

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT



On the cover: National Autism Awareness Month was recognized in April with the addition of a squad car hood logo and officers purchasing special Autism Awareness blue badges.



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MISSION STATEMENT:

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

VISION STATEMENT:

A city where family, business, and culture prospers in an environment where all people are treated with dignity, equity, and respect.





A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

To Our Community,

It's that time again: the DeKalb Police Department 2022 Annual Report is complete. The DeKalb Police Department is excited to evaluate the year 2022, and eager to see what awaits us in the year 2023.

During my first year as Chief of Police, I used the word "excited" to describe my feelings. As I make the journey into my second year, the watchword for me is "confident!"

I am confident that the growth of our police department will help reduce crime in the great City of DeKalb. The DeKalb Police Department sworn officer count is at 60, and we have been approved for 70. We, along with the Human Resources Department, are working extremely hard as we recruit the best candidates possible to fill the next 10 police positions. Visibility is an effective deterrent against crime, and the additional 10 officers will definitely "take a bite out of crime."

I am confident that the addition of our third canine, "Chase," to our Canine Unit, will make an impactful difference with violent crime in the City of DeKalb. K9 Chase joined K9 Riggs and K9 Drax, and we now have a formidable canine unit to be reckoned with. K9 Drax and K9 Riggs have been extremely impactful at interdicting illegal narcotics. K9 Chase is a Gun Detection Dog, and has already made an impact with removing illegal firearms from the streets. I'd like to offer thanks to our canine handlers who deserve so much credit for training their canine partners to be an effective crime fighting force!

I am confident that our Social Work program will grow in the next year. The addition of social workers to the DeKalb Police Department has been impactful as police officers deal with behavioral health calls for service. These trained experts have handled hundreds of referrals and will continue to be even more impactful as the social worker program grows.

The School Resource Officers Unit has grown from three (3) to five (5) officers. These additional officers made an immediate impact in DeKalb Community Unit School District 428, and I am confident that their impact will be even more noticeable in the year 2023.

I am confident that, if the DeKalb Police Department and the community continue to work together as a united front, we will make the City of DeKalb a safer place for all. I have issued numerous awards to citizens of the City of DeKalb, and I am excited to see this amazing partnership continue! The key to a safer DeKalb is the continued teamwork between the police department and the community. We have the antidote in hand... DON'T LET CRIME WIN!

In conclusion, people say being a police officer is a thankless job; I will never let that be the stance here at the DeKalb Police Department. I will always thank our officers and civilian employees for the job they do every day for this amazing city. I am so proud to be a member of such an amazing agency - the professionalism and work ethic at the DeKalb Police Department are unmatched.

To 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

Todd Wells*

Tony Kwasniewski

Keith Ehrke

Keunte Mallett

Ryan Wilkens

Phillip Brown

Sonny Streit

Kris Mecca

Raynaldo Hernandez

Kevin Ferrigan#

Jason Goodwin#

Sworn Officers

Jason Watson*

Brian Bollow

Anthony Densberger

Chris Sullivan

Lance Reinbolz

Jared Burke

Elizabeth Fabro

Jeffrey Ackland*

Aaron Gates

Bryan Soderstrom

Sadie Pristave

John Loechel

Allison Remnes

Habideen Olaniran

Steven Parsons

Danielle Sorenson

Josef Gordon

Charles Verdone

Aaron Kleinmaier

Jonathan Bell

Trevor Burdick

Max Paul

Elise Dusek

Kevin Ballschmiede

Sworn Officers

Kaela Moyer

Jorge Abonce

Diego Casas

Mason Fleury

Brian Rodriguez

Uriel Ortega

Michael Rinella

Betsy Cooper

Justin Donahue

Ryan Diedrich

Austin Jacquin

Hayden LaPointe

Ramain Schaefer-Carrington

Chloe Albert

David Moore

Hayden Patterson

Troy Harness

Savannah Long+

Anthony Antrobus+

Conrad Newhouse+

Jesus Rodriguez+

K-9 Chase +

K-9 Drax

K-9 Riggs

Communications Coordinator

Sean Woyna

Telecommunicators

Heide Clark

Brittany Hedin

Geoffrey Wells

Elizabeth Basham

Alyssa Jennings

Jessica Green

Samantha Doty

Emily Hopkins

Kelli Rogers

Kaitlin Kleinmaier

Jennifer Barnett

Mackenzie Myers-Riggs+

Rahveon Valentine+

Administrative Assistant

Melissa Neblock

Records Supervisor

Hannah Tomash+

Emily Henderson^

Records Office Associates

Patty Pumfrey

Carol Halsey

Adrienne Oziah

JoAnn Chriske

Video Evidence Technician

Kody Williams

Community Service Officers

James Rhoades

Daniel Gerace

Justin Julian^

Austin Peters

Justin Hatton+

Court Security Officer

Raymond West

Crime Free Housing Coordinator

Carl Leoni

#Promoted

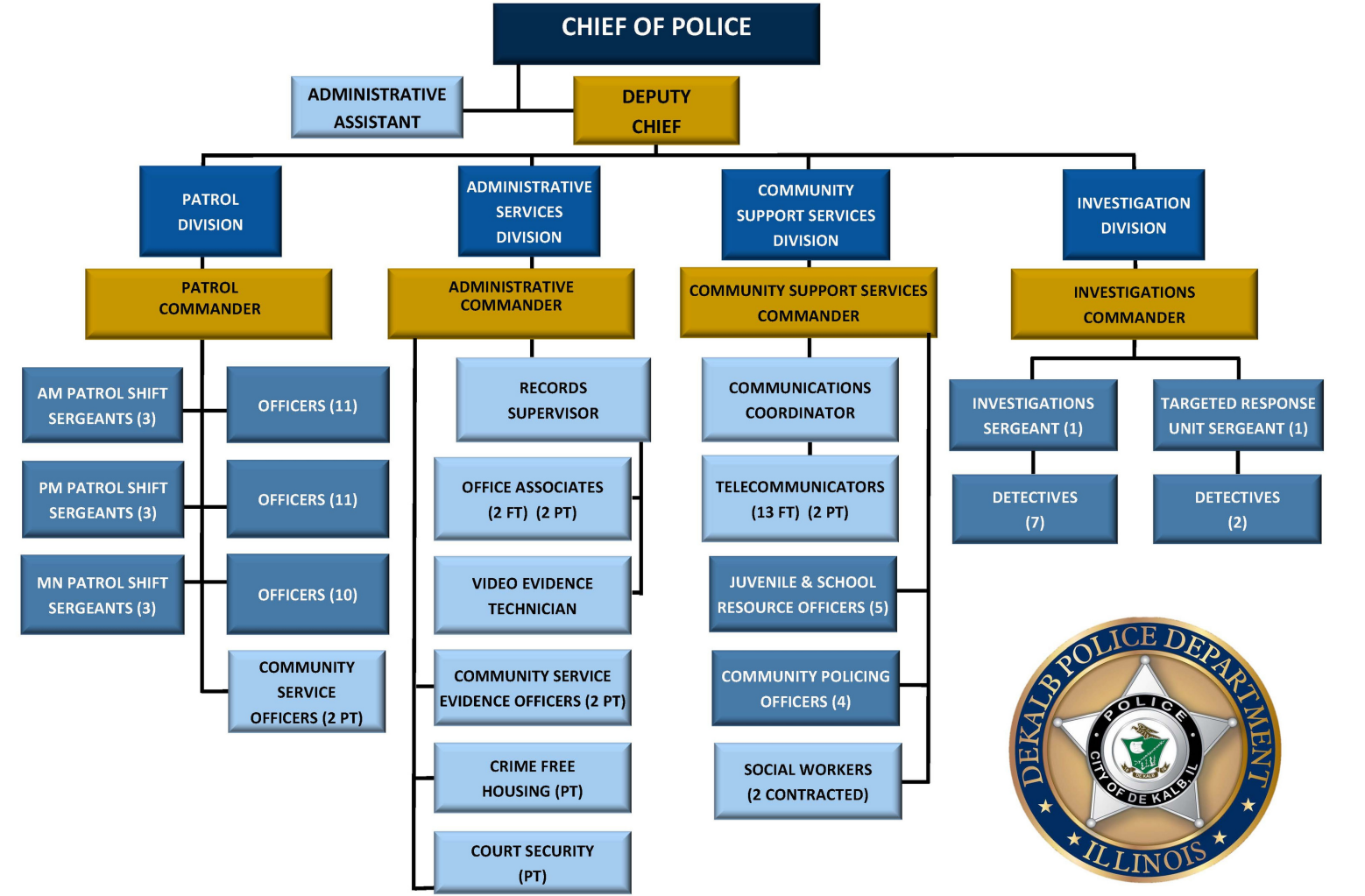
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* Retired

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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART - 2022



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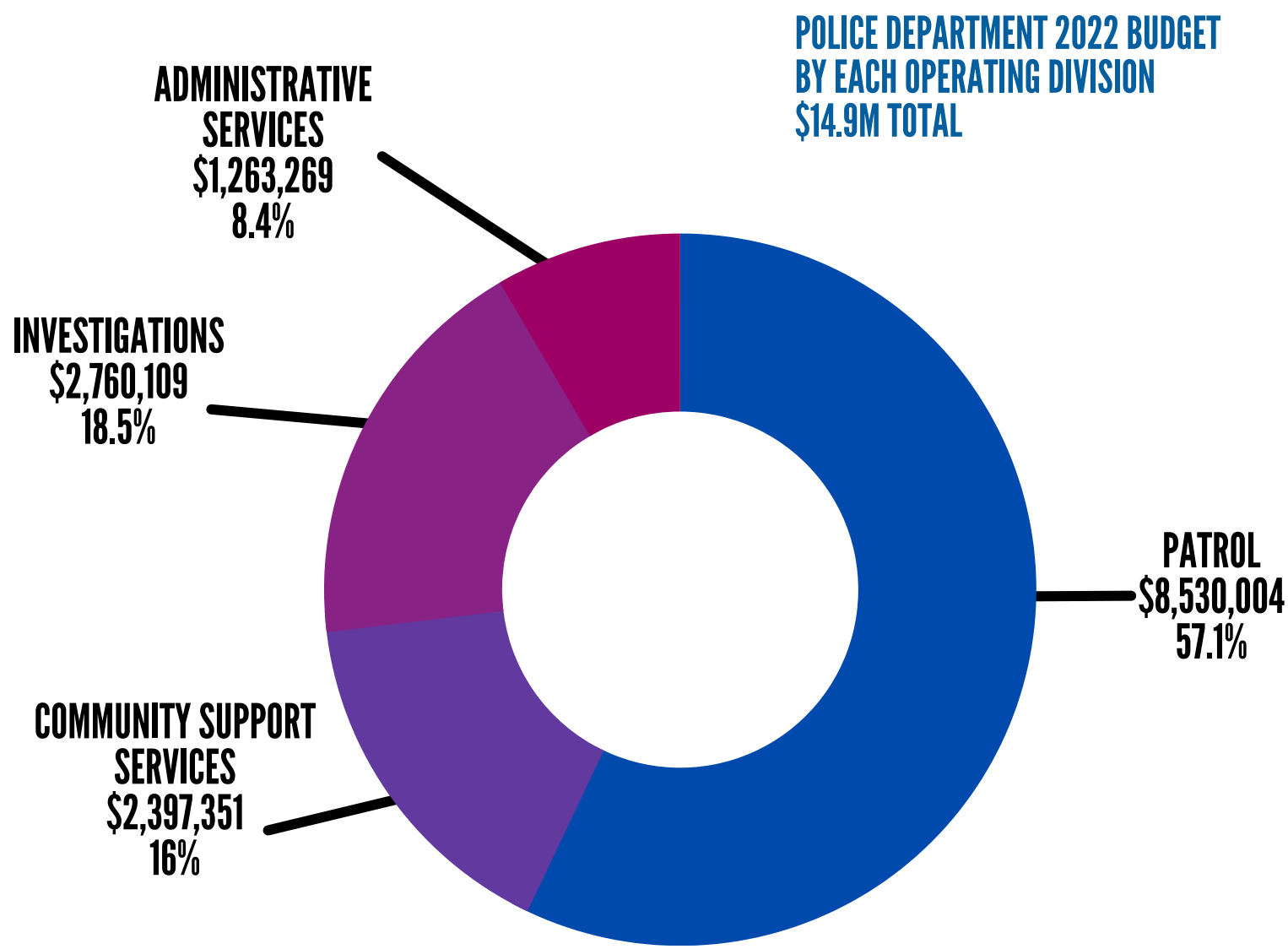
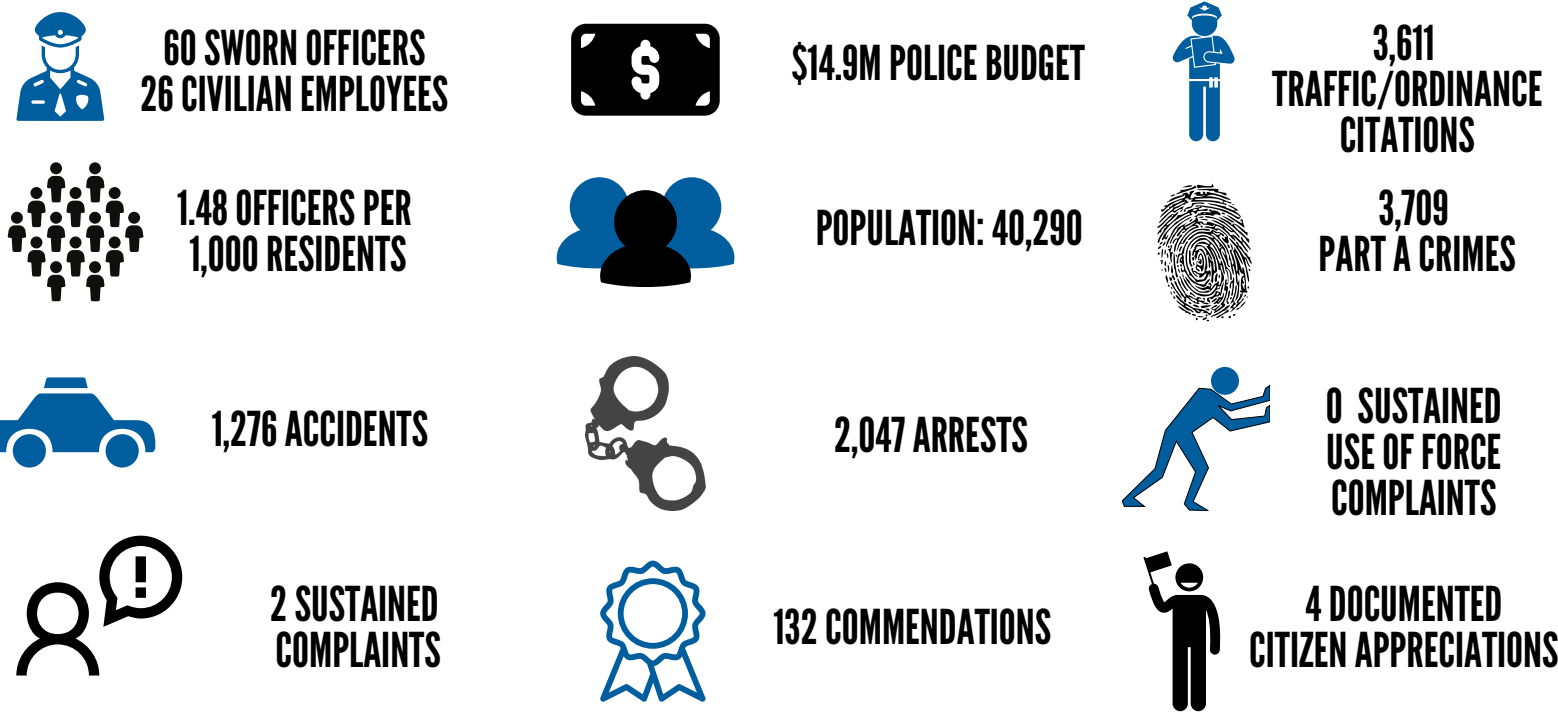
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- 7 DETECTIVE/TRU CARS
- 5 SCHOOL RESOURCE CARS
- 5 ADMIN VEHICLES
- 2 K-9 SQUADS
- 3 SUPPORT SERVICES CARS
- 1 EVIDENCE VAN
- 2 MOTORCYCLES
- 10 PATROL BICYCLES
- 1 CARGO TRAILER
- 1 POLICE UTILITY VEHICLE
- 1 RESCUE VEHICLE





2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

2022 SNAPSHOT



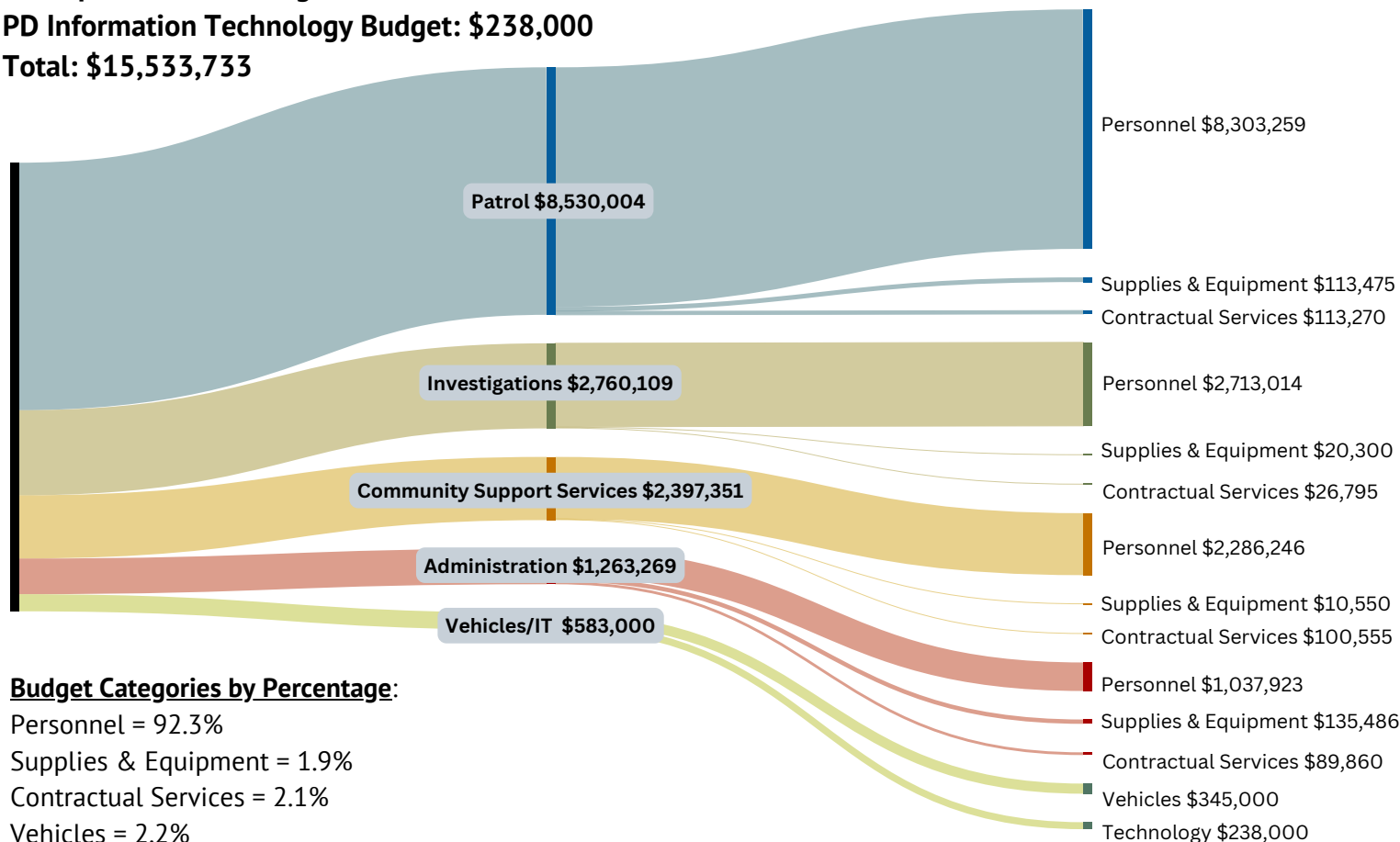
BUDGET BREAKDOWN:

Police Department Budget: \$14,950,733

PD Capital Vehicle Budget: \$345,000

PD Information Technology Budget: \$238,000

Total: \$15,533,733



Budget Categories by Percentage:

Personnel = 92.3%

Supplies & Equipment = 1.9%

Contractual Services = 2.1%

Vehicles = 2.2%

Information Technology = 1.5%

GRANTS:

The Police Department budget is supplemented by various grants that help fund specific programs. Some grants span multiple years; the amounts below reflect the amounts expended in calendar year 2022:

Edward Byrne DOJ Grant – \$16,572 - These funds through the Department of Justice were used to replace several squad car computers.

Illinois Training and Standards Board Camera Grant - \$17,256 - These funds were used to equip squad cars with high-definition video cameras.

Tobacco Compliance Grant - \$5,676 - This state grant program provides expense reimbursement for conducting compliance checks of tobacco vendors.

Illinois Department of Transportation Traffic Grant - \$13,483 - These funds were used for special enforcement details during holiday peak travel periods.

FOID Compliance Grant - \$3,689 - New in 2022, the Illinois State Police provides expense reimbursement for conducting compliance checks for individuals who have had their FOID cards suspended or revoked.

DeKalb Township Community Grant - \$20,000 - These funds were used to help fund growth of the K-9 and bicycle programs.

Patrick Leahy Memorial Bulletproof Vest Partnership - \$8,000 - This federal program funds a portion of the cost for the initial issue and five-year replacements of bulletproof vests for officers.

COPS Hiring Grant - The Police Department applied for and received federal funding that will begin in 2023 to help offset the cost of hiring three additional officers, for a total of \$375,000 over three years.

2022 IN REVIEW - HIGHLIGHTS

STAFFING INCREASE:

The Police Department was granted approval to increase staffing to 65 sworn officers in 2022, though attrition kept the number at an average of 60 throughout the year. The Police Department has authorization to add five more sworn officers in 2023 to bring the total to 70.



CITIZEN APPRECIATION CEREMONY:

The Department held its second Citizen Appreciation Ceremony at which 13 citizens were commended for offering assistance to the Police Department. Citizen involvement is beneficial in reporting crime, aiding victims, improving response time, and providing vital information about incidents. This is an annual event, and the Department looks forward to commending citizens for assistance rendered to fellow citizens and the Department.

CONTINUING CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM (CIT) 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. As part of continuing CIT training, team members become specialists in at intervening with persons experiencing a personal crisis due to behavioral health issues. Two embedded social workers provided through the Northwestern Medicine Ben Gordon Center continue to work part-time within the Police Department as part of the CIT concept. CIT response includes referral to support services, alcohol and drug addiction intervention, and conflict mitigation.



2022 IN REVIEW - HIGHLIGHTS

LICENSE PLATE READERS INSTALLED:

In April of 2022, the DeKalb Police Department launched its Automatic License Plate Reader program. This program was funded by the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant provided by the United States Department of Justice. These sophisticated cameras photograph a vehicle's license plate and instantly compare it to a database of felonious vehicles, stolen cars, missing persons, etc. The cameras regularly record more than 50,000 plates daily. This technology has greatly impacted the police department's operations by identifying vehicles involved in a criminal act within a fraction of the time previously required. The Department has identified and arrested suspects in weapons calls, home invasions, armed robberies, burglaries, and significant thefts. By monitoring the cameras, the dispatch center also has directed officers to stolen vehicles in our community, resulting in the recovery of nine stolen vehicles and the arrests of those involved.

BODY WORN CAMERAS:

Following a pilot program in 2020, the Department purchased Axon body cameras and implemented them in 2021. All officers now wear the body cams. 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 also have proven useful as tools for transparency and accountability for the Department.



FIREARM OWNERS IDENTIFICATION (FOID) COMPLIANCE PROGRAM:

Beginning in September 2022, the Illinois State Police (ISP) initiated a program to disperse funds among participating departments to conduct FOID Compliance Checks of individuals who have had their FOID card suspended or revoked. In conjunction with ISP, the Police Department compiles information on those potentially out of compliance, and assembles a team of officers to perform compliance checks. This program has the potential of increasing safety in the community by ensuring compliance with the confiscation of invalid FOID cards and the transfer of firearms to legal FOID cardholders or storage at the Police Department for safekeeping.

From September through December, 26 compliance checks were conducted, with 11 individuals being placed into compliance, 10 invalid FOID cards confiscated, and 6 firearms transferred to lawful cardholders or to PD custody.

2022 IN REVIEW - STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

NEW HIRES

The DeKalb Police Department hired five sworn officers in 2022. Officers Antrobus and Long were sworn in during May. Officer Newhouse and Rodriguez were sworn in during August. Officer Hickman was a lateral candidate and started with the department in September .



In addition to sworn personnel, the department also hired additional civilian personnel. Communications hired full-time telecommunicators Mackenzie Myers-Riggs and Rahveon Valentine. Hannah Tomash was hired as the Records Supervisor and Justin Hatton was hired as a Community Service Officer.

2022 IN REVIEW- STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PROMOTIONS TO SERGEANT:

Sergeant Kevin Ferrigan was promoted in August and Sergeant Jason Goodwin was promoted in October.



YEARS OF SERVICE MILESTONES:

Commander Craig Woodruff, Sergeant Tony Kwasniewski, and Officer Anthony Densberger reached their 20 years of service.

RETIREMENTS:

Officer Jeff Ackland retired from the department in July. Ofc. Ackland worked for the DeKalb Police Department for 16 years and in law enforcement for a total of 23 years. Ofc. Ackland was a well-respected member of the department, with experience as a Patrol Officer, Detective, Bike Patrol Officer, and Field Training Officer.

Sergeant Todd Wells retired from the department in August. Sgt. Wells worked for the department for 25 years. Sgt. Wells served the majority of his career in Investigations and in recent years as its Case Detective Sergeant and has remained devoted to the DeKalb community.

Officer Jason Watson retired from the department in September. Officer Watson worked for the department for more than 24 years, and was involved with an ILEAS response team and other training.

Sergeant Scott Farrell retired from the department in November. Sgt. Farrell worked for the department for more than 24 years. Sgt. Farrell is now serving in the Criminal Justice program at Kishwaukee College.

Commander Bob Redel retired from the department in November. Commander Redel worked for the department for 28 years. Bob served as Commander of the Investigations Division for the last several years. He also served as the Interim Chief from June 2020 through May 2021. Commander Redel is known for his extraordinary investigative abilities, strong leadership, and attention to detail. Bob is continuing service to the community as the new Director of the Crime Free Housing Bureau.



2022 IN REVIEW - STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

AWARDS:

In 2022, the department held an award ceremony during Police Week to honor staff members' actions from 2021. The ceremony recognized individuals who have distinguished themselves and the department by their exemplary acts of bravery, professionalism, and praiseworthy deeds.

Officer Brian Bollow and Detective Kaela Gardner were awarded the Medal of Valor. Sergeant Sonny Streit, Detective Kaela Gardner, and Officers Josef Gordon and Justin Donahue were awarded the Medal of Honor. Detectives Kleinmaier and Parsons were awarded the Top Gun in Detectives. Officer Bollow was awarded the Top Gun in Patrol and Traffic Enforcement. Officer Fluery was awarded the Top Gun in Patrol. Detective Kleinmaier was awarded Fugitive Apprehension in Detectives. Officer Verdone was awarded Fugitive Apprehension in Patrol. Officer Dusek was awarded the Life Saving Award. Sergeants Wells, Ehrke, Hernandez, Detectives Abonce, Paul, Goodwin, Gates, Soderstrom, Parsons, and Kleinmaier were awarded Outstanding Service Awards. Sergeants Streit and Ferrigan, Officers Ackland, Brown, Bollow, Verdone, Pristave, Bell, Ballschmiede, Loechel, Reinbolz, Burke, Fabro, Densberger, Gordon, Sullivan, Remnes, and Sorenson were recognized for their performance as Field Training Officers.

Telecommunicators Basham and Rogers were awarded Outstanding Service Awards. Records Supervisor Emily Henderson was awarded the Chief's Award.



In February, an armed robbery occurred at the Walgreens on DeKalb Ave. in Sycamore. Three suspects were apprehended and three handguns were recovered. The City of Sycamore recognized Sergeants Mallett and Streit, Officers Bell, Donahue, Olaniran, Verdone for their assistance with the apprehension of these suspects.



2022 IN REVIEW - NOTEWORTHY CASES

FEBRUARY THREAT TO SCHOOL

School Resource Officers responded to Tyler Elementary School in reference to an employee receiving threatening text messages. The messages threatened violence to the employee, including a threat that the offender would come to the school and kill the employee. Due to the threatening nature of the text messages, the school was placed into a soft lockdown. Students and staff were escorted out of the building by officers. Subsequent to an investigation, it was discovered that the telephone used to make the threat belonged to the victim. The reported victim admitted to making a false report of the threats and sending the threatening text messages herself. Breanna Lee was charged with multiple felony counts of Disorderly Conduct, Filing a False Police Report and Obstructing Justice.

FEBRUARY FATAL HIT AND RUN

Officers located an unresponsive male lying in the 200 block of East Lincoln Highway. Upon locating the male, officers immediately began emergency medical aid. The victim was transported to Northwestern Kishwaukee Medicine Hospital where he was later pronounced deceased.

The evidence at the scene indicated that the victim was struck in the roadway by an unknown eastbound vehicle. Recovered vehicle parts in the roadway and the injuries sustained by the victim were consistent with him being struck by a vehicle. Investigators were unable to locate any witnesses to the accident. Officers and detectives began reviewing surveillance video in the area. Investigators learned that the victim was attempting to cross Lincoln Highway northbound at Second Street when he was struck by an eastbound Ford Escape. The driver of the Ford Escape did not stop to render aid nor did the driver report the accident. The vehicle was last seen traveling eastbound away from the accident.

Officers located the suspected vehicle in the parking lot of an apartment complex on Greenbrier Road. The vehicle's damage was consistent with the evidence recovered at the crime scene. The vehicle was unoccupied. Officers then located and identified the driver of the vehicle from the fatal hit-and-run accident. Offender, James E. Simmons, was brought to the DeKalb Police Department, interviewed, and arrested for leaving the scene of an accident involving personal injury or death, refusal to render aid, expired driver's license, and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

MEMORIAL DAY SHOOTING

Officers responded to 930 Pappas Drive in reference to a report of shots fired. Upon officers' arrival, six spent shell casings were recovered from the scene. Officers were unable to locate any victims or damaged property.

Investigators determined through witnesses and surveillance cameras that a masked male stood on the side of a business at 930 Pappas Drive and began shooting at two males. Those males entered a vehicle as the offender shot at least six rounds at them and fled the scene. Investigators later identified the intended victims and vehicles that were struck with bullets. The victims were not injured, but their cars were struck multiple times causing significant damage.

A wanted suspect was identified as the possible shooter and as a person who sold illegal drugs in DeKalb. In an undercover capacity, investigators contacted the offender by phone and arranged for cannabis to be delivered to an undercover officer. When the offender arrived to sell the cannabis to the undercover officer, he ran as officers approached him. The offender refused to stop, attempted to leap over another officer, and continued to resist until he was placed in handcuffs. An officer was injured during the arrest.

The offender was identified as Carl Jones III and arrested for possession of a loaded gun and cannabis. He was charged with Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm (two counts), Armed Violence, Criminal Damage to Property (two counts), and Criminal Damage to Government Supported Property.

2022 IN REVIEW - NOTEWORTHY CASES

JUNE ARRESTS FOR WEAPONS OFFENSES

Officers responded to a State Street business for a male on the scene threatening to shoot the employees. Officers arrived and asked Jeremiah Haynes if he was in possession of a firearm. Haynes told officers that he was. The loaded and concealed firearm was recovered from Haynes’ waistband. Haynes had a valid FOID, but no concealed carry license. Haynes was arrested and charged with Aggravated Unauthorized Use of Weapon and Aggravated Assault.

Officers responded to a W. Hillcrest Drive apartment complex after a victim said her boyfriend strangled her, struck her in the face, and placed her own loaded firearm in her mouth. Officers located Bryan Moore looking for the victim in front of the residence. Moore did not have the firearm in his possession. Moore denied a physical altercation. The victim had injuries to her face and smeared lipstick. She allowed officers to search her house, where officers located her 9mm Ruger pistol. Officers observed brown lipstick and suspected saliva on the barrel of the firearm. Bryan Moore was charged with Unlawful Possession of a Weapon by a Felon, Aggravated Domestic Battery, Aggravated Assault, and two counts of Domestic Battery.

JULY SEARCH WARRANT SEIZURE

DeKalb Police Department and the DeKalb County Special Operations Team (SOT) executed a search warrant at 823 Kimberly Drive Apt. #4. The search warrant was conducted without incident and led to one of the largest seizures in DeKalb Police Department history.

The search warrant yielded the following seizures: Ten pounds of cannabis, ecstasy pills, four illegal firearms (one of which was stolen), approximately \$130,000 in United States Currency, and 2.5 pints of Promethazine.

The following subjects were charged in reference to the findings of the search warrant: Sammie L. Oliver III, Raynard I. Adams, and Shannon Atkins (\$500,000 warrant issued).



JULY ARMED VIOLENCE

Officers responded to Pleasant Street in reference to Emmanuel Lopez kicking in a vehicle door. Officers were on a traffic stop in the area as the call came in. Dispatch advised that Lopez had a revoked FOID. Officers located Lopez sitting in his vehicle down the block. Lopez was asked to step out of the vehicle, and he complied. Lopez was highly intoxicated. Officers observed a firearm in the vehicle, a loaded 9mm handgun that belonged to Lopez and was never returned after his FOID card was revoked. Officers also located cocaine, cannabis, and various cartridges in the truck. The tread of Lopez’ shoes matched the latent shoe prints left on the victim’s vehicle. Lopez was charged with DUI, Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapon, Armed Violence, Possession of Firearm without FOID, three counts of Possession of Ammunition without FOID, Criminal Damage to Property, and Possession of Controlled Substance.

2022 IN REVIEW - NOTEWORTHY CASES

AUGUST ATTEMPTED MURDER

Officers responded to the 800 block of South 8th Street for a report of shots fired. Upon arrival, a juvenile victim was located with an apparent gunshot wound to his back. The victim was provided officers with the names and descriptions of his assailants. A witness to the shooting pursued the offenders on foot and pulled a backpack from one of the offender's. A subsequent search of the area by officers led to the arrest of two offenders, and the recovery of a 12-gauge shotgun from the backpack.

AUGUST SHOOTING

Officers responded to the parking lot of 832 Ridge Drive in reference to a report of a shooting. Upon arrival at the scene, officers located a female victim who was shot twice. The female victim was transported to Northwestern Medicine Kishwaukee Hospital where she was treated for non-life-threatening injuries. Investigators determined that the victim was at 832 Ridge Drive with another female when a male grabbed the bonnet from her head. The females began arguing and fighting with that person when he brandished a gun and shot at least four times at the females, striking one of the victims twice. Investigators recovered four spent shell casings at the scene. The offender was identified as a 17-year-old juvenile who resides in the apartment complex where the shooting occurred. At a later date, officers observed the juvenile offender in the parking lot of 832 Ridge Drive. As officers attempted to make contact with the juvenile offender, he fled. The juvenile offender refused to listen to commands by pursuing officers and was apprehended as he attempted climbing over a fence. The juvenile offender was searched incident to arrest and was found to be in possession of a loaded handgun with an extended magazine that contained 20 rounds of ammunition. The juvenile offender, who was wearing an ankle bracelet for home monitoring out of Cook County, was using the ankle bracelet as a makeshift holster for this loaded handgun. The handgun recovered from this juvenile offender was not the gun used when he shot the female victim. The juvenile offender was charged with Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm, Aggravated Battery with a Firearm, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, FTA Warrant – Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle, Armed Violence, Possession of a Firearm without a FOID, Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Firearm (two counts), Aggravated Resisting Arrest, and Possession of Ammunition without a FOID.



2022 IN REVIEW - NOTEWORTHY CASES

AUGUST FIRST DEGREE MURDER

Officers responded to 919 Ridge Drive for a report of shots fired. Upon arrival, a victim was located near the parking lot with an apparent gunshot wound to the head. Responding officers provided CPR and the victim was transported to the hospital, where he later succumbed to his injuries. The victim is an 18-year-old male who resided at 919 Ridge Drive.

Investigators identified a suspect, who had left the area in a vehicle. The Chicago Police Department located the suspect and he was arrested and detained. The offender is Michael H. Howard and he was charged with First Degree Murder.

SEPTEMBER AGGRAVATED CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT

Officers were notified of a sexual assault that occurred at Lincoln Tower, 1100 West Lincoln Highway. The victim was lured into an abandoned apartment, where the suspect locked the door and attacked the victim. The victim was physically beaten and sexually assaulted before the suspect fled the scene. Video surveillance was secured and identified the suspect leaving the aforementioned abandoned apartment after the assault.

DeKalb Police Department Officers located the suspect at 1100 West Lincoln Highway, at which time the suspect fled on foot from police. Officers apprehended the fleeing suspect after a short foot pursuit. Jake S. Johnson was arrested and charged with Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault, Unlawful Restraint, and Resisting a Peace Officer.

OTHER NOTEWORTHY CASES

In October, Officers responded to 1030 Ridge Drive for a report of shots fired. While looking for a different stolen vehicle, officers located the suspect vehicle, a white Toyota RAV4, and attempted a traffic stop on that vehicle. The vehicle fled from officers and a pursuit ensued onto I-88 with three DeKalb squad cars to Aurora, where the pursuit was terminated. Through an investigation, a warrant was obtained for Anthony Bobo for Armed Habitual Offender, Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm, and Unlawful Possession of a Weapon by a Felon.

In November, Officers responded to 641 E. Lincoln Highway after an employee observed live-feed video surveillance of partygoers and noticed a male on the dancefloor display an object resembling a handgun. The male continued to adjust and gesture toward his waistline. The employee alerted police, who started surveilling the male and staged a perimeter. The party was temporarily shut down and individuals were funneled towards one exit. The male in question, later identified as Louis Poyer was detained immediately upon exiting. Poyer was found to be in possession of a Glock .43 handgun and taken into custody without incident. Poyer was highly intoxicated and had to be transported to the hospital. Poyer was charged with Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapon (two counts), Unlawful Possession of Firearm by a Felon, and Unlawful Possession of Ammunition by a Felon.

In December, Officers responded to 825 Crane Drive after management checked the apartment to see if the heat was working and located a one-year-old child alone in the residence. Approximately 30 minutes later, Keshawn Rule met with police in the apartment. Rule advised his girlfriend was with the child when he left. As officers called her place of employment, Rule ran out of the apartment, abandoning the child again. The girlfriend had been at work for more than four hours. Officers located Rule running in the snow without his shoes. Rule was stopped, he resisted arrest, and was taken into custody. Rule was charged with Endangering the Health of a Child and Resisting a Peace Officer.



STATISTICS

GROUP A OFFENSES

The National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) divides all crimes into two categories, Group A and Group B. The Group A crimes are further separated by the nature of the victim. The chart below groups the most significant crimes against a person, crimes against property, and crimes against society reported in 2022.

Calls for Service	2021	2022
Murder	3	1
Negligent Manslaughter	1	0
Justifiable Homicide	1	0
Non-Consensual Sex Offenses	63	76
Aggravated Assault	174	125
Simple Assault	1,075	981
Intimidation	116	107
Kidnapping/Abduction	12	8
Consensual Sex Offenses	5	1
Human Trafficking-Commercial Acts	0	0
Human Trafficking-Involuntary Servitude	1	0
Crimes Against Person Total	1,451	1,299



ADDITIONAL GROUP A OFFENSES

The National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) divides all crimes into two categories, Group A and Group B. The chart below groups additional crimes against a person, crimes against property, and crimes against society reported in 2022.

Calls for Service	2021	2022
Robbery	25	31
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	107	80
Larceny/Theft Offenses	845	915
Motor Vehicle Theft	71	60
Arson	9	8
Destruction of Property	573	526
Counterfeiting/Forgery	54	38
Fraud Offense	563	351
Embezzlement	3	2
Extortion/Blackmail	7	3
Bribery	0	0
Stolen Property Offenses	2	2
Crimes Against Property Total	2,260	2,016
Drug / Narcotic Violation	234	294
Drug Equipment Violation	37	32
Gambling Offenses	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	6	5
Prostitution	4	2
Weapons Law Violation	74	53
Animal Cruelty	3	8
Crimes Against Society Total	358	394

GROUP B OFFENSES

The NIBRS Group B crimes are considered less serious than Group A crimes. Group B also only reports the offenses that resulted in an arrest, as opposed to crimes in Group A, which are reported regardless of an arrest.

Offense	2021	2022
Fraudulent Checks	4	5
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy	4	4
Disorderly Conduct	1,070	886
Driving Under the Influence	81	75
Disruptive Intoxication (state charge, not city ordinance)	1	0
Family Offenses, Non-Violent	8	14
Liquor Law Violations	30	18
Voyeurism	0	0
Runaway	12	4
Trespass of Real Property	302	307
All Other Offenses	588	366
Total Part B	2,100	1,679

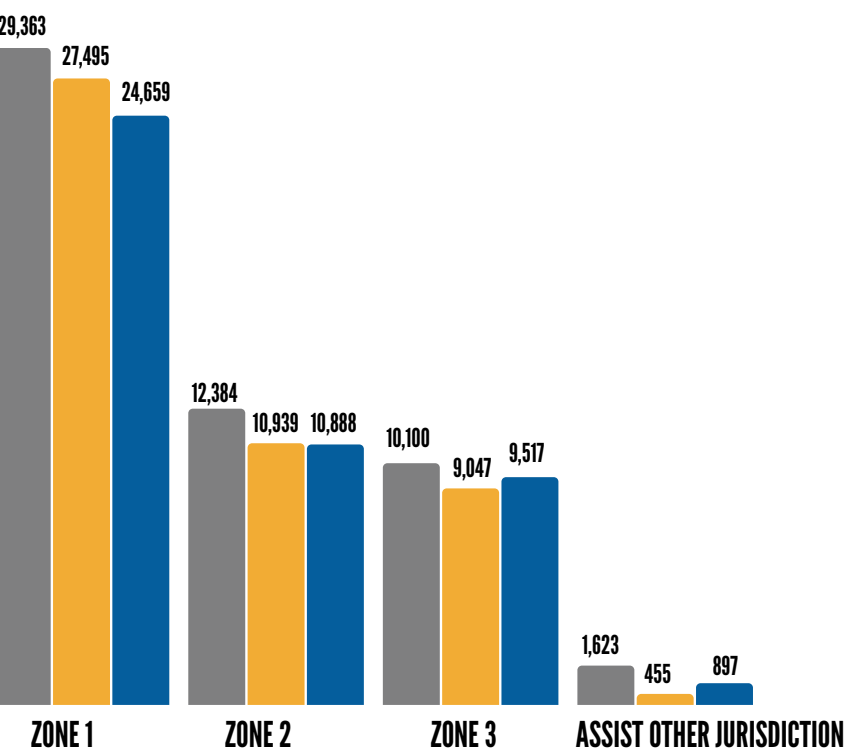


GENERAL STATISTICS

CALLS FOR SERVICE BY ZONE

THE DEPARTMENT HAS SEEN A DECREASE IN TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE. THIS IS DUE IN PART TO LOWER STAFFING NUMBERS THAT REDUCE ABILITY FOR SELF-INITIATED CALLS.

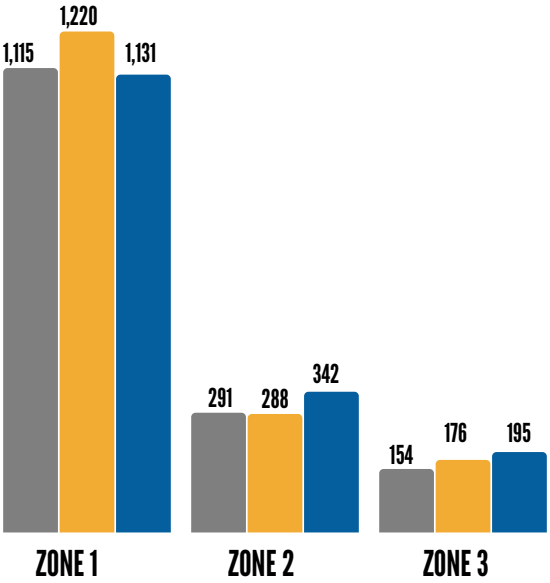
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ADULT ARRESTS

THE DEPARTMENT HAS SEEN A DECREASE IN OVERALL ARRESTS FROM 2019 THROUGH 2022.

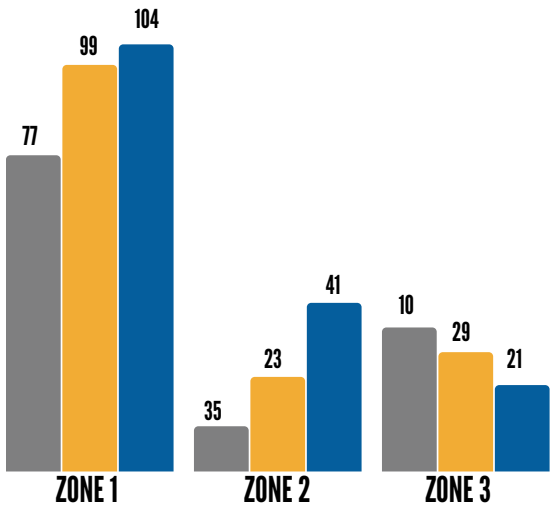
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JUVENILE ARRESTS

THE DEPARTMENT HAS SEEN A DECREASE IN OVERALL ARRESTS FROM 2019 THROUGH 2022.

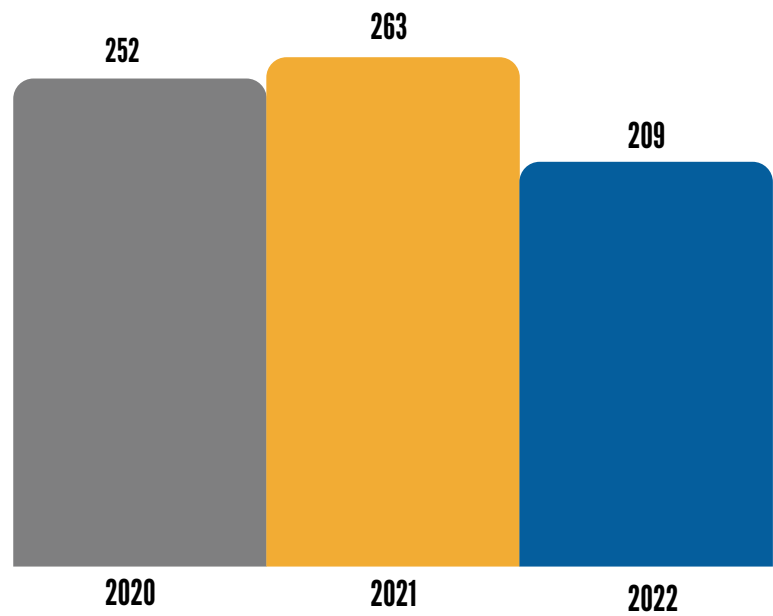
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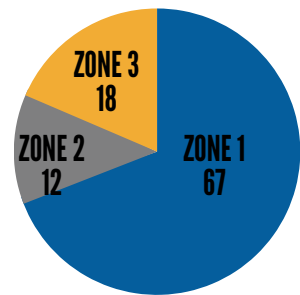
GENERAL STATISTICS

VIOLENT CRIMES

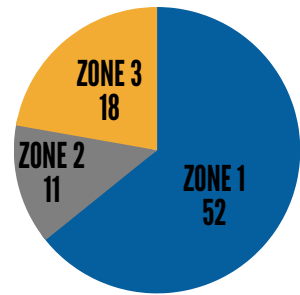
VIOLENT CRIMES INCLUDE HOMICIDE, AGGRAVATED ASSAULT/BATTERY, CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT, AND ROBBERY.



97 CONFIRMED SHOTS FIRED

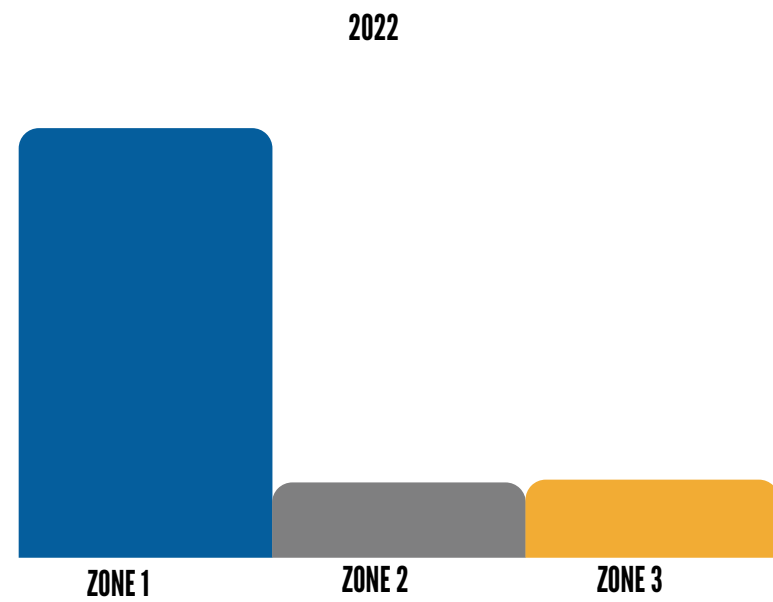


81 FIREARMS SEIZED



2022 VIOLENT CRIMES BREAKDOWN

IN 2021, ALL ILLINOIS POLICE DEPARTMENTS WERE REQUIRED TO SWITCH TO THE NATIONAL INCIDENT BASED REPORTING SYSTEM (NIBRS). DUE TO THIS CHANGE IN THE REPORTING FORMAT, DIRECT COMPARISONS BETWEEN PREVIOUS YEARS WITH DIFFERENT FORMATS ARE NOT VIABLE.



CALLS FOR SERVICE - PUBLIC SERVICE AND MISCELLANEOUS

Calls for Service	2020	2021	2022
Alarm	858	811	731
Assist Business	373	449	223
Assist Citizens	7,478	5,319	4,667
Assist Fire Department	483	245	376
Assist Outside Agency	3,279	1,388	1,491
Child Custody / Exchange	300	290	303
Citizen Contact	210	128	208
Keys in Car	1,301	1,475	1,319
Lost / Found Property	243	365	228
Outside Agency Warrant Arrests	560	502	544
Public Presentations / Community Engagement	203	569	574
Warrant Attempts / Paper Service	212	200	338
Accidental Injury (Requiring Police Report)	9	0	3
Deaths (Non Criminal)	60	63	34
Missing Adult	50	78	38
Reported Vehicle Repossession	99	172	179
Sex Offender Registration	237	290	346
Unfounded 9-1-1 Calls	3,831	3,176	2,696

CALLS FOR SERVICE - QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES AND COMMUNITY CARETAKING

Calls for Service	2020	2021	2022
Animal Calls	712	651	651
Harassment	9	11	7
Disorderly Conduct	636	1,175	1,231
Intoxicated Subjects	170	276	188
Juvenile Offenses	340	416	476
Property Offenses	319	272	now in other categories
Confirmed Shots Fired	95	100	97
Suspicious Activity	2,036	2,020	2,082
Behavioral Health Issues	644	675	501
Check Well Being	1,015	1,081	1,053
Civil Disputes	286	364	697
Domestic Calls	1,660	1,732	1,826
Landlord / Tenant Disputes	107	73	36
Municipal Ordinance Violations	1,713	1,427	853
Neighbor Trouble	152	186	162
Relocation Complaints	139	126	76

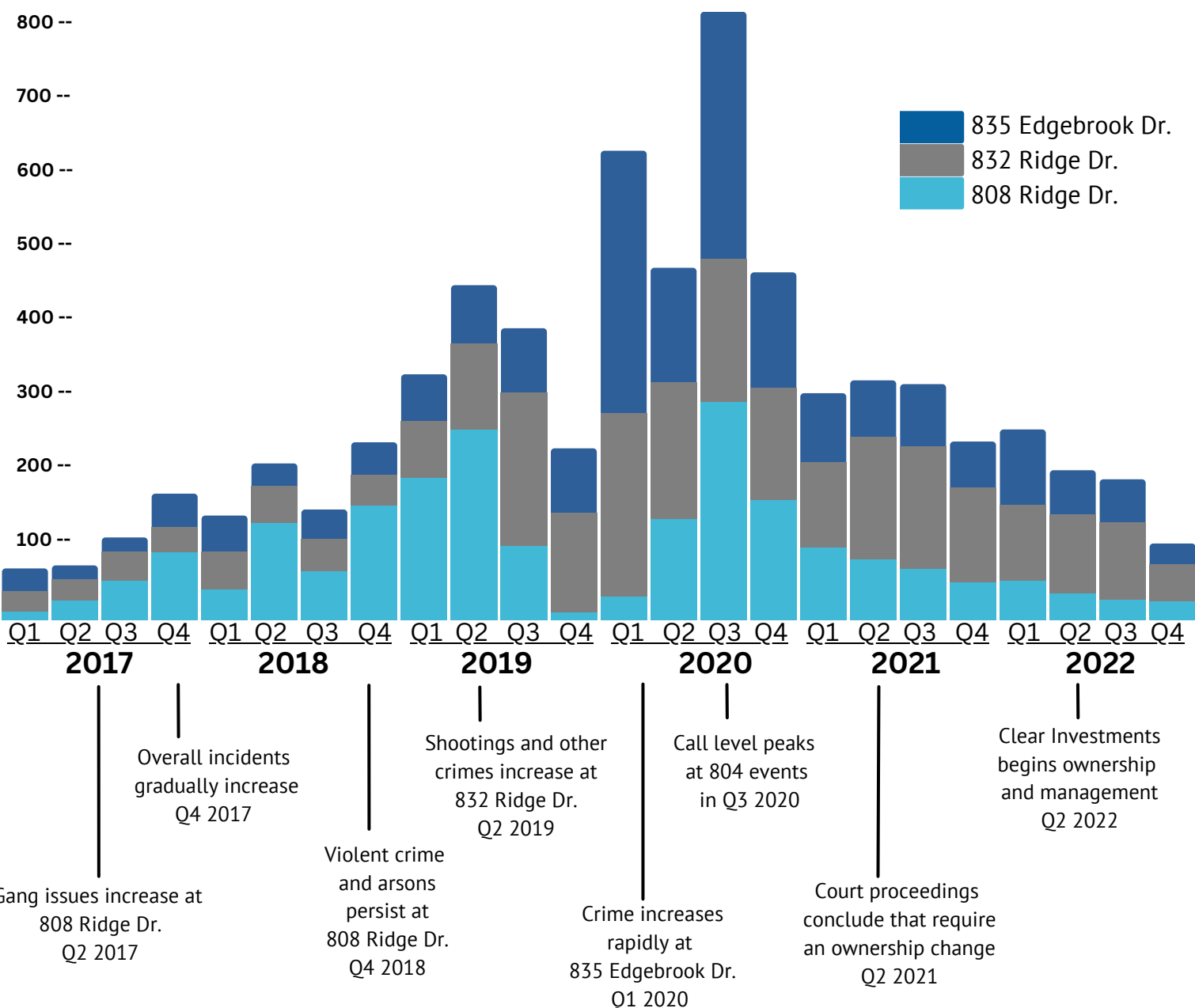
RIDGEBROOK: A NEIGHBORHOOD IN TRANSITION

The chart below depicts the dramatic rise and fall in calls for police service from 2017 through 2022 at the residential housing complex commonly referred to as Ridgebrook, which consists of three large apartment buildings at 808 Ridge Drive, 832 Ridge Drive, and 835 Edgebrook Drive. Hunter Properties had been managing these properties but significantly lacked in providing comprehensive tenant background checks, responsive on-site management, building maintenance, and security measures.

These properties became the subject of numerous Crime Free Housing and Building Code citations, which largely went unpaid and unresolved until an agreement was reached in court in 2021 which required Hunter Properties to sell the complex to a responsible property manager approved by the City. In 2022, the sale to Clear Investments was completed, and improvements in tenant screening, management oversight, building infrastructure, and security measures were initiated immediately.

The new ownership team worked collaboratively with city staff, resulting in the rapid improvement of the quality of life in the neighborhood while coinciding with a rapid decrease in calls for police service. This chart serves to illustrate the vital importance of responsible property management.

of Calls per Quarter:



TRAFFIC STATISTICS

	2020	2021	2022
Traffic/ Ordinance Citations Issued	1,976	2,208	3,661
DUI Arrests	57	81	75
Warnings Issued	1,182	1,053	2,386
Parking Tickets Issued	5,179	6,657	5,870



	2020	2021	2022
Abandoned Autos	227	287	203
Pedestrian Warnings	9	7	5
Driving Complaints	476	419	645
Parking Complaints	409	754	687

ACCIDENT STATISTICS



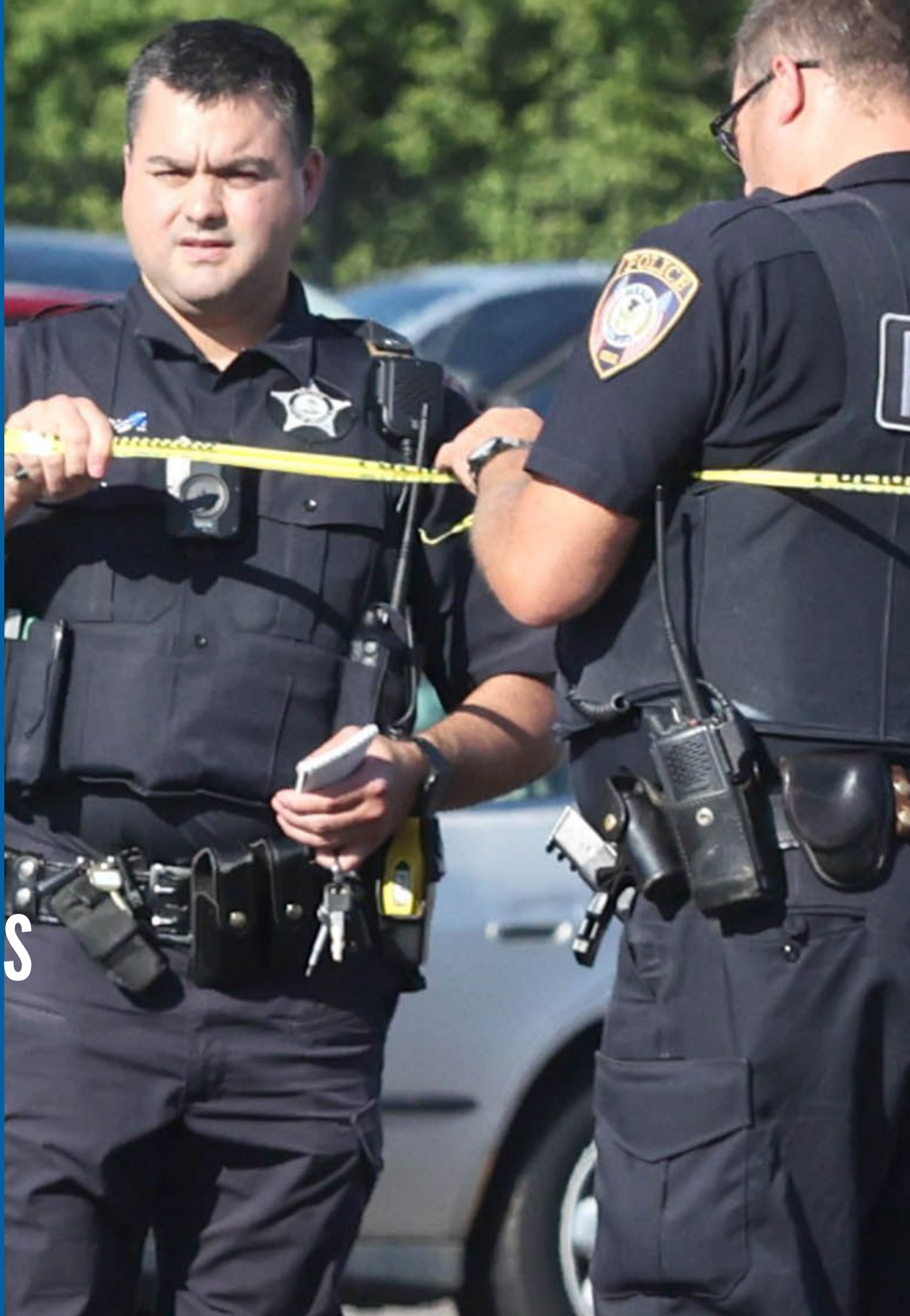
	2020	2021	2022
Property Damage Only	885	1,067	1,230
Accidents with Injuries	119	207	46
Fatalities	0	2	1

HIGH ACCIDENT INTERSECTIONS

Intersection	Number of Accidents
Lincoln Hwy & Peace Rd.	16
Annie Glidden Rd. & Lincoln Hwy.	14
1st St. & Lincoln Hwy.	9
N. 7th St. & Sycamore Rd.	8
Barber Greene Rd. & 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. 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 the 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. Lastly, 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 both sworn and civilian personnel. In 2022, Department staff had 574 documented community engagement events. In future years, this division will expand to have two designated Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT). Commander Lekkas oversees this division.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS



The Community Service Officers (CSOs) 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, managing lost & found items and bicycles, 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

Communications Center employees work as the frontline response for receiving emergency and non-emergency telephone inquiries and requests for Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in the community and fire protection district. The Communications Center is staffed 24/7 with 2022 authorized staffing of 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 certifications of 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 public safety 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 Center completed a State 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.



19,749 911 CALLS



47,776 POLICE CAD CALLS

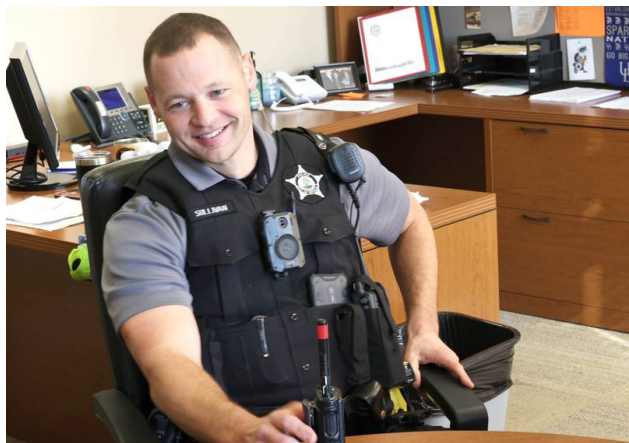


57,612 ADMINISTRATIVE CALLS



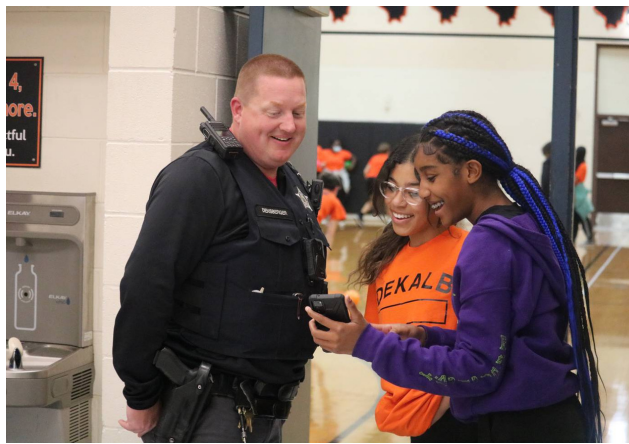
7,456 FIRE / EMS CALLS

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS



Five 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 liaisons between the police, district staff, students, and parents.

SRO Chris Sullivan is primarily assigned to the High School, SRO Allison Remnes is assigned to the elementary schools, and SRO Danielle Sorenson is primarily assigned to the middle schools. In 2022, the DeKalb School District added two additional SRO positions. SRO Anthony Densberger was selected and is primarily assigned to the middle schools. SRO Josef Gordon was selected and is primarily assigned to the High School. 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 2022, 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 DeKalb School District employees attended mandated ALICE training; once the staff received training, 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.



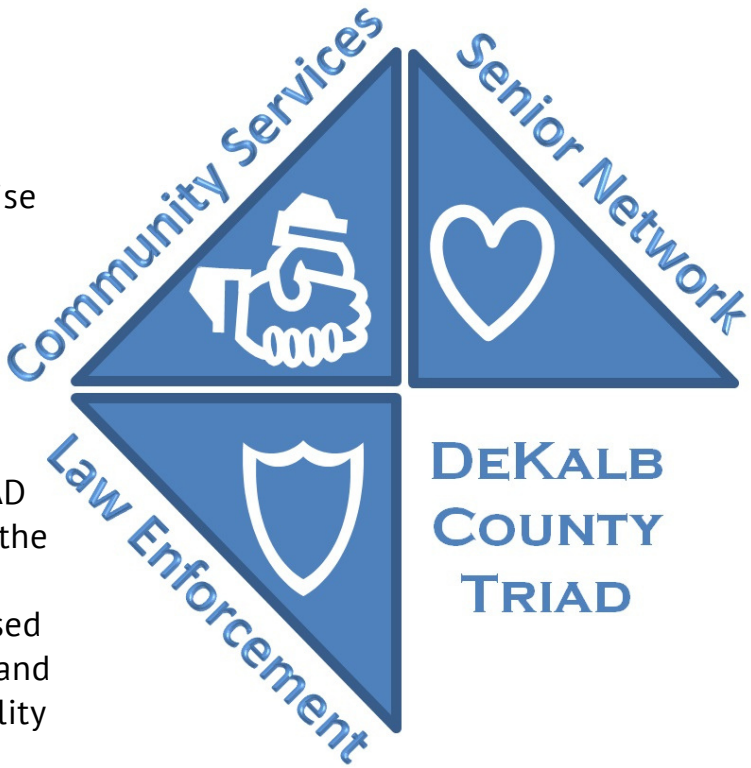
TRIAD

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. These 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 that 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, recreational events, and volunteer programs to the seniors of DeKalb County.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

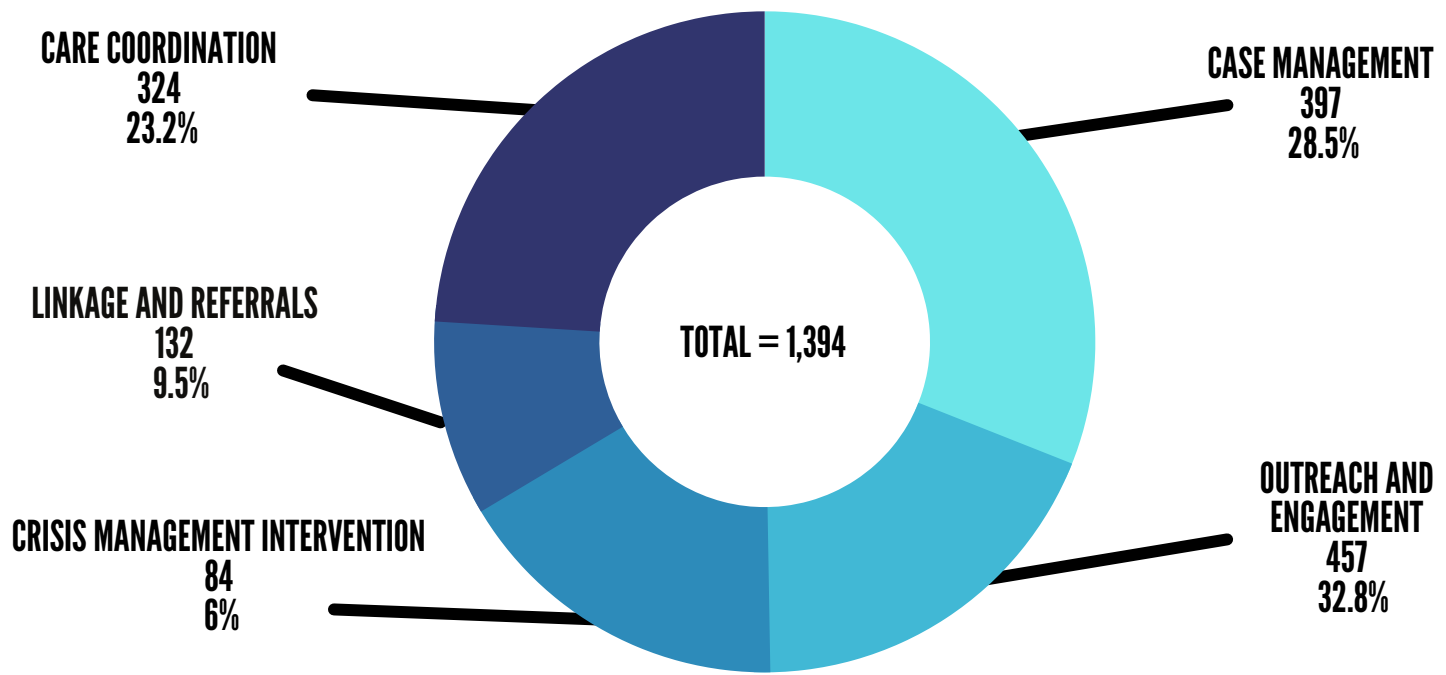
SOCIAL WORKERS

The Social Worker Liaison Program was a result of the Police-Mental Health Collaboration project which designed a strategic plan to collaborate with mental health providers, addiction recovery services, DeKalb County Treatment Courts, Elder Care Services, Safe Passage, Hope Haven, housing programs, area hospitals, and other community resources to provide comprehensive support and services to individuals in need. The positions are funded by the DeKalb County Community Mental Health Board and supplied by Northwestern Medicine - Ben Gordon Center.



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 and 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 officers directly referred 505 individuals to Social Worker Liaisons in 2022. The program had a total of 1,394 social work service deliveries to DeKalb residents in 2022, which is 61% of the total referrals countywide. In other instances, the Social Worker Liaison can be called upon to respond on-scene to assist officers in providing crisis support and linkage for services to individuals and family as deemed appropriate. There were 61 cases of on-scene support, which is 71% of the total on-scene responses throughout the county. The breakdown of all DeKalb Police Social Worker Liaison services is charted below.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

PROJECT HOPE

In its fourth year, Project HOPE (Heroin/Opioid Outreach Prevention and Education) helped place 22 people into various addiction treatment facilities this past year, and almost 50 since its inception. This program intends 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 DeKalb County Health Department, DeKalb County State's Attorney's Office, DeKalb County Probation and Northern Illinois University. It is their goal to expand Project HOPE throughout the county and work with area law enforcement agencies to train other officers on how to assist those in need of treatment.



RAPE AGGRESSION DEFENSE TRAINING (RAD)

The DeKalb Police Department continues to host self-defense classes specifically 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 option to female victims. Topics include basic physical defense techniques, legal rights for defending yourself, and identifying or reducing risks.

NOT ON MY CAMPUS

The Student Associations of Northern Illinois University and Kishwaukee College, along with the DeKalb and NIU Police Departments, 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 and encourage 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 in taking a personal pledge to end intolerance and crime.



PATROL DIVISION



36 CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECKS



243 LETHALITY ASSESSMENTS



411 SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATIONS



68 TOBACCO COMPLIANCE CHECKS

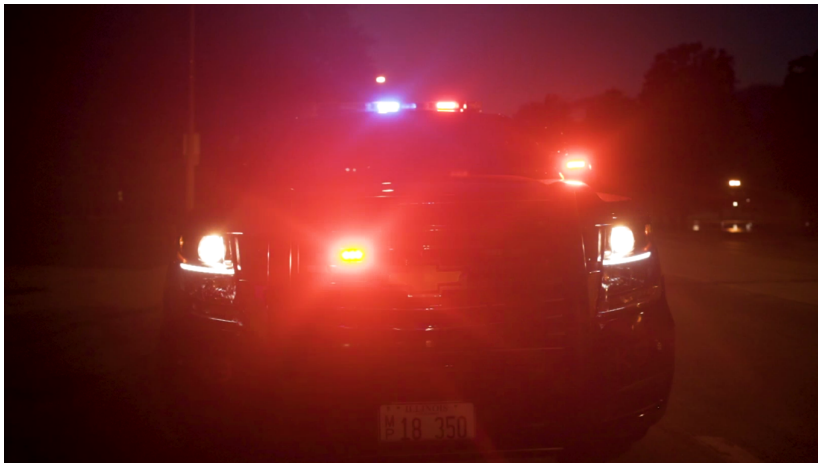
The Patrol Division is represented by the dedicated men and women who respond to calls for service, make on-view arrests, and investigate criminal acts of all types. In 2022, our officers responded to 45,961 total calls for service. Officers within the Patrol Division are the most visible representatives of the department and they are the first responders to incidents being dispatched from the 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Center or by encountering a situation as it occurs. 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: Truck Enforcement, Bike Patrol, Motor Unit, Domestic Violence Unit, NIU Co-Policing Initiative, Field Training Program, ILEAS Mobile Field Force, Sex Crimes Registration and Monitoring Unit, Honor Guard, Child Passenger Safety Seat Program, and Tobacco Compliance Program. Each unit is designed to meet the needs of the community in the most efficient and professional manner possible.

TRUCK ENFORCEMENT

The DeKalb Police Department participates in truck enforcement details conducted with the Illinois State Police and Illinois Department of Transportation. Trucks are weighed and checked for valid registrations and licenses, and inspected during the checkpoints.

BIKE PATROL

The mission of bike patrol is 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 proactive efforts were key in the downward trend of a variety of crime categories. Bike patrol is also utilized at various community events such as parades, 4th of July fireworks show, Cornfest and Homecoming.



PATROL DIVISION

MOTOR UNIT

2022 was the 18th consecutive year of service by the DeKalb Police Department's Motor Unit. The Motor Unit is typically used for traffic enforcement and community policing functions throughout the city. From supporting community events to patrolling parks and recreational paths throughout our city, the Motor Unit is 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.



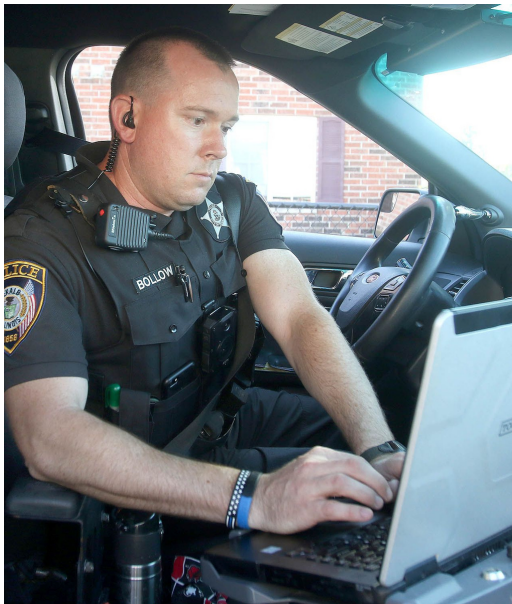
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT

The Domestic Violence Unit (DVU) in 2022 was comprised of Commander Steve Lekkas and Officers 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; and working in concert with the State's Attorney's Office, Safe Passage's Domestic Violence Advocacy Program, and by utilizing evidence-based practices. The DVU officer is tasked with reviewing domestic violence cases, executing warrants on offenders, conducting follow-up investigations, and assisting other officers with complicated cases based on their training, knowledge of the law, and experience. Officers work closely with the victims to prevent violence from reoccurring while supporting their immediate safety and advocacy needs. In 2016, the DVU partnered with DCFS to focus on domestic violence involving children. In 2022, the unit implemented Strangulation Protocol to better investigate and prosecute cases involving intentional choking. Officer Cooper was selected to attend an Advanced Strangulation Training on a scholarship.



CO-POLICING INITIATIVE WITH THE NIU POLICE DEPARTMENT

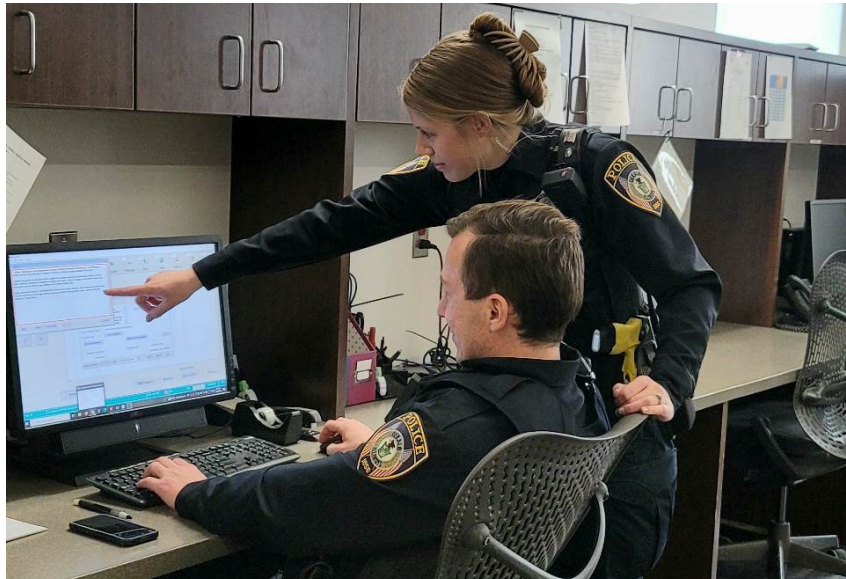
The DeKalb and Northern Illinois University Police Departments partner to develop ways to work more closely with one another to address student and community needs. Together initiatives are planned to improve cooperation, implement proactive policing strategies, and discuss training needs. The departments partner up regularly where they are assigned patrol duties in the northwest quadrant of DeKalb. As part of the Problem Oriented Policing effort, DeKalb Police assist NIU with Greek Row safety patrols, and NIU assists by force multiplying in areas where the data shows increased crime levels. The team approach is increased by partnering during special events. Large-scale community events tax department resources significantly, so cooperative assistance during these events is crucial. DeKalb Police reciprocates by assisting NIU Police with their special events and other on-campus public safety needs.



PATROL DIVISION

FIELD TRAINING

The DeKalb Police Department has 16 Field Training Officers. The Field Training Officers are responsible for training new police officers and providing periodic checkup rides for new officers while on probation. The Field Training Program consists of 12 to 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 2022.



ILEAS

The DeKalb Police Department has an officer assigned to the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) Mobile Field Force. Since individual departments cannot typically 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 conduct training together to address incidents such as crowd control, protests, large-scale acts of civil disobedience, and other crowd management concerns.

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 the community. This team is supervised by Sgt. Tony Kwasniewski.

In 2022, the department completed 411 Sex Offender registrations, 43 compliance checks, and made 29 arrests or obtained warrants for those in violation of the Sex Offender Registry Act.



HONOR GUARD

The DeKalb Police Department Honor Guard was first formed in 1996 for the dedication of Moudy Park, which was named after DeKalb Police Officer Tim Moudy who died in an accident in 1994. The Honor Guard continues to serve in a variety of ceremonies that include parades, inaugurations, memorials, and ceremonies.

Officers assigned to the Honor Guard also are members of a multi-jurisdictional Honor Guard made up of officers from DeKalb Police Department, DeKalb County Sheriff's Office, NIU Police Department, and Sycamore Police Department.



CHAPLAIN PROGRAM

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 Chaplains 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.

PATROL DIVISION

BARTENDER TRAINING FOR INTERVENTION PROCEDURES (TIPS)

One of the continual goals of the department and the city is to train establishments on 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. In-person TIPS training is no longer offered as it has moved entirely to online training through the TIPS website.

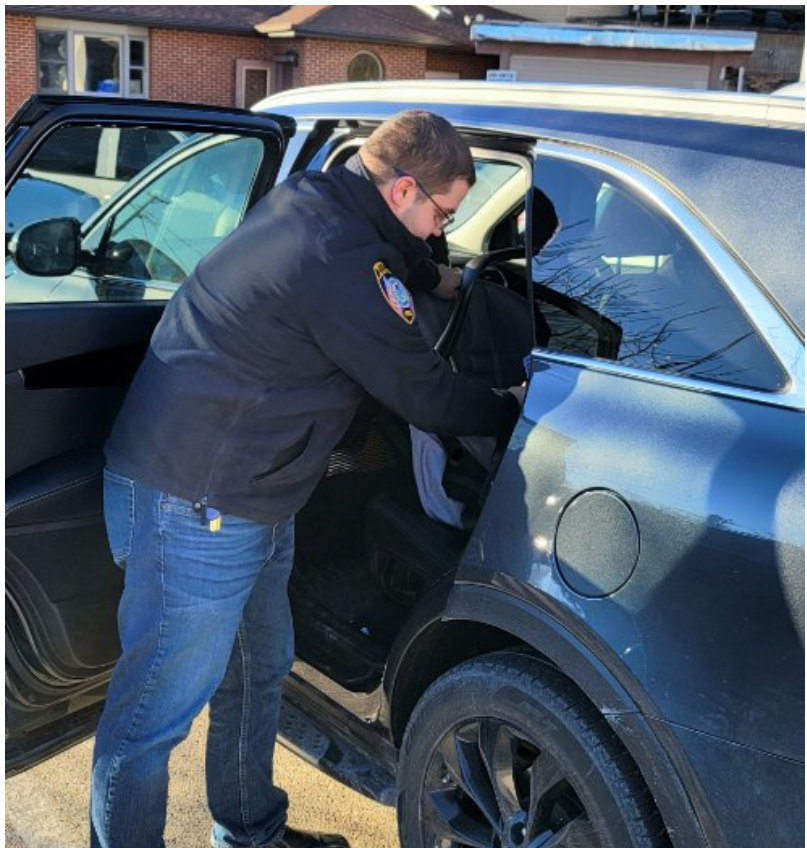
CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY SEAT PROGRAM

The DeKalb Police Department started the Child Passenger Safety Seat Program in 2001. Seven staff members are currently certified as Child Passenger Safety Seat Technicians. Techs are available to assist citizens in answering any questions they may have, as well as making sure their child passenger safety seat is:

- Installed correctly.
- Not included in a manufacturer safety recall.
- Meeting current safety standards.
- Correctly sized for the child.

In order to be certified, staff members must attend a 32-hour class sponsored by National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The training covers topics such as injury prevention, crash dynamics, federal safety standards, vehicle occupant protection systems, and the correct installation of child restraint systems. During 2022, 36 car seat checks and installations were completed at the DeKalb Police Department.



TOBACCO COMPLIANCE CHECKS

The DeKalb Police Department has obtained a grant which allows the opportunity to perform tobacco compliance checks. With grant monies disbursed through the Illinois Department of Human Services, 34 tobacco vendors across the city were checked twice throughout 2022. The program includes notifications to all tobacco licensees in the City of DeKalb that 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 also were 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 later checked for compliance to laws prohibiting the sale of cigarettes to minors. In 2022, eight businesses were found to be in violation.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION



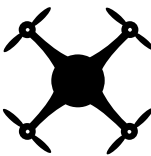
**465 CASES ASSIGNED:
256 DETECTIVE, 209 TRU**



**3 SPECIAL OPERATION
TEAM CALL OUTS**



**221 CASES
CLEARED BY ARRESTS**



3 DRONE CALL OUTS

The Investigations Division is comprised of highly trained professionals that specialize in criminal investigations. Commander Redel oversaw the division throughout most of 2022, along with Sergeants Wells, Ehrke and Mecca. 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 2022, Officers John Loechel and Liz Fabro 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 coordinated response to critical incidents and the affect 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. The department also plans on adding its own drone program in 2023.



INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

TARGETED RESPONSE UNIT



39 GANG RELATED CASES

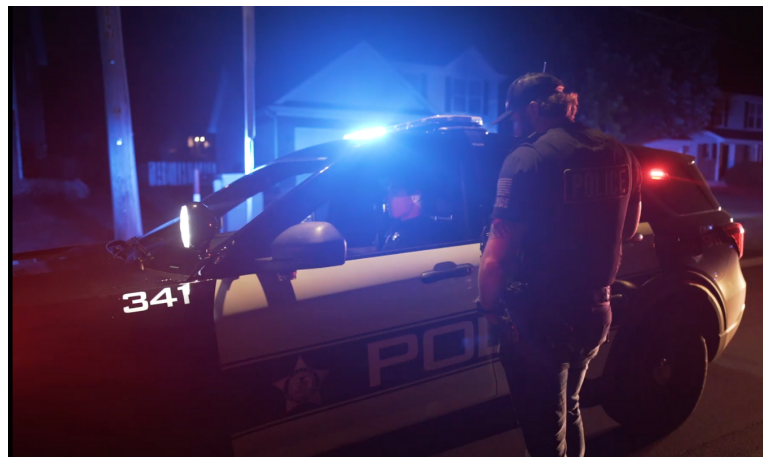


33 COVERT OPERATIONS

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 addresses street crime and quality of life issues in order to improve public safety. TRU is responsible for monitoring all registered sex offenders, parolees, individuals wanted on warrants, and gang members residing within the 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 2022, the Targeted Response Unit made 134 arrests and conducted 33 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 18 firearms were seized. TRU served 82 arrest warrants and performed 8 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 operates with three detectives, led by Sergeant Mecca.

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 DeKalb residents. In 2022, there were 39 cases that were gang-related or linked to street gang members.



K-9 UNIT



In September, the department purchased, trained and added a new K-9, “Chase,” to the Unit. Officer Kevin Ballschmiede became Chase’s handler. The Unit now has a total of three K-9’s. K-9s “Riggs” and “Drax” are trained as single-purpose drug detection and tracking dogs. K-9 Chase is trained as a single-purpose gun detection and tracking dog. K-9s Riggs and Drax can detect narcotics such as cocaine, crack cocaine, heroin, meth, and ecstasy. K-9 Chase can detect firearms, ammunition, spent casings and gunshot residue. The K-9s are trained in article searches. In 2022, the K-9s were deployed 311 times, yielding 29 arrests, 2 firearms, 21 grams of cocaine, 20 grams of meth, and successful trackings or apprehensions of fleeing suspects.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

TRAINING

The DeKalb Police Department remains committed to training officers and support personnel in the many facets of law enforcement. On July 1st, 2022, the State of Illinois enacted numerous in-service training mandates to ensure that all police officers meet professional standards. The DeKalb Police Department strives to not only meet these standards but exceed them. The scope of law enforcement duties requires ongoing training and recertification in a broad range of topics, including cultural diversity, de-escalation, and procedural justice training. In 2022, sworn police officers logged more than 4,300 hours of training and civilian employees logged 470 hours of training, not including time spent in the academy by five new officers.

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 2022, more than 180 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. The Neighbors by Ring App also allows residents 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.

 **DEKALB POLICE**

 **@DEKALBILPOLICE**

 **Nextdoor**

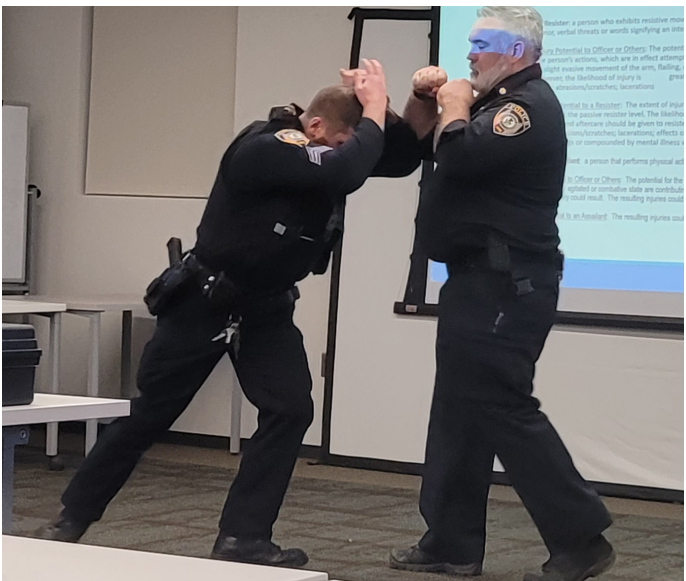
DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT

CRIME FREE HOUSING

The Crime Free Housing (CFH) Program is a nationwide strategy designed to reduce crime through a partnership with landlords and tenants of residential rental properties. The program has been successful in lowering the frequency of criminal activity occurring at rental properties by notifying landlords of incidents and facilitating solutions to deter criminal events.

After serving as the Crime Free Housing Coordinator since its inception in 2012, Carl Leoni announced his retirement in late 2022.

This completes a career of more than 43 years with the City after serving in the Police Department for 33 years. After a review of the CFH program, the City Council decided to expand the scope of its services and named Bob Redel as the Director on November 28th. Crime Free Housing will now be located at City Hall as part of the City Manager's Office.



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 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, and proper disposal of all evidence and property taken into custody by the police department, in accordance with federal and state laws, as well as internal policies. The evidence custodians took in more than 4,200 items of evidence in 2022. The Evidence Section also handles the Drug Take Back program.

The addition of body worn cameras in 2021 significantly increased the volume of digital evidence. Evidence Technician Kody Williams manages the digital 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. Two designated prescription drug drop-off days are conducted 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. Liquids and syringes are unable be to accepted. In 2022, we destroyed 201 pounds of prescribed medicine that was turned into the department over the last year.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The Neighborhood Watch Program works by showing residents they are not powerless against crime. Through crime prevention training, victim assistance, citizen patrols, phone trees, and improving the overall condition of neighborhoods. 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.

COURT SECURITY

The Police Department continues to provide security for the city court proceedings which take place at the Police Department. The Court Security Officer assists individuals with court procedure, helps provide instructions to attendees, and performs security measures to ensure a safe environment. CSO Ray West typically provides this service.



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 also are 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 division is staffed by Patty Pumfrey, Carol Halsey, Adrienne Oziah, and JoAnn Garcia. Emily Henderson resigned from the department in 2022. Hannah Tomash was subsequently hired 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.





**CERTIFICATIONS, FUNDRAISERS,
AND COMMUNITY EVENTS**

STORM READY CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

The City of DeKalb was first certified by the National Weather Service in December 2015 as a Storm Ready Community. The police department has been primarily responsible for maintaining the Storm Ready certification.

This 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, an automated 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 works 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 also is 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 2022 but in-person training is already scheduled for 2023 through the National Weather Service.

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



FUNDRAISING

NO SHAVE NOVEMBER

The DeKalb Police Department participated for the sixth 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 2022 Campaign at DeKalb PD raised \$725 and supported the “Fight Colorectal Cancer” Foundation. Officers participated in the No Shave event through February and those funds will go toward Chief Byrd’s Pay it Forward program and the Heroes and Helpers program for 2023.



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. In 2022, The DeKalb PBPA co-organized and participated in a charitable “Toys for Tots” basketball game which featured “Guns N’ Hoses” – a team of DeKalb Police Officers and Firefighters. The annual fundraiser garnered an abundance of community support and toy donations for less fortunate children. The event was very successful and was estimated to have had the largest attendance in the event’s history.



SPECIAL EVENTS

HEROES & HELPERS

The DeKalb Police Department and Target partner to show their giving spirit by organizing the Heroes & 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 Community Unit 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 more than 60 children to participate in the program in 2022.



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS



During Breast Cancer Awareness Month, many officers purchased pink badges and patches to wear to stimulate conversation with the community and to encourage public awareness about the importance of early detection and the ongoing fight against breast cancer. The DeKalb Police Department also offered the pink patches for sale to the public as a fundraiser with profits to be donated to a charitable organization. The profit from patch sales was \$145. The DeKalb Police Benevolent & Protective Association (PBPA) Unit #71 donated an additional \$155 to make the total donation \$300. This donation was made to Bringing Joy which is a local group that helps cancer patients in need.

DEKALB FRIENDS AND FAMILY CHRISTMAS PAY IT FORWARD

2022 marked the second 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

SAFE PASSAGE

The DeKalb Police Department participated in events hosted by Safe Passage during Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Take Back the Night is one event with a march and a vigil that encourages members of the community to join and stand in alliance for survivors of sexual assault.



AUTISM AWARENESS

Autism Awareness month was recognized in April with the addition of a squad car hood logo and officers purchasing special Autism Awareness blue badges. The Autism Caregiver Group partnered with the DeKalb Police Department to put on a safety event to teach families about how children with autism may interact with police in a variety of different settings.

The DeKalb Police Department currently offers families the ability to notify the department of anyone in their family who has special needs so emergency responders are aware before responding to the scene. Individuals can fill out the form at the police department or submit the form online.

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 the 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 belonging in the community. It's through this conversation that the DeKalb community's Belonging initiative began.



PUBLIC EVENTS

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



National Night Out is America’s Night Out Against Crime. 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.

COP ON A ROOFTOP

2022 marked the 19th Anniversary of the Dunkin’ Donuts 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 \$7.6 million has been raised in Illinois during this great partnership. The Cop on a Rooftop 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

The 21st Annual PBPA Golf Outing was held in 2022. The golf outing is the organization's largest event during the year. 92 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 to raising funds for local charities.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

CITIZEN APPRECIATION AWARDS

DeKalb Police Department held the second annual Citizen Appreciation ceremony to recognize citizens who assisted the department in the prior year. Citizens included Angelia P., Amonaquettenette P., Alicia T., Jennifer H., Mark H., Joseph M., Jenny S., John W., Mercedes H., Randy G., Vanessa C., and Jim S. These citizens, even with the potential of personal risk, 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 to their fellow citizens.



OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS

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





UPCOMING INITIATIVES IN 2023

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PUBLIC SAFETY CAMERAS

The police department will continue to enhance its public safety camera system to monitor high crime areas. Cameras are present at key locations in the city to deter gang activity and violent crimes, and to aid investigations. Residents also can voluntarily register their Ring cameras and home security cameras with the police department.



EXPANSION OF CIT PROGRAM

The Police Department continues to expand the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program by training additional officers and fostering its partnership with Northwestern Medicine Kishwaukee Hospital and the DeKalb County Community Mental Health Board. The department seeks to add more social workers in 2023 which will assist the department as it continues to better provide service to persons suffering from mental and behavioral health 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, locating fleeing subjects, and providing aerial photos of accidents and crime scenes, all without putting the public or officers at undue risk.

RECRUITMENT

In 2023, the department will continue to boost recruitment efforts with the goal to reach 70 sworn officers by the end of the year. Increased staff numbers will help to reduce overtime, and increase resources to focus on behavioral health responses, 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

Fall

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

Winter

- Heroes & Helpers
- Pay It Forward
- Toys for Tots
- Lights on Lincoln
- Santa Comes to Town

