Crystal Lake Police Department



Annual Report 2019


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Gary J. Mayerhofer, City Manager
City of Crystal Lake

Dear Mr. Mayerhofer,

On behalf of the women and men of the Crystal Lake Police Department I am pleased to submit the 2019 annual report. The photographs, data and year-end highlights contained in the following pages represent our culture, our identity as community servants and our continued efforts towards crime prevention.

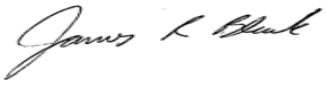
We are dedicated to using evidence-based approaches that build on organizational strengths and the incredible talents of individual employees. Our staff takes pride and ownership in Crystal Lake's success. We are humbled by the awesome responsibility given to us by those we serve. At the core of our success is the trust with those who live and work in Crystal Lake.

Trust allows us to build on partnerships with other government entities, social service agencies, non-profits, schools, private business and most importantly, the citizens of Crystal Lake, in order to keep Crystal Lake safe. Those relationships define Crystal Lake and contribute to our continuing search for efficiency in operations that will allow us to meet performance benchmarks and the expectations of our community members.

We recognize that the Crystal Lake Police Department is only one component of safety and security. The Crystal Lake Police Department works seamlessly with every other department in the city, each focused and dedicated to making Crystal Lake a great place to live!

If questions come from your review, please let me know. We value your input and your perspective to continually improve. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Chief of Police.

Sincerely,



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Chief of Police

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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,

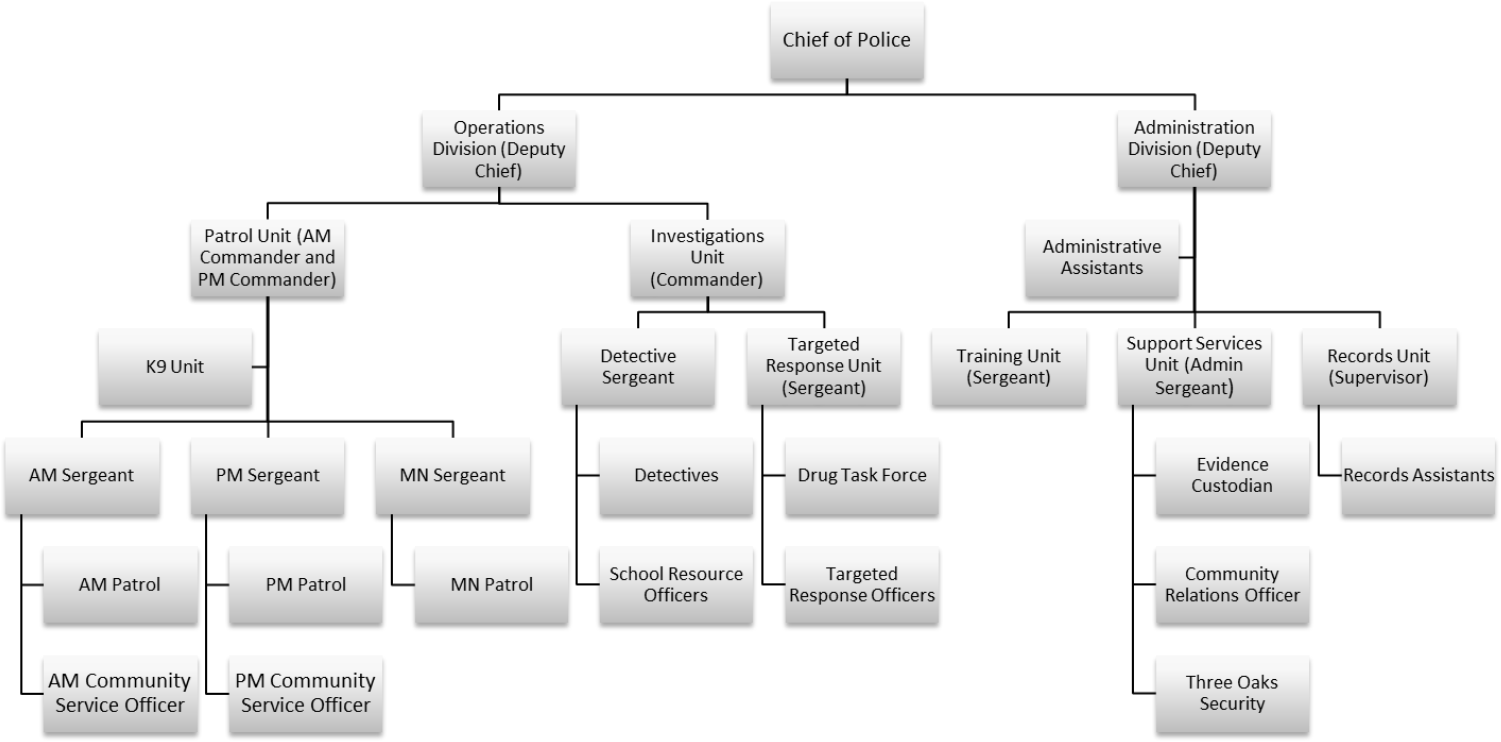
my character or the public trust.

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





Retirements & New Officers



Officer Russ Ford

On September 14th, 2019, Officer Russ Ford retired after 20 years with the Crystal Lake Police Department.



Lindy Urbach

On June 21st, 2019, Records Assistant Lindy Urbach retired after 42 years with the Crystal Lake Police Department.



On April 15th, 2019, Officer Peter Lewandowski began his career with the Crystal Lake Police Department



On August 12th, 2019, Officer Jesus Gonzalez began his career with the Crystal Lake Police Department.



On December 16th, 2019, Officer Jennifer Zielinski began her career with the Crystal Lake Police Department.


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New Civilian Staff



On June 3rd, 2019, Community Service Officer Tim Carroll began his career with the Crystal Lake Police Department.



On July 29th, 2019, Records Assistant Karen Heiss began as a full time employee with the Crystal Lake Police Department. She was previously employed part time with the City.



On September 30th, 2019, Administrative Assistant Shannon Jackson began her career with the Crystal Lake Police Department.



On September 19th, 2019, Records Assistant Sherry McCoy began her career with the Crystal Lake Police Department.

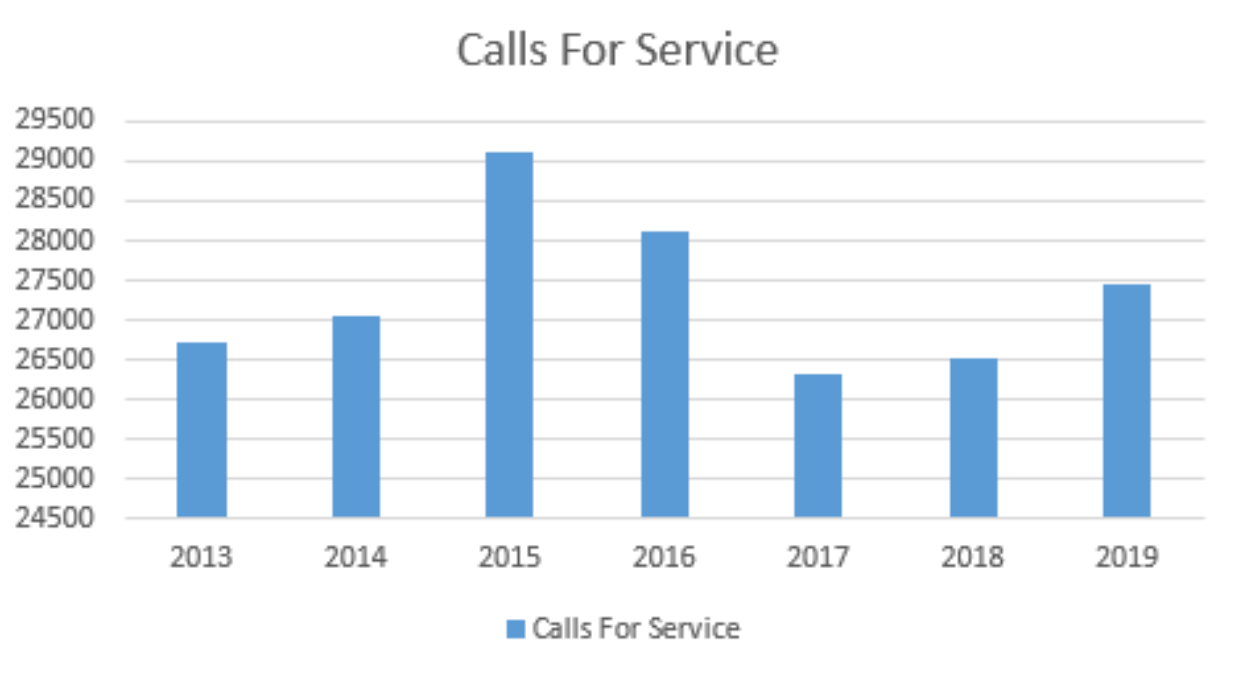


On September 23rd, 2019, Records Assistant Inez Correa began her career with the Crystal Lake Police Department.


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Patrol Unit

The men and women of the Patrol Unit are the most recognizable and largest component of the Operations Division of the City of Crystal Lake Police Department. The Patrol Unit strives to provide excellent services to the community in the most safe and effective manner possible. This is accomplished by the daily actions of the thirty-five officers assigned to the Patrol Unit with the assistance and leadership directly provided by eight sergeants who supervise these officers. Overall these members of the Department are supervised by two Patrol Unit Commanders and an Operations Division Deputy Chief of Police.



The Patrol Unit responds to a variety of calls for service on a twenty-four hour basis. Officers provide service for a wide range of citizen needs and requests which are at times under emergency conditions. During 2019, the Police Department provided services during 27,450 calls, which was a 3.5% increase from 2018, an average of 75 calls per day. When not responding to dispatched calls for service, officers remain proactive by conducting traffic and parking enforcement as well as foot patrols, which are tracked as either business, residential or Three Oaks Recreation. Besides responding to the first report of criminal activity, officers fulfill a variety of roles to ensure that all available resources are utilized to solve reported crime and prevent recurrences. To accomplish this, officers are also responsible for the collection and preservation of evidence on crime scenes in addition to conducting interviews, research and analysis. During 2019, officers were assigned 206 follow–up investigations to ensure each case, which contains even a minimum of solvability factors, is diligently worked on by a member of the Department to a conclusion.

Traffic Safety

Education

Our Department promotes traffic safety with the citizens and motorists through education. We utilize numerous methods to accomplish this goal, to include City Newsletters, 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.



Traffic Safety

Engineering

A Patrol Commander serves as our Department's representative on the City of Crystal Lake's Traffic Safety Committee. The Committee examines traffic-related issues and determines suitable resolutions. Those resolutions have included amending roadway engineering, posting additional signage, initiating directed Police Department enforcement, and implementing a traffic calming strategy.

Enforcement

Our Department remains dedicated to decreasing the amount of vehicle crashes and injuries by enforcing the Illinois Vehicle Code. To assist in accomplishing this goal, the Department participates in the Illinois Department of Transportation's Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP). The STEP campaigns are scheduled when crashes involving alcohol and unrestrained occupants statistically occur the most. In 2019, the Department participated in 8 campaigns where 406 traffic stops were conducted. Those traffic stops resulted in issuance of 364 citations and 78 warnings.

In 2019, the Crystal Lake Police Department arrested 104 people for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and/or Drugs. During that same period, 110 previous DUI cases were adjudicated within the court system. 2019 showed the highest DUI conclusion rate of the past 3 years with 90% of the cases handled ending with a finding of guilty. Likewise, the percentage of served summary suspensions increased to 87% for 2019.

Since 1982, The Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists has been providing various programs to bring awareness to the dangers of drunk driving. One such program is their annual DUI enforcement recognition awards. In 2019, AAIM recognized the following Crystal Lake officers for their outstanding DUI enforcement efforts:

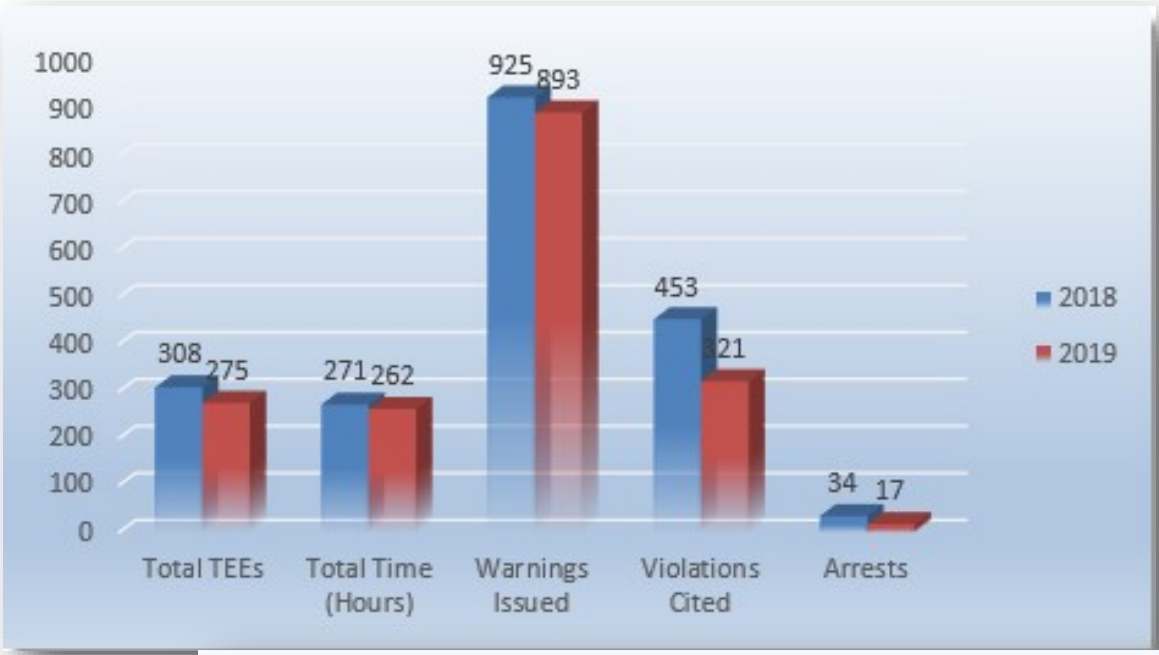
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- Officer Dennis Meyer
- Officer Al Sindaravicius



Traffic Safety

Additional Traffic Enforcement Efforts

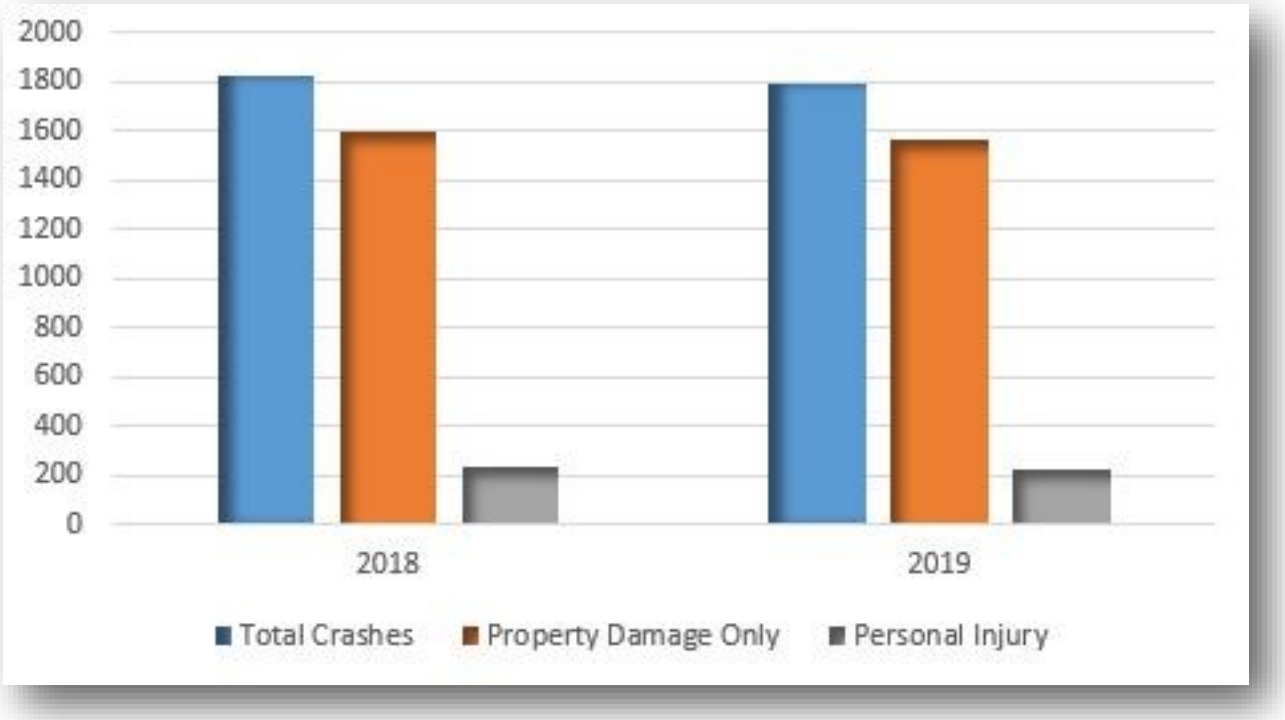
The officers of the Patrol Unit conducted Traffic Enforcement Efforts (TEEs) throughout 2019. The TEEs are an additional effort to reduce the volume of traffic collisions and encourage motorists to drive safely. While conducting TEEs, officers target all traffic violations while concentrating on seatbelt, improper lane usage, speeding, and distracted driving. 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. In 2019, our Department conducted 275 TEEs, totaling 262 hours of specialized enforcement.





Traffic Crashes

Officers use the AVRS electronic crash reporting system to document traffic collisions. The AVRS system, together with the CrimeReports mapping software, afford the Department with the capability to inspect crash data more proficiently. The results of the data inspection assist officers with identifying areas where concerns and patterns have occurred. Our Department can then develop a plan to address the specific area with the objective of decreasing the amount of preventable crashes.

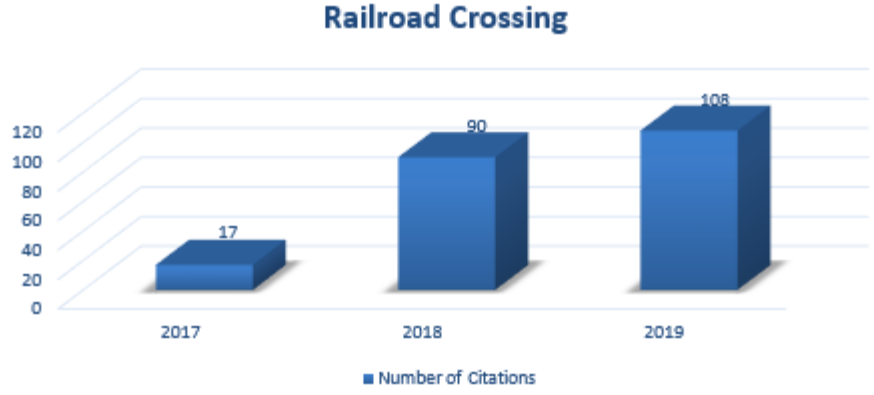


The total number of traffic crashes decreased 2% in 2019 when compared to 2018. The Department also experienced a 3% decrease in crashes that resulted in injury. Unfortunately, the Accident Investigation Team investigated one crash that resulted in a fatality in 2019. The cause of the fatal crash was determined to not be a result of highway engineering or education.

Railroad Safety



The Crystal Lake Police Department continued to partner with Union Pacific, Metra and Amtrak to promote and enforce railway safety issues. In 2019, the Crystal Lake Police Department participated in the 6th annual Illinois Rail Safety Week which was September 22nd through the 28th. In addition to Rail Safety Week, the Crystal Lake Police Department participated in Amtrak's "Operation Clear Track" event. Beyond these two events, officers actively patrol the depots and conduct educational and enforcement as needed. These patrols are in the form of both individual officers monitoring during high commuter times and in saturation patrols where several officers work in conjunction at one time. In 2019, the CLPD issued over one hundred pedestrian crossing citations, countless warnings and handed out several hundred informational flyers.



2019 Traffic Safety Challenge

For the sixth consecutive year, the Crystal Lake Police Department participated in the Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge. The Traffic Safety Challenge is a professional competition between law enforcement agencies of similar size and structure. The Challenge targets four distinct traffic safety priorities: occupant protection, speed, distracted driving and impaired driving. It is a template for law enforcement agencies to identify traffic issues, plan strategies, reduce social harm and improve the quality of life in their communities.

On August 14th, 2019, Crystal Lake officers attended the Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge awards ceremony and luncheon. As a result of the Department's efforts and dedicated effort to reduce traffic crashes and injuries, the Crystal Lake Police Department was awarded second place in the 66-100 sworn officers category.




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Investigations Unit

The Investigations Unit is comprised of six detectives, three school resource officers, one task force agent assigned to DEA Rockford, one Detective Sergeant and one Unit Commander. While most calls for service are handled by the responding patrol officers, many require additional and sometimes specialty in-depth investigation, which falls under the responsibility of this Unit.



Notable 2018 Follow-up Investigations

Criminal Sex Assault: On October 19th, 2018, a 19 year old complainant reported to church clergy that her biological father has been sexually abusing and assaulting her since she was 6 years of age and that they still share a common residence. Detectives, working collaboratively with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), immediately began an investigation into the matter, conducting extensive interviews with the victim, family members and friends, discovering the acts spanned 13 years. The suspect declined to cooperate with police. As a result of the investigation, he was arrested and charged with one count of Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault, a class X felony, one count of Criminal Sexual Assault of a Family Member and one count of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse.

2019 Notable Investigations

Drug Induced Homicide: On June 9th, 2019, Detectives began an investigation into the allegations of a drug induced homicide that occurred in 1700 block of Kensington lane. A 26 year old male was found unresponsive inside his residence and ultimately was pronounced dead on scene. 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, admitting the delivered heroin to the victim. The suspect was charged with the following offenses: 3 counts of Drug Induced Homicide, a class X felony.

Residential Burglary: On June 13th, 2019, a resident located in the 200 block Lake Shore Drive reported a residential burglary upon his return from temporarily residing out of state. Officers on scene reported no evidence of forced entry was discovered. Jewelry, cash and other valuables were missing from the residence. Detectives began an investigation into the burglary and developed a suspect through an investigative resource search inquiry, who they learned was linked to a pedestrian stop conducted by the Crystal Lake Park District Police within the timeframe of the burglary. During this contact, items were observed by police being consistent with what was reported to be missing. Furthermore, it was discovered the suspect had sold stolen jewelry and a guitar to a pawn shop located in Carpentersville. The suspect was interviewed and subsequently confessed. As a result, the suspect was charged with Residential Burglary and felony Theft.

Attempted Homicide: On October 24th, 2019, CLPD Officers responded to the 100 block of Edgewood Drive reference a disturbance report involving multiple people. Upon the arrival of officers, it was discovered two adult males had been stabbed by one male offender, resulting in life threatening injuries sustained to both victims. The suspect fled the scene in a vehicle and was soon thereafter located within the area by officers, contemporaneous to the incident. Detectives immediately began an investigation into the incident and processed the crime scene. Detectives conducted several witness interviews and analyzed a cell phone video recording of the incident, which revealed the facts of the matter. An ongoing dispute between the suspect and one of the victims resulted in the confrontation at that location. During the escalated verbal dispute, the suspect brandished a knife and stabbed both victims with intent to kill. The suspect subsequently confessed to motive. He was charged with 2 counts of Attempted Homicide.

2019 Notable Investigations

Armed Robbery: On March 24th, 2019, Officers responded to the 4800 block of Route 14 subsequent to a report of an armed robbery. It was reported two males entered the business, with one male brandishing a handgun while demanding money. The suspects fled with the cash and a nominal amount of retail goods. Detectives immediately began an investigation into the matter and as the scene was being processed, a second armed robbery was reported in the 200 block of North Route 31 approximately 50 minutes later involving the same suspects. Again, a handgun was brandished and the suspects fled with cash. Detectives developed one suspect subsequent to a third report of an armed robbery involving these suspects occurring in a neighboring jurisdiction. While working collaboratively with Detectives from that agency, incriminating evidence was discovered resulting in the eventual identification and arrest of the offender who brandished the handgun. The suspect was interviewed and confessed to being responsible for all the reported incidents, including identifying his co-conspirator. As a result of the investigation, both suspects were each charged with 2 counts of Armed Robbery.

Criminal Sex Assault: On September 16th, 2019, Detectives were contacted by the mother of a female who reported that her daughter was sexually abused by a local music teacher while attending music lessons at the Dole Mansion, spanning over 4 years. Detectives initiated an investigation into the complaint and conducted an extensive interview of the victim, witnesses and family members. During the investigation, additional victims were identified. The suspect in this case declined to cooperate with police. He was arrested and charged with 10 counts of Criminal Sexual Assault.

Death Investigation: On October 4th, 2019, Officers responded to the 400 block of Nash Road for a report of natural gas being detected. Upon arrival, officers spoke with a neighbor who advised they observed the resident's dog being present, unattended, in the yard for an extended period of time and went over to make contact with the resident. It was then the overwhelming odor of natural gas was detected. Officers attempted a well-being check, resulting in forced entry into the residence. Once inside, they observed all the interior doors had been secured by screws from the inside and an open gas line was found. Upon a further search of the residence, a male was located in the basement, deceased, from what appeared to be a detonated homemade bomb. Detectives responded and the Kane County Bomb Squad was notified. Subsequent to the residence being cleared by the bomb squad, Detectives processed the scene and discovered additional evidence indicating the deceased intended to cause catastrophic damage to the residence via explosives but was unsuccessful.



2019 Notable Investigations

Homicide: On April 18th, 2019, Officers responded to the 0-100 block of Dole Avenue reference a 911 call reporting a missing 5 year old child. Officers responded to the residence and met with the missing boy's parents, who reported sometime during the overnight hours, the boy disappeared from his bedroom. Detectives responded and conducted several witness interviews, which revealed the original version of events were suspicious.

A collaborative effort between Local, County, State and Federal agencies ensued, in an attempt to develop further information about the boy's whereabouts with the goal of reuniting him with his family. As the investigation progressed, it became sadly apparent that the father who had initially called 911 was deceptive in his statement to police. He was interviewed and subsequently confessed to the murder of his child.

The boy's father and mother were arrested and each charged with multiple counts of Homicide. The suspects currently remain confined at the McHenry County Jail. The mother has pled guilty to Murder. The father awaits trial.





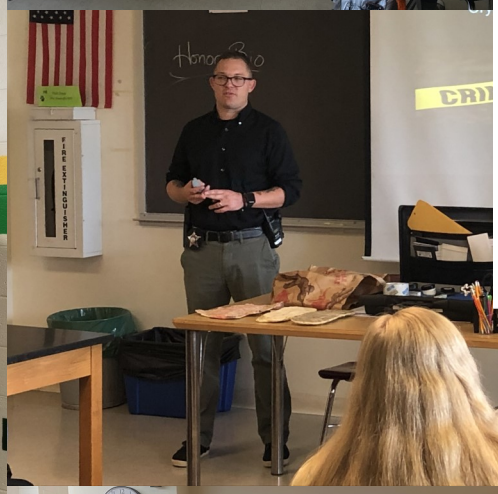


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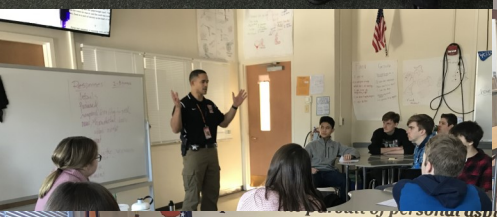


Liked by **rachl.dade** and **40 others**

clc_deans Officer Delmar Dade took time out of his crazy schedule to come in and talk to all 9 of our health classes, answering questions and giving his personal experiences and advice. We really appreciate him as the SRO in our school, helping to keep us safe and building relationships with our students! #TigerPride #BizarroDiscipline #weRclc #D155inspire













School Resource Officers

This Department and School District #155 have a successful and collaborative relationship in part due to the efforts of the three assigned School Resource Officers (SROs), one working in each of our community's three high schools. The officers are present in the schools while classes are in session and are responsible for the documentation and investigation of all crimes committed within the school. The SROs and school faculty work closely together to provide a safe learning environment. The SROs have daily contact, and work side by side, with the Deans of Students. The SROs are responsible for and participate in classroom presentations regarding specific law enforcement related topics, including but not limited to: sexting and bullying, traffic laws, curfew, drinking and driving, drug awareness and prevention, social media and online safety. The SROs assist and participate in the District's lock-down drills, evacuation and emergency preparedness. The SROs are sworn officers and the first line of defense to protect the students and staff against violence.

SROs conduct annual alcohol and tobacco compliance check programs throughout the City. They utilize area students to coordinate controlled liquor and 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 not able to make purchases while under the legal age mandated by Illinois law.

Tobacco Compliance Checks

With the goal of protecting the health of our children, the Crystal Lake Police Department conducts several tobacco compliance checks throughout the year. The goal is to make sure retailers are not selling tobacco products to under-aged persons. Compliance checks are conducted to determine if retailers are adhering to the State's minimum age requirement to purchase tobacco products, which prohibit the sale of tobacco products to persons under the age of 21. The State of Illinois recently changed the age to 21 for the purchase of tobacco products, which was previously 18 years old. The Crystal Lake Police Department conducted a series of three tobacco compliance checks of all 37 tobacco retailers located within Crystal Lake in 2019.

Alcohol Compliance Checks

The Crystal Lake Police Department conducts several alcohol compliance checks throughout the year. The checks are conducted to determine if alcohol retailers are complying with State liquor laws that prohibit the sale of alcohol to persons under the age of 21. The Crystal Lake Police Department conducted six series of alcohol compliance checks of the 87 alcohol retailers located within Crystal Lake in 2019.

K9 Team



In 2019, our K9 team, consisting of Officer Ryan Schack and canine Zeus, completed their first full year on patrol together. Officer Schack did an excellent job of ensuring both he and Zeus would be prepared for any situation they faced by attending maintenance training and narcotics training multiple times monthly. He also completed weekly street training with a trainer from TOPS and even implemented his own tracking and narcotics training.

Throughout 2019, Officer Schack and Zeus completed over 200 hours of training and were deployed for a variety of incidents, most of which were requests for him to sniff for the odor of narcotics or to perform tracks of humans (both criminal suspects and people in distress such as missing or suicidal subjects). Almost immediately, the team began building a good reputation with local law enforcement agencies for the work they performed. In addition to their deployments within Crystal Lake, Officer Schack and Zeus also assisted other agencies with their investigations to include the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Illinois State Police North Central Narcotics Task Force (NCNTF), the McHenry County Sheriff's Police Narcotics Task Force, numerous county Sheriff's Police and other local police departments. As a result of Zeus being deployed during traffic stops and narcotics investigations, multiple felony arrests were made, multiple controlled substances (including cocaine and heroin) were located, and United States Currency (USC) was seized.

Officer Schack has fostered an excellent working relationship with administrators from Crystal Lake Community Consolidated District 47. In early 2019, Officer Schack and Zeus performed demonstrations in front of each middle school's entire student body. Administrators then requested Zeus perform sniffs of student lockers in all three middle schools multiple times throughout the year to assist them with locating cannabis and/or controlled substances. During several of those assists, contraband was located and recovered due to Officer Schack and Zeus's efforts.

In addition to the work Officer Schack and Zeus performed while on patrol, they continued to participate in community events throughout 2019. Officer Schack and Zeus performed demonstrations or spoke with citizens about Zeus at multiple schools, Sunrise Senior Living, a day camp for children at the YMCA, National Night Out, a community organized Home for Dogs event, the CLPD Citizen's Police Academy, and other meetings/events.

Training Unit

The goal of the Crystal Lake Police Department's Training Unit is to provide the highest quality of instruction to agency personnel and inspire a passion for excellence in policing services. Within the 2019 calendar year, 157 different training classes were conducted, and over 8700 hours of instruction was provided to staff. Many new and foundational courses that were created and implemented in 2018 were built upon and improved. The overall goal was to train well-rounded, highly skilled officers that have the knowledge, skills and abilities to resolve the multitude of complex issues encountered within modern policing.



Basic Academy and Field Training

During 2019, the Department utilized the Cook County Sheriff's Police Academy as its basic law enforcement academy. The State of Illinois 560-hour curriculum covers many of the core fundamentals that aspiring officers are required to know to function effectively on patrol. While a career in law enforcement demands ongoing mastery, the academy provides an excellent starting point to a rewarding career. Some of the core courses include mental health training, criminal law, patrol tactics and a basic weapon proficiency sequence. The Crystal Lake Police Department graduated two officers from the academy in 2019. Officers Lewandowski and Gonzalez both scored high marks at the academy and are successfully serving the community within the patrol unit.

Upon completion of the academy, new officers complete a field training program. This 16-week program consists of a week of in-house training with the Training Sergeant, then completion of a 15 week, nationally recognized field training model. During the Police Training Officer (PTO) program, recruits are exposed to numerous complex issues and are encouraged to proactively solve problems and make a positive impact on the community. Additionally, new recruits learn to network with many community stakeholders to keep community orientated policing at the heart of daily activities.



Training Unit

Mental Health

The role of the modern policing addressing mental health concerns continues to be a growing and important topic. Every week, officers mitigate multiple issues within the community. It is critical that officers recognize mental health crises as they manifest within policing contacts to effectively help residents. Because of this commitment, the Training Unit continues to incorporate mental health related courses and scenario-based training so officers become skilled at recognizing and working through problems in accordance with best practice and the law. Some of these courses included mental health first aid, crisis communications, and juvenile specialist. Along similar lines, officers received training surrounding the effects of trauma on victims, especially victims of sex crimes and domestic abuse.

Supervisory Development

The Department values strong leadership at all levels within the agency. Supervisors are regularly challenged to improve their skills to be both effective leaders and managers. This year, Sergeant Mark Szumanski was enrolled in Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command. This time-tested, 400-hour flagship program prepares middle level leaders to succeed as future command staff members. Some of core curriculum includes resource allocation, leadership, strategic planning and project management. Sergeant Szumanski successfully completed this program in January of 2020.

Also this year, other supervisors and future supervisors attended courses to improve their skillset. Some of these courses were focused on career development to prepare future supervisors. A few examples are the First Line Supervisory Skills course, the Police Field Training Officer program through the North East Multi-Regional Training Corporation (NEMRT) and Northwestern University's Supervision of Public Safety Personnel. Supervisors also attended courses such as Incident Command and Police Supervisor Liability.

Ride-Alongs

In 2019, the Department continued opening its door for a ride-along program. The ride-along program provides the community an excellent opportunity to shadow an officer for a single shift. This program is different from the internship program because it is open to all members of the community. During the shift, residents get a firsthand account of the efforts officers make on a daily basis to serve the community. Within the year, 44 residents were afforded this unique opportunity. One of the ride-along participants even applied as a police officer afterwards. He was hired in January 2020.


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Training Unit

Internships

The Department's Internship Program is important for the Training Unit and the Crystal Lake Police Department as a whole. Many officers at the Crystal Lake Police Department began their career as interns. Interns are carefully picked from regional schools to select the best candidates available. Once the internship begins, a customized schedule is designed to provide a thorough exposure to the policing industry. The Training Sergeant also maintains contact with interns after completion of the internship to promote networking and recruit top talent during agency hiring periods.

During 2019, the Crystal Lake Police Department accepted five interns. The schools that were represented were Western Illinois University, Illinois State University and McHenry County College. Since completion of their internships, one student has already been hired as a police officer by a local municipality and a second has joined the military as an officer at the completion of his bachelor's degree program.

Intoxicated Motorists and Traffic Safety Education

Traffic safety is one of the key functions of policing. Few other topics not only affect the community as a whole every day, but can also change lives in a split second. As a result, the Department makes traffic safety, education and enforcement a priority.

Observing the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHSTA) protocol, officers are provided extensive training to detect intoxicated motorists for interdiction purposes and deter intoxicated residents from getting behind the wheel. Some of the courses that were attended during the year were Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE), Breath Analysis for Alcohol Testing, Comprehensive DUI Awareness and Operation Pipeline (drugs) training.

The Training Unit also provides ongoing training to its in-house, specialized accident investigation team. This team responds to serious crashes and fatalities to reconstruct the incident as it occurred. Officers have quarterly accident investigation training. Several officers also attended advanced reconstruction courses through local training organizations. The department's accident investigation unit supervisor obtained state level certification as an accident reconstructionist.

School resource officers that are assigned to the three high schools also provide direct education to students about traffic safety and safe driving choices. This includes drug and alcohol instruction as well as driver's education related material. The goal is to impact the next generation of motorists to encourage sound driving choices.

Training Unit

Constitutional Rights and Response to Resistance

The Department acknowledges the need for skilled officers to have a solid understanding of both Constitutional knowledge surrounding civil rights as well as how to appropriately respond to physical resistance. Due to this important topic, every officer receives ongoing training throughout the year through multiple channels. Each month, officers receive policy and legal discussion training and are tested on the material to assure retention. Several more extensive blocks of instruction are also provided at key times during the year.

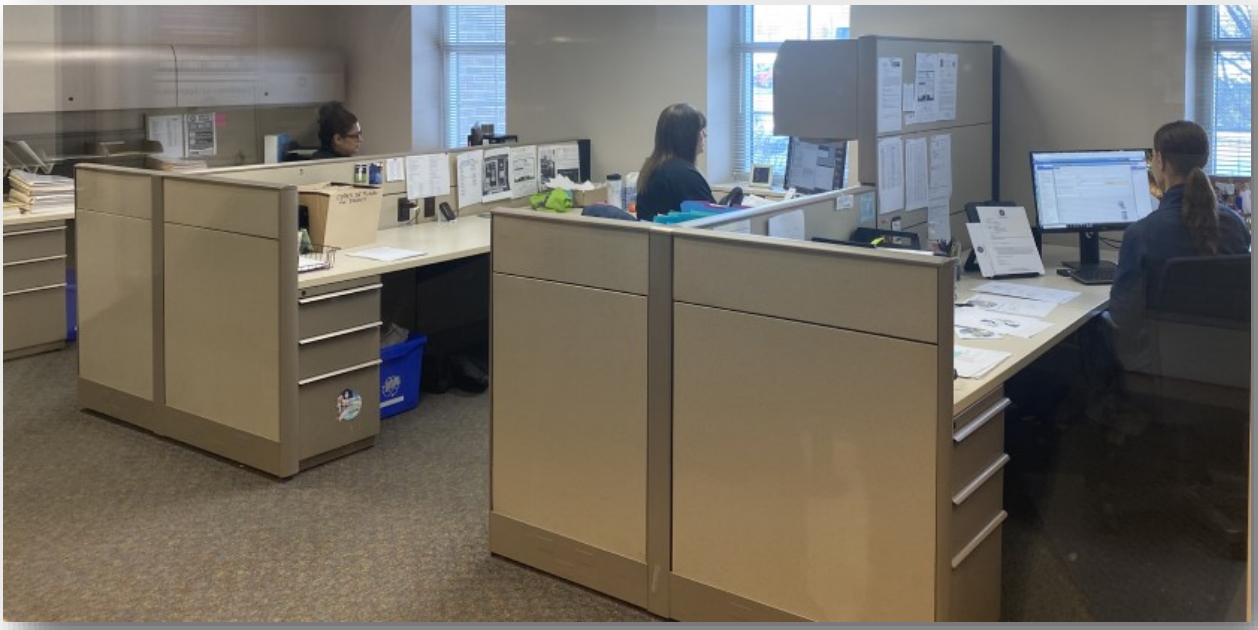
On the practical side, officers are also put through strenuous scenario based training, where real life law enforcement cases are selected from local and national incidents. Officer are required to dissect and work though these scenarios to make sound, split second decisions. Officers are able to hone their skills, using their tools ranging from verbal de-escalation skills all the way up to rapid response for deadly encounters and critical incidents.



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. The Records Unit hired two new employees in 2019: Inez Correa and Sherry McCoy.

The Records Unit is responsible for non-emergency phone calls and citizens arriving at the police department seeking assistance. The records unit processes and maintains 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 *Central Square* which has field based reporting that enables all data from reports generated in the field to be sent into RMS. RMS is utilized for looking up information and statistical reporting. *AVRS* is an automated accident reporting system that has online report downloads for citizens and insurance companies. The Records Unit 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.

Safety Committee

The goal of the Police Department Safety Committee is to create a safe and healthy workplace for all employees through awareness, training, and employee involvement. There are sworn and non-sworn members representing the Patrol Unit, Criminal Investigations Unit, Support Services, and Administration serving on the committee. The committee utilizes risk management procedures to identify areas within the Department where improvements can be made.

The 2019 goals and objectives of the Police Department Safety Committee were:

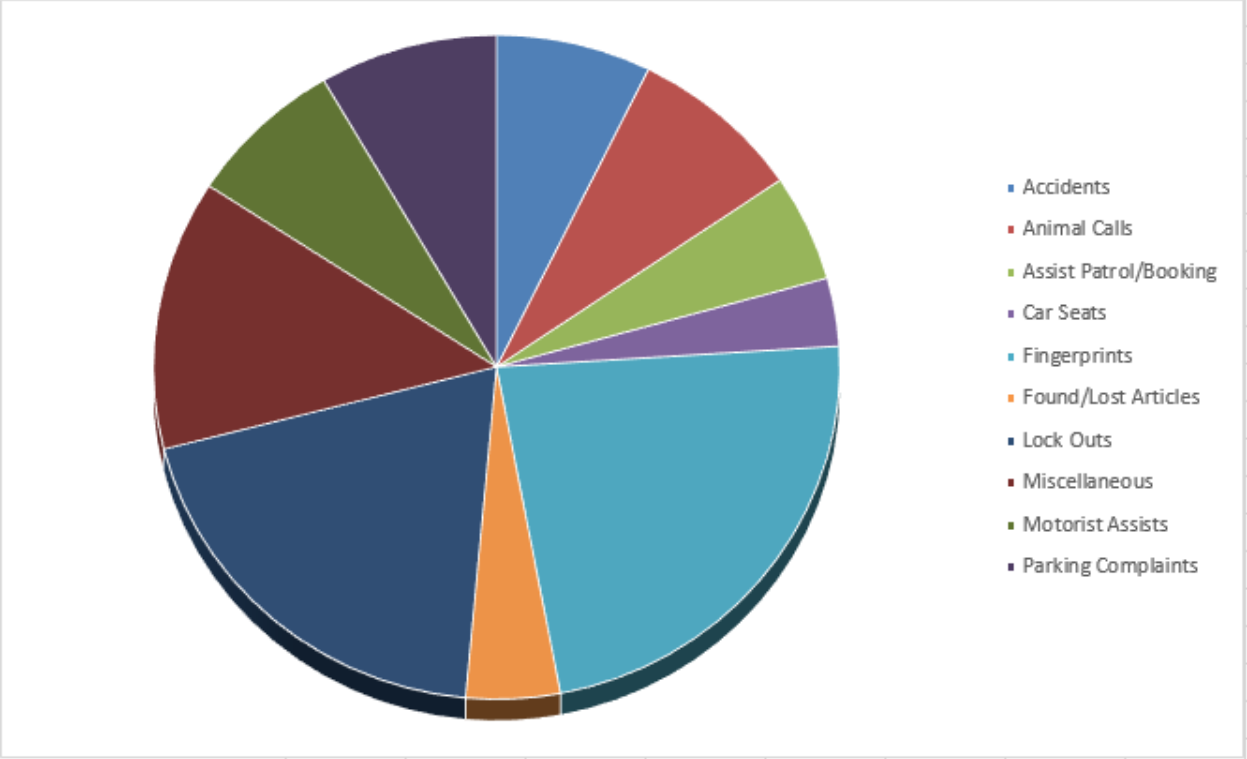
- Provide monthly education on safety related topics to Department employees
- Forward feedback from the committee to the Command Staff for review
- Decreasing the amount and severity of injuries to employees
- Lowering the amount of incidents involving damage to property and equipment

The committee meets every month to discuss any incidents involving loss of personnel due to injury or property due to damage. The incidents are studied, root causes are identified, and preventability is established. The incident reviews result in determining if any trends or patterns are present and stimulates recommendations on workplace improvements or practices likely to reduce or eliminate such events from repeatedly occurring. In 2019, the Police Department Safety Committee reviewed 15 incidents. The rate of occurrence in 2019 was slightly higher than 2018.



Community Service Officers

The Crystal Lake Police Department currently employs four civilian Community Service Officers (CSOs) one of which is the Departments Evidence Custodian. Though they are not sworn officers and do not have the authority to arrest, they are vital and contribute greatly to the organization. They are assigned to the Support Services Unit. The CSO's 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.



Other areas of duty are the inspection of 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 other incidents. They also assist the Records Unit with various tasks. The CSO assigned as the department's evidence custodian has the primary responsibility of managing all of the department's evidence. This includes logging and storing all evidence, destroying evidence when applicable, and releasing evidence.

During 2019, our Community Service Officers handled 904 calls for service and assisted on many more. They also issued 2007 parking citations.

Accreditation

CALEA Accreditation is a voluntary process and participating public safety agencies, by involvement, have demonstrated a commitment to professionalism. The program is intended to enhance organization service capacities and effectiveness, serve as a tool for policy decisions and management, promote transparency and community trust, and establish a platform for continuous review.

CALEA Accreditation is the Gold Standard for Public Safety Agencies and represents a commitment to excellence. In 2019, the Crystal Lake Police Department completed its four-year accreditation requirement. At that time, CALEA Compliance Services Members remotely reviewed 80 standards for the agency. These standards included specific time-sensitive issues, as well as all standards applicable to the agency by size and function.

The final step in the re-accreditation process is the site assessment. The site-based assessment began on October 14th and concluded on October 17th, 2019. The Crystal Lake Police Department provided access to files for the assessment team to review the standards related to four focus areas as well as agency policies and practices, the agency's web page, social media platforms and the Internet.

The Crystal Lake Police Department was notified that it successfully completed the re-accreditation process and would receive its third CALEA Law Enforcement Accreditation in March of 2020.

Property and Evidence Unit

The Crystal Lake Police 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 that of the Department's evidence custodian. There is also a backup to the position of evidence custodian, generally a second CSO. The evidence custodian is responsible for managing the Department's evidence room where all evidence seized, received, or found by officers. The evidence custodian guarantees the property is properly labeled, packaged, and placed in a secure location until it is released or disposed of in accordance with State and Federal Laws and Department Policies. The evidence custodian also collaborates with the States Attorney's Office, Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms, Labs in Rockford and Chicago, and many other outside vendors. In 2019, there was a 16% decrease in number of items collected and a 78% decrease in the number of items purged. In addition to managing the evidence room, the evidence custodian also handles hundreds of requests from officers, submitting reports, and assisting the Records Unit in fulfilling subpoena requests.

Community Relations



The Police Department's Mission Statement and Core Values creates an important guidance between the interaction and communication with residents, businesses, schools, and the Police Department. The Crystal Lake Community Relations Officer continued to maintain those values and played an important role within the community. As the Police Community Relations Officer, Officer Sal Alfano provided assistance to the community that would enhance the professional service and quality of life to those we serve.

Officer Alfano is responsible for the Volunteers in Police Services (VIPs) program. He also provides drug and safety presentations, and tours of the facility for our schools or local groups. Officer Alfano continued visiting elementary schools in District 47 to read books to classes that were selected by the students and staff.

Officer Alfano continues to be an active member of the McHenry County Suicide Prevention Task Force, McHenry County Safe Kids Coalition, McHenry County Police Charities, McHenry County Substance Abuse Coalition, and The Task Force on Aging. The PCRO is the primary liaison between the Crystal Lake CrimeStoppers board and the Police Department.

Some of the events/programs involved or facilitated by Officer Alfano during the 2019 calendar year were:

- Child Passenger Seat Events
- National Night Out
- Western Illinois' Law Enforcement Career Fair
- Lewis University Career Fair
- Crystal Lake Central High School Career Fair
- Prairie Ridge High School Career Fair
- University of Wisconsin-Platteville Career Fair
- Texas Roadhouse Torch Run Lunch Benefit
- Cop on Rooftop
- Truck-or-Treat
- Protect Yourself against Gift Card Scams
- Drug Take-Back Event
- Bicycle Safety and Laws presentation
- Johnny Appleseed
- Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Kick-off

Special Events

Back to School Backpack Program- On August 15th, the Department hosted its 4th annual Back-to-School Backpack event. The event was designed to assist parents or caregivers with relieving the financial stress and burden associated with purchasing backpacks and school supplies. The Department, in partnership with School District 47 and Crystal Lake Target, was able to provide the basic necessities including back-packs to the families that were identified by District 47's Lunch program.



Crystal Lake Plaza Family Fun Event- On October 26th, Officer Alfano attended the annual event held at Crystal Lake Plaza. The event provides a safer alternative for Halloween Trick or Treating. A marked squad car was put on display for the kids and parents as the PCRO distributed bags of Halloween treats to the children.

Read a Book-The PCRO visited the Crystal Lake Public Library to read a police related book to District 47 students after being let out of school early.

Special Events

Shop with a Cop- Fifteen 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.

Citizen Police Academy-
From September 5th, 2019, to November 14th, 2019, the Department hosted Citizen Police Academy Class 19-01. 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 area of Criminal Justice. The series of classes taught in the program included: Arrest, Search and Seizure, Vehicle Code, Criminal Code, Patrol Operations and DUI.

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, public service announcement videos were shared as well as signs posted around the City reminding citizens to safely share the road with school buses, pedestrians and bicyclists.

Family Night of Reading- On March 1st, the community relations officer and other officers participated in Read across America at Indian Prairie School. The event brought in guest readers of various professions/careers in the community.

Newsletter-
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:

Safe New Year Message; Gift card Scams; Traffic Safety; Law Enforcement Torch Run; National Social Work Month; National Crime Victims' Rights Week; Special Olympics Reminder; Water Quality Report; Upcoming Events- Texas Roadhouse Benefit Lunch; Citizen Police Academy; Independence Day; Coffee with the Chief; National Night Out; Back-to-School Safety; New Distractive Driving Law; National Bullying Prevention Month; Honoring All Who Served; Think-sgiving Safety; Winter Safety Tips.


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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.

Narcotics Arrest:

Department Commendation presented to Officer Josh Beveridge.

Officer Beveridge was on routine patrol when he observed a vehicle commit several traffic violations. He conducted a traffic stop and during the course of the stop, he detected the odor of cannabis coming from within the vehicle. He conducted a search of the vehicle and found the driver to be in possession of cannabis drug paraphernalia and the passenger to be in possession of seventeen (17) THC vape cartridges having a gross weight of over 200 grams, as well as over $1500.00 in small denominations.

The passenger was arrested and brought to the Temporary Detention Facility, where Officer Beveridge further developed his investigation by conducting an interview with the suspect who admitted to purchasing the cartridges to sell to other people. Based on this interview, he was granted felony approval for the charge of Unlawful Possession of Cannabis with the Intent to Deliver and a misdemeanor charge of Unlawful Possession of Cannabis. The $1500 was also seized pursuant to the Cannabis Control Asset Forfeiture Act.

Officer Beveridge is to be recognized for his self-initiated actions in this investigation. Through his initiative and hard work, he conducted a traffic stop and further developed probable cause to search the vehicle based on the plain smell doctrine and located the items of contraband.

Department Awards

Narcotics Arrest:

Department Commendation presented to Officer Jeremy Beasley and Officer Peter Lewandowski.

Officers Lewandowski and Beasley were on routine patrol when they observed a vehicle commit several traffic violations. They conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and observed a bottle of beer in plain view and recognized the driver to be under 21 years old. They continued the investigation by interviewing the driver and seized approximately two ounces of cannabis. Upon conducting a vehicle search, they seized the following items:

- Separately packaged baggies of cannabis (64 grams)
- Ketamine (2.2 grams)
- Psilocybin Mushrooms (5.6 grams)
- LSD (68 tabs)
- MDMA (2.4 grams)
- Numerous items of drug paraphernalia/packaging materials
- Over $750.00 USC
- $200.00 in counterfeit currency

Officer Lewandowski and Officer Beasley are to be recognized for their self-initiated actions in this investigation. Through their initiative and hard work, they conducted a traffic stop and further developed probable cause to search the vehicle based on plain view and interview techniques and located narcotics and contraband.

While the suspect was in custody, they continued their investigation by interviewing the suspect, who confessed to selling narcotics to supplement his income which allowed the State's Attorney's Office to approve the charges of Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance, Unlawful Delivery of a Controlled Substance, Unlawful Possession of Cannabis and Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia as well as seizing over $750.00 in USC under the Cannabis Control and Controlled Substances Asset Forfeiture Act. The interview also produced suspect information for the person allegedly responsible for passing counterfeit currency in the County.

Department Awards

Chronic Nuisance Abatement:

Department Commendation presented to Officers Dennis Meyer, Bill Kitsis, Dominika Wawrzyniak, Lisa Tietz, Jeremy Beasley, Adam Danowski, Kris Krol, Matt Smith, Alex Laub

Over the past two years, this department took on the task of addressing a downtown bar that was determined to be a Chronic Nuisance Property. The bar was regularly the center of police activity, to include: Fights, Drugs, Underage Consumption, Disorderly Conduct, and Trespassing. These midnight shift officers worked to deter and disrupt any criminal activity that would affect the safety of the patrons, staff and the community. The officers often dealt with obnoxious, unruly intoxicated subjects but always remained professional. They were constantly vigilant in breaking up disputes before they turned physical, as well as assisting patrons who had too much to drink and needed safe transportation home. These officers are to be commended for their efforts in reducing criminal activity at this location in order to preserve the quality of life for the downtown business community, without being deterred by the elements or negative aspects of some of the patrons.

Aggravated Battery/Stabbing:

Department Commendation presented to Sergeants Ryan Coutre and Dan Porzezinski, Officers Adam Munaretto, Al Sindaravicius, Josh Beveridge, Joey Spino

Crystal Lake Police responded to a stabbing incident in October. Two victims received life threatening wounds. One victim received such a severe laceration that his intestine was protruding from his abdomen. Sgt. Coutre, Officer Munaretto and Beveridge, without hesitation, began applying their knowledge of trauma aid to the victims. Officers Sindaravicius assisted them with medical equipment and scene management. Working within a chaotic scene and several distraught witnesses, Officers Sindaravicius and Beveridge relayed crucial suspect information to the dispatch center. Based on this information, Officer Spino located a potential suspect vehicle, and after observing suspicious mannerisms by the driver, he began the process to conduct a high risk stop and was backed up by Sgt. Porzezinski. The offender was taken into custody without incident. These officers should be commended for their professionalism, supervision and immediate actions which aided in the survival of the victims and capture of their assailant.

Department Awards

Hit and Run:

Department Commendation presented to Officers Dave Lang, Jeremy Beasley, Adam Danowski, Alex Laub

Afternoon and Midnight Shift officers were dispatched to a single vehicle traffic crash in the 700 block of Dartmoor Drive where two occupants exited the vehicle and fled on foot. Arriving officers secured the area and began looking for the suspects. Computer records indicated the registered owner lived one block away and a cell phone located on the passenger floor identified the passenger.

Officers Lang and Beasley went to the residence where they made contact with the passenger, who they caught trying to flee in the back yard. He was subsequently arrested for Unlawful Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor. An adult male in the residence provided false alibis for both the driver and passenger. While in custody, the passenger suspect confessed to his involvement and identified the driver. Officer Danowski collected evidence, witness statements and processed the scene. Officer Laub obtained video footage of the two suspects at a nearby convenience store just several minutes before the crash. Officer Laub also had a photo line-up conducted, in which a witness positively identified the driver.

During the course of this investigation, the suspect driver claimed he was in Rockford the entire night, which was disputed by cell phone pings. The suspect also implicated his girlfriend as the driver of the vehicle and the she later came to CLPD and provided false statements during a recorded interview and submitted a written statement. The subject who was originally arrested for Unlawful Consumption also came back to CLPD and provided false statements during a recorded interview and submitted a written statement.

All of these officers should be recognized for their teamwork, tenacity, utilization of available resources, conducting investigative interviews and providing thorough documentation. This lead to the original suspect driver along with three of his accomplices being charged with multiple felony counts of Obstructing Justice and DC/ Filing a False Police Report, as well as the driver being charged with Leaving the Scene of an Accident, Driving While License Revoked and related traffic crash offenses.

Department Awards

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.

Armed Subject:

Department Medal of Valor presented to Officers Eric Stopka, Kurt Majzner, Phil Lloyd-Mietus, Peter Lewandowski.

These officers were dispatched to a report of a male subject with mental health issues walking about the residence while armed with a knife. Officers responded and tried to make contact but there was no answer at the door. While still trying to make contact, the officers heard the sounds of a physical altercation and someone yelling for help. Officers Mazjner and Lloyd-Mietus forced the door open and entered, followed by Officers Stopka and Lewandowski.

The officers observed a struggle between two adult males, one of them still armed with a knife. Officer Lloyd-Mietus discharged his taser and incapacitated the subject with the knife, who was quickly subdued and restrained by officers. The victim, who had been stabbed and was bleeding profusely from a wound to his upper chest area, was taken to safety by Officer Lewandowski, who began first aid treatment until paramedics arrived. While the suspect was in police custody, he attacked Officer Stopka and successfully removed his taser from his vest. Officer Stopka quickly took control of the suspect, causing the suspect to fall to the floor where he was subdued.

These officers are to be recognized for their quick reactions by recognizing the exigent circumstances following information of an armed mentally ill suspect. By forcing entry and immediately incapacitating the suspect, their actions contributed to saving the victim from further harm while quickly taking control of the suspect, knowing the suspect was armed with a knife and a danger to the victim as well as the officers. Furthermore, Officer Stopka is to be recognized for his quick thinking and reaction when the suspect committed a battery against him and he promptly incapacitated the suspect so he could be restrained. Neither the officers or the suspect sustained any injuries as a result of their measured response.

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 Adam Danowski**
- **Officer Mike Jedlicka**
- **Officer Eric Stopka**

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.

Traffic Enforcement is an important component of our participation in the Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge, therefore these officers are recognized for their efforts related to traffic safety.

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 Phil Lloyd-Mietus for leading the Department in the issuance of speeding citations.

Distracted Driving Enforcement:

Chief's Distinguished Service Award presented to Officer Ingrid Pinto 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

Homicide:

Chief's Distinguished Service Award presented to Commander Ron Joseph, Sergeant Mike Gasparaitis, Detectives Frank Houlihan, Dave Eitel, Jason Duncan, Dimitri Boulahanis, Russ Will, Jeff Mattson, Officers Chris Sanders, Zac Morse, Scott Torkelson and Mike Maloney.

On the morning of April 18th,2019, the parents of Andrew "AJ" Freund reported him missing. Crystal Lake Police Investigations Unit worked with the FBI over the next six days and located the victim in Woodstock. Both parents were charged with Homicide in conjunction with his death.

Commander Ron Joseph provided overall direction with the criminal investigation while working with several outside agencies. Detective Sergeant Mike Gasparaitis supervised several search warrants, supervised burial site recovery efforts and served as Department Liaison with assisting outside agencies. Detective Frank Houlihan conducted the execution of search warrants at the residence, secured and processed evidence, conducted suspect interviews.

Detective Dave Eitel, the case agent, conducted interviews on both suspects, worked with the FBI to interview the suspects and was present during the confession. Detective Jason Duncan was instrumental in conducting search warrants on social media, vehicles and the residence. Detective Dimitri Boulahanis conducted interviews of the suspects and conducted stationary surveillance. Detective Russ Will conducted stationary surveillance on the suspects residence and transported the suspects to CLPD headquarters. Detective Jeff Mattson conducted stationary surveillance of the suspects residence and transported the suspect to CLPD headquarters.

Officer Chris Sanders assisted with execution of search warrants and collection/ processing of evidence. Officer Zac Morse assisted with execution of search warrants and collection/processing of evidence. Officer Scott Torkelson assisted with execution of search warrants and collection/processing of evidence. Officer Mike Maloney was instrumental with presenting search warrants for social media and obtained video from subpoena return that provided the ability to set forth a final strategy for solving the case.

Department Awards

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.

Structure Fire:

Department Lifesaving Award presented to Sergeant Doherty, Officers Meyer, Krol, Danowski, Smith, Green.

On July 17th, 2019, at 0302 hours, Crystal Lake officers and the Crystal Lake Fire Rescue were dispatched to a reported structure fire at a multi-residence condominium. Upon arrival to the scene, smoke and visible flames could be seen coming from the second floor at the west section of the dwelling consisting of 19 individual units.

Officers immediately entered the complex which was filling up rapidly with smoke on the second and first floor, working together on evacuation efforts with limited visibility. The responding officers made contact with every single unit on the first floor, knocking on doors and subsequently forcing open doors after receiving no verbal response. Several residents were located sleeping and were unaware that the building was on fire as no fire alarms were observed activated. Communication was made with Crystal Lake Fire Rescue to enter the second floor to work on evacuating efforts due to heavy smoke. Every unit on the second floor was checked and residents were escorted out safely. Once contact was made, the residents were escorted to a nearby building to seek refuge. No fatalities or injuries were reported to either of the residents or the officers as a result of their evacuation efforts.

Once this complex was verified to be completely vacant, the officers went over to work with Crystal Lake Fire Rescue at the neighboring complex directly west, also consisting of 19 units and began evacuating tenants from this location. The officers from both departments were able to make contact with every unit to evacuate the building. Each officer during this investigation displayed a tremendous amount of courage and fortitude entering the burning complex which was rapidly filling up with smoke, working together as a team and communicating effectively to get every person out safely.

Officers should be commended for their bravery, tenaciousness and ability to work as a team to rescue several citizens, bringing them to safety in an orderly and timely manner. The officers demonstrated a professional, urgent, and tireless work ethic during the course of this investigation. The officers' bravery and tenacity should be considered a benchmark for other agencies and law enforcement officers to emulate.

Department Awards

Choking Victim:

Department Lifesaving Award presented to Officers Al Sindaravicius.

Officer Sindaravicius responded to a choking subject. Upon arrival, he was escorted to a 55 years of age female, who was still choking. A family member and a restaurant employee unsuccessfully attempted the Heimlich. Officer Sindaravicius took over the administration of the Heimlich maneuver, and after several tries was able to dislodge what appeared to be pieces of chicken meat. The female was transported to a local hospital for further treatment, and later released.

Aggravated Battery/Stabbing:

Department Lifesaving Award Presented to Sergeant Coutre, Officer Munaretto, Officer Sindaravicius and Officer Beveridge.

Crystal Lake Police responded to a stabbing incident in October. Two victims received life threatening wounds. One victim received such a severe laceration that his intestine was protruding from his abdomen. Sgt. Coutre, Officer Munaretto and Beveridge, without hesitation, began applying their knowledge of trauma aid to the victims. Officers Sindaravicius assisted them with medical equipment and scene management. The actions of these officers help saved the lives of the victims.

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 Life Saving Award presented to Marshall and Briana Alexander

While on their way home, Marshall Alexander and his wife, Briana Alexander, observed the aftermath of a traffic crash. They pulled over and observed an unconscious male subject and a severely injured female subject. Briana began to administer CPR to the male, then Marshall took over life saving attempts while Briana tended to the female victim until emergency responders arrived.

2018/2019 Comparison

RECORDS UNIT		
Operating Indicators By Function	**2018**	**2019**
Incident Reports Processed	5542	4898
Crash Reports Processed	1826	1790
Supplemental Reports Processed	1823	1627
Temporary Detention Reports	811	703
Subpoenas Processed	146	163
Freedom of Information Act Requests	536	610
Expungements	39	42
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT		
Operating Indicators By Function	**2018**	**2019**
% Cases Cleared	50%	49%
Total Cases Cleared	159	169
Total Cases Assigned	315	377
-Missing Juveniles	2	6
-Burglary - Residence	15	18
-Burglary - Vehicle	30	33
-Burglary - Commercial	16	8
-Criminal Damage Property	14	7
-Armed Robbery / Robbery	8	10
-Criminal Sexual Abuse/Assault Cases	15	26
-Death Investigations	14	19
-Homicide (incl. Drug Induced)/Attempted Murder	1	4
-Stolen Vehicles	4	3
-Theft Cases	54	47
-Financial Crimes	81	65

2018/2019 Comparison

EVIDENCE UNIT		
Operating Indicators By Function	**2018**	**2019**
Number of items in Evidence	15515	12467
Items of Property Received	3283	2765
Items of Property Purged	1303	286
- Items Destroyed	705	124
- Items Returned to Owner	374	153
- Items Auctioned	37	0
- Items Retained by Police (photos/documents)	101	1
- Items Turned Over to Another Agency	82	15
- Items Turned Over to Finance	4	7
PATROL UNIT		
Operating Indicators By Function	**2018**	**2019**
Warrants Served	52	62
Calls for Service	26510	27450
Online Reports	10	31
Arrests of Suspended/Revoked Driver's	131	112
Arrests of Driver's with No Valid Driver's License	36	47
Traffic Citations Issued	4098	4182
Warning Citations Issued	5839	6577
Traffic Stops	7813	8788
Arrests (Adult total)	765	690
Arrests (Juvenile total)	89	79
DUI Arrests	97	104
Drug Offenses	252	229
Vehicles Impounded (Administrative)	115	125
Police Directed Tows	636	620
Ordinance Citations Issued	597	451
Parking Citations Issued	2339	3228

2018/2019 Comparison

TRAFFIC CRASHES REPORTED - INVESTIGATED		
Operating Indicators By Function	**2018**	**2019**
Total Crash Reports Taken	1826	1790
Property Damage Only	1591	1563
Personal Injury Crashes	234	226
Private Property Crashes	499	441
Hit and Run Crashes	262	97
Fatalities	1	1
A-I Crashes Investigation	1	1
COMMUNITY RELATIONS		
Operating Indicators By Function	**2018**	**2019**
Community Presentations	42	48
Expos Attended	6	4
Car Seat Installations	88	50
Car Seat Check Events Hosted	4	1
TRAINING UNIT		
Operating Indicators By Function	**2018**	**2019**
Total Training Hours	13105	8721
Patrol Officer Recruits Trained	8	2
Internships	3	5
Hosted Outside Training	20	22
Ride Alongs	28	44