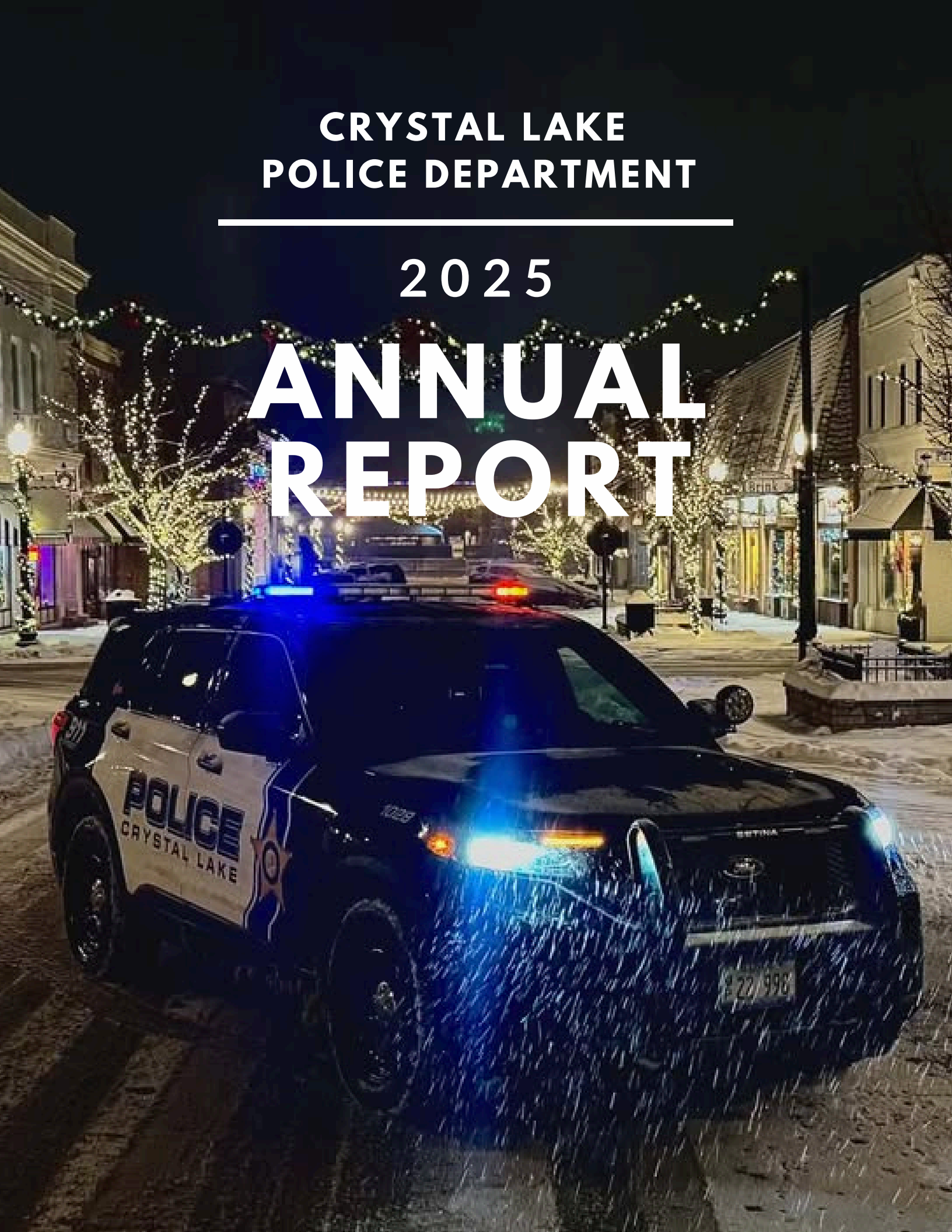
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Eric Helm, City Manager
City of Crystal Lake

Dear Mr. Helm,
I am pleased to present the 2025 Annual Report for the City of Crystal Lake Police Department. I extend my sincere appreciation to our residents, businesses, and community partners for their continued trust and support as we work together to achieve our goals and objectives. With this collective support, the Department remains dedicated to providing responsive, professional, and compassionate police services to everyone who lives in, works in, and visits Crystal Lake. Throughout the year, we have focused on investing in our personnel through training, development, and innovative practices designed to enhance the quality of service delivered to our community. We continue to strengthen established partnerships while actively seeking new opportunities to collaborate and engage. These ongoing efforts foster open communication, accountability, and transparency, contributing to a safer, more connected community for all.

As we work toward continued growth and improvement, it is equally important to reflect on our past efforts. Throughout calendar year 2025, we achieved several notable milestones, which are outlined in detail in this report. Key accomplishments include:

- Enhancement of supervisory and management training for staff. The Department was able to send multiple supervisors to the highly regarded Northwestern University Center for Public Safety Staff and Command training. Commander Coutre also graduated from the FBI National Academy in December. Additionally, Records Supervisor Henderson completed the Leadership Greater McHenry County program.
- Our Department successfully completed the second year of its four-year accreditation cycle to maintain compliance with Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) standards.
- Continued to focus on educating citizens and motorists about traffic safety and laws. The Department completed 169 arrests for DUI-Alcohol, Drugs, or a combination of impairing substances. This is due to the Department's dedication to keep the Crystal Lake roadways safe and a Department focus on having all officers complete Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) training.
- The Department continued participating with the McHenry County Police Social Worker Program to assist those in crisis. The Department has submitted 428 referrals to our assigned social worker for the year.

These highlights represent just a portion of our accomplishments. The Annual Report provides deeper insight into the programs and initiatives that support our mission. As we enter 2026, we will continue to advance progressive, community-focused law enforcement policies and practices. I value our ongoing partnership with the City Council and City staff as we strive to deliver exceptional public safety services. On behalf of the Department, I am pleased to present the 2025 Annual Report and welcome any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

James R. Black
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.

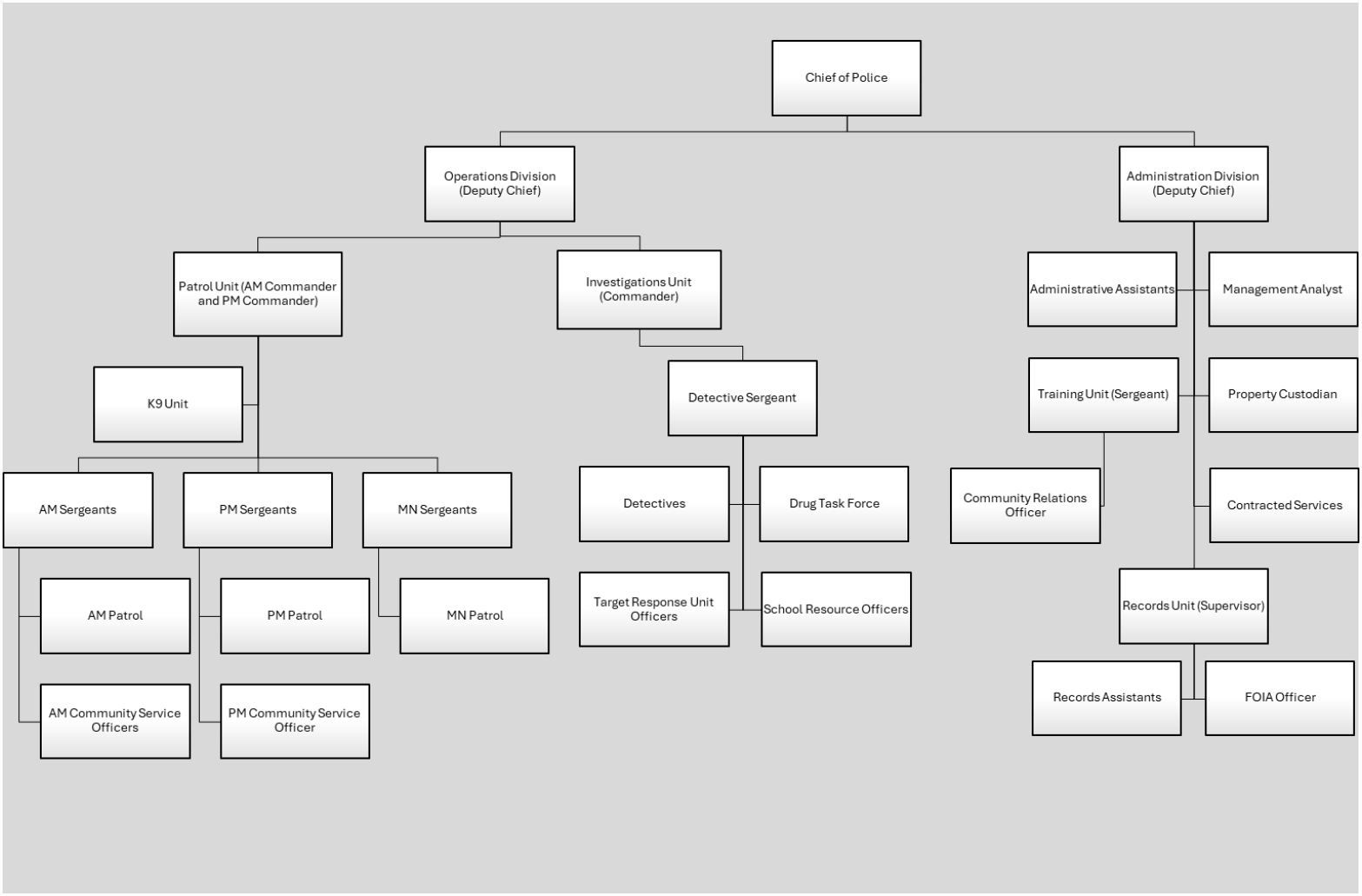
Pride: We take pride in our achievements with regard to improving the quality of life within our community. Through merit displayed in our actions and conduct, we possess a dignified sense of character that reflects positively upon our organization and the community that we serve.

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.”


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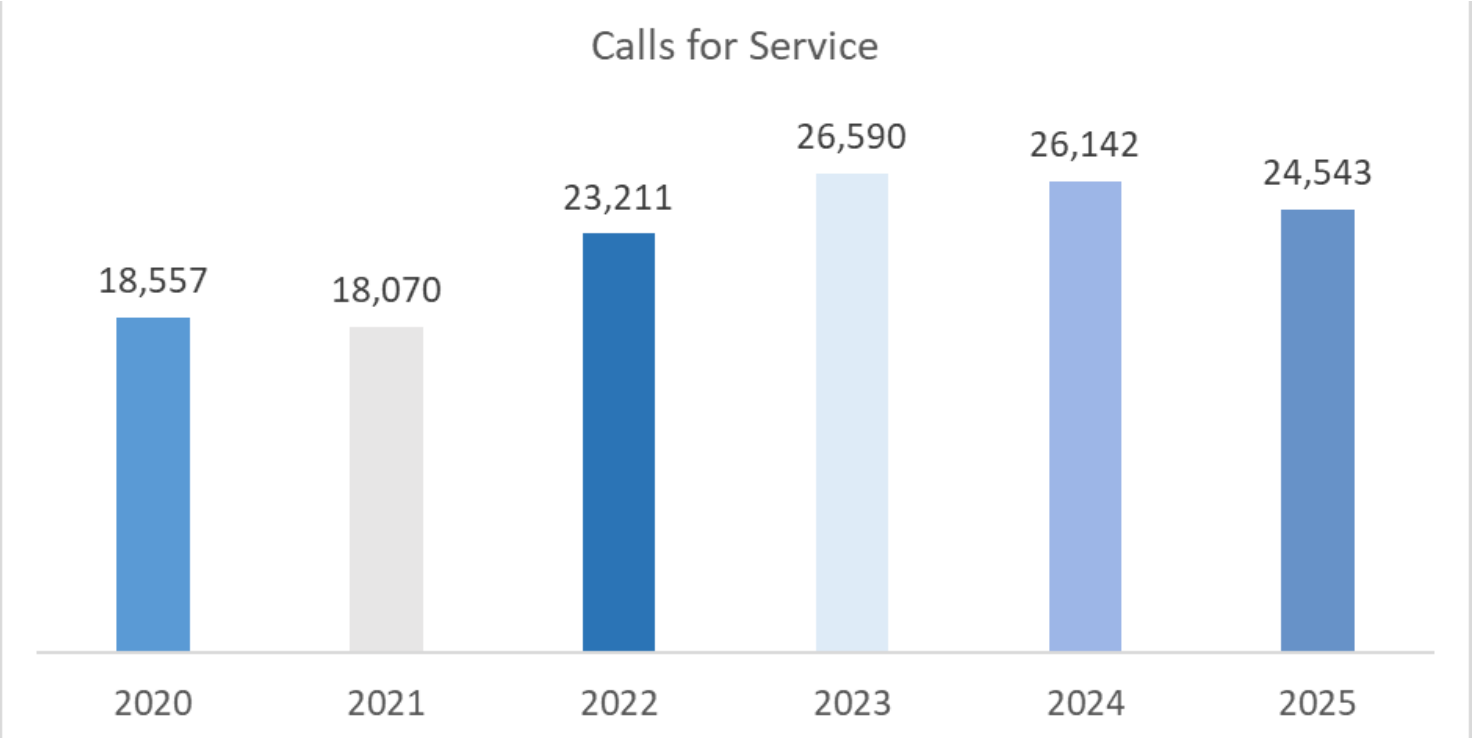
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PATROL UNIT

The Patrol Unit is the largest and most visible Unit of the Police Department. The unit strives to provide excellent services while responding to the needs of the community. The unit includes forty-eight officers, nine sergeants, and two commanders. The unit is divided into four shifts, commonly referred to as Day Shift, Afternoon Shift, Power Shift, and Midnight Shift. Each shift overlaps to ensure officers are always available to respond to calls for service. The schedule of the officers provides for rotating days off while still protecting the city twenty-four hours a day. At least one Sergeant is responsible for leading and directing each shift. Although primarily tasked with administrative responsibilities, the two Patrol Commanders are available to support and direct the patrol activities of the unit when necessary.



Each day officers assigned to the Patrol Unit may be asked to provide a wide variety of services to be responsive to our citizens. During 2025, the Police Department responded to 24,543 calls, which was an average of 67 calls per day. This was a 6.1% decrease from 2024. Calls for service can include everything from citizen assists, traffic stops, reports of crimes in progress, medical assists, and parking complaints. While investigating criminal acts, officers in the Patrol Unit complete an initial investigation, which can include conducting interviews, collecting evidence, and arresting suspects. While not otherwise obligated, Officers work to prevent criminal acts and keep citizens safe by engaging in proactive activities such as traffic and parking enforcement and residential, business, and Three Oaks Recreational Area foot patrols.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

Education

In 2025, the Police Department continued its emphasis on educating residents and motorists about traffic safety and applicable laws. The overarching objective of these efforts is to encourage voluntary compliance with traffic regulations in order to enhance safety on local roadways. To support this goal, the Department employed a variety of outreach strategies, including monthly traffic safety messages in the City of Crystal Lake's newsletter, regular traffic-related posts on the Department's Facebook page, presentations by School Resource Officers at local high schools, direct engagement with residents and distribution of educational pamphlets at community events, and the deployment of the Department's speed trailer at targeted locations and intersections with area-specific safety messaging.

Officers also provide traffic safety education daily by following up on driving-related complaints when both the complainant and the alleged driver are identified. In cases where enforcement action is not appropriate, officers meet with the involved motorist(s) to discuss the reported concern and provide guidance on traffic laws and ways to prevent similar issues in the future. This approach also includes discussions with parents regarding their child's driving behavior when applicable. By increasing awareness of individual driving habits, the Department aims to promote self-correction, improved compliance, and enhanced traffic safety overall.





TRAFFIC SAFETY

Engineering

The Police Department is represented in the City of Crystal Lake's Traffic Safety Committee by a Patrol Commander. The Committee evaluates traffic-related concerns and determines appropriate responses. These matters have included roadway engineering modifications, the installation of additional signage, review of parking restrictions that may contribute to congestion, traffic studies analyzing vehicle volumes and speeds, the initiation of directed enforcement efforts, and the implementation of various traffic-calming measures.

In 2025, in response to citizen complaints received by the Committee and/or the Department, the Police Department deployed two Traffic Data Recorders, a speed feedback sign, and a speed trailer in several residential neighborhoods. The use of these tools enabled the Department to gather and analyze data, resulting in a more focused and efficient allocation of resources when addressing traffic concerns. Additionally, through the Committee, the Police Department collaborated with the Engineering Department by utilizing its traffic and speed recording equipment at multiple locations throughout Crystal Lake. This inter-Departmental cooperation supported effective data sharing and a data-driven approach to traffic problem solving.



TRAFFIC SAFETY

Enforcement



The Police Department enforces the Illinois Vehicle Code daily to decrease vehicle crashes and the injuries associated with them as well as to increase the general safety of all citizens of the City. In addition to routine enforcement performed by Patrol Officers, the Department continued to participate in traffic enforcement efforts made possible by federal safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). Throughout the year, campaigns are scheduled when crashes involving impaired drivers and unrestrained occupants statistically occur the most. These campaigns coincided with messages from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to include Fans Don't Let Fans Drive Drunk, Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving, If You Feel Different, You Drive Different, Click It or Ticket, Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over, Drive High. Get a DUI, Buckle Up. Every Trip. Every Time, and Click It or Ticket. Additional campaigns addressed other safety concerns such as distracted driving and child passenger safety. In 2025, the Department participated in ten campaigns where Officers completed approximately 287 hours of sustained traffic enforcement. Of those 287 hours, 90 hours were focused on occupant protection, 117 hours were focused on impaired driving, and 80 hours were focused on distracted driving. 370 traffic stops were performed during those ten campaigns. 15 traffic and criminal related arrests were also made during the campaigns.

In 2025, in addition to the IDOT traffic enforcement efforts, the Department joined other police agencies in Illinois and across the Midwest United States to participate in other traffic safety campaigns. On July 23rd, the Department participated in Speed Awareness Day. It was a combined statewide effort to address excessive speeding on roadways, and the deadly impacts speeding has on traffic safety.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

DUI Enforcement Efforts

In 2025, the Department completed 169 arrests for DUI-Alcohol, Drugs, or a combination of impairing substances. 2025's total DUI arrests remained on par with DUI-related arrests from 2024. This can be attributed to officers' dedication to keeping the Crystal Lake roadways safe and a Departmental focus on having all officers complete Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) training.

Since 1982, the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) has been providing various programs to bring awareness to the dangers of intoxicated driving. One such program is their annual DUI enforcement recognition awards. In 2025, the following CLPD officers' achievements deserve recognition and will be submitted to AAIM for their outstanding DUI enforcement efforts:

Officer James Holub
Officer Joshua Stitt
Officer Roberto Diaz
Officer Stephen Brammeier

Officer James Holub will receive the Chief's Distinguished Service Award for leading the Department in DUI arrests in 2025. It should also be noted that Officer Stitt has received AAIM recognition three years in a row, while Officer Diaz has received AAIM recognition two years in a row



TRAFFIC SAFETY

Traffic Enforcement: Chief's Distinguished Service Award

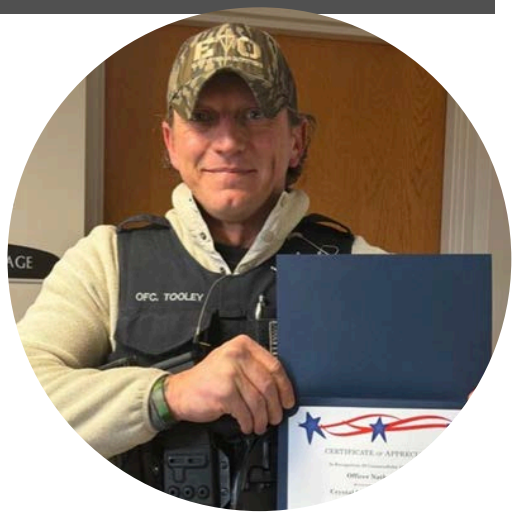
Chief's Distinguished Service Award- Awarded to any member of the Police Department for outstanding police-related accomplishments distinguished by the individual's performance of his or her duties above and beyond normal or routine, and resulting in improved Department administration, operation, or 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 with the Chief's Distinguished Service Award for their efforts related to traffic safety.

- Officer James Holub for leading the Department in DUI Arrests.
- Sergeant Dan Porzezinski for leading the Department in Seat Belt Citations.
- Officer Christopher Sanders for leading the Department in Speeding Citations.
- Sergeant Dan Porzezinski for leading the Department in Distracted Driving Citations.



2025 TRAFFIC SAFETY CHALLENGE



The Traffic Safety Challenge is a professional competition between law enforcement agencies of similar size and structure. The Challenge is a program coordinated by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP) Traffic Committee and supported by a NHTSA grant administered through the Illinois Department of Transportation, Bureau of Safety Programs and Engineering (BSPE), as well as funding from private entities. The Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge provides law enforcement agencies with an opportunity to contribute to the Illinois' Strategic Highway Safety Plan and have a significant impact on the reduction of crashes, deaths and associated injuries across the state.



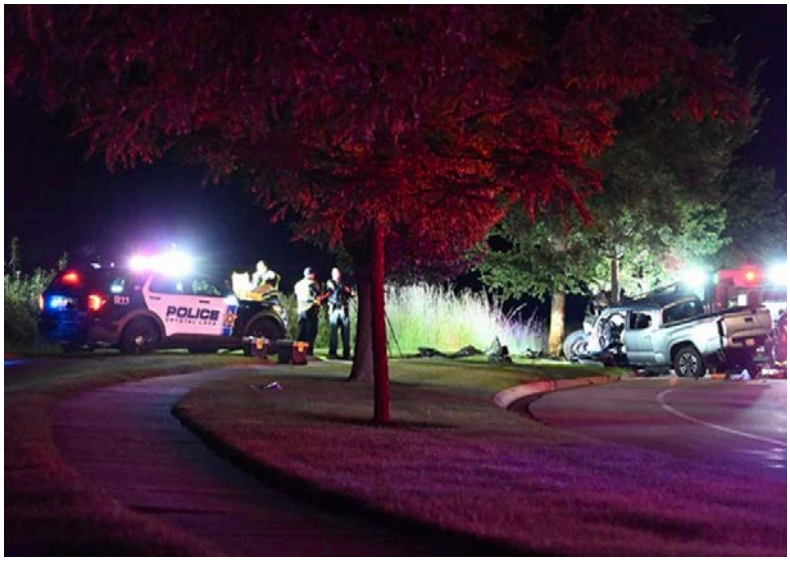
The Challenge targets four distinct traffic safety priorities: occupant protection, speed, distracted driving, and impaired driving. The Department's involvement in the initiative included aggressive traffic enforcement throughout the year, comprehensive training for staff, and public education efforts (to include messaging on the Department's speed trailer, public service announcements, and numerous social media posts) resulting in a safer community. The Department's efforts are collected in a report and submitted for review. The Department has competed in the Traffic Safety Challenge for eleven years in the category of 66-100 Municipal Sworn and looks forward to the efforts of the Department in continuing to have a positive impact on traffic safety in the community while competing in the 2026 Traffic Safety Challenge.

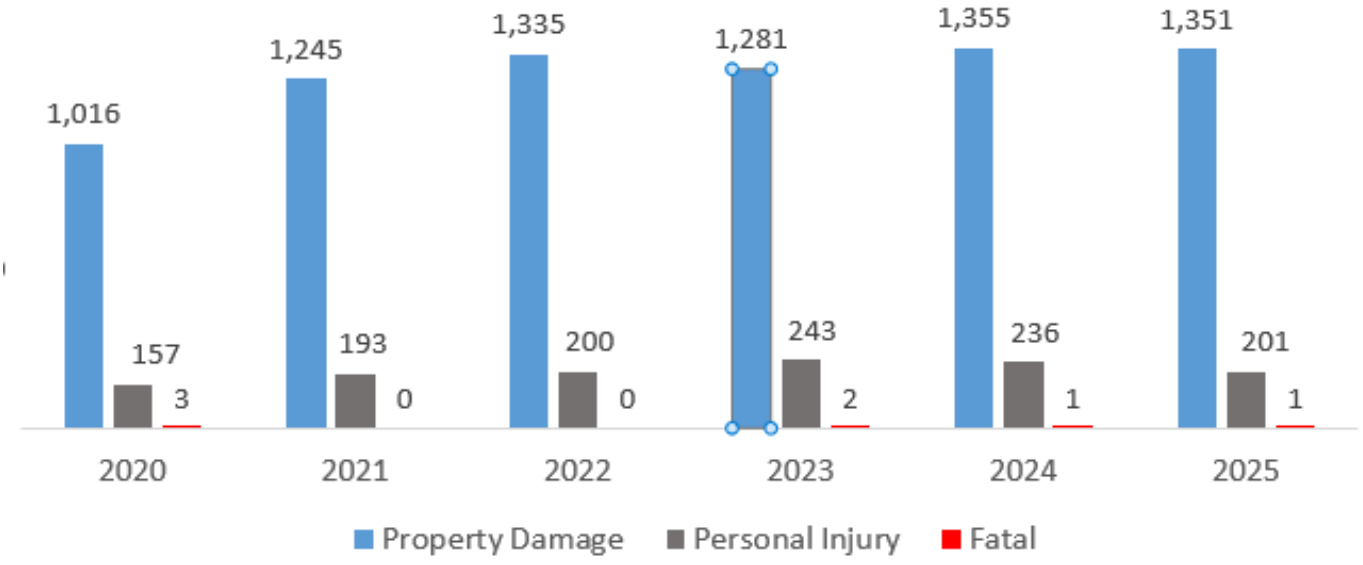


TRAFFIC CRASHES

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 in 2025 when compared to 2024. The Department also experienced a 17% decrease in crashes that resulted in injury. The Accident Investigation (AI) Team investigated five crashes that resulted in serious injuries, and one crash that resulted in a fatality. By comparison, the AI Team responded to two serious crashes in 2024, one of which resulted in a fatality.







RAILROAD SAFETY

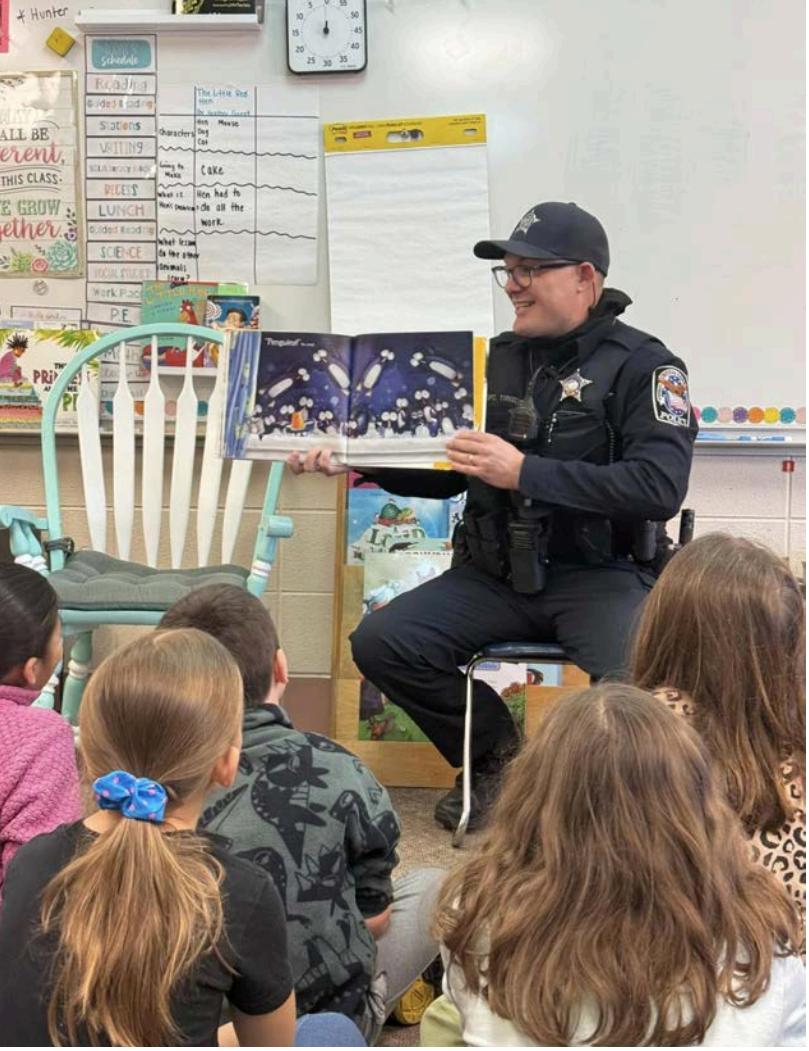
Throughout 2025, officers conducted frequent foot patrols at the two Metra train stops in Crystal Lake, as well as monitoring the multiple railroad crossings throughout the city. This continued the partnership the Police Department has had with Union Pacific and Metra where railway safety issues are promoted and violations enforced to ensure the safety of commuters, railway employees, and first responders.



In addition to routine patrols around the train stops and tracks, the Police Department participated in Rail Safety Week which was declared by Governor Pritzker to take place in Illinois September 15th through the 21st. During that week, Police Department patrol officers, across all three shifts, made a concerted effort to enforce observed violations at train crossings and train stations.



Over the course of the year, as other railway safety concerns arose, the Police Department effectively communicated with Union Pacific and Metra to cooperatively address the concerns in a timely manner. These issues included well-being checks of people on or around the tracks, assisting Metra conductors with unruly passengers, malfunctioning railroad crossing signals/arms, subjects littering on and or around the train depots, and motor vehicle accidents at railroad crossings.


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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The Criminal Investigations Unit (CIU) is comprised of six detectives, three school resource officers, two officers in the Targeted Response Unit (TRU), and a task force officer assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). The unit is supervised by a Commander and a Sergeant with varying responsibilities for the daily and annual operation of the unit. Most calls for service received by the Department are handled by patrol officers. Some of those calls require additional investigative steps that are in-depth, time consuming, and/or require specialized training. Those investigations, including property crimes, crimes against person/s, missing person/s, assists to other law enforcement agencies, and suspicious incidents are then assumed by the CIU. All members of the unit are highly trained and have experience managing complex criminal investigations from start to finish. They also have repeatedly demonstrated their willingness to work on any investigation together, knowing the CIU goal is not only to arrest criminals, but to provide a thorough investigation to prosecutors for successful prosecution in court. Because of their level of training, multiple members of CIU are certified by the State of Illinois as instructors in various fields. Throughout the year they conduct multiple in-house trainings to increase the knowledge base of all officers within the Department. Members of CIU have also taught blocks of training relating to criminal investigations at the Citizen's Police Academy, spoken to or provided demonstrations to community groups, spoken on panels at different forums, and performed evidence demonstrations at National Night Out.

In 2025, CIU continued to be respected and considered some of the most capable investigators in the area. CIU received two awards in 2025, one being a Unit Citation from the McHenry County Chiefs of Police Association and the other being Meritorious Unit Citation from the ILACP. These awards stemmed from a missing person investigation in 2024 that evolved into a homicide investigation in Kane County. Additionally, detectives continue to provide the community with the following specialties that are recognized by the State of Illinois: Lead Homicide Investigators, Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC), Forensic Interviewing, Sexual Assault Investigators, and Advanced Evidence Technicians.

Recognizing that criminal activity does not just start nor stop within Crystal Lake, CIU has worked directly with both local and federal law enforcement agencies on various criminal investigations. Seeing an increase in cyber crimes where citizens and businesses of Crystal Lake were losing a significant amount of money to criminals, the Department decided to place a detective, in a part-time capacity, with the FBI's Cyber Task Force which is based out of the Chicago Field Office. CIU also supports the community by participating in several organizations to include the McHenry County Major Investigation Assistance Team (MIAT), the McHenry County Gang Task Force, the McHenry County Narcotics Task Force, the Terrorism Liaison Officers Committee, and the Child Advocacy Center (CAC). Detectives also hold board positions with the Illinois Juvenile Officers Association and the McHenry County Juvenile Officers Association.

TARGETED RESPONSE UNIT

The Targeted Response Unit (TRU) is comprised of two officers who have a problem-solving mentality. TRU is an integral part of the Criminal Investigations Unit. In 2025, Officers Marchese and Tooley were assigned to TRU. Their responsibilities vary on a day-to-day basis depending upon issues that arise that require their specialty training and experience or an amount of time dedicated to resolve the problem that other officers or detectives do not have. With an emphasis on community caretaking, many of the issues addressed by TRU are criminal in nature, but they will also take on the task of civil matters, neighbor disputes, or code violations as those also have a negative impact on members of the community. As those problems are related to quality of life, TRU work directly with other City Departments such as Community Development and Public Works as well as resources within the Department like the Police Social Worker, Evidence Custodian, and Community Service Officers. Working collaboratively with others within the City and the Department has led to successful and permanent resolutions for the community.

The officers in TRU receive specialized training to achieve their goals. The training topics include narcotics enforcement, street gangs, sex offender registration/compliance, and surveillance techniques. Throughout 2025, TRU was assigned multiple investigations pertaining to those specialties as well as residential burglaries, motor vehicle thefts, stolen firearms, prostitution, public indecency, multiple criminal damage to property, and trespasses to property. In October, seven different incidents of criminal damage to property were reported in an apartment complex's parking lot after numerous vehicle tires were slashed. Officer Marchese identified a suspect and took him into custody for an unrelated arrest warrant. During an interview with Officer Marchese, the suspect admitted to slashing the tires of multiple vehicles in an attempt to cover his actions of slashing the tires of his intended victim. The suspect was then criminally charged with five counts of criminal damage to property.

Both officers in TRU were also deputized members of the McHenry County Narcotics Task Force. When assistance was requested by the Narcotics Task Force, they performed the tasks assigned to them. They also assisted the DEA TFO with various tasks for both local and federal investigations. TRU was assigned local narcotics intelligence to follow-up on and investigate further. When not busy with other tasks, TRU remained proactive performing criminal interdiction during traffic stops. They actively participated in IDOT grants throughout the year, enhancing traffic safety within Crystal Lake. Both officers in TRU were also members of the McHenry County Gang Task Force.

TARGETED RESPONSE UNIT

Sex Offender Compliance

One of TRU's primary responsibilities is to be the Department's experts about sex offender and violence against youth offender registrations and compliance. Quarterly in 2025, TRU conducted home address verification compliance checks of all offenders registered within Crystal Lake. These checks consisted of meeting with the offender at their registered residence, confirming they still live at that residence, and reviewing all information on their registration to confirm it is accurate and current. Additionally, throughout the year, outside of compliance checks, TRU identified multiple instances where the sex offender had violated their registration requirements. Their investigations resulted in three felony arrests for registration violations and two other cases being cleared exceptionally after the McHenry County State's Attorney's Office opted for education over enforcement. Additionally, when they discovered possible violations in other jurisdictions, they worked with the appropriate law enforcement agency to ensure no registration violation went unaddressed.

As experts in this area, often take all sex offender registrations during their working hours. There were several occasions throughout the year that they identified issues with the registration, specifically the intended residence being within an exclusionary zone based on the offense the person was convicted for. By identifying and addressing the issue during the initial registration, TRU was able to prevent any problems before they arose.

Due to the Department allowing sex offenders to complete/update their registrations on any date/time with any officer, it is also important that others outside of TRU have knowledge and understanding of how to complete accurate registrations. TRU has facilitated the sharing of their expertise by putting together a roll call training for all officers and were always available to answer officers' questions.

FOID, Pre-Trial Release Compliance, and Karina's Law

For various reasons the Illinois State Police (ISP) can revoke, suspend, or deny a resident's Firearm Owner Identification (FOID). Additionally, McHenry County judges issue orders to surrender firearms as part of no contact orders/orders of protection. Usually, these are issued in response to a volatile or violent domestic relationship. TRU has been tasked with monitoring residents who are subject to the orders by ISP and judges. This typically involves communication with the individuals to ensure they are aware of and abiding by said order. This local contact and notification process is part of the Department's effort to add an additional layer to the State and County's efforts to fight gun and domestic violence.

TARGETED RESPONSE UNIT

Since the enactment of the SAFE-T Act, judges can impose conditions of pre-trial release. Depending on the crime the suspect has been arrested for, the judge can order the arrestee to not possess any firearms. TRU is responsible for monitoring pre-trial release conditions of those arrested by the Department. Should the judge order no possession of firearms, TRU will handle it similarly to how they address suspensions/revocations of FOID cards by ISP and orders signed by judges.

In May, Karina's Law went into effect with the intent to enhance protections for survivors of domestic violence in Illinois. The primary purpose of the law is to reduce the risk of firearm-related harm in domestic violence situations by ensuring prompt and consistent removal of firearms from individuals subject to orders of protection. This is done through courts issuing search warrants to enable law enforcement to seize firearms. TRU has played an active role when the Department has received Karina's Law search warrants, supporting the Department's ongoing efforts to prioritize victim safety and contribute to safer communities.

Assistance to Others in CIU

In 2025, TRU continued to be the consummate "team players" within CIU. They are counted upon to conduct surveillance, be part of an entry team during residential search warrants, search for locations of suspects or missing adults and/or juveniles, execute arrest warrants obtained by detectives, process scenes and vehicles for evidence, request and perform consent searches, proactively patrol areas where crime patterns have been identified, amongst many other tasks. When CIU has multiple background investigations assigned, whether it is for Police Department or Fire Department candidates, TRU will assist with whatever needs to be completed. In 2025, Officers Marchese and Tooley completed eleven background investigations.

TRU is also tasked with assisting SRO's with alcohol and tobacco compliance checks. Due to some businesses with alcohol licenses being closed during the evenings, compliance checks of those businesses are completed by TRU. Officers Marchese and Tooley also played an active role in school safety, assisting the SRO's and School District 155 with lockdown drills at the high schools located within Crystal Lake.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT NOTABLE INVESTIGATIONS

Arson Investigations

In January of 2025, CIU began investigating an attempted residential arson after the victim discovered an unknown accelerant spread about the crawl space of the residence, near a furnace and water heater. A suspect was identified and a multiple month investigation ensued involving witness interviews, security camera footage review, analysis of cell phone contents/records, information sharing with the Crystal Lake Fire Department, and utilization of other law enforcement resources. An arrest warrant was obtained for the suspect, who was known to the victim, for residential burglary, attempt arson, and criminal trespass to residence. The suspect was later taken into custody without incident.

In April of 2025, officers responded to an occupied residence that had been intentionally set on fire via a suspected Molotov Cocktail or “fire bomb.” Thankfully, the fire was quickly extinguished by a citizen who observed the fire on the exterior of the house. The following morning, the house sustained criminal damage. Detectives performed a neighborhood canvass and were able to recover security camera footage from local businesses that captured the actions as well as the suspects’ vehicle. They then utilized Department resources to determine further information about the vehicle. Two suspects residing in Boone County were identified and the investigation continued with physical surveillance being performed. With the cooperation of the Boone County Sheriff’s Office, the two suspects were taken into custody without incident and a residential search warrant was executed. The investigation revealed the two suspects “fire bombed” and damaged the wrong residence, with their intended target being near-by. The two were charged with Aggravated Arson, Residential Arson, Arson Damage to Real Property, and multiple counts of Criminal Damage to Property. They were additionally charged with narcotics-related offenses in Boone County as a result of the residential search warrant. The criminal case was quickly adjudicated with both of the arrestees being sentenced to over ten years in IDOC.

In November of 2025, a detective was called out to a hotel to assist with an arson investigation. It was determined an adult male had lit hotel property on fire within his hotel room in an attempt to “smoke out” people in his room/hotel. The responding detective worked with the Crystal Lake Fire Department and communicated the facts to the McHenry County State’s Attorney’s Office. The male was ultimately charged with a Class X Felony for Aggravated Arson as well as an additional felony charge for Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

Scams/Financial Crimes

As technology has evolved, so have the complexity of criminals using different scams to steal money from citizens and businesses. Many of these investigations lead to the discovery that the suspects are operating in different countries where the US law enforcement legal process cannot impact them or their operations. In those instances, the information is turned over to federal law enforcement agencies through IC3.gov so they can work with international law enforcement partners. Scams can and do occur through in-person interactions as well. In 2025, there were several instances where CIU was able to identify a suspect locally or within the US and/or able to recover some of the lost funds for victims.

In March, a credit union located within Crystal Lake reported that an unknown suspect used a customer's personal information to withdraw $4500 and a $385,600 cashier's check. Utilizing Department resources, the assigned detective was able to identify the suspect. Communicating with other police departments from across the US, the detective discovered the suspect was committing similar crimes across numerous states. The investigation was turned over to a Special Agent from the FBI's Phoenix Field Office for federal prosecution.

Also in March, a family member brought their elderly mother to the Department to report a complex multiple-year romance scam. The detective was able to determine the two suspects scamming the victim were located in Nigeria. As best the detective was able to determine, the victim had been scammed out of approximately $95,000, but the amount was likely higher. While the detective was unable to bring criminal charges against the suspects (due to them being in Africa), he was able to identify a bank account actively used by the suspects and was able to recover $41,000 for the victim.

In October, a resident reported a male she met through social media had engaged in a dating relationship with her. She later discovered he was using a fictitious identity and determined he had stolen cash and jewelry from her. Detectives positively identified the male as well as the pawn store in Chicago that purchased the jewelry from the suspect. The stolen wedding ring was seized from the pawn store and returned to the victim. The suspect was charged with multiple felonies for Theft by Deception and Theft.

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A well-known criminal group targeted elderly victims within Crystal Lake multiple times in 2025. They pose as home repair specialists and offer to complete repairs to driveways, chimneys, porches, foundations, or even vehicles. They then intimidate the victims to pay more than the agreed upon price for the faulty/fraudulent repairs or distract the victim while other suspects enter the residence to commit a theft of currency or other valuable items.

In February, an elderly resident fell victim to a driveway repair scam. Two suspects, both members of the criminal group, were identified and an arrest warrant was obtained for both of them for two felony counts of Aggravated Home Repair Fraud. In December, an elderly resident fell victim to a driveway repair scam. While doing so, she was distracted by one suspect while two others entered her residence and stole over $15,000. Throughout the investigation, one of the suspects was positively identified and taken into custody with the cooperation of the North Regional Major Crimes Task Force (NORTAF). The suspect was charged with two felony counts of Theft by Deception. The investigation remains ongoing in an attempt to positively identify the other suspects involved and for additional criminal charges.

Child and Sex Crimes

In 2025, CIU was assigned 69 cases falling under sex assault/abuse and child sex crimes. Additionally, 20 other cases involving children were investigated by detectives. CIU, and the Department as a whole, recognize these as being heinous criminal acts, and specific investigative steps are taken with the victim with their needs in mind. For example, juvenile victims are forensically interviewed at the CAC with representatives from DCFS and the McHenry County State's Attorney's Office also present. With both child and sex crime investigations, cooperation and communication with other agencies continues with the goal of solving and successfully prosecuting these crimes. While several of the cases assigned in 2025 are still pending, CIU was able to attain a closure rate of approximately 78% in child and sex crime investigations.

Some of the cases involving the possession, distribution, or production of sexually explicit and abusive images and/or videos of children are reported directly to the Department while others are received through "Cybertip" which is managed by the Illinois Attorney General's Office and Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC). In 2025, the Department continued to send detectives to ICAC trainings to remain on the "cutting edge" of these sensitive investigations. When information pertaining to these investigations in received by CIU, multiple search warrants and/or subpoenas are completed in order to collect further evidence and identify the suspect. Typically, this culminates in the obtaining and execution of an arrest warrant along with search warrants for residences and electronic devices. These investigations continue far beyond just the arrest and the search warrants. Detectives have worked cooperatively with other agencies, such as, the Attorney General's Office and the Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory to ensure digital extractions of electronic devices are completed and analyzed.

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In February, the Department received an ICAC tip about suspected Child Sex Abuse Material (CSAM) being possessed by a resident. The assigned detective completed multiple search warrants for digital evidence to confirm the identity of the person possessing the CSAM. The investigation culminated with a residential search warrant executed by CIU, with assistance from the Illinois Attorney General's Office, in early May. The suspect was arrested and charged with 10 felony counts of Unlawful Possession of Child Pornography.

In March, a resident of another state made a phone call report about sexual abuse/assaults that had occurred over a decade ago while the victim and suspect resided in Crystal Lake. Throughout the investigation, the assigned detective had to navigate the challenges of the victim residing over 1000 miles away, therefore not being able to meet in person. The detective coordinated with a detective from the police agency that had jurisdiction where the victim lived. They worked together to perform all necessary steps to build a successful case, to include a recorded overhear between the victim and suspect. The adult male, who still resided in McHenry County, was taken into custody and charged with Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault, Criminal Sexual Assault, and Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse. Due to the discovery of additional sex abuse/assault crimes having occurred in other states, information was transferred to other law enforcement agencies for additional investigation/criminal charges. From start to conclusion, this investigation spanned 6 months.

As evidenced by the example above, these types of investigations are time consuming and mentally challenging. Throughout 2025 detectives repeatedly demonstrated dedication to these investigations, exploring every legal avenue to identify and criminally charge the offenders, with the goal of protecting the vulnerable victims.

Property Crimes

In February, a commercial burglary was reported to the Department. While there was security camera footage that captured the incident/suspects, the suspects were unable to be positively identified by detectives from the footage alone. Search warrants to various social media platforms and cell phone providers aided in the identification of suspects. As a result of the investigation, two juveniles were petitioned to juvenile court for the offenses of Burglary, Criminal Damage to Property, Retail Theft, and Trespass to Vehicle.

In May, an organized retail crime investigator for a major retailer in Crystal Lake reported a series of retail thefts committed by two suspects. The assigned detective worked directly with the retailer's loss prevention to gather all details about the incidents that occurred within Crystal Lake. Over 5 incidents, the two suspects caused a total loss of approximately $4500. Within McHenry County, the suspects were responsible for a total loss to the retailer of approximately $60,000. The detective positively identified the suspects, who resided in Chicago, and obtained arrest warrants for them for 5 counts of felony Retail Theft.

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Narcotics Investigation

In April, a multiple-month narcotics investigation concluded with a residential search warrant executed by the DEA on a residence in Crystal Lake. The investigation started from a vague tip about an adult male advertising narcotics and firearms for sale via social media applications. The Department's DEA TFO took the lead with investigating the allegations and received assistance from TRU and detectives. An adult male was arrested after narcotics and firearms were recovered from the residence. He was charged with a total of 19 felony and misdemeanor charges relating to narcotics and firearms. In January of 2026, the arrestee plead guilty to 2 Class X felonies and received a sentence of 8 years in prison for both counts, to be served concurrently.

Even after the initial arrest, the investigation continued and identified another associated adult male who was advertising narcotics for sale on social media applications. In September, that male was arrested and charged with narcotics and firearm-related felonies and a residential search warrant was executed. During the course of that search warrant, two other adults were found in possession of controlled substances and they were subsequently charged with felonies as well.

Deception Investigations

CIU prides itself on being thorough with all of their investigations and being able to identify deception when it is present. In May, a resident reported they were a victim of an armed robbery that took place at a Crystal Lake hotel. Members of CIU responded in the middle of the night to secure and search the scene as well as to interview all involved parties. Through a thorough investigation, it was determined an armed robbery did not take place and that the incident involved prostitution. A male was charged with Unlawful Possession of Ammunition by a Convicted Felon and Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance. The female involved was charged with Prostitution, Unlawful Possession of Ammunition without a FOID, and Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance.

The original complainant was identified as a registered sex offender within Crystal Lake. During the investigation, it was discovered that he had violated the requirements of his sex offender registration. He was criminally charged and transported to McHenry County Jail. Upon his release from jail, he was reported as missing after he failed to return to his residence for approximately a week and did not update his registration with any other law enforcement agencies. Upon locating him, he was criminally charged again for a sex offender registration violation and was detained at the McHenry County Jail.

In August, a resident reported a residential burglary and a theft of a motor vehicle, naming her ex-boyfriend as a suspect. After making the report, the complainant called the Department a day later advising that her stolen vehicle had been returned to her driveway. Through the investigation, the detective was able to recover security camera footage that showed the complainant retrieving her vehicle from a local bar, just prior to her reporting to the Department that it had been returned to her residence by unknown means while she was away. The suspect was criminally charged with felony Filing a False Police Report after her initial report of a residential burglary and theft of a motor vehicle were determined to be intentionally deceptive.

Background Investigations

The CIU is tasked with completing background investigations into potential candidates for positions within the Police Department, Fire Department, Information Technologies, and dispatchers for SEECOM. While different from criminal investigations, these background investigations are still thorough and require multiple steps to complete. They involve interviews with the candidates as well as professional and personal references, review of criminal histories, driving records, and/or contact with law enforcement agencies, social media analysis, and neighborhood canvasses. Those within CIU pride themselves on being as thorough on their assigned background investigations as they are on their assigned criminal investigations. In 2025, CIU conducted 85 background investigations. This was a 6% increase from background investigations conducted in 2024 (80 total) and a 107% increase from those conducted in 2023 (41 total).

Motor Vehicle Thefts

Throughout 2025, TRU investigated multiple motor vehicle thefts. These investigations were extensive and required multiple investigatory steps. Similar to their narcotics investigations, TRU worked closely with other law enforcement agencies to identify suspects or patterns of criminal behavior in order to interrupt/stop the acts. In the last quarter of 2025, there was an increase in motor vehicle thefts/attempted motor vehicle thefts within Crystal Lake. Juvenile suspects were identified by TRU and Officer Tooley took over the investigations into multiple incidents. While investigating the motor vehicle thefts, TRU developed investigatory leads into other criminal activity to include residential burglaries, criminal damage to property, and a robbery/aggravated battery/mob action. Over the course of two months, TRU methodically worked through all of the information obtained through interviews, physical evidence, and digital evidence. At the conclusion of the investigation, seven juveniles and one adult were criminally charged. In total, the eight individuals were charged with 59 felonies and 30 misdemeanors. Additionally, TRU's investigation identified criminal activity in other police jurisdictions, across multiple Illinois counties. TRU worked with multiple police agencies, sharing information to ensure all involved in the criminal acts were held accountable for their actions.


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SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

Since 1996, High School District 155 and the Department have successfully collaborated with integrating police officers into the high schools. School Resource Officers (SRO's) are specially trained individuals who are assigned full-time to each of the three high schools in Crystal Lake. Throughout 2025, SRO Duncan was assigned to Crystal Lake South High School and SRO Rueff was assigned to Prairie Ridge High School. In the spring of 2025, SRO Boulahanis completed his assignment to Crystal Lake Central High School after serving as an SRO there for 5 years. SRO Torkelson was chosen to replace him and began his assignment at Central in August of 2025. SRO Torkelson was previously the SRO at Prairie Ridge High School prior to SRO Rueff.

While classes are in session, SRO's are responsible for investigation and documentation of all crimes and calls for service on the school's property. Throughout 2025, SRO's investigated batteries, alcohol and drug complaints, trespasses, defacements, thefts, harassments, and sex crimes.

Considered to be the "first line of defense" in protecting students and staff at the schools. When information is provided to them about threats of violence at the school, they take action immediately. An example of this took place on Friday, October 3, 2025, when the SRO at Central High School was stationed at the school to support the homecoming football game. While at the game, a parent/guardian of a student from the opposing school notified the SRO of a social media posting created by a Central student. It was reported that the juvenile student posted a video of themselves holding a suspected rifle and a magazine containing firearm ammunition. No words were spoken and no text displayed. No direct threat was made towards anyone.





SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

The SRO, working with other officers staffing the game, worked quickly to locate the juvenile who was at the event and detained them for further questioning. The subsequent investigation revealed the video was taken weeks prior and at a location away from any school property. The weapon displayed in the video was found to be real and was owned by a family member the juvenile did not live with. After an extensive investigation, detectives determined the juvenile did not have any weapons in their possession, nor did they have access to any weapons. The weapon displayed in the social media posting was secured with the assistance of an outside agency in the jurisdiction the weapon owner resides in.

SRO's are integral partners in the development of their assigned school's lock-down, evacuation, and emergency preparedness programs. In the fall of 2025, the SRO's also assisted District #47 and private schools with their state mandated school lock-down drills.

The relationship between SRO's and those within the schools go beyond the standard law enforcement and safety function. The SRO's act as law enforcement liaisons with school administrators as well as mentors and role models for students. In their positions, the SRO's have many additional responsibilities. They conduct classroom presentations regarding specific law enforcement topics including sexting and cyber-bullying, traffic laws, curfew, intoxicated driving, drug awareness and prevention, and social media/online safety. SRO's also have varied responsibilities outside of the normal school day, such as attending home sporting events, dances, and other extracurricular activities. In November, the SRO's participated in a community event held by District 155, District 47, and the Northern Illinois Recovery Center. They spoke during a panel session regarding mental health, substance abuse, and healthy choices. Outside of school hours they are responsible for facilitating the Department's alcohol and tobacco compliance programs.





K9 TEAM

In 2025, the K9 team consisting of Officer Schumacher and Canine Cruise completed their second full year together. Over the course of 2025, Officer Schumacher and Cruise deployed nearly 50 times for exterior vehicle sniffs for the odor of narcotics, searches of residences for narcotics, tracks for missing persons or suspects of crimes, area searches for people, and public demonstrations. Additionally, Officer Schumacher worked with school administrators in school districts 47 and 155 to utilize Cruise to sniff for the odor of narcotics in multiple schools during school searches in 2025. Officer Schumacher also assisted local police agencies/school districts during school searches in their respective jurisdictions.

Furthermore, Canine Cruise was utilized by the Department in 2025 to educate the community about their role within the agency and how they assist officers during public demonstrations. Public demonstrations continue to be a rewarding experience for both the community and our K9 teams.





K9 TEAM

In the fall of 2025, the decision was made to add an additional canine to the Department's K9 program. After assessing the needs of the community and the Department, a German Shepard named Osaka was chosen as the new canine. After an interview process, Officer Lewandowski was selected to be Osaka's handler. The new K9 team went through an intensive 8-week training course where Osaka learned obedience, narcotics detection, human tracking, and article searches. After obtaining multiple certifications through the State of Illinois and the American Kennel Club, Officer Lewandowski and Osaka began patrolling Crystal Lake together in November. In just one month, Osaka was deployed by Officer Lewandowski seven times for exterior vehicle sniffs for the odor of narcotics, a track for a potentially armed subject, and a track for a subject who fled the scene of a traffic crash.









K9 TEAM

Tragically, in July Officer Schack and the Department endured the loss of Canine Zeus, following Zeus suffering from a medical emergency. Over the course of Zeus's career, Officer Schack and Zeus attended maintenance and narcotics training multiple times a month and engaged in weekly street training. This level of continuous training was a testament to Zeus's ability to sniff out the odor of narcotics and perform tracks of human scent for criminals or those in distress, such as missing or suicidal subjects. Zeus and Officer Schack's abilities built a reputation with local and federal agencies who frequently requested their assistance with ongoing investigations. Over six and a half years, this amounted to Zeus taking part in over 300 narcotic-related investigations, with a multitude of property and U.S. currency seizures involved.

In addition to narcotics and human scent performance, together Zeus and Officer Schack fostered an excellent relationship with administrators from the local school districts and members of the community during numerous school demonstrations and public events. The Department's K-9 demonstration during the annual National Night Out event always drew a large crowd, eager to see Zeus in action or to catch a quick picture in the kissing booth.



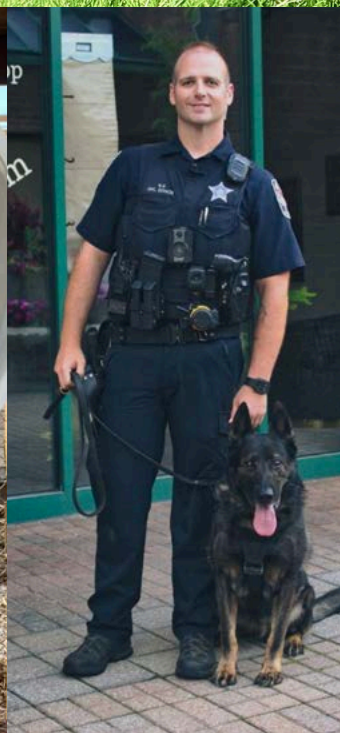

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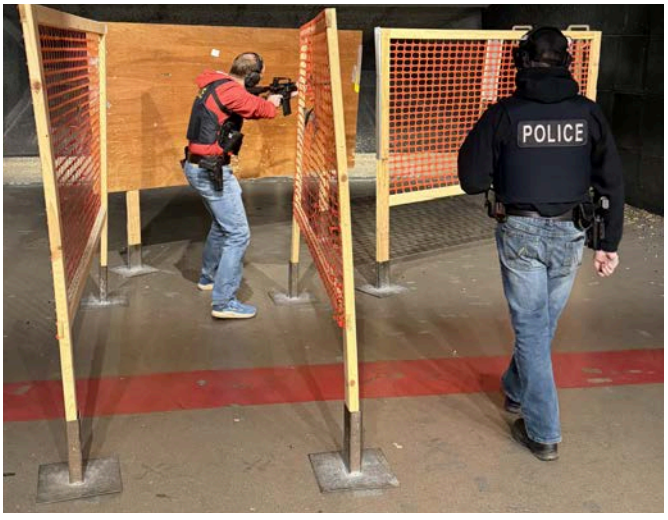
The Training Unit is committed to ensuring that all employees not only fulfill state-mandated requirements but also receive exceptional instruction. This dedication cultivates a culture of excellence in law enforcement services. Every training program incorporates innovative and contemporary methodologies, enabling personnel to exceed minimum standards.

The Training Unit provides a comprehensive array of educational opportunities, including instructional reading materials, practical defensive tactics, high-risk traffic stop procedures, active shooter response protocols, specialized emphasis on de-escalation techniques, and mental health awareness. Scenario-based simulations are seamlessly integrated throughout the curriculum to enhance real-world preparedness.

The Training Unit delivered approximately 9,000 hours of comprehensive instruction across a diverse range of topics. This included specialized sessions aligned with the Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS), a multi-jurisdictional mutual aid framework involving over 100 agencies in northeastern Illinois. These NIPAS-focused programs emphasize advanced skill development and refinement in critical areas such as:

- Building clearing operations
- Active shooter response protocols
- Management of barricaded subjects
- Crowd control and protester handling
- Mass casualty incident management

Through these targeted initiatives, the Training Unit significantly strengthens the capabilities of our personnel, equipping them to deliver outstanding police services to the community with the highest standards of integrity, professionalism, and preparedness for any unforeseen challenges.



TRAINING UNIT

Basic Academy and Field Training

The Police Department utilized a premier Illinois training institution for law enforcement, the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA) at the College of DuPage in order to certify officers in accordance with standards set by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB). Newly hired officers complete a rigorous 640-hour (16-week) basic law enforcement academy curriculum. This intensive program challenges recruits both mentally and physically while providing comprehensive instruction in essential areas, including:

·De-escalation techniques
·Crisis intervention
·Stress management and officer wellness
·Civil rights and civil liabilities
·Active shooter response
·High-risk traffic stops
·Firearms proficiency
·Criminal investigations
·Courtroom testimony
·Emergency vehicle operations
·Patrol tactics





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The commitment to rigorous training curriculum ensures that our officers receive high-quality, state-approved training to serve the community with professionalism, competence, and readiness.

Following graduation from the academy or upon joining as a lateral hire, officers are required to complete a nationally recognized 16-week Field Training Program. The Department employs the Field Training Officer (FTO)-Coaching Model, commonly referred to as the Sokolove Model, developed by Bruce Sokolove of Field Training Associates. This structured, performance-based approach emphasizes coaching, documentation, and evaluation to guide probationary officers in applying academy-acquired knowledge and skills in accordance with Department policies, legal standards, and community service expectations.

Throughout the program, officers must successfully complete all phases, including a comprehensive and growing 18-page checklist of essential duties and competencies, ensuring they are fully prepared for independent patrol operations. Officers Landeros, Officer Reyes, and Officer Szuszkiewicz commenced their Field Training process in December 2025.

The following officers have successfully completed the Field Training Program and have transitioned to solo patrol duties during 2025:

·Officer Zahari
·Officer Brammeier
·Officer Villont
·Officer Melani
·Officer Hensley
·Officer Baran
·Officer Hodges
·Officer Bernero

Our lateral transfer program continues to strengthen the Department by recruiting experienced officers from other agencies. Officer Hodges, Officer Bernero, and Officer Orellana have joined us from out-of-state police Departments, bringing valuable expertise, diverse perspectives, and enhanced capabilities to our Patrol Unit.

This rigorous progression from academy training to field certification underscores the Police Department's unwavering commitment to developing highly competent, professional officers dedicated to serving the community with excellence.

TRAINING UNIT

Supervisory Development

The Police Department remains steadfast in its pursuit of excellence by providing advanced professional development opportunities for supervisory and command-level personnel. This investment in leadership training ensures that our leaders are equipped with the knowledge, skills, and strategic insight necessary to guide the Department effectively and serve the community with the highest standards of professionalism.

Sergeants Beasley and Munaretto have successfully graduated from the prestigious School of Police Staff and Command (SPSC) at Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety. This intensive 10-week (approximately 400-hour) program is specifically designed for mid- and upper-level supervisory personnel, preparing them for senior command positions through a unique blend of academic principles and practical applications. The curriculum encompasses critical topics such as leadership and management, project management, organizational behavior, budgeting and resource allocation, human resources, media relations, planning and policies, and contemporary policing issues.

Sergeants Sindaravicius, Mattson, and Eitel are scheduled to attend the SPSC in 2026, continuing the Department's commitment to supervisory development.





TRAINING UNIT

Supervisory Development

Commander Coutre graduated from the FBI National Academy, Session 296. Established in 1935, the FBI National Academy is an internationally renowned 10-week program held at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. It provides advanced leadership training, education, and specialized instruction to experienced law enforcement professionals, typically those with an average of over 20 years of service—who are nominated for their demonstrated leadership potential.

The program covers diverse areas including law, behavioral science, forensic science, leadership development, communication, health and fitness, and counterterrorism strategies. Since its inception, more than 55,000 professionals have completed the Academy, which remains a benchmark for enhancing law enforcement standards, knowledge, and interagency cooperation worldwide.





TRAINING UNIT

Supervisory Development

Commander Miller completed a series of courses with the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association (FBI-LEEDA), which focuses on a trilogy of ongoing networking and professional development for law enforcement leaders. FBI-LEEDA continues to deliver top-tier training, fostering public-private collaboration, and advancing police leadership through innovative programs. Finally, all first-line supervisors participated in a training titled Excellence in Policing and Public Safety Program: Police Leadership and Management Training, which provided them with additional skills necessary to continue to be effective leaders.

Records Supervisor Henderson was one of thirty-two people selected to attend the ten-month Leadership Greater McHenry County program. This program includes people from all sectors of the community and works to develop leadership ability.

Through these elite programs, the Police Department continues to cultivate strong, forward-thinking leadership, ensuring our supervisors and commanders are well-prepared to address evolving challenges and deliver exceptional service to the community.

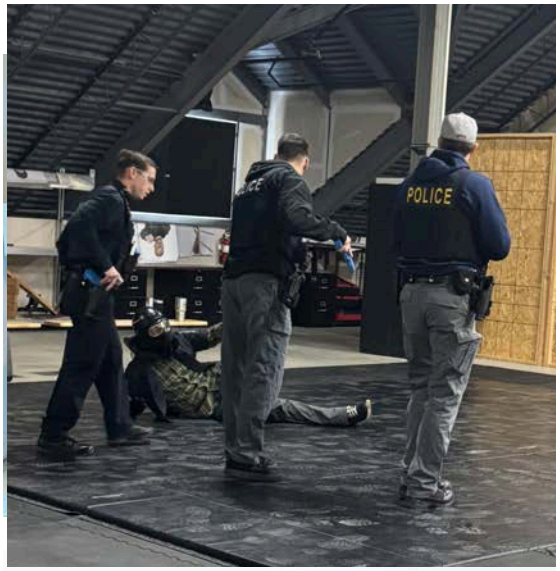




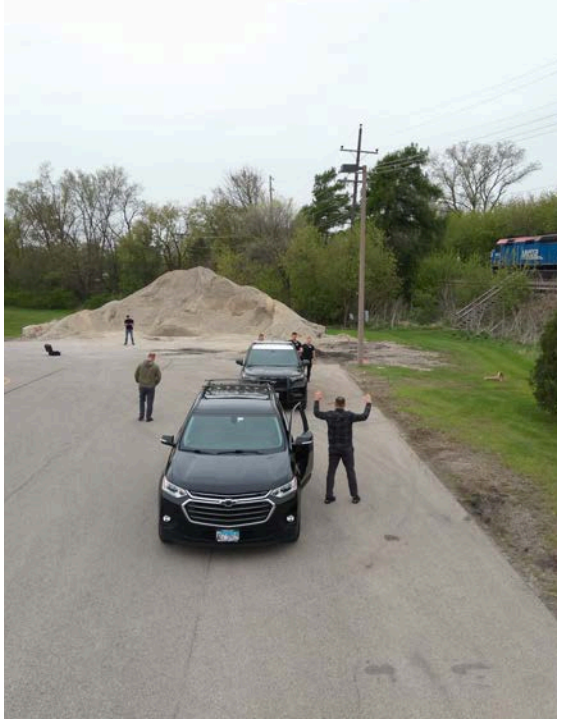
TRAINING UNIT

Constitutional Rights and Response to Resistance

The Department places a high priority on officers' ongoing professional development in constitutional principles governing the use of force, ensuring they remain well-versed in legal standards through regular training on both lethal and non-lethal tools, coupled with timely legal updates from reputable sources. Training is delivered through diverse, practical methodologies, including scenario-based exercises, legal reviews, tabletop simulations, and in-depth discussions, to equip officers with the skills to assess threats effectively, select appropriate response tools, and apply de-escalation techniques in dynamic situations. Many sessions draw from real-world or simulated incidents to deliver relevant, hands-on experience that enhances decision-making, adherence to current best practices and safest protocols, and protection for both the community and officers.



In 2025, the Department conducted targeted programs such as Defensive Tactics, De-Escalation and Smarter Policing, Use of Force Legal Reviews, High-Risk Traffic Stops, Active Shooter Response (Rapid Deployment), and monthly legal updates provided through the Police Law Institute (a leading provider of scenario-based online legal training for law enforcement) and Law Enforcement Training, LLC (specializing in use-of-force and related instruction). Additional specialized topics were addressed via resources from LexisNexis (offering law enforcement-focused data analysis and investigative training), the Child Advocacy Center of McHenry County (supporting trauma-informed responses and child abuse investigations), the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and the North East Multi-Regional Training Unit (NEMRT) (a key Illinois provider of high-quality, cost-effective in-service training for law enforcement personnel). This comprehensive approach reinforces officers' ability to respond judiciously, professionally, and constitutionally in all encounters.



While continuing to provide top tier training for response to resistance training, Officers Cotter and Morse attended a weeklong Blauer Spear System training, conducted by a renowned martial arts and combative expert, Tony Blauer, in self-defense, combat sports, military and law enforcement. As an agency, we have strived to ensure we provide the highest standards for response to resistance training. Officer Harvat and Sergeant Sindaravicius attended the 32-Hour Offset Tactical Patrol Rifle Instructor Course. Sergeant Sindaravicius and Officer Cotter also attended a weeklong firearms instructor course. Officer Ryan Schack successfully completed a High-Risk Traffic Stop Instructor Course.

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For defensive tactics training, officers continued to build off the fundamentals of the renowned Ground Fighting Control Tactics program and learned how to safely and successfully take down individuals to make a safe and affective arrest. When it comes to less lethal training, officers trained monthly on how to quickly and effectively apply The Wrap restraint system.

Officers Holub and Cotter will be working on applying through NEMRT to be approved by ILETSB to be certified instructors, which assists in developing and training Department personnel in various topics to ensure all Department personnel are complaint with State of Illinois Law Enforcement mandates.

Officer Lang, who is also an active member of NIPAS and is a certified instructor through ILETSB, continues to train our agency with Rapid Deployment and Response course for active shooter incidents.

Ride-Along Program

The Police Department offers a Ride-Along Program designed to provide participants, including potential job applicants, community residents, students, and family members—with a firsthand opportunity to accompany an officer during a regular patrol shift. This immersive experience offers valuable insight into the daily responsibilities, decision-making processes, and high-quality policing services delivered by Department personnel, while reinforcing the Department's commitment to community policing, transparency, and trust-building. In 2025, the program welcomed 50 participants, further strengthening the positive relationships between the Police Department and the community it proudly serves.

Internship Program

The Department's Internship Program plays a vital role within the Training Unit and the Department overall. Interns are selectively chosen from various universities and colleges to complete a semester-long rotation across all Department units. This program provides hands-on mentoring from experienced officers daily, offering valuable learning and networking opportunities within the industry. Numerous current and former officers launched their careers through the Internship Program. There were three interns that joined us in 2025.

TRAINING UNIT

Citizen Police Academy

In the spring of 2025, the Department successfully hosted its Citizen Police Academy, an 11-week educational program that welcomed twenty (20) community members for an in-depth, behind-the-scenes look at modern law enforcement. The comprehensive curriculum covered essential topics including traffic stops, criminal law (presented by former McHenry County State's Attorney Patrick Keneally), DUI enforcement, use of force and response to resistance, K9 operations, criminal investigations, major vehicle accident response, evidence collection, and realistic scenario-based training. Participants engaged directly with passionate officers who specialize in these areas, fostering open dialogue, hands-on learning, and a deeper understanding of police operations.

The program concluded with a supervised ride-along experience for those who completed all sessions and met attendance and participation requirements. Graduates were invited to extend their involvement by joining the Police Department's Volunteer Program, where they assist with community events such as Drug Take-Back days, National Night Out, and parade traffic control; seven (7) from the class wished to become volunteers. The Participant feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with attendees commending the program's thoughtful organization, the professionalism and dedication of the instructors, and the inclusive, welcoming environment.

Particularly well-received sessions included K9 operations, de-escalation techniques, school resource officer roles, NIPAS mutual aid operations, the SEECOM dispatch center, investigations, arrests, search and seizure procedures, and traffic enforcement. The Police Department extends sincere appreciation to the community for its enthusiastic participation and support and looks forward to continuing this impactful program in the years ahead to further strengthen police-community relationships.



HONOR GUARD

Honor Guard

The Police Department Honor Guard maintains a high level of readiness through quarterly training sessions, focusing on precision in marching cadence, execution of the honorary 21-Gun Salute, and proper flag folding and etiquette for ceremonial events. In 2025, the Honor Guard proudly represented the Department by carrying the flags of the United States, the State of Illinois, and the City of Crystal Lake during the annual Memorial Day Parade, honoring veterans and fallen service members in a solemn community observance. Active members include Sergeants Dade, Mietus, and Sindaravicius, Officers Sanders, Lang, Alfano, and Kendall, whose continued dedication exemplifies the Department's commitment to tradition, respect, and professional excellence in ceremonial duties. In September, the Honor Guard received an award presented to them and the Department by the American Legion and Veterans of Crystal Lake. The award is proudly displayed for all to see in the Police Department.



DRONE UNIT

Drone Unit

In 2025, the Police Department Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) program, commonly known as drones, were a vital tool for calls of service. The drones were utilized in search and rescue missions, overwatch with real-time monitoring of specialized and routed events, photographing crime scenes, and utilized for tracking utilizing thermal imaging during nighttime operations. The drones were utilized for 64 calls of service, training, and planned events.

Sergeant Sindaravicius, Officers Miller, Soby, Lewandowski, Koster, and Community Service Officers Hojnacki, and Schock continue to train and maintain their UAS Pilot License to utilize the drones within our Department. Officers Stitt and Cormier are due to join the team in 2026.




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RECORDS UNIT

The Police Records Unit is the repository of all Department reports, citations, and arrests. The unit focuses heavily on data integrity; making sure all information is accurate. The Records Unit is under the command of the Deputy Chief of Administration and is staffed by two full-time records assistants, three part-time records assistants, and one supervisor. Hours for Records are Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The unit provides critical support to the Police Department by compiling, maintaining and disseminating copies of Department records regarding crimes, arrests, and traffic accidents to law enforcement agencies, authorized outside entities, and the courts. The unit completes various tasks for the Department and the community, from non-emergency phone calls, managing the Department's front desk, fulfilling subpoenas, and performing records checks. The unit is also responsible for a variety of complex and confidential administrative duties for the Department including but not limited to:

·Maintaining and processing all citations, offense/incident reports, and accident reports in the Department's records management system.
·Reporting crime statistics to the FBI and the State of Illinois, along with other State required data.
·Coordinating the records retention program with Secretary of State's Office.
·Processing petitions, seals, and orders of expungement.



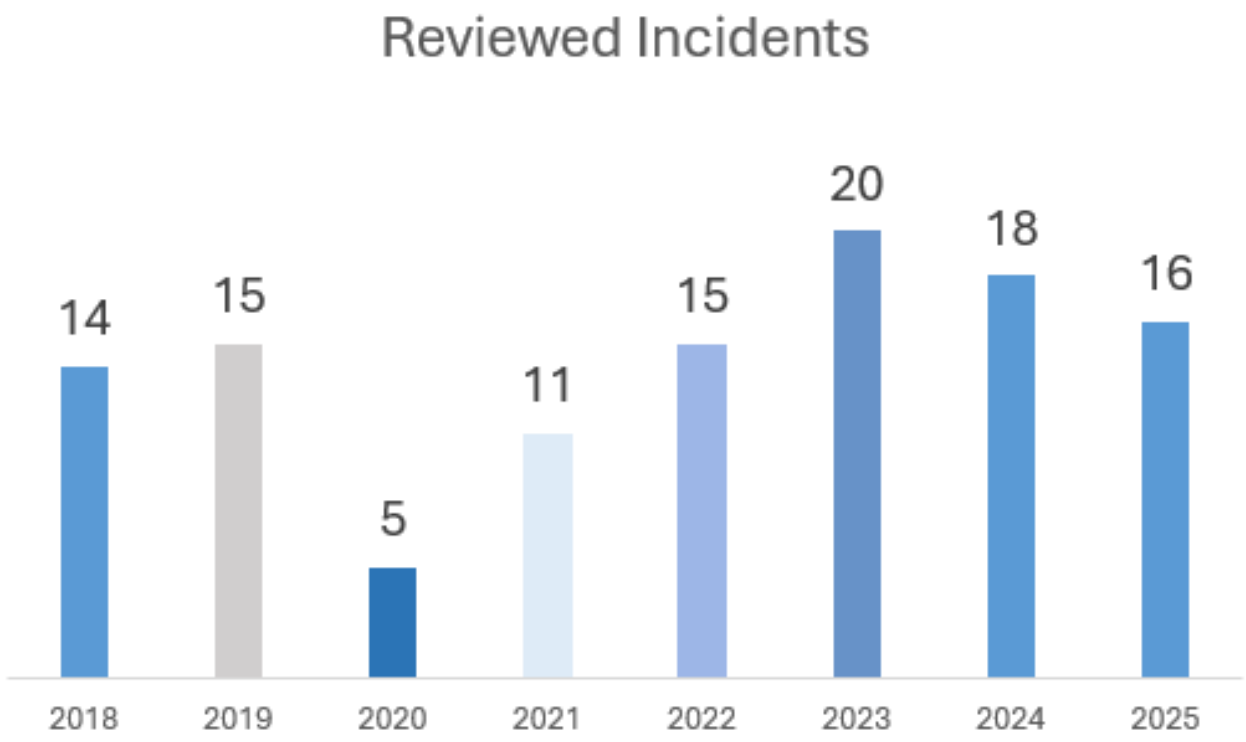
SAFETY/TRAINING COMMITTEE

The Police Department Safety and Training Committee meets monthly in order to review incidents involving injuries to personnel or losses due to property damage. During these reviews the Committee determines the root causes and potential avenues to mitigate any losses in the future. Ultimately, the committee relies on employee involvement, training and awareness to reduce the likelihood of safety issues.

The 2025 goals and objectives of the Police Department Safety Committee were:

- Provide monthly education on safety related topics to Department Employees
- Provide defensive tactics training to sworn personnel focusing on safe take downs
- Decrease vehicle backing incidents through awareness and training
- Continue the process of certifying instructors through ILETSB and NEMRT

In 2025 the Police Department Safety Committee reviewed sixteen IRMA related incidents which were either staff injuries or damage to Department property. Seven of these were injuries and nine were property damage.



COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS



Community Service Officers

Community Service Officers (CSOs) are civilian employees assigned to the Patrol Unit. Although they are not sworn officers and do not possess arrest authority, their contributions to the organization are substantial and essential to daily operations. CSOs routinely support the Patrol Unit by handling a wide range of service calls that would otherwise require a sworn officer's involvement. These responsibilities include responding to private-property traffic crash reports, animal-related complaints, vehicle lockouts, commuter parking enforcement, and pay-station collection and banking.

In addition, CSOs conduct child safety seat inspections to ensure proper installation, provide fingerprinting services for fee-based applicants (including liquor license holders and taxicab drivers), and assist sworn personnel with prisoner processing. CSOs also play a critical role in field operations by assisting patrol officers and directing traffic at roadway crash scenes. During 2025, CSOs were involved in 1,382 calls for service.

Accreditation

The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), awards law enforcement accreditation to agencies that voluntarily submit to their rigorous process. CALEA serves as the premier Accreditation credentialing association for public safety agencies with less than 7% of all law enforcement agencies nationwide being accredited through their program. The Department has been accredited through CALEA since 2013, recently being re-accredited in March 2024. Each year, the Department completes web-based assessments of 462 CALEA standards, including review of written policies and proofs of compliance.

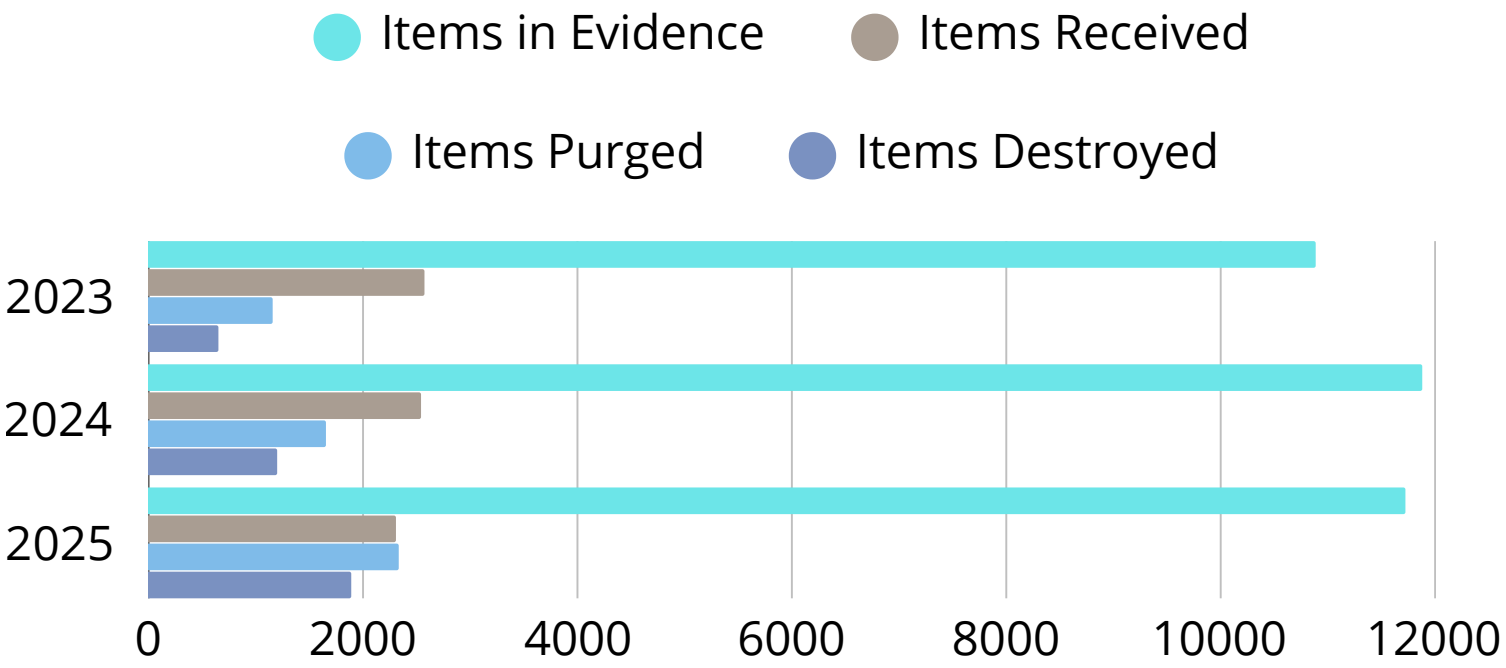


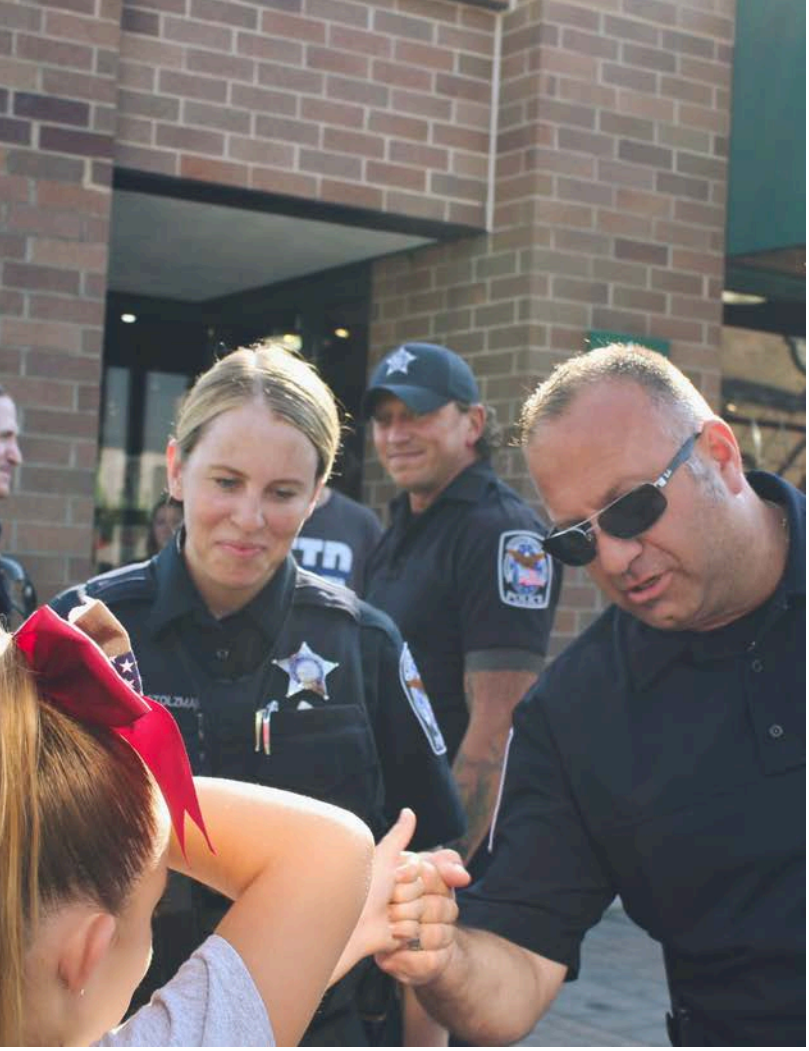
PROPERTY AND EVIDENCE UNIT

The Police Department's Property and Evidence Unit is a vital component of Departmental operations and supports the integrity of the criminal justice process. The Unit is staffed by one full-time Property Control Officer who is responsible for the receipt, documentation, storage, safeguarding, and disposition of all property and evidence seized, received, or recovered by Department personnel.

The Property Control Officer ensures that all property and evidence are properly identified, packaged, labeled, and secured in accordance with applicable State and Federal laws as well as Department directives and CALEA standards. Evidence is maintained in a controlled and secure environment until it is lawfully released, transferred, or disposed of. The Property Control Officer maintains ongoing coordination with the State's Attorney's Office, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, forensic laboratories in Rockford and Chicago, and other authorized external agencies and vendors.

In addition to evidence room management, the Property Control Officer processes a significant volume of internal and external requests, prepares required documentation and reports, and works in collaboration with the Records Unit to ensure timely compliance with evidence requests from the State's Attorney's Office, City Attorneys, and subpoenas related to civil and criminal proceedings.








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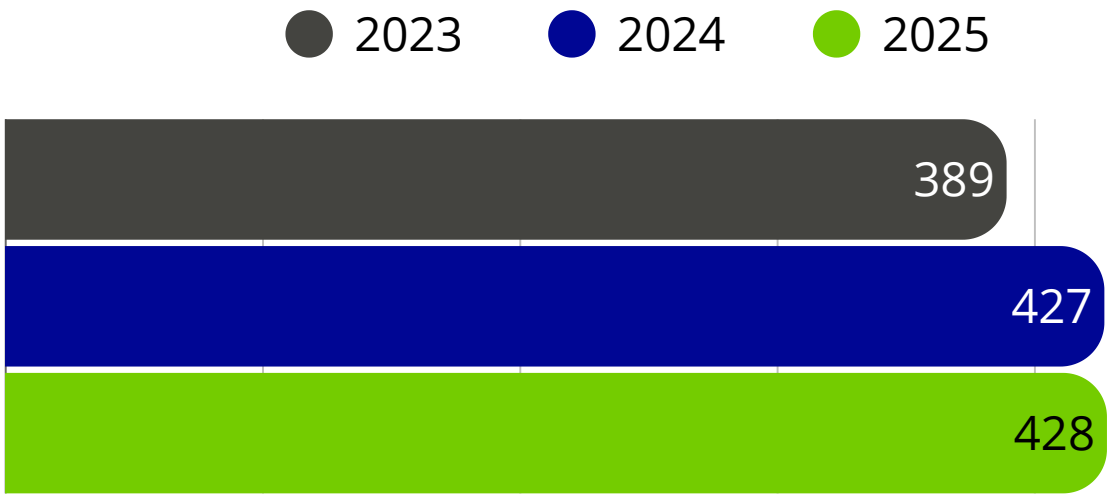


POLICE SOCIAL WORKER PROGRAM

Our Department continued to participate in the McHenry County-wide Police Social Worker Program. The program employs trained and licensed social workers to provide support services to individuals and families that come to the attention of the Department. The program provides adults, juveniles, and families with short-term counseling options, intervention, assessment, referrals, and services for the resolution of individual, family, and community problems. In 2025, the Department completed 428 referrals for those in need of assistance.



A program benefit is that it provides 24-hour on-call coverage to respond whenever necessary. Additionally, the social workers in the program can provide training in topics such as: mental health first aid, Crisis Intervention Team, de-escalation, duty to intervene, trauma-informed response to incidents, substance abuse, peer support, resources in the county, involuntary petitions, and communicating with people of all ages.



COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The Department's Mission Statement and Core Values serve as essential guidance for interactions and communication between the Department and residents, businesses, schools, and community organizations. The Community Relations Officer (CRO) upheld these values and fulfilled a vital role within the community by offering guidance and outreach that enhanced professional service delivery and improved quality of life for those we serve.



The CRO is responsible for overseeing the Volunteers in Police Services (VIPs) program and the Citizen's Police Academy. Additionally, the CRO delivers drug awareness and safety presentations and conducts facility tours for schools and local organizations. Throughout this period, the CRO continued visiting elementary and middle schools in District 47, as well as local churches, to present safety programs addressing common age-related concerns.

This period also marked a transition within the role, during which responsibilities were successfully transferred to new leadership. The CRO remains an active member of the McHenry County Police Charities, the McHenry County Substance Abuse Coalition, and the Task Force on Aging. Additionally, the CRO serves as the primary liaison between the Crystal Lake Crime Stoppers Board and the Department.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Shop with a Cop

On December 7th, the Police Department along with other agencies within McHenry County, came together to shop with young community members during the annual Shop with a Cop event at Walmart in Crystal Lake. The children spent the first part of their morning shopping with Officers and were taken, by squad car, to Glacier Ridge Elementary School where volunteers wrapped the gifts while the kids enjoyed breakfast!





Toys for Tots

The Department partnered with Marvin's Toy Store for the annual stuff the squad event. 2 active members of the United States Marine Corps assisted in filling the entire squad! We surpassed last year's total, collecting 769 toys compared to 639 in 2024.

Special Olympics of Illinois

Our Department demonstrated its ongoing commitment to Special Olympics Illinois in 2025 by raising $11,152 through various fundraising events, including the Polar Plunge, Dunkin Cop on a Rooftop, and Texas Roadhouse Tip-A-Cop. We plan to build on this success in 2026 by expanding our efforts and continuing to support Special Olympics athletes.



COMMUNITY RELATIONS

National Night Out

On August 7, the Department welcomed the community to downtown Crystal Lake for its National Night Out celebration, which brought together more than 40 local businesses and organizations. The event has continued to grow each year, strengthening neighborhood relationships and giving residents a relaxed, engaging way to interact with local law enforcement in a safe, family-friendly setting. Activities included a custom T-shirt design contest sponsored by Eby Graphics, complimentary face painting and balloon creations provided by Farmers Market+ at the Dole, hands-on carnival games, a touch-a-truck experience, and a unique opportunity for children to leave their handprint on a police squad car. Several neighboring police agencies also took part, further enhancing the collaborative and community-focused atmosphere of the evening.









COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Coffee with the Chief

This year, we held two successful Coffee with the Chief events that brought community members together for open discussion on important topics. The first centered on school safety and featured information shared by our SRO. The second examined the growing role of social media in our schools and community, including the challenges it presents across various platforms. School staff, Detective Sergeant Dade, and our SROs were included in these conversations. These events helped inform the community and strengthen connections with our Department.



Public Education

Public education is a vital element of public safety. We continued to use multiple communication channels to educate the community, empowering residents to avoid victimization and to keep themselves and their families safe. As summer ended and the back-to-school season began, public service announcement videos and posts were shared to remind the public about safely sharing the road with school buses, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

Throughout the year, the Department published twelve articles in the City's newsletter to raise awareness and educate the community on the following topics:

- Citizens Police Academy, Safe Winter Driving, and the Polar Plunge.
- IRS scam prevention and Super Bowl Safety
- Coffee with the Chief, St. Patrick's Day safety, and E-bikes and E-Scooter information.
- Dunkin Cop on a Rooftop, DEA National Prescription Drug Take-Back, Common Scam Protection and Tips
- National Police Week, Dunkin Cop on a Rooftop, Click it or Ticket Memorial Day Campaign
- National Night Out T-Shirt Design Contest, Summery Safety Tips, 4th of July Safety
- E-Bike Classification Information
- Back to school Safety, National Night Out, Dog Leash Ordinance
- Coffee with the Chief, Child Passenger Safety Week, Rail Safety Week
- Halloween Safety, Crystal Lake Park's Touch-a-truck, National School Bus Safety, Over Night Parking Ordinance
- K-9 Osaka, Toys for Tot's Donation Drive, Thanksgiving Safety Tips, Holiday Scam Prevention
- Toys for Tot's Donation Drive, Holiday Safety, National Impaired Driving Prevention Month

Additionally, the CRO conducted seven active shooter training sessions at various businesses. The CRO provided five walkthroughs, offering valuable advice on Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Chief's Distinguished Service Award

Presented to a member of the Crystal Lake Police Department whose exceptional police-related achievements reflect performance that exceeds standard job expectations and routine responsibilities. This distinction recognizes efforts that enhance Departmental administration or operations, improve efficiency, or generate cost savings, ultimately strengthening the effectiveness and quality of police services.

Officer Campbell

Officer Brian Campbell earned the Chief's Distinguished Service Award for delivering exceptional performance and professionalism. Throughout the evaluation period, Officer Campbell demonstrated a strong work ethic and a commitment to excellence that exceeded satisfactory standards in most performance categories. His quantity and quality of work were consistently high, reflecting pride in service and attention to detail. He proved dependable and responsible, handled complex situations with sound judgment and effective problem-solving, and worked collaboratively with peers and supervisors. Officer Campbell adapted quickly to change, maintained a positive attitude, and provided outstanding customer service to the community. His reliability, teamwork, and dedication advanced Departmental goals and exemplify the highest standards of this agency.

Detective Tietz

Detective Lisa Tietz was assigned a sex abuse/assault investigation that was delayed by approximately 15 years with neither the victim nor the suspect currently residing in Crystal Lake. The victim was currently living over 1200 miles away from Crystal Lake requiring Detective Tietz to cooperatively work with a detective from the victim's local law enforcement agency to recover digital evidence as well as to complete face-to-face interviews. Throughout the investigation, Detective Tietz "thought outside of the box" to overcome the obstacles the investigation presented. She was truly a victim advocate wanting to get justice for the victim even though she knew how difficult it would be. As a result of her thorough investigation, the suspect was taken into custody by the Police Department and charged with three Class X felonies for Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault, Criminal Sexual Assault, and two counts of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse. She additionally referred the investigation to the FBI and other law enforcement agencies where the sexual abuse/assaults were alleged to occur.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Department Commendation

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

Detective Berillo

Detective Berillo was nominated for a Department commendation by a peer for his exceptional investigative work in a Theft by Deception case. A Crystal Lake resident was defrauded of more than $90,000 by a suspect impersonating the Federal Trade Commission. Through extensive follow-up investigation, including the execution of multiple search warrants, Detective Berillo successfully traced the stolen funds to the suspect's bank account. He then secured a Seizure Warrant and recovered the full amount of the victim's loss. Detective Berillo's diligence, persistence, and commitment to thoroughly pursuing all investigative leads left a lasting impression on his peers and exemplified the highest standards of investigative work. He later coordinated with the FBI to pursue additional criminal charges.

Detectives Berillo, Meyer, and Zielinski

On April 20, 2025, the Police Department, in coordination with Crystal Lake Fire Rescue, conducted a thorough investigation into an aggravated arson incident in which suspects deliberately threw an improvised incendiary device at an occupied residence on North Main Street, narrowly averting greater loss of life or injury. Detective Meyer, in collaboration with Detective Zielinski, Detective Berillo, and other members of CIU methodically developed evidence linking two suspects to the firebombing, which was precipitated by a drug-related dispute and resulted in significant property damage while a 62-year-old resident was inside. Following diligent investigative work, thorough neighborhood canvasses, extensive CCTV surveillance review, coordinated warrant issuance, collaboration with the Boone County Sheriff's Office, and collaborative pre-trial negotiations with the McHenry County State's Attorney's Office, both suspects entered negotiated guilty pleas to residential arson. In October 2025, one suspect was sentenced to 14 years and the other to 13 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. The sentences reflect both the severity of the crime and the effectiveness of the police response in securing accountability for a dangerous act. Detective Meyer's relentless efforts to uncover evidence of the crime, even after arrests were made, is a testament to the priority he places on protecting and serving the residents, and crime victims, of the City of Crystal Lake.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Detective Harvat

On February 23, 2025, the Police Department investigated a commercial burglary at Ralph's General Store, where offenders unlawfully entered overnight and stole approximately $6,860 in cash and merchandise while causing additional property damage. Detective Harvat processed the scene, recovered shoe impressions, and analyzed surveillance footage identifying suspect clothing and repeated entries. Through coordinated interviews, linkage to a nearby vehicle theft, and strategic digital preservation requests, he secured and executed search warrants for Snapchat and cellular data. The forensic return revealed subscriber information, incriminating communications, and images of suspects with stolen property. Detective Harvat's thorough evidence collection, digital forensic analysis, and proactive investigative strategy established probable cause for four juveniles, resulting in approved charges of burglary, criminal damage to property, retail theft, and trespass to vehicle, and demonstrating exceptional investigative diligence and technical proficiency.

Detective Zielinski

On November 30, 2025, the Police Department initiated an investigation into a delayed report of child sexual assault after a juvenile disclosed inappropriate sexual contact by her mother's boyfriend. Detective Zielinski immediately implemented a victim-centered approach, coordinated a forensic interview at the McHenry County Child Advocacy Center, and activated the multidisciplinary team. After the child made detailed disclosures, Detective Zielinski led MDT staffing, developed and executed a strategic investigative plan, and maintained consistent communication with the hesitant mother to ensure continued cooperation. Leveraging her expertise as a Sexual Assault Investigation Instructor, she facilitated a judicial overhear that produced corroborating statements from the suspect. Following case review, three Class X counts of Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault were approved, and Detective Zielinski coordinated with the Lake County Sheriff's Office to safely apprehend the offender without incident. Her leadership, trauma-informed investigative practices, and persistence were instrumental in securing charges and safeguarding the victim.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Lifesaving Awards

Sergeant Porzezinski and Officers Krol and Rossow

Sergeant Porzezinski and Officers Rossow and Krol responded to a call for service involving a suicidal subject reportedly armed with a knife. Upon arrival, officers located the individual actively attempting to take his own life by tightening zip-ties around his neck in an effort to restrict blood flow. The subject was visibly distressed and continued pulling the zip-ties tighter, despite repeated verbal commands from officers to stop. Due to the immediate and life-threatening nature of the situation, officers determined that the use of a Taser was reasonable and necessary to safely incapacitate the subject. Once the subject was under control, officers immediately rendered lifesaving aid, cutting the zip-ties from his neck and stabilizing him until medical personnel arrived. Their rapid assessment, decisive action, and coordinated response directly prevented a loss of life.


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EMERGENCY

2024/2025 COMPARISON

Administration			
Operating Indicators By Function	2024	2025	% Change
Incident Reports Processed	5657	5508	-2.6%
Crash Reports Processed	1594	1552	-2.6%
Supplemental Reports Processed	3195	3184	-0.3%
Temporary Detention Reports	429	388	-9.6%
Subpoenas Processed	255	196	-23.1%
Freedom of Information Act Requests	1135	1631	43.7%
Expungements	36	64	77.8%
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT			
Operating Indicators By Function	2024	2025	% Change
% Cases Cleared	58%	72%	24.1%
Total Cases Cleared	220	246	11.8%
Total Cases Assigned	381	342	-10.2%
Missing Juveniles	3	5	66%
Burglary - Residence	12	10	-16.6%
Burglary - Vehicle	7	2	-71.4%
Burglary - Commercial	14	8	-42.8%
Criminal Damage Property	13	13	--
Armed Robbery / Robbery	1	4	300%
Criminal Sexual Abuse/Assault Cases	84	69	-17.8%
Death Investigations	17	18	5.9%
Homicide (incl. Drug Induced)/Attempted Murder	2	2	--
Stolen Vehicles	34	16	-52.9%
Theft Cases	36	29	-19.4%
Financial Crimes	65	58	-10.8%
Sex Offender Verifications	107	113	5.6%
Sex Offender Violations	6	6	--
Background Investigations	80	85	6.2%

2024/2025 COMPARISON

EVIDENCE UNIT			
Operating Indicators By Function	2024	2025	% Change
Number of items in Evidence	11880	11723	-1.3%
Items of Property Received	2541	2307	-9.2%
Items of Property Purged	1654	2333	41%
Items Destroyed	1199	1890	57.6%
Items Returned to Owner	291	300	3.1%
Items Auctioned	49	49	--
Items Donated	50	18	-64%
Items Turned Over to Another Agency	42	56	33.3%
Items Turned Over to Finance	23	20	-13%
Operations-Street			
Operating Indicators By Function	2024	2025	% Change
Calls for Service	26590	24543	-7.7%
Arrests of Suspended/Revoked Driver's License	139	110	-20.9%
Arrests of Driver's with No Valid Driver's License	93	109	17.2%
Traffic Citations Issued	4755	4190	-11.9%
Warning Citations Issued	6177	5678	-8.1%
Traffic Stops	8236	7872	-4.4%
Arrests (Adult total)	866	759	-12.3%
Arrests (Juvenile total)	89	63	-26.2%
DUI Arrests	172	169	-1.7%
Vehicles Impounded (Administrative)	265	233	-12.1%
Police Directed Tows	388	374	-3.6%
Ordinance Citations Issued	410	271	-33.9%
Parking Citations Issued	3353	3352	-<1%

2024/2025 COMPARISON

TRAFFIC CRASHES			
Operating Indicators By Function	2024	2025	% Change
Total Crash Reports Taken	1594	1552	-2.6%
Property Damage Only	1356	1351	-0.4%
Personal Injury Crashes	237	201	-15.2%
Private Property Crashes	435	384	-11.7%
Hit and Run Crashes	53	36	-32.1%
Fatalities	1	1	--
AI Crashes Investigation	3	6	100%
COMMUNITY RELATIONS			
Operating Indicators By Function	2024	2025	% Change
Community Presentations	112	111	-<1%
Car Seat Installations	22	24	5.9%
TRAINING UNIT			
Operating Indicators By Function	2024	2025	% Change
Total Training Hours	11873	9115	-23.2%
Patrol Officer Recruits Trained	7	6	-14.3%
Internships	4	3	-25%
Hosted Outside Training	10	10	--
Ride Alongs	33	50	34%


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