Crystal Lake Police Department Annual Report 2015

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100 Years of Service



Gary J. Mayerhofer, City Manager
City of Crystal Lake

Dear Mr. Mayerhofer:

I am pleased to present the Crystal Lake Police Department's 2015 Annual Report. I wish first to thank you again for your support as we have endeavored to accomplish our goals. With your assistance, we continue to fulfill our mission of offering the highest level of police services to the people who visit, live, and work in the City of Crystal Lake. The Police Department will persist in our efforts to pursue its goals and plan new and innovative ways to develop our staff and enhance the quality of the multitude of services provided. We will build upon our existing partnerships with various community groups, residents, and businesses, while exploring opportunities to foster new partnerships, all in an effort to improve communication and demonstrate true transparency, ultimately making a safe community even safer.

Our Department accomplished a number of goals during 2015, which will be discussed in greater detail later in this report. Some of our accomplishments include:

- Placed second for our efforts and participation in the State-wide initiative *Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police Traffic Safety Challenge*. Our participation included aggressive traffic enforcement, comprehensive training, and public education efforts in the following areas: occupant restraint, speeding, and impaired driving. Our efforts in this Challenge will continue in 2016.
- Coordinated, hosted, or participated in several community events, such as: National Night Out, the new "Coffee with the Chief" presentations, scam awareness seminars, and illicit drug abuse educational programs.
- Continued participation with the IDOT Traffic Enforcement Grant Program. As one of the lead agencies in the region in regards to our level of participation and successful outcomes, we were once again awarded the needed funds to participate in 2016.

In 2015, the Crystal Lake Police Department celebrated it's 100 year anniversary. Our centennial badge, designed by our officers and prominently on display throughout this Annual Report, was proudly worn by members of the Department in recognition of our longstanding service to the community. As we move forward into 2016 and the years beyond, we will pursue policies, programs, and training that are contemporary and reflect professionally recognized best-practices. I believe our Department has set the standard for other law enforcement agencies in the area to follow. We will continue to perform our duty at a high level, and yet we will always seek ways to improve the services we provide to the community with the support of the City Council, City Staff, and vested partners. On behalf of the Police Department, I am proud to present our 2015 Annual Report.

Sincerely,

James R. Black,
Chief of Police

Police Staff 2015

Chief of Police

James Black

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Derek Hyrkas

Deputy Chief of Operations

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Thomas Kretschmer

Ron Joseph

Investigations Commander

Brian Karr

Support Services Commander

Dan Dziewior (retired)

Administrative Sergeant

Steve Renje

Training Sergeant

Scott Miller

Patrol Sergeants

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Lisa Tracy

Steven Trapp

Ingrid Volenec

Dominika Wawrzyniak

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Mission & Vision Statements/Core Values

Crystal Lake Police Department

Mission Statement

The Crystal Lake Police Department is committed to providing the highest level of police services to the people who visit, live, and work in the City of Crystal Lake. By collaborating with our citizens, we will strive to enhance the quality of life by providing police services that cultivate public trust and are responsive to the needs of the community.

Vision Statement

The men and women of the Crystal Lake Police Department will provide quality police services to the citizens we serve. We will work to enhance our existing partnership with our community to proactively address quality of life concerns, develop solutions, and effectively resolve problems while delivering unbiased professional services with respect and compassion.

Core Values

Service: *We are committed to providing quality, professional service to everyone. We will actively contribute to the welfare of our community and we genuinely care about improving the quality of life of those we serve.*

Loyalty: *We are proud of our Department and loyal to our Oath of Honor. We recognize that all members of the Department are an integral part of the organization and we treat each other with fairness and respect.*

Excellence: *We are committed to excellence in the services we provide, our personal performance, and professionalism.*

Integrity: *We obey the law and are committed to honesty and ethical behavior in all of our actions. We will accept individual responsibility for our actions and we are accountable for our decisions.*

Respect: *We are compassionate, caring, and we will treat all people with courtesy and respect. We are committed to justice, the equal treatment of individuals, and we will promote tolerance of diversity within our community.*

Pride: *We take pride in our achievements with regard to improving the quality of life within our community. Through merit displayed in our actions and conduct, we possess a dignified sense of character that reflects positively upon our organization and the community that we serve.*

Law Enforcement Oath of Honor

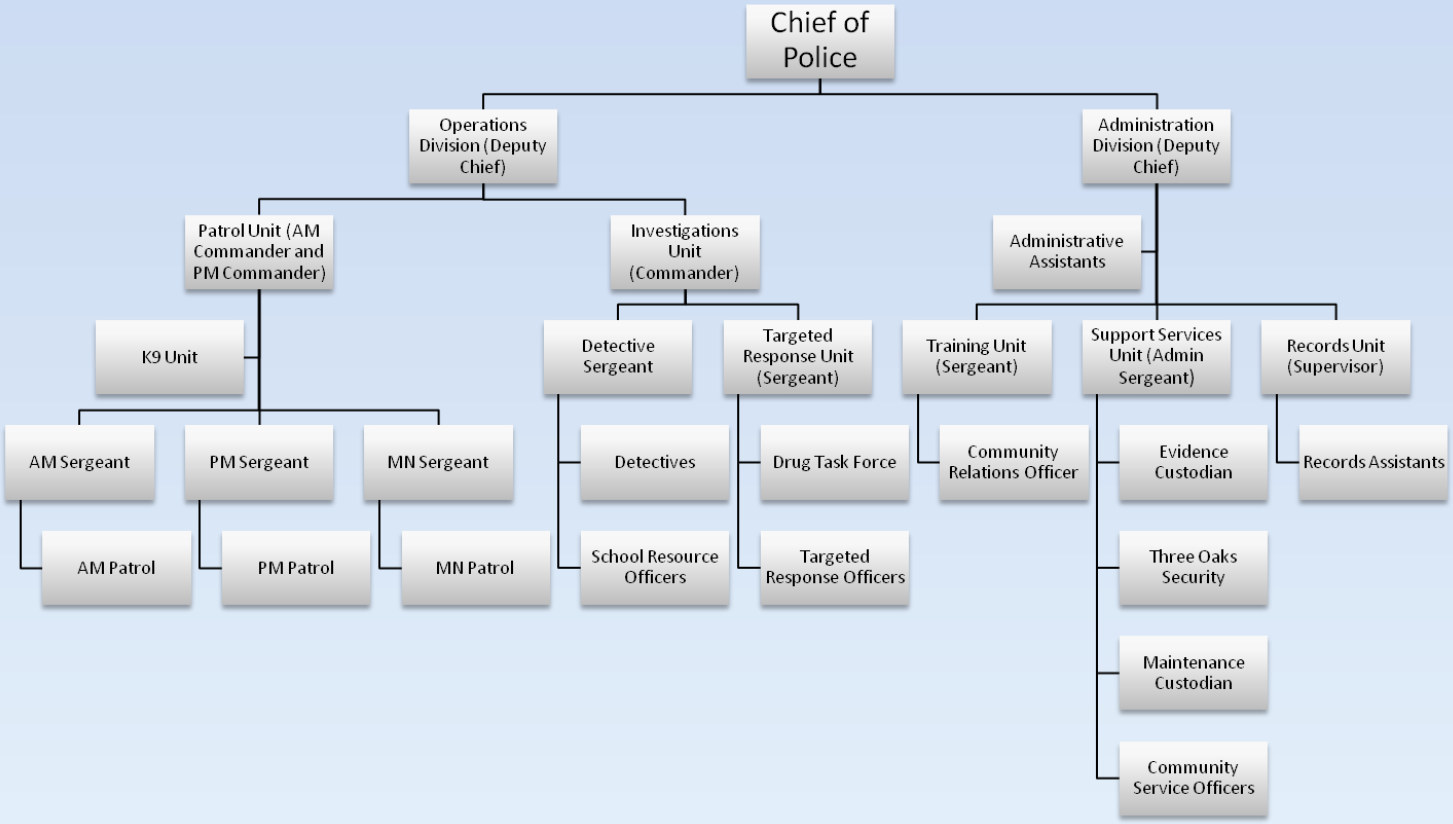
"On my honor, I will never betray my badge, my integrity, my character or the public trust.

I will always have the courage to hold myself and others accountable for our actions.

I will always uphold the constitution, my community, and the agency I serve."

Organizational Chart

Crystal Lake Police Department



Staffing Changes: Promotions & Additions

Crystal Lake Police Department



In September, Thomas Kotlowski was promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief and is currently assigned to the Operations Division.



In October, Ron Joseph was promoted to the rank of Commander and is currently assigned to the Investigations Unit.



In October, Mark Szumanski was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and is currently assigned to the Patrol Unit.



David Lang was hired in December. He is currently attending the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy.

Staffing Changes: Departures



In April, Administrative Analyst Denver Schmitt resigned his position after being named the City's new Assistant to the Director of Public Works.



Commander Dan Dziewior retired in May after nearly 28 years of service. Dan served the vast majority of his career in various roles in the Patrol Unit, including Patrol Commander.



In November, Records Assistant Katie Braden resigned her position in good standing to pursue other opportunities.

100 Years of Service

Crystal Lake Police Department

The City of Crystal Lake was incorporated in 1914; however, the Crystal Lake Police Department wasn't officially formed until the following year. In recognition of the Police Department's 100 years of service to the community (1915-2015), we are pleased to present the following brief photographic history of our agency.



Chief John Purvey, circa 1936



Chief George Ehlert and police staff in the 1940's



Chief Joel Murphy, circa 1946

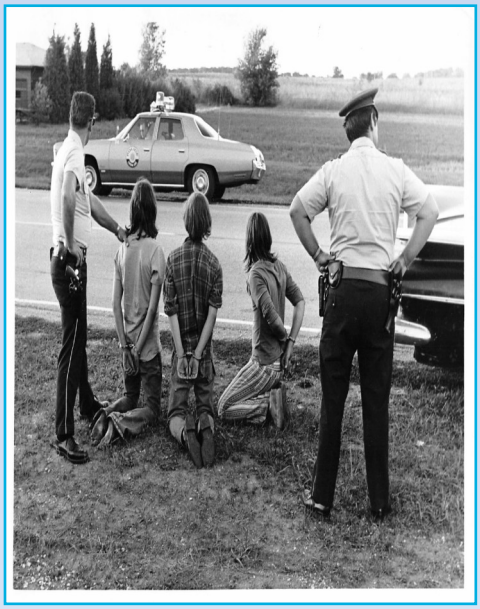


Chief Elmer Oerkfitz and police staff, circa 1960



Investigating a traffic crash, 1971

100 Years of Service Continued



Roadside arrest, circa 1975



Emergency Services Team, 1983



Investigating a traffic crash, 1984



Police Department Staff, 1994



Police Department Staff, 2013

Patrol Unit

Crystal Lake Police Department

The Patrol Unit is the largest and most visible unit of the Department. The Patrol Unit currently staffs thirty-six patrol officers who provide 24 hour police services throughout the City. The Patrol Unit is supervised by seven sergeants and two commanders. Sergeants oversee the daily activities of the officers, providing clear guidance and supervision based on situational needs. The Patrol Commanders work alternating hours, allowing for a senior member of the staff to provide any needed support or direction for the greater part of the workday.



During 2015, the Police Department provided service during 29,123 calls. These calls included incidents involving citizen assists, traffic stops, crimes in progress, medical assists, parking complaints, and other miscellaneous reports. Calls for service increased 7.7% from 2014, and it was the fourth consecutive year the Department has experienced an increase in calls for service. A vast majority of the incidents were initially handled by the Patrol Unit, averaging approximately 80 calls for service each day in 2015.



The patrol officers are a well-rounded group of professionals. Not only are they responsible for the initial call response, but they also collect evidence and conduct follow-up investigations in some cases. During the 2015 year, patrol officers conducted over 450 follow up investigations.

When not responding to calls for service, patrol officers remained proactive in their efforts to prevent crimes from occurring within the City. Active patrols of residential areas and the City's business districts occurred regularly, utilizing police vehicles and bicycles, as well as foot patrols.

Traffic Safety

Crystal Lake Police Department



The ultimate goal of traffic law enforcement is to reduce traffic collisions. This may be achieved through the application of such techniques as geographic/temporal assignment of personnel and equipment, and the establishment of preventive patrols to deal with specific categories of unlawful driving behavior. Traffic enforcement techniques are based on accident data, enforcement activity records, traffic volume, and traffic conditions. Our Department focuses enforcement efforts of hazardous violations, and/or those violations known to result in an increased likelihood or severity of traffic crashes. Violations of this nature include but are not limited to seat belt use, child safety seat use, speeding, impaired driving, and distracted driving.

The Crystal Lake Police Department employs the "Three E's" of traffic regulation: Education, Engineering and Enforcement.

Education: Department employees receive training specific to traffic control and enforcement, while the motoring public shall also be provided information pertinent to safe vehicle operation and changes in traffic laws.

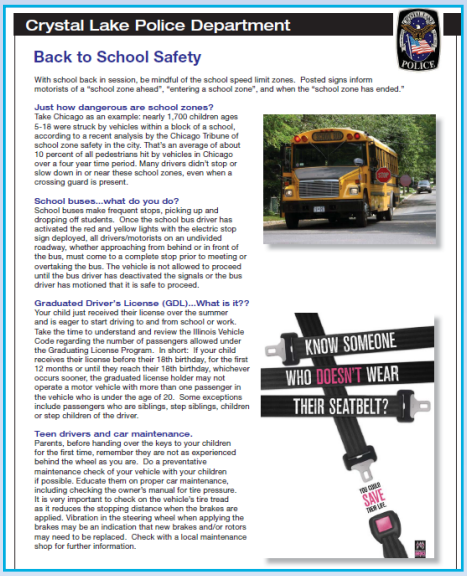
Engineering: The Department shall work directly with local, county, and state entities responsible for the design, engineering, and maintenance of the public roadways.

Enforcement: Department employees stop and contact traffic violators whenever violations are observed. With the goal of gaining voluntary compliance, officers exercise discretion in the issuance of warnings or traffic citations to motorists.



Traffic Safety: Education

The Crystal Lake Police Department utilizes many different resources to educate the motoring public on traffic safety. Some of the many applications made available to the public are: the Crystal Lake City Newsletter, Facebook/Twitter Accounts, the Citizen Police Academy, Educational Pamphlets, and the Department's Stalker Message Center 360 speed trailer.


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Back to School Safety

With school back in session, be mindful of the school speed limit zones. Posted signs inform motorists of a "school zone ahead", "entering a school zone", and when the "school zone has ended."

Just how dangerous are school zones?
Take Chicago as an example: nearly 1,700 children ages 5-16 were struck by vehicles within a block of a school, according to a recent analysis by the Chicago Tribune of school zone safety in the city. That's an average of about 10 percent of all pedestrians hit by vehicles in Chicago over a four year time period. Many drivers didn't stop or slow down in or near these school zones, even when a crossing guard is present.

School buses...what do you do?
School buses make frequent stops, picking up and dropping off students. Once the school bus driver has activated the red and yellow lights with the electric stop sign deployed, all drivers/motorists on an undivided roadway, whether approaching from behind or in front of the bus, must come to a complete stop prior to meeting or overtaking the bus. The vehicle is not allowed to proceed until the bus driver has deactivated the signals or the bus driver has motioned that it is safe to proceed.

Graduated Driver's License (GDL)...What is it??
Your child just received their license over the summer and is eager to start driving to and from school or work. Take the time to understand and review the Illinois Vehicle Code regarding the number of passengers allowed under the Graduating License Program. In short: If your child receives their license before their 18th birthday, for the first 12 months or until they reach their 18th birthday, whichever occurs sooner, the graduated license holder may not operate a motor vehicle with more than one passenger in the vehicle who is under the age of 20. Some exceptions include passengers who are siblings, step siblings, children or step children of the driver.

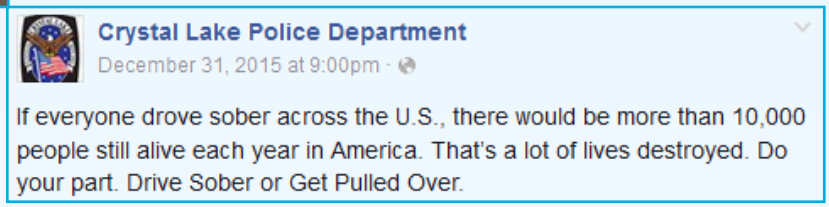
Teen drivers and car maintenance.
Parents, before handing over the keys to your children for the first time, remember they are not as experienced behind the wheel as you are. Do a preventative maintenance check of your vehicle with your children if possible. Educate them on proper car maintenance, including checking the owner's manual for tire pressure. It is very important to check on the vehicle's tire tread as it reduces the stopping distance when the brakes are applied. Vibration in the steering wheel when applying the brakes may be an indication that new brakes and/or rotors may need to be replaced. Check with a local maintenance shop for further information.





Lobby display



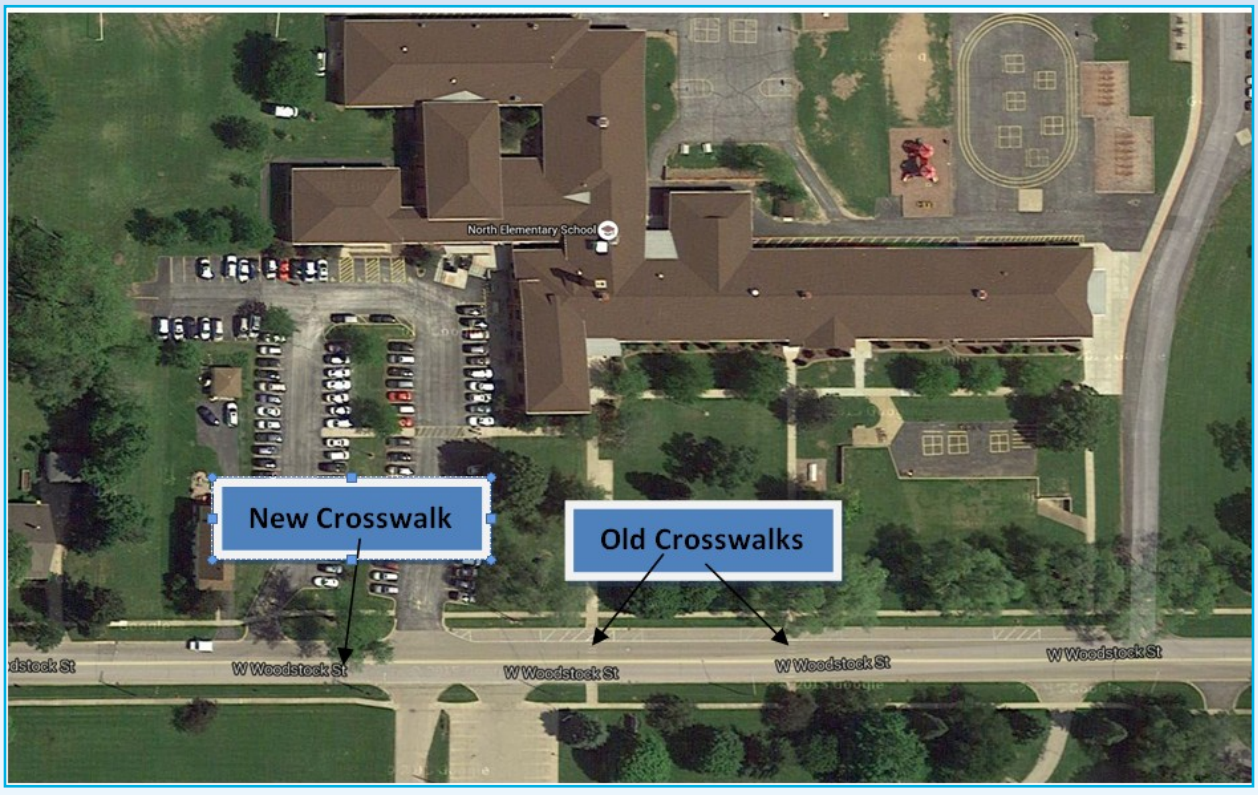


Facebook post

Traffic Safety: Engineering

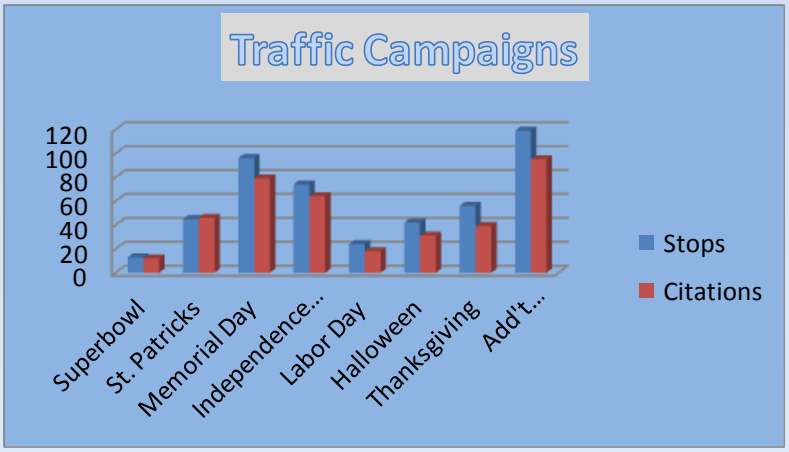
Along with staff members from other City Departments, members of the Crystal Lake Police Department sit on the City of Crystal Lake's Traffic Safety Committee. Whether reported by a concerned citizen or self-reported by a member of the City's staff, the Committee examines traffic issues in depth.

One example of the Committee's work involved the crosswalks in front of North Elementary School. The Committee was alerted to a potential hazard for the school's students who used the crosswalks. Situated in the middle of the pickup lane, the crosswalks' locations directed the children to walk in between parked cars to enter the roadway. After examining the issue, it was determined a more suitable and safer place for the crosswalk would be away from the pickup lane; therefore, the crosswalk was moved a block down, allowing for the students crossing to be more visible to motorists in the area.



Traffic Safety: Enforcement

The Department continues to focus on reducing the number of vehicle crashes and injuries by providing visible enforcement of occupant restraint, impaired driving, distracted driving, and speeding. To assist in achieving this objective, the Department participates in the Illinois Department of Transportation's Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP). STEP concentrates on data driven statistics which shows when alcohol-involved and unbuckled fatalities are the highest. In 2015, the Department participated in the nine campaigns where 538 traffic stops and 445 citations were issued.





PRESS RELEASE **Crystal Lake Police Department**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: **March 24, 2015**

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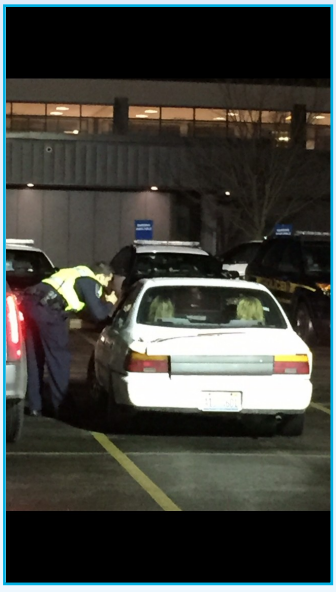
The Crystal Lake Police Department Completes the St. Patrick's Holiday Crackdown to Save Lives

The Crystal Lake Police Department recently completed participation in the Illinois Department of Transportation's (IDOT) Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program conducted for the St. Patrick's holiday. Law enforcement agencies throughout Illinois participated in this statewide effort from March 13th through the 22nd to save lives by encouraging motorists to refrain from drinking and driving and to buckle up during late-night hours. Officers were dedicated to four separate details during this campaign, for a total of forty-three hours of additional patrol, specifically targeting impaired, distracted and unbuckled motorists.

During the mobilization, detailed officers from The Crystal Lake Police Department:

- Stopped 45 motorists for traffic violations
- Issued a total of 41 traffic citations which included:
  - 8 safety belt citations
  - 5 citations for operation uninsured motor vehicle
  - 15 citations for unlawful use of an electronic communications device
  - 10 citations for speeding
  - 3 citations for other moving and non moving offenses
- In addition, 3 drivers were arrested for the following offenses:
  - 2 for operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license
  - 1 for DUI alcohol, BAC over .08, and possession of alcohol by a minor

The recent law enforcement crackdown was funded by federal traffic safety funds through IDOT's Division of Traffic Safety and is part of the statewide *"Drive Sober or Get Pulled over"* and *"Click it or Ticket"* campaigns.

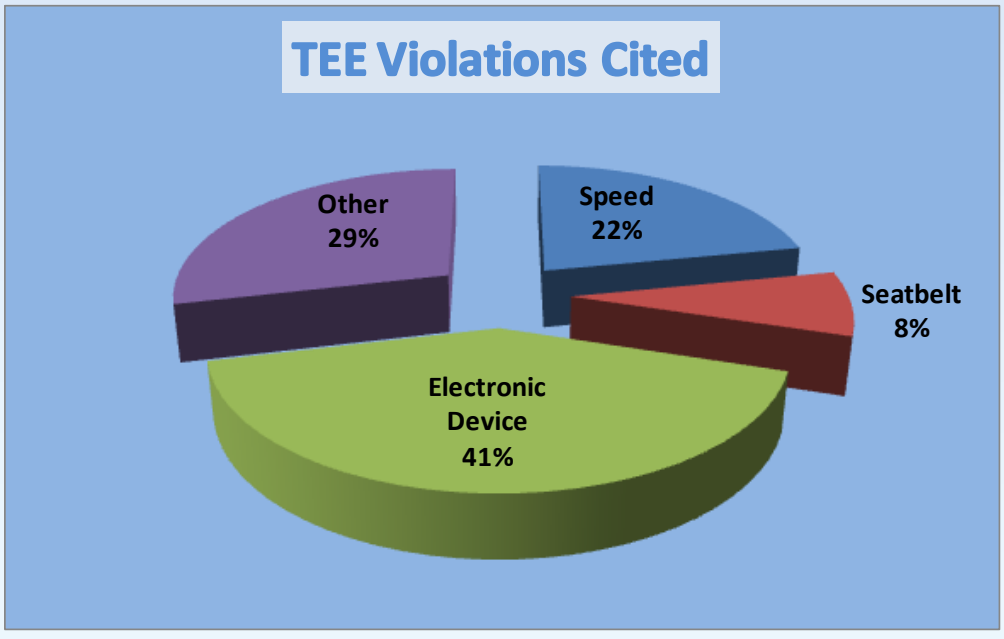


St. Patrick's Day Campaign

Additional Traffic Enforcement Efforts

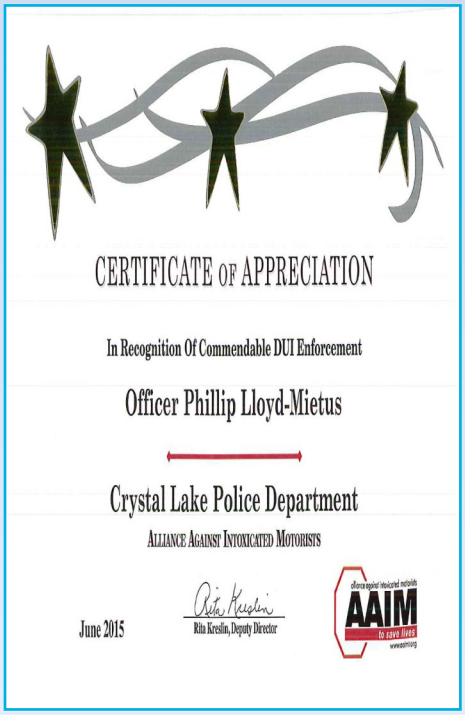
Traffic Enforcement Effort's (TEE's) are enforcement activities where two or more officers target a specific location to enforce violations of the Illinois Vehicle Code. These locations are chosen based on unambiguous reasons, such as a high number of traffic crashes/injuries, citizen complaints, or to increase safety within our school zones. In 2015, the Crystal Lake Police Department conducted 208 Traffic Enforcement Efforts resulting in 443 citations and 758 warnings.





DUI Enforcement Recognition

Three officers were recognized in 2015 by the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists for their efforts in DUI Enforcement.


CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

In Recognition Of Commendable DUI Enforcement

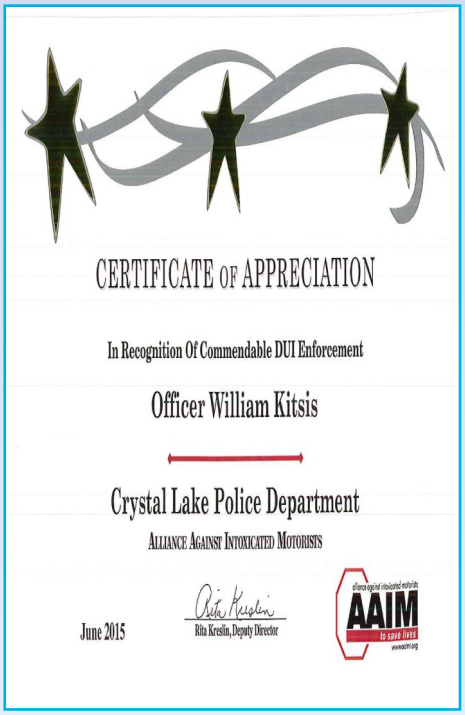
Officer Phillip Lloyd-Mietus

Crystal Lake Police Department

ALLIANCE AGAINST INTOXICATED MOTORISTS

June 2015

Rita Kreslin, Deputy Director


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Officer William Kitsis

Crystal Lake Police Department

ALLIANCE AGAINST INTOXICATED MOTORISTS

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Officer Ingrid Volenec

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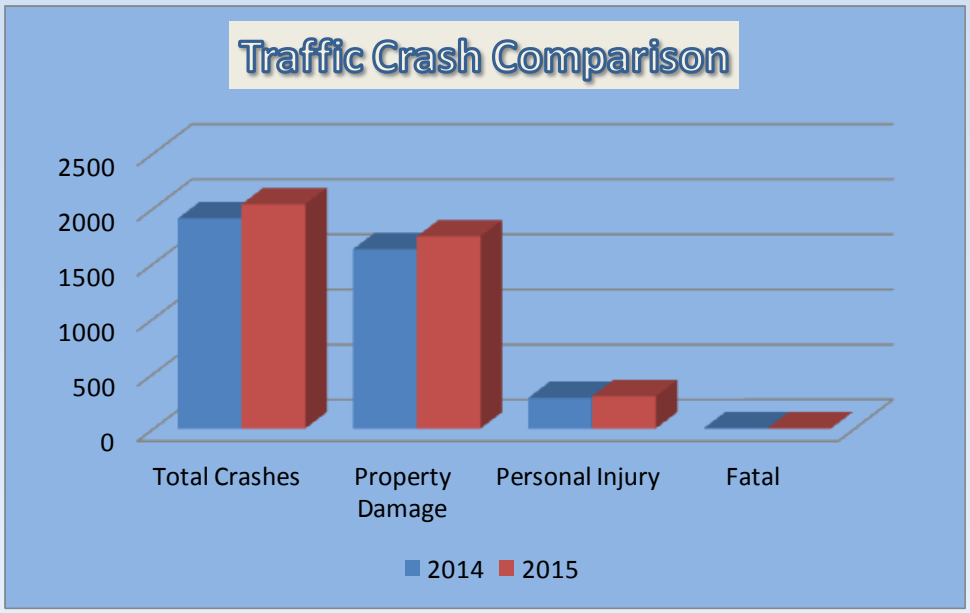
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Rita Kreslin, Deputy Director

Traffic Crashes

There were a total of 2036 collisions in 2015, an increase of 7% when compared to 2014; however, in 2015 we witnessed a slight decrease in the percentage of traffic crashes that resulted in injury when compared to 2014. There was a single fatal traffic crash in 2015. The cause of the fatal accident, in which a pedestrian was struck and killed by a motorist, was due to inattention on the part of the pedestrian.



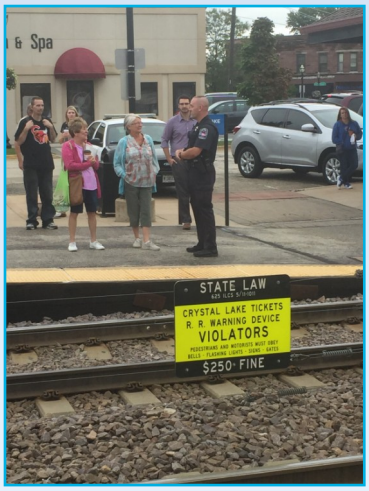
The use of the electronic crash reporting system Appriss, and our crime mapping system CrimeReports, has given the Department the ability to easily access and analyze crash data. We are able to quickly identify those areas experiencing frequent traffic crashes and prepare an educated response in an effort to reduce the occurrence of preventable crashes.

Railroad Safety

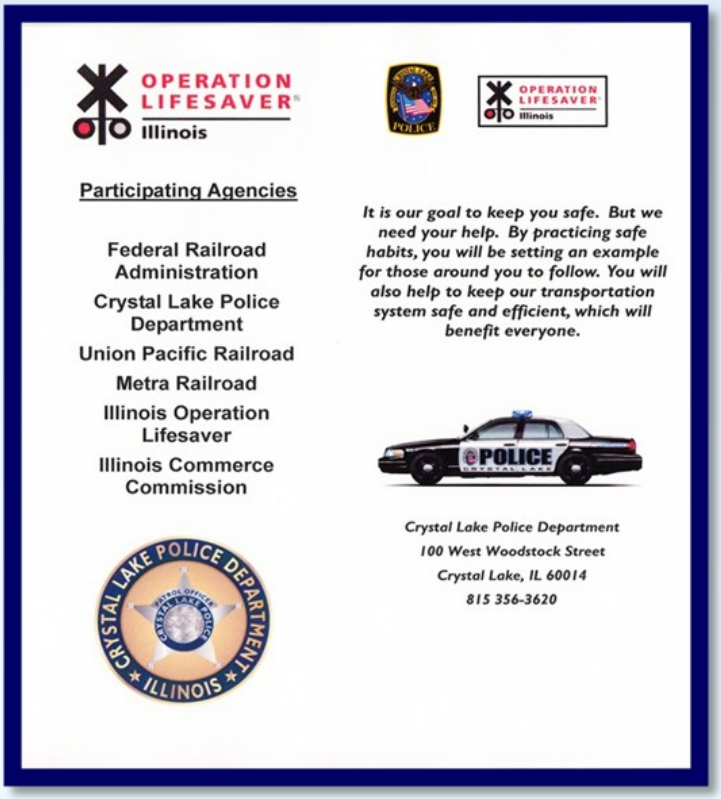
Illinois Rail Safety Week
September 13th – 19th, 2015

The Crystal Lake Police Department proudly participates with our partners in promoting and enforcing railway safety. In September, as part of Illinois Rail Safety Week, a total of 28 officers dedicated 44 hours in an effort to educate commuters on safety around the railways, handing out 120 railway safety fliers. Enforcement of State laws pertaining to violations of railroad crossings is sometimes necessary to deter future unsafe actions of pedestrians or the operators of vehicles.





As a participating agency with Operation Lifesaver Illinois, our commitment to railway safety is not just for any single week, but a continuous effort throughout the entire year.



2015 Traffic Safety Challenge

Crystal Lake Police Department

The Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge is a competition between similar size and type of law enforcement agencies. It is a program coordinated by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP) Traffic Committee and supported by a NHTSA grant administered through the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Transportation Safety, as well as funding from private entities. The Challenge rewards creativity, commitment and innovation in traffic safety. Entries are judged on efforts and accomplishments regarding policies and guidelines, training of officers, incentives and recognition, public information and education, enforcement activity, and effectiveness of efforts.

On August 19, 2015, members of the Department attended the awards luncheon for the Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge. The Department received second place in the municipal police category (66-100 sworn officers) for our efforts regarding traffic safety.



Traffic Safety Challenge: Public Awareness

The Traffic Safety Challenge is not simply a "ticket writing" contest between participating police agencies. While traffic enforcement efforts are a vital component in making our roads safer, equally important is the public awareness and educational component of the Campaign. The Department, through a series of student education efforts, press releases, and public announcements, informs and reminds the public to drive safe.



PRESS RELEASE Crystal Lake Police Department

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: **November 18th, 2015**

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Crystal Lake Police to be out in force this Thanksgiving Holiday.

Historically, Thanksgiving is the busiest travel time of the year, putting more people on the road and increasing the likelihood of crashes. Each year in our country, tens of thousands of passenger vehicle occupants die in motor vehicle crashes. In 2013, in the United States, more than 300 people were killed in crashes on Thanksgiving weekend alone. It's a sad statistic, but even sadder is that many of those deaths could have been prevented with one simple click of a seat belt.

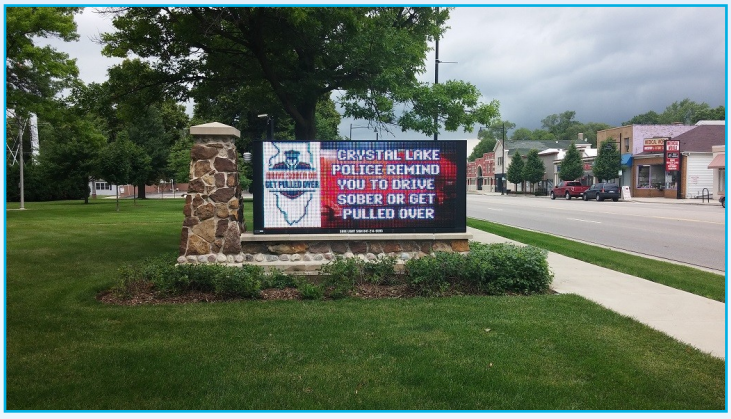
The Crystal Lake Police Department is joining the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), the Illinois State Police (ISP) and local law enforcement agencies across the state to save more lives by strongly enforcing seat belt and impaired driving laws.

During Thanksgiving weekend in 2013 (from 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 27, to 5:59 a.m. Monday, Dec. 2), 58 percent of the passenger vehicle occupants killed in crashes nationwide were not wearing seat belts. At night, the statistic was even worse: 64 percent of the occupants killed at night were unbuckled.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), seat belts saved the lives of more than 12,500 passenger vehicle occupants age 5 and older nationwide in 2013. Buckle up and encourage your loved ones to do the same. You will save the cost of a ticket, and you may save a life in the process.

For more information about the *Click It or Ticket* and the *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* statewide campaigns, please visit www.buckleupillinois.org.

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Investigations Unit

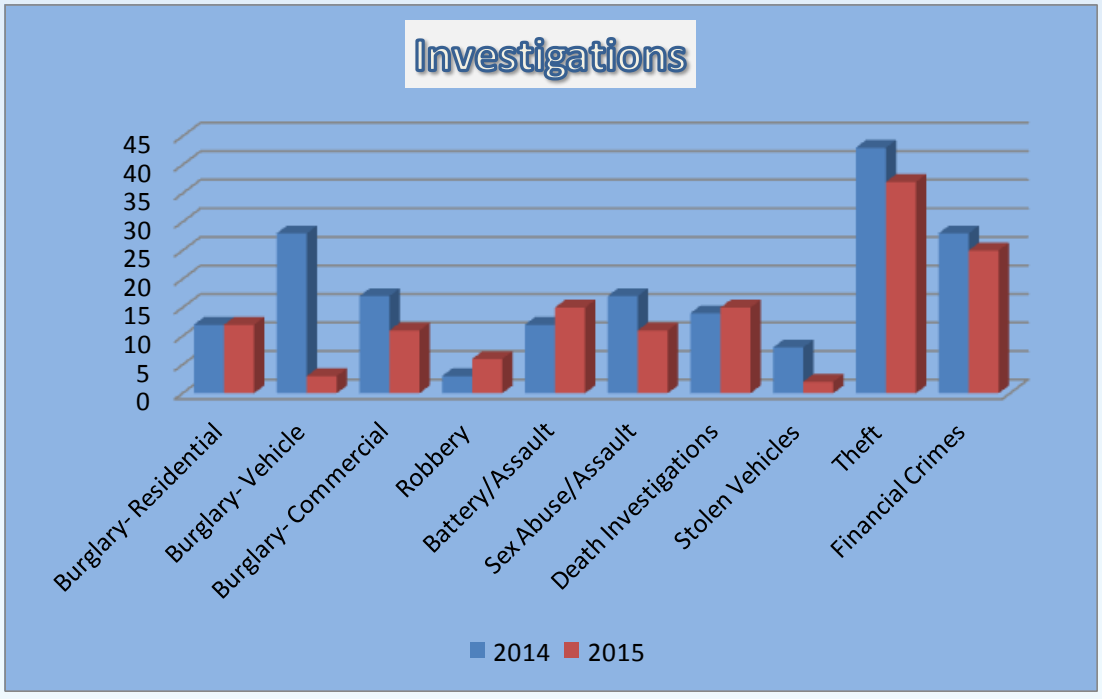
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The Investigations Unit, supervised by a commander and two sergeants, is comprised of six detectives, three school resource officers, two Targeted Response Unit (TRU) officers, and two officers assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Our investigators are highly trained professionals, fully capable of managing even the most complex of cases. Most calls for service are handled by the responding patrol officers; however, many require additional in-depth attention and unique skills sets, which falls under the responsibility of this Unit.

Case Assignments

The Investigations Unit was assigned a variety of cases throughout 2015. The most frequently assigned investigations are depicted in the chart below, along with a comparison of the cases assigned in 2014.



Notable Investigations

Theft: On January 19, 2015, Brilliance Honda located on Route 176, reported the theft of Honda Civic and Accord wheels off vehicles parked in their lot, a loss totaling over $4,600. A subsequent investigation, spanning over six months, included investigatory practices using Internet based classified ads and multiple data resources. The stolen property was located on a classified ad in another town. Coordinating efforts with other jurisdictions resulted in a suspect being identified. This suspect was later charged with one count of felony theft. The stolen property belonging to the Honda Civic was recovered from the unwitting person who previously purchased the wheels.

Aggravated Criminal Sex Abuse of a Child: On January 20, 2015, detectives began an investigation into allegations of child sexual abuse. Information received indicated an adult suspect had sexually abused a family member under the age of 13. Detectives specifically trained and certified as Internet Crimes against Children (ICAC) Investigators conducted an extensive investigation, including forensic interviews and a polygraph examination. As a result of the four month investigation, a 31 year old suspect was arrested and charged with one count of aggravated criminal sexual abuse.

Child Sexual Exploitation: On February 11, 2015, detectives began an investigation into allegations of unlawful solicitation of a child via the Internet. Detectives, specifically trained and certified as Internet Crimes against Children (ICAC) Investigators, conducted an extensive investigation, revealing that the suspect resided in the Boston, Massachusetts area. In coordination with Boston PD, our detectives were able to track a geographical location that matched the IP address from which the unlawful material originated. Because of venue, the investigation was turned over to Boston PD, which later culminated in the arrest of the suspect on charges of child pornography.

Bank Robbery: On March 21, 2015, the Chase Bank, 1185 S. Route 31, was robbed by a lone female suspect. Detectives interviewed witnesses, reviewed surveillance video, canvassed the area and reached out to the media for assistance. During the investigation, two additional banks were robbed in Johnsburg and McHenry City. The suspect was apprehended as she was fleeing the McHenry Chase Bank robbery. Efforts were coordinated with the Johnsburg and the McHenry City Police Departments, as well as with the FBI. As a result of the investigation, it was determined this same female robbed all three banks. In July, 2015, the 39 year old suspect was federally indicted on 1 count of robbery for the Crystal Lake bank robbery.

Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child: On March 22, 2015, detectives began an investigation into allegations of child sexual abuse. Information received indicated an adult suspect had sexually abused an extended family member under the age of 13. Working in coordination with Child Advocacy Center forensic interviewers, detectives developed leads and conducted an extensive investigation. As a result of the three month investigation, a 37 year old suspect was arrested and charged with two counts of predatory criminal sexual assault of a child and one count of aggravated criminal sexual abuse.

Notable Investigations

Bank Robbery: On March 30, 2015, the Fifth Third Bank on Route 14 was robbed by a lone suspect. Detectives interviewed witnesses, reviewed surveillance video, canvassed the area and reached out to the media for assistance. Tips began to come in and a suspect was developed. On a later day, when one person of interest was to meet with our detectives, this same person robbed a Fifth Third Bank in Woodstock. Coordinating our efforts with the Woodstock PD and the FBI, it was determined the same person was responsible for both robberies. A 42 year old suspect was later arrested and charged federally with 2 counts of robbery.

Armed Robbery: On April 11, 2015, the Super 8 Motel was robbed of $1200 by a lone suspect. During the investigation, detectives located discarded clothing from the suspect as he fled from the area on foot. Tips began to come in and a suspect was developed through a concerned citizen taking a photograph of the suspect as he fled. The suspect in the photo was positively identified by a member of the Crystal Lake Police Department. The 22 year old suspect was charged with one count of armed robbery.

Sexual Assault of a Child: On June 1, 2015, detectives began an investigation into allegations of child sexual abuse. Information received indicated an adult suspect had sexually assaulted a family member under the age of 13. Detectives attended a forensic interview of the child victim and conducted an extensive investigation. As a result of a month long investigation, including a consensual overhear, a 63 year old suspect was arrested and charged with one count of predatory criminal sexual assault of a child and one count of aggravated criminal sexual abuse.

Aggravated Criminal Sex Abuse of a Child: On June 4, 2015, detectives began an investigation into allegations of child sexual abuse. Information received indicated an adult suspect had sexually abused a family member under the age of 13 for a two year period. A forensic interview with the victim was conducted, revealing further details of the crimes. A search warrant was executed at the suspect's residence and resulted in evidence recovered which corroborated the allegations. As result of the three month investigation, a 56 year old suspect was arrested and charged with four counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse.

Residential Arson: On June 19, 2015, a residential structure fire in the 200 block of Marian Parkway occurred. Arson was quickly suspected as the cause. Witnesses observed a male juvenile running away from the structure as smoke became visible. The fire caused extensive damage to the apartment of origin, rendering it uninhabitable. Subsequent to conducting neighborhood canvasses, a Crystal Lake certified arson investigator was able to establish several eyewitnesses who provided information that led detectives to a nearby residence of a possible suspect. The detectives assembled facts and information obtained from several more witnesses, resulting in the identification of the father of the juvenile previously seen running. It was determined the father failed to properly supervise his 4 year old son, who was left unattended and started the fire in a closet with a lighter. The adult was charged with one count of obstructing justice and one count of endangering the life and health of a child.

Notable Investigations

Missing Juvenile: On August 18, 2015, a resident of Crystal Lake reported his 16 year old daughter missing. An investigation was immediately initiated which resulted in determining the missing juvenile left the area alone on a train inbound to Chicago. She disappeared once entering the city and was suspected to be in the company of a 32 year old male acquaintance. The investigation to discover her whereabouts continued for the next 47 days, collaborating our efforts with the Department of Homeland Security, FBI, other state, county, and municipal law enforcement agencies, and US Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The missing juvenile was subsequently located in the Tulsa, Oklahoma area. She was recovered, found to be in good health, and reunited with her family.

Commercial Burglary: On September 26, 2015, a forced entry burglary occurred at Nelson's Jewelry, 1 Crystal Lake Plaza, Northwest Highway. Numerous high value watches and diamond rings were stolen by one offender. Detectives reviewed the exterior surveillance of multiple businesses and conducted a neighborhood canvass of the area in an attempt to further develop a suspect. Through this effort, a confidential source was developed who provided the name of a suspect who had been residing in the area for the past month. He was identified and subsequently contacted, resulting in the discovery of stolen jewelry proceeds on his person, linking him to the Nelson Jewelry burglary. The investigation resulted in felony approval for the charge of commercial burglary.

Theft by Deception: On November 18, 2015, a resident reported a theft by deception when a couple sold them a car for $10,000. The victim took possession of the vehicle; however, the sellers never produced the title. After attempts by the victim to obtain the title failed, they arranged to return the vehicle. The sellers met the victim for the return. The suspects took back possession of the vehicle without refunding the money and promptly fled. A subsequent investigation identified both suspects, resulting in a confession. The suspects were each charged with 2 counts of felony theft.

Fraudulent Activity/Theft (Initiated in 2014, resolved in 2015): On August 19, 2014, Jockey International Inc., located in Kenosha, Wisconsin, reported unauthorized bank transfers occurring over a period of time and totaling over one million dollars. The suspect was an employee of the corporation and a resident of Crystal Lake. Following his termination from employment, employers noted that the suspect stole $6,900 from the corporation in two fraudulent transactions. Following a year-long investigation, the suspect was ultimately charged with 2 counts of forgery and 2 counts of felony theft.

Targeted Response Unit

Crystal Lake Police Department



The Targeted Response Unit (TRU), supervised by a sergeant, is comprised of two officers dedicated to resolving unique community problems and two officers assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Rockford Resident Office Task Force. These officers continue to receive specialized training in their respective fields, including narcotic investigations, surveillance techniques, gang crimes, and asset forfeiture. TRU's areas of responsibility include resolving quality of life complaints, investigating street crimes (including narcotics and gang problems), sex offender compliance verification checks, warrant services (both search warrants and arrest warrants), parolee compliance checks, traffic safety, and traffic crash investigations.

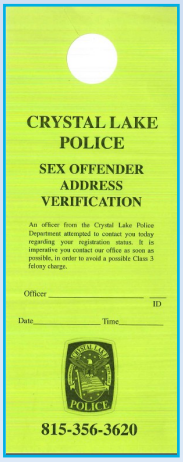
The DEA task force officers investigate narcotics cases on a local, state, and federal level. During 2015, cases investigated by these officers resulted in the seizure of 7 vehicles, approximately $1,543,740 in cash, and large quantities of cocaine, cannabis, heroin and other narcotics.

Members of TRU work to mitigate and resolve problems within the community. These issues include drug-related crimes, as well as problems that are not necessarily violations of criminal law, such as neighbor disputes, but may still have a negative impact on the residents either directly or indirectly involved. To investigate these calls for service, the officers work with a variety of other City Departments, including Community Development and Public Works, to bring a positive resolution to the issues.

Targeted Response Unit: Responsibilities

Quality of Life Assists - TRU participated in several joint efforts with other City Department staff to resolve quality of life issues ranging from neighborhood disputes to traffic complaints. During one incident, TRU investigated a complaint of suspected prostitution at a local motel. The investigation resulted in the suspect being arrested and charged with prostitution. The property owner was notified of the arrest and criminal charge.

Registered Sex Offender Compliance - Throughout 2015, TRU conducted multiple compliance checks with registered sex offenders located within the City. Address verification checks were intentionally conducted on Halloween. During the verification checks conducted on Halloween, two registered sex offenders were found to be in violation of their requirement to register. After thorough investigations, both were arrested and charged with a felony for violating the requirement. As a result of other checks conducted during the year, felony charges were also filed against two other registered sex offenders who violated their registration requirements. Additionally, investigations were initiated on four other sex offenders for possible violations of the registration requirements. Each investigation resulted in felony charges for the sex offender.



Joint Operations - TRU interacts extensively with the DEA, US Marshals, McHenry County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Task Force, Illinois Department of Corrections Parole Division, and other local tactical units from outside agencies. Cooperation ranged from shared information to assisting with high-risk search warrants and arrest warrants. TRU consistently strives to foster a partnership with outside agencies as it is not only productive, but has proven essential in successfully completing the tasks assigned to the unit. In one investigation, multiple agencies conducted numerous hours of surveillance on a subject suspected of delivering narcotics out of a business. During the investigation, a search warrant was executed which resulted in the arrest of four subjects and the seizure of cannabis, cocaine, and ecstasy. In the same investigation, forfeiture proceedings were initiated on two vehicles and a significant amount of United States Currency.



Targeted Response Unit: Responsibilities Continued

Street Crimes - In 2015, TRU was involved in multiple proactive investigations which resulted in the execution of search warrants, both high-risk and low-risk, and numerous drug -related arrests. The narcotics investigations resulted in seizures of cannabis, cocaine, heroin, and synthetic narcotics. In addition to criminal charges, forfeiture proceedings were initiated on multiple vehicles and United States Currency.

In the month of June, two subjects reported an attempted robbery and criminal damage to their vehicle. During a thorough investigation three documented gang members and an associate were identified as suspects. As a result of the investigation the four suspects were charged with multiple felonies, to include attempt robbery and mob action. During in-custody interviews, two of the arrestees admitted to committing criminal defacements to state supported property belonging to the Crystal Lake Park District. Supplemental charges were filed for the defacements.



In November information was received of the odor of cannabis emitting from an apartment. During the investigation, a consent search was conducted of the suspect apartment. Subsequent to the search, approximately 172 grams of cannabis, three handgun magazines, firearm ammunition, scales, packaging materials, and $2,075 was collected. While being interviewed, the suspect admitted to delivering cannabis on multiple occasions. The suspect was arrested and charged with multiple felonies. The United States Currency was then seized pending forfeiture proceedings.



In 2015, TRU investigated a few incidents involving street gang members which resulted in the arrests of documented gang members. In June an incident involving criminal damage to property occurred. The offenders were identified as street gang members. TRU investigated the incidents by interviewing victims and witnesses in the community. The investigation resulted in two documented gang members being arrested for a felony and several misdemeanor charges.

Traffic Crash Investigations Team - The Targeted Response Unit Sergeant also supervises the Traffic Crash Investigations Team. This is a team of specially trained officers that assemble to investigate crashes involving very serious injuries or deaths. Members of the team attend classes at Northwestern University Center for Public Safety, to include Crash Investigations I, Crash Investigations II, Math and Physics Review, Vehicle Dynamics, Crash Reconstruction I, and Crash Reconstruction II.

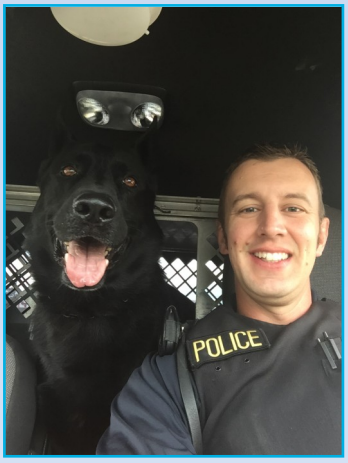
During 2015, a total of three traffic crash investigations were conducted by the unit. One of these crashes, occurring on Route 31 just north of Route 176, included a fatality.



Single-vehicle crash, Route 31 and Three Oaks Road

K9 Team

Crystal Lake Police Department



In 2015, our K9 team, consisting of Officer Luke Behning and canine Ace, was deployed for a variety of incidents, most of which were narcotics related. Ace continues to be recognized as one of the most effective police canines in the area and is frequently requested to assist with narcotics investigations conducted by outside agencies including the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), McHenry County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Task Force, local police departments, and local school districts. As a result of Ace being deployed, numerous felony narcotics arrests were made and multiple vehicles and United States Currency (USC) were seized.



Officer Behning and Ace also participated in many community related events by performing demonstrations at National Night Out, the Community Car Show, and the McHenry County College Student Police Academy. Additionally, Officer Behning and Ace visited several schools to speak with students about what they do as a K9 team. Glacier Ridge Elementary School even celebrated Ace's 5th birthday with him.







School Resource Officers

Crystal Lake Police Department

The Department and School District #155 have a successful, collaborative relationship, in part due to the efforts of three School Resource Officers (SROs), one serving in each of our community's three high schools. SROs are present in the schools when classes are in session, and are responsible for the investigation and documentation of all crimes committed within the schools. They work closely with the faculty of their respective schools, including the Deans of Students. In addition, the SROs participate in classroom presentations regarding a variety of law enforcement safety topics, including but not limited to: traffic laws, drinking and driving, curfew, and bullying, including cyber-bullying. They participate in developing and practicing the District's lock-down, evacuation, and emergency preparedness drills. As they are sworn officers, the SROs are considered to be the first line of defense to protect the students and staff against violence.

SROs are responsible for alcohol and tobacco compliance programs for the City. By utilizing area students, SROs coordinate controlled liquor buys (alcohol compliance enforcement) and controlled tobacco purchases at all businesses holding licenses to sell alcohol and tobacco products within the City. These programs are intended to ensure persons underage are unable to make purchases.

Tobacco Compliance Checks



To help protect the health of our children, the Crystal Lake Police Department participates in the Illinois Liquor Control Commission's "Kids Can't Buy 'Em Here" grant-funded tobacco enforcement program. The program's two-pronged approach features both education and enforcement. Educational materials are initially distributed to all tobacco retailers, followed soon by compliance checks, performed to determine if tobacco retailers are adhering to the minimum-age tobacco laws which prohibit the sale of tobacco to persons under the age of 18. The Crystal Lake Police Department conducted three tobacco compliance checks in 2015. Of the 98 tobacco retailers checked, six failed and were cited after they sold tobacco products to someone under the age of eighteen.

Alcohol Compliance Checks

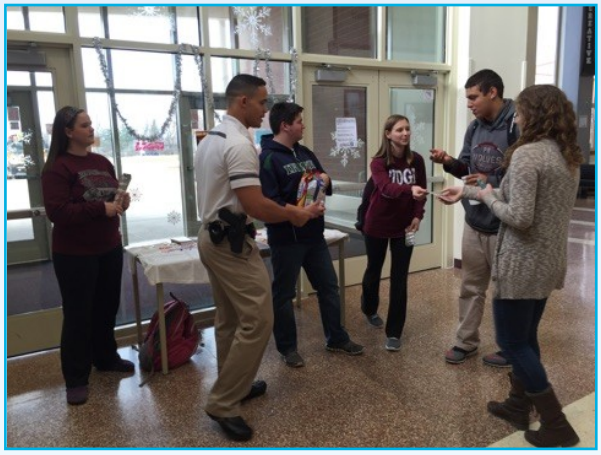
Also to help protect the health of our children, the Crystal Lake Police Department conducts alcohol compliance checks throughout the year. Compliance checks are performed to determine if alcohol retailers are complying with minimum-age liquor laws that prohibit the sale of alcohol to persons under the age of 21. The Crystal Lake Police Department conducted four alcohol compliance checks in 2015. Of the 79 alcohol retailers checked, four failed and were cited after they sold alcohol to someone under the age of 21.



Prairie Ridge High School

Officer Delmar Dade completed his first full school year as Prairie Ridge High School's SRO in 2015. In addition to his other duties, SRO Dade played a major role coordinating the Prairie Ridge High School Operation Click hosted event, "I PROMise 2015" campaign. This campaign promoted and encouraged students to make smart decisions and choices during the Prom season and beyond. A kickoff event, held in the school's theater, featured a guest speaker from the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM), where over 500 students in attendance heard the guest speaker talk about the drunk driving accident that claimed the life of her teenage son. The assembly also featured a student made video and short speeches from the school's faculty and SRO Dade. SRO Dade provided statistics of traffic crashes involving seat belt and alcohol use while asking kids to PROMise to stay smart and sober. Each student was asked to sign a pledge banner promising to make smart decisions. Each student that signed the form received a wristband with the I PROMise slogan.





SRO Dade providing students with Life Savers candy while providing students with "life-saving" handouts on the dangers of speeding, DUI, and distracted driving

Crystal Lake South High School

Officer Kimberley Shipbaugh began her first year at South High School in the Fall of 2015, replacing Sergeant Mark Szumanski following his promotion. Both officers were active educators at the school, providing a variety of instruction for the student body, staff, and parents, including:

- *"Parent University" Lecture*
- *Many Alcohol and Drug Awareness Seminars*
- *Search and Seizure Presentation*
- *Forensics*
- *DUI/Texting Driving Simulations*
- *Freshman Internet Safety Sessions*

The SROs also participated in traffic enforcement/safety campaigns with the Patrol Unit around the campus, focusing on promoting safe teen driving habits.





Crystal Lake Central High School

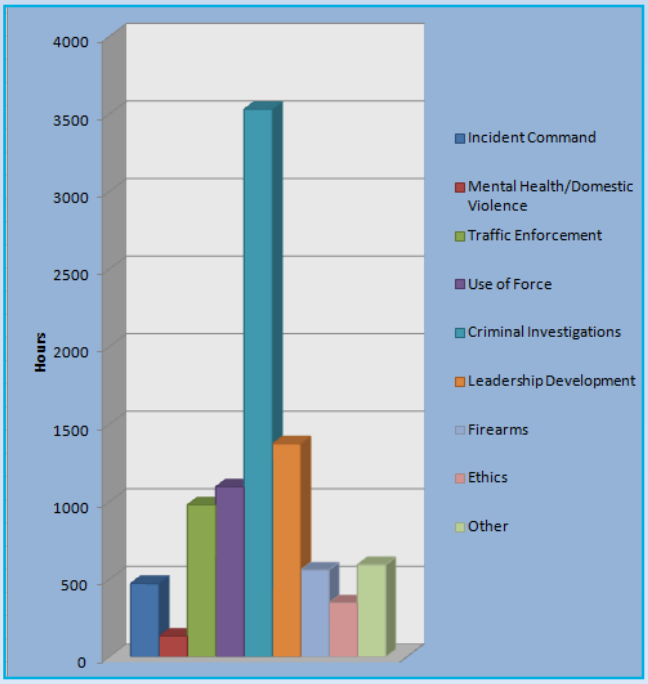
Officer Sal Rudolph, Central High School's School Resource Officer for the past 8 years, has officially announced his intent to retire in 2016 after 27 years of faithful service to the City. SRO Rudolph has developed and maintained a strong professional relationship with Central's staff and proved to be an effective liaison between the school and our organization. He will be missed by the school, staff and student body alike, as well as our Department. We wish him the best as he enters a new stage in life.



Training Unit

Crystal Lake Police Department

In sync with the Department's Mission and Vision statements, part of which commands our officers to provide the City's citizens and visitors with quality police service, the Department's Training Unit strives to continually develop employee skill sets in order to be the best public servants possible. During 2015, the Department's officers and civilian staff attended a total of 9,083 post-basic academy training hours. This consisted of 217 different classes spanning 80 differing topics ranging from accident investigations to handcuffing techniques.







Another important function of the Training Unit is to maintain an awareness of legislation which can have an effect on future training needs and requirements. In August of 2015, State Legislatures passed Public Act 099-0352, otherwise known as the "Police and Community Relations Improvement Act." This Act covered a variety of law enforcement related topics, to include that the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB) enact stricter "in-service" training requirements for police officers. Although the Act did not specify how many in-service hours will be required (left to the ILETSB to decide), the Act required specific training every three years in the areas of *Constitutional and Proper Use of Law Enforcement Authority, Procedural Justice, Civil Rights, Human Rights, and Cultural Competency*. Additionally, annual in-service training on law updates and scenario based use of force training was mandated. We anticipate ILETSB to release all the new mandated in-service training hours and topics by the end of March of 2016.

2016 Mandates: Ahead of the Curve

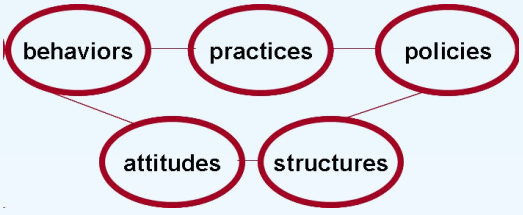
Many of the new statutory mandates due to take effect in 2016 are not foreign to the Training Unit. Training curriculum has been developed around Departmental Policies, which already accounted for many of the requirements now outlined by law. The Department's use of force and legal updates policies and practices already cover topics involving constitutionality and law enforcement authority, prohibition of choke holds, and de-escalation techniques. In preparation for the new mandates, the following areas of training were added in 2015:

Scenario based training- Starting in September of 2015, and in preparation for 2016 mandates and to better prepare our officers, the Training Unit adapted scenario based training into its annual use of force and Taser re-certifications. The goal of a more realistic training platform is to encourage the development of problem solving in a fluid, yet controlled, environment. This naturally induces a level of stress which cannot be achieved in the typical classroom setting. The ultimate goal of this form of stress inoculation is to teach officers that while in the public, they can manage their emotions and still perform their duties in a professional manner.



Cultural Competency- In November, cultural competency training was conducted for sworn and non-sworn staff alike. Dr. Randolph Burnside, Director of the Master's of Public Administration program at Southern Illinois University, was invited to the Department. His presentation focused on performing professionally and effectively in cross-cultural situations.





2016 Mandates Continued

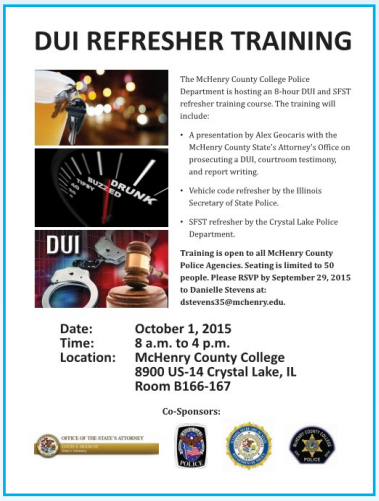
Procedural Justice- In late August, the Department's Training Unit started a relationship with the US Department of Justice's Office of Community Orientated Policing Services (COPS), in conjunction with the Center for Public Safety and Justice (CPSJ), to initiate a multi-tiered Procedural Justice training program. The first step of the training occurred in December with all supervisory members of the Department. It laid a foundation for the promotion of CPSJ's four pillars of procedural justice: Fairness, Transparency, Impartiality, and Providing a Voice.

COPS
Community Oriented Policing Services
U.S. Department of Justice

Other Training



Intoxicated Motorists- Keeping intoxicated motorists off our streets remains a high priority. As law enforcement cracks down on drunk drivers, their lawyers continually look for unique avenues to pursue in order to keep a conviction off their client's record. In response the Training Unit not only ensures officers are exposed to basic DUI training, classes such as Drugged Driver Detection and Advanced DUI Enforcement are provided to our more tenured staff. In January, the McHenry County State's Attorney's Office presented training to local jurisdictions on common mistakes they observed during DUI trials. This class was restructured for roll-call training purposes in order to better inform all our officers and reduce similar errors. Additionally, we have in-house Standardized Field Sobriety Test instructors certified with the Illinois State Police to train officers in court recognized DUI detection skills. During another training session, several Lakewood Officers were asked to join the class in a joint jurisdictional approach towards successful DUI enforcement. The Department also co-sponsored, with the McHenry County College Police Department, a DUI refresher class which was attended by a variety of local jurisdictions.


DUI REFRESHER TRAINING

The McHenry County College Police Department is hosting an 8-hour DUI and SFST refresher training course. The training will include:

- A presentation by Alex Geocaris with the McHenry County State's Attorney's Office on prosecuting a DUI, courtroom testimony, and report writing.
- Vehicle code refresher by the Illinois Secretary of State Police.
- SFST refresher by the Crystal Lake Police Department.

Training is open to all McHenry County Police Agencies. Seating is limited to 50 people. Please RSVP by September 29, 2015 to Danielle Stevens at: dstevens35@mchenry.edu.

Date: October 1, 2015
Time: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: McHenry County College
8900 US-14 Crystal Lake, IL
Room B166-167

Co-Sponsors:

Other Training Continued

Basic Academy and Field Training of Probationary Officers- During 2015, the Department used the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA) as its basic police certification academy. One officer attended and graduated from the twelve week program, which prepares new hires for the next step in their law enforcement education: Field training with a certified Police Training Officer (PTO).

The field training program utilized by the Training Unit is commonly known as the Reno Model and was initially developed by the US Department of Justice office of Community Orientated Policing Services. Officer Sindaravicius, who was hired at the end of 2014, graduated from SLEA on March 27, 2015, and started his field training the following Monday. Upon completion of the field training program, Officer Sindaravicius entered solo patrol in a probationary status. Officer Danowski, another 2014 hire, completed his field training in February and successfully completed his probationary period in December.

Leadership and Supervisory Development- 2015 continued to be a transitional year for the Department's supervisory staff due to restructuring and promotions. The Department has a tradition of providing the best training available by sending supervisory staff to the nationally recognized Northwestern University Center for Public Safety (NUCPS). Sergeant Charles Harris graduated from NUCPS' two week *Supervision of Police Personnel* in April. In preparation for his promotion in October, Sergeant Mark Szumanski attended the same two week program in September of 2015. Deputy Chief Tom Kotlowski and Sergeant Rick Neumann graduated from NUCPS' ten week *Staff and Command,* designed for middle and upper-level supervisors, during the year. Efforts were also focused on training supervisory staff to work within the Incident Command System (ICS) methodology. The Department participated in joint-operation scenarios utilizing the City's Emergency Operation Center and participated in multi-jurisdictional ICS training as well.



Other Training Continued

Internship Program- The purpose of the Department's Internship Program is to allow selected students who are pursuing a Criminal Justice related degree to experience and observe the day-to-day operations of the police profession. The program is designed to enhance the relationship between the Department and the community while providing a unique mentoring relationship, connecting officers and students. In conjunction with the intern's school, the intern agrees to participate in the 12-15 week unpaid internship and once successfully completed they will obtain 15 academic credit hours toward their major field of study. During the course of the internship the student submits weekly reports to the Department's Program Coordinator, which are then forwarded to the intern's professor after review. In addition, mid-term and final evaluations are drafted by the Department's Intern Program Coordinator and forwarded to the student's professor. Two interns during 2015 attended Western Illinois University, one attended Trinity Christian College and one attended the University of New Haven. In addition to the four college students, one local high school student participated in a job shadowing program spending approximately 10 hours over a two week period observing different aspects of the Department.

Ride-Along Program- This program provides an opportunity for citizens to experience the law enforcement patrol function first hand. The program is offered to residents, students, and those employed within the City. Unlike the Internship Program, a "ride-along" is generally only for one shift or part thereof and the participant does not have to be enrolled in any educational program. Interest in the Ride-Along Program nearly doubled from the prior year with 48 participants in 2015.

Records Unit

Crystal Lake Police Department



The Records Unit is staffed by three full-time clerks, two part-time clerks, one supervisor and is under the command of the Deputy Chief of Administration. The Unit is staffed Monday through Friday from 8am until 7pm.

Records is responsible for processing and maintaining all police reports, citations and other documents required for court proceedings or public dissemination. Records is also responsible for non-emergency phone calls and citizens arriving at the Police Department seeking assistance. Other duties include Freedom of Information (FOIA) requests, fulfilling subpoenas, expungements, various background requests and performing matron duties with female arrestees.

The current Records Management System (RMS) is *Tritech* which has field based reporting that enables all data from reports generated in the field to be sent into the RMS. *AVRS* is an automated accident reporting system that has online report downloads for citizens and insurance companies. Records also utilizes *Report Beam*, an automated citation program for traffic citations issued by officers which transmits data to the McHenry County Courthouse for prosecution of the offense cited and to the State of Illinois for statistical purposes.

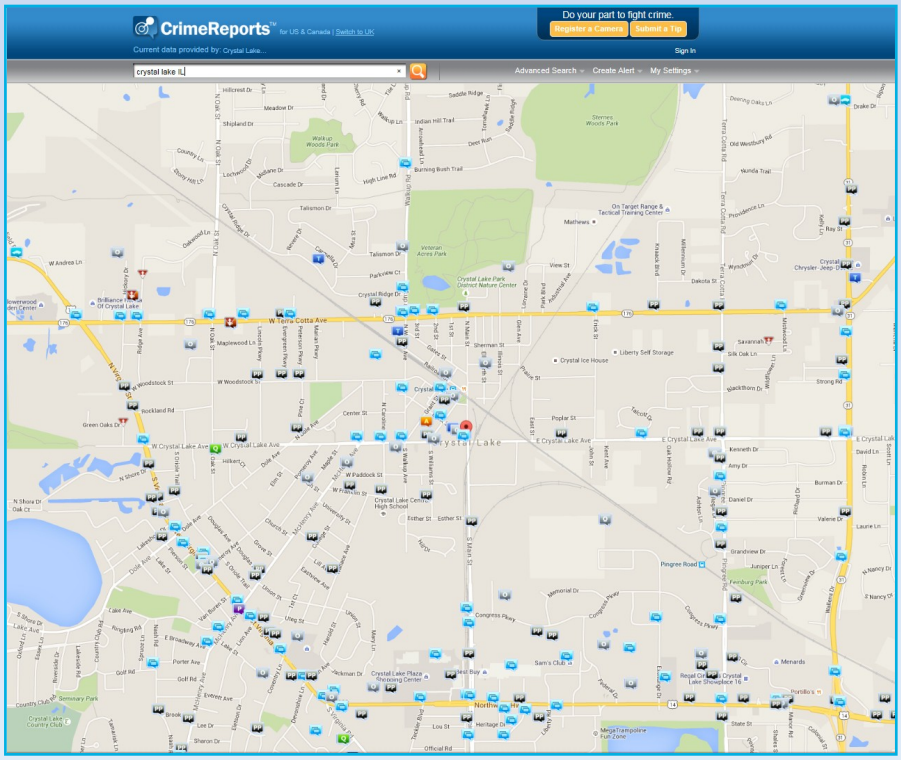
Online Crime Reporting

In many instances, victims of a minor crime elect not to report the matter to police, whether they do not have the time to do so, may be reluctant to have an officer come to their home, or for other reasons. These types of incidents are important to report, even if perceived as petty, or the solvability is believed unlikely. Patterns of criminal behavior can be critical in developing predictive patrols, and crime prevention, which enhance the safety and security of all who live, work, visit and pass through our community. In order to more effectively monitor crime trends in our community, while at the same time providing citizens with a convenient, easy-to-use reporting mechanism, the Police Department launched a "Citizen Self-Reporting" system in April, whereby citizens now have the opportunity to report minor crime online. A link to this system is available on the City's website.

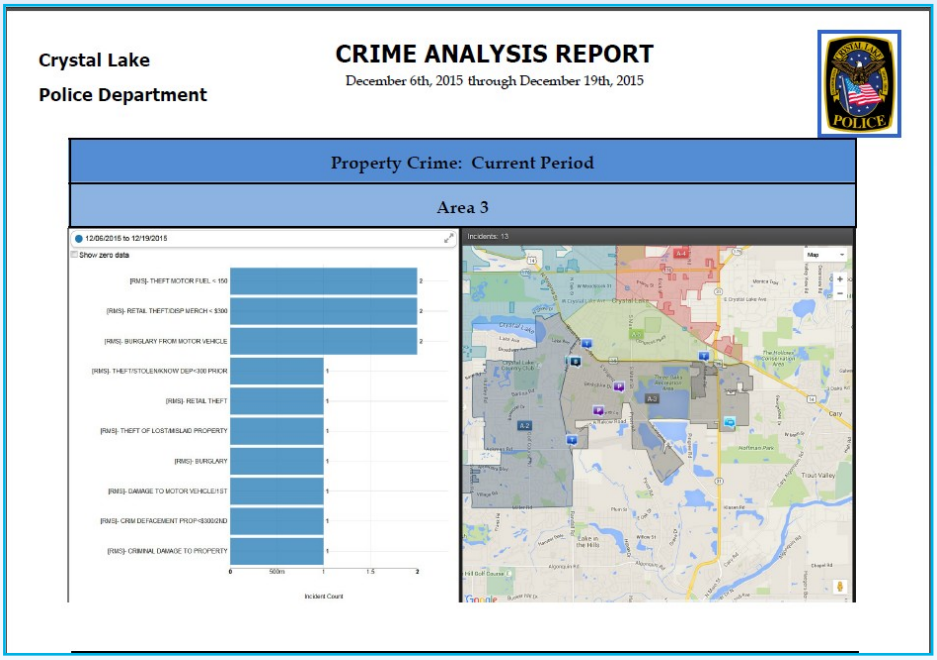


Crime Mapping

Also linked on the City's website, the Police Department offers citizens the ability to view general information about, and the general location of, reported criminal activity within the City.



A more robust version of this system is used by members of the Department to analyze crime and crash data to predict trends in order to formulate an appropriate response.



Support Services Unit

Crystal Lake Police Department

The Support Services Unit, supervised by a sergeant, is responsible for a variety of administrative and logistical support for the other units within the Police Department. There are a number of duties and functions performed by the personnel within the Unit, including:

Evidence and Property Management

Liaison with Fleet Services

Specialized Vehicle Equipment Coordinator



Building Equipment/Maintenance

Police Department Safety Committee Chair and Coordinator



Accreditation (CALEA) Manager

Policy Development and Maintenance

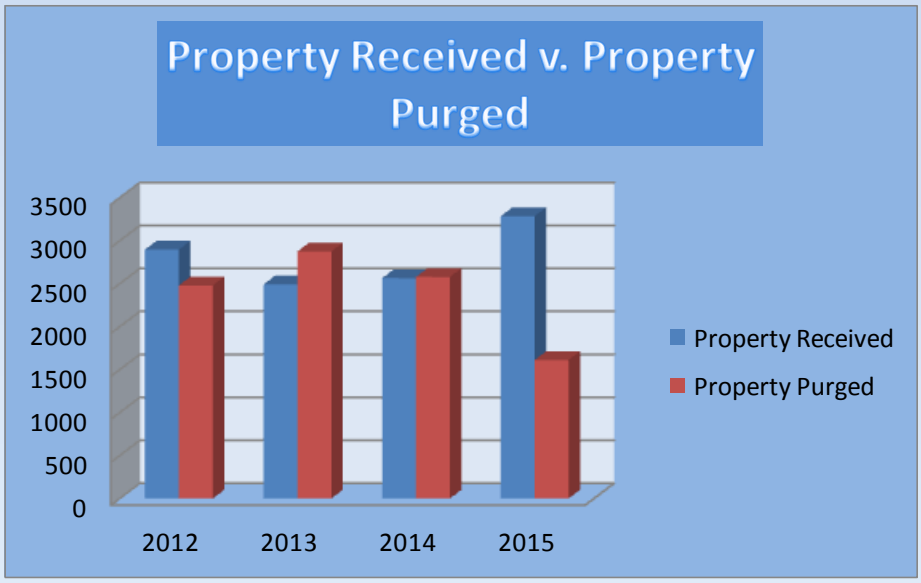
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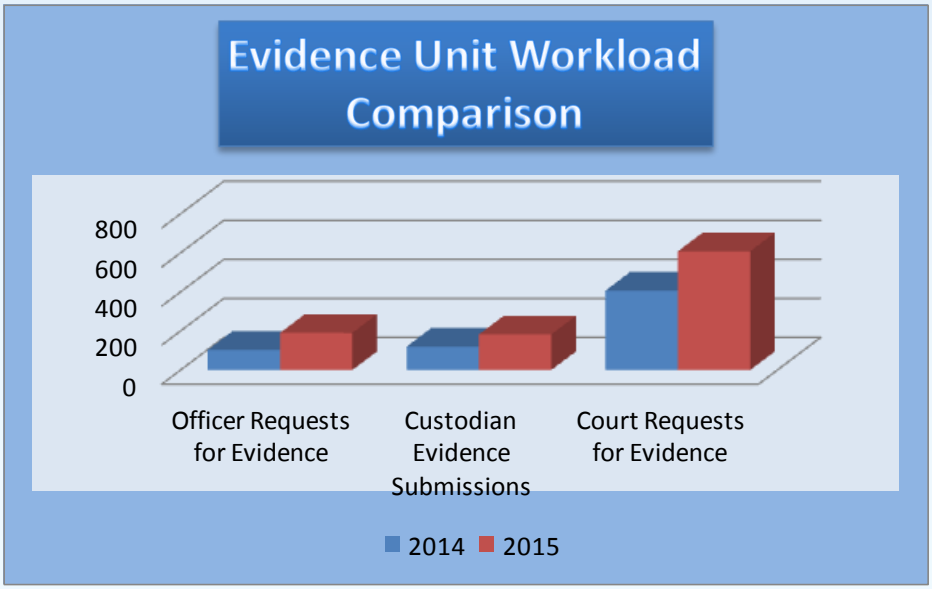
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Evidence & Property Unit

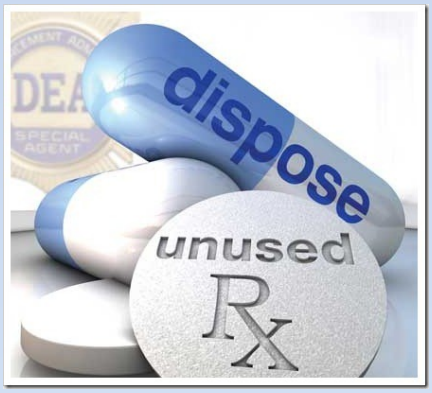
The Department's Evidence and Property Unit remains a very active part of the agency. All items seized, received, or found by officers through their duties are packaged, labeled, and secured in evidence storage until released or disposed of in accordance with state and federal laws and departmental policies. 2015 saw a modest increase in the number of items collected and a modest decrease in the number of items purged.



The Evidence Custodian, aside from accepting property for submission and disposing items in accordance with law, responds to several hundred requests each year from our officers and the courts for the release of evidence for various purposes. The custodian is also responsible for submitting certain items of evidence.



Prescription Drug Collection



On March 29th, 2015, the Crystal Lake Police Department started offering those wishing to dispose of unused or expired medications the opportunity to deposit the medications into a collection container located in the lobby of the Crystal Lake Police Department. This disposal option will not only reduce the likelihood of accidental or intentional misuse or abuse of medications left unsecured in a home, but it's a much more environmentally sound method of disposal when compared to other means, such as tossing the medications into the trash or introducing the medications into the wastewater system via a sink drain or a toilet.

The Crystal Lake Police Department has collected over ***300*** pounds of unused or expired medication since we began offering this service to the community.



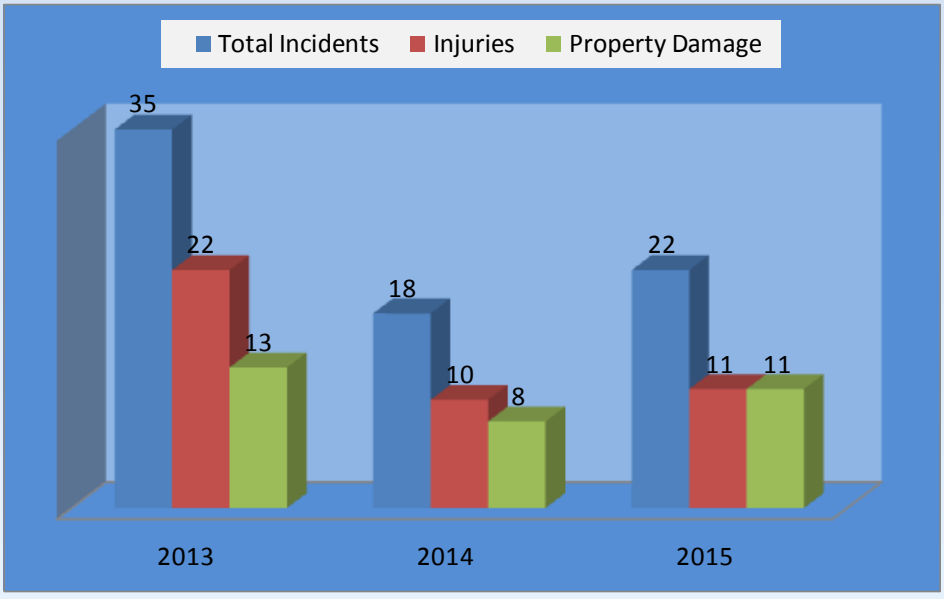
Medical disposal box donated courtesy of CVS Pharmacy as part of their "Medical Disposal for Safer Communities" program

Safety Committee

The purpose and objectives of the Police Department Safety Committee includes:

- *Ensuring a healthy, safe, injury-free working environment*
- *Furthering safety education of department employees*
- *Maintaining employee interest in safety*
- *Promoting cooperation between employees and management*
- *Lowering the rate and severity of injuries to employees and damage to property and equipment*

To accomplish these goals, the committee, made up of representatives from across all units in the Department, meets monthly to review all accidents and injuries involving Department personnel. Cases are reviewed and root causes are identified. This allows for the identification of trends or patterns and fosters recommendations on workplace enhancements or practices likely to reduce or eliminate such events from occurring in the future. In 2015, the Police Department Safety Committee reviewed 22 incidents, a slight increase when compared to 2014, but still significantly lower than 2013.



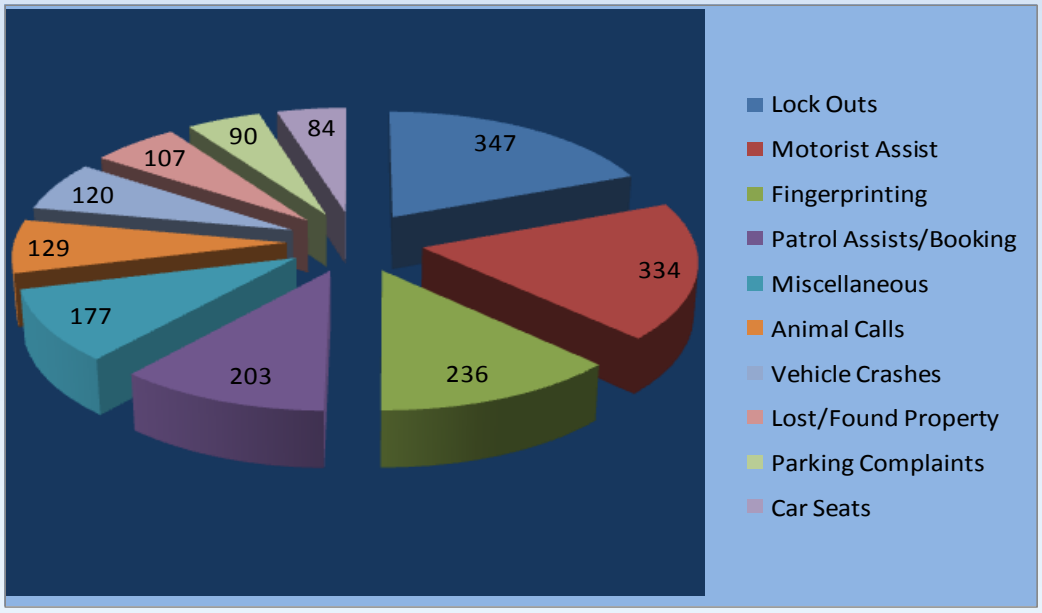
In addition, each month the Committee presents a safety message, created by a sergeant, that covers pertinent topics effecting members of the Department. In 2015 these topics included:

- *Cold Weather and Wind Chill*
- *Walking on Ice Covered Surfaces*
- *Stress Management*
- *Flu Prevention*
- *Risk Management and Best Practices*
- *Tornado Safety*
- *The 4-7-8 Breathing Technique*
- *5 Things No One Ever Tells You About Getting In Shape*
- *Fatigue*
- *Skin Cancer*
- *Complacency*
- *Police Officers and Seasonal Depression/Shift Work (SAD)*

Community Service Officers

Crystal Lake Police Department

The Department currently employs four Community Service Officers (CSOs). Three of the CSOs supplement the Patrol Unit. The fourth CSO serves primarily as the Department's Evidence Custodian. While CSOs are not sworn police officers, and do not possess powers of arrest, their contribution to the goals and objectives of the Department are immense. CSOs typically handle private property traffic crash reports, animal complaints, vehicle lockouts, commuter parking enforcement, pay-stall collections, and banking. Additionally, they inspect child safety seats for proper installation, conduct fingerprinting services for fee applicants (liquor license holders, taxi cab drivers, etc...) and assist officers with prisoner processing duties. CSOs fill a critical role by assisting patrol officers in the field, directing traffic at roadway crash scenes, and taking many calls for service that would otherwise require an officer's attention. During 2015, our Community Service Officers handled 1,827 calls for service and assisted on many more. They also issued 3,143 parking citations.








Accreditation

Crystal Lake Police Department

Our agency first achieved accreditation through the Commission on the Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), a nationally recognized law enforcement accreditation program, in 2012. Structured re-assessments are a requirement of maintaining this status. From October 12 through October 14, 2015, the Crystal Lake Police Department hosted an on-site assessment where two CALEA assessors reviewed the 484 listed CALEA standards. As a result of the on-site assessment, the Crystal Lake Police Department fully anticipates to receive a letter once again conferring accreditation status at the CALEA Conference, held in St. Louis in 2016.

The CALEA accreditation process is a proven modern management model. Once implemented, it provides an agency's Chief Executive Officer, on a continuing basis, with a blueprint that promotes the efficient use of resources and improves service delivery—regardless of the size, geographic location, or functional responsibilities of the agency.

Additional benefits of the CALEA accreditation are:

1. Strengthen crime prevention and control capabilities;
2. Formalized essential management procedures;
3. Established fair and nondiscriminatory personnel practices;
4. Improved service delivery;
5. Solidified interagency cooperation and coordination; and,
6. Increased community and staff confidence in the agency.



CALEA Assessors and police staff pose for a picture following the assessment

Community Relations and Special Events

Crystal Lake Police Department

The Police Community Relations Officer (PCRO) continued to play a supportive role in the Police Department's efforts to achieve its goals and accomplish its mission. During 2015, the PCRO helped facilitate the interaction and communication between our Department and various businesses and residents. The PCRO focused on topics that aided in enhancing the level of professional services we offer, as well as the quality of life of those we serve.



A personnel change occurred roughly midway through the year, as Officer Eddie Pluviose was appointed the PCRO, replacing Officer Kimberley Shipbaugh after she was assigned as the new School Resource Officer at Crystal Lake South High School. Both officers clearly demonstrated a commitment to the role as our PCRO.

Among the projects the PCRO is responsible for include the Volunteers In Police Services (VIPs) program and the Care Trak system. The PCRO also provides station tours, liaisons for each established Neighborhood Watch chapter within Crystal Lake, and provides safety talks for local groups or schools. In late 2015, Officer Pluviose implemented the "Read a Book" initiative, where he met with several 3rd grade classes from different schools to read a book, selected by the school's faculty staff, to the students.

Our PCRO continues to be an active member of the McHenry County Substance Abuse Coalition, McHenry County Safe Kids Coalition, McHenry County Police Charities, Safe Home Coalition of McHenry County, and the Task Force on Aging. The PCRO is also the primary liaison between the Crystal Lake CrimeStoppers Board and the Police Department.

Education is an important component of public safety. The PCRO has employed multiple avenues, including social media, to provide education to arm our citizens against becoming a victim of a crime, as well as keeping themselves and their families safe.

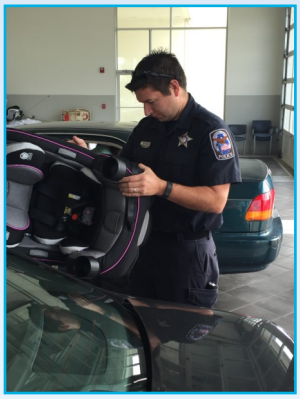
During the year, 12 articles submitted by the Department were published in the City newsletter for the purpose of raising awareness and educating the public on the following topics: *Winter Driving, Move Over Law, Children's Safety, National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, National Law Enforcement Appreciation Month, Motorcyclist Awareness, Summer Vehicle Safety, Buckle Up To Save Lives, Back to School Safety, Lottery and Internet Scams, Thanksgiving Appreciation, and Impaired Driving and Travel Safety.*

Community Relations Officer

Some of the events/programs facilitated by our PCRO during 2015 were:

- *Chick-fil-A's Night of Heroes*
- *Child Passenger Seat Events*
- *McHenry County College Safe Kids*
- *Home Depot's Safety Days*
- *Western Illinois' Law Enforcement Career Fair*
- *Texas Roadhouse Torch Run Benefit*
- *Cop on Top to Benefit Special Olympics*
- *Johnny Appleseed Festival*
- *Crystal Lake Park District Truck or Treat*













Community Relations Officer

A few other select events facilitated by the PCRO follow:



Breakfast with the Chief- Three students from Woodscreek Elementary School were selected for the event where they had the opportunity to meet and eat breakfast with Chief Black. The students were also given a tour of the Police Department.



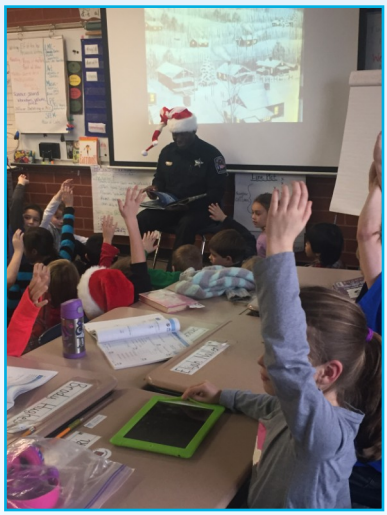
Petsmart Stuffed Animals- A total of 480 stuffed animals were donated to the Crystal Lake Police Department by the local Petsmart. The PCRO distributed the stuffed animals, which were safe for children ages 3 and up, to local non-profit organizations in Crystal Lake. The stuffed animals were to help make a child's holiday season a little merrier.



Shop with a Cop- Twelve Crystal Lake police officers and CSOs participated in the 30th annual McHenry County Police Charities Shop With A Cop event at the Crystal Lake Wal-Mart. During the event officers and CSOs were each paired with a child in need of assistance for the holiday season. Each child was provided with $150 to spend. Each child was also given a winter coat, boots, hat, and gloves. Following the event all participants were treated to a breakfast buffet.



Read a Book- During the month of December, Officer Pluviose visited two District 47 elementary schools and read Christmas themed books to over 150 3rd grade students.



Training and Education Presentations

The PCRO assisted in various training and educational seminars at the Police Department, such as:

- "If it's too good to be true…" The PCRO and Detective Russ Will met with local bank managers and discussed ways to help prevent bank clients or patrons from becoming victims of lottery scams.
- Joined by Laura Crain from McHenry County Substance Abuse Coalition, the PCRO presented a seminar on *Drug Use Among Teens* to 7th and 8th grade students of St. Thomas Catholic School.
- Officer Pluviose created a Bicycle Safety and Laws presentation. Partnered with Officer C. Montgomery of McHenry County Conservation District, the presentation covered topics relating to bicycle safety, bicycle laws, sharing the roadway, City of Crystal Lake traffic crash statistics involving vehicles versus bicyclists, and bicycle rules and safety on the McHenry County Prairie Trail.

The PCRO was also instrumental in the planning and organizing of the new "Coffee with the Chief" events which debuted in 2015, and is covered in detail on the following page.

Coffee with the Chief



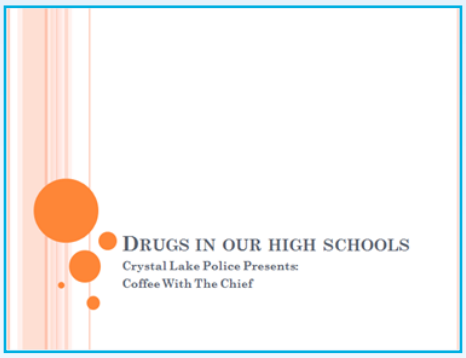
Beginning in 2015, the Department initiated the "Coffee With The Chief" community events. "Coffee with the Chief" provides residents with an opportunity to personally meet with Chief James Black and other members of his staff in a friendly, casual and informal setting. Residents learned about current crime-related topics and had the opportunity to discuss community matters of interest. We hosted three sessions, with each session dedicated to a specific topic to present to the attendees.

March 17th: Our Investigations Unit presented the dangers and criminal aspects of "Sexting" and "Cyber Bullying." Many attendees were the parents of young children, interested in learning how they might protect their children from this trending 21st Century concern.

June 2nd: Our Investigations Unit participated with the Illinois State Police to present an educational seminar on the criminal aspects of Gypsy Scams, Ruse Burglaries, and Home Repair Fraud.



September 1st: Our School Resource Officers presented an overview of illicit drug use by high school-aged students and our educational and enforcement efforts to deter the activity.





All events were well-attended, and the Department looks forward to hosting future events in 2016.

National Night Out

National Night Out is a nationwide event, providing an opportunity for the community and local law enforcement to come together to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in our fight for a safer nation. The very successful event, attended by several hundred community members, was held at the Three Oaks Recreational Area on August 4th.



















We would like to recognize our sponsors for the 2015 National Night Out event: Black Diamond Plumbing & Mechanical, Ultra Strobe, Target, Tops K9 Training, Culvers, Good Shepherd Hospital, and Crystal Lake CrimeStoppers.

Other Special Events

Throughout the year members of the Crystal Lake Police Department were involved with, or assisted with traffic and security at, many other special events, including:

- *Woodscreek Creek School Feet/Meet 5K/1m*
- *The Bob Blazier Run (1 Mile Race)*
- *The Memorial Day Parade*
- *Three Oaks Triathlon*
- *Independence Day Parade*
- *Independence Day Fireworks*
- *Lakeside Festival*
- *Run with the Law (Special Olympics Fundraiser)*
- *The Night Owl Bike Ride*
- *Crystal Lake Central's High School Homecoming Parade*
- *Crystal Lake South's High School Homecoming Parade*
- *Prairie Ridge High School Homecoming Parade*
- *Drug Abuse/Education Seminars*
- *Rautober Fest*
- *The Run and Roll for the Dole*
- *Festival of Lights Parade*
- *Santa Run*
- *Law Enforcement Torch Run to Benefit Special Olympics*
- *Marine Corps "Toys For Tots" Campaign*













Three Oaks Security

Crystal Lake Police Department



The Police Department supervises the security team for the Three Oaks Recreation Area. The security team is currently staffed by two dedicated individuals who provide overnight patrols of the facility utilizing a surveillance camera system, foot patrols and a specialized vehicle. Members of the security team protect the recreation area from unauthorized access, theft, and vandalism, ensuring it can be enjoyed by citizens and visitors for years to come. Working with the on-duty patrol officers, security team members generally start their tours when the facility is closing for the day, although they are also utilized during special events that occur within the venue.







Department Commendations & Awards

Crystal Lake Police Department



Medal of Valor- Awarded to any member of the Crystal Lake Police Department for an act of exceptional bravery or heroism, performed above and beyond the call of duty and characterized by the voluntary risk of the employee's safety, knowing that the act could result in death or great bodily harm to the employee and which has demonstrated to a great degree the characteristics of selflessness, personal courage, and devotion to duty.

**Presented to Officer Kris Krol* *for his exceptional act of bravery, performed above and beyond the call of duty, in response to a violent domestic situation involving an armed individual.*



Department Commendation- Awarded to any member of the Crystal Lake Police Department for duties performed in an exceptional manner which brings credit on the employee and the Police Department.

**Presented to Detective Dave Eitel* for the exceptional attention to detail, along with a steadfast dedication and determination, he demonstrated while investigating a complex and lengthy missing persons case.

The officers below received a Department Commendation for their quick actions, in separate events, after determining a non-responsive subject was succumbing to an opiate overdose. The officers had used Narcan to revive the victims.

- ***Officer Bill Kitsis (2 Separate Events)***
- ***Officer Mark Pfeiffer (3 Separate Events)***
- ***Officer Dimitri Boulahanis***
- ***Officer Mike Maloney (2 Separate Events)***
- ***Officer Anthony Tangorra***
- ***Officer Phil Lloyd-Mietus (2 Separate Events)***
- ***Officer Steve Trapp***
- ***Officer Jeff Mattson***
- ***Officer Eric Stopka***
- ***Sergeant Dan Hulata***

Department Life Saving Awards



Department Life Saving Award- Awarded to any member of the Crystal Lake Police Department whose actions and direct intervention are instrumental in saving or preserving human life.

*****Presented to Officer Phil Lloyd-Mietus*** *for his actions in saving the life of another. Assisted by Lakewood Officer Stephen Kapsalis, he responded to a home after receiving a report of a suicidal subject. The officers found the subject hanging by a cord. The officers lifted the subject, removed the cord, and thus saved the subject's life.*

*****Presented to Sergeant Mike Bennett*** *for his actions in saving the life of another. Sergeant Bennett and Officer Wawrzyniak responded to a home after a report of a subject who had collapsed. Upon arrival, they assessed the victim, performed CPR, and utilized an AED. Their efforts revived the victim, who was ultimately transported to a hospital for further treatment.*

*****Presented to Officer Dominika Wawrzyniak*** *for her actions in saving the life of another. Officer Wawrzyniak and Sergeant Bennett responded to a home after a report of a subject who had collapsed. Upon arrival, they assessed the victim, performed CPR, and utilized an AED. Their efforts revived the victim.*

*****Presented to Officer Kris Krol*** *for his actions in saving the life of another. Responding to a home after receiving a report of an unresponsive victim, Officer Krol assessed the victim and performed CPR. His efforts revived the victim.*

*****Presented to Officer Phil Lloyd-Mietus*** *for his actions in saving the life of another. Officer Lloyd-Mietus and Officer Danowski responded to a home after receiving a report of an unresponsive victim. Upon arrival, they assessed the victim, performed CPR, and administered a dose of Narcan. Their efforts revived the victim.*

*****Presented to Officer Adam Danowski*** *for his actions in saving the life of another. Officer Danowski and Officer Lloyd-Mietus responded to a home after receiving a report of an unresponsive victim. Upon arrival, they assessed the victim, performed CPR, and administered a dose of Narcan. Their efforts revived the victim.*

Chief's Distinguished Service Award



Chief's Distinguished Service Award- Awarded to any member of the Crystal Lake Police Department for outstanding police-related accomplishments distinguished by the individual's performance of his or her duties above and beyond normal or routine, and resulting in improved Department administration, operation, or savings in operational costs, thereby contributing to a more efficient and effective police service.

*****Presented to Sergeant Steve Renje*** *for the leadership, ingenuity, and drive he demonstrated in meeting the standards necessary to guide the Department toward re-accreditation through CALEA.*

*****Presented to Officer Lloyd-Mietus*** *for the outstanding service to the community he demonstrated, going above and beyond the call of duty in his commitment to providing aid and comfort to the citizens of Crystal Lake.*

*****Presented to Officer Eric Stopka*** *for leading the Department in the issuance of distracted driving citations.*

*****Presented to Officer Mike Maloney*** *for leading the Department in the issuance of speeding citations.*

*****Presented to Officer Sean McGrath*** *for leading the Department in the issuance of occupant restraint citations.*

*****Presented to Officer Phil Lloyd-Mietus*** *for leading the Department in DUI arrests.*

Citizen Recognition

Crystal Lake Police Department



Citizen's Award- Awarded by the Chief of Police to any member of the community for actions above and beyond those of the normal citizen. These may include acts of heroism, bravery or assistance to law enforcement which were instrumental in saving another from imminent danger, or were critical in solving a major crime.

*****Presented to Mr. Mark J. Vogt*** *for his critical assistance in helping the Crystal Lake Police Department solve a robbery. Mr. Vogt, seeing a suspicious person shedding his clothes while running in the area of the robbery, thoughtfully photographed the suspicious person and provided the images to our Department. We were able to identify the suspect thanks to the images Mr. Vogt had captured.*

*****Presented to Mr. Rocky Piller*** *for his act of community service. Mr. Piller became concerned and contacted our Department when he noticed mail and newspapers gathering in a driveway of an elderly resident. We found the elderly resident in need of medical assistance within the home. If not for Mr. Piller's thoughtful concerns, the elderly resident may not have survived.*



Citizen's Life Saving Award- Awarded by the Chief of Police to any member of the community for actions which resulted in the preservation of another life.

*****Presented to Officer Stephen Kapsalis (Lakewood PD)*** *for his actions in saving the life of another. Officer Kapsalis responded to a home in Crystal Lake at our request to assist with a suicidal subject. Officer Kapsalis, assisting Crystal Lake Officer Phil Lloyd-Mietus, found the subject hanging by a cord. The officers lifted the subject, removed the cord, and thus saved the subject's life.*

*****Presented to Ms. Jennifer L. Robertson*** *for her actions in saving the life of another. Ms. Robertson noticed a patron of a restaurant was choking and not breathing. Ms. Robertson performed the Heimlich Maneuver and dislodged the blockage, allowing the victim to breath again.*

*****Presented to Ms. Jody Hefner*** *for her actions in saving the life of another. Ms. Hefner was approached by a neighbor in distress who was choking and having trouble breathing. Ms. Hefner performed the Heimlich Maneuver and dislodged the blockage, allowing the victim to breath again.*

Citizen's Letter of Appreciation

Citizen's Letter of Appreciation- Awarded to any citizen or organization that has assisted the Crystal Lake Police Department or contributed to the furtherance of the Department's goals.

> **Presented to Mr. Robert Baas and Mrs. Nancy Baas* *for their actions in assisting our Department. Mr. and Mrs. Baas were instrumental in alerting our Department and providing information regarding a highly intoxicated driver found passed out in a parking lot.*

Saved by the Belt

The Department participated in a State-wide recognition program for motorists who chose to do the right thing and wear their seatbelts. The Saved by the Belt Award is given to motorists who survive serious traffic crashes with the assistance of a properly worn seatbelt. This certificate is issued through the Illinois Department of Transportation and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

In 2015, one motorist was the recipient of the award after her involvement in a serious traffic crash in June.





2014/2015 Comparison

Crystal Lake Police Department

RECORDS UNIT		
Operating Indicators By Function	**2014**	**2015**
Incident Reports Processed	5,692	6,953
Crash Reports Processed	1,907	2036
Supplemental Reports Processed	2,194	2414
Temporary Detention Reports	966	934
Subpoenas Processed	176	175
Freedom of Information Act Requests	529	482
Expungements	39	30
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT		
Operating Indicators By Function	**2014**	**2015**
% Cases Cleared	61%	52%
Total Cases Cleared	169	108
Total Cases Assigned	275	207
-Missing Juveniles	3	4
-Burglary - Residence	12	12
-Burglary - Vehicle	28	3
-Burglary - Commercial	17	11
-Criminal Damage Property	3	2
-Robbery	3	6
-Aggravated Battery/Assault	12	15
-Criminal Defacement	3	0
-Criminal Sexual Abuse/Assault Cases	17	11
-Death Investigations	14	15
-Homicide (incl. Drug Induced)/Attempted Murder	0	0
-Stolen Vehicles	8	2
-Theft Cases	43	37
-Financial Crimes	28	25

Comparison Continued

EVIDENCE UNIT		
Operating Indicators By Function	**2014**	**2015**
Number of End-of-year items in Evidence	7294	9192
Items of Property Received	2,565	3286
Items of Property Purged	2,579	1612
- Items Destroyed	1,268	889
- Items Returned to Owner	384	345
- Items Auctioned	132	54
- Items Retained by Police (photos/documents)	726	298
- Items Turned Over to Another Agency	40	23
- Items Turned Over to Finance	29	3
PATROL UNIT		
Operating Indicators By Function	**2014**	**2015**
Warrants Served	77	63
Calls for Service	27,038	29,123
Online Reports	DNA	15
Arrests of Suspended/Revoked Driver's	126	127
Arrests of Driver's with No Valid Driver's License	124	87
Traffic Citations Issued	6,208	5364
Warning Citations Issued	5,075	8597
Traffic Stops	7,170	9406
Arrests (Adult total)	884	844
Arrests (Juvenile total)	126	112
DUI Arrests	134	106
Drug Offenses	261	283
Vehicles Impounded (Administrative)	192	155
Police Directed Tows	701	687
Ordinance Citations Issued	261	257
Parking Citations Issued	5,406	4156

Comparison Continued

TARGETED RESPONSE UNIT		
Operating Indicators By Function	**2014**	**2015**
Traffic Citations Issued	762	27
Warning Citations Issued	415	96
Arrests (Adult)	132	84
Overweight Truck Citations	2	0
Sex Offender Verifications	41	161
Sex Offender Violations	5	8
TRAFFIC CRASHES REPORTED - INVESTIGATED		
Operating Indicators By Function	**2014**	**2015**
Total Crash Reports Taken	1,907	2036
Property Damage Only	1,628	1743
Personal Injury Crashes	278	292
Private Property Crashes	459	494
Hit and Run Crashes	255	247
Fatalities	1	1
A-I Crashes Investigation	4	3
COMMUNITY RELATIONS		
Operating Indicators By Function	**2014**	**2015**
Community Presentations	48	53
Expos Attended	4	4
Car Seat Installations	124	62
Car Seat Check Events Hosted	2	3
TRAINING UNIT		
Operating Indicators By Function	**2014**	**2015**
Total Training Hours	7,484	9,083
Patrol Officer Recruits Trained	8	3
Internships	5	5
Hosted Outside Training	8	11
Ride Alongs	25	48