



2020

DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT



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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.



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.



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF...

To Our Community,

In 2020, the men and women of the DeKalb Police Department showed their heroism, bravery, compassion, empathy, and their dedication to the city they protect and serve. Their resolve to reducing crime, enhancing one's quality of life, and helping others was always evident during a difficult year.

In March, our area experienced the first positive case of COVID-19. The COVID-19 pandemic changed the ways in which the officers responded to calls and interacted with the community. The lobby of the police department was closed, more calls for service were handled by telephone, and city employees wore protective equipment when engaging our community. These changes were made to protect the people we serve and to protect our first responders.

In June, the city experienced daily protests that brought attention to social injustices and police reform. The first day of civil unrest resulted in many offenders being arrested as businesses were burglarized in the north, south, and east side of the city. We collaborated with our local law enforcement partners and worked together to keep our community safe during these uncertain times of civil unrest. Many of the protests our community encountered were disruptive but not violent. This was accomplished by engaging and communicating with our community and the organizers of the daily protests/marches.

The department experienced staffing shortages throughout the year while experiencing a 3% increase in violent crime and a significant decrease in Part II crimes. The structure of the department was re-organized to create a Community Support Services division to focus on community policing, community engagement, and mental health.

Throughout the year we were continually reminded by you, the community, that you supported our mission and the department as we work together to better DeKalb. I want to personally thank you for the support you have shown our department.

As we look forward to 2021, the men and women of the City of DeKalb's Police Department look forward to serving our community with professionalism, dignity, and respect. We will work towards building better relationships, reducing crime, and doing our job to make sure everyone feels accepted. As partners, we will make DeKalb a better place!

Sincerely,

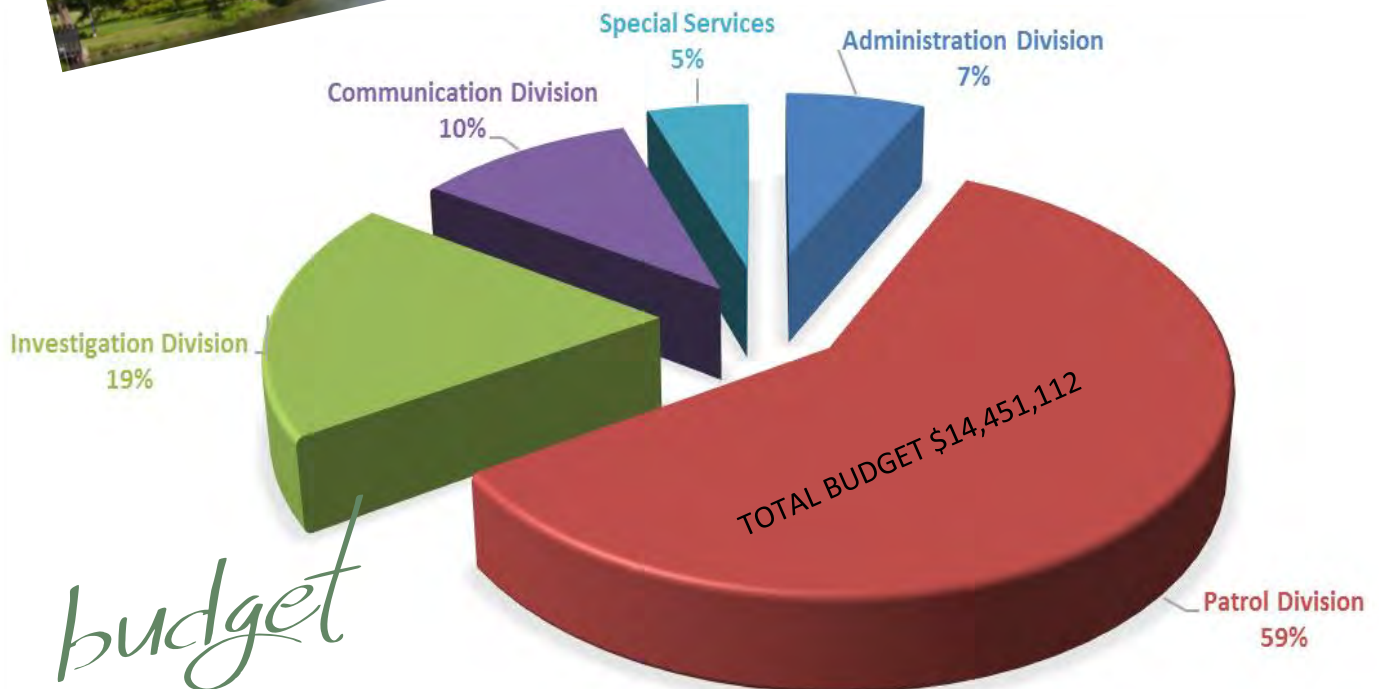
Robert Redel,
Acting Chief of Police



at a glance...



City Organized	1856
Police Organized	1885
Population	44,000
Sworn Officers	65 authorized
Civilian Personnel	29
City Budget	\$103,222,448
Police Budget	\$14,451,112
Service Area	17.2 square miles
Part I Crimes	1,599
Part II Crimes	5,297
Accidents	1,004
Arrests	2,123
Citations	1,976
Public Services	9,992
Index Crime Rate per 1,000	36.34
Ratio of Police Officers per 1,000 Residents	1.4



FLEET



In May, Squad 300, the prisoner transport vehicle, was transferred to the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office for use by SOT and other emergency functions. Squad 300 will be still available for our use, if needed.

- 14 MARKED SQUAD CARS
- 18 UNMARKED SQUAD CARS
- 10 BICYCLES
- 2 MOTORCYCLES
- 1 POLICE UTILITY VEHICLE
- 1 CARGO TRAILER
- 1 RESCUE VEHICLE

DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT

INTERIM CHIEF

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Raymond West

@ Promoted

* Hired

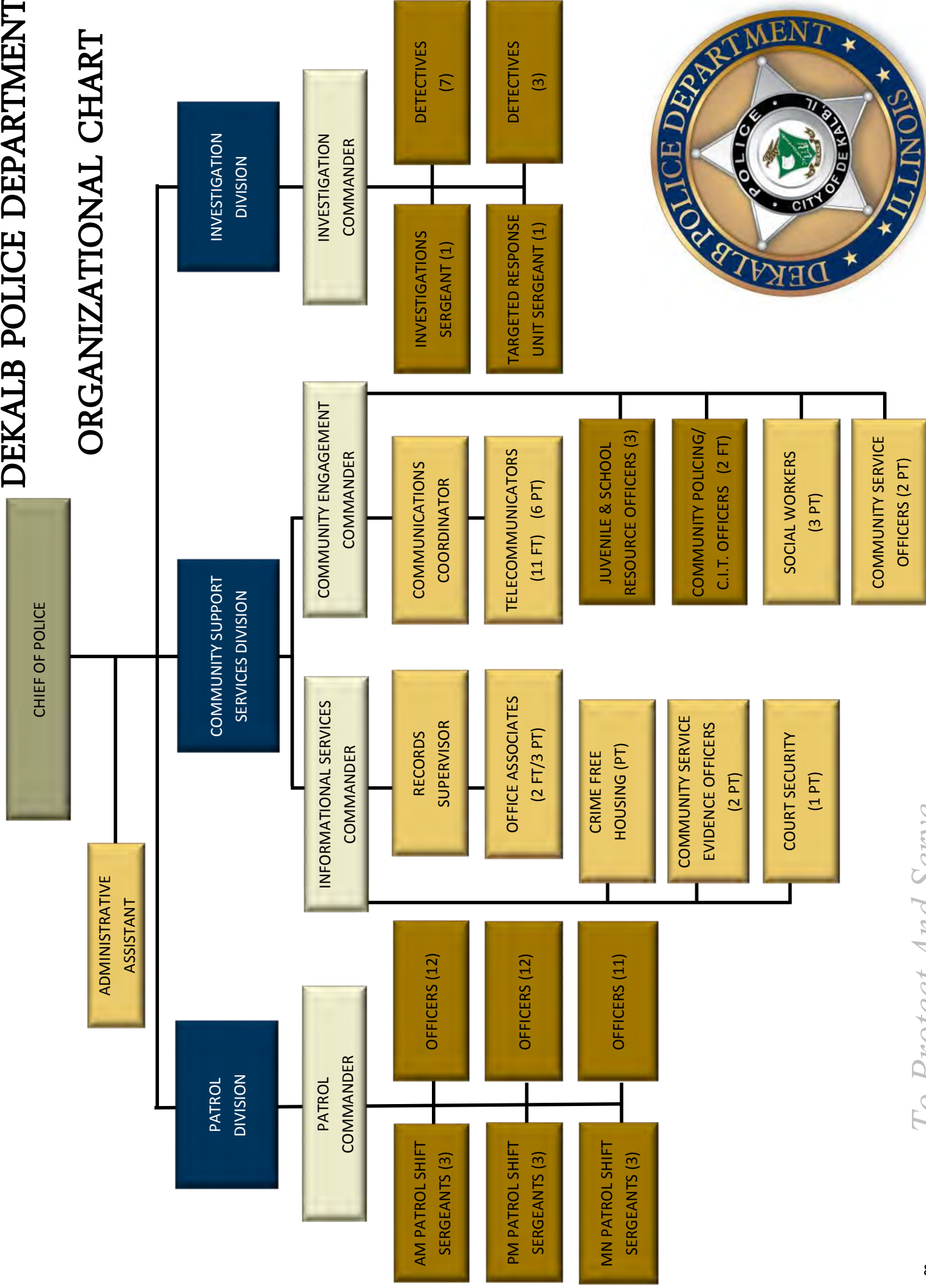
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DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



To Protect And Serve

a year in review...

2020

2020 will go down as one of the most challenging and significant years in American law enforcement. Law enforcement officers across the United States responded to many demonstrations in which demands were made for police reform. Other challenges were for the recruiting and retention of police officers, bond reforms, legalization of marijuana, a controversial presidential election, the increase in violent crime, and a global pandemic.

- * Demonstrations and protests took place across the country. The demonstrations occurred in even the smallest communities, including DeKalb. Some of the demands made on law enforcement were for the equality of treatment, an equal and nonviolent approach to law enforcement, improved training, accountability, and transparency.
- * Agencies struggled to recruit, hire and retain qualified, diverse personnel in part due to the economy, some public perception of police, the competition for talent, and those who were rethinking their career choice.



- * Illinois became the first state to end cash bail as part of criminal justice reform law. This new law not only institutes major police reform, but also makes the state the first in the nation to completely abolish cash bail. The change won't take effect until January 2023, but criminal justice reform advocates say the bill's passage is nothing short of historic.
- * Legalizing marijuana in 2020 gave law enforcement concern over the increase in "motorists driving high" as other states who have legalized marijuana have seen an increase in these statistics.
- * Police departments also had to deal with a contentious election where demonstrations occurred. Supporters of both parties would often come into conflict with each other.
- * A worldwide epidemic started in late 2019 and within months the

virus had spread around the world. We were faced with making operational changes in preparation for the spread of the virus, and for the strain it may place on our resources and staffing. Modifications were made on the arrest and detainment of crime suspects; we changed our ways with handling calls for service and limited our self-initiated calls; we closed down the police department lobby; and even though we had a healthy supply of N95 masks, it was a challenge to find additional protective equipment. Several employees were exposed to the virus, and we were thankful everyone recovered in a short amount of time.

Forward progress will require communities, police agencies and politicians to work together this upcoming year in order to make things better for all of us.



a year in review... 2020

Cultural Diversity, De-escalation and Procedural Justice Training: A variety of training initiatives were provided to personnel within the Police Department during 2020. Some of them include *Tactical De-escalation of Nonviolent Encounters*, *De-escalation and Smarter Policing*, *Legally Justified But Was it Avoidable?*, and *Racial Intelligence Training and Engagement*. These trainings focused on techniques for de-escalating violent encounters, self-awareness and officer wellness, as well as procedural justice pillars of fairness, impartiality, and transparency. The goal of these training initiatives is to enhance public trust and continue fostering relationships between the community and the police.

Policies: The DeKalb Police Department posted their policies and procedures on the City of DeKalb's Website. Changes were made to our use of force policy that requires an officer to intervene to prevent the use of unreasonable force and does not allow any means of restricting breathing or blood flow to the brain to gain compliance of an individual: "The use of any "choke hold," lateral vascular technique, any type of forcible neck restraint, or other means of attempting to gain compliance by impairing breathing or restricting blood flow to the brain shall only be permitted where deadly force would otherwise be authorized."

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) 10 shared principles: The DeKalb Police Department adopted the ten shared principles that were co-authored by the NAACP and the IACP to build trust between the community and police. The ten shared principles adopted by the DeKalb Police Department:

1. *We value the life of every person and consider life to be the highest value.*
2. *All persons should be treated with dignity and respect. This is another foundational value.*
3. *We reject discrimination toward any person that is based on race, ethnicity, religion, color, nationality, immigrant status, sexual orientation, gender, disability, or familial status.*
4. *We endorse the six pillars in the report of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. The first pillar is to build and rebuild trust through procedural justice, transparency, accountability, and honest recognition of past and present obstacles.*
5. *We endorse the four pillars of procedural justice, which are fairness, voice (i.e., an opportunity for citizens and police to believe they are heard), transparency, and impartiality.*
6. *We endorse the values inherent in community policing, which includes community partnerships involving law enforcement, engagement of police officers with residents outside of interaction specific to enforcement of laws, and problem-solving that is collaborative, not one-sided.*
7. *We believe that developing strong ongoing relationships between law enforcement and communities of color at the leadership level and street level will be the keys to diminishing and eliminating racial tension.*
8. *We believe that law enforcement and community leaders have a mutual responsibility to encourage all citizens to gain a better understanding and knowledge of the law to assist them in their interactions with law enforcement officers.*
9. *We support diversity in police departments and in the law enforcement profession. Law enforcement and communities have a mutual responsibility and should work together to make a concerted effort to recruit diverse police departments.*

We believe de-escalation training should be required to ensure the safety of community members and officers. We endorse using de-escalation tactics to reduce the potential for confrontations that endanger law enforcement officers and community members; and the principle that human life should be taken only as a last resort.

a year in review... 2020

Project H.O.P.E. (Heroin/Opioid Outreach Prevention and Education): Project H.O.P.E. has been in effect for approximately two years. Project H.O.P.E. strives to intercept opioid abuse at the earliest point possible by getting opioid users into treatment prior to entering the criminal justice system. The program helped place 16 people into various addiction treatment facilities. Additionally, the program has provided information and assistance to numerous others seeking help. In the battle against the opioid epidemic, the Police Department has continued to partner with other organizations including the DeKalb County Health Department, the DeKalb County State's Attorney's Office, DeKalb County Probation Office, and Northern Illinois University. The Police Department helps to educate the community about the opioid epidemic by participating in presentations such as the NIU STEM Café and helping the DeKalb County Health Department provide training on the use of lifesaving NARCAN medication. We plan to expand Project H.O.P.E. throughout the county and will work with area law enforcement agencies to train other officers on how to place those in need into treatment centers.

Crime Reduction Strategies: In 2020, we continued to employ a data-driven policing model focusing resources in problematic areas to address quality of life concerns and specific crime problems. Some strategies include Community Oriented Policing and Problem Oriented Policing programs, as well as community engagement and community policing methodologies to reduce crime and enhance public safety. The DeKalb Police and its co-policing partner, the NIU Public Safety Department, continue to work together regarding all aspects of proactive and community policing. These crime reduction strategies were used to combat the increase in violent crime during the summer months of 2020.

Co-Policing with the Northern Illinois University Public Safety Department: In 2020, the partnership continued to grow between the DeKalb Police Department and the Northern Illinois University Public Safety Department. The co-policing program was designed to enhance community safety on campus and within neighborhoods adjacent to the university. From attending each other's roll calls, training together, patrolling together, and working collaboratively to implement proactive policing measures to reduce crime, this partnership has proven beneficial to our community and the university.

Community Relations Team: The Police Department is acutely aware of how important relationships are with the community we serve. In order to create, sustain, and enhance community ties with our department, we have a Community Relations Team that consists of six patrol officers, one detective, one sergeant, and two members of the command staff that work together on numerous community relations initiatives. When combined with our philosophy of proactive and problem-oriented policing, these community engagement efforts should lead to a reduction of crime in our community, while at the same time increasing public trust, which is crucial to the mission of our organization.

Community Engagement Program: This department expects all officers to engage our community. This program encourages officers to engage community members in meaningful conversations that do not begin with a police call. This continued engagement will help break down barriers and hopefully build lasting relationships between the officers and our community.

Behavioral Health Program: The Police Department, in partnership with the Northwestern Medicine Ben Gordon Center, are working together to address the rising demands for service that involve individuals afflicted with behavioral health challenges. The program has embedded a social worker in the Police Department to work with non-criminal incidents involving behavioral health issues.

Body-Worn Cameras: In 2020, the Department completed a pilot study regarding body worn cameras. The pilot program identified a body worn camera vendor that was best suited for the DeKalb Police Department. Body worn cameras were purchased and full implementation of the body worn cameras are expected to occur in November or December 2020. The body worn cameras will enhance transparency, accountability, and confidence between members of the DeKalb Police Department and our community.

a year in review... 2020

Police-2-Citizen: The Police Department launched the Police-to-Citizen (P2C) web portal in 2020. This site offers a way for users to check crime stats by address, query calls-for-service, and view recent arrests on-line. The site also allows residents to register bicycles, request security checks, report certain crimes, and communicate with the Police Department. The website is linked directly to the department's records management system to promote more transparency as well as interaction with the Police Department. The site can be found at <https://dekalbcitypd.policetocitizen.com/> or accessed through the DeKalb Police Department's web page.

Ring Doorbell Initiative: We joined many other communities in a partnership with the Neighbors by Ring app. The app allows the resident to share security camera photos or messages within a neighborhood or share something directly with the Police Department. Residents do not need Ring devices to participate, anyone with any camera system can upload content to the Neighbors App. During investigations, the department will reach out to those who have registered through the survey or have downloaded the Neighbors app to request any video from the area. There is no cost associated with this program and it will reduce the time required to gather valuable video evidence with a traditional neighborhood canvass.

9-1-1 Dispatch Center Upgrades: The 9-1-1 dispatch center received a complete overhaul in 2020, with six new workstations being installed, replacing some aging and mismatched workstations that had been in service for a number of years. The new workstations are more comfortable for telecommunicators, with desktops that raise and lower, and space that accommodates the plethora of computer and telephone equipment needed at each position. In addition, Next Generation 9-1-1 equipment was received and is expected to be installed by the end of 2020, replacing outdated 9-1-1 technology with a fiber-based routing and enhanced phone number and location identification features, as well as the capability to send emergency text messages and photos through 9-1-1 in the future. These projects were both entirely funded by the DeKalb County Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB).

Grants: The DeKalb Police Department received several grants in 2020 as listed below:

- * *U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance FY20 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program - \$49,712.*

These funds were slated for protective equipment and non-budgeted overtime costs associated with responses to the Coronavirus pandemic.

- * *U.S. Department of Justice Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program - \$14,422.*

These funds have assisted the department with video camera systems designated to deter and solve gang related and violent crimes.

- * *Illinois Department of Transportation Grant - \$49,920*

These funds were available for the specific enforcement of seat belts, distracted driving, driving under the influence, and other traffic offenses during designated time frames, typically during holiday periods when there is more traffic on the roads. Some enforcement campaigns were canceled due to COVID concerns.

- * *Com Ed Grant - \$5,750*

This grant was obtained in 2019 and was originally going to help fund a digital roadway sign in front of the police department to display various public safety messages. Electrical costs turned out to be much more significant than originally thought, so approval was given to repurpose the grant funds towards new and upgraded public safety cameras throughout the city.



upcoming in 2021

Re-Organization of the Police Department/Community Support Services Division (CSS): The DeKalb Police Department will be comprised of three divisions: Community Support Services, Patrol, and Investigation. The community support services division will focus on community engagement, community policing, crime free housing, behavioral health, and other community wellness calls for service.

Implementing Crisis Intervention Team Training: Over the past several years, the Police Department has participated in various behavior health initiatives as part of the federal Police-Mental Health Collaboration Program. In January of 2021, members of the department will attend a 40-hour training course in Crisis Intervention Team tactics. Team members will become specialists in intervention with persons experiencing a personal crisis due to behavioral health issues. In addition, several embedded social workers provided through the Northwestern Medicine Ben Gordon Center are expected to begin working part-time within the Police Department as part of the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT).

Citizen's Police Academy (CPA): For the first time since 2009, the Police Department will host a Citizen's Police Academy for our community. This was originally scheduled to occur in 2020, but due to COVID 19 restrictions this academy will begin in 2021. We can think of no better way of engaging our community and building citizen-police relationships, as well as fostering trust than to provide this opportunity. Through education, citizens can gain insight and understanding into how Police officers perform their duties while serving the community. CPA participants will attend a 10-week course where they will gain an understanding of the organizational structure of the Police Department, training, recruitment, patrol procedures, traffic and accident investigation, domestic violence investigation, major case investigation, crime scene processing, gang and drug investigation, use of force situations and simulations, the role of the prosecutor, and many other facets of law enforcement.

Full Implementation of the Countywide Digital Radio Network: This project was largely constructed in 2019-2020, with DeKalb County building three new radio communications towers throughout the county and installing a new digital radio network as well as reconstruction of an existing VHF radio system. A delay has pushed back full implementation which is expected to occur in 2021, with the DeKalb Police Department Communications Center featuring new radio consoles, a state-of-the-art communications infrastructure, with a county-wide interoperable radio network to support Police and Fire operations on the street. This combination of public safety resources creates a rare opportunity to have all public safety providers within the county on the same radio platform, working in concert to serve our residents.

Community Programs: Most programs in 2020 were either cancelled, changed, or modified due to COVID 19. In 2021, the Police Department is dedicated to continuing programs that engage the community and help in building trust and relationships between the police department and those that live or visit our community. Some of the programs that were affected in 2020: Camp Power, Cops and Bobbers, DUI Day, Hunter Safety Course, National Night Out, Rape Aggression Defense Training, Family Fun Night, COMPASS, and Special Olympics.

Safety Cameras: The Police Department has been working towards a public safety camera system to monitor high crime areas. It is the department's intent to implement cameras at key locations in the city to deter gang activity and violent crimes and aid investigations.

noteworthy cases

Homicide – On January 23, 2020, officers responded to the 800 block of Edgebrook in reference to shots being fired. As officers arrived, they found an unresponsive male lying in an apartment that had been shot multiple times. The victim was transported to the hospital and later pronounced deceased. Investigators identified the shooter in this investigation and began surveilling an apartment where the offender was thought to be. As the offender exited the apartment, he was taken into custody. The offender was charged with several counts of murder.

Mental Health – On March 10, 2020, officers responded to a suicidal subject who was threatening to jump off the fifth-floor parking deck at Northern Illinois University. The suicidal subject, who was standing at the edge of the fifth-floor parking deck, began talking to an officer who was able to build a trust between the officer and the person in need. This trust was instrumental in saving this person's life. The person in crisis stepped down from the ledge of the parking deck and voluntarily agreed to speak with mental health professionals.

Drug Investigation – On May 12, 2020, Investigators executed a search warrant on an apartment in the 900 block of Ridge Drive. The search warrant was served after a several month narcotic investigation. Investigators seized five firearms, cocaine, fentanyl, heroin, prescription drugs, cannabis, and a large amount of United States Currency. The offender was arrested and charged with armed habitual criminal, unlawful possession of weapon by a felon, three counts of unlawful possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, three counts of unlawful possession of a controlled substance, unlawful possession of weapon by a felon, unlawful possession of cannabis with the intent to deliver, unlawful possession of cannabis, possession of firearm without a FOID card, and possession of ammunition without a FOID card.

Burglaries – On May 31st, 2020, the City of DeKalb had several large groups burglarizing several businesses in DeKalb. Offenders burglarized Huskies Discount Tobacco, Thirsty Liquors, Twins Liquor Store, Huskies Discount Liquor, and Boost Mobile. Ten offenders were arrested in reference to these burglaries.

Home Invasion – On April 27, 2020, officers responded to a report of a home invasion in the 800 block of Ridge Drive. Investigators learned that multiple offenders, armed with handguns, forced their way into an apartment, battered the residents, took property, and fled from the apartment. Two offenders have been charged with home invasion.

Shooting – On June 26, 2020, officers responded to a report of a shooting in the 800 block of Edgebrook Drive. Officers on scene located evidence of a shooting and learned a person had sustained injuries as a result of the shooting. Investigators learned that a dispute occurred between two groups of men. A suspect from one of the groups fired multiple shots in the direction of the other group. One offender has been charged with offenses including attempt murder, armed violence, and aggravated discharge of a firearm.

noteworthy cases

Homicide – On July 5th, 2020, officers responded to the 800 block of South Fourth Street in reference to a shooting. Upon officer's arrival, they located two gunshot victims. Both victims were transported to the hospital where one victim succumbed to his injuries. The shooting stemmed from an argument between the victim and one of the offenders. That offender called their family to come to the gas station. The offenders arrived in a vehicle and immediately began shooting at the victims. The offenders fled the scene. Investigators identified the occupants in the suspect vehicle. A total of four offenders were identified and arrested. Three offenders were charged with first degree murder.

Homicide – On July 12th, 2020, officers responded to the 1000 block of Hillcrest in reference to a person who was shot. Officers located a male who was lying on the ground with a gunshot wound. The victim was transported to the hospital where he succumbed to his wound. Investigators learned that the offending vehicle was traveling on Hillcrest when the sliding backdoor of the van opened, and the backseat passenger began shooting at the victim. Investigators identified the suspects and the suspect vehicle used in this investigation. Two offenders were charged with first degree murder.

Sex Offense – One August 16, 2020, officers took a report of a sex offense. Investigators learned that the suspect had illegal sexual contact with his minor child. The investigation was conducted in coordination with the Department of Children & Family Services and the DeKalb County Children's Advocacy Center. As a result, one offender was charged with Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault.

Shooting – On August 24, 2020, officers responded to a report of a shooting in the 800 block of Edgebrook Drive. Officers on scene reviewed video in the area and located evidence of a shooting. A search warrant was executed that resulted in the seizure of two firearms and additional evidence that a person was injured as a result of the shooting. A victim was located at a hospital in Chicago, Illinois and had sustained a gunshot wound. Investigators learned that a dispute occurred between two men as result of an earlier vehicle crash. The men came into contact with each other at another location, where one of the men shot the other, and a third man also discharged a firearm. Two offenders have been charged; one with offenses including aggravated battery with a firearm and the second with offenses including aggravated discharge of a firearm.

Shooting - On September 21, 2020, officers responded to a report of a shooting in the 1000 block of W. Hillcrest. Officers located a possible suspect sitting in a vehicle. As officers approached, the offender exited his car with a holstered gun on his hip. The offender was involved in a domestic dispute and in anger shot his gun. The offender was charged with armed habitual criminal, aggravated unlawful use of a weapon by a felon, reckless discharge of a firearm, unlawful possession of ammunition and a gun without a firearm owners identification card.

noteworthy cases

Shooting – On September 22, 2020, officers responded to a report of a shooting in the 900 block of Ridge Drive. Officer located evidence of a shooting in the apartment complex parking lot. Video evidence identified a suspect vehicle which was located a few blocks away. The suspect vehicle was damaged from someone firing a gun from inside the vehicle. The offender's residence was searched, and a loaded magazine was found in the kitchen trash can along with the gun used in the shooting in the offender's laundry room. The offender was charged with armed habitual criminal, aggravated unlawful use of a weapon by a felon, reckless discharge of a firearm, unlawful possession of ammunition and a gun without a firearm owners identification card.

Armed Robbery – On October 18, 2020, an officer was flagged down by a victim of an Armed Robbery. The victim reported he had been robbed a gunpoint by two males and provided a description of a suspect vehicle. Officers located a vehicle matching the description provided by the victim and attempted to stop it. A vehicle pursuit ensued, ending near Aurora, Illinois. The victim's property, as well as a firearm, were recovered. Two offenders were charged with armed robbery.

Eavesdropping – On November 10, 2020, a resident of DeKalb reported to have found a plugged in baby monitor under her bed. It was learned that a maintenance man from the apartment complex was recently in her apartment fixing a water leak. The investigating officer identified other incidents where monitoring devices were found in in apartments where the maintenance man worked. The offender was identified and questioned. It was learned that the offender was eavesdropping on the victims for his own personal gratification. The offender was charged with multiple counts of eavesdropping.

Armed Robbery – On December 3, 2020, officers responded to a report of an armed robbery at the FasMart Gas Station on Sycamore Road. The offenders pointed a gun at a customer and ordered the victim into the offender's vehicle. While pointing the gun at the victim, the offenders demanded her money. The offenders then fled the area in their vehicle. Officers located the suspect vehicle and conducted a traffic stop. Two offenders were taken into custody and charged with armed robbery.

Shooting – On December 24, 2020, officers responded to the 800 block of Spiros Court for a 911 investigation and learned that a shooting had occurred. Investigators learned that a dispute occurred between two men, and one of the men shot a firearm at the other man. Investigators reviewed video and interviewed witnesses. One offender was arrested and was in possession of a firearm. The offender was charged with offenses including armed habitual criminal and aggravated discharge of a firearm.

DIVISIONS



ADMINISTRATION . COMMUNICATIONS
INVESTIGATIONS . PATROL

The Office of the Chief is accountable for all aspects of the Police Department's function and mission. This past year Interim Deputy Chief John Petragallo retired, and his replacement, Commander Bob Redel, was named as the new Interim Chief. The Chief of Police 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 Support Bureau encompasses Budget Administration, Community and Informational Services, Communications, and Support Services. The Operations Bureau encompasses the Patrol and Investigations Divisions, as well as the many specialty assignments and 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.

In preparation for the National Incident Base Reporting (NIBRS), Penny Meier and Emily Henderson attended training to better understand this change in crime reporting and how national crime data will be collected. They also started to lay the groundwork with the current Records Management System (RMS) in order to capture the required data that will go into effect January 1st, 2021.

SUPPORT BUREAU

The Support Bureau includes Records, Community Relations, Training, Court Security, Communications, Information Technology, Fleet/Facilities, and Evidence Divisions. These divisions are led by Commanders Jason Leverton and Craig Woodruff.

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, including Cultural Diversity, De-escalation, and Procedural Justice Training. The training component logged more than 3,800 hours in 2020



RECORDS

The Records Division 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. Three part-time office associate positions are staffed by Patty Pumfrey, Carol Halsey, and Melissa Neblock. Rita Larson, a full-time office associate, is primarily assigned to Crime Free Housing Inspections, but also assists with Records functions. Emily Henderson, is assigned to Records full-time, as Records Supervisor. 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.

As of January 1, 2020, marijuana was legalized, up to certain amounts, which created automatic expungements for such offenses. This mandate, along with the law requiring expungements of certain juvenile records, kept the Records Department especially busy. They received 214 expungement orders, 39 seal orders and there were 130 juvenile auto expungements.



	TOTAL
FOIA	977
SUBPOENAS	91
BACKGROUND CHECKS	1269
COPY OF REPORTS	424
COPY OF 9-1-1 TAPES	391
COPY OF VIDEOS	132
COPY OF PICTURES ON CD	9
EVIDENCE REQUESTS	1038
PARKING PASSES	227

COURT / CITY COUNCIL SECURITY

The Police Department continues to provide security for the city court proceedings which were moved to the DeKalb Police Department.

Previously, the Police Department provided at least one officer for every City Council meeting and additional resources as needed. Due to budget constraints, this was eliminated, and the Chief of Police is responsible for security at these meetings. With the Covid-19 pandemic, City Council meetings were changed to *Zoom* meetings.

CRIME FREE HOUSING

Traditional policing efforts cannot solve crime problems alone, neither can the owner, manager or residents of rental properties. The Crime Free Housing (CFH) Program is a long-term strategy designed to reduce crime through a partnership with landlords of residential rental properties and the tenants residing on the properties. Having completed its eighth year of operation, the program has been very successful in lowering the criminal activity of tenants on the properties in which they reside by facilitating solutions to avert criminal events. Lowering the frequency of criminal activity on rental properties has freed numerous manpower hours of the patrol division for self-initiated activity and handling criminal activity elsewhere within the City.

CFH 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. CFH coordinates the annual registration of residential rental properties; conducts crime free program certification workshops for residential property managers; coordinates crime prevention security assessments of the property; issues chronic disorderly house citations when necessary and serves as a liaison between the Police Department and the Landlord/Rental Property owner community.

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 and Ray West. They are responsible for the receipt, storage, safekeeping, release, 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 custodians took in over 3,370 items of evidence in 2020. The Evidence Section also handles our Drug Take-Back program. While this program was canceled in 2020, it still took in 344 pounds of prescribed medicine that was turned into the department.

SOCIAL MEDIA

The DeKalb Police Department continues to reach the social media world using Facebook, Twitter, and Nextdoor 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.

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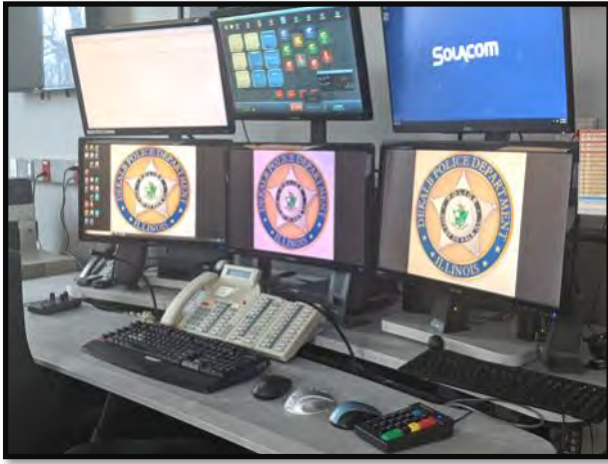
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TECHNOLOGY

Alert DeKalb is an emergency notification system provided by the Smart911 platform. This program can keep residents informed of criminal activity, weather alerts, or traffic problems. In 2020, 89 messages were sent to residents.

The DeKalb Police Department is also excited to announce two new ways for the community to connect with the department. The first is the Neighbors by Ring app. This app allows the DeKalb Police to inform the community of real-time crime and safety events so you can always stay informed. The Neighbors by Ring App also allows the resident to share something directly with the department. You do not need Ring devices to participate, anyone with any camera system can upload content to the Neighbors App! To download, residents can text "join today" to "555888."





The Communications Division works as the frontline response for receiving emergency and non-emergency telephone inquiries and requests for Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) within our community and fire protection district. The Communications Division is staffed 24/7 with authorized staffing including a Communications Coordinator, 11 full-time and six part-time highly trained telecommunicators (TCs). Commander Jason Leverton provides administrative and supervisory support, while Communications Coordinator Sean Woyna serves as the manager of the center and direct supervisor of the TCs. Sean was promoted to this position following the resignation of LaToya Marz, who was hired as the Deputy Director of Kane County's Tri-Com Central Dispatch. The Communications Division is focused on our agency's mission to protect and serve while receiving and dispatching calls for service by enhancing the safety of our officers, fire personnel and community.

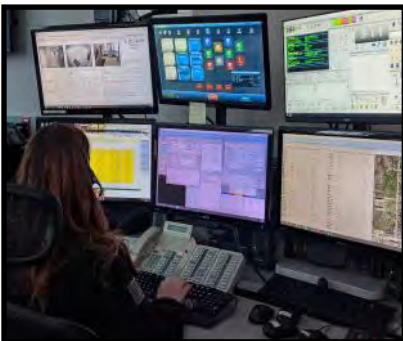
COMMUNICATIONS

Each Telecommunicator is required to complete and maintain certification through PowerPhone in Public Safety Dispatch, which encompasses Law Enforcement Dispatch, Fire Service Dispatch, and Emergency Medical Dispatch. In order to comply with Illinois Department of Public Health standards, TCs are required to maintain at least 12 hours of continuing education credits each year in order to retain their Emergency Medical Dispatch license. In addition to their Police, Fire and EMS duties, TCs monitor radio traffic for Public Works, other neighboring police agencies, and all security cameras throughout the Police Department, City Hall, DeKalb Taylor Municipal Airport, and mobile cameras as needed.



Communications personnel are responsible for performing electronic checks of vehicles, persons, items, and warrants for traffic stops and investigations at the request of our sworn personnel. TCs also perform tasks involving administrative support, monitoring Smart911 and disseminating Rave notifications to city residents in events of severe weather, snow route activations, road closures, safety concerns, or other emergencies requiring targeted or citywide notification. The Communications Division completed a required consolidation with the NIU Police Department and now receives all of NIU's 9-1-1 calls. In addition to dispatching for the City of DeKalb, half of the TCs are members of the Illinois Telecommunicator Emergency Response Taskforce (IL TERT). These TCs are deployable around the state in times of need, and undergo specialized training on how to work within the National Incident Management System (NIMS) framework for large scale incidents and catastrophes.

In 2020, the Communications Division answered over 107,076 external phone calls (down 14% from last year), including over 13,214 9-1-1 calls, while dispatching 51,602 police calls and 6,469 fire/EMS calls.



In the fall of 2020, new dispatch desks were furnished for the Communications Center by the DeKalb County Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB). This replaced aging desks and equipment and for the first time, provides six full-service dispatch stations with 9-1-1, telephones, digital radios, Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD), and security monitoring at each position. In November, new digital radio consoles capable of operating on both the statewide Starcom system as well as the new countywide system were installed. In December, the first phase of Next Generation 9-1-1 was also installed, with incoming 9-1-1 calls now being completely digital, replacing analog equipment and streamlining 9-1-1 service provision. Both the radio consoles and NG 9-1-1 equipment were also provided by the DeKalb County ETSB, which distributes 9-1-1 surcharge funds collected by the state by paying for 9-1-1 service provision, equipment and improvement projects.

107,076
TOTAL CALLS RECEIVED

13,214
TOTAL 9-1-1 CALLS

933,862
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION CALLS

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TOTAL POLICE CAD CALLS

6,469
TOTAL FIRE/EMS CAD CALLS

OPERATIONS

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 2020, our officers responded to **51,602** total calls for service compared to **56,208** calls in 2019 – a **5% decrease**.

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 Emergency Communications 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.

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, Illinois

Domestic Violence Unit, Canine Unit, and Sex Crimes Registration and Monitoring Unit. Each unit is designed to meet the needs of the community in the most efficient and professional manner possible.

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 on criminal investigations for 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 2020, 524 cases were assigned to the Investigation Bureau with 251 to the Investigators; 26 cases to the School Resource Officers, and 247 cases to the TRU unit. Of these 524 cases, 226 were cleared by arrest; 204 remain active; 34 cleared exceptionally; 42 are inactive; and 18 were referred to another agency.



In 2020, Officer Max Paul and Aaron Gates were assigned to the Investigation Division. Det. Aaron Lockhart announced he will retire January 1, 2021 and Officer Phil Brown was assigned to fill this position maintaining three School Resource Officers.

INVESTIGATIONS

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

The City and the DeKalb School District continued the strategy for lockdown procedures called the “ALICE” 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 ALICE plan offers a different philosophy in light of recent school violence. The philosophy of ALICE 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 ALICE 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 ALICE 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 “offsite” evacuation. Drills were then performed at each school and observed by ALICE certified instructors. The ALICE 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 are 9 officers and 1 Sergeant 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

Due to COVID, the bike patrol was very limited in its patrol, and they look forward to patrolling again in 2021.

CANINE UNIT

In January the department purchased and trained a new K-9, “Kota.” The first part of the year his handler was Officer Phil Nicholson; however, due to his resignation Officer Elise Dusek became his handler.

“Kota” is trained as a dual-purpose drug detection and patrol dog. He can detect narcotics such as cannabis, cocaine, crack cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine and ecstasy. “Kota” is also trained in handler protection, suspect apprehension, building and area searches, article searches, and tracking.



CO-POLICING INITIATIVE WITH THE NIU POLICE DEPARTMENT

The DeKalb and Northern Illinois University Police partner to strategize ways to work more closely with one another to address student and community needs. Together we 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 increase our team approach by partnering NIU officers and DeKalb Police officers during special events. These events tax our resources significantly and their assistance during these events is crucial. DeKalb Police officers reciprocate by assisting the NIU Police with their special events and other on-campus public safety matters.

DEKALB COUNTY SPECIAL OPERATIONS TEAM

Five DeKalb Police Officers are members of the DeKalb County Special Operations Team (SOT). The DeKalb Police Department, Sycamore Police Department, and Northern Illinois University Police Department combined resources with the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office, to implement a multi-jurisdictional Special Operations Team. The presence of a trained and skilled law enforcement tactical unit at critical incidents has allowed 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" to critical incidents and the effect the multi-jurisdictional organization has as a force multiplier that enhances the participating agencies' abilities to keep pace with incoming call volume during critical incidents. The members of the SOT conduct monthly trainings and many of the members are firearm and defensive tactics instructors who also train others.

SOT supports local law enforcement agencies requesting a tactical response to critical incidents in DeKalb County.

In 2020, SOT was requested 13 times for assistance by various agencies to execute search warrants deemed high risk and critical incidents throughout DeKalb County.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT

The Domestic Violence Unit (DVU) in 2020 was comprised of 4 Officers and 1 Sergeant, including Sgt. Keunte Mallett and Officers Jeff Ackland, Sebastian Lemus, Michael Cicchetti and Sadie Pristave.



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 was initiated by assigning DCFS to the DVU to focus on domestic violence involving children.

In 2020, the department saw a 27% increase in domestic related calls.

DRONES IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

Drone and camera technology allows law enforcement to have a better vantage point during crime scenes or special events. Bob Myers has volunteered his services to assist the department when needed. This past year he helped us with parking surveys prior to the implementation of new ordinances, responded to a high-risk search warrant to support officer safety and search a roof for a discarded handgun.

FIELD TRAINING

The DeKalb Police department had 12 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 16 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. Eight officers were trained in 2020.

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 2020 there were 69 cases deemed gang-related versus 65 in 2019.



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. In 2020, one officer was assigned to the Mobile Field Force.

Officers are also assigned to the ILEAS **Weapons of Mass Destruction Special Response Team (WMD SRT)**. The ILEAS WMD SRT teams are regionally deployed teams throughout the State of Illinois 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 one officer is assigned by our agency to the ILEAS Region North WMD SRT.



MOTOR UNIT

2020 was the 16th 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. 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.

OFFICER MENTORING PROGRAM

The DeKalb Police Department has implemented a Mentoring Program. New probationary officers ride with experienced, seasoned DeKalb Police Officers. The goals of the Mentoring program are for new officers to see how the more experienced officers are handling calls. It will hopefully instill officer safety, aggressiveness, and will let the new officers get to know other officers at the police department. Both officers are to handle calls equally and both are to be primary on an equal number of calls.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO)

Three officers are assigned as School Resource Officers, and fall under the Investigation Division. 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.



The 2020 year started out normal for the SRO's until the COVID-19 pandemic hit our community. Then as schools closed down and students began to learn remotely, the SRO's had to be extremely flexible with their schedules to fit the needs of the school district and to assist the police department with staffing shortages. The SRO's mission did not change through the pandemic and the officers are looking forward to the students returning in 2021.

Officer Chris Sullivan is primarily assigned to the High School, with the other two officers assigned to the two middle schools. In 2020, Officer Phil Brown was selected to join Officers Chris Sullivan and Allison Remnes as a SRO. This transfer was in due to Det. Aaron Lockhart retiring in 2021.



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 and violent offenders against youth in our community. This team is supervised by Sergeant Tony Kwasniewski.

In 2020, SCRAM completed 237 Sex Offender registrations, 77 compliance checks, and made 15 arrests for those in violation of the Registry Act.

TARGETED RESPONSE UNIT (TRU)

The primary focus of the **Targeted Response Unit (TRU)** is to implement a proactive, 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 frontline of proactive policing through the pursuit of known offenders by initiating a variety of street level investigations and supporting the Investigations and Patrol Divisions.

In 2020, the Targeted Response Unit (TRU) made 325 arrests, including 134 felony arrests and conducted 53 covert narcotics operations that resulted in the covert purchases of various controlled substances. Narcotics seized included heroin, ecstasy, cocaine, and cannabis. Over \$48,727 in United States currency, 1 vehicle and 8 firearms were also seized. TRU served 36 arrest warrants and performed 9 search warrants on local residences. TRU also conducted proactive parole and sex offender compliance checks with several resulting in arrests, firearm revocation investigations, as well as numerous proactive street enforcement activities. TRU also followed up with drug overdose survivors and offered assistance with finding treatment and providing rides to long-term substance abuse treatment facilities. TRU normally operates with three officers, led by Sergeant Paul Mott; however, this past year the unit was short one officer and spent one month assigned to general investigations.

The Targeted Response Unit (TRU) also investigates gang-related crime, gathers intelligence and performs gang awareness presentations. TRU works closely with the community, school district, and other law enforcement agencies. They continue their outreach program to the community by discouraging gang involvement and forming relationships with our residents. In 2020, there were 69 cases that were gang-related or linked to street gang members.

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.

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.

VOLUNTEERS in POLICING

Law enforcement volunteers are comprised of college students with aspirations of law enforcement careers and local residents who are interested in assisting the police in their mission. They perform service for the department without promise, expectation or receipt of compensation for services rendered. These services may include traffic control during special events or parades, and assisting the department in other various ways.

The volunteer program is a registered participant in the National Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) program.

SOCIAL WORKER

In July, 2020, the department hired part-time Social Worker Abigail Ascencio to assist officers in providing social services as a part of community policing.

Role of Social Worker/Liaison: The goal of the Social Worker/Liaison is to provide a wrap-around service to an individual or family in need to assure that the community is working together to improve the quality of life of that individual or family. The Social Worker/Liaison addresses barriers that prohibit individuals from reaching this goal through crisis management, care coordination, linkage to care, and case management.

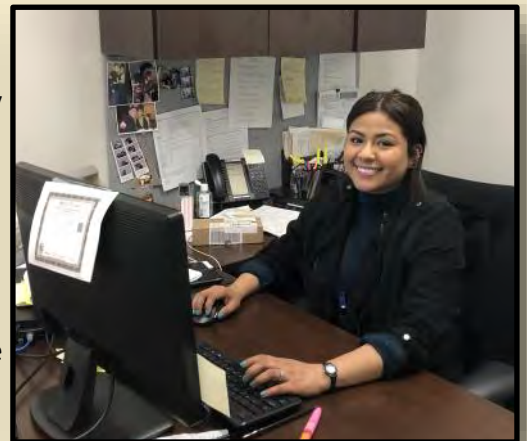
Referral Process: Individuals and families who have a behavioral or mental health concern at the time of contact with an officer are referred to the Social Worker/Liaison for follow up services. In other instances, the Social Worker/Liaison can be called to respond on scene to assist officers in providing crisis support and linkage to services to individuals and family as appropriate during the call for service.

2020 Statistics for DeKalb Police Department: Since implementing the program in July, the Social Worker/Liaison Program received 298 referrals from the DeKalb Police Department alone. That averages about 50 referrals a month. This means officers are making contact with individuals and families that have a behavioral or mental health concern requiring additional assistance about 50 times a month.

DeKalb Police Department makes up about 74% of total referrals made to the Social Worker/Liaison Program.

Between July and December, the Social Worker/Liaison provided 734 services to DeKalb Police Department consumers alone. These services include engagement and referrals to other agencies, coordinating with community agencies to establish long-term services, facilitating linkage to community resources, and crisis management. The Social Worker assisted in 18 on-scene calls with officers providing crisis support.

The Social Worker/Liaison Program collaborates with DeKalb County Treatment Courts, mental health agencies, low income housing programs, Elder Care Services, Hope Haven, area hospitals and other community resources to provide comprehensive wrap around support.



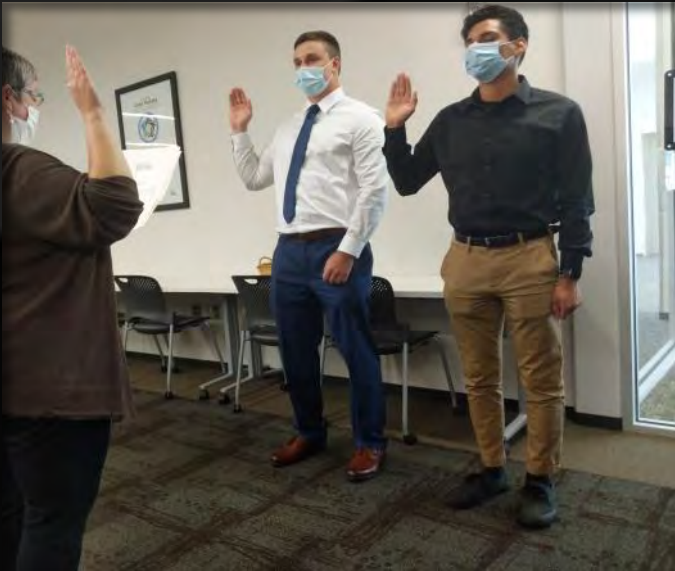
new hires



OFFICERS AMBER DONALY AND DIEGO CASAS
HIRED FEBRUARY 24, 2020



OFFICER DANIEL LUDWIG
HIRED JUNE 29, 2000



OFFICERS MASON FLEURY AND BRIAN RODRIGUEZ
HIRED JUNE 22, 2020



COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER
BETSY COOPER
HIRED MARCH 10, 2020



TELECOMMUNICATOR
EMILY HOPKINS
HIRED OCTOBER 5, 2020



"KOTA"
HIRED JANUARY 2020



retirements

THANK YOU
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DETECTIVE MARK NACHMAN

OCTOBER 6, 1995 TO JANUARY 1, 2020

HIS DETECTIVE BADGE, #D5, WAS RETIRED



INTERIM POLICE CHIEF JOHN PETRAGALLO

JUNE 1, 1994 TO JUNE 6, 2020



POLICE OFFICER REDA REESE

JUNE 24, 1996 TO MAY 4, 2020

promotions




COMMANDER ROBERT REDEL
WAS PROMOTED TO INTERIM POLICE CHIEF
JUNE 2, 2020



TELECOMMUNICATOR SEAN WOYNA
WAS PROMOTED TO COMMUNICATIONS SUPERVISOR
AUGUST 9, 2020



EMILY HENDERSON
WAS PROMOTED TO RECORDS SUPERVISOR
JANUARY 1, 2020

A night scene with a police officer standing in front of a tree, with a utility vehicle and a street light in the background.

CRIME

STATISTICS
2020

TRAFFIC



CITATION TOTALS

	2018	2019	2020
CITATIONS ISSUED	3,222	2,947	1,976
DUI ENFORCEMENT	66	68	57
WARNINGS ISSUED	2,628	2,360	1,182
PARKING TICKETS ISSUED	6,261	4,893	5,179

TRAFFIC SERVICES

	2018	2019	2020
ABANDON AUTO	285	245	227
PEDESTRIAN WARNING	39	10	9
DRIVING COMPLAINTS	548	461	476
PARKING COMPLAINTS	1,315	634	409
OTHER	233	222	157



HIGHEST INTERSECTION ACCIDENTS

ANNIE GLIDDEN RD/LINCOLN HWY	13
LINCOLN HWY/PEACE RD	13
4TH ST/SYCAMORE RD	10
4TH ST/LINCOLN HWY	9
1ST ST/LINCOLN HWY	7
ANNIE GLIDDEN RD/LUCINDA AV	7
BARBER GREENE RD/SYCAMORE RD	7
ANNIE GLIDDEN RD/VARSITY BLVD	6
BETHANY RD/SYCAMORE RD	6

ACCIDENTS

	2018	2019	2020
PROPERTY DAMAGE	1,189	1,198	885
INJURY COLLISIONS	210	192	119
FATALITIES	2	1	0
TOTAL	1,401	1,391	1,004

*THERE WERE 120 ACCIDENTS THAT DID NOT REQUIRE A REPORT AND ARE NOT REFLECTED IN THESE STATISTICS.

ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES

	2018	2019	2020
To Fire Department	407	459	483
To Other Government Agencies	2,877	2,828	2,530
To Other Police Agencies	719	769	711
To Others	15	28	38
Warrant Attempts/Civil Process	429	430	212
Warrant Arrests	560	456	560
TOTAL	5,007	4,970	4,534

PUBLIC SERVICES

	2018	2019	2020
Assist Business	427	360	373
Assist Citizen	1,498	1,449	1,428
Assist Motorist	592	571	394
Building/Vacation Check	7,473	6,727	5,533
Child Safety Seat Inspections	61	35	29
Compliance Checks	18	50	67
Escorts	474	382	187
Fingerprint Civilians	31	65	21
Keys Locked in Car	1,826	1,563	1,301
Lost/Found Property/Bicycles	307	256	243
Message Delivery	63	52	36
Open Door/Window	116	139	63
Other Public Service	9	8	26
Pickup/Delivery of Articles	105	105	88
Public Presentations	15	26	16
Special Events/Services	395	329	187
TOTAL	13,410	12,117	9,992

OTHER CALLS FOR SERVICE

	2018	2019	2020
Accidental Injury	11	8	9
Air Gun Violations	21	20	10
Alarm	994	947	858
Animal Calls	777	552	712
Annoying Phone Calls/No Report	64	20	9
Behavioral Health Issue	153	210	352
Check Well Being	938	978	1,015
Child Custody Dispute	66	117	141
Citizen Contact	415	394	210
Civil Dispute	225	254	286
Disorderly Conduct/No Report	435	459	636
Disorderly House	82	55	37
Disruptive Intoxication	16	17	9
Domestic Trouble	1,346	1,357	1,660
Drug Overdose	15	24	22
Fighting in City	187	193	116
Fireworks	106	87	262
Intoxicated Person	195	213	170
Juvenile Offenses	360	417	340
Landlord/Tenant Dispute	64	69	107
Loud Party/Stereo/Noise	956	1,067	974
Missing Person	59	71	50
Neighbor Trouble	106	102	152
Other Calls/Special Services	206	98	73
Property Offenses –No Report	345	339	319
Relocator Complaints	83	74	139
Repossession	214	198	99
Sex Offender Registration	176	204	237
Shots Fired	54	70	95
Solicitors	180	135	128
Standby-Child/Property Exchange	130	112	159
Sudden Death	33	36	36
Suicide	4	3	2
Suicide Attempt/Threat	284	281	292
Suspicious Activity	1,987	2,042	1,869
Suspicious Drug Activity	248	182	111
Suspicious Activity/Weapon Involved	43	64	56
Smoking/Tobacco Violations	10	12	7
Unfounded 911 Calls/Unfounded Calls	2,652	3,194	3,831
TOTAL	14,240	14,675	15,590



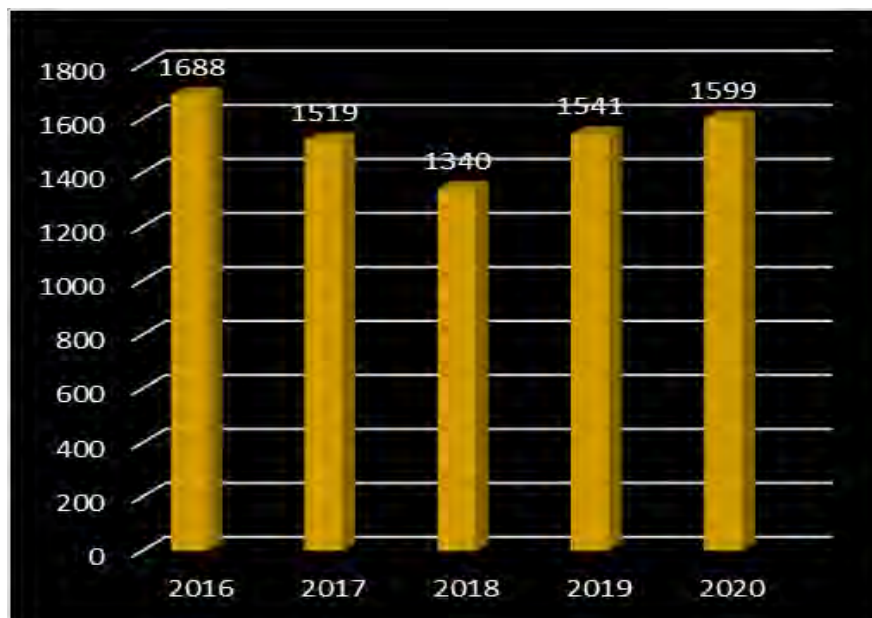
PART I CRIMES

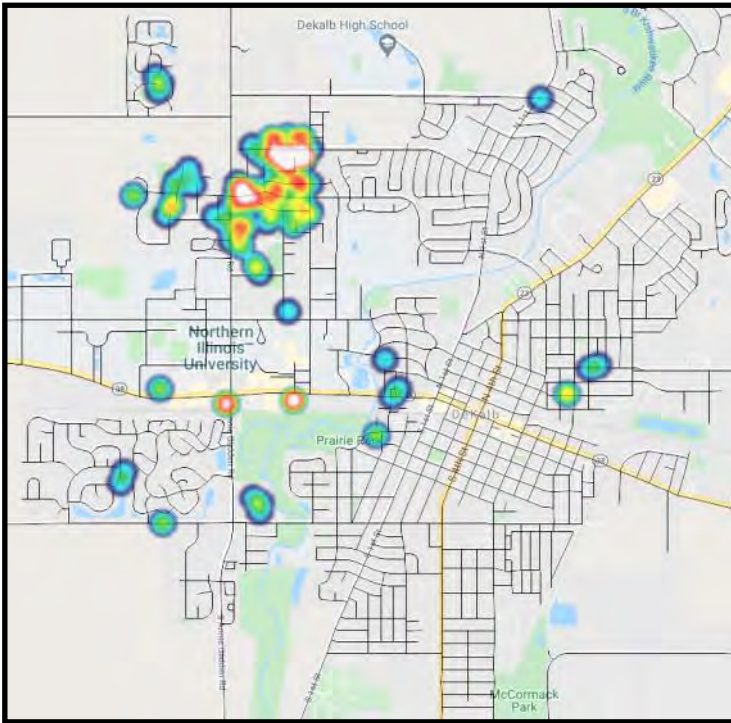
The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program collects data on nine offenses often referred to as Part I offenses or Index Crimes—violent and property offenses. The program’s founders chose these offenses because they are serious crimes, they occur with regularity in all areas of the country and they are likely to be reported to the police.

The National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) will be implemented in 2021. This change will impact all police agencies nationwide. While UCR and NIBRS have similarities, NIBRS will depict a more comprehensive view of crime and criminal activity.

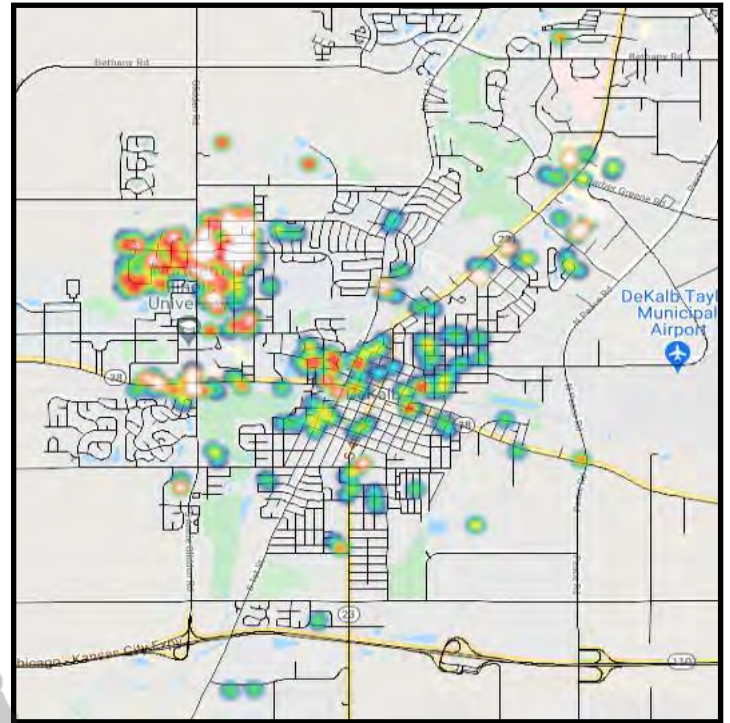
INDEX CRIMES	2018	2019	2020	% CHANGE (2019-2020)
HOMICIDE	0	1	4	300%
CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT	45	41	35	-15%
ROBBERY	31	33	40	21%
AGGRAVATED BATTERY/ASSAULT	152	170	173	2%
BURGLARY	125	162	114	-30%
THEFT	939	1,081	1,165	8%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	41	41	59	44%
ARSON	6	12	9	-25%
HUMAN TRAFFICKING	1	0	0	N/A
TOTAL	1,340	1,541	1,599	4%

PART I TRENDS





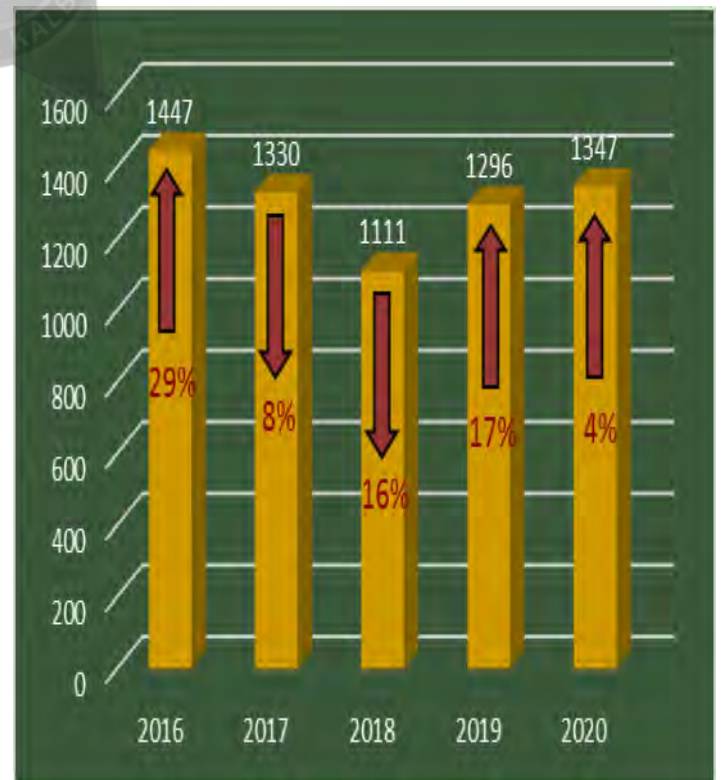
VIOLENT CRIME TRENDS



PROPERTY CRIME TRENDS



VIOLENT CRIMES include Homicide, Aggravated Assault/Battery, Criminal Sexual Assault, Robbery and Human Trafficking.



PROPERTY CRIMES include Burglary, Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft, and Arson.

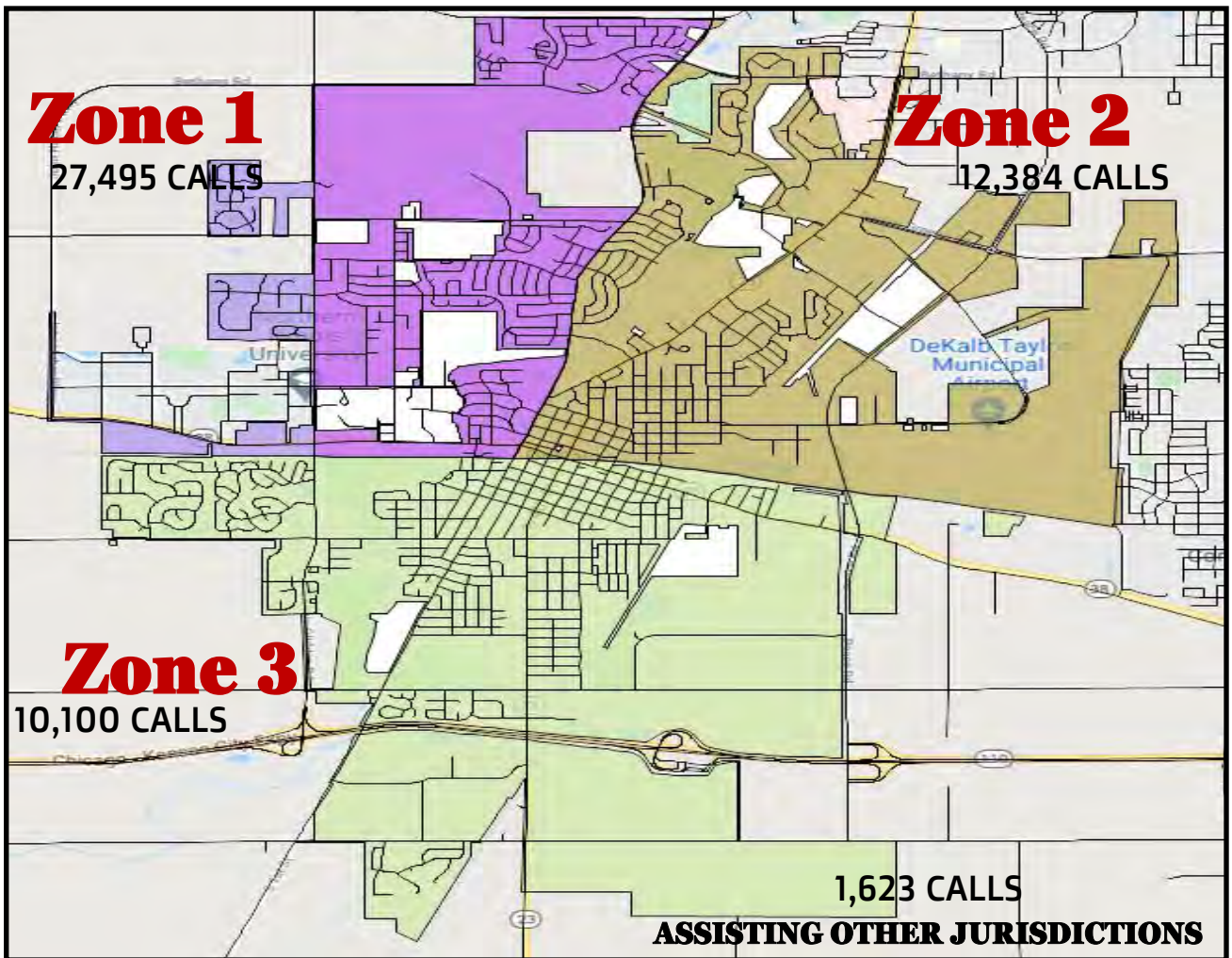


PART II CRIMES

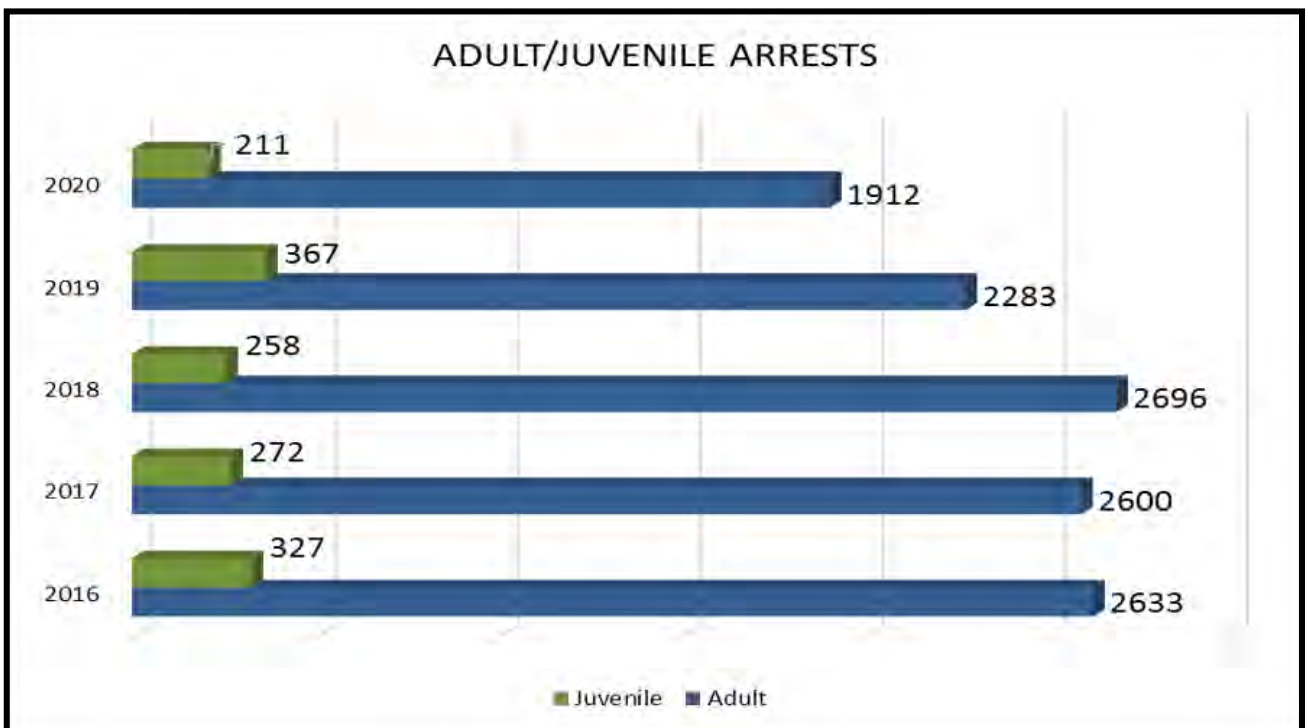
	2018	2019	2020	% CHANGE (2019-2020)
DRUG INDUCED HOMICIDE	1	1	2	100%
BATTERY	656	752	805	7%
DECEPTION	428	474	379	-20%
CRIMINAL DAMAGE & TRESPASS	721	698	797	14%
DEADLY WEAPONS	72	84	108	29%
SEX OFFENSES	49	55	64	16%
OFFENSES INVOLVING CHILDREN	81	82	49	-40%
CANNABIS CONTROL ACT	424	354	143	-60%
METHAMPHETAMINE OFFENSES	9	1	0	-100%
HYPODERMIC SYRINGES & NEEDLES ACT	17	8	7	-13%
DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	224	163	56	-66%
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ACT	193	123	184	50%
LIQUOR CONTROL VIOLATIONS	55	36	13	-64%
MAJOR MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES	1,453	1,530	645	-58%
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	1,020	1,025	1,315	28%
INTERFERE W/POLICE OFFICER	194	177	166	-6%
INTIMIDATION	4	7	12	71%
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION	50	23	39	70%
VIOLATION OF SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY LAWS	3	10	15	50%
OTHER CRIMINAL OFFENSES	717	628	498	-21%
TOTAL	6,370	6,230	5,297	-15%

Part II offenses are considered less serious crimes and encompass all other offenses. Part II offenses are no longer collected by the Illinois State Police and therefore not submitted to the FBI. Part II Crimes 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.

POLICE ACTIVITY BY ZONE



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THANK YOU
FOR BEING A
HERO
TO OUR
COMMUNITY

The members of the
DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT

are COMMITTED to
REDUCING CRIME
and ENHANCING the
QUALITY OF LIFE

through an
ACTIVE PARTNERSHIP
in our

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Dear officers,
During this hard time I wanted to send a card to show how much we appreciate how much you do. We will forever and always stand with you. You and your families are what make this country so great. Thank you for your service in DeKalb and to the people in it. I am writing to department all officers need to hear words of encouragement at this time. We are with you, we support the men and women in blue and can not THANK you enough. You are our heroes!

God Bless,
Melvin Anderson, Jr.

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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.

Unfortunately, Camp Power was canceled due to the COVID pandemic. This program was implemented in the University Village neighborhood and 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.



COPS N BOBBERS

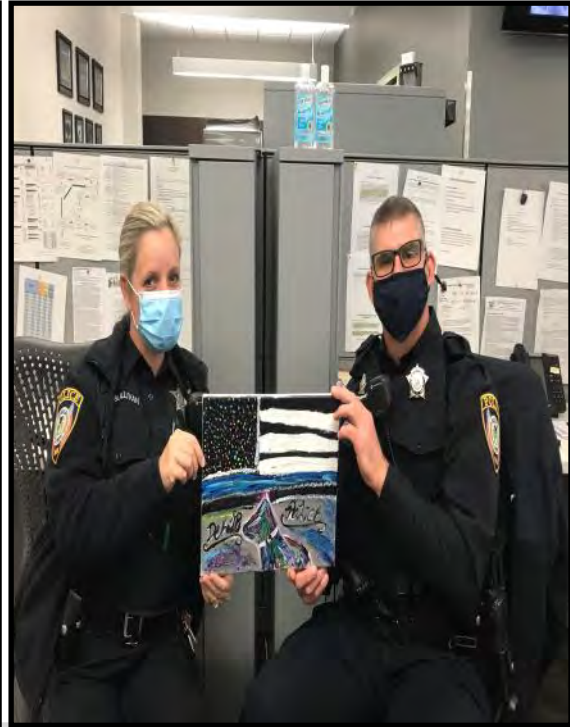
The DeKalb Police Benevolent Protective Unit last year conducted four **Cops N Bobbers** Fishing Derbies. Unfortunately, these events were canceled in 2020 due to the COVID pandemic. These derbies included children participating in programs with the DeKalb County Family Service Agency and Camp Power. Last year, there was an additional derby held for Northern Illinois University for students who had an opportunity to fish for their first time and speak with officers.

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The Police Department is acutely aware of how important relationships are with the community we serve. In order to create, sustain, and enhance community ties with our department, we have created a new Community Relations Team. The team consists of six patrol officers, one detective, one sergeant, and two members of the command staff that will work together on numerous community relations initiatives. Many of these initiatives were previously conducted, however, this team will engage in a more coordinated effort to better address our community's needs. When combined with our philosophy of proactive and problem-oriented policing, these community engagement efforts should lead to a reduction of crime in our community, while at the same time increasing public trust, which is crucial to the mission of our organization.

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CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY SEAT PROGRAM

The DeKalb Police Department started the **Child Passenger Safety Seat Program** in the summer of 2001. Ten DeKalb Police staff members 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 three safety checkpoints conducted in DeKalb with numerous installations. We also completed 29 car seat checks and installations at the police department throughout 2020.



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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 patients and one deceased passenger. Juniors and Seniors watched the entire process from the initial 9-1-1 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.



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HEROES & HELPERS



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The DeKalb Police Department and Target work together to show their giving spirit by organizing the **Heroes and Helpers** program.

The program is aimed at giving children the chance to spend a morning with local police officers as they shop together for the perfect Christmas gifts.

The all-volunteer event acknowledges the hard times some families might experience during the Christmas season, so the DeKalb Police works in conjunction with DeKalb School District 428 to select children to go on a \$100 shopping spree with a police officer.

With the help of fundraising and private donations, this program raised enough money for 65 children to participate in the program in 2020.



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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.



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PROJECT H.O.P.E

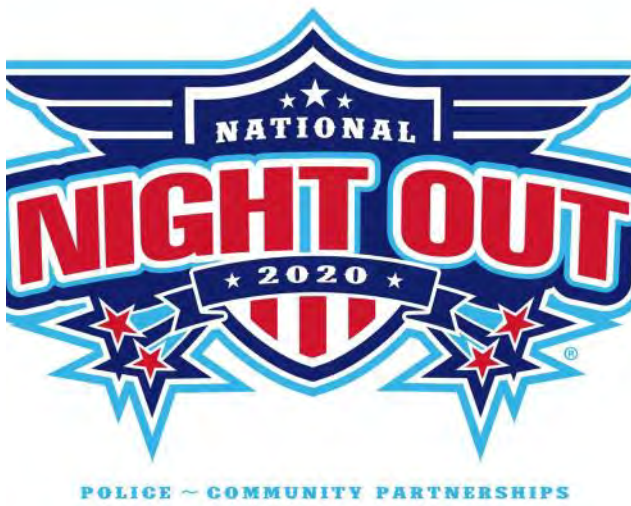
In its second year, **Project H.O.P.E.** (Heroin/Opioid Outreach Prevention and Education) helped placed 18 people into various addiction treatment facilities this past year. This program is to intercept opioid abuse at its earliest point possible by getting opioid users into treatment before entering the criminal justice system. The DeKalb Police Department has partnered with the DeKalb County Health Department, DeKalb County State's Attorney's office, DeKalb County Probation and Northern Illinois University. It is our goal to expand Project H.O.P.E. throughout the county and work with area law enforcement agencies to train other officers on how to place those in need of treatment.

HUNTER SAFETY COURSE

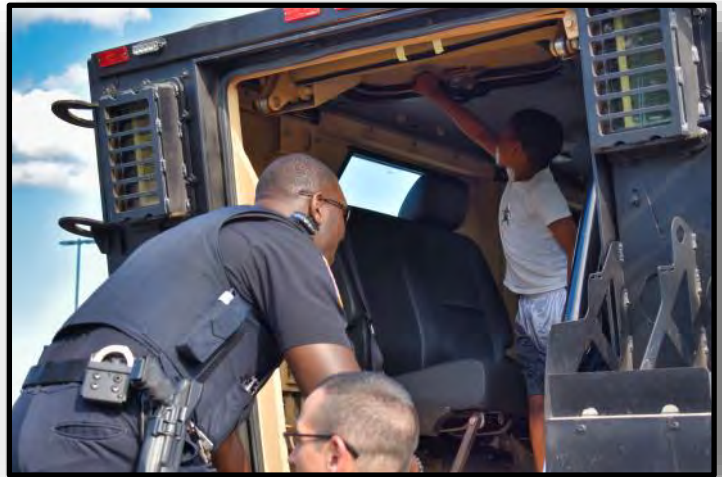
The DeKalb Police Department in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, hosts an annual hunter safety course. This is a ten-hour class, broken down into three mandatory sessions with a written exam at the end of the third session. Upon completion of the written test, students take 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. Due to the pandemic, this class was canceled.



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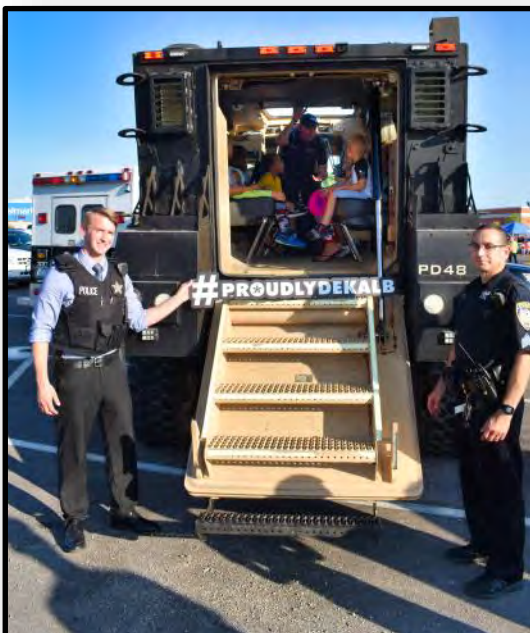


NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out is “America’s Night Out Against Crime.” The 33rd Annual National Night Out (NNO) was canceled this year due to the COVID pandemic. This is a community education event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW). This event includes the DeKalb Police Department, DeKalb County Sheriff’s Office, Sycamore Police Department, Cortland Police Department, Northern Illinois University Police Department, and DeKalb Fire Department. Several police and fire vehicles go on display including fire trucks, squad cars, a police motorcycle, a police bicycle, and a mobile command center.

We looking forward to participating in the event in 2021.

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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 drop off unwanted medications year-round using a drop box in the lobby of the police headquarters. We are unable to accept liquids and syringes.

This event was canceled due to the pandemic; however, 344 pounds of drugs was collected through our drug drop-off box in the police department lobby.

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.

When residents observe suspicious activity in their neighborhood, they should 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.



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NOT ON MY CAMPUS

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

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

RAPE AGGRESSION DEFENSE TRAINING (RAD)

The DeKalb Police continues to host self-defense classes for women. The course is called **RAD** - "Rape Aggression Defense," and is designed to enhance the option of self-defense so it may become a viable consideration to the woman who is attacked. Topics include basic physical defense techniques, legal rights for defending yourself, and identifying or reducing risks. Unfortunately, the RAD training was not held in 2020 due to the COVID pandemic.



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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 Jonathan Bell** serves as the ROP officer at the Lewis Court Apartments and has the responsibility of assisting with neighborhood issues both within the housing complex and the adjacent Pleasant Street neighborhood. He performs 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.

The Resident Officer assigned to the Pleasant Street neighborhood 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 Sebastian Lemus** resides in the city-owned home and serves as the Resident Officer in the Pleasant Street Neighborhood.

All 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.



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STORM READY CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

The City of DeKalb was first certified by the National Weather Service in December 2015 as a Storm Ready Community. This certification effort was coordinated by Commander Jason Leverton. In December 2018, the City of DeKalb was re-certified for another three years through the end of 2021.

Receiving and maintaining this re-certification requires 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 must verify its methods of disseminating local weather warnings, which include outdoor warning sirens, a public access television channel, cable television override messaging in conjunction with Comcast, a local alert broadcast system through Rave, and a local flood warning system.

The City also demonstrates its readiness through a 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. Because of this, the City of DeKalb is also recognized as a Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador by the National Weather Service for its efforts in community collaboration in storm readiness. Spotter training to the community was provided at a class hosted by the Police Department in February 2020, which included 50 attendees who became certified weather spotters.

The DeKalb Police Department expresses its gratitude to meteorologist Gilbert Sebenste of Allison House LLC, who regularly provides severe weather information to the department, and also provided the instruction at the annual spotter training class. The class for 2021 has been postponed due to Covid, with online webinars available instead through the National Weather Service.

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TRAINING for INTERVENTION PROCEDURES

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 setup 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.

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One of the continual goals of our department and the city is to train establishments within our city on the local and state liquor laws and ordinances. Included in this enforcement is the TIPS program. This past year, servers, managers, and bartenders completed the courses. 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. The original "On Premise" TIPS program focuses on open alcohol service for on site consumption. The "Off Premise" program is training for package sales locations for off-site alcohol consumption.

We trained 47 servers in early 2020, plus additional servers certified online due to COVID restrictions.



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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 Department of Human Services, 29 venues were checked three times throughout 2020. The program called for DeKalb Police officers to visit with all tobacco licensees in the City of DeKalb. The businesses were advised the police would be checking tobacco sales compliance throughout the year. They were given a packet of information on how to prevent the sales to minors and explanations of the law. They were also given posters to hang up letting customers know that the tobacco licensees would be checking identification for age before a tobacco sale. Using minors, 16 to 17 years of age, the businesses were checked only one time in 2020 because of COVID (were checked three times throughout the year to make sure they complied with laws prohibiting the sale of cigarettes to minors). In 2020, one business was found to be in violation.

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The citizens and businesses of DeKalb were very supportive to the police department during this difficult year. Here, Nestle donated Starbucks coffee, which was greatly appreciated.



"OPERATION WARM" This event was held in November at DeKalb Fire Department and University Village. Officer Pristave and Officer Casas volunteered to assist the DeKalb Firefighters Local 1236 and DeKalb Classroom Teachers Association (DCTA) in disseminating new coats for kids.



On July 16th we were able to help Aiden celebrate his 13th birthday with a drive-by parade. His family and the Make A Wish foundation organized the birthday parade with several participants, including the DeKalb Fire and Police Departments.



On July 11th, John Cole and Kenneth Rowe dropped off some supplies to the police department from the AMVETS Post 90, DeKalb. These two gentlemen and the AMVETS support the DeKalb Police, the Fire Department, and the City during these trying times.

COPS AND KIDS



We understand the importance of establishing relationships with our youth. Our goal is to create a positive relationship and build trust with them.

This past year we had the pleasure of being able to be a part of many birthday celebrations for citizens of all ages. We were honored to have participated in the drive-by birthday celebrations bringing excitement and happiness to us all during a difficult year.

Also, due to the stay-at home order during the COVID pandemic, Officer Bollow made special notice to kids who were outside playing or going for walks. He greeted them and handed them stuffed animals that had been donated to the department. The excitement of the kids was priceless.

Officer Verdone had the pleasure of meeting a potential police candidate at his birthday party. He also received some tips on driving maneuvers with his new squad car.

We also had a special request for a 12 year old autistic boy who had made a pretty big impression with the police officer at our "Heroes and Helpers." A few days later Officer Brown went to visit him after hearing he was disappointed that his picture from that event wasn't published. Officer Brown and Nathan then spent some time together doing arts and crafts.



The DeKalb Police Department participated for the 4th year in a row for “No-Shave November.” Officers who participated were asked to give a donation to the No-Shave November Foundation via the DeKalb Police Benevolent & Protective Association.

The No-Shave November Foundation is a web-based, non-profit organization devoted to growing cancer awareness and raising funds to support cancer prevention, research, and education. The 2020 Campaign supported the “Fight Colorectal Cancer,” St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital, and the Prevent Cancer Foundation. No less than 80% of donations were donated equally to participating charities.





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In early 2020, thousands of law enforcement officers and other first responders throughout the country contracted COVID-19 during the worldwide pandemic due to requirements of the job.

HONORING *their service*

These law enforcement officers died as a result of contracting the virus in the line of duty.

REMEMBERING *their sacrifice*

343 law enforcement officers died in the line of duty last year. 222 were from COVID.

