

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT



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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,

On May 1, 2021, I started my career with the DeKalb Police Department and as I embark on the completion of my first year as Chief of Police of the DeKalb Police Department, I would use one word to describe it, and that word is “excited”!

I am excited about the growth of personnel at DPD. We have added twelve (12) Police Officers in the past year. These officers are young, talented, and excited about the beginning of their law enforcement career.

I am excited about the new technology at DPD. In the year 2021, the DeKalb police Department has procured with the approval of the City Council twelve (12) License Plate Readers that will be deployed early in the year 2022. This new technology will serve as a deterrent to criminal activity and assist our patrol units by notifying DPD when a wanted vehicle, stolen vehicle, or any other felonious vehicles enters the DeKalb community. I am excited to see the impact of this hi-tech crime fighting tool in the year 2022...stay tuned!

I am excited about the development of the DeKalb Citizen Police Review Board in the year 2021. The Citizen Review Board will bring an additional level of transparency, integrity, and professionalism to the framework of the DeKalb Police Department. The review board will be trained and functional in the year 2022.

I am excited about the partnership with the DeKalb Community. In 2021 the DeKalb Police Department recognized DeKalb citizens for assisting the DeKalb Police Department on several calls of service ranging from battery to personal injury crashes. We can't serve and protect alone; we need the assistance of our amazing citizens to make the City of DeKalb a safe community to live in. I am looking forward to the 2022 Citizen Appreciation Event, “if you see something...say something”

The future of the DeKalb Police Department is extremely bright! The department has added eight (8) new officers since my tenure has started. The Board of Fire & Police Commissioners and the DeKalb Human Resource Office has done an amazing job vetting police candidates, and assuring we only allow the best candidates to be a part of the DeKalb Police Department. These eight (8) officers are the future of the DeKalb Police Department, and we all should be excited and extremely optimistic regarding of the DeKalb Police Department.

In conclusion, I want to personally thank every member of the DeKalb Police Department for all the hard work and professionalism displayed throughout the year of 2021. I can't express how proud I am of the DeKalb Police Department...JOB WELL DONE!

“This is the Way...The DPD Way!”

Chief David Byrd
DeKalb Police Department



ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief of Police

David Byrd*

Deputy Chief

Jason Leverton#

Commanders

Bob Redel

Craig Woodruff

Stylianios Lekkas

Chad McNett#

Sergeants

Scott Farrell

Joseph Espy

Paul Mott+

Mark Tehan+

Todd Wells

Tony Kwasniewski

Keith Ehrke

Keunte Mallett

Ryan Wilkens

Philip Brown#

Sonny Streit#

Kris Mecca#

Raynaldo Hernandez#

Sworn Officers

Aaron Lockhart+

Kevin Ferrigan

Jason Watson

Kelly Sullivan+

Brian Bollow

Anthony Densberger

Chris Sullivan

Lance Reinbolz

Jared Burke

Elizabeth Fabro

Jeffrey Ackland

Aaron Gates

Bryan Soderstrom

Jonathan Jursich^

Sadie Pristave

Jordan Poulos^

John Loechel

Allison Remnes

Michael Cicchetti^

Habideen Olaniran

Jason Goodwin

Steven Parsons

Danielle Sorenson

Josef Gordon

Charles Verdone

Sworn Officers

Aaron Kleinmaier

Jonathan Bell

Trevor Burdick

Max Paul

Elise Dusek

Kevin Ballschmiede

Kaela Gardner

Jorge Abonce

Diego Casas

Amber Donaly**^

Mason Fleury

Brian Rodriguez

Uriel Ortega*

Michael Rinella*

Betsy Cooper-

Justin Donahue*

Daniel Dilorenzo **^

Ryan Diedrich*

Austin Jacquin*

Hayden LaPointe*

Ramain Schaeffer-Carrington*

Chloe Albert*

David Moore*

Hayden Patterson*

Troy Harness*

Communications Coordinator Administrative Assistant

Sean Woyna

Penny Meier+

Melissa Neblock -

Telecommunicators

Heide Clark

Brittany Hedin

Geoffrey Wells

Elizabeth Basham

Alyssa Jennings

Garrett Williams^

Jessica Green

Brittany Mellinger^

Samantha McMeen

Emily Hopkins

Kelli Wilkens

Kaitlin Armstrong

Jennifer Barnett

Keller Kurth

Shayna Burton*

Records Supervisor

Emily Henderson

Records Office Associates

Rita Larson+

Patty Pumfrey

Carol Halsey

Adrienne Oziah -

JoAnn Garcia*

Video Evidence Technician

Kody Williams*

Community Service Officers

James Rhoades

Daniel Gerace

Justin Julian

Austin Peters

Court Security

Raymond West

Crime Free Housing

Carl Leoni

#Promoted

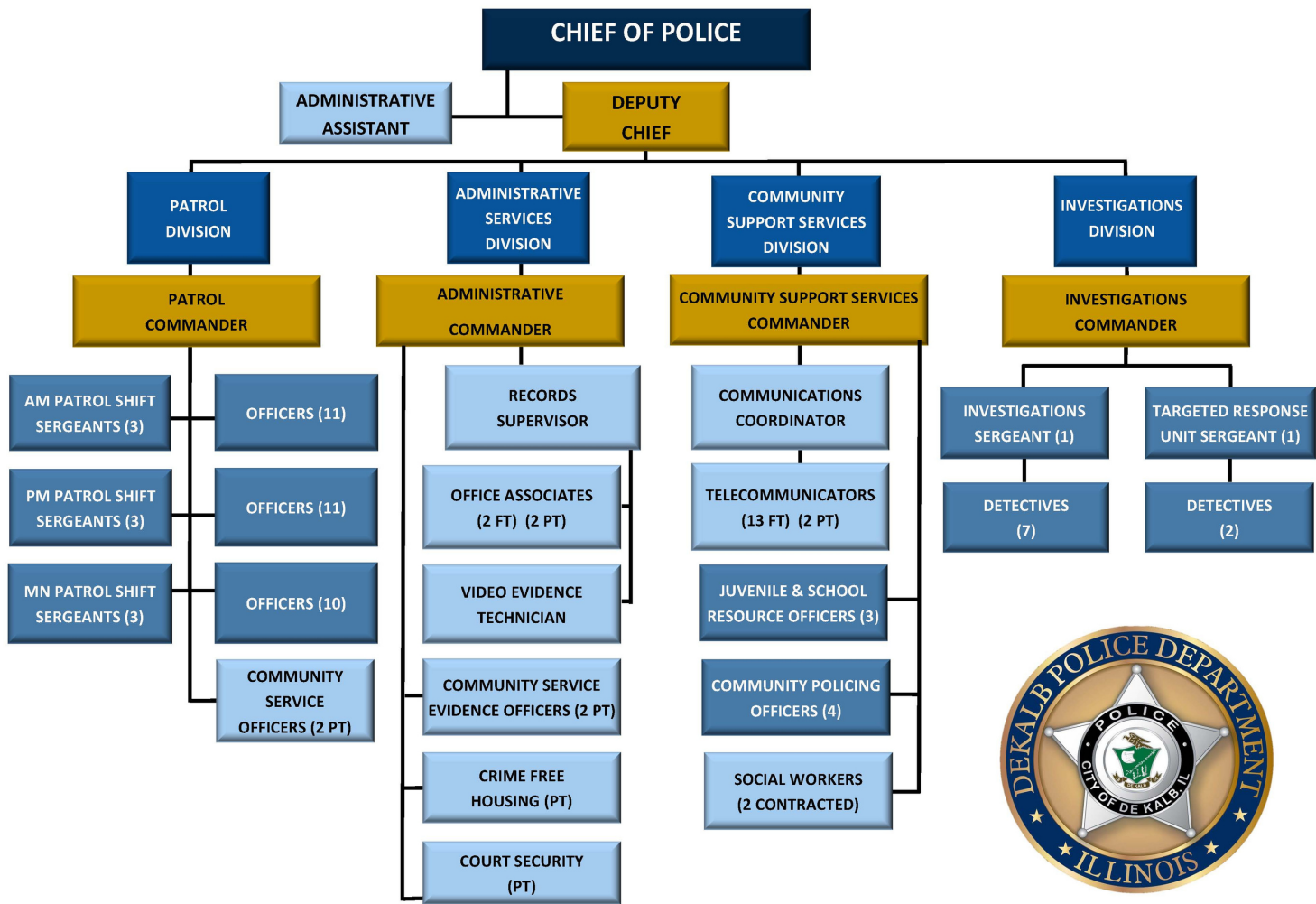
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+ Retired

^Resigned

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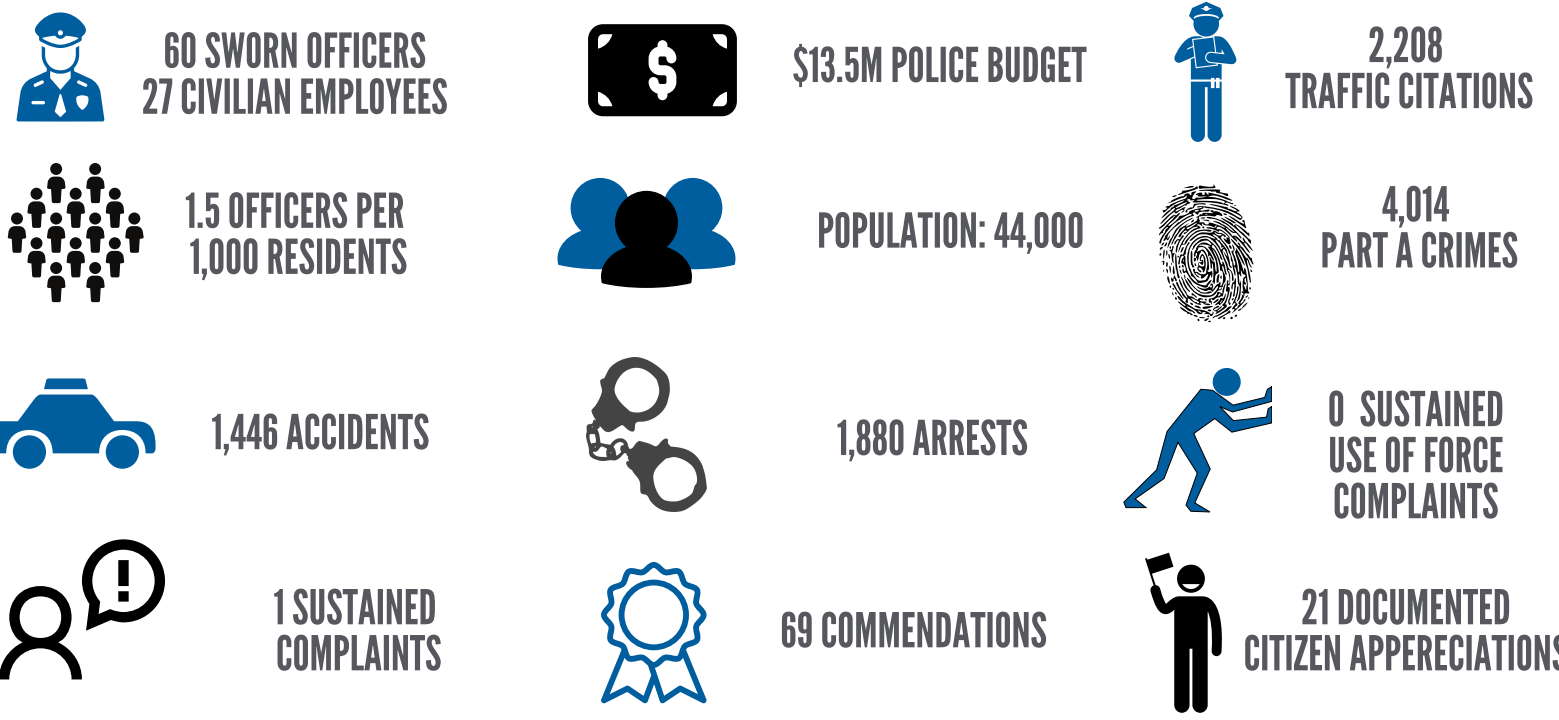
18 MARKED SQUAD CARS
12 UNMARKED SQUAD CARS
3 SUPPORT SERVICES CARS
1 CARGO TRAILER
10 BICYCLES
1 POLICE UTILITY VEHICLE
1 RESCUE VEHICLE
2 MOTORCYCLES



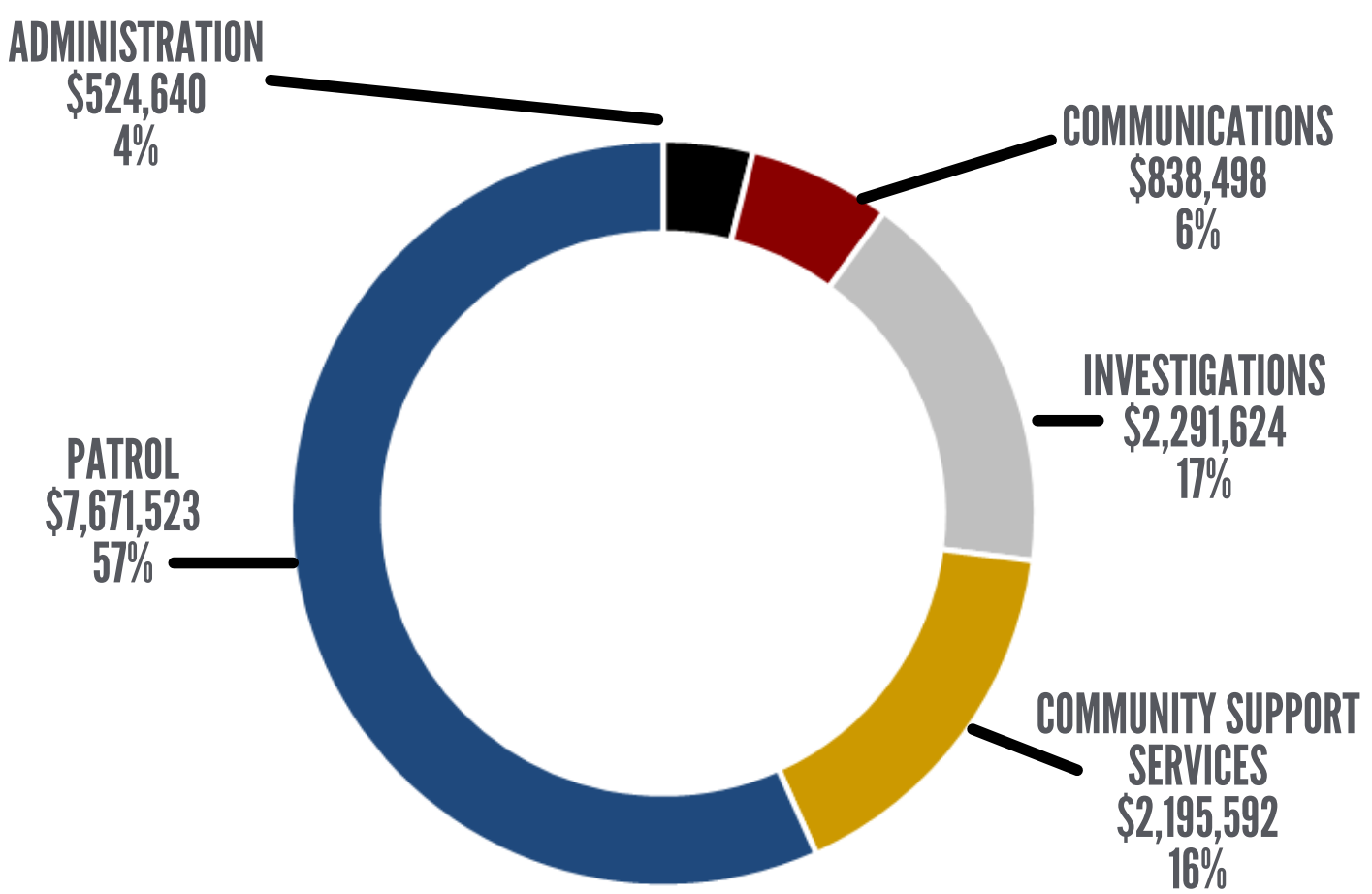


2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

2021 SNAPSHOT



POLICE DEPARTMENT 2021 BUDGET



2021 IN REVIEW - HIGHLIGHTS

DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP

From January 1 to April 30, Commander Bob Redel served as the department's Interim Police Chief. Following an extensive selection process, the department filled the open Police Chief position. On May 1, 2021, Chief Byrd (Retired Colonel-Illinois State Police) was hired and brought over 31 years of Law Enforcement experience to the Department. On October 17, 2021, Commander Jason Leverton was promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief after an approximately two year vacancy in that position and Sergeant Chad McNett was promoted to the rank of Commander (Patrol Division).



STAFFING INCREASE:

The Police Department was granted the approval to add eight police officers to increase overall sworn staffing to 60 Officers. The Police Department will add an additional five police officers in the year 2022 to bring the sworn total to 65.

RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT/COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION (CSS):

A new division was created in the 2021 Budget: Community Support Services. The Community Support Services division was initially funded with \$2.2 million and has focused upon community engagement, community policing, crime-free housing, behavioral health, and community wellness calls for service.

IMPLEMENTING CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM TRAINING:

Over the past several years, the Police Department has participated in various behavioral health initiatives as part of the federal Police-Mental Health Collaboration Program. In January of 2021, members of the department attended a 40-hour training course in Crisis Intervention Team tactics. Team members became specialists in intervention with persons experiencing a personal crisis due to behavioral health issues. In addition, two new embedded social workers provided through the Northwestern Medicine Ben Gordon Center began working part-time within the Police Department as part of the new Community Services Division.



2021 IN REVIEW- HIGHLIGHTS

CITIZEN APPRECIATION CEREMONY:

The Department held its first Citizen Appreciation Ceremony in which 11 citizens were commended for offering assistance to the Police Department. This will be an annual event, and the Department looks forward to commending citizens for assistance rendered to fellow citizens and the department.

LICENSE PLATE READERS APPROVED:

On October 11, 2021 the DeKalb City Council approved the procurement of 12 license plate readers (LPR) to be deployed and assist DeKalb Police Department in criminal interdiction. The strategic deployment of the LPRs will enhance public safety in the City of DeKalb. The deployment of the LPRs is expected to take place in early 2022.

BODY WORN CAMERAS:

Following a pilot program in 2020, the department purchased Axon body cameras and implemented them in 2021 with every officer wearing one. These cameras record every police enforcement activity, help with evidence capture and retention, and allow seamless sharing with other police agencies as well as the DeKalb County State’s Attorney’s Office. The cameras have also already proven themselves as tools for transparency and accountability for the department.



NATIONAL INCIDENT BASED REPORTING SYSTEM (NIBRS):

In 2021, all of the police departments in Illinois were required to switch from the traditional crime reporting system known as Illinois Uniform Crime Reporting (IUCR) to the federal standards outlined in the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS). It was a significant departure from the IUCR model requiring new efforts in police report writing and records collection. The new system seeks to collect uniform crime data from disparate states to provide more comprehensive and detailed crime statistics.

GRANTS

U.S. Bureau of Justice Edward Byrne Justice Grant Program – \$17,512 These funds were approved to replace aging laptop computers in squad car that link our officers to timely dispatch information, safety alerts, and allow for remote reporting.

Tobacco Compliance Grant - \$3,960 These funds provide compliance checks of tobacco vendors.

Illinois Department of Transportation Traffic Grant - \$18,000 These funds were used for special enforcement details during holiday periods.

2021 IN REVIEW- STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NEW HIRES

In addition to the hiring of Chief David Byrd in May of 2021, the department also hired numerous sworn officers. Officer Ortega, Rinella, and Cooper were sworn in during January of 2021. Officer Donahue was a lateral candidate and started with the department in February of 2021. Officer Dilorenzo was sworn in during March of 2021. Officer Diedrich, Jaquin, LaPointe, and Schafer-Carrington were sworn in during July of 2021. Officer Albert and Moore were sworn in during August of 2021. Officer Patterson was a lateral candidate and started with the department in September of 2021. Officer Harness was also a lateral candidate and started with the department in October of 2021.



In addition to sworn personnel, the department also hired several civilian personnel. Communications hired a full-time dispatcher. Kody Williams was hired as the department's first video evidence technician in September. JoAnn Garcia was hired as the new full-time records office associate in October.

2021 IN REVIEW- STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PROMOTIONS:

Sergeant Sonny Streit was promoted in January of 2021.

Sergeant Kris Mecca was promoted in May of 2021.

Sergeant Phillip Brown was promoted in September of 2021.

Sergeant Raynaldo Hernandez was promoted in November of 2021.

(Each Sergeant is depicted at right.)

Deputy Chief Jason Leverton and Commander Chad McNett were promoted in October of 2021.



RETIREMENTS:

Sgt. Mark Tehan retired from the department in March of 2021. Sgt. Tehan worked for the department for 25 years. He was dependable, honest, and always the first one to arrive at work. He served as a patrol officer, range instructor, and sergeant.

Penny Meier, the department's longtime administrative assistant, retired in April after nearly 34 years with the department. Behind the scenes, Penny reviewed department reports, compiled crime statistics, monitored our social media, and produced the department's annual report. She was a tremendous asset to the department and will be missed.

Officer Kelly Sullivan retired in July with over 20 years in law enforcement. In her 20 years with the department, she has served as a Field Training Officer, Detective, and Community Relations and Training Officer. Her work as a crime scene investigator helped solve many major cases in our city and throughout the county. Officer Sullivan stayed within the community and is now employed at Elder Care Services in DeKalb.

Sgt. Paul Mott retired in August with almost 20 years in law enforcement. Sgt. Mott was an instrumental member of the department and has remained devoted to the DeKalb community. He served in many roles, including RAD instructor and sergeant of our Targeted Response Unit. He also founded the department's Cops and Bobbers event which occurs each summer during Camp Power. His integrity and work ethic is unmatched and he was a mentor to many of our officers. Mott is now Police Chief in Wautoma, Wisconsin.

Rita Larson retired with 30 years of service with the City of DeKalb in August of 2021. She worked in the Records Section as an office associate at the time of her retirement.

2021 IN REVIEW- STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

YEARS OF SERVICE MILESTONES:

Sgt. Joseph Espy and Officer Brian Bolloow reached their 20 years of service. Deputy Chief Jason Leverton attained 25 years of service.

Jim Rhoades reached his 50 years of service with the department. Rhoades served a variety of roles within the department, both in the Patrol and Detective Divisions. Rhoades was and continues to be a constant wealth of knowledge for his coworkers and is someone many look up to. When he retired from duty, he was brought back on as a Community Service Officer (CSO) in our Evidence Division. Over the past twenty years as a CSO, Rhoades has been a huge asset in the evolving of the department's evidence processing as new laws and regulations changed.



AWARDS:

On June 1, 2021, while off duty, Officer Pristave administered life-saving techniques on a severely injured subject that had suffered from a gunshot wound to the leg. She applied a tourniquet to the leg wound, which controlled the bleeding until advanced medical assistance could arrive.



On July 26, 2021, Sgt. Espy administered life saving techniques on a severely injured subject that had suffered from a severe laceration to his arm. He applied a tourniquet to the injured arm, which controlled the bleeding until advanced medical assistance could arrive.



The department also held life saving award ceremonies for officers who received the award in 2019 and 2020, but were unable to be presented the award in a public ceremony due to COVID restrictions. Officer Dusek, Officer Burdick, and Detective Kleinmaier were presented with their awards for their actions in the December of 2019 event. Officer Fabro was presented with her award for her actions in a 2020 event. Officer Olaniran was presented with his award for his actions in a 2019 event.



2021 IN REVIEW- NOTEWORTHY CASES

MARCH VEHICULAR HIJACKING

An attempted vehicular hijacking occurred on Sycamore Rd. with the assistance of bystanders, DeKalb Officers, and an off-duty County Deputy, the suspect was apprehended. Carl Jones was charged with Vehicular Hijacking, Aggravated Battery, and Resisting a Peace Officer.

MARCH VEHICLE PURSUIT

A subject damaged and threatened multiple homes, before arriving at the Police Department. At the department, the subject threatened to shoot and run over officers, claimed to have an AK-47 in his vehicle. The subject then fled from officers. Officers established a perimeter with assistance from Northern Illinois University and DeKalb County Sheriff's Department. Following a car pursuit, the subject was apprehended. Hassan Coleman was charged with Aggravated Assault, Reckless Driving, Criminal Damage, Disorderly Conduct, Possession of Cannabis, and Aggravated Battery to a Peace Officer.

APRIL TRAFFIC STOP

Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 600 block of Lewis Street. Officers located and seized an uncased semiautomatic pistol, magazine containing ammunition inserted in the magazine well, next to the driver seat. Hugo Lazaro was charged with Driving while License Revoked, Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance, Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapon, Unlawful Possession of Firearm by Street Gang Member.

JUNE WEAPON SEIZURE

Officers responded to a report of a domestic dispute on Ridge drive. When officers arrived, the suspect answered the door with a loaded pistol in hand. Officers seized a .38 caliber HI Point and the suspect was charged with Aggravated Assault, Unlawful Use of a Weapon, Possession of Firearm without a Valid FOID, and Illegal possession of Ammunition without a FOID.



2021 IN REVIEW- NOTEWORTHY CASES

MAJOR ARRESTS IN JULY 2021

- On July 2, a loaded gun was recovered by officers following an investigation of several gunshots.
- On July 3, officers arrested a 16-year-old male from DeKalb on a separate case for Reckless Discharge of a Firearm and Aggravated Unlawful Use of A Weapon.
- On July 4, officers arrested a 37-year-old male from DeKalb with Reckless Discharge of a Firearm and Possession of a Firearm without a FOID Card, following reports of gunshots on W Lincoln Highway.
- On July 6, officers investigated reports of a criminal sexual assault. The same day officers arrested and charged a 35-year-old male from DeKalb with Home Invasion and Criminal Sexual Assault.
- On July 7, officers responded to the report of a stabbing. Later that day, officers were able to apprehend the 24-year-old female from DeKalb and charged her with Aggravated Domestic Battery, Domestic Battery, and Obstructing Identification.

AUGUST 5 SHOTS FIRED CALL

On August 5, 2021, officers from the DeKalb Police Department immediately responded to the 1100 block of West Lincoln Hwy. in reference to shots being fired in the parking lot. Upon the officers' arrival, they located a vehicle that crashed into a concrete retaining wall. The driver of the vehicle was found to have been shot. Officers performed life-saving measures until the DeKalb Fire Department arrived on scene. The driver was transported to Northwestern Kishwaukee Community Hospital where he was later pronounced deceased.

Investigators learned that the decedent pulled into the parking lot with friends when two males exited the car and approached Princeton Mack. The decedent threatened Mack as Mack attempted to retreat. As Mack was walking backwards away from the decedent, the decedent stated that he was going to rob Mack. The decedent pulled out a gun and threatened Mack. Mack who was also armed with a gun, began shooting at the decedent. The decedent ran back to his car and attempted to drive away when he crashed into the retaining wall.

Investigators obtained a search warrant to search Mack's residence and a warrant for his arrest. Princeton Mack was taken into custody without incident in the parking lot of 1100 W. Lincoln Hwy. The decedent's name is not being released at this time. The decedent was 21 years of age and resided in Aurora, Illinois. Investigators recovered the gun used by the decedent and the gun believed to have been fired by Mack.



2021 IN REVIEW- NOTEWORTHY CASES

AUGUST 8 SHOTS FIRED

On August 8, officers responded to a report of a person with a gun in the 900 block of Spiros Ct. On arrival, officers heard gunfire and called for additional units. The first officer on the scene saw an individual with a handgun pointed at other subjects. That officer ordered the offender to stop. The offender did not comply, and the officer fired one shot from their pistol. The offender was not struck and immediately ran from the area. The officer pursued the offender and took him into custody after a short foot pursuit. Officers recovered the offender's handgun a few feet away from where he was taken into custody. The offender was processed and taken to the DeKalb County Jail awaiting bond. The investigation into the officer-involved shooting was conducted by the Illinois State Police. Dante Ormond was arrested and charged with Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon, Unlawful Possession of a Weapon by a Felon, Resisting a Peace Officer, and Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm. Devon Washington was arrested and charged with Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm, Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon, and Aggravated Possession of a Weapon by a Felon. Additional investigation into the other offenders continues.



AUGUST TRAFFIC STOP

A traffic stop resulted in the seizure of 55 grams of cannabis, a .22 caliber Keltic pistol, and a 9mm Glock. Three arrests were made in this case.

SEPTEMBER SHOTS FIRED

Officers responded to Roosevelt St. in regard to a report of shots of fired. A search warrant was obtained, and a spent casing and magazine were located inside the residence. Alante Ginyard was charged with Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm, Illegal Possession of a Weapon by a Felon, and Illegal Possession Ammunition.

NOTEWORTHY OCTOBER CASES

A victim was shot and injured in the 800 block of Ridge Dr. The victim was transported to the hospital and ultimately succumbed to their injuries. Deanphony Broadnax-Merchant was charged with homicide.

Officers seized a one 9mm Glock and 9mm Polymer Ghost Gun during a stop on Spiros Ct. and two individuals were arrested and charged.

Officers responded to the report of a Home Invasion in the 600 block of Normal Rd. The victim stated that they were threatened with a meat cleaver and potato peeler. Officers located the suspect a short time later and took them into custody. Brendan Elliott was arrested and charged with Armed Robbery and Home Invasion.

2021 IN REVIEW- NOTEWORTHY CASES

OCTOBER OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

On October 25, DeKalb police officers responded to a Domestic Disturbance call in the 100 Block of Tilton Park Dr. Upon arrival officers located a frantic female subject in the back yard of the residence. The female subject who had contacted the DeKalb Police Department initially to report the domestic disturbance advised officers that the male subject in the residence had been drinking an alcoholic beverage and was armed with a Samurai sword, threatened to kill the female subject, and attack officers. DeKalb Police Department officers attempted to make contact with the male subject by speaking through the front door of the residence. After numerous attempts to make contact, officers finally were able to start a dialogue through the door of the residence. DeKalb Police Department officers talked to the male subject for several minutes attempting to de-escalate the situation. DeKalb Police Department officers were able to convince the male subject to open the door of the residence and speak to them, however, at that time the male subject grabbed a large-edged weapon consistent with the description of a Samurai sword, and advanced toward officers with the weapon over his head and pointed at DeKalb Police Department officers. DeKalb Police Department officers ordered the male subject to drop the weapon and stop several times. The male subject refused to comply with multiple orders by DeKalb Police Department officers which led to the deployment of less than lethal measures (taser and bean bag projectile), and one DeKalb Police Department officer fired one round from a departmental firearm striking the male subject in the chest area (upper torso). DeKalb Police Department officers and DeKalb Fire Department immediately rendered aid to the injured subject. The male subject was transported to Kishwaukee Hospital by DeKalb Fire Department. Once at Kishwaukee Hospital life-saving measures were continued, however, sadly the male subject succumbed to his injuries.

DECEMBER NOTEWORTHY CASES

Officers were dispatched to W. Hillcrest Drive and N. Annie Glidden Road for two people sleeping in the car at a green light. The vehicle was searched, and a loaded, defaced 9mm handgun with an extended magazine, approximately 24 individual bags of suspected crack cocaine, and twelve individual bags containing suspected cannabis were seized. Kevin King was charged with Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance with the Intent to Deliver, Unlawful Possession of a Defaced Firearm, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm as a Felon, and Unlawful Possession of Cannabis with the Intent to Deliver.

Officers responded to a report that a victim’s ex-boyfriend had pulled a gun on her. A juvenile was ultimately arrested for Domestic Battery, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm and Possession of a Weapon Without a FOID Card.

Officers responded to an aggravated domestic battery where the suspect destroyed all the children’s Christmas presents. After the suspect was arrested, officers pooled together resources and gifted the children with brand new toys.





STATISTICS

UNIFORM CRIME REPORTS

Listed below are the Part I Crimes (now referred to as Part A) and Part II Crimes (now referred to as Part B) that were reported via IUCR for 2019 and 2020. Under the old IUCR format, Part II crimes were only counted if there was an arrest. Please note that these numbers cannot be evenly compared to 2021 numbers due to the change in reporting.

Offense	2019	2020
Homicide	1	4
Criminal Sexual Assault	41	35
Robbery	33	40
Aggravated Battery / Assault	170	173
Burglary	162	114
Theft	1,081	1,165
Motor Vehicle Theft	41	59
Arson	12	9
Human Trafficking	0	0
Total Part I	1,541	1,599

Offense	2019	2020
Drug Induced Homicide	1	2
Battery	752	805
Deception	474	379
Criminal Damage & Trespass	698	797
Deadly Weapons	84	108
Sex Offenses	55	64
Drug / Paraphernalia Crimes	649	390
Interfere W/ Police Officer	177	166
Intimidation	7	12
Kidnapping / Abduction	23	39
Total Part II (now included in Part A)	2,920	2,762



UNIFORM CRIME REPORTS

In 2021, all of the police departments in Illinois were required to switch from the traditional crime reporting system known as Illinois Uniform Crime Reporting (IUCR) to the federal standards outlined in the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS). The new system seeks to collect uniform crime data from disparate states to provide more comprehensive and detailed crime statistics. The switch to this new reporting format caused significant differences in our department's statistics, making it difficult to compare 2021 data with prior years. Some changes that caused this include: additional offenses classified as Part A, no longer reporting only the most serious offenses, and new definitions for offenses. For this reason, you will not see a direct comparison of prior years to this year.

Offense	Reported in 2021
Murder	3
Negligent Manslaugther	1
Justifiable Homicide	1
Non-Consensual Sex Offenses	48
Aggravated Assault	173
Simple Assault	1,072
Intimidation	116
Kidnapping/Abduction	12
Consensual Sex Offenses	5
Human Trafficking- Commercial Sex Acts	0
Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude	1
Crimes Against Persons Total	1,432

UNIFORM CRIME REPORTS

Listed below are the NIBRS Part B crimes and the UCR Part II crimes from 2020 and 2019. Part B/II offenses are considered less serious crimes and encompass all other offenses. The below items include all Part B crimes, which will differ from the arrest-only data that is submitted on the state level.

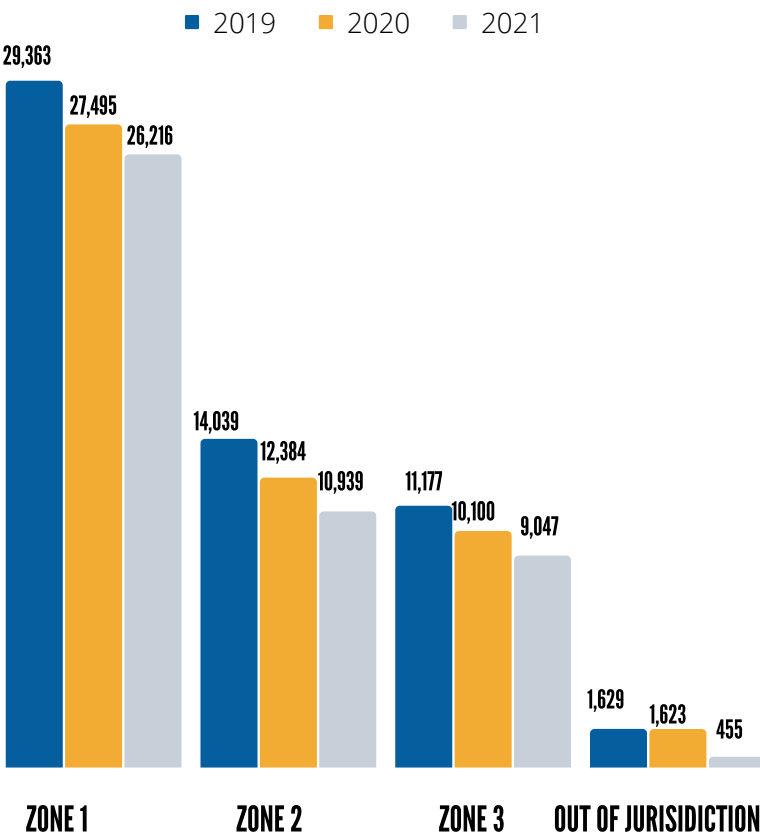
Offense	2019	2020
Offenses involving Children	82	49
Liquor Control Violations	36	13
Major Motor Vehicle Offenses	1,530	645
Disorderly Conduct	1,025	1,315
Interfere W/ Police Officer	177	166
Violation of Sex Offender Registry Laws	10	15
Other Criminal Offenses	628	498
Total Part II	3,488	2,701

Offense	2021
Fraudulent Checks	4
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Violations	4
Disorderly Conduct	1,070
Driving Under the Influence	81
Disruptive Intoxication	1
Family Offenses, Non- Violent	8
Liquor Law Violations	30
Voyeurism	0
Runaway	12
Trespass of Real Property	302
All Other Offenses	588
Total Part B	2,100

STATISTICS - GENERAL

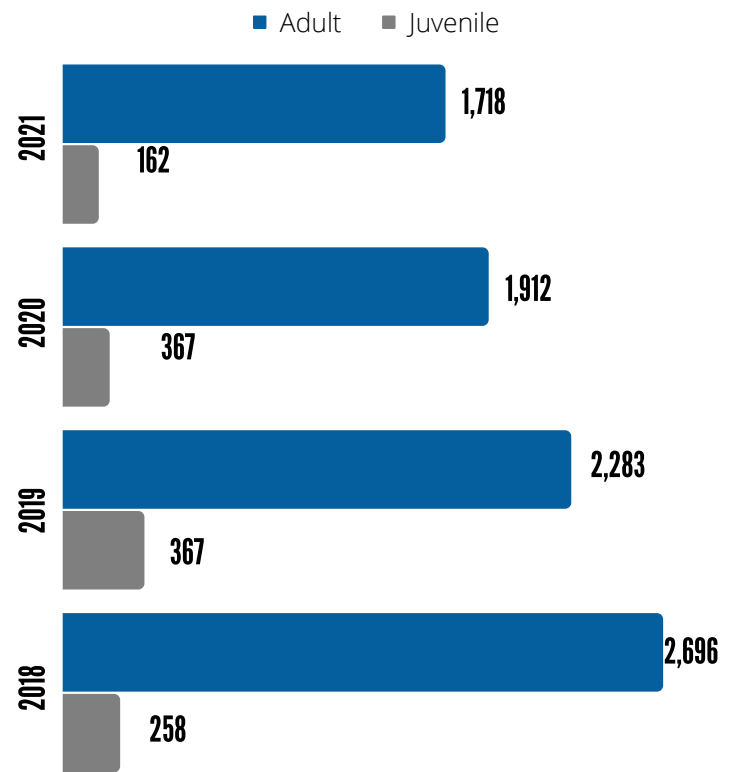
CALLS FOR SERVICE BY ZONE

THE DEPARTMENT HAS SEEN A DECREASE IN TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE. THIS IS DUE IN PART TO LOW STAFFING NUMBERS AND REDUCED ABILITY FOR SELF-INITIATED CALLS.



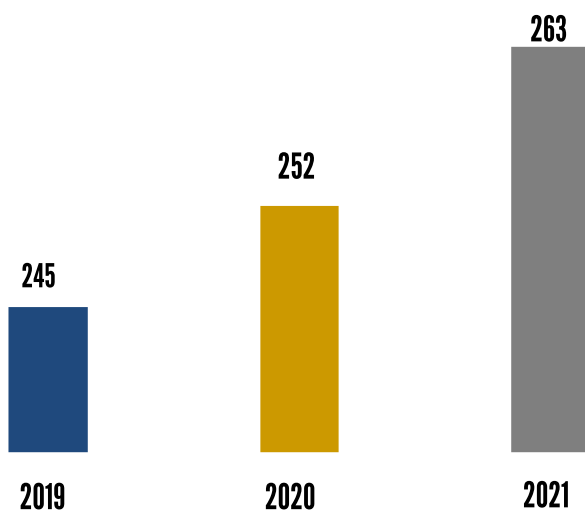
ADULT / JUVENILE ARRESTS

THE DEPARTMENT HAD A DECREASE IN TOTAL ARRESTS FROM 2020 TO 2021. THIS DECREASE WAS SEEN FOR BOTH JUVENILES AND ADULT ARRESTS.



VIOLENT CRIMES

THE DEPARTMENT HAS SEEN AN AVERAGE INCREASE BETWEEN 3-6% OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS FOR VIOLENT CRIMES.



VIOLENT CRIMES INCLUDE HOMICIDE, AGGRAVATED ASSAULT/BATTERY, CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT, ROBBERY, AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING.



100 REPORTED SHOTS FIRED CALLS



77 RECOVERED FIREARMS

CALLS FOR SERVICE- PUBLIC SERVICE AND MISCELLANEOUS

Calls for Service	2019	2020	2021
Alarm	947	858	811
Assist Business	360	373	449
Assist Citizens	9,012	7,478	5,319
Assist Fire Department	459	483	245
Assist Outside Agency	3,625	3,279	1,388
Child Custody / Exchange	229	300	290
Citizen Contact	394	210	128
Keys in Car	1,563	1,301	1,475
Lost / Found Property	256	243	365
Outside Agency Warrant Arrests	546	560	502
Public Presentations / Community Engagement	355	203	569
Warrant Attempts / Paper Service	430	212	200
Accidental Injury	8	9	0
Deaths (Non Criminal)	63	60	63
Miscellaneous	98	73	73
Missing Adult	71	50	78
Repossession	198	99	172
Sex Offender Registration	204	237	290
Unfounded Calls	3,194	3,831	3,176

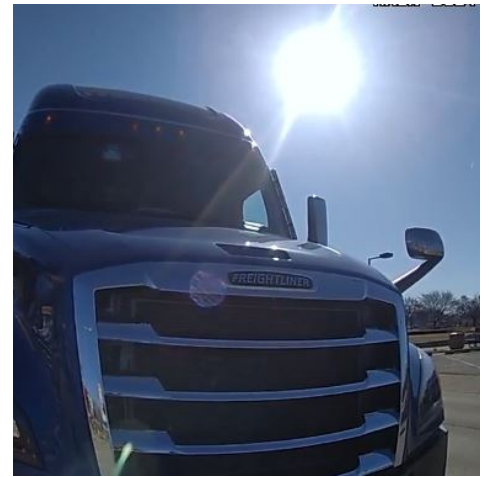
CALLS FOR SERVICE- QUALITY OF LIFE AND NUISANCES

Calls for Service	2019	2020	2021
Animal Calls	552	712	651
Annoying Phone Calls	20	9	11
Disorderly Conduct	459	636	1,175
Intoxicated Subjects	213	170	276
Juvenile Offenses	417	340	416
Property Offenses (Non- Reportable)	339	319	272
Reported Shots Fired	70	95	100
Suspicious Activity	2,288	2,036	2,020

Calls for Service	2019	2020	2021
Behavioral Health Issues	280	644	672
Check Well Being	978	1,015	1,081
Civil Disputes	254	286	364
Domestic Calls	1,357	1,660	1,732
Landlord / Tenant Dispute	69	107	73
Municipal Ordinance Violations	1,586	1,713	1,427
Neighbor Trouble	102	152	186
Relocation Complaints	74	139	126

TRAFFIC STATISTICS

	2019	2020	2021
Citations Issued	2,947	1,976	1,870
DUI Arrests	68	57	81
Warnings Issued	2,360	1,182	1,053
Parking Tickets Issued	4,893	5,179	6,657



	2019	2020	2021
Abandoned Auto	245	227	287
Pedestrian Warnings	10	9	7
Driving Complaints	461	476	419
Parking Complaints	634	409	754

ACCIDENT STATISTICS



	2019	2020	2021
Property Damage	1,198	885	1,067
Accidents with Injuries	192	119	207
Fatalities	1	0	2

There were 175 minor accidents that did not require a report due to lack of injuries or property damage and are not reflected in the above statistics.



HIGH ACCIDENT INTERSECTIONS

Intersection	Number of Accidents
Sycamore Rd & Greenwood Acres Dr	16
W. Lincoln Hwy & Annie Glidden Rd	7
N. Annie Glidden Rd & Varsity Blvd	7
N. Annie Glidden & W. Lincoln Hwy	7
N. 7th St & Sycamore Rd	7

DIVISIONS



Chief's Office

Community Support Services

Administrative Services

Patrol

Investigations



CHIEF'S OFFICE

The Office of the Chief is accountable for all aspects of the Police Department's function and mission. This past year Interim Chief Bob Redel was replaced by Chief David Byrd. 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.

Deputy Chief Jason Leverton is responsible for overseeing all of the operating divisions of the Police Department. The Deputy Chief performs most of the business aspects of the Police Department such as payroll processing, invoice payment for goods and services, budget preparation and execution, uniform and equipment provision, building maintenance coordination, and fleet management. He also administers the department's policy manual and serves as the accreditation manager to maintain state accreditation standards. He provides administrative review of use of force situations and also reviews business and liquor license applications. He also serves as the Chairman for the DeKalb County Emergency Telephone System 9-1-1 Board (ETSB).

Administrative Assistant Melissa Neblock is primarily responsible for disseminating the DeKalb County Intelligence report, providing support for the Office of the Chief and Command staff, and serves as the first point of contact for the public wishing to speak with the Chief.





COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

The Community Support Services division focuses on community engagement, communications, community policing, behavioral health, and community wellness calls for service. The department is made of of both sworn and civilian personnel. In 2021, department staff had 569 documented community engagement events. In future years, this division will expand to have two designated Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) officers. Commander Lekkas oversees this division.

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: checking the security of vacationing residents' homes, marking and towing abandoned autos, taking fingerprints for business licensees, and assisting all divisions with various tasks.



VOLUNTEERS

Law enforcement volunteers are comprised mostly 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.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

COMMUNICATIONS

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, 13 full-time and 2 part-time highly trained telecommunicators (TCs). Communications Coordinator Sean Woyna serves as the manager of the center and direct supervisor of the TCs. 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. Telecommunicators dispatch calls for service for the DeKalb Police Department as well as the Northern Illinois University Department of Public Safety and DeKalb Fire Department.

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 city-wide 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.



20,457 911 CALLS



46,657 POLICE CAD CALLS



46,594 ADMINISTRATIVE CALLS



7,628 FIRE / EMS CALLS

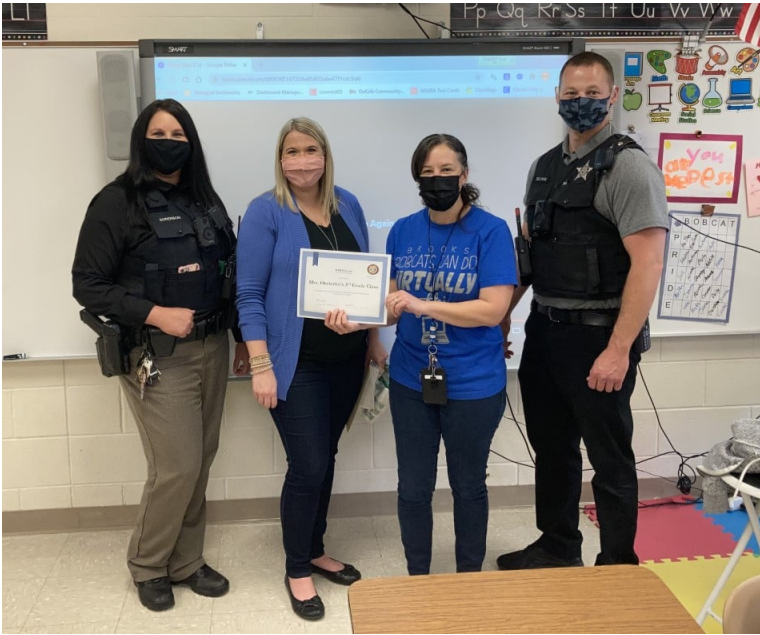
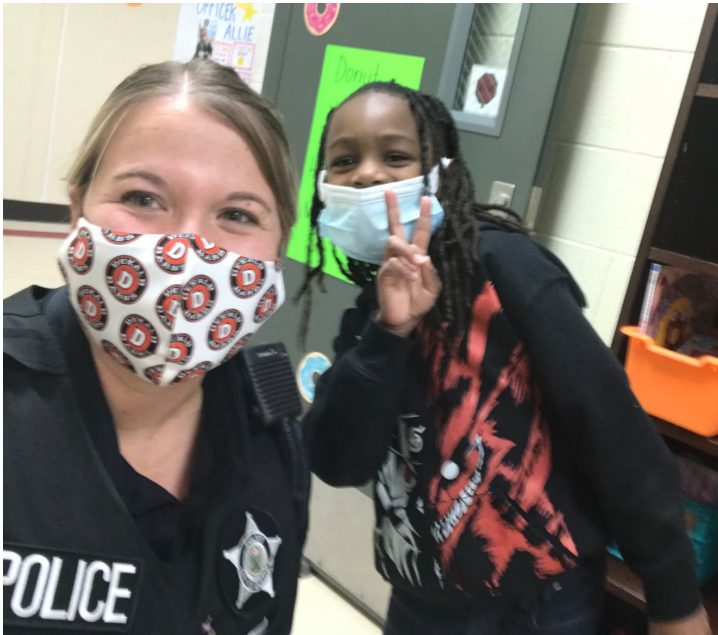
SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS



Three officers are assigned as School Resource Officers (SRO), and fall under the Community Support Services Division. 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.

SRO Chris Sullivan is primarily assigned to the High School and SRO Allison Remnes is assigned to the elementary schools. In 2021, the DeKalb School District added an additional SRO position. SRO Danielle Sorenson was selected for that role and is primarily assigned to the middle schools. In total, there were 239 school related incident reports.

SROs participate in a variety of different academic settings. Examples include driver’s education classes, elementary lessons on emergency workers and community helpers, and reading recitals (in person and virtual). SROs implemented a variety of new programs in 2021, including behavior incentive programs, the Brave Action Rewarded Behavior (BARB) award, turkey disguise contest, and a winter gear drive.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

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.

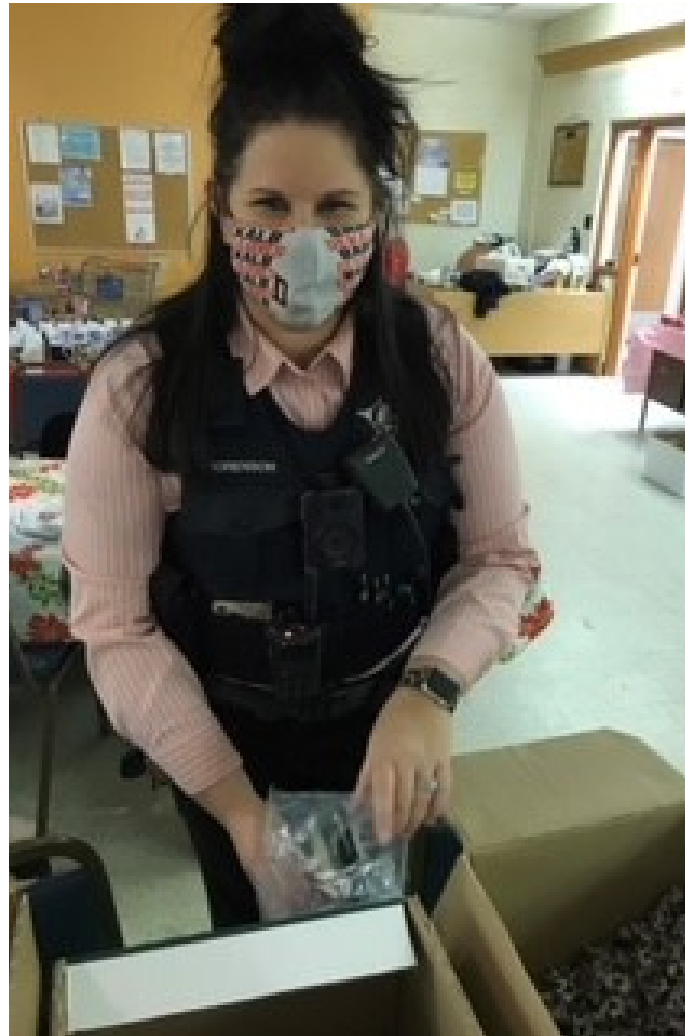
TRIAD

TRIAD was founded in 2013 through the Family Service Agency of DeKalb. Their areas of expertise include:

- Senior Services
- Elder Abuse
- Crime Prevention
- Community Awareness

Officer Sorenson serves as a member of the TRIAD team. TRIAD hosts numerous events throughout the year. The events focus on the well-being and protection of seniors. The TRIAD team is comprised of Law Enforcement, Community Organizations, and individuals working together to improve the quality of life for older adults in DeKalb County.

The focus is on resources to make the maximum positive impact. TRIAD volunteers provide the momentum that helps make a difference for seniors. TRIAD works closely with senior service agencies and local law enforcement to bring crime prevention, education, fun events, and volunteer programs to the seniors of DeKalb County.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

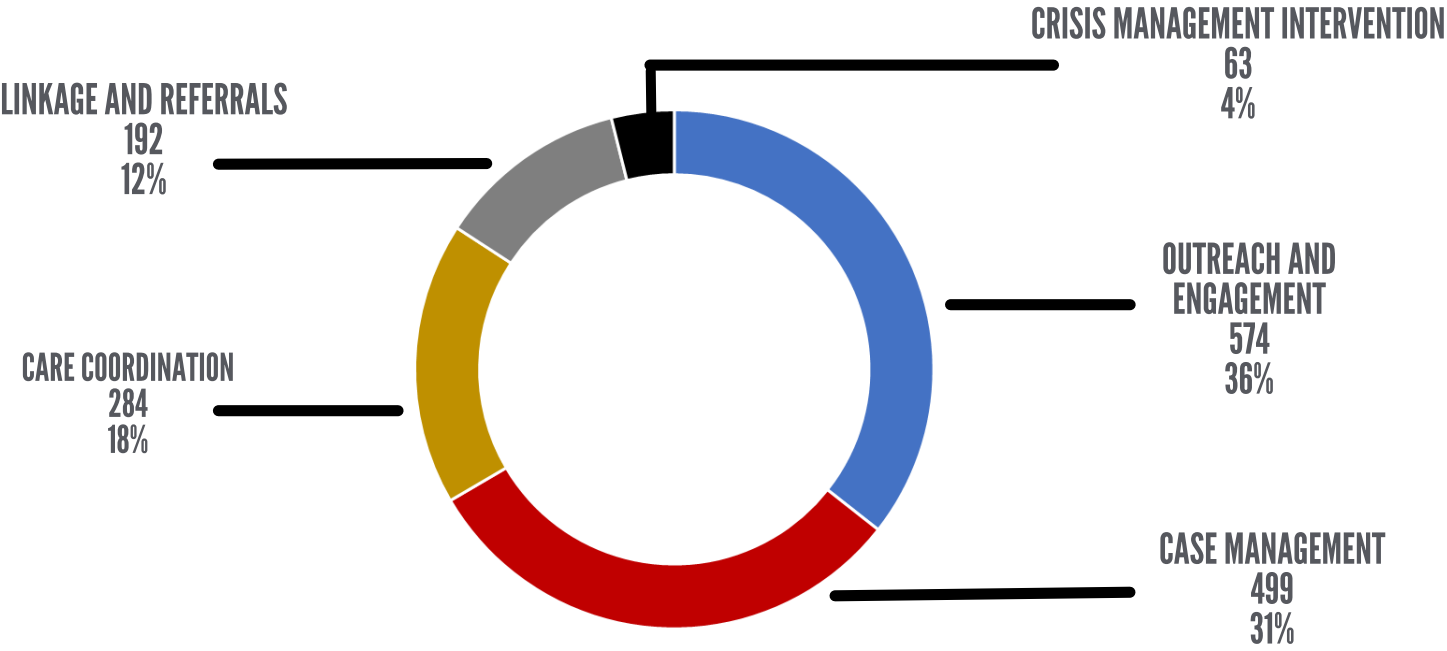
SOCIAL WORKERS

The Social Worker Liaison Program was a result of the Police-Mental Health Collaboration project which 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 support to individuals in need. In 2021, the department expanded its social worker program from one employee to three. Abbie Ascencio, Lacey Searcy, and Colette Mickelsen assisted the department this year, with Lacey departing in the last quarter of 2021. The social workers are spread out among the county's law enforcement departments.



Social workers also assist the Sycamore Police Department and the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office. The goal of the program 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.

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. DeKalb Police had a total of 642 referrals in 2021, which is 80% of the total referrals for the county. 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. There were 47 cases of on-scene support, which is 78% of the total on scene responses for the county. The program has delivered about 2,507 services to all departments and outside agencies. About 64% (1,612) of all types of services were designated to the DeKalb Police Department alone. The breakdown of these services is below.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

RAPE AGGRESSION DEFENSE TRAINING (RAD)

The DeKalb Police Department 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 2021 due to the COVID pandemic.

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 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.



PROJECT HOPE

In its third year, Project HOPE (Heroin/Opioid Outreach Prevention and Education) helped placed 11 people into various addiction treatment facilities this past year and almost 30 since the inception. 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 HOPE throughout the county and work with area law enforcement agencies to train other officers on how to place those in need of treatment.

PATROL DIVISION



50 CARSEAT SAFETY CHECKS



145 LETHALITY ASSESSMENTS



290 SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATIONS



108 TOBACCO COMPLIANCE CHECKS

The Patrol Division 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 2021, our officers responded to 46,657 total calls for service compared to 51,602 calls in 2020 – a 10% decrease. This decrease is in part due to less self-initiated activity, as shifts worked at a minimum level due to staffing shortages and COVID-19. 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 Patrol Division's span of control and include: Illinois Domestic Violence Unit, Field Training Program, ILEAS, Volunteers, Truck Enforcement, 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.

TRUCK ENFORCEMENT

In 2021, we participated truck enforcement details conducted with the Illinois State Police and Illinois Department of Transportation. Over 98 trucks were weighed and checked during the checkpoint. Two overweight citations were issued, and several other citations were issued.

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 seven officers and one 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 2022.

PATROL DIVISION

MOTOR UNIT

2021 was the 17th consecutive year of service by the DeKalb Police Department's Motor Unit. The Motor Unit is typically used for enforcement and community policing functions throughout the city and county. From supporting community events to patrolling walking and 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. Due to manpower/shift shortages and COVID, the Motor Unit was limited in 2021.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT

The Domestic Violence Unit (DVU) in 2021 was comprised of three Officers, one Sergeant, and one Commander including Commander Lekkas, Sgt. Keunte Mallett and Officers Jeff Ackland, Sadie Pristave, and Betsy Cooper. 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.



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 regularly 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.

ILEAS

The DeKalb Police Department has an officer 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 2021, one officer was assigned to the Mobile Field Force.



FIELD TRAINING

The DeKalb Police department has 13 Field Training Officers. The Field Training Officers are responsible for training new police officers and providing periodic check rides for new officers while on probation. The Field Training Program consists of between 12 and 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. Twelve officers were trained 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 Sgt. Tony Kwasniewski.

In 2021, the department completed 294 Sex Offender registrations, 28 compliance checks, and made two arrests for those in violation of the Registry Act.

PATROL DIVISION

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

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.

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.

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 Police Department, the DeKalb County Sheriff’s Office, the NIU Police Department, and the Sycamore Police Department.

PATROL DIVISION

BARTENDER TRAINING FOR INTERVENTION PROCEDURES (TIPS)

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. This past year, servers, managers, and bartenders completed the courses online. 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 no longer offer in-person TIPS training and have moved to 100% online training through the TIPS website.

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 of 2021, we had one safety checkpoint conducted in DeKalb with numerous installations. We also completed 50 car seat checks and installations at the DeKalb Police Department.

TOBACCO COMPLIANCE CHECKS

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, 36 venues were checked three times throughout 2021. 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 through-out 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 20 years of age, the businesses were checked three times throughout the year to make sure they complied with laws prohibiting the sale of cigarettes to minors. In 2021, eighteen businesses were found to be in violation.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION



488 CASE ASSIGNED
252 DETECTIVE 236 TRU

9 SPECIAL OPERATION
TEAM CALL OUTS



233 CASES
CLEARED BY ARRESTS



1 DRONE CALL OUT



The Investigations Division is comprised of highly trained professionals that specialize in criminal investigations. Commander Redel oversees the division, along with Sergeant Wells and Sergeant Ehrke. The Investigations and Targeted Response Unit (TRU) detectives 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 2021, Officers Kaela Gardner and Jorge Abonce were promoted to the Investigations Division.



DEKALB COUNTY SPECIAL OPERATIONS TEAM

Eight DeKalb Police Officers are members of the DeKalb County Special Operations Team (SOT). The DeKalb Police Department, Sycamore Police Department, and 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.

DRONES IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

Drone and camera technology allows law enforcement to have a better vantage point during crime scenes or special events. Community member Bob Myers has volunteered his services to assist the department when needed.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

TARGETED RESPONSE UNIT



33 GANG RELATED CASES



26 COVERT OPERATIONS

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 2021, the Targeted Response Unit made 221 arrests and conducted 26 covert narcotics operations that resulted in the covert purchases of various controlled substances. Narcotics seized included fentanyl, mushrooms, meth, heroin, ecstasy, cocaine, and cannabis. United States currency and 13 firearms were also seized. TRU served 20 arrest warrants and performed 6 search warrants on local residences. TRU also conducted 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 Ehrke; however, this past year the unit was short one officer.

The Targeted Response Unit 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 2021, there were 36 cases that were gang-related or linked to street gang members.

K-9 UNIT



In September, the department purchased and trained two new K-9s, "Drax" and "Riggs." Officer Elise Dusek and Detective Steve Parsons became handlers. The K-9s are trained as dual-purpose drug detection and tracking dogs. They can detect narcotics such as cocaine, crack cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine, and ecstasy. The K-9s are also trained in article searches and tracking. The K-9s were in use for the last month of 2021. During that time, the K-9s were deployed 39 times, yielding three guns, 5.29 grams of cocaine and a successful track/apprehension of a fleeing suspect.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

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 3,700 hours in 2021, not including time spent in the academy by nine new officers.



COURT 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.

TECHNOLOGY & SOCIAL MEDIA

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 2021, more than 150 messages were sent to residents. The DeKalb Police Department also has additional ways for the community to connect with the department. One connection is with 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 department also continues to reach residents through the below social media platforms regarding police-related information, community events, and to seek public assistance to help solve crimes.

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 ninth 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. 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; 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's 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 3,000 items of evidence in 2021. The Evidence Section also handles our Drug Take-Back program. The addition of body worn cameras in 2021 significantly increased the volume of digital evidence. The department hired Digital Evidence technician Kody Williams to manage the videos and photos for court and FOIA purposes.

NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK PROGRAM

The 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. In 2021, the division destroyed 616 pounds of prescribed medicine that was turned into the department over the last two years.

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.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

RECORDS

The Records Section is responsible for the collection and retention of police reports, citations, parking tickets, arrests and all other data and records pertaining to the functions of the Police Department. Records staff are charged with maintaining the integrity and confidentiality of police records to ensure the credibility of information in the administration of justice, from the point of police contact to the adjudication of cases in court. They are also responsible for the timely fulfilment of subpoenas, report requests by the State’s Attorney’s office and the City’s Legal



Department, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) compliance, and internal requests for records regarding all matters. The Records personnel also provide service at the front desk in the public lobby, which includes walk-in customers in need of police service, records requests, general information, mail and package delivery, and vendor service accommodations. In addition, they are the primary point of telephone contact for records and report inquiries to the Police Department.

In 2021, the section increased its staffing, turning a part-time position into a full time Office Associate position. The division is staffed by Patty Pumfrey, Carol Halsey, Adrienne Oziah, and JoAnn Garcia. Emily Henderson is assigned to Records full-time as Records Supervisor.





**CERTIFICATIONS, FUNDRAISERS
AND COMMUNITY EVENTS**

CERTIFICATIONS

STORM READY CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

The City of DeKalb was first certified by the National Weather Service in December 2015 as a Storm Ready Community. and was re-certified for another three years through the end of 2021. The certification process has been extended due to Covid. The Police Department has been primarily responsible for maintaining the Storm Ready certification.

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 must also 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 weather 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 limited to online classes only in 2021 due to Covid restrictions.

The DeKalb Police Department expresses its gratitude to meteorologist Gilbert Sebenste of Allison House LLC, who regularly provides weather information to the department, and is also a certified spotter trainer through the National Weather Service.



FUNDRAISING

NO SHAVE NOVEMBER

The DeKalb Police Department participated for the fifth 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 2021 Campaign at DeKalb PD raised \$711.00 and supported the “Fight Colorectal Cancer” Foundation. Officers participated in the No Shave even through February and those funds will go toward Chief Byrd’s Pay it Forward program and the Heroes and Helpers program for 2022. \$800 extra dollars were raised by officers participating in the January and February No-shave fundraisers.



DEKALB PBPA

The DeKalb Police Benevolent & Protective Association (PBPA) Unit #71 serves as the charitable arm of the DeKalb Police Department. Members put on a variety of events throughout the year, including the April pancake breakfast and summer golfing outing. The organization also donates to a variety of charity organizations both locally and nationally. The DeKalb PBPA Unit #71 held a bowling night on Oct 16 to fundraise for the department's annual Heroes and Helpers event. In total, the event raised \$520.



SPECIAL EVENTS

HEROES & HELPERS

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 work 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 over 60 children to participate in the program in 2021.



DEKALB FRIENDS AND FAMILY CHRISTMAS PAY IT FORWARD

This year was the first annual DeKalb Friends and Family Christmas Pay It Forward Event put on by Chief Byrd. He collected private donations and went to Walmart, Target, and Old Navy to help local families with their holiday shopping. This event focuses on choosing a random shopper at the check out and presenting them with a certificate and money towards their total shopping bill. Chief Byrd was able to impact 25 families with the help of generous donors.



COMMUNITY COLLABORATION EVENTS

UNITY MARCH

Chief David Byrd joined NIU faculty, students and community members for the 7th Annual Unity Walk around campus and through the Annie Glidden North Neighborhood to promote positive change. The walk honors the collaborative spirit of civic engagement as a force of transformation in our own spaces where we live, work and learn.



BELONGING PROJECT

Chief Byrd and the DeKalb Police Department were part of the Belonging Project in DeKalb along with many other agencies. This project was funded through a Healing Illinois Grant from the State of Illinois Department of Human Services and the DeKalb County Community Foundation in partnership with Family Service Agency, City of DeKalb, Ellwood House Museum, DeKalb County History Center, and Northern Illinois University to help co-create a culture of belonging in our community. In October 2020, Dr. John A. Powell, an internationally recognized expert in civil liberties, structural racism, housing, poverty and democracy, joined community members for a candid conversation about belonging and actions needed to create a culture of of belonging in our community. It's through this conversation that our community's Belonging initiative began.



PUBLIC EVENTS

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 are looking forward to participating in the event in 2022.



COFFEE WITH CHAMPIONS

2021 marked the 18th Anniversary of the Dunkin partnership with the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois. This event has been a huge success over the years; in fact, more than \$5.75 million has been raised in Illinois during this great partnership. Formerly known as Cop on a Rooftop, this year Coffee for Champions event was held at more than 300 Dunkin location across the state to rally the communities in support of local Special Olympics athletes. In partnership with the NIU Police Department, the department was able to raise close to \$2,000 to help support Special Olympics Illinois.

GOLF OUTING

This year was the 20th Annual PBPA Golf Outing. The golf outing is the organizations largest event during the year. 95 golfers participated and raised \$1,500 for charity. \$500 went to Illinois Special Olympics, \$500 for Heroes and Helpers, and \$500 for the Walk to End Child Abuse. The department looks forward to continuing the event and continuing to raise funds for local charities.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

CITIZEN APPRECIATION AWARDS

DeKalb Police Department held a Citizen Appreciation ceremony to recognize citizens who assisted the department in the prior year. Citizens included William F., Della P., Dave G., Danielle B., Steven G., Carrie L., Bob M., Marshion B., Izrael B., Gloria P., and Brianna M. These citizens without consideration of life and limb, took extended action to assist officers in providing public safety and service to the DeKalb community. The department commended citizens who acted as supporters of the department and for the service and loyalty they provided.



CHATS WITH CHIEF

Chief Byrd held an open house and Chats With Chief this year. The purpose of these events was to get to know the DeKalb residents better and open a line of communication with the community in a relaxed setting. Chief Byrd plans to continue this event in 2022.



OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS

In addition to the above listed events, our officers and staff attend many other community events. Some events we attended this year and plan to continue in future years include Family Fun Fest, Cornfest, NIU Homecoming, Pride, Take Back the Night, and Spooktackular. If there is an event you would like an officer to attend, please reach out to us!





UPCOMING INITIATIVES IN 2022

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PUBLIC SAFETY CAMERAS

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



EXPANSION OF CIT PROGRAM

DPD will continue to expand the Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) program, along with our partnership with Northwestern Medicine Hospital and the Community Mental Health Board. The department is seeking to add a third social worker in 2022 which will assist the department as it continues to better understand and aid persons suffering from mental issues.

DRONES

The Police Department will enhance its technology by adding Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV), commonly referred to as drones, to the list of resources available to the DeKalb Police Department. Drones have a variety of public safety uses, from finding missing persons to locating fleeing subjects without putting the public or officers at undue risk.

RECRUITMENT

In 2022, the department will continue to boost recruitment efforts and hopes to reach 70 sworn officers in the future. Increased staff numbers will help to reduce overtime, increase resources to focus on behavioral health, community engagement and traffic enforcement.



EVENTS CALENDAR

Spring

- PBPA Pancake Breakfast
- Take Back The Night
- Walk to End Child Abuse

Summer

- Camp Power
- Golf Outing
- National Night Out
- Camp Maple Leaf
- Fun Fest
- Coffee with Champions
- Corn Fest

Fall

- Corn Fest
- NIU Homecoming Events
- Spooktacular
- PBPA Bowling Fundraiser
- No Shave November
- Operation Warm

Winter

- Heroes and Helpers
- Pay It Forward
- Toys for Tots

