

DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

2018



The DeKalb Police Department was selected by the
Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)
as one of the
“2019 Community Policing in Action Photo Contest Winners.”

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services announced 12 winners of its 5th annual “Community Policing in Action” Photo Contest. The contest, piloted in 2014, received widespread support from law enforcement for providing a platform for agencies to share positive interaction with community members. The 12 winning photos will be featured on the COPS Office website and social media accounts monthly during the 2019 calendar year. In addition, the winning agencies will be featured in articles in the COPS Office e-newsletter, *The Community Policing Dispatch*.



Photo taken by DeKalb Daily Chronicle



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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,

The DeKalb Police Department remains committed to reducing crime and enhancing our quality of life through an active partnership with our community. That partnership has been strong and has produced some good news when we examine crime trends over the last two years. The 10% decline in crime that was reported in 2017 has continued into 2018, a trend that wouldn't be possible without the support of our community and innovative police work. The good news is that in 2018 our most serious offenses declined by 12% and the future remains promising if we continue to work together.

In 2018, the men and women of the DeKalb Police Department implemented a variety of strategies designed to make our neighborhoods safer. These programs included the *Safe Streets Initiative*, *COMPASS*, *Domestic Violence Lethality Assessment Program*, and *Project HOPE*. The *Safe Streets Initiative* helped to make neighborhoods safer through a multi-disciplinary approach, *COMPASS* or *Changing Outcomes by Making Parents Accountable, Successful, and Supported*, opened a new door for early intervention for juvenile offenders, the *Domestic Violence Lethality Assessment Program* interdicted the cycle of relationship-based violence through early victim support, and *Project HOPE* or *Heroin/Opioid Outreach Prevention and Education* began to get addicts to treatment, in 2018 our overdose cases decreased by 42%.

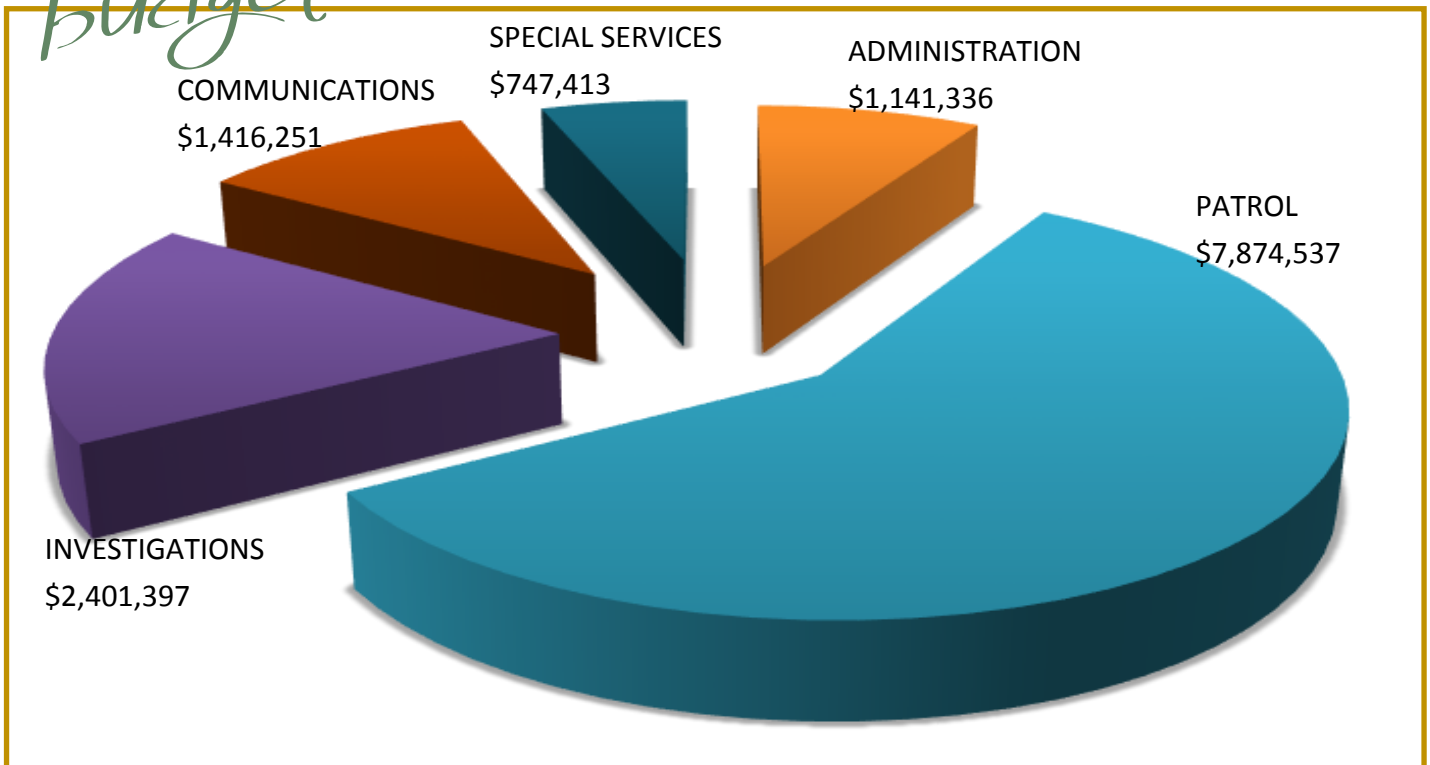
As we look to the future, expect these trends to continue and know that the men and women of the DeKalb Police Department work hard for you every day. Their job is challenging, yet they remain committed to our community and to always doing the right thing. Thank you for being part of the solution and "partnering" with us to make DeKalb a better place to live, work and raise our families.

Respectfully,
Gene Lowery



City Organized	1856
Police Organized	1885
Population	44,034
Sworn Officers	65
Civilian Personnel	27
City Budget	\$93,720,356
Police Budget	\$13,580,934
Service Area	16.4 square miles
Part I Crimes	1,340
Part II Crimes	6,340
Accidents	1,401
Arrests	2,954
Citations	3,221
Public Services	13,410
Index Crime Rate per 1,000	30.43
Ratio of Police Officers per 1,000 Residents	1.47

budget



FLEET



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

DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF OF POLICE

Gene Lowery

DEPUTY CHIEF

John Petragallo

COMMANDERS

Jason Leverton

Robert Redel

Craig Woodruff

Stylianios Lekkas

SERGEANTS

Jonathan Costliow+

James Haacker

Thomas Petit

Mark Tehan

Scott Farrell

Chad McNett

Joseph Espy

Paul Mott

Jeff Weese

Todd Wells

Tony Kwasniewski

Chad McNett@

Michael Stewart@

SWORN OFFICERS

Burton Johnson+

Steven Rodriguez+

Jeffrey Winters

Aaron Lockhart

Mark Nachman

Reda Reese

Jose Jaques

Kevin Ferrigan

Jason Watson

Kelly Sullivan

Mario Nonnenmann

Brian Bollow

Anthony Densberger

Chris Sullivan

Keith Ehrke

Lance Reinbolz

Jared Burke

Elizabeth Fabro

Jeffrey Ackland

Keunte Mallett

Aaron Gates

Phillip Brown

Geoffrey Guzinski

Joshua Boldt

Kris Mecca

SWORN OFFICERS

Ryan Wilkens

Bryan Soderstrom

Jonathan Jursich

Sadie Pristave

Jordan Poulos

John Loechel

Allison Remnes

Michael Cicchetti

Olaniran Habideen

Jason Goodwin

Sonny Streit

Raynaldo Hernandez

Steven Parsons

Danielle Sorenson

Josef Gordon

Charles Verdone

Aaron Kleinmaier

Jonathan Bell

Sebastian Lemus

Trevor Burdick

Raul Barraza^

Max Paul*

Elise Dusek*

Tyler Scott*

Philip Nicholson*

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

LaToya Marz

TELECOMMUNICATORS

Heide Clark

Sean Woyna

Christopher McMeen^

Brittany Westergren

Geoffrey Wells

Keller Kurth

Hillary Engler

Ryan Fisher

Elizabeth Basham

Alyssa Jennings

Garrett Williams

Jessica Green

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Penny Meier

RECORDS OFFICE ASSOCIATES

Rita Larson

Patty Pumfrey

Melissa Neblock

MANAGEMENT ANALYST

Emily Tipps

Grant Funded CRIME ANALYST

Aaron McCauley

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

James Rhoades

Daniel Gerace

Jonathan Taylor

Santiago Hernandez

Elizabeth Cygnar

COURT SECURITY

Raymond West

PART TIME TELECOMMUNICATORS

Carol Halsey

Adrienne Oziah

Kelli Wilkens

Kaitlin Armstrong

Jennifer Barnett

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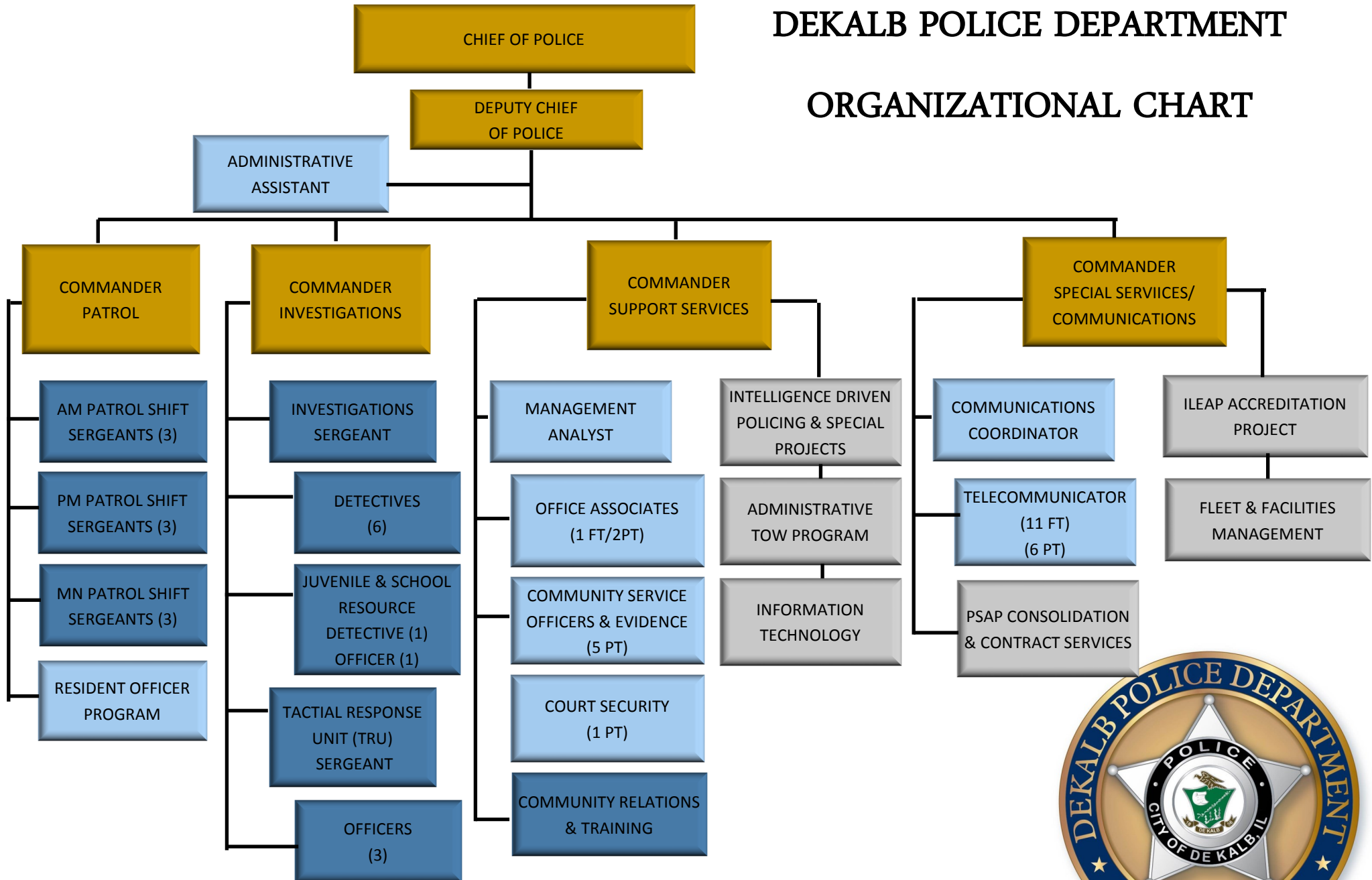
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2018

DEKALB POLICE DEPARTMENT

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



To Protect And Serve

accomplishments 2018

- **Crime Reductions:** As a result of proactive policing strategies, the hard work of the men and women of the DeKalb Police Department, and our strong partnership with our community, there was a 12% decrease in our most serious crime as reported in the Uniformed Crime Reports. Combining 2017 and 2018 we saw a cumulative decrease in crime over two years that totaled 22% in our most serious offenses. This was a tremendous accomplishment and the first quarter of 2019 is producing similar results.
- **County Radio Project:** The DeKalb County Sheriff's Office embarked on a \$4 million state-of-the-art countywide digital radio system in 2018, which will replace their existing analog VHF network in 2019. The DeKalb Police Department intends to join the countywide network upon its completion, which will save over \$100,000 annually in fees that have been required of the State's current digital Starcom network. As part of this project, the Police Department was able to secure the purchase of portable radios in 2018 for the new system at a drastically reduced cost, and will realize other infrastructure savings as well when the project is complete.
- **FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Program:** Commander Craig Woodruff graduated from the FBI-LEEDA Trilogy program after successfully completing the FBI-LEEDA Supervisor Leadership Institute, Command Leadership Institute, and Executive Leadership Institute.
- **Lethal Assessment Program (LAP):** Domestic violence situations often escalate to serious injury or in some incidents death for family members, the abuser, bystanders or first responders. In 2018, the DeKalb Police Department initiated the Lethality Assessment Program (LAP) to improve the way we handled incidents of domestic violence. The LAP allows officers to ask specific questions, that educates the victim about the predictors that indicate may be at a greater risk of serious injury or homicide. The victim is then empowered to make choices the appropriate choices to enhance their own safety. From October to December of 2018, 82% of the calls to our domestic violence advocacy agency, Safe Passage, came from the implementation of the LAP through the DeKalb Police. During this time frame 80% of the victims interviewed reported being strangled and 56% of the victims requested services including shelter, orders of protection, safety planning, and counseling.

GRANTS

- **The Katz Family Foundation - \$5,000:** This is the fourth year that the Police Department has received this funding based on the generosity of the Katz family, it is dedicated to fund equipment or programs for our personnel.
- **Target grant - \$2,500:** This grant is used to fund the annual Heroes and Helpers program and National Night Out event sponsored by Target. Heroes and Helpers pairs officers with families in need to help them shop for holiday presents. The officers normally walk through the store with the children as they point out what they would like to give their loved ones as a gift. National Night Out is a community resource event promoting health and wellness. The DeKalb Police Department often gives away bicycles and safety equipment to children.
- **3M grant - \$2,500:** This grant was used to purchase additional in-car printers for squad cars. These printers allow officers to interface directly with police department records and the DeKalb County Circuit Clerk increasing efficiency while adjudicating citations.
- **Camera grant - \$11,500:** This grant was offered by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board to facilitate the purchase of in-car video camera systems. The DeKalb Police Department was able to add two new HD quality camera systems to the fleet.
- **TRIAD Grant - \$3000:** This grant is used to put on educational events for senior citizens. These include Identity Theft seminars, Car Safety Checks, Senior Breakfast, Senior Picnic and Senior Health Fair.



TRIAD GRANT

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- **911 Consolidation:** The State is requiring a number of 911 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) to consolidate, and DeKalb County's 9-1-1 consolidation date has been set for June 4, 2019. The primary reason for the mandatory 911 PSAP consolidation is to lower the overall statewide cost of Next Generation 9-1-1, which is a pending technology project that will update existing 9-1-1 systems. After June 4, 2019, Northern Illinois University Police will no longer be answering 9-1-1 calls that originate on campus; those calls will be received at the DeKalb Police Department Communications Center. In 2018, progress was made with the telephone companies and other vendors to make this required transition, and meetings have been regularly held with NIU to make this transition as smooth as possible.
- **Next Generation 9-1-1 Project:** DeKalb County has been a leader in the Next Generation 9-1-1 Project, a pending technology project that will update the County's existing E9-1-1 system which has been in place since 1993. DeKalb County is part of an 11-county regional consortium called the Northern Illinois Next Generation Alliance (NINGA), which will bring Next Generation 9-1-1 to the entire County well ahead of a proposed statewide system. Significant progress was made on the procurements for this project in 2018, with installation expected in 2019.
- **Police-Mental Health Collaboration Grant:** In late 2017, the Police Department received a \$75,000 Research & Planning Grant from the Department of Justice – Bureau of Justice Assistance to initiate a Police-Mental Health Collaboration project. The purpose of the grant was to identify and form a partnership among law enforcement, social and public service agencies, and mental health providers in the community to identify service shortcomings to those suffering from a mental illness. Grant recipients also applied for additional implementation funds, and although DeKalb was not selected for this opportunity, the project resulted in many positive outcomes. Tangible resources are also being developed as a result of this grant initiative such as Crisis Intervention Team training for police officers, a shared case management software system, and promising local grants to provide for additional research, training, and potentially an embedded social worker within the Police Department.
- **Policy Revision Project and State Accreditation:** By the close of 2018, all of the department's 115 administrative and operational policies had been reviewed and revised to reflect current operations, case law, and best practices. With the policies all conforming to the extensive professional standards published and promoted by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the department is proceeding with an official state accreditation through the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP). Accreditation consists of an independent professional review of the department's policies and requires documented proof that each standard is affirmed in both policy and practice. Assessors will be on site in 2019 to review the policies, inspect the facilities, interview officers, and engage the public to ensure compliance with the 180 established standards. This represents a major accomplishment in terms of an updated comprehensive policy manual and being recognized as a leader in law enforcement professionalism.
- **POP/COPS DETAILS:** The Police Department continues their proactive patrol measures with Problem Oriented Policing (POP) and Community Oriented Policing (COP) initiatives. These details are designed to increase proactive policing efforts, address order maintenance concerns, and increase community engagement. In 2018, nearly 4000 proactive patrol measures were implemented which resulted in a decrease in crime and enhanced the quality of life for the residents of neighborhoods that faced public safety challenges.
- **Proactive Policing Strategies:** In 2018 the following programs were implemented, the *Safe Streets Initiative*, *COMPASS*, *Domestic Violence Lethality Assessment Program*, and *Project HOPE*. The *Safe Streets Initiative* helped to make neighborhoods safer through a multi-disciplinary approach, *COMPASS* or *Changing Outcomes by Making Parents Accountable, Successful, and Supported*, opened a new door for early intervention for juvenile offenders, the *Domestic Violence Lethality Assessment Program* interdicted the cycle of relationship-based violence through early victim support, and *Project HOPE* or *Heroin/Opioid Outreach Prevention and Education* was launched on a trial basis to get addicts to treatment as soon as possible, in 2019 our overdose cases decreased by 42%.

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- **Safe Streets Initiative (SSI):** The Safe Streets Initiative is a multi-faceted program designed to enhance public safety in neighborhoods near or adjacent to Northern Illinois University. The Safe Streets Initiative is comprised of three components; proactive policing strategies, enhanced parking regulations, and establishing “safe routes” in neighborhoods with community safety concerns. The proactive policing strategies, through a combination of community-based and intelligence-driven policing, have begun to produce positive results. The program in its entirety will be reviewed after one year to determine if the strategies that have been implemented have been working and if changes need to be made.

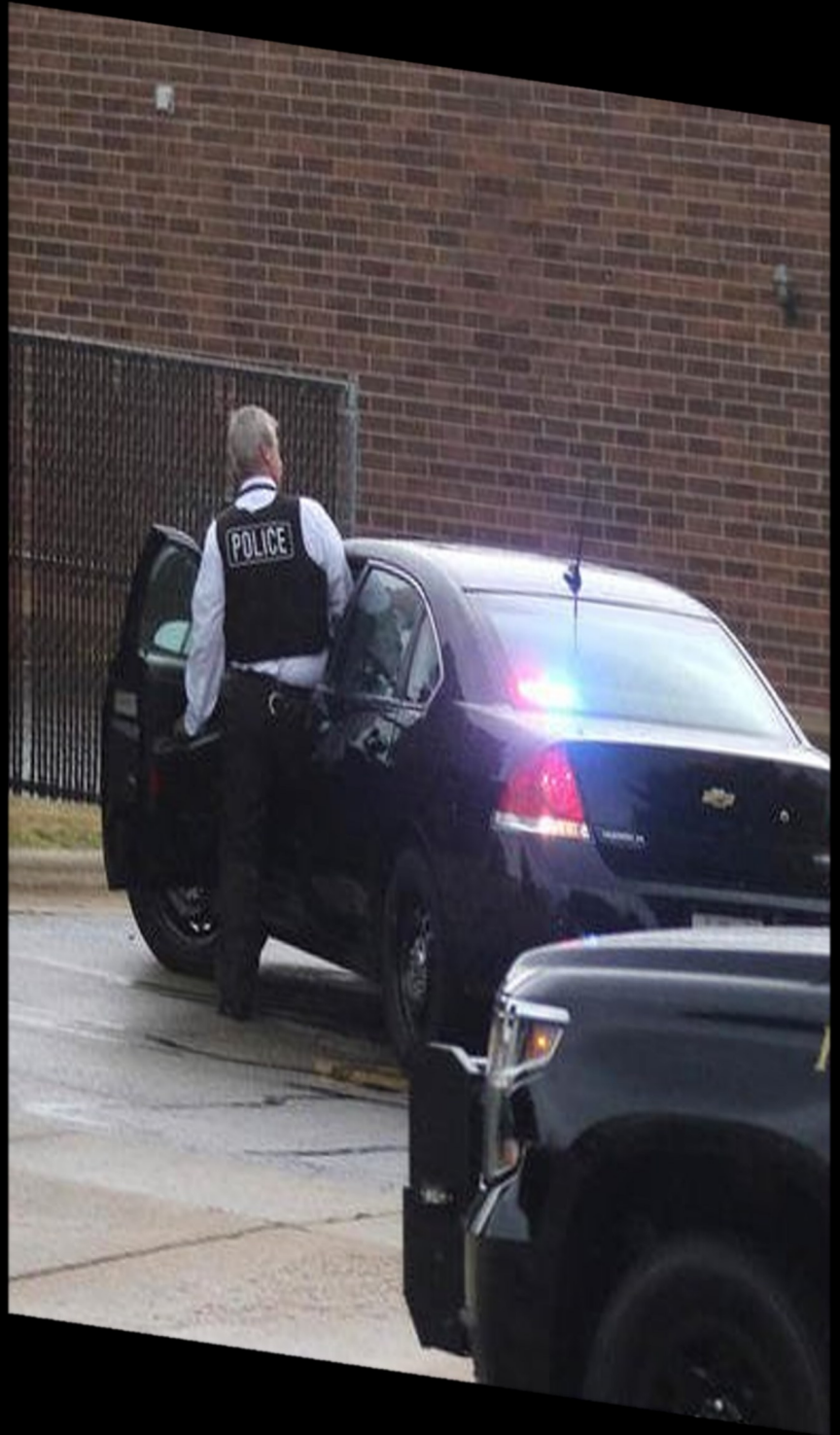
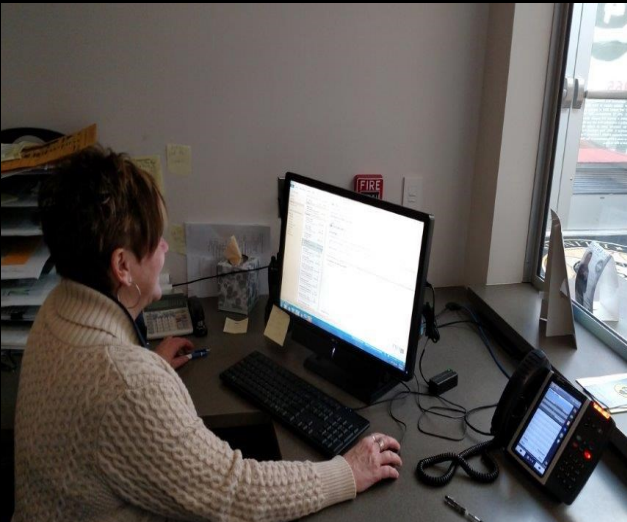
During the planning phases of the Safe Streets Initiative, the Police Department conducted over 30 meeting and information sessions, including ward meetings, council meetings, door-to-door canvasses, and other public meetings with residents and students. Drone photos, on-site surveys, and overhead parking maps were used to determine the available parking on each street.

Each phase had a two-week grace period after the signs were hung for residents to acclimate to the new regulations. During the grace period, officers left warning cards on the cars to inform residents of the changes.



- Phase 1, which included Russell Road and Crane Drive, passed on December 13, 2017 and enforcement began on February 12, 2018.
- Phase 2, which included the College/John Neighborhood and the Fifth Ward Historic District, passed on April 8, 2018 and enforcement began on June 28, 2018 that was delayed due to street repairs from July to September.
- Phase 3, which included neighborhoods west of Annie Glidden Rd, passed on May 14, 2018 and enforcement began on July 12, 2018.
- Phase 4, that included the Greek Row neighborhoods, passed on June 25, 2018 and enforcement began on August 16, 2018.

DIVISIONS



ADMINISTRATION . COMMUNICATIONS . INVESTIGATIONS . PATROL

ADMINISTRATION

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

The Deputy Chief is second in command of the Police Department and acts in lieu of the Police Chief as needed. The Deputy Chief also commands the Operations and Support Bureaus. The Support Bureau encompasses Budget Administration, Community and Informational Services, Communications, and Support Services. The Operations Bureau encompasses the Patrol and Investigations Divisions, as well as the many specialty assignments and units therein.

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

SUPPORT BUREAU

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

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

We continue to meet with neighborhood and special interest groups to discuss public safety throughout the community. In 2018, we coordinated and attended numerous special events including National Night Out, Cop on a Rooftop, Camp Power, Toys for Tots and Heroes and Helpers.

"PROJECT HOPE" (HEROIN Outreach, Prevention & Education) is a pilot program that began implementation in 2018. While it is still being developed we were able to get six citizens into rehabilitation centers and provided information to many others. This program is being developed with the help of State's Attorney Rick Amato and was modeled after Dixon Police Department's Safe Passage program. We hope to fully launch the program in 2019.



Officer Jonathan Bell spoke at the Clinton Rosette Middle School Annual Summit.

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 over 4000 hours in 2018.

RECORDS

The Records Division is responsible for the collection and retention of police reports, citations, parking tickets, arrests and all other data and records pertaining to the functions of the Police Department. Records staff are charged with maintaining the integrity and confidentiality of police records to ensure the credibility of information in the administration of justice, from the point of police contact to the adjudication of cases in court. They are also responsible for the timely fulfilment of subpoenas, report requests by the State's Attorney's office and the City's Legal Department, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests, and internal requests for records regarding all matters. Two part-time office associate positions are staffed by Patty Pumfrey and Melissa Neblock. Rita Larson, a full-time office associate, is primarily assigned to Crime Free Housing Inspections, but also assists with Records functions. The Records personnel also provide service at the front desk in the public lobby, which includes walk-in customers in need of police service, records requests, general information, mail and package delivery, and vendor service accommodations. In addition, they are the primary point of telephone contact for records and report inquiries to the Police Department.



	TOTAL
FOIA	972
SUBPOENAS	169
BACKGROUND CHECKS	1136
COPY OF REPORTS	907
COPY OF 911 TAPES	497
COPY OF VIDEOS	153
COPY OF PICTURES ON CD	49
EVIDENCE REQUESTS	1342
OTHER REQUESTS	124
PARKING GUEST PERMITS	166
SAFE STREETS PARKING PASSES	199

COURT / CITY COUNCIL SECURITY

The Police Department provides security for the municipal court proceedings held at City Hall. Additional Court Security officers are also assigned to help as needs arise. Similarly, the Police Department provided at least one officer for every City Council meeting and additional resources as needed. These officers help maintain security and provide a safe environment for court and City Council meetings.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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

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

<https://twitter.com/DeKalbILPolice>

TECHNOLOGY

Alert DeKalb is an emergency notification system provided by the Smart 911 platform. This program can keep residents informed of criminal activity, weather alerts, or traffic problems. In 2018, 110 messages were sent to residents.

The department is now operational with the APS electronic ticket writing software provided by the DeKalb County Circuit Clerk's Office. Officers are able to print tickets in the car and submit them to records electronically. The system will be fully integrated when the Clerk implements the next interface bridging the police department and their 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 for lost and found items. Part-time Community Service Officer (CSO) Jim Rhoades serves as the department's designated property officer, and is assisted by part-time CSO Dan Gerace. They are responsible for the receipt, storage, safekeeping, release, and proper disposal of all evidence and property taken into custody by the police department, in accordance with federal and state laws as well as internal policies of the police department.

The evidence custodians took in over 3,900 items of evidence in 2018. The Evidence Section also handles our Drug Take-Back program. In 2018, we disposed of 500 pounds of surplus medication turned into the Police Department.



COMMUNICATIONS

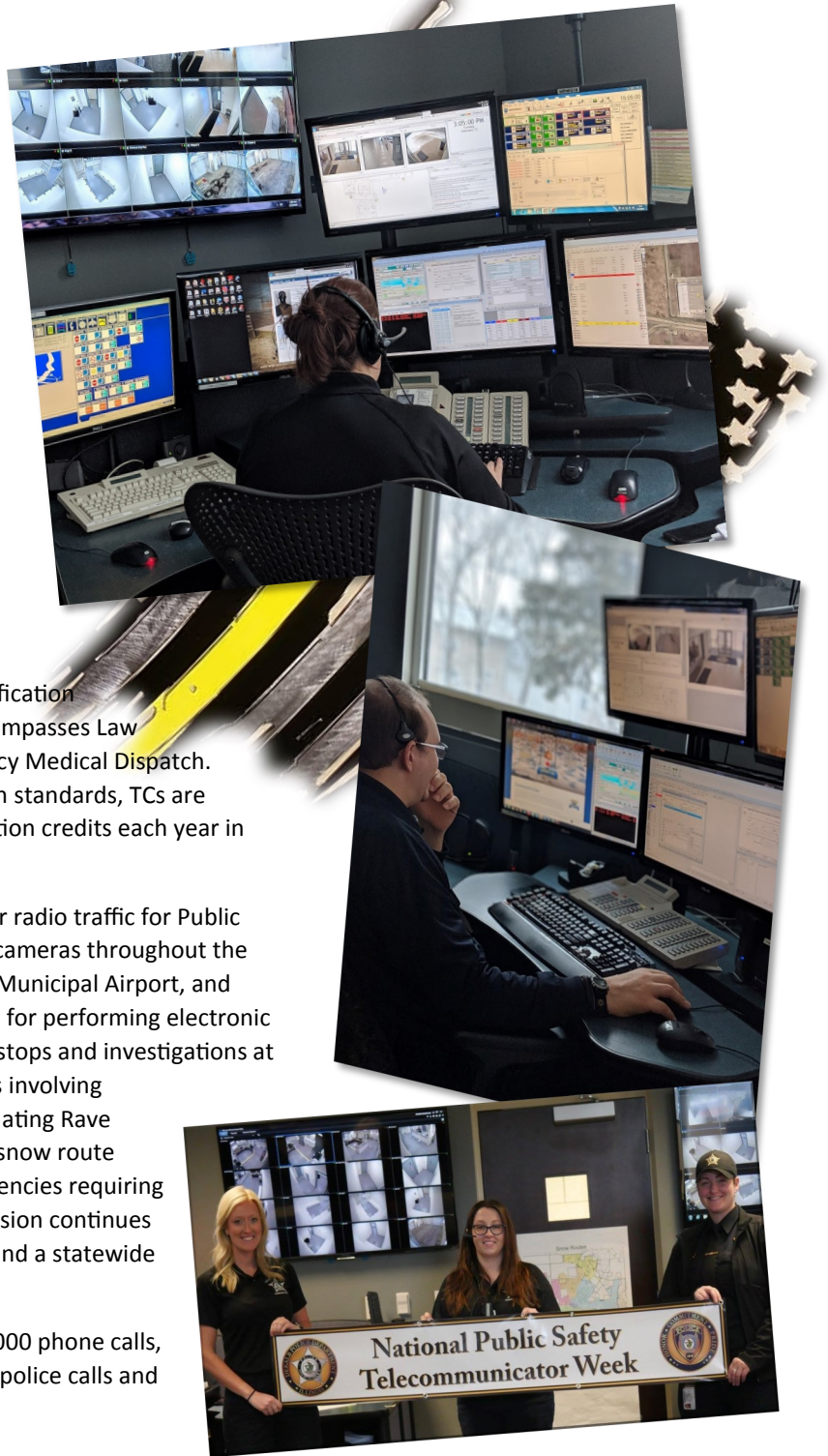
The Communications Division works as the frontline response for receiving emergency and non-emergency telephone inquiries and requests for Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services within our community and fire protection district. The Communications Division is staffed 24/7 with authorized staffing including a Communications Coordinator, 11 full-time and six part-time highly trained telecommunicators (TCs).

Commander Jason Leverton provides administrative and supervisory support, while Communications Coordinator LaToya Marz serves as the manager of the center and direct supervisor of the TCs. The Communications Division is focused on our agency's mission to protect and serve while receiving and dispatching calls for service by enhancing the safety of our officers, fire personnel and our community.

Each dispatcher 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 Municipal Building, DeKalb Taylor Municipal Airport, and mobile cameras as needed. Communications is responsible for performing electronic checks of vehicles, persons, items, and warrants for traffic stops and investigations at the request of our sworn personnel. TCs also perform tasks involving administrative support, monitoring Smart911 and disseminating Rave notifications to city residents in events of severe weather, snow route activations, road closures, safety concerns, or other emergencies requiring targeted or citywide notification. The Communications Division continues to be involved in the preparation for NG9-1-1 capabilities and a statewide consolidation mandate.

In 2018, the Communications Division answered over 115,000 phone calls, including over 22,486 9-1-1 calls, while dispatching 55,847 police calls and 6,184 fire/EMS calls.



- *There was a 7% increase in law enforcement total calls for service as compared to 2017.*
- *Fire/ambulance calls for service saw a 9% increase in calls for service compared to 2017.*
- *9-1-1 calls saw a 2% increase compared to 2017.*

OPERATIONS

The Operations Bureau is represented by the dedicated men and women who respond to calls for service, make on-view arrests, and investigate criminal acts of all types. In 2018 our officers responded to **55,847** total calls for service compared to **52,136 calls** in 2017 – a **7% increase**. The Operations Bureau is comprised of the Patrol and Investigations Divisions.

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

The Investigations Division is comprised of highly trained professionals that specialize in criminal investigations. The Detectives and Targeted Response Unit (TRU) officers conduct follow-up on criminal investigations on serious crimes reported to the police. Typically, a uniformed police officer responds to a call for service and prepares a police report which may require follow-up investigation. A detective is then assigned to conduct the follow-up, often requiring many hours of investigation before an arrest is made or a case is closed. In 2018, 738 cases were assigned to the Investigation Bureau with 320 to the Investigators; 118 cases to the School Resource Officers and 300 cases to the TRU unit. Of these 738 cases, 331 were cleared by arrest; 200 remain active; 74 cleared exceptionally; 4 were unfounded; 123 are inactive; and 6 were referred to another agency. In 2018, Chris Sullivan was assigned as a School Resource Officer and Kris Mecca and Ray Hernandez were assigned as new detectives.

Specialized units operate under the Operations Bureau's span of control and include: Bike Patrol, Motor Unit, Gang and Drug Enforcement, Youth Services, School Resource Officers, Marijuana Identification Services, Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System, Resident Officer Program, Targeted Response Unit, Special Operations Team, Domestic Violence Unit, Canine Unit, and Sex Crimes Registration and Monitoring Unit. Each unit is designed to meet the needs of the community in the most efficient and professional manner possible.



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

The City and the DeKalb School District continued the strategy for lockdown procedures called the “ALICE” plan. Prior to this plan, lockdown procedures involved the staff locking their doors, moving the students to a part of the room where they could not be seen, and quietly remaining there until an “all clear” announcement was given. The ALICE plan offers a different philosophy in light of recent school violence. The philosophy of ALICE is to use technology and information in a way so that staff and students can make informed decisions in a crisis, remove as many people as possible from the danger zone, and provide realistic training so that those involved in a crisis have a better chance of surviving. All of the employees of the DeKalb School District were mandated to attend ALICE training; once the staff was trained on the procedures, a letter was sent home to all of the parents of DeKalb School District students explaining the new ALICE procedures. All students were trained on what to do during an “Intruder Drill” and the last step was to plan for a “rally point” and an “offsite” evacuation. Drills were then performed at each school and observed by ALICE certified instructors. The ALICE procedures have educated and prepared all the students/staff on how to react and enhance survivability for a situation that we hope will never occur.



BIKE PATROL

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

There were 7 officers assigned to bike patrol at various times throughout the year and their efforts were key in the downward trend of a variety of crime categories. Over 100 hours were spent on various tasks of the bike patrol—making 517 contacts and handling 37 calls.

The bike patrol also supported numerous community events throughout the year.

CANINE UNIT

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

In 2018:

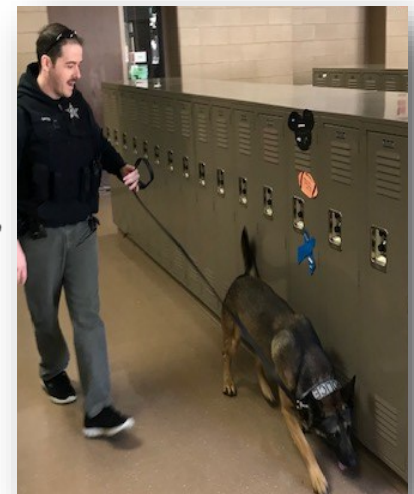
Total uses of canine on calls (deployments): **75**

Arrests because of the canine: **28**

Suspect tracks: **7**

School searches: **7**

Training hours: **182**



CO-POLICING INITIATIVE WITH THE NIU POLICE DEPARTMENT

The DeKalb and Northern Illinois University Police partner to strategize ways to work more closely with one another to address student and community needs. Together we plan initiatives to improve cooperation, implement proactive policing strategies, and discuss training needs. The departments partner up daily on all shifts where they are assigned patrol duties in the northwest quadrant of our city. As part of the Problem Oriented Policing effort, DeKalb Police assist NIU with Greek Row checks and NIU assists by force multiplying in areas where the data shows increased crime levels. We also increase our team approach by partnering NIU officers and DeKalb Police officers during special events. These events tax our resources significantly and their assistance during these events is crucial. DeKalb Police officers reciprocate by assisting the NIU Police with their special events and other on-campus public safety matters.



DEKALB COUNTY SPECIAL OPERATIONS TEAM

The DeKalb Police Department, Sycamore Police Department, Northern Illinois Police Department, and the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office make up a multi-jurisdictional team trained in special weapons and tactics led by the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office which provides a tactical response to critical incidents in DeKalb County. 7 DeKalb Police Officers are members of the entry team and 2 DeKalb Police Officers were added in 2018 as trained negotiators. The presence of a highly trained and skilled law enforcement tactical unit at critical incidents has allowed for the resolution of critical incidents while mitigating the risk of serious injury or death to citizens, law enforcement and suspects. The agencies involved in SOT recognize the benefits of a well-managed "team response" and the effect the multi-jurisdictional team has as a force multiplier that enhances the participating agencies' abilities to resolve high risk situations in a safe manner. The use of SOT is requested by various agencies to execute search warrants deemed high risk and mitigate critical incidents throughout DeKalb County. There were **8** call outs in 2018.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT

The Domestic Violence Unit (DVU) in 2018 was comprised of 5 Officers and 1 Sergeant, including Sgt. Mike Stewart and Officers Jeff Ackland, Keunte Mallett, Jonathan Jursich, Bryan Soderstrom and Michael Cicchetti.

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

In 2018, the Lethality Assessment Program was implemented and is now utilized on all cases where there is a manifestation of danger between intimate partners. As the result of the program, a lethality assessment screening tool is used in an effort to identify victims that have an increased potential of being killed as the result of domestic violence.

FIELD TRAINING

The DeKalb Police Department has 12 Field Training Officers. The Field Training Officers are responsible for training new police officers and providing periodic check rides for new officers while on probation.

The Field Training program consists of between 12 and 15 weeks of training for each new officer. The training is divided into four sections and usually requires three Field Training Officers to complete the program. Six officers were trained in 2018.

GANG UNIT

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

In 2018 there were 62 cases compared to 2017 where there were 96 cases that were gang-related or linked to street gang members. This is a 35% decrease compared to last year.



ILEAS

The DeKalb Police Department has one 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 (MFF), a contingent of police officers from ILEAS member departments, to address such incidents. 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.

Two officers are also assigned to the **Weapons of Mass Destruction Special Response Team (WMD SRT)** of ILEAS. The ILEAS WMD SRT teams are locally deployed teams that are specially trained and funded by ILEAS to deal with human threats in a hazardous materials environment. They also serve as regional tactical assets for local agencies during other high risk situations. Sergeant Espy and Officer Jursich are assigned by our agency to the Region 3 WMD SRT and Officer Watson is assigned to the MFF.

MARIJUANA LEAF IDENTIFICATION

In 2011, Sergeant Tom Petit received training in **Marijuana Leaf Identification** from the Illinois State Police Forensic Science Lab; the same training that scientists at the State Police Crime Lab receive.

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

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



MOTOR UNIT

2018 was the 14th consecutive year of service by the DeKalb Police Department's Motor Unit. The Motor Unit was used for enforcement and community policing functions throughout the city and county. From supporting community events to patrolling walk/bike paths throughout our city, the Motor Unit was an invaluable tool. The Motor Unit is comprised of Officers Lance Reinbolz and Jared Burke, who are both certified Motor Officers through the Illinois Training and Standards Board.

OFFICER MENTORING PROGRAM

To enhance the Field Training Program, the Officer Mentoring Program continued with our newest officers. The probationary officers were partnered with a veteran officer that has demonstrated sound policing skills and ethics. This “mentor” serves as an example for the probationary officer and guides them in the best police practices to meet the challenges they will face and to develop a strong partnership with the community.

Another benefit of the mentor program is that new officers interact very closely with officers who they will be working with for many years and they learn that establishing relationships throughout our community is essential to enhancing public safety.

SEX CRIMES REGISTRATION AND MONITORING (SCRAM) UNIT

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

In 2018 SCRAM conducted 20 offender compliance checks; completed 177 offender registrations; and made 2 arrests for violations of the Sex Offender Registration Act.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO)

One officer and one detective are assigned as School Resource Officers. The School Resource Officers work in the DeKalb High School and the two middle schools. They are assigned to the schools to promote school security, help educate the students, and to be a liaison between the police, teachers, students, and parents. Det. Aaron Lockhart is primarily assigned to the high school. With Officer Jose Jaques' retirement announced in 2018, Officer Chris Sullivan was selected as his replacement and primarily assigned to the two middle schools.



TARGETED RESPONSE UNIT (TRU)

The primary focus of the **Targeted Response Unit (TRU)** is to implement a proactive, problem-solving initiative, consistent with the department's community oriented policing philosophy. TRU will address street crime and quality of life issues in order to improve public safety. TRU is also responsible for monitoring all registered sex offenders, parolees, individuals wanted on warrants, and gang members residing within our community. TRU is on the frontline of proactive policing through the pursuit of known offenders by initiating a variety of street level investigations and supporting the Investigations and Patrol Divisions.

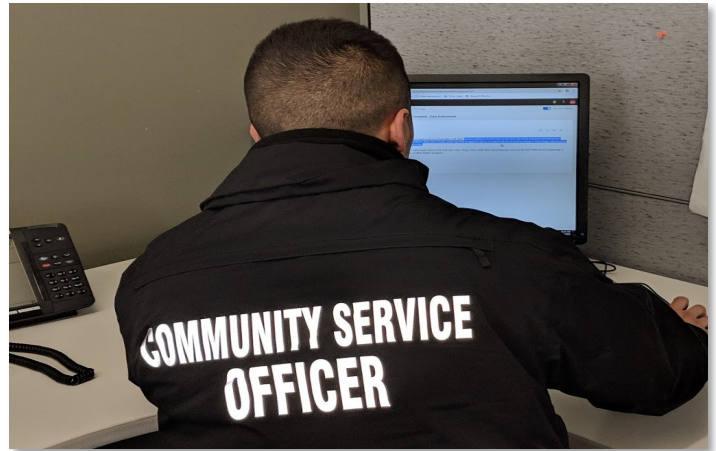
In 2018, the Targeted Response Unit (TRU) made **447** arrests, including **207** felony arrests—a **79%** increase from last year. They conducted **31** covert narcotics operations that resulted in the covert purchases of various controlled substances. Narcotics seized included heroin, ecstasy, cocaine, and cannabis. Over **\$20,000** in United States currency, **2** vehicles and **4** firearms were also seized. TRU served **48** arrest warrants and performed **6** search warrant on local residences. TRU also conducted proactive parole and sex offender compliance checks with several resulting in arrests, as well as numerous proactive street enforcement activities. TRU normally operates with three officers, led by Sergeant Paul Mott; however, this past year the unit was short one officer.

CHAPLAIN

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

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

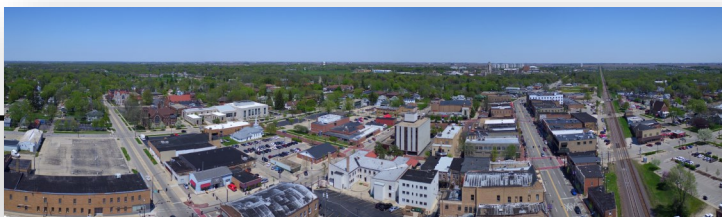


HEALING PAWS

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

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

This past year Gee Gee visited us during Telecommunicator Week. We are very grateful to Dave Ball for volunteering his and Gee Gee's time to help build bridges in our community.



DRONES IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

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

new hires

COMMENDATIONS, PROMOTIONS, NEW HIRES & RETIREMENTS



Officer Max Paul hired 5/14/18



Officer Tyler Scott hired 5/29/18



Officer Elise Dusek hired 5/21/18



Officer Philip Nicholson hired 9/4/18

COMMENDATIONS, PROMOTIONS, NEW HIRES & RETIREMENTS

*20 years
of service*



Commander Steve Lekkas



Sergeant Todd Wells



Officer Jason Watson



Sergeant Scott Farrell



COMMENDATIONS, PROMOTIONS, NEW HIRES & RETIREMENTS



Promoted to Sergeant
Michael Stewart

promotions

retirements



Sergeant Jonathan Costliow
4/27/92 to 1/2/18



Officer Steven Rodriguez
9/22/92 to 1/2/18



Officer Burton Johnson
9/26/90 to 4/23/18

COMMENDATIONS, PROMOTIONS, *commendations* NEW HIRES & RETIREMENTS

On March 27th, 2018, officers responded to an apartment in the 1000 block of West Hillcrest Drive for subjects armed with a gun, threatening the caller's brother. Officers arrived on scene, coordinated their approach, ascended the stairs toward the apartment, and heard the action of a gun being charged. At the top of the stairs they observed an offender armed with a handgun, who immediately fled into an apartment. The scene was secured, contact was made with the occupants, and two persons exited the apartment - both denied anyone else remained inside. Eventually two more subjects exited, they also denied that anyone else was inside. Officers began to evacuate nearby apartments for the safety of the residents. A search warrant was obtained, a drone deployed, and the Special Operations Team executed the warrant. The offender had barricaded himself in a bedroom. He was taken into custody and charged with Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon (handgun) and other offenses regarding a loaded 9 mm handgun recovered at the scene.



An investigation that began in April of 2016 culminated in the arrest of three offenders in 2018; at the onset Officer Brian Bollow learned that a female suspect paid her rent with a fraudulent credit card. Officer Bollow initiated a traffic stop on the suspect, she provided a false name, she was arrested for Obstruction of Justice and during a search of her vehicle several items of evidentiary value were recovered that linked the suspect to numerous incidents of credit card fraud. Officer Bollow conducted a thorough investigation that identified 56 victims that had their identity stolen and their credit cards used in multiple jurisdictions. In total, three offenders were identified and over 60 felony charges were filed against the original female offender. Two males were also arrested on felony counts of Unlawful Use of Credit Cards. Officer Bollow demonstrated investigative skills and determination to bring these offenders to justice and come to the aid of 56 victims.

On April 29th, 2017, during a traffic stop conducted by members of the Targeted Response Unit and Detective Division, officers encountered five occupants in the vehicle believed to be trafficking in narcotics. A canine team arrived to assist and alerted for the presence of drugs. The vehicle was searched, cannabis and a loaded handgun that had been reported as stolen in a local burglary was recovered. Two offenders were charged with cannabis and alcohol violations, a third was arrested on an unrelated warrant, and a fourth offender was charged with Armed Violence, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, and other offenses. The fifth offender was initially charged with cannabis and alcohol offenses at the scene; however, the subsequent investigation resulted in his arrest for Armed Habitual Criminal, Unlawful Possession of a Weapon by a Felon, Aggravated Unlawful use of a Weapon, and other weapons offenses. The investigation culminated with the arrest of the fifth offender in December of 2017 in the City of Chicago.

COMMENDATIONS, PROMOTIONS, *commendations* NEW HIRES & RETIREMENTS

On June 3rd, 2018, officers responded to an alarm at Twin's Tavern in the 1000 block of South Fourth Street, where there had been three recent burglaries. Upon arriving on scene officers established a perimeter, located pry marks where the offender gained entry, and positioned themselves to be able to observe the offender who remained inside attempting to secure proceeds. After approximately 20 minutes, the offender exited the business, he was wearing a hooded sweatshirt, his face was covered, and he was carrying a duffle bag with a pry bar and a large amount of cash. He was taken into custody without incident. The offender admitted to detectives his responsibility for the other burglaries and was charged with four counts of Burglary.



On June 28th, 2018, officers from the Targeted Response Unit were making an arrest at a rental property in the 800 block of West Hillcrest Drive, on an unrelated investigation, when they detected a strong odor of cannabis emitting from another apartment. The officers contacted the occupants of the suspect apartment who appeared nervous when questioned about the odor. The occupants denied officers consent to search the apartment, which ultimately led them to obtaining a search warrant. The search warrant was executed in which four pounds of cannabis, \$2,300 dollars in cash, and a loaded 9 mm handgun were recovered.

On July 15th, 2018, during the late evening hours, officers responded to the 800 block of North 12th Street where a citizen observed two subjects looking into cars in the neighborhood. Officers responded to the area, observed vehicles with their dome lights on, and began searching the area for suspects. Officers located three male juveniles, a short distance away, two of which matched the description of the individuals involved. All three were interviewed and it was determined that two of the juveniles were burglarizing several vehicles in the area. Both were charged with Burglary to Motor Vehicle(s).

On July 20th, 2018, officers responded to a shots fired call in the 900 block of West Hillcrest Drive. Upon arriving on scene officers recovered 11 spent shell casings, located witnesses, and identified an apartment building where the offender may be located. While checking the building for potential victims, officers overheard a conversation in which a female was discussing a shooting her husband was involved in. Using the information from the conversation, officers secured the scene, cleared the residence, and acquired a search warrant for the apartment. Officers recovered a handgun and several hundred rounds of ammunition during the subsequent search. The investigation revealed that the suspect was upset that a large crowd had gathered in front of his residence and discharged his weapon to disperse the crowd. The suspect later surrendered himself and was charged with Reckless Discharge of a Firearm and Unlawful Use of a Weapon by a Felon.



On August 4th, 2018, Officer Aaron Kleinmaier was on patrol when he observed a vehicle fail to stop at a stop sign at the intersection of Greenbrier and Russell Road. He initiated a traffic stop and met with the driver, during which time he could smell an odor of cannabis coming from inside the vehicle. Officer Charles Verdone arrived to assist. When the occupants were asked to exit the vehicle, they complied, and the driver advised there may be remnants of cannabis inside the vehicle. During the subsequent search a loaded 9 mm handgun was found in the glove compartment, and the driver was arrested for Unlawful Use of Weapon.

COMMENDATIONS, PROMOTIONS, NEW HIRES & RETIREMENTS

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On August 10th, 2018, officers observed a vehicle make an improper turn and subsequently traffic stopped the unit in the 1200 block of Rushmore Drive. Officers recognized the occupants from previous police contacts and requested the assistance of the canine team to conduct an open-air sniff of the vehicle for suspected narcotics. The canine team arrived on scene and conducted the sniff that led to an alert for the presence of narcotics. The occupants indicated that someone had previously been in the vehicle smoking cannabis and that there were no other narcotics inside. A subsequent search of the vehicle located a hidden compartment behind the headlight switch which contained 29 grams of crack cocaine packaged for sale and a measuring scale. They also secured over \$300 dollars in cash. The driver was arrested for Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance with the Intent to Deliver and other offenses.

On October 8th, 2017, officers responded to a shots fired incident in Welsh Park. Upon arriving on scene, officers secured the area and began a coordinated search. Several victims and witnesses were located, interviewed, and an accurate description of the suspects and their vehicle was obtained. A cellular phone was also recovered at the scene, which assisted in the identification of a person who matched the description of the armed offender. Physical evidence at the scene indicated that a minimum of nine rounds were discharged, which included apartment buildings being struck in University Village. The actions by the officers prior to the arrival of detectives would further the investigation and ultimately lead to the apprehension of the offender, who was charged with Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm.



On December 20th 2017, officers responded to a citizen complaint concerning a reckless driver entering the city, the vehicle was located, and stopped by Officer Brian Bollow. He discovered that the elderly driver was disoriented and trying to find her way home. Officer Reda Reese responded to assist, they contacted the driver's daughter, and both officers ensured the driver got home. Officer Reese later conducted a home visit, which found the female victim still disoriented, she was subsequently transported to the hospital. It was determined that the victim was suffering a heart attack and had officers not taken the time to locate and follow up on her condition the outcome may have been tragic.

During a joint investigation with the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office, it was learned that narcotics were being sold from a residence in the 600 block of North 10th Street. Officers assigned to the Targeted Response Unit began an investigation that confirmed that Ambrose street gang members were selling narcotics, which led to a search warrant being executed on October 3rd, 2017. Recovered during the search warrant were two handguns, along with quantities of cannabis, cocaine, and prescription narcotics. The firearms were linked to other gang related shootings and two offenders were arrested for Unlawful Possession and Delivery of Controlled Substance(s) and Unlawful Possession of Firearms.

COMMENDATIONS, PROMOTIONS, NEW HIRES & RETIREMENTS

COMMUNICATIONS SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR

Communications Coordinator LaToya Marz was selected by the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) as the statewide Communications Supervisor of the Year! This is a very distinguished honor in the 9-1-1 field and the selection was made based on a number of criteria such as personal and professional conduct; work habits and personality; outstanding performance; courage and foresight; faithfulness and perseverance; and dedication to the field of public safety.

Her nomination summary from Commander Jason Leverton stated: “LaToya is a tremendous asset to the Communications Center, the Police Department, and the City. She serves with professionalism and pride. She is extremely intelligent and highly skilled. She is constantly engaged in self-improvement measures and improving the performance of the Telecommunicators. She has faced many projects, challenges, and obstacles and has consistently proven that she will apply herself to reach the best outcome possible.”

Police Chief Gene Lowery added: “LaToya has evolved from a front-line Telecommunicator to the PD’s Communications Coordinator. That evolution has not been easy, nor left without challenges. From getting staffing up to a level that has dramatically decreased overtime, to creating a feeder pool of candidates for full-time positions, to managing large projects such as 911 consolidation, she has met the challenges every step of the way. Her drive to constantly improve her skill sets and qualifications is second to none, to the extent that others have attempted to recruit her. No matter what she has done, she always represents herself and the Police Department in an exemplary manner. Even when the Chief throws her a curve ball!”

LaToya was recognized at the annual state 911 conference in Springfield on November 6th as part of a formal banquet and awards ceremony.

LaToya was also certified as a Registered Public Safety Leader (RPL) in 2018, following an intensive one-year course of study in public safety management topics.



ACT OF KINDNESS

On July 16th, 2018, Officer Brian Bollow responded to the 1300 block of North 1st Street for a child that had fallen off her bike and had been injured. Upon arriving, on scene, Officer Bollow observed a 10-year-old female who was crouched over her bike crying. The hand brake on her bike had impaled her right leg. He held the victim in a manner to relieve the pressure on the injury until the Fire Department could arrive and use a hydraulic tool to cut through the handlebar of the bike. She was stabilized and transported to the hospital where the hand brake was removed from her leg. The next day Officer Bollow went to the victim's home to complete his investigation; he also came bearing gifts for the young lady. His follow-up act of kindness spoke volumes about his character and concern for the victim. He represented himself and the Police Department in an exemplary manner.



On January 23rd, 2018, a former DeKalb resident reported that her disabled sister was in a local hair salon getting her hair washed prior to meeting her physician for a post-surgical follow-up. She described her sister as disabled, unable to wash her own hair, and had limited financial means being unable to pay for a complete wash and hair styling. Off duty Detective Kris Mecca was in the salon for a hair cut at the same time and overheard the conversation involving the lady and her stylist. He spoke up indicating that she would feel better if she could have her hair all taken care of before going to her doctor, he then advised he would pay for her day at the salon, which he did. His act of kindness demonstrated immeasurable character and concern for a less fortunate person, he represented himself and the Police Department in an exemplary manner.

LIFE SAVING AWARDS

OFFICER JEFFREY ACKLAND OFFICER BURT JOHNSON OFFICER JASON WATSON
OFFICER MARIO NONNENMANN OFFICER JEFFREY WINTERS SERGEANT JEFFREY WEESE
TELECOMMUNICATOR HILLARY ENGLER

On January 10th, 2018, officers responded to a residence in the 1400 block of Moluf Street regarding an infant not breathing. Upon arriving on scene officers initiated rescue breathing on the infant, stabilized the victim's head and neck, began chest compressions and an AED was attached. When the ambulance arrived, officers transferred the baby to the ambulance to be transported to the hospital. The infant was revived at the hospital, and it was later determined that one of the infant's parents had shaken the baby causing the injuries. The actions of the officers saved the infant's life and their on-scene investigation was crucial in the prosecution of the parent. The officers demonstrated their life saving and investigative skills. They represented themselves and the Police Department in an exemplary manner and have given a child a second chance on life. They are hereby acknowledged by being presented with the Life Saving Award.



OFFICER RAUL BARRAZA OFFICER STEVEN PARSONS
OFFICER CHARLES VERDONE SERGEANT MICHAEL STEWART

On July 21st, 2018, officers responded to an apartment in the 1200 block of Rushmore Drive for an unresponsive male believed to be suffering from a narcotics overdose. Upon arriving on scene, the officers worked as a team when they found the unresponsive male in medical distress. From the initial assessment of the victim, initiating sternum rubs, and the deployment of two doses of a narcotic antidote, the victim remained unresponsive. While preparing to apply an AED, a third dose of a narcotic antidote was administered. The subject became responsive and was transported to the hospital by ambulance. The officers used their training, medical resources, worked as a team and displayed their life saving skills. They represented themselves and the Police Department in an exemplary manner, and gave the victim a second chance on life. They are hereby presented Life Saving Awards.

LIFE SAVING AWARDS

OFFICER LANCE REINBOLZ

On May 28th, 2018, Officer Lance Reinbolz responded to the 1000 block of W. Lincoln Highway regarding a male subject that was unconscious, bleeding, and lying on the sidewalk in front of an apartment building. Upon arriving on scene, Officer Reinbolz located the subject and determined he was unresponsive. Based on his training and assessment of the victim, he administered two doses of a narcotic antidote. The ambulance arrived on scene and the victim was transported to the hospital where he recovered. It was indicated that he had been consuming alcohol and prescription narcotics. Had it not been for the officer's assessment and effective response, the victim would not have survived. Officer Reinbolz demonstrated his life saving skills. He represented himself and the Police Department in an exemplary manner, giving



OFFICER KEVIN FERRIGAN OFFICER AARON KLEINMAIER NIU OFFICER BRIAN GERKEN

On July 22nd, 2018, officers responded to the 1300 block of West Lincoln Highway regarding a 9-1-1 investigation. Upon arriving on scene, officers found an unresponsive 16-year-old female on the ground, believed to be suffering from a narcotics overdose. Officers administered a narcotic antidote and initiated rescue breathing until the ambulance arrived on scene. A search of the victim's purse located a controlled substance and a witness reported she had been consuming alcohol and marijuana. While enroute to the hospital the victim regained consciousness. Had it not been for the actions of the responding officers, the victim could have sustained further injury or death. The officers displayed their life saving skills and represented themselves and their agencies in an exemplary manner, giving the victim a second chance on life. They are hereby presented Life Saving Awards.





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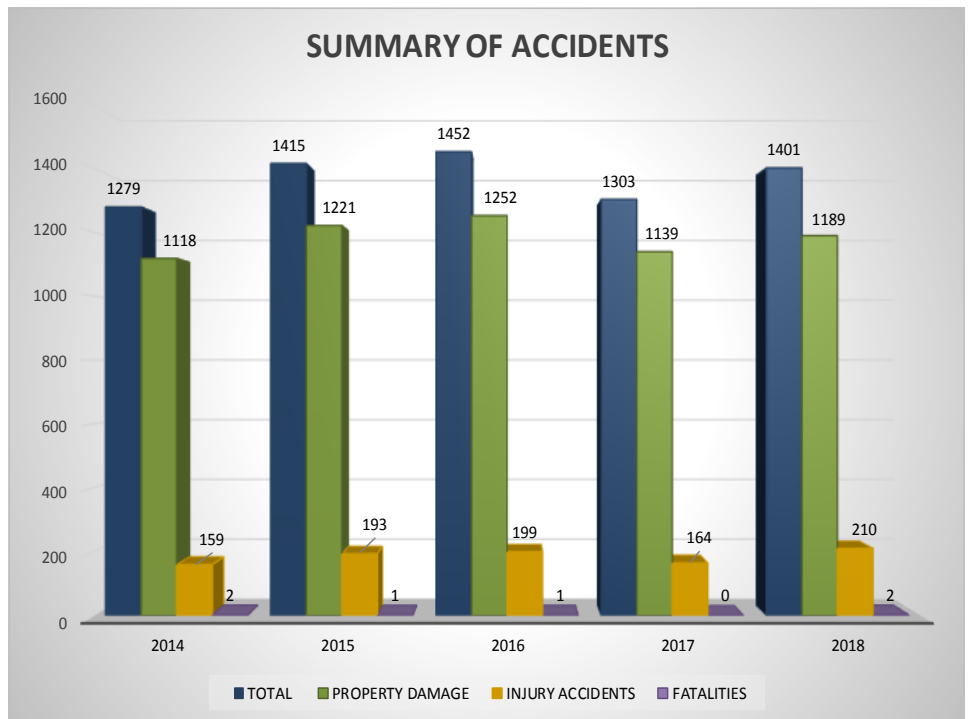
STATISTICS

TRAFFIC

HIGHEST INTERSECTION ACCIDENTS

- 16 LINCOLN HWY/PEACE RD
- 11 1ST ST/LINCOLN HWY
- 10 ANNIE GLIDDEN RD/LINCOLN HWY
- 8 4TH ST/LINCOLN HWY
- 8 ANNIE GLIDDEN RD/VARSITY BLVD

THERE WERE 173 ACCIDENTS THAT DID NOT REQUIRE A REPORT AND ARE NOT REFLECTED IN THESE STATISTICS.



CITATION TOTALS

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
CITATIONS ISSUED	4194	3673	3702	3612	3222
WARNINGS ISSUED	3077	3319	2944	3179	2628
PARKING TICKETS ISSUED	7075	5954	5527	5049	6261

TRAFFIC SERVICES

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
ABANDON AUTO	218	202	235	138	285
PEDESTRIAN WARNING	150	191	138	56	39
DRIVING COMPLAINTS	391	411	546	512	548
PARKING COMPLAINTS	418	422	514	629	1315
OTHER	202	214	210	410	233

TRUCK ENFORCEMENT

In 2018 we participated in truck enforcement details conducted with the State Police and Illinois Department of Transportation. 68 semi tractor-trailer trucks were weighed and checked during these checkpoints. Two overweight citations were issued, along with several other citations; and one warrant was served.

DUI ENFORCEMENT

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
DUI ARRESTS	178	141	92	71	66

ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES

	2016	2017	2018
To Fire Department	374	361	407
To Other Government Agencies	306	947*	2877
To Other Police Agencies	757	874	719
To Others	64	34	15
Warrant Attempts/Civil Process	357	618	429
Warrant Arrests	667	629	560
TOTAL	2,525	3,463	5007

**The large increase with Assist Other Government Agencies is due to enhanced enforcement that started in 2017 with conducting "Park Checks."*

PUBLIC SERVICES

	2016	2017	2018
Assist Business	276	401	427
Assist Citizen	1,269	1,492	1498
Assist Motorist	558	514	592
Building/Vacation Check	5,101	7,547	7473
Child Safety Seat Inspections	80	109	61
Compliance Checks	59	65	18
Crossing Guard Duty	193	182^	2
Escorts	707	544	474
Fingerprint Civilians	135	112 ⁺	31
Keys Locked in Car	1,919	1,885	1826
Lost/Found Property/Bicycles	336	377	307
Message Delivery	52	37	63
Open Door/Window	184	133	116
Other Public Service	N/A	13	7
Pickup/Delivery of Articles	120	136	105
Public Presentations	37	56	15
Special Events/Services	126	242	395
TOTAL	11,152	13,845	13,410

**In 2017 the department no longer provided fingerprinting civilians for backgrounds. And, ⁺the start of the 2017/18 school year crossing guards became a contractual position.*

OTHER CALLS FOR SERVICE

	2016	2017	2018
Accidental Injury	3	11	11
Air Gun Violations	16	8	21
Alarm	984	909	994
Animal Calls	700	752	777
Annoying Phone Calls/No Report	114	83	64
Behavioral Health Issue	85	148	153
Check Well Being	949	894	938
Child Custody Dispute	122	145	66
Citizen Contact	294	438	415
Civil Dispute	232	247	225
Disorderly Conduct/No Report	471	513	435
Disorderly House	133	100	82
Disruptive Intoxication	32	22	16
Domestic Trouble	1,167	1,107	1,346
Drug Overdose	13	26	15
Fighting in City	170	158	187
ID Check/No Arrest	17	15	4
Intoxicated Person	139	203	195
Juvenile Offenses	480	481	360
Landlord/Tenant Dispute	13	28	64
Loud Party/Stereo/Noise	1,011	1,050	956
Missing Person	93	64	59
Neighbor Trouble	89	117	106
Other Calls/Special Services	131	130	202
Property Offenses –No Report	585	473	345
Relocator Complaints	58	62	83
Repossession	80	136	214
Sex Offender Registration	246	209	176
Shots Fired	66	82	54
Solicitors	132	209	180
Standby-Child/Property Exchange	108	108	130
Sudden Death	31	26	33
Suicide	5	5	4
Suicide Attempt/Threat	221	235	284
Suspicious Activity	2,102	2,162	1,987
Suspicious Drug Activity	229	253	248
Suspicious Activity/Weapon Involved	18	33	43
Smoking/Tobacco Violations	8	8	10
Unfounded 911 Calls/Unfounded Calls	1,778	2,082	2,652
TOTAL	13,125	13,732	14,134



PART I CRIMES

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

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

	2016	2017	2018	% CHANGE (2017-2018)
HOMICIDE	3	1	0	-100%
CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT	53	40	45	13%
ROBBERY	34	30	31	3%
AGGRAVATED BATTERY/ASSAULT*	133	118	152	29%
BURGLARY	203	156	125	-20%
THEFT	1,204	1,130	939	-17%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	32	37	41	11%
ARSON	8	7	6	-14%
HUMAN TRAFFICKING	0	0	1	N/A
TOTAL	1,670	1,519	1,340	-12%

*A recent review of reporting guidelines identified that two Illinois Compiled Statutes offenses have historically been omitted from the aggravated battery/aggravated assault crime category though the offenses should be reported. The offenses of Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm and Aggravated Discharge of a Machine Gun or Firearm with Silencer meet the UCR definition of aggravated battery/aggravated assault and should be reported in the Part I index crimes. These numbers are now included in the Aggravated Assault/Battery statistics for 2018.



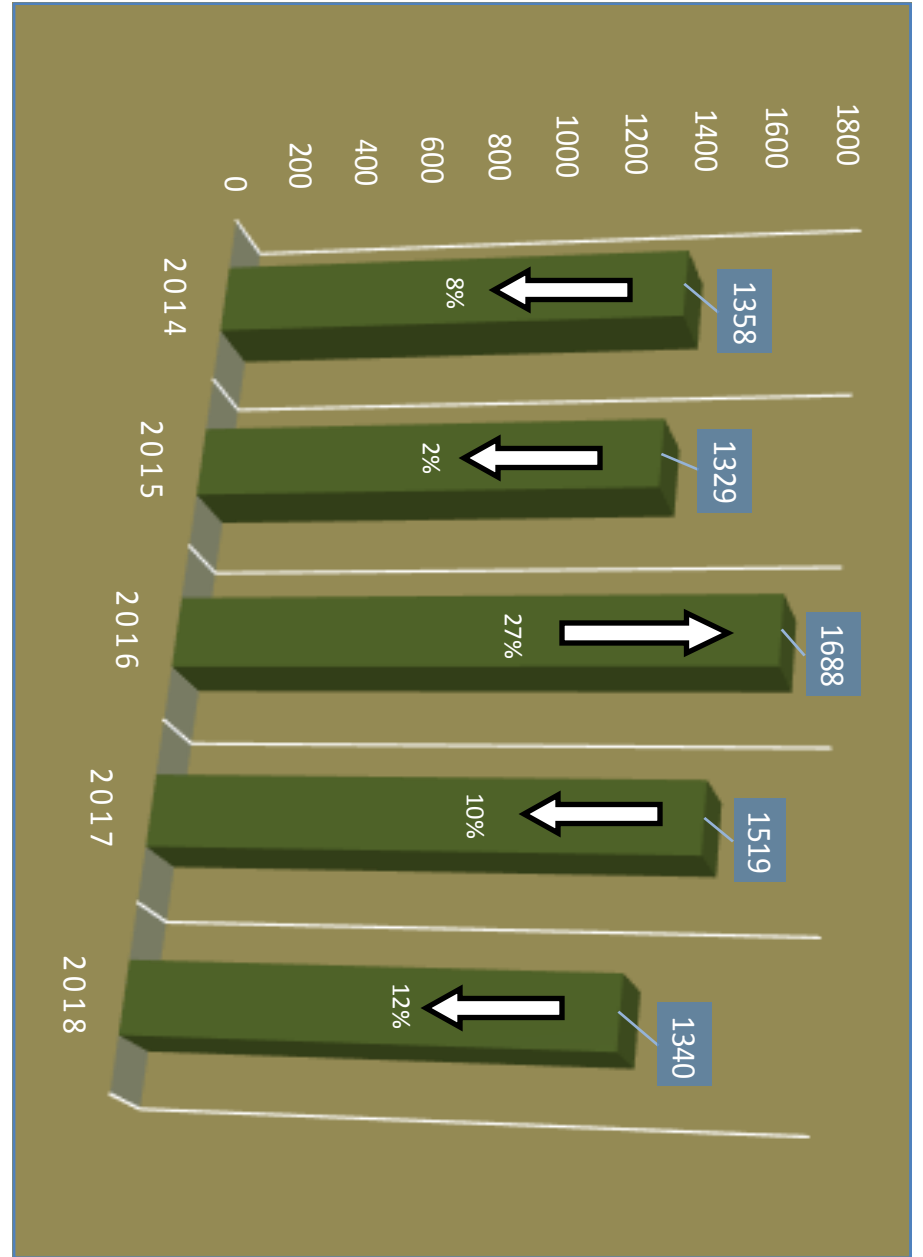
PART II CRIMES

	2016	2017	2018	% CHANGE (2017-2018)
BATTERY	574	624	656	5%
DECEPTION	493	512	428	-16%
CRIMINAL DAMAGE & TRESPASS	729	794	721	-9%
DEADLY WEAPONS	79	89	72	-19%
SEX OFFENSES	61	64	49	-23%
OFFENSES INVOLVING CHILDREN	109	100	81	-19%
CANNABIS CONTROL ACT	366	382	424	11%
METHAMPHETAMINE OFFENSES	4	13	9	-31%
HYPODERMIC SYRINGES & NEEDLES ACT	9	13	17	31%
DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	198	193	224	16%
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ACT	159	185	193	4%
LIQUOR CONTROL VIOLATIONS	141	91	55	-40%
MAJOR MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES	2,199	1,967	1,453	-26%
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	811	963	1,020	6%
INTERFERE W/POLICE OFFICER	178	171	194	13%
INTIMIDATION	17	12	4	-67%
KIDNAPPING/ABDUCTION*	59	39	50	28%
VIOLATION OF SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY LAWS	17	17	3	-82%
OTHER CRIMINAL OFFENSES	643	751	717	-5%
TOTAL	6,847	6,980	6,370	-9%

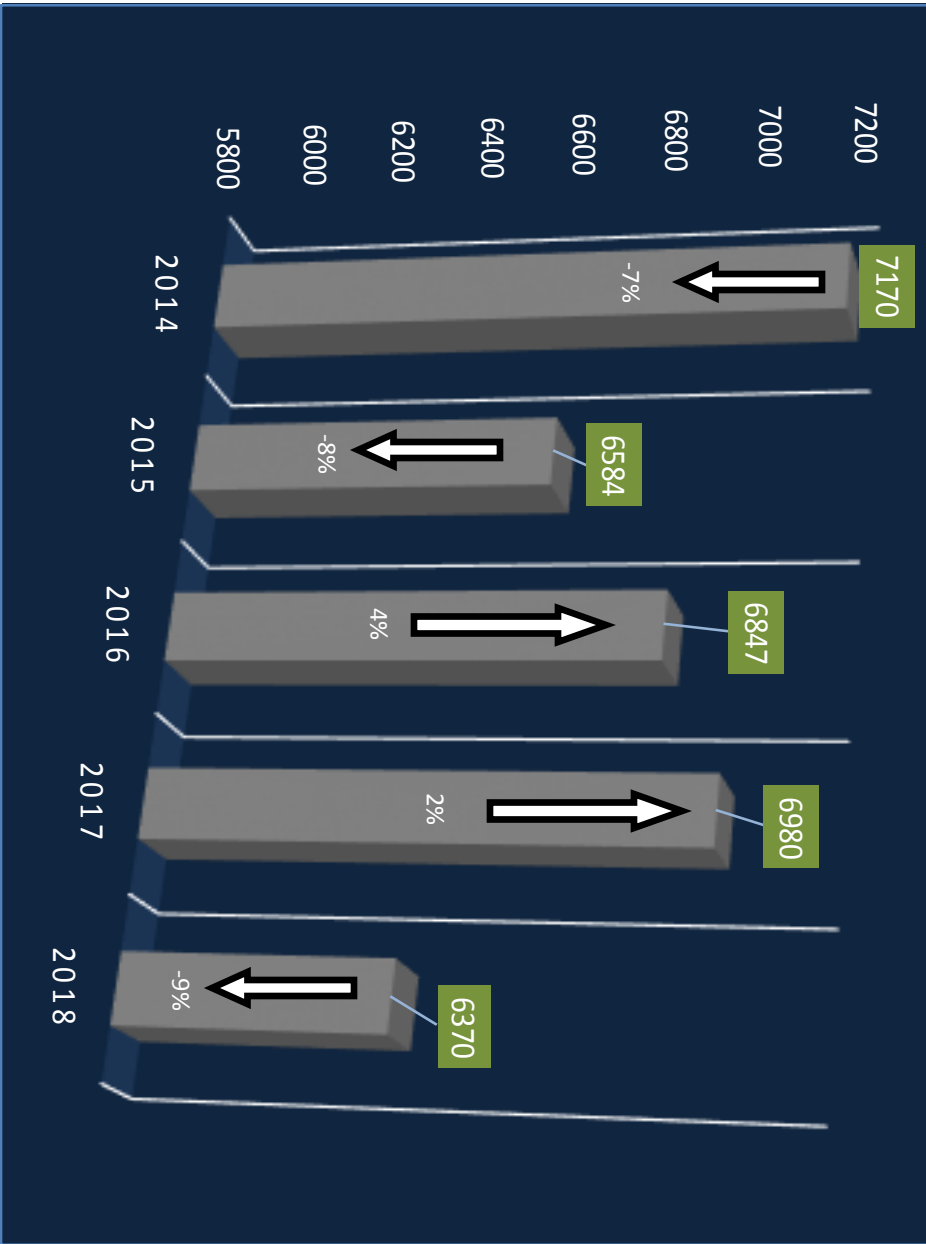
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*The category of "Kidnapping" includes incidents such as Unlawful Restraint, Unlawful Visitation Interference, Kidnapping, Child Abduction offenses and Harboring a Runaway.

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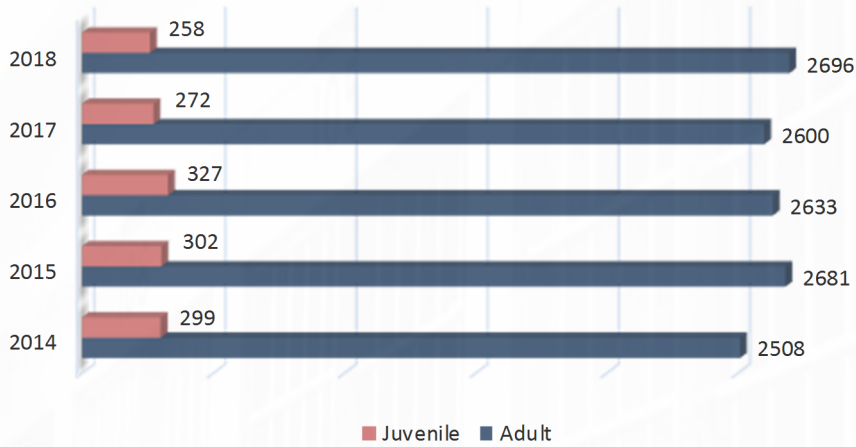


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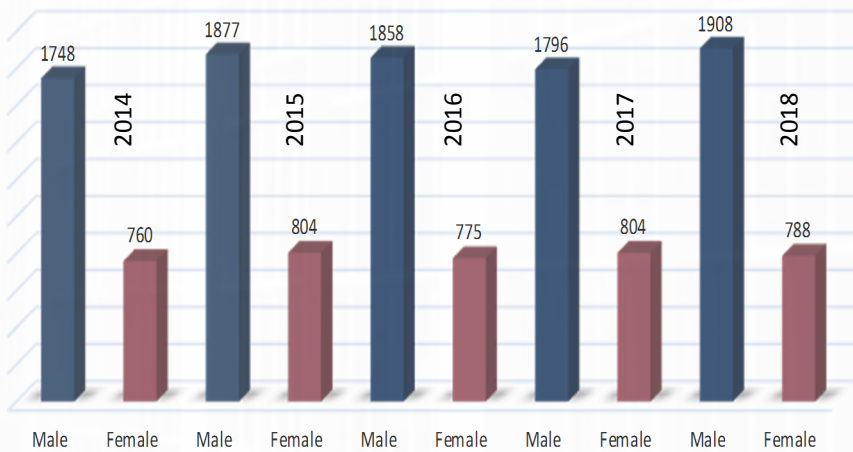


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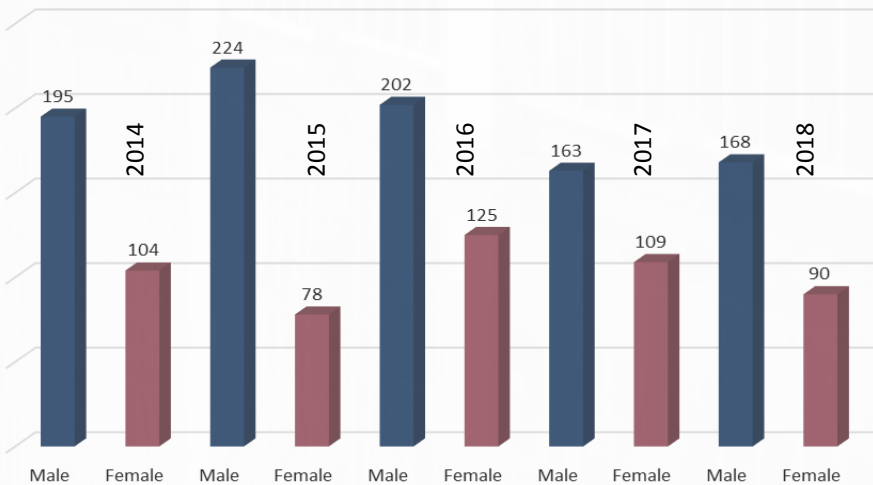
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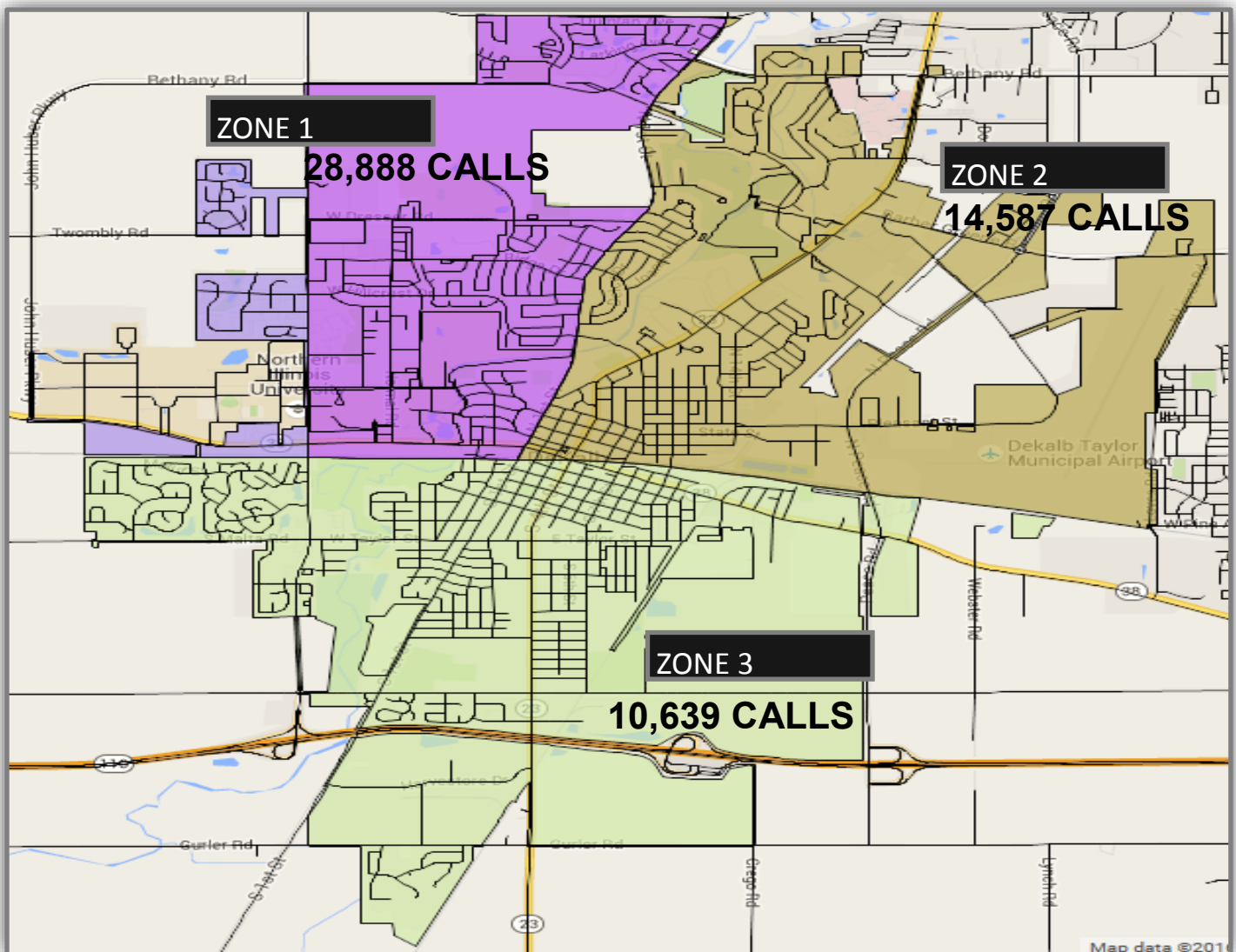
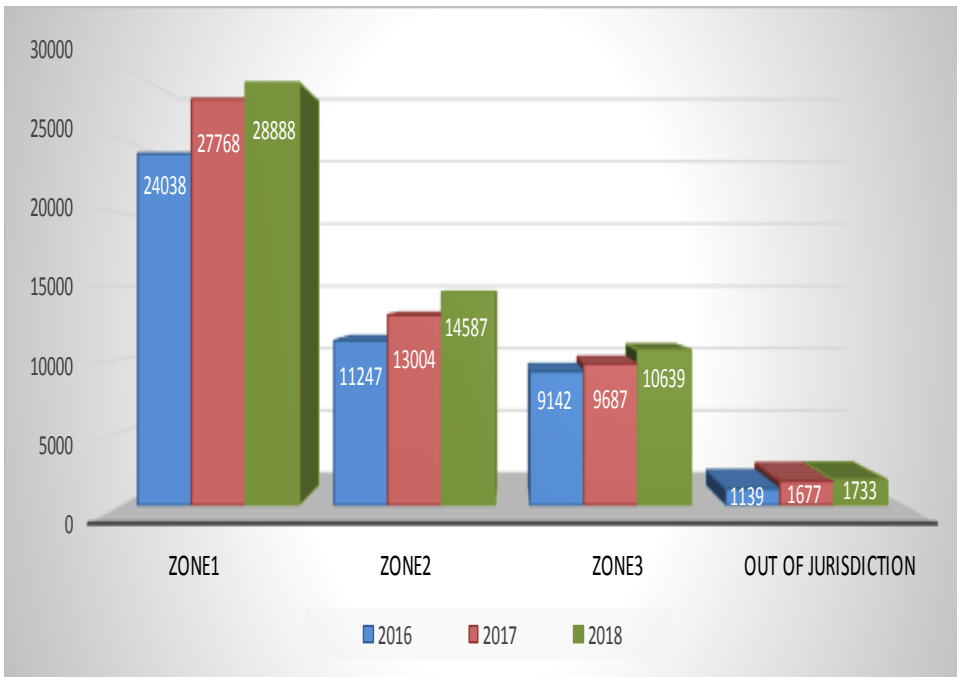
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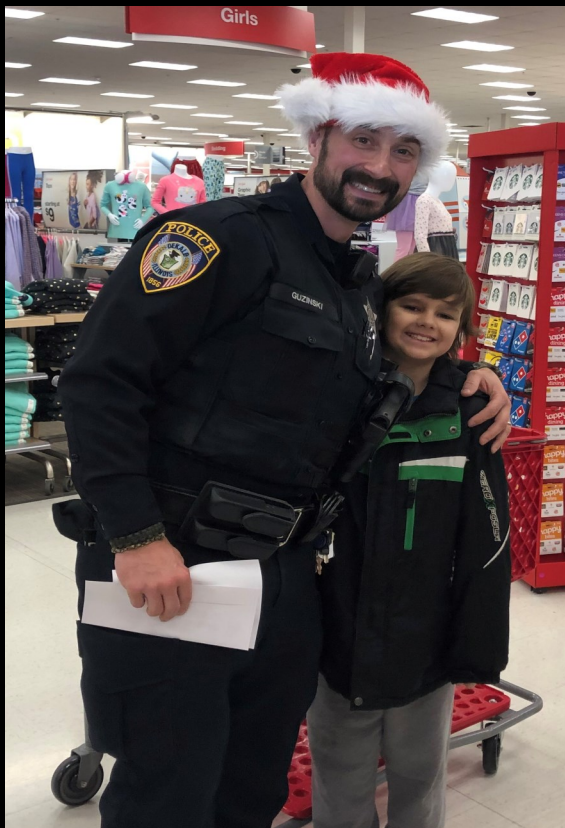


POLICE ACTIVITY BY ZONE





PROGRAMS



ADOPT A SCHOOL

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

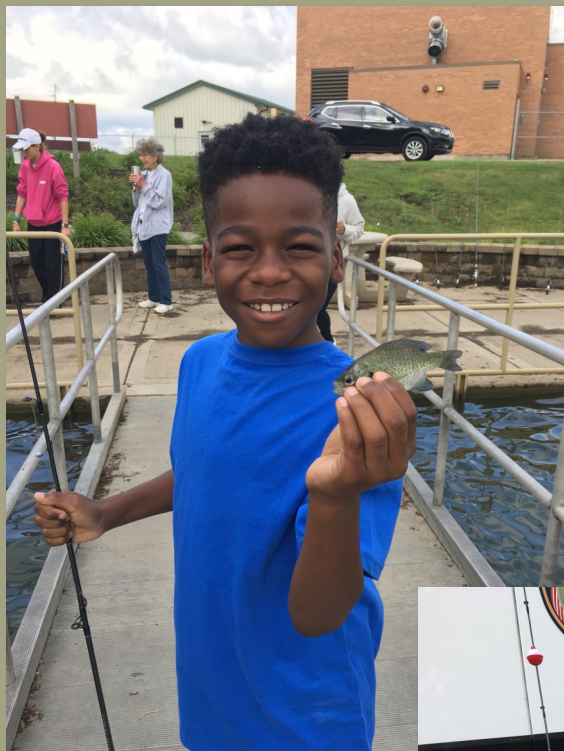
CAMP POWER AND POWER ACADEMY

In July 2013, the DeKalb Police Department formed the **Youth in Need Task Force** to develop strategies to decrease youth delinquency in DeKalb. This community-based, collaborative summer program responds to identified issues of child hunger and youth crime that occur throughout our community during the summer months. The structure of Camp Power includes academic tutoring, a daily healthy lunch and afternoon snack, nutrition education, structured physical activity, mentoring, a variety of education/recreation opportunities, and the development of community gardens. 2018 marked the fifth year for the Camp Power summer program. For four years the program has been implemented in the University Village neighborhood and has demonstrated numerous positive outcomes to include a decrease in criminal activity, greater opportunities for the children and their families, and a better relationship with the police. In 2018, the Camp Power Pleasant Street neighborhood was eliminated due to low attendance and programming limitations.



COPS N BOBBERS

The DeKalb Police Benevolent Protective Unit conducted four Cops-N-Bobbers Fishing Derbies this year. The derbies included children participating in programs with the DeKalb County Family Service Agency and Camp Power. An additional derby was held for Northern Illinois University for 101 students who had an opportunity to fish for their first time and speak with officers.



CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY SEAT PROGRAM

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

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

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

During the year there were four safety checkpoints conducted with numerous installations. We also completed 55 car seat checks and installations at the Police Department in 2018.



COFFEE WITH THE CHIEF

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

DUI DAY

Every other year a mock DUI crash is held at DeKalb High School just prior to Prom. The scenario is a two vehicle accident with multiple injured patients and one deceased passenger. Juniors and Seniors watched the entire process from the initial 9-1-1 call to the arrival of Police and Fire Departments. The students are made-up to look injured and are removed and transported by ambulance. The Coroner is summoned and removes the deceased. DUI tests are conducted and the driver is placed under arrest. This reenactment is powerful and depicts what can occur when driving under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicants.



HONOR GUARD

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

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

HUNTER SAFETY COURSE

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

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out is "America's Night Out Against Crime." The 31st Annual National Night Out (NNO), a community education event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and Target Corporation. The event was held at the DeKalb Target store. Participating departments included the DeKalb Police Department, DeKalb County Sheriff's Office, Sycamore Police Department, Cortland Police Department, Northern Illinois University Police Department, DeKalb Fire Department, and Cortland Fire Department. There were several police and fire vehicles on display including fire trucks, squad cars, a police motorcycle, a police bicycle, and a mobile command center. Child safety seat technicians were on-hand for car seat inspections and a car seat was given away thanks to a generous donation from Target of DeKalb. Refreshments were donated by the Target Corporation and other vendors.



NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK PROGRAM

The DeKalb Police Department 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.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

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

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

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

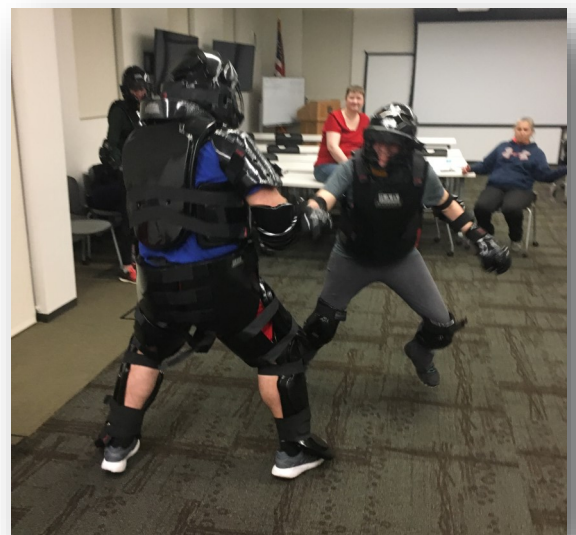
NOT ON MY CAMPUS

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

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

RAPE AGGRESSION DEFENSE TRAINING (RAD)

The DeKalb Police continued 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. RAD training was provided to **19 individuals** in 2018.



RESIDENT OFFICER PROGRAM

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



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



problems may be facing the neighborhood.

The Resident Officer assigned to the Pleasant Street neighborhood strives to build neighborhood relationships, identify and prioritize policing strategies, and assist with community and quality of life issues within the neighborhood; acts as a liaison with other city departments and social service agencies; works with neighborhood groups to solve identified problems; assists residents in the development of neighborhood initiatives and organizations; empowers residents to work together to improve their neighborhood, and participates in youth activities by building relationships through direct involvement, education and mentoring. **Officer Sebastian Lemus** resides in the city-owned home and serves as the Resident Officer in the Pleasant Street Neighborhood.



Officer Joshua Boldt served as a ROP officer in the South 5th Street, East Taylor Street, and Sweet Park neighborhood in 2017. He was provided an apartment in a privately owned complex within that neighborhood and engaged in similar duties as the other ROP officers, paying special attention to the Taylor Street Plaza high-rise housing community and acting as a bridge between the police department, residents, and management of the high-rise. He has addressed neighborhood concerns with the residents which continues to have a positive impact on the neighborhood regarding a continual decrease in incidents reported to the police, as well as building relationships with all of his neighbors. Officer Boldt worked to assist agencies and businesses in service-related issues, criminal investigations, and provides geographically focused patrols. Officer Boldt moved from this residence in 2018.

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.

STORM READY CERTIFICATION INFORMATION



The City of DeKalb was first certified by the National Weather Service in December 2015 as a Storm Ready Community. This certification effort was coordinated by Commander Jason Leverton, who was assisted by NIU Staff Meteorologist Gilbert Sebenste. In December 2018, the City of DeKalb was re-certified for another three years.

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

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

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

The Police Department has worked to provide weather spotter training to its own employees, other city employees, and members of the public in conjunction with the National Weather Service and NIU Weather. In addition, the City of DeKalb is also recognized as a Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador by the National Weather Service for its efforts in community collaboration in storm readiness.

The goal in obtaining these certifications is to continue to provide timely weather warnings, preparedness efforts, and weather education to the residents, students, and visitors of the City of DeKalb. The DeKalb Police Department expresses its gratitude to Meteorologist Gilbert Sebenste for all his assistance over the years, as his career with the university came to a close in 2018 after nearly 20 years of service to NIU and the community.





TRAINING for INTERVENTION PROCEDURES

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

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

- Standard Bar Check: Uniformed officers enter an establishment and conduct identification checks in an effort to locate underage violators.
- Standard Business Check: Through the use of underage cooperating individuals, who possess an underage state identification card, compliance checks are conducted to determine if a business is selling alcoholic liquor to minors.
- Shoulder Taps: Underage agents setup outside an establishment and attempt to have patrons buy alcohol for them.
- Street Sweeps: Officers patrol streets with a high volume of foot traffic looking for open container violations, as well as possession/consumption of alcohol by minors.

One of the continual goals of our department and the city is to train establishments within our city on the local and state liquor laws and ordinances. Included in this enforcement is the TIPS program. This past year **85 "On Premise" TIPS classes** were held with **41 servers, managers, and bartenders** completing the course. Participants were instructed on the proper and effective ways to deal with difficult patrons and responsible serving. The course included ideas to prevent problems and liability for the establishments and the individual server. The course included proper carding of patrons and acceptable forms of identification. This course will be a continuing effort in years to come to assure compliance within the city. The original "On Premise" TIPS program focused on open alcohol service for on site consumption. The "Off Premise" program is training for package sales locations for off-site alcohol consumption.



TOBACCO COMPLIANCE

The DeKalb Police Department has obtained a grant which allows us the opportunity to perform tobacco compliance checks. With grant monies dispersed through the Illinois Liquor Control Commission, **28 venues** were checked two times throughout 2018. 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 17 years of age, the businesses were checked two times throughout the year to make sure they complied with laws prohibiting the sale of cigarettes to minors. In 2018, 12 businesses were found to be in violation.

OTHER EVENTS



DOWNTOWN'S "SPOOKTACULAR"



HERITAGE WOODS BREAKFAST



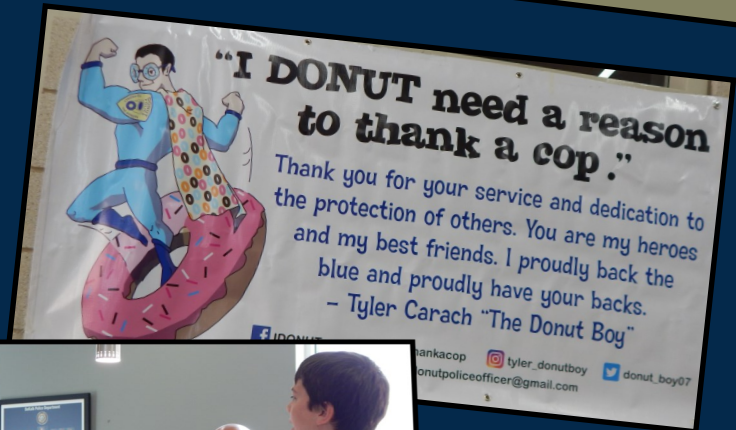
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BEING A DEKALB PARK DISTRICT SPONSOR



DEKALB CITIZEN RANDY MOSELEY BUILT AND DONATED THIS PODIUM FOR THE DEPARTMENT.



"Donut Boy" is 11 year old Tyler who calls the police his best friends. His mission is to give donuts to all the cops in America. He travels all over thanking the police for their service. He has traveled over 40 states and delivered over 70,000 donuts to men and women in blue.



CHILDREN'S LEARNING CENTER
FAMILY NIGHT



EARLY CHILDHOOD
PRESENTATION



A VISIT TO FOUNDERS ELEMENTARY



"BACK 2 SCHOOL" BASH



FAMILY FUN FEST



CHILDREN'S LEARNING CENTER TOUR

HEROES & HELPERS



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SPECIAL OLYMPICS LUNCH AT TEXAS ROADHOUSE



Special
Olympics



SPECIAL OLYMPICS TORCH RUN



SPECIAL OLYMPICS "COP ON A ROOF TOP"



"BOWL FOR KIDS SAKE"



"TOYS FOR TOTS"



NO SHAVE NOVEMBER



The department participated in their first “No Shave November.” Those participating were required to donate to the “Heroes & Helpers” program that is held each year in December. The contest was also publicized on social media asking our “friends” to vote for the officer with the “best beard.”



The background of the image features a large, light gray watermark of the DeKalb County Police seal. The seal is a five-pointed star with a circular center. The word "POLICE" is written in a semi-circle across the top of the center circle, and "COUNTY OF DE KALB, GA" is written in a semi-circle across the bottom. In the middle of the seal is a shield with a plow, a sheaf of wheat, and a cotton plant, with the year "1868" at the bottom.

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