Countryside Police Department

Annual Report

2010



Michael R. Ruth

Chief of Police

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Executive Summary

As the City celebrated their 50 year anniversary in 2010, the Police Department also reminisced about the past and planned for the future. The Police Department has made some exciting changes to align itself with the goals of the City. One of the most significant changes for our department in 2010 was the appointment of Chief Michael Ruth. He brings a fresh perspective of current policing strategies and community responsiveness to our police department.

NEW PROGRAM—E.S.O.

Officer April Bisignani was appointed Elderly Service Officer (E.S.O.) for our department. In this new role, Officer Bisignani will work closely with seniors and senior groups in our community to provide elderly-specific services. This was a much needed program given the increasing senior population in our city.

CALLS FOR SERVICE

Our 2010 calls for service increased to 6,500 from 6,129 in 2009. This represents an increase of 6% over 2009. We will be monitoring the calls in 2011 to determine if there are any emerging trends.

NEW LOOK FOR PATROL VEHICLES

Highly reflective striping replaced the standard striping on all squad cars. This change has made the vehicles more visible at night. In addition, the word “Supervisor” was added to the supervisor vehicle to distinguish it from the other patrol vehicles.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

I am proud of the accomplishments of our staff in 2010. We received many letters from residents expressing their appreciation. Additionally, I was pleased to present a number of letters of commendation to well-deserving officers.

LOOKING FORWARD

Here are some of the things we are working on for 2011:

- Evaluating current department procedures to improve efficiency
- Improving data collection, analysis, and reporting
- Analyzing crime trends and calls for service to provide the best service for the City and its residents
- Development of an Evidence Technician program
- Expanding interaction and efforts with the elderly through the E.S.O. program
- Combating juvenile crime
- Reviewing and updating Police Department Policies & Procedures
- Consideration of new programs, such as Neighborhood Watch and Citizen's Police Academy

The men and women of the Countryside Police Department are committed to their mission of protecting the residents of Countryside while enforcing the law. We look forward to improving our department through training, evaluation of current procedures, and consideration of future programs. We look forward to working with the City to address specific needs of our residents and to maintain that Countryside is a great place to live—and to *shop, stay, dine, and play*.

Mission Statement

The Countryside Police Department is a professional, values-based organization where community oriented policing is a way of life. It is the foundation upon which our police department was built since it began in 1961. We are dedicated to preserving the safety and wellbeing of our community and we strive to deliver excellence to those we serve through professionalism and uncompromising integrity.

The mission of the Countryside Police Department is to:

- Deter crime and apprehend criminals;
- Maintain strong police-community relations; and to
- Continually enhance the training and expertise of each member of the police force.

Values

- Integrity
- Courage
- Excellence
- Respect
- Compassion
- Dedication

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2010 ORGANIZATIONAL COMPONENT SUMMARIES

Office of the Chief

Office of the Chief



The Office of the Chief consists of the Chief of Police, senior management team, and support staff. The role of this office is to provide leadership, direction, and vision to the Department in the fulfillment of its overall mission. The Department is led by **Chief Michael R. Ruth**. **Field Operations** is led by **Deputy Chief Scott Novak** and the **Administrative Sergeant** is **John Mikel.** Providing critical support services is **Administrative Assistant Margaret Carey**.







Field Operations

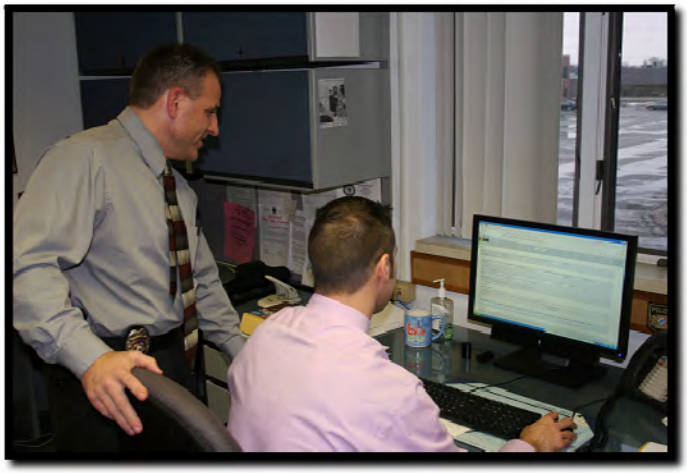
Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is the largest component of the Countryside Police Department. The Patrol Division is responsible for responding to both emergency and non-emergency calls for service from the public, handling special assignments, and proactively addressing community concerns. Patrol Officers are responsible for protection of life and property, helping to maintain peace, order and safety to all, conducting preliminary investigations, enforcing the Illinois Criminal Code and traffic laws, as well as City Ordinances. The Countryside Police Department encourages Patrol Officers to take a proactive approach to interaction with the community. During 2010, Patrol Officers responded to 6,500 total calls for service regarding criminal offenses, traffic crashes, alarm activations, disturbances, traffic complaints, and other miscellaneous events.



The Patrol Division is divided into three shifts in order to provide continuous 24-hour police service. Each shift is supervised by a Sergeant or Officer in Charge. The Department supplements traditional patrol units with Officers trained to perform ancillary functions such as that of Field Training Officer, Canine Officer, Elderly Services Officer, and DARE Officer.

Investigations Division



The Countryside Police Investigations Division is responsible for investigating, preventing and solving crimes against people and property in the City of Countryside. The Investigations Division consists of two full-time investigators, Investigator Mark Battaglia and Investigator Darrell DuRell.

In 2010 Investigators were assigned to various cases including; Theft, Retail Theft, Forgery, Burglary, Narcotics, and Sexual Assault.

Members of the Investigations Division must complete specialized training in order to fulfill the duties of an Investigator. This training includes:

- Basic Investigations Skills
- Narcotics Investigations
- Interview and Interrogation Techniques
- Evidence Technician
- Homicide Investigation

Members of the Investigations Division also participate in the Major Case Assistance Team (MCAT) and the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force (SSMCTF).

Major Case Assistance Team

The MCAT Unit was formed in 1982 when area municipalities' resources were strained during the investigation and arrest of the "Burlington Rapist". Today's MCAT is made up of Investigators from 11 jurisdictions, including: Brookfield, Countryside, Forest View, Hodgkins, Indian Head Park, LaGrange, Lyons, McCook, North Riverside, Riverside, and Western Springs Police Departments.

In 2010, MCAT Investigators responded to **41 callouts** that included investigations for: Homicide, Attempted Murder, Aggravated Battery, Indecent Solicitation of a Minor, Unlawful Use of Weapons, Narcotics, Execution of Search Warrants, and Burglary.

South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force

The SSMCTF is an investigative organization that focuses its resources on the investigation and resolution of homicide, non-parental abductions (kidnapping), and violent sex crimes. The SSMCTF is comprised of Investigators from over 50 Police Departments and covers the 5th and 6th Districts of Cook County.

Police K-9 Unit

The Department's K-9 Unit is in its 16th year of operation. During 2010, **Officer Joseph DiGangi** served as the K-9 handler. Together with his 6 year old K-9 partner, **Rico**, they received 192 hours of position-specific training in order to maintain peak proficiency in obedience, handler protection, tracking, search techniques, and narcotics detection.



The K-9 Unit was established as an important safety tool for the department as well as acting as a deterrent to criminal activity. The goals of the K-9 Unit are to detect narcotics, locate suspects and missing persons, and deter crime.

In 2010, the K-9 Unit was called upon to help with many situations. These situations involved narcotics searches, tracking or searching locations for suspects of crimes and for fleeing and eluding police suspects. The K-9 Unit also provided assistance to other law enforcement agencies and made presentations to school and community groups.

Of the **80 situations requiring the services of the K-9 Unit in 2010**, 33 of these situations resulted in "finds". 30 finds were drugs (marijuana, cocaine, and heroin) and 3 finds were U.S. currency ($8,000 total).

Bicycle Unit

The Countryside Police Department Bicycle Unit provides police patrols to areas that are inaccessible to vehicular patrol. The use of this unit supports community policing principles because it reduces patrol speeds, making officers more accessible to the public. The primary areas that are patrolled by the bicycle unit include: parking lots, parks, wooded areas, and special events. In 2010, the bicycle unit was utilized for the City's 50th Anniversary Party in the Park.

Our 2010 Bicycle Unit Officers were:

Sergeant Anthony Boyd
Officer Agostino Alonzo
Officer April Bisignani
Officer Kelly Kalker
Officer Paul Klimek
Officer Nate McDonald
Officer Karl Rodey
Officer Jim Stern

Administrative Services

Communications



Supervised by **Communications Supervisor Guadalupe Hamernik,** the Communications Center is operated by 5 Desk Officers. Communications personnel rotate 3 shifts to ensure 24/7 coverage. The Communications Center is the lifeline to the officers on the street. Desk Officers are responsible for knowing the location of officers and coordinating efforts between the officers and callers who request their assistance.

During 2010 the **Center received 16,054 telephone calls and 6,307 E-911 calls**. Of the over 22,000 calls received, 6,500 calls resulted in dispatch for police service, 207 for fire services, and 439 calls for emergency medical services. The remaining calls were requests for information or non-emergency police or fire services.

Staffing the Communications Center during 2010 were:

Donna Goluszka

Guadalupe Hamernik

Patricia Littlejohn

Jane McDermott-Alberts

Lori McLaughlin

Records Department



The Records Unit is staffed by **Cathy Rothbard.** This unit processes and archives all reports of criminal, non-criminal, and traffic activity handled by the Department. During calendar year 2010, **over 18,000 documents** ranging from parking citations to arrest reports were processed and archived by the unit.

The Records Unit is also responsible for:

- Compiling monthly reports
- Court adjudication
- LEADS coordination
- FOIA requests
- Subpoenas
- Expungements
- Red Light program
- Parking Tickets / Collections

School Crossing Guards

The Countryside Police Department employs four part-time school crossing guards: **Angelica Alvarez, Therese Schey, Lisa Garcia, and Carol Witkowski.**

The responsibility of each crossing guard is to ensure safe passage of students on their route to and from school. Each crossing guard is assigned a specific location. The locations are:

- 7th Avenue at Plainfield Road
- 55th Street at Plainfield Road
- 58th Street at Francis Avenue
- In front of Ideal School on 58th Street



Crossing Guard Lisa Garcia at Ideal School

Our crossing guards attend an annual training session, sponsored by Lyons Township, with other crossing guards from the neighboring towns of LaGrange, Hinsdale, Hodgkins, Brookfield, and Lyons. The 2010 training session was held at the Hodgkins Village Hall. Topics included: job description, importance of their position, police assistance, child predators, and public image. Officer Bisignani was one the officers conducting the training.



Officer Bisignani with Crossing Guard Therese Schey at 2010 Training

ESDA

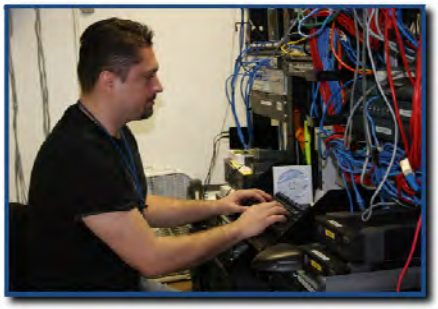


Managed by ESDA Coordinator **Steve Norman**, the Emergency Services & Disaster Agency of the City of Countryside is an important asset to the Police Department. The ESDA unit is called upon to assist our department many times throughout the year. Specifically, the ESDA unit assists the department with:

- Traffic Control
- Assistance with Special Enforcement—Click it or Ticket and You Drink & Drive. You Lose.
- Crowd Control
- Coordinated Park Patrols
- Emergency Communication—via the mobile command vehicle
- Emergency Preparedness Response

The ESDA unit was a tremendous help to our department on **June 10, 2010.** A construction company was working on a storm sewer line on 56th Street in front of City Hall and as they cleaned the storm sewer, they struck a high pressure gas line. The smell of natural gas began to overtake the area. Almost immediately, traffic control resources became an issue for the police department. ESDA was contacted to assist in securing the area from moving vehicles and bystanders. Their quick response allowed officers to notify area residents of the **gas line break** and answer other emergency calls for service. A short time later, it was determined that the leak had spread to the building and the entire City Hall and Police Department including the Communications Center was evacuated. The ESDA Officers deployed the Mobile Command Vehicle which allowed police dispatch services to be operated in the field for the remainder of the incident.

Technology and Support



In the age of communication and technology, the modern day police officer relies heavily on statistical data and public safety information often generated by the use of computers. Information Technology services are provided to the Countryside Police Department by **Troy Carrigan and George Campos of Merging Technologies**. They are responsible for installation, maintenance, security, and upgrade of department computer systems both in and out of the building. Their field expertise allows our police officers to be on the cutting edge of technology.

Training

The coordination of training programs and opportunities for Department employees is the responsibility of ***Acting Master Sergeant John Mikel.*** The Countryside Police Department conducts a variety of training throughout the year. Training is presented through printed materials, videos, online, driving school, and department communications. Officers also attend offsite classes and seminars. Topics cover: policy and procedures, criminal law, local ordinances, and traffic laws. Additionally, many of our officers hold specific certifications.

The majority of the training comes from IRMA and NEMRT. The Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency (IRMA) provides training videos and nationally accredited driving courses. These courses focus on helping drivers to understand the safety and performance aspects of vehicle operation.

North East Multi-Regional Training, Inc. (NEMRT) provides a wide variety of courses to our officers. Some of the courses that we completed this year are:

- Domestic Terrorist Groups
- Illinois Criminal Code Review
- New Laws—Stalking, Aggravated Stalking & Cyber stalking
- Search Warrants; Vehicles—Consent to Search

Firearms Training

The Countryside PD currently has 4 state certified firearms training officers, as well as 2 state certified police carbine/rifle instructors. These training officers conduct routine firearm training with all officers as well as an annual firearms qualifications day to keep our police department in compliance with state law.



2010 Training Summary

- 23 Officers
- 759 combined hours of training
- Average of 33 hours of training per officer
- Specialty Units (K-9, NIPAS, 5th District SWAT) participate in a minimum of 16 hours per month of *additional* training and a 40-hour block of training twice per year. This is in accordance with the National Tactical Officers Association training guidelines.

CPR Training

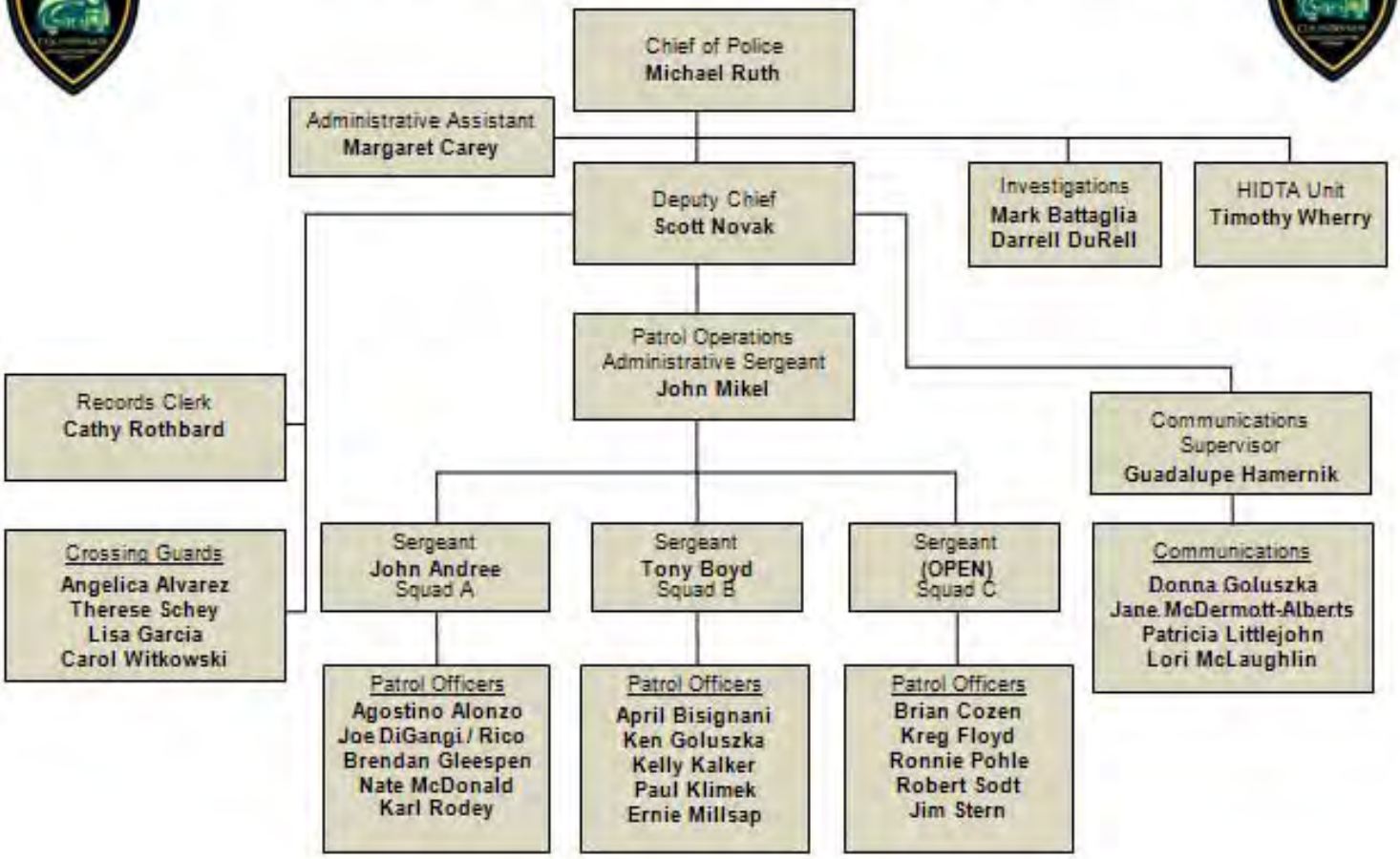
The Countryside Police Department has been committed to having its officers certified in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) since the 1990's. At that time, department members primarily received their training from Pleasantview Fire Department. Sergeant Anthony Boyd became a certified CPR instructor with the American Heart Association in 2002 via his Air Force Reserve Unit where he was a flight medic and CPR instructor. In 2004, The City of Countryside purchased automated external defibrillators (AED) as well as all the CPR and AED training equipment needed to train its personnel. Sergeant Boyd became the primary instructor for the City and trained City personnel on CPR and the use of the AED's. 55 employees were trained and certified in 2010.

An AED is carried by one of the patrol units at all times***. In 2010 the AED was used three times with two of the victims surviving.*** Of the two individuals that survived, one received a shock from the AED. It is a worthwhile program that the City and Police Department can be proud of.





2010 COUNTRYSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT



2010 PROGRAM AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT SUMMARIES

DARE



The Countryside Police Department's Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program (DARE) began in 1991 with Officer Karl Rodey. **Officer April Bisignani** became our current DARE officer in 2009 after completing a required, 80-hour certification course. Each year, Officer Bisignani teaches approximately 35 Ideal School children the skills to live a drug and violence free life.

Officer "Biz" (as the kids call her), divides the students into 2 groups and presents a 10 week program to each group. This program challenges students to make good choices using the DARE Decision Making Model and covers topics such as alcohol and drug abuse, peer pressure, choosing good friends, and self confidence. As a reward for the students' hard work and commitment, they are taken on a field trip. In 2010 the students visited Brookfield Zoo. It was a fun reward for making good healthy choices.

The year culminates with a DARE graduation ceremony. This is a special event that is attended by family, friends, and community members. Winners of the DARE program essay contest are announced and other special achievement awards are presented to the students. The DARE program is a valuable tool to connect with children in the community and provides them with the education necessary to keep them safe and help them to succeed.

JUVENILE OFFICER PROGRAM

The position of Juvenile Officer encompasses many different duties and responsibilities. Among these duties are handling and coordinating the various paperwork and filings that go to Juvenile Court on each juvenile charged with an offense. This also includes investigative follow-up on more serious crimes committed by juveniles. The Juvenile Officer also acts as a liaison between our police department and the Department of Children and Family Services. Contacts are made between the two agencies, usually through the juvenile officer, and joint investigations are done when requested by the Department of Children and Family Services. The Juvenile Unit also acts to protect juvenile victims by referring them to agencies designed to assist them and their families. These programs are typically offered by the County and State.

Our 2010 Juvenile Officers were:

- Sergeant Anthony Boyd
- Sergeant John Andree
- Officer Agostino Alonzo
- Officer April Bisignani
- Officer Kelly Kalker
- Officer Ernie Millsap
- Officer Karl Rodey
- Officer Robert Sodt
- Investigator Mark Battaglia

ESO (ELDERLY SERVICE OFFICER) PROGRAM

The Elderly Service Officer (ESO) Program is sponsored by the Illinois Attorney General's Office and was developed, with assistance from Chief Ruth who served on the Illinois Chief's of Police ad hock Triad Committee in 1992, to address the unique needs of the rapidly growing senior population. The ESO plays an active role in preventing and investigating crimes against older adults.

In March, 2009, Officer April Bisignani attended a week-long course, which is certified by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board, and became Countryside's first Elderly Service Officer. She is trained to understand the aging process, investigate elder abuse and neglect, recognize scams and fraud (including financial exploitation) against seniors, and effectively communicate with the elderly. Part of Officer Bisignani's assignment includes close work with our local senior advocacy program, Aging Care Connections. They offer assistance programs to local seniors that enable them to stay independent longer.

Officer Bisignani is also a member of the Aging Well Countryside Community Action Team which reaches out to seniors and provides support and education to keep Countryside's seniors well-informed. In 2010, Officer Bisignani and the Countryside Community Action Team received the Aging Care Connections ***Community Service Award*** for their efforts.



Mayor Conrad and Aldermen Michalczyk and VonDrasek attend a "Welcome to the Neighborhood" party sponsored by the Countryside Community Action Team at the new Countryside Senior Apartments in December, 2010

MUTUAL AID ASSIGNMENTS

The Countryside Police Department participates in the following mutual aid groups.

NIPAS



The Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS) is a mutual aid association made up of 93 participating communities. Whether faced with a natural disaster or the unexpected results of a special event, a member agency may request assistance for any situation its command staff believes the agency cannot handle with its own resources. NIPAS offers two additional programs—a special tactical squad known as the Emergency Services Team and a special crowd control team known as the Mobile Field Force.

2010 NIPAS Officers: K. Goluszka (Mobile Field Force), B. Gleespen (SWAT)

SSMCTF

The South Suburban Major Crimes Taskforce (SSMCTF) unit investigates major crimes that consist of homicides, kidnappings, and other forcible felonies. The unit consists of law enforcement officers from local, county, state, and federal agencies. These members investigate real or suspected violent crimes which necessitate a substantial commitment of resources for a prolonged period of time, or which require the application of complex or unusual investigative techniques and expertise.

2010 SSMCTF Officers: Investigators M. Battaglia and D. Durell

5TH DISTRICT SWAT

This unit is comprised of officers from Alsip, Bridgeview, Bedford Park, Chicago Ridge, Countryside, Evergreen Park, Hickory Hills, and Worth who are specifically trained to respond to High Risk Armed offender situations and hostage barricade events.

2010 5th District SWAT Officers: N. McDonald and R. Sodt

MCAT

MCAT (Major Case Assistance Team) is a mutual aid agreement of 11 surrounding communities to assist in investigation efforts. The members of MCAT pledge to work together to assist one another to solve and reduce crime and criminal activity by the sharing of expertise, information and the combining of resources. The MCAT Unit has been **commanded by Deputy Chief Scott Novak** since 2005.

2010 MCAT Officers: Investigators M. Battaglia and D. Durell

MUTUAL AID ASSIGNMENTS (continued from page 14)

ILEAS

The Countryside Police Department is a member of the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS). This group was formed in 2002 in response to the September 11th attacks. Now located in Urbana, Illinois, ILEAS operates the largest mutual aid network in the United States. Agencies that have been struck by disaster can call ILEAS which will then coordinate statewide mutual aid response as needed. ILEAS is regarded so highly that its efforts stretch farther than Illinois. For example, when the City of New Orleans was struck by Hurricane Katrina in 2005, ILEAS deployed 300 Illinois law enforcement officers, including an officer from the Countryside Police Department to assist in recovery and security efforts. ILEAS has also sent officers to St. Paul, Minnesota for the Republican National Convention and to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for the G20 Summit.

Since its inception ILEAS has grown into a well-regarded professional agency unlike any law enforcement organization in the nation. To date, ILEAS has managed over $100 million dollars in grant money to purchase homeland security equipment and transfer this equipment to local law enforcement agencies. This equipment consists of: respirators, SWAT equipment, computers, public safety radios, and radiation detectors.

HIDTA UNIT



The Countryside Police Department participates in the High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Program which provides Federal assistance to better coordinate and enhance counterdrug law enforcement. The mission of HIDTA includes coordination efforts to reduce the production, manufacturing, distribution, transportation and chronic use of illegal drugs, as well as the attendant money laundering of drug proceeds. ***In the year 2010, the HIDTA Unit generated $319,449 in seizure funds to the Police Department which are used to support our law enforcement efforts.***

COMMUNITY RELATIONS EVENTS

Special Olympics Fundraisers

The Countryside Police Department participated in the following fundraising events to benefit Illinois Special Olympics in 2010:

- Coins for a cause held at Ideal school. The object was to collect coins from the 6 grades of the school. The grade with the most collected coins won a lunch which was provided by Ledo's restaurant. Raised approximately $350.00.
- Harley Davidson Motorcycle ticket sales. Sold $500.00 in tickets.
- Cop On Top, Dunkin Donuts. Members of the Countryside Police Department stood on the roof of the Dunkin Donuts store. Raised approximately $1,000.00.
- Car Wash at Ledo's restaurant. Raised approximately $200.00.
- Scooter Raffle. The scooter was won by Laura Fast. Raised approximately $1,500.00.
- Bingo Night/Raffle held at the William Tell. Raised approximately $1,400.00.
- Volleyball event held at the Pleasantdale School along with the Burr Ridge Police Department. Raised approximately $165.00.

Cops vs. Kids Basketball

Officer Ernie Millsap organized the department's 13th annual "Cops and Kids" basketball game, held on February 18, 2010. The game was located at the Gurrie Middle School gym. Police Officers from Countryside, Hodgkins, and LaGrange played against the Gurrie 8th grade basketball team. The event raised $1,800.00 for the Cari Cook family fund.

Cops vs. Firemen Softball Game

Police Officers from Countryside and Hodgkins battled against Pleasantview Firefighters on Patriot Day. The purpose of this event was to commemorate all of the brave police officers and firefighters that lost their lives on September 11, 2001. The game was played at the Hodgkins park district and the police officers won the game.

Halloween

Each Halloween Countryside Police Juvenile Officers escort Kindergarten and First Grade students from Ideal school to the Police Department and City Hall. This year, communications officers and administrative staff got into the Halloween spirit by dressing up for the kids. The children enjoyed themselves as they toured our department and gathered Halloween candy. Extra patrols are assigned on Halloween to make sure Trick-or-Treaters are safe in our community.





Senior Leaf Rake

Local area seniors received a helping hand on November 14 & 15 when volunteers showed up at their homes to rake leaves. Volunteers from local youth groups, along with employees of the city and police department, gathered at the Countryside City Hall to receive their assignments. Various addresses in Countryside and nearby communities were submitted for the project. This elderly services event was coordinated by Elderly Services Officer April Bisignani and the Aging Well Community Action Team Leader (and Countryside Resident), Velaine Carnall.



Officer Bisignani



Alderman VonDrasek & Deputy Chief Novak with son, Matt



Sergeant Boyd with daughter, Sharon

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS

Click It or Ticket & You Drink & Drive. You *Lose.*

These programs are highly visible, massive enforcement efforts designed to detect violators of Illinois traffic laws with special emphasis on alcohol and occupant protection. The Countryside Police Department conducted special enforcement details during the St. Patrick's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas holiday periods. During these special enforcement details, our officers issued 127 traffic citations and made 3 criminal arrests. This program is funded by an I.D.O.T. Traffic Safety Grant.



Tobacco Enforcement

The Countryside Police Department has 5 police officers that are state-certified to conduct tobacco enforcement stings. The stings are designed to educate retail establishments and eliminate the illegal sale of tobacco to children. The Tobacco Enforcement Officers for 2010 were:

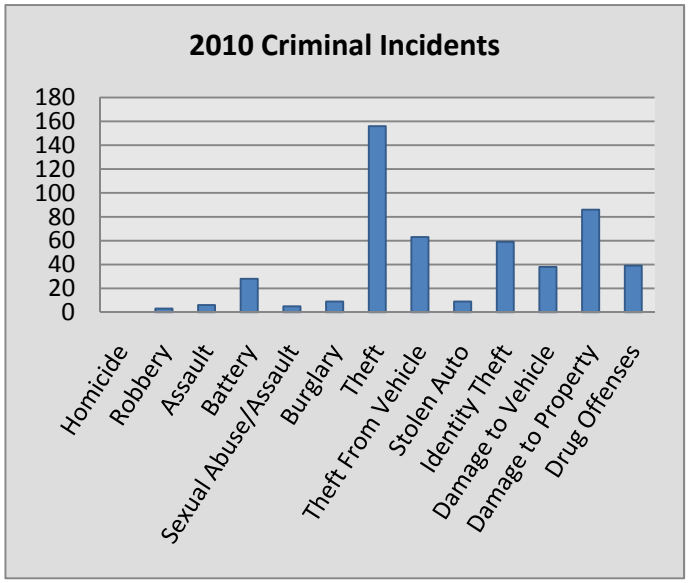
- Sergeant John Mikel
- Sergeant Anthony Boyd
- Officer Agostino Alonzo
- Officer April Bisignani
- Officer Ernie Millsap

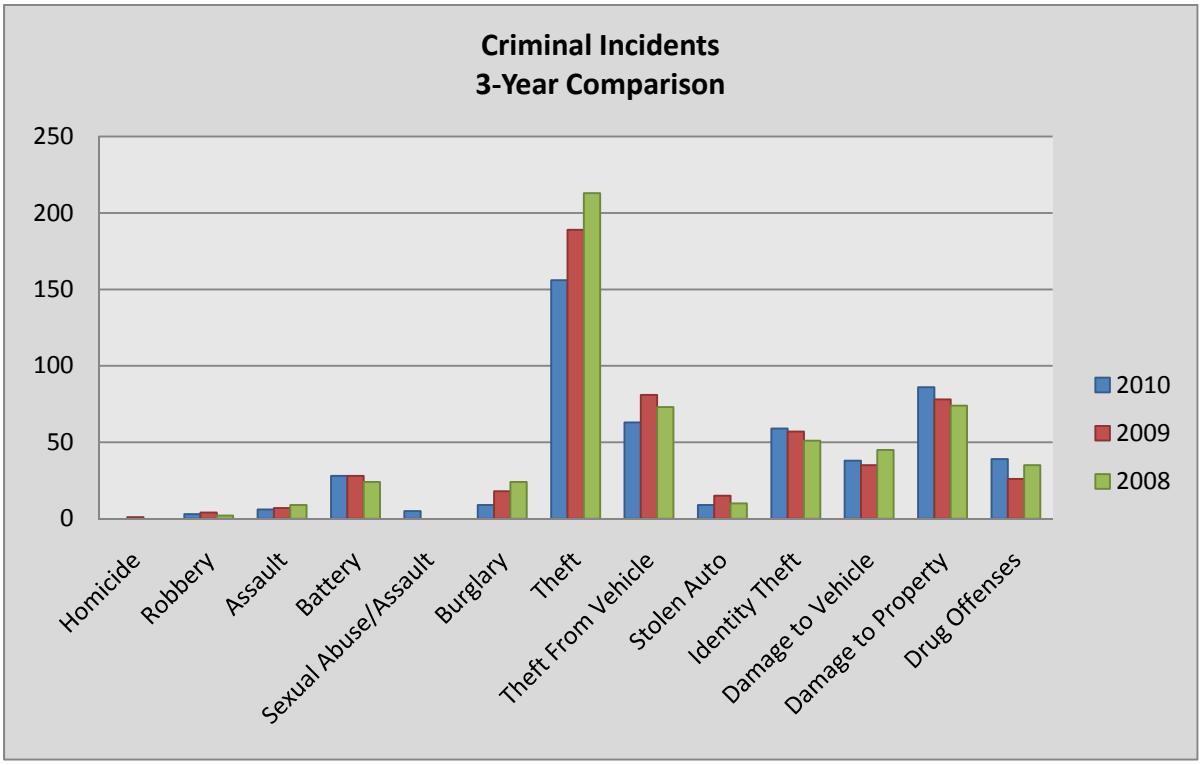
Our department conducted 3 rounds of compliance checks throughout the year at the businesses with current tobacco licenses in the City of Countryside. Rounds 1 and 2 each resulted in 1 sale to a minor. However, we are pleased to report that by round 3, all of the businesses complied with Illinois State Laws regarding the sales of tobacco to minors. This program is funded by a grant from the State of Illinois.

2010 STATISTICAL SUMMARY

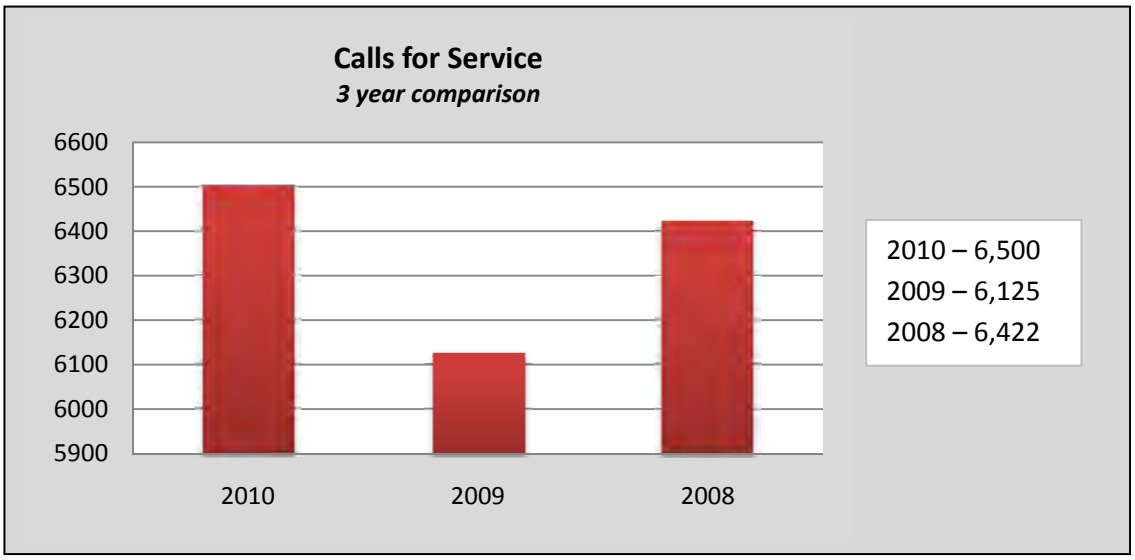
CRIMINAL INCIDENTS

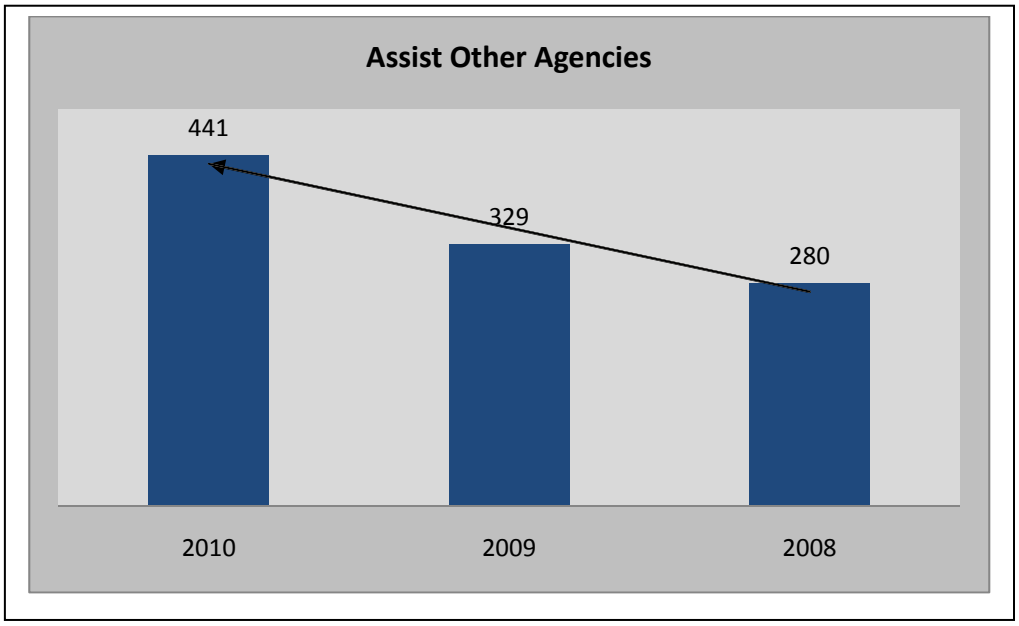
Criminal Incidents	2010	2009	2008
Homicide	0	1	0
Robbery	3	4	2
Assault	6	7	9
Battery	28	28	24
Sexual Abuse/Assault	5	0	0
Burglary	9	18	24
Theft	156	189	213
Theft From Vehicle	63	81	73
Stolen Auto	9	15	10
Identity Theft	59	57	51
Damage to Vehicle	38	35	45
Damage to Property	86	78	74
Drug Offenses	39	26	35





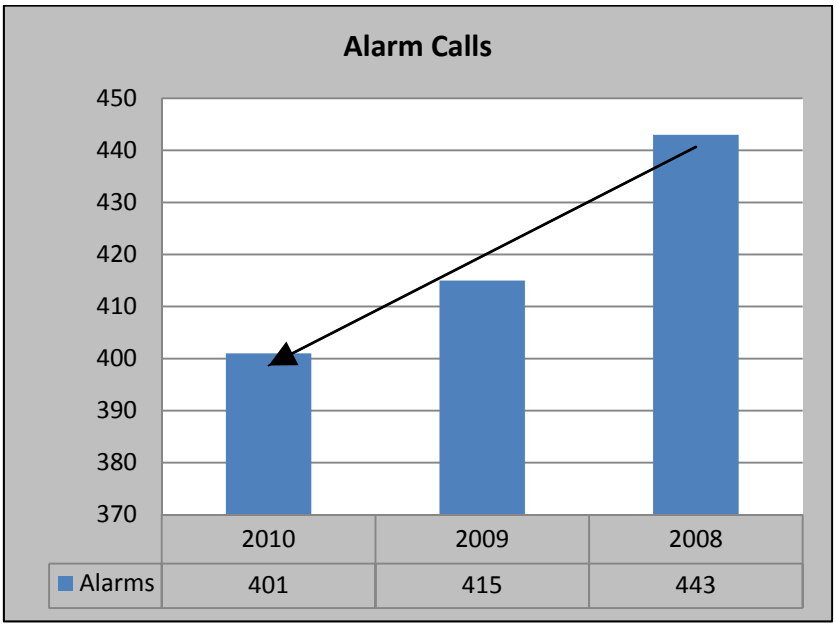
In 2010, calls for service increased 6% over the previous year.

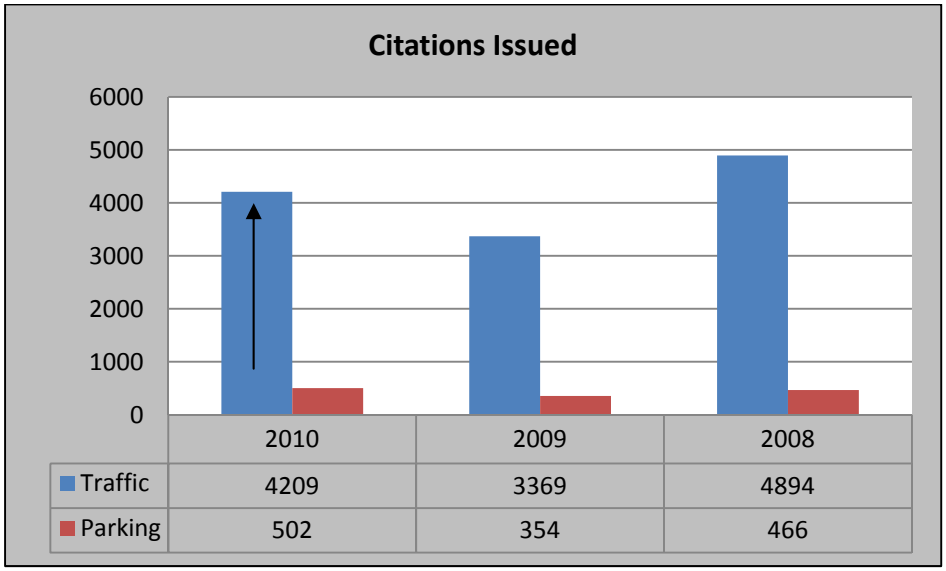




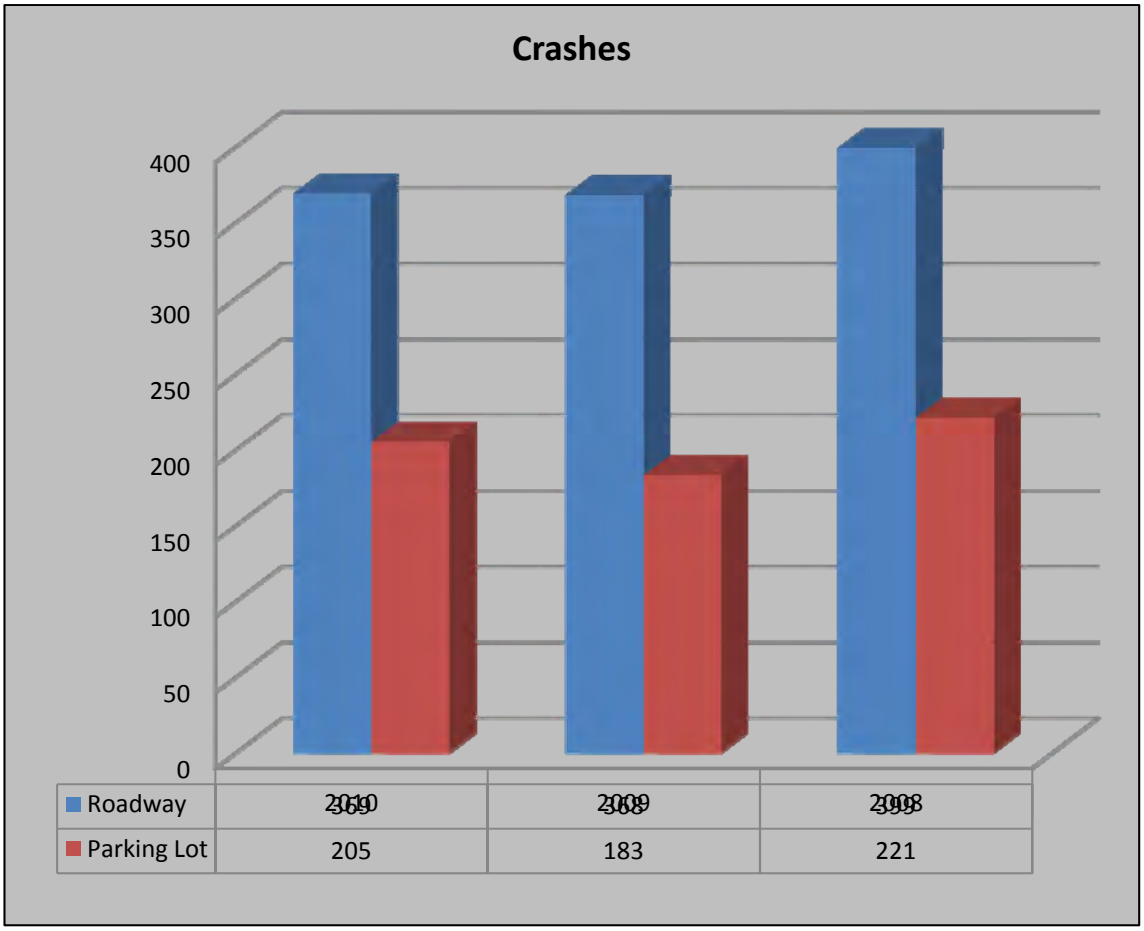
The number of assists include requests from neighboring departments and mutual aid callouts. As you can see, there was a substantial increase in 2010 over previous years. This may be due in part to reduced manpower at other agencies as they are "doing more with less." One element that this chart does not capture is our department's requests for assistance from other agencies.

Alarm calls have been steadily decreasing since 2008. This can be attributed to improved technology, wireless communication, and reduced "user error."





2010 shows an increase in both traffic citations and parking citations issued. This increase can be attributed to directed patrol efforts at specific locations.



There is not much change in number of roadway and parking lot crashes. The 2010 numbers remain consistent with previous years.

REDLIGHT CAMERA PROGRAM

Redlight Violations

2010

Month	Captured & Reviewed	Citation Issued	Difference
January	533	223	41.84%
February	438	178	40.64%
March	534	223	41.76%
April	508	214	42.13%
May	567	266	46.91%
June	245	125	51.02%
July	118	64	54.24%
August	167	55	32.93%
September	171	109	63.74%
October	390	205	52.56%
November	425	200	47.06%
December	400	218	54.50%
TOTAL	**4496**	**2080**	**46.26%**

2009

Annual	Captured & Reviewed	Citation Issued	Difference
TOTAL	**7422**	**3648**	**49.15%**

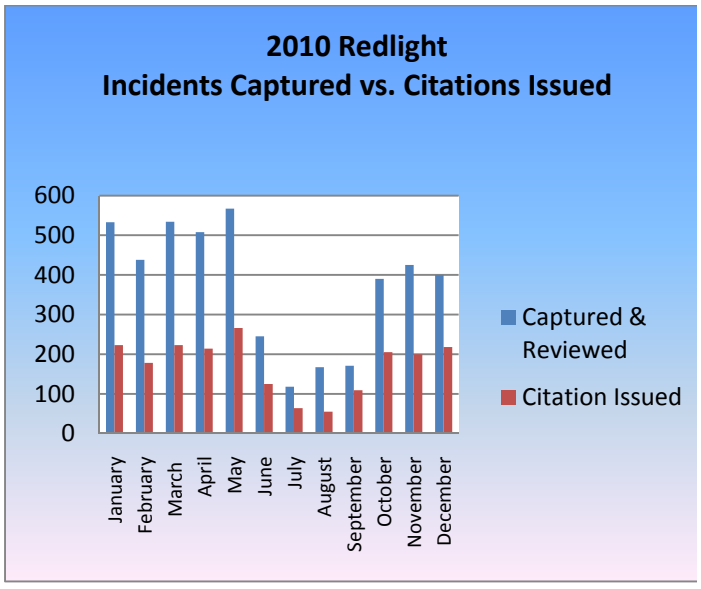
Redlight Revenue

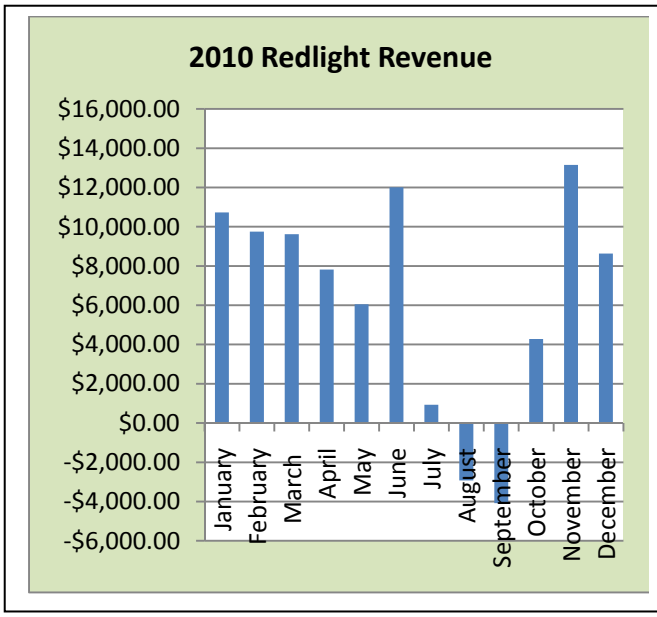
2010

Month	Amount
January	$10,728.02
February	$9,747.15
March	$9,619.01
April	$7,818.94
May	$6,046.53
June	$12,008.98
July	$930.55
August	-$2,921.74
September	-$4,085.06
October	$4,280.22
November	$13,151.60
December	$8,629.80
TOTAL	**$75,954.00**

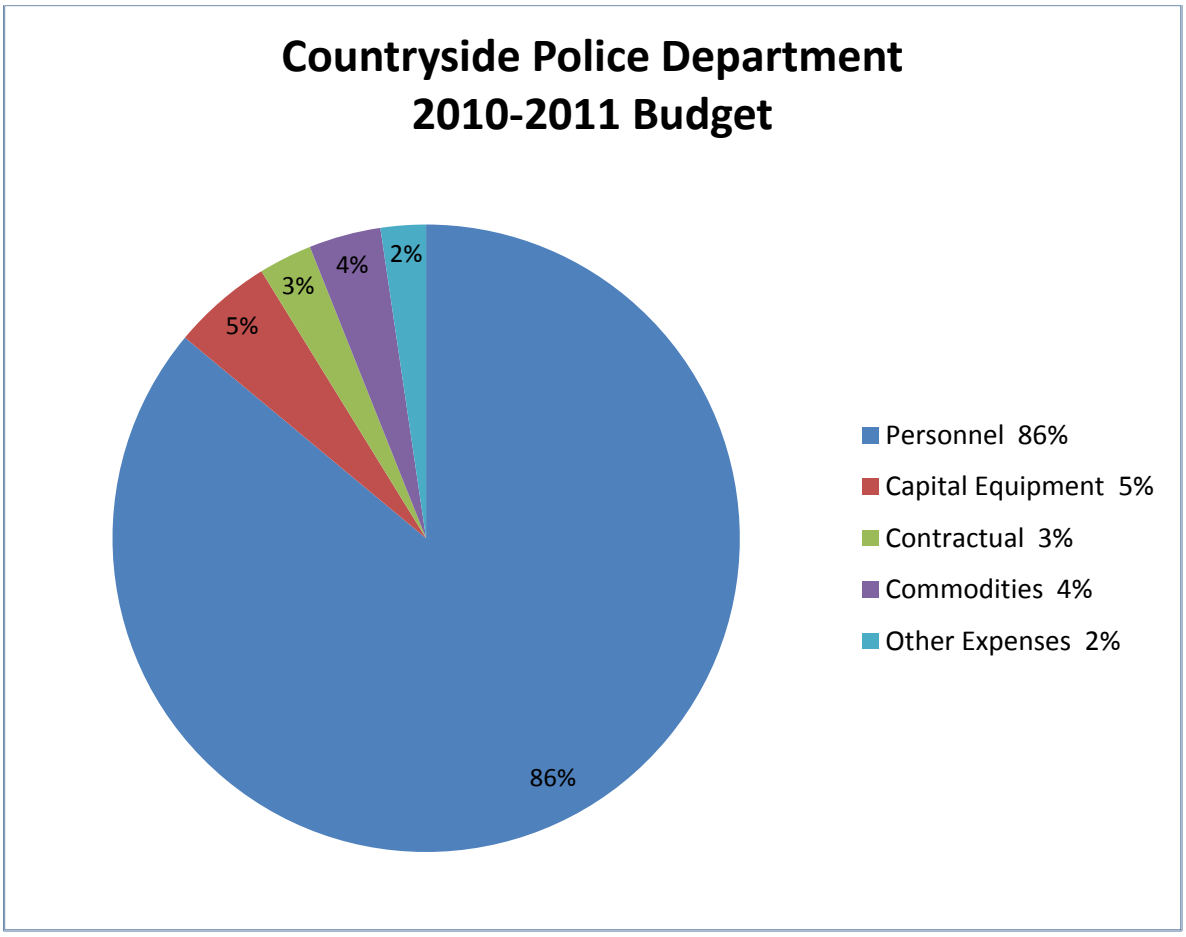
2009

Annual	Amount
TOTAL	**$183,716.40**





2010 BUDGET ANALYSIS



EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT
Personnel	$3,211,079.00
Capital Equipment	$192,800.00
Contractual	$102,765.00
Commodities	$138,300.00
Other Expenses	$87,174.00
TOTAL	**$3,732,118.00**

Countryside Police Department
2010-2011 Budget

DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	FUND	BUDGET
Salaries Full-time	Personnel	Corporate	2,262,616.00
Salaries Part-time	Personnel	Corporate	15,660.00
Overtime	Personnel	Corporate	127,676.00
Buybacks/Other Benefit	Personnel	Corporate	150,526.00
Social Security Tax	Personnel	Corporate	158,068.00
Medicare Tax	Personnel	Corporate	37,069.00
Health Insurance	Personnel	Corporate	414,080.00
Employee Assistance	Personnel	Corporate	608.00
IMRF	Personnel	Corporate	44,776.00
		TOTAL PERSONNEL	**$3,211,079.00**
Operating Capital	Capital Equip.	Corporate	1,800.00
Operating Capital	Capital Equip.	911	110,000.00
Operating Capital	Capital Equip.	Drug Forfeiture	81,000.00
		TOTAL CAPITAL EQUIP.	**$192,800.00**
Legal	Contractual	Corporate	45,000.00
Cellular	Contractual	Corporate	9,000.00
Contractual/Consulting	Contractual	Corporate	15,765.00
Software Maint/License	Contractual	911	5,500.00
Telephone	Contractual	911	21,300.00
Contractual Services	Contractual	911	6,200.00
		TOTAL CONTRACTUAL	**$102,765.00**
Uniform Allowance	Commodities	Corporate	25,800.00
Subscriptions	Commodities	Corporate	1,500.00
Office Supplies	Commodities	Corporate	8,000.00
Operating Supplies	Commodities	Corporate	17,000.00
Fuel	Commodities	Corporate	60,000.00
Operating Supplies	Commodities	Drug Forfeiture	21,000.00
Drug Forfeiture Education Materials	Commodities	Drug Forfeiture	5,000.00
		TOTAL COMMODITIES	**$138,300.00**
Maintenance - Equipment	Other	Corporate	9,805.00
Maintenance - Motor Vehicle	Other	Corporate	2,000.00
Conference & Travel	Other	Corporate	1,787.00
Training & Meetings	Other	Corporate	12,350.00
Tuition Reimbursement	Other	Corporate	10,400.00
Memberships & Licenses	Other	Corporate	9,132.00
Legal Notices	Other	Corporate	1,000.00
Grand Expenditures	Other	Corporate	5,500.00
Adjudications Costs	Other	Corporate	1,100.00
Maintenance - Equipment	Other	911	3,000.00
Maintenance - Equipment	Other	Drug Forfeiture	10,100.00
Maintenance - Motor Vehicle	Other	Drug Forfeiture	21,000.00
		TOTAL OTHER	**$87,174.00**

DEPARTMENT RECOGNITION

New to the Department

Chief Michael Ruth was sworn in as Chief of Police on August 25, 2010.



Chief Ruth brings 33 years of law enforcement and leadership experience to the Countryside Police Department. He also possesses a Bachelors Degree from Governors State University and a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice from Lewis University. Chief Ruth is a graduate of the 207th Session of the FBI Academy in Quantico, VA, the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Program and Northwestern University Center for Public Safety Executive Management Program. Chief Ruth has also received the designation as a Certified Police Chief from the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police.

Service Anniversaries



Detective Mark Battaglia—25 Years

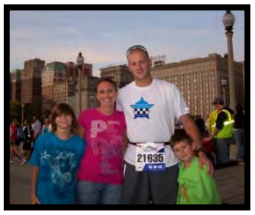


Officer Ronnie Pohle—15 Years

Special Recognition



Officer Robert Sodt ran in the Chicago Marathon on October 10, 2010. He finished the race in 4:48. In preparation for the marathon, Officer Sodt trained for 7 months and ran 500 miles. He ran for the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation and collected nearly $1,000 for the charity. We are very proud of his accomplishment.



Military Recognition

Officer Kelly Kalker is an active member of the Army Reserve. She will be deployed at Bagram Air Force Base in Afghanistan for the entire year of 2011 with the Military Police. We wish her well and look forward to her return in 2012.



Officer Kalker attends a DARE class as a guest speaker.

We proudly recognize the following employees for their contributions to past military service:



Sergeant Anthony Boyd retired from the United States Air Force in April, 2009 after 25 years of active and reserve service. Sergeant Boyd was a member of 932 Aero Medical Evacuation Squadron (AES) and served as an Aero Medical Specialist (a.k.a. Flight Medic).



Officer Brendan Gleespen served in the United States Army from 1998 to 2006. He held the rank of Sergeant. He was deployed 3 times—the last deployment in Iraq. Officer Gleespen received the Combat Action Badge and won NCO of the year in 2005.



Officer Karl Rodey served in the United States Air Force from 1977 to 1987. He held the rank of E-5 Staff Sergeant and worked in law enforcement. During his service, Officer Rodey served in Granada/Antigua, protecting the U.S. Embassy.

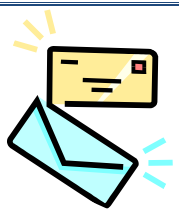


Officer Robert Sodt served in the United States Army National Guard from 1994 to 1999. He held the rank of Specialist and was part of the 933rd Military Police.

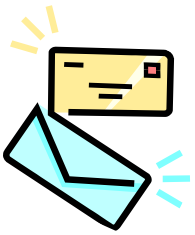
Letters of Commendation

This year, **Letters of Commendation** were awarded to **Sergeant Boyd** and Officers **Bisignani, DiGangi, Floyd, Klimek, Pohle, and Stern.**

- On April 6, 2010 Officer Kreg Floyd identified a vehicle wanted in connection with an attempted murder. Officer Floyd's initiative helped to alert authorities that the suspect was in the area and had changed vehicles. Later that evening the offender was taken into custody in Wisconsin.
- On April 15, 2010 Officer Bisignani noticed a strong burning odor in the vicinity of Rafferty's Pub. With the assistance of Officer Pohle and Sergeant Boyd, they were able to identify a fire burning in plant box that was beginning to spread to the wood siding of the building. They quickly extinguished the fire, preventing a much more serious situation.
- On August 9, 2010 Officers DiGangi and Klimek were dispatched to a townhome with a report of heavy smoke. The officers, believing that occupants were in the home, forced entry and began a systematic room-by-room search of the house. Their search did not locate any occupants, but they are commended for their selfless dedication to duty.
- On November 27, 2010 Officers Pohle and Stern responded to a Lo-Jack alert for a stolen auto in the Countryside area and began a systematic search of the immediate area. They located the vehicle traveling W/B on Joliet Road and pulled them over. The two occupants of the stolen vehicle were taken into custody without incident. Officers Pohle and Stern were commended for apprehending 2 auto thieves and recovery of a stolen vehicle valued at over $18,000.



LETTERS FROM THE COMMUNITY



These are excerpts from a few of the letters we received in 2010.

Countryside Police Department: "My family and I moved to Countryside about 1 ½ years ago. I have been very impressed during that time with the police presence that we see around town…. Thank you so much for your quick action on this and continued efforts in the community as a whole. It is greatly appreciated, as are the men and women on your force out there every day in our community."

Countryside Police Department: "We want to give thanks to all the police for the extra patrol we had on Halloween day while trick-or-treating. We really appreciated this kind of service from the community to ensure the safety of all the residents. Once again thank you and hope that this special service continues."

Countryside Police Department: "My family and I wish to thank you for the professional response that was given to my son on his recent emergency visits to the hospital. Even though [my son] is difficult, he seems to bring out the best in most people. This was certainly evident in your officers. When responding to our emergencies, their attention to detail was impeccable, and at the same time their personal understanding and care was beautiful to witness. For this, I thank you and your men and women for jobs well done. "

Detective Mark Battaglia: "The purpose of this communication is to commend the efforts of Detective Mark Battaglia in a case he worked for me…. Detective Battaglia treated me with respect… Additionally, his diligence was simply amazing. While being duped for a large amount of money is obviously disturbing, I am at least left with a tremendous amount of gratitude for the exemplary efforts of Detective Battaglia and, in turn, your department."

Officer Ernie Millsap: "Yesterday evening I watch a movie at the Quarry Theater. I was walking home… I was stopped in Countryside by a particularly rude… Cook County Sheriff's Deputy. At that time as the deputy was abusively accusing me of various ridiculous charges, your officers investigated the event and were everything the deputy was not: polite, professional, and reasonable. Because of their intervention I was able to resume by walk home without any further harassment. I am happy your people were there…"

Officers Nate McDonald and Ronnie Pohle: "On the evening of November 12, 2010 I was at the Jewel store located in Countryside. I was emotionally rattled and had locked my keys in the car. Officers Pohle and McDonald came quickly. I was amazed at how patiently they worked to get the locks open. Throughout the experience, they remained calm and professional even though I was crying, embarrassed… Sometimes being a hero isn't rescuing a person from a burning building or arresting a dangerous criminal. It's doing ordinary things with extraordinary patience; its being the kind and gentle peace officer that reminds us all of how important and special you are."

IN MEMORY

The Countryside Police Department sadly announced the passing of **former Chief Charles D'Urso** on March 26, 2010 and **Police Commissioner Joseph Curtin** on December 6, 2010.



Charles D'Urso began his career with the Countryside Police Department in October, 1970 and served as Patrol Officer, Sergeant, and Lieutenant before being appointed Police Chief in January, 1993. He retired in January, 2003 after 33 years of service.

Chief D'Urso was a dedicated professional whose leadership made a lasting impact on our department. He is remembered by those who worked with him as always having a passion for the job and having the best intentions for the police department. As a patrolman, D'Urso set a goal of someday being Police Chief. When he attained that goal, he began making positive changes for the department. One of his most notable contributions was bringing technology to the police department.

Chief Charles D'Urso left a longstanding legacy of professionalism and service. He will be missed. Chief D'Urso is survived by his wife, Suzanne, and daughter, Rebecca.

Joseph Curtin was an important addition to the Countryside Police & Fire Board and served for over 10 years. Joe joined the Board after a distinguished 41-year career with the Chicago Police Department and brought the expertise of police work and administration to the Board. Joe was a true professional and an asset to his position with the City of Countryside. Joe is survived by his wife, Joan.

COUNTRYSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

PHOTO GALLERY



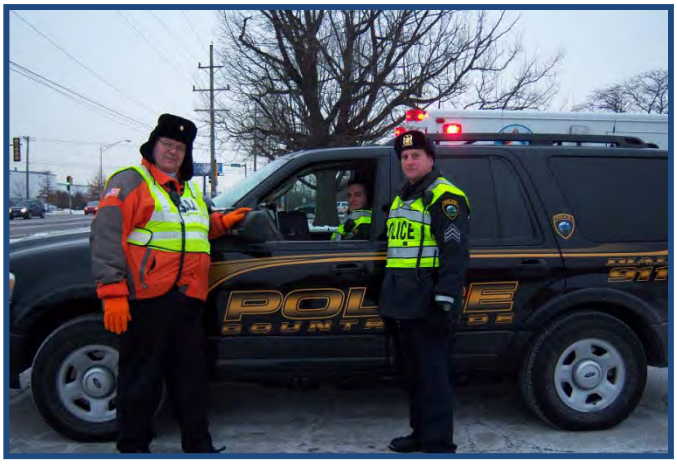
Officer Alonzo



Sergeant Boyd



Officer McDonald



Steve Norman, Ofc. Stern, Sgt. Mikel



Officer Kalker

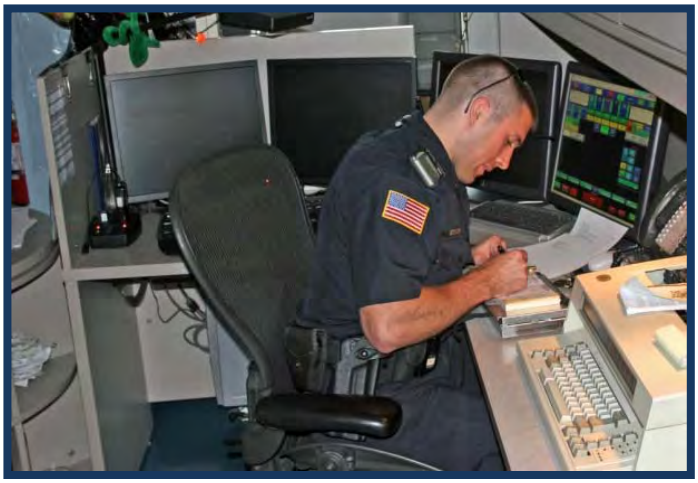




Shift Change



Officer McDonald and Sergeant Boyd



Officer Gleespen



Officer Pohle





Officer "Biz" reads a holiday story to her DARE class



Stockings made by the DARE class for new residents of the Senior Apartments



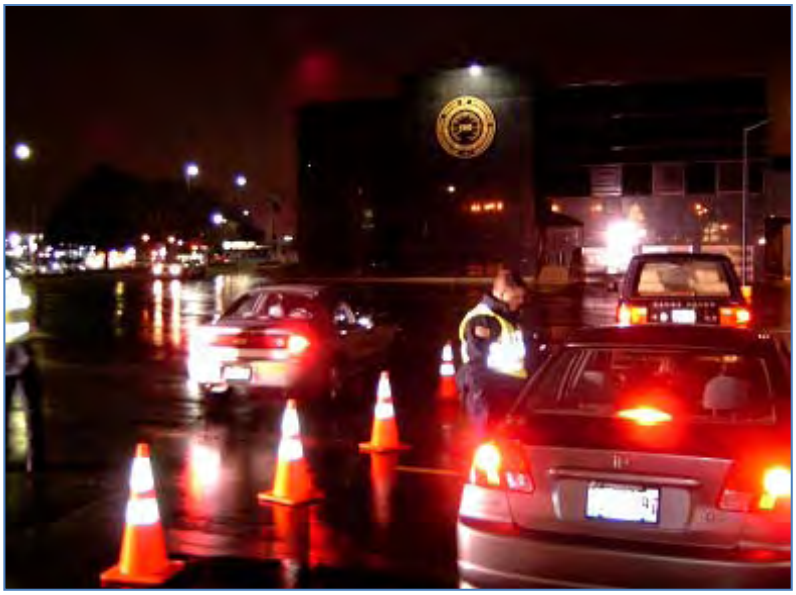
2010 DARE graduating class

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT















August, 2010—55th Street

A garbage truck breaks loose from the truck that was towing it and crashes into an electrical pole.



FUNDRAISING EVENTS

















Officer DiGangi with partner Rico

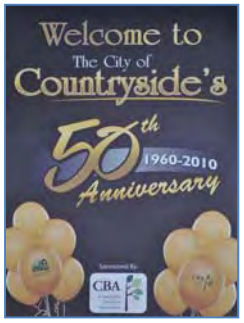


Cathy Rothbard, Scott Novak, Margaret Carey





Officer Bisignani with Officer McGruff (a.k.a. Lori McLaughlin)
50th Anniversary Party in the Park





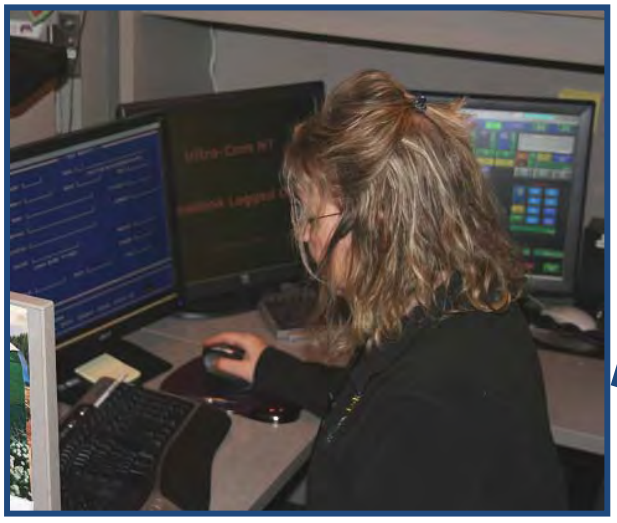
D.O. Littlejohn



D.O. Alberts
(*with Margaret Carey)*



D.O. Hamernik



D.O. Goluszka





Tree Lighting Ceremony







RETIREES SHARE PHOTOS…



Officer Frank Bozzi - 1979



Officer Frank Bozzi - 1982



Officers D'Urso & Bozzi - 1974



Officers D'Urso & Bozzi - 1974