphernalia. Subject was charged with Unlawful Possession of Cannabis with the Intent to Deliver (Class 3).
- ▲ In November 2015, DuMEG Agents conducted a heroin narcotics investigation that began in Wood Dale. Multiple purchases of heroin were made from a subject. Approximately 11.7 grams of heroin were seized thus far. The narcotics investigation is currently ongoing and the subject has not yet been charged.
- ▲ DuMEG was able to provide funds back to the Wood Dale Police Department due to ongoing investigations.

## Wood Dale Peer Jury 2015



The Wood Dale Bensenville Peer Jury is now in its fourteenth year of operation, since its inception in September of 2002. The Peer jury currently has over 40 active teen volunteers. The Peer Jury consists of teens, ages 13-17 most attend the Wood Dale Jr. High or Fenton Community H.S. Any teen, age 13-17, that lives or attends school in Wood Dale is eligible. 21 of the subjects Peer Juried were in High School, 9 were in Junior High School.

The Wood Dale Peer jury is one of only six elite teen courts in DuPage County. The teen court program is a nationwide program, endorsed and supported by the Illinois Attorney General and the DuPage County State's Attorney's Office as an alternative to juvenile court.

The Peer Jury meets every third Tuesday of the month in the City Council chambers. The Peer Jury is supervised by the officers in the Wood Dale Police Department's juvenile division and a citizen volunteer.

A Peer Jury starts with the reading of the charges and the juvenile is told what could have happened to him had he gone to Juvenile Court in Wheaton. Then the juvenile is given a chance to explain his side of what happened. ***The Peer Jury does not determine guilt or innocence***, but what the punishment should be for the juvenile.

The Wood Dale Peer Jury held nine Peer Jury sessions in 2015 resulting in 30 cases heard before the jury. 24 cases were also heard in 2014, and 2013 heard 24, and 2012 heard 17 cases. The cases (30) types heard in 2015 ranged from:

**Disorderly conduct (3)    Theft (2)    DOC on media (3)    Battery/fighting (13)**  
**Truancy (1)    Damage to property (1)    Weapons (4)    Drugs/Tobacco (5)**

After the Peer Jury hears the facts and the juvenile's side of the story, they can ask the suspect questions. The most popular sentences given were community service, letters of apology, write papers or do projects on topics related to their offense, and restitution for damages.

The Juvenile is assigned to return at a later date (Discharge hearing), usually a month later, with proof he/she has completed the sentence assigned by the Peer Jury. The Peer Jury reviews the juvenile's sentence and decides whether to approve or discharge the juvenile's case. If a case is not satisfactorily discharged, the juvenile could be sent to next level, including, but not limited to Juvenile Court. In 2015, 29 of the 30 cases were discharged satisfactorily.

The Peer Jury is open to juvenile offenders, the ages ranged from 11-16. The offenders are first time non-violent offenders. Juveniles are referred to the Peer Jury program by street officers and juvenile detectives. The case is screened by the Peer Jury Co coordinator, and if the juvenile offender qualifies, his case is assigned to be heard by the Peer Jury.

The Peer Jury program is beneficial to juvenile offender and the parents. The parents do not need to retain a costly attorney, because the Peer Jury cannot fine or send the juvenile to detention. In addition to that, the Peer Jury allows the juvenile to have consequences for his actions, without damaging the juvenile's criminal record. This is important as many colleges will reject applicants now, based on applicants criminal actions.

## FENTON HIGH SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER



A Wood Dale Police Department officer was assigned to Fenton Community High School as the school liaison officer for the 2014-2015 school year. Below is a summary of the activities and duties performed by that school resource officer.

### *Hours Spent Summary*

A total of 185 days were worked in the school during the 2014-2015 school year. During that time, 143 school related complaints were initiated, 133 hours were spent completing the reports for those complaints, and 119.5 hours were devoted to follow-up. 122 hours were spent on parent/student consultations and 158 hours were spent on student consultations not requiring calls for service. 220 hours were spent on office/administrative tasks, while 190 hours were spent patrolling campus grounds and hallways. 130 hours were spent on training, school meetings, and court appearances, while 49 hours were spent on classroom presentations and teacher consultation.

### *Arrests*

City ordinance violations are the main source of arrests at Fenton. During the 2014-2015 school year, 133 citations were issued. The breakdown for citations is as follows: 92 truancy tickets, 11 for fighting, 1 for cannabis and drug paraphernalia. Included in the total number of arrests are cases forwarded to the DuPage County Juvenile Probation for formal review and prosecution. Referrals to probation are based on a number of factors, including the student's past police contacts and seriousness of the offense.

### *Other School Services*

The School Liaison Officer provided supervision at home football, basketball, selected wrestling tournaments, homecoming dance, Latino dances, and prom. In addition to supervision at school events, the liaison officer is also member of several teams and teacher committees aimed at assisting students. Among these are the FHS student assistance team, Emergency Plan team, and the Bensenville Community Gang Task Force.

Two drug dog searches were coordinated with the cooperation of several police departments. No contraband was found.

### *Other Duties*

The school liaison participated in the Bensenville/Wood Dale peer jury, and the Kids Can't Buy 'Em Here cigarette buys. Wood Dale Police was represented at the DuPage Juvenile Officer's meetings, gang awareness meetings.

# COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING

## 2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Met with District 7 School officials to update their school safety plan.
2. Produced an eight week Citizens' Police Academy with every class using "hands on" methods to teach police related topics.
3. Maintained social media pages on Facebook and Twitter to provide more transparency and enhance networking capabilities with the public.
4. Distributed over 75 Christmas baskets to families in need.
5. Assisted the City of Wood Dale with the Annual Holiday Open House.
6. Participated in the "Shape of Wood Dale" with several other local government entities.
7. Read books to Holy Ghost and ECEC students along with other government officials.
8. Assisted the Historical Society with several of their community events.
9. Three of our officers participated in the "Shop with a Cop" program with area children.
10. Conducted numerous crime prevention checks for area businesses and residences.
11. Coordinated fund raising and participated in the *Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics*.
12. Planned and participated in several recruitment programs at various college campuses and job fairs.
13. Assisted as city liaison with the P.A.D.S. program for homeless.
14. Officers attended a Wolves fundraising hockey game with community youth.
15. Sent participating representatives to assist with Special Olympics, locally and down-state.
16. Event Plan for coordination of traffic safety for the 5K Prairie Run.
17. Developed an Event Plan, planned traffic flow, coordinated inter-departmental support, and participated in the VFW Memorial Day Parade (honor guard, K-9, and traffic enforcement).
18. Assisted with visits, calls, and referrals for a number of seniors needing assistance.
19. Sponsored a Senior Luncheon in partnership with the Park District.
20. Participated in city-wide Neighborhood Watch meetings.
21. AWARD recipient from Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM).
22. Conducted ward and neighborhood meetings to address traffic issues and citizen concerns.
23. Sponsored a booth at the Itasca Health Fair at ItascaFest.
24. Partnered with the Fire Department to participate in a police vs. firemen hockey game fund raiser event.
25. Provided a Peer Jury program.



26. Conducted CERT training for Wood Dale residents.
27. Coordinated "Toys for Tots" collection partnership with U.S. Marines.
28. Conducted liquor license training (B.A.S.S.E.T.T. Training) for liquor license holders.
29. Conducted "School Zone" traffic enforcement.
30. Conducted numerous school/scout tours of the police facility.
31. Coordinated Community Assistance Council meetings with community leaders.
32. Assisted citizens in the "Speed Awareness" program.
33. Conducted traffic studies in neighborhoods.
34. Performed car safety seat checks for parents and caretakers.
35. Participated in city-wide Blood Drive.
36. Conducted home and business security surveys.
37. Met monthly with Seniors & Law Enforcement (SALT) to address senior needs and concerns.
38. Problem-solving sessions with citizens and businesses with issues.
39. Provided Wood Dale School District #7 with a Liaison Officer.
40. Provided Fenton High School with a Liaison Officer.
41. Conducted Rapid Response Training in both School District 7 and 100.
42. Event Plan for the four day Prairie Fest providing security, volunteers, and informational kiosks.
43. Hold quarterly meetings with staff to address community concerns.
44. Attended Department wide training on handling citizens with mental illness.
45. Conducted a City Wide "Green Fair".
46. Gave several tours to Fenton HS students of the Police Station.
47. Provided traffic control and procession assistance for returning war Veterans.
48. Attended several O'Hare Soundproofing meetings for area residents affected by ongoing noise pollution.
49. Assisted with "City of Wood Dale Winter Wonderland" event.
50. Several WDPD employees assisted with the Veteran's Breakfast for area Veterans at Salt Creek.
51. Conducted Rapid Response Training at all area schools with school staff to help keep District 7 and District 100 safe, and
52. Held a School Assembly at Westview School to honor retiring K-9 Laika.



## CRIME ANALYSIS 2015

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### THEFT CASES

During the year **2015**, the Wood Dale Police Department handled **118 THEFT** cases. Those cases when analyzed provided the following information.

**2%** of the cases occurred during the **First Shift** (11:00pm-7:00am)  
**61%** of the cases occurred during the **Second Shift** (7:00am-3pm)  
**37%** of the cases occurred during the **Third Shift** (3:00pm-11:00pm)

**43%** of the cases occurred in **Retail** areas  
**29%** of the cases occurred in **Industrial** areas  
**23%** of the cases occurred in **Residential** areas  
**5%** of the cases occurred in **Municipal** areas

This is up 24 **THEFT** case(s) or an increase of 22%.

### DUI CASES

During the year **2015**, the Wood Dale Police Department handled **111 DUI** cases. Those cases when analyzed provided the following information.

**81%** of the cases occurred during the **First Shift** (11:00pm-7:00am)  
**4%** of the cases occurred during the **Second Shift** (7:00am-3pm)  
**15%** of the cases occurred during the **Third Shift** (3:00pm-11:00pm)

**41%** of the cases occurred on **Irving Park Road**  
**4%** of the cases occurred on **Addison Road**  
**16%** of the cases occurred on **Wood Dale Road**  
**4%** of the cases occurred on **Route 83**  
**35%** of the cases occurred at **OTHER** locations.

This is down 39 DUI case(s) or a decrease of 26%.



## BURGLARY FROM MOTOR VEHICLE

During the year **2015**, the Wood Dale Police Department handled **24 Burglary from Motor Vehicle** cases. Those cases when analyzed provided the following information.

**4%** of the cases occurred during the **First Shift** (11:00pm-7:00am)  
**76%** of the cases occurred during the **Second Shift** (7:00am-3pm)  
**20%** of the cases occurred during the **Third Shift** (3:00pm-11:00pm)

**53%** of the cases occurred in **Retail** areas  
**10%** of the cases occurred in **Industrial** areas  
**37%** of the cases occurred in **Residential** areas  
**0%** of the cases occurred in **Municipal** areas



This is a down 2 **Burglary from Motor Vehicle** case(s) or decrease of **8%**.

## BURGLARY

During the year **2015**, the Wood Dale Police Department handled **19 BURGLARY** cases. Those cases when analyzed provided the following information.

**11%** of the cases occurred during the **First Shift** (11:00pm-7:00am)  
**41%** of the cases occurred during the **Second Shift** (7:00am-3pm)  
**48%** of the cases occurred during the **Third Shift** (3:00pm-11:00pm)

**22%** of the cases occurred in **Retail** areas  
**4%** of the cases occurred in **Industrial** areas  
**74%** of the cases occurred in **Residential** areas  
**0%** of the cases occurred in **Municipal** areas

This is up 2 **BURGLARY** case(s) or an increase of **11%**.

## AGGRAVATED BATTERY/ASSAULT CASES

During the year **2015**, the Wood Dale Police Department handled **58 AGGRAVATED BATTERY AND ASSAULT** cases. Those cases when analyzed provided the following information.

- 24%** of the cases occurred during the **First Shift** (11:00pm-7:00am)
- 32%** of the cases occurred during the **Second Shift** (7:00am-3pm)
- 44%** of the cases occurred during the **Third Shift** (3:00pm-11:00pm)

This is up 8 Aggravated Battery/Assault Cases or an increase of 16%.

## MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS

During the year **2015**, the Wood Dale Police Department handled **6 MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT** cases. Those cases when analyzed provided the following information.

- 0%** of the cases occurred during the **First Shift** (11:00pm-7:00am)
- 88%** of the cases occurred during the **Second Shift** (7:00am-3pm)
- 12%** of the cases occurred during the **Third Shift** (3:00pm-11:00pm)

This is down 2 **Motor Vehicle Theft** or a decrease of 25%.

## ROBBERY

During the year **2015**, the Wood Dale Police Department handled **3 ARMED ROBBERY** cases. Those cases when analyzed provided the following information.

- 33%** of the cases occurred during the **First Shift** (11:00pm-7:00am)
- 67%** of the cases occurred during the **Second Shift** (7:00am-3pm)
- 0%** of the cases occurred during the **Third Shift** (3:00pm-11:00pm)

This is down 4 **Armed Robberies** or a decrease of 42%.

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## K-9 ACTIVITY REPORT JANUARY - DECEMBER 2015

|                          |     |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Building checks          | 255 |
| Vehicle sniffs           | 36  |
| Foot patrols             | 7   |
| Assist Other Agencies    | 23  |
| Tracking                 | 2   |
| COP/PR                   | 10  |
| Traffic Citations        | 328 |
| Arrests/Assist           | 54  |
| Alarm calls              | 47  |
| Suspicious persons/autos | 42  |
| Theft/Burglaries         | 2   |
| Disturbances             | 17  |
| Domestics/Batteries      | 25  |
| Fights                   | 0   |
| Total Days Worked        | 205 |



|                                      |                                     |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Seizure amount in Narcotics          | \$29,460.00<br><i>(StreetValue)</i> |
| Seizure amount in Cash               | <u>\$13,827.00</u>                  |
| <b>Total Seizure amount for 2015</b> | <b><u>\$43,287.00</u></b>           |

## Summary of K-9 Unit Activity for 2015



- 23 Jan 15 Assisted Addison patrol with a track of an Armed Robbery suspect in Addison.
- 27 Jan 15 Assisted DuMEG with a sniff of a vehicle in Addison. Approximately 710 grams of cannabis and \$2,506.00 USC were seized.
- 26 Feb 15 Assisted DuMEG with a sniff of a vehicle. Approximately 4.5 grams cannabis, 44.8 grams of heroin and \$459.00 USC were seized.
- 20 Mar 15 Assisted DuMEG with a sniff of a residence. 472 grams of cannabis and 10,581.00 USC was seized.
- 28 Apr 15 Assisted Westmont PD with a FIAT activation for an armed subject.
- 14 May 15 Assisted Wood Dale patrol with a sniff of a vehicle. Cocaine was seized from inside the vehicle.
- 20 May 15 K9 unit conducted a traffic stop and conducted a sniff of a vehicle. Cannabis was seized from inside the vehicle.
- 2 Jun 15 While conducting a business check K9 unit located a suspicious vehicle. A sniff was conducted and drug paraphernalia and cocaine were seized.
- 19 Jun 15 Assisted Wood Dale patrol with a sniff of a vehicle. Cannabis was seized.
- 9 July 15 Assisted Wood Dale patrol with a sniff of a vehicle. Cannabis was seized from inside the vehicle.
- 20 Aug 15 K9 unit initiated a traffic stop and conducted a sniff of a vehicle. Cannabis and paraphernalia were seized.
- 18 Sept 15 Assisted DuMEG with sniff of a residence. Approximately 103 MDMA pills and \$281.00 USC were seized.
- 8 Oct 15 Assisted Wood Dale patrol with a sniff of a vehicle. Cannabis was seized.
- 12 Nov 15 Assisted Wood Dale patrol with a sniff of a vehicle. Approximately 195 grams of cannabis was seized.

**Note:** After seven years of dedicated service with the Wood Dale Police Department, K9 Laika retired on December 17, 2015. The new K9, Bane, was purchased in August and became operational in November. Bane is a Belgium Malinois born in Holland in March of 2014, and his partner is Officer Evan Grant.

## Metra TraxGuard Enforcement



The Wood Dale Digital Photo Enforcement system was upgraded to a digital system in November of 2011. TraxGuard has now completed its fourth full year of enforcement and has experienced no down time until October of 2015. This is a result of the ongoing safety improvement project under construction at the tracks.

Three Patrol Officers and one Patrol Sergeant work on the program on a rotating basis. Duties of the rotation include viewing possible violations, approving violations, hearing motorist complaints, setting up administrative hearings, facilitating administrative hearings, and submitting files to the collections corporation.

Below is a breakdown of citations issued to violators each year:

| <b>Year</b> | <b># of Citations</b> | <b>Violators per Day</b> |
|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 2005        | 1,271                 | 3.5                      |
| 2006        | 1,243                 | 4.22                     |
| 2007        | 870                   | 3.22 (Apr-Dec)           |
| 2008        | 1,610                 | 4.41                     |
| 2009        | 940                   | 2.59                     |
| 2010        | 508                   | 1.39                     |
| 2011        | 722                   | 1.97 (through 11/13/11)  |
| 2012        | 1,436                 | 3.96                     |
| 2013        | 1,590                 | 4.36                     |
| 2014        | 1508                  | 4.13                     |
| 2015        | 1049                  | 3.70 (through 10/09/15)  |

The Police Chief negotiated a new contract this past year with Xerox. Negotiations included new equipment, more user friendly interface to easily view the new video format, and the addition of eastbound enforcement. This is very important. For years, the department has seen a pattern of driver behavior where drivers violate going eastbound because they know there is no enforcement. However, during 2015 Wood Dale had a car versus train for the first time since 1998. The vehicle struck was going through the eastbound crossing.

The Department continues to collect delinquent violator's fines through the collection agency.

Although enforcement is currently down, officers have been doing random details at the crossing as a police presence helping to prevent violations.

## TRUCK ENFORCEMENT UNIT



The Wood Dale Police Department's Truck Enforcement Unit exists to provide safe passage through Wood Dale for all motor vehicle traffic as they share the roads with larger and heavier commercial truck traffic.

The primary duties of the Truck Enforcement Unit are:

- Enforcement of weight and size violations
- Issuing permits for overweight/oversized vehicles using city maintained roadways
- Education of local trucking companies in regard to local and State laws
- Assisting the Illinois State Police with random truck safety checkpoints
- Coordinating truck routing in and out of the industrial park and construction sites
- Enforcement of State driver's license classifications and State registration laws
- Handling complaints of truck traffic on residential streets

Wood Dale Police Department truck enforcement officers are certified by the State and are members of the Illinois Truck Enforcement Association. The IDOT scale in Villa Park and a private state certified scale in Elk Grove Village are primarily used to determine weight. Portable scales maintained by IDOT and Bensenville PD are also used on various occasions.

### **2015 Statistics**

(\* All totals are from 12/11/14 to 01/06/16, unless otherwise noted)

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Number of overweight/oversize permits issued (2015 calendar year): | 251       |
| Total citations issued (truck and traffic):                        | 109       |
| Overweight truck citations issued:                                 | 71        |
| Total fines from truck citations:                                  | \$191,962 |
| Warnings issued:   | 148       |
| Hours spent on inspection/bond:                                    | 215.5     |
| Arrests made:  | 1         |

## USE OF FORCE REPORT

The following is a year-end summation of the **2015 Use of Force** incidents involving personnel from the Wood Dale Police Department. There were a total of Nine (9) incidents during 2015 that involved Wood Dale officers in Use of Force situations. Those cases were:

15-01617    15-02945    15-03500    15-03644    15-04474    15-05938  
                  15-08997    15-13856    15-14025

The following is a brief summary of the events that occurred in each incident.

### **15-01617** 2/1/2015 0135AM

Officers were dispatched to a disturbance in a parking lot of an apartment complex. Reports were that one of the subjects was armed with a screwdriver as a weapon. Upon arrival the officers encountered an intoxicated male who refused lawful orders to drop the item from his hand. The responding officer displayed his Taser to gain compliance from the suspect.

### **15-02945** 2/28/2015 0259AM

Officers were conducting a traffic stop/DUI investigation on the 200 block of Addison Road. As the arresting officer was placing the driver into custody, a male passenger refused orders to stay inside the vehicle on two occasions and attempted to intervene/obstruct the arrest of the driver. The passenger was taken down to the ground using a straight arm bar takedown and secured in handcuffs. This subject was charged with obstructing a peace officer.

### **15-03500** 2/28/2015 0015AM

Addison Police were pursuing a driver on Addison Road north, who was refusing to stop for unknown reasons. Wood Dale Officers assisted Addison in stopping the car safely near Addison and Potter. Not knowing the reason why the driver would not yield to police, officers drew their weapons during the stop until the driver complied and exited the vehicle. The driver was turned over to Addison PD.

### **15-03644** 3/15/2015 1014AM

An officer on patrol observed a suspicious male subject walking in an alleyway behind businesses wearing a backpack and changing direction upon seeing the police. The officer made consensual contact with the subject who was found to be a juvenile. During the encounter, the officer asked for consent to search the backpack the juvenile was wearing (having knowledge of previous drug use/possession). The juvenile opened the backpack voluntarily, and a bottle of cannabis was observed. When the officer attempted to place the juvenile



under arrest, he attempted to run from the officers. The juvenile continued to fight efforts of the officers to place him in custody. The juvenile was eventually directed to the ground and handcuffed. A juvenile petition was later filed against the juvenile for possession of cannabis and resisting arrest.

**15-04474** 4/2/2015 0105AM

Officers responding to a vehicle crash arrived to find a single vehicle crash and a car on fire. The driver, who was outside the car upon their arrival was acting unusual and refused officer's orders to stay away from the car. Officers made an attempt to escort the driver away from the burning car at which time the driver attempted to punch an officer in the face.

The officers attempted to place the driver under arrest, and the driver continued to fight with officers, kicking, punching and wrapping his legs around the officers while on the ground.

The driver was eventually secured with the assistance of numerous other officers. He was eventually charged with DUI, resisting arrest, aggravated assault on a police officer and various traffic offenses.

**15-05938** 5/2/2015 1000PM

Officers were completing the arrest of a male subject for Domestic battery at the police dept. The subject, who was highly intoxicated, was refusing to be fingerprinted or photographed for identification. Officers used escort locks, and pressure points in an attempt to gain compliance. The arrestee eventually complied and he was processed on the charges accordingly.

**15-08997** 6/30/2015 1244PM

Officers stopped a car involved in a domestic violence call. They were speaking with the male driver and female passenger, investigating the reports when an officer observed a large amount of cannabis in plain view on the floor of the car. The female passenger was being placed under arrest, when she drew back her arm and elbowed an officer on the side of his head causing him to fall back and lose partial consciousness. Other officers present were able to gain control of the female and place her into custody. One officer displayed his taser during the incident to gain compliance.

The female suspect was charged with Aggravated battery to a police officer and resisting arrest, along with the drug charges.

**15-13856** 10/3/2015 0003AM

Officers responded to a gas station for a report of a man waving a handgun at other patrons. Upon their arrival, officers drew their weapons and controlled the suspect's actions. The subject was found to have a loaded firearm in his possession. He was found not to have a license to carry the firearm and had in fact been involved in a dispute where the firearm was displayed. He was charged with Unlawful use of a weapon.

**15-14025** 10/5/2015 235PM

Officers conducted a felony traffic stop on a vehicle near Thorndale and Lively after a report that this vehicle had been involved in a road rage incident where the passenger displayed a handgun at another driver.

Officers displayed their weapons to control the actions of the occupants until they were secured safely. Further investigation revealed that the occupants of the car displayed a BB/replica handgun toward the other driver. Both occupants were arrested for disorderly conduct.

Of these incidents, the following Use of Force was used as follows:

|                        |      |
|------------------------|------|
| Taser Discharged:      | 0    |
| Taser Display:         | 3    |
| Drive-Stun:            | 0    |
| Baton Strike:          | 0    |
| Baton Display:         | 0    |
| Firearm Discharge:     | None |
| Firearm Display:       | 3    |
| Baton Pressure Points: | 0    |
| Hands On:              | 5    |
| O.C. Spray:            | 0    |

Of these Nine (9) Use of Force incidents, no suspects filed any unnecessary Use of Force complaints with this department or the State of Illinois. No officers were reprimanded for unnecessary Use of Force by this department or charged by the State of Illinois.

Three officers sustained minor injuries during the incidents listed above (cases 15-04474 and 15-08997).

These findings show the proper training and application techniques as well as the professional discretion used by our officers in high stress situations. All incidents are well within the legal parameters and proper amount of force used to handle and or de-escalate a variety of potential dangerous situations.

Our use of force training will continue to focus on the areas described above.

*Prepared by  
Sgt. William Frese #5*

## VEHICLE SEIZURE & IMPOUNDMENT 2015



**Background:** On June 2, 2005, the City of Wood Dale passed Municipal Ordinance O-05-018 (Section 15.1809) titled: "Ordinance Authorizing the City of Wood Dale to Charge an Administrative and Processing Fee for Impounding Vehicles." On the date, July 1, 2005, the Wood Dale Police Department issued Standard Operating Procedure #508 titled: "Vehicle Seizure and Impoundment." All Police Operations personnel were trained on the new ordinance and standard operating procedure to put the new law and policy into full effect on July 1, 2005. Since the ordinance's inception; there have been four amendments enacted to include an additional 23 violations subject to vehicle seizure and to include officer's discretion to release a vehicle at the scene at the request of the driver/owner.

**Report:** The total number of vehicles seized for 2015 is 265. There were no vehicles permanently seized through state seizure laws. Most of the vehicles seized were claimed by the registered owner after providing the \$600.00 administrative fee as per Ordinance O-05-018. Three seized vehicles went unclaimed and were subject to disposal of the vehicle as an unclaimed vehicle under the Illinois Vehicle Code. Only four vehicles seized were later returned to the owner without assessing administrative fees due to the Administration Hearing Officer's Decision, and three other vehicles were returned without an administration fee due to the Watch Commander's discretion based upon the totality of the situation.

The total amount of administrative fees collected for vehicle seizure and impoundment for 2015 was **\$142,200.00**.

A breakdown of all the vehicles seized and impounded under Ordinance Section 15.1809 is as follows:

### **Offenses Subject to Vehicle Seizure:**

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Driving under the Influence of Alcohol: | 111 vehicles |
| No Valid Driver's License:              | 70 vehicles  |
| Driving While License Suspended:        | 52 vehicles  |
| Driving While License Revoked:          | 11 vehicles  |
| Possession of Cannabis:                 | 7 vehicles   |
| Possession of Controlled Substance:     | 6 vehicles   |
| Zero Tolerance:                         | 3 vehicles   |
| Possession of Drug Equipment            | 2 vehicles   |
| Arrest warrants                         | 3 vehicles   |

## ILLINOIS CONCEALED CARRY



The Illinois Concealed Carry law went into effect on July 9, 2013. The law allows for local law enforcement to check local residents who have applied for the license, or those who have applied and resided in Wood Dale for the past 10 years.

The Illinois State Police allows local law enforcement access to the database of applicants to determine if the applicant is a harm to themselves, others, or to public safety, and to make formal objections to the State of Illinois on applicants who have applied for a license. The ultimate deciding authority whether to issue a license or not lies with the state. The State may take the local police department formal objections into consideration.

During 2015, the Wood Dale Police Department ran local background checks on 104 applicants (residents and past residents) as allotted by law. Out of the 104 applicants checked, three (3) applicants were formally objected to by the department. One (1) was denied by the state, and two (2) are still under review.

*Prepared by Mgr. Craig Celia*

## COMMUNICATIONS/ 9-1-1 CONSOLIDATION



Over the last 10 years, DuPage County has seen substantial consolidation of 9-1-1 centers. As of October 2015, Wood Dale was one of the last three independent 9-1-1 centers in DuPage County. A new state law that preserves funding for 9-1-1 systems has also mandated consolidation by independent 9-1-1 centers. The bottom line is, even if Wood Dale wanted to keep its 9-1-1 center independent, it would not have been allowed to by law. The remaining two independent centers are also working on moving to consolidated centers in DuPage County.

Anticipating these changes in state law, and also consolidation policies enacted by the DuPage Emergency Telephone Systems Board, the City negotiated a contract with Addison Consolidated Dispatch Center (ACDC) to provide dispatch services. An agreement was signed in June, and operational meetings were held to ensure a smooth transition. That transition was completed during late 2015.

When residents call 9-1-1 from their residence, there will not be any change in their service. The call is handled by a dispatcher that is assigned to Wood Dale, and they will dispatch Wood Dale police officers as appropriate. When calling 9-1-1 from a cellular phone, calls used to get routed to the DuPage Sheriff's Office. Up to 70% of 9-1-1 calls received are now from a cellular device. The DuPage 9-1-1 board is currently implementing a new system that will route cellular calls to the dispatch center that serves the location where the call is originating from. In other words, in the very near future, when you call 9-1-1 from your cellular phone, if it is handled by a Wood Dale cell tower, it will ring directly into Addison Consolidated Dispatch Center, and will actually reduce the number of call transfers that are currently occurring.

Wood Dale was disappointed that this consolidation resulted in the loss of a highly dedicated staff of 9-1-1 dispatchers. As a group, they averaged almost 15 years of service to the City of Wood Dale. We were fortunate to have such a professional and dedicated group of employees serving our City.

# COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

Wood Dale's Community Service Officers (CSO's) handle Police other City department assignments. There are currently three CSO's assigned to the Patrol Division. Their services are available between 7:00am-11:00pm Monday through Friday. Their attention to non-criminal police related matters free up sworn police officers to handle criminal complaints and tactical operations.



The CSO's are responsible for various tasks of the Patrol Division. They handle daily deliveries for the Police and City departments. They enforce the City's local ordinance statutes which can cover everything throughout the community from animal complaints, residential overcrowding and parking issues. The CSO's have been successful in locating and removing abandoned and nuisance autos both in the residential and business districts of the City.

The CSO's are also responsible for monitoring both domestic and wildlife issues within the City. Their responsibilities cover the proper care of domestically kept animals and other interests relating to wild animals. Dealing with wildlife carrying disease such as distemper in raccoons or opossums ensures the safety and health of the general public and other animals. The CSO's are provided with equipment that allows them to deal with these issues in a safe and humane manner.

CSO's assist with traffic control situations brought on by weather, crash related incidents or City special events. They also assist the City's function in crossing the public for pool and school crossings in the event of an absent crossing guard. The department provides Child Safety Seat inspections and installations by trained CSO's. Each CSO is trained and certified through the National Child Passenger Safety Training Program put on through the National Highway Traffic Safety Program as a Child Car Seat installer. This service is available at the Police Department and at noted public functions.

# RECORDS DIVISION

The Police Records Division consists of three full-time records clerks and a Support Services Manager. This division maintains and manages the computerized database of all law enforcement records for the police department. Their duties include the entry and retrieval of all police reports and citations, performing statistical analysis of this data and handling dissemination of any requests for copies of reports.



During 2015, the Records Division processed 18,701 police reports. In addition, they processed 6,712 traffic citations, 4,762 warning citations and all the department's local and state arrest reports.

Additional duties include processing court summonses, processing arrest documents, preparing the monthly Uniform Crime Reports for state and federal agencies, and other miscellaneous records functions. They also handle Freedom of Information Act inquiries, enter information to numerous computer databases, and administer the purchasing process for all police department supplies and services.

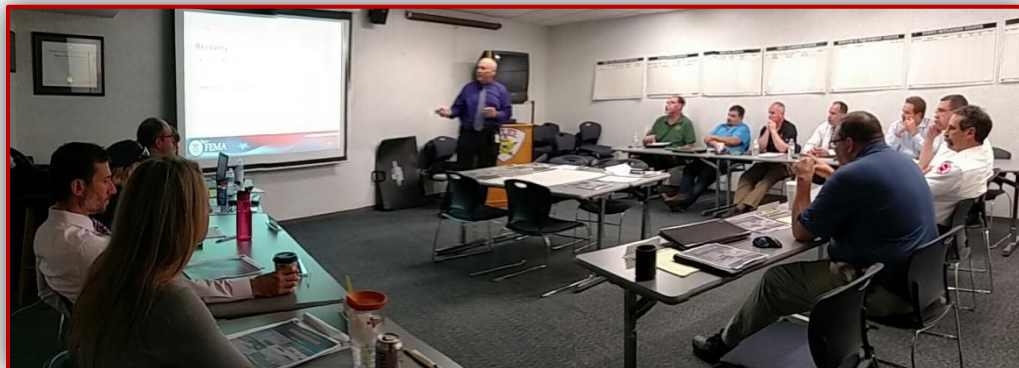
The division will continue with the implementation of electronic citations and electronic accident reports. Records' staff attends meetings on the county level to ensure Wood Dale continues to keep current with ongoing county-wide technology.



## Emergency Services/ OEM

Training was conducted in the following areas:

- ★ Quarterly DuPage County OEM.
- ★ The Wood Dale Emergency Operation Plan is continually updated.
- ★ Reviewed the National Incident Management System (NIMS) requirements and made sure all city employees were compliant.



- ★ As part of FEMA's requirements for grant funding, every municipality is required to conduct a full scale exercise every eight years. In 2008 Wood Dale assisted and participated in Bensenville's train derailment to fulfill FEMA's full scale requirement. In 2016 Wood Dale will need to complete its own full scale exercise. It was decided to focus this exercise around an event that is more than likely to happen in Wood Dale, which would be a flood.

There is a great deal of time and effort that goes into planning a full scale exercise and several requirements need to be met before the actual event, one of those being a table top exercise. In September 2015, Dave Adler, Emergency Manager Coordinator of the DuPage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, assisted the City Of Wood Dale in a flood scenario table top exercise. Participating members from the City included staff from Administration, Community Development, Finance Department, Public works, Police and Public Utilities, along with Fire District attended making it a productive and successful event.



# CALEA 2015 ANNUAL REVIEW



The Wood Dale Police Department completed its 4th reaccreditation (5<sup>th</sup> award) during 2013. In April 2013, two assessors returned to the department to reassess the department's professional ethics and standards. Over the course of four days, these individuals reviewed the policy, procedure and methods of operation(s) surrounding the department from an operational and tactical stand point. The Department now has 484 standards of which 80% must show proof of compliance.

To ensure a positive status, sworn and non-sworn department personnel must continue standardized and extra curricular training. This can be accomplished from inter-department training on a daily to yearly basis, or training obtained from outside sources by an accredited organization.

The Wood Dale Police Department is in its third and final year of gathering proofs for the 5th re-accreditation process. In February 2016 the Wood Dale Police Department will have a mock assessment team visit the Police Department to review files as part of the preparation process prior to the arrival of the official CALEA Assessment Team. In April, a two member assessment team will visit the Department for four days to review policy, procedures and methods of operation to verify the Wood Dale Police Department is in compliance with CALEA standards.

The Assessment team will complete a final report of their assessment of the Wood Dale Police Department and present the report to the Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. Members of the Wood Dale Police Department will attend the CALEA conference in July 2016 to appear before the CALEA Commissioners for a panel interview; this is where the Commission will decide whether or not to award the Wood Dale Police Department with its 6<sup>th</sup> Accreditation Award. Achieving this award demonstrates how the Wood Dale Police Department continues to offer the highest level of professionalism to its residents and business owners and will continue to do so in the future.

*For more information on the accreditation process, please visit [www.calea.org](http://www.calea.org).*

## REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF CITIZEN COMPLAINTS 2015



**In 2015 the Wood Dale Police Department received two citizen complaints,** both from the same individual. This is one more than 2014 and 2011, and two more than 2013, 2012 and 2010 (which all had zero).

The first complaint (CR-1501) involved an individual who was unsatisfied with an officer's handling of an accident which he was involved in. After a full investigation, it was determined that the incident was sustained. Evidence indicated this complaint was sustained, as there were some errors in the original reporting conducted by this new officer, which were later corrected. He was advised that the errors were more of a training issue rather than an intentional error. However, it should be noted there were also many inconsistencies with the complainant during his interview.

The second complaint (CR-1502) was from the same individual. Since he was unhappy with the final resolution of his initial accident report, he started to follow the same officer around town and stated she did not drive with due care in the area. After a thorough investigation, it was determined that there was Insufficient Evidence against the officer.

Although there were no other formal complaints registered, there were several citizen inquiries regarding cases, calls or citations that were handled on the first-line supervisor level.

In addition to the citizen inquiries that were handled at the first-line supervisor level, there were some internal disciplinary matters that were investigated and handled by command staff.

These disciplinary matters include sworn and support staff and resulted in 4 written letters of reprimand, and no suspension days and 13 verbal reprimands. These disciplinary matters were for various infractions including time management, violations of procedure, uniform conditions and insubordination.

## Citizens on Patrol 2015

Starting in June of 2005 past members of the Wood Dale Citizens Police Academy were offered the opportunity to volunteer for a Citizens on Patrol program (COP). Eight citizens volunteered for the new program. Seven more attended a class in 2012 and three have joined the original eight.

After an eight-hour training course on patrol procedures, beat assignments, radio use, vehicle operation, traffic control procedures and emergency procedures, they are required to participate in eight hours of training with a COP member in a squad car, and another eight hours with a police officer. The volunteers are then allowed to patrol the City of Wood Dale, working in pairs.

These volunteers serve as an extra two pairs of eyes for the police department. Their duties include reporting suspicious activity to the Communications Center for assignment to a patrol car or just stopping and talking to people at the local grocery store and asking how things are. Many of the volunteers felt it was easier for elderly citizens to approach them, rather than a fully uniformed police officer. The COP was also utilized for traffic control and general assistance to citizens and guests at various city events.

Citizens on Patrol have assisted the City of Wood Dale in traffic direction at the Park District Easter's Egg Hunt, the Historical Society's Holiday on the Farm, Stories in the Barn and annual Arts and Crafts show. They have also assisted with traffic control for school programs and the Wood Dale Library's open house. Other events their services have been utilized for include the Police Department's National Night Out, Memorial Day Parade, Wood Dale Prairie Fest and the Cop-on-Top of the Dunkin Donuts to benefit Special Olympics, Park District's Waffle Run, Halloween Scare Walk and the City Tree Lighting event.

The below listed hours do not reflect the actual man hours invested by C.O.P, and the countless hours donated to the Police Department through the VIPS program where citizens assist in various duties inside the Police Department such as preparing statistical reports, filing, evidence control, DUI trial prep, report imaging, etc. Those man hours will run up to and well over 1000 hours of volunteer service combined. A special thanks to all of our volunteers.

### COP Vehicle Patrol Hours

|              |                     |
|--------------|---------------------|
| January      | 10                  |
| February     | 0                   |
| March        | 13.25               |
| April        | 13                  |
| May          | 5                   |
| June         | 0                   |
| July         | 16                  |
| August       | 21                  |
| September    | 17.5                |
| October      | 0                   |
| November     | 5                   |
| December     | 5                   |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>105.75 hours</b> |



# Employee Community Service Participation



Members of the Wood Dale Police Department not only work for and care about the city during their regular work hours; they also contribute and serve the people of the community on their own time. In 2015, department members helped and assisted our citizens by participating and volunteering in the following community service events:

- \* Shop with a Cop
- \* Senior Luncheon
- \* Safety & Health Fairs
- \* Thanksgiving Adopt A Family Baskets
- \* Illinois Special Olympics Fundraiser
- \* Veteran's Recognition Breakfast
- \* Guns N Hoses Hockey Game Fundraiser





# Honor Guard

The Wood Dale Police Honor Guard was started as a prominent demonstration of the morals we hold true: **Honor, Duty, and Integrity.**

All members of the unit are volunteers and donate their time in training for events and for the maintenance of the special uniforms and equipment utilized in the guard.

At present there are eight Wood Dale officers who participate in the guard.

The guard has been requested for funerals of fallen officers and elected officials, to present colors at public events and to be present at ceremonies commemorating our nation's veterans.



Over the past year, the guard has been requested for and has participated in the following events:

- **Displaying the colors in the Wood Dale Memorial Day Parade**
- **Posting of colors for Memorial Day Ceremony**
- **Firing of the 21-Gun Salute to the Fallen on Veteran's Day**

# SENIORS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT TOGETHER (S.A.L.T.)

The SALT Committee began in and meets on a monthly basis at the Police Department. Each month this group discusses issues in the city affecting seniors and notifies them of any upcoming community events. In addition, they discuss crime data comparisons with other communities, traffic concerns, neighborhood issues and police response. S.A.L.T. has served as a forum for community problem solving and direct input to police and city services. The Chief of Police provides updates to the residents with information regarding scams and other crimes in the area.



The following programs continue to be implemented:

- Conduct daily well-being checks on registered seniors
- Share information on recent scams/cases in the area
- Distribute beacon emergency lights to residents.
- Assist Fire Department with administering Knox Box program for seniors.
- Distribute “no soliciting” stickers for residents.
- Host annual senior luncheon at Wood Dale Park District in June.
- Participate in the Park District’s annual Senior Resource Fair
- Distribute information about any upcoming senior fairs, events or driver safety classes for the elderly
- Provide crime prevention tips and training.

# SOCIAL SERVICES REPORT

Provided by Steven Buhr - Dave Hahn & Associates  
Villa Park, Illinois



## For Period January – December 2015

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Total Cases:                                    | 96  |
| Crisis Calls:                                   | 39  |
| Juvenile Station Adjustments:                   | 34  |
| Evaluations and Referrals:                      | 34  |
| Hours of Clinician In-House                     | 198 |
| Hours of Clinician used for Crisis Intervention | 44  |
| Hours in Ride-Along/School/Roll Call/Seminars   | 4   |

### Problems Observed:

|                                  |                           |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>Child Abuse</i>               | <i>Runaways</i>           |
| <i>Marital Problems</i>          | <i>Theft</i>              |
| <i>Dual Addiction</i>            | <i>Substance Abuse</i>    |
| <i>Behavioral Problems</i>       | <i>Elderly Issues</i>     |
| <i>Domestic Violence</i>         | <i>Workplace Issues</i>   |
| <i>School Situations/Truancy</i> | <i>Parenting Skills</i>   |
| <i>Depression</i>                | <i>Attempted Suicides</i> |
| <i>Anger Management</i>          | <i>Family Dysfunction</i> |



## WOOD DALE POLICE DEPARTMENT VICTIM RESOURCE REPORT 2015

Responding to social needs and to the needs of victims and witnesses remains a high priority of the Wood Dale Police Department. We are constantly reviewing and updating the Victim Witness Assistance section of Chapter 55 of our standards. This section gives additional specific clear duties and responsibilities to our officers in accordance to the Illinois Domestic Violence Act.

The DuPage County State's Attorneys office also requested county-wide adoption of these procedures. These procedures outline who is covered by victim witness assistance and a checklist to guide police response. During 2015, 144 families were referred to family resources by the Wood Dale Police; of these, 48 were for domestic battery. The resources used for referral include:

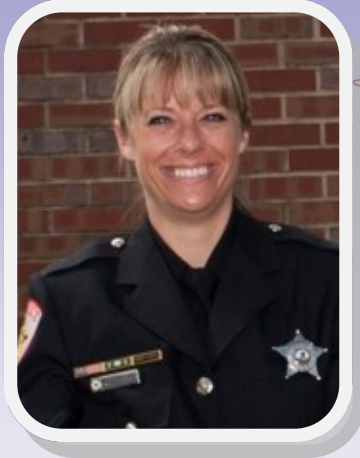
- DuPage Family Shelter Services (for English and Spanish)
- DCFS (Department of Children & Family Services)
- DuPage State's Attorney Victim/Witness Assistance

Family Shelter Services has many different services to offer victims of domestic violence and their children, including:

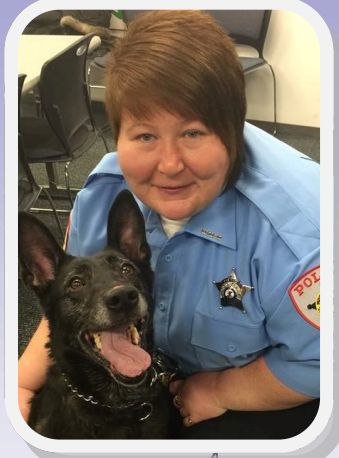
- ★ *Shelter for up to 34 days*
- ★ *Counseling – individual and group counseling for teens, adults and children*
- ★ *Latina outreach – educational/support groups and Spanish GED, SEL*
- ★ *Advocacy – located at the DuPage Court House to assist with Orders of Protection.*
- ★ *Victim advocates – contacting victims of domestic violence directly*
- ★ *Hotline – counselors available to take calls 24 hours a day*
- ★ *Safe Pets – for victims entering shelter who want to protect their pets*
- ★ *Cell Phones – donated cell phones with 911 capabilities available*

Ninety-six (11 more than last year) cases were handled by Hahn & Associates during 2015. Of these, 34 (as opposed to 25 the previous year) involved juvenile issues. The families/individuals referred received counseling for various reasons including suicide prevention, family dysfunction, truancy, substance abuse, domestic violence, anger management, various mental health issues, school problems, runaways, divorce issues and other police contacts.

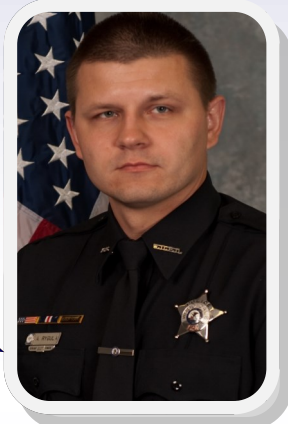
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AMY KREML**



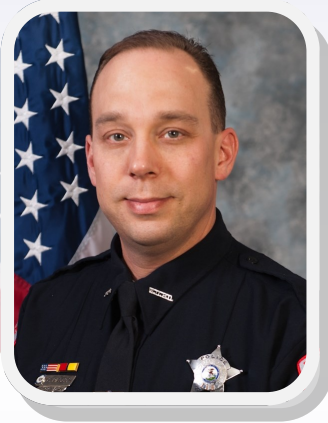
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CHRISSIE SOBANSKI**



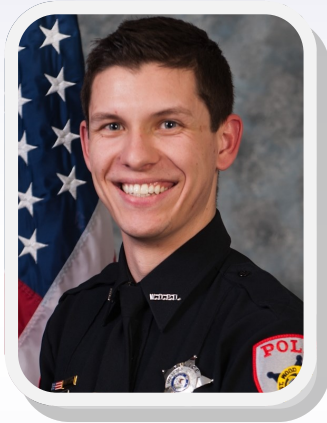
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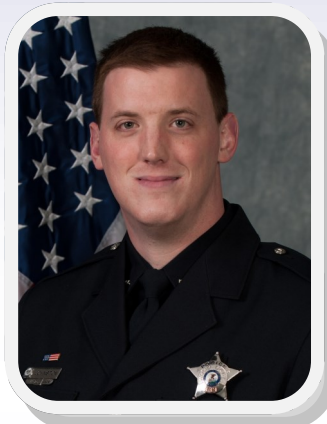
**ADRIAN RYGULA**



**ALAN PIECUCH**



**EVAN GRANT**



**ALEX JOHNSTON**

**YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION**

**5 Years**

Ofc. Justin Bje

**10 Years**

Det. Melody Rissman

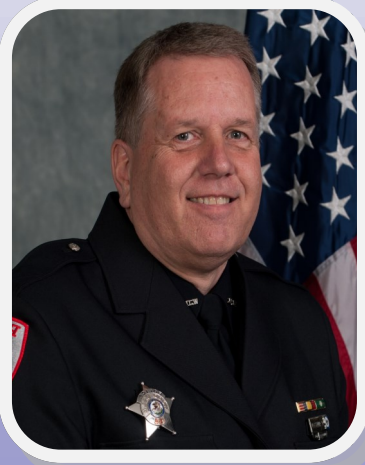
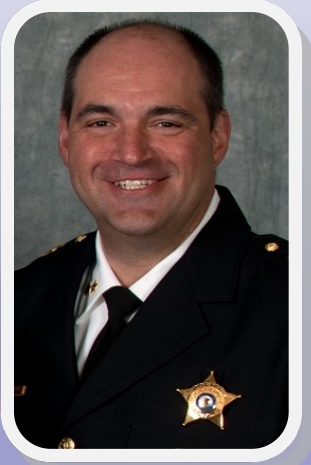
**15 Years**

Det. Rob Farenkopf

**25 Years**

Deputy Chief Mike Rivas

Ofc. Jordan Anderson



## 2016 – 2017 Goals and Objectives

### Administrative

GOAL: Create a paperless Accreditation Program

OBJECTIVES:

- Acquire Power DMS Software
- Obtain and utilize proofs of compliance from all section of the department to be uploaded into Power DMS
- Train Police Personnel on how to submit proofs of compliance to Planning & Research Analyst
- Upload all reviewed General Orders / Policy and Procedures / Standard Operating Procedures
- Upload all photos that are used as proofs of compliance
- Learn the benefits of Power DMS
- Attend any necessary training on the new electronic system

GOAL: Develop the position of safety officer for all special events

OBJECTIVES:

- Send a supervisor/officer to ICS training for Safety Officers
- Have in-service training for others to be trained as Safety Officers
- Create Role and Responsibility for Safety Officer
- Safety Officer will create ICS Form 206 “Medical Plan”, ICS Form 208 “Safety Message/Plan”, and for special events
- Safety Officer will inspect event, observe employees, monitor weather for any potential issues

GOAL: Create an “After Action” impact study on the effects of the construction on Traffic Enforcement

OBJECTIVES:

- Perform a comparative analysis of citations issued in the effected construction areas
- Compare traffic crash data “before and after” construction
- Determine if the data can lead to a suggestive strategic plan for traffic engineering

GOAL: Review the current Field Training Officer Program and recommend any changes

OBJECTIVES:

- Evaluate the current field training program and its length

- Determine through other agencies if the current program is long enough to properly train new police recruits.
- Conduct an evaluation amongst new hires regarding improvements needed
- Update training for current Field Training Officers
- Establish a better relationship with SLEA training academy
- Review probationary periods in other similar agencies and make recommendations to Board of Fire and Police Commission if the current period should be extended.

GOAL: Further enhance our use of force training

OBJECTIVES:

- Current training exceeds all state and accreditation standards, but determine if we should be doing more in our training program.
- Gather data from video evidence and use of force reports to properly train officers with situations that they may face
- Use video during training exercises to evaluate performance
- Address current trends in court systems to evaluate programs
- Through training, encourage physical exercise and healthy living
- Increase scenario based training in the range
- Utilize simunition training into range training to support more realistic training.
- Evaluate/incorporate a night shoot at outdoor range

GOAL: Expand the use of our Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)

OBJECTIVES:

- Use current CIT officers to develop in service mental health training
- Continue to enroll officers in mental health training as available
- Foster a better connection with County and State agencies for mental health issues
- Work with DuPage Chiefs organization to become a part of a countywide CIT program and resources for our agency
- Continue to build the CIT program by training more officers
- Conduct in service training to all personnel on current mental health issues
- Establish and maintain countywide contacts and attend the DuPage county Criminal Justice mental health committee meetings.
- Integrate Mental health training into defensive tactics training and de-escalation training with sworn officers

GOAL: Work towards achieving a 7<sup>th</sup> Accreditation Award

OBJECTIVES:

- After a successful 6<sup>th</sup> reaccreditation in 2016, begin immediately working towards the next period in accreditation
- Transition Accreditation Manager duties to the Planning & Research Analyst position
- Transition CALEA files into Power DMS System
- Upon completion of 6<sup>th</sup> Accreditation, start process for the 7<sup>th</sup> Accreditation
- Transition to the new CALEA four year cycle
- Review all of our general orders for content and compliance with best practices
- Review the current folder assignments and make necessary adjustments
- Make sure staff have proper folders
- Reissue folder assignments to department for the upcoming assessment period.

GOAL: Explore the feasibility, legality, and officer safety issues surrounding sworn officers wearing body cameras

OBJECTIVES:

- With the passage of recent legislation regarding the eavesdropping requirements and guidelines for implementing a program, determine if we should implement this program
- Produce relevant data from police departments that have implemented the cameras to determine if there is an effect on the number of citizen complaints against officers
- Research pros/cons of body worn camera deployment
- Research available options from different camera provider companies and how they would integrate with current systems
- Work with DuPage County and the State's Attorney's office for implementation guidelines.

GOAL: Enhance community involvement with the Police Department

OBJECTIVES:

- Send Senior Liaison Officer to refresher senior training
- Send second Senior Liaison Officer to Senior officer training class
- Send Senior Liaison Sergeant to Senior Liaison training class
- Monitor state implementation of the Silver Alert program
- Conduct an Adult Citizen's Police Academy
- Continue with the modification and rollout of an upgraded Citizen Volunteer Program
- Attend numerous homeowners and citizen meetings

- Expand the Coffee with a Cop program
- Expand the Shop with a Cop program – requesting donations to allow more children to participate in the program – develop guidelines
- Continue National Night Out events – enhance and/or expand
- Improve tracking of calls where senior citizens receive assistance – Senior liaison officers documenting more of the services provided

## Patrol

GOAL: Improve and enhance the current strong relationship with our community

### OBJECTIVES:

- Increase number of hours bike patrol is utilized
  - Create overtime detail during summer as budget allows
  - Early evening hours
- Open house for the community
- Expand coffee with a cop
  - Consider including some evening events throughout the year
  - Examine expanding the program into other businesses in town, including elected officials to address city related concerns
- Look for training classes that seek alternatives to dealing with difficult persons or situations (i.e. verbal judo)
  - Look to send officers that receive any complaints about attitude
  - Address any poor attitudes or poor verbal communication skills that are observed
- Continue with Citizen’s Police Academy and examine whether to expand it with another agency or the Fire Department
- Be proactive in sending representatives to HOA meetings and meetings that affect the community, such as O’Hare Noise and I-390 construction
- When weather permits continue foot patrols through high population areas and shopping areas
- Seek affirmative ways to expand a positive reach into any events in the community, such as block parties, etc.

GOAL: Implement a volunteer program designed around the new policies that were established in 2015 with the goal of assisting the PD with the more routine incidents, rather than just catastrophic events

### OBJECTIVES:

- Establish a core group of volunteers from past and present CERT and CPA members
- Begin training by summer of 2016
- Increase the use of volunteers to keep them motivated
- Increase the number of volunteers as time goes on
- Increase the duties of volunteers over time



- Train those interested in the Citizen Patrol program

GOAL: Strengthen the relationship between our agency and Addison Consolidated Dispatch Center

OBJECTIVES:

- More frequent meetings to discuss problems and share when calls are handled well. This should include a person from patrol to help express the patrol side
- Create a central log of complaints and compliments for those involved in the monthly or twice a month meetings to discuss prior to attending ACDC meetings.
- More direct contact between dispatch and patrol. Set up ride a longs, send officers to ACDC once in a while to spend some time and get to know those dispatching.
- Create a better way of knowing that concerns on both sides are being addressed, and not made to feel that they are being ignored.

GOAL: Review patrol officer extra-duty assignments and prepare a guide to who is responsible for various tasks

OBJECTIVES:

- Create spreadsheet the extra duties of each officer, i.e. AED maintenance, fire extinguisher checks, etc.
- Review what duties should remain with supervisors, and which should be accomplished by line officers
- Review Manual of Roles and Responsibilities and also reduce it to a short guide of special assignments
- Redistribute duties to those who do not have additional responsibilities

GOAL: Increase positive citizen contacts

- Through peer encouragement and community involvement, increase the number of citizen contacts police officers make.
- Develop regular involvement of department personnel in community activities. Find new ways to involve officers in their community.
- Look into ways to reward youth for good behavior or actions in the community. (baseball trading cards, slurpee coupons etc.)
- Increase the department image with residents through positive interactions through peer training.
- More walking patrols through residential and retail areas, when weather allows
- Continue Coffee With A Cop and other outreach efforts
- More frequent reviews of officer traffic stop videos to ensure professionalism
- Look for training classes designed around citizen contacts.

GOAL: Reduce neighborhood and commercial crime, and traffic problems throughout town

OBJECTIVES:

- Continue with, and promote increase, in the productivity standards that were implemented recently
- Officers patrolling neighborhoods as a regular routine in addition to main thoroughfare enforcement. Find the appropriate balance to reduce issues in all areas of town
- Increase the amount of community contact during patrol hours, including additional walk and talks, getting out of squads in the neighborhoods, and interacting with residents during slower periods
- Active enforcement practices in regards to fire and handicapped parking violations
- Increase presence in business parking lots while completing reports or during patrols to help deter crime
- During holiday season, increase patrols and presence in business parking lots to deter crime

GOAL: Improve traffic safety through a number of initiatives

OBJECTIVES:

- Reduce “distracted driver” accidents through increased traffic patrols that target cell phone use, texting while driving, and obstructed driver’s views
- Identify locations within City with higher traffic crash rates and establish cause and effect of same and develop enforcement and/or improvement plan
- Increase officer presence in school zones to include expanded enforcement of other violations in addition to speed when children are present
- Increase school speed zone multi-squad enforcement as manpower allows
- Utilize multi-squad enforcement at intersections of high crash rates
- Utilize multi-squad enforcement where traffic violations have been validated in residential areas
- Secure traffic enforcement grants through IDOT

### Investigations

GOAL: Track financial crimes for the purpose of justifying manpower and funds allocated to fight fraud

OBJECTIVES:

- Develop parameters to report the incidents through our report writing system, so they can be separate and easily tracked

- Include in the statistics unsuccessful attempts of defrauding Wood Dale citizens.
- Identify the magnitude of the problem.
- Develop and implement strategies lower or combat fraud to Wood Dale residents.

GOAL: *Edit and update missing/at risk persons file.*

OBJECTIVES:

- Develop a checklist of items to be looked at. Credit check, vehicle, TLO, Accurant etc. Amber alert/ Silver alert
- Updated laws on missing persons
- Resource list: Tollway, Hospitals, financial institutions, Air support

GOAL: *Continue to revise juvenile dispositions*

OBJECTIVES:

- Track in-house station adjustment
- Include DuPage County Juvenile disposition
- Work with developing a better relationship with Northeast DuPage Family and Youth Services.
- Review our current in-house counseling program

GOAL: *Implement general order setting for the process of conducting alcohol and tobacco compliance checks*

OBJECTIVES:

- Educate and update establishments on new and prior regulated postings
- Conduct minimum of two City wide alcohol sales and BASSET compliance inspections
- Consider reviewing the compliance with the video gaming law, ensuring minors are not participating

## *Records & Support Services*

GOAL: *Implement and stay current with emerging technology in the records division*

OBJECTIVES:

- Send staff to County meetings regarding the upgrading of county records systems and the new ticketing and transmittal technology
- Adjust manpower to allow for attendance at these events
- Examine new ways to track and implement administrative towing records

GOAL: Evaluate our current trends in comparison to other Records agencies within the state and make necessary adjustments if needed.

OBJECTIVES:

- Participate in the email exchange group of LERMI (Law Enforcement Records Managers of Illinois)
- Attend LERMI meetings within the Chicagoland area
- Coordinate our internal operations to determine changes needed

GOAL: Increase staff training to improve service delivery

OBJECTIVES:

- Adjust schedules to prevent overtime being necessary to send staff to training classes
- Participate in training classes related to Records functions
- Take advantage of low cost or free training classes

## Emergency Services

GOAL: Improve the City's overall emergency preparedness

OBJECTIVES:

- Assist in drafting citywide response plan for routine snow and cold events.
- Review the current citywide plan for flooding response
- Work with neighboring agency and DuPage OHSEM to plan full scale exercise of a plane crash
- Conduct a training exercise with DuPage OEM to enhance best practices of opening Emergency Operations Center
- Plan and involve all of the city departments in tabletop training exercises