



DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT
2015 ANNUAL REPORT



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VISION STATEMENT

A city where our families, businesses, and culture prosper in an environment in which all people are treated with dignity, equity, and respect.

MISSION STATEMENT

The members of the DeKalb Police Department are committed to reducing crime and enhancing the quality of life through an active partnership with our community.





A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF...

To Our Community,

The DeKalb Police Department strives to reduce crime and enhance the quality of life for all through an active partnership with our community. This collaboration will make our city a safer place to live, work and raise our families, and a place where all people are treated with dignity, equity and respect.

As a community we faced many challenges in 2015 that included an uncertain economy, defunding of critical services, and the lack of a state budget that negatively impacted local government operations and everyone throughout our community. Across our country we witnessed an erosion of the trust between the police and their communities that was highlighted in public demonstrations that at times ended in violence, tragic police shootings, and a significant increase in violent crime.

The challenges faced by our Police Department in 2015 included responding to **44,128** calls for service, a **1% decrease** from 2014 and **23,188** 9-1-1 calls which was a **17% increase** as compared to 2014. The increase in 9-1-1 calls was attributed to an increase in the actual number of emergency incidents, multiple calls for the same event, the use of 9-1-1 for non-emergency purposes, and the proliferation of cell phones within our culture accounting for misdials and intentional misreporting. The burden the 9-1-1 call volume placed on our personnel was significant with each call being treated as a legitimate incident until determined otherwise.

Crime is reported nationwide through the Uniformed Crime Reporting (UCR) process which is comprised of two overall categories of crime; those are Part 1 Crimes which are the most serious, and Part 2 Crimes which are considered less serious offenses. In 2015 DeKalb's **Part 1 Crimes decreased 2%** and **Part 2 Crimes decreased 8%** for a 10% decrease overall which continued a four year trend in crime reduction. As noteworthy as the decrease is, what is concerning is the rise in violent acts within our community and throughout the region from Rockford to Chicago.

The increase in sexual assaults, robberies, and gun violence in our community during 2015 will be addressed from a multi-disciplinary perspective. This includes implementing proactive policing strategies in concert with community resources and criminal justice stakeholders to decrease victimization and mitigate factors that contribute to the commission of these offenses. The reduction of crime and the enhancement of public safety is contingent upon how well we work together, how effectively we communicate and how committed we are as a community to caring for one another.

Thank you for your continued support and willingness to partner with us as we move forward with making our community the best it can be. We are looking forward to building bridges of cooperation with you and tearing down the walls that may separate us.

Respectfully,

*Gene Lowery,
Chief of Police*



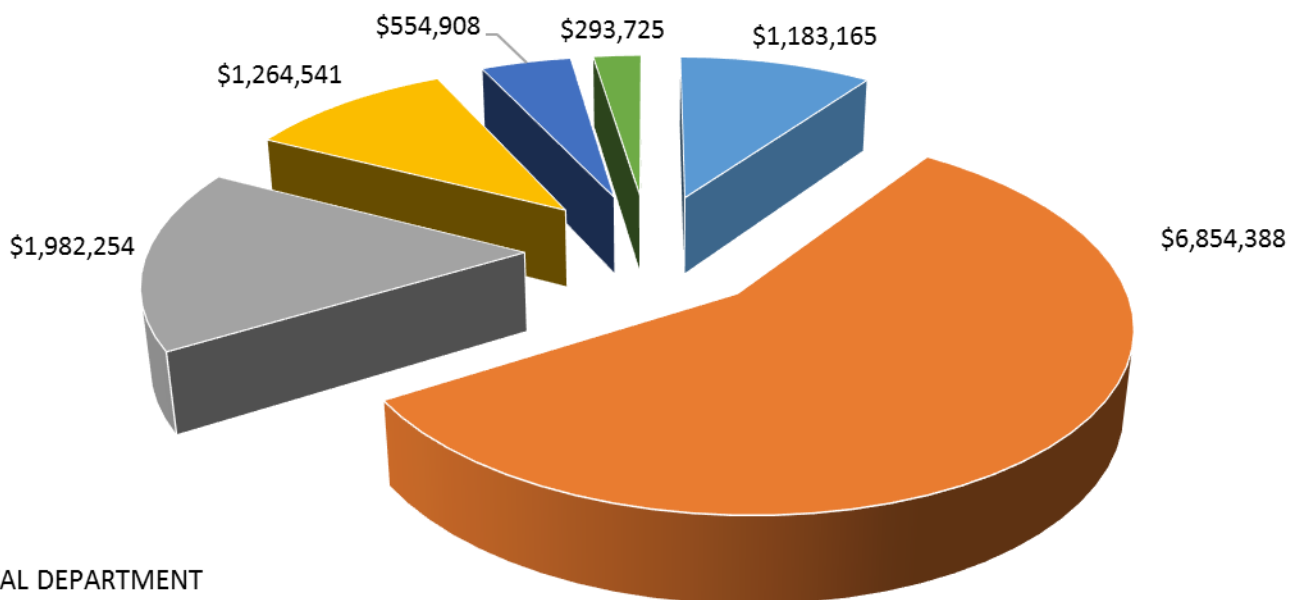
AT A GLANCE...

Organized	1856
Sworn Officers	65
Civilian Personnel	28
Budget	\$12,132,985
Service Area	16.29 square miles
Part I Crimes	1329
Part II Crimes	6584
Accidents	1415
Arrests	2983
Citations	3673
Public Services	11,093
Index Crime Rate per 1,000	30.18
Ratio of Police Officers per 1000 residents	1.47

Incorporated	1856
Government	City Manager
City Budget	\$34,753,636
Population	44,034



BUDGET



**TOTAL DEPARTMENT
BUDGET**
\$12,132,985

■ Administration Division ■ Patrol Division ■ Investigation Division ■ Communication Division ■ Special Services ■ Crime Free Housing

DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

Gene Lowery

DEPUTY CHIEFS

Wes Hoadley

John Petragallo

COMMANDERS

Jason Levertton

Robert Redel ^

James McDougall^

Tracy Smith ^

SERGEANTS

Lisa Miller

Jonathan Costliow

James Haacker

Thomas Petit

Stylianios Lekkass

Mark Tehan

Craig Woodruff

Jeff Weese ^

CORPORALS

Curt Biarnesen #

Scott Farrell

Joseph Espy

SWORN OFFICERS

J. Kenton Quist #

Burton Johnson

Steven Rodriguez

Jeffrey Winters

Aaron Lockhart

Chad McNett

Mark Nachman

Michael Stewart

Reda Reese

Jose Jaques

Kevin Ferrigan

Angel Reyes

Richard Reynolds

Jason Watson

Kelly Sullivan

Mario Nonnenmann

Brian Bollow

Paul Mott

Tony Kwasniewski

Anthony Densberger

Chris Sullivan

Thomas Reilly ♦

Keith Ehrke

Lance Reinbolz

Jared Burke

Elizabeth Fabro

Jeffrey Ackland

Keunte Mallett

Aaron Gates

Philip Brown

Geoffrey Guzinski

Joshua Boldt

Kris Mecca

Ryan Wilkens

Bryan Soderstrom

Jonathan Jursich

Sadie Pristave

Jordan Poulos

John Loechel

Allison Benthussen

Michael Cicchetti

Olaniran Habideen

Jason Goodwin

Sonny Streit

Raynaldo Hernandez +

Steven Parsons +

Danielle Huber +

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

LaToya Marz

TELECOMMUNICATORS

Donna Biarnesen

Heide Clark

Linda Besler ~

Michael Callahan

Sean Woyna

Carrie Becker ~

Christopher McMeen

Brittany Westergren

Geoffrey Wells

Hillary Fowler +

Keller Kurth +

Jamie Feiza *

Jennifer Barnett +

Adrienne Oziah %

Carol Halsey %

Kaitlin Armstrong %

Kelli Wilkens %

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Penny Meier

RECORDS

OFFICE ASSOCIATES

Rita Larson

Patty Pumfrey

Emily Getzelman +

CRIME FREE HOUSING

COORDINATOR

Carl Leoni

CFH OFFICE ASSOCIATE

Jackie Spartz

CFH INSPECTORS

Michael Stuckert %

Frank Beasley %

Ryan Fisher %

COMMUNITY SERVICE

OFFICERS

James Rhoades

Daniel Gerace

Trevor Burdick

COURT SECURITY

Raymond West

VOLUNTEERS

6 Volunteers

CROSSING GUARDS

18 Crossing Guards



Part-time %

Promoted ^

Retired #

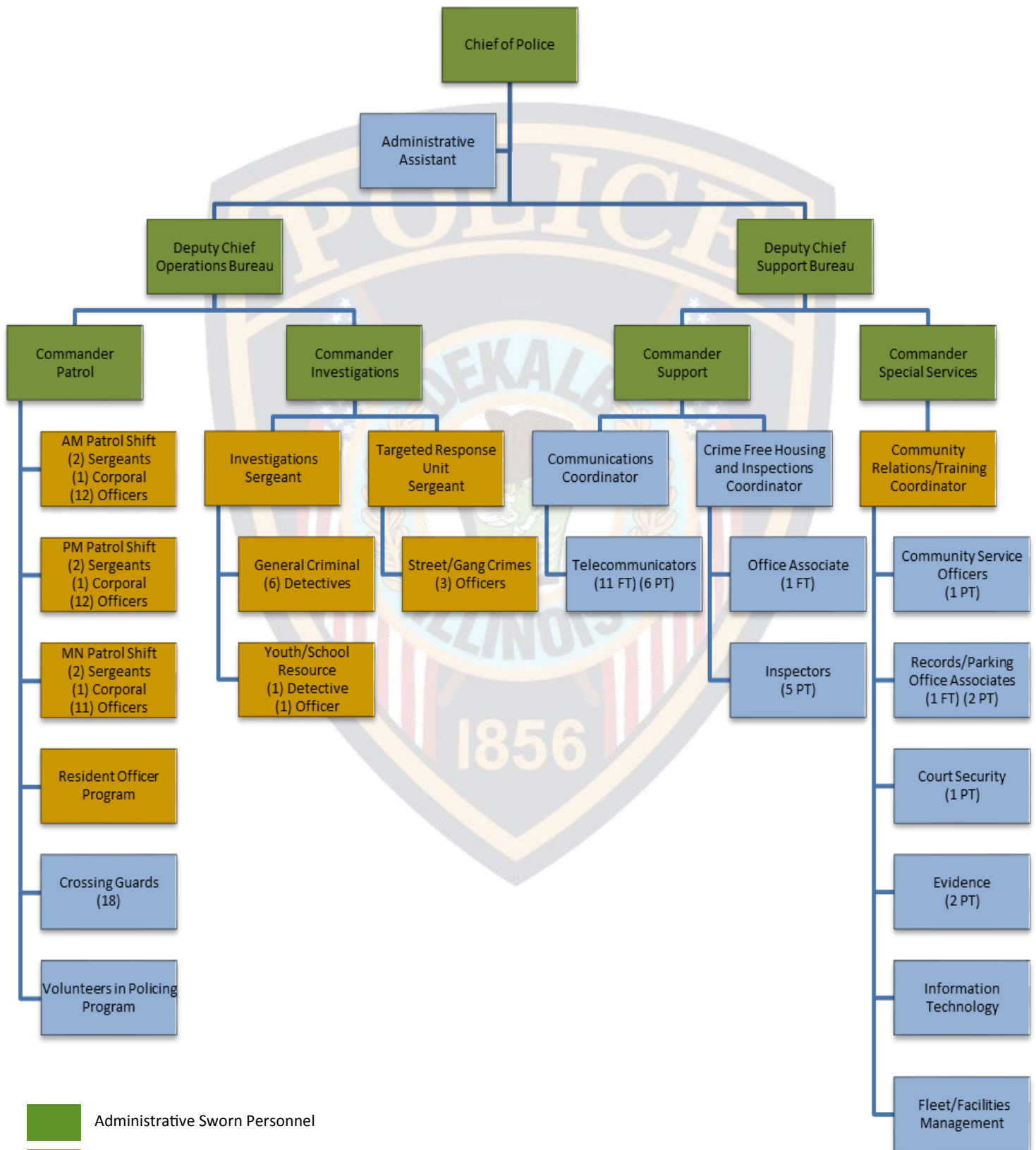
New Hire +

Resigned ~

New Hire/Resigned *

Deceased ♦

ORGANIZATION CHART



- Administrative Sworn Personnel
- Sworn Personnel
- Civilian Personnel

ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2015

- The first “20/20: A Clear Vision for the Future”, a strategic plan for 20 new crime reduction and community partnership initiatives in 20 months was completely implemented.
- We strengthened our co-policing initiative with the NIU Police Department in creating comprehensive patrols in the college housing areas and worked cooperatively on proactive investigations and policing our city.
- The “Partnership with our Community” policing philosophy continued in all aspects of police programming, operations, and initiatives. This continues to provide an opportunity to enhance communication and improve community relations.
- A significant enhancement to the efficiency of Records operations was the implementation of software that facilitates credit card payments to the police department for items such as parking tickets, bond, and administrative tow fees, then distributes the payment to its intended recipient, such as to the Circuit Clerk for bond. This program has also significantly reduced the time our officers spend on transporting arrestees to the county jail by facilitating their ability to acquire bond by using a credit card. It also decreased the length of time spent by an arrestee in out detention facility.
- Another records enhancement was the implementation of automated traffic accident reporting, the Apriss system. This allows officers to electronically complete and submit traffic accident reports, streamlining the process of dissemination to motorists, insurance companies, and the Illinois Department of Transportation. This program has also significantly reduced support staff time dedicated to processing these requests.
- The 911 Police Communications Center demonstrated an increase in compliance with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards for fire dispatch; having achieved compliance within a three month period with over 95% of our calls being dispatched within 106 seconds, and a consistent rise in the percentage of calls being dispatched within 60 seconds which helps to improve our response times and ISO rating for the City.
- The “Camp Power” program celebrated a successful second year, and developed a strategy for the program’s sustainability and expansion by joining forces with the YMCA and other community stakeholders.
- Completed the training to safely use the overdose intervention drug commonly called Narcan. This program allows police officers to effectively deploy the overdose intervention drug Narcan to save a life that may have been taken through a narcotics overdose. Two of our officers successfully administered Narcan to a heroin overdose victim and saved the victim’s life.
- The Chief of Police was appointed to the Illinois Chiefs of Police Association’s Police Psychological Services Committee to address the screening of police officer candidates, the mental health and well-being of police personnel, and the challenges officers face on the street when dealing with individuals in crisis. The Chief is also participating in the “Chiefs Lead the Way Program” that strives to minimize the stigma often associated with seeking mental health support services for police personnel.
- Police and Fire Command staff led the City’s efforts to meet the requirements of the United States Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administrations’ (NOAA) “Storm Ready” certification for the City of DeKalb, which was recently awarded. This certification will enhance the City’s ISO rating.



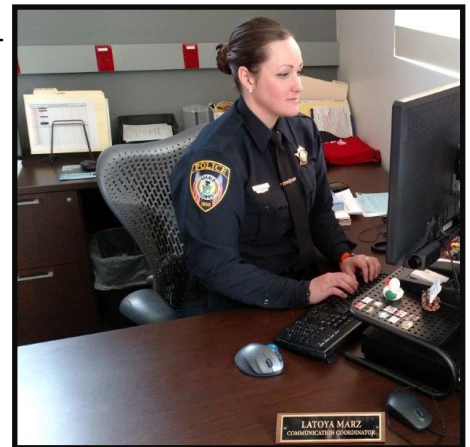
ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2015

Financial Stability:

- Successfully submitted a grant to the Department of Justice for \$15,427 for the purchase of electronic investigative equipment for the police department. The purchase of the equipment is underway and is anticipated to be completed in 2016.
- Successfully submitted a grant for \$6,500 through the DeKalb County Community Foundation for the acquisition of five new Automated External Defibrillators for squad cars.
- Successfully obtained an Illinois Department of Transportation grant for selected traffic enforcement programs for \$23,280.00.
- Significant reductions in overtime usage within the Patrol Division was noted during this time frame due to the use of our Intelligence Driven Policing model that helped to guide the deployment of our officers and their specific shift assignments. During calendar year 2015 there was a reduction of over 4,000 hours of overtime within the Operations Bureau.

Personnel Accomplishments:

- Sergeant Mark Tehan completed Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command, a 10-week internationally recognized training program for enhancing police leadership.
- Sergeant Craig Woodruff was awarded the Carl Dobbs Scholarship through Northwestern University which provided him with free tuition to their School of Police Staff and Command.
- Police Officer Jason Goodwin obtained a Master of Arts degree in Organizational Leadership from Judson University.
- Detective Angel Reyes was promoted from Technical Sergeant to Master Sergeant in the Air Force National Guard. Detective Reyes was also the 2015 Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year for the 182nd Airlift Wing.
- Communications Coordinator LaToya Marz completed the nationally accredited Communications Center Manager Certification Program.
- Police Officer Mario Nonnenmann retired from the Air Force National Guard at the rank of Master Sergeant with over twenty years of service.



Communications Coordinator
LaToya Marz.



DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT 2015 DIVISIONS

ADMINISTRATION

The Office of the Chief is accountable for all aspects of the Police Department's function and mission. Chief Gene Lowery provides leadership, direction, serves as the department's primary liaison with all internal and external stakeholders, and builds partnerships that focus on enhancing public safety and the quality of life for our community.

Deputy Chiefs John Petragallo and Wes Hoadley are second in command of the Police Department and act in lieu of the Police Chief as needed. Deputy Chief Petragallo is in command of the Operations Bureau and is responsible for coordinating the day to day operations of the Patrol and Investigations Divisions. Deputy Chief Hoadley is in command of the Support Bureau and is responsible for coordinating the Communications, Crime Free Housing and Inspections, and Special Services Divisions. He also administers the department's budget to strategically identify the personnel and commodities needed to function efficiently and effectively.

Administrative Assistant Penny Meier, is primarily responsible for reporting crime information in accordance to the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security and Campus Crime Statistics (Clery Act), the federal government's Uniform Crime Report (UCR), the State of Illinois' racial profiling data collection, providing crime analysis support for guiding department operations and advising the community and provides support for the Office of the Chief.

SUPPORT / SPECIAL SERVICES

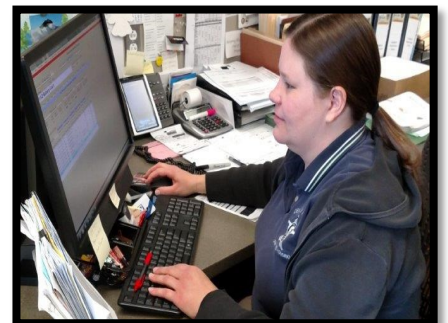
The Support Bureau includes Records, Community Relations, Training, Court Security, Communications, Crime Free Housing and Inspections, Information Technology, Fleet/Facilities, and Evidence Divisions. They are led by Commanders Jason Leverton and Tracy Smith. Commander Tracy Smith was promoted to his position in 2015.

TRAINING

The DeKalb Police Department remains committed to train our officers and support personnel in the many facets of law enforcement. The scope of our duties requires ongoing training and recertification in a broad range of topics. In 2015 our staff logged over **3300** hours of training in a variety of disciplines that are essential in the performance of their assigned duties.

RECORDS

The Records Section is responsible for the collection and retention of police reports, citations, parking tickets, arrests and all other data and records pertaining to the functions of the Police Department. Records staff are charged with maintaining the integrity and confidentiality of police records to ensure the credibility of information in the administration of justice, from the point of police contact to the adjudication of cases in court. They are also responsible for the timely fulfillment of subpoenas, report requests by the State's Attorney's office and the City's Legal Department, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, and internal requests for records and data. Records employees include one full-time office associate, Rita Larson, who primarily services the front counter and administers the online traffic accident reporting system. Records also employs two part-time office associates: Patty Pumfrey who is primarily responsible for the administration of parking tickets, and Emily Getzelman who is primarily responsible for FOIA, subpoena, and background check fulfillment. Jaclyn Spartz serves as the full-time office associate in Crime Free Housing, and she also assists with other Records functions. The Records personnel also provide service at the front desk in the public lobby, which includes walk-in customers in need of police service, records requests, general information, mail and package delivery and vendor service accommodations. In addition, they are the primary point of telephone contact for records and report inquiries to the Police Department. In 2015, the Records Division handled **535** Freedom of Information requests; **120** subpoenas for reports; **269** subpoenas for 9-1-1 recordings; **935** State's Attorney requests for police videos and **378** for case photos; they made **2,580** copies of reports and conducted **483** background requests for other government agencies.



iWATCH DEKALB

iWatch DeKalb was introduced in 2013 as a way for community members to send anonymous crime tips to the police in the form of a text message, voicemail, photos, and video using a smartphone or computer. In 2015, **165** tips were received via iWatch, which can disseminate crime alerts and other important information.

EVIDENCE

The evidence section includes services for the intake and retention of all items of evidence collected by police officers and detectives, as well as for lost and found items. Part-time Community Service Officer (CSO) Jim Rhoades serves as the department's designated property officer, and is assisted by part-time CSO Dan Gerace. They are responsible for the receipt, storage, safekeeping, release, and proper disposal of all evidence and property taken into custody by the police department, in accordance with federal and state laws as well as internal policies of the police department. A new bar-coding system was fully implemented to help facilitate in the documentation and processing of evidence, that included **374** prosecution evidence requests and **3,360** items of evidence collected and processed in 2015.

COURT / CITY COUNCIL SECURITY

The Police Department provides security for municipal court by limiting access to City Hall and ensuring the courtroom is safe and orderly. Part-time Court Security Officer Ray West provides courtroom security for municipal court on Monday mornings and will also provide security services for administrative hearings in 2016. Community Service Officer Trevor Burdick also assists with security screening for court, as well as other officers as needed with some court calls servicing over 400 persons. Security is also provided for City Council and other meetings as needed. Improvements to our security procedures are constantly being reviewed and upgraded in the interest of everyone's safety and security.

FLEET

Our basic fleet consists of:

- 15 marked Police vehicles
- 13 unmarked Police vehicles
- 2 Crime Free Housing vehicles
- 1 Community Service vehicle
- 2 Harley Davidson motorcycles

iWatch DeKalb. Do You?

Send Crime Tips from the Web or Your Mobile Phone.
Anywhere, Anytime. Anonymously.



What is iWatch?

You are the eyes and ears of your community. Your awareness of suspicious behaviors and activities and reporting it to the police can help solve crimes or prevent crimes.

What should I report?

Give as many details as possible, for example:

- ✓ Time of day
- ✓ Where it happened
- ✓ What you witnessed
- ✓ A description of individual(s) involved
- ✓ Was there a vehicle?
- Color and license plate number?
- ✓ Have you seen this activity before?

There are four ways to report:

- ✓ Report online at iWatch.com
- ✓ Text a tip to 1-(815) 673-7603
- ✓ Use the FREE downloadable app
- ✓ Call 1-(815) 673-7603

see something?
say something.

iWatchDeKalb.com



iWatch applications are available for a wide range of smartphones, download by visiting iWatchDeKalb.com



If one person can make a difference, consider what an entire community can do.

I Watch DeKalb. Do You?
Gene Lowery, Chief of Police

If you have an emergency and need the police immediately do not use iWatch, call 911

SOCIAL MEDIA

The DeKalb Police Department continues to reach the social media world with Facebook to share police-related information, community events, and to inform the community of certain crimes, seek assistance from or in turn ask the community to help solve crimes.

<https://www.facebook.com/dekalbpolic>



COMMUNICATIONS

The Communications Division is the front line response for receiving emergency and non-emergency telephone requests and inquiries for Police, Fire and EMS services within our community. They operate 24-hours a day, seven days a week with a minimum staffing level of two Telecommunicators (TCs) on duty at any given time.

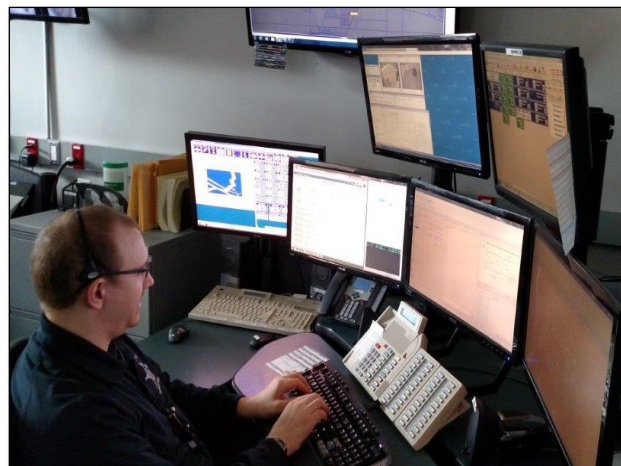
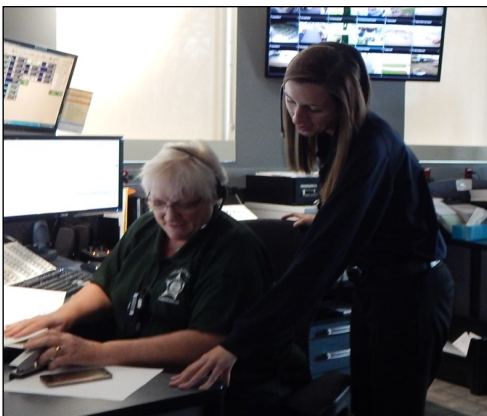
Their goal is to “protect and serve” in receiving and dispatching calls for service by enhancing the safety of our officers, fire personnel and our community. Each dispatcher is certified through the State of Illinois in Public Safety Dispatch which encompasses Law Enforcement and Fire Service Dispatch, as well as Emergency Medical Dispatch. In compliance with the Illinois Department of Public Health standards, TCs are required to maintain 48 hours of continuing education every four years.

In addition to their Police/Fire/EMS dispatch functions, TCs monitor radio traffic for Public Works, other nearby police agencies, and all security cameras throughout the Police Department, Municipal Building, and DeKalb Taylor Municipal Airport. Communications is responsible for performing electronic checks of vehicles, persons, items, and warrants for traffic stops and investigations at the request of our sworn personnel, and they perform other tasks such as administrative support, monitoring **iWatch**, and disseminating **CodeRED** emergency notifications to city residents in events of severe weather or other emergencies requiring a citywide notification.

In 2015, several upgrades were completed in the Communications Center, which included additional electrical outlets, additional wall monitors for displaying weather radar and security cameras, new computer monitors for the dispatch consoles, window tinting for light control, and other furnishing additions.

Communications staffing is comprised of a Communications Coordinator, 11 full-time and six part-time TCs that staff our center for around the clock service. Communications Coordinator LaToya Marz serves as the manager of the communications center and direct supervisor of the TCs. Commanders Jason Leverton and Tracy Smith provide administrative, supervisory, and technical assistance to the Communications Division.

In 2015, the Communications Division received and dispatched **44,128** police calls, **5,388** fire/ambulance calls, and answered over **23,188** 9-1-1 calls.



- *In 2014 the Police Communications Center handled 19,767 9-1-1 Calls.*
- *In 2015 23,188 9-1-1 calls were answered which was a 17% increase over 2014.*

CRIME FREE HOUSING



Crime Free Housing and Inspections Bureau (CFH) completed its third year of operation in 2015, which was created as a long-term strategy designed to reduce crime by forming partnerships and employing crime prevention strategies with those who are stakeholders in the community. The goal of the Crime Free Housing and Inspections Bureau is to reduce criminal activity and improve living conditions for all residents within the City of DeKalb by coordinating with landlords, property managers, residents, law enforcement and other City services. To reach this goal, the Bureau implements a Crime Free Housing Program along with a Sidewalk Inspections Program for property maintenance issues.

The CFH Bureau coordinates the annual registration of residential rental properties and property maintenance concerns on owner occupied properties; conducts crime free program certification workshops for residential property managers; coordinates crime prevention security assessments of the property; and serves as a liaison between the Police Department and the Landlord/Rental Property owner community. The CFH Bureau monitors incidents of criminal activity and other policing matters in rental properties and notifies the property owners so they are aware and can become involved with mitigating the situation.

Traditional policing efforts cannot solve crime problems alone, neither can the owner, manager or residents of rental properties. But by working together, the end result has been the most successful approach to crime at rental properties. The Crime Free Housing Program is successful in that it facilitates solutions to averting future criminal events, works with landlords to improve physical property features and requires compliance with building codes.

2015 Crime Free Housing Bureau Highlights:

- Properties registered: **1719** for a total of **8,932** units (approximately 99% of rental properties are registered).
- Property inspections: **2339 inspections** were conducted resulting in **958 warnings** and **499 complaints** being written. There were numerous examples of aesthetic, physical and safety improvements to various properties. The CFH Bureau ended the year with an astounding **81% compliance** rate.
- Classes conducted: **10** classes were conducted bringing the total number of landlords trained to **910**. This accounts for approximately **97%** of rental units. Feedback on the class content continues to be overwhelmingly positive and has sparked meaningful dialogue among property owners and managers.
- There were **335** (down 28% from 2014) police cases covering **522** (down 17% from 2014) criminal charges in which the tenant or guest of the tenant was arrested for committing a crime on or about the property. The landlord or property manager was advised by CFH in each of these cases and remedies for limiting recidivism were employed.
- The types of arrests at rental properties ranged from ordinance violations such as underage drinking and disorderly parties to misdemeanors and serious felonies which have included aggravated batteries, aggravated robberies, attempted murder, child pornography dissemination, firearm violations and numerous drug charges.
- In terms of blight mitigation the CFH Bureau was instrumental in the tear down and removal of numerous buildings and structures on the Shodeen properties located on West Lincoln Highway and Pearl Street.

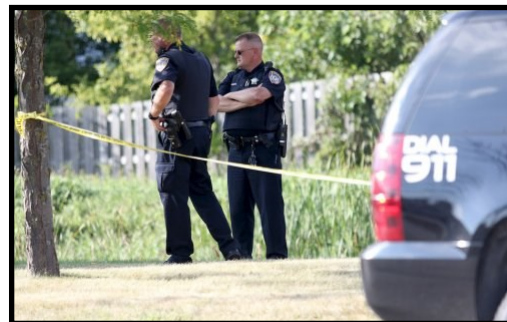


OPERATIONS BUREAU

The Operations Bureau is represented by the dedicated men and women who respond to calls for service, make on-view arrests and investigate criminal acts of all types. In 2015 they responded to **44,128** total calls for service compared to 44,537 in 2014 – a 1% decrease. The Operations Bureau is comprised of the Patrol and Investigations Divisions and since February of 2013 has been led by Deputy Chief John Petragallo.

Officers within the Patrol Division are the most visible representatives of the department and they are the first responders to incidents being dispatched from the 9-1-1 call center or by viewing a situation as it is occurring. Patrol officers also get to know the various neighborhoods throughout the city and the community members they serve. When not responding directly to calls or addressing other quality of life issues, the patrol officers use proactive time to combat ongoing crime problems in specific areas.

The Investigations Division is comprised of highly trained professionals that specialize in criminal investigations. The Detectives and Targeted Response Unit (TRU) officers conduct follow-up criminal investigations on serious misdemeanor and felony crimes reported to the police. Typically, a uniformed police officer responds to a call for service and prepares a police report which may require follow-up investigation. A detective is then assigned to conduct the follow-up, often requiring many hours of investigation before an arrest is made or a case is closed.



In 2015 the Investigations Division investigated 760 cases, which resulted in 258 cases cleared by arrest; 92 cases cleared exceptionally; 47 cases referred to other agencies; 15 cases were unfounded; 100 cases were inactive; 67 juvenile arrests and 181 cases remain active.

Specialized units operate under the Operations Bureau's span of control and include, Bike Patrol, Motor Unit, Gang and Drug Enforcement, Youth Services, School Resource Officers, Marijuana Identification Services, Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System, Resident Officer Program, Targeted Response Unit, Special Operations Team, Domestic Violence Unit, Canine Unit, and Sex Offender Registration and Monitoring Unit. Each unit is designed to meet the needs of the community in the most efficient and professional manner possible. The Operations Bureau is also the home for our Crossing Guards who ensure the safe travel of our children to school, and volunteers that staff our Volunteers in Policing Program.

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ALERT, LOCKDOWN, INFORM, COUNTER EVACUATE (ALICE):

The City and the DeKalb School District continued the strategy for lockdown procedures called the "A.L.I.C.E." plan. Prior to this plan, lockdown procedures involved the staff locking their doors, moving the students to a part of the room where they could not be seen, and quietly remaining there until an "all clear" announcement was given. The A.L.I.C.E plan offers a

different philosophy in light of recent school violence. The philosophy of A.L.I.C.E. is to use technology and information in a way so that staff and students can make informed decisions in a crisis, remove as many people as possible from the danger zone, and provide realistic training so that those involved in a crisis have a better chance of surviving. All of the employees of the DeKalb School District were mandated to attend A.L.I.C.E. training; once the staff was trained on the procedures, a letter was sent home to all of the parents of DeKalb School District students explaining the new A.L.I.C.E. procedures. All students were trained on what to do during an "Intruder Drill" and the last step was to plan for a "rally point" and an "off site" evacuation. Drills were then performed at each school and observed by A.L.I.C.E certified instructors. The A.L.I.C.E procedures have educated and prepared all the students/staff on how to react and enhance survivability for a situation that we hope will never occur.

BIKE PATROL

The mission of bike patrol is citizen safety and crime reduction with a focus on the highly populated areas around Northern Illinois University.

There were nine officers assigned to bike patrol at various times throughout the year and their efforts were key in the downward trend of a variety of crime categories. The bike patrol also supported numerous community events to include YMCA Bike Rodeo, Beatin' Betties 5K Run, Special Olympic Torch Run, NIU's Student move-in weekend, and Corn Fest.



CANINE UNIT



The canine program, which was reinstated in 2013, continues to progress. Officer Aaron Gates is assigned as the handler for the department's canine. Our canine, Tach, is a three-year-old Belgian Malinois born in Slovakia and imported to the United States via Vohne Liche Kennels located in Denver, Indiana. Officer Gates and Tach went through training at the Illinois State Police Canine Training Facility where Tach trained as a dual purpose drug detection and patrol dog. Tach can detect narcotics such as cannabis, cocaine, crack cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine and ecstasy. Tach is also trained in handler protection, suspect apprehension, building and area searches, article searches and tracking. Tach works every shift with Officer Gates and lives with him and his family.

In 2015 the canine team handled **469** calls for service including narcotics investigations, suspect tracks, search warrants, and article and building searches. Several demonstrations were given to youth and school groups; as well as several narcotic searches at the request of the DeKalb and Sycamore School Districts, DeKalb Housing Authority, and private home owners. The DeKalb Police K9 Unit trained for **221** hours and completed their annual certification with the Illinois State Police K9 Academy.



CO-POLICING INITIATIVE WITH THE NIU POLICE DEPARTMENT

This initiative continued to grow in 2015, with the DeKalb Police partnering with the Northern Illinois University Police to strategize ways for our departments to work more closely with one another to address student and community needs. Together we regularly exchange information, plan initiatives to improve cooperation, implement proactive policing strategies and discuss training needs. The departments' partner up daily on both night and day shifts where they are assigned patrol duties in the northwest quadrant of our city. Also as part of this co-policing initiative, the NIU C.O.P.S. Unit works closely with the DeKalb Police Department Targeted Response Unit to further assist in combating the quality of life issues in and around the NIU Campus area. We also increased our team approach by partnering NIU officers and DeKalb Police officers during special events such as the Memorial Day Parade, Fourth of July in Hopkins Park, Corn Fest, NIU Move-In Weekend, Homecoming, and many other activities throughout the year. These events tax our resources significantly and their assistance during these events is crucial. DeKalb Police officers have reciprocated by assisting the NIU Police at their home football games, on-campus social events, and other on-campus public safety matters.

DEKALB COUNTY SPECIAL OPERATIONS TEAM

Seven DeKalb Police Officers are members of the DeKalb County Special Operations Team (SOT). The DeKalb County Sheriff's Office, along with the DeKalb Police Department combined resources to implement a joint Special Operations Team. The presence of a highly trained and skilled law enforcement tactical unit has been shown to substantially reduce the risk of injury or loss of life to citizens, law enforcement and suspects.

The DeKalb County Sheriff's Office and the DeKalb Police Department recognize that a well-managed "team response" to critical incidents usually results in successful resolution of those incidents. SOT supports local law enforcement agencies requesting a tactical response to critical incidents.

In 2015 the use of SOT was required several times resulting in the successful resolution of high risk events ranging from armed encounters to the execution of narcotics search warrants.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT



The Domestic Violence Unit (DVU) was established in July of 2013, with Officers Jeff Ackland, Keunte Mallett and Sadie Pristave working to improve domestic violence investigations; to act in concert with Safe Passage and the State's Attorney's office and to increase successful intervention measures to prevent violence associated with domestic situations. In 2015, Officers Jonathon Jursich and Michael Cicchetti were added to the DVU which enhanced the unit's efforts. As DVU officers, they review reports and make suggestions to improve quality, review domestic violence arrests,

upgrade charges when necessary, follow-up with victims for Orders of Protection, investigate bail bond violations and help to get victims the services they need. The DVU also works with Safe Passage for Roll Call training and trains staff of Safe Passage on police procedures. Finally, they track pending cases and offer suggestions to officers to help with successful prosecutions. The DVU also obtained a grant for new software to assist with tracking and handling domestic violence cases within our community.

FIELD TRAINING

The DeKalb Police department has 13 Field Training Officers. The Field Training Officers are responsible for training new police officers and providing periodic check rides for new officers while on probation.

The Field Training program consists of between 12 and 15 weeks of training for each new officer. The training is divided into four sections and usually requires three Field Training Officers to complete the program. In 2015, the DeKalb Police Department hired four new officers who were trained utilizing this program.



GANG UNIT

The Gang Unit investigates gang-related crime, provides street level gang enforcement, gathers intelligence and performs gang awareness presentations to the community. The Gang Unit works closely with the community, school district, community stakeholders and other law enforcement agencies. They continue their outreach program to the community by discouraging gang involvement and forming relationships with the affected population.

- ***In 2015 there were 120 cases that were gang-related or linked to street gang members, which was a 40% increase compared to 2014.***

ILEAS

The DeKalb Police Department has officers on the **Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) Mobile Field Force**.

Realizing that individual departments cannot field a team of officers to handle major crowd control incidents, ILEAS formed the Mobile Field Force, a contingent of police officers from ILEAS member departments, to address such incidents. The officers from different police departments are equipped and trained through ILEAS to handle crowd control, protests, large scale acts of civil disobedience and other crowd management concerns.



Officers are also assigned to the **Weapons of Mass**

Destruction Special Response Team (WMD SRT) of ILEAS. The WMD SRT teams are locally deployed teams that are specially trained and funded by ILEAS to deal with human threats in a hazardous materials environment. They also serve as regional tactical assets for local agencies during other high risk situations. In 2015, Officer Burt Johnson resigned from this position and Cpl. Joe Espy and Officer Jonathon Jursich were assigned.



MARIJUANA LEAF IDENTIFICATION

In 2011, Sergeant Tom Petit received training in **Marijuana Leaf Identification** from the Illinois State Police Forensic Science Lab; the same training that scientists at the State Police Crime Lab receive. Sergeant Petit has been deemed by the court to be an expert witness with regards to examining plant material and determining if it is cannabis.

We have extended our lab services to the Sandwich Police Department, the Cortland Police Department, the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office, and the Sycamore Police Department in having their cannabis identification needs met locally.

Defendants found guilty of a violation of the Cannabis Control Act are assessed a \$100 lab fee when appropriate. Those fees go into the "DeKalb Police Lab Fund."

In 2015 there were **236** cases processed and with a total of **393** exhibits.



MOTOR UNIT

2015 was the 11th consecutive year of service by the DeKalb Police Department's Motor Unit. The Motor Unit was used for enforcement activities and numerous functions throughout the city and county. Escorts for veterans returning home from overseas, funeral escorts, as well as leading the "Toys for Tots" charity motorcycle ride. They participated in parades for Memorial Day, Artigas, and the DeKalb High School Homecoming as well as the National Night Out event, the South 4th Street Community Fair, and the Illinois Law Enforcement Memorial ceremony in Springfield. Commander Jim McDougall is in charge of the Motor Unit which is comprised of Officers Lance Reinbolz and Jared Burke.



OFFICER MENTORING PROGRAM

To enhance the Field Training Program, the Officer Mentoring Program continued with our newest officers. The probationary officers were partnered with another veteran officer that has demonstrated sound policing skills and ethics. This “mentor” serves as an example for the probationary officer and guides them in the best police practices to meet the challenges they will face and to develop a strong partnership with the community. Another benefit of the Mentor program is that new officers interact very closely with officers who they will be working with for many years and they learn that establishing relationships throughout our community is essential to enhance public safety.



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO)

In the Fall of 2014, SRO Jose Jaques was deployed to Afghanistan with the Illinois Army National Guard as a Lieutenant Colonel leading Task Force White Eagle. During his absence, four officers were chosen and trained to work as SROs in the DeKalb middle schools and high school. The four officers started in November of 2014 and continued until Officer Jaques returned from his military deployment and to his duties as an SRO in September of 2015.

SEX CRIMES REGISTRATION AND MONITORING (SCRAM) UNIT

With the retirement of Officer Kent Quist, the police department formed a team of officers who are responsible for monitoring, registering and completing compliance checks for registered sex offenders in our community. This team is supervised by Sergeant Steve Lekkas of the Targeted Response Unit.

TARGETED RESPONSE UNIT (TRU)

The primary focus of the **Targeted Response Unit (TRU)** is to implement a pro-active, problem-solving initiative, consistent with the department’s community oriented policing philosophy. TRU will address street crime and quality of life issues in order to improve public safety and enhance our overall quality of life. TRU is also responsible for monitoring all registered sex offenders, parolees, individuals wanted on warrants, and gang members residing within the community. Additionally, TRU will be on the front line of proactive policing through the pursuit of known offenders by initiating street level narcotics investigations, and provide support to the Criminal Investigation and Patrol Divisions. The TRU Sergeant will work in conjunction with our officers, and other law enforcement agencies to further achieve our goals.

In 2015, TRU focused on proactively reducing crime in the community; they made **269 arrests** including **105 felony arrests** and conducted **40** covert narcotics operations that resulted in the covert purchases of various controlled substances. Narcotics seized included heroin, MDMA or ecstasy, cocaine, over 20 pounds of cannabis, \$51,789 in United States currency and 11 guns. TRU served **46** arrest warrants and performed **9** search warrants on local residences. TRU also conducted proactive parole and sex offender compliance checks with several resulting in arrests as well as numerous proactive street enforcement activities.

TRUCK ENFORCEMENT

The DeKalb Police Department has seven officers trained in Truck Enforcement and weighing trucks. Two checkpoints were set up during the year to randomly check trucks for overweight violations.



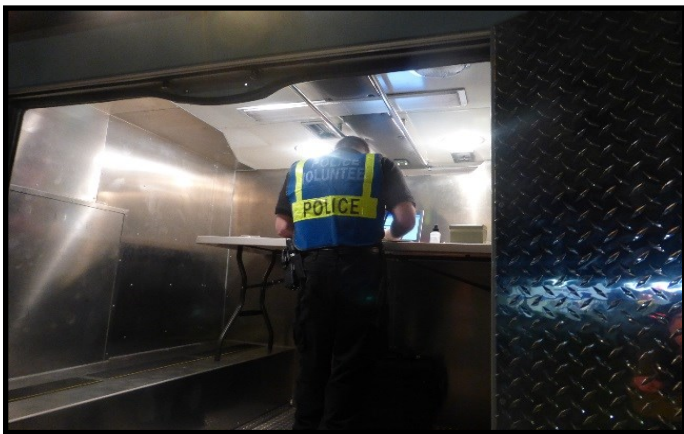
CHAPLAIN

The DeKalb Police Chaplain program provides service to the citizens of DeKalb as well as department personnel in times of personal crisis. Chaplains volunteer their time to provide spiritual guidance and counseling to all members of the DeKalb Police Department, their families, as well as citizens in need.



CROSSING GUARDS

The DeKalb Police Department employs **18** part-time school crossing guards who are responsible for crossing children at **15** crossings for five elementary schools and two middle schools in the city. The crossing guard's primary duty is to see that children cross the street in marked crosswalks and in a manner that provides for their maximum safety.



COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

The Community Service Officers (CSO) are non-sworn, part-time civilian members of the police department. They perform law enforcement related community services that do not require the enforcement authority of a sworn police officer. Their duties include property and evidence functions, checking the security of vacationing residents' homes, abandoned autos, processing arrestees and assisting all divisions with various tasks.



VOLUNTEERS IN POLICING PROGRAM

Law enforcement volunteers are comprised of college students with aspirations of law enforcement careers and local residents who are interested in assisting the police in their mission. They perform service for the department without promise, expectation or receipt of compensation for services rendered. These services may include booking prisoners, traffic control during special events or parades and assisting the department in other various ways. Volunteers act as an extra set of eyes and ears for patrol officers by riding along and participating in non-hazardous, non-enforcement activities such as preventative patrols or Neighborhood Watch programs. The value of hours the volunteers provide is estimated to be in excess of \$125,000.

The volunteer program is a registered participant in the **National Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)** program. We cannot thank these volunteers enough for their invaluable contributions to the department.



Promoted to Commanders were James McDougall, Robert Redel and Tracy Smith.

COMMENDATIONS, PROMOTIONS, & NEW HIRES



Hired was Officer Steven Parsons.



Promoted to Deputy Chief was John Petragallo.



Hired was Officer Raynaldo Hernandez.



Hired was Officer Danielle Huber.



Sgt. Mark Tehan graduated from the Northwestern University Traffic Institute Police Staff and Command School. Pictured here are (L to R): Deputy Director Center for Public Safety Michelle Camden, Sgt. Mark Tehan, George McCaskey, owner of the Chicago Bears, and Chief Gene Lowery.



Sgt. Craig Woodruff was awarded the Carl Dobbs Scholarship through Northwestern University. Pictured here are (L to R): Deputy Chief Wes Hoadley, Sgt. Craig Woodruff, Director of Northwestern University Center for Public Safety David Bradford and IACP Education

COMMENDATIONS, PROMOTIONS, & NEW HIRES

RETIRED

Cpl. Curt Biarnesen

20 years of service

Officer Kent Quist

30 years of service



Officer Kent Quist and Cpl. Curt Biarnesen
retired in 2015.

30 years of service—Commander Tracy Smith and Officer Kent Quist



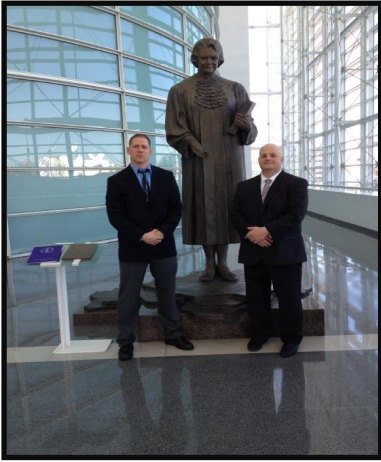
Awards night honoring our staff is each year at the City Council meeting closest to Patriot's Day.

20 years of service

Aaron Lockhart Chad McNett Mark Nachman



COMMENDATIONS, PROMOTIONS, & NEW HIRES



Sgt. Steve Lekkas and Officer Todd Wells testify in Arizona federal court, regarding 22 pounds of cocaine seized in a drug arrest at the DeKalb Municipal Airport.



Sgt. Lisa Miller and Officers Allison Benthussen and Sadie Pristave attended the funeral of fallen Officer Kerrie Orozco of the Omaha, Nebraska Police Department. Officer Orozco died in the line of duty on May 20th,



LIFESAVING AWARD

On July 13th, 2015 at 4:00 am Officer Christopher Sullivan, while on patrol, noticed a vehicle had left the roadway and entered a yard in the 900 block of South 7th Street. The vehicle was in gear, running, and the driver was found to be unresponsive. Officer Sullivan did a preliminary check of the driver and determined that he was not breathing; he requested assistance, immediately pulled the fifty year old male driver from the vehicle, and began to administer Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). He continued his lifesaving efforts until the DeKalb Fire Department arrived on scene and took over. The subject was transported to the emergency room at Kish

Health Systems Hospital where his treatment was continued.

To date the driver has recovered and had it not been for Officer Sullivan patrolling his assigned area, observing the vehicle and taking decisive lifesaving actions, the victim would not have survived. Officer Sullivan displayed his dedication to duty, his life saving skills, his ability to act decisively under pressure and his willingness to save the life of another; as such he has represented himself and the DeKalb Police Department in an exemplary manner and set the standard for others to follow. He was awarded the Lifesaving Award.

COMMENDATIONS



On January 3rd, 2015 at 6:25 am officers were dispatched to a burglary alarm at Lundeen Liquors, located at 1030 Arcadia Drive. The responding officers discovered the business had been burglarized by suspects breaking in through the glass front doors, entering the business, removing property from the business and fleeing the scene. During the investigation officers found footprints in the snow which led both to the point of entry of the business and fleeing from the scene which they began to track. The footprints led officers to a specific apartment in the 1000 block of Spiros Court just a few blocks from the burglary.

Additional evidence recovered from the scene, from another nearby business, and at the suspects location, led to a surveillance being established in an effort to identify or apprehend an offender. During the surveillance and subsequent investigation two suspects were apprehended; one while he was attempting to flee the apartment through a window. The investigation of the burglary and the identification of the suspects would culminate in the arrest of Michael Whitehead and Emmanuel Warner for burglary and theft. During the investigation the police had to contend with very cold temperatures, a fresh snowfall and a subsequent steady downpour of rain. Patrol, Targeted Response Unit, and Detective personnel who took part in this investigation conducted themselves in a professional manner which lead to the recovery of stolen merchandise and the arrest of two offenders.

On January 13th, 2015 the Targeted Response Unit (TRU) received information that individuals staying at the Red Roof Inn were in possession of and selling methamphetamine. The subsequent investigation enlisted the help of the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office and the Northern Illinois University Police Department. As the result of a variety of proactive investigative strategies that included surveillance, street stops, a canine sniff and a consent search, the investigation culminated in the arrest of six offenders.

The offenders were charged with a variety of offenses that included Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance, Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Cannabis with the intent to Deliver, and Possession of Methamphetamine with the intent to Deliver. During the course of the investigation officers seized a variety of narcotics paraphernalia including hypodermic syringes, 60 grams of cannabis wax, 504 grams of cannabis one gram of methamphetamine, and over \$4,000.00.

The investigation was a great example of teamwork with officers from three different agencies working in concert to take six felony drug offenders off the streets of our City. These officers have set the standard for others to follow while demonstrating their investigative skills and dedication to duty. They are to be commended for a job well done and for making our community safer by removing six street level users and dealers of narcotics.

On March 12th, 2015 the DeKalb Police began the investigation of a criminal sexual assault that reportedly occurred at Huntley Middle School. During the course of the investigation Detective Mark Nachman had an opportunity to interview the suspect in this case who was a teacher's aide that was responsible for the well-being of children with learning disabilities. As the result of the interview of the suspect and diligent follow-up investigation, evidence was obtained that led to the arrest of Andrew Arison.

The investigation ultimately led to the identification of ten juvenile victims, a pattern of abuse that spanned several years, 22 criminal charges for Criminal Sexual Abuse or Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse and a secondary investigation by the Sycamore Police that led to Arison's arrest for multiple counts of Possession of Child Pornography. The victims in this case were very young and vulnerable, these criminal acts shocked our community, and without the investigative skills, dedication to duty and interagency cooperation demonstrated by Detective Nachman this predator would not have been held accountable for his heinous acts. Detective Nachman has set the standard for others to follow, represented himself and the DeKalb Police in an exemplary manner, and is to be commended for his exemplary dedication to protect victims who often cannot speak for themselves.

COMMENDATIONS

On March 18th, 2015 DeKalb Police responded to an apartment fire in the 800 block of Crane Drive. While en route officers were advised that there were two small children inside the apartment. Upon arriving at the scene, officers observed smoke in the hallway and forced their way into the apartment in order to search for the children. Officers recovered two sleeping children, evacuated them from the home and re-entered to search for more victims. They located an unresponsive, adult male and dragged him from the smoke filled apartment. It was subsequently determined that the male was intoxicated and a stove top fire caused the smoke in the apartment; the children were sleeping, unaware of the fire and too young to protect themselves or to facilitate their own escape.



(L to R): Officers Jason Goodwin and Mallett and Sgt. Haacker

Sgt. James Haacker and Officers Keunte Mallett, Jonathon Jursich, and Jason Goodwin were decisive in their actions, rapid response, and clearly prevented serious injury or death from occurring. These police officers took action despite the personal risk to their own well-being and are to be commended for a job well done and for setting the standard for others to follow. Their selfless acts are of the highest order and represent the police service in an exemplary manner.

During the early morning hours of March 18th, 2015 DeKalb Police responded to a fight in progress; upon arriving in the area officers determined that the fight was occurring in the 1200 block of Blackhawk Drive. Officers immediately detained all suspects, began to conduct interviews and noticed that the suspect's car doors were open where in plain view was a 9 mm semi-automatic handgun. Officers secured the weapon, determined it was loaded, and furthered their investigation which ultimately led to the arrest of one suspect for several charges which included Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapons and a firearm being taken off our streets.

Officers Phillip Brown, Geoffrey Guzinski, Keunte Mallett, and Anthony Densberger were decisive in their response, displayed sound investigative skills, controlled the combatants and demonstrated teamwork that clearly prevented a more serious incident from happening.

On March 27th, 2015 an Administrative Search Warrant was executed at 509 N. 7th Street due to living conditions that were extremely unsanitary, unhealthy, unlivable and were further complicated by a variety of serious health issues that the resident faced. To complicate matters the resident refused to cooperate with the City of DeKalb to remediate the conditions and threatened to harm any City employees that came to his home. As staff prepared to execute the search, operational concerns had to be addressed due to health and safety hazards that posed a threat to the resident and to public safety personnel. Further, the threats articulated by the resident

raised officer safety concerns that required members of the Special Operations Team if entry had to be forced or if the resident carried out his threats.

Officer Jared Burke took the lead, approached the address, got the resident's attention, established a dialogue, gained his trust, and calmed an agitated, emotional individual who was about to be removed from his home. Officer Burke's ability to effectively communicate and de-escalate the situation allowed for a safe execution of the warrant that could have had a tragic outcome if resistance was encountered.

COMMENDATIONS

On April 4th, 2015 at approximately 3:00 a.m. DeKalb Police responded to the 100 block of N. Annie Glidden Road in regards to a male subject utilizing multiple gift cards to purchase cartons of cigarettes. The subject had left prior to police arriving, a preliminary investigation was initiated and circumstances surrounding the case indicated this may be a larger scale scam that may have numerous victims. Based on solid, fundamental police work, Officer Aaron Gates located the suspect, established contact, utilized previous investigative leads and linked the suspect to other incidents of a similar nature. His follow-up investigation determined that various banks had reported that the information used on the gift cards had been stolen.

Due to Officer Gates' fundamental police work, his dedication to duty and knowledge of this type of scam as an ongoing criminal enterprise, the subject was linked to several cases which resulted in multiple felony charges.

In May of 2015 numerous residential burglaries were reported to the DeKalb Police, most of which occurred in the same neighborhood. However on May 13th, an older female victim reported that her home in the 700 block of Haish Boulevard had been burglarized and that she had awakened to a male offender who had ransacked her home, threatened her with a knife, handcuffed and violently sexually assaulted her. The on-scene investigation revealed that the offender had accessed the victim's home by cutting a screen and entering through a window. The subsequent investigation was intense, implemented a wide variety of investigative strategies and ultimately recovered evidence that identified Andre Cross-Boler as the offender in these heinous acts that terrorized an innocent victim and paralyzed our community in the days that followed.



On May 23rd, 2015 Officers Kris Mecca, Sonny Streit, and Jason Goodwin's collective efforts resulted in a significant narcotics seizure that originated with a traffic stop for an offender who was driving while his license was suspended. During the inventory of the vehicle pursuant to the offender's arrest, they also detected a strong odor of burnt cannabis coming from the car and their subsequent search recovered approximately 17 grams of cocaine with a street value of approximately \$2,000.

A consent search of the offender's home also resulted in the recovery of drug paraphernalia. The officers worked proactively to make this arrest possible and the suspect was charged with Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance with the Intent to Deliver as well as several other offenses. The officers demonstrated their dedication to duty, have set the standard for others to follow and are to be commended for a job well done.

COMMENDATIONS

On June 10th, 2015 members of the DeKalb Police Targeted Response Unit conducted a follow-up investigation into an earlier “man with a gun” call at Lincoln Towers and acting on information from the Oak Lawn Police Department made contact with Shaquan Carter and Torron Hawkins. These individuals had been identified as suspects in an Oak Lawn home invasion where the victim suffered a gunshot wound during the incident. It was believed that these suspects fled from the scene seeking refuge in DeKalb. During the course of their contact with the suspects police obtained a consent to search their vehicle where a loaded handgun, believed to have been used in the home invasion was recovered.

The offenders were taken into custody without incident and were ultimately charged with Aggravated Battery with a Firearm, Armed Robbery and Home Invasion by the Oak Lawn Police. Sergeant Steve Lekkas and Officers Todd Wells, Tony Kwasniewski, and Jeffery Weese demonstrated sound investigative skills and dedication to duty in this case that exemplified their team work and interagency cooperation.



*(L to R): Officers Rodriguez and Hernandez,
Cpl. Farrell and Officer Sullivan*

On June 27th, 2015 officers were dispatched to 820 Kimberly Drive for the report of a man with a gun. Officers arrived on scene, determined that a verbal altercation took place between several people and that one of the subjects displayed a handgun threatening that to use it. The suspects had fled the scene immediately prior to police arrival. A description of the suspects and their direction of travel was issued and within minutes the two suspects were located by police on Ridge Drive where they exited an apartment and entered a vehicle. Officers would ultimately stop the

suspects, they obtained consent to search the vehicle and the apartment, and pursuant to their search of the vehicle they recovered the firearm under the seat. Both subjects were arrested and charged with several offenses including Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapons. Because of the officers' immediate response, thorough investigation and dedication to duty, a loaded handgun was removed from our community that could have been used in furtherance of a criminal act.

On July 2nd, 2015 Officers Phillip Brown and Kris Mecca initiated a warrant attempt at 821 Kimberly Drive. Upon knocking on the door they observed occupants of the apartment were looking out their window but would not open the door for them. Contact was eventually made with resident Vincent Milano who advised them that the wanted subject was not home. With permission, officers looked inside the apartment for the wanted subject and immediately smelled a strong odor of burnt cannabis and the call transitioned into a drug investigation.

A search of the apartment yielded cannabis, drug paraphernalia and different prescription medicines. A female roommate, Quinn Ellis, admitted to giving Milano her prescription medicine for Milano to use. Milano admitted to ingesting the pills as well as delivering them to friends in exchange for cannabis. The two subjects were then arrested. Vincent Milano was charged with four counts of Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance, Unlawful Delivery of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Unlawful Possession of Cannabis. Quinn Ellis was charged with four counts of Unlawful Delivery of a Controlled Substance.

COMMENDATIONS

On July 18th, 2015 at 9:35 a.m. officers responded to a call for shots being fired in a residence in the 300 block of East Fairview Drive. Upon arriving at the scene a perimeter was established, the suspect was located and he was taken into custody without incident. Officers conducted a search of the home, located shell casings in the living room and observed cannabis plants both inside and outside the residence. The subsequent investigation revealed that the suspect had in his possession a loaded handgun that had been used during an altercation with a female who was injured and transported to the hospital.

The victim had been attacked by the suspect who grabbed her by the hair, kicked her, and struck her several times with his hands and the firearm. During the altercation he had also discharged the weapon in close proximity to her head several times. The victim had an opportunity to flee from the home and ran to a neighbor asking for help.

The suspect William Davison, was charged with Aggravated Battery, Unlawful Use of a Weapon, Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm, Possession of Cannabis and Drug Paraphernalia. During the search of Davison's home numerous firearms and ammunition were recovered, as was evidence that corroborated that the struggle had taken place inside. The officers responded to the call, secured the scene and took the suspect into custody in less than five minutes. They demonstrated courage, a sound tactical response and investigative skills that prevented a more tragic ending to this case.



(L to R): Officers Bollow, Poulos, Loechel and Cpl. Farrell



(L to R): Sgt. Lekkas and Officers Kwasniewski and Weese

On August 21st, 2015 at 11:43 p.m. Officers Phillip Brown and Keunte Mallett were assigned to patrol duties during the Northern Illinois University Move-In weekend. This weekend commonly sees a significant increase in both vehicle and pedestrian traffic, as well as an increase in demands for police service. The officers were patrolling the neighborhoods adjacent to the University when they observed a passenger in a motor vehicle not wearing their seatbelt; they initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle and spoke with the occupants. An Illinois State Police Trooper with a canine assisted with the stop and conducted a vehicle "sniff" using the canine. The dog alerted on the vehicle and the passenger, Steven Johnson, advised that he had a cannabis grinder inside the car. Officers subsequently initiated a search of the vehicle as well

as a pat down search of the Johnson subject. During the search, they found that he had a loaded .40 caliber handgun concealed in his waistband and also found additional loaded magazines in the car. Steven Johnson was taken into custody without incident and charged with Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon and Possession of Cannabis Paraphernalia.

Officers Brown and Mallett initiated a traffic stop based on a simple seatbelt infraction, an enforcement action that occurs many times each day. With Officer Mecca's help, the officers investigated further to find a piece of drug paraphernalia and then a loaded firearm. As a result, the officers arrested a dangerous subject carrying a loaded weapon throughout DeKalb on one of the busiest weekends of the year.

COMMENDATIONS

On Wednesday, August 26, 2015 at 3:36 p.m., officers responded to an armed robbery in progress at T-Mobile, 2587 Sycamore Rd. The caller reported three subjects armed with handguns inside of the store. The victims were held at gunpoint, brought to the rear of the store and tied up.

Upon arrival, an officer observed the offenders exiting the rear door of the business carrying large bags. The offenders noticed the police response, dropped the bags and fled on foot. Officers and dispatchers provided essential information on direction of travel, descriptions and officer safety information. Because this information was transmitted so quickly, other officers responding were able to safely situate themselves in the best position possible to prevent their escape. Officers observed the suspects emerge from a fenced area and run towards Oakland Drive. Officers pursued the offenders on foot and were able to apprehend two of them within minutes.

With the third offender at large and likely armed in the Greenwood Acres neighborhood, officers established a

perimeter limiting the potential for escape. Officers began a systematic search of the area with the assistance of a police K-9. As this search was underway, the third offender was flushed from the area causing him to flee north. Officers observed the offender running, gave chase and subsequently apprehended him.

Investigative efforts were initiated, the scene was processed and the offenders' route was retraced in an effort to locate additional firearms. In doing so, officers located a second loaded firearm submerged in a creek as well as other evidence the offenders discarded as they fled from the scene.

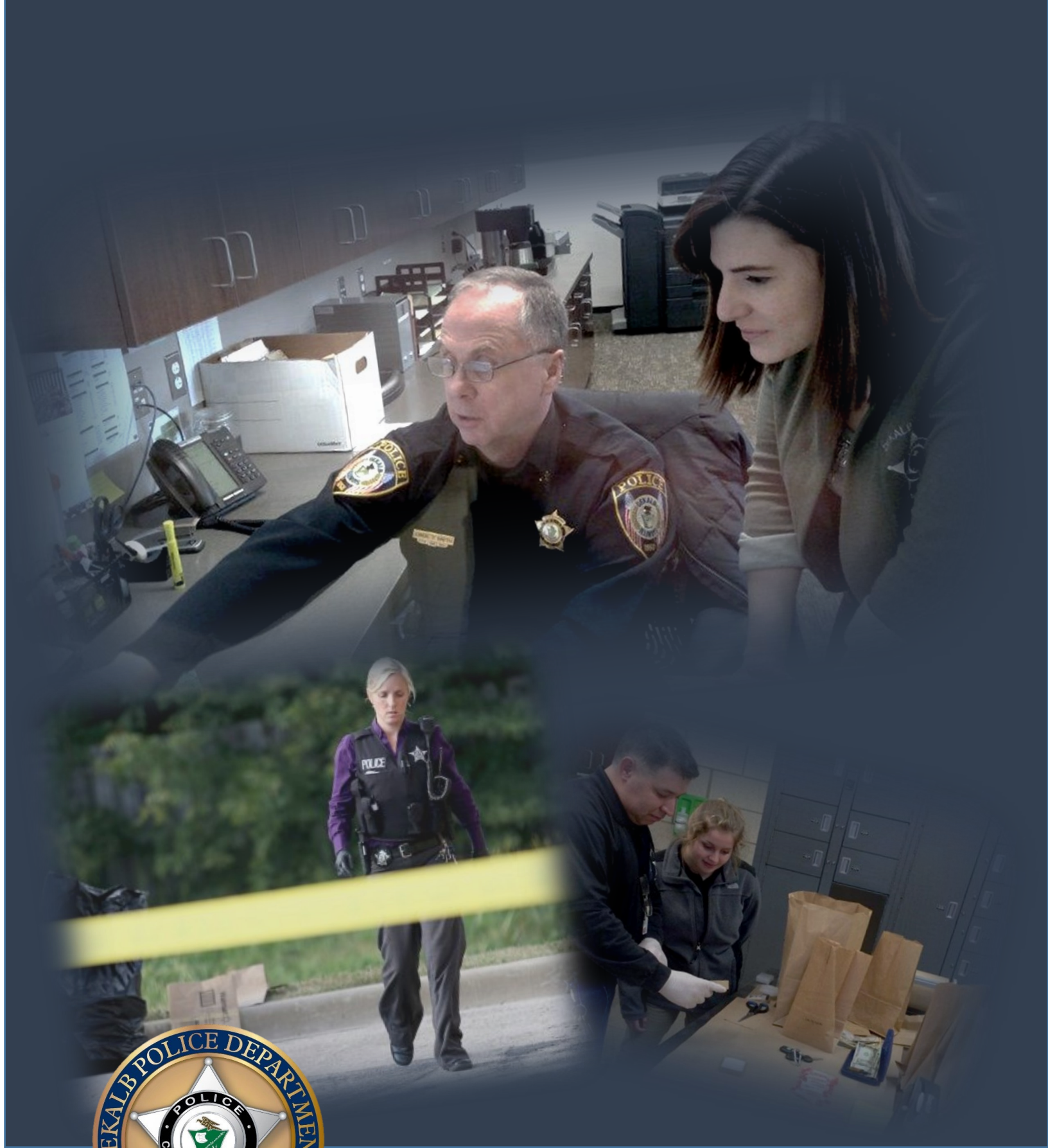
As a result of the officers quick response to the scene and the dispatchers effective transmittal of information, three offenders were apprehended, two loaded firearms were seized, items stolen in the incident were recovered and valuable evidence was garnered that will aid in the continuance of this investigation. Three offenders were each charged with Armed Robbery, a Class X felony, and their bonds were set at \$1,000,000 each.

On October 26th, 2012 DeKalb Police received a report of a female victim that had been robbed and sexually assaulted during the early morning hours. During the investigation it was determined that the victim had been walking home alone from a party when the attack began. At the onset of the incident, two male offenders approached the victim near the intersection of Edgebrook Drive and Normal Road and began to make sexual advances toward her which she rebuffed, at which time one of the suspects began striking her repeatedly about the face. The victim was knocked unconscious, with the next thing she could recall being one of the suspects laying on top of her, the suspect choking her and at some point the attack was abandoned.

Police determined the victim's phone had been stolen and some of the victim's clothes were recovered near a church in the 900 block of Normal Road; a criminal sexual assault kit from the victim's hospitalization was secured and a neighborhood canvass was conducted but failed to provide any leads. At this point in the investigation there were no suspects, no witnesses, and little evidence to further the investigation. The assigned Detective was able to track the stolen cell phone to Stone Park, Illinois where information was obtained that led to the identification of two males, one of them being Andre Morrow who lived at the corner of Edgebrook Drive and Normal Road.

Andre Morrow denied being the suspect in this case, yet the Detective was able to secure a DNA sample from him. Andre Morrow's DNA and the sexual assault kit were sent to the Illinois State Police Crime Lab for analysis. The Morrow subject's DNA matched the DNA profile of the unknown suspect in this investigation. It was also noted that Morrow is left-handed which is consistent with the suspect using his left hand to strike the right side of the victim's face and his cell phone records placed him in DeKalb on the night of the assault.

Andre Morrow was arrested on February 3rd, 2015 and charged with Attempt Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault, Robbery and Aggravated Battery. Due to the unrelenting effort and dedication to duty by Detective Keith Ehrke, this extremely violent sexual predator was identified, arrested and taken off the streets of our City. Detective Ehrke is to be commended for a job well done and for setting the example for others to follow.



DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT 2015 CRIME STATISTICS

ACCIDENTS

2015 FACTS...

1 fatal accident
 193 total injury accidents
 262 persons injured
 399 accidents were intersection related
 243 accidents were hit & runs
 445 accidents occurred on private property
 183 accidents did not require a report and are not included in these totals

COLLISIONS BY MANNER

Angle	226
Fixed Object	109
Other Object	16
Overtaken	8
Pedalcyclist	22
Sideswipe Same Direction	68
Animal	26
Head On	20
Other Non-Collision	7
Parked Motor Vehicle	378
Pedestrian	15
Rear End	346
Sideswipe Opposite Direction	22
Turning	152

BY AGE

0-16	303
20	624
26	220
31	289
41	242
51	212
61	136
71	80
81+	37

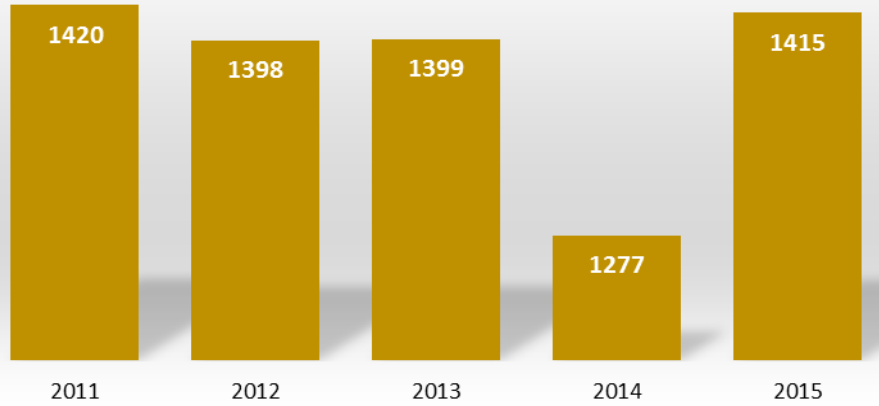
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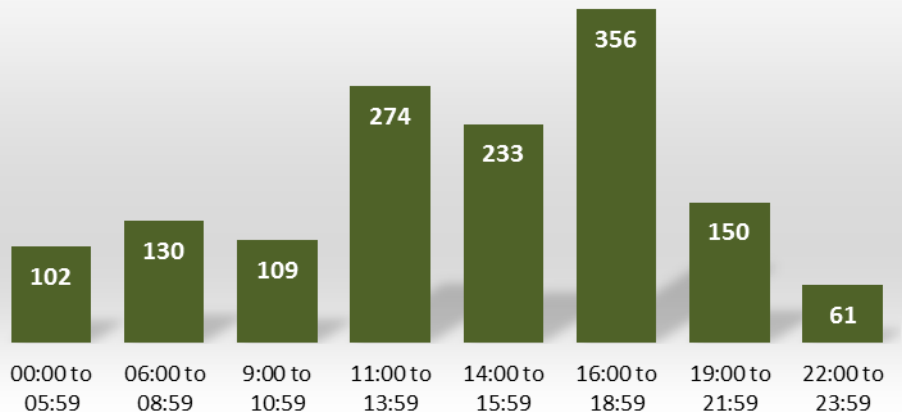
HIGHEST INTERSECTION ACCIDENTS

Annie Glidden/Lincoln Hwy	13
Lincoln Hwy/Peace Rd	11
1 st St/Lincoln Hwy	10
7 th St/Sycamore Rd	8

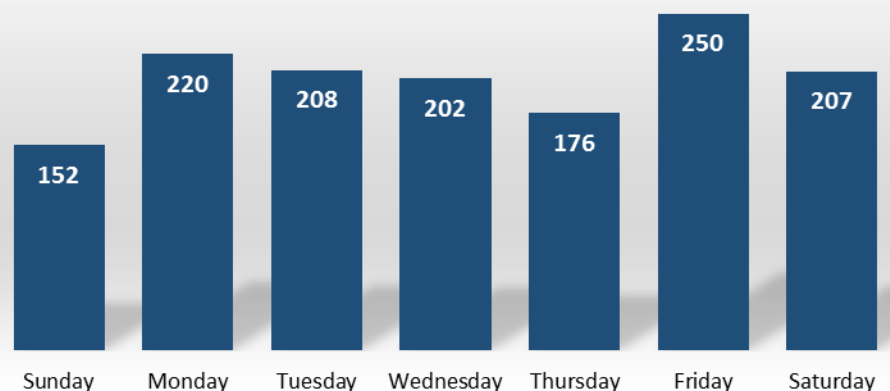
TOTAL NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS



ACCIDENTS BY TIME OF DAY



ACCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK



ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES

	2013	2014	2015
To Fire Department	315	265	323
To Other Government Agencies	230	214	242
To Other Police Agencies	690	857	837
To Others	370	313	101
Warrant Attempts/Paper Service	401	474	441
Warrant Arrests	622	925	636

PUBLIC SERVICES

	2013	2014	2015
Assist Business	220	248	245
Assist Citizen	1061	1065	1336
Assist Motorist	604	675	562
Building/Vacation Check	4252	4017	5218
Child Safety Seat Inspections	79	94	82
Compliance Checks	37	75	52
Crossing Guard Duty	177	134	176
Escorts	467	471	430
Fingerprint Civilians	198	187	203
Keys Locked in Car	2284	2228	2136
Lost/Found Property/Bicycles	341	297	314
Message Delivery	49	62	64
Open Door/Window	116	110	84
Other Public Service	88	197	N/A
Pickup/Delivery of Articles	31	82	89
Public Presentations	11	33	49
Special Events	77	74	44
TOTAL	10,092	9,853	11,084

OTHER CALLS FOR SERVICE

	2013	2014	2015
Accidental Injury	10	8	9
Air Gun Violations	14	20	12
Alarm	968	886	882
Animal Calls	593	741	683
Annoying Phone Calls/No Report	108	136	124
Check Well Being	694	822	765
Child Custody Dispute	70	70	85
Citizen Contact	125	224	156
Civil Dispute	194	184	237
Disorderly Conduct/No Report	650	595	455
Disorderly House	96	165	158
Disruptive Intoxication	16	48	63
Domestic Trouble	738	1009	961
Drug Overdose	2	5	9
Fighting in City	121	167	150
ID Check/No Arrest	24	9	17
Intoxicated Person	88	112	148
Juvenile Offenses	283	373	373
Landlord/Tenant Dispute	17	21	9
Loud Party/Stereo/Noise	1371	1202	1042
Mental Case	56	64	81
Missing Person	49	91	99
Neighbor Trouble	28	75	69
Other Calls/Special Services	79	118	110
Property Offenses –No Report	638	341	376
Relocator Complaints	64	41	51
Repossession	74	115	104
Sex Offender Registration	218	194	253
Shots Fired	47	39	39
Solicitors	65	99	116
Standby-Child/Property Exchange	137	82	81
Sudden Death	13	22	24
Suicide	1	5	4
Suicide Attempt/Threat	103	180	165
Suspicious Activity	1718	1624	1655
Suspicious Drug Activity	219	208	201
Suspicious Activity/Weapon Involved	11	18	17
Smoking/Tobacco Violations	11	11	4
Unfounded 911 Calls/Unfounded Calls	755	2716	2263
TOTAL	10,48	12,840	12,050

TRAFFIC SERVICES

	2013	2014	2015
Abandon Auto	126	218	202
Other Traffic Services	365	202	214
Parking Complaints	581	418	422
Parking Tickets Issued	7607	7075	5954
Pedestrian Warning	7607	150	191
Reckless Driving Complaints/Motorist Disputes	215	391	411
Traffic Stops	396	5150	4978
TOTAL	13,833	13,604	12,372

TRAFFIC CITATIONS

	2013	2014	2015
Child Restraint/No Seat Belt	545	665	436
Disobey Traffic Control Device	237	247	201
Driver License Violations	626	614	477
Driving Under Influence Alcohol/Drugs	186	178	141
DUI Over .08	116	89	88
Equipment Violations	104	117	106
Failure to Yield Violations	--	--	140
Hit & Run	88	65	51
Illegal Transportation of Alcohol	62	55	38
Improper Lane Violations	186	153	132
Miscellaneous	314	299	125
Operating Uninsured Vehicle/False Insurance Card	920	787	681
Reckless Driving & Fleeing/Eluding	10	17	17
Registration Violations	314	304	300
Speeding Violations	643	388	560
Texting While Driving	--	191	163
Turning Violations	14	21	16
Zero Tolerance	5	4	1
TOTAL	4372	4194	3673

DUI ENFORCEMENT

DUI FACTS...

There was a 21% decrease in DUIs from last year.

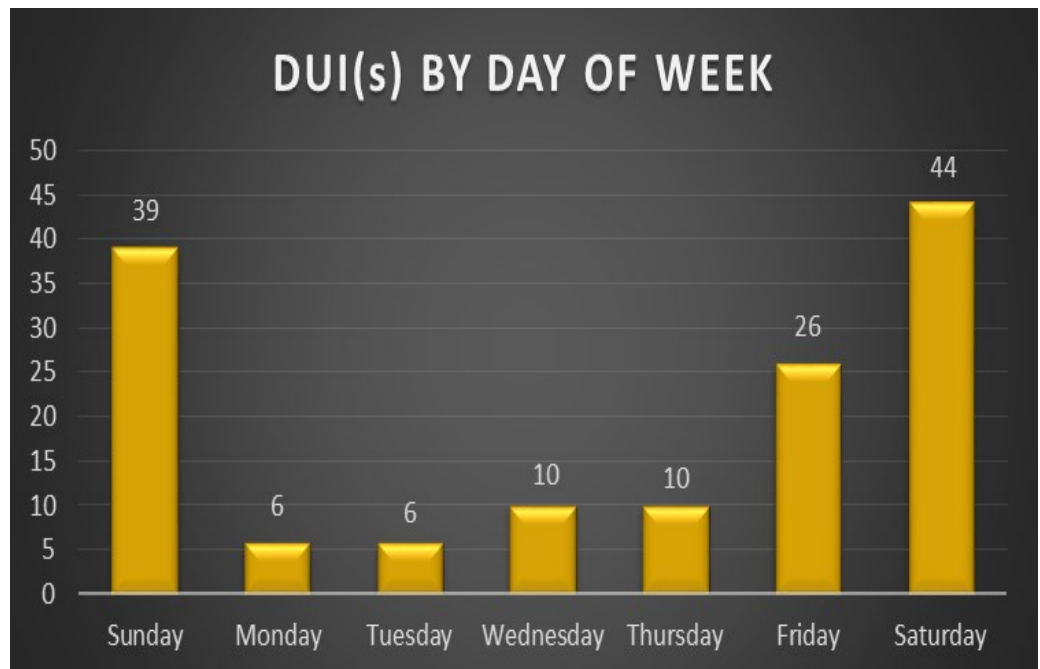
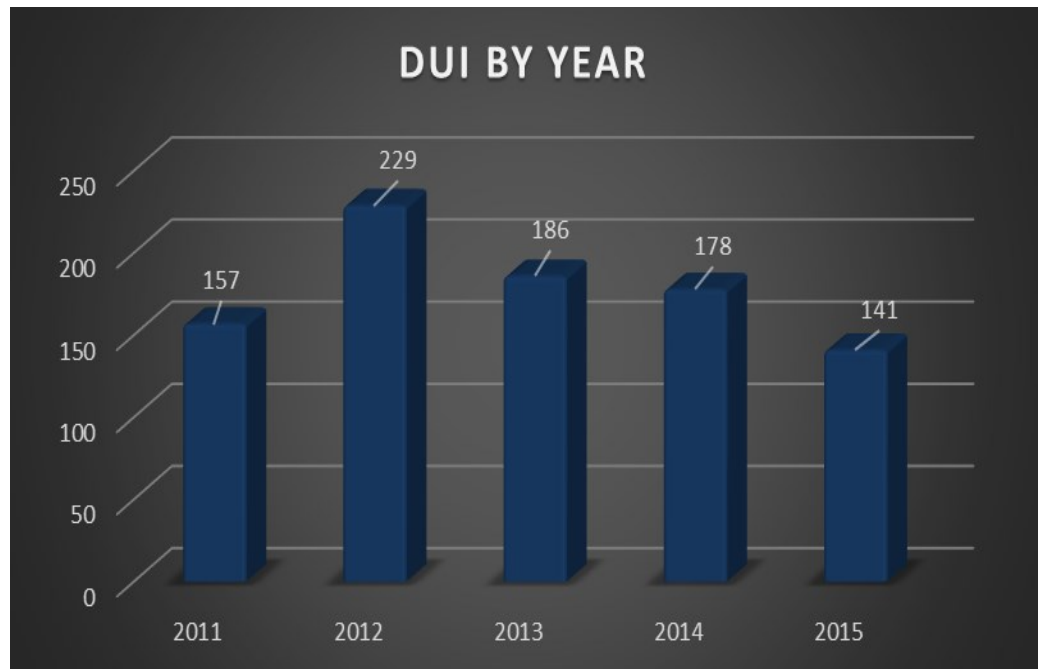
19 DUIs were drug-related.

There was one Zero Tolerance.

Six DUIs were upgraded to aggravated.

The average age for a DUI arrest in the City of DeKalb was 30.

Of the 141 DUI arrests 38 were females and 103 were males.



PART I CRIMES

The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program divides offenses into two groups, Part I and Part II crimes. The UCR program collects data about Part I offenses in order to measure the level and scope of crime occurring throughout the nation. The program's founders chose these offenses because they are serious crimes, they occur with regularity in all areas of the country and they are likely to be reported to the police.



	2013	2014	2015	% CHANGE (2014-2015)
HOMICIDE	2	1	1	0%
CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT	47	36	45	25%
ROBBERY	27	13	29	123%
AGGRAVATED BATTERY/ASSAULT	146	130	134	3%
BURGLARY	185	156	140	-10%
THEFT	1014	994	951	-4%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	26	16	18	13%
ARSON	11	12	11	-8%
HUMAN TRAFFICKING	--	0	0	N/A
TOTAL	1458	1357	1329	-2%

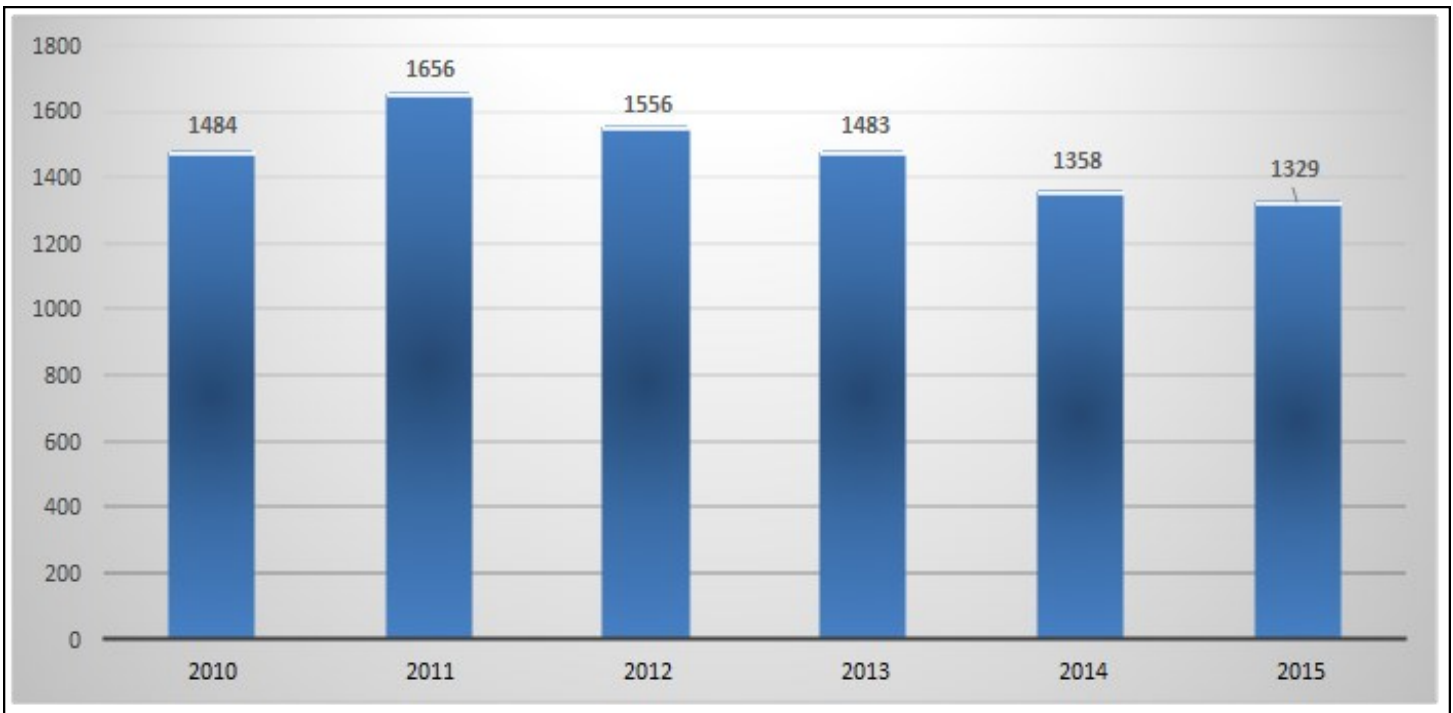
PART II CRIMES

	2013	2014	2015	% CHANGE (2014-2015)
BATTERY	622	595	582	-2%
DECEPTION	546	438	360	-18%
CRIMINAL DAMAGE & TRESPASS	853	739	777	5%
DEADLY WEAPONS	29	25	59	136%
SEX OFFENSES	41	43	66	53%
OFFENSES INVOLVING CHILDREN	62	90	78	-13%
CANNABIS CONTROL ACT	370	334	381	14%
METHAMPHETAMINE OFFENSES	5	6	5	-17%
HYPODERMIC SYRINGES & NEEDLES ACT	7	4	13	225%
DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	236	193	254	32%
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ACT	120	173	182	5%
LIQUOR CONTROL VIOLATIONS	253	175	160	-9%
MAJOR MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES	2830	2771	2200	-21%
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	748	651	660	1%
INTERFERE W/POLICE OFFICER	196	176	134	-24%
INTIMIDATION	14	9	15	67%
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION*	90	70	37	-47%
VIOLATION OF SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY LAWS	7	10	12	20%
OTHER CRIMINAL OFFENSES	715	668	609	-9%
TOTAL	7746	7170	6584	-8%

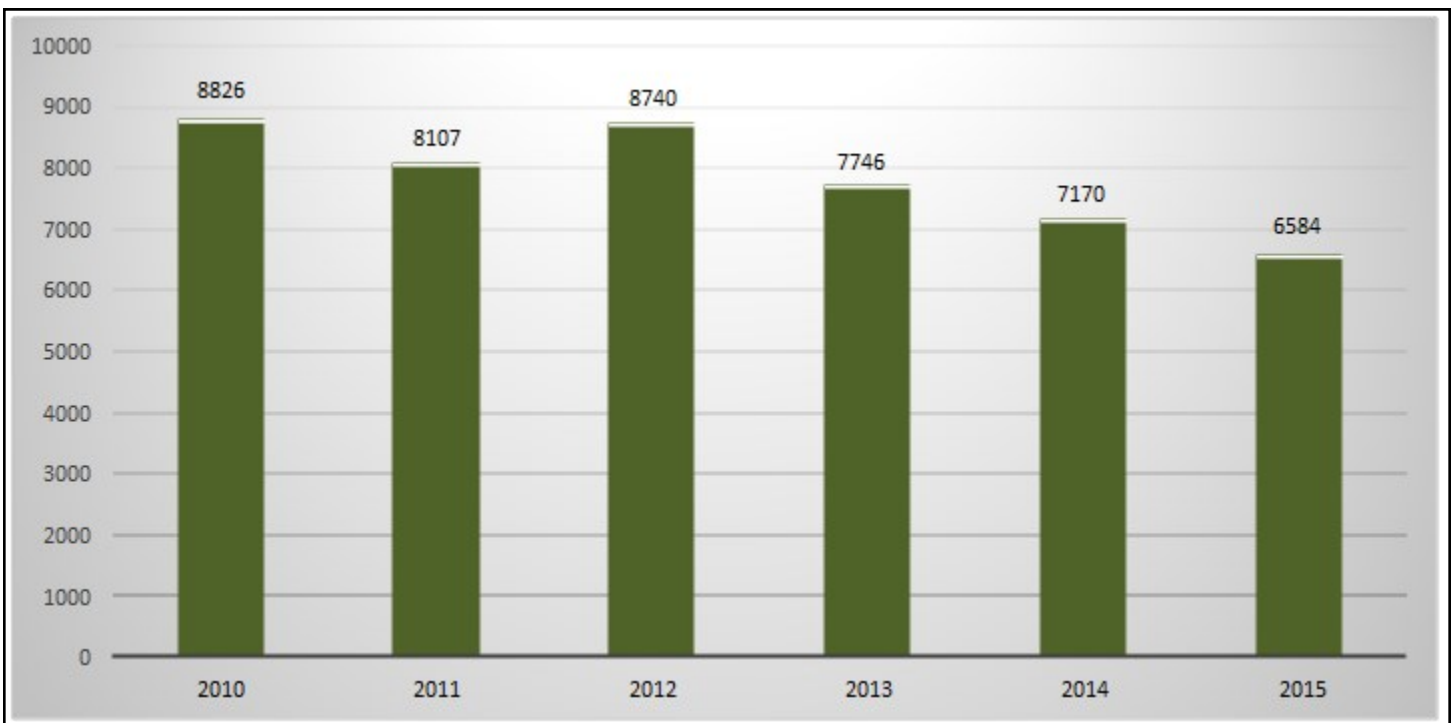


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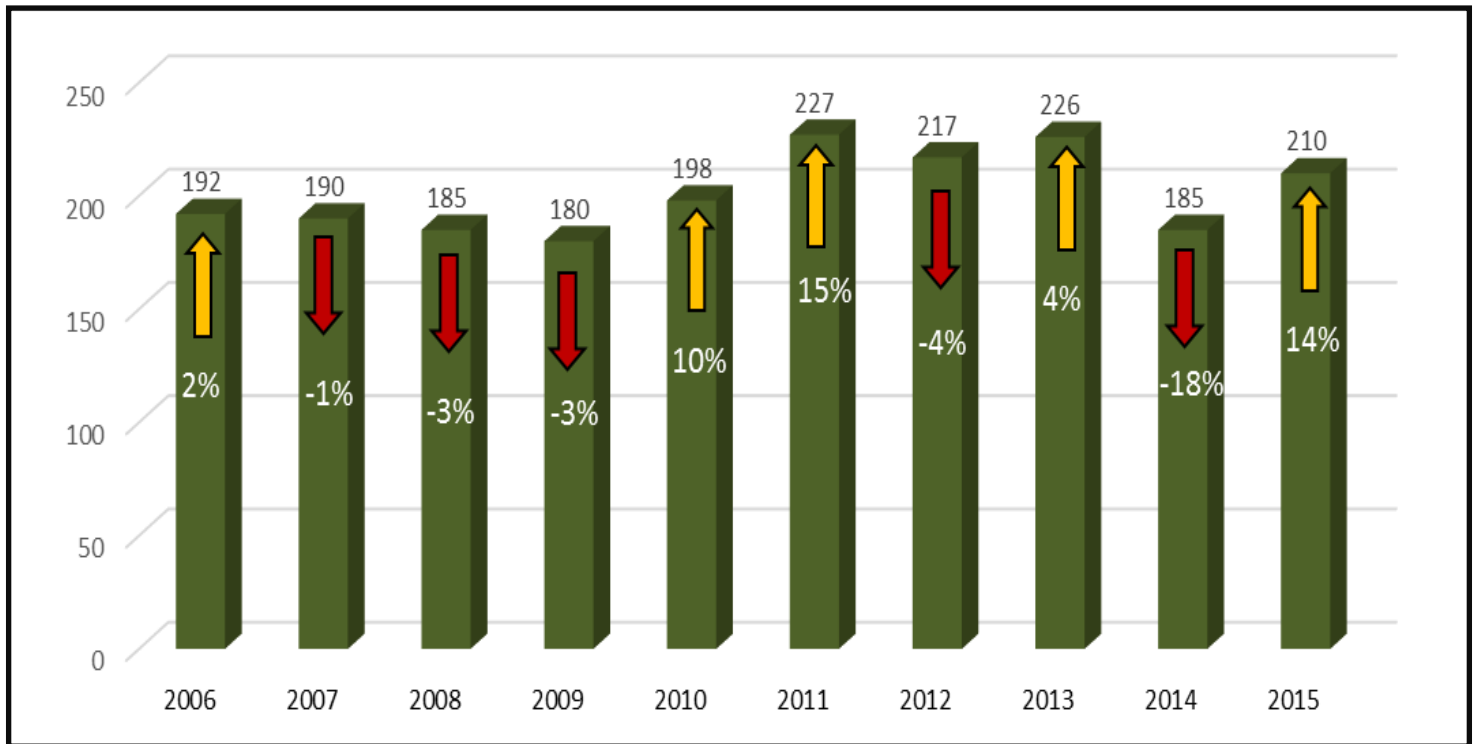


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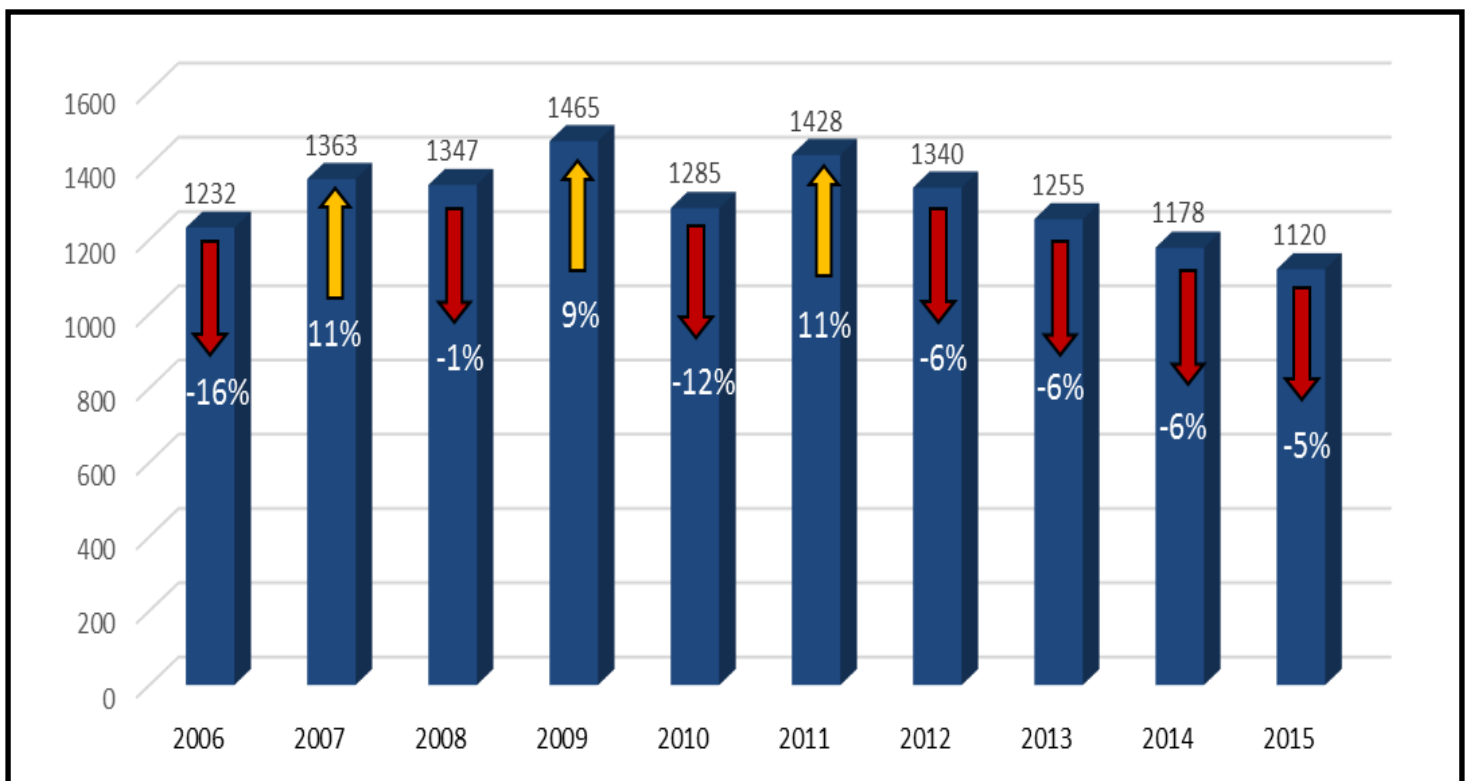


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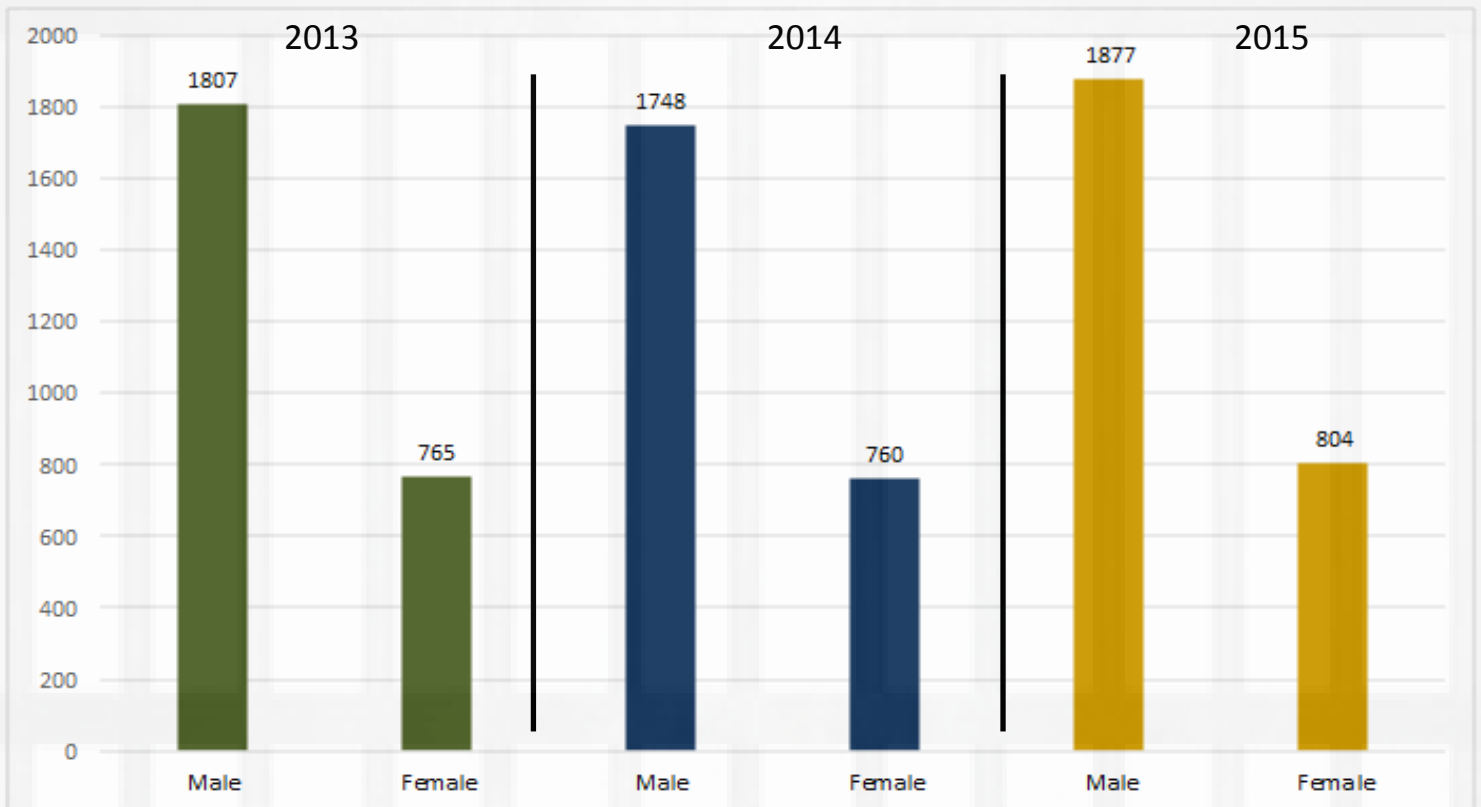


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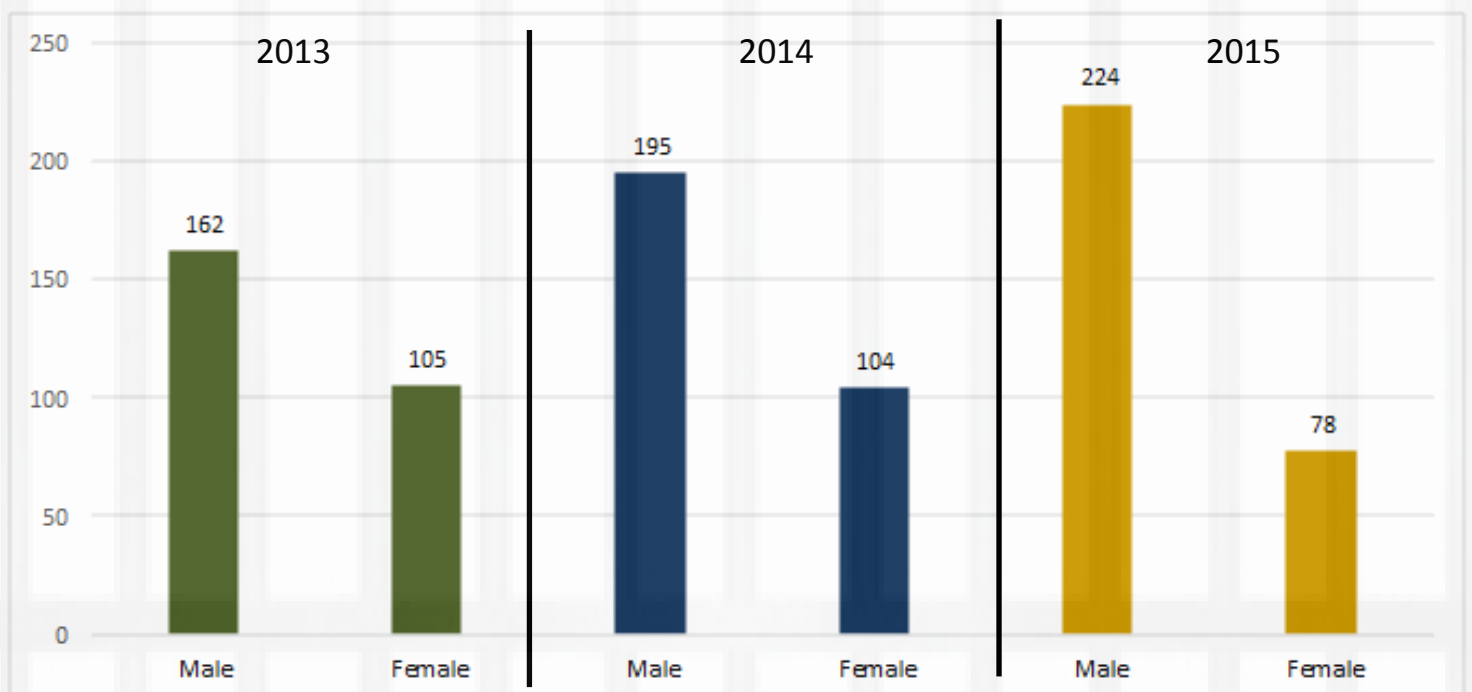


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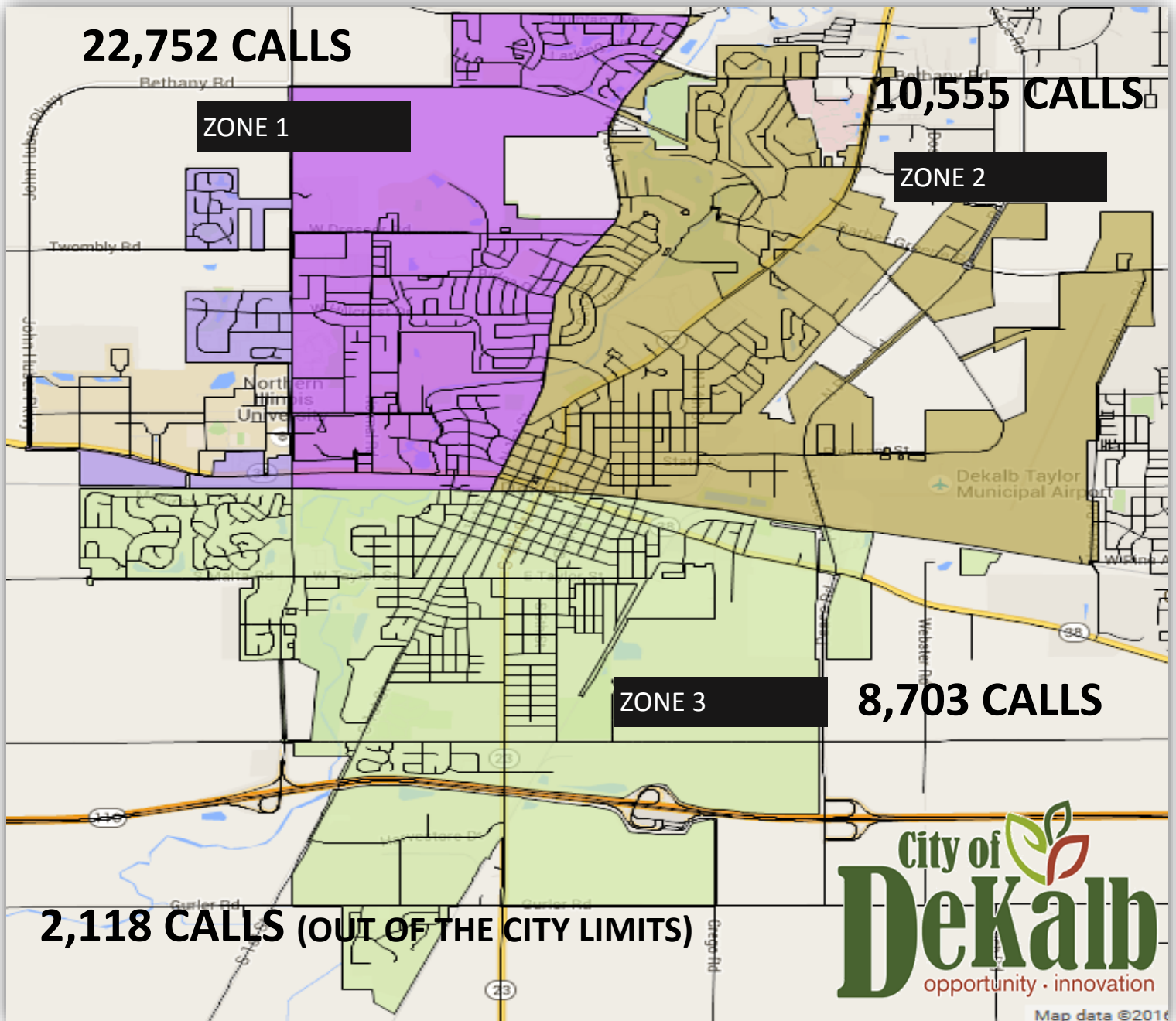
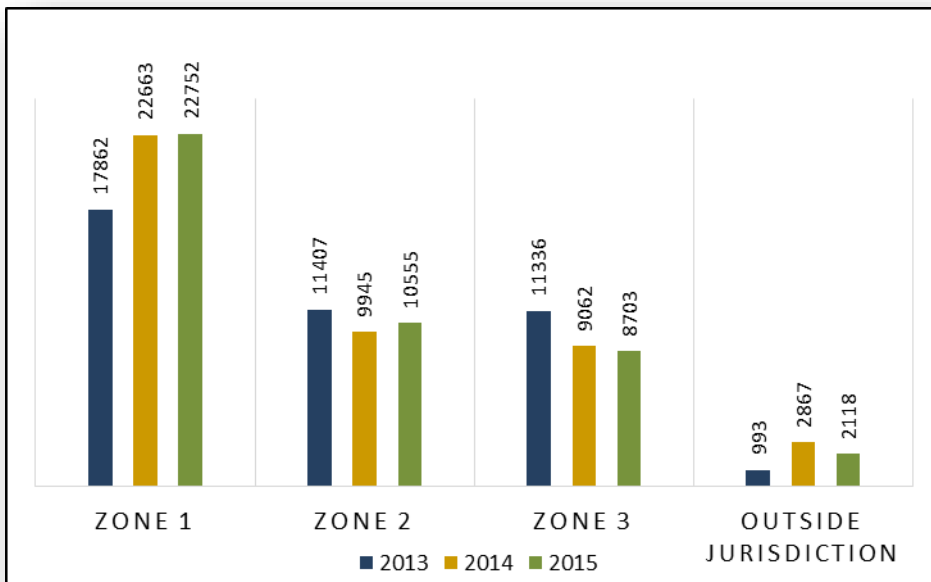
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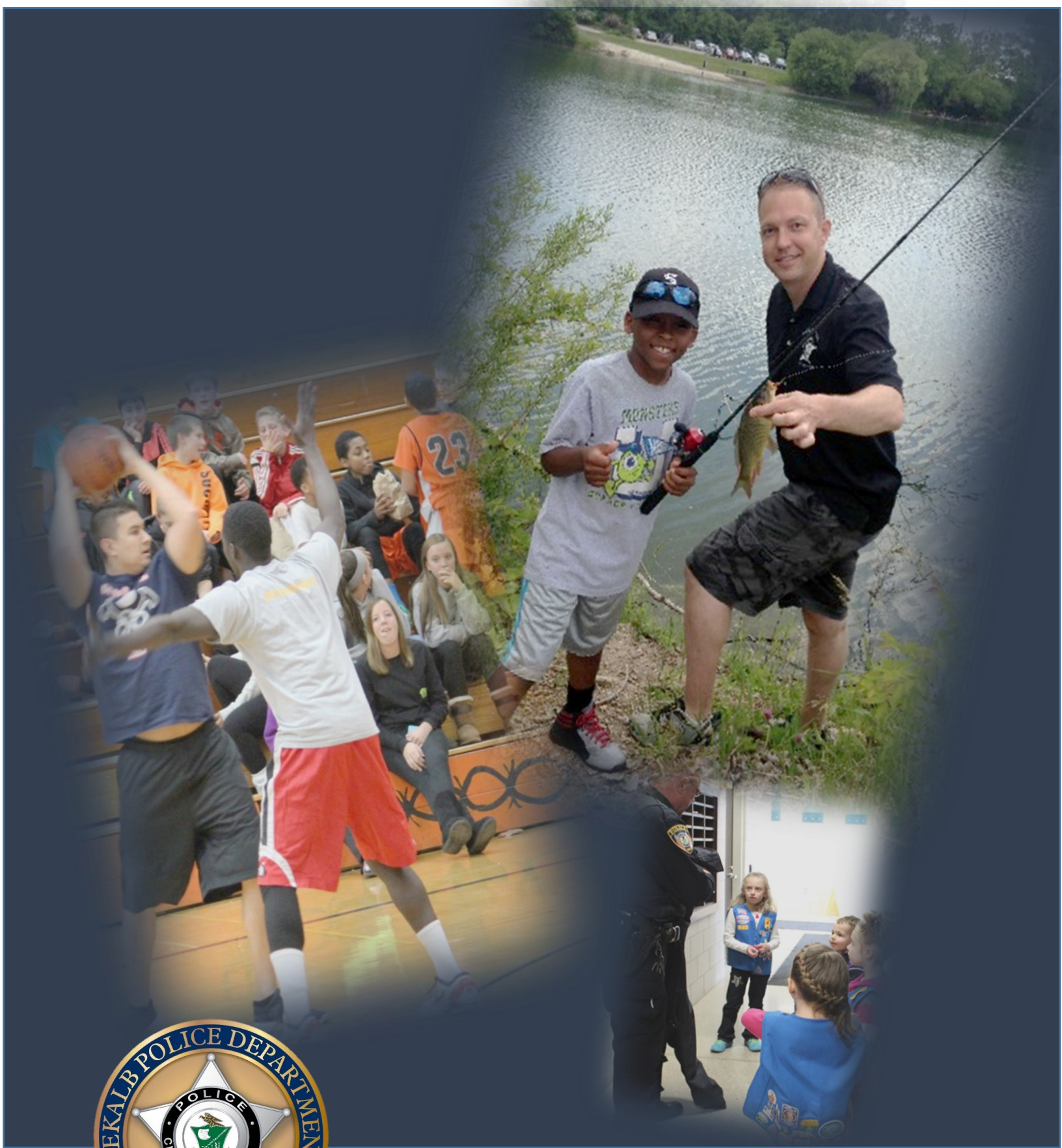


JUVENILE ARRESTS BY YEAR & SEX



CALLS BY ZONE





DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT 2015 PROGRAMS

ADOPT A SCHOOL

Since the beginning of the school year, officers have been assigned to patrol the schools before, during, and after hours to have an ongoing police presence. Our staff met with DeKalb School administrators and shared ideas with them about how we could better serve our schools, make them safer and further break down barriers between teachers and students who may not see the police in a positive manner. The idea of having a uniformed police officer come to a school on regular basis and interact with students, teachers, parents and employees during their school day, was something new and foreign to them. The program was given the name “**Adopt a School**” and was well-received by those in attendance.

DeKalb Police also met with school officials at Lincoln Elementary school and it was decided to have the selected officer participate in the early morning breakfast program, attend as many classes as possible to read books, share stories and other projects that teachers would like him to participate in. The officer would also be attending gym class, recess, one-on-one teaching and other activities throughout the morning. The principal at Lincoln Elementary requested the officer attend the two lunch sessions as an “honored guest” that students could have lunch with. Officers attended the breakfast program, met students prior to school and visited different classrooms. Barriers are being broken down between parents and the police, students and the police, as well as teachers and the police. With its success, other schools have expressed interest in participating in the program.



CAMP POWER AND POWER ACADEMY

In July 2013 the DeKalb Police Department formed the **Youth in Need Task Force** to develop strategies to decrease youth delinquency in DeKalb. This community-based, collaborative summer program responds to identified issues of child hunger and youth crime that occur throughout our community during the summer months. The structure of Camp Power includes academic tutoring, a daily healthy lunch and afternoon snack, nutrition education, structured physical activity, mentoring, a variety of education/recreation opportunities and the development of community gardens. 2015 marked the second year for the Camp Power summer program and plans to expand the program into other neighborhoods began. For two years the program has been implemented in the University Village neighborhood and has demonstrated numerous positive outcomes to include a decrease in criminal activity, greater opportunities for the children and their families and a better relationship with the police.



CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY SEAT PROGRAM

The DeKalb Police Department started the **Child Passenger Safety Seat Program** in the summer of 2001. Seven DeKalb officers and two civilians are nationally certified Child Passenger Safety Seat Technicians. They are available to assist citizens in answering any questions they may have, as well as making sure:

- The child passenger seat is installed correctly
- The child passenger safety seat has not been recalled
- That it meets current safety standards
- That it is correct for the child



In order to be certified, participants must attend a 32-hour class given by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration certified instructors. The training covered topics such as injury prevention, crash dynamics, federal safety standards, vehicle occupant protection systems, and the correct installation of child restraint systems.

During the year there were safety checkpoints conducted at various locations in DeKalb and throughout DeKalb County that the officers assisted with. The Illinois Department of Transportation has provided our police department with a grant to assist in paying for recertification of certified technicians and conducting safety checkpoints.

In 2015, the DeKalb Police Department hosted three check points for the officers to ensure car seats were properly installed.



COFFEE WITH THE CHIEF

The "Coffee With the Chief" program is a way for Chief Lowery and other community leaders to spend time meeting with residents in a comfortable environment to talk about any topics brought to the table. Refreshments are always served and there is never an agenda.



COPS & BOBBERS

The **DeKalb Police Benevolent and Protective Association** held a Fishing Derby on June 7th in conjunction with Big Brothers & Big Sisters of DeKalb County. A special thanks goes out to Target, Lukulos, Shabbona Lakeside Bait and Tackle, Zebco and CST Storage for their donations and assistance. Twenty-two children were all given a Zebco fishing rod, lunch and awards. The DeKalb Police Benevolent and Protective Association is a charitable organization that assists our personnel and members of our community in times of need.

DUI DAY

Every other year a mock DUI crash is held at DeKalb High School just prior to Prom. The scenario is a two vehicle accident with multiple injured and one deceased passenger. Juniors and Seniors watch as the entire process from the 911 call to the arrival of Police and Fire Departments. The students are made up to look injured and are removed and transported by ambulance. The Coroner is summoned and removes the deceased. DUI tests are conducted and the driver is placed under arrest. This reenactment is powerful and depicts what can occur when driving under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicants.



HONOR GUARD

The **DeKalb Police Department Honor Guard** was formed in 1996 for the dedication of Moudy Park. The Honor Guard continues to serve in a variety of ceremonies that include parades, inaugurations, memorials and ceremonies.

Members of the Honor Guard are also members of a multijurisdictional color guard made up of officers from the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office, NIU Police Department and Sycamore Police Department.

HUNTER SAFETY COURSE

The DeKalb Police Department in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, hosts an annual hunter safety course. This is a ten hour class, broken down into three mandatory sessions with a written exam at the end of the third session. Upon completion of the written test, students take part in a supervised shoot at the indoor range of the DeKalb Police Department. There is no age limit to participate in the class but reading is required. The class covers a broad range of topics including firearms, hunter ethics, survival techniques, first aid, and of course a strong emphasis on hunter safety. An Illinois State Conservation officer also speaks to the class about hunting regulations and updates in the State Conservation Law.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out is "America's Night Out Against Crime." The 30th annual National Night Out (NNO), a community education event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and the Target Corporation, was held on August 4th, 2015. The event was held at the Target store of DeKalb. The participating departments were the DeKalb Police Department, DeKalb County Sheriff's Office, Sycamore Police Department, Cortland Police Department, Northern Illinois University Police Department, the DeKalb Fire Department and Cortland Fire Department. There were several police and fire vehicles on display including fire trucks, squad cars, a police motorcycle, a police bicycle and a mobile command center. Child safety seat technicians were on-hand for car seat inspections and a car seat was given away thanks to a generous donation from Target of DeKalb. Refreshments were donated by the Target Corporation and other vendors.

NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK PROGRAM

The DeKalb Police Department participated in the **National Prescription Drug Take Back Program**. This program is free and anonymous for those who wish to drop off expired, unused or unwanted prescription or even over-the-counter medicines. A major goal of this program is to reduce prescription drug abuse, overdose deaths and hurting the environment. The disposal of the drugs is done in an environmentally safe manner. Citizens may also drop off unwanted medications year round using a drop box that is in the lobby of the police headquarters.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



The **Neighborhood Watch Program** works by showing residents they are not powerless against crime. It does this through crime prevention training, victim assistance, citizen patrols, phone trees and improving the overall condition of their neighborhood.

One of the main purposes of the neighborhood watch group is to get to know your neighbors. Neighborhood Watch groups do this by holding meetings, block parties and cookouts. Officers often come to these meetings to speak about preventive measures residents can take to remain safe.

Residents observe suspicious activity in their neighborhood and report it to the police department. After reporting the activity to the police department, residents are encouraged to spread the information to other members of their group.

NOT ON MY CAMPUS

Northern Illinois University and Kishwaukee College Student Associations and the DeKalb Police are working together to help make the campus and community a safer place. This program encourages accountability, responsibility, situational awareness and supporting one another.

"Not on My Campus" is committed to ensuring that individuals have a place for a positive voice to support all those who have been victims of intolerance and to encourage those who have committed these acts to join us in taking a personal pledge to end intolerance and crime on our campus.



RAPE AGGRESSION DEFENSE TRAINING (RAD)

The DeKalb Police continued to hold self-defense classes for women. It is called RAD - "Rape Aggression Defense". It is designed to enhance the option of self-defense so it may become viable a consideration to the woman who is attacked. Topics include basic physical defense techniques, legal rights for defending yourself and identifying or reducing risks. RAD training was conducted three times during the month of November 2015, with a total of 13 participants in attendance.

RESIDENT OFFICER PROGRAM

The **Resident Officer Program** (ROP) informally started in 2004 with an officer taking up residency in a Lewis Court Apartments housing project on North 14th Street. The Resident Officer Program of DeKalb was created to improve the quality of life within individual neighborhoods in the City of DeKalb by assigning an officer to reside in a designated neighborhood and directly partnering with residents to find solutions to neighborhood problems. **Officer Kent Quist** has served as the ROP officer at the Lewis Court Apartments and has had the responsibility of assisting with neighborhood issues both within the housing complex and the adjacent Pleasant Street neighborhood. He has performed these duties while remaining on a traditional patrol shift.

The enhanced ROP program started in 2012 which placed a police officer in a city-owned home, in the Pleasant Street neighborhood which had been a high demand for police service area. The home, one in need of rehabilitation, received those improvements, adding value to the neighborhood and improving its aesthetic qualities. The ROP officer is not only a point of contact for policing problems, but is also able to reach out to other service agencies in an attempt to solve whatever problems may be facing the neighborhood.

Officer Jared Burke continues to serve as the Resident Officer in the Pleasant Street neighborhood. He strives to develop relationships, identify and prioritize policing strategies, and assists with community and quality of life issues within the neighborhood; acts as a liaison with other city departments and social service agencies; works with neighborhood groups to solve identified problems; assists residents in the development of neighborhood initiatives and organizations; empowers residents to work together to improve their neighborhood, and participates in youth activities by building relationships through direct involvement, education and mentoring.

Officer Joshua Boldt serves as a ROP officer in the S. 5th Street, East Taylor Street, and Sweet Park neighborhood. He has been provided an apartment in a privately owned complex within that neighborhood and engages in similar duties as the other ROP officers, paying special attention to the Taylor Street Plaza high-rise housing community. He has addressed neighborhood concerns with the residents which continues to have a positive impact on the neighborhood regarding a continual decrease in incidents reported to the police, as well as building relationships with all of his neighbors.

There were numerous projects in 2015 that the ROP officers were involved in, which included the Neighborhood Watch program for the North 5th and 6th Street neighbors and participating in activities with the staff and families at Littlejohn Elementary school to improve community relations. The ROP officers also worked with the community through the Resource Fair at Conexion Comunidad, the beautification project at the Latino Community Center, NIU's fall "Make a Difference", the United Way "Day of Caring", Public Works project coordination to address quality of life issues, supporting Crime Free Housing with property maintenance issues and helping individual residents with special needs.

All three ROP officers have taken a community-based approach to problem solving that has had positive outcomes each year. This non-traditional policing strategy works on building relationships, effective communication, and embedding a police officer and their family in a neighborhood that they too have a vested interest in.

STORM READY CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

The City of DeKalb was officially certified by the National Weather Service on December 16, 2015, as a Storm Ready Community. This certification effort was coordinated by Commander Jason Leverton of the DeKalb Police Department, who was assisted by NIU Staff Meteorologist Gilbert Sebenste.

Receiving this certification required verification that the City utilizes several methods of receiving and monitoring National Weather Service information, including weather radios, television, AM/FM radio, statewide public safety messaging systems, internet websites and the monitoring of advanced weather radar.

The City also verified its methods of disseminating local weather warnings, which include outdoor warning sirens, a public access television channel, cable television override in conjunction with Comcast, a local alert broadcast system through Code Red and a local flood warning system.

The City also demonstrated its readiness through its comprehensive emergency action plan, departmental weather emergency policies, 24-hour monitoring of weather situations, and its ability to disseminate warnings at any time with personnel who work around the clock.

The DeKalb Police Department also worked with other public agencies within the city such as nursing homes and schools to ensure that adequate weather emergency plans were in place at those critical locations.

Members of the police department, fire department, and public works visited the National Weather Office in Romeoville in September to meet National Weather Service personnel, tour their facility, and become more aware of how the National Weather Service can provide critical information in time of weather emergencies.

The Police Department has worked to provide weather spotter training to its own employees, other city employees, and members of the public in conjunction with the National Weather Service and NIU Weather.

In addition, the City of DeKalb was also recognized as a Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador by the National Weather Service on 12-31-15 for its efforts in community collaboration in storm readiness.

The goal in obtaining these certifications is to continue to provide timely weather warnings, preparedness efforts, and weather education to the residents, students and visitors of the City of DeKalb.





In November 2003 the police department was approached by the Ben Gordon Mental Health Center regarding a grant they received from the Department of Juvenile Justice. The grant was to be used in an effort to curb alcohol related incidents involving underage violators.

As a result of this collaborative effort, the department elected to implement four types of compliance checks:

- Standard Bar Check: Uniformed officers enter an establishment and conduct identification checks in an effort to locate underage violators.
- Standard Business Check: Through the use of underage cooperating individuals, who possess an underage state identification card, compliance checks are conducted to determine if a business is selling alcoholic liquor to minors.
- Shoulder Taps: Underage agents set up outside an establishment and attempt to have patrons buy alcohol for them.
- Street Sweeps: Officers patrol streets with a high volume of foot traffic looking for open container violations, as well as possession/consumption of alcohol by minors.
- In 2015 alcohol enforcement continued to be a priority for the department. One of the continued goals of our department and the city is to train the establishments in our city on the state and city liquor laws and ordinances. Included in this enforcement is the TIPS program. This past year 4 TIPS classes were held with 47 servers, managers, and bartenders completing the course. Participants were instructed on the proper and effective ways to deal with difficult patrons and responsible serving. The course included ideas to prevent problems and liability for the establishments and the individual server. The course included proper carding of patrons and acceptable forms of identification. This course will be a continuing effort in years to come to assure compliance with the city.

TOBACCO COMPLIANCE

The DeKalb Police Department has obtained a grant which allows us the opportunity to perform tobacco compliance checks. With grant monies disbursed through the Illinois Liquor Control Commission, 29 venues were checked multiple times throughout 2015. The program called for DeKalb Police officers to visit with all tobacco licensees in the City of DeKalb. The businesses were advised the police would be checking tobacco sales compliance throughout the year. They were given a packet of information on how to prevent the sales to minors and explanations of the law. On follow-up visits they were given posters to hang up and pins to wear letting customers know that the tobacco licensees would be checking identification for age before a tobacco sale. Using minors 15 to 17 years of age, the businesses were checked three times throughout the year to make sure they complied with laws prohibiting the sale of cigarettes to minors. Enforcement practices have been successful keeping the compliance rate at above 90% for the past year.



OTHER EVENTS...



DeKalb Police and Fire personnel participated in a charity basketball game raising funds "Toys for Tots." Their opponent were members of the DeKalb School District 428.



The DeKalb Police Benevolent and Protective Association participated in the annual "Bowl for Kids Sake." The department had the most teams participating and raised the most money for children in need.



Commander Jim McDougall helped with the Special Olympic Torch Run.



The DeKalb County Police Memorial was held at the NIU Brigham Football stadium and Chief Gene Lowery was the keynote speaker. Law enforcement representatives from throughout DeKalb County were in attendance.



Chief Gene Lowery took one for the team for the “Pie in the Face” event at the “Walk to End Child Abuse” fundraiser.



DeKalb Police officers participate in “Cops on a Roof” held annually to raise money for the Illinois Special Olympics.



Motorcycle Officers Lance Reinbolz and Jared Burke participated in the Illinois Law Enforcement Police Memorial ceremonies in Springfield.



The DeKalb Police and Target co-sponsored the “Heroes and Helpers” program at Christmas, that gave less fortunate children a chance to shop for themselves and their families with community based donations.



Retirees Ron Pearson, Jim Kayes and Rick Bodda helped with the annual Police Benevolent and Protective Association breakfast fundraiser.



The second annual “Women of the Shield: Honoring Women in Law Enforcement” program was held at Northern Illinois University. This event was held to pay respect to women in law enforcement during Women’s History month.

Pictured are Chief Tom Phillips of NIU Police Department and Chief Kristen Ziman of the Aurora Police Department with DeKalb Police Officers (from left to right) Detective Kelly Sullivan, Officer Reda Reese, and Officer Sadie Pristave.



Members of the department proudly exhibit the “Thin Blue Line” flag. This picture was taken just prior to three officers departing to Omaha, Nebraska to attend the funeral of a female police officer who died in the line of duty.

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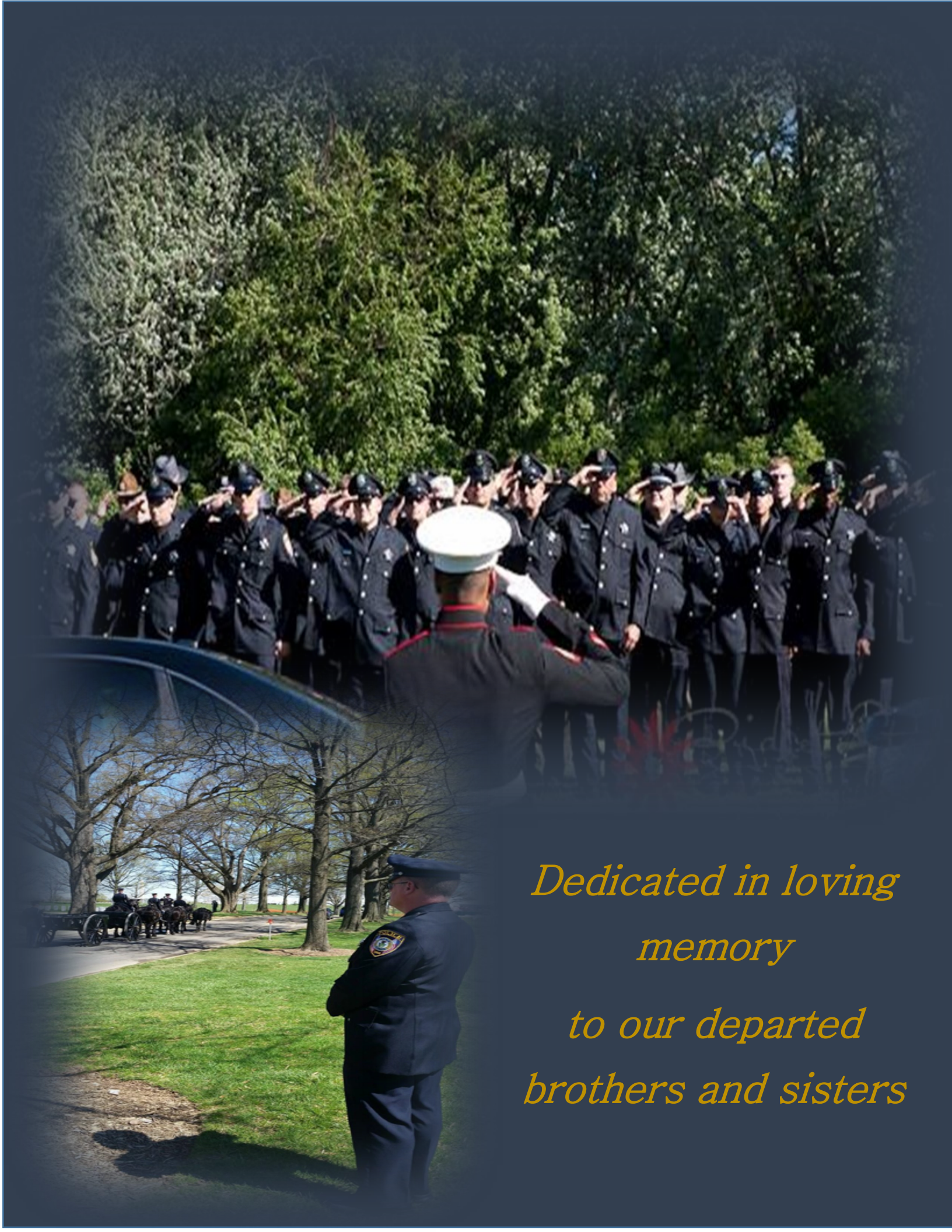


It was DeKalb High School Homecoming and a high school freshman, while getting her nails done for the event, had her homecoming dress stolen. She called the police and Officer Jursich responded. Both of her parents were working out of town and Officer Jursich could not let her leave without getting a new dress. Thanks to the generosity of Maurice's, Officer Jursich and another shopper at the store the young lady got a new dress, bracelet and earrings. Officer Jursich got her something to eat and gave her a police escort to the dance.



A citizen was putting gas in her car when she noticed a vehicle driving slow down street that had a flat tire. Corporal Joe Espy assisted that disabled vehicle into a nearby gas station parking lot. He began to change the tire for them when the tire jack he was using broke. A nearby citizen offered to help offering her tire iron and jack. Corporal Espy got the tire off and drove the motorist of the disabled vehicle to a local business to purchase a new tire. Corporal Espy then returned to their vehicle, put the new tire on them, and then returned the tire iron/jack to the assisting citizen's home.





*Dedicated in loving
memory
to our departed
brothers and sisters*

In Washington, D.C. there is a wall of heroes to honor our fallen officers...but we lose officers each year whose names will never be placed on that wall.

These officers have placed their lives on the line for others many times and because of the daily stress of their profession and the effect it has on their personal life, they have reached a point where they feel like they can't go on.

We recognize, in loving memory, the fine men and women who dedicated themselves to helping others and saving lives...yet tragically took their own.





In Memory of
Officer Thomas Reilly #49
12/30/03 to 7/25/15

*A special thanks goes to the
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DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT

20/20 Vision for the Future: Phase Two



Building Bridges with a Clear Vision for a Safer Community





20/20 Vision for the Future: Phase Two

From the Chief...



The members of the DeKalb Police Department remain committed to making our community a safer place to live, work, and raise our families. Our initial "20/20 Vision for the Future Plan" resulted in many positive outcomes which included a decrease in crime over the past five years. Yet we continue to face the challenge of violence within our community and must continue to work together to improve our quality of life and enhance public safety. To accomplish this we are introducing the **Building Bridges with a Clear Vision for a Safer Community** plan which will introduce 20 policing strategies within 20 months. We look forward to forming partnerships with you and thank you for your ongoing support.

Chief Gene Lowery

PROGRAMS

- » Bridge Builders Program
- » Camp Power and Power Up Programs
- » Crisis Intervention and De-escalation Program
- » Cyber Bullying and Social Media Awareness Program
- » Illinois Chiefs of Police Association Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies
- » Project HOPE: Heroin Outreach, Prevention, and Education
- » Illinois Chiefs of Police: Chiefs Lead the Way Program
- » Peer and Family Support Program
- » Voluntary Wellness Program
- » Safe Parks Program

PROACTIVE POLICING MEASURES

- » Gang Crime and Gun Violence Reduction
- » Community Alliance to Reduce Sexual Assaults
- » Traffic Accident Reduction and Pedestrian Safety
- » Domestic Violence Reduction
- » Internet Safe Zone
- » Key on Three - Persons, Places, and Behavior
- » Neighborhood Policing Plan: Partnering with our Community
- » Policing with a Purpose
- » Public Safety Communications Interoperability, 911 PSAP Consolidation, and Collaborative Opportunities



20/20 Vision for the Future: Phase Two

PROGRAMS

Bridge Builders

Increase Community Partnerships, utilizing the **Bridge Builders**, a program designed to encourage interagency cooperation whenever a community-wide benefit can be identified. One of the proposed initiatives is the **Parents and Police Partnership** that would be designed to enhance communication between parents with school aged children, that strives to reduce the victimization of our children, create prevention programming, and promote positive outcomes.



Camp Power and Power Up

Address the sustainability, programming, and expand the access for the **Camp Power** and the **Power Up** programs that emphasize leadership, nutrition, education, wise choices, and mentoring for less fortunate school aged children. These programs were established by the DeKalb Police Youth in Need Task Force and community stakeholders to address juvenile crime, poverty, health, and opportunity.

Crisis Intervention and De-escalation Program

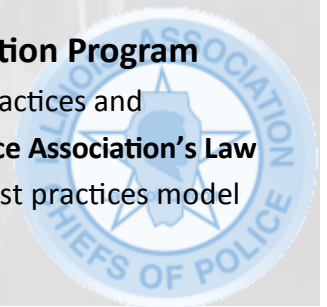
Police calls for service involving individuals with behavioral health disorders has increased dramatically which requires law enforcement agencies to be better prepared to address this challenge. The DeKalb Police will introduce its **Crisis Intervention and De-escalation Program** that will be enhanced with continuous training by mental health professionals to teach officers how to more effectively de-escalate encounters with the mentally ill to reduce their probability of being arrested, incarcerated, or involved in a violent encounter with the police.

Cyber Bullying and Social Media Awareness Program

Introduce a **Cyber Bullying and Social Media Awareness Program** in cooperation with the Regional Office of Education, DeKalb School District 428, and private education institutions to prevent the victimization of our children through web based technology and social media.

The Illinois Chiefs of Police Association's Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Program

This program ensures the DeKalb Police Department has implemented the best policing practices and methodologies by becoming an accredited police agency through the **Illinois Chiefs of Police Association's Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation Program**. The accreditation process implements a best practices model based on contemporary standards in policing.





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PROGRAMS

Project HOPE: Heroin Outreach, Prevention, and Education

Introduce **Project Hope: Heroin Outreach, Prevention, and Education** where the DeKalb Police in partnership with Northern Illinois University, Kishwaukee College, DeKalb County Regional Office of Education, DeKalb School District 428, regional health/social service providers, and the criminal justice system work together to reduce the use of heroin, deaths caused by heroin, seek pre-arrest diversion options within our community, and establish referral sources to effectively intervene in the early stages of heroin usage.

Illinois Chiefs of Police: Chiefs Lead the Way Program

The Chief of Police will participate in the **Illinois Chiefs of Police: Chiefs Lead the Way Program** and encourage the use of mental health resources by all police personnel as needed without fear of repercussion or embarrassment. The Chief will work to address mental health concerns within law enforcement such as PTSD and suicide.



Peer and Family Support Program

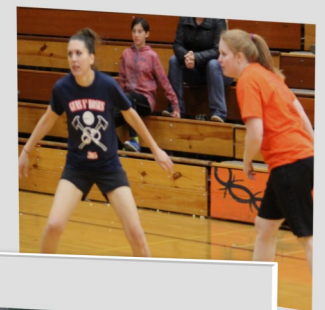
The creation of a **Peer and Family Support Program** within the Police Department to address the psychological wellbeing and emotional outlook of all police personnel and their families. The program's intent would be to facilitate a healthy approach to address a personal or professional crisis or challenge and to de-stigmatize the process.

Voluntary Wellness Program

Implementing a **Voluntary Wellness Program** for police personnel that will benefit them personally and as they serve our community. Improving all aspects of their wellness will enable our staff to be better prepared to handle physical encounters, render aid, and perform all aspects of their respective duties.

Safe Parks Program

Introduce the **Safe Parks Program** that works in concert with the DeKalb Park District to evaluate park safety and introduce measures to ensure a positive, healthy park and recreational experience for all members of our community. This program would include an analysis of public safety needs within our parks and what strategies could be implemented to address those needs.





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PROACTIVE POLICING MEASURES

Gang Crime and Gun Violence Reduction

Introduce the **Gang Crime and Gun Violence Reduction**, to be implemented in conjunction with other law enforcement agencies and community stakeholders. This program would utilize interagency coordination, cooperation, intelligence sharing, and multi-disciplinary strategies to reduce gang-related crime and gun violence within our community.

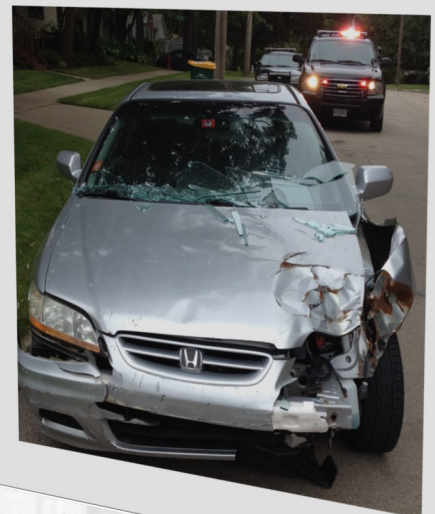
Community Alliance to Reduce Sexual Assaults

Establish a **Community Alliance to Reduce Sexual Assaults** by partnering with Northern Illinois University, Kishwaukee College, DeKalb School District 428, social service providers, law enforcement agencies, and other community stakeholders to develop strategies to decrease sexual assaults in our community through the formation of a multi-disciplinary, community-based task force.



Traffic Accident Reduction and Pedestrian Safety

The DeKalb Police will implement a traffic accident reduction and pedestrian safety initiative that will include an analysis of the problematic locations, assess the risk factors in driving behavior, evaluate engineering issues, establish a community awareness program, and implement proactive traffic enforcement measures. The program will also establish a mindset that utilizes a community collaborative approach that deploys nontraditional methods to reduce traffic accidents and improve pedestrian and bicyclist safety.





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PROACTIVE POLICING MEASURES

Domestic Violence Reduction Strategies

Introduce the **Domestic Violence Reduction Strategies** that strive to reduce domestic violence within our community through the implementation of Operation "Knock and Talk" that identifies and removes order of protection violators; a Victim Referral Program that enables officers to refer victims to support services; a Domestic Violence Warrant Initiative that proactively seeks out offenders wanted on warrants; and enhanced investigative methodologies to support the prosecution of offenders.



Internet Safe Zone

The creation of an **Internet Safe Zone** where the point of delivery regarding internet-based transactions can be hosted at the DeKalb Police Headquarters to facilitate safe person-to-person internet related purchases and discourage scams related to those online purchases.

Key on Three - Persons, Places, and Behavior

Implement a proactive policing strategy that will address crime and quality of life concerns utilizing the **Key on Three** methodology: **Persons** who commit crimes, **Places** where crimes are being committed, and **Behaviors** that lead to crime. The DeKalb Police will utilize this strategy to focus on intelligence driven policing and behavior based enforcement measures to enhance public safety, the welfare of our community, and improve our overall quality of life.

Neighborhood Policing Plan: Partnering with our Community

Deploy a **Neighborhood Policing Plan: Partnering with our Community** by implementing specific strategies to address neighborhood concerns, effective communication, quality of life issues and crime, based on community input, collaboration and planning through intelligence-driven policing, community policing practices and accountability.





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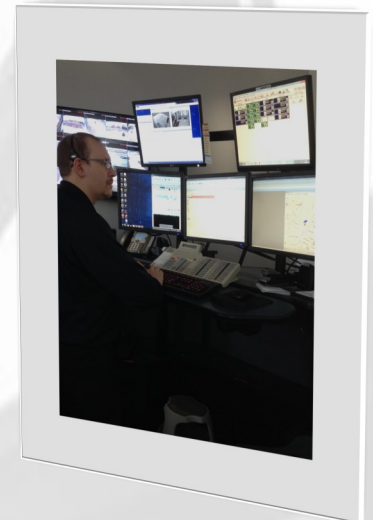


Policing with a Purpose

Implement **Policing with a Purpose** to foster trust within our community through vigilance in accountability, training, and relationship building. The DeKalb Police will move forward collaboratively with our community to treat each other with dignity, equity, and respect. This strategy will seek opportunities to communicate effectively and establish relationships with all members of our community.

Public Safety Communications Interoperability, 911 PSAP Consolidation, and Collaborative Opportunities Initiative

Implement a **Public Safety Communications Interoperability, 911 PSAP Consolidation, and Collaborative Opportunities Initiative** to enhance redundancy, interoperability, and operations in an effective, fiscally responsible manner. The purpose of this initiative is to determine what can be done to streamline our operational and interagency communication processes while determining what collaborative opportunities exist within our regional law enforcement agencies.



Underage Alcohol Abuse Reduction Strategy

Implement a coordinated **"Underage Alcohol Abuse Reduction Strategy"** to improve our quality of life and enhance public safety in concert with Northern Illinois University, Kishwaukee College, DeKalb County Regional Office of Education, DeKalb School District 428, Liquor Licensees, and other community stakeholders. Create a community-based forum that will provide input for the development of methodologies to be utilized to reduce underage alcohol abuse.



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The members of the DeKalb Police Department are committed to reducing crime and enhancing the quality of life through an active partnership with our community.



We believe that DeKalb is a city where our families, businesses and culture prosper in an environment in which all people are treated with dignity, equity and respect.