Crystal Lake Police Department

Annual Report 2020




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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 2020 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 and public safety.

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. We embrace the ability to collaborate with members of our community.

Trust and collaboration 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 quest to provide excellent police service that will allow us to meet performance benchmarks and the continued 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 you have any questions after 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,

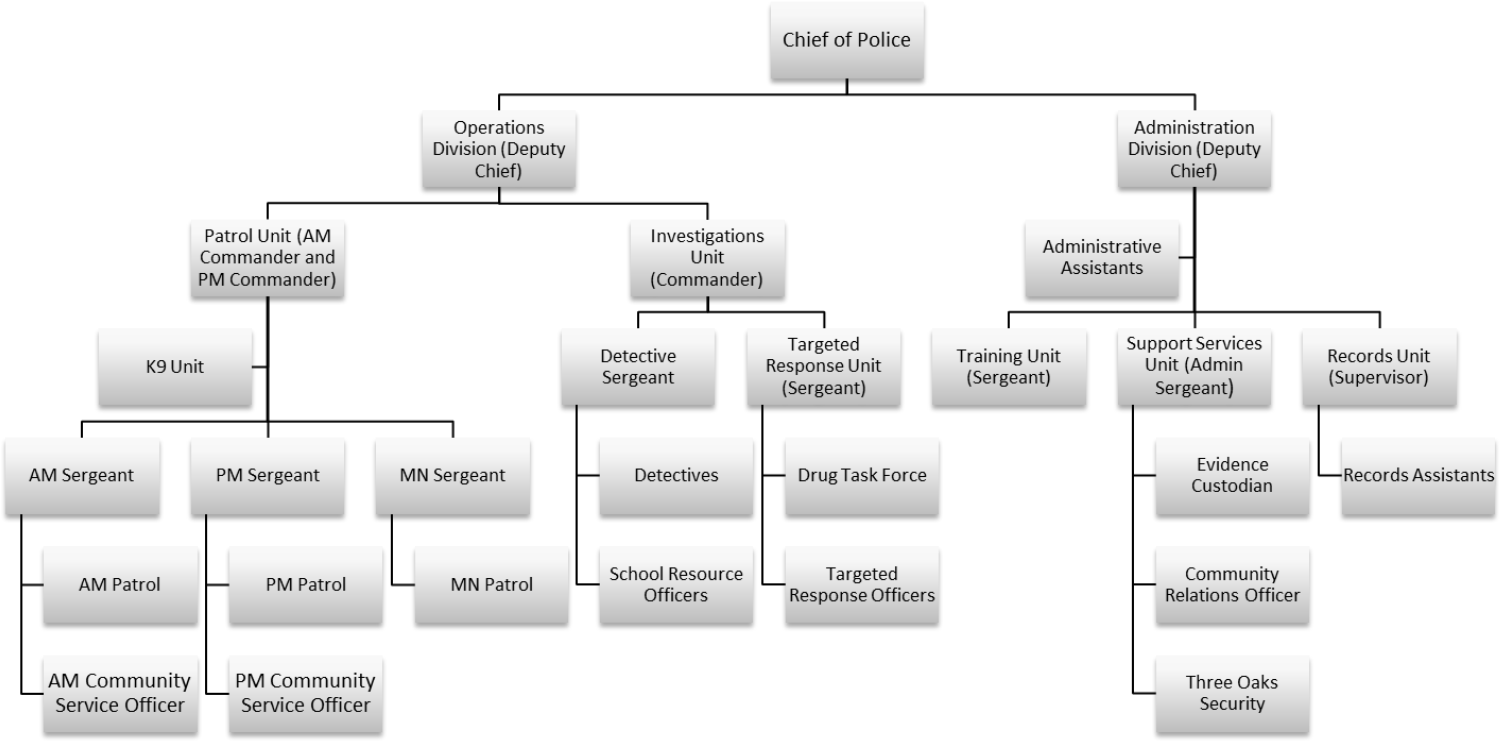
my character or the public trust.

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.”

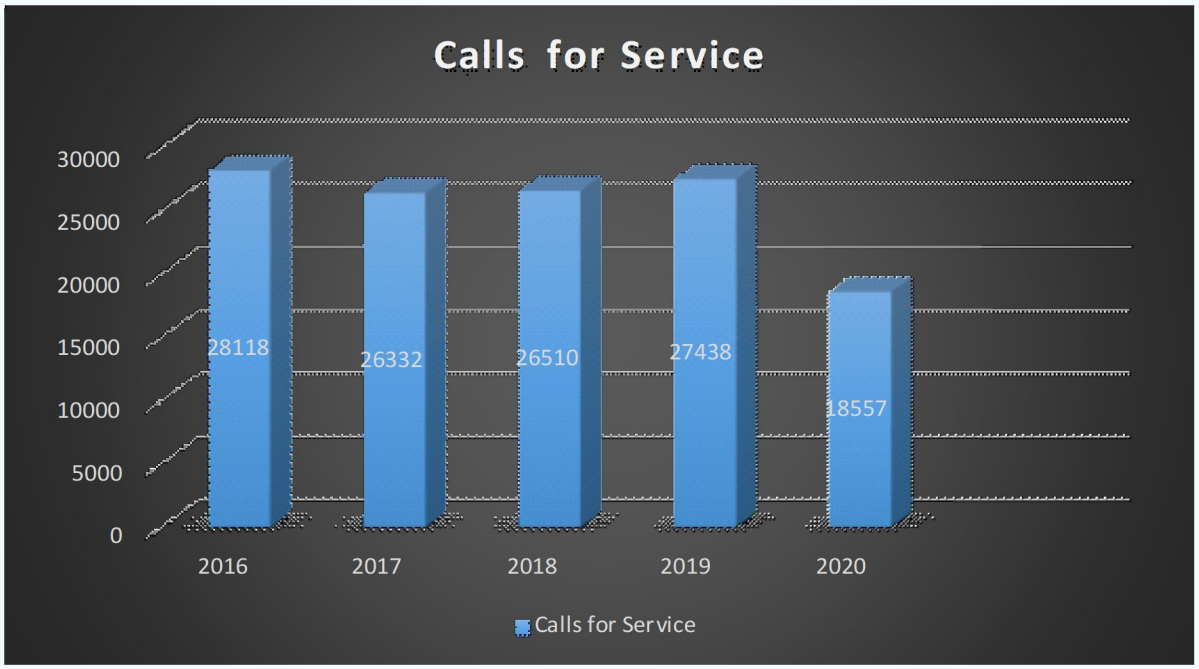
Organizational Chart




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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-four 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 2020, the Police Department provided services during 18,557 calls, which was a 32% decrease from 2019, an average of 51 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 2020, officers were assigned 177 follow–up investigations to make certain 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

The Police Department educates citizens and motorists to increase traffic safety. Our Department employs numerous methods to achieve this objective, to 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.

Engineering

The Police Department is represented on the City of Crystal Lake's Traffic Safety Committee by a Patrol Commander. The Committee studies traffic-related issues and decides appropriate courses of action. Those resolutions have included amending roadway engineering, posting additional signage, initiating directed Police Department enforcement, and implementing a traffic calming strategy.

Enforcement

The Police Department enforces the Illinois Vehicle Code to decrease vehicle crashes and the injuries associated with them. Additionally, the Department participates in the Illinois Department of Transportation's Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP). The STEP campaigns are scheduled for when crashes involving alcohol and unrestrained occupants statistically occur the most. In 2020, the Department participated in five campaigns where 209 traffic stops were conducted. Those traffic stops resulted in 207 citations and 24 warnings issued. The Department was not involved in five additional campaigns due to the pandemic.



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MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: October 19th, 2020

Contact: Deputy Chief Kotlowski **Email:** tkotlowski@crystallake.org

Phone: (815) 356-3730 **Department:** Crystal Lake Police Department

Don't be haunted by scary decisions – drive sober

Crystal Lake is stepping up enforcement of impaired driving, distracted driving, speeding and occupant protection enforcement for Halloween

Crystal Lake, IL – While Halloween celebrations may be different this year, many ghosts and ghouls will still be on the "haunt" for a frighteningly good time. The Crystal Lake Police Department today reminded motorists of the importance of planning for a sober ride home before the scares start and keeping watch for little goblins walking along roads after dark.



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Date: March 13, 2020 **Time:** 2:30pm

Contact: Deputy Chief Hyrkas **Email:** dhyrkas@crystallake.org

Phone: (815) 356-3767 **Department:** Crystal Lake Police Department

Help Keep Crystal Lake Streets Safe This St. Patrick's Day Weekend– Drive Sober or get Pulled Over

Widely celebrated across the country, St. Patrick's Day is one of the deadliest holidays due to the number of drunk drivers on the road. Drunk driving kills more than 10,000 people each year in our country, and each of those deaths is preventable. This weekend through St. Patrick's Day, the Crystal Lake Police Department will deploy additional officers to look for and arrest drunk drivers. If you plan on celebrating, we offer the following cautionary advice: "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over!" We will also be stepping up our seat belt enforcement efforts, particularly at night when seat belt usage rates are lowest.

The Crystal Lake Police Department recommends designating a sober driver and not letting friends and family

Traffic Safety

Enforcement

In 2020, the Crystal Lake Police Department arrested 91 people for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and/or Drugs. During that same period, 67 previous DUI cases were adjudicated within the court system. 2020 showed the highest DUI conclusion rate of the past 3 years, with 91% of the cases handled ending with a finding of guilty. Likewise, the percentage of served summary suspensions increased from 87% for 2019 to 94% for 2020.

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 2020, the following Crystal Lake officers achievements deserve recognition and were submitted to AAIM for their outstanding DUI enforcement efforts:

- Officer Al Sindaravicius
- Officer Peter Lewandowski
- Officer Jesus Gonzalez
- Officer Nate Tooley

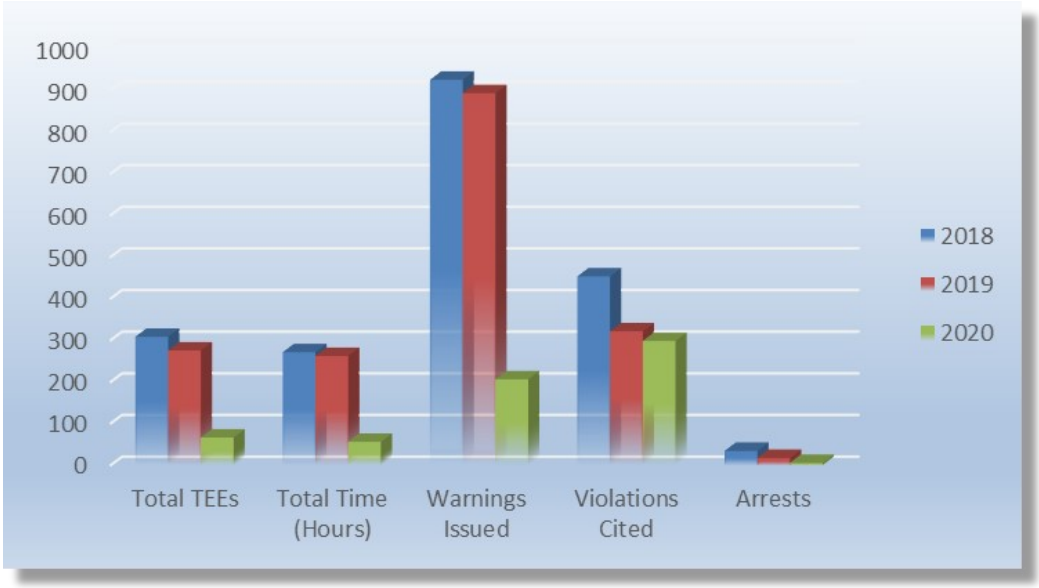


Traffic Safety

Additional Traffic Enforcement Efforts

Throughout the year the Police Department conducted Traffic Enforcement Efforts (TEEs) in order to reduce the amount of traffic collisions and inspire motorists to drive safely. The locations of those efforts were chosen from collision data analysis, observations of potential problem areas made by officers, and notifications from concerned citizens. Typically, TEEs are also initiated in school zones to increase safety and driver awareness in these vital areas. While conducting TEEs, officers enforce violations of the Illinois Vehicle Code that are recognized to be significant factors in traffic crashes and crash-related injuries. In 2020, the Police Department conducted 66 TEEs, totaling approximately 56 hours of specialized enforcement.

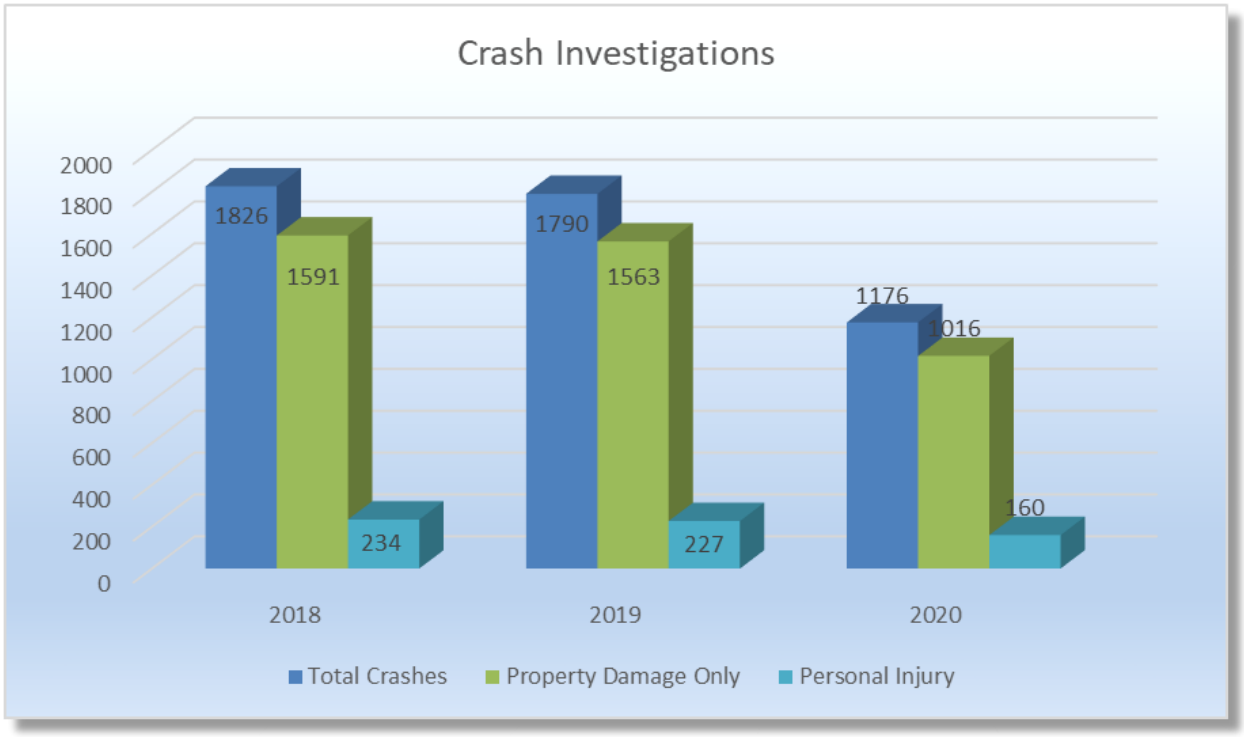




Traffic Crashes

The Police Department utilizes the AVRS electronic crash reporting system to document traffic collisions. The AVRS system data affords employees the ability to study crash data more competently. The analysis of the crash data typically results in determining geographic locations where more crashes are occurring. The Police Department can then establish a strategy to efficiently deploy resources with the objective of reducing preventable crashes at those locations.

The total number of traffic crashes decreased 34% in 2020 when compared to 2019. The Department also experienced a 30% decrease in crashes that resulted in injury. Unfortunately, the Accident Investigation Team investigated three crashes that resulted in a fatality in 2020. The cause of each fatal crash was determined to not be a result of highway engineering or education.




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2020 Traffic Safety Challenge



For the seventh 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.

Officers dedicated a significant amount of time towards achieving a reduction in traffic crash injuries and fatalities through the enforcement of the four identified safety priorities. As a result of the Department's efforts and dedicated effort to reduce traffic crashes and injuries, the Crystal Lake Police Department was awarded first place in the 66-100 sworn officers category.



Investigations Unit

Many calls for service require additional in-depth attention and specialized skills in order to resolve properly. Collectively, the members of the Investigations Unit have the training and experience to manage even the most complex cases that our community experiences. The Investigations Unit includes six detectives, three school resource officers, one task force agent assigned to DEA Rockford, one Detective Sergeant and one Unit Commander.

2020 Notable Investigations

Felony Retail Theft:
Several retail thefts were reported by the Crystal Lake Menards which had occurred between May and July of 2020. These incidents were not reported at the time of occurrence. Once the cases were assigned to investigations, a close analysis of video evidence was conducted. Unique features of both the offender and their vehicle were disseminated between surrounding law enforcement entities and the first lead was developed. This information allowed the investigator to obtain positive photo identifications on multiple retail thefts which lead to the offender's arrest for multiple Felony Retail Thefts. Information obtained during this investigation also assisted other jurisdictions.

Homicide:
On March 17th, 2020, after responding to a suspicious person call, it was determined by patrol units that a violent battery had most likely occurred between several homeless subjects camping in the area. Utilizing all possible staff, several interviews were conducted as well as a complete search of the area for the missing subject, potential evidence, and witnesses. Ultimately the deceased body of the victim was located in a local body of water. A meticulous search of the crime scene revealed a violent struggle occurred and several items of evidence were collected from various locations at the water's edge and a nearby campsite. At the culmination of the investigation, three subjects were charged with multiple offenses to include First Degree Murder, Concealing a Homicide, Robbery and Mob Action.

Child Luring:
On January 14th, 2020, a juvenile reported that an unknown subject asked her to get into his vehicle while she waited for her school bus. A possible suspect was eventually developed, identified, and interviewed following a thorough investigation, which included the creation of a facial composite, interviewing several juveniles, and surveillance of the area. Through a successful interview with the suspect and gaining consent to search his cellular phone and residence, it was confirmed that the suspect was a ride sharing driver who was in the area to legitimately pick up a fare.

2020 Notable Investigations

Child Endangerment:
On August 12th, 2020, a mother reported her three year old daughter missing after she came home from work and found the babysitter and her daughter were not there. Through the quick teamwork of the Detectives involved, it was discovered the child was in fact in the custody of the babysitter, who had taken a Metra Train to Chicago. It was also determined the babysitter was with the child on the Metra Train heading back to Crystal Lake. Further investigation revealed the babysitter was a narcotics user and she had taken the child to Chicago so she could purchase more narcotics. Once the Metra Train arrived at the station, the babysitter was located with the child and was taken in to custody for child endangerment and possession of narcotics. The child was returned to her mother without injury.

Production of Child Pornography and Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child:
On February 16th, 2020, the mother of a one year old responded to the Police Department after briefly viewing what she feared to be inappropriate pictures of her daughter and the daughter's father. The interview and description of what she viewed lead to a search warrant of the father's phone. Through the implementation of various electronic preservation letters, search warrants and data retrieval techniques, investigators soon obtained enough evidence to have the suspect charged with multiple Class X felonies. This case culminated with the father barricading himself in his mother in-law's apartment. With the assistance of NIPAS, the suspect eventually surrendered himself to patrol units without further incident.

Aggravated Robbery:
On April 14th, 2020, a juvenile resident of Crystal Lake advised he was the victim of a robbery a few weeks prior over money owed for marijuana. Subpoenas were prepared for the offender's social media accounts for identification. A few days later, one of the subjects returned to the victim's home with a firearm (replica) and was arrested for Disorderly Conduct. An in depth interview of this subject obtained an admission that the robbery incident occurred indicating a second offender was at fault. The investigation revealed the second subject's identification and phone number. An interview with the second subject confirmed his knowledge of the incident but placed blame on the first subject. Once the second subject was identified and photographs were obtained, the victim was able to visually identify him as the offender with the gun. The second subject was charged with Aggravated Robbery and Theft. The first subject was charged with Theft and Disorderly Conduct.

2020 Notable Investigations

Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse:
On August 29th, 2020, while conducting surveillance due to recent criminal damage to property and graffiti reports, an investigator observed a vehicle turn onto a secluded stretch of road and park in a grassy area. He then observed a teenage female and an adult male exit the vehicle. Contact was made with the subjects. The female appeared intoxicated and the subjects' stories did not match. Through the course of several interviews and search warrants to obtain electronic data, the adult male was ultimately charged with Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse, Possession of Child Pornography and Traveling to Meet a Minor.

Predatory Sexual Assault of a Child:
On January 31st 2020, a 12 year old girl disclosed that her mother's boyfriend had forcibly kissed her and made her touch him inappropriately on several occasions between the ages of 9 and 12. Having no physical evidence, the case hinged on the interview of the suspect. The suspect disclosed some details of the incidents in question through the course of several interviews with multiple experienced investigators. The tactful interviews developed the probable cause needed and the State's Attorney's Office approved the charges of Predatory Sexual Assault of a Child and Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse.

Drug Induced Homicide:
On May 7th, 2020, investigators responded to the scene of a deceased 49 year old male subject where the cause of death was suspected to be due to an overdose of heroin. The McHenry County Coroner's report confirmed this suspicion. Over the course of several months, investigators conducted interviews with the deceased's associates, obtained detailed electronic data and physical evidence, which ultimately lead to the successful prosecution of the subject who provided the deceased with the heroin that caused his death.

Narcotics investigation:
In October of 2020, the Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU) obtained narcotics related information pertaining to a residence in the 0-100 block of East Crystal Lake Avenue. Investigators were aware of the residence based on previous narcotic related arrests and search warrants. CIU utilized the assistance of our Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force Officer and initiated a three week long narcotics investigation. During the investigation, two (2) controlled buys were completed with the assistance of a vehicle tracking device. As a result of the investigation, several felony charges were approved subsequent to a residential search warrant. The search warrant was able to produce additional illegal contraband and seized currency.

School Resource Officers

High School District #155 and the Crystal Lake Police Department have a long standing relationship which strives to Educate, Protect and Serve some of Crystal Lake's youngest residents. One School Resource Officer (SRO) is assigned to each of the three High Schools in our community while classes are in session. They work closely with school staff, especially the counselor and Dean of Students. In addition to investigating criminal activity in the schools and their grounds, SROs participate in classroom presentations pertaining to a variety of topics. These include traffic laws, curfew, bullying and domestic violence to name a few.



SROs are integral partners in the development and facilitation of their assigned school's lock-down, evacuation and emergency preparedness programs. The SROs also assist District #47 with their state mandated lock-down drills. As sworn officers, the SROs are considered to be the first line of defense in protecting students and staff against crime and violence.

With the implementation of remote learning due to COVID-19, the SROs' presence in the schools diminished. These dedicated officers, however, were still called upon by school staff for occasional student checks and other SRO related issues which still arose during remote learning. SROs returned to the schools full time as the schools returned to hybrid learning, trying to afford students a sense of normalcy.

Outside the school walls, SROs have varied responsibilities to include case assignments and various projects. Collectively they facilitate the Department's alcohol and tobacco compliance programs. Additionally, like full time investigators, they rotate through the after hour detective on-call list.

Tobacco Compliance Checks

To help protect the health of our children, the Crystal Lake Police Department conducts several tobacco compliance checks throughout the year with the goal to ensure retailers are not selling to under-aged residents. One check was conducted just prior to the COVID-19 restrictions. During that check 30 out of 32 businesses were checked and two sold to underage subjects who were supervised by SROs. These two venders were issued citations.


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K9 Team

In 2020, our K9 team, consisting of Officer Ryan Schack and canine Zeus, completed their second full year on patrol together. Officer Schack continued to ensure 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 was a driving force behind getting all police canines in McHenry County to train together monthly at locations within the county. In furtherance of Zeus's tracking abilities, Officer Schack and Zeus attended a police canine tracking seminar in the spring of 2020. Altogether, Officer Schack and Zeus completed over 250 hours of training in 2020 which led to both successful deployments and passing of an annual, state mandated recertification in October.

Throughout 2020, Zeus was deployed for a variety of incidents, most of which were requests for Zeus 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). Officer Schack deployed Zeus during their normally scheduled tour of duty but was also on call 24/7. During 2020, while off duty, Officer Schack was called out to assist CLPD officers over 20 times. During one of those callouts, Officer Schack utilized Zeus to track a suspect of a domestic battery through less than ideal conditions. Zeus tracked the suspect through wooded and wetland areas, forcing the subject to continue to move to avoid being apprehended. The suspect abandoned the wetland area and was quickly taken into custody by an officer in a perimeter position on a residential street.

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, Kane County Sheriff's Police, and other local police departments. As a result of Zeus being deployed during traffic stops and narcotics investigations (most of which were self-initiated by Officer Schack), numerous felony arrests were made (including a Class X felony and multiple Class 1 and 2 felonies), multiple controlled substances were located, and United States Currency (USC) was seized. Officer Schack and Zeus have quickly developed an excellent reputation amongst local police agencies for being a reliable, hardworking team.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Officer Schack and Zeus were unable to perform public demonstrations for community members/groups or provide assistance to local school districts with demonstrations or school searches for narcotics, as they did in 2019. Officer Schack is looking forward to resuming some type of normalcy in 2021, showcasing Zeus's abilities and educating the public about CLPD's K9 program at future public demonstrations.


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Training Unit

The goal of the Crystal Lake Police Department's Training Unit is to facilitate the highest quality of instruction to agency members and inspire a passion for excellence in policing services. Despite pandemic challenges, 125 different training classes were conducted and over 6400 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 well-rounded curriculum aims to stay at the forefront of the changing world and in compliance with Illinois State mandates.

Basic Academy and Field Training

During 2020, the Department used the Cook County Sheriff's Police Academy to certify its officers through the Illinois Training and Standards Board. The academy is located at the Triton College campus located in River Grove, Illinois. The 560-hour curriculum is traditionally taught in person; however, this year was adapted to a blended online and in-seat curriculum, which continued to function safely within pandemic restrictions. Aspiring officers are challenged physically and mentally to begin their careers in public service. Some of the core courses that are taught are mental health training (including de-escalation), criminal law and patrol tactics.

After graduation from the police academy, Officer Zielinski and Officer Wuebben then completed a rigorous, 16-week field training program. This program consisted of a week with the training sergeant covering core fundamentals, then 15 weeks with multiple trainers on the road. The goal of program is to challenge recruits to effectively problem solve community issues and service calls, while proactively making a positive influence within the City. Officer Zielinski successfully passed field training and is currently working within the patrol division. Officer Wuebben is currently in the field training process and progressing well.

New in 2020, the Crystal Lake Police Department instituted a certified officer lateral transfer program. The goal of the program is to recruit top talent from other agencies. These officers come from other agencies and bring a wide array of experience and strengths to the agency. Officer Lance Jones joined the agency from Freeport (Illinois) Police Department. Officer Justin Rueff joined the agency from Tallahassee (Florida) Police Department and later the Prairie Grove (Illinois) Police Department. Also, Officer Nathan Tooley joined the agency from the Columbus (Georgia) Police Department. All three officers completed a field training program and have acclimated well to the City.

Training Unit

Mental Health and Crisis Incidents

Mental health and dealing with residents in crisis is at the core of modern policing. Across the country, few other topics impact victims and the community as a whole so strongly. As mental health concerns within the country continue to grow and become more complex, it is imperative that officers recognize residents in crisis and are able to appropriately work through issues with them. Because of this fact, officers are put through multiple courses throughout the year. De-escalation skills are honed and officers learn to tailor their response to calls for an optimal outcome using internal and external resources. A few of the courses that were conducted during the year were: scenario-based training, specialized juvenile training, mental health awareness and trauma informed response to sex assaults. Officers are also taught about the trauma and impacts that can occur with victims of domestic abuse and sex crimes.

Supervisory Development

The Department has an ongoing commitment to develop strong leaders with effective management skills. Effective leaders not only assure daily operations are successful but create a culture of excellence and a community orientated policing mentality within the ranks. As a result, supervisors attended courses to improve their craft and adapt to industry trends. Some of these courses included managing an investigations unit, critical incident response for supervisors, ethics and incident command system (ICS) coursework. Also this year, Sergeant Daniel Porzezinski attended Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command. Annually, the Department commits to sending one supervisor through this intensive program. The time-tested, 400-hour flagship program prepares middle level managers for roles in upper management. The core curriculum includes leadership, project management, budgeting and many other topics.



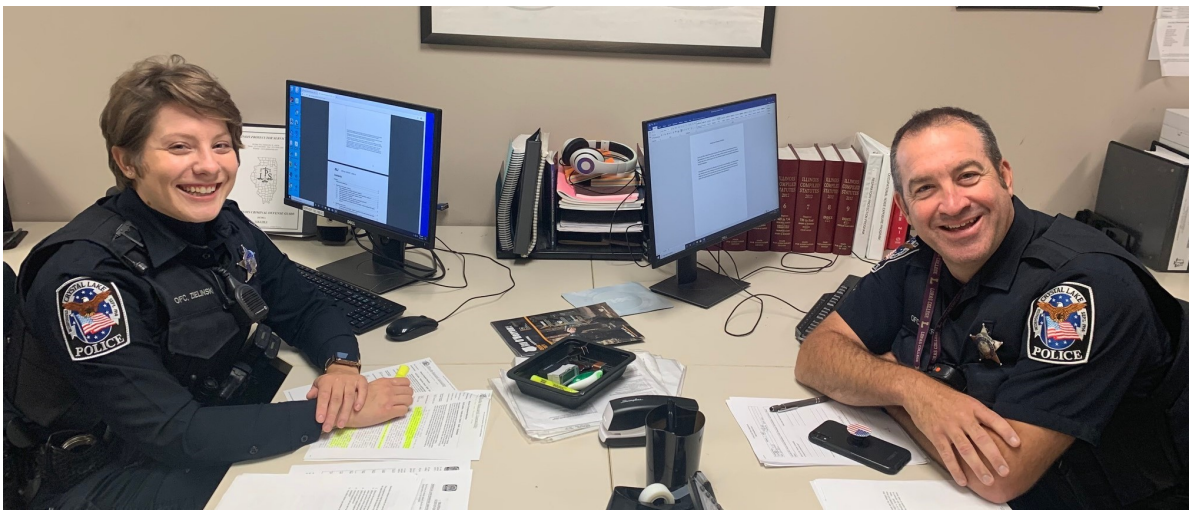
Training Unit

Constitutional Rights and Response to Resistance

A strong command of Constitutional case law and an understanding of civil rights is imperative to contemporary police work. How an officer is able to de-escalate an incident or appropriately respond to the resistance is key to maintaining safety and being effective within daily operations. Because of this highly important topic, every officer within the Department receives multi-layered training throughout the year using multiple platforms and training blocks. Training ranges from scenario-based training to legal reviews to after action training discussions that include training applications and improvements that stem from actual incidents. Officers are constantly challenged to assess, analyze and apply the most current legal standards available. Some of the other courses attended this year were defensive tactics and handcuffing, de-escalation and smarter policing, and the law enforcement use of force review course.

Internships

The Department's Internship Program is important for the Training Unit and the Crystal Lake Police Department as a whole. Over the years the Crystal Lake Police Department has gained a symbiotic relationship with multiple area universities and colleges. This relationship allowed for current academic knowledge to be infused with practical operations. Additionally, many current and former officers' careers were born from the program. Due to the onset of the pandemic in the spring, the internship program was temporarily suspended for safety reasons. Prior to the suspension, one intern from Western Illinois University successfully completed the program and is currently in the final stages of hiring for a local agency within the area. With the continued release of several vaccines, it is with high hopes the internship program can safely resume shortly.




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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 is staffed Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm.

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. In 2020, the Records Unit continued the process for automatic juvenile expungements, expunging over 4,000 eligible juvenile records. They also expunged over 900 records for the Illinois cannabis expungement process.

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.

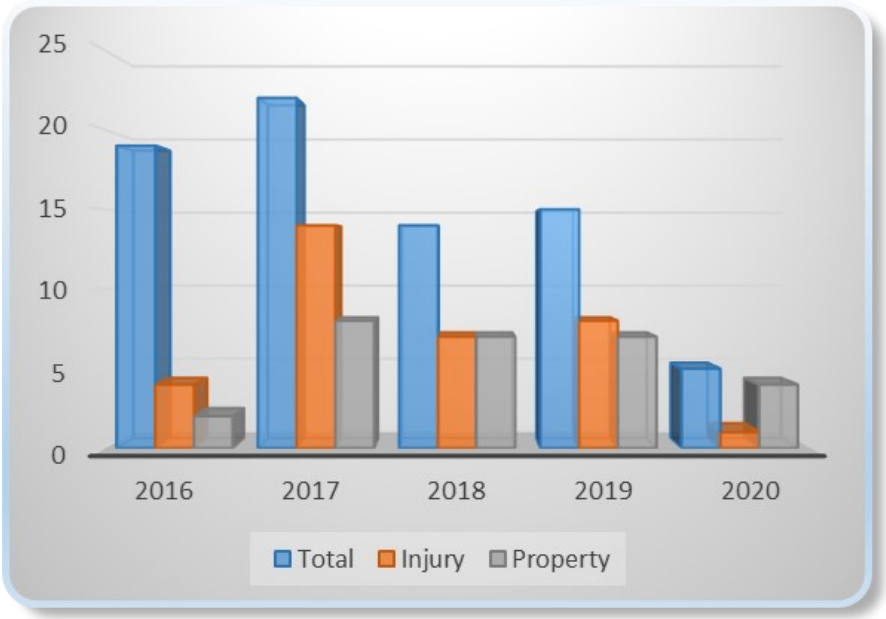
Safety Committee

The Police Department Safety and Training Committee was established to ensure our work practices and environment were as safe and healthy as possible for all employees. The committee relies on employee involvement, training, and awareness to reduce the likelihood of an incident occurring. The committee encompasses sworn and non-sworn members that represents the Patrol Unit, Criminal Investigations Unit, Support Services, and Administration serving on the committee.

The 2020 goals and objectives of the Police Department Safety Committee were:

- Provide monthly education on safety related topics to Department employees
- Conduct quarterly firearms training and qualification for all sworn personnel
- Continue defensive tactics training for all sworn personnel
- Decrease the amount and severity of injuries to employees
- Lower the amount of incidents involving damage to property and equipment
- Sergeants provide monthly roll call training for officers on incidents with a low occurrence rate, but have the potential to expose the officer and Department to liability

Each month the committee convenes to discuss any training deficiencies or incidents involving loss of personnel due to injury or property due to damage. During those meetings issues and incidents are examined to determine the root causes and preventability. The examinations result in identifying any trends so they may be addressed to decrease additional incidents. In 2020, the Police Department Safety Committee reviewed five incidents. The rate of occurrence in 2020 was lower than 2019. The Police Department did not have any worker's compensation claims in 2020.



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 Support Services 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 thus helping to reduce the Patrol Unit's workload. 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 to manage all of the Department's evidence and recovered property. This includes logging and storing all evidence, destroying evidence when applicable, and releasing evidence.

During 2020, our Community Service Officers handled 970 calls for service and assisted on many more.

Accreditation

CALEA continues to serve as the premier credentialing association for public safety agencies and providing accreditation services for law enforcement organizations, public safety communication centers, public safety training academies, and campus security agencies. The standards are communicated through a board of 21 commissioners, representing a full spectrum of public safety leadership.

The voluntary CALEA Accreditation is the GOLD Standard for Public Safety Agencies and represents a commitment to excellence. In 2020, after completing the re-accreditation process and receiving its third CALEA Law Enforcement Accreditation award, the Crystal Lake Police Department continued into year one of the next compliance period.

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. The Evidence Custodian is responsible for managing the Department's evidence room where all evidence seized, received, or found by officers is securely maintained.

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 2020, there was a 2.8% decrease in number of items collected and a 1,328% increase in the number of items purged. In addition to managing the evidence room, the Evidence Custodian also handles hundreds of requests from officers, submits necessary reports, and assists the Records Unit in fulfilling subpoena requests.

Donations



Each year the Crystal Lake Police Department recovers a large number of bicycles, most of which go unclaimed. This year the Department opted to donate the unclaimed bicycles to WorkingBikes.Org, a not for profit tax-exempt 501(c)3 entity based in Chicago. Their goal is to fix the bicycles and provide them to adults and children in need. Bicycles are often a means of transportation to school or jobs for the less fortunate. Since its inception, the organization has recovered tens of thousands of bikes from Chicago and the Midwest alone. In 2020, the Crystal Lake Police Department donated 36 bicycles to this great organization.

Community Relations



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

The PCRO is responsible for the Volunteers in Police Services (VIPs) program as well as the Citizen's Police Academy. The PCRO provides drug presentations, safety presentations, and tours of the facility for our schools or local groups. The PCRO continued visiting elementary schools in District 47 to read a book to a class that was selected by the students and staff. The PCRO met virtually with classes to continue the relationship between District 47 and the Police Department.

Our PCRO 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. This past year, the PCRO was approached by the McHenry County Latino Leadership Network and became an active member of the coalition.

Special Events

Some of the events/programs involved or facilitated by our PCRO during the 2020 calendar year were:



- Child Passenger Seat Events
- Christmas/Thanksgiving Holiday Deliveries
- Toys for Tots
- Coffee with a Cop
- Coffee with the Chief
- Western Illinois' Law Enforcement Career Fair
- Lewis University Career Fair
- Crystal Lake Central High School Career Fair
- Law Enforcement Torch Run
- Virtual Halloween Costume Contest
- Protect Yourself against Gift Card Scams Virtual Presentations
- Drug Take-Back Event

Back to School Backpack Program- On August 13th, the Department hosted its 5th 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 these basic necessities to the families that were identified by District 47's Lunch program.

Shop with a Cop- Eleven 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.

Read a Book-The PCRO and other Crystal Lake officers participated in Read Across America at Indian Prairie Elementary School and Dr. Seuss Day at Coventry Elementary School. Read Across America is an event that brings in guest readers of various professions/careers in the community. In addition, the PCRO made appearances virtually in District 47 classes to read a book to the students.

Special Events

Virtual Halloween Costume Contest- In October, residents were encouraged to participate in our first ever Halloween Costume Contest for children. We received 30 entries and in the end chose 3 winners to receive a giant Hershey's chocolate bar, a challenge coin to the first place winner, and the opportunity to have breakfast with Chief Black. This event drew attention to our Facebook page which actively promoted Halloween Safety and recommended CDC guidelines for Halloween during the pandemic.



Honorary Police K9 Theo- In August, a resident of Crystal Lake contacted Officer Alfano in regards to a bucket list for her rescued dog who had terminal cancer. Initially, the resident wished for a tour of the PD, but Officer Alfano decided to make the dog, Theo, an Honorary K9. This event included a certificate and patch ceremony with Chief Black swearing Theo in. Theo was given dog toys, treats in the shape of donuts, and a challenge coin. To end the ceremony, we took Theo's paw print and placed it on the certificate. Officer Alfano provided a tour of the PD as well as a ride-a-long for both Theo and the resident. In December, Theo passed away but the resident expressed her appreciation for Crystal Lake's involvement in Theo's bucket list.

Public Education - Public education is an important component of public safety. We have continued to employ multiple avenues in which to provide the education to arm our citizens against becoming a victim of a crime 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.


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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 to the employee and the Police Department.

Criminal Sexual Abuse Investigation

Department Commendation presented to Officers Ingrid Pinto and Lance Jones

Officers Pinto and Jones were dispatched to a local hotel for a complaint of underage drinking. A parent reported her juvenile daughter was in a hotel room with two other minor females, as well as an adult male from out of state. Officers made contact with the juveniles and were advised the adult male had quickly packed his belongings and left the room prior to police arrival. A description of the male was disseminated to other responding officers. Officer Pinto located the suspect adult male in the lobby of the hotel, who admitted he had been in the presence of the juvenile females while in the hotel room. Officer Jones also arrived and assisted Officer Pinto in conducting interviews, which quickly morphed into a sex crimes investigation. Throughout the course of the interview, officers were able to obtain incriminating statements from the adult male that he supplied alcoholic beverages to the minor females, in addition to establishing a timeline of when he started communicating with one of the females, up to the point of police contact at the hotel.

Officers Pinto and Jones continued to question the suspect about possible sex crimes, who provided them with pertinent facts, to include his knowledge that the juveniles were under the age of 18 and that he had received inappropriate sexual in nature photos through social media platforms. Officer Jones obtained consent to search the hotel room and the suspect's vehicle in the parking lot, while Officer Pinto assumed the role of Evidence Technician which included crime scene processing and evidence gathering. Once evidence was identified and gathered, the suspect was taken into custody, transported to the police department and the investigation was turned over to the Investigations Unit. Additional evidence was recovered and the suspect was later charged with Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor, Possession of Child Pornography and other felony offenses. Officer Pinto and Officer Jones recognized the importance of conducting a thorough investigation beyond the initial complaint, quickly transitioning from a routine call for service into a sensitive sex abuse investigation. They utilized excellent interview/interrogation techniques to build rapport with the suspect and, through their interviews, were able to develop probable cause to take the suspect into custody. They both demonstrated excellent problem solving skills, adaptability, cooperation and teamwork throughout this investigation.

Department Awards

Narcotics Investigation

Department Commendation presented to Officers Dave Lang and Ryan Schack

Officer Lang was participating in a Traffic Enforcement Effort (TEE) targeting speeding vehicles on Northwest Highway. He was informed a vehicle was traveling 53 MPH in a 35 MPH zone. Officer Lang proceeded to maneuver behind the offending vehicle and initiated a traffic stop. Upon making contact with the driver, Officer Lang smelled the odor of fresh cannabis emitting from the interior of the vehicle. Utilizing his experience and knowledge of recent updates to the law with regard to unlawful transportation of cannabis, Officer Lang conducted a search of the driver and interior of the vehicle.

While searching the interior of the vehicle, Officer Lang discovered multiple items of drug paraphernalia. Furthermore, K9 Officer Schack had arrived on scene and began to interview the driver. The driver admitted he was in possession of cannabis/THC infused edibles located in the back seat area of the vehicle. Officer Schack and Officer Lang located the edibles and noted the amount was in excess of what is allowed to be possessed for recreational use by Illinois law. They also observed the edibles were being transported illegally, as the packaging they were located within was not sealed properly and appeared to have homemade labels attached.

After being read his Miranda Rights, the suspect admitted that he manufactures the edibles and produces the labels for the purpose of conducting sales. Utilizing that information, Officer Schack contacted an officer from the Carpentersville Police Department (CPD) and requested they respond to the suspect’s residence in an attempt to obtain consent to search for further contraband. CPD responded to the residence, obtained consent to search from a parent, and recovered an additional four (4) ounces of cannabis flower.

Officer Lang and Officer Schack seamlessly transitioned from a routine traffic stop into a narcotics investigation, while utilizing their knowledge of recent updates to the law which took effect approximately one month prior. The end result was a significant amount of cannabis/THC infused edibles being seized, along with United States Currency. The suspect was charged with multiple felonies in McHenry County, as well as additional felonies in Kane County.

Department Awards

Drug and Robbery Investigation

Department Commendation presented to Officers Brian Rossow and Ryan Schack

Officer Rossow responded to a residence reference a juvenile overdosing on an unknown substance. Upon his arrival, Officer Rossow discovered the juvenile to be unconscious, but breathing. While the juvenile was receiving treatment from CLFR, Officer Rossow asked the mother to show him where the juvenile had been located. The mother voluntarily led Officer Rossow to the juvenile's room, where he located suspect cannabis as well as two tightly packaged "blocks" of cereal that had the appearance of being sealed in "drug packaging." Officer Rossow collected all of the suspect contraband and the juvenile was transported to a local hospital for further medical attention. The cereal was later field tested positive for the presumptive presence of cannabis. The amount of infused edibles were significant and had a total weight of nearly 1800 grams (approximately 4 pounds). Officer Rossow and Officer Schack investigated further and the following day actually interrupted a narcotics transaction taking place between the juvenile and another suspect in the driveway of the juvenile's residence. As a result, additional suspect cannabis and paraphernalia were recovered and United States Currency was seized. Ultimately, the juvenile was petitioned into juvenile court for multiple felony offenses pertaining to his possession of cannabis with the intent to deliver.

Additionally, while investigating this matter, Officer Rossow and Officer Schack were informed of multiple narcotics-related armed robberies taking place in Crystal Lake and surrounding towns. Officer Schack and Officer Rossow began investigating those allegations and determined they were reliable. The armed robbery investigation that occurred in Crystal Lake was turned over to the Investigations Unit and a felony warrant was later obtained for one of the involved suspects. Woodstock Police Department was notified of the alleged armed robbery that occurred in their jurisdiction for further investigation. Other local police narcotics units were notified of the increase in violent actions so they could be aware during their operations/investigations. Both Officer Rossow and Officer Schack should be recognized for their actions that began with a medical assist and ultimately resulted in felony charges for multiple suspects, to include a seizure of a notable amount of cannabis edibles as well as United States Currency. Their thorough investigation and timely actions may have prevented further overdoses, as well as further acts of violence occurring in Crystal Lake and surrounding areas.

Department Awards

Criminal Sexual Abuse Investigation

Department Commendation presented to Detective Dave Eitel

Detective Eitel was assigned to investigate a child pornography complaint following an ICAC cyber-tip. Through Detective Eitel's investigation, he was able to obtain a suspect address and later identify a suspect in the case. After conducting stationary surveillance and obtaining enough evidence, Detective Eitel was able obtain a search warrant for the residence. Through an interview and completing a search of the suspect's cell phone, Detective Eitel located numerous images and videos of child pornography. Detective Eitel then conducted a second interview with the suspect, resulting in obtaining a confession that he had been sexually assaulting his juvenile daughter, filming the incidents and then distributing them through various platforms. The suspect was charged with over 10 class X felonies.

Detective Eitel continued to search through additional applications the suspect was using online which provided the ability to communicate with other people in order to obtain and distribute child pornography. Detective Eitel observed a conversation with the suspect and another unknown person about sexually assaulting their juvenile daughter as well, which occurred in another state. Images were also attached during this exchange. Detective Eitel contacted that agency and informed them of this information and the images/videos that he had recovered. The agency was able to send the images to their State lab and they were able to identify the suspect using fingerprints from the hand contained in the image. That agency was able to arrest that suspect and charge him accordingly.

Department Awards

Narcan Administered

Department Commendation presented to Officer Peter Lewandowski

Officer Lewandowski was dispatched to a local hotel for a report of a medical assist, in particular a suspected drug overdose. Upon his arrival and observing the patient's medical condition, he administered a single dose of Narcan and waited for the patient to improve. After approximately two minutes, he quickly realized little improvement in the patient's condition, so he administered a second dose. After the second dose, the patient's medical condition began to improve, but they remained unresponsive. Paramedics arrived and transported the victim to a local hospital for further medical treatment.

Department Commendation presented to Officers Delmar Dade and Nate Tooley

Officer Dade was dispatched to a report of a person possibly overdosing on narcotics. When Officer Dade arrived, he recognized the address from previous medical calls for reported drug overdoses. He entered the residence and quickly located the patient. By this time, Officer Tooley had also arrived on scene and began to assist Officer Dade. After assessing the patient, Officer Dade delivered one dose of Narcan and the patient regained consciousness. Paramedics arrived soon thereafter and transported the patient to a local hospital.

Department Commendation presented to Officers Lance Jones and Matt Smith

Officer Jones was dispatched to a medical assist, in particular a report of a drug overdose. After quickly locating the patient and completing an initial assessment, he delivered one dose of Narcan and began CPR efforts. Officer Smith arrived soon thereafter to further assist Officer Jones. After continually monitoring the patient, who had not yet improved, Officer Jones delivered a second, then a third dose of Narcan with success. Once the patient began to regain consciousness, paramedics arrived and took over treatment while transporting the patient to a local hospital. Both officers steadfast determination to continue lifesaving efforts without doubt contributed to the successful outcome of this patient's medical condition.

Department Awards

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 Al Sindaravicius for leading the Department in DUI arrests.

Speed Enforcement

Chief's Distinguished Service Award presented to Officer Peter Lewandowski 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

Criminal Sexual Abuse Investigation

Chief's Distinguished Service Award presented to Detective Jeff Mattson and SRO Scott Torkelson

Detective Jeff Mattson and SRO Scott Torkelson were assigned to a power shift with the goal of investigating a series of graffiti related incidents reported throughout the city. While conducting stationary surveillance in an area previously targeted for graffiti, Detective Mattson observed a dark colored pickup truck parked in an isolated area within view of his surveillance location. Detective Mattson observed two occupants exit their vehicle and begin walking near the railroad tracks. He immediately summoned other officers to the area to further investigate the suspicious activity and the two persons were eventually detained by responding officers.

SRO Torkelson arrived to assist and during preliminary questioning, Detective Mattson and SRO Torkelson discovered the male was a 30 year old, who traveled from out of state to meet with a 15 year old juvenile female resident of Crystal Lake. While at the police department, Detective Mattson and SRO Torkelson conducted lengthy interviews and interrogations, resulting in incriminating statements provided from both the 15 year old victim and the 30 year old suspect. Both persons stated they were involved in an intimate long distance dating relationship. Evidence was recovered on scene which were later discovered to contain items of child pornography and other incriminating evidence.

A consent search was also conducted at a nearby local hotel, which produced additional evidence to corroborate their accounts of the incident. Detective Mattson and SRO Torkelson should be recognized for their investigative techniques implemented, along with their ability to conduct a thorough and complete investigation, resulting in the suspect being charged with multiple felony offenses. The actions and efforts taken by Detective Mattson and SRO Torkelson exemplify the core values of the Department and their overall performance reflecting credit upon themselves individually, the community at large and the highest traditions of the Crystal Lake Police Department.

Department Awards

Barricaded Subject

Chief's Distinguished Service Award presented to Sergeant Ryan Coutre, Officer Dave Lang, and Officer Al Sindaravicius.

Department Commendation presented to Sergeant Dan Porzezinski, Detective Dimitri Boulahanis, and Officer Adam Munaretto.

Sergeant Coutre, Sergeant Porzezinski and Officers Lang and Sindaravicius responded to a reported suspicious incident/burglary in progress located at 587 Darlington Lane Unit #4. Upon arrival, officers met with a hysterical complainant who advised her daughter's fiancé, the respondent in a recently issued Order of Protection, was believed to be at the protected residence and had barricaded himself inside. It was learned the suspect was currently on parole and had a history of property crimes and crimes against persons. The suspect was also the target of an ongoing investigation involving child pornography.

Additionally, the suspect's violent history and known status as a flight risk previously gained the attention of the McHenry County (US Marshals) Fugitive Task Force. Upon establishing an initial perimeter, Sergeant Coutre and Officers Lang and Sindaravicius cleared the interior of the residence, while isolating the suspect to an interior bathroom. After determining the bathroom had been locked by the offender, Sergeant Coutre received permission to force entry, at which time he proceeded to breach the bathroom door from a position that did not allow him any form of protection, other than backing into an adjacent bedroom. Officer Lang, who was positioned outside of the bathroom door with a ballistic shield, also attempted to force entry by kicking the door. The door was discovered to be barricaded from the inside, but because of their continued efforts, they were able to create a hole in the door.

Both officers then encountered the suspect who was armed with a knife and was threatening the officers and himself with harm, while a strong chemical smell emanated from within the bathroom. Despite the door being barricaded, Sergeant Coutre and Officer Lang continued to expose themselves to danger, while pressing forward in their efforts to force entry and take the suspect into custody. After several tense moments, they assumed a tactical position outside of the residence while maintaining observation of the barricaded position. Officers on scene were able to seamlessly organize an effort to establish and maintain voice contact with the suspect and attempt to de-escalate the situation.

Department Awards

Barricaded Subject continued

Officers continued negotiations for over an hour while the NIPAS Emergency Services Team was activated and responded. Negotiations were conducted by Officer Lang, Officer Munaretto and Detective Boulahanis, while Officer Sindaravicius provided lethal and less-lethal coverage during negotiations. Sergeant Porzezinski managed the initial perimeter scene and ILEAS car plan perimeter positions. Upon arrival of NIPAS EST, officers were relieved of their positions after approximately two (2) hours of ongoing negotiations and tactical observations. The initial responding Crystal Lake Police Officers were able to effectively set up a tactical perimeter, isolate a known offender wanted on numerous charges including multiple class X felonies, and evacuate innocent people from the area without incident.

Chief's Distinguished Service Award Recipients: Sergeant Coutre, Officers Lang and Sindaravicius should be recognized for their acts of bravery while performing above and beyond the call of duty and characterized by the voluntary risk of their safety, knowing the act could result in death or great bodily harm to them. They displayed a great degree of selflessness, personal courage and devotion to duty. The actions and efforts taken by Sergeant Coutre and Officers Lang and Sindaravicius exemplify the core values of the Department and their overall performance, reflecting credit upon themselves individually, the community at large and the highest traditions of the Crystal Lake Police Department.

Department Commendation Award Recipients: Officer Munaretto, Sergeant Porzezinski and Detective Boulahanis should be recognized for duties performed in an exceptional manner, bringing credit upon the employee and the Police Department itself.

Department Awards

Citizens 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 Letter of Appreciation presented to Denise Barr (School District 47) and Crystal Lake Target Store

Crystal Lake Elementary School District 47 has played an integral role in the success of the Department's annual Back to School Backpack & Supplies Giveaway Program. Denise Barr, Director of Communications and Public Engagement with School District 47, has worked tirelessly in coordinating these events with the Police Department, school social workers and associated sponsors, to include a major supporter of the program, Crystal Lake Target store, whom all contribute to the success of the program. In 2020, a total of 83 students from Crystal Lake Elementary School District 47 received supplies from the program.

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.

Department Citizen Award presented to Mark Glowacki (SEECOM Employee)

Mark Glowacki was the SEECOM Tele-communicator who received a 911 call into SEECOM. At first, it appeared as if the call was an "accidental dial". On this particular occasion, Mr. Glowacki was able to listen closely to persons talking on the other end prior to the call terminating and realized this call should require a police response. He quickly obtained the location of the call from data obtained via the cell phone. Mr. Glowacki had overheard persons talking about a knife and getting rid of it, among other concerning statements that would warrant a police response. Due to Mr. Glowacki's experience, judgement and recognition of suspicious conversation he overheard during this brief call, he dispatched officers to the location of the origin of the call. As a result of this accidental 911 call, and Mr. Glowacki's expedient actions, the officers were able to arrive on scene of the call location and conduct an investigation, resulting in the Criminal Investigations Unit involvement for further investigation. It was soon discovered an unreported homicide had occurred, which later led to three offenders being charged with Murder.

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.

Department Life Saving Award presented to Officers Lance Jones and Phil Lloyd -Mietus

Officers Lloyd-Mietus and Jones were dispatched to a residence for a report of an elderly male who was unconscious and not breathing. When they arrived, they located the patient on the floor without any vital signs being detected. Officer Jones initiated CPR, while Officer Lloyd-Mietus applied the Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Both officers continued CPR efforts until vital signs were detected. Paramedics arrived and the victim was transported to a local hospital for further treatment.

Department Life Saving Award presented to Officers Jesse Gonzalez and Riley Jensen

Officers Gonzalez and Jenson were dispatched to a local business parking lot for a report of a male in medical distress without any vital signs being present. Upon arrival, they performed CPR and applied the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and were eventually able to obtain vital signs. The victim was transported to a local hospital, where he survived for about a week before succumbing to his health conditions.

Department Life Saving Award presented to Officer Adam Danowski

Officer Danowski was dispatched to a residence for a report of a woman who was unconscious and had stopped breathing. Upon arrival, he assessed the victim who did not display any vital signs. Officer Danowski began CPR. The patient began breathing again and Officer Danowski placed the victim in a recovery position until paramedics arrived and transported the victim to a local hospital for further treatment.

Department Awards

Department Life Saving Award presented to Officer Brian Harvat

Officer Harvat responded to a call at a residence reference a male who had collapsed, lost consciousness and it was unknown if he was breathing. Upon arrival, Officer Harvat entered the residence and observed the male on the floor. After a brief evaluation, Officer Harvat could not locate any vital signs and immediately began CPR by correctly positioning the subject flat on his back and performing chest compressions. During the first set of chest compressions, the patient began breathing again and regained consciousness. The patient was transported by CLFR to a local hospital for further medical attention, resulting in his survival from the medical issue he experienced.

Department Life Saving Award presented to Officers Lisa Tietz and Peter Lewandowski

Officer Tietz was dispatched to a report of a drug overdose. Upon arrival, she assessed the victim and found he was not breathing and there was no pulse detected. Officer Lewandowski arrived to assist and began CPR while Officer Tietz administered a dose of Narcan. The victim eventually began breathing again, a pulse was detected and the patient was turned over to paramedics when they arrived for further medical attention.

2019/2020 Comparison

RECORDS UNIT		
Operating Indicators By Function	**2019**	**2020**
Incident Reports Processed	4898	5288
Crash Reports Processed	1790	1176
Supplemental Reports Processed	1627	1834
Temporary Detention Reports	703	415
Subpoenas Processed	163	135
Freedom of Information Act Requests	610	646
Expungements	42	37
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT		
Operating Indicators By Function	**2019**	**2020**
% Cases Cleared	49%	50%
Total Cases Cleared	185	188
Total Cases Assigned	377	378
-Missing Juveniles	6	7
-Burglary - Residence	18	9
-Burglary - Vehicle	33	9
-Burglary - Commercial	8	15
-Criminal Damage Property	7	7
-Armed Robbery / Robbery	10	8
-Criminal Sexual Abuse/Assault Cases	26	23
-Death Investigations	19	31
-Homicide (incl. Drug Induced)/Attempted Murder	4	1
-Stolen Vehicles	3	11
-Theft Cases	47	50
-Financial Crimes	65	67

2019/2020 Comparison

EVIDENCE UNIT		
Operating Indicators By Function	**2019**	**2020**
Number of items in Evidence	12467	15851
Items of Property Received	2765	2689
Items of Property Purged	286	4086
- Items Destroyed	124	3588
- Items Returned to Owner	153	323
- Items Auctioned	0	97
- Items Retained by Police (photos/documents)	1	0
- Items Turned Over to Another Agency	15	11
- Items Turned Over to Finance	7	67
PATROL UNIT		
Operating Indicators By Function	**2019**	**2020**
Warrants Served	62	63
Calls for Service	27450	18557
Online Reports	31	50
Arrests of Suspended/Revoked Driver's	112	52
Arrests of Driver's with No Valid Driver's License	47	47
Traffic Citations Issued	4182	1904
Warning Citations Issued	6577	1793
Traffic Stops	8788	2731
Arrests (Adult total)	690	550
Arrests (Juvenile total)	79	61
DUI Arrests	104	91
Drug Offenses	229	210
Vehicles Impounded (Administrative)	125	117
Police Directed Tows	620	522
Ordinance Citations Issued	451	442
Parking Citations Issued	3228	2019

2019/2020 Comparison

TRAFFIC CRASHES REPORTED - INVESTIGATED		
Operating Indicators By Function	**2019**	**2020**
Total Crash Reports Taken	1790	1176
Property Damage Only	1563	1016
Personal Injury Crashes	226	157
Private Property Crashes	441	306
Hit and Run Crashes	97	44
Fatalities	1	3
A-I Crashes Investigation	1	8
COMMUNITY RELATIONS		
Operating Indicators By Function	**2019**	**2020**
Community Presentations	48	30
Expos Attended	4	3
Car Seat Installations	50	13
Car Seat Check Events Hosted	1	1
TRAINING UNIT		
Operating Indicators By Function	**2019**	**2020**
Total Training Hours	8721	6487
Patrol Officer Recruits Trained	2	2
Internships	5	1
Hosted Outside Training	22	12
Ride Alongs	44	14