



2016

DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT Annual Report



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*Dedicated to the 140 fallen heroes
of 2016.*

*Your service and sacrifice
will never be forgotten.*

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,

From 2013 through 2015 the DeKalb Police Department initiated a variety of proactive policing strategies and community policing programs within our community as crime reduction and quality of life enhancing measures. During this time frame crime declined to its lowest level in over a decade. However in 2016 a significant increase in crime emerged, this was also experienced in varying degrees in other cities that host state universities, such as Champaign, Urbana, Bloomington, Normal, Carbondale, Charleston, and Macomb. The Police Departments serving these communities began reporting more crime and acts of violence that compared to communities in a more urban environment.

Based on these trends, I initiated a summit with the Police Chiefs of those communities seeking their input to identify factors that may be causing the sudden change in crime and what we could do collaboratively to address it. It was clear that DeKalb and our comparable cities have all or in part faced the challenges of an uncertain economy, poverty, the lack of a state budget, defunding of critical human services, declining enrollment at our respective universities, and a significant surplus of vacant rental properties. In analyzing and addressing how these factors impact our communities it is imperative that our view not be limited to what the police alone can do to reduce crime, it must be what we can do as a community to reverse this trend and improve our quality of life.

Crime is reported nationwide through the Uniformed Crime Reporting (UCR) program which is comprised of two general categories, Part 1 Crimes which are the most serious and Part 2 Crimes which are considered less serious offenses. In 2016 our Part 1 Crimes increased from 1,329 incidents reported in 2015 to 1,670 in 2016, a total of 341 or a **26%** increase. Of the Part 1 Crimes, the most significant increases were in the number of Burglaries and Theft related offenses reported with 63 additional Burglaries, 14 Auto Thefts and 253 Thefts, or a total of 330 more incidents reported in 2016 as compared to the previous year. The increase in these offenses accounted for 99% of the overall increase in Part 1 Crimes. The Part 2 Crimes increased from 6,584 incidents reported in 2015, to 6,847 incidents in 2016, a total of 263 more incidents overall or a **4%** increase. The most concerning increases in the Part 2 Crimes were in offenses involving Children, Interference with a Police Officer, and Deadly Weapons offenses.

During 2016 our Police Department responded to **45,566** calls for service, a **3% increase** as compared to 44,128 in 2015. As the calls for service continues to rise it taxes our available resources to their limits, yet the reduction of crime is contingent upon how well we work together as a community and to address the factors that influence crime. In 2017 the Police Department will be working with a variety of stakeholders within our community in a partnership, to implement crime reduction measures. We will promote a multi-disciplinary approach and count on your willingness to partner with us as we move forward making our community the best it can be. We are looking forward to building bridges of cooperation wherever we can and tearing down the walls that separate and deter us from our mission.

Respectfully,

Gene Lowery, Chief of Police



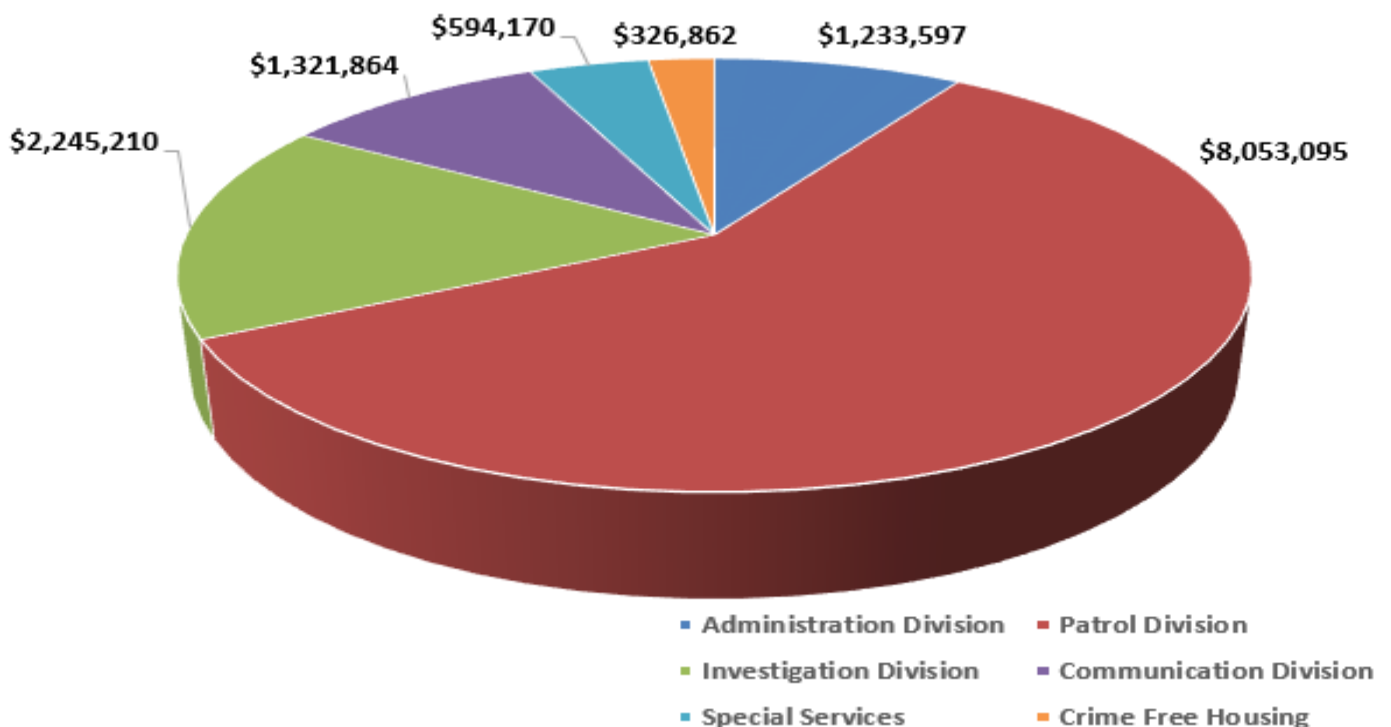
AT A GLANCE...

Organized	1856
Sworn Officers	65
Civilian Personnel	28
Budget	\$13,774,801
Service Area	16.29 square miles
Part I Crimes	1669
Part II Crimes	6847
Accidents	1444
Arrests	2960
Citations	3702
Public Services	11,152
Index Crime Rate per 1,000	37.90
Ratio of Police Officers per 1000 residents	1.47

Incorporated	1856
Government	City Manager
City Budget	\$38,678,236
Population	44,034



BUDGET



DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

Gene Lowery

DEPUTY CHIEFS

Wes Hoadley

John Petragallo

COMMANDERS

Jason Leverton

Robert Redel

James McDougall

Tracy Smith

Craig Woodruff

Stylianios Lekkas

SERGEANTS

Lisa Miller

Jonathan Costliow

James Haacker

Thomas Petit

Mark Tehan

Scott Farrell

Chad McNett

Joseph Espy

Paul Mott

Jeff Weese

Todd Wells

Tony Kwasniewski

SWORN OFFICERS

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

Anthony Densberger

Chris Sullivan

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 Remnes

Michael Cicchetti

Olaniran Habideen

Jason Goodwin

Sonny Streit

Raynaldo Hernandez

Steven Parsons

Danielle Huber

Josef Gordon

Charles Verdone

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

LaToya Marz

TELECOMMUNICATORS

Donna Biarnesen

Heide Clark

Michael Callahan

Sean Woyna

Christopher McMeen

Brittany Westergren

Geoffrey Wells

Hillary Fowler

Keller Kurth

Jennifer Barnett

Ryan Fisher

Elizabeth Basham

Adrienne Oziah

Carol Halsey

Kaitlin Armstrong

Kelli Wilkens

Jessica Green

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Penny Meier

RECORDS

OFFICE ASSOCIATES

Jackie Spartz

Patty Pumfrey

Emily Getzelman

CRIME FREE HOUSING

COORDINATOR

Carl Leoni

CFH OFFICE ASSOCIATE

Rita Larson

CFH INSPECTORS

Michael Stuckert

Frank Beasley

Michael Johnson

Ken Diedrich

COMMUNITY SERVICE

OFFICERS

James Rhoades

Daniel Gerace

Trevor Burdick

COURT SECURITY

Raymond West

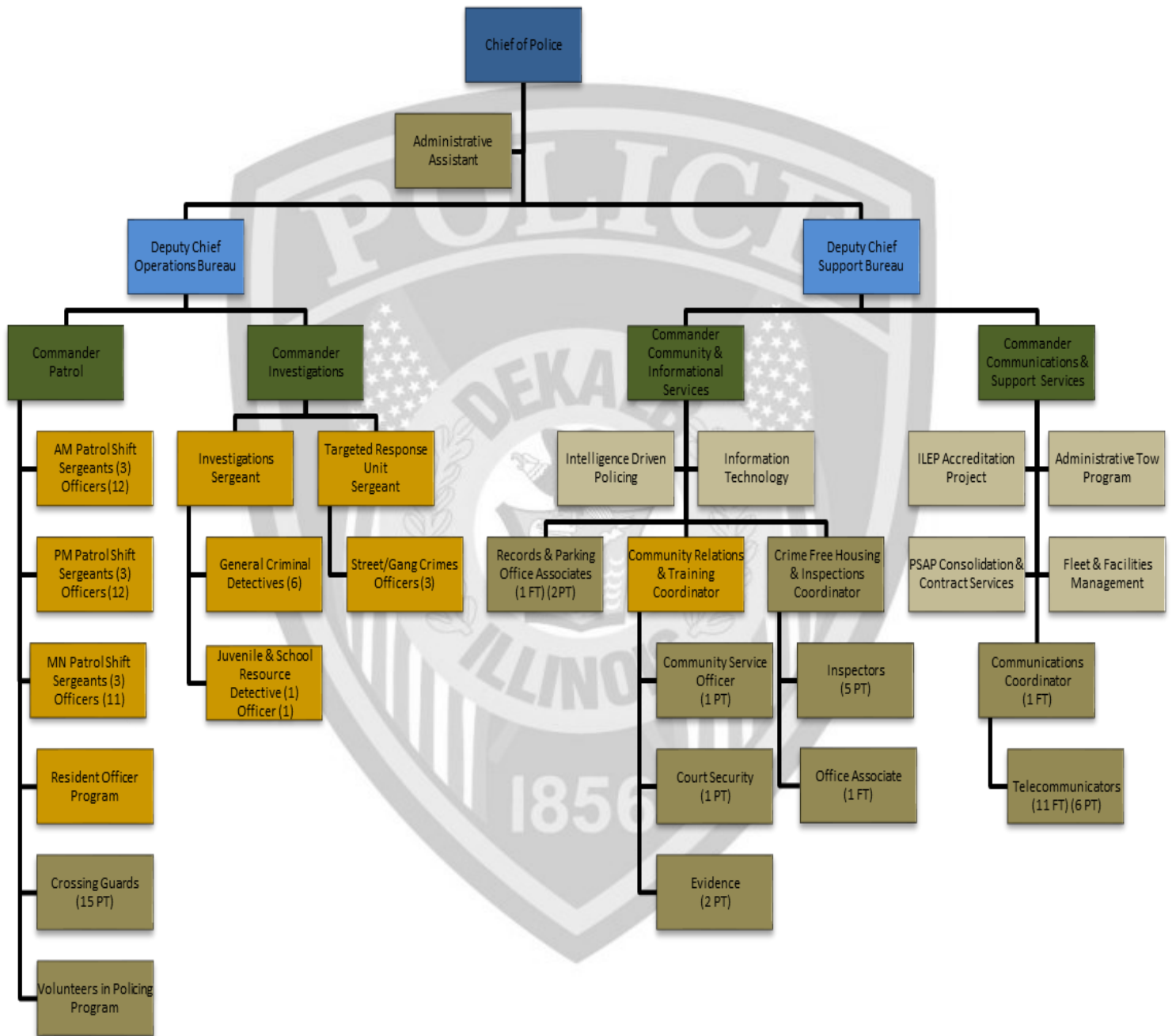
VOLUNTEERS

11 Volunteers

CROSSING GUARDS

15 Crossing Guards

ORGANIZATION CHART



ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2016

The DeKalb Police Department participated in a variety of community events throughout the year to include, but not limited to the Safe Passage Domestic Violence Vigil, the Northern Illinois University Unity March, National Night Out and the Heroes and Helpers Christmas Program for less fortunate children both in partnership with the Target Corporation, Cops and Bobbers Fishing Derby, Bigs in Blue, Bowl for Kids Sake for Big Brothers and Big Sisters, a local blood donor drive, the DeKalb High School Football Program fundraiser, the Hope Haven fundraiser, the US Marine Corps Toys for Tots Basketball fundraiser, and the Camp Power youth summer programs.

The Community Relations Unit deployed the first DeKalb Police Therapy Dog at no cost to our community, this program which is supported by Police Volunteer Dave Ball and his dog "Gee Gee", helps to break down barriers and create an environment that strengthens relationships between the police and the community.

Also on the community relations front, Officer Josef Gordon (our resident officer in the Lewis Court Apartments) and his wife hosted a Halloween Party for the residents of the Lewis Court Apartments. The DeKalb County Housing Authority as well as complex residents have embraced Resident Officer Gordon and his family. Our Resident Officer Program has three police officers and their respective families living in neighborhoods that have traditionally had high service demands for the police. The program is designed to embed the officer as a stakeholder in the neighborhood, who strives to reduce crime and enhance the quality of life for area residents.

Awarded two grants from the Department of Justice for a total of over \$30,000 for the purchase of specialized investigative equipment to support complex and long term investigations.

Awarded a grant from the DeKalb County Community Foundation, one for \$6,500 for the acquisition of six automated external defibrillators (AEDs) for deployment in our Patrol Division squad cars. Since this grant our officers have already deployed the AEDs while initiating life saving measures on the street.

An \$8,000 grant was awarded to the DeKalb Police Department by the DeKalb County Community Foundation, the grant was intended to be used toward the purchase of a Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV). The UTV would allow the Police Department to enhance our ability to proactively patrol the parks and nature trails in DeKalb. The DeKalb Park District Executive Director, Amy Doll, also prepared a letter of support that was included in a grant request to the Park District Board of Directors to approve a \$5,000 community grant for the Police Department to also be used toward the purchase of the Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV).

The DeKalb Police Department received a traffic safety grant totaling \$45,480 from the Illinois Department of Transportation. The grant was intended to fund impaired driving and occupant protection enforcement campaigns in 2016 and 2017. The DeKalb Police Department conducted three traffic enforcement campaigns between October and the end of December - the Halloween Campaign, Thanksgiving Campaign, and the Christmas / New Year's Campaign.

In July of 2013, the DeKalb Police Department formed the **Youth in Need Task Force** to develop strategies to decrease youth crime in our community. The task force developed and implemented a summer program for youth called "Camp Power". This community-based, collaborative program responded to identified issues of child hunger and crime that occur throughout our community during the summer months. The structure of Camp Power included academic tutoring, a daily healthy lunch and afternoon snack, nutrition education, structured physical activity, mentoring, a variety of education/recreation opportunities and participation in the Community Gardens program. 2016 marked the third year for the Camp Power summer program in the University Village neighborhood which has demonstrated numerous positive outcomes to include greater opportunities for the children and their families and building better relationships with the police. During this year the Camp Power program expanded to serve the Pleasant Street neighborhood, with the leadership of the program in its entirety assumed by the Kishwaukee YMCA.

The Police Department, City Attorney, and other City Departments collaborated in securing a tower lease agreement with the cell phone provider Verizon. This agreement allows Verizon to place equipment on our communications tower creating an annual revenue of \$30,000 over a long term agreement. The provider's use of our communications tower will also enhance wireless service to several systems within our police station which will improve our operational effectiveness.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2016

The DeKalb Police began several training initiatives designed to enhance our ability to effectively communicate and de-escalate conflict that often ends with the use of force. This programming included the Four Pillars of Procedural Justice which are fairness, impartiality, giving voice, and transparency. Utilizing the principles of Procedural Justice and the Three Pillars of Community Policing which are problem solving, partnership building, and organizational transformation we build better relationships and stronger partnerships with our community to reduce crime and enhance our overall quality of life. These initiatives began with a grant from the DeKalb County 708 Mental Health Board that funded our personnel being trained in critical incident problem solving skills.

In 2016 the DeKalb Police introduced an interactive discussion and demonstration regarding lethal force decision making by the police. The program was designed to give community participants a perspective on how officers are trained in the use of force that can at times escalate to deadly force as well as a greater understanding of how we as human beings react to those often tragic events. The program utilized a use of force training simulator that put a citizen in the shoes of an officer and presented them with a life like scenario which required them to respond in some way to resolve the situation. The process and the conversation that followed was beneficial to all participants and created a better understanding of the difficult choices a police officer must make, at times within seconds that can last an eternity.

Through the collaboration of stakeholders, which included the Police and Fire Departments, the United States Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administrations' (NOAA) awarded a "Storm Ready" certification to the City of DeKalb, which will enhance our ISO rating.

The DeKalb Police Department has partnered with Northern Illinois University and Professor Kristie Crane to allow an opportunity for students to ride along with a police officer. Professor Crane teaches Sociology 289 course - Introduction to Criminal Justice and students can arrange a ride along as part of their final project. Professor Crane reports that students feel like they are being engaged by the officers and are learning more than what she can teach them in the classroom. The Police Department has granted over 20 ride alongs during the fall semester and also supports a variety of internships throughout the year.

The DeKalb Police entered into a mutual aid agreement with Air One, which is our closest Illinois Terrorism Task Force Member Agency that provides air support for public safety operations. Air One provides helicopter support for police operations from searching for missing persons to responding to crimes in progress at no cost to the City for equipment or time.

The DeKalb Police Co-Policing Program with the Northern Illinois University Police reached new levels of interagency cooperation in 2016. From going to each others roll calls, training together, working our neighborhoods together, and conducting joint police operations of all types in concert with one another. This year we also entered into an agreement with the NIU Police in regard to the establishment of an interoperable radio network, this allows officers from both departments to use the same radio frequencies for large scale events or daily operations., this was a significant step forward to enhance officer and community safety.

The DeKalb County ETSB 911 Board received a ruling from the State of Illinois regarding the mandatory consolidation of 911 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP), this ruling provided a three year time line for implementation. In summary our county will go from four PSAP(s) to two, those two being the DeKalb County Sheriff and the DeKalb Police Department. Both agencies will be responsible for all 911 emergency calls countywide, our Communication Division will absorb all of the 911 calls formerly taken by the Northern Illinois University Police Communications Center. This process requires our department to be prepared to increase our 911 call volume, while processing these emergency calls in a professional, efficient manner ensuring an appropriate police, fire or ems response to the calls. In 2016 we began planning for this, as well as our ability to provide contract dispatching services in the future.

In 2016 the DeKalb Police Department began the implementation of the "20/20 Vision for the Future: Phase Two" which plans for twenty initiatives to be introduced within twenty months that are designed to reduce crime and enhance the overall quality of life for our community. These initiatives include a variety of proactive policing strategies that depend on a partnership with our community, which will implement Problem Oriented and Intelligence Driven Policing methodologies, Community Policing, Behavior Based Strategies, and Community Engagement programming. A description of the "20/20 Vision for the Future: Phase Two" Plan is included as an addendum to the 2016 Annual Report.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2016

Personnel Accomplishments:

Records Office Associate Emily Getzelman completed her Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology from Northern Illinois University.

Telecommunicator Kaitlin Armstrong completed her Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Northern Illinois University.

Telecommunicator Michael Callahan completed his Master of Science in Applied Health Science from University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Telecommunicator Christopher McMeen completed ICS 300 & 400 courses in preparation for obtaining a Communications Unit Leader (COML) certification.

Communications Coordinator LaToya Marz participated in the Illinois Public Safety Telecommunicator Association Conference where the following topics were part of the curriculum; 911 dispatch center consolidation, change agent management, grants, stress management, health and wellness.

Commander Craig Woodruff graduated from the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety's School of Staff and Command, a 10-week internationally recognized training program for police leadership. The following topics were part of that curriculum; leadership, organizational change, staff analysis, collective bargaining agreements, and budgeting.

Commander Jason Levertton attended the Federal Bureau of Investigation Law Enforcement Executive Development Association's Command Leadership Institute, where he received a Trilogy Award for completing a series of law enforcement executive training. The following topics were part of that curriculum; leadership, ethics, decision making, problem employees, and organizational culture.

Patrol Sergeant Tony Kwasniewski attended Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety Supervision of Police Personnel for the basic course in first line supervision.

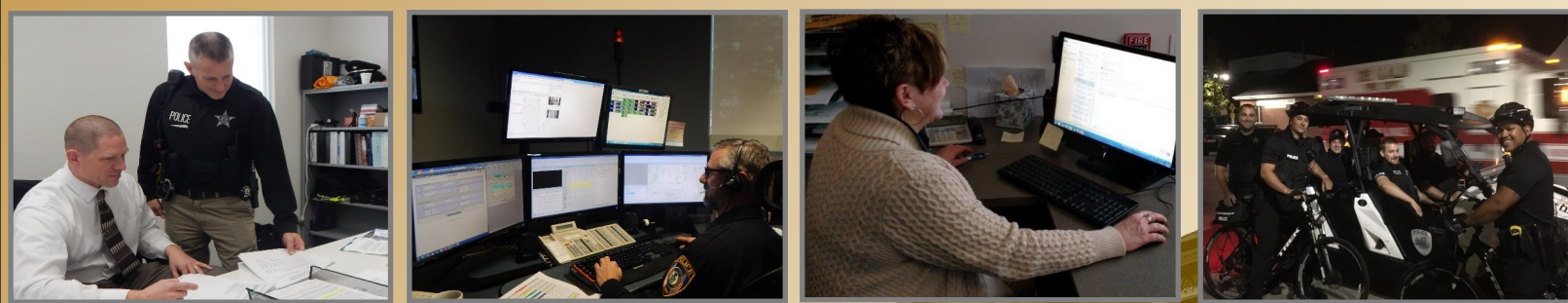
Police Officers Geoff Guzinski and Kevin Ferrigan obtained the designation of "Master Tactical Patrol Officer" by the Illinois Tactical Officers Association. The Tactical Patrol Officer training and recognition program recognizes those who have successfully completed a series of critical patrol training objectives and certifications. The "Master" designation is reserved for the very small group of officers who have taken their training to the highest level and obtained instructor status in these same tactical patrol skill sets. While there are hundreds of officers who have obtained the TPO designation state wide, Officer Guzinski is the 46th and Officer Ferrigan is the 47th officers in the State of Illinois to obtain the "Master TPO" distinguished honor and our department is only the second department in Illinois with two Master TPO's.



DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT



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.

The Deputy Chiefs are second in command of the Police Department and act in lieu of the Police Chief as needed; they also command the Operations and Support Bureaus. Deputy Chief Wes Hoadley commanded the Support Bureau until his retirement in November, at which time Deputy Chief John Petragallo who commanded the Operations Bureau, assumed his duties. The Support Bureau encompasses Budget Administration, Community and Informational Services, Communications, and Support Services. The Operations Bureau encompasses the Patrol and Investigations Division, as well as any specialty assignments or units therein.

Administrative Assistant Penny Meier is primarily responsible for reporting crime information in accordance with 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, disseminating the DeKalb County Intelligence report and providing support for the Office of the Chief.

SUPPORT BUREAU

The Support Bureau includes Records, Community Relations, Training, Court Security, Communications, Crime Free Housing and Inspections, Information Technology, Fleet/Facilities, and Evidence Divisions. These divisions were led by Commanders Jason Leverton and Tracy Smith until Commander Smith's retirement in June. Commander Craig Woodruff was promoted and took over Commander Smith's duties.

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 2016 our staff logged over **3600** 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 regarding all matters. The Records Section has one full-time and two part-time office associates staffed by Jackie Spartz, Patty Pumfrey, and Emily Getzelman. Rita Larson, a full-time office associate assigned to Crime Free Housing Inspections, 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 2016, the Records Division handled **776** Freedom of Information requests, **136** subpoenas for reports, **242** subpoenas for 9-1-1 recordings, **705** State's Attorney requests for police videos and **214** for case photos, they made **1728** copies of reports, and conducted **611** background requests for other government agencies.

COURT / CITY COUNCIL SECURITY

The Police Department provides security for the municipal court proceedings held at the City Hall on a weekly basis. Additional Court Security officers are also assigned to help as needs arise. Similarly, the Police Department provides at least one officer for every City Council meeting and additional resources as needed. These officers help to maintain the security and provide a safe environment for court and the City Council meetings. The municipal court call can at times have in excess of 400 people appearing before the court on a variety of matters. The City Council meetings can also have standing room only which is largely dependent on topics and the degree of interest in those topics by community stakeholders.

FLEET

Our basic fleet consists of:

- 15 marked Police vehicles
- 14 unmarked Police vehicles
- 3 Crime Free Housing vehicles
- 2 Harley Davidson motorcycles



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. The evidence section was responsible for entering **over 4100** pieces of evidence and fulfilling more than **1000** prosecution evidence requests in 2016.

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 2016, **172** tips were received via iWatch, which can disseminate crime alerts and other important information.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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

There are 64,000 Facebook users within a 10-mile radius of the City of DeKalb. Our department has over 10,000 followers and has received millions of overall views throughout the year. Our most-viewed single post was a photo and story about officers who purchased Christmas gifts for some displaced children on Christmas Eve, which was viewed by over **837,000** Facebook users around the world.



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

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

If one person can make a difference, consider what an entire community can do.
i Watch DeKalb. Do You?
Gene Lowery, Chief of Police

Watch applications are available for a wide range of smartphones, downloaded by visiting iWatchDeKalb.com

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

COMMUNICATIONS



The Communications Division provides the front line response for receiving emergency and non-emergency telephone requests and inquiries for Police, Fire and EMS services within our community and the operational limits of the Fire Protection District. They operate 24-hours a day, seven days with highly trained telecommunicators (TCs).

The goal of the Communications Division 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 PowerPhone 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 to retain their Emergency Medical Dispatch license.

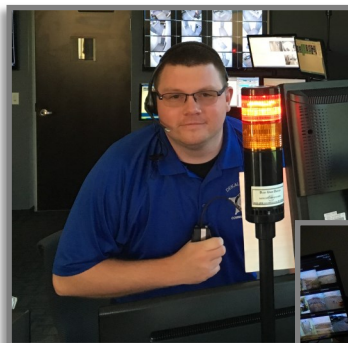
In addition to their Police, Fire and EMS dispatch functions, TCs monitor radio traffic for Public Works, other neighboring police agencies, and all security cameras throughout the Police Department, City Municipal Building, and DeKalb Taylor Municipal Airport. Communications is responsible for performing 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.

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. This past June Commander Tracy Smith retired and Commander Jason Leverton took over his duties.

In 2016, the Communications Division received and dispatched **45,566** police calls, **5,661** fire/ambulance calls, and answered over **22,094** 9-1-1 calls.

In 2016....

- *There was a 3% increase in law enforcement total calls for service as compared to 2015.*
- *There was a 5% increase in fire/ambulance calls for service as compared to 2015.*



CRIME FREE HOUSING



**Keeping illegal activity out of
rental property.**



The Crime Free Housing and Inspections Bureau (CFH) completed its fourth year of operation in 2016. The Bureau was created as a long term strategy designed to reduce crime by forming a partnership 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; handles property maintenance concerns on both rental and 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 the frequency of criminal activity and other policing matters in rental properties and notifies the property owners so they are aware and can be involved with mitigating the situation.

Traditional policing efforts cannot solve crime problems alone, neither can the owner, manager or residents of rental properties. 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 criminal events, works with landlords to improve physical property features and requires compliance with building codes.

2016 Crime Free Housing Highlights:

Properties registered: **1,737** for a total of **8,977** units (approximately 99% of rental properties are registered).

Property inspections: **2,214 inspections** were conducted resulting in **1,106 warnings covering 1,421 violations** and **248 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 **82% compliance** rate.

Classes conducted: **4** classes were conducted bringing the total number of landlords trained to **958**. This accounts for approximately **98%** of rental units.

There were **280** (down 16% from 2015) police cases opened covering 424 (down 18% from 2015) 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, murder, child pornography, 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 across town including two dilapidated houses on N. 14th Street, one dilapidated house on Pleasant Street and several garages.

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 2016 they responded to **45,566** total calls for service compared to 44,128 in 2015 – a 3% increase. The Operations Bureau is comprised of the Patrol and Investigations Divisions.

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 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 2016 the Investigations Division investigated 733 cases, which resulted in 305 cases cleared by arrest; 106 cases cleared exceptionally; 23 cases referred to other agencies; 11 cases were unfounded; 60 cases were inactive; and 228 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.



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 10 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 throughout the year.



In 2016 the Bike Patrol patrolled 281 hours compared to 2015 which was **329.5** hours. This decrease was largely due to maintaining shift strength and high call volume. A majority of the bike patrol hours were spent on the burglary to motor vehicle detail and co-policing with NIU PD.

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 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 2016 the canine team responded to **169** 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 **192** 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 2016, 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 plan initiatives to improve cooperation, implement proactive policing strategies and discuss training needs. The departments' partner up daily on all shifts where they are assigned patrol duties in the northwest quadrant of our city. As part of the Problem Oriented Policing effort, DeKalb Police assist NIU with Greek Row checks and NIU assists by force multiplying in areas where the data shows increased crime levels. 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

Eight DeKalb Police Officers are members of the DeKalb County Special Operations Team (SOT). The DeKalb Police Department, Sycamore Police Department and the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office implemented a joint Special Operations Team providing a tactical response to critical incidents in DeKalb County.

The presence of a highly trained and skilled law enforcement tactical unit at critical incidents has allowed for the resolution of critical incidents while mitigating the risk of serious injury or death to citizens, law enforcement and suspects.

The agencies involved in SOT recognize the benefits of a well-managed "team response" and the effect the multi-jurisdictional team has as a force multiplier that enhances the participating agencies' abilities to resolve high risk situations in a safe manner.

In 2016 the use of SOT was requested by various agencies to execute search warrants deemed high risk and mitigate several critical incidents throughout DeKalb County.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT

The Domestic Violence Unit (DVU) in 2016 was comprised of 5 Officers and 1 Sergeant, including Sgt. Jon Costliow and Officers Jeff Ackland, Sadie Pristave, Keunte Mallett, Jonathan Jursich and Michael Cicchetti.

The DVU is a Patrol Division function and its mission is, "to stop the cycle of violence." This can be accomplished through an effective, professional police response and investigation, by working in concert with the State's Attorney's Office, Safe Passage Domestic Violence Advocacy Program, and by utilizing evidence based practices. The DVU officer is tasked with reviewing domestic violence cases, executing warrants, conducting follow-up investigations, and assisting other officers with complicated cases based on their training, knowledge of the law, and their experience. They work closely with the victims to prevent violence from reoccurring while supporting their immediate safety and advocacy needs. In 2016 an additional task of working with DCFS was assigned to the DVU which focuses on domestic violence involving children.

- *Domestic violence calls have increased over the years. This year alone has seen 1,396 domestic calls for police service, an increase of 13% from last year.*

FIELD TRAINING

The DeKalb Police department has 11 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.

GANG UNIT

The Targeted Response Unit investigates gang-related crime, provides street level gang enforcement, gathers intelligence and performs gang awareness presentations to the community. The Targeted Response 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 our residents.

In 2016 there were 113 cases that were gang-related or linked to street gang members. This is a 6% decrease compared to last year.



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 ILEAS 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. Currently Sergeant J. Espy and Officer J. Jursich are assigned by our agency to the Region 3 WMD SRT and Officer J. Watson is assigned to the MFF.

MOTOR UNIT

2016 was the 12th consecutive year of service by the DeKalb Police Department's Motor Unit. The Motor Unit was used for enforcement and community policing functions throughout the city and county. From supporting community events to patrolling walk/bike paths throughout our city, the Motor Unit was an invaluable tool. Commander James McDougall commanded the Motor Unit until his retirement in July, Commander Steve Lekkas subsequently assumed command of the Motor Unit. The Motor Unit is comprised of Officers Lance Reinbolz and Jared Burke, who are both certified Motor Officers through the Illinois Training and Standards Board.



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."

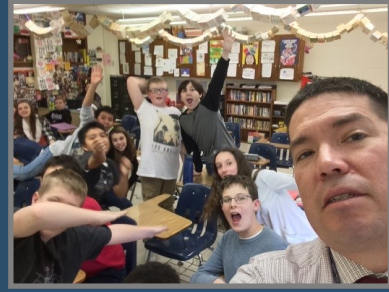
In 2016 there were **173** cases processed with a total of **327** exhibits. This was a decrease of 27% in cases processed and a 17% decrease in exhibits. It should be noted that in July of 2016 the Illinois Cannabis law changed making it unnecessary to submit less than 10 grams of suspected cannabis to a laboratory. As a result, there was a significant decrease in lab submittals as compared to the previous year.

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 2016, one officer and one detective were assigned as School Resource Officers. The School Resource Officers work in the DeKalb High School and the two middle schools. They are assigned to the schools to promote school security, help educate the students and to be a liaison between the police, teachers, students, and parents.

SEX CRIMES REGISTRATION AND MONITORING (SCRAM) UNIT

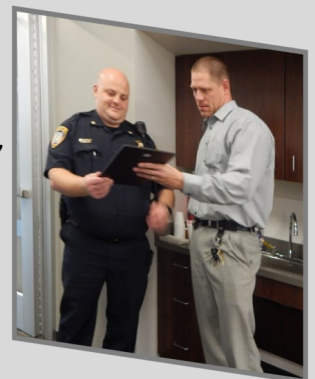
The police department formed a team of officers who are responsible for monitoring, registering and completing compliance checks for registered sex offenders in our community. This team is supervised by Sgt. Tony Kwasniewski.



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. TRU is also responsible for monitoring all registered sex offenders, parolees, individuals wanted on warrants, and gang members residing within our community. TRU is on the front line of proactive policing through the pursuit of known offenders by initiating a variety of street level investigations and supporting the Criminal Investigation and Patrol Divisions.

In 2016, TRU focused on proactively reducing crime in the community; they made **198 arrests** including **82 felony arrests** and conducted **32** covert narcotics operations that resulted in the covert purchases of various controlled substances. Narcotics seized included heroin, MDMA or ecstasy, cocaine, cannabis, \$30,420 in United States currency and 8 guns. TRU served **60** arrest warrants and performed **8** 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.



Commander Steve Lekkas received a plaque of appreciation for his service with TRU.

CHAPLAIN

The DeKalb Police Chaplains volunteer their time to provide spiritual guidance and counseling to the men and women of the Police Department, their families, and to community members in need. The Chaplain's Program has been essential in dealing with crisis situations as well as taking the time to address the overall well being of those who serve.

CROSSING GUARDS

The DeKalb Police Department employs **15** part-time school crossing guards who are responsible for crossing children at **22** 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, marking and towing abandoned autos, processing arrestees and assisting all divisions with various tasks.



HEALING PAWS

The DeKalb Police Department would like to introduce the newest member of our team, "Gee Gee." Gee Gee is a seven year old female Golden Retriever who is a licensed therapy dog. Her owner, Dave Ball, has graciously volunteered his services to the DeKalb Police. Gee Gee made her debut with the DeKalb Police Department during a tour with KinderCare of DeKalb. Gee Gee, of course, was an immediate hit with the children.

Gee Gee also volunteers with the Healing Paws Program at Kishwaukee Community Hospital and at Northern Illinois University as well. When Gee Gee is not helping the public relieve stress, she loves spending time outdoors and chasing rabbits.

The DeKalb Police Department plans to utilize Gee Gee at a variety of upcoming events. We are very grateful to Dave Ball for volunteering his and Gee Gee's time to help build bridges in our community.

VOLUNTEERS IN POLICING PROGRAM

Law enforcement volunteers are comprised of college students with aspirations for law enforcement careers and local residents who are interested in assisting the police in their mission. They perform duties 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 a variety of 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. This past year we had 11 volunteers in the program.

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 which amounts to hundreds of hours annually.



COMMENDATIONS, PROMOTIONS, NEW HIRES & RETIREMENTS

NEW HIRES



Hired was
Officer Josef Gordon



Hired was
Officer Charles Verdone



Hired was
Officer Aaron Kleinmaier

PROMOTIONS



Todd Wells was promoted
to Sergeant



Scott Farrell was promoted
to Sergeant



Chad McNett was promoted
to Sergeant



Joe Espy was promoted
to Sergeant



Paul Mott was promoted
to Sergeant



Tony Kwasniewski was promoted
to Sergeant



Craig Woodruff was promoted
to Commander



Stylianios Lekkas was promoted
to Commander



RETIREMENTS



COMMANDER TRACY SMITH
30 YEARS OF SERVICE



TELECOMMUNICATOR DONNA BIARNESEN
30 YEARS OF SERVICE



COMMANDER JAMES McDUGALL
27 YEARS OF SERVICE



DEPUTY CHIEF WES HOADLEY
26 YEARS OF SERVICE



SERGEANT LISA MILLER
25 YEARS OF SERVICE



OFFICER RICHARD REYNOLDS
18 YEARS OF SERVICE

20 YEARS OF SERVICE



OFFICER
JOSE JAQUES



COMMANDER
JASON LEVERTON



OFFICER
REDA REESE



DETECTIVE
MICHAEL STEWART



SERGEANT
MARK TEHAN



Sergeant Craig Woodruff graduated from the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety's School of Staff and Command, a 10-week internationally recognized program for police leadership.



The DeKalb American Veterans Post #90 honored this department with a plaque of appreciation on September 10, 2016.

COMMENDATIONS

On February 8, 2016 the DeKalb Police Department responded to a call at from Jewel-Osco that an 18-year-old female employee felt uncomfortable due to the behavior of an older male patron. The male subject had come into the store multiple times over the past few months and making unwanted comments to the employee about her appearance. Officer Fabro obtained the identity of the male and made contact with him at his residence. The suspect was identified as Robert Peruscini. He was advised of his unwanted comments.

While at the residence Officer Fabro noticed an odor of cannabis in the home. Peruscini admitted to smoking cannabis and allowed officers to search his home. Officers seized suspect cannabis, cannabis pipes, and suspect cocaine. Peruscini is also a concealed carry permit holder and he was asked Peruscini about any firearms that were in the house. He advised he had seven firearms and a large amount of ammunition. The Illinois State Police FOID division was notified and suspended Peruscini's FOID status due to using and possessing a controlled substance. Peruscini turned himself in on the warrant issued and was charged with Possession of Cannabis, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Possession of a Controlled Substance.

Officer Fabro not only took care of the victim in an efficient and effective manner, but she took it a step further by gaining consent to search Peruscini's residence thereby locating illegal narcotics and safeguarding the community by removing firearms from a subject that should not be in possession of them. Officer Fabro conducted herself in a professional manner which helped bring this situation to a successful conclusion.

On February 9, 2016 Detective Paul Mott and Officers Kris Mecca and Elizabeth Fabro began to investigate a series of incidents that had been reported to police that included allegations of theft, abuse, two robberies, and gang related crimes. The investigation determined these crimes occurred at a residence in the 1500 block of Ellwood Avenue. Officers determined that a victim had been beaten with a shovel, burned on his face and hands with a heated knife, and also sustained numerous injuries by being repeatedly punched and kicked. The offenders were identified as members of the Latin King street gang. The investigation culminated in the arrests of Marc Santiago, Christian Zuniga, Brandon Villarreal, Makala Frazier, Pierre Carter, Gabriel Curl and a female juvenile who were all charged with Armed Robbery and other related offenses, including the beating of the victim. These offenders are violent street gang members that participated in a three day crime spree that could have continued without their intervention. Their professional, dedicated response protected others from further harm, ended a violent crime spree, and removed these offenders from our streets. They were commended for a job well done and setting the standard for others to follow.



On February 14, 2016 DeKalb Police received information that a person wanted on a warrant and may be dealing drugs at a residence in the 1000 block of W. Hillcrest Drive. The officers went to the residence and were unable to locate the subject identified by the tipster but did apprehend another wanted subject. While investigating further an officer observed a subject climbing out a rear window of the apartment who was detained. Their investigation determined that the subject was the wanted person identified in the initial information and he was in possession of 19 bags of cannabis, cash, and a loaded handgun that had been reported stolen out of St. Joseph County, Indiana. The offender was charged with Armed Violence, Possession of a Stolen Firearm, UUW by a Felon, Unlawful Possession of Cannabis with the Intent to Deliver, Possession of Cannabis, and Possession of a Weapon with no FOID. The teamwork and dedicated, professional response displayed led to the safe arrest of an armed felon who was trafficking drugs in our community. They were commended for a job well done and have set the standard for others to follow.

On February 29, 2016 DeKalb Police responded to a call for a man with a gun in the 1000 block of Crane Drive. Upon arrival officers made contact with two suspects, one of which was in possession of cannabis and the other admitted to possessing heroin. Officers secured a consent to search an apartment where their investigation led to the recovery of evidence corroborating their narcotics possession and a loaded 9mm handgun with the serial number defaced. Their investigation led to the arrest of an individual who was charged with Armed Violence, Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance with the Intent to Deliver, and other offenses. Their dedication led to the arrests of these offenders that trafficked narcotics and had used a firearm in a threatening manner in our community. They were commended for a job well done and have set the standard for others to follow.



On March 8, 2016, the Targeted Response Unit (TRU) received information that a pregnant female was in a neighboring city in possession of and using crack cocaine and methamphetamine. The investigation ultimately determined that two females had been using narcotics and their source for the narcotics was staying in DeKalb. Police subsequently went to a DeKalb motel where they met with two subjects and obtained a consent to search, which resulted in the seizure of drug paraphernalia, cannabis, methamphetamine, over \$2,100 in cash, and evidence that linked the dealer with the pregnant female. They also secured information regarding the subject's Elgin dealer and were able to intercept the dealer as he attempted to deliver crack cocaine in DeKalb. This subject had received a previous 15 year sentence in Wisconsin and was on parole for narcotics trafficking. Their investigation led to the arrest of six offenders on various narcotics charges, four of which were narcotics trafficking offenses. Offenders were charged with Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine with the Intent to Deliver, Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance with the Intent to Deliver within 1000' of a School, and various other offenses. Police Officers from three different agencies that included the DeKalb County Sheriff, Sycamore Police, and DeKalb Police, worked together taking a tip that led to the arrest of four narcotics dealers. They were commended for a job well done and for setting the standard for others to follow.

On March 25, 2016, the DeKalb Police Communications Division was notified that the DeKalb County Sheriff's 911 Communication Center was out of service due to a power failure. They were inoperable and unable to receive or transmit 911 emergency calls or provide any other essential functions leaving thousands of county residents at risk. In what could have been a moment of crisis and panic Telecommunicators Heide Clark and Keller Kurth immediately took action. They notified the affected emergency service providers and began implementing protocols that enabled the DeKalb Police Communications Center to become the primary provider of emergency dispatching for the county, as well as our community. These Telecommunicators took a potentially life threatening situation, implemented their experience and skills in a manner that handled the transition in a flawless and professional manner until operations at the Sheriff's Office were restored. Their efforts often go unseen, often without recognition and in this situation they insured the continuity of service. They were commended for a job well done and for setting the standard for others to follow.



On April 3, 2016 DeKalb Police responded to a burglary in progress at a local car dealership where two suspects were loading tires into a van just after midnight. As police responding to the scene observed the suspects traveling northbound on Fourth Street. Officers were able to effect a traffic stop and apprehend the offenders. Their investigation secured confessions from both offenders who admitted to taking tires and a power washer during the commission of a burglary at the car dealership. The offenders were charged with Burglary and all of the proceeds were recovered. The professional and effective response by the officers involved insured that these were held accountable for their crimes. They were commended for a job well done and for setting the standard for others to follow.

On April 19th, 2016 DeKalb Police received a call of a shot being fired into an apartment located at 831 W. Hillcrest Drive. Upon arriving on scene the victim reported that he discovered a hole in his wall, holes through his refrigerator, and another hole located in an adjacent wall. The victim checked the hallway and also found holes in the walls of the stairwell. These holes all lined up and pointed towards the neighbor's front door. Officers immediately evacuated all tenants from the building prior to attempting to make contact with any potential suspects. Once all innocent parties were safe, they attempted to make contact with subjects inside of the suspect apartment. To no avail, they subsequently entered the suspect apartment to check for injured parties and secured two occupants without incident. During their investigation a loaded assault rifle was recovered, which was determined to be the weapon that was discharged and a clandestine DMT (Dimethyltryptamine) lab was also located. As a result of their professional response and their concern, the offender was apprehended, a clandestine narcotics lab was disassembled, and an assault rifle was taken off of our streets. All of the officers involved were commended for a job well done and for setting the standard for others to follow.



On June 5, 2016 DeKalb Police responded to a check well-being in an apartment located in 906 Kimberley Drive. The complainant had not heard from her daughter and was concerned for her safety. After initialing checking the home without success, an officer contacted the complainant and learned that her daughter was in an abusive relationship and had missed work for the last few days. The complainant also received some suspicious telephone messages leading her to be concerned for her daughter, Moorea Des Roches. Officers recognized the significance of these complaints and returned to Moorea's home. Michael Kulpin, Moorea's boyfriend, had arrived home and spoke with officers. During that conversation, Kulpin made additional statements arousing further suspicion regarding Moorea's safety. The officers entered the apartment to check her safety and found Moorea deceased inside a closet. Detectives responded to the scene to further the investigation which secured a significant amount of evidence including a full confession from the offender, Michael Kulpin, who was charged with First Degree Murder, Aggravated Domestic Battery, and Concealment of a Homicide. This case was a call to check the status of a loved one, a call that officer's field daily. Due to their diligence they recognized that there was more to this incident and responded quickly to resolve a complicated case and give this terrible crime a swift resolution, they were commended for a job well done and for setting the standard for others to follow.

In the early morning hours of July 29, 2016, DeKalb Police received a report of a possible burglary in progress in a vacant, multi-level apartment building in the 900 block of Edgebrook Drive. Officers arrived, established a perimeter, and observed flashlights on the interior of the building. The suspects attempted escape, saw the officers, and retreated back inside. A search team entered the building and located a suspect hiding in a closet who was taken into custody. At this time, a 911 call was placed by another suspect claiming to be held against his will. The Telecommunicators convinced the caller to give up his location. He was located on the third floor with a third suspect, and both subjects were taken into custody. The Telecommunicators support was key to the successful apprehension of the burglars. They were commended for a job well done, by supporting and insuring the officers safety while apprehending the offenders.



During the summer of 2016 our community was plagued by a dramatic increase in burglaries to vehicles, as such significant police resources were committed to apprehending the offenders. On July 25, 2016 a Patrol Sergeant was checking a neighborhood when he observed a dome light on in a car. He investigated further and determined the car had been burglarized. He also observed a subject walking nearby and attempted to stop him, but the subject fled on foot. Police also determined that other vehicles had been burglarized. Hours later the subject was observed walking down the roadway, near the neighborhood that had just been victimized. A street stop was effected and the subject, a 17 year old male, was found to be in possession of stolen proceeds from the vehicle burglaries and was brought to the station where he met with detectives. He would ultimately confess to committing over 60 vehicle and residential burglaries throughout our community over an extended period of time. The juvenile offender was charged with multiple counts of Burglary and Residential Burglary. The dedication and professional response by the detectives and sergeant involved solved multiple crimes that impacted dozens of victims and identified a serial burglar. They were commended for a job well done and have set the standard for others to follow.

The Targeted Response Unit received information that local drug dealers working in concert to distribute crack cocaine in our city. A yearlong investigation used a variety of proactive measures that included street stops, search warrants, and police directed narcotics purchases. The investigation resulted in the arrest of six drug dealers that were distributing crack cocaine. The ring leader, was charged with Calculated Criminal Drug Conspiracy on March 2, 2016. Four other dealers were charged with Unlawful Delivery of a Controlled Substance and an additional subject was charged with Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance. This investigation was an example of diligent, unrelenting team work. These officers set the standard for others to follow and are commended for their dedication to duty and professionalism that resulted in the dismantling of a local crack cocaine distribution network, making our community a safer place.



Three residences, in the 900 block of N. 12th Street, 1000 block of Market Street, and 300 N. 10th Street, all owned by the same individual had become unsightly, had numerous visible code violations, and were the source of numerous citizen complaints. These complaints came to the attention of Crime Free Housing Inspector Frank Beasley. Inspector Beasley proactively initiated cases on all three properties and worked diligently with the property owner to gain compliance. From June of 2014 through December of 2015 the owner failed to comply which compelled Inspector Beasley and City Attorney Dean Frieders to obtain a court order to clean up the residence in the 900 block of N. 12th Street, which resulted in the removal of 70 cubic yards of refuse from the property. They also received court orders to demolish the other two properties that had deteriorated beyond restoration, all of which were completed by February of 2016. Their efforts to make the neighborhood safer for our residents were commended for a job well done and for setting the standard for others to follow.

From September through December of 2015 the Crime Free Housing and Inspections Division received numerous complaints regarding several residential properties along the 100 and 200 blocks of West Lincoln Highway and Pearl Street. These properties were vacant, owned by a developer, and had become unsightly. They also presented safety hazards for our residents. These properties had been slated for redevelopment, had been left unattended with no improvement, and facilitated crime. Inspector Beasley was assigned the case. He conducted an investigation and in cooperation with our City Attorney they drafted 78 ordinance violations for the property owner. In response to the citations the owner applied for permit(s) to raze the structures. The professional and dedicated response turned an eyesore that had gone unaddressed for years into an asset for the future. Inspector Frank Beasley was commended for his dedication to the mission, professional investigation, and concern for our community, this was a job well done which sets the standard for others to follow.

On February 27, 2016 DeKalb Police Officers responded to a call for service in the 300 block of Augusta Avenue for a report of an unresponsive person. When they arrived on scene they were met by a witness who directed them to a second floor bathroom within the residence. Upon entering the bathroom officers found a 27 year old female victim on the floor and unresponsive. The witness indicated that he knew the victim was a heroin addict and believed she had overdosed on heroin. Officers prepared and administered an opiate antidote called NARCAN. The victim immediately began to show signs of recovery and was subsequently transported to the hospital. The investigation ultimately determined that the victim had attended a Narcotics Anonymous meeting where she obtained the heroin in Rockford and succumbed to the drug after injecting it. Effective training, equipment, and the actions of these police officers saved the victim from significant injury or death as a result of her heroin overdose. They were commended with a **Life Saving Award** for saving the life of the victim, their dedication to duty, and for setting the standard for others to follow.



Officers Steven Parsons and John Loechel receiving the Life Saving Award.

LIFE SAVING AWARDS

On August 12, 2016, DeKalb Police responded to a possible drowning at a residence in the 100 block of Ilehamwood Drive involving a child who was unresponsive in a swimming pool. Upon the officers arrival on scene, the DeKalb Fire Department was preparing to transport the victim, a three year old boy, and his mother to the hospital. The subsequent investigation determined that the homeowner, Joseph Seinitz, was getting ready for a party at his residence when he saw the victim in the pool. Mr. Seinitz jumped off the deck of his home, into the pool, removed the victim from the water, and began to administer CPR. As Joseph Seinitz provided several breaths of air into victim's mouth, the child vomited. He then rolled the victim over in the recovery position and the child started to breathe. The decisive actions and appropriate lifesaving response by Joseph Seinitz clearly prevented serious injury or death to the child. Therefore, Joseph Seinitz was awarded a **Life Saving Commendation** for saving this child.



Citizen Joseph Seinitz receiving the Life Saving Award

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On March 12, 2016 two DeKalb Police Officers were on a traffic stop in the 600 block of Harvey Street. During the stop the offender appeared to be under the influence of narcotics, narcotics were in plain view on the driver's lap, and officers witnessed the subject attempting to destroy evidence. Officers attempted to arrest the driver who resisted and immediately became combative with the police. One officer was able to call for assistance before losing his radio in the struggle. The offender began striking the officers and resisting their efforts to effect an arrest. A local resident who came upon the incident saw that the police were struggling in their attempt to get the offender in custody. The resident, who wishes to remain anonymous, got out of his car and went to the officers aid. After several minutes the offender was subdued. Both officers received minor injuries and with the help of the good Samaritan, serious injury was avoided. That Good Samaritan did the right thing, at the right time, for the right reasons and as such he was honorably recognized.

On April 12, 2016 while working parking enforcement in the 600 block of Normal Road, Police Officer Joshua Boldt located a vehicle parked and unoccupied in the traffic lane of a no parking zone. Being unable to locate an owner, Officer Boldt was preparing to have the vehicle removed by a tow service. Prior to the tow service arriving on scene Officer Boldt located the owner of the vehicle, determined that he had run out of gas, cancelled the tow, drove to a local gas station and purchased gas for the disabled vehicle. He returned to the scene, provided the fuel that was necessary to get the owner back on the road. Officer Boldt's common sense response and concern for the driver turned a potential negative encounter into a positive one.



The Police Benevolent & Protective Association held a last minute raffle to raise money for three young women who lost both their parents to cancer a year apart. We wish these young ladies the very best in their future endeavors.

Members of the Police Department gathered to show support for the Canaday family who are dealing with multiple health issues. Mark and Amy (who joined in the picture) have 3 sons, Brandon, Chad and Christopher. The men and women of the DeKalb Police care about the community and those who reside here. They stand at the ready to "Do the Right Thing".



DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT



CRIME STATISTICS



ACCIDENTS

2016 FACTS...

1 FATAL ACCIDENT
 199 INJURY ACCIDENTS
 265 PERSONS INJURED
 428 ACCIDENTS OCCURRED ON PRIVATE PROPERTY
 291 ACCIDENTS WERE HIT & RUN
 365 ACCIDENTS WERE INTERSECTION RELATED
 225 ACCIDENTS DID NOT REQUIRE A REPORT AND ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THESE TOTALS

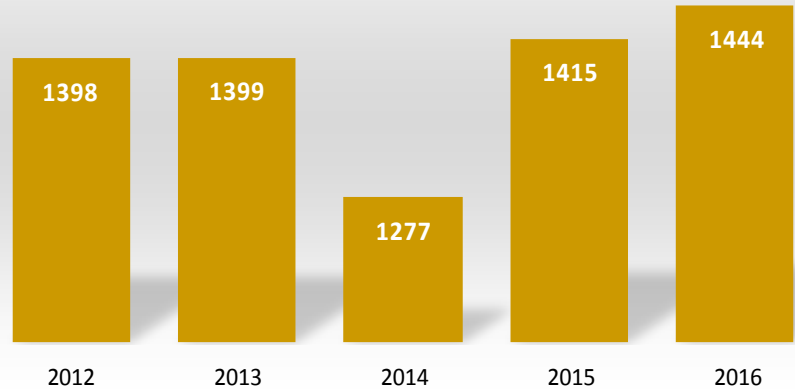
COLLISIONS BY MANNER

ANGLE	189
FIXED OBJECT	98
OTHER OBJECT	11
OVERTURNED	4
PEDALCYCLIST	25
SIDEWIPE SAME DIRECTION	67
ANIMAL	26
HEAD ON	11
OTHER NON-COLLISION	11
PARKED MOTOR VEHICLE	381
PEDESTRIAN	17
REAR END	397
SIDEWIPE OPPOSITE DIRECTION	27
TURNING	180

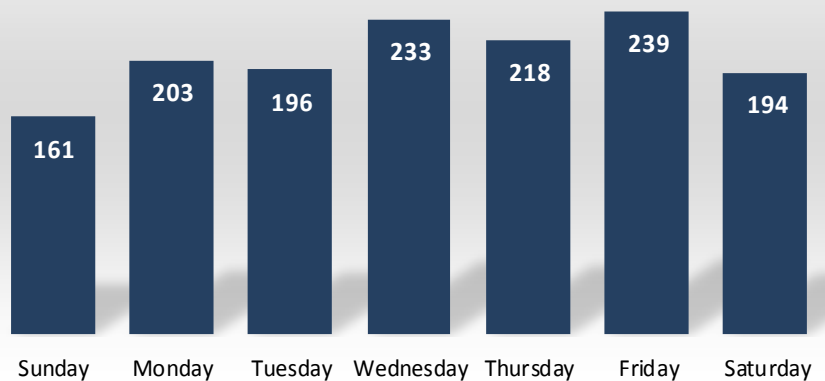
HIGHEST INTERSECTION ACCIDENTS

BARBER GREENE/SYCAMORE RD	10
LINCOLN HWY/PEACE RD	9
1ST ST/LINCOLN HWY	8
1ST ST/LOCUST ST	8
ANNIE GLIDDEN RD/LINCOLN HWY	7
ANNIE GLIDDEN RD/HILLCREST DR	7

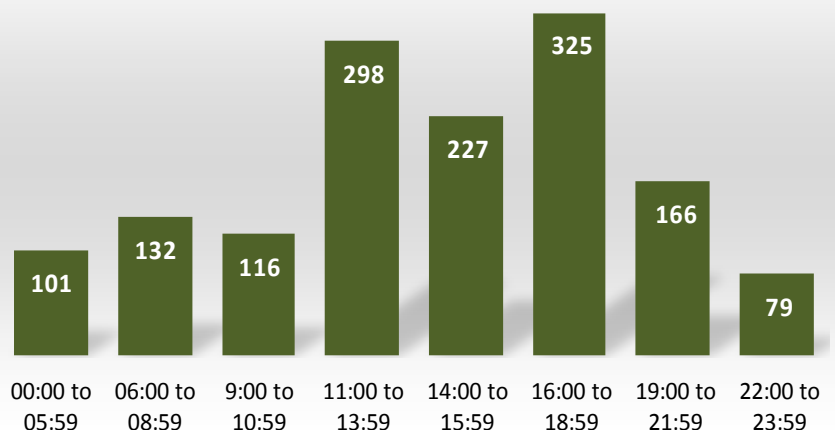
TOTAL NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS



ACCIDENTS BY DAY OF WEEK



ACCIDENTS BY TIME OF DAY



ASSIST OTHER AGENCY

	2014	2015	2016
To Fire Department	265	323	374
To Other Government Agencies	214	242	306
To Other Police Agencies	857	837	757
To Others	313	101	64
Warrant Attempts/Paper Service	474	441	357
Warrant Arrests	925	636	667

PUBLIC SERVICES

	2014	2015	2016
Assist Business	248	245	276
Assist Citizen	1,065	1,336	1,269
Assist Motorist	675	562	558
Building/Vacation Check	4,017	5,218	5,101
Child Safety Seat Inspections	94	82	80
Compliance Checks	75	52	59
Crossing Guard Duty	134	176	193
Escorts	471	430	707
Fingerprint Civilians	187	203	135
Keys Locked in Car	2,228	2,136	1,919
Lost/Found Property/Bicycles	297	314	336
Message Delivery	62	64	52
Open Door/Window	110	84	184
Other Public Service	197	N/A	N/A
Pickup/Delivery of Articles	82	89	120
Public Presentations	33	49	37
Special Events/Services	74	44	126
TOTAL	9,853	11,084	11,152

OTHER CALLS FOR SERVICE

	2014	2015	2016
Accidental Injury	8	9	3
Air Gun Violations	20	12	16
Alarm	886	882	984
Animal Calls	741	683	700
Annoying Phone Calls/No Report	136	124	114
Check Well Being	822	765	949
Child Custody Dispute	70	85	122
Citizen Contact	224	156	294
Civil Dispute	184	237	232
Disorderly Conduct/No Report	595	455	471
Disorderly House	165	158	133
Disruptive Intoxication	48	63	32
Domestic Trouble	1,009	961	1,167
Drug Overdose	5	9	13
Fighting in City	167	150	170
ID Check/No Arrest	9	17	17
Intoxicated Person	112	148	139
Juvenile Offenses	373	373	480
Landlord/Tenant Dispute	21	9	13
Loud Party/Stereo/Noise	1,202	1,042	1,011
Mental Case	64	81	85
Missing Person	91	99	93
Neighbor Trouble	75	69	89
Other Calls/Special Services	118	110	131
Property Offenses –No Report	341	376	585
Relocator Complaints	41	51	58
Repossession	115	104	80
Sex Offender Registration	194	253	246
Shots Fired	39	39	57
Solicitors	99	116	132
Standby-Child/Property Exchange	82	81	108
Sudden Death	22	24	31
Suicide	5	4	5
Suicide Attempt/Threat	180	165	221
Suspicious Activity	1,624	1,655	2,102
Suspicious Drug Activity	208	201	229
Suspicious Activity/Weapon Involved	18	17	18
Smoking/Tobacco Violations	11	4	8
Unfounded 911 Calls/Unfounded Calls	2,716	2,263	1,778
TOTAL	12,840	12,050	13,116

TRAFFIC SERVICES

	2014	2015	2016
Abandon Auto	218	202	235
Other Traffic Services	202	214	210
Parking Complaints	418	422	514
Parking Tickets Issued	7,075	5,954	5,527
Pedestrian Warning	150	191	138
Reckless Driving Complaints/Motorist Disputes	391	411	546
Traffic Stops	5,150	4,978	5,228
TOTAL	13,604	12,372	12,398

TRAFFIC CITATIONS

	2014	2015	2016
Child Restraint/No Seat Belt	665	436	493
Disobey Traffic Control Device	247	201	195
Driver License Violations	614	477	492
Driving Under Influence Alcohol/Drugs	178	141	91
DUI Over .08	89	88	56
Equipment Violations	117	106	74
Failure to Yield Violations	--	140	149
Hit & Run	65	51	63
Illegal Transportation of Alcohol	55	38	32
Improper Lane Violations	153	132	96
Miscellaneous	299	125	105
Operating Uninsured Vehicle/False Insurance Card	787	681	730
Reckless Driving & Fleeing/Eluding	17	17	18
Registration Violations	304	300	244
Speeding Violations	388	560	748
Texting While Driving	191	163	101
Turning Violations	21	16	14
Zero Tolerance	4	1	1
TOTAL	4,194	3,673	3,702

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DUI FACTS...



There was a 35% decrease in DUIs from last year.

12 DUIs were drug related.

There was one Zero Tolerance.

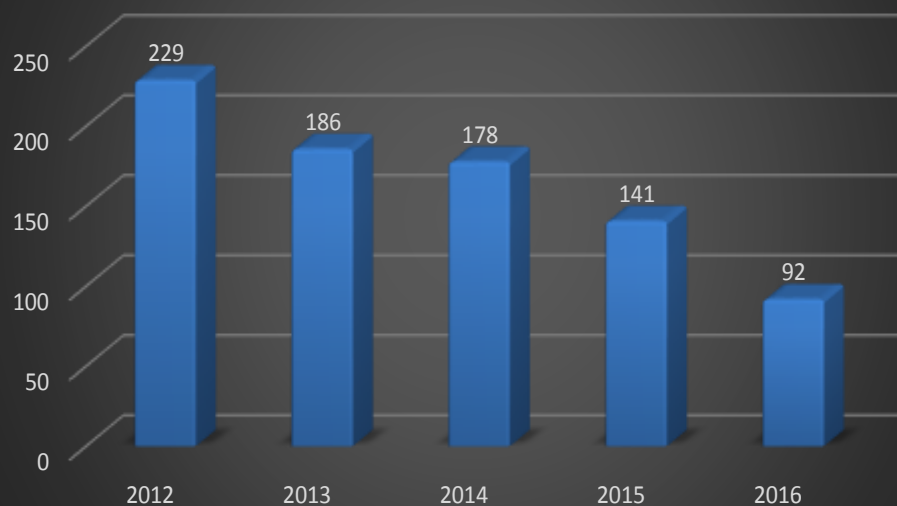
The average age for a DUI arrest in 2016 was 30.

Of the 92 DUI arrests 68 were males & 24 were females.

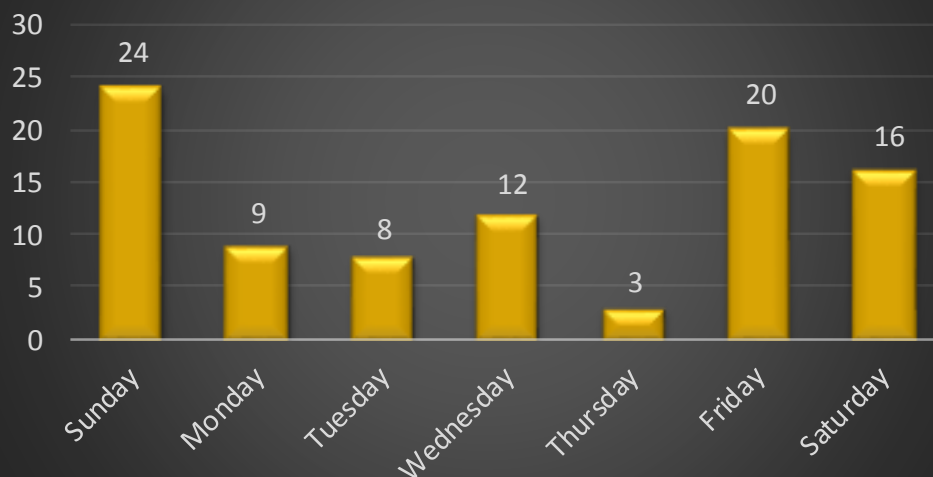
Five DUIs were upgraded to aggravated offenses.

DUI ENFORCEMENT

DUI BY YEAR



DUI BY DAY OF WEEK





PART 1 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.

	2014	2015	2016	% CHANGE
HOMICIDE	1	1	3	200%
CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT	36	45	53	18%
ROBBERY	13	29	34	17%
AGGRAVATED BATTERY/ASSAULT	130	134	133	-1%
BURGLARY	156	140	203	45%
THEFT	994	951	1,204	27%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	16	18	32	78%
ARSON	12	11	8	-27%
HUMAN TRAFFICKING	0	0	0	0%
TOTAL	1,357	1,329	1,670	26%



PART II CRIMES

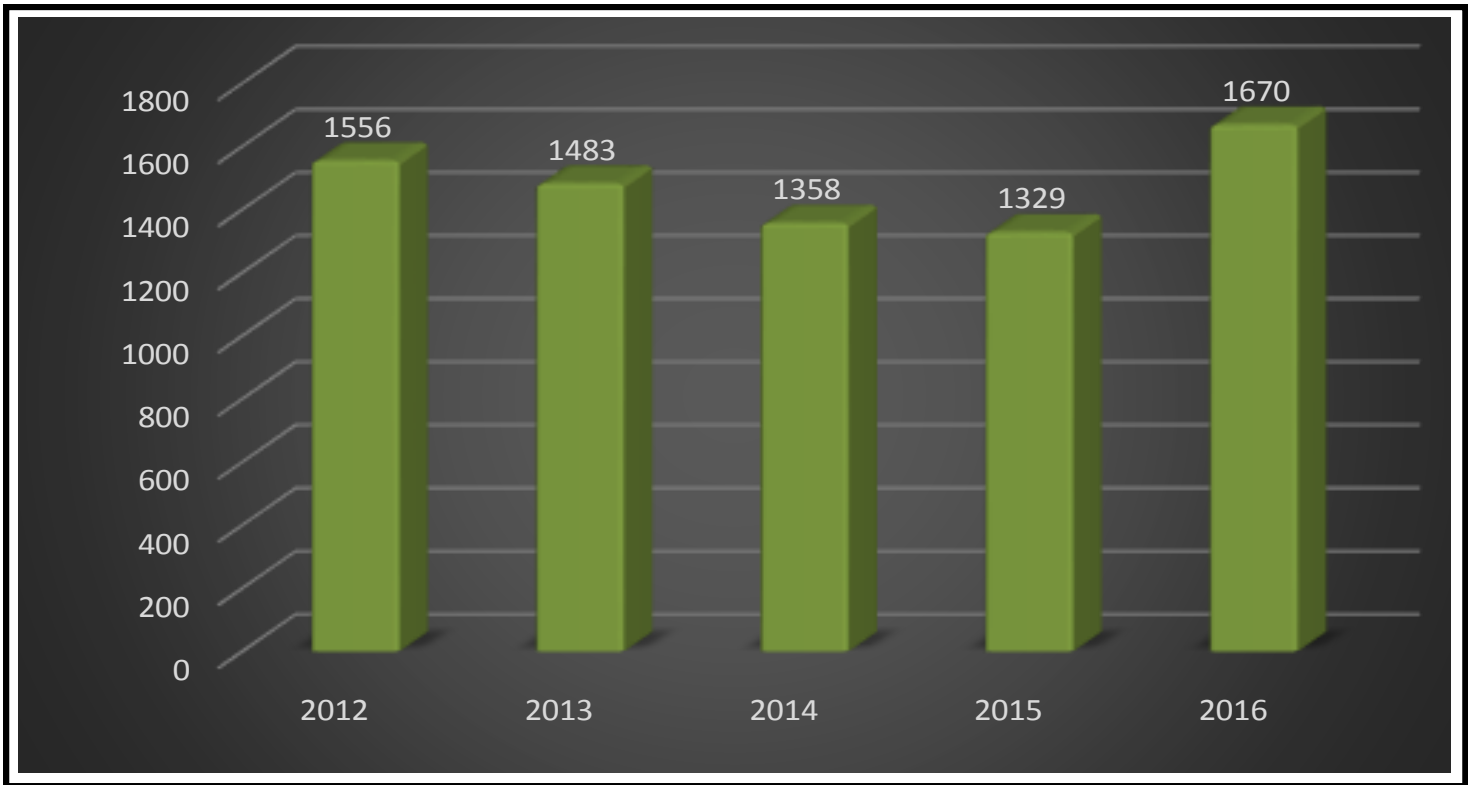
	2014	2015	2016	% CHANGE (2015-2016)
BATTERY	595	582	574	-1%
DECEPTION	438	360	493	37%
CRIMINAL DAMAGE & TRESPASS	739	777	729	-6%
DEADLY WEAPONS	25	59	79	34%
SEX OFFENSES	43	66	61	-8%
OFFENSES INVOLVING CHILDREN	90	78	109	40%
CANNABIS CONTROL ACT	334	381	366	-4%
METHAMPHETAMINE OFFENSES	6	5	4	-20%
HYPODERMIC SYRINGES & NEEDLES ACT	4	13	9	-31%
DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	193	254	198	-22%
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ACT	173	182	159	-13%
LIQUOR CONTROL VIOLATIONS	175	160	141	-12%
MAJOR MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES	2,771	2,200	2,199	0%
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	651	660	811	23%
INTERFERE W/POLICE OFFICER	176	134	178	33%
INTIMIDATION	9	15	17	13%
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION*	70	37	59	59%
VIOLATION OF SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY LAWS	10	12	17	42%
OTHER CRIMINAL OFFENSES	668	609	643	6%
TOTAL	7,170	6,584	6,847	4%

Part II Crimes are "less serious" offenses by UCR standards and include: Simple Assaults, Forgery/Counterfeiting, Embezzlement/Fraud, Receiving Stolen Property, Weapon Violations, Prostitution, Sex Crimes, Crimes Against Family/Child, Narcotic Drug Laws, Liquor Laws, Disturbing the Peace, Disorderly Conduct, Sex Offender Registry Violations, Gambling, DUI and specific Traffic Violations.

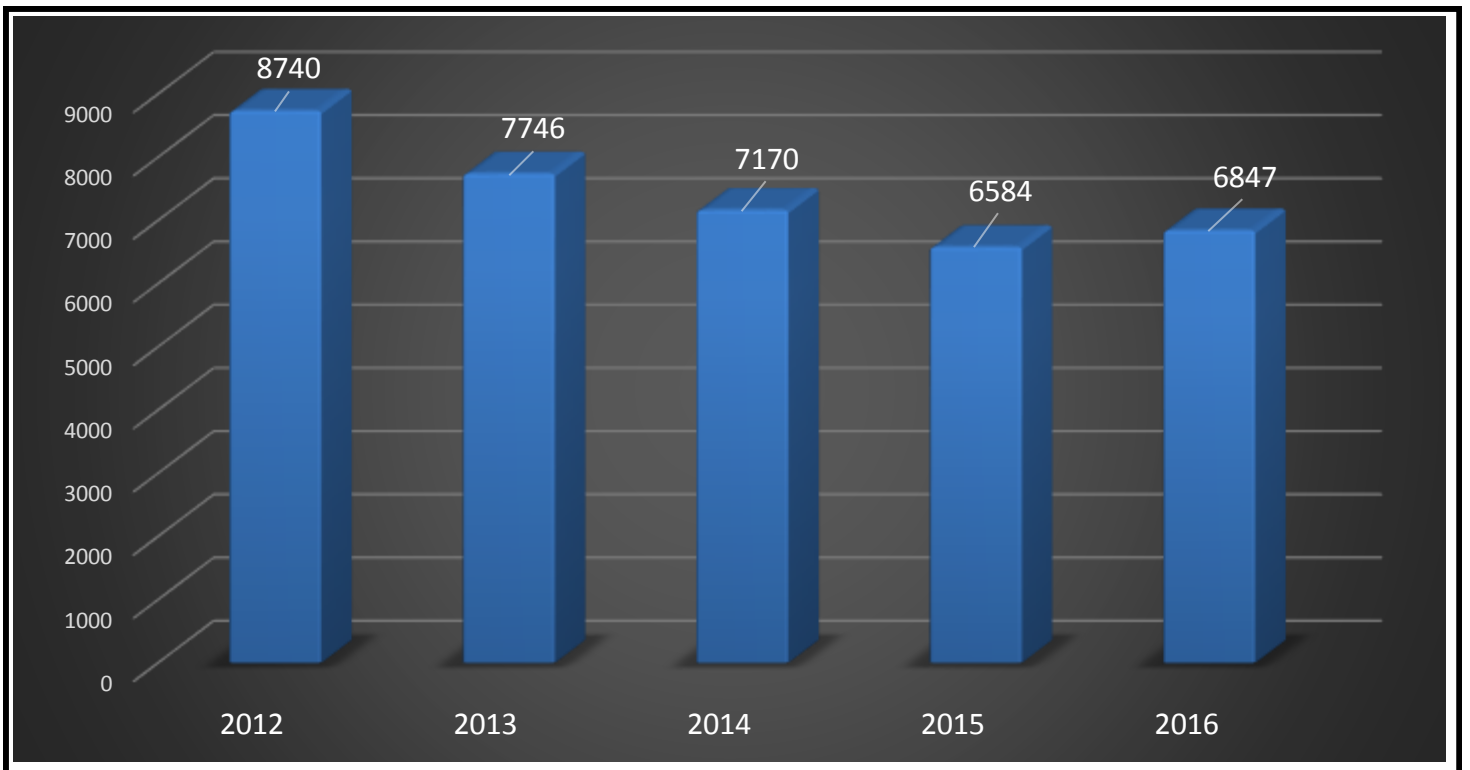
*The category of "Kidnapping" includes incidents such as Unlawful Restraint, Unlawful Visitation Interference, Kidnapping, Child Abduction offenses and Harboring a Runaway.

PART 1 AND PART II TRENDS

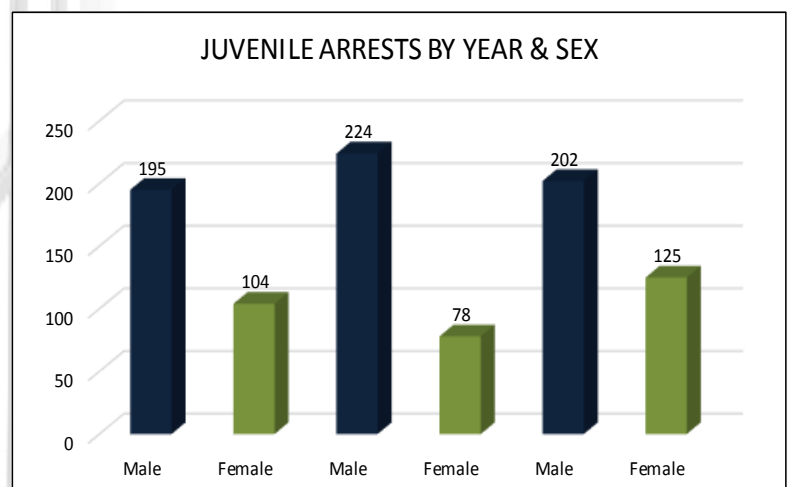
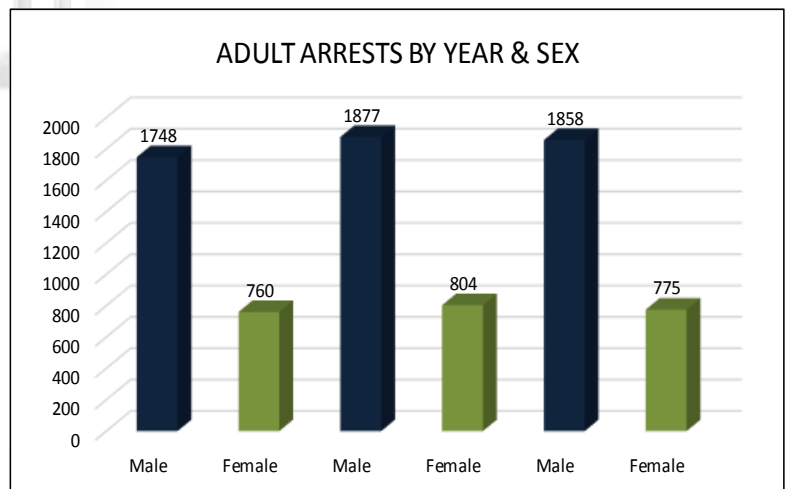
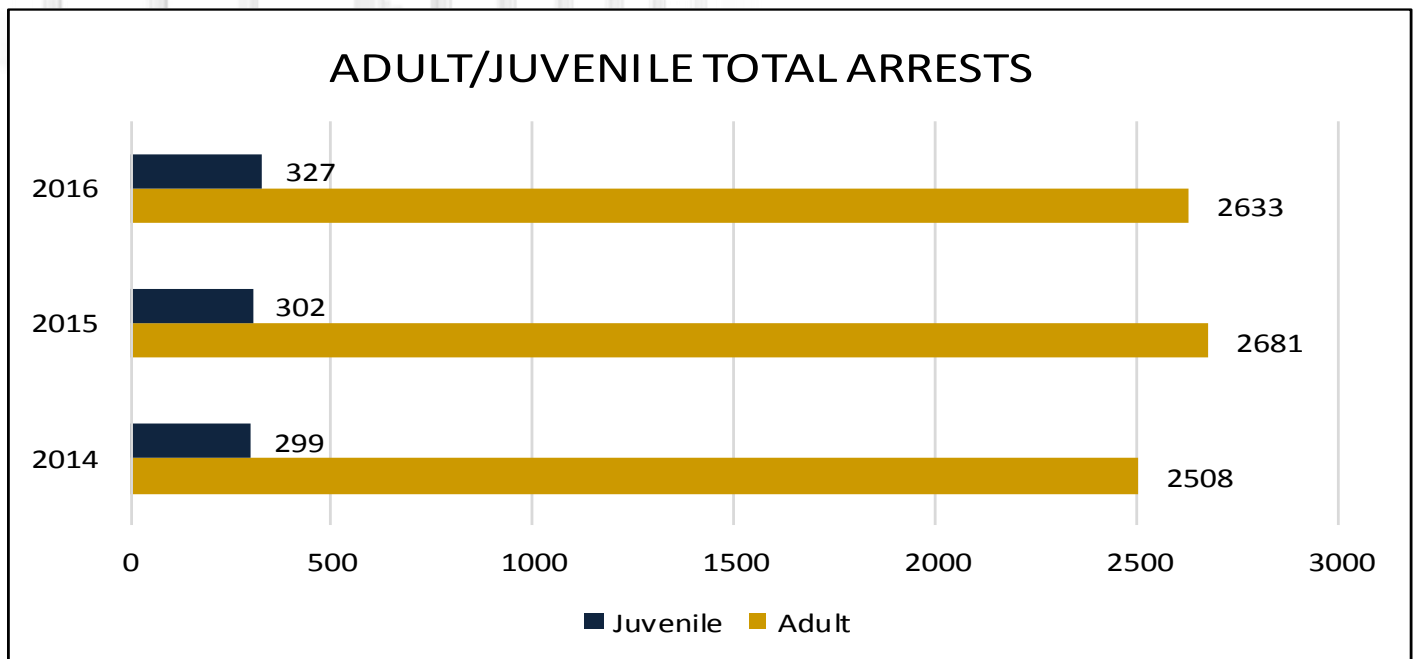
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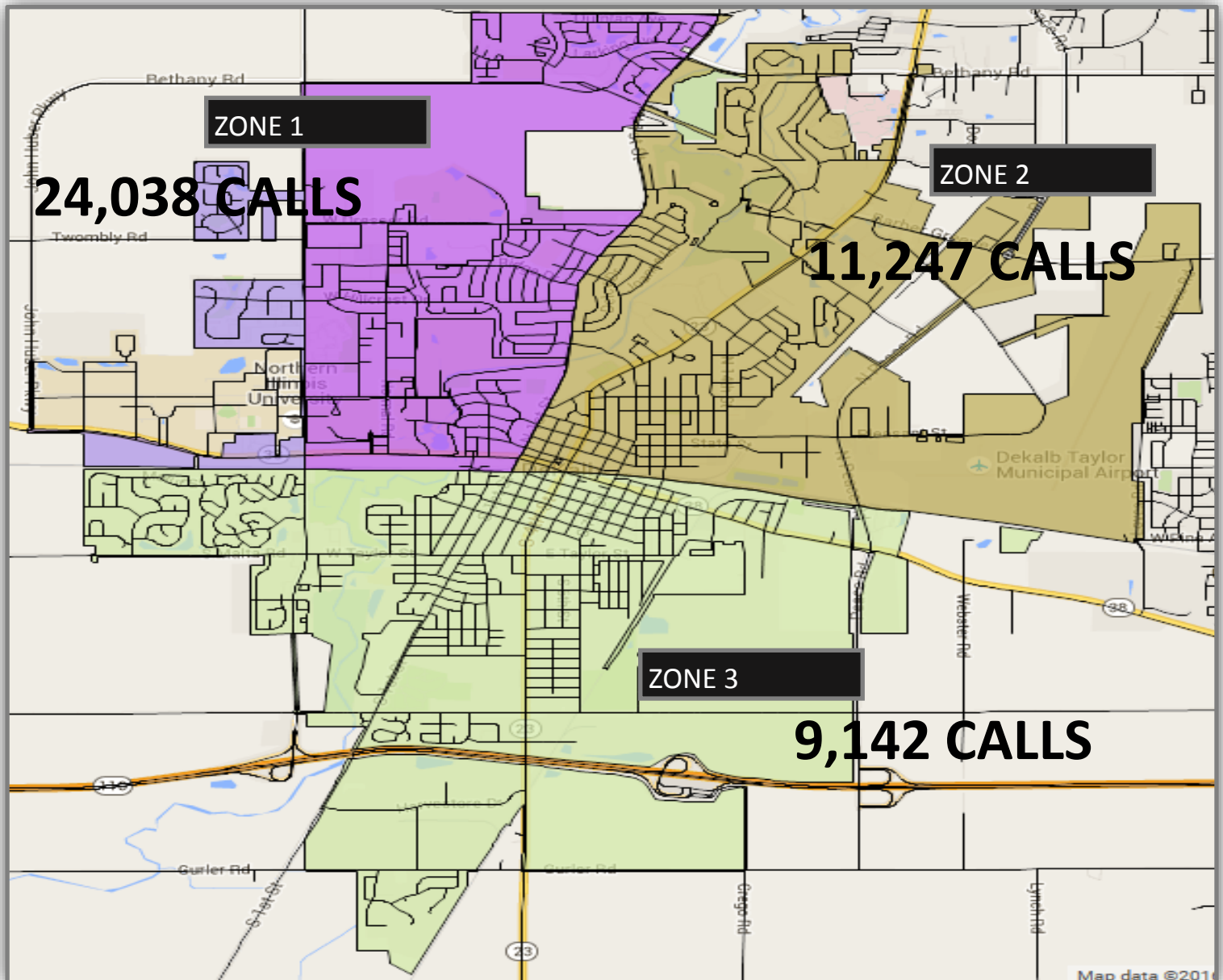
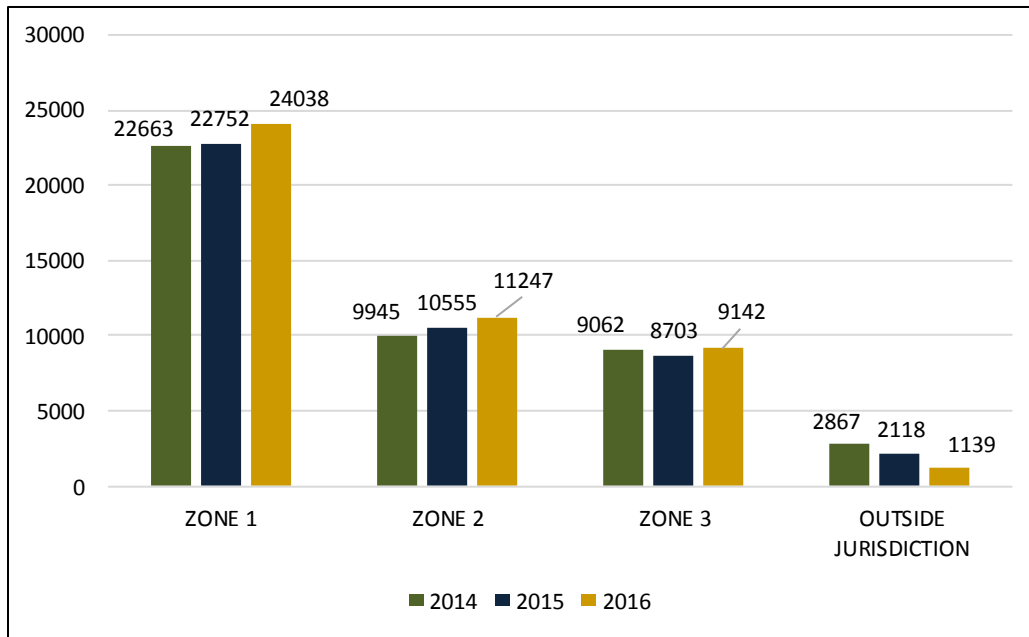
PART II TREND



ARRESTS



CALLS BY ZONE



DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT



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. 2016 marked the third year for the Camp Power summer program. For three 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. In 2016, the Camp Power program was expanded to include additional activities in the Pleasant Street neighborhood.



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 2016, the DeKalb Police Department hosted five 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 this summer in conjunction with Big Brothers & Big Sisters of DeKalb County. A special thanks goes out to Zebco for their sponsorship. Over 50 kids participated in the two events and won fishing rods and tackle. 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 multi-jurisdictional 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 31st 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 2nd, 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.



THE WINNER OF A BICYCLE AT NATIONAL NIGHT OUT.



NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK PROGRAM

The DeKalb Police Department continues to participate 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 and prevent accidental overdose deaths and harm to the environment as a result of improper disposal. We conducted two designated prescription drug drop-off days in conjunction with this DEA-sponsored program. Citizens may also drop off unwanted medications year-round using a drop box in the lobby of the police headquarters. In 2016, we collected over **150 pounds** of medications on the two designated drop-off days and over **425 pounds** in the drop box.



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



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 provided to **30 individuals** in 2016.

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 Josef Gordon** was appointed to serving 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 build neighborhood relationships, identify and prioritize policing strategies, and assist 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 and acting as a bridge between the police department, residents and management of the high-rise. 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. Officer Boldt works to assist agencies and businesses in service-related issues, criminal investigations and provides geographically focused patrols.

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. These activities included the “Welcome Cookout” sponsored by the PTA, Fall bicycle registration for students, visiting classrooms to familiarize children with law enforcement, enjoying the Fun Fair, and teaching golf lessons in Spring for 4th & 5th graders. The ROP officers also worked with the community through the events at Conexion Comunidad, NIU’s “Make a Difference” days, 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 continued to demonstrate 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, 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 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 2016 there were **90 attendees** who were certified.





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 2016 alcohol enforcement continued to be a priority for the department. One of the continual goals of our department and the city is to train establishments within our city on the city and state liquor laws and ordinances. Included in this enforcement is the TIPS program. This past year **8 "On Premise" TIPS classes** were held with **66 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 within the city. In late 2016 the TIPS training program was expanded to include an "Off Premise" training program. The original "On Premise" TIPS program focused on open alcohol service for on site consumption. The new "Off Premise" program is training for package sales locations for off-site alcohol consumption.

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, **27 venues** were checked over three times throughout 2016. The program called the 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. **Four compliance checks** were conducted in 2016.



OTHER EVENTS



"TOYS FOR TOTS" BASKETBALL GAME



WALK TO END CHILD ABUSE



HEROES AND HELPERS



FAMILY FUN FEST



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CONCERT



LINCOLN SCHOOL TALK



BOWL FOR KIDS SAKE



GROWING PLACE TOUR



CHILDREN MEET "GEE GEE"
A THERAPY DOG



BACK 2 SCHOOL BASH



COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR



COP ON A ROOF



SPECIAL OLYMPICS TORCH RUN



NIU PRESIDENT PICNIC



CAREER DAY AT JEFFERSON ELEMENTARY



BICYCLE SAFETY CLASS



ILLINOIS POLICE MEMORIAL RIDE



CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS TOGETHER



DALLAS POLICE MEMORIAL RIDE

FROM OUR "LITTLE FRIENDS"



OUR "LITTLE FRIEND" BROUGHT US THIS SIGN
WHICH NOW HANGS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT



DETECTIVE LOCKHART FINDS A "LITTLE
FRIEND" ON HALLOWEEN



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

PROACTIVE POLICING MEASURES

- » Voluntary Wellness Program
- » Safe Parks Program
- » 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



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

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 and incarcerated.

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 refer-

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.

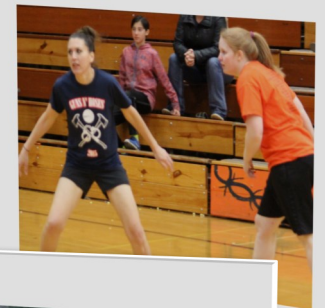


Peer and Family Support Program

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,



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.

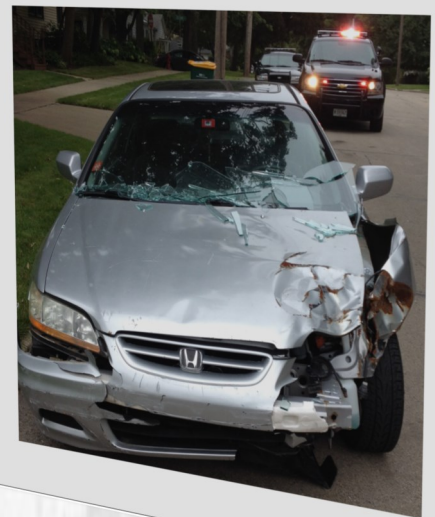
Community Alliance to Reduce Sexual Assaults

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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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,

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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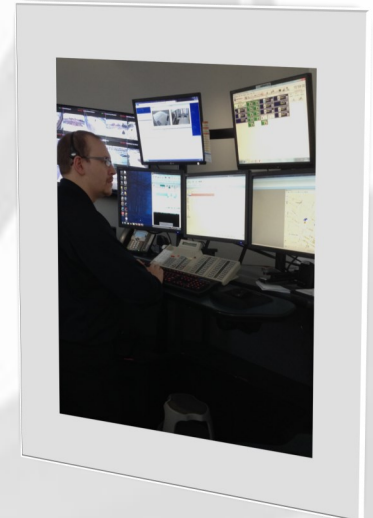


Policing with a Purpose

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.