Countryside Police Department

Annual Report

2011



Michael R. Ruth

Chief of Police

2011 Countryside Police Department

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Executive Summary

The Police Department is pleased to report that overall crime within the City of Countryside fell by 17% in 2011. The service call workload exceeded previous years by 7% reflecting a steady increase since 2008. In other words, police service was up and overall crime was down.

While it is important to recognize general and specific crime trends, it is also beneficial to identify and assess the general components of those trends. A close examination of the statistical analysis provides great insight, which aids the police department to more effectively deploy staffing and implement programs which will address the short term and long term needs of the community.

In response to the needs of our community, we made some departmental changes for 2011. The most significant changes were: the addition of an Evidence Technician Program and the addition of three new Crime Prevention Programs. We also made improvements to our data collection and reporting procedures.

We analyzed our crime trends and improved the reporting of criminal offenses to be consistent with the guidelines of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Report. The documentation of "calls for service" was standardized to more accurately measure the level of service which we provide to the community.

We reviewed our policies and procedures and have instituted an Internal Administrative Review for incidents involving officer-involved motor vehicle crashes, police pursuits, use of force, weapon discharge, and citizen complaints.

NEW CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Our Department added 3 new community-based policing programs—Citizen's Police Academy, Business Watch, and Fleet Watch.

NEW EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN UNIT

Three of our officers completed specialized training in forensic evidence collection and have achieved state certified status. Evidence Technicians are now patrolling our community 24 hours a day in a specially equipped vehicle in order to provide the highest level of service to our community.

Executive Summary (cont.)

CALLS FOR SERVICE

Our 2011 calls for service increased to 6,900 from 6,500 in 2010. This represents an increase of 7% over 2010. We will be monitoring the calls in 2012 to determine if there are any emerging trends. The trends that we noticed in 2011 were increases in Battery (30%), and Burglary (55%). We believe that these increases represent a shift in the way we more accurately report crime especially incidents which involve domestic violence. The reported incidents of Theft decreased by 25%, Identity Theft decreased by 73% and Damage to Property decreased by 54%.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

I am proud of the accomplishments of our staff in 2011. Throughout the year we received many letters from residents and other law enforcement agencies expressing their appreciation for the quality and level of service which we provide. In addition, our employees also received letters of commendation, letters of appreciation, and life saving awards.



LOOKING FORWARD

Here are some of the things we are working on for 2012:

- Comply with Federal Mandates by narrow banding of the emergency police radio network.
- Expand the Records Management System to include Computer Assisted Dispatch (CAD) in all patrol vehicles.
- Replace and/or upgrade all electronic emergency equipment in the patrol vehicles, such as: in-car cameras, mobile radios, emergency lights and sirens, etc.
- The continuation of the Citizens Police Academy and Neighborhood Watch Programs.
- The continuation of police officer's professional development training.
- Continue to evaluate current department procedures to improve efficiency.
- Improve data collection, analysis, and reporting.
- Analyze crime trends and calls for service to provide the highest level of service for the City and its residents.

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 the quality of our department through training, evaluation of current procedures, and consideration of future programs. We look forward to working with the Mayor and members of the City Council, along with residents of the community 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 as 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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2011 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** who has served as Countryside Police Chief since 2010. Chief Ruth brings 33 years of Law Enforcement experience to our agency. Field Operations is led by **Deputy Chief Scott Novak** who has served since 1993 and **Master Sergeant John Mikel** serving since 1988. In addition, 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 2011, Patrol Officers responded to 6,923 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 Evidence Technicians, Field Training Officer, Canine Officer, Elderly Services Officer, and DARE Officer.

Investigations Division



The Investigations Division is a specialized unit staffed with law enforcement professionals who possess special skills and training, generally above that of an average patrol officer. These special skills allow investigators to handle follow-up investigations and investigate crime that is complex or geographically beyond the reach and control of patrol officers. Based on their assignment and the opportunistic nature of criminals, investigators are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The Countryside Police Department's Investigative staff is comprised of 3 investigators. Two investigators share the responsibility of conducting follow-up investigation, managing property and evidence, and augmenting the patrol division when needed. These investigators are also assigned to two mutual aid task forces, The Major Case Assistance Team (MCAT) and The South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force (SSMCTF).

In 2011, the Countryside Police Investigations Division reviewed 247 criminal cases. Of these 247 cases, 94 were assigned to investigators for follow-up. Investigators dedicated 377 man-power-hours to conduct these follow-up investigations.

2011 Assigned Cases	
Homicide	**0**
Death Investigation	**4**
Sex Crimes	**5**
Burglary/Home Inv	**21**
Theft	**30**
Battery/Assault	**6**
Weapons/Narcotics	**2**
Forgery/Fraud	**14**
Property Damage	**2**
Other	**10**

High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)



Our third investigator is detailed to the Illinois State Police HIDTA Unit. This unit is tasked with the investigation and interdiction of narcotics and money laundering related crimes throughout the State of Illinois. In 2011, the HIDTA Unit generated $94,421.00 in seizure funds to the police department which are used to support our law enforcement efforts.

Police K-9 Unit

The Department's K-9 Unit is in its 17th year of operation. During 2011, **Officer Joseph DiGangi** served as the K-9 handler. Together with his 7 year old K-9 partner, **Rico**, they received 218 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 2011, 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 49 **situations requiring the services of the K-9 Unit in 2011**, **23** of these calls for service were for tracking, building/area searches, and evidence searches resulting in **2** suspect apprehensions. **13** finds were drug-related (marijuana, cocaine, heroin) and **1** find was for **$16,000.00 in U.S. currency.**

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.

Our 2011 Bicycle Unit Officers were:

Sergeant Anthony Boyd	**Officer Nate McDonald**
Officer Agostino Alonzo	**Officer Karl Rodey**
Officer April Bisignani	**Officer Jim Stern**



Bicycle Unit Officers Alonzo and Rodey

Evidence Technicians

The Countryside Police Department introduced an Evidence Technician Unit in 2011. The unit consists of 3 specially trained officers, who—in addition to regular patrol duties—are responsible for **recovering and processing crime scene evidence**. The Evidence Technicians utilize sophisticated equipment such as digital photography and latent fingerprint development equipment to learn the identity of criminal offenders. **2011 Evidence Technician Officers: Agostino Alonzo, Ken Goluszka, and Jim Stern**

Our Evidence Technician/Patrol Officers completed a 2-week, 80 hour certification course in 2011. They will receive 40 hours of additional training each year.

The Evidence Technician's duties include:

- Identifying, collecting, and preserving trace evidence
- Locating and preserving fingerprints
- Documenting crime scenes through still photography, video, diagrams, and drawings
- Field testing suspected illegal drugs
- Testimony in criminal court



Officer Alonzo with the specially equipped Evidence Technician vehicle.

The Evidence Technician Unit was called upon many times in 2011 to process crime scenes and serious motor vehicle crashes in Countryside. Some of the crime scenes that were investigated in 2011 include:

- Death Investigation
- Arson and Weapon Offenses
- Serious Motor Vehicle Accidents
- Burglary (residential/business/motor vehicle)
- Crimes Against Person (assault and battery)
- Home Invasion
- Damage to City Property



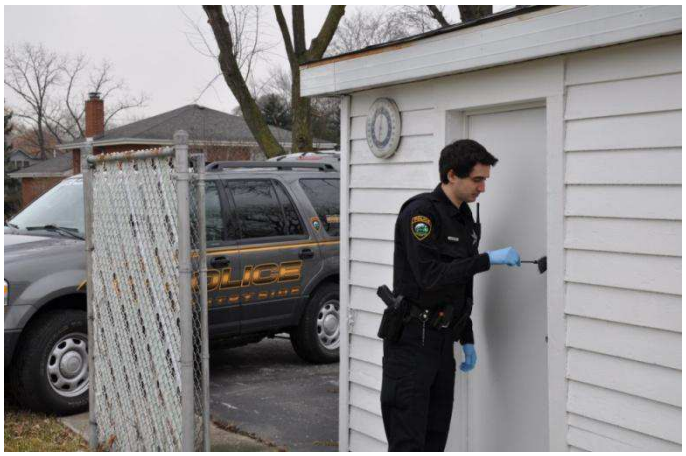
Future plans for the Evidence Technician Program include additional training in footwear impressions, blood spatter, and homicide investigation.

Evidence Technicians (cont.)





Evidence Technician Vehicle and Equipment



Officer Alonzo "dusting" for latent fingerprints.



Examples of latent fingerprints successfully developed and "lifted" from crime scenes. These latent prints will be sent to the crime lab for analysis.



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 2011, the **Center received 23,089 administrative telephone calls and 4,982 E-911 calls**. Of the over 28,000 calls received, 6,900 calls resulted in dispatch for police service, 161 for fire services, and 474 calls for emergency medical services. The remaining calls were requests for information or non-emergency police or fire services.

Staffing the Communications Center during 2011, were:

Guadalupe Hamernik—Communications Supervisor

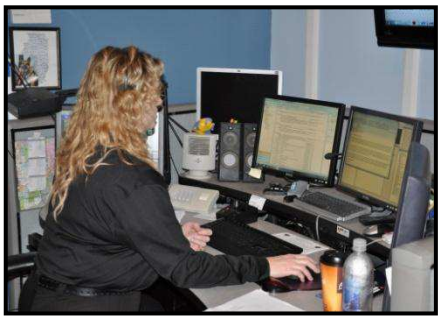
Cathy Rothbard—Desk/Records Officer

Donna Goluszka—Desk Officer

Patricia Littlejohn—Desk Officer

Jane McDermott-Alberts—Desk Officer

Lori McLaughlin—Desk Officer



Records Department



The Records Unit was staffed by **Cathy Rothbard** in the year 2011**.** This unit is responsible for the accurate reporting and archive of all reports of criminal, non-criminal, and traffic activity handled by the Department. During calendar year 2011, official police reports and 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 currently employs three part-time school crossing guards: **Angelica Alvarez, Therese Schey, and Lisa Garcia.**

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 attended the 14th annual Township "Crossing Guard Training Session" sponsored by Lyons Township, with other crossing guards from the neighboring towns of LaGrange, Hinsdale, Hodgkins, Brookfield, and Lyons. The 2011 training session was held at the Hodgkins Village Hall. Topics included: job description, importance of their position, police assistance, child predators, and public image. Sergeant John Mikel presented on the topic of pedestrian safety at the training session.

ESDA/Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency

Under the direction of **Coordinator Steve Norman**, the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency of the City of Countryside continues to provide valuable additional resources and assets in supporting not only the Police Department, but also to the other departments within the City. Throughout the year the EMHS unit has been called on to provide assistance with:

- Traffic Control
- Assistance with Special Enforcement details such as Click It or Ticket and You Drink and Drive, You Lose.
- Coordinated Park Patrols
- Security at City Events— *such as the Concert Series*
- Emergency Preparedness Response
- Severe Weather Program
- Pharmaceutical Distribution Preparedness



2011 began with a record snowstorm on February 1st where the Emergency Operations Center was manned for over 16 consecutive hours providing support to the Police Department as a sub-station for the officers to utilize for report documentation or as a warming/relief area. In addition, Coordinator Norman was the central contact for the City's application for federal funding reimbursement for the disaster declaration with FEMA. Through his efforts, the City was able to recoup over $19,500 which represented 75% of the cost to mitigate the effects of the Blizzard.

The City experienced extreme weather again later that year with 90°+ temperatures. The EMHS unit provided traffic control for an extended power outage that impacted the traffic lights on Joliet and LaGrange Road for over 7+ hours. There were 25 other instances where the unit provided traffic control for accidents and traffic signal outages. The EMHS unit also provided assistance to the Village of Indian Head Park during the tragic events involving a home invasion and homicide.

The EMHS severe weather program was recertified in April by the National Weather Service for its ongoing efforts to prepare for and respond to severe weather events. In May of 2005 the City received its first recognition by the StormReady® program and was one of only five communities in Cook County to do so.

December 31, 2011 was another significant date for the EMHS unit. After 17 years of service, Assistant Coordinator Curt Monson retired. During Curt's tenure with the department he rose through the ranks serving as an officer, Lieutenant and finally as the Assistant Coordinator. He was involved in the development and implementation of numerous programs. On behalf of the members of the EMHS Department and the Countryside Police Department, we wish him well and thank him for his many years of service!



Pictured Left to Right: Master Sergeant John Mikel, Assistant Coordinator Curt Munson, Coordinator Steve Norman, and Officer Nate McDonald

Training

The coordination of training programs and opportunities for Department employees is the responsibility of ***Master Sergeant John Mikel.*** The Countryside Police Department conducts a variety of training throughout the year. Training is presented through classroom, printed materials, videos, online, and department communications. Officers also attend other classes and seminars. Other topics include: 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 officers to understand the safety and performance aspects of emergency 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:

- Crimes Against The Elderly
- Gypsy Crime Investigations
- Domestic Violence/Crisis Intervention
- Advanced DUI Training

In addition, the department hosted 2 mandatory training sessions in 2011 for all employees on the topics of ***Ethics*** and ***Harassment***. Police Ethics was hosted in conjunction with the Burr Ridge Police Department.

Professional development and supervisor/leadership training will be a major focus for 2012.

2011

Summary of Training Hours per Officer

Officer	Skill Training	Professional Development
Patrol		
Alonzo	45	174
Bisignani	21	42
Cozen	12	34
DiGangi	180	98
Floyd	20	26
Gleespen	181	34
Goluszka	73	98
Kalker*	0	0
McDonald	197	66
Millsap	12	90
Pohle	15	50
Porcaro**	18	322
Rodey	28	34
Sodt	158	98
Stern	15	106
Sergeants		
Andree	29	74
Boyd	20	90
Klimek	36	42
Mikel	13	54
Investigators		
Battaglia	20	58
Durell	13	34
Wherry	4	10

** Deployed with the Military in 2011.*

*** New hire. Academy training included.*

2011 Training Highlights

- 24 Sworn Officers
- 2834 combined hours of training
- Average of 118 hours of training per officer



Ethics Training, February, 2011

Firearms Training

The Countryside Police Department currently has 5 state certified firearms training officers, as well as 2 state certified police carbine/rifle instructors. These training officers conduct firearms training with all officers as well as annual firearms qualifications to maintain compliance with state law and improve the level of individual proficiency.



Specialty Units Training

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 skill set training twice per year. This level of training is consistent with the National Tactical Officers Association training guidelines.

Less Than Lethal Training, September 2011



Sgt. Boyd with Officer Stern



Officer Goluszka with Officer Stern



Officer DiGangi with Officer Alonzo



Officer McDonald with Officer Goluszka

CPR Training

The Countryside Police Department has been committed to having its officers trained and 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 CPR and AED training equipment needed to train its personnel. As a result, Sergeant Boyd became the primary instructor for the City and has trained City personnel on CPR and the use of the AED's. All City employees are trained and certified every other year.

Technology and Support

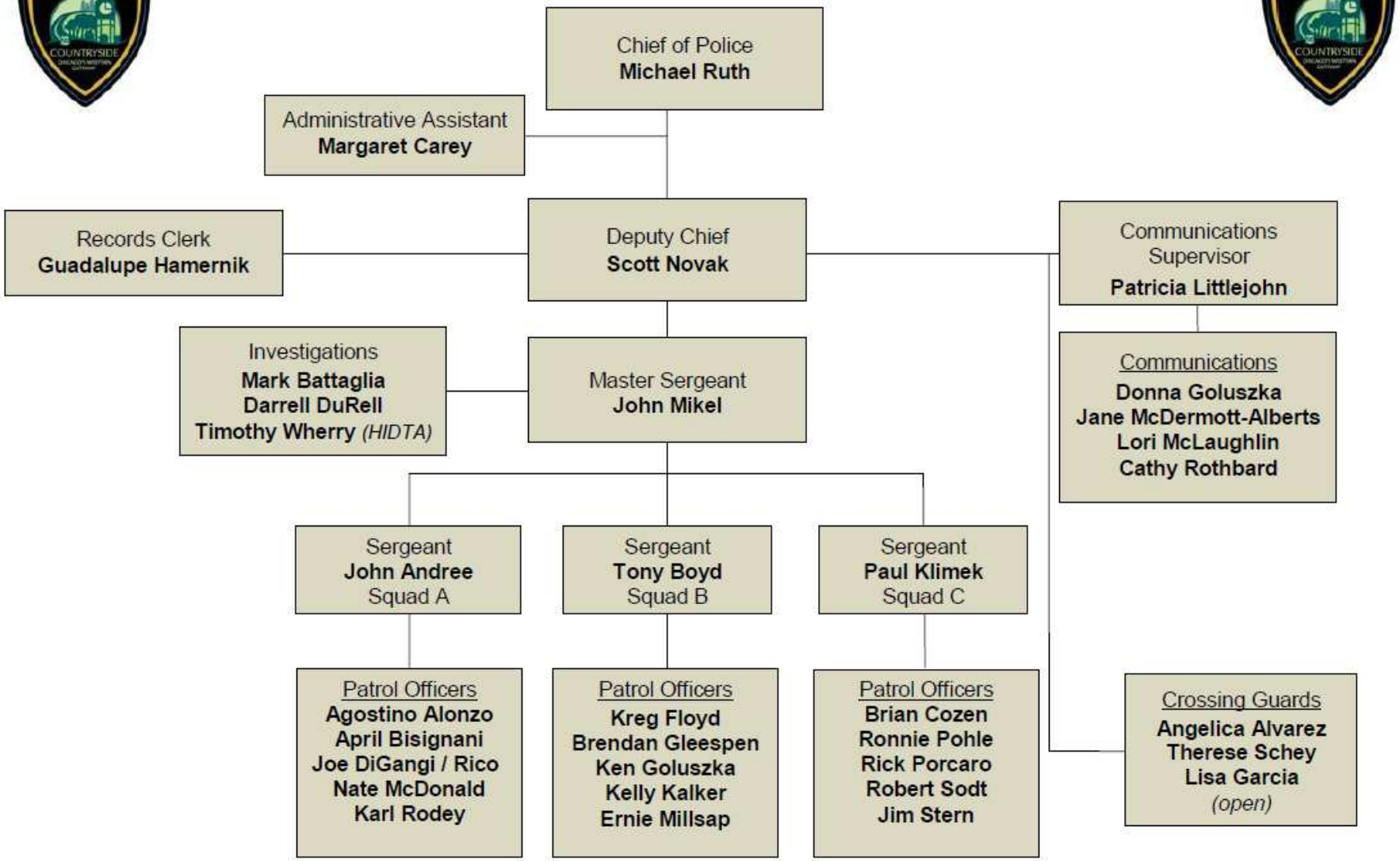


In the age of communication and technology, Countryside Police Officers rely heavily on statistical data and public safety information often generated with the use of computers. Information Technology services are provided to the Countryside Police Department by **Troy Carrigan of Merging Technologies**. He is responsible for installation, maintenance, security, and upgrade of department computer information systems, both in and out of the building. Troy's field expertise allows our police officers to be on the cutting edge of technology in the police station as well as in the field.

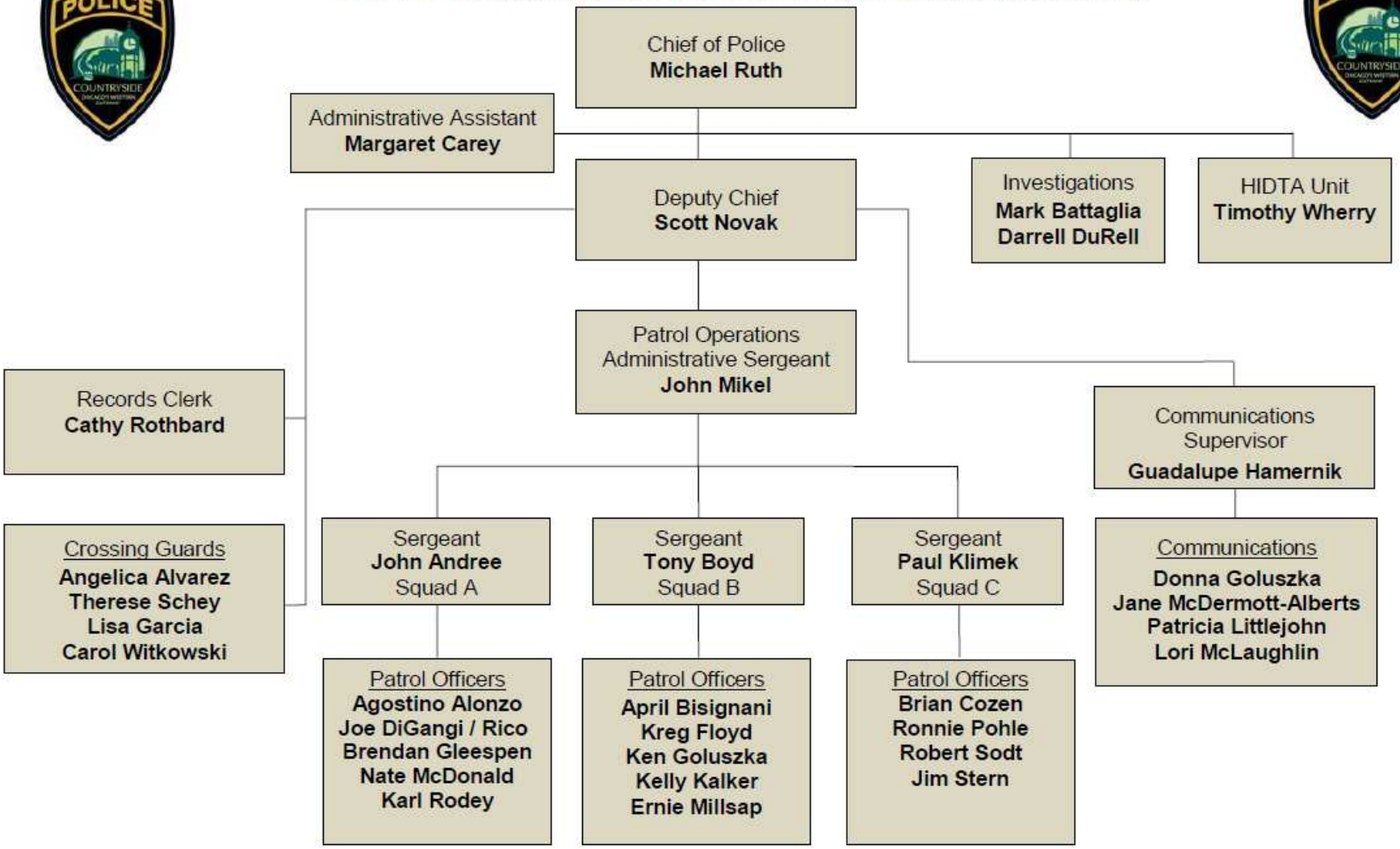




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Government Structure

The Countryside Police Department is pleased to recognize the efforts and support of Mayor Krzeminski and the entire City Council for their strong commitment toward the achievement of our mission. The leadership and vision of the Mayor and City Council, along with the Police Committee and the Board of Fire & Police Commissioners, are important factors in our collective effort to ensure the safety and quality of life for the residents of Countryside.

City Council

January, 2011 – April, 2011



City Council

May, 2011 – December, 2011



POLICE COMMITTEE *January, 2011 – April, 2011*
Michael Smetana, ***Chairman***
Bob Pondelicek, Alderman
Sean McDermott, Alderman

BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION
Jerry Welch, ***Chairman***
Mark Burdett
Scott Musillami

POLICE COMMITTEE *May, 2011 –December, 2011*
Wayne Straza, ***Chairman*** *(retired 10/2011)*
Jim Jasinski, Alderman
Karen Michalczyk, Alderman

Internal Affairs

To maintain the highest level of public confidence, The Countryside Police Department investigates all complaints thoroughly and impartially. Internal Affairs investigations also address instances of employee behavior that could discredit the Department or violate a Department policy, procedure or practice. Complaints are presented to the Office of the Chief of Police for a fair review and appropriate action and/or sanction, with consideration given to the complainant, the Department, the individual employee, and the public trust. In 2011, The Countryside Police Department investigated 22 incidents involving its members.

IA#	Nature of Complaint	Disposition
2011-1	Improper Action by Police	Unfounded
2011-2	Administrative/Pursuit	Proper Conduct
2011-3	Improper Conduct	Unfounded
2011-4	Administrative/Pursuit	Proper Conduct
2011-5	Performance of Duty	Sustained/Written Reprimand
2011-6	Interference with Investigation	Sustained/Written Reprimand
2011-7	Harassment	TOT - Other Agency
2011-8	Performance of Duty/Failure to Inspect Vehicle	Sustained/Verbal Counseling
2011-9	Administrative/Squad Crash	Proper Conduct
2011-10	Administrative/Squad Crash	Proper Conduct
2011-11	Performance of Duty	Sustained- 1-Day Suspension
2011-12	Performance of Duty	Sustained/Verbal Counseling
2011-13	Improper Notification/Reporting for Duty	Policy Failure
2011-14	Missing Money from Communications	Not Sustained
2011-15	Administrative/Squad Crash	Sustained/Verbal Counseling
2011-16	Reporting for Duty/AWOL from Training	Sustained/Written Reprimand
2011-17	Impartial Investigation	Not Sustained
2011-18	Insubordination/Conduct Unbecoming	Sustained-Written Reprimand
2011-19	Administrative/Squad Crash	Sustained-Written Reprimand
2011-20	Performance of Duty	Sustained 2-Day Suspension
2011-21	Weapon Discharge	Proper Conduct
2011-22	Use of Force - Taser	Proper Conduct

Source of Complaint

Administrative Policy	8
Citizen Complaints	3
Police Agency Complaints	11
TOTAL	**22**

Disposition of Complaint

Unfounded	2
Proper Conduct	6
Sustained	10
Not Sustained	2
Policy Failure	1
TOT Another Agency	1
TOTAL	**22**

Disciplinary Action

Counseling/Verbal Reprimand	3
Written Reprimand	5
Suspension	2
TOTAL	**10**

Definition of Dispositions

Unfounded—Allegation is not factual; did not happen.
Proper Conduct—The act of the department or officer was consistent with the agency procedures.
Sustained—The allegation is supported by sufficient evidence.
Not Sustained—There was insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the allegation.

2011 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), presents a program that 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 2011 the students were treated to a Chicago Wolves game. The Wolves game was specially organized for students and included educational activities throughout the game.

The academic school year culminates with a DARE graduation ceremony. This is a special event that is attended by family, friends, and community members. 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, make better decisions, and help them to succeed.

JUVENILE OFFICER PROGRAM



The 2011 Illinois DARE Juvenile Conference
***Left to Right:* Officers Alonzo, Bisignani, Boyd, and Millsap**

The position of Juvenile Officer encompasses many different duties and responsibilities. Juvenile Officers prepare the various paperwork and filings that go to Juvenile Court on each juvenile charged with a criminal offense. Officers are also involved with 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. **In 2011, contact was made with 86 juvenile offenders. We were also involved with 6 incidents of suspected child abuse cases.**

We also participate in the Cook County Sheriff's "Second Chance" program. This program is designed for juveniles who have cases involving alcohol and other drugs. It is an education program for both the juvenile and the guardian. In 2011, 4 youths were sent through the Second Chance program.

<u>Our 2011 Juvenile Officers were</u>:

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

*In 2011, Sergeant Boyd was elected President of the West Suburban Juvenile Officers Association.

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.

Officer April Bisignani became Countryside's first Elderly Service Officer in 2009. The ESO Program expanded and welcomed Officer Agostino Alonzo in September, 2011 after he completed the required 40 hour training class, certified by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. E.S.O. officers receive specialized training 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 the officers' assignment includes close work and active participation with our local senior advocacy program, Aging Care Connections. They offer assistance programs to local seniors that enable them to stay independent longer.

The Countryside Aging Well Community Action Team, along with Officer April Bisignani and students from the community, conducted their annual Leaf Raking for seniors on November 12. A total of 26 Countryside residents were assisted in this annual program. This program provides a unique opportunity to bring the youth and the elderly of our community together to improve the quality of life in Countryside.

60 seniors attended a seminar at City Hall, taught by Officer Bisignani in March, 2011. The seminar called, "Who's That Knocking at my Door?" empowered and educated seniors about Gypsy Scams.



Senior Leaf Raking Event—November, 2011



Officer Bisignani addresses a group of seniors at a Gypsy Scam Seminar on March 31, 2011



Valentine's Day Party at Countryside Senior Apartments.

Pictured is Officer Bisignani with residents, Mr. & Mrs. Grossi.

Three new Crime Prevention programs were introduced in 2011: Citizen's Police Academy, Business Watch, and Fleet Watch.

BUSINESS WATCH PROGRAM

A number of local businesses are currently enrolled in this free program. It is offered to Countryside businesses and keeps owners and employees informed of current crime trends and alerts. This program helps businesses to prevent themselves from becoming the victim of a crime. The police department also offers a Business Security Survey and presentations on: shoplifting awareness, robbery prevention, and workplace violence.

FLEET WATCH PROGRAM

This program utilizes public works and utility workers as an "extra set of eyes" in the community. The Police Department trains these workers to be alert for any suspicious activity. They are encouraged to take note of important information to assist officers in the event of a crime. In October, 2011 all City Public Works employees were trained and joined Fleet Watch.

CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY (CPA)

This fall, the Countryside Police Department offered its first Citizen's Police Academy. The 12-week program kicked off on Thursday, August 25th with 21 students. The program included weekly presentations on topics ranging from Criminal & Civil Law and Police Tactics to Processing Crime Scenes. The Academy was an overwhelming success and concluded on November 10th with a graduation ceremony.

The Citizen's Police Academy program is designed to provide our residents with a better understanding of police department functions as well as insight into law enforcement techniques. Classes are geared to assist citizens in understanding laws and police practices within our city. The program is open to anyone who works or resides in the City of Countryside. The curriculum includes information about: the canine unit, criminal and civil law, crime prevention, juvenile law, evidence, traffic stops, 911 telecommunications, use of force, investigations, gangs and drugs, scams and confidence games, etc.

Attendees of the Citizen's Police Academy represented a variety of backgrounds. We believe that the entire community benefits when residents take a personal interest in the protection of their neighborhood. The academy also provides an opportunity for students to get to know the men and women who protect their community.



CPA students attending a class.



Chief Ruth presenting at a CPA class.

Citizen's Police Academy—Student Survey

CPA students were each asked to complete a survey to evaluate their experiences in the program. This valuable information helps us in planning future classes. ***The response was overwhelmingly positive!*** Here are some of the comments from the surveys.

Survey Comments:

"Every officer did a great job."

"I wasn't sure what to expect and was pleasantly surprised at what I learned and how professionally everything was presented. Very Impressed!"

"Each of the presenters was extremely well prepared and knowledgeable."

"Loved the 'hands on' parts of the classes."

"Bottom Line = FANTASTIC! Everyone at CPD should be very proud. Thank you!"

"Lots of hard work from the police officers. Group was very nice."

"Chief was excellent."

"It is a great program—Thank you so much!!"

"Looking forward to a reunion."

"It is a privilege living in Countryside, knowing that we have a wonderful Police Department."

"The commitment from the police officers was impressive."

"My favorites were NIPAS, 5th District SWAT, K-9, Evidence Technicians, and The Range."

"The program highlighted the many diversified duties performed by the police force. The program brought the human side of the CPD to the surface."





Class of 2011
Citizen's Police Academy Graduation.

MUTUAL AID ASSIGNMENTS

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

SSMCTF

The South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force is made up of more than 50 municipalities from the 5th and 6th Districts of Cook County. The SSMCTF investigates major crimes including homicide, non-parental kidnapping and other heinous, high profile forcible felonies. In 2011, investigators were activated on 3 separate occasions for homicide investigations. Investigators Battaglia and DuRell dedicated 129 hours to the investigation and resolution of those cases.

5TH DISTRICT SWAT

This unit is comprised of specially trained officers from Alsip, Bridgeview, Bedford Park, Chicago Ridge, Countryside, Evergreen Park, Hickory Hills, Hodgkins, and Worth. These officers respond to high risk situations including hostage/barricade subjects, armed offender situations and high risk search/arrest warrant service. In 2011, 5th District SWAT Officers responded to 1 callout for an active shooter at the FedEx facility in Bedford Park.

MCAT

The Major Case Assistance Team is a mutual aid organization comprised of investigators from 11 local jurisdictions including; Brookfield, Countryside, Forest View, Hodgkins, Indian Head Park, LaGrange, Lyons, McCook, North Riverside, Riverside and Western Springs. **This unit is under the direction of Deputy Chief Scott Novak and involves a combined effort from both Inv. Mark Battaglia and Inv. Darrell DuRell. Chief Michael Ruth serves as the MCAT Chairman, who reports to the Executive MCAT Board.**

In 2011, MCAT Investigators were **activated 31 times** and dedicated **237 hours** for various investigations that included; shootings, narcotics, burglary and theft investigations. It is the mission of MCAT to work together and assist one another to solve and reduce crime by the sharing of expertise, information and the combining of resources.



MUTUAL AID ASSIGNMENTS ***(continued from page 21)***

Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS)

The Countryside Police Department is a member of the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS). This group is based in Urbana, Illinois and is the largest mutual aid organization in the United States. ILEAS is responsible for coordinating statewide mutual aid responses as needed. During 2011, fortunately, the Countryside Police did not request ILEAS assistance for any incident.

On a current note, ILEAS members are preparing and training for the NATO/G8 Summit taking place in Chicago, IL in May of 2012.

NIPAS

The Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS) consists of over 90 communities and offers two programs – a special tactical squad known as the Emergency Services Team and, a crowd control team known as the Mobile Field Force. Mobile Field Force had 1 activation (*details below*) in 2011, the NIPAS EST team responded to 8 emergency calls that consisted of barricaded subjects, high risk search warrants and high risk arrest warrants. Officer Brendan Gleespen serves on the NIPAS SWAT team.



Officer Ken Goluszka with Sheriff Cullison of Hardin County

In May, 2011 Officer Ken Goluszka traveled with NIPAS Mobile Field Force members to downstate Illinois to help with local law enforcement after major flooding from the Mississippi River devastated the area. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers actually blew up a levee, flooding acres of Missouri farmland in an effort to save the town of Cairo, Illinois.

Pictures from flooded areas of Southern Illinois











COMMUNITY RELATIONS EVENTS

Cops vs. Kids Basketball



The Countryside and Hodgkins F.O.P. sponsored the 14th annual "Cops and Kids" basketball game, held on February 22, 2011. 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 proceeds from the event were donated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.





Officers Millsap and Boyd with the winners of the bicycle raffle.

Halloween



Sergeant Boyd with D.O. Littlejohn

Each Halloween, Countryside Police Juvenile Officers escort Kindergarten and First Grade students from Ideal school to the Police Department and City Hall. Each year, communications officers and administrative staff get 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 and other pedestrians are safe in our community.

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. During 2011, the Countryside Police Department conducted 6 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 a total of **344 traffic citations** and made **5 D.U.I. arrests** and **3 narcotics 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 in our community. The Tobacco Enforcement Officers for 2011 were:

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

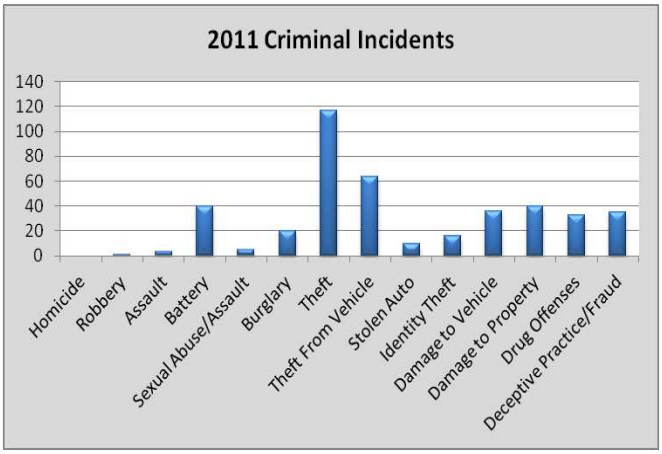
Our department conducted 3 rounds of compliance checks throughout the year at the businesses with current tobacco licenses in the City of Countryside. We are pleased to report that no violations were found in all 3 rounds. All businesses that were checked were found to be compliant with Illinois State Laws regarding the sales of tobacco to minors. This program is funded by a grant from the State of Illinois.

2011 STATISTICAL SUMMARY

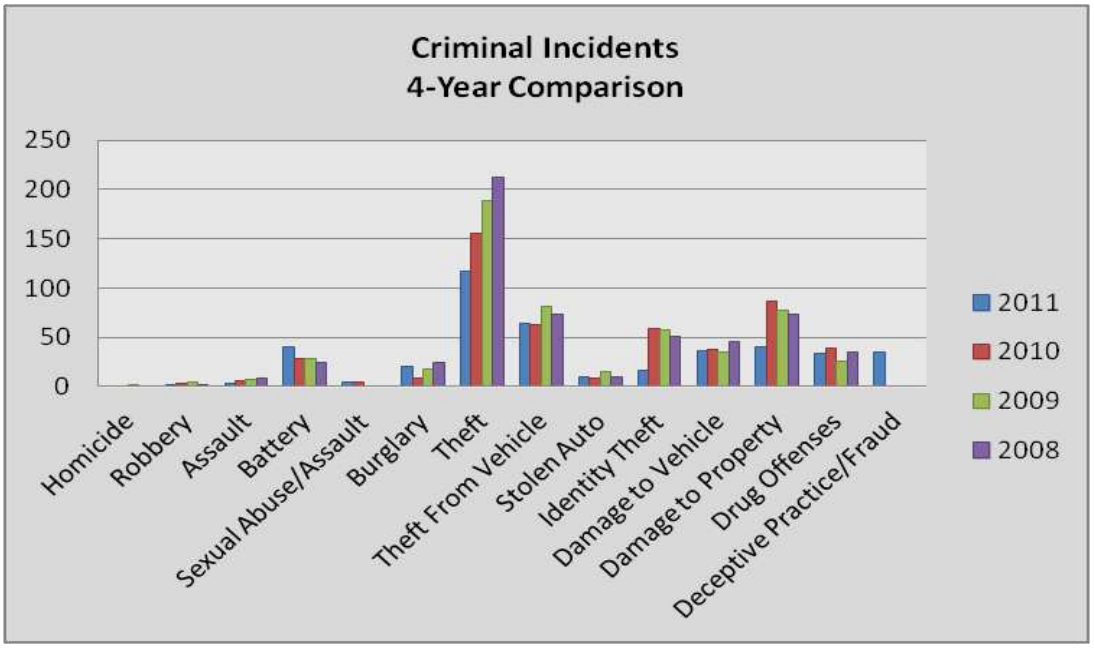
CRIMINAL INCIDENTS

Summary Highlights

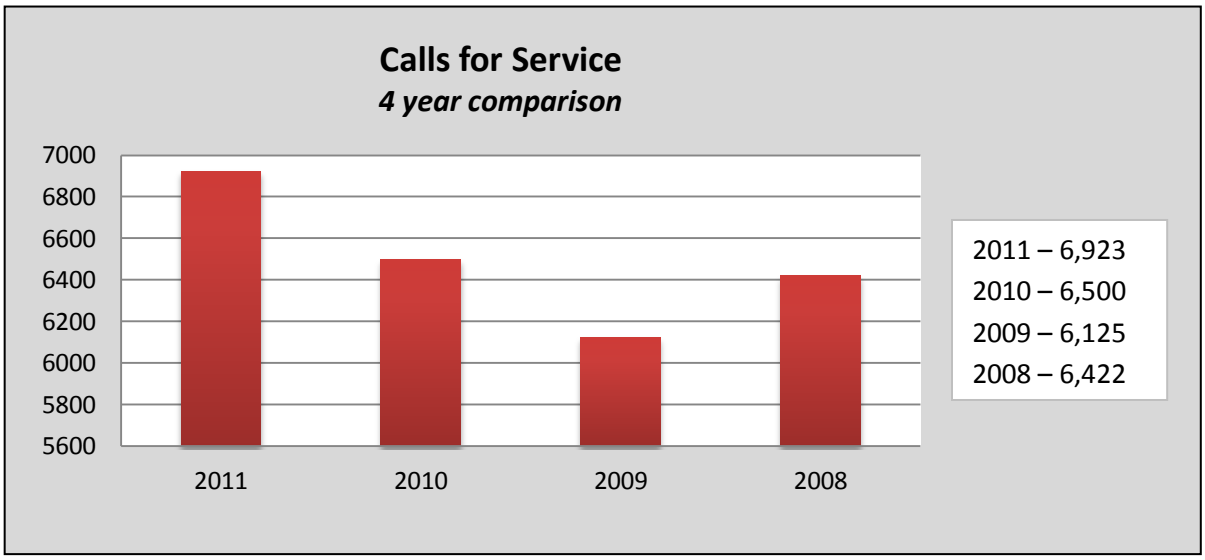
Criminal Incidents	2011	2010	2009	2008
Homicide	0	0	1	0
Robbery	1	3	4	2
Assault	3	6	7	9
Battery	40	28	28	24
Sexual Abuse/Assault	5	5	0	0
Burglary	20	9	18	24
Theft	117	156	189	213
Theft From Vehicle	64	63	81	73
Stolen Auto	10	9	15	10
Identity Theft	16	59	57	51
Damage to Vehicle	36	38	35	45
Damage to Property	40	86	78	74
Drug Offenses	33	39	26	35
Deceptive Practice/Fraud	35	-	-	-
TOTAL	**420**	**501**	**539**	**560**

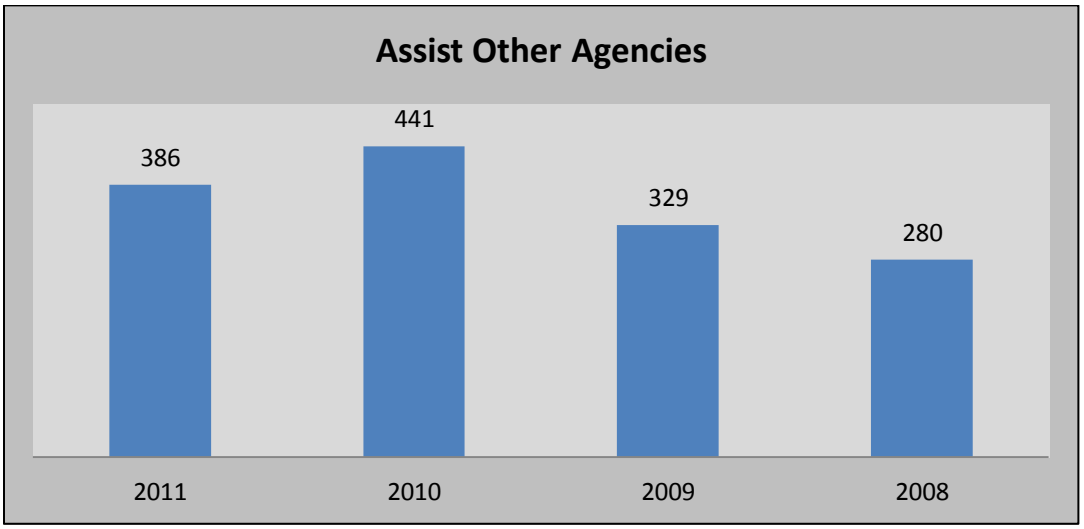


This summary does not include ***all*** criminal incidents that occurred in 2011. It is meant to highlight particular incidents. Overall, criminal incidents have been on a downward trend since 2008. We saw a 17% reduction in 2011 from the previous year. We have added "Deceptive Practice/Fraud" to our chart for 2011.

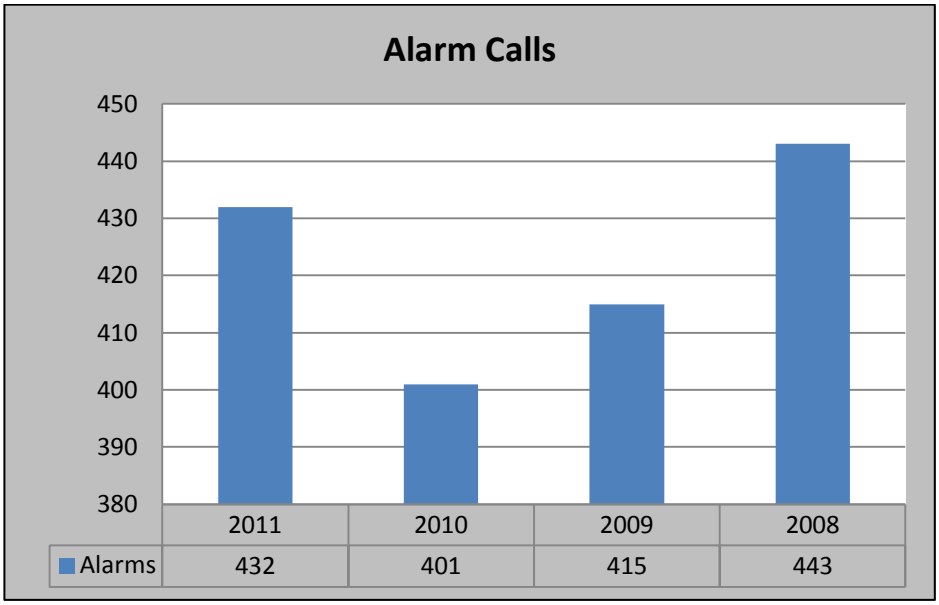


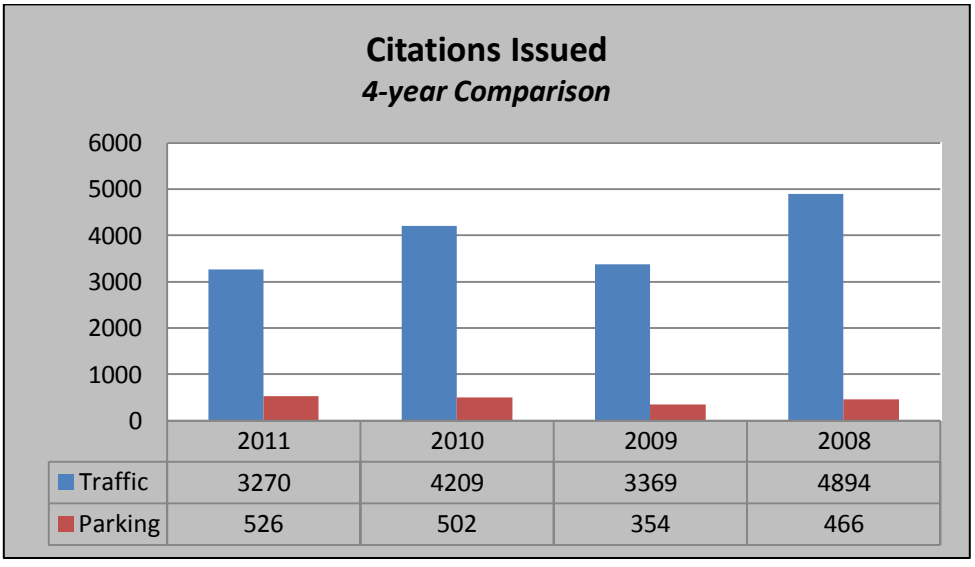
In 2011, calls for service increased 7% over the previous year.



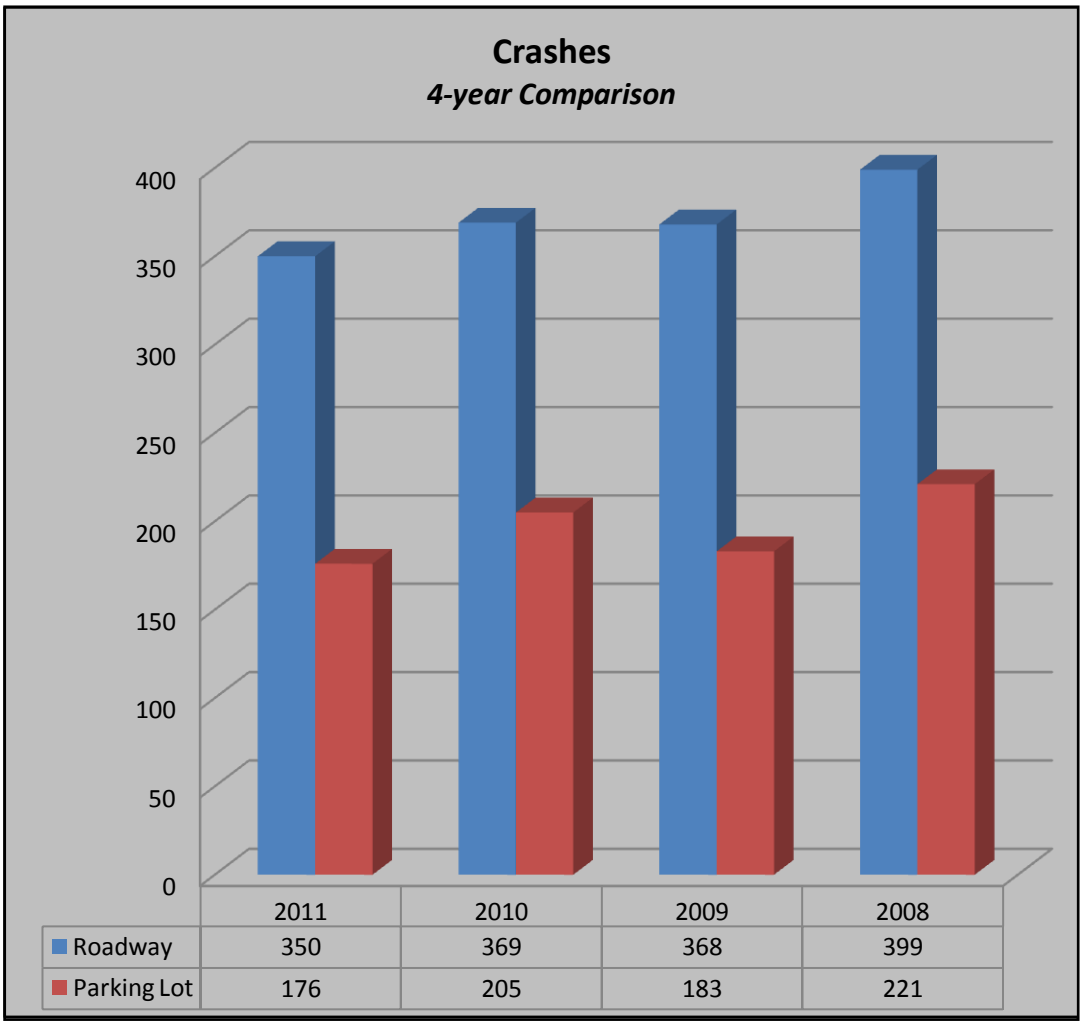


The "number of assists" includes requests from neighboring departments and mutual aid callouts. As you can see, there was a slight decrease in 2011 from the previous year. One element that this chart does not capture is our department's requests for assistance from other agencies.





2011 shows an increase in parking citations issued, but a decrease in traffic citations. Officers increased efforts to enforce parking ordinance violations, such as overnight parking and snowfall parking restrictions. The decrease in traffic citations can be attributed, in part, to the elimination of a dedicated Traffic Detail car—due to a shortage in manpower.



This chart illustrates Roadway and Parking Lot crashes. This 4-year comparison shows that crashes in the City of Countryside are the lowest in 4 years.



REDLIGHT CAMERA PROGRAM

Redlight Violations

2011

Month	Captured & Reviewed	Citation Issued	Difference
January	387	189	48.84%
February	264	138	52.27%
March	357	188	52.66%
April	446	279	62.56%
May	504	296	58.73%
June	521	254	48.75%
July	461	229	49.67%
August	438	207	47.26%
September	385	208	54.03%
October	370	233	62.97%
November	483	317	65.63%
December	524	314	59.92%
TOTAL	**5140**	**2852**	**55.49%**

2009/2010

Annual	Captured & Reviewed	Citation Issued	Difference
2010	**4496**	**2080**	**46.26%**
2009	**7422**	**3648**	**49.15%**

Redlight Revenue

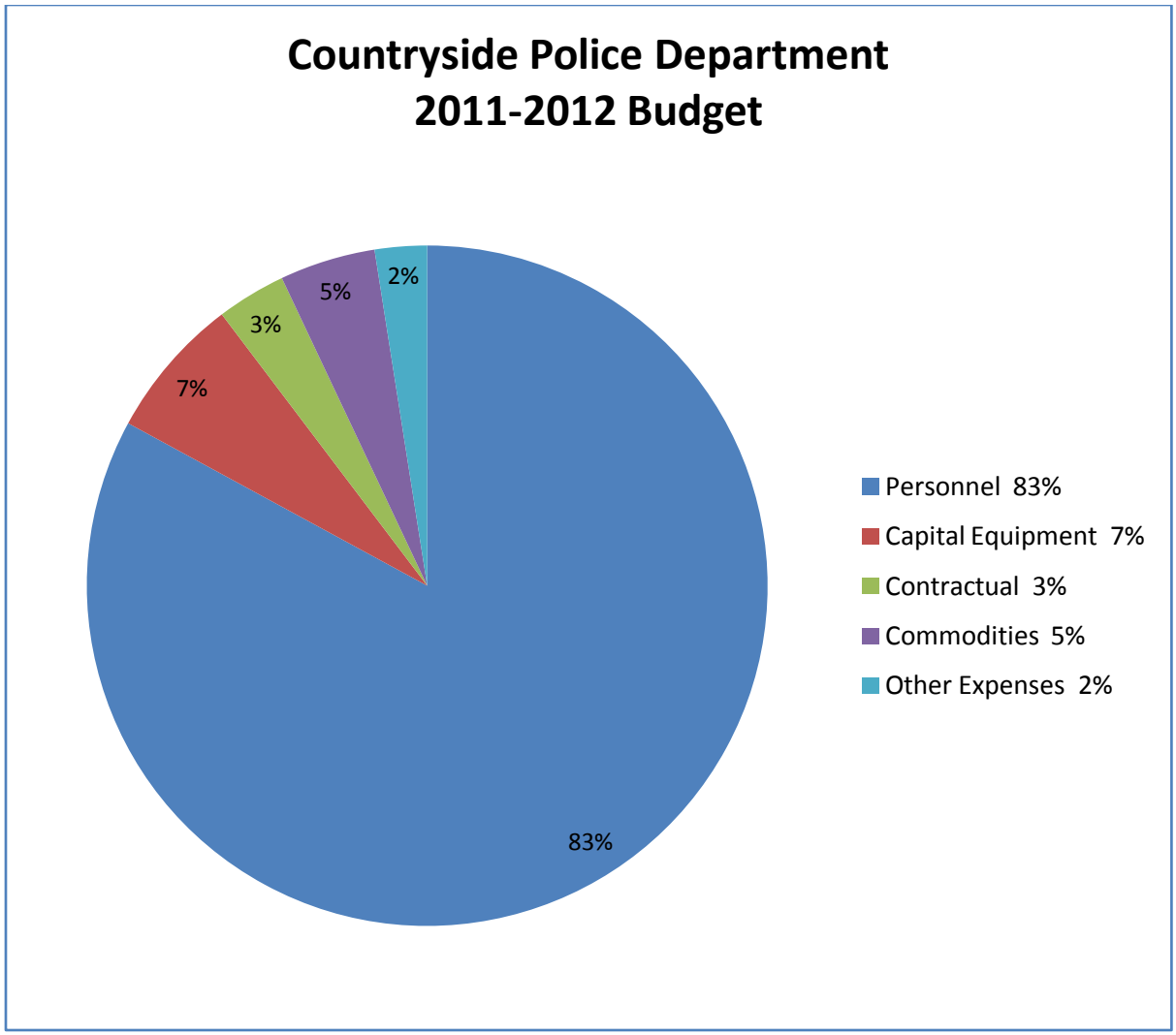
2011

Month	Amount
January	$5,750.07
February	$2,362.46
March	$5,713.36
April	$5,678.61
May	$12,948.35
June	$12,976.44
July	$9,811.00
August	$5,669.51
September	$7,950.81
October	$8,819.79
November	$11,225.72
December	$12,479.03
TOTAL	**$101,385.15**

2009/2010

Annual	Amount
2010	**$75,954.00**
2009	**$183,716.40**

2011 BUDGET ANALYSIS



EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT
Personnel	$3,327,800.00
Capital Equipment	$271,500.00
Contractual	$131,948.00
Commodities	$182,500.00
Other Expenses	$99,355.00
TOTAL	**$4,013,103.00**

Countryside Police Department
2011-2012 Budget

DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	FUND	BUDGET
Salaries Full-time	Personnel	Corporate	2,293,759.00
Salaries Part-time	Personnel	Corporate	15,660.00
Overtime	Personnel	Corporate	140,368.00
Overtime	Personnel	Drug Forfeiture	18,000.00
Buybacks/Other Benefit	Personnel	Corporate	143,656.00
Social Security Tax	Personnel	Corporate	160,441.00
Medicare Tax	Personnel	Corporate	37,676.00
Health Insurance	Personnel	Corporate	425,748.00
Other Insurance	Personnel	Corporate	27,850.00
Employee Assistance	Personnel	Corporate	608.00
IMRF	Personnel	Corporate	64,034.00
		TOTAL PERSONNEL	**3,327,800.00**
Operating Capital	Capital Equip.	Corporate	1,800.00
Operating Capital	Capital Equip.	911	145,000.00
Operating Capital	Capital Equip.	Drug Forfeiture	124,700.00
		TOTAL CAPITAL EQUIP.	**271,500.00**
Labor Negotiations	Contractual	Corporate	75,000.00
Cellular	Contractual	Corporate	8,000.00
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	6,383.00
		TOTAL CONTRACTUAL	**131,948.00**
Uniform Allowance	Commodities	Corporate	25,500.00
Uniform Allowance	Commodities	Drug Forfeiture	7,750.00
Subscriptions	Commodities	Corporate	1,600.00
Office Supplies	Commodities	Corporate	8,000.00
Operating Supplies	Commodities	Corporate	17,000.00
Fuel	Commodities	Corporate	75,000.00
Operating Supplies	Commodities	Drug Forfeiture	42,650.00
Crime Prevention Materials	Commodities	Drug Forfeiture	5,000.00
		TOTAL COMMODITIES	**182,500.00**
Maintenance - Equipment	Other	Corporate	13,450.00
Maintenance - Motor Vehicle	Other	Corporate	22,600.00
Conference & Travel	Other	Corporate	1,948.00
Training & Meetings	Other	Corporate	8,725.00
Training/Professional Development	Other	Drug Forfeiture	4,000.00
Tuition Reimbursement	Other	Corporate	20,800.00
Memberships & Licenses	Other	Corporate	9,132.00
Legal Notices	Other	Corporate	800.00
Adjudications Costs	Other	Corporate	1,000.00
Maintenance - Equipment	Other	911	5,000.00
Maintenance - Equipment	Other	Drug Forfeiture	11,900.00
		TOTAL OTHER	**99,355.00**

DEPARTMENT RECOGNITION

New to the Department



Officer Richard Porcaro was sworn in by Mayor Krzeminski on July 13, 2011. This brings the police force to its authorized strength of 24 sworn officers. Officer Porcaro graduated from the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy on September 23, 2011. Officer Porcaro has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Benedictine University.

Promotion



Officer Paul Klimek was promoted to Sergeant and was sworn in by Mayor Conrad on February 23, 2011. Paul joined the Countryside Police Department on July 6, 2004. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Illinois at Chicago and is currently working toward his Master's Degree at Lewis University.

Chief Sworn In Under New Mayor



Chief Michael Ruth was reappointed by Mayor Krzeminski and the City Council for a 4-year term on July 27, 2011. Chief Ruth is committed to providing exemplary service to the community and professional development for employees while maintaining the highest level of ethical standards through transparency and accountability.

Service Anniversaries



Officer Agostino Alonzo—5 Years



Officer Brendan Gleespen—5 Years

Educational Recognition

Graduation



Sergeant Anthony Boyd graduated in May, 2011 with a Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Leadership from Concordia University.

Degree in Progress

The following Police Department employees are currently enrolled and working toward completion of their **Graduate Degree**:

- **Sergeant Anthony Boyd**
- **Sergeant Paul Klimek**

The following Police Department employees are currently enrolled and working toward completion of their **Bachelor's Degree**:

- **Deputy Chief Scott Novak**
- **Officer Kreg Floyd**
- **Officer Jim Stern**
- **Administrative Assistant Margaret Carey**



Military Recognition

Officer Kelly Kalker is an active member of the Army Reserve—Military Police. She was deployed at Bagram Air Force Base in Afghanistan for the entire year of 2011. We are excited to welcome her back 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

20 Department employees received a **Letter of Commendation** from Mayor Conrad for their "outstanding performance" during the Blizzard of 2011. These employees were instrumental in keeping our City safe and responding to the many needs of City residents on February 1-2, 2011. The employees are:

Agostino Alonzo	**John Andree, Sgt.**	**April Bisignani**
Brian Cozen	**Joe Digangi**	**Darrell Durell**
Kreg Floyd	**Brendan Gleespen**	**Donna Goluszka**
Lupe Hamernik	**Paul Klimek, Sgt.**	**Patricia Littlejohn**
Jane McDermott-Alberts	**Nathan McDonald**	**Lori McLaughlin**
Ernie Millsap	**Scott Novak, Deputy Chief**	**Cathy Rothbard**
Michael Ruth, Police Chief	**Robert Sodt**	**Jim Stern**

Life Saving Awards

Sergeant Anthony Boyd and Officer April Bisignani were each presented with a Life Saving Award at the March 23, 2011 City Council Meeting. These officers displayed outstanding police performance and extraordinary personal action while responding to a heart attack victim on December 11, 2010. The officers performed CPR and used the AED until emergency medical technicians arrived on the scene. As a result, a life was saved.



Mr. Grossi attended the City Council meeting where the officers who saved his life received special recognition.

Certificate of Appreciation—DUI Enforcement

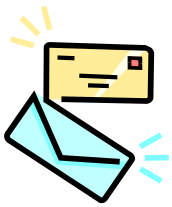
Sergeant Paul Klimek and **Officer James Stern** each received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM). These officers made the highest number of DUI arrests within our agency during the previous year. AAIM offered their "sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks for exceptional public service."

Certificate of Appreciation

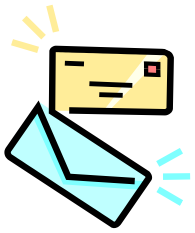
Officer Kreg Floyd was recognized by the Western Springs Police Department for his quick actions after hearing a radio call put out by their department. Officer Floyd recognized the description and license plate of the suspect vehicle in connection with the murder of a police officer in another state. Officer Floyd immediately notified the Western Springs Police Department and the suspect was eventually taken into custody.



Officer Floyd receives award from Chief Church on 3-29-11



LETTERS FROM THE COMMUNITY



These are excerpts from a few of the letters we received in 2011.

Sergeant Andree and Officer Floyd: "No rain or sleet or 20" of snow could keep the Countryside Police from doing their jobs. Their rapid response averted a possible disaster."

Officer Nate McDonald: "Thanks to the officer who came to my house to drive me to my friend's house. I really appreciate the help! My furnace went out and I had no heat for about 19 hours. Thanks once again for taking care of us seniors!!"

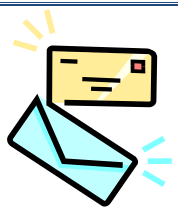
Officer April Bisignani: "I was driving and suddenly my steering wheel got very tight and I managed to pull onto the side street to check my tires. Then I see Officer Bisignani. She got me to the corner gas station and made arrangements to get help for the flat tire. What a wonderful officer you have on your force, an asset to your Department!"

Officer Ronnie Pohle: "On Sunday my wife and daughter were in a car accident. Officer Pohle responded… He was very professional in handling the situation… and took the time to make sure they were ok. I am glad to know we have an officer like him in the community."

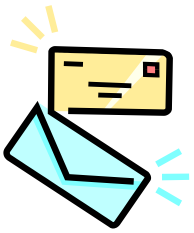
Sergeant Klimek and Officer Stern: "Thank you so much for finding my Cassie dog. You were so kind and you certainly brightened my day."

Officer Porcaro and Officer Sodt: "Thank you to the officers that patrolled my street this morning. It made me feel good to see the Countryside Police taking the time to come down my dead end street."

Sergeant Klimek, Officer Sodt, and Officer Stern: "Thank you again for your fine services. It is always reassuring when I see a police car policing our neighborhoods."



LETTERS FROM OTHER AGENCIES



These are excerpts from a few of the letters we received from other agencies in 2011.

Officer Joe Digangi and K-9 Rico: "We asked for assistance from your department during two school searches. Officer Digangi represented the City of Countryside and its police department with the up most professionalism. I would like to express my appreciation for their time and efforts."

Chief Timothy Hayden—Addison Police Department

Countryside Police Department: "It was a pleasure to meet with you prior to the Sergeant's Promotional Interviews. It appears you have some outstanding candidates that will be assistance as you move through your transition."

Chief John Sliozis—Deerfield Police Department

Countryside Police Department: "Please accept our gratitude and appreciation for assisting us with the 65th Annual Pet Parade. The success of such a large scale event would not be possible without the collaboration of many departments."

Chief Michael Holub—LaGrange Police Department

Chief Ruth and The Countryside Police Department: "Thank you and all your officers who give great service to our residents and community!"

Barbara Weyrick—Assessor, Township of Lyons

Countryside Police Department: "Please accept our sincere thanks and appreciation to you and the members of your department for their assistance in our first annual 9/11 silent parade and ceremony held on the tenth anniversary of September 11, 2001. Thank you again!"

Chief April Padalik—Westchester Police Department

Officer Brendan Gleespen: "I requested a NIPAS call-out and Officer Gleespen responded. I am pleased that the incident concluded successfully with no harm suffered to the victim or any responders. I appreciate the efforts of the NIPAS team and thank them for their assistance."

Chief Charles Wernick—Northbrook Police Department

Countryside Police Department: "I want to thank you for your assistance to us during the investigation of the homicide of one of our precious young residents—Kelli Joy O'Laughlin. The grief we feel was lightened by your department's assistance to our Village as this tragedy unfolded. Their efforts are a source of pride to your community and a relief to all of us. I offer our deepest appreciation and respect to all of you for a job well done! Thank you!"

Mayor Richard Andrews—Village of Indian Head Park

Officers Alonzo, Gleespen, and McDonald: "The assistance from your officers helped our department quickly and safely capture this violent offender before he was able to complete whatever crime he had planned. Thank you for your assistance and we look forward to continuing to work with officers from your department in the future.

Lt. William Trzeciak—LaGrange Police Department

COUNTRYSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

PHOTO GALLERY

Blizzard of 2011

The Chicago area was hit with a massive snowstorm on February 1-2, 2011. Countryside recorded 20.2 inches of snow and wind gusts up to 70 mph. The storm brought the Chicagoland area to a standstill and made basic operations a challenge.

















March, 2011—Joliet Road at Brainard. A traffic standard was struck by a semi, attempting to turn from Joliet Road onto Brainard Avenue. The semi fled the scene, but was followed by a witness who contacted the Countryside Police. Officers were able to locate and stop the semi and arrest the driver.

April, 2011—55th Street

A white BMW crashed through the front window of a Curves business. Officers responded and secured the business. Fortunately, the business was closed at the time and no one was injured.





Community Events



Easter Egg Hunt at Countryside Park—April, 2011
From Left: Officer Cozen, Steve Norman, Officer Stern, E. Bunny, Officer Pohle





Officer Bisignani with students at the Spring School Bike Rodeo—May, 2011

Community Events

Safety Day at Ideal School





Sergeant Boyd & Safety Pup



D.O. Hamernik



D.O. McLaughlin, attending the Gurrie Middle School Health Fair



Officer Bisignani, attending a "Kid Safe" event at Jack Phelan Dodge



Officer Bisignani at The Chicago Auto Show

July Storm



A sudden storm with dangerously high winds ripped through the Chicago area on the morning of Monday, July 11. The National Weather Service reported wind gusts up to 60-70 mph.

The storm left residents with damaged and uprooted trees and widespread power outages.











Halloween Tour for Ideal Students



D.O. Littlejohn with treats for the kids.



Sgt. Boyd



Administrative Assistant Margaret Carey gives students a tour of the Chief's office.



Students are transported to the Police Station.



Students tour the lock up.



Officer Rodey.

Special Enforcement

Seatbelt Enforcement—May, 2011













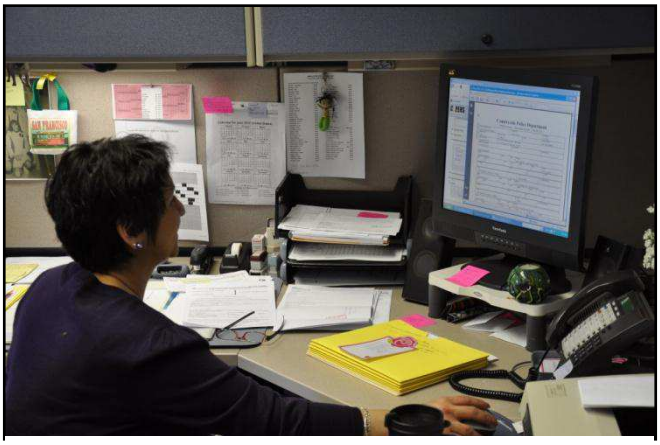
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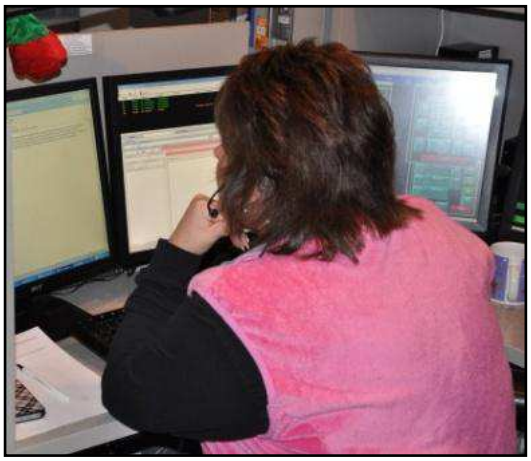




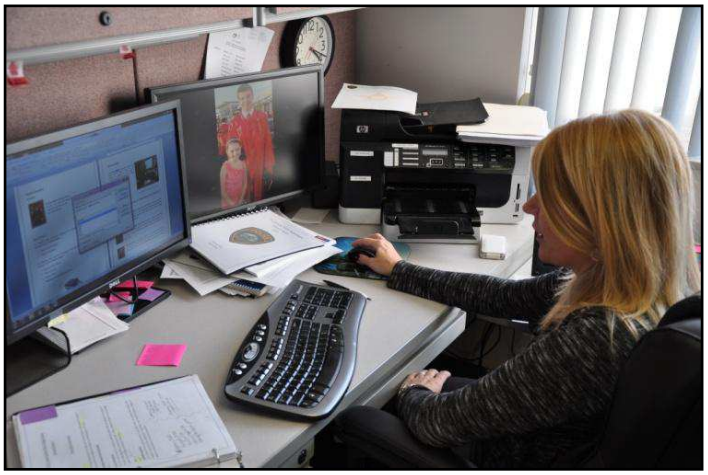
What would we do without our computers?



Lupe Hamernik



"L.J."



Margaret Carey



Officer McDonald



Sgt. Andree



Officer McDonald



Desk Officer Hamernik, Deputy Chief Novak, Desk Officer Littlejohn



Desk Officer McLaughlin, Sergeant Klimek, Desk Officer Hamernik



Investigator Battaglia



Sergeant Klimek and Deputy Chief Novak





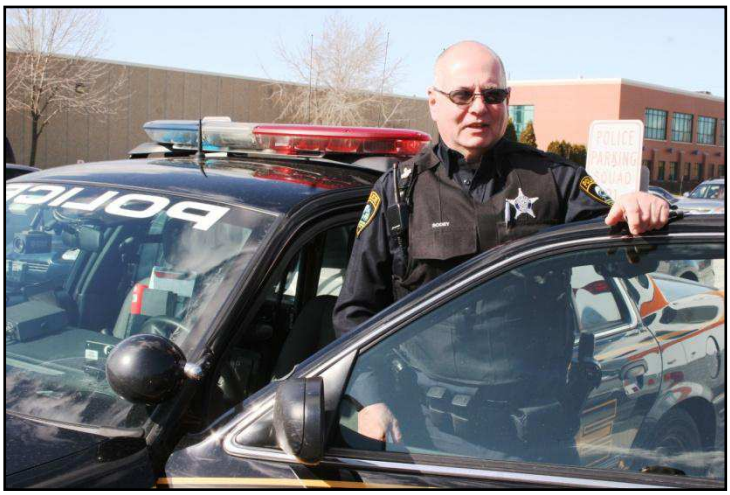
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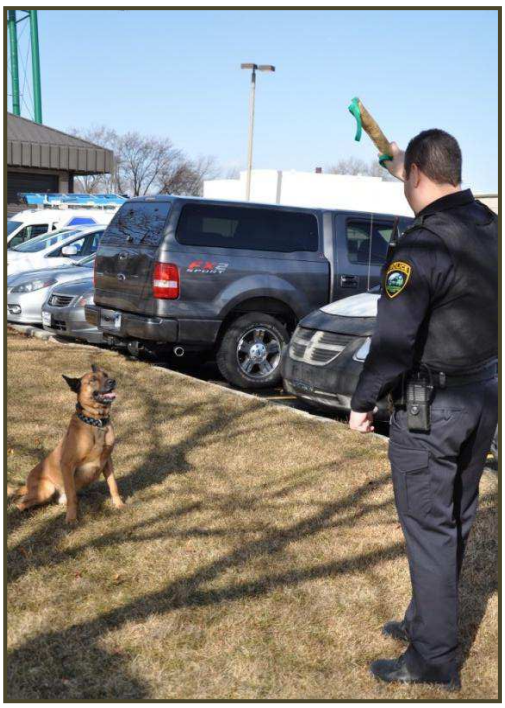
Sergeant Boyd



Officer Sodt



Officer Rodey





Playtime with Officer Digangi and K-9 Rico