
Crystal Lake
Police Department
Annual Report
2017



FROM THE CHIEF

The City of Crystal Lake Police Department employs 67 sworn officers and 11 civilians who serve a growing population of over 42,000 residents.

On behalf of the men and women of the Crystal Lake Police Department I am pleased to submit the 2017 annual report. Within this report you will see many examples of innovation and coordination throughout the Police Department Divisions. This is a tribute to the exceptional staff that we have working for the City.

For 2017 we set many goals for ourselves; all of which were accomplished through the dedication and teamwork of staff. One of our primary goals was to reduce traffic crashes, and most importantly, reduce the occurrence of crash related injuries. Through our active involvement in the Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge, the Illinois Department of Transportation Traffic Enforcement Grant and our independent education and enforcement activities I am happy to report we have done both. In 2017, traffic crashes in the City were reduced by 9.1% overall and injury traffic crashes were reduced by 14.7%.

We remained vigilant in detecting and deterring crime to ensure members of our community feel safe at all times. As an example, members of our Targeted Response Unit conducted sex offender compliance checks throughout the year; arresting offenders found to be in violation. In furtherance of ensuring that the community feels safe, we have continued to prepare our staff for any and all incidents that could occur; either man made or natural disasters. Members of the Police Department trained with all other City staff in our Emergency Operations Center, utilizing mock exercises to prepare now for what may come in the future. In addition, we regularly provided training for supervisors and management to improve leadership and mentoring skills. Police Department staff attended training such as Northwestern University Center for Public Safety School of Police Staff and Command, and an Illinois Public Labor Relations seminar. This translates into better staff development and is an example of our commitment to excellence.

In 2017 our CALEA accreditation efforts continued, providing the best policies and procedures to our staff; arming them with the necessary tools for success. Providing clear guidance to a professionally developed staff helps build upon the trust we have within the community. To ensure we are meeting the needs of those we serve, officers consistently interact with both business and community members during foot patrols. These casual encounters build lasting relationships which are vital in every community. Our Community Relations Officer also meets with residents to educate and provide other crime prevention techniques in an effort to reduce future victimization.

In addition, the Police Department worked closely with many other City departments during 2017. The strength of our internal working relationships is based on the shared goal of providing the best customer service possible for our community. The statistics and narrative found on the pages that follow provide those we serve a summary of our purpose, future focus and data driven approach to policing. Our successes and partnerships with the community are highlighted. These accounts emphasize the importance of maintaining a culture of community policing where working with those we serve is paramount to the safety and security of Crystal Lake.

Crystal Lake is a tremendous community filled with vibrant growth and opportunities for all ages. Our employees take pride and ownership in their contributions to our City's success. The citizens of Crystal Lake exhibit outstanding support and trust in the Crystal Lake Police Department. We will continue to serve with a commitment to our mission, vision and core values. We appreciate the opportunity to be part of what makes Crystal Lake a great place to live.

COMMAND STAFF



Deputy Chief Derek Hyrkas

Administration Division

The Administration Division is comprised of the Support Services Unit, the Records Unit, and the Training Unit. The Division is supervised by a deputy chief and is directly responsible for all functions of the organization outside of the Operations Division, including oversight of our Community Relations program and our continued effort to remain accredited through the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA).



Deputy Chief Tom Kotlowski

Operations Division

The Operations Division is the largest Division within the Crystal Lake Police Department. The Division is supervised by a deputy chief and consists of a Patrol Unit and an Investigations Unit. The men and women assigned to the Operations Division provide quality police services to the citizens we serve including initial response to calls for service, crimes in progress, enforcement of the Illinois motor vehicle laws, criminal investigations, and special event planning.

Both Divisions continually work together to enhance existing partnerships within our community to proactively address quality of life concerns, develop solutions, and effectively resolve problems while delivering unbiased professional services with respect and compassion. The men and women of the Crystal Lake Police Department take significant pride in helping to keep the City of Crystal Lake a great place to live.

COMMAND STAFF



Commander Ron Joseph
Investigations Unit Commander

The Investigations Unit consists of six detectives, one sergeant and is supervised by a commander. Also working from within the unit are three School Resource Officers and the Targeted Response Unit (TRU).



Commander Rick Neumann
Patrol Unit Commander

The Patrol Unit consists of thirty-four patrol officers, seven sergeants and two patrol commanders. Officers work eight and one half hour rotating shifts in one of three squads. Sergeants supervise the squads of officers, while the patrol commanders oversee and coordinate the entire unit.



Commander Scott Miller
Patrol Unit Commander

The Patrol Unit strives to serve the community's needs in a prompt and professional manner, working together with the citizens of Crystal Lake to resolve the problems that affect the quality of life throughout the community.

COMMAND STAFF


Sergeant Dan Hulata


Sergeant Mike Gasparaitis


Sergeant Steve Renje


Sergeant Mike Bennett


Sergeant Charles Harris


Sergeant Mark Szumanski


Sergeant Dan Porzezinski


Sergeant Scott Koertgen


Sergeant Kevin Doherty


Sergeant Luke Behning


Sergeant Ryan Coutre


Supervisor Deborah Palmsiano

DEPARTMENT STAFF

Patrol Officers

Sal Alfano
Jeremy Beasley
Josh Beveridge
Brian Burr
Adam Danowski
Kenneth Ellinger
David Emrich
Russ Ford
Joshua Garcia
James Haras
Thomas Jacobi
Michael Jedlicka
Tyler Kendall
William Kitsis
Krzysztof Krol
Ilya Krutoyarskiy
David Lang
Alex Laub
Phillip Lloyd-Mietus
Kurt Majzner
Mike Maloney
Sean McGrath
Dennis Meyer
Brian Rossow
Ryan Schack
Kimberley Shipbaugh
Al Sindaravicius
Matthew Smith
Joe Spino
Eric Stopka
Anthony Tangorra
Lisa Tietz

(Patrol Officers Continued)

Scott Torkelson
Ingrid Volenec
Dominika Wawrzyniak

Detectives

Dimitrios Boulahanis
Jason Duncan
Dave Eitel
Frank Houlihan
Jeffrey Mattson
Russ Will

School Resource Officers

Delmar Dade
Chris Sanders
Zachary Morse

Community Relations Officer

Eddie Pluviose

Community Service Officers

Debbie Abraham
Laurie Brummitt
Kelly Madura
Gianna Sunta

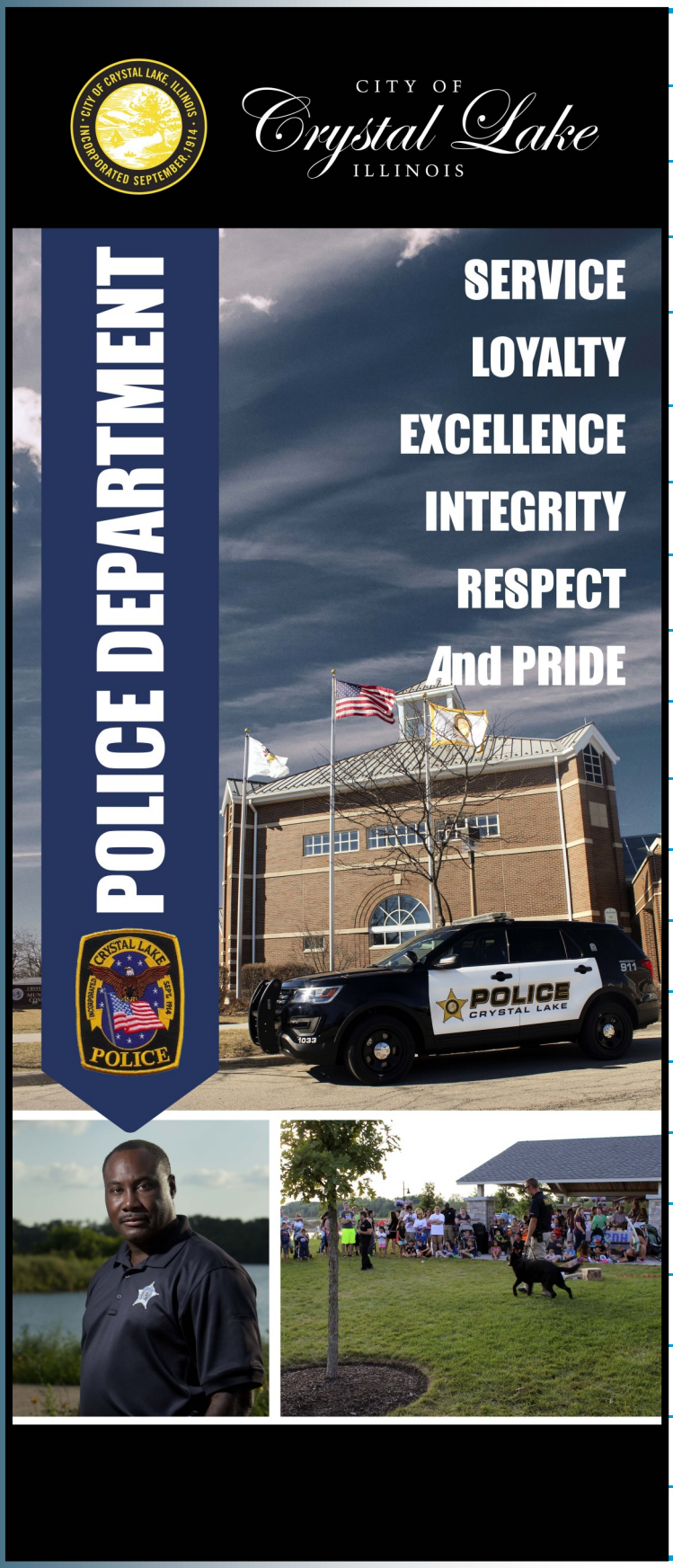
Records Assistants

Lindy Urbach
Denise Hysmith
Tina Caliendo
Yesenia Carreno
Karen Heiss

Administrative Assistants

Terry Kafenshtok
Eileen Baker

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Mission & Vision Statements

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

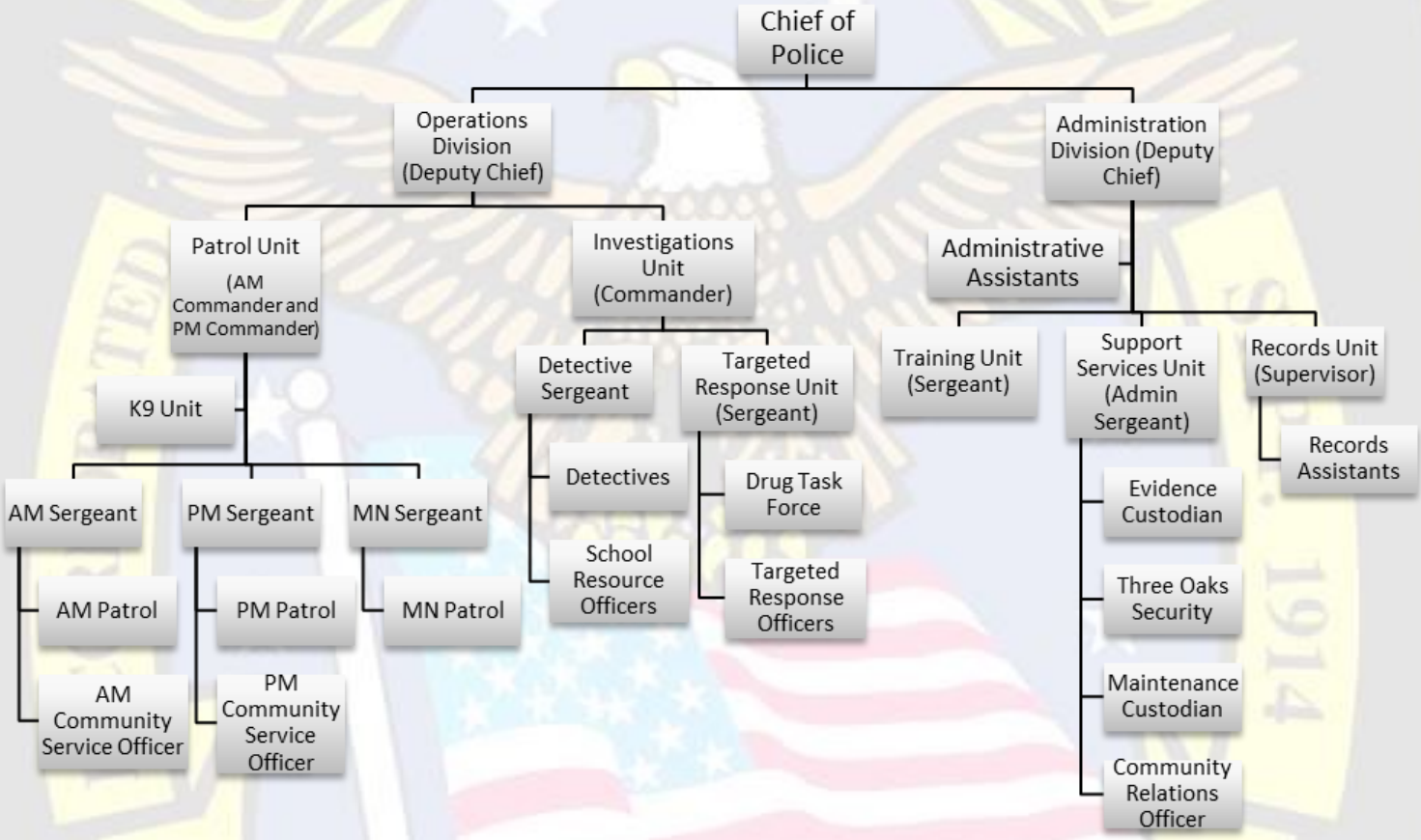


“On my honor, I will never betray my badge, my integrity, my character or the public trust.

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



Promotions



Scott Miller was promoted to the rank of Commander on October 2, 2017



Luke Behning was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on September 11, 2017



Ryan Coutre was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on October 23, 2017



Retirements





On February 28, 2017, Maintenance Custodian Buck Brummitt retired after 24 years with the Crystal Lake Police Department.





On April 1, 2017, Officer Bret Nystrom retired after 25 years with the Crystal Lake Police Department.





On August 1, 2017, Sergeant Paul Olszak retired after 27 years with the Crystal Lake Police Department.

New Police Officers



Tyler Kendall



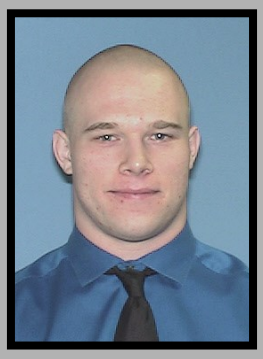
Josh Garcia



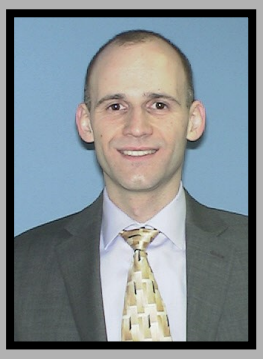
Ryan Schack



Matt Smith



Josh Beveridge



Ilya Krutoyarskiy



New Civilian Staff



Records Assistant Karen Heiss was hired on October 16, 2017.



Records Assistant Yesenia Carreno was hired on October 23, 2017.



Community Service Officer Gianna Sunta was hired on December 18, 2017.

Departures



Records Assistant Susan Bolt resigned on July 27, 2017.

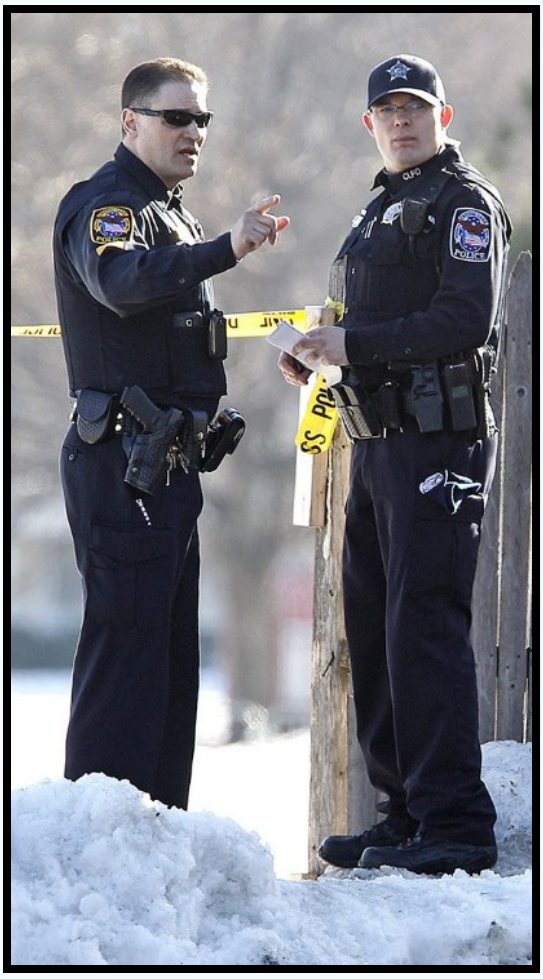


Records Assistant Marsha White resigned on August 11, 2017.



Officer Steve Trapp resigned on August 1, 2017.

Patrol Unit



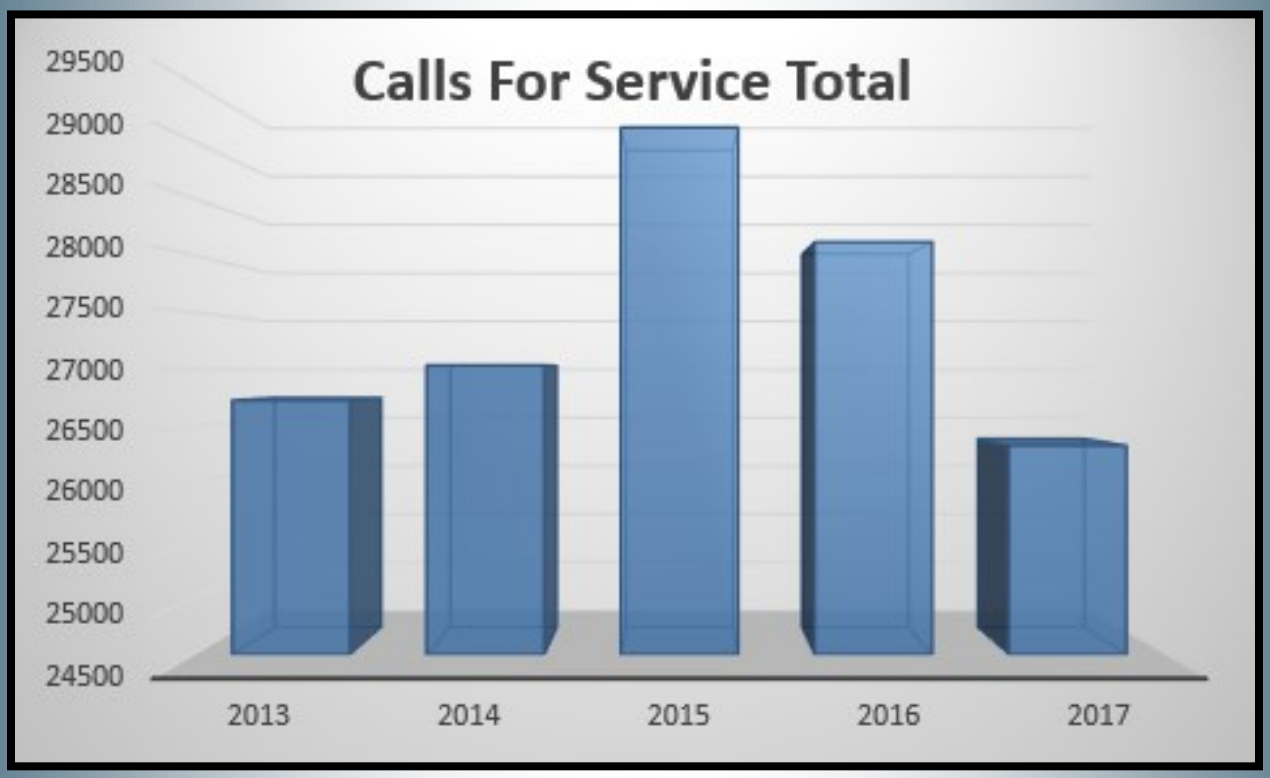
Falling under the Operations Division, the Patrol Unit is the largest and most visible unit of the Department. It is comprised of 34 patrol officers, seven sergeants and two commanders. The unit is divided into three shifts, each overlapping a half hour and are generally referred to as the Midnight Shift, Day Shift and Afternoon Shift. Each shift is directly supervised by at least one sergeant on a daily basis.

The Patrol Unit sergeants work a rotating schedule of 10 ¼ hour shifts, plus one 8 ¼ hour administrative day which is used for training, projects, CALEA documentation and employee performance evaluations. These shifts allow for twenty-four hour coverage, seven days a week.

In order to provide support to the Patrol Unit from senior staff members, the two Patrol Commanders work alternating hours. Although primarily tasked with administrative responsibilities, the two Patrol Commanders are available to support and direct the street level operations of the Patrol Unit when needed.



Patrol Unit



The Department responded to or initiated 26,332 calls for service in 2017, the majority of which were handled by the Patrol Unit. This represented a 6.35% decrease from 2016. Calls for service include everything from citizen assists, traffic stops and reports of crimes in progress, to medical assists and parking complaints. On average there are 72 calls for service which occur daily. Members of the Crystal Lake Patrol Unit are much more than report takers, they are viewed as front-line investigators who are trained to work a call for service as extensively as possible within the first hours of discovery. When not handling dispatched calls for service, officers remain proactive by conducting traffic enforcement as well as business and residential patrols. Each officer works hard to build positive relationships within the community while patrolling.





Traffic Safety

Education

Several methods are used by our Department to teach motorists about traffic safety. Those resources include the City newsletter, Facebook/Twitter accounts, the Citizen Police Academy, educational pamphlets, Coffee with the Chief presentations, high school presentations by our School Resource Officers, the Department's Stalker Message Center 360 speed trailer, and the message boards of multiple business establishments in our City.



National Impaired Driving Prevention Month

Every day, 28 people in the United States die in alcohol-related vehicle crashes, that's one person every 51 minutes. Drunk-driving fatalities have fallen by a third in the last three decades; however, drunk-driving crashes claim more than 10,000 lives per year. These deaths and damages contribute to a cost of $52 billion per year.

-National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

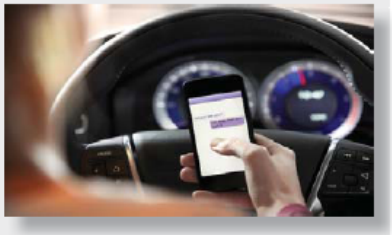
Additional Crystal Lake Officers will be participating in a traffic enforcement campaign throughout the holiday weekends. The primary focus for this campaign will be distracted and intoxicated drivers among other traffic violations. Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over.

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Distracted Driving Awareness

The National Safety Council observes April as Distracted Driving Awareness Month to draw attention to this epidemic.



"Distracted driving is any activity that could divert a person's attention away from the primary task of driving. All distractions endanger driver, passenger, and bystander safety."
-National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

In 2016, the State of Illinois saw the highest increase in traffic crashes and traffic crash related fatalities since 2007. A total of 1,084 persons lost their lives last year. In the last 9 years, vehicle safety features have advanced by leaps and bounds. Such safety features include: Forward Collision Warning, Lane Departure Warning, Blind Spot Monitoring, Cameras, Adaptive Cruise Control, Auto Braking, Auto Steer, and the list goes on. Despite all these safety features, driver behavior seems to bypass or ignore these measures that were created to help keep everyone safe. We urge you to put the phone down, buckle up, and don't drink and drive. Too many lives have been lost.

Traffic Safety

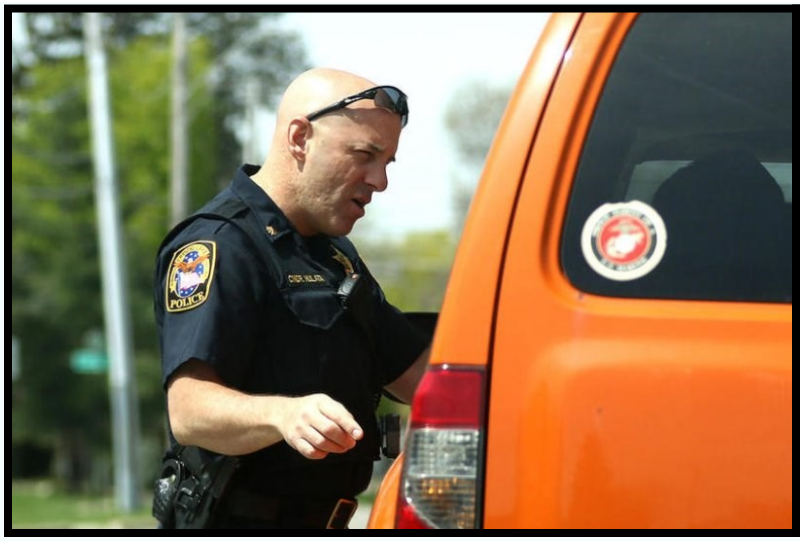


Engineering

Members of the Police Department serve as representatives on the City of Crystal Lake's Traffic Safety Committee. The Committee evaluates traffic-related problems and determines appropriate solutions. Those solutions have included adjusting roadway engineering, increasing posted signage, initiating directed Police Department enforcement, and implementing a traffic calming strategy. Being responsive to the needs of commuters within the City is at the forefront of the Committee's efforts.

Enforcement

Our Department remains dedicated to reducing the amount of vehicle crashes and injuries by enforcing violations of the Illinois Vehicle Code. To assist in achieving this objective, the Department participates in the Illinois Department of Transportation's Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP). STEP campaigns focus on times of day when the statistics show crashes involving alcohol and unrestrained occupants are the highest. In 2017, the Department participated in the 9 campaigns where 467 traffic stops were conducted and 417 citations were issued. Even when not participating in these campaigns, officers still aggressively enforce the driving laws.





Traffic Safety

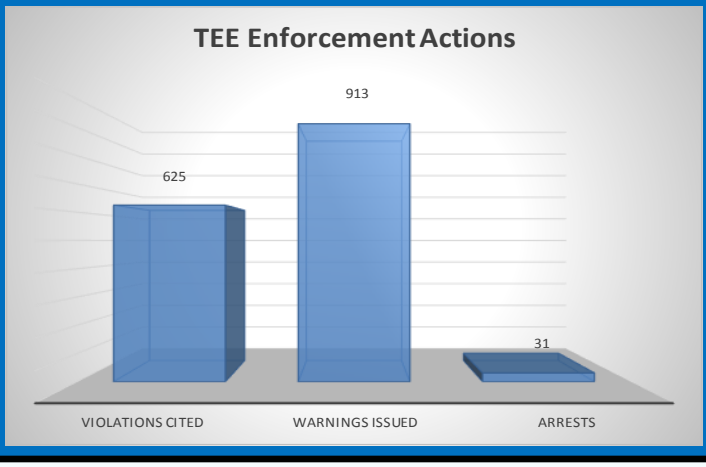


Throughout the year our Department conducts Traffic Enforcement Efforts (TEEs) in order to reduce the amount of traffic collisions and inspire motorists to drive safely. The locations of those efforts are chosen from our analysis of collision data, notifications from concerned citizens, and observations of possible problem areas made by officers. TEEs are also initiated in school zones to increase safety and driver awareness in these vital areas. While conducting TEEs, at least two officers enforce violations of the Illinois Vehicle Code that are recognized to be substantial factors in a majority of traffic crashes and related injuries. In 2017, our Department conducted 301 TEEs, totaling 297 hours of specialized enforcement.



- Distracted driving is defined as any activity that takes drivers' focus away from the road.
- 27% of those drivers that die in accidents caused by distracted driving are in their 20s.
- Visual inattention to the roadway when driving plays a role in causing approximately 93% of all rear-end collisions.

- Drivers with one speeding violation annually are twice as likely to crash as those with none.
- Breaking the speed limit or travelling too fast for conditions was a contributory factor of 27% of fatal crashes nationwide in 2016.
- Seatbelt compliance is over 94% in Illinois.



DUI Enforcement Recognition

DUI Facts

- ◊ The average cost of a DUI is over $16,000
- ◊ 96% of DUI offenders are sentenced to DUI Awareness School
- ◊ 75% of people arrested for DUI are male
- ◊ 57% of those arrested for DUI are under 35 years old
- ◊ The average DUI offender was caught driving with a BAC of .16; twice the legal limit

alliance against intoxicated motorists
AAIM
to save lives

The following officers were acknowledged by the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists for their diligent efforts in apprehending DUI offenders:

Officer Phil Lloyd-Mietus

Officer Algirdas Sindaravicius

Officer David Emrich

Officer Krzysztof Krol

Officer Adam Danowski

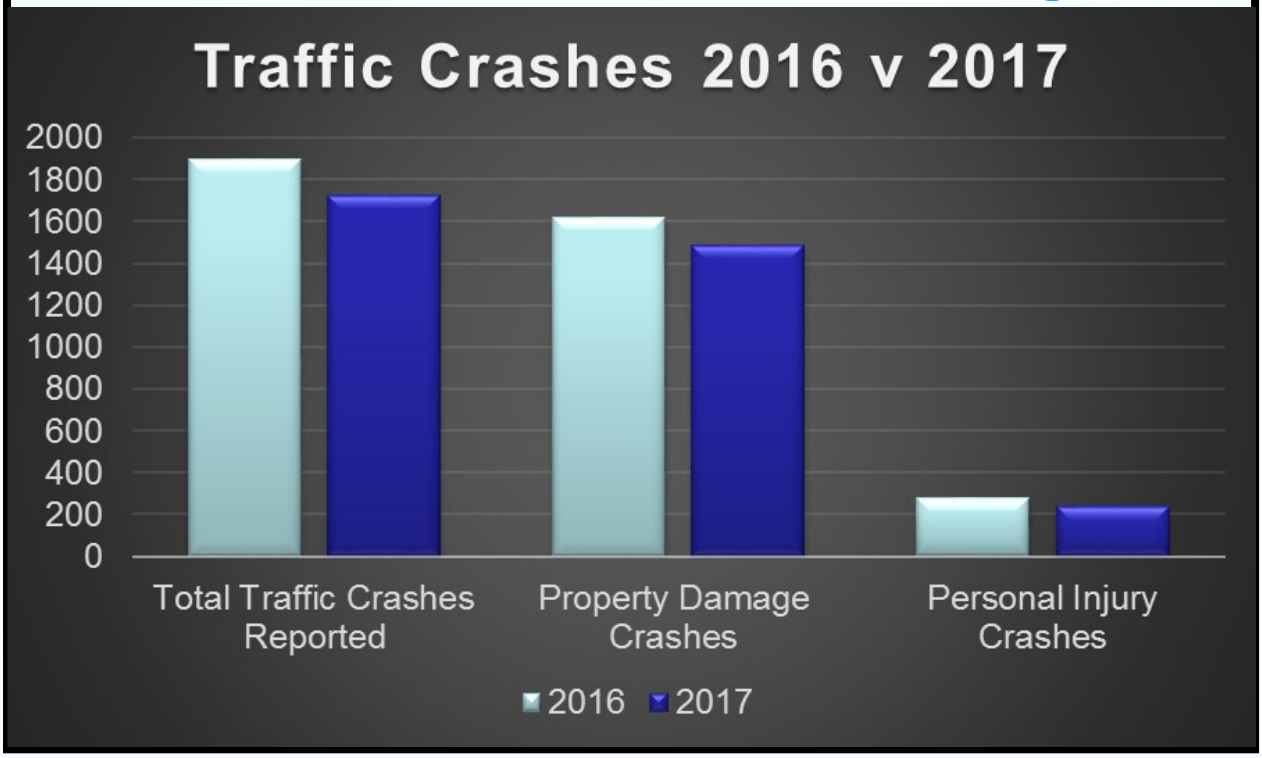


Traffic Crashes



The total number of traffic crashes decreased 9.1% in 2017 when compared to 2016. In addition, we experienced a 14.7% decrease in crashes that resulted in injury. Unfortunately, our Department investigated one crash that resulted in a fatality in 2017. The cause of the fatal crash was not a result of motorist enforcement, highway engineering, or education.

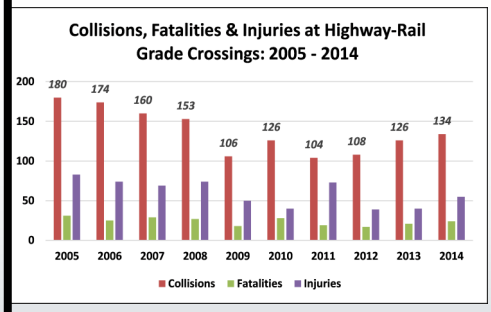
Our Department utilizes the Appriss electronic crash reporting system. That system, coupled with the CrimeReports mapping software, has given the Department the capability to examine crash data more effectively. Those observations allow for the timely identification of areas where concerns and patterns have developed. Our Department can then establish a plan to address the area with the goal of lowering the amount of preventable crashes.



Railroad Safety



National Rail Safety Week occurs in the month of September. During that time officers participated in the railroad safety campaign which took place at the Downtown Metra Train Station. The focus was to promote railway safety by educating the commuting public and citing violators. Enforcement of State laws relating to violations of railroad crossings is sometimes necessary to prevent the unsafe actions of pedestrians or the unsafe operation of vehicles to avoid future tragedies. Involved officers provided railway safety flyers to the railroad patrons. In 2017, the Crystal Lake Police Department issued a total of 16 citations and warnings for railroad safety violations.



*Illinois only



2017 Traffic Safety Challenge

The Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge is a professional competition between similar size and type of law enforcement agencies. The Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP) Traffic Committee coordinates the program with support from a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration grant, which is administered through the Illinois Department of Transportation, and the support from several private entities. The Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge judges entries on efforts and accomplishments regarding policies and guidelines, training of officers, incentives and recognition, public information and education, enforcement activity and effectiveness of efforts.



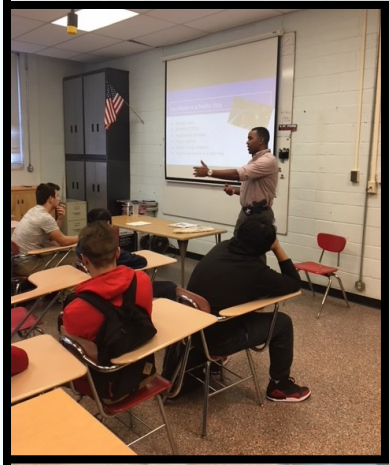
For the fourth consecutive year, the Crystal Lake Police Department participated in the Challenge. In 2017, the Department competed in the championship bracket for the 66-100 municipal sworn officers category. This was due to our first place finish in 2016. With solid competition the Department did not place, but the efforts of the Department did not go unnoticed by the judges. The Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge continues to encourage dedication towards the improvement of quality of life in our community through enforcement and education.

The Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge targets four major traffic safety priorities:

- Occupant Protection
- Speeding
- Impaired Driving
- Distracted Driving

Public Awareness





The Traffic Safety Challenge places a large emphasis on public awareness and education, and is not a mere ticket writing competition. While traffic enforcement efforts are a vital component in making roads safer, equally as important is public awareness and education. Student education efforts, public announcements and press releases are a sample of the efforts which the Crystal Lake Police Department conduct in order to inform, educate and remind our community to drive safely.

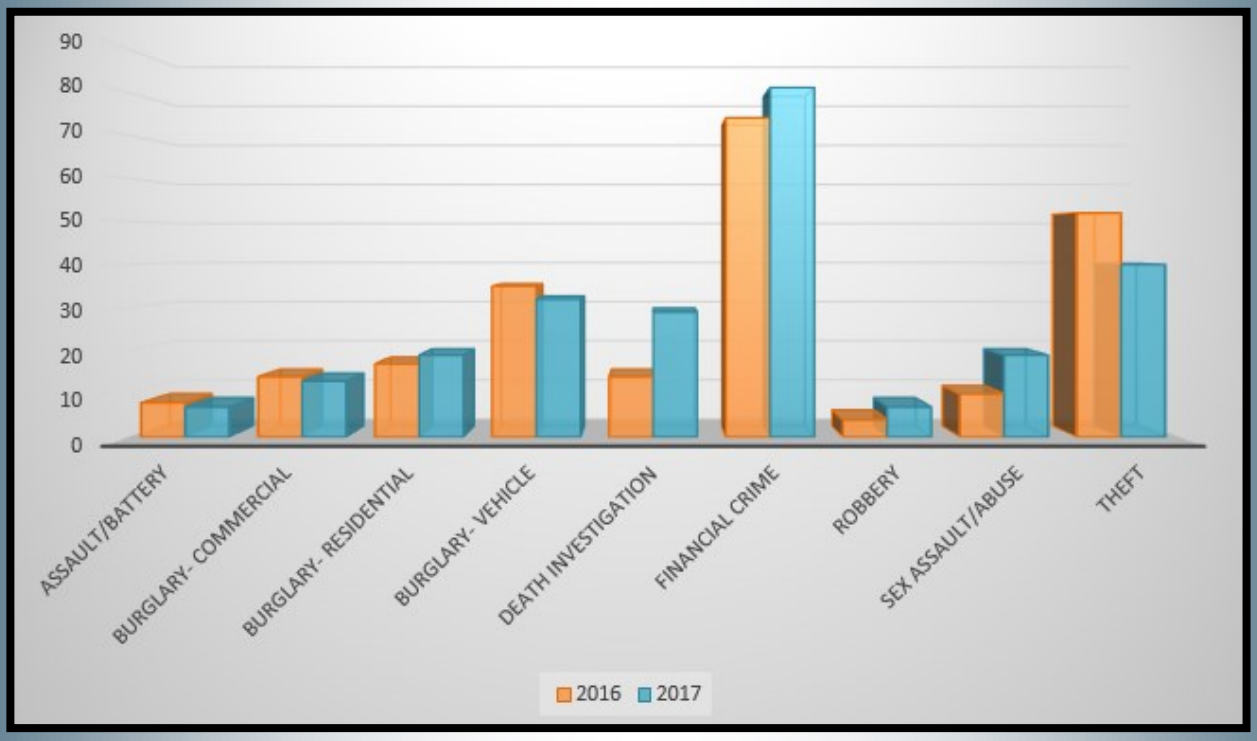


Investigations Unit



The Investigations Unit is comprised of six detectives, three school resource officers, two Targeted Response Unit (TRU) officers, one detective sergeant, one TRU sergeant and one unit commander. The Investigations Unit detectives are responsible for the investigation of cases not initially cleared by the responding patrol officers. While most calls for service are handled by the responding patrol officers, many require additional and sometimes in-depth investigation, which falls under the responsibility of this Unit.

In 2017, the Investigations Unit examined a variety of reported incidents. The most frequent situations investigated are represented in the below chart.



Notable 2016 Follow-up Investigations

Commercial Burglary: On August 8, 2016, officers responded to a commercial burglary to a business in the 700 block of McHenry Avenue, where an offender had gained entry into the business and used force to access office areas, as well as storage areas for medicine. A second business located in the 800 block of McHenry Avenue sustained an attempted entry, contemporaneous with the first business. The offender fled after an arriving patrol officer checking the area had observed the offender from a distance. Detectives responded and processed the crime scene. A cigarette butt was recovered from a garbage can located within the office and sent into the forensic crime laboratory for DNA analysis and comparison to CODIS databanks. As a result, a DNA profile returned to a male adult residing within close proximity to the burglaries. He was subsequently interviewed by detectives and on March 3, 2017, was arrested on felony burglary charges.

Purse Thefts: On September 30, 2016, an elderly resident reported a theft of a purse from her shopping cart while at Target. A female offender, pushing a shopping cart with a child sitting within, engaged in small conversation with the victim to gain her trust. Upon the victim focusing her attention away from the cart for a moment, the offender stole her purse and fled. Later this same day, a similar theft occurred at Walmart, involving the same modus operandi (MO) and same description of the offender. Throughout the next week, two more incidents occurred at local stores. Detectives began obtaining video surveillance images of the offender and offender's vehicle. While utilizing all available investigative resources, a suspect was developed who resided within Crystal Lake. When detectives arrived at the residence of the suspect, a similar vehicle was observed that matched the surveillance images. This suspect was interviewed and confessed. Detectives recovered some of the stolen property and on November 16, 2017, charged the offender with three counts of felony theft and one count of felony retail theft.



2017 Notable Investigations

Theft of Institutional Property: On January 3, 2017, staff members at Bernotas Middle School reported a theft of twenty-four iPads that occurred over the holiday season while the school was closed for Christmas break. Several contractors hired by the school district were conducting maintenance on the building during the break and had access to secured areas within the building.

Detectives conducted several interviews and served subpoenas. After a few of the missing tablets were activated, IP addresses were located which eventually provided the identification of a suspect. This investigation resulted in the suspect being arrested for felony theft of property.

Grooming: On January 28, 2017, detectives began an investigation into allegations of the grooming of two juvenile females. Information indicated an adult male family member was sending his 13 and 17 year old granddaughter's pornographic images and sexual descriptions via US mail.

Forensic interviews were conducted on the juveniles by members of the Child Advocacy Center. Evidence confirming the initial allegations was recovered. As a result of the investigation, the suspect was arrested and charged with two counts of distribution of harmful material.

Aggravated Battery/Robbery: On March 13, 2017, officers responded to a medical call of an adult male found severely beaten and unconscious in the 400 block of McHenry Avenue. After being transported to the hospital, it was discovered the male had been robbed. Detectives began an investigation, conducting several interviews of witnesses. It was learned that the victim had met 4 persons at a local bar the evening before and accompanied them to several other bars, becoming extremely intoxicated as the night progressed.

Eventually, the victim and offenders went to a gambling establishment in Elgin, where upon returning to the Crystal Lake area, the victim was robbed of money and beaten. Video surveillance images of all locations frequented were obtained. A suspect was identified due to him providing identification to the gambling establishment in Elgin. During the interviews, the suspects confessed to their involvement in this incident and were each charged with mob action, robbery and aggravated battery.

2017 Notable Investigations

Robbery/Mob Action: On April 3, 2017, officers responded to the area of Taco Bell located off Rt.14, reference the report of two males being present in the parking lot area of Taco Bell with severe multiple stab wounds sustained. The victims, who were uncooperative with police from the onset of the investigation, initially reported being randomly attacked by unknown offenders.

Detectives conducted a thorough investigation, obtaining and assembling pieces of information through interviews and analyzing data, eventually discovering what had actually occurred. Multiple males had conspired to commit a “rip” during a pre-planned drug deal. Two males that were attacked and robbed by the group defended themselves, resulting in the injuries sustained to the original “victims.” As a result, seven males were each charged with aggravated robbery, mob action, aggravated battery, vehicular invasion and attempt aggravated robbery.

Home Invasion: On May 16, 2017, detectives began an investigation into a report of a home invasion that occurred in the 0-100 block of Burr Oak Drive. Victims reported four males forced their way into the residence and battered a juvenile male, subsequently stealing money and an Xbox gaming console. Detectives conducted an extensive investigation and discovered the incident initially stemmed from a dispute between the victim and offenders that occurred in Wauconda the previous day. The suspects essentially confessed to their involvement to this incident. As a result of the investigation, two of the four suspects were each charged with home invasion and theft of property.

Drug Induced Homicide: On May 18, 2017, detectives began an investigation into the allegations of a drug induced homicide. A 20 year old male was found unresponsive inside his residence and ultimately was pronounced dead while enroute to the hospital. It was soon discovered the death was a result of a heroin overdose. Detectives conducted several witness interviews, which revealed the facts of the events that led up to the overdose, as well as the development of a suspect. Information obtained through the subpoena of phone records and text messages revealed the suspect set up and facilitated the purchase of heroin, which the victim consumed prior to his death. The suspect was located and interviewed. He was charged with the following offenses: drug induced homicide, unlawful delivery of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

2017 Notable Investigations

Possession of Child Pornography: On June 26, 2017, Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) detectives received a cybertip reporting a Crystal Lake resident was downloading images of child pornography. Through subpoenas served on phone records, servers and IP addresses, a suspect was developed residing in the 1600 block of Yellowstone Circle. Probable cause was obtained to secure a search warrant for the residence and arrest warrant for the suspect on 5 counts of unlawful possession of child pornography. As a result of the search warrant, several electronic devices were seized, with additional search warrants being executed on these devices. The suspect was served with additional charges of child pornography.

Double Homicide: On August 3, 2017, officers responded to a residence in the 100 block of Marian Parkway subsequent to a 911 call of domestic violence. Officers arriving on scene discovered two females, one adult and one juvenile, deceased from sustaining multiple gunshot wounds. Detectives began an investigation into the incident and processed the crime scene.

Detectives conducted several witness interviews, which revealed the facts of the matter. The suspect, who had initially called 911 and remained in the area of the residence, was also interviewed. The investigation concluded with the suspect charged with four counts of first degree homicide. The suspect currently remains confined at the McHenry County Jail pending trial.

Criminal Sexual Assault/Theft of Property: On August 16, 2017, detectives began an investigation into allegations of a criminal sexual assault of a 21 year old female that occurred within her residence in the 1000 block of Caledonia Lane. Officers responding to the initial complaint reported the victim had been sexually assaulted by two males whom she had previously met at a local bar and invited over to her residence. Also missing from the residence was approximately $20,000 in jewelry. Detectives immediately conducted an extensive investigation.

The majority of the stolen jewelry was recovered by detectives after being discovered at pawn shops in multiple counties. The suspects were identified and interviewed, confessing to the theft of property and sexual assault. As a result of the investigation, both male suspects were arrested and each charged with one count of criminal sexual assault and one count of felony theft.

2017 Notable Investigations

Online Enticement of a Child: On August 16, 2017, Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) detectives received a cybertip and began an investigation into allegations of the online sexual enticement of a juvenile male by a resident of Crystal Lake. Information received indicated a 20 year old adult male was grooming a 14 year old male in an attempt to have sexual relations with the juvenile. ICAC detectives conducted an extensive investigation, including out-of-state forensic interviews. Several search warrants were served and upon an analysis of recorded communications that occurred between the suspect and multiple juveniles, warrants were obtained.

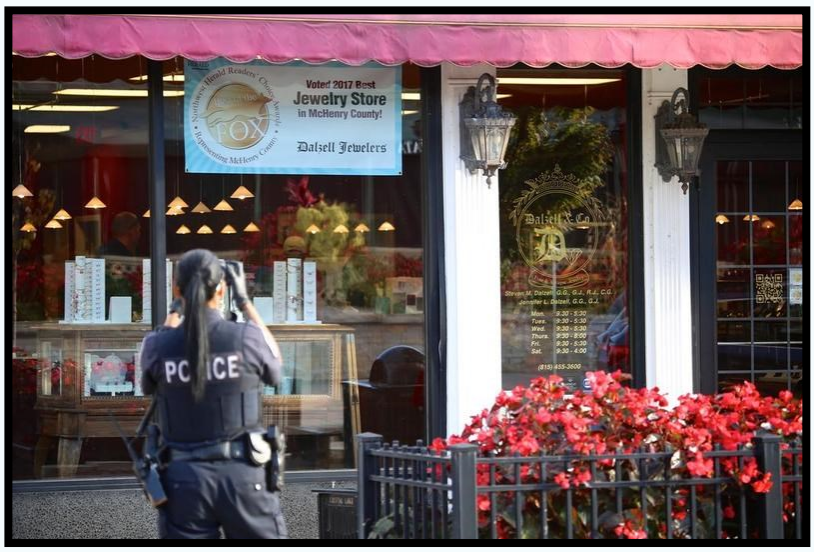
As a result of the investigation, the suspect was arrested and charged with one count of grooming and online enticement. During the course of the initial investigation, several additional victims were identified, resulting in additional charges being filed against the arrestee. A total of 37 charges resulted from this investigation, including class X and class 1 felonies.

Burglary to Vehicle/ Theft of Vehicle: On September 7, 2017, two males were arrested by responding officers for unlawful use of a stolen credit card while at Walmart. A subsequent investigation identified the vehicle they had arrived in, which was soon discovered to be reported stolen out of Lake County.

Detectives interviewed the suspects and located stolen proceeds from various retail thefts committed in Lake County within the stolen vehicle. It was also discovered that a second vehicle had been stolen out of Lake County, which the suspects had crashed into a pond. Detectives worked in coordination with Lake County Sheriff's Department. As a result, both suspects were each charged with possession of a stolen auto and identity theft.

Battery: On September 27, 2017, detectives began an investigation into allegations of inappropriate touching by a local pain therapist while administering treatment services. Information received indicated the pain therapist was conducting massages and during the massage, was fondling the breast and thigh areas of female patients. The suspect was interviewed and confessed to touching those areas, while providing no articulation that massaging those areas was medically required. The suspect was arrested and charged with one count of battery. Subsequent to his arrest, additional victims came forward to report similar occurrences.

2017 Notable Investigations



Retail Theft: On October 21, 2017, a male entered Dalzell Jewelers located off North Williams Street and requested to see “high end” watches and diamond earrings. This suspect is believed to be the same person who called the business one hour prior, inquiring about the same jewelry. As the female employee removed two trays of diamond earrings from the display case to show the suspect, he grabbed both trays and fled the business on foot and was pursued by the female employee, who was struck by the suspect and not injured. Detectives, along with evidence technicians, processed the crime scene and subsequently identified a latent fingerprint on the glass display case. This print was developed and successfully captured, leading to the identification of the suspect, who resides out of Iowa. An arrest warrant was issued for the suspect for felony retail theft and aggravated battery.

Notable School Resource Officer Cases

Multiple Thefts: On October 6, 2017, the Crystal Lake South SRO investigated multiple female locker room thefts that occurred at the school from September to October. The victims reported money, gift cards, and other miscellaneous items were stolen. A juvenile female suspect was developed, interviewed and ultimately admitted to the thefts. Several hundred dollars were recovered from the suspect and returned to the victims. The juvenile was petitioned into juvenile court.

Sex Offender Violation: On October 10, 2017, a registered sex offender went to Crystal Lake South High School to pick up his son. The suspect was clearly in violation of his child sex offender restrictions, in particular being on school property without a valid reason as outlined in the criminal code. The suspect was contacted and admitted to picking up his son. He further advised he was not aware that he was in violation. He was charged with violating his sex offender restrictions.

Targeted Response Unit



2017 DEA seizures

CASH
$773,892.91

VEHICLES
4 Vehicles valued at $144,475
4 ATV's valued at $15,000

REAL ESTATE
2 Homes/ Property valued at $1,280,103

FIREARMS
5 pistols
1 shotgun
1 Uzi with silencer
1 .50 cal machine gun
Ammunition

COCAINE
25.31 kilo

HEROIN
5.44 kilo

MARIJUANA
180 plants
540.74 pounds

THC WAX
15.2 pounds
THC EDIBLES
45 pounds

PRESCRIPTION PILLS
1896 pills

The Targeted Response Unit (TRU) is comprised of two officers dedicated to resolving unique community quality of life complaints, one officer assigned as a Task Force Officer to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Rockford Resident Office, and one sergeant. These officers continue to receive specialized training in their respective fields, including Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), narcotic investigations, surveillance techniques, gang crimes, sex offender registration and compliance laws and drug asset forfeiture proceedings.

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) and parolee compliance checks.

The DEA Task Force officers investigate narcotics cases on a local, state and federal level.

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.

Target Response Unit

Quality of Life Assists - TRU participated in several coordinated efforts with other City Department staff to resolve a variety of quality of life issues ranging from neighborhood disputes to traffic complaints.

Registered Sex Offender Compliance - Over twenty registered sex offenders reside within the City of Crystal Lake. TRU conducted multiple compliance checks on registered sex offenders and violent offenders against youth located within the City. Address verification checks were intentionally conducted on Halloween. Three arrests were made in 2017 for sex offender registration violations.

Joint Operations - TRU interacts extensively with the DEA, US Marshals, McHenry County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Task Force, and other local tactical units from outside agencies. Cooperation ranged from sharing intelligence information, to assisting with undercover narcotics operations, 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.



Target Response Unit Activities

Narcotics Arrest: A 19 year old male was arrested for unlawful delivery of a controlled substance (2 counts) and unlawful possession of a controlled substance (2 counts) after the Targeted Response Unit conducted several controlled narcotics buys utilizing a confidential informant. This investigation ran parallel to the Investigations Unit's investigation of a drug induced homicide, which resulted in the suspect being charged with a class X felony.



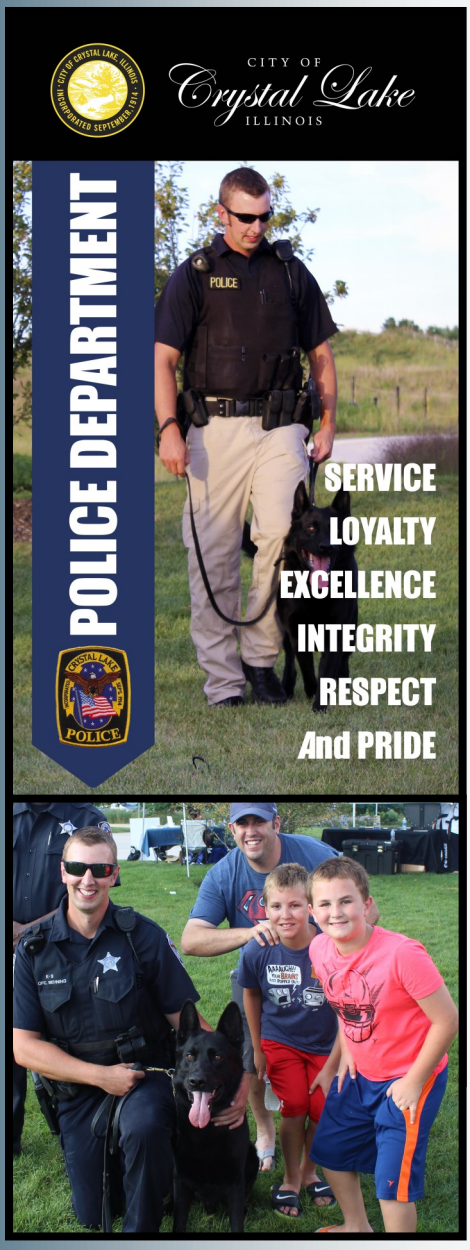
Narcotics Investigation: Following an anonymous tip of narcotics activity and firearms, the Targeted Response Unit began an investigation, conducting surveillance at a local bar. A vehicle was seen leaving the area and a traffic stop was conducted. The driver and passenger were arrested for numerous narcotics related charges. More information was obtained following the arrest and surveillance was conducted at the same location. A traffic stop was conducted on a second vehicle involved and the driver was arrested for weapons and narcotics related charges.

Massage Parlor Compliance Checks: Seven compliance checks were conducted at various massage parlors within the City. Out of the seven checks, two arrests were made at separate businesses for prostitution.

Graffiti Arrests: Over the summer, the Targeted Response Unit was tasked with aggressively investigating a number of graffiti reports throughout the City. Over the course of several weeks, leads were pursued and suspects were developed. The Targeted Response Unit made two arrests, solving three separate open cases. Suspects were developed in other cases which remain active investigations.



K9 Team



In 2017, 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 continued to be recognized as one of the most effective narcotic detecting police canines in the area and was frequently requested to assist with narcotics investigations conducted by outside agencies including the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the McHenry County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Task Force, and other local police departments. As a result of Ace being deployed, numerous felony narcotics arrests were made.

During one case, the McHenry County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Task Force requested assistance from Ace for an exterior vehicle sniff. During the sniff, Ace indicated the odor of narcotics was present inside the vehicle. During a search of the interior of the vehicle, Ace indicated the odor of narcotics was present in the area where a passenger's feet were located. A search of that passenger's shoes revealed 58 bags of heroin and 9 pills of Alprazolam. The subject was charged with a class X felony as well as other felony drug charges.

From 2012-2017, Ace was deployed at numerous incidents/investigations which resulted in positive outcomes. These positive outcomes included locating suspects of burglaries to businesses and motor vehicles, recovery of evidence in difficult locations that otherwise would not have been located, the peaceful surrender of suspects and de-escalation of "serious" calls, and the significant seizure of narcotics (estimated to be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars in street value) as well as significant seizures of assets including houses, vehicles, and United States Currency (the assets seized are also estimated to be valued in the hundreds of thousands of dollars). In October, canine Ace retired and was given to Officer Behning to live out the rest of his days. Ace currently enjoys retirement by chewing tennis balls and elk antlers.

School Resource Officers



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 Dean of Students.

In addition, the SROs participate in classroom presentations regarding a variety of law enforcement related safety topics, including but not limited to: traffic laws, drinking and driving, curfew, sexting and bullying. They participate in developing and facilitating 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 annual alcohol and tobacco compliance programs conducted by the Police Department. Through the utilization of area students, SROs coordinate controlled liquor purchases (alcohol compliance enforcement) and controlled tobacco purchases at all businesses holding licenses to sell alcohol and tobacco products within the City. The programs are intended to ensure people are unable to make purchases while under the legal age mandated by Illinois law.

School Resource Officers

Tobacco Compliance Checks

With the goal of protecting 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 licensed tobacco retailers, with the purpose of focusing attention to state law. Shortly following, compliance checks are conducted to determine if retailers are adhering to the minimum age required to purchase tobacco products, which prohibit the sale of tobacco products to persons under the age of 18. The Crystal Lake Police Department conducted three tobacco compliance checks in 2017. Of the 81 tobacco retailers checked, one failed and was cited after they sold tobacco products to a person under the age of 18.

Alcohol Compliance Checks

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 2017. Of the 106 alcohol retailers checked, four failed and were cited after they sold alcohol to a person under the age of 21.



Training Unit



The goal of the Crystal Lake Police Department's Training Unit is to provide the highest quality of instruction to agency members and inspire a passion for excellence in policing services. During the 2017 year, 142 different classes were conducted and over 4400 hours of instruction was provided to staff. The methodology is to provide staff with cutting edge policing knowledge and tactics to effectively serve and collaborate with the community. Additionally, a blend of well-rounded officers and highly specialized classes keep officers at the forefront of their peers in the region and in compliance with Illinois State mandates.

Basic Academy and Field Training

During 2017, the Department utilized the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA) as its basic police certification academy. Due to legislative mandates, the curriculum for new officers rose from 12 weeks (480 hours) to 14 weeks (560 hours) to better prepare officers for their careers. In total, six new officers graduated the academy.

After the academy, these officers were then required to participate in field training, where they accompany and are taught by highly seasoned patrol officers using a nationally recognized field training model. Using the Police Training Officer (PTO) model, recruits are subjected to a wide array of problematic situations and have to mitigate them using best practices in accordance with the internal policies and the law.



Training Unit

Mental Health

Mental health concerns in society continue to be dealt with by law enforcement. Numerous cases occur on a regular basis that have mental health components which impact victims, suspects and the community as a whole. The Department continues to provide officers the resources and training necessary to effectively recognize and resolve these cases. This year, eight new officers were certified as Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) members. CIT is a highly sought after, national certification developed by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) in coordination with the International Association of Chiefs of Police. CIT officers possess specialized knowledge to understand mental health challenges and apply best practices to help residents. Officers attended additional classes to support this objective including “Mental Health First Aid” and “Emotional Wellness in the 21st Century.”

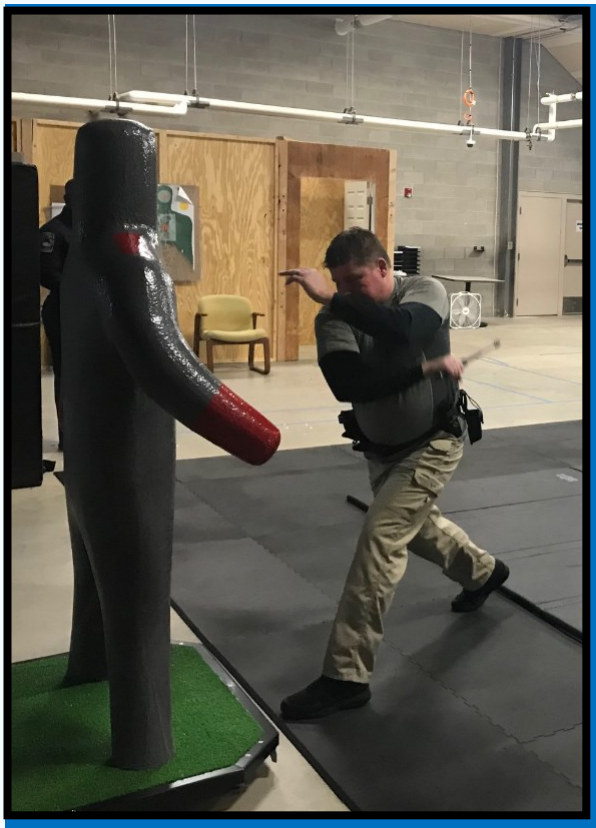
In addition, the Department renewed our commitment to helping residents with mental health concerns. Late in 2017, the Department pledged to join the One Mind Campaign. Our participation, which was sponsored by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, includes our pledge to forge relationships with area mental health organizations, certify 100 percent of the sworn officers in “Mental Health First Aid” and provide CIT training to at least 20 percent of sworn staff. This is the current gold standard in policing. While this goal is set high, we are dedicated to the cause and will achieve it.



Intoxicated Motorists

Intoxicated motorists impact lives and the community on a regular basis. Aside from proactive enforcement, the Department strives to provide ongoing training to officers using the most current National Highway Traffic Safety Administration information as well as Ilinois State certified programs. The Training Unit also has highly skilled standardized field sobriety instructors that directly coach officers and provide standardized field sobriety refresher classes on a regular basis. Some of the additional classes that officers took in 2017 were “Breath Analysis for Alcohol Training”, “Testifying in a DUI Trial”, “Narcotics Investigator” and “Advanced DUI Enforcement.”

Training Unit



Constitutional Rights and Response to Resistance

The Department recognizes the need for officers to have a strong command of constitutional knowledge surrounding civil rights and the appropriate use of force within policing. Because of this, all officers attend ongoing training and receive legal updates though multiple channels. This blend of legal theory and practical applications dictates that officers operate with the safest and current recommended protocols on a daily basis.

Some of the classes attended were “Patrol Tactics”, “De-Escalation and Smarter Policing”, “Juvenile Specialist”, “Use of Force” and a monthly legal update course though Police Law Institute and Law Enforcement Training, LLC. Officers were also required to attend a course on Procedural Justice that was facilitated by the University of Illinois at Chicago. This model was acknowledged by the US Department of Justice, Office of Community Orientated Policing Services.



Training Unit

Supervisory Development

The Department continues to provide advanced training for supervisory staff. This year, Officers Behning and Coutre were promoted to sergeant. Both sergeants completed a supervisory field program to understand their new role and provide them tools to be effective leaders. Additionally in 2017, Sergeants Mike Gasparaitis and Steve Renje graduated from Northwestern University's Staff and Command School. This ten-week supervisor school is designed to provide students with necessary skills to thrive as middle and upper level managers.

Internship

The Department's Internship Program is a very important component of the Training Unit. Interns are carefully selected from regional schools to spend a semester cycling through all the areas of the Police Department. These students are pursuing majors in criminal justice related fields and will ultimately move on to become the next generation of officers and administrators. This program requires direct mentoring on a daily basis by veteran officers while the intern learns and networks within the industry. The intern also is able to integrate modern policing theories as they serve the community with the officers.

At the end of each week, each student then prepares a written weekly report that is reviewed by the Training Coordinator before being submitted to their home institution for academic credit. Feedback from the real world also provides vital information back to the academic institution to advance the overall criminal justice body of knowledge. During the 2017 calendar year, five interns participated in the Department's Internship Program and the feedback was positive.

Ride-Along

In 2017, the Department accommodated 27 individuals with ride-alongs. The Ride-Along program is an opportunity for residents and students to spend a shift riding with an officer on patrol. The experience affords local residents an excellent firsthand look at the high caliber of policing services that occur on a daily basis, while supporting community policing principles. This program differs from the internship program because it is open to the entire community.

Records Unit



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. In 2017, the Records Unit welcomed two new part time Records Assistants, Karen Heiss and Yesenia Carreno.

Records is responsible for non-emergency phone calls as well as providing service to the citizens arriving at the Police Department seeking assistance. Records personnel process and maintain all police reports, citations and other documents required for court proceedings or public dissemination.

Other duties include Freedom of Information (FOIA) requests, fulfilling subpoenas, expungements, various background requests and performing matron duties with female arrestees.

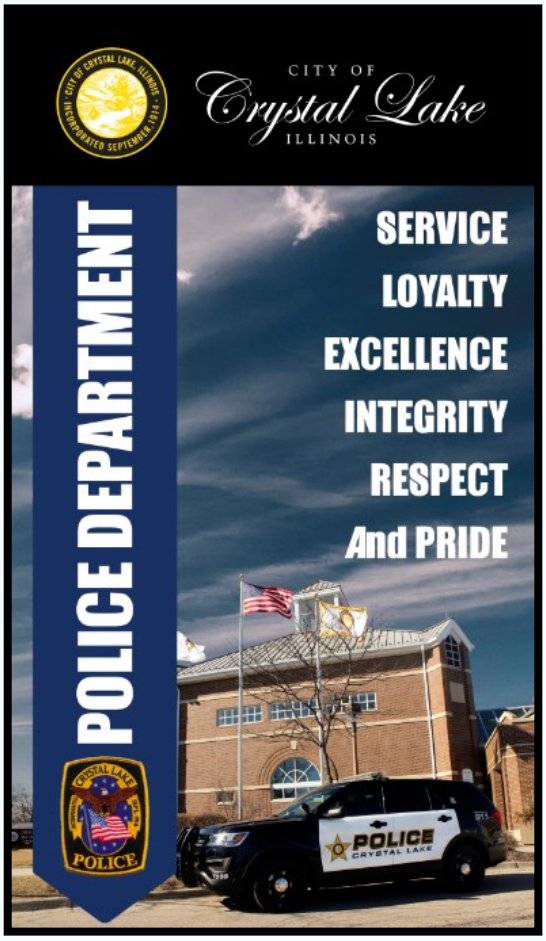
The current Records Management System (RMS) is *Tritech* which has field based reporting that enables all data from reports generated in the field to be sent into the RMS. RMS is utilized for looking up information and statistical reporting.



Using *AVRS*, the Records Unit handles all traffic crash reports as well. *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. The program transmits data to the McHenry County Courthouse for prosecution of the offense cited and to the State of Illinois for statistical purposes.

Support Services Unit



The Support Services Unit oversees an assortment of administrative and logistical support for the other units within the Police Department. There are numerous dedicated employees who are responsible for a variety of duties performed within the unit to include:

- CALEA Accreditation Manager
- Policy Development and Maintenance
- Evidence and Property Unit
- Three Oaks Recreation Area Security
- Equipment and Facility Management

Property and Evidence Unit

The Department's Evidence and Property Unit is an integral part of the overall agency operations. The Evidence Unit is staffed with one full time CSO whose primary responsibility is as the Department's Evidence Custodian. A second CSO serves as the back-up. The property control officer is responsible for managing the Department's evidence room where all evidence seized, received, or found by officers is properly labeled, packaged, and kept in evidence until it is released or disposed of in accordance with State and Federal Laws and Department policies.

The property control officer also collaborates with the States Attorney's Office, Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms, Rockford Laboratory, and many other outside vendors. In 2017, there was a 4% decrease in number of items collected and a 29% decrease in the number of items purged. In addition to managing the evidence room, the property control officer also handles hundreds of requests from officers, submitting reports, and assisting the Records Unit in fulfilling subpoena requests.

Safety Committee



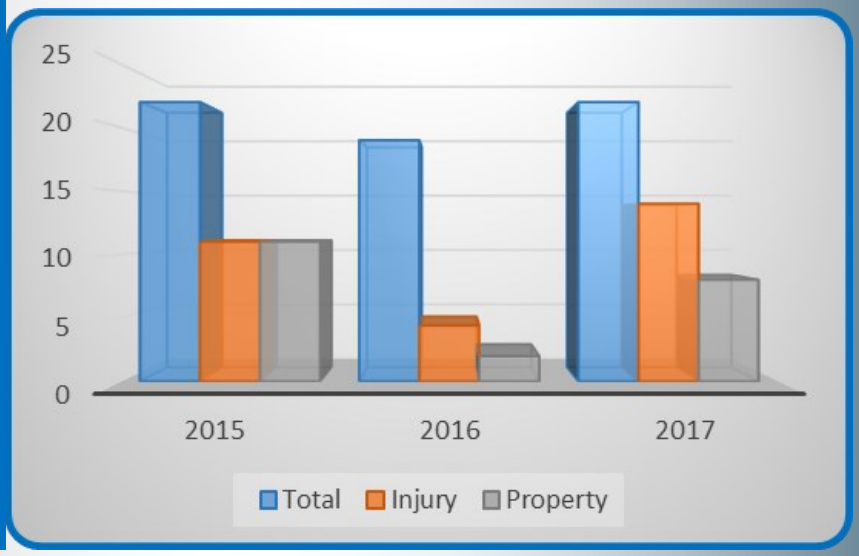
The Police Department Safety Committee is comprised of supervisors and staff from units throughout the Department. The purpose and objectives of the Police Department Safety Committee includes:

- *Providing education on safety related topics to Department employees*
- *Establishing a healthy, safe, injury-free working environment*
- *Sustaining an interest in safety with employees*
- *Encouraging collaboration between employees and management*
- *Decreasing the amount and severity of injuries to employees*
- *Lowering the amount of incidents involving damage to property and equipment*

Each month the Committee presents a safety message, created by a supervisor, that covers pertinent topics effecting members of the Department. In 2017 these topics included:

- ***Winter Safe Driving***
- ***Cellphones Impacting Sleep***
- ***Tornado Safety***
- ***Reducing the Risk of Back Problems***
- ***Severe Thunderstorm Safety***
- ***Safe Weapon Storage***
- ***Preventing Heat Exhaustion***
- ***Carbon Monoxide Poisoning***
- ***Common Cold Prevention***
- ***Crisis Preparation***
- ***Skin Cancer***
- ***Preventing the Spread of the Flu***

To accomplish these goals and objectives, the committee meets monthly to review all accidents and injuries involving Department personnel. Incidents are reviewed, root causes are identified, and preventability is established. 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 2017, the Police Department Safety Committee reviewed 22 incidents. The rate of occurrence in 2017 was slightly higher than 2016.

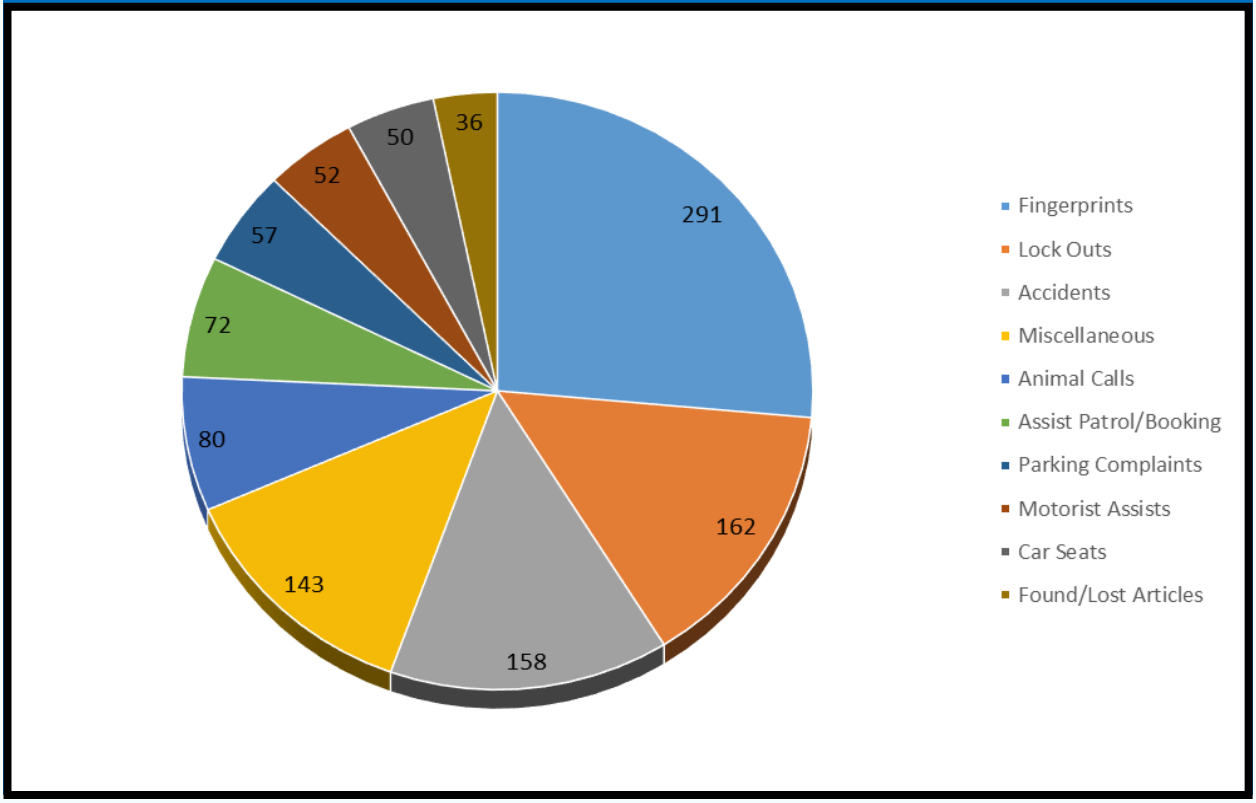


Community Service Officers

The Department currently employs four Community Service Officers (CSOs), one of which is the Department's Evidence Custodian. They are civilian employees assigned to the Patrol Unit. While they are not sworn officers and do not have authority to effect an arrest, they are vital and contribute greatly to the organization. CSOs routinely assist the Patrol Unit with a variety of calls which would otherwise require an officer's attention. These calls include: 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.

In addition to assisting the Patrol Unit, one CSO is assigned as Department's Evidence Custodian. The primary responsibility of the Evidence Custodian is managing all of the Department's evidence. This includes logging and storing all evidence, destroying evidence when applicable, and releasing evidence.

During 2017, our CSOs handled 1,101 calls for service and assisted on many more. They also issued 1,618 parking citations.



Accreditation

CALEA serves as the premier credentialing association for public safety agencies and provides accreditation services for law enforcement organizations, public safety communication centers, public safety training academies, and campus security agencies. The standards are promulgated by a board of 21 commissioners, representing a full spectrum of public safety leadership.

After being the recipient of Law Enforcement Accreditation for the second time, the Crystal Lake Police Department transitioned from a three year assessment cycle to the required 4-year assessment cycle. A required change in this transition involved the construction of CALEA standardized files. Instead of paper files, the Department manages the accreditation process utilizing the web based CALEA PowerDMS assessment tool.

From April 28 through May 6, a CALEA Compliance Service Member (CSM) conducted the Department's first remote assessment. This annual file review consisted of a representative sample of CALEA standards to verify continued compliance.

On July 5, the Department received the CSM's 2017-2018 CALEA assessment report documenting successful CALEA compliance.

Benefits of CALEA

- Comprehensive, well thought-out written directives

- Reports and analyses to make informed management decisions

- Preparedness program in place

- Improved relationship with the community

- Strengthen agency's accountability

- Limit liability and risk exposure

- Assists in agency's pursuit of excellence.



Community Relations

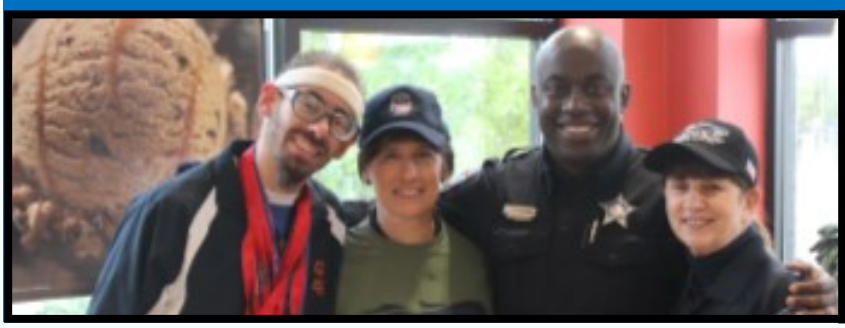


The Police Community Relations Officer (PCRO) continued to play a supportive role in the Police Department's Mission Statement and Core Values. During 2017, the Police Community Relations Officer maintained the interaction and communication between the residents, businesses, schools, and the Police Department and provided supportive services that enhance the quality of life to those we serve.

In the fourth quarter of 2017, the Police Community Relations Officer created a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) pamphlet in addition to conducting follow up assessments. The pamphlet is available to the public and was created to assist commercial and residential property owners in developing strategies to help deter criminal behavior. The PCRO has made himself available to provide after action assessment/additional support to burglary victims. The contents in the pamphlet are also available on the City's website.

Among the programs and groups the PCRO is responsible for are the Volunteers In Police Services (VIPs) Program and the Care Trak System. The PCRO also provides station tours, is responsible for each established Neighborhood Watch chapter within Crystal Lake, and provides safety talks for local groups or schools. In late 2017, the PCRO continued the Read a Book initiative where the PCRO met with several 3rd grade classes from School District 47 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, Safe Home Coalition of McHenry County, McHenry County Suicide Prevention Task Force, and The Task Force on Aging. The PCRO is the primary liaison between the Crystal Lake CrimeStoppers board and the Police Department.





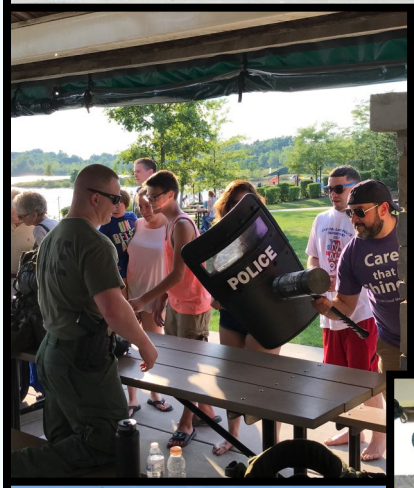
Special Events





Some of the events and programs involved or facilitated by our PCRO during the 2017 calendar year were:

- ⇒ **Child Passenger Safety Seat Events**
- ⇒ **National Night Out**
- ⇒ **Western Illinois' Law Enforcement Career Fair**
- ⇒ **University of Illinois Chicago Career Fair**
- ⇒ **Texas Roadhouse Law Enforcement Torch Run Benefit**
- ⇒ **Cop on Rooftop**
- ⇒ **Drug Take-Back Event**













Special Events

Back to School Backpack Program- On August 3rd, 2017, the Department hosted its second annual Back-to-School Backpack event. The event was established to assist parents or caregivers with relieving the financial stress and burden associated with purchasing backpacks and school supplies. The Department, in partnership with Crystal Lake School District 47, Vineyard Church, and Crystal Lake Target, was able to provide the basic necessities to the families that were identified by District 47.







Shop with a Cop- Sixteen Crystal Lake Police Officers participated in the annual McHenry County Police Charities Shop With A Cop event at the Crystal Lake Wal-Mart.

During the event officers were each paired with a child in need of assistance for the holiday season. Each child is provided with $150.00 to spend as well as given a winter coat, boots, hat and gloves.

Following the event all participants are treated to a breakfast buffet.

Special Events



National Night Out Art Contest- For the Department's 2016 and 2017 National Night Out events, the PCRO implemented an art contest for Elementary School District 47 students. The purpose of the contest is to create police and student engagement and a partnership in a creative learning environment. The winning artwork is then selected as the drawing screen printed for all the National Night Out t-shirts that are distributed at the event. The winner of the contest also receives his or her artwork framed and the first few screen printed NNO t-shirts, as well as publication in the Northwest Herald.

Read a Book- The PCRO visited Woods Creek Elementary School and read holiday themed books to a group of 3rd graders during the month of December.

Kindness Week- The PCRO was invited to be a guest at North Elementary School's Kindness Week recognizing first responders in the community. At the event the Department was given a boomerang to symbolize kind gestures always return.

Hannah Beardsley Middle School Digital Citizenship Week- On January 30, 2017, Officer Pluviose provided a presentation on cyberbullying which was broadcast live throughout the middle school classes. During the broadcast, students were able to submit questions anonymously via the school's interactive television station.

Public Education- Public education is an important component of public safety. We have employed multiple avenues in which to provide the education to arm our citizens against becoming a victim as well as keeping themselves and their families safe.

As summer drew to a close and back-to-school season was in full swing, signs were posted around the City reminding citizens to safely share the road with school buses, pedestrians and bicyclists.



Special Events

Citizen Police Academy- From September 7, 2017, to November 9, 2017, the Department hosted Citizen Police Academy Class 17-01. During the eleven week program, which met once a week for three hours, the class participants learned various functions of the Department while gaining basic knowledge in the areas of criminal justice. The series of classes taught in the program included: Arrest, Search and Seizure; Vehicle Code; Criminal Code; Patrol Operations; and DUI.



City newsletter articles to improve community engagement and education.

January: Happy New Year Message from Chief Black and Winter Driving Safety Tips.

February: IRS Tax Scams presentation at Coffee with the Chief, Super Bowl Traffic Safety, and a Child Passenger Safety Seat Check event.

March: The Department's upcoming events for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois, St Patrick's Day Safety Message, Car Burglary Awareness, and promoting Crystal Lake CrimeStoppers.

April: Distracted Driving Awareness Month, Community Clean-up Day, and Drug Take Back.

May: National Law Enforcement Appreciation Week and Dunkin' Donuts Cop on Rooftop for Law Enforcement Torch Run.

June: National Safety Month-Motor vehicle related traffic crash fatalities.

July: Texas Roadhouse Benefit Lunch and Citizen Police Academy applications acceptance.

August: National Night Out and Back-to-School Safety.

September: 9/11 Memoriam and Illinois Railway Safety Week.

October: National Bullying Prevention Month and a DEA Prescription Drug Take-back event.

November: Honoring All Who Served and Thanksgiving Traffic Safety.

December: National Impaired Driving Prevention Month and Winter Safety Tips.

Department Awards

***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.*

Graffiti Investigation:

Department Commendation presented to Officers Anthony Tangorra, Mark Pfeiffer and Sergeant Kevin Doherty.

Officers Pfeiffer and Tangorra were assigned to investigate a number of graffiti incidents which were reported over the summer. The officers conducted interviews, initiated contacts, pursued multiple leads and developed suspects.

Sergeant Doherty, who had a professional relationship with one of the suspects, obtained a confession in one of the incidents. Officers Tangorra and Pfeiffer obtained a confession from a suspect in two other open cases. Working together, they were able to close 3 out of 5 of the assigned cases with an arrest.

Robbery:

Department Commendation presented to Officer Jeremy Beasley, Detective Jeff Mattson and Sergeant Kevin Doherty.

Following a report of an armed robbery at a Crystal Lake gas station, Sergeant Doherty and Officer Beasley located fresh footprints in the snow leading away from the scene. They tracked the prints to a nearby residence and located a suspect.

Detective Mattson joined them on scene and while working together they were able to obtain a confession from the suspect. Evidence was collected and proceeds from the robbery were recovered. The suspect was ultimately charged with robbery and burglary.

Pet Rescue from Structure Fire:

Department Commendation presented to Officers Eric Stopka and Sean McGrath.

Both officers were dispatched to a structure fire. Upon arrival to the scene, concerned there may have been victims still inside the residence, they forced entry into the home. While conducting a sweep, they located two dogs that were incapacitated due to heavy smoke inhalation. They carried the dogs out of the home to safety and turned them over to Crystal Lake Fire/Rescue who provided them with oxygen. Both animals made a full recovery.

Department Awards

DUI/ Unlawful Possession of a Firearm/ Resisting a Peace Officer:

Department Commendation presented to Officers Lisa Tietz, Joey Spino, Phil Lloyd-Mietus, Kris Krol, Dominika Wawrzyniak, Steven Trapp, Dennis Meyer; Sergeants Ryan Coutre, Scott Koertgen, Dan Porzezinski; Lakewood PD Sergeant Todd Richardson, Officer Carlos Gonzales; Park District PD Officer Roy Cipri.

Officer Tietz was dispatched to a suspected intoxicated motorist. Upon locating the vehicle, she made contact with the driver who disobeyed multiple commands and tried to leave the scene on foot. Officer Tietz restrained the subject and called for assistance while the suspect continued to struggle in an attempt to escape. Upon the arrival of numerous officers (to include Lakewood and the Crystal Lake Park District Police) who heard the distress call, the suspect was taken into police custody while still attempting to resist.

Once the subject was secured, Officer Lloyd-Mietus recognized the man from prior contacts involving firearms. A search of the offender revealed a loaded firearm in the suspect's pocket. Based on information developed during the arrest, a search warrant was executed at the suspect's residence in which multiple firearms and ammunition were seized by the Crystal Lake Police Department. The suspect was charged with numerous offenses related to firearms, DUI and driver's license violations.

Aggravated Battery:

Department Commendation presented to Detectives Dave Eitel, Dimitri Boulahanis, Jeff Mattson, Jason Duncan, Russ Will.

Following a report of battery in the 100 block of West Woodstock Street, members of the Investigations Unit began piecing together the case in an attempt to locate suspects. After viewing video surveillance at the Grand Victoria Casino, four suspects were developed. Surveillance was conducted and multiple interviews completed. Ultimately three suspects were arrested and charged with multiple felony offenses.

Department Awards

Identity Theft/ Outside Assist:

Department Commendation presented to Officers Ryan Schack and Anthony Tangorra.

Both officers were dispatched to Best Buy for a retail theft. While on scene store employees alerted the officers to a subject acting suspiciously while trying to purchase an Apple iPhone. Officers met with the subject, who provided false identifying information. After further investigation, they determined the subject's true identity and developed probable cause to arrest him for identity theft. As a result of the arrest, additional information was obtained which revealed similar offenses had occurred at the Algonquin Best Buy. During an interview the subject admitted to committing other identity thefts. He was charged with several felony offenses.

Aggravated Battery/Robbery:

Department Commendation presented to School Resource Officer Chris Sanders and Detectives Jeff Mattson, Dave Eitel, Dimitri Boulahanis, Jason Duncan, Russ Will.

The Investigations Unit was assigned to follow up on a stabbing that occurred in the 400 block of Virginia Street. After multiple interviews, during which time both suspects and victims provided false information, a total of nine suspects were identified. The unit conducted surveillances and executed search warrants and subpoenas. Eventually, all nine suspects were charged with a variety of felony offenses.

Retail Theft/Outside Assist:

Department Commendation presented to Officer Scott Torkelson.

Officer Torkelson was dispatched to Walmart for a report of a robbery. He determined the victims were actually suspects in a retail theft inside the store and recovered stolen merchandise. He also determined the incident which the victims originally tried to report was an unsuccessful drug transaction. While debriefing one of the suspects during processing, he obtained information which assisted the McHenry County Narcotics Task Force in executing a search warrant where they recovered narcotics and firearms. As a result an offender received multiple felony charges.

Department Awards

Drug Induced Homicide/Unlawful Delivery of a Controlled Substance:

Department Commendation presented to Detectives Jeff Mattson, Russ Will, Dave Eitel and Officers Mark Pfeiffer, Anthony Tangorra, Jeremy Beasley.

Following a fatal drug overdose, the Investigations Unit conducted an investigation in which probable cause was developed to charge the person responsible for the fatal drug overdose. During this investigation, the Targeted Response Unit conducted several controlled buys with the suspect, enhancing the criminal charges and further identifying him as a narcotics dealer.

Double Homicide:

Department Commendation presented to Detectives Dave Eitel, Jeff Mattson, Dimitri Boulahanis, Jason Duncan, Frank Houlihan, Russ Will.

The Investigations Unit was assigned to a double homicide in the 100 block of Marian Parkway. During the course of the investigation, a large amount of evidence was recovered, canvasses completed, search warrants executed and subpoenas issued. In the end, the suspect was charged with multiple felonies related to the two deaths. The State's Attorney's Office complimented the investigation, as it was handled in a "quick and professional manner" to insure a successful prosecution.

Retail Theft Ring:

Department Commendation presented to Officer Mark Pfeiffer; Sergeants Mark Szumanski and Luke Behning.

The above officers investigated a retail theft in the 6000 block of the Northwest Highway in which the offender had already left the scene. With minimal information, Officer Pfeiffer developed a suspect. Sergeant Szumanski located this suspect at a nearby business and when he was placed in custody, his vehicle was found to contain thousands of dollars worth of stolen merchandise.

Sergeant Behning conducted an interview during which the suspect confessed to committing retail thefts for the past six years. The information obtained developed cases leading to a multi-jurisdictional theft ring.

Department Awards

The officers noted 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 used Narcan to revive the victims.

- ***Officer Tom Jacobi***
- ***Officer Lloyd-Mietus***
- ***Officer Bill Kitsis***
- ***Officer Al Sindaravicius (3separate events)***
- ***Officer Dave Emrich***

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.*

Driving Under the Influence Enforcement:

Chief's Distinguished Service Award presented to Officer Phil Lloyd-Mietus for leading the Department in DUI arrests.

Speed Enforcement:

Chief's Distinguished Service Award presented to Officer Ken Ellinger for leading the Department in the issuance of speeding citations.

Distracted Driving Enforcement:

Chief's Distinguished Service Award presented to Officer Eric Stopka for leading the Department in the issuance of distracted driving citations.

Occupant Restraint Enforcement:

Chief's Distinguished Service Award presented to Officer Eric Stopka for leading the Department in the issuance of occupant restraint citations.

Department Awards

Narcotics/Firearms Investigation:

Chief's Distinguished Service Award presented to Officers Mark Pfeiffer and Anthony Tangorra.

Officer Tangorra received information of a possible drug deal involving firearms at a local bar. Surveillance was conducted and a traffic stop yielded charges for multiple drug offenses. More information was obtained during the arrest that another subject was still on scene at the bar. Surveillance was conducted again and a second traffic stop resulted in another arrest for multiple drug offenses and a loaded firearm was recovered from the vehicle.

Community Relations-Charity Fund Raising:

Chief's Distinguished Service Award presented to Community Relations Officer Eddie Pluviose.

Officer Pluviose participated in many community programs to include: Back to School Backpack Program, Toys for Tots, Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run Trivia Night and Safe Home Coalition. The Back to School Backpack Program doubled in size and 87 low-income students were supplied with backpacks and school supplies. School District 47 recognized the Crystal Lake Police Department with their "Making a Difference Award". His efforts with Toys for Tots resulted in 1200 new toys, nearly double the amount the previous year and a plaque recognizing the Crystal Lake Police Department. Officer Pluviose spearheaded the newest and most successful event, Special Olympics Illinois Trivia Night that resulted in a record breaking fundraising season.

Overall Performance in 2017:

Chief's Distinguished Service Award presented to Officer Al Sindaravicius.

Officer Sindaravicius has exceeded job performance expectations throughout the past year. His dedication to the Department's traffic safety goals, his steadfast approach to remaining pro-active, as well as assigned follow up investigations and his volunteer efforts with Department sponsored programs were outstanding. His actions demonstrate the Department's Mission, Vision and Core Values.

Department Awards

Dalzell Retail Theft:

Chief's Distinguished Service presented to Officer Ingrid Volenec.

Officer Volenec responded to Dalzell Jewelers to process the scene of a robbery. The suspect placed his bare hands on a glass display case as he was looking at jewelry. Officer Volenec processed the glass countertop and she developed several fingerprints and palm prints. The prints were sent to the Illinois State Lab to be analyzed. The prints that were developed on scene came back with a positive AFIS hit belonging to a suspect out of Iowa. Detectives were able to take this information and charge the suspect with the crime. Officer Volenec's training as an evidence technician and outstanding job performance developing the prints helped identify the suspect in this incident.

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

Department Lifesaving Award presented to Sergeant Dan Porzezinski.

Sergeant Porzezinski was off-duty when he observed a subject spray painting the pavement near the railroad tracks on Pingree Road. He continued to follow and observe the subject, who appeared to be mentally unstable. Sergeant Porzezinski called 911 to have Metra cease all railroad traffic. An oncoming train stopped just short of the subject, who intended to commit suicide. The subject was ultimately taken into custody and transported for a mental health evaluation.

Department Lifesaving Award presented to Officers Josh Garcia, Scott Torkelson and Adam Danowski.

Officers Garcia, Torkelson and Danowski were dispatched to an unresponsive subject who was not breathing, suffering from an apparent heart attack. The officers performed CPR and administered the AED and successfully revived the victim. Their actions helped save the life of the man.

Department Awards

Department Lifesaving Award presented to Officer Al Sindaravicius and Detective Jeff Mattson.

Both officers were dispatched to a medical call for a subject who had collapsed and was not breathing. The officers began performing CPR and utilized the AED until paramedics arrived. The victim reportedly survived this as a result of the officer's preparedness and training.

Department Lifesaving Award presented to Officers Dave Emrich and Kris Krol.

Both officers were dispatched to a report of a male subject having a heart attack who was unresponsive and not breathing. They moved the patient to the floor and began to perform CPR. They utilized the AED and continued with CPR until paramedics arrived. The victim reportedly survived this as a result of the officer's preparedness and training.

Department Lifesaving Award presented to Officer Alex Laub.

Officer Laub was dispatched to a business in Crystal Lake for a subject who had collapsed in the parking lot and was not breathing. Upon arrival, Officer Laub encountered Danise Fairfield who was in the process of performing CPR. Officer Laub took over CPR compressions from Ms. Fairfield until paramedics arrived. The victim reportedly survived this as a result of Ms. Fairfield and Officer Laub's preparedness and training.

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.*

Citizen's Award presented to Mr. James D. Smith.

Mr. Smith observed a female in medical distress in a parking lot of the 700 block of Virginia Road. Noticing she was unconscious, he called 911 to summon first aid. It was determined she was the victim of an opiate overdose.

Department Awards

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.*

Citizen's Life Saving Award presented to Danise Friefeld.

Danise was at a business in Crystal Lake when she observed a subject in in the parking lot in medical distress. Danise began to perform CPR until Officer Laub and paramedics arrived. The victim survived the event due to Danise's quick action and willingness to assist others.

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.*

Citizen's Letter of Appreciation presented to Denise Barr and Crystal Lake Target Store.

Denise Barr, representing School District 47, and the Crystal Lake Target store played an integral role in the success of the Department's annual Back-to-School Backpack and Supplies Giveaway. A total of 87 students received supplies from the program.

Citizen's Letter of Appreciation presented to Scott Offord.

Mr. Offord, a long time Crystal Lake business owner (Country Donuts) and avid bicyclist, gave "free donut" coupons that said, "Thanks for wearing your helmet!" to the Crystal Lake Police Department for the officers to pass out to bicyclists for wearing their helmets in an effort to promote safety and awareness in the community.

2016/2017 Comparison

RECORDS UNIT		
Operating Indicators By Function	**2016**	**2017**
Incident Reports Processed	5604	5185
Crash Reports Processed	1898	1725
Supplemental Reports Processed	2171	1991
Temporary Detention Reports	916	821
Subpoenas Processed	125	151
Freedom of Information Act Requests	531	483
Expungements	34	20
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT		
Operating Indicators By Function	**2016**	**2017**
% Cases Cleared	47%	51%
Total Cases Cleared	142	152
Total Cases Assigned	304	298
-Missing Juveniles	2	5
-Burglary - Residence	17	19
-Burglary - Vehicle	35	32
-Burglary - Commercial	14	13
-Criminal Damage Property	2	2
-Armed Robbery / Robbery	4	7
-Criminal Sexual Abuse/Assault Cases	10	19
-Death Investigations	12	27
-Homicide (incl. Drug Induced)/Attempted Murder	2	2
-Stolen Vehicles	2	4
-Theft Cases	52	40
-Financial Crimes	74	81

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EVIDENCE UNIT		
Operating Indicators By Function	**2016**	**2017**
Number of End-of-year items in Evidence	11003	13182
Items of Property Received	3734	3588
Items of Property Purged	1923	1360
- Items Destroyed	1020	804
- Items Returned to Owner	381	268
- Items Auctioned	100	86
- Items Retained by Police (photos/documents)	397	149
- Items Turned Over to Another Agency	20	18
- Items Turned Over to Finance	5	35
PATROL UNIT		
Operating Indicators By Function	**2016**	**2017**
Warrants Served	63	60
Calls for Service	28118	26332
Online Reports	32	21
Arrests of Suspended/Revoked Driver's	147	116
Arrests of Driver's with No Valid Driver's License	55	57
Traffic Citations Issued	4879	4801
Warning Citations Issued	6990	6109
Traffic Stops	8891	8141
Arrests (Adult total)	790	722
Arrests (Juvenile total)	115	116
DUI Arrests	115	105
Drug Offenses	229	314
Vehicles Impounded (Administrative)	150	139
Police Directed Tows	656	625
Ordinance Citations Issued	325	488
Parking Citations Issued	3724	3310

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TARGETED RESPONSE UNIT		
Operating Indicators By Function	**2016**	**2017**
Traffic Citations Issued	92	107
Warning Citations Issued	203	268
Arrests (Adult)	86	90
Sex Offender Verifications	82	79
Sex Offender Violations	3	3
TRAFFIC CRASHES REPORTED - INVESTIGATED		
Operating Indicators By Function	**2016**	**2017**
Total Crash Reports Taken	1898	1725
Property Damage Only	1619	1486
Personal Injury Crashes	279	238
Private Property Crashes	452	463
Hit and Run Crashes	265	208
Fatalities	0	1
A-I Crashes Investigation	1	1
COMMUNITY RELATIONS		
Operating Indicators By Function	**2016**	**2017**
Community Presentations	62	40
Expos Attended	7	4
Car Seat Installations	94	87
Car Seat Check Events Hosted	4	4
TRAINING UNIT		
Operating Indicators By Function	**2016**	**2017**
Total Training Hours	6954	4452
Patrol Officer Recruits Trained	5	6
Internships	5	5
Hosted Outside Training	8	11
Ride Alongs	32	27