2013

Annual Report



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Mayor Ed Krzeminski
City of Countryside
5550 East Avenue
Countryside, IL 60525

Dear Mayor Krzeminski,

It is an honor to present the 2013 Annual Report to you and the esteemed members of our City Council. This report is an overview of the City of Countryside Police Department covering such topics as statistics, programs, organizational structure, and enforcement activities for the 2013 calendar year. This report is a guide for elected officials but also for citizens, businesses, and visitors to the City of Countryside. As I complete my first year in the City of Countryside I can say without question that you have a police department filled with dedicated and well trained officers and staff working toward a common goal of a true partnership with the community. Of course, our ultimate goal is to make Countryside a safe and welcoming community while maintaining our integrity and transparency. This mindset has been reinforced with the inception of a new Mission Statement which is posted on the wall of our police station for officers to see every day.

In October of 2013 our department made the successful transition to a consolidated dispatch center. The transition occurred on October 8th and was seamless to the citizens and businesses of the City of Countryside. With this transition, the technology used on a daily basis by officers in the field was enhanced by Computer Aided Dispatch software. As technology improves so will our ability to not only fight crime and improve officer safety but also keep the community informed. In November of 2013 we rolled out the Crime Reports tracking system which allows anyone to view our calls for services from a link on our web page. Real time mapping allows residents to search events occurring in their neighborhood or the entire city.

In calendar year 2013 our calls for police service saw a dramatic reduction. Our department responded to 5,894 calls for service which is 15% less than the previous year. This is the lowest volume of calls in the past five years. We have changed our policy regarding what should be considered a call for service but this does not solely account for such a reduction. We believe this is a positive trend which we hope to continue.

We also instituted two new community programs in 2013. While keeping with our mantra of community orientated policing and focusing on citizens, officers initiated the "Shop with a Cop" and "Safe Riding" programs. Both initiatives support our partnership with the community and positive interactions with the children.

The officers and staff of the Countryside Police Department will continue to work within our core values; Integrity, Courage, Excellence, Respect, Compassion, and Dedication and remain proud to serve. I would also like to thank the city fathers and citizens for your continued support of our organization.

Regards,

Joseph G. Ford
Chief of Police

Mission Statement



VALUES

INTEGRITY ★ COURAGE ★ EXCELLENCE ★ RESPECT ★ COMPASSION ★ DEDICATION

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Organizational Component Summaries

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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 Joseph G. Ford.** Field Operations are led by **Deputy Chief Scott Novak** who has served the Countryside Police Department since 1993 and **Master Sergeant John Mikel** serving since 1988. 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 interacting with the community and its residents. During 2013, Patrol Officers responded to 5,894 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 Technician, Field Training 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 division officers. Based on their assignment and the opportunistic nature of criminals, investigators are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

In a typical police department the patrol officer responds to the initial call and takes the basic information for an investigator to follow up on. In order to better train our patrol officers in the skills associated with criminal investigation we are now assigning some cases back to the patrol division. With the guidance of our investigative division we can develop these patrol officers into more well rounded officers.

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).

2013 Assigned Cases	
Homicide	**0**
Death Investigation	**7**
Sex Crimes	**1**
Burglary/Home Inv	**12**
Burglary to Vehicle	**11**
Theft	**65**
Battery/Assault	**12**
Weapons/Narcotics	**6**
Forgery/Fraud	**16**
Property Damage	**21**



In 2013, the Countryside Police Investigations Division reviewed 407 criminal cases. Of these 407 cases, 122 were assigned to investigators for follow-up. Investigators dedicated numerous man-power-hours to conduct these follow-up investigations.

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 2013, the HIDTA Unit generated $58,786.85 in seizure funds to the police department which are used to support our law enforcement efforts. This number reflects almost no change from 2012. Disbursements of forfeiture funds can vary greatly from year to year depending on the seizing entity and the status of court proceedings. The timing also varies on a case-by-case basis; but the timing between the seizure of currency and awarding of agency can take 12 months or longer.

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, photographing, 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. **2013 Evidence Technician Officers: Agostino Alonzo, Ken Goluszka, and Jim Stern.**



Our Evidence Technician/Patrol Officers originally completed a 2-week, 80 hour certification course.

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



Evidence Technician Alonzo processes a vehicle for latent fingerprints.



He is successful in developing fingerprint evidence.

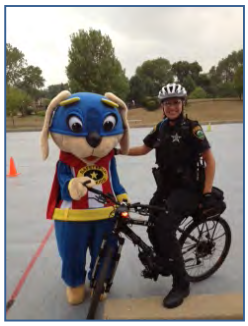
The Evidence Technician Unit was called upon many times in 2013 to process crime scenes and serious motor vehicle crashes in Countryside. Some of the crime scenes that were investigated in 2013 include:

- 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



Bicycle Unit

The Countryside Police Department Bicycle Unit provides police patrols to areas that are inaccessible to vehicular patrol and makes officers more accessible to the public. The 2013 bicycle unit operated from May to September, with a special patrol on Halloween night. During the Halloween patrol, bicycle officers handed out candy and light sticks to kids trick-or-treating through the streets of Countryside. In addition to their regular patrols, the unit also provided security at Concerts in the Park.



Bicycle Officer Kelly Kalker with Safety Pup

The Bicycle Unit is a visible patrol asset that is tasked with making community contacts while on patrol. The Bicycle Unit Officers played a large part in our new Safe Riding Program.

Our 2013 Bicycle Unit Officers:

Sergeant Anthony Boyd
Sergeant John Andree
Officer Agostino Alonzo
Officer Paul Lanzi
Officer Kelly Kalker
Officer Nate McDonald
Officer Karl Rodey
Officer Jim Stern

Safe Riding Program

We rolled out a new program in the Summer of 2013, called **Safe Riding.** We encouraged our younger residents to "get caught" riding safe. When officers caught kids practicing safe riding habits by wearing their bicycle helmets, they were rewarded with a coupon for a free ice cream cone at McDonald's. Officers gave out over 50 ice cream cone certificates.

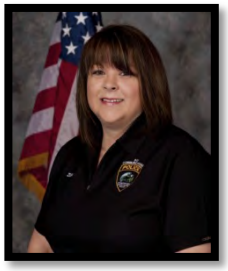




Administrative Services

Communications/Dispatch

The Communications Center underwent a major change in October, 2013 when we contracted with Southwest Central Dispatch to outsource our dispatch operations. This is explained in greater detail under the "Southwest Central Dispatch" section.



From January until October, 2013, the **Communications Center** was supervised by **Patricia Littlejohn** and staffed by 4 full-time Desk Officers and 2 part-time Desk Officers. Communications personnel rotated 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.

Our Desk Officers **received 11,289 administrative telephone calls and 4,579 E-911 calls** from January 1, 2013 until October 8, 2013.

Communications / Community Service Officers



CSO Cordova-Nunez

In October, 2013, we switched from having an in-house dispatch center to outsourcing our dispatch responsibilities to Southwest Central Dispatch. Our **Communications Center** was reorganized with the new purpose of maintaining coverage of the front desk, which includes answering non-emergency phone calls, assisting walk-up traffic, and monitoring prisoners. **Patricia Littlejohn** continued as **Communications Supervisor** and we welcomed 10 new part-time Community Service Officers (CSO's). CSO's staff the front desk 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. CSO's are also responsible for data entry, processing ticket payments and overnight parking requests, and for assisting officers with arrest paperwork.

Dispatch Operations/Southwest Central Dispatch

On October 8, 2013 the Countryside Police Department outsourced all dispatching services to Southwest Central Dispatch. While the event itself was relatively uneventful—and appeared quite seamless to residents—there were months of preparation that went into the actual "change over."

Dispatch outsourcing is not unique to Countryside as police departments and dispatch centers across the nation are realizing the economical and safety benefits of consolidation in many areas of policing. After investigating our options, the City made the decision to contract with Southwest Central Dispatch center.

As a result of the outsourcing, 10 new part-time employees were hired to fill the newly created Community Service Officer (CSO) positions. CSO's are responsible for staffing the front desk, answering non-emergency calls, servicing walk-up traffic, and monitoring prisoners. Of the first nine CSO's hired, all of the candidates have or are still attending a college or university. While most are working on their Bachelor degrees, one is working toward her Doctorate. Three of the 10 are bilingual; assisting with Arabic, Polish, and Spanish translation. As the position grows, these roles will expand greatly to benefit our department and the community. The front desk will continue to be manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week, including holidays.

Records Department



The Records Unit was staffed by **Guadalupe Hamernik** in the year 2013**.** This unit is responsible for the accurate reporting and archiving of all reports of criminal, non-criminal, and traffic activity handled by the Department. During calendar year 2013, official police reports and documents, ranging from parking citations to crash and 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
Arrest jackets
Subpoenas
Record Expungements
Red Light Photo Enforcement Program
Parking Tickets / Collections
Records Management System – quality control
Annual records disposal

School Crossing Guards

The Countryside Police Department currently employs four part-time school crossing guards: **Araceli Almeida, Marion Crubaugh, Ana Gonzalez, and Maria Gonzalez.**

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









Our crossing guards attended the 16th 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 2013 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.

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 review, criminal law, local ordinances, and traffic law update. Additionally, many of our officers hold specific certifications.

The majority of the training is provided by 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 Enforcement Training



Range Training

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Summary of Training Hours per Officer

Officer	Skill Training	Professional Development
Patrol		
Alonzo	12	20
Bisignani	12	21
Cozen	10	16
DiGangi	11	18
Floyd	10	0
Gleespen	228	24
Goluszka	12	0
Jakubowski	13	40
Kalker	12	4
Lanzi	12	8
McDonald	185	71
Pohle	11	40
Rodey	12	8
Sodt	187	31
Stern	10	40
Sergeants		
Andree	10	44
Boyd	12	52
Klimek	10	48
Mikel	12	15
Investigators		
Battaglia	12	60
Durell	11	60
Wherry	9	24

2013 Training Highlights

- 1,457 combined hours of Department training.
- Average of 66.23 hours of training per officer.

Training (continued)

Specialty Units Training

Specialty Units (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.

Firearms Training

The Countryside Police Department currently has 5 state certified firearms training officers, as well as 3 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.





Less Than Lethal Training

This training is conducted annually. Officers are instructed on the proper use of the baton, OC spray, and Taser.







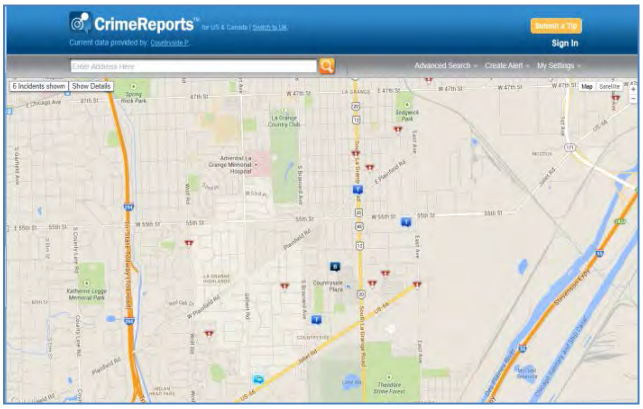
CPR Training

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 the necessary equipment to train its personnel to administer CPR and in the use of automated external defibrillators (AEDs). Sergeant Boyd is the primary CPR instructor for the City. All City employees are trained and certified every other year.

Technology and Support

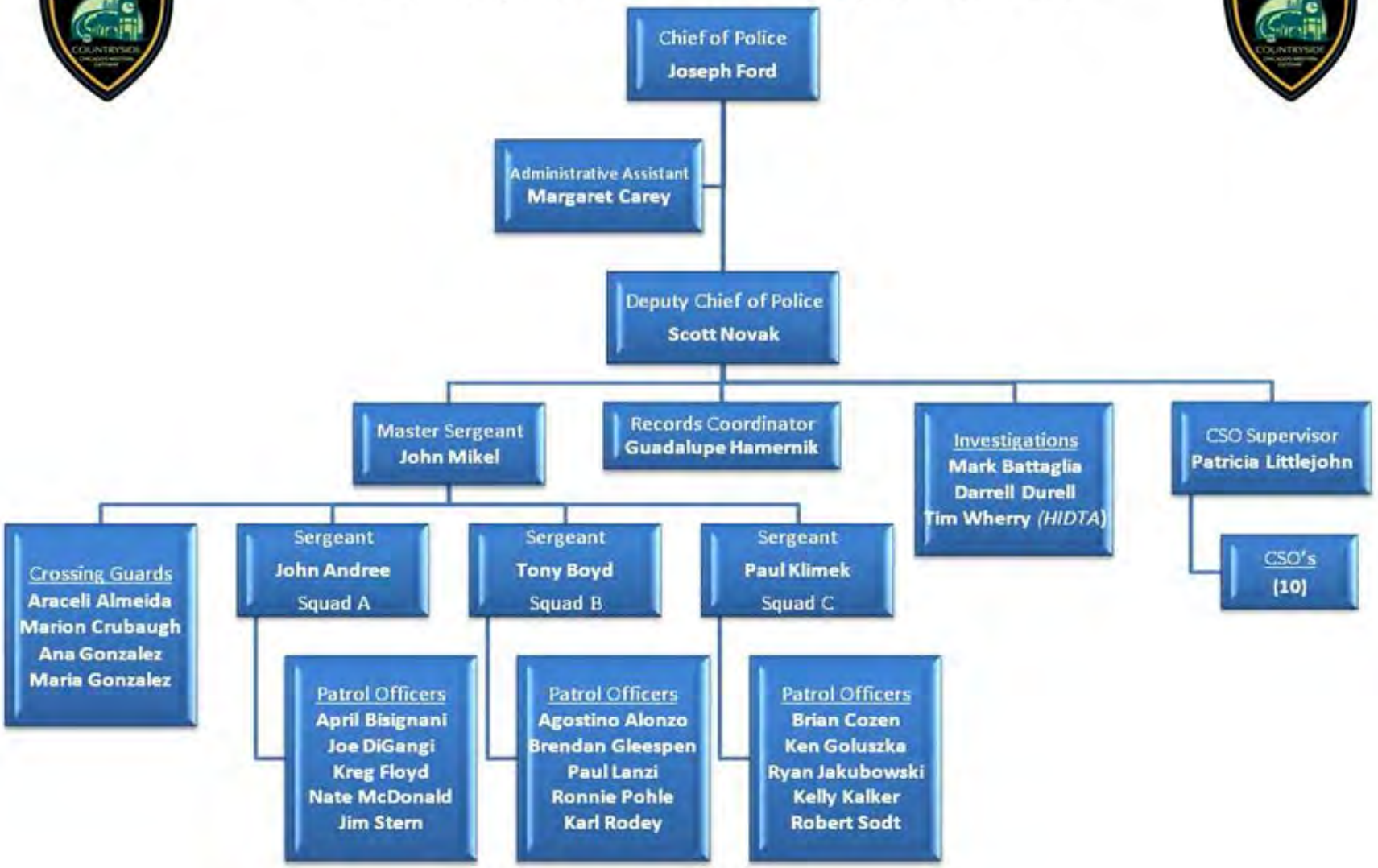
The use of computers in police work has made all aspects of policing and crime fighting more efficient and also supplies our officers with the new tools of the trade to carry out their job. With the dispatch consolidation our officers were tasked with learning a new software program which enables them to be electronically dispatched to calls and also to track calls for service while in the comfort of their police car. The Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) software alerts the officer when he is being assigned to a call. With the click of a button officers can notify dispatch that they are responding to or have arrived at a dispatched call. This software greatly reduces a large amount of radio traffic and reduces the amount of extra paperwork the officers were required to complete on a daily basis.

We have also retrained our officers on our own Records Management System to become more efficient in our record keeping and documentation. This undertaking could not have been accomplished without the officers' ability to learn new and changing techniques. The new and improved use of this system has streamlined our reporting process and investigative process while reducing our reliance on paper reports. This will also improve our data integrity and our efficiency in reporting.



As 2013 rolled to an end, we implemented a web-based program to better inform our residents of criminal activity that may be occurring in their neighborhood. Crimereports.com is an interface between our Records Management system and the public. For more information or to see crime trends in our community, please visit www.countrysidepolice.org and click on Crime Reports.

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Government Structure

The Countryside Police Department is pleased to recognize Mayor Krzeminski and the entire City Council for their strong commitment to support 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



POLICE COMMITTEE
Robert Pondelicek, ***Chairman***
Jim Jasinski, Alderman
Karen Michalczyk, Alderman

BOARD OF FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION
Jerry Welch, ***Chairman***
Mark Burdett
Mary Louise Pisone

Professional Standards

Internal Affairs

To maintain the highest level of public confidence, the Countryside Police Department investigates all complaints thoroughly and impartially. While internal affairs is a necessary component of any professional police department, a key factor in measuring our officers commitment to community policing is the number of citizen complaints taken over the course of the year. Over the course of a year, police/citizen contacts number in the thousands. In 2013, only 1 citizen complaint was filed against an officer. That complaint was ultimately unfounded. This compared to the number of letters received from the public thanking our officers for their actions, exemplifies our commitment to community and public services.

IA#	Nature of Complaint	Disposition
2013-1	Squad Crash	Proper Conduct
2013-2	Performance of Duty	Policy Failure
2013-3	Use of Force	Proper Conduct
2013-4	Performance of Duty	Sustained/Written Reprimand
2013-5	Squad Crash	Proper Conduct
2013-6	Squad Crash	Proper Conduct
2013-7	Performance of Duty	Unfounded
2013-8	Performance of Duty	Sustained/Counseling
2013-9	Pursuit	Proper Conduct
2013-10	Pursuit	Proper Conduct
2013-11	Performance of Duty	Sustained/Counseling
2013-12	Performance of Duty	Sustained/Counseling
2013-13	Performance of Duty	Sustained/Counseling
2013-14	Squad Crash	Sustained/Counseling
2013-15	Pursuit	Proper Conduct
2013-16	Performance of Duty	Sustained/Counseling
2013-17	Performance of Duty	Sustained/Counseling

Source of Complaint

Administrative Policy	8
Citizen Complaints	1
Police Agency Complaints	8
TOTAL	**17**

Disposition of Complaint

Unfounded	1
Proper Conduct	7
Sustained	8
Not Sustained	0
Policy Failure	1
TOT Another Agency	0
TOTAL	**17**

Disciplinary Action

Counseling/Verbal Reprimand	7
Written Reprimand	1
Suspension	0
Termination	0
TOTAL	**8**

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.

Program & Special Assignment Summaries

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DARE

The Countryside Police Department's Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program (DARE) began in 1991. DARE officers are required to complete an 80-hour certification course. **Officer April Bisignani** taught a total of 51 Ideal students—our largest class to date. The DARE "Keepin' It Real" curriculum has a new theme of making safe, responsible choices and teaches the students to handle a broad range of risks using self-control, effective communication skills, and identifying risks and consequences. Students practice the DARE Decision Making Model and learn how to apply it to real life situations.



DARE students enjoying the Wolves game.

On December 18th, we attended a Chicago Wolves hockey game specifically tailored to students, with educational fun facts about the game and players. This game serves as both a reward and an example of a fun alternative choice to risky behavior.



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 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.

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.

<u>Our 2013 Juvenile Officers</u>:

Sergeant John Andree	Officer Agostino Alonzo	Officer Karl Rodey
Sergeant Tony Boyd	Officer Apirl Bisignani	Officer Robert Sodt
Investigator Mark Battaglia	Officer Kelly Kalker	
Investigator Darrell Durell	Officer Paul Lanzi	

SHOP WITH A COP

We were very proud to announce a brand new program in 2013— ***Shop With a Cop***. This holiday program, introduced by one of our newest patrol officers, Paul Lanzi, benefits underprivileged children in Countryside.

On December 14, 2013 Countryside Police Officers and staff members came out to participate in our first "Shop with a Cop" event. This community program provided 10 children from Countryside an opportunity to interact in a positive way with Countryside Police Officers while shopping for holiday gifts at TJ Maxx. The children were each issued a $100 gift card to purchase gifts for themselves or a family member.

Afterward, the children returned to our police department where they wrapped their gifts and enjoyed lunch with the officers. Many thanks to the Aging Well seniors that came out to help with gift wrapping. The program was so much fun and we hope to continue it for years to come! We would like to recognize the Countryside Business Association, TJMaxx, Westfield Ford, and Ledo's Pizza for the donations that made this program possible. We are also very thankful for the support of our staff. Many police department employees and their family members braved the snowy weather to volunteer their Saturday for this great event!













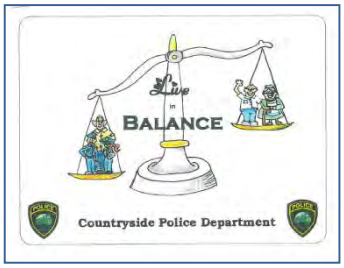




ESO (ELDERLY SERVICE OFFICER) PROGRAM

The Elderly Service Officer (ESO) Program is sponsored by the Illinois Attorney General's Office and was developed 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. During 2013, Officer Bisignani attended monthly Countryside Aging Well Community Action Team meetings to continue to define and address the needs of our resident seniors in order to keep them safe and independent in their homes.



"LIFE IN BALANCE" PRESENTATION

On March 28th, Officer Bisignani gave a presentation at City Hall for area seniors titled "Living in Balance" where she encouraged seniors to view personal safety from a balanced perspective. Craig Scott from Pleasantveiw Fire Department also attended and spoke about general safety tips.

ANNUAL LEAF RAKE

The Countryside Aging Well Community Action Team, along with Officer April Bisignani, CSO John Robinson, his son, and over 30 student volunteers from the community, conducted their Annual Leaf Rake Project for senior homeowners on November 11. A total of 27 Countryside residents were assisted by this annual event. 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.



Aldermen Jasinski and VonDrasek with student volunteers at the 2013 Annual Leaf Rake Project.



Officer April Bisignani with CSO John Robinson and his son, along with student volunteers.

CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS

BUSINESS WATCH

This program helps businesses to prevent themselves from becoming the victim of a crime. ***177 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. As part of the program, Crime Alerts are sent to businesses which provide important and timely information about crime trends occurring in our area or to specific business types in nearby areas.

FLEET WATCH

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. All City of Countryside Public Works employees were trained and have joined Fleet Watch.

CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY (CPA)

This fall, the Countryside Police Department offered its 3rd annual Citizen's Police Academy. The 12-week program kicked off on Tuesday, August 20th with 13 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 6th 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: criminal and civil law, crime prevention, juvenile law, evidence, traffic stops, DUI enforcement, use of force, investigations, gangs and drugs, scams, and confidence crimes. The academy also provides an opportunity for students to get to know the men and women who protect their community. We believe that the entire community benefits when residents take a personal interest in the protection of their neighborhood.



Class of 2013

MUTUAL AID ASSIGNMENTS

When smaller police agencies, like Countryside, are exposed to major crimes or large scale incidents, their resources are quickly drained. To offer the highest quality of police service to our residents, the Countryside Police Department participates in the following mutual aid groups.

South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force (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 2013, investigators were activated on 5 separate occasions for homicide investigations. Investigators Battaglia, Durell, and Deputy Chief Novak dedicated 190 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 Palos Heights. These officers respond to high risk situations including hostage/barricade subjects, armed offender situations and high risk search/arrest warrant service. In 2013, 5th District SWAT Officers responded to 2 callouts; both for an armed barricaded subject.

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.**

In 2013, MCAT Investigators were **activated 30 times** and dedicated **220 hours** for various criminal 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.

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.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS

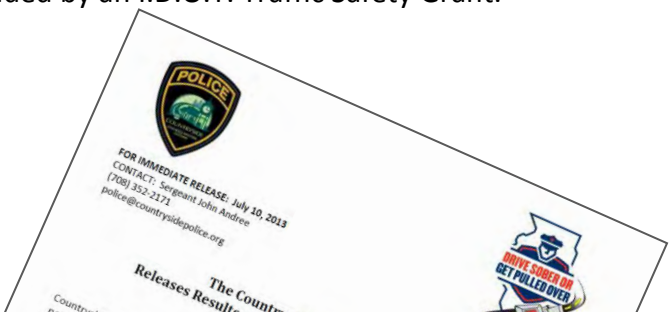
The Countryside Police Department participates in the following special enforcement programs. Funding for these programs is provided by grants issued by the State of Illinois. To qualify for a grant, our department is required to complete a detailed application and follow strict compliance guidelines.

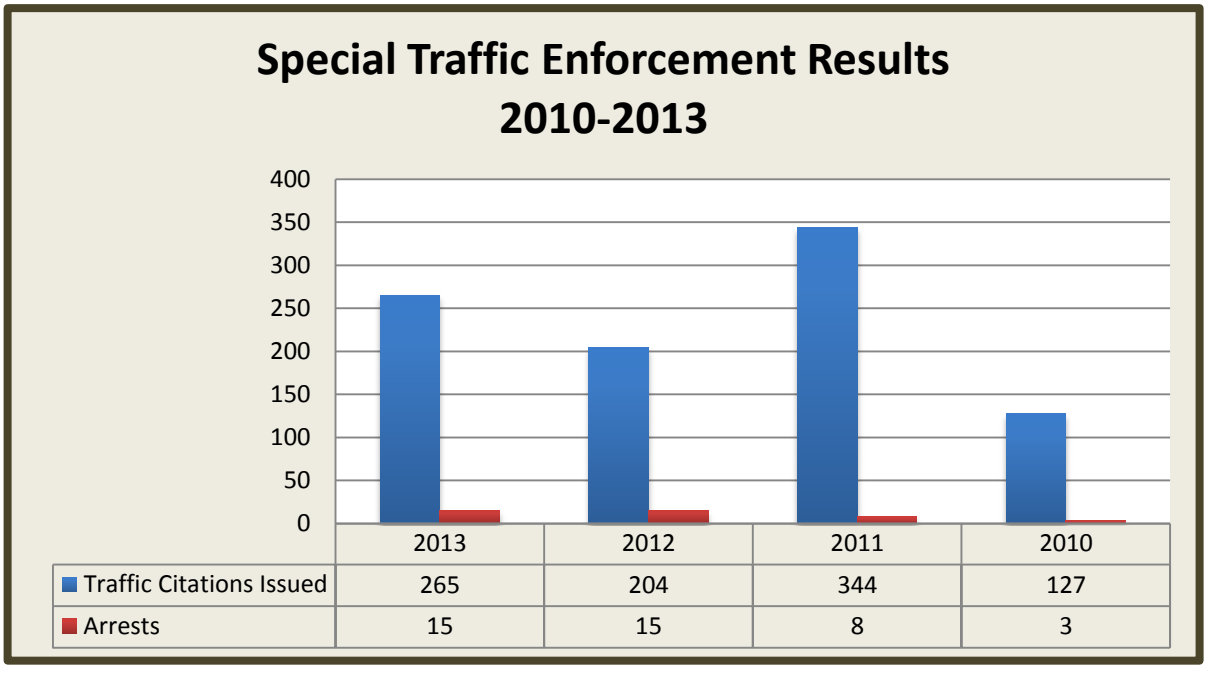
Click It or Ticket and You Drink & Drive. You *Lose.*



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 2013, the Countryside Police Department conducted 6 special enforcement details during the St. Patrick's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas holiday periods. During these special enforcement details, our officers issued a total of **265 traffic citations;** including 87 seatbelt violations and 18 uninsured motorist violations and made **3 D.U.I. arrests, 1 narcotics arrest, and 11 suspended license arrests**. This program is funded by an I.D.O.T. Traffic Safety Grant.


Press Release- Law Enforcement
2013 Thanksgiving Click It or Ticket Mobilization
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 11/18/2013
CONTACT: Sgt John Andree, 708-352-2171,
POLICE, to Be Out in Force during
Thanksgiving Holiday


POLICE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: July 10, 2013
CONTACT: Sergeant John Andree
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SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS (continued)

Tobacco Enforcement

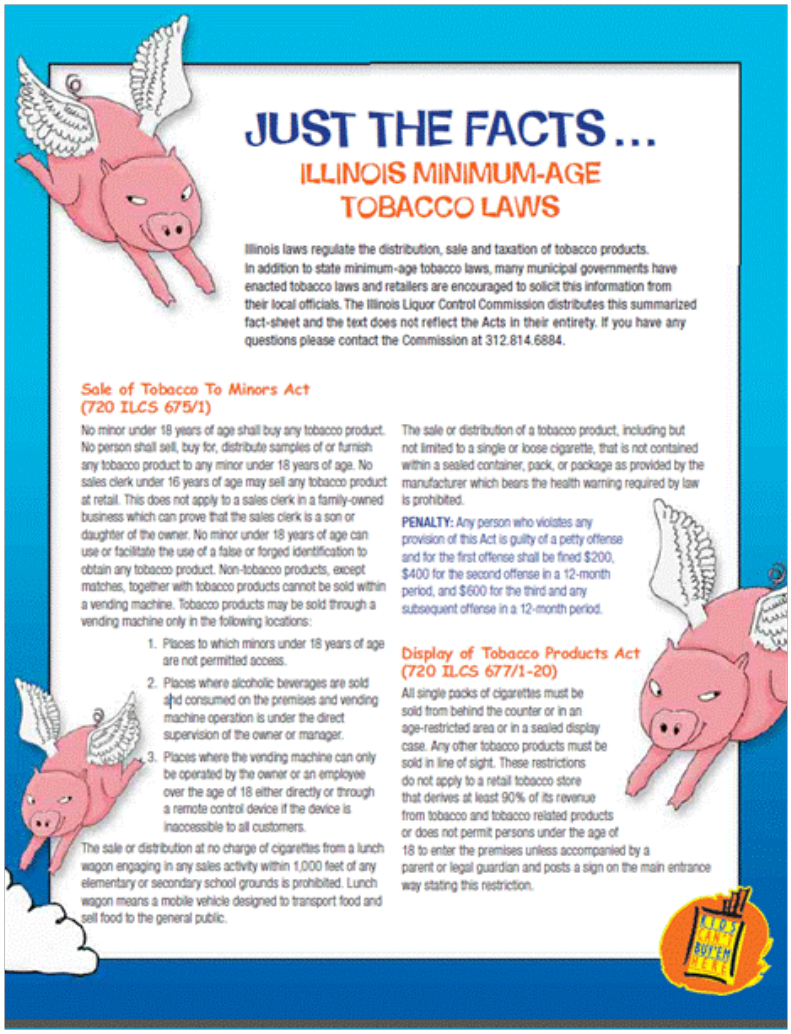
The Countryside Police Department has 4 State Certified Tobacco Enforcement Officers.



Tobacco Enforcement Officers for 2013:

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

Our Tobacco Enforcement Program is operated in cooperation with the State Of Illinois Liquor Control Commission's "Kids Can't Buy em Here" program. Through this program, the State awards grants to participating communities to conduct retail education and enforcement programs. This program helps to support community-based efforts through the distribution of tobacco retailer kits and the completion of retailer compliance checks. The compliance checks are designed to educate retail establishments and eliminate the illegal sale of tobacco to children in our community.



JUST THE FACTS...

ILLINOIS MINIMUM-AGE TOBACCO LAWS

Illinois laws regulate the distribution, sale and taxation of tobacco products. In addition to state minimum-age tobacco laws, many municipal governments have enacted tobacco laws and retailers are encouraged to solicit this information from their local officials. The Illinois Liquor Control Commission distributes this summarized fact-sheet and the text does not reflect the Acts in their entirety. If you have any questions please contact the Commission at 312.814.6884.

Sale of Tobacco To Minors Act (720 ILCS 675/1)

No minor under 18 years of age shall buy any tobacco product. No person shall sell, buy for, distribute samples of or furnish any tobacco product to any minor under 18 years of age. No sales clerk under 16 years of age may sell any tobacco product at retail. This does not apply to a sales clerk in a family-owned business which can prove that the sales clerk is a son or daughter of the owner. No minor under 18 years of age can use or facilitate the use of a false or forged identification to obtain any tobacco product. Non-tobacco products, except matches, together with tobacco products cannot be sold within a vending machine. Tobacco products may be sold through a vending machine only in the following locations:

1. Places to which minors under 18 years of age are not permitted access.
2. Places where alcoholic beverages are sold and consumed on the premises and vending machine operation is under the direct supervision of the owner or manager.
3. Places where the vending machine can only be operated by the owner or an employee over the age of 18 either directly or through a remote control device if the device is inaccessible to all customers.

The sale or distribution at no charge of cigarettes from a lunch wagon engaging in any sales activity within 1,000 feet of any elementary or secondary school grounds is prohibited. Lunch wagon means a mobile vehicle designed to transport food and sell food to the general public.

The sale or distribution of a tobacco product, including but not limited to a single or loose cigarette, that is not contained within a sealed container, pack, or package as provided by the manufacturer which bears the health warning required by law is prohibited.

PENALTY: Any person who violates any provision of this Act is guilty of a petty offense and for the first offense shall be fined $200, $400 for the second offense in a 12-month period, and $600 for the third and any subsequent offense in a 12-month period.

Display of Tobacco Products Act (720 ILCS 677/1-20)

All single packs of cigarettes must be sold from behind the counter or in an age-restricted area or in a sealed display case. Any other tobacco products must be sold in line of sight. These restrictions do not apply to a retail tobacco store that derives at least 90% of its revenue from tobacco and tobacco related products or does not permit persons under the age of 18 to enter the premises unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian and posts a sign on the main entrance way stating this restriction.

Our department conducted 3 rounds of compliance checks throughout the year at Countryside businesses with current tobacco licenses. **In 2013 there were 2 violations found in all.** Warning citations were issued for those violations. All other businesses checked were found to be compliant with Illinois State Laws regarding the sales of tobacco to minors.

Statistical Summary 3

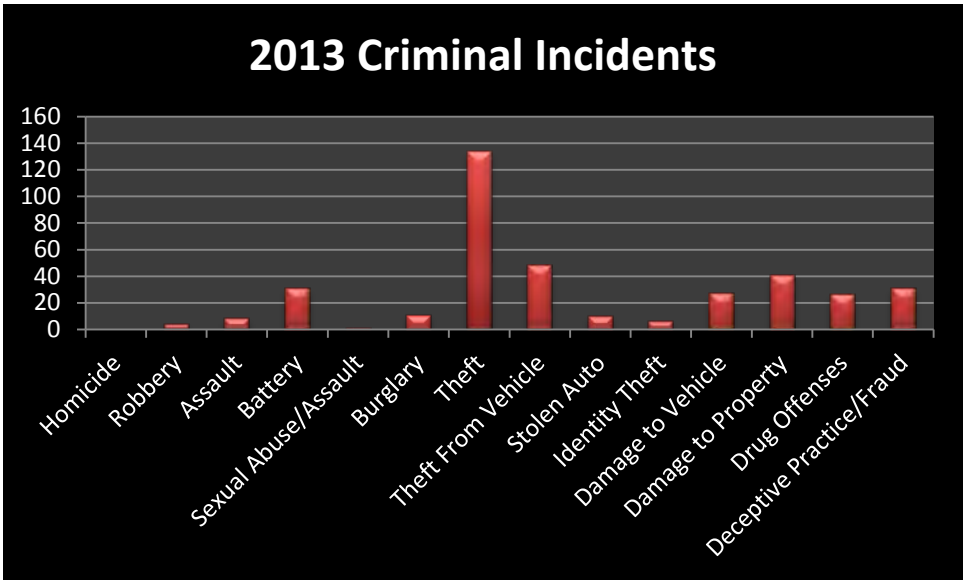
CRIMINAL INCIDENTS

This report of criminal incident statistics is a summary and is meant to highlight particular categories of crime. It does not include ***all*** categories of criminal incidents that occurred in 2013. This chart shows a significant decrease in 2013 from the previous year.

Criminal Incidents	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Homicide	0	0	0	0	1
Robbery	4	1	1	3	4
Assault	8	4	3	6	7
Battery	31	33	40	28	28
Sexual Abuse/Assault	1	5	5	5	0
Burglary	11	20	20	9	18
Theft	134	130	117	156	189
Theft From Vehicle	48	75	64	63	81
Stolen Auto	10	11	10	9	15
Identity Theft	6	7	16	59	57
Damage to Vehicle	27	35	36	38	35
Damage to Property	41	68	40	86	78
Drug Offenses	26	33	33	39	26
Deceptive Practice/Fraud	31	50	35	-	-
TOTAL	**378**	**472**	**420**	**501**	**539**

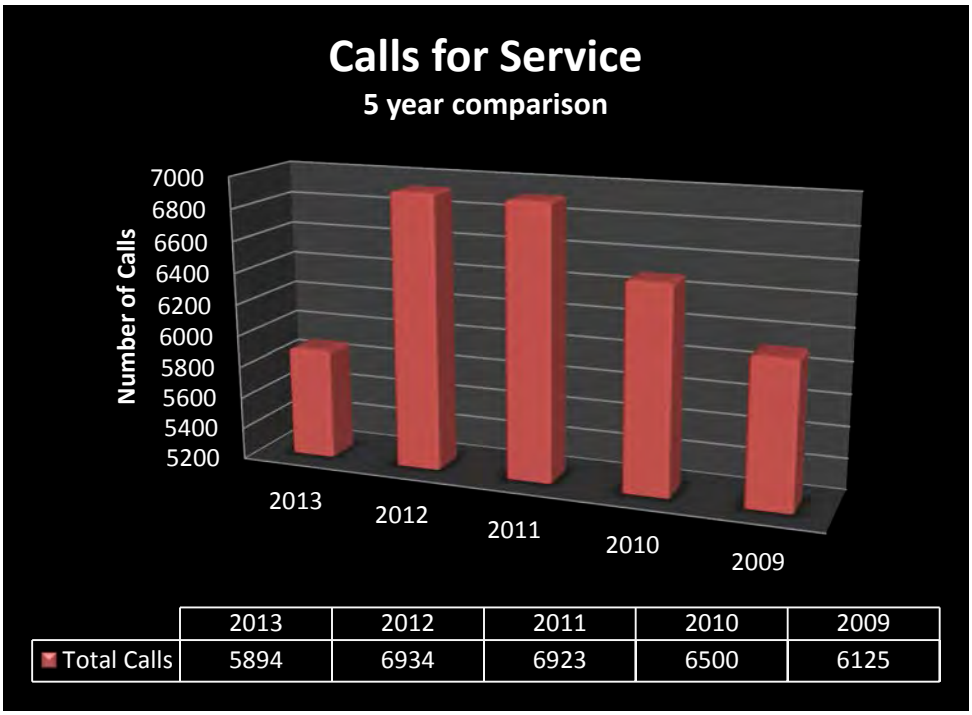
Criminal Incidents Explained

In calendar year 2013 our calls for police service saw a dramatic reduction. Our department responded to 5,894 calls for service which is 15% less than the previous year. This number translates to a reduction in crimes in all categories except for thefts where we saw an increase in retail thefts by 33%. The encouraging news is that we also saw a 32% increase in the clearance rate for theft. We also saw an increase in robberies from the previous year. The most serious robbery involving a local currency exchange resulted in the arrest of the offender following a police pursuit. The remaining robberies remain under investigation. It is our hope that through our programs and good police work we can continue our trend in the reduction of crime in Countryside.



CALLS FOR SERVICE

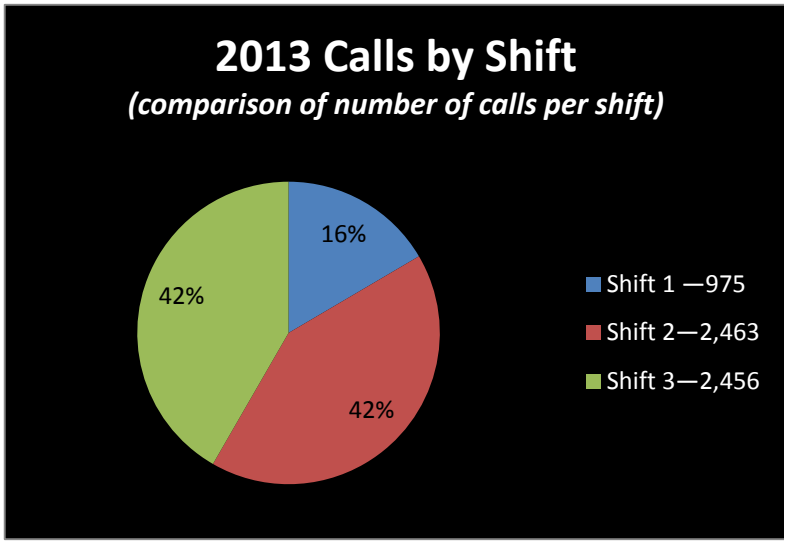
In 2013, calls for service decreased by 15%.



	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Total Calls	5894	6934	6923	6500	6125

Calls by Shift

The "Calls by Shift" chart illustrates the 2013 calls for service, broken down by shift. As you can see, the majority of calls occur during the 2nd and 3rd shifts.

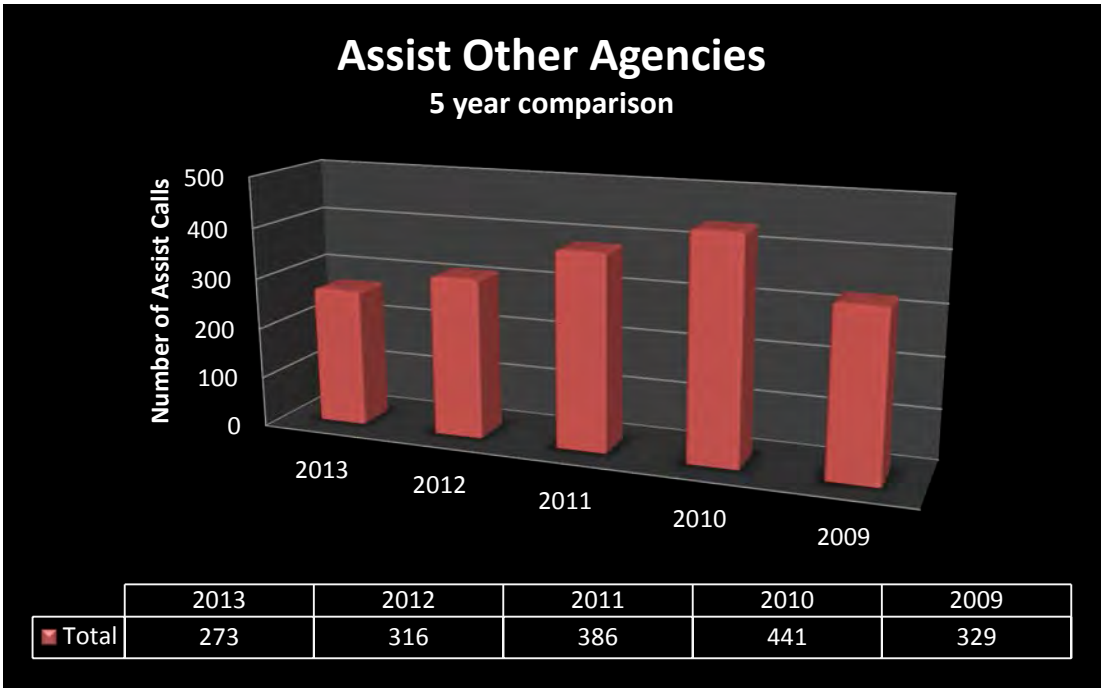


SHIFT	HOURS WORKED
1	11:00 pm – 7:00 am
2	7:00 am – 3:00 pm
3	3:00 pm – 11:00 pm

Assists & Alarms

Assisting Other Agencies

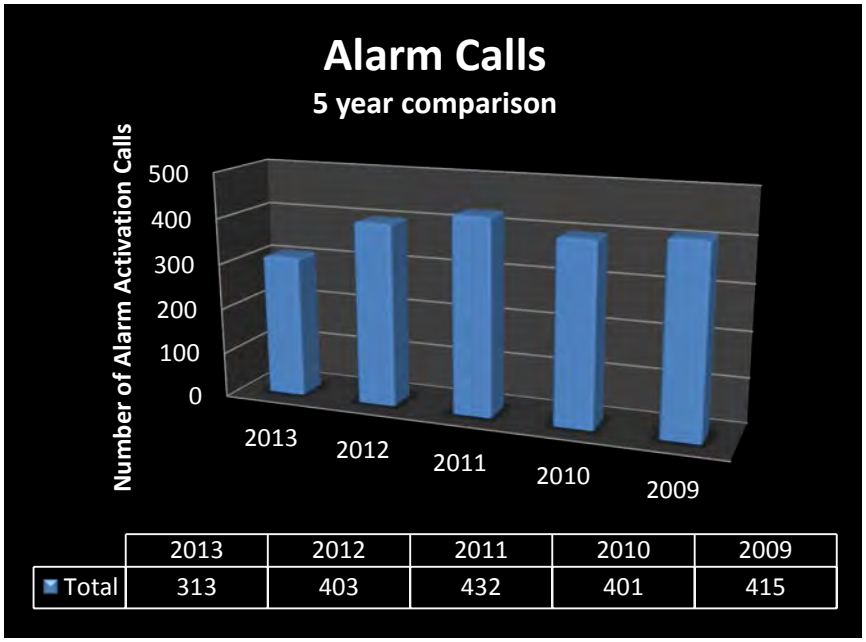
The "Assist Other Agencies" chart captures the number of officer assist requests from neighboring departments and mutual aid callouts. As you can see, there was a slight decrease in 2013 from the previous year. One element that this chart does not capture is our department's requests for assistance from other agencies.



	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Total	273	316	386	441	329

Responding to Alarms

The "Alarm Calls" chart captures the number of business, residential, and hold-up alarms that our officers respond to each year.

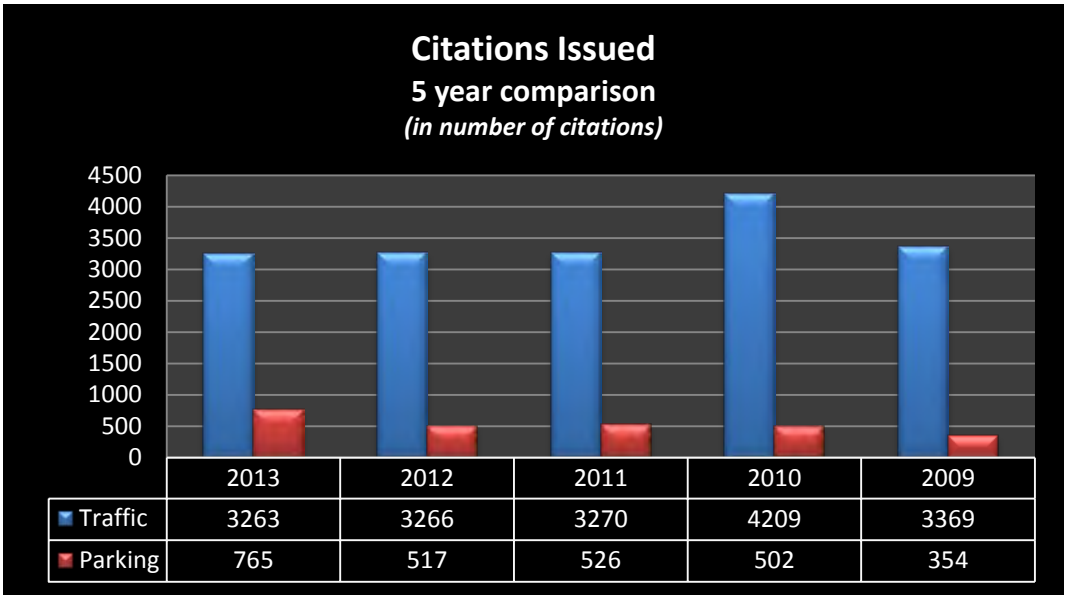


	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Total	313	403	432	401	415

Citations & Crashes

Issuing Citations

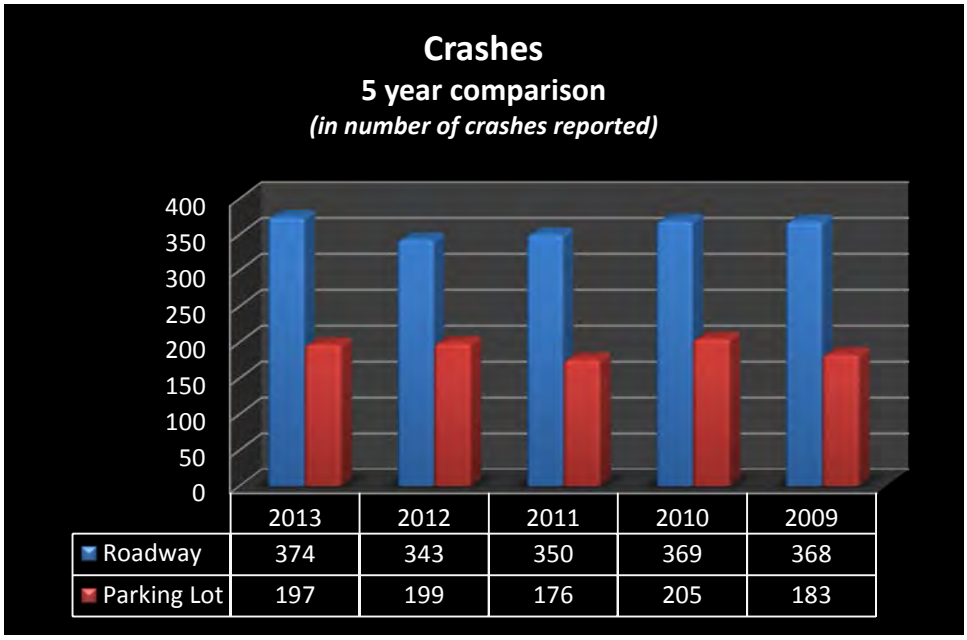
Patrol Officers made **2,555 traffic stops** in 2013. The "Citations Issued" chart shows a significant increase in parking citations issued in 2013 as compared to recent years.



	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Traffic	3263	3266	3270	4209	3369
Parking	765	517	526	502	354

Crashes Reported

The "Crashes" chart illustrates roadway and parking lot crashes. This 5 year comparison shows that roadway crashes in the City of Countryside increased in 2013 by 9% over 2012, but parking lot crashes stayed just about the same compared to 2012.



	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Roadway	374	343	350	369	368
Parking Lot	197	199	176	205	183

Redlight Camera Program

Redlight Violations
2013

Month	Captured & Reviewed	Citation Issued	Difference
January	679	348	51.25%
February	696	320	45.98%
March	815	326	40.00%
April	646	271	41.95%
May	614	259	42.18%
June	865	503	58.15%
July	705	407	57.73%
August	753	336	44.62%
September	792	342	43.18%
October	761	339	44.55%
November	514	217	42.22%
December	718	290	40.39%
TOTAL	**8558**	**3958**	**46.25%**

2010 - 2012

Annual	Captured & Reviewed	Citation Issued	Difference
2012	**7024**	**3634**	**51.74%**
2011	**5140**	**2852**	**55.49%**
2010	**4496**	**2080**	**46.26%**

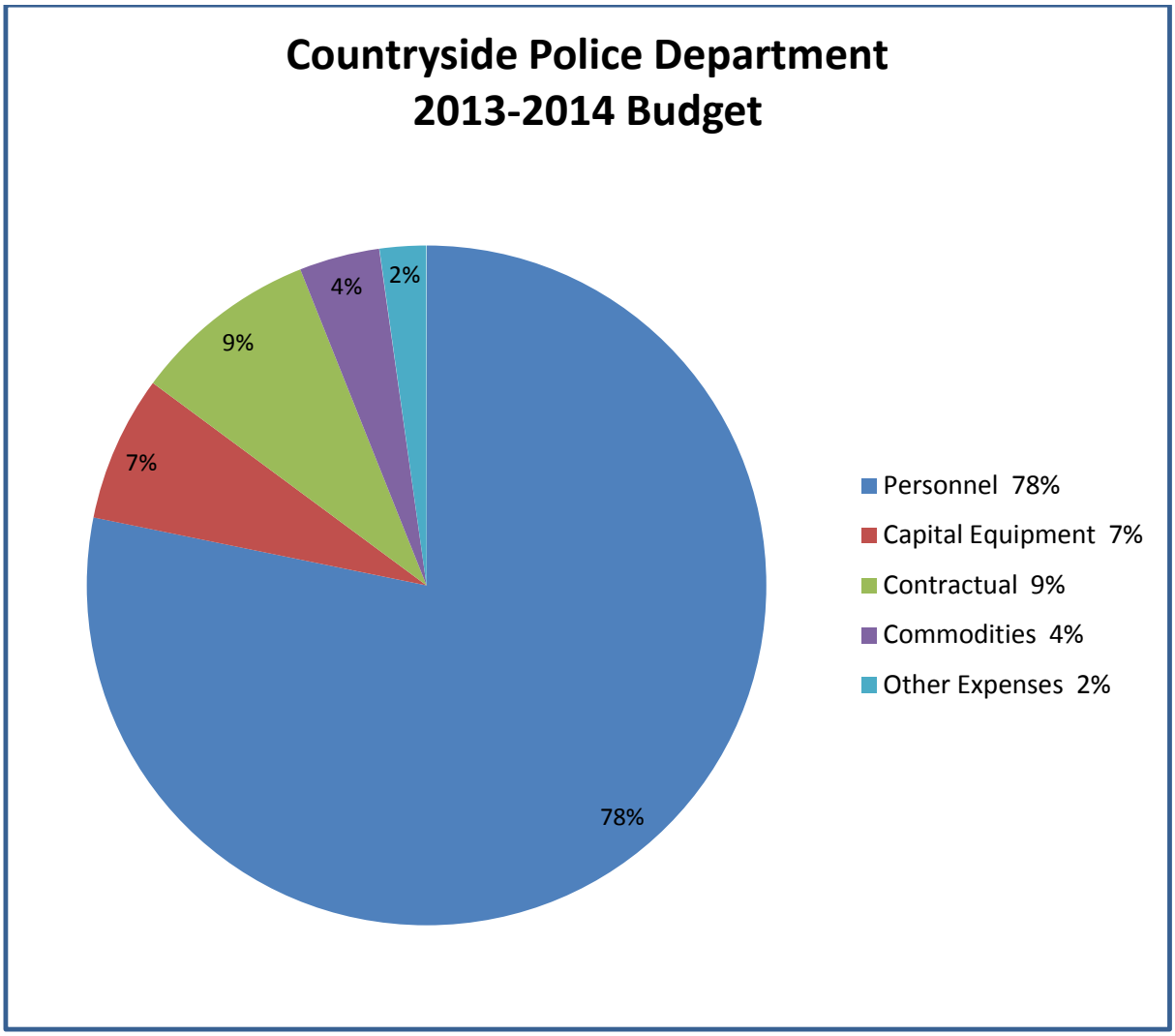
Redlight Revenue
2013

Month	Amount
January	$20,542.35
February	$17,572.89
March	$20,701.04
April	$18,219.90
May	$14,453.77
June	$11,167.00
July	$26,269.86
August	$20,266.01
September	$18,051.50
October	$11,336.32
November	$17,516.18
December	$12,302.37
TOTAL	**$208,399.19**

2009 - 2012

Annual	Amount
2012	**$171,626.98**
2011	**$101,385.15**
2010	**$75,954.00**
2009	**$183,716.40**

Budget Analysis 4



EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT
Personnel	$3,489,208.00
Capital Equipment	$309,600.00
Contractual	$392,965.00
Commodities	$171,000.00
Other Expenses	$99,337.00
TOTAL	**$4,462,110.00**

Countryside Police Department
2013-2014 Budget

DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	FUND	BUDGET
Salaries Full-time	Personnel	Corporate	2,324,722.00
Salaries Part-time	Personnel	Corporate	120,492.00
Overtime	Personnel	Corporate	187,936.00
Overtime	Personnel	Drug Forfeiture	20,000.00
Buybacks/Other Benefit	Personnel	Corporate	154,746.00
Social Security Tax	Personnel	Corporate	177,795.00
Medicare Tax	Personnel	Corporate	41,948.00
Health Insurance	Personnel	Corporate	415,859.00
Other Insurance	Personnel	Corporate	23,371.00
Employee Assistance	Personnel	Corporate	600.00
Employee Physicals	Personnel	Corporate	500.00
IMRF	Personnel	Corporate	21,239.00
		TOTAL PERSONNEL	**3,489,208.00**
Operating Capital	Capital Equip.	Corporate	1,800.00
Operating Capital	Capital Equip.	911	102,100.00
Operating Capital	Capital Equip.	Drug Forfeiture	205,700.00
		TOTAL CAPITAL EQUIP.	**309,600.00**
Labor Negotiations	Contractual	Corporate	150,000.00
Cellular	Contractual	Corporate	7,000.00
Contractual/Consulting	Contractual	Corporate	9,065.00
Software Maint/License	Contractual	911	5,500.00
Telephone	Contractual	911	16,000.00
Contractual Services	Contractual	911	205,400.00
		TOTAL CONTRACTUAL	**392,965.00**
Uniform Allowance	Commodities	Corporate	24,300.00
Uniform Allowance	Commodities	Drug Forfeiture	6,200.00
Subscriptions	Commodities	Corporate	1,600.00
Office Supplies	Commodities	Corporate	8,000.00
Operating Supplies	Commodities	Corporate	16,900.00
Fuel	Commodities	Corporate	75,000.00
Operating Supplies	Commodities	Drug Forfeiture	32,000.00
Crime Prevention Materials	Commodities	Drug Forfeiture	7,000.00
		TOTAL COMMODITIES	**171,000.00**
Maintenance - Equipment	Other	Corporate	12,802.00
Maintenance - Motor Vehicle	Other	Corporate	19,600.00
Conference & Travel	Other	Corporate	1,948.00
Training & Meetings	Other	Corporate	8,670.00
Professional Development	Other	Drug Forfeiture	10,000.00
Tuition Reimbursement	Other	Corporate	20,800.00
Memberships & Licenses	Other	Corporate	9,117.00
Legal Notices	Other	Corporate	1,000.00
Maintenance - Equipment	Other	911	7,000.00
Maintenance - Equipment	Other	Drug Forfeiture	8,400.00
		TOTAL OTHER	**99,337.00**

Department Recognition 5

New to the Department



Chief Joseph G. Ford was sworn in by Mayor Krzeminski on May 8, 2013. He came to our department from the Burbank Police Department where he served for over 30 years.

Chief Ford is a graduate of St. Laurence High School. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Administration of Justice from Southern Illinois University in 1982. Chief Ford attended the Cook County Sheriffs Police Academy in 1983 after being hired by the newly formed Burbank Police Department. In 1996 Chief Ford returned to school earning a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from Chicago State University. Chief Ford is also a graduate of Northwestern University Traffic Institute's School of Police Staff and Command and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy Session 242 in Quantico, Virginia.

Retirement



Desk Officer Cathy Rothbard retired on October 13, 2013 after 29 years of service. In addition to the position of Desk Officer, Cathy also served as our Records Clerk.

Service Anniversaries



30 Years
Officer Brian Cozen
25 Years
Master Sergeant John Mikel
20 Years
Deputy Chief Scott Novak
10 Years
Officer Darrell DuRell Officer Nathan McDonald Officer Tim Wherry



Educational Recognition

Graduation



Sergeant Anthony Boyd graduated in June, 2013 from Keller Graduate School of Management with a Master's Degree in Business Administration.



Administrative Assistant Margaret Carey graduated in August, 2013 with a Bachelor's Degree in Organizational Leadership from Lewis University.



Officer Kreg Floyd graduated in September, 2013 with an Associate of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Penn Foster College.

Sergeant Paul Klimek graduated from the School of Police Staff and Command at Northwestern University on May 17, 2013. Sergeant Klimek successfully completed the 10 week program which focused on professional police administration, covering topics such as: Management, Organizational Behavior, Human Resources, Budgeting, Staffing Allocation and Personnel Deployment.



Sgt. Klimek pictured 2nd from left



Military Recognition



Officer Kelly Kalker is an active member of the Army Reserve—Military Police.

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.

Awards and Special Recognition

The men and women of the Countryside Police Department consistently provide a high level of service and dedication to our community. We are extremely proud to recognize those officers who have gone "above and beyond," displaying extraordinary police performance and heroism. This year, Chief Ford also awarded Certificates of Appreciation to 2 brave civilians from our community.

Outstanding Performance—by Officers and Civilians

Attempted Robbery at BMJ Currency Exchange – June, 2013

A **Certificate of Appreciation** was presented by Chief Ford to civilians, **Micah McHenry and Karen Maziasz**, who displayed extraordinary personal action and heroism during an armed robbery at BMJ Currency Exchange. Maziasz was able to slow the efforts of the armed offender as he attemped to flee. Once the offender did flee, Mr. McHenry was able to give officers a detailed descripton of the offender, the offender's vehicle, and his diretion of travel. Their brave actions resulted in the apprehension of the offender and a robbery was averted.



Sergeant Paul Klimek received a **Letter of Commendation** for the same incident. He observed the offending vehicle and initiated a pursuit of the fleeing vehicle. The pursuit ended just off I-55 at Pulaski where the offender lost control of his vehicle and struck a wall and pole. At that point officers were able to take the offender into custody without incident.

Deputy Chief Scott Novak, Detectives Mark Battaglia & Darrell DuRell, and Officers Brian Cozen and Ken Goluszka each received an **Honorable Mention** for their contributions to this incident. Every person involved in this case, both civilian and sworn officers, acted in an exemplary fashion leading to a safe and successful arrest of a violent offender.



Awards and Special Recognition *(continued)*

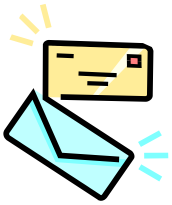
Honorable Mentions

Officer Brendan Gleespen received an Honorable Mention for outstanding performance in response to an arrest warrant that was successfully executed on an alleged violent offender on July 19, 2013. Earlier that day Illinois State Police attempted to serve the warrant, but were unable to locate the offender at his residence. An in-house records check of prior contacts with that individual revealed a vehicle that was registered to him. Within the hour, a description of the vehicle was posted. Officer Gleespen who had been on the scene of the unsuccessful warrant execution, was now on park patrol. While traveling between parks, Officer Gleespen noticed a vehicle matching the description and made a traffic stop. The occupant was positively identified and an arrest was made without any injuries.

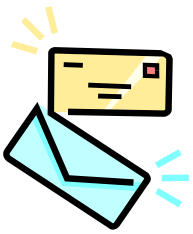
Sergeant Boyd, Officer Paul Lanzi, and Officer Ronnie Pohle received a letter of recognition for a job well done in October, 2013. Officers responded to an "assist other agency" regarding a possible suicidal subject in the area of 64th and Joliet Road. Sergeant Boyd found the subject's vehicle parked at the Roadway Inn. Sergeant Boyd, along with Officers Lanzi and Pohle found the subject in the hotel room "barely conscious" apparently from the effects of prescription drugs and alcohol. Officers immediately notified paramedics. The actions by these officers may very well have a saved a life.

Certificates of Appreciation—DUI Enforcement

Officer Brendan Gleespen and **Officer Jim Stern** each received a Certificate of Appreciation in 2013 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."



LETTERS FROM THE COMMUNITY



These are excerpts from a few of the letters we received in 2013.

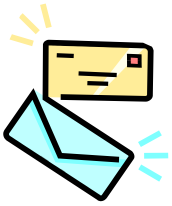
Sergeant Boyd: "Thanks so much for your help when my husband suffered a heart attack. My neighbor told us you helped shovel snow so the paramedics could get him in the ambulance. We thank you for your dedicated service to our community."

Sergeant Boyd: [Regarding assistance with a traffic accident] "Thank you from the bottom of my heart!"

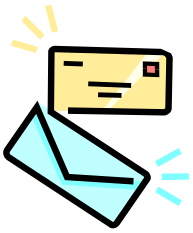
Countryside Police Department: "Thank you for controlling the traffic flow during our dad's funeral procession. We were touched by the officers' salute. Dad lived in the same house for 63 years. We appreciate all that you do to keep our town safe."

Officer Stern: "My mother and I received excellent police service from Officer Stern. I just wanted to make sure you knew what great police service he provided and what professionalism he showed in such horrible weather conditions. Please let Officer Stern know his hard work was appreciated by both my mother and I."

Officer Pohle: "Officer Pohle noticed that my garage door was open and alerted me to it. I am truly appreciative of such an observant and caring officer in our community."



LETTERS FROM OTHER AGENCIES



These are excerpts from a few of the letters we received from other agencies in 2013.

Countryside Police Department: "Your officers showed the utmost professionalism in directing traffic and blocking intersections, making the procession very smooth and making a difficult time a little easier. The late Chief John Zitek would have been very proud."

Chief John Sladetz—Stickney Police Department

Detectives Mark Battaglia and Darrell DuRell: "On May 23, 2013 the Hodgkins Police Department was dispatched to an armed robbery call. The officers of your agency were instrumental in assisting our department in then apprehension of 2 subjects. They are to be commended for their dedication and professionalism."

Chief Ernest Millsap—Hodgkins Police Department

Officers Kreg Floyd and Nate McDonald: "The McCook Police Department responded to a burglary-in-progress at a local business. The suspect fled the area on foot. Officers from surrounding jurisdictions responded in such a quick manner… The suspect was eventually taken into custody after a search of the area. The officers' actions, dedication, and professionalism reflect highly on the Countryside Police Department."

Chief Frank Wolfe—McCook Police Department

Sergeant John Andree and Officer Nate McDonald: "I would like to thank the officers for assisting with a retail theft that occurred. The suspect was reported to be fleeing north of Joliet Road. With the assistance of your officers we were successful in the apprehension of the subject. Your officers' dedication and professionalism are a great reflection on your department."

Chief Ernest Millsap—Hodgkins Police Department

Countryside Police Department: (Regarding a report of shots fired at Lyons Township High School.) "Thanks to my fellow Chiefs and Deputy Chiefs... in particular Deputy Chief Scott Novak who took responsibility for the formation and direction of search teams. I am appreciative of this combined effort and proud of each of you."

Chief Michael Holub—LaGrange Police Department

Officer Kreg Floyd: "With the assistance of Officer Floyd, the offender was taken into custody and charged with felony aggravated fleeing and eluding and possession of a stolen vehicle. Officer Floyd responded immediately and with professionalism."

Sergeant Curt Novak—Indian Head Park Police Department

Photo Gallery 6

Community Events







June, 2013
Bike Rodeo—Helping Hand Center

Bicycle Officer Kelly Kalker conducted a Bike Rodeo at Helping Hand Center. She spoke with special needs students about the importance of bicycle safety and always wearing a helmet.

June, 2013
Bike Rodeo—Countryside Park

The Countryside Police Department also conducted a Bike Rodeo on June 20th at Countryside Park. The Rodeo is a bicycle safety clinic featuring bike safety inspections, bicycle registration, quick tune-ups, and safety instruction about rules of the road. The kids got to test their skills on a ride-on, miniature course. Cyclists were escorted through the course by Bicycle Patrol Officers who pointed out hazards, gave safety tips, and explained how to apply rules of the road. We also introduced our new **Safe Riding Program** that rewards cyclists with a coupon for a free McDonald's ice cream cone for getting caught riding with their helmet. Rodeo participants each received a Safe Riding Award.





Officer Rodey directing cyclists through the safety course.

Community Events *(continued)*

October, 2013
Halloween Tour for Ideal Students



PD and City employees in costume

Each Halloween, Countryside Police Juvenile Officers escort Kindergarten and First Grade students from Ideal school to the Police Department and City Hall. Administrative staff get into the Halloween spirit too by dressing up for the kids and handing out candy. The children have a great time as they tour the department and City Hall.

Extra patrols, including bicycle patrol, are assigned on Halloween to ensure our Trick-or-Treaters and other pedestrians are safely enjoying the holiday in our community.

November, 2013
Ideal School Vendor Fair

Officer April Bisignani poses for a photo with a current and former DARE student at the Ideal School Vendor Fair.



Special Enforcement

Traffic Safety Checkpoint—May, 2013













Range Training—*October, 2013*













DARE Pizza Party at Ideal School—*May, 2013*













Then and Now

Annual Ideal School Halloween Tour.















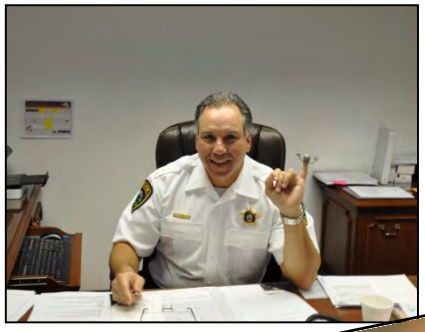



























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