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Police Department

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April 8, 2015

Mayor Ed Krzeminski
City of Countryside
5550 East Avenue
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Dear Mayor Krzeminski,

On behalf of the men and women of the Countryside Police Department, it is my honor and privilege to present the 2014 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 2014 calendar year. I am proud of the strides our officers and civilian employees have made in the past year and look forward to building on them as we move forward into a new year.

Commitment to community service has become our ethos as a department. Our officers and civilian employees have gone above and beyond the call of duty to offer assistance to the citizens and guests of the City of Countryside. Although statistics are one way to demonstrate a commitment to community, they are only a reflection of the documented calls and do not account for the many times our officers have gone the extra mile. In 2014, our officers logged 852 calls for assisting citizens. This is a 42% increase over the previous year where we documented 557 calls for assistance.

We have also seen an increase is our overall calls for service. This number not only includes 911 calls which came in via the dispatch center, but also includes the calls that our officers initiated during their daily duties. In 2014, our department handled 6590 calls for service which is an increase of 696 calls from the previous year, or a 12% increase. This by no means indicates a major increase in crime, but provides more of an idea of documented calls for service in which the officers handle. This also does not include things like traffic or investigative stops, nor does it include building and residence checks not resulting in a crime or an arrest..

One of the most dangerous phrases in police work is, "that's the way we have always done it." I have always looked for better and more efficient ways to accomplish our goals and objectives. In 2014, we became the first department in Cook County to establish a drug overdose prevention program. By training our officers and supplying them with the opiate antidote Naloxone, they now have the tools to save a life in the precious first minutes of an opiate overdose.

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

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 efforts to ensure the safety and quality of life for the residents of Countryside.

City Council



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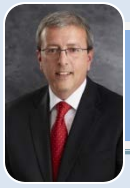


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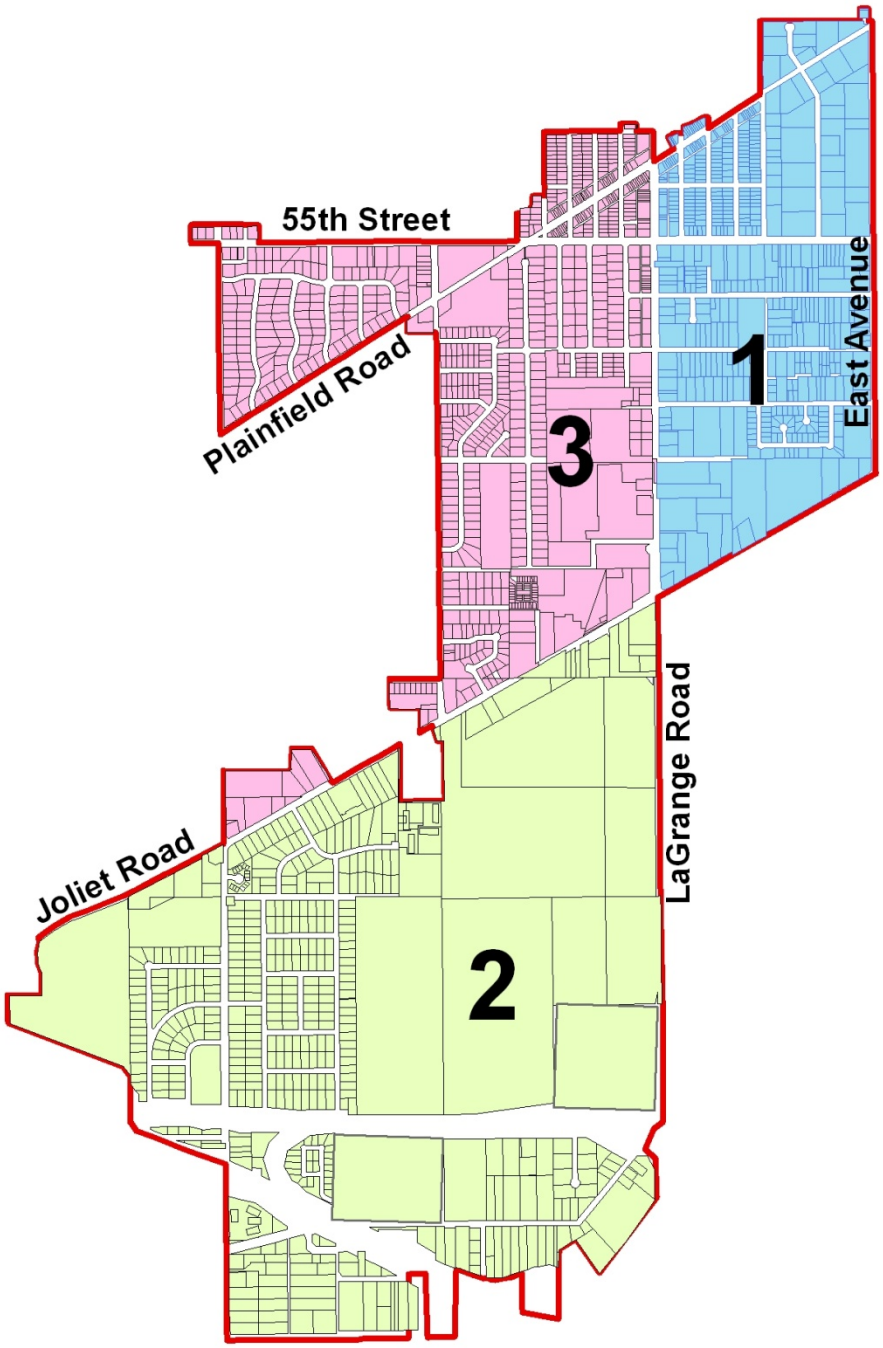


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COUNTRYSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT BEAT MAP



INTRODUCTION

"Countryside Police Department - A Year in Review"

The Countryside Police Department is responsible for preserving the safety and well-being of the residents, businesses, and visitors of the City of Countryside.

The MISSION of the Countryside Police Department is to serve and protect the Countryside community, while building strong relationships based on mutual trust and respect.

We will carry out our mission with the highest level of professionalism, integrity, fairness, and excellence.

PERFORMANCE REPORT ON FY15

- ***Commitment to Excellence***
  - Received department award from Wake the Nation in recognition of our Overdose Prevention Program.
  - Completed renovation of the police department investigation office as well as the offices of the Deputy Chief and the Administrative Assistant.
  - Made recommendations that led to the amendment and/or creation of ordinances including: Mandatory reporting of criminal incidents at liquor establishments and prohibiting parking in front of residential mailboxes.
  - Officers/Department received over 24 letters of appreciation from citizens and surrounding police departments as well as several departmental awards.
  - Instituted a computerized accident reporting system that streamlines record keeping and state reporting requirements.
  - Purchased an Automated License Plate Reader with forfeited funds to capitalize on the use of technology to enhance patrol operations.

- ***Strengthening Community Relations***
  - Initiated a Drug Overdose Prevention Program to train officers on the administration of Naloxone to prevent overdose deaths.
  - Reinstated a program to store stuffed "Tommy Moose" animals in the trunk of each squad car to give to young children to comfort them in times of need during police interaction.
  - Continued the "Shop with a Cop" program and also the "Safe Riding Program."

- ***Increasing Department Professionalism***
    - Updated several policies including: Vehicle Pursuit and the AED policy. Created new policies including: Drug Overdose Prevention and Concealed Carry.
    - Continued to increase officers' professional development by completing over 1800 hours of continued education and training for both sworn officers and civilian personnel.
    - Assisted the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners in establishing a new promotional and police officer eligibility list.

- ***Integrity and Transparency***
    - Completed and distributed the Police Department's fifth annual report.
    - Continued to streamline and distribute our monthly statistical and media reports.
    - Opened a department Facebook page to assist in getting important information out to our community. This is in addition to our reverse 911, department web page, and email alerts.

- ***Fiscal Responsibility***
    - Continued to research ways to reduce overtime spending while not impacting community and police department services.
    - Substantially reduced expenditures to remain under budget for FY 14.

DEPARTMENT INITIATIVES & GOALS FOR FY16

- Conduct frequent analysis of crime trends and establish a systematic approach to resolve problem areas.
- Continue to increase officers' professional development through training and mentoring.
- Continue to update our departmental general orders to reflect IRMA standards and newly created laws.
- Conduct research on alternative patrol schedules in order to continue streamlining overtime needs and to preserve the health and well-being of the officers.
- Develop and implement a community satisfaction survey to encourage involvement and assess opinions on police service quality.
- Coordinate professional department wide photographs.



VALUES

INTEGRITY ★ **COURAGE** ★ **EXCELLENCE** ★ **RESPECT** ★ **COMPASSION** ★ **DEDICATION**

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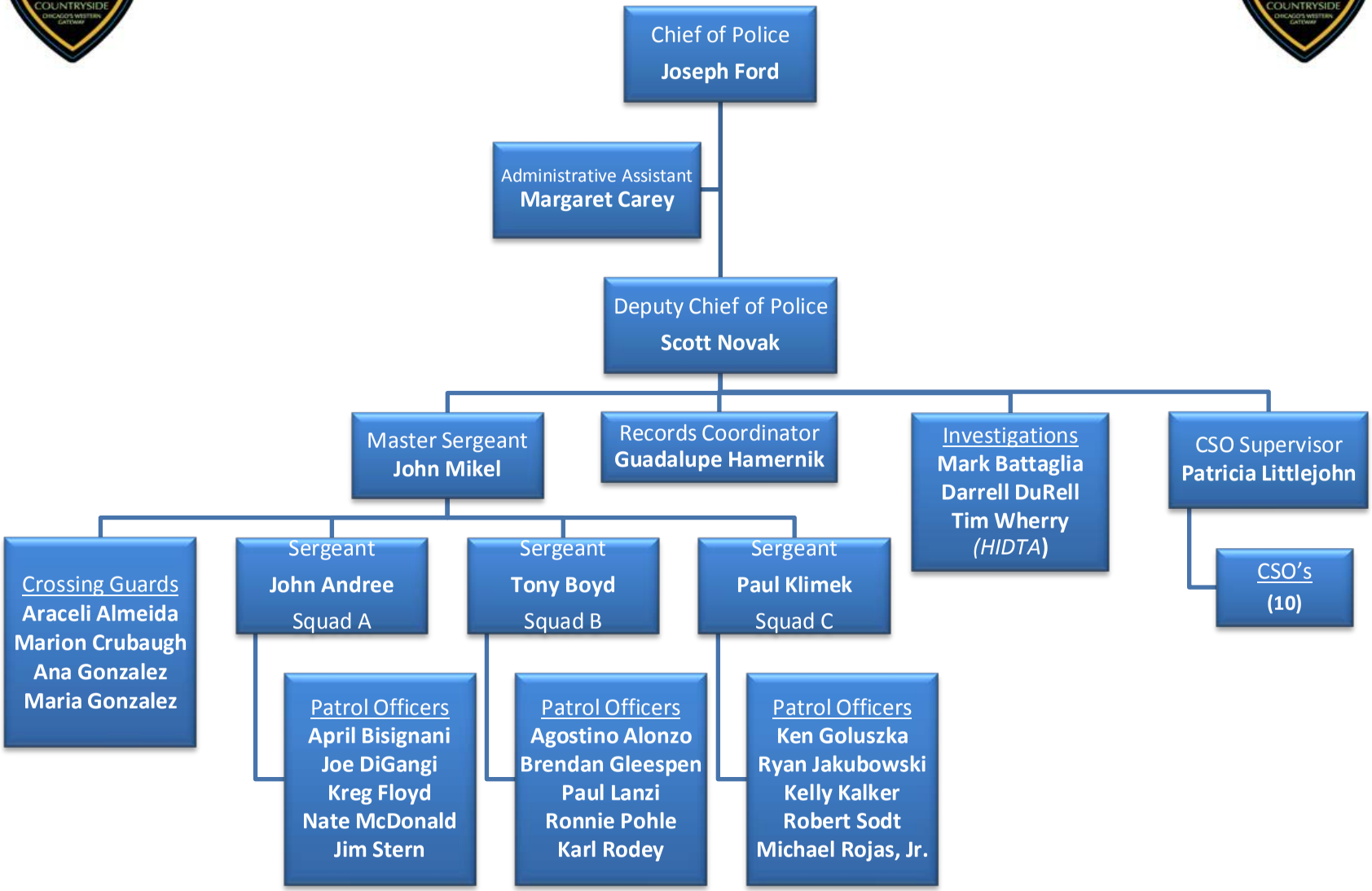
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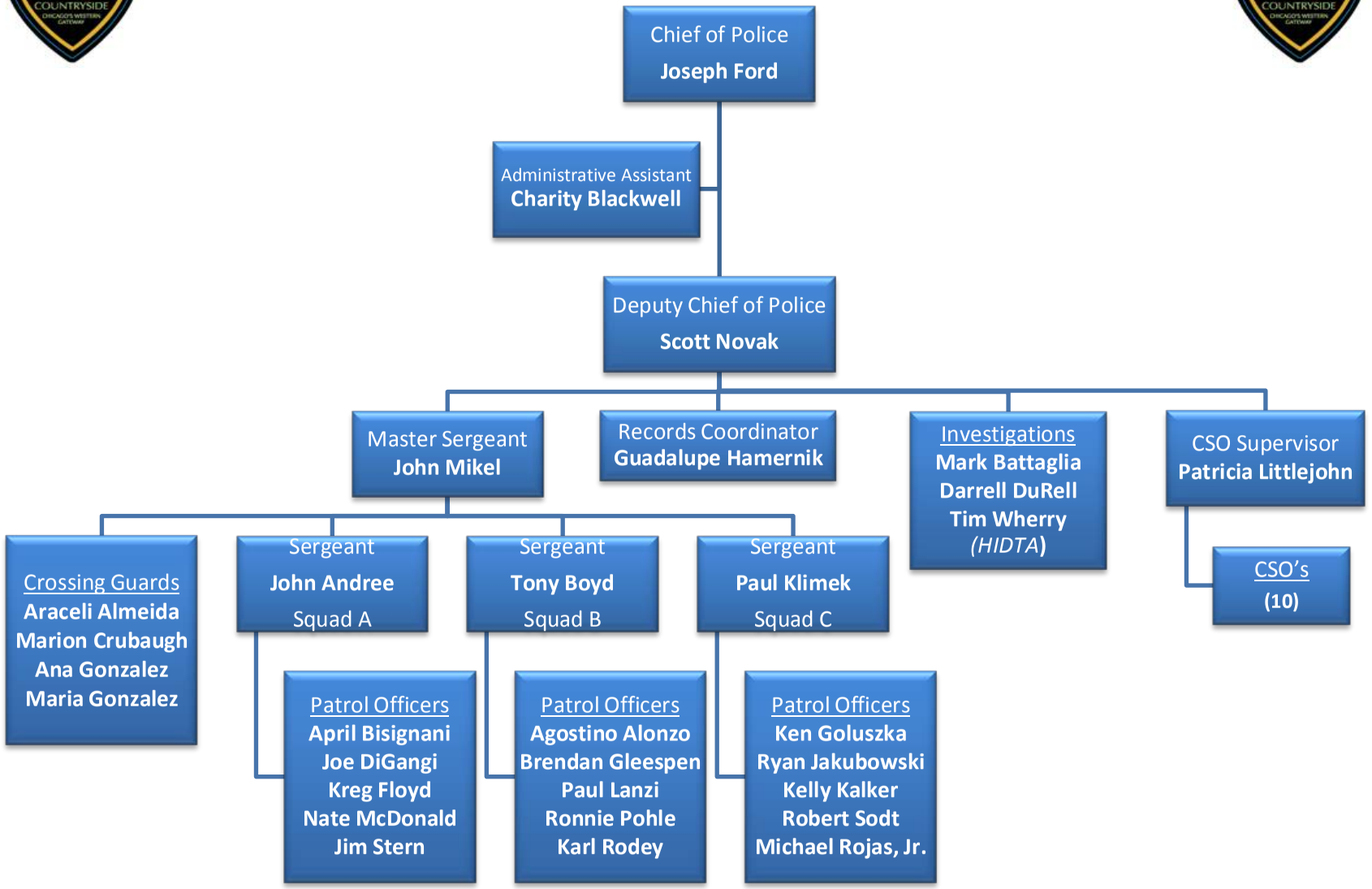
On the cover: Officers during a Rapid Response Drill at Ideal School

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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 members of the Countryside Police Department in the fulfillment of its overall mission. The Department is led by Chief Joseph G. Ford who has over 32 years of law enforcement experience and has served as Countryside Police Chief since 2013. Field Operations are led by Deputy Chief Scott Novak and Master Sergeant John Mikel. Deputy Chief Novak has served the Countryside Police Department since 1993 with Master Sergeant Mikel serving since 1988. Providing critical support services for the Department is Administrative Assistant Margaret Carey.



Chief
Joseph G. Ford



Deputy Chief
Scott Novak



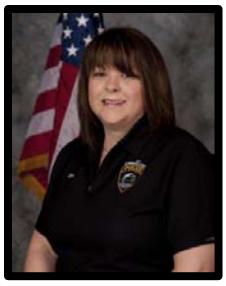
Master Sergeant
John Mikel



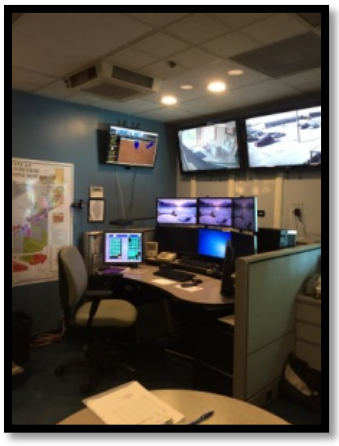
Administrative Assistant
Margaret Carey

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

COMMUNICATIONS

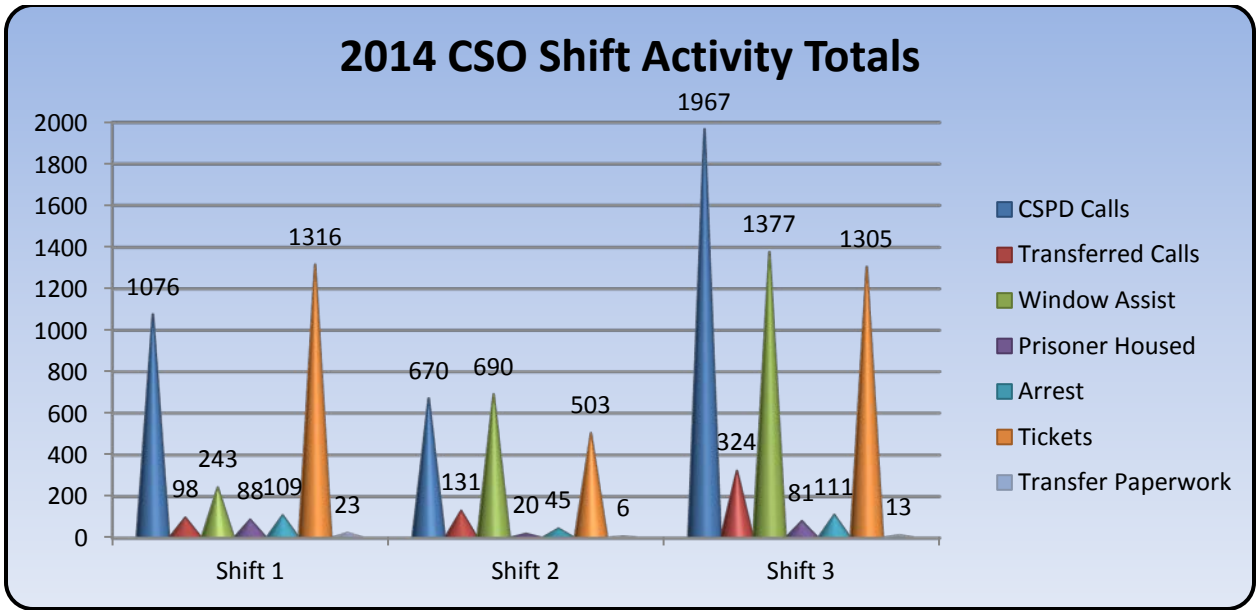


Community Service Officer Supervisor ***Patricia Littlejohn*** and 9 part-time Community Service Officers (CSO's) maintain coverage at the front desk 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. CSO's are responsible for answering non-emergency phone calls, preparing arrest jackets, assisting walk-up traffic, data entry, processing ticket/fine payments, overnight parking/vacation watch requests, and monitoring in-house camera systems including prisoners, Ideal School playground, and Countryside Park.



Our CSO's received a total of 3,713 administrative telephone calls and handled over 2,300 window assists during the course of weekend and evening shifts in 2014.

CSO's are also responsible for logging their shift activity. The "CSO Shift Activity" chart on the next page, illustrates the activity logged by our CSO's during each shift. The totals for Shift 2 include activity logged by CSO's on Saturdays and Sundays only.



Shift	CSPD Calls	Transferred Calls	Window Assist	Prisoner Housed	Arrest	Tickets	Transfer Paperwork
1	1076	98	243	88	109	1316	23
2	670	131	690	20	45	503	6
3	1967	324	1377	81	111	1305	13
TOTAL	**3713**	**553**	**2310**	**189**	**265**	**3124**	**42**

■ Community Service Officers Elizabeth Cordova-Nunez, Anastasia Mock, and John Oganeku all celebrated their one year anniversary on September 5, 2014.

Southwest Central Dispatch

Since October 2013, the Countryside Police Department has outsourced all dispatching services to Southwest Central Dispatch (SWCD) located in Palos Heights, Illinois. SWCD operates dispatching services for 16 area agencies including Countryside. In 2014, SWCD handled approximately 5,778 calls for the Countryside Police Department. SWCD is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) and their training program is certified by the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) Project 33. Every SWCD employee is APCO Telecommunicator Certified, CPR certified, and licensed through the State of Illinois as an Emergency Medical Dispatcher. SWCD is also partnered with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

RECORDS DEPARTMENT



The Records Department was staffed by ***Guadalupe Hamernik*** in the year 2014. This department is responsible for the accurate reporting and archiving of all reports of criminal, non-criminal, and traffic activity handled by the Countryside Police Department. Official police reports and documents, ranging from parking citations to crash and arrest reports, are processed daily and archived by the records department.

The Records Department is also responsible for:

- *Annual Records Disposal*
- *Accuracy of Arrest Jackets*
- *Compiling Monthly Reports*
- *Court Adjudication*
- *Freedom of Information Requests*
- *LEADS Coordination*
- *Local Citations / Collections*
- *Record Expungements*
- *Red Light Photo Enforcement Program*
- *Records Management System - Quality Control*
- *Subpoenas*

FIELD OPERATIONS

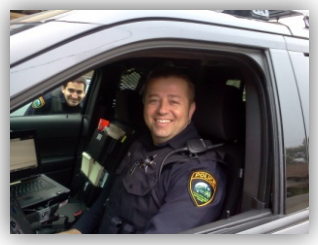
PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division is the largest component of the Countryside Police Department. This 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 2014, Patrol Officers responded to 6,590 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.







Fleet

The Countryside Police Department has a total of 13 police vehicles in our fleet. Of the 13 units, 8 units are used for active patrol, 2 units are used for investigations, 2 units are administrative, and 1 is a seized vehicle used for undercover operations. Of the marked vehicles, one is outfitted for our Evidence Technicians and has been specifically equipped with the tools they would need for their specialty. A second vehicle is used primarily for our officers specifically trained in Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) and has all the specialized weaponry and protection essential for that role. The Department also has a fully marked motorcycle that can be used for special events.





Automated License Plate Reader



In December 2014, one of our patrol vehicles was equipped with an Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR). The system was purchased with forfeited funds and is the latest addition to our Patrol Division. While this technology is not new to policing, it is the first system deployed in our area. High definition cameras are affixed to the roof of a police vehicle and license plates are run against a database instantaneously cross referencing multiple wanted vehicle lists as officers patrol the city. This seamless function assists officers in maintaining security in and around the City of Countryside. The unit queries on average 500 license plates per day with over 150 hits per month. Although not all "hits" are enforceable, trained officers will investigate each and every one.



INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

The Investigations Division is a specialized unit staffed with law enforcement professionals who possess special skills and training, generally above that of a Patrol Division 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.



2014 Assigned Cases	
Homicide	0
Death Investigation	0
Sex Crimes	1
Burglary/Home invasion	15
Burglary to Vehicle	5
Theft	27
Battery/Assault	7
Weapons/Narcotics	6
Forgery/Fraud	13
Property Damage	2

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 have been assigning some cases back to the Patrol Division. With the guidance of our investigative division we can develop patrol officers into more well-rounded, efficient officers.

The investigative staff at Countryside Police Department is comprised of three investigators. Two investigators share the responsibility of conducting follow-up investigations, 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 2014, the Countryside Police Investigations Division reviewed 857 criminal cases. Of these 857 cases, 85 were assigned to investigators for follow-up. Investigators dedicated 256 man-power-hours to conduct these follow-up investigations.

Narcotics Currency Interdiction Task Force (NARCINT) / High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)

Our third investigator is assigned to the Chicago HIDTA Domestic Highway Enforcement Initiative through an interagency agreement with NARCINT. The HIDTA Unit is tasked with the investigation and interdiction of narcotics and money laundering related crimes throughout the State of Illinois. During 2014, our investigator focused primarily on commercial motor vehicle interdiction for criminal activity, specifically targeting narcotics and currency traffickers. The HIDTA unit assists local, county, state, and federal police agencies with interview/interrogation, controlled delivery of illegal contraband (weapons, narcotics, etc.) and follow-up investigations. NARCINT is also leading a nationwide pilot program for an information-sharing system that is becoming available to more police agencies in the United States.



In 2014, the HIDTA Unit generated $167,954.18 in seizure funds to the Countryside Police Department which are used to support our law enforcement efforts. This number reflects a significant increase from the funds generated in 2013. Disbursements of forfeiture funds can vary greatly from year to year depending on the seizing entity and the status of court proceedings. The timing of disbursements 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 TECHNICIAN UNIT

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.

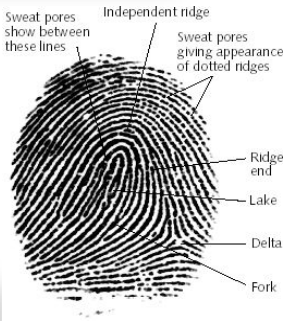
Our 2014 Evidence Technician Officers: Agostino Alonzo, Ken Goluszka, and Jim Stern.

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



The Evidence Technician's duties include:

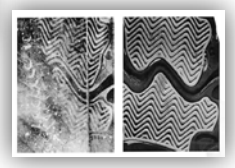
- Identifying, collecting, and preserving trace evidence
- Locating and preserving fingerprints
- Documenting crime scenes through still photography, video, diagrams, and drawings
- Field testing suspected illegal drugs
- Testimony in criminal court



The Evidence Technician Unit was called upon many times in 2014 to process crime scenes and serious motor vehicle crashes in Countryside. Some of the crime scenes that were investigated in 2014 include:

- Death Investigation
- Arson and Weapon Offenses
- Serious Motor Vehicle Accidents
- Burglary (Residential/Business/Motor vehicle)
- Crimes Against Person (Assault and Battery)





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 2014 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 and other City related events.

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 2014 Bicycle Unit Officers:



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

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 17th 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 2014 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.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

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 external classes and seminars. Training 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 are:

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

*480 of the training hours fulfilled by Officer Michael Rojas were completed at the police academy.

*Officer Kelly Kalker was deployed for the entire year fulfilling her military obligation.

The Chief and Deputy Chief are also required to complete 20 hours of training per year to remain in compliance with the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police. Both far exceed the requirements set by the IACP.

2014
Summary of Training Hours

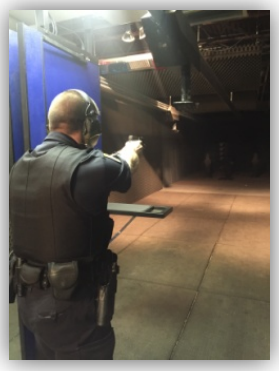
Officer	*Hours*
Patrol	
Alonzo	75.5
Bisignani	30
DiGangi	12
Floyd	6
Gleespen	150
Goluszka	54
Jakubowski	23.5
Kalker	0*
Lanzi	15.5
McDonald	56
Pohle	5.5
Rodey	11.5
Rojas	490*
Sodt	48
Stern	119
Sergeants	
Andree	23.5
Boyd	28
Klimek	76
Mikel	31
Investigators	
Battaglia	46
DuRell	60
Wherry	68
Total	***1429***

5th District SWAT Training

Two of our police officers, Officer Robert Sodt and Officer Nate McDonald are members of 5th District SWAT. Both officers participate in a minimum of 16 hours per month of *additional* training and a 40-hour block of skill set training twice per year. In 2014, this extra training amounted to over 544 hours with both officers combined. 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 in the use of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and to administer CPR. All of our officers have AED's on patrol with them in the event of a cardiac emergency. The AED along with their training, best prepares our officers to save a life. Sergeant Boyd is the primary CPR instructor for the City and all City employees are trained and certified every other year.



Opioid Overdose Responder Training



In May 2014, all Countryside Police Officers received training for proper administration of the drug Naloxone. Naloxone is a drug that combats the effects of Opioid overdose when administered. Naloxone Antidote kits are attached to the AEDs used on ambulance calls. Sergeant Boyd received training in December 2013 to become an Opioid Overdose Educator and conducted the officer training. As part of an Overdose Prevention Program, Sergeant Boyd can also instruct parents and siblings of addicts in the administration of the antidote. This program is permissible under Illinois Law 20 ILCS 301/5-23 which was enacted to save the lives of those who overdose on any type of Opium derivative, specifically Heroin. There have been no Naloxone deployments to date but Heroin addiction is on the rise and we want our officers to be prepared.

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 duties. 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 efficiently from their police vehicle. The Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) software alerts the officers when they are 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 are required to complete on a daily basis.

Our officers are also trained on our own Records Management System (RMS) which has helped our department to become more efficient in our record keeping and documentation. The effectiveness of the RMS is greatly due to the ability of our officers to learn new and changing techniques. The use of this system has streamlined our reporting and investigative processes while simultaneously reducing our reliance on paper reports. Our data integrity and efficiency in reporting has also improved since implementing the RMS. We continue to use Crimereports.com, which 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.



Our latest technological advancement is the use of computerized accident reporting. This cloud-based software allows officers to complete accident reports electronically. There are several benefits to moving to a computerized accident reporting system. Our records section no longer has to compile State required statistics by hand as this is done seamlessly in the system. The system also allows our accident reports to be made available to citizens and insurance companies online, which reduces the number of window transactions and mailings our staff handles for accident reports. The greatest benefit is the backend software which allows staff to conduct statistical reports of crash data via the software.

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 2014, only 1 citizen complaint was filed against an officer. This complaint was made by a refused citizen and was ultimately not sustained as the officer followed proper procedure. 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
2014-1	Squad Crash	Proper Conduct
2014-2	Insubordination	Sustained/Suspension
2014-3	Performance of Duty	Sustained/Counseling Letter
2014-4	Neglect of Duty	Sustained/Counseling Letter
2014-5	Conformance to Law	Not Sustained
2014-6	Squad Crash	Sustained/Suspension

Source of Complaint

Administrative Policy	5
Citizen Complaint	1
Police Agency Complaint	0
TOTAL	**6**

Disciplinary Action

Counseling/Verbal Reprimand	2
Written Reprimand	0
Suspension	2
Termination	0
TOTAL	**4**

Disposition of Complaint

Unfounded	0
Proper Conduct	1
Sustained	4
Not Sustained	1
Policy Failure	0
TOT Another Agency	0
TOTAL	**6**

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.

2 Program and Special Assignment Summaries

COMMUNITY POLICING PROGRAMS

D.A.R.E.

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 44 Ideal students. 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.

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.



D.A.R.E.



JUVENILE OFFICER PROGRAM

A juvenile officer is required to be involved in any investigation dealing with an offender under the age of 18. 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 in this unit are also involved with investigative follow-up on more serious crimes committed by juveniles. The Juvenile Officer 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.

Our juvenile officers work together with juvenile officers from other police departments as well as with the Cook County Juvenile Probation Division. 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 educational program for both the juvenile and the parent or guardian. In the guise of keeping children out of the criminal justice system, programs like "Second Chance" are an alternative to traditional punishment.

Our 2014 Juvenile Officers:

- ✳ Sergeant John Andree
- ✳ Sergeant Tony Boyd
- ✳ Investigator Mark Battaglia
- ✳ Investigator Darrell DuRell
- ✳ Officer Agostino Alonzo
- ✳ Officer April Bisignani
- ✳ Officer Kelly Kalker
- ✳ Officer Paul Lanzi
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"SHOP WITH A COP"

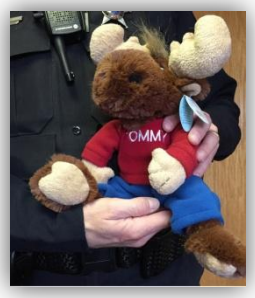
In 2013, Officer Lanzi approached the Chief with an idea to start a program called "Shop with A Cop". The initial event was met with great enthusiasm. On December 13th, 2014, Countryside Police Officers and staff members came out to participate in the 2nd annual "Shop with a Cop" event. This community 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. This program is now and will always be a part of how we celebrate Christmas with some of the special children from the Countryside Community. Many thanks go to the Aging Well seniors that came out to help with gift wrapping. We would also like to recognize the Countryside Business Association, TJ Maxx, Westfield Ford, and Ledo's Pizza for the donations that continue to make this program possible. We are also very grateful for the support of our staff. Thank you to the many police department employees and their family members who volunteered their Saturday for this great event!



TOMMY MOOSE



Officers routinely become involved in calls for service where children are involved. The police department reinitiated an old program to give stuffed animals, (Tommy Moose) to children who may need a smile or something comforting during traumatizing situations such as a car accident, witnessing a crime, domestic disputes, sickness or injury, coping with a loss, or displacement due to a fire. Each "Tommy Moose" was bagged up individually and now there are two stuffed animals inside each squad car that our officers can offer to children for comfort or whenever a child is in need of a little cheer.

SAFE RIDING PROGRAM

The Safe Riding program is in its third year. We continued to encourage 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 an Andy's Custom cone from our friends at Andy's Custard. The program ran from June 1st to August 30th and anyone caught "riding safe" received a coupon. Officers gave out over 30 coupons in 2014. A special thank you goes out to Andy's Custard for their continued support in this program.



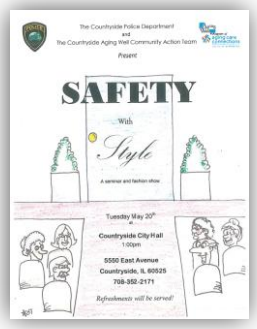
ESO (ELDERLY SERVICE OFFICER) PROGRAM

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. ESO's 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 assignment of an ESO, 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 2014, 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.

On September 24, 2014, Officer Bisignani served as moderator for the BMO Harris Bank and Aging Care Connections Financial Exploitation Seminar. The event was attended by approximately 25 bankers, financial planners, social workers, funeral home directors, and seniors. The event was held at Plymouth Place in LaGrange.

On May 20, 2014 Officer April Bisignani presented a seminar, “Safety with Style”, at City Hall for area seniors. Officer Bisignani spoke with resident seniors about learning how to recognize scams and identify utility workers. Several City employees assisted with the presentation by participating in a “fashion show”, which provided examples of the clothing worn by Countryside City employees.









ANNUAL LEAF RAKING FOR SENIORS DAY

During the Senior Leaf Raking Project on November 1, 2014, we were able to assist 30 Countryside seniors with the raking of their yards. This is the largest number of yards we have ever raked. This could not have been done without the assistance of community volunteers and Officer Bisignani’s DARE students. 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.

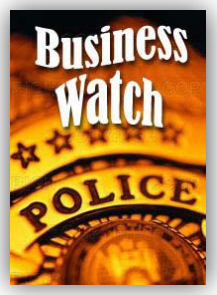






CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAMS

BUSINESS WATCH



This program helps businesses to prevent themselves from becoming the victim of a crime. ***246 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

The Citizen's Police Academy is a 12-week program 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 weekly presentations 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.

Due to low enrollment the 2014 Citizen's Police Academy was postponed and ultimately cancelled, however, enrollment for the 2015 Citizen's Police Academy began in November 2014 and by the end of the year 19 students were set to begin classes on Tuesday, January 13, 2015.



SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS

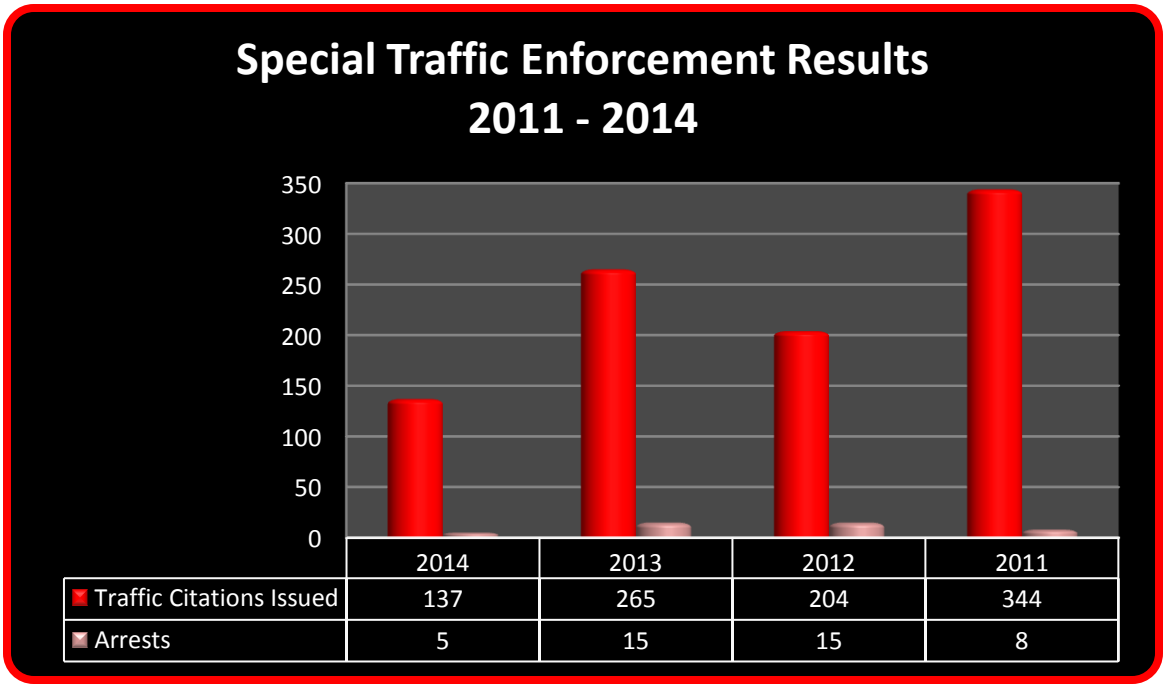
The Countryside Police Department participates in the following special enforcement programs. Funding for these programs is provided by grants issued by the State of Illinois. To qualify for a grant, our department is required to complete a detailed application and follow strict compliance guidelines.

"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 2014, the Countryside Police Department conducted **4** special enforcement details during the St. Patrick's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day holiday periods. During these special enforcement details, our officers issued a total of **137 traffic citations;** including 45 seatbelt violations and 9 uninsured motorist violations. In addition, **1 D.U.I. arrest, 2 narcotics arrests, and 2 suspended license arrests were also made**. These programs are funded by an I.D.O.T. Traffic Safety Grant.







TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT

The Countryside Police Department has 4 State Certified Tobacco Enforcement Officers. Officer Agostino Alonzo currently runs the Tobacco Enforcement Program.

Our 2014 Tobacco Enforcement Officers:



- ✳ Master 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 funding to participating communities to conduct retail education and enforcement initiatives. 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.

Our department conducted 3 rounds of compliance checks throughout the year at Countryside businesses with current tobacco licenses. **In 2014 there were 4 violations found in all.** Warning citations were issued for those violations. All other businesses checked were found to be in compliance with Illinois State Laws regarding the sale of tobacco to minors. It should be noted that our first round conducted in 2015 resulted in no violations which is a credit to our businesses and our program.

LIQUOR ENFORCEMENT

In 2014 our department, in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Revenue, conducted liquor compliance checks at Countryside businesses with current liquor licenses. 17 establishments were checked at random for compliance with State of Illinois liquor laws and 4 businesses were found in violation. Local ordinance citations were issued for those violations. All other businesses were found to be in compliance. Uniformed officers continually conduct routine checks on businesses with liquor licenses throughout the year.



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 2014, investigators were activated on 5 separate occasions for homicide investigations. Investigator Battaglia, Investigator DuRell, and Deputy Chief Novak dedicated 185 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 2014, 5th District SWAT Officers responded to 2 callouts; both for an armed, barricaded subject.

Major Case Assistance Team (MCAT)

The Major Case Assistance Team is a mutual aid organization comprised of investigators from 12 local jurisdictions including; Brookfield, Countryside, Forest View, Hodgkins, Indian Head Park, LaGrange, Lyons, McCook, North Riverside, Riverside, Stickney, and Western Springs. **This unit is under the direction of Deputy Chief Scott Novak and involves a combined effort from both Investigator Mark Battaglia and Investigator Darrell DuRell.**

In 2014, MCAT Investigators were **activated 13 times** and dedicated **105 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.

3 Statistical Summaries

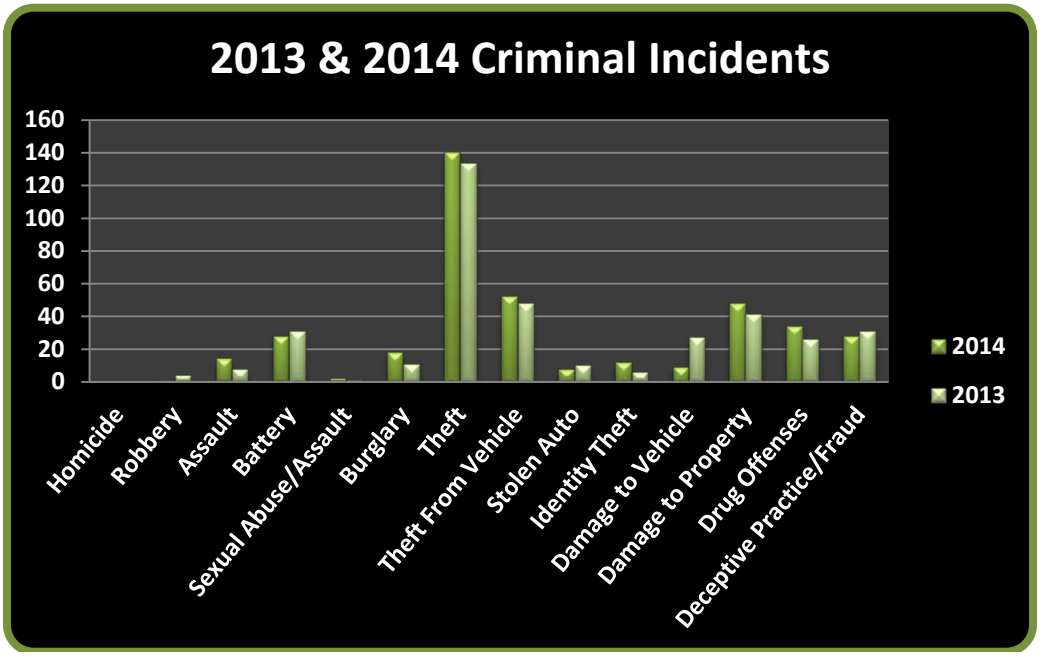
CRIMINAL INCIDENTS

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 2014. This chart shows a slight increase in 2014 from the previous year.

Criminal Incidents	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	1	4	1	1	3
Assault	14	8	4	3	6
Battery	28	31	33	40	28
Sexual Abuse/Assault	2	1	5	5	5
Burglary	18	11	20	20	9
Theft	140	134	130	117	156
Theft From Vehicle	52	48	75	64	63
Stolen Auto	8	10	11	10	9
Identity Theft	12	6	7	16	59
Damage to Vehicle	9	27	35	36	38
Damage to Property	48	41	68	40	86
Drug Offenses	34	26	33	33	39
Deceptive Practice/Fraud	28	31	50	35	-
TOTAL	394	378	472	420	501

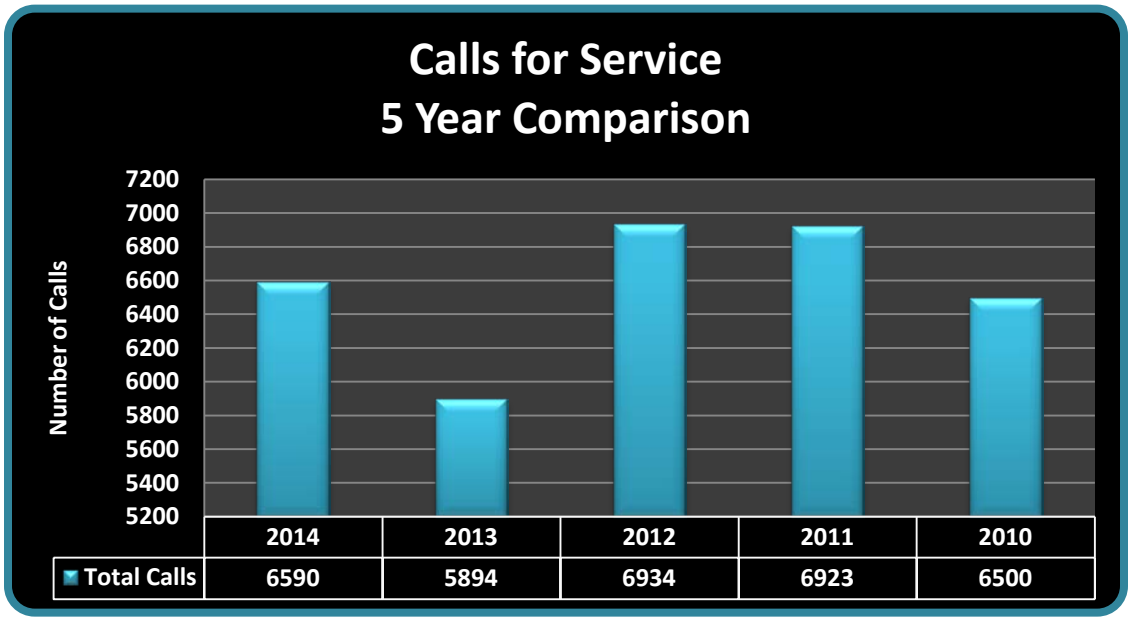
CRIMINAL INCIDENTS EXPLAINED

In 2014, our department responded to 6,590 calls for service which is a 12% increase from the previous year. We saw a reduction in robberies from the previous year and an increase in burglaries.



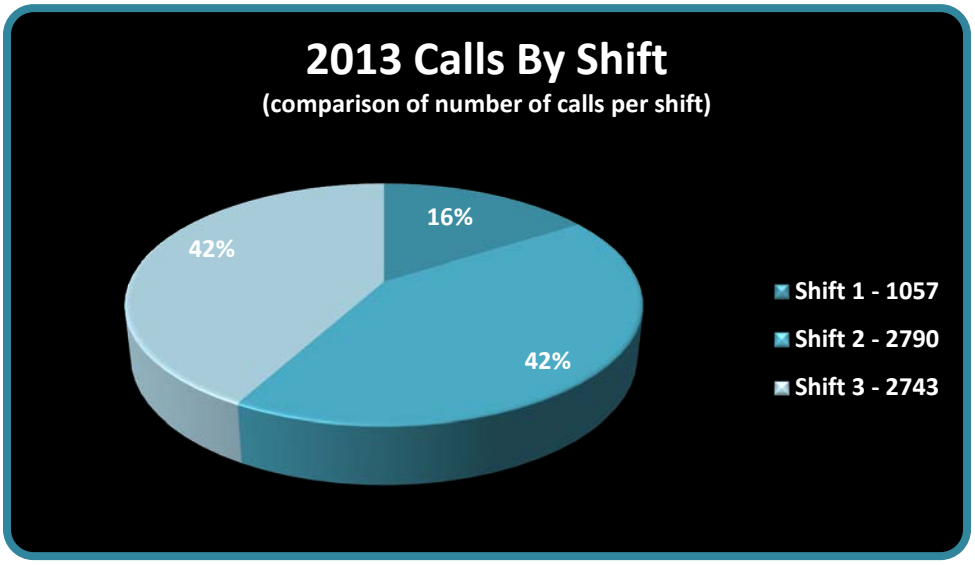
CALLS FOR SERVICE

In 2014, calls for service increased by 12%.



CALLS BY SHIFT

This chart illustrates the 2014 calls for service, broken down by shift. The majority of calls occur during the 2nd and 3rd shifts.

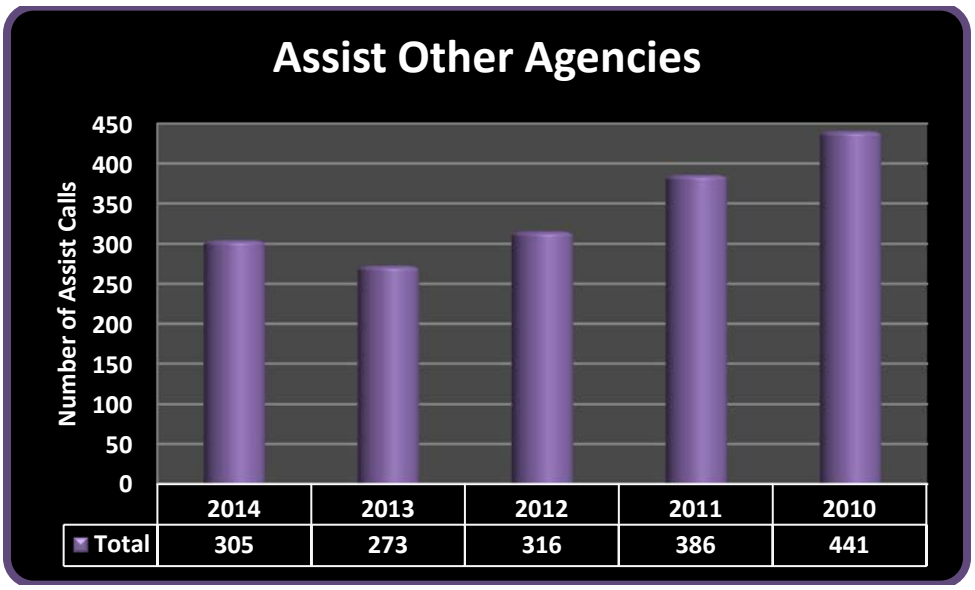


SHIFT	HOURS WORKED
1	11:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m.
2	7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
3	3:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES / ALARM CALLS

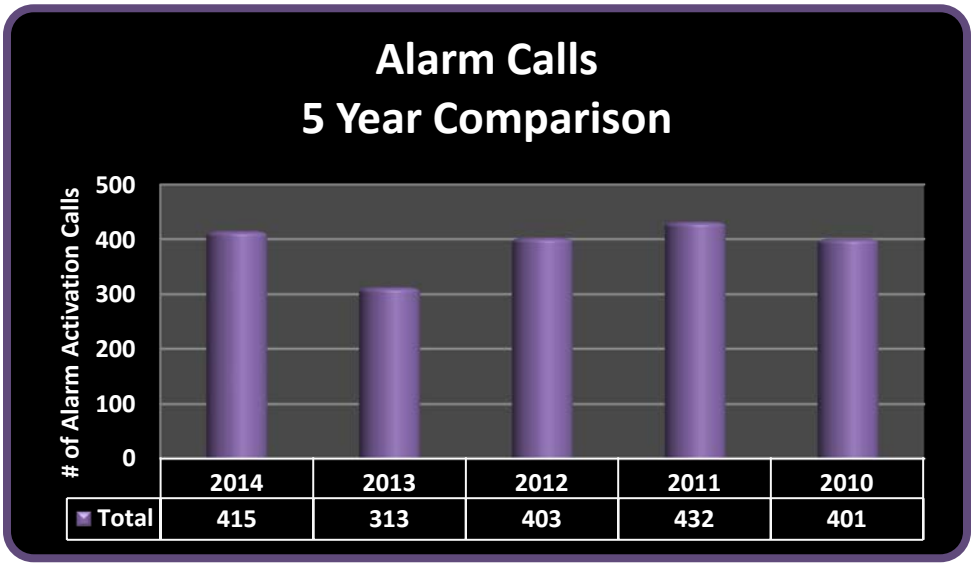
ASSISTING OTHER AGENCIES

This chart captures the number of officer assist requests received from neighboring departments and mutual aid callouts. There was a slight increase in 2014 from the previous year. These numbers include assists made by our officers to the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force and MCAT.



RESPONDING TO ALARMS

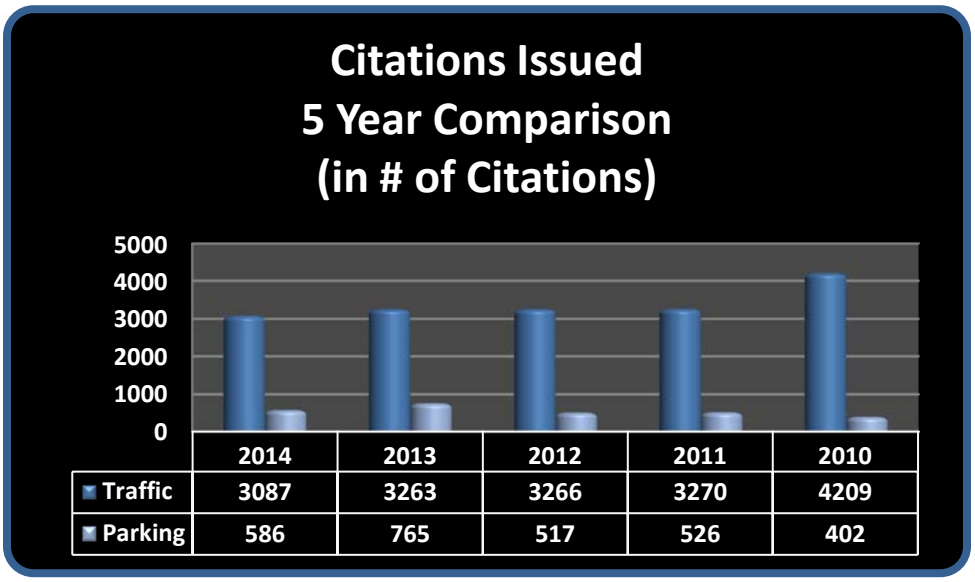
The "Alarm Calls" chart captures the number of business, residential, and hold-up alarms that our officers respond to each year.



CITATIONS ISSUED / CRASHES

ISSUING CITATIONS

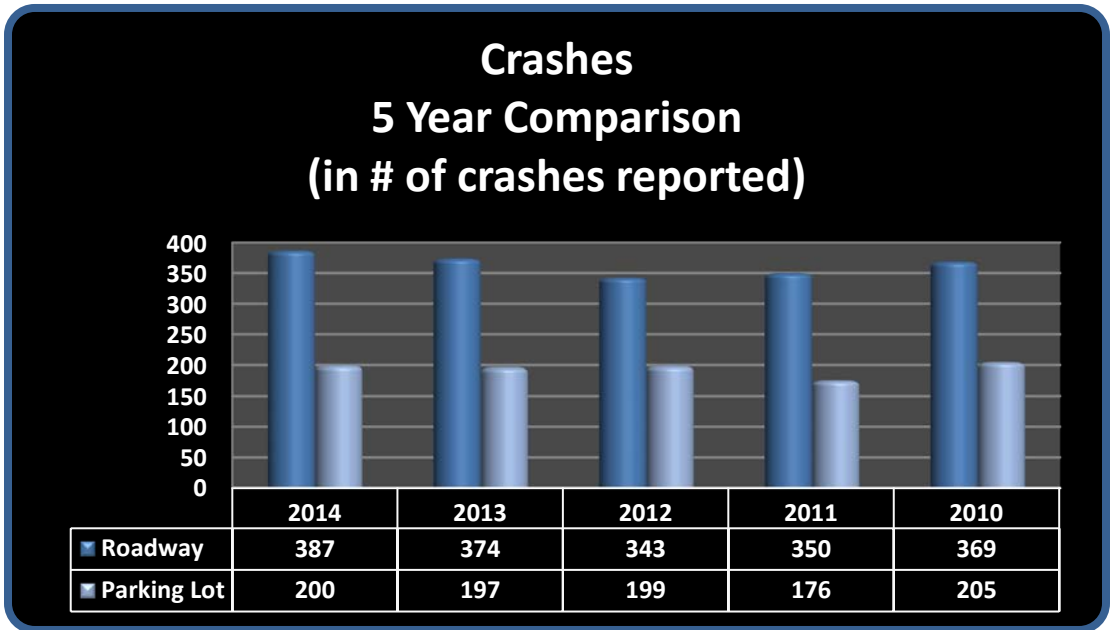
Patrol Officers made **2,531 traffic stops** in 2014. This chart shows a decrease in traffic and parking citations issued in 2014 as compared to previous years.



	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Traffic	3087	3263	3266	3270	4209
Parking	586	765	517	526	402

CRASHES REPORTED

This chart illustrates roadway and parking lot crashes. There was a 3% increase in roadway crashes in 2014 as compared to 2013, and parking lot crashes showed minimal change from 2013.



	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
Roadway	387	374	343	350	369
Parking Lot	200	197	199	176	205

RED LIGHT CAMERA PROGRAM

In early 2014, the Department maintained red light cameras at the intersection of 55th Street and La Grange Road and at the intersection of Joliet Road and La Grange Road. On May 31, 2014, the Red Light Camera Program was suspended due to the La Grange Road Construction Project which required the removal of the system's cameras from both locations. It should be noted that the 2014 statistics below reflect a substantial decrease from previous years, as the calculations are not from a full year. The 2014 data reflected is from the months of January 2014 through May 2014.

Upon full completion of the construction project, intersections and traffic patterns will be reevaluated for a full year at which time the camera system may be reinitiated at one or more intersections depending on the accident data study.

2014 RED LIGHT REVENUE	
Month	**Amount**
January	$10,813.83
February	$7,281.63
March	$7,606.28
April	$4,287.73
May	$6,905.85
June	$19,395.40
July	$7,138.26
August	$2,519.43
September	($104.51)
October	$754.08
November	$139.00
December	($540.25)
TOTAL	**$66,196.73**

2010 - 2013 RED LIGHT REVENUE	
Year	**Amount**
2013	$208,399.19
2012	$171,626.98
2011	$101,385.15
2010	$75,954.00





RED LIGHT VIOLATIONS 2010 - 2014			
Year	**Captured & Reviewed**	**Citation Issued**	**Difference**
2014	4563	2675	58.62%
2013	8558	3958	46.25%
2012	7024	3634	51.74%
2011	5140	2852	55.49%
2010	4496	2080	46.26%

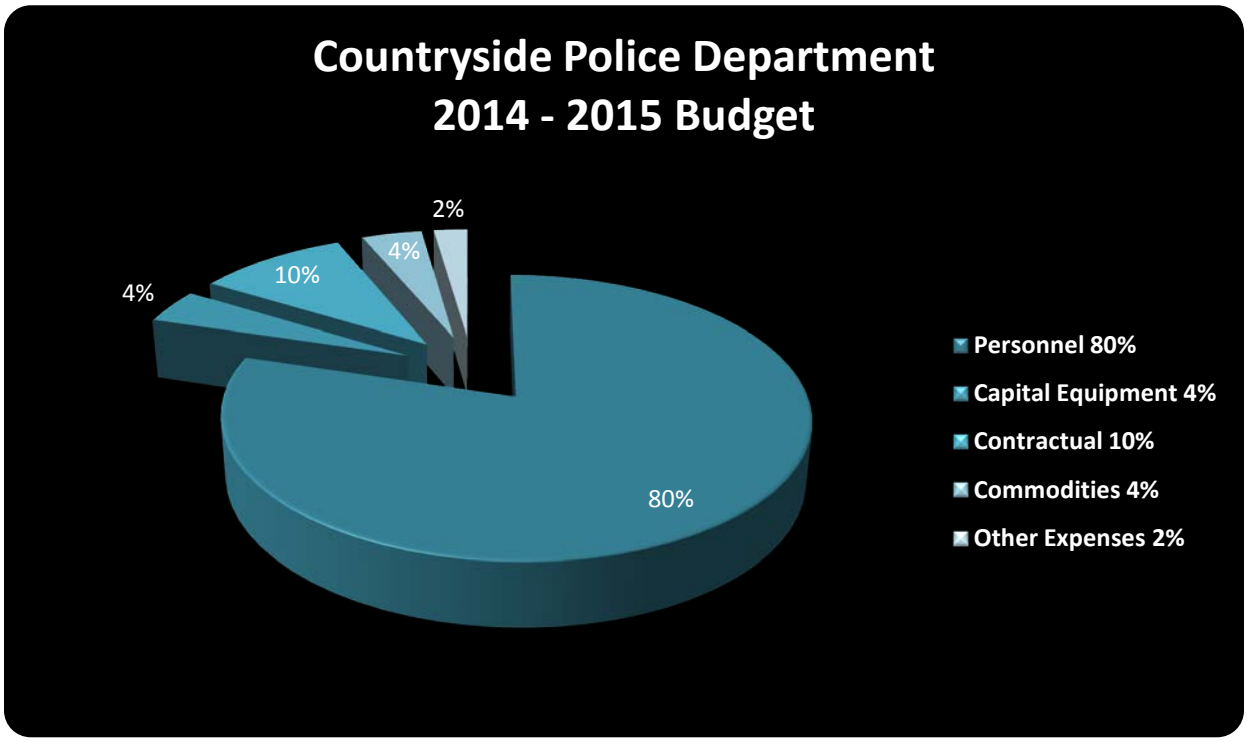
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Budget: 2014 - 2015

COUNTRYSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT 2014 - 2015 BUDGET DETAIL

DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	FUND	BUDGET
Salaries Full-time	Personnel	Corporate	$2,358,654
Salaries Part-time	Personnel	Corporate	$94,700
Overtime	Personnel	Corporate	$200,000
Overtime	Personnel	Drug Forfeiture	$20,000
Buybacks/Other Benefit	Personnel	Corporate	$160,417
Social Security Tax	Personnel	Corporate	$181,142
Medicare Tax	Personnel	Corporate	$42,902
Health Insurance	Personnel	Corporate	$427,919
Other Insurance	Personnel	Corporate	$23,550
Employee Assistance	Personnel	Corporate	$600
IMRF	Personnel	Corporate	$37,411
Employee Physicals	Personnel	Corporate	$1,000
		TOTAL PERSONNEL	**$3,548,295**
Operating Capital	Capital Equipment	Corporate	$1,800
Operating Capital	Capital Equipment	911	$50,000
Operating Capital	Capital Equipment	Drug Forfeiture	$130,400
		TOTAL CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	**$182,200**
Labor Negotiations	Contractual	Corporate	$150,000
Cellular	Contractual	Corporate	$5,500
Contractual/Consulting	Contractual	Corporate	$10,565
Software Maint/License	Contractual	911	$8,300
Telephone	Contractual	911	$29,000
Contractual Services	Contractual	911	$240,000
		TOTAL CONTRACTUAL	**$443,365**
Uniform Allowance	Commodities	Corporate	$24,300
Uniform Allowance	Commodities	Drug Forfeiture	$6,200
Subscriptions	Commodities	Corporate	$3,700
Office Supplies	Commodities	Corporate	$8,000
Operating Supplies	Commodities	Corporate	$13,500
Fuel	Commodities	Corporate	$85,000
Operating Supplies	Commodities	Drug Forfeiture	$32,000
Crime Prevention Materials	Commodities	Drug Forfeiture	$7,000
		TOTAL COMMODITIES	**$179,700**
Maintenance - Equipment	Other	Corporate	$14,650
Maintenance - Motor Vehicle	Other	Corporate	$20,000
Conference & Travel	Other	Corporate	$1,750
Training & Meetings	Other	Corporate	$9,850
Professional Development	Other	Drug Forfeiture	$13,525
Tuition Reimbursement	Other	Corporate	$20,800
Memberships & Licenses	Other	Corporate	$4,000
Legal Notices	Other	Corporate	$1,000
Maintenance - Equipment	Other	911	$7,000
Maintenance - Equipment	Other	Drug Forfeiture	$8,400
		TOTAL OTHER	**$100,975**
TOTAL 2014 - 2015 BUDGET			**$4,454,535**

COUNTRYSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT 2014 - 2015 BUDGET SUMMARY



CATEGORY	BUDGET
Personnel	$3,548,295.00
Capital Equipment	$182,200.00
Contractual	$443,365.00
Commodities	$179,700.00
Other Expenses	$100,975.00
TOTAL BUDGET	**$4,454,535.00**

5 Department Recognition

New to the Department



Officer Michael Rojas was sworn in by Mayor Krzeminski on March 27, 2014. Officer Rojas graduated from the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy on June 20, 2014. Officer Rojas has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management from Saint Xavier University.



Charity Blackwell joined the department as Administrative Assistant on November 3, 2014. Charity has a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from Governors State University and over 10 years of administrative experience supporting law enforcement.

Retirements



Officer Brian Cozen retired from the Countryside Police Department on February 1, 2014 after 30 years of service.

Service Anniversaries



20 Years
Sergeant Anthony Boyd



20 Years
Officer Ken Goluszka



15 Years
Officer Robert Sodt



10 Years
Officer April Bisignani



10 Years
Officer Kelly Kalker



10 Years
Sergeant Paul Klimek

Military Recognition

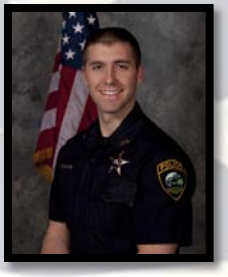
Officer Kelly Kalker is a member of the United States Army Reserve Military Police. In February 2014, Officer Kalker was sent on her 4th year-long deployment, this time to serve a year with her unit in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. While in Guantanamo Bay, Officer Kalker was assigned as Watch Commander at Camp 6 and also carried the position of Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC). During Officer Kalker's tour, she was awarded the Army Commendation Medal, the Military Outstanding Volunteerism Award, and the Good Conduct Medal.



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 of 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 (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 was 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 until 1999. He held the rank of Specialist and was part of the 933rd Military Police.

Educational Recognition

Earned Degrees

Degrees held by Countryside Police Department sworn officers and full-time civilian employees:

Master's Degree - 3

Bachelor's Degree - 7

Associate's Degree - 7



Degrees in Progress

The following sworn officers are currently enrolled and working toward completion of their Bachelor's Degrees: **Deputy Chief Scott Novak and Officer Kreg Floyd**

Awards and Special Recognition

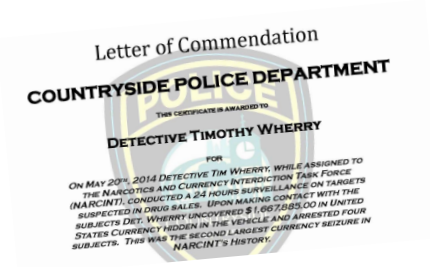
Awards

At the City Council meeting on October 8, 2014, ***Chief Joseph Ford*** was presented an award by *Wake the Nation* for his contributions to the overdose prevention program. The ***Countryside Police Department*** is recognized for being the first department in Cook County to have all of their officers trained to use Naloxone.



Commendations

Detective Timothy Wherry received a Letter of Commendation for outstanding performance while assigned to the Narcotics and Currency Interdiction Task Force. On May 20th, 2014 Detective Wherry conducted a 24-hour surveillance on targets suspected in drug sales. Upon making contact with the subjects, Detective Wherry uncovered $1,667,885.00 in United States Currency hidden in the vehicle and arrested four subjects. This was the second largest currency seizure in NARCINT's history.


Letter of Commendation

COUNTRYSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

This certificate is awarded to

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for

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Detective Wherry also received an award from the Illinois MEG/Task Force Director for his contributions to this case.

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Officer Paul Lanzi received an Honorable Mention for outstanding performance in response to a reckless driver report which turned out to be a medical emergency. On December 9th, 2014, the Countryside Police Department was notified of a reckless driver going northeast bound on Plainfield Road in the area of LaGrange Road. Officer Lanzi was able to locate the vehicle, which was a silver Cadillac Escalade. Once the vehicle was stopped he spoke with the driver, and quickly realized that there was something wrong. He correctly assessed that the driver was experiencing some type of medical emergency and called for an ambulance and for more assistance from other officers on duty. Officer Lanzi's quick reaction when encountering an incoherent driver operating a vehicle prevented the situation from becoming more serious and aided in the driver getting the medical attention he needed.

Sergeant Paul Klimek, Officer Ken Goluszka, and Officer Michael Rojas received an Honorable Mention in recognition for outstanding performance in response to an Armed Robbery. On Sunday, October 26, 2014, the Countryside Police Department was notified of an armed robbery of a pizza delivery person that occurred at 6300 Joliet Road. Sergeant Klimek and Officer Rojas responded directly to the scene to gather intelligence and search for the offender while Officer Goluszka responded directly to the restaurant to check the well being of the victim and gather investigative intelligence. Due to witness descriptions and quick actions by the Countryside officers, the offender was taken into custody and subsequently charged with armed robbery. Every officer involved in this case acted in an exemplary fashion leading to a safe and successful arrest of a violent offender.

Investigator Mark Battaglia and Investigator Darrell DuRell received an Honorable Mention for their outstanding performance in response to a self-initiated drug investigation. Investigators Battaglia and DuRell initiated an investigation into drug sales in and around the Countryside area. Through the course of the investigation they were able to establish enough probable cause to attain a search warrant for a resident at 9800 Joliet Road. On April 4, 2014 Investigators Battaglia and DuRell, along with other Countryside officers and MCAT officers, served the warrant at the address. As a result of the search, over 150 grams of Cannabis, $2,690 USC, and a large amount of drug sale paraphernalia were recovered.



CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

Officer Ryan Jakubowski and Officer James Stern each received a Certificate of Appreciation in 2014 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 2014 from residents and businesses in the community.

Officer April Bisignani: (Regarding a lost purse) "Thank you for your professional concern and calm manner when I was so frantic! I really appreciate that, and want to say you are 'Countryside's Finest'!"

Officer Paul Lanzi: (Regarding erratic driving/medical emergency incident) "Although I have no recollection of the traffic stop, I know that you immediately recognized that the problem I was having was medical related at which point you called for an ambulance and had me transported to LaGrange Hospital for medical treatment. I just want to thank you for very possibly saving my life that day and possibly someone else's also. I am certain that things would not have ended well had I continued to operate my vehicle…Thank you for being there that day and for being the consummate professional."

Officer Agostino Alonzo, Officer Brendan Gleespen, and CSO Calderon: (Regarding a lost bird) "I proceeded to call the City of Countryside Police Department. The response was extremely enthusiastic and responsive from the dispatcher/operator…Shortly thereafter, two earnest and helpful officers showed up at my door and were able to retrieve the bird they previously recovered…I simply wanted to say 'Thanks'."

Officer Alonzo: "Thank you for closing our garage door this morning. I am very grateful for you watching out for us."

Countryside Police Department: "Your officers were professional and friendly as ever; the event went off without a hitch. I'm so grateful for your help, their presence, and the peace of mind it allowed me. I am once again reminded of how lucky I am to do business in *and* be a part of the City of Countryside."



Letters from other Agencies



These are excerpts from a few of the letters we received from other agencies in 2014.

Detectives Mark Battaglia and Darrell DuRell: "On July 22, 2014, the Lyons Police Department was contacted by the Madison Wisconsin Police Department with information that a homicide suspect may be in residence at a Motel in our town. Once this information was confirmed, there was an MCAT call out for assistance. Due to the vigilant, professional teamwork from all involved, the homicide suspect was placed in custody without incident."

Acting Chief Thomas Sheahan and Deputy Chief Matthew Buckley - Lyons Police Department

Sergeant John Andree, Sergeant John Mikel, Officer Kreg Floyd, and Officer Nate McDonald: On April 22, 2014… "A tanker truck had rolled over at I-55 and La Grange Road. This obviously created a huge traffic issue as it occurred during the peak time of the day. Our agency requested assistance from neighboring towns, and [your officers were] dispatched to assist. With the assistance of [your officers], we were successful in diminishing traffic congestion."

Chief Ernest Millsap - Hodgkins Police Department

Deputy Chief Scott Novak, Investigator Darrell DuRell, and Officer Jim Stern: "On August 26, 2014 members of MCAT were called out to assist Lyons Police apprehend two offenders wanted for residential burglary. The intelligence that was gathered through investigative work brought MCAT to Aurora, IL. Further investigation and information sharing with the Aurora Police Department targeted the offender's location. Due to the attentive, professional team work from all involved, two individuals were arrested for residential burglary and theft."

Acting Chief Thomas Sheahan and Deputy Chief Matthew Buckley - Lyons Police Department

Countryside Police Department: "I would like to thank ***Detective Mark Battaglia*** for his assistance on March 17, 2014. Detective Battaglia responded to our department's request for assistance to help locate the subject who robbed the First Merit Bank of Western Springs. The Countryside Police Department is made up of many dedicated individuals who are willing to assist neighboring communities when needed.

Chief Pamela Church - Western Springs Police Department

Countryside Police Department: "On behalf of all the members and trustees of the Pleasantview Fire Protection District, I would like to thank your department for making the services for one of our legendary members possible. Without your help, the tribute would not have been the same. I would also ask that you express my personal appreciation to ***Deputy Chief Scott Novak***…The procession could not have gone smoother and without Scott's help, it would certainly have been very difficult for us to accomplish.

Chief John Buckley - Pleasantview Fire Protection District



6 Community Events and 2014 Photos

Community Events

Special Olympics Fundraisers

Every year the Countryside Police Department participates in fundraising campaigns in support of Special Olympics Illinois.

Special Olympics
Illinois

"Cop on Top"

Countryside Police Officers stood on the roof of Dunkin Donuts at 55th and La Grange Road for 9 hours on May 30, 2014 and raised $3,100.00. Officers, staff, and City Officials also volunteered for the cause by accepting donations and selling Special Olympics shirts, hats, and novelties.



"Beards for a Cause"

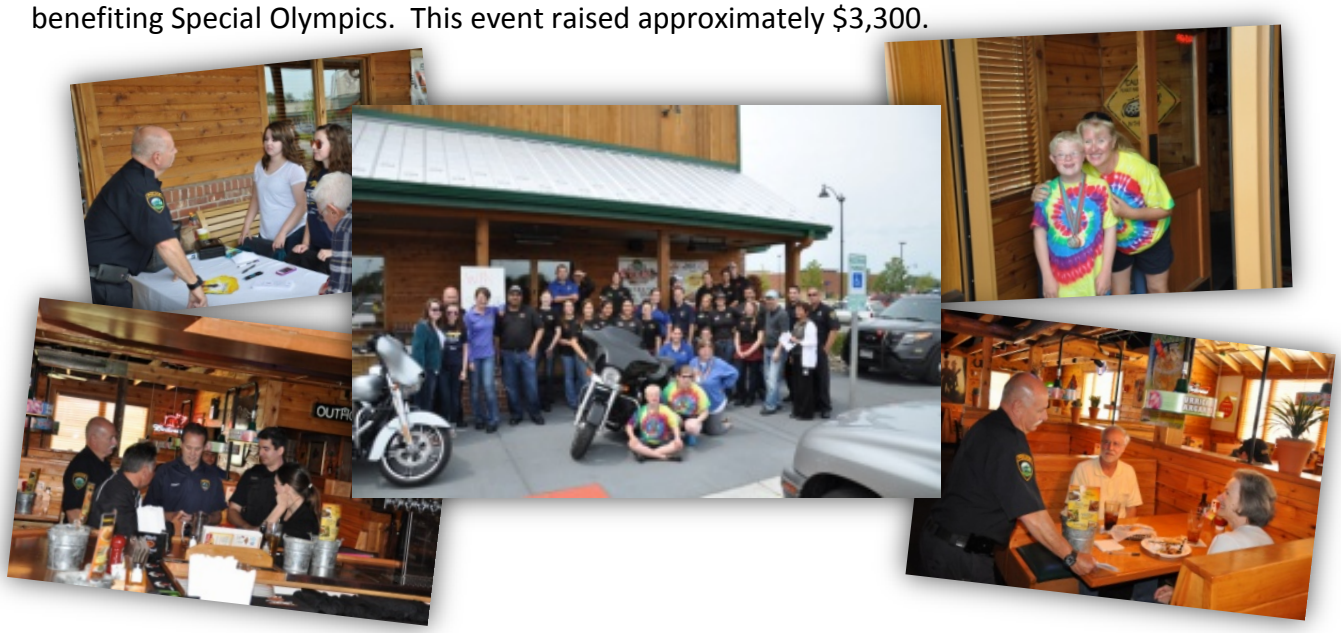
In support of Special Olympics and our Chicago Blackhawks Stanley Cup Playoff run, several Countryside police officers with donations of $100.00 or more grew playoff beards. Officers were awarded for best and worst beard and also for raising the most funds. Officers raised over $1,400.00.





Texas Roadhouse Benefit Lunch

On July 25, 2014 Texas Roadhouse hosted a free benefit lunch in support of Special Olympics. Lunch included a non-alcoholic beverage, pulled pork sandwich, corn, fresh baked bread, and honey cinnamon butter. Countryside Police Officers served the lunch from 11am to 2pm. Patrons simply left donations at their tables with 100% of the proceeds benefiting Special Olympics. This event raised approximately $3,300.



"Battle in the Burbs"

The Village of Crestwood hosted the second annual "Battle in the Burbs" on July 20, 2014 in support of Special Olympics. Mayors from the suburbs competed against their fire and police chiefs. This event raised over $4,000.









IDEAL SCHOOL HALLOWEEN TOUR - October, 2014

Each Halloween, Countryside Police Juvenile Officers escort Kindergarten and First Grade students from Ideal School to the Police Department and City Hall. Administrative staff dress up for the event and hand out candy while the children get a tour of the Police Department and City Hall.



















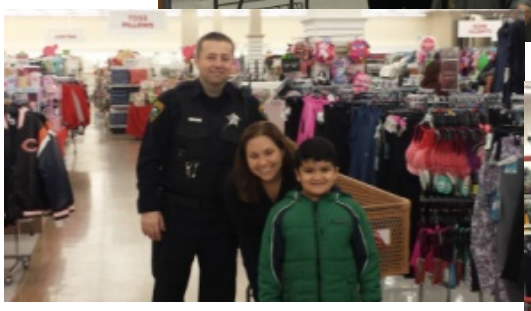




"SHOP WITH A COP" - December, 2014























FEBRUARY, 2014
CHICAGO AUTO SHOW



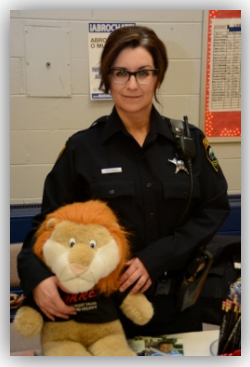
Officer Bisignani working the Occupant Protection Booth at the Chicago Auto Show.

MARCH, 2014
MITSUBISHI ST. BALDRICK'S FUNDRAISER

Officer Bisignani fingerprinting a young resident at the Mitsubishi St. Baldrick's fundraiser.



NOVEMBER, 2014
IDEAL SCHOOL VENDOR FAIR



Officer Bisignani at the Ideal School PTO Vendor Fair which was held on November 8, 2014.

DECEMBER, 2014
COUNTRYSIDE SENIOR APARTMENTS

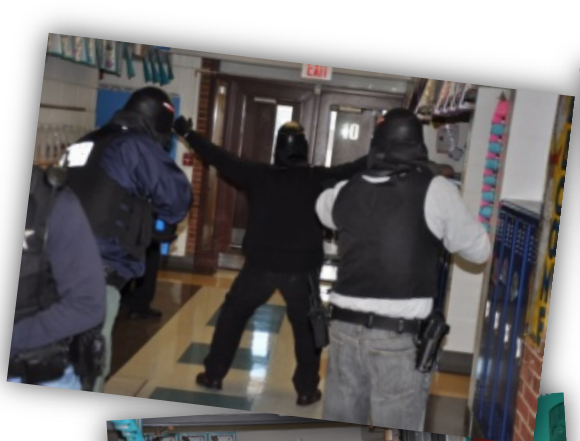
Christmas stockings made by the 5th grade DARE class for the seniors at the Countryside Senior Apartments. Officer Bisignani is pictured here with several of the residents.



Department Pictures

IDEAL SCHOOL RAPID RESPONSE DRILL - March, 2014

With a large emphasis in school and work-place violence, the Countryside Police Department Officers train regularly in rapid response tactics to recognize, respond to, and combat these types of incidents. As part of our continuing training, our officers perform drills using real weapons with marking projectiles to simulate real life situations. This particular drill was performed in the school over a 2-day period while no staff or students were present. For real-life active shooter training, the role play during these types of exercises, enhances stress levels to better prepare officers for the real thing. This training is completed in addition to our live fire training and target practice.
















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