2016

COUNTRYSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT





ANNUAL REPORT

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City of Countryside

Police Department

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CHIEF OF POLICE

March 22, 2017

Mayor Sean McDermott
City of Countryside
5550 East Avenue
Countryside, IL 60525

Dear Mayor McDermott,

On behalf of the Men and Women of the Countryside Police Department, it is my honor to present the 2016 Annual Report to you and the esteemed members of our City Council. This report is an overview of the City of Countryside Police Department operations for the past year.

In 1829 Sir Robert Peel, regarded as the father of modern policing, wrote his "Principles of Law Enforcement." These nine statements are the tenets of policing to this day. ***"Police at all times should maintain a relationship with the public.... The police are the public and the public are the police."*** In order to preserve peace and prevent crime and disorder, citizens and police must work together for the common good of the city. We, as a police department, continually work with our community as our community works with us to make Countryside a destination where people can feel safe.

Over the past year, our officers handled a total of 6,408 calls for service, issued 3,990 traffic citations, and issued 784 local ordinance tickets. These numbers do not include all the other encounters that officers have on a daily basis with our citizens. I am proud to say, for the second year in a row, there was not one complaint made against any of our officers. This, coupled with the numerous expressions of appreciation from citizens, businesses, and fellow police departments, demonstrates that our officers continue to prove their professionalism and commitment to community.

We are also very proud of our continued efforts to reduce spending and increase service. Over the last three years, we have realized a reduction in overtime costs close to $300,000. Welcomed by the sworn officers, the schedule transition from 8 hour shifts to 12 hour shifts has not only reduced the amount of overtime worked, it has also increased our coverage at peak crime hours.

I would like to thank the city fathers and citizens for their continued support of our organization and submit that 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.

Respectfully,

Joseph G. Ford
Chief of Police

CITY OF COUNTRYSIDE GOVERNMENT

The Countryside Police Department is pleased to recognize Mayor McDermott 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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WARD 2



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WARD 3



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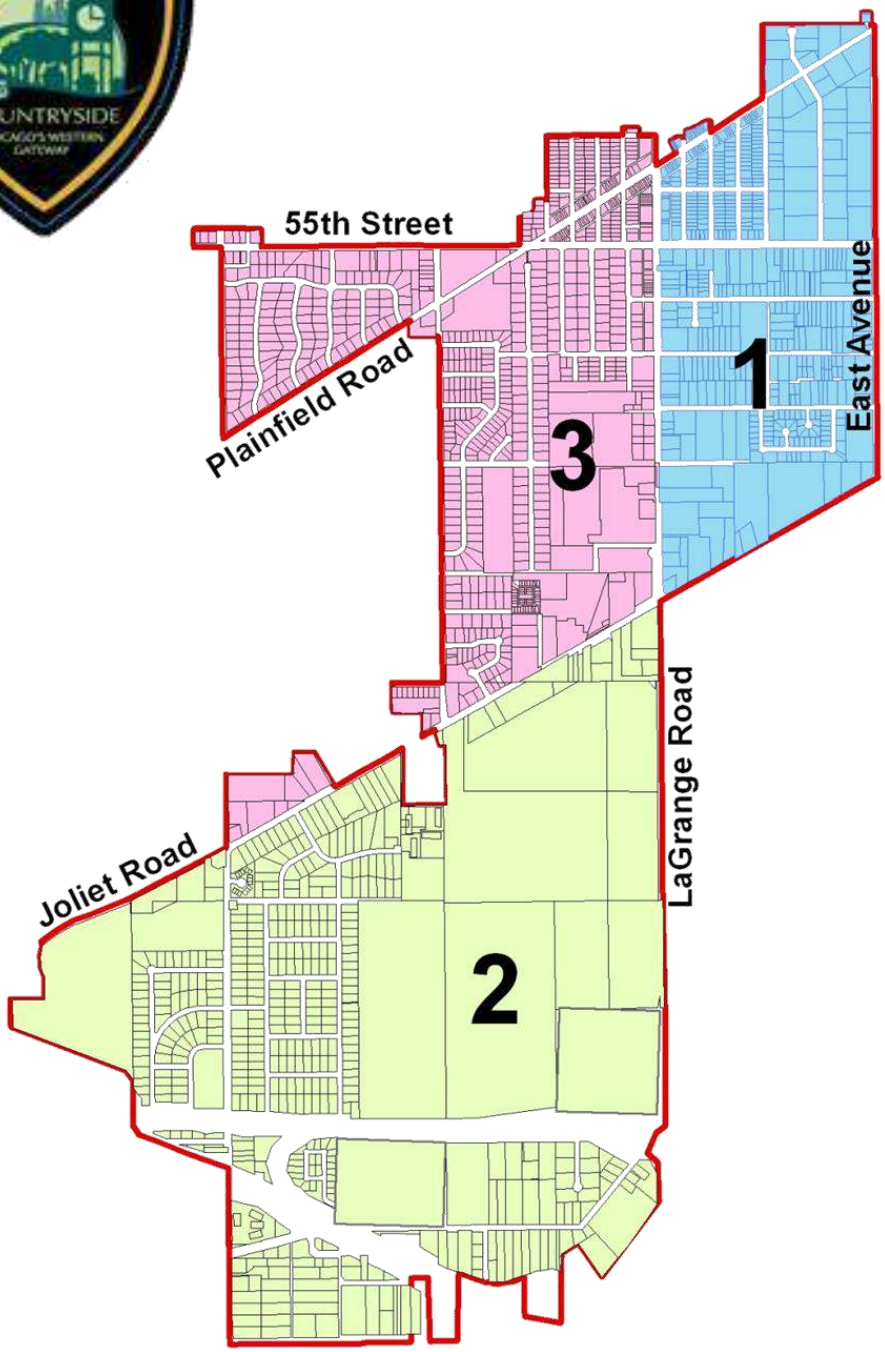
ALDERMAN
Scott Musillami

Updated June 2016

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• Tom Mikolyzk, ***Alderman***

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COUNTRYSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT BEAT MAP





VALUES

INTEGRITY ★ COURAGE ★ EXCELLENCE ★ RESPECT ★ COMPASSION ★ DEDICATION

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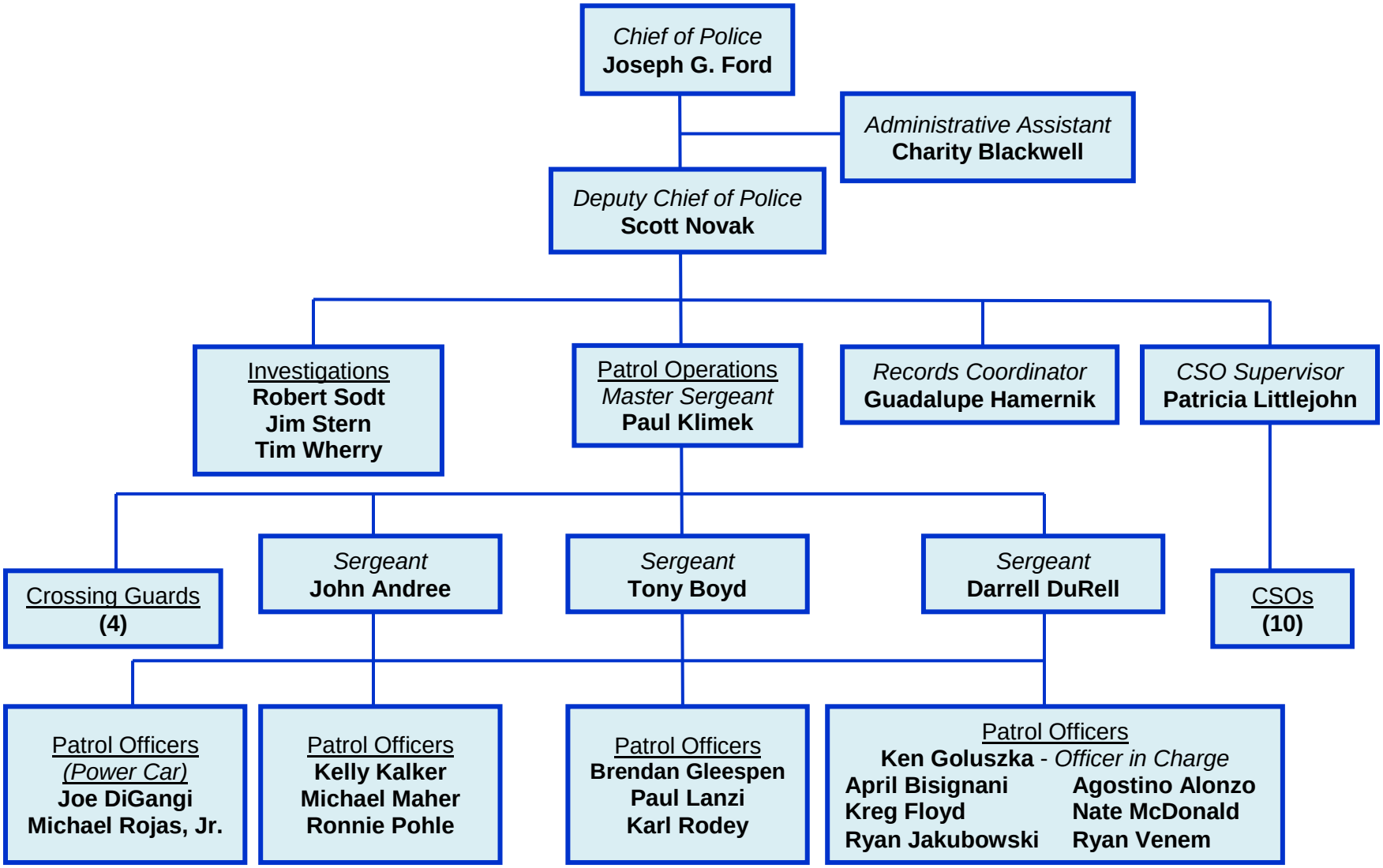
On the cover: Photo on left - At the entrance to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC.

Photo on right - Detective Stern, CFH Coordinator Battaglia, and Deputy Chief Novak at the Illinois Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony in Springfield, IL on May 5, 2016.

Organizational Component Summaries

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COUNTRYSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT
Organizational Chart



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Office of the Chief...



CHIEF
Joseph G. Ford



DEPUTY CHIEF
Scott Novak



MASTER SERGEANT
Paul Klimek



ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Charity Blackwell

The primary role of the Office of the Chief is to provide leadership, direction, and vision to the members of the Countryside Police Department in the fulfillment of its overall mission. This office is responsible for providing departmental management, maintenance of professional standards, and administration of the department's budget. The Countryside Police Department is led by ***Chief Joseph G. Ford*** who has served as Police Chief since 2013. Field Operations are led by ***Deputy Chief Scott Novak*** and ***Master Sergeant Paul Klimek***. Deputy Chief Novak has served the Countryside Police Department since 1993, with Master Sergeant Klimek serving since 2004. Providing support services for the department since 2014 is Administrative Assistant ***Charity Blackwell***.

Administrative Services...

COMMUNICATIONS

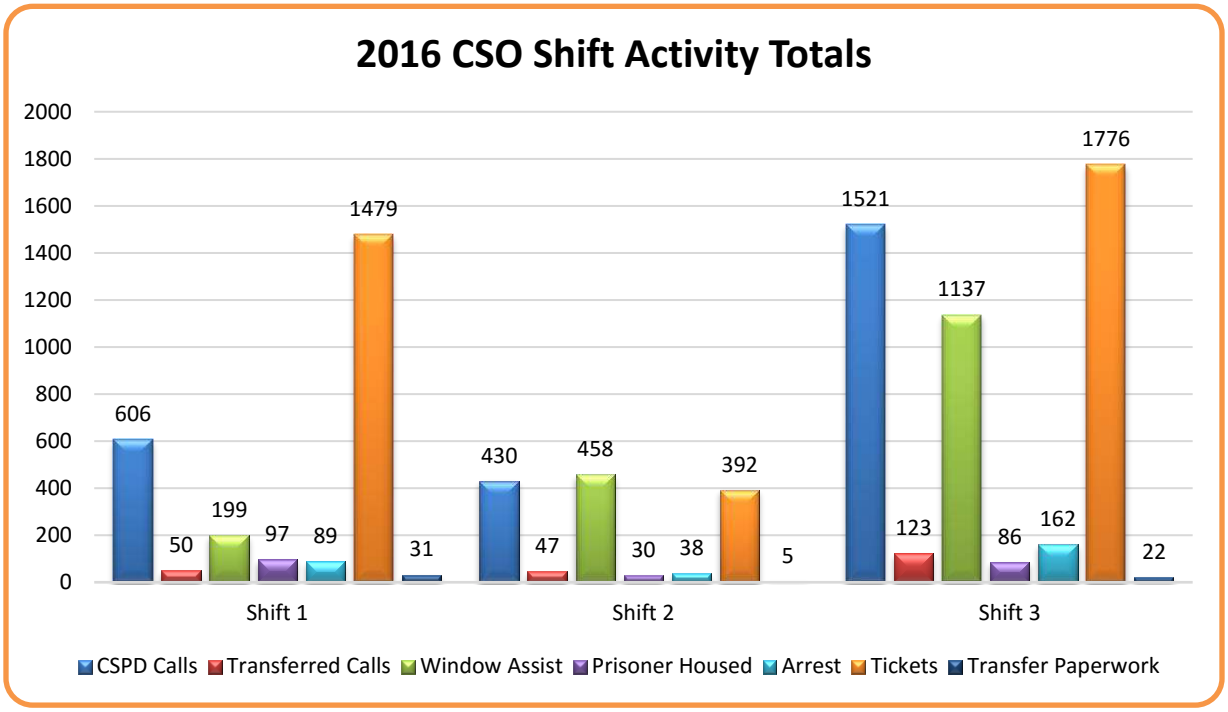


Community Service Officer Supervisor ***Patricia Littlejohn***, who has been with the department since 2007, and 10 part-time Community Service Officers (CSOs) maintain coverage at the front desk 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. CSOs are responsible for answering non-emergency phone calls, preparing 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.



CSOs received a total of 2,557 administrative telephone calls and handled 1,794 window assists during the course of weekend and evening shifts in 2016.

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



Shift	CSPD Calls	Transferred Calls	Window Assist	Prisoner Housed	Arrest	Tickets	Transfer Paperwork
Shift 1	606	50	199	97	89	1479	31
Shift 2	430	47	458	30	38	392	5
Shift 3	1521	123	1137	86	162	1776	22
TOTAL	**2557**	**220**	**1794**	**213**	**289**	**3647**	**58**

Southwest Central Dispatch

Since October 2013, the Countryside Police Department has outsourced dispatching services to Southwest Central Dispatch (SWCD) located in Palos Heights, Illinois. SWCD operates dispatching services for several area agencies including Countryside. 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



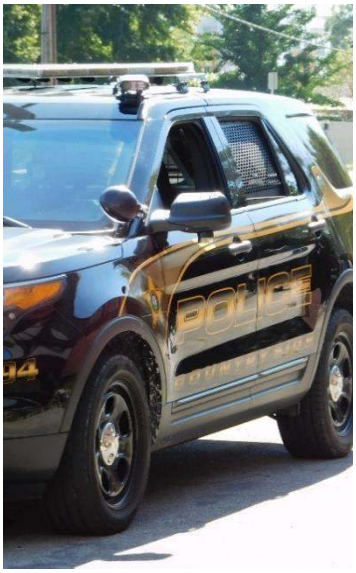
The Records Department is staffed by ***Guadalupe Hamernik***, who has been with the department since 2007. This department is responsible for the accurate reporting and archiving of all reports of criminal, non-criminal, and traffic activity handled by the Countryside Police Department. Official police 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*
- *Local Citations / Collections*
- *Record Expungements*
- *LEADS Coordination*
- *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 the 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 2016, Patrol Officers responded to **6,408 total calls for service** regarding criminal offenses, traffic crashes, alarm activations, disturbances, traffic complaints, and other miscellaneous incidents.

Since July of 2015, the Countryside Police Department has operated on a 12-hour-shift patrol schedule. Under this 12-hour schedule, there is a 6AM to 6PM shift and a 6PM to 6AM shift. Both of these shifts are supplemented by a 2PM to 2AM “power car” shift. Each shift is supervised by a Sergeant or Officer in Charge and the department provides continuous 24-hour police service. The patrol division also has officers that perform ancillary functions such as Evidence Technician, Field Training Officer, Elderly Services Officer, Bicycle Unit Officer, and DARE Officer.

PATROL DIVISION (cont.)

The Countryside Police Department has a total of 15 police vehicles. Of the 15 units, 8 units are used for active patrol, 2 units are used for investigations, 2 units are administrative, and 3 are former ESDA units. Of the marked vehicles, one is specifically equipped and outfitted for the Evidence Technicians, another has all the specialized weaponry and protection essential for the SWAT officers, and a third is a fully marked motorcycle that is primarily used at special events.



Photos courtesy of JAG Photography



To enhance patrol operations, an ***Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR)*** was installed in one of the patrol vehicles in December 2014. This IP-based license plate recognition system was purchased using funds from the drug forfeiture portion of the department budget. While this technology is not new to policing, it was the first system deployed in our area. High-Definition cameras, affixed to the roof of the vehicle, capture license plates which are then run against a database that instantaneously cross references multiple wanted vehicle lists as officers patrol the city. After receiving a "hit" notification on a plate that has been scanned by the ALPR, an officer will manually confirm the "hit" and can then determine the proper response on a case-by-case basis including, but not limited to making an arrest, issuing a citation, or issuing a warning. Although not all "hits" are enforceable, our officers follow up on each 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 detectives to handle case follow-ups and investigate crime that is complex or geographically beyond the reach and control of Patrol Division officers. Based on their assignments and the opportunistic nature of criminals, detectives 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 records basic information necessary for follow-up investigation. In order to advance patrol officer training in the skills associated with criminal investigation, we do assign some cases back to the Patrol Division. With the guidance of our investigative division this can develop and enhance the versatility and efficiency of patrol officers.

The Investigations Division at Countryside Police Department is comprised of three detectives. Two of the detectives share the responsibility of conducting follow-up investigations, managing property and evidence, and augmenting the patrol division when needed. These two detectives are also assigned to the Major Case Assistance Team (MCAT) and the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force (SSMCTF).

In 2016, the Countryside Police Investigations Division reviewed ***1,024 criminal cases***. Of these 1,024 cases, 108 were assigned to detectives for follow-up. Through the course of the year, detectives dedicated 380 manpower hours to conducting criminal investigations which led to 52 cleared/closed cases and 28 arrests. Additionally, 38 cases were suspended due to lack of evidence and 18 cases remain under investigation.

2016 Assigned Cases	
Homicide (Attempt)	**1**
Death Investigation	**1**
Sex Crimes	**3**
Burglary/Home Invasion	**8**
Burglary to Vehicle	**4**
Theft	**23**
Battery/Assault	**4**
Weapons/Narcotics	**0**
Forgery/Fraud	**15**
Property Damage	**5**

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

Our third detective 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. Our detective focuses 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 and follow-up investigations.

***NARCINT* (cont.)**

In 2016, the HIDTA unit handled 211 total cases. Of these 211 cases, the unit made 91 arrests, seized 22 firearms, executed 8 search warrants, and seized 6 vehicles. Narcotics seizures consisted of 26kg of Heroin, 367kg of Cocaine, 10kg of Methamphetamines, and 72kg of Marijuana. The HIDTA unit also seized over $1.5 million in United States currency and other assets. The Countryside Police Department received over $53,000.00 of these seizure funds.

EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN UNIT

The Countryside Police Department introduced an Evidence Technician Unit in 2011. This unit consists of 4 specially trained officers who, in addition to regular patrol duties, are responsible for **recovering, photographing, and processing crime scene evidence**. Our Evidence Technician Officers all completed a 2-week, 80 hour certification course. The Evidence Technicians utilize sophisticated equipment such as digital photography and latent fingerprint development equipment to learn the identity of criminal offenders.



Evidence Technician Officers:

Agostino Alonzo, April Bisignani, Ken Goluszka, & Jim Stern

Evidence Technician duties include*:*

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







The Evidence Technician Unit was called upon many times in 2016 to process crimes scenes and motor vehicle crashes in Countryside. Some of the crime scenes that were investigated in 2016 include:



- **Death Investigations**
- **Fire Investigations**
- **Serious Motor Vehicle Accidents**
- **Burglary (Residential/Business/Motor vehicle)**
- **Crimes Against Person (Assault and Battery)**
- **Vehicular Hi-jacking**



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 bicycle unit operated from May to September, with a special patrol on Halloween night. During the Halloween patrol, bicycle officers handed out candy 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 throughout the year. The Bicycle Unit is a visible patrol asset that is tasked with making community contacts while on patrol. The Bicycle Unit Officers also play a large part in our Safe Riding Program.

Bicycle Unit Officers:

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



BICYCLE RODEO AT IDEAL SCHOOL - May 16, 2016:





SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

The Countryside Police Department has four part-time school crossing guards. 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 school crossing 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









Professional Standards...

TRAINING

The coordination of training programs and opportunities for Department employees is the responsibility of ***Master Sergeant Paul Klimek.*** The Countryside Police Department conducts a variety of training throughout the year, including 1 hour each month of online testing through the Police Law Institute. Training is presented through classroom instruction, printed materials, videos, online, and department communications. Officers also attend external classes and seminars. Training topics have included: policy and procedures review, criminal law, local ordinances, and traffic law updates.

The majority of department training is provided by Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency (IRMA) and North East Multi-Regional Training, Inc. (NEMRT). 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. NEMRT provides our officers a wide variety of courses from refresher training to university-directed staff and command courses.

2016 Training Highlights



- 2,747 completed combined hours of department training.
- An average of 114 hours of training per officer.
- The Chief and Deputy Chief are required to complete 20 hours of training per year to remain in compliance with the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). Both exceeded the requirements set by the IACP.
- 232 hours of the total training hours were completed by our SWAT Officers during their monthly SWAT training.
- Less than lethal training is conducted annually. Officers are instructed on the proper use of the baton, OC spray, and Taser.

5th District SWAT Training

The Countryside Police Department has two officers assigned to 5th District SWAT team. These officers participate in a minimum of 16 hours per month of training and a 40-hour block of skill set training every year. In 2016, this training amounted to over 464 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 has 4 State Certified Firearms Training Officers who are also State Certified Police Carbine/Rifle Instructors. These training officers conduct firearms training and annual firearms qualifications with all officers to maintain compliance with State law and improve the level of individual proficiency.









CPR Training

The Countryside Police Department is committed to having its officers trained and certified in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). 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. Sergeant Anthony Boyd is the primary CPR instructor for the City and has been a certified CPR instructor with the American Heart Association (AHA) since 2002 via his Air Force Reserve Unit where he was a flight medic and CPR instructor. Officer Ryan Venem obtained EMT-B certification in 2015 and he was certified as a CPR instructor with the AHA in 2016. During his service with the United States Marine Corps, he was also a combat lifesaver instructor.



American Heart Association®
Learn and Live

All of our officers have AEDs on patrol with them in the event of a cardiac emergency. All City employees are trained and certified every other year. In 2016, all City employees received their training and certification.

Opioid Overdose Responder Training

In 2014, all Countryside Police Officers received training for proper administration of the drug Naloxone, which is used to combat the effects of Opioid overdose. Sergeant Boyd received training in 2013 to become an Opioid Overdose Educator and he conducted the training for our other officers. As part of an Overdose Prevention Program, Sergeant Boyd can also instruct parents and siblings of addicts in the administration of Naloxone. Naloxone kits are carried with the AEDs that all our officers have on patrol with them. 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.





In 2016, we received a grant for auto injectors through Cook County Commissioner Sean Morrison's office and Kaleo, Inc. Auto injectors are a safer form of administering Naloxone especially in high stress situations.

Countryside police officers responded to multiple incidents in 2016 that warranted the use of Naloxone and, fortunately, in two of these incidents their actions resulted in a life being saved.

TECHNOLOGY

The use of computers in police work has made all aspects of policing and law enforcement more effective and efficient. All patrol vehicles are equipped with ***Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD)*** software that alerts the officers when they are being assigned to a call and, with the click of a button, officers can notify dispatch that they are responding to or have arrived at a dispatched call. The CAD software greatly reduces the amount of radio traffic and minimizes the amount of extra paperwork the officers are required to complete on a daily basis.



Photo courtesy of JAG Photography



The Countryside Police Department utilizes the CAPERS Records Management System for record keeping and documentation of events and incidents that happen in the City of Countryside. While keeping the reporting process as streamlined as possible, CAPERS allows officers to accurately document people, places, and things when completing written police reports. CAPERS is an extremely functional software that also allows the police department to document recovered property and evidence, maintain officer training records, track vehicle maintenance records and manage our monthly adjudication proceedings.

TECHNOLOGY (cont.)

Our department also utilizes ***computerized accident reporting***. This is cloud-based software that allows officers to complete accident reports electronically. With this software, State required crash statistics are compiled seamlessly in the system. Our accident reports are also 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 that the backend software allows staff to conduct statistical reports of crash data.

Another valuable technological component is our ***video management/surveillance system.*** Our surveillance cameras are currently operating on the Genetec Security Center platform. Genetec is one of the more versatile IP video management systems available and serves as the backbone for not only our camera system but also for the Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) used by the officers in our patrol division.

In 2016, the City of Countryside upgraded the existing security camera systems located at Countryside Park and at Ideal Park. Prior to upgrading the system, these cameras were operating on independent systems with outdated hardware and software. With the upgrade, we were able to consolidate the 11 cameras located at Countryside Park and Ideal Park with the 19 cameras that cover city hall, the police department, and the water department facility. All hardware and software are now integrated into a single platform.

In addition to this upgrade, 8 cameras were added to Flagg Creek Golf Course to enhance security due to the addition of video gaming on the site. All cameras located at Countryside Park, Ideal Park, Flagg Creek Golf Course, City Hall, the Police Department, and the Water Department facility can be monitored on any computer at the police department.

The ultimate goal with this consolidation was to establish a strong backbone capable of future expansion. Gentec's ubiquitous platform allows for unlimited expansion options in cameras, ALPR systems, and access control systems. This will be especially beneficial once the new City Hall/Police facility is complete.





INTERNAL AFFAIRS

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 the commitment our officers have to community policing is the number of citizen complaints received. No citizen complaints were filed against any of our officers in 2016. Our officers did receive a number of compliments from the public thanking them for their actions, their commitment to community, and their emphasis on public service.

IA#	Nature of Complaint	Disposition
2016-1	Performance of Duty	Sustained/Remedial Training
2016-2	Vehicle Operation/Accident	Sustained/Counseling
2016-3	Performance of Duty/Policy Violation	Sustained/Counseling
2016-4	Performance of Duty	Sustained/Counseling
2016-5	Vehicle Operation/Accident	Sustained/Counseling
2016-6	Policy Violation/Attendance	Sustained/Counseling
2016-7	Policy Violation/Attendance	Sustained/Counseling
2016-8	Performance of Duty	Sustained Counseling

Source of Complaint

Administrative Policy	8
Citizen Complaint	0
Police Agency Complaint	0
TOTAL	**8**

Disciplinary Action

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

Disposition of Complaint

Unfounded	0
Proper Conduct	0
Sustained	8
Not Sustained	0
Policy Failure	0
TOT Another Agency	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.

Use of Force - In 2016, no Use of Force complaints were made. 4 Use of Force incidents occurred in 2016 and each incident was reviewed by department-initiated investigation and all were found to be within the prescribed guidelines of Countryside Police Department policies and procedures.

Program and Special Assignment Summaries 2

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. During the school year, **Officer April Bisignani** teaches the program to 5th Grade students from Ideal School. The DARE "Keepin' It Real" curriculum has a 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 graduation ceremony for students of DARE Class #41 was held on April 22, 2016. The DARE program continues to be a valuable tool to connect with children in the community and provide them with the education necessary to keep them safe, make better decisions, and help them to succeed.









JUVENILE OFFICER PROGRAM

The involvement of a juvenile officer is required in any investigation dealing with an offender under the age of 18. The assignment of Juvenile Officer encompasses many different duties and responsibilities. Juvenile Officers prepare the various paperwork and filings that go to Juvenile Court for each juvenile charged with a criminal offense. Officers in this unit are also involved with investigative follow-ups 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 (DCFS). Contacts are made between the two agencies, usually through the Juvenile Officer, and joint investigations are conducted when requested by DCFS. The Juvenile Unit also acts to protect juvenile victims by referring them to agencies designed to assist juveniles 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 which is designed for juveniles who have cases involving alcohol and other drugs. This educational program is for both the juvenile and the parent(s) or guardian(s) involved. In the guise of keeping children out of the criminal justice system, programs like "Second Chance" are an alternative to traditional punishment.

Juvenile Officers:

Sergeant John Andree, Sergeant Tony Boyd, Sergeant Darrell DuRell, Officer Agostino Alonzo, Officer April Bisignani, Officer Kelly Kalker, Officer Paul Lanzi, Officer Karl Rodey, and Detective Robert Sodt

"TOMMY MOOSE"



Officers routinely respond to calls for service where children are involved and some may be frightened or confused. "Tommy Moose" is offered to children to help them with overcoming fears or anxiety they may be experiencing during traumatic situations. Each "Tommy Moose" is bagged up individually and there are two stuffed "Tommy Moose" dolls inside each squad car ready to help provide a child with a little comfort and security.

SAFE RIDING PROGRAM

The Safe Riding Program continued for its 4th summer in 2016. When officers "caught" kids practicing safe riding habits by wearing their bicycle helmets, they rewarded them with a coupon for one free small cone from our friends at Andy's Frozen Custard. The program ran from June 1st to August 30th and anyone caught "riding safe" received a coupon. Officers gave out over 25 coupons in 2016. A special thank you goes out to Andy's Frozen Custard for their continued support with this program.

"SHOP WITH A COP"

The Countryside Police Department "Shop With a Cop" program continued for its 4th year in 2016. Each year this community program, organized by Officer Paul Lanzi, provides 10 children from Countryside an opportunity to interact in a positive way with Countryside Police Officers while shopping for holiday gifts. The children who are chosen to participate are those who can benefit from a little help during the holiday season. Each child is issued a $100.00 gift card to purchase gifts for themselves or for a family member.

On December 10, 2016 the children were taken in squad cars to T.J. Maxx. After shopping, the children were returned to the police department where they wrapped their gifts and ate pizza with the officers. A valued collaboration between volunteers from Aging Well, officers' family members, and police department and city hall staff and their family members, all contributed to making this a memorable day for the children. A special thank you to the Countryside Business Association, T.J. Maxx, Westfield Ford, Gina Fisher of the Autobarn of Countryside, and Ledo's Pizza for their support and generosity which helped to make this event possible.



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. An 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. ESOs 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, which offers assistance programs to local seniors that enable them to stay independent longer.

ANNUAL LEAF RAKING FOR SENIORS DAY

During the Senior Leaf Raking Project on Saturday, November 5, 2016, the yards of 25 Countryside seniors were raked and cleared of fallen leaves. This could not have been done without the assistance of community volunteers and police department staff and their family members. This program provides an opportunity to bring the youth and the elderly of our community together to help improve the quality of life in Countryside.



Crime Prevention Programs...

CRIME FREE HOUSING PROGRAM

On November 11, 2015, the City Council approved ***Mark Battaglia*** as our first ever Crime Free Housing Coordinator, with the goal of reducing crime and preventing neighborhood degradation created by poorly operated and maintained rental properties. The Crime Free Housing Program originated in 1992 with the Mesa, Arizona Police Department. Currently over 50 local Illinois communities have an operational Crime Free Housing Program.



The purpose of this program is to provide the tools needed to strengthen our relationship with rental property owners and managers while helping to improve safety and security in and around rental properties in Countryside. The heart of the program is the Crime Free Lease Addendum that is added to all leases/rental agreements and is signed by the tenant, every adult resident, and the owner/agent of the property. The Lease Addendum holds the tenant responsible and subject to lease termination if they or their guests engage in any violation of Local, State, or Federal law when such activity constitutes a threat to public health or safety or which constitutes a breach of the peace. Landlords and property owners or managers are required to attend a 4 hour training seminar which educates them on the Crime Free Housing Ordinance, provides tips on screening rental applicants, and shares State landlord/tenant laws.

At 2016 year-end, 95 multi-family and single family rental properties were identified through our Crime Free Housing program. Of these 95 properties, over 700 individual units were identified. We offered four Crime Free Housing seminars in 2016 and currently 49 of the 95 rental property owners/managers have successfully completed the required 4 hour training.

BUSINESS WATCH

This program helps to build partnerships with local businesses and promotes awareness to help prevent businesses from becoming victims of crime. ***Over 250 local businesses are currently enrolled*** in this free program. It is offered to Countryside businesses to keep owners and employees informed of current crime trends and alerts. As part of the program, Crime Alerts are emailed to businesses to provide important and timely information about crime trends occurring in our area or at 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 that may assist officers in the event of a crime. All City of Countryside Public Works employees were trained and participate in Fleet Watch.

WE CALL POLICE

"We Call Police," is a simple form of community watch which enlists Countryside residents to be an extra set of eyes in the community. The program features a window sign that displays "We Call Police" on the front and incorporates a person/vehicle description and identification chart on the back to help provide callers with important contact and descriptive information that will be useful when reporting an incident to the police department. The window signage has a dual purpose. It sends a message to potential criminals to go elsewhere and also notifies police that they have a partner in that residence.



CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY

The Countryside Police Department held its 5th Citizen's Police Academy in 2016. Classes started on Tuesday, August 30, 2016. The Citizen's Police Academy is a 12-week program designed to provide our residents with a better comprehension 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 18 and over who works or resides in the City of Countryside. The curriculum includes weekly presentations about: criminal & civil law, crime prevention, juvenile law, evidence, traffic stops, DUI enforcement, use of force, investigations, gangs and drugs, and scams. The academy also provides an opportunity for students to get to know the men and women who protect their community. The Academy graduation ceremony was held on Tuesday, November 15, 2016.



Citizen's Police Academy Class of 2016

SOCIAL MEDIA

In addition to our department website, the Countryside Police Department uses Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor, and Blackboard Connect as a means of communicating important information to and interacting with the public. Blackboard Connect is our direct notification to residents. Residents sign up online to receive notifications via telephone, text message, and email. The use of social media in law enforcement and community policing can provide several benefits including the ability to:

- Share crime alerts and safety tips with the public.
- Promote public safety and awareness.
- Interact positively with the community.
- Spread information quickly to help catch criminals or find missing persons.
- Notify the public of emergencies, or special events and programs.
- Aid in crime prevention strategies and ongoing investigations.







Nextdoor

SERVICE OBSERVATION CARDS

New in 2016…you may have received one of these cards if an officer noticed a possible security concern at your property. This program reminds people of simple actions that can be taken to deter criminal activity. While officers are conducting preventative patrol, they often times notice conditions such as an open garage door, open car door, or insufficient lighting that may pose a threat to personal property. In our efforts to keep Countryside safe, our officers may leave you a card indicating the condition they viewed and some security measures that you can take.

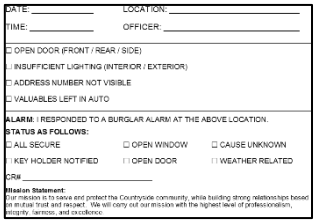


COUNTRYSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT
SERVICE OBSERVATION CARD

DEAR RESIDENT / BUSINESS OWNER,

WHILE ON PREVENTIVE PATROL IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, I NOTICED A CONDITION WHICH IN MY EXPERIENCE MIGHT POSE A THREAT TO YOUR PROPERTY. PERSONS WITH UNLAWFUL INTENTS OFTEN LOOK FOR INVITING CONDITIONS PRIOR TO SELECTING A TARGET FOR THEIR CRIME. SOME OF THE MORE COMMON CONDITIONS MARKED ON THE BACK OF THIS CARD WERE NOTED TO BE PRESENT ON YOUR PROPERTY.

PLEASE JOIN ME IN MAKING COUNTRYSIDE A SAFER COMMUNITY IN WHICH TO LIVE. SHOULD YOU WISH TO DISCUSS THIS OR ANY OTHER SECURITY MEASURE WITH ME, PLEASE CONTACT ME AT 708-352-2171.



DATE: _____ LOCATION: _____
TIME: _____ OFFICER: _____

☐ OPEN DOOR (FRONT / REAR / SIDE)
☐ INSUFFICIENT LIGHTING (INTERIOR / EXTERIOR)
☐ ADDRESS NUMBER NOT VISIBLE
☐ VALUABLES LEFT IN AUTO

ALARM: I RESPONDED TO A BURGLAR ALARM AT THE ABOVE LOCATION.
STATUS AS FOLLOWS:
☐ ALL SECURE ☐ OPEN WINDOW ☐ CAUSE UNKNOWN
☐ KEY HOLDER NOTIFIED ☐ OPEN DOOR ☐ WEATHER RELATED

CR# _____

Mission Statement:
Our mission 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.

Special Enforcement Programs...

"CLICK IT OR TICKET" AND "YOU DRINK YOU DRIVE YOU LOSE."

These programs, funded by an I.D.O.T. Traffic Safety Grant issued by the State of Illinois, are enforcement efforts designed to detect violators of Illinois traffic laws with special emphasis on alcohol and occupant protection. To qualify for this grant, our department is required to complete a detailed application and follow strict guidelines. In 2016, the Countryside Police Department conducted **7** special enforcement details: St. Patrick's Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas/New Year's Holidays. Each detail has 2 saturation patrols and 2 roadside safety checkpoints.

During these 2016 details, our officers issued a total of **225 traffic citations;** including 96 seatbelt violations, 15 uninsured vehicle violations, and 5 suspended driver's license violations. In addition, **1 DUI arrest** and **2 narcotics arrests** were also made.





TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT



The Countryside Police Department's Tobacco Enforcement Program is currently supervised by Officer Agostino Alonzo who is a State Certified Tobacco Enforcement Officer. This 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 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 minors in our community.

In 2016, our department conducted 3 rounds of compliance checks at Countryside businesses with current tobacco licenses. We are pleased to report that all businesses checked were found to be in compliance with State Laws regarding the sale of tobacco to minors. This is a major credit to our businesses and to the program.

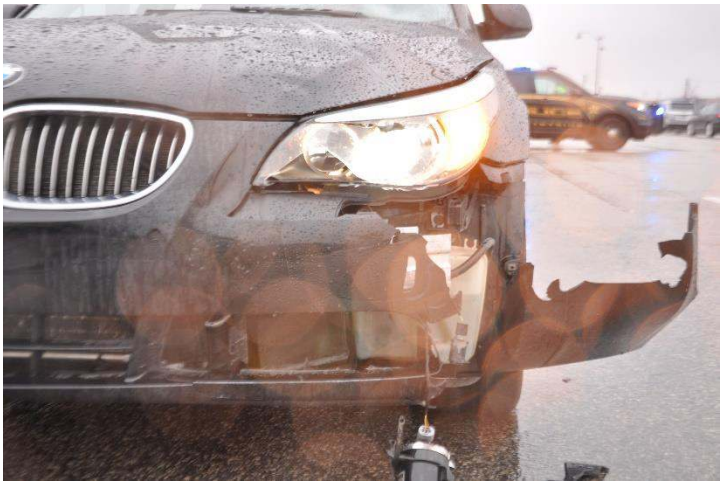
Mutual Aid Assignments...

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

Suburban Major Accident Reconstruction Team (SMART)

The Suburban Major Accident Reconstruction Team is comprised of police officers from member agencies that are specially trained in major crash reconstruction and assist member agencies in the investigation of vehicle crashes involving substantial property damage, injury, and/or death. In February 2016 we assigned one of our officers to SMART. He has taken several courses in accident reconstruction and in early 2017 he will become a State Certified Accident Reconstructionist. **Since joining SMART our officer has responded to 11 activations. Of these activations, 8 were to assist other agencies and 3 were for accidents within the City of Countryside. 2 of the accidents in Countryside involved a fatality.**







South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force (SSMCTF)

The South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force encompasses 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 2016, detectives were activated on **8** separate occasions for homicide investigations. Deputy Chief Novak and our detectives dedicated approximately **280 hours** to the investigation and resolution of those cases.

5TH District SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics)

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 2016, 5th District SWAT Officers responded to 6 callouts; 3 for execution of high risk search warrant, 2 for armed-barricaded subject, and 1 for high-risk security.



Major Case Assistance Team (MCAT)

The Major Case Assistance Team is a mutual aid organization comprised of investigators from 13 local jurisdictions including; Brookfield, Countryside, Forest View, Hodgkins, Indian Head Park, LaGrange, LaGrange Park, Lyons, McCook, North Riverside, Riverside, Stickney, and Western Springs.

In 2016, MCAT Investigators were **activated 17 times** and dedicated approximately **170 hours** for various criminal investigations that included: a murder, shootings, narcotics, and 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). ILEAS was formed in 2002 in response to the September 11th attacks. ILEAS provides for immediate emergency response by law enforcement agencies to a requesting agency on a statewide basis, should a community suffer any natural or man-made disaster. 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.

Statistical Summaries 3

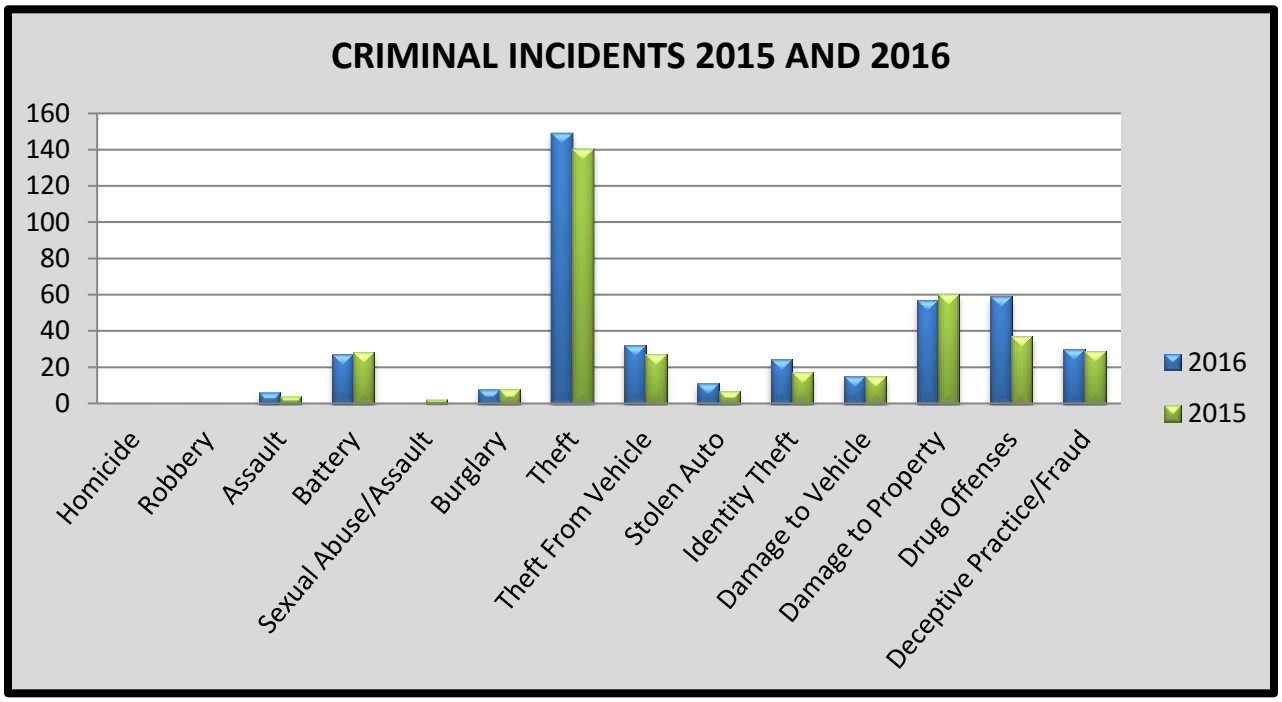
Criminal Incidents...

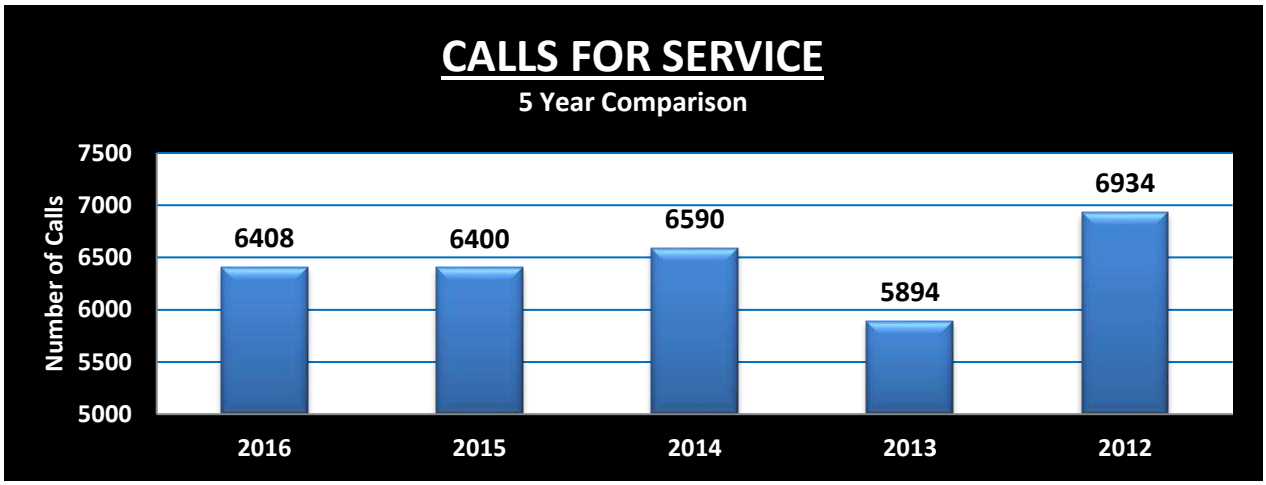
These criminal incident statistics are a summary and they highlight specific categories of crime that occurred during the year. This table shows an increase in the overall total in these categories in 2016 from the previous year. The largest increase was experienced in drug offenses which is the result of increased enforcement in that area.

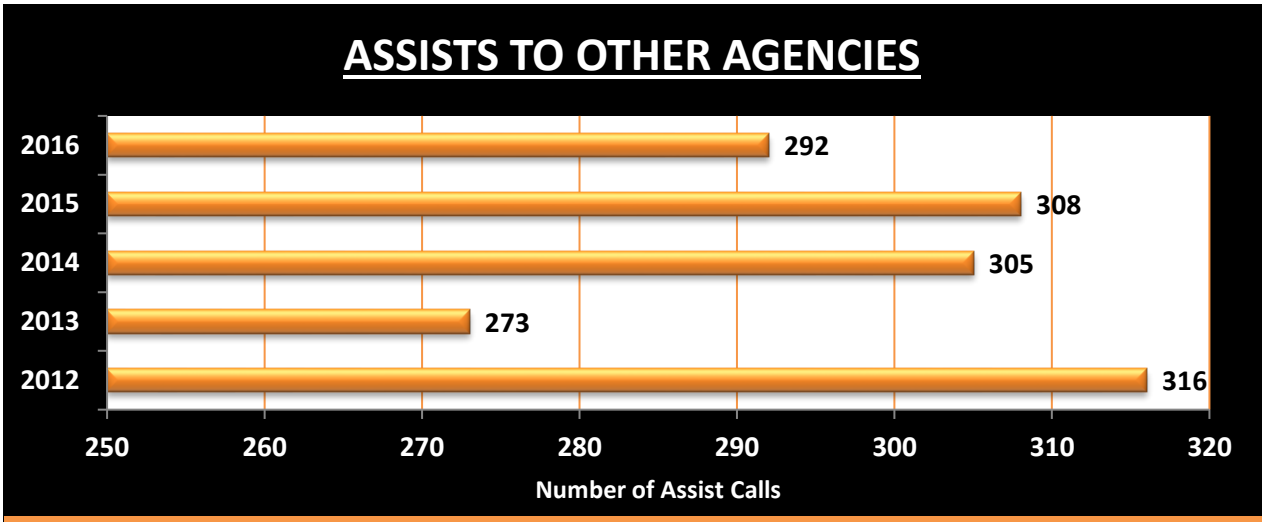
Criminal Incidents	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	1	4	1
Assault	6	4	14	8	4
Battery	27	28	28	31	33
Sexual Abuse/Assault	0	2	2	1	5
Burglary	8	8	18	11	20
Theft	149	140	140	134	130
Theft From Vehicle	32	27	52	48	75
Stolen Auto	11	7	8	10	11
Identity Theft	24	17	12	6	7
Damage to Vehicle	15	15	9	27	35
Damage to Property	57	60	48	41	68
Drug Offenses	59	37	34	26	33
Deceptive Practice/Fraud	30	29	28	31	50
TOTAL	**418**	**374**	**394**	**378**	**472**

Criminal Incidents Explained

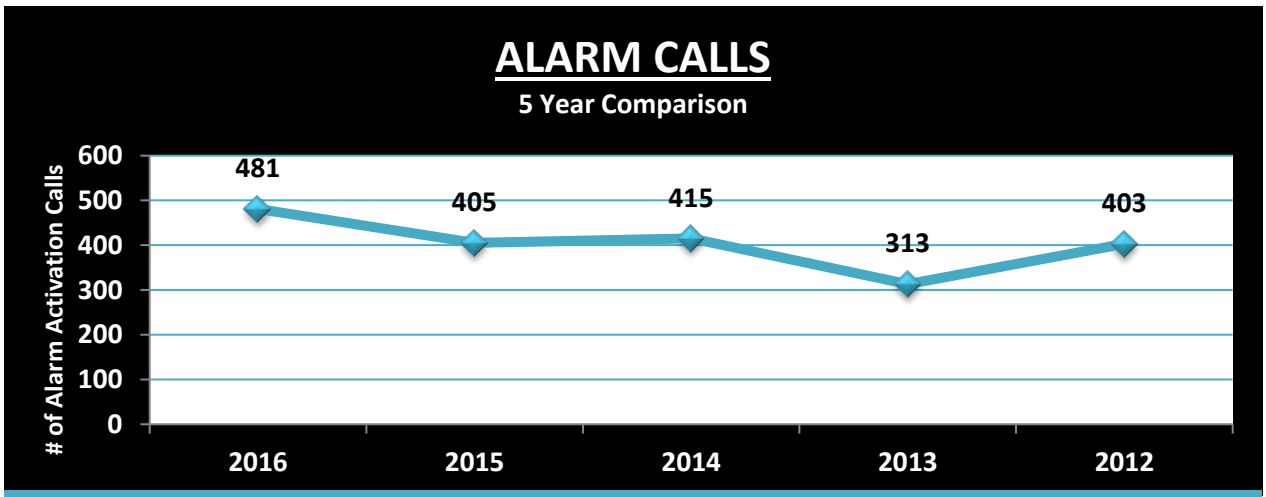
In 2016, our department responded to 6,408 calls for service. We experienced an increase in drug offenses, thefts, theft from vehicle, identity theft, and stolen autos from 2015.







This chart shows the number of officer assist requests received from neighboring departments and mutual aid callouts. There was a decrease in callouts in 2016 from the previous year. These numbers include assists made by our officers to the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force, MCAT, and 5th District SWAT.

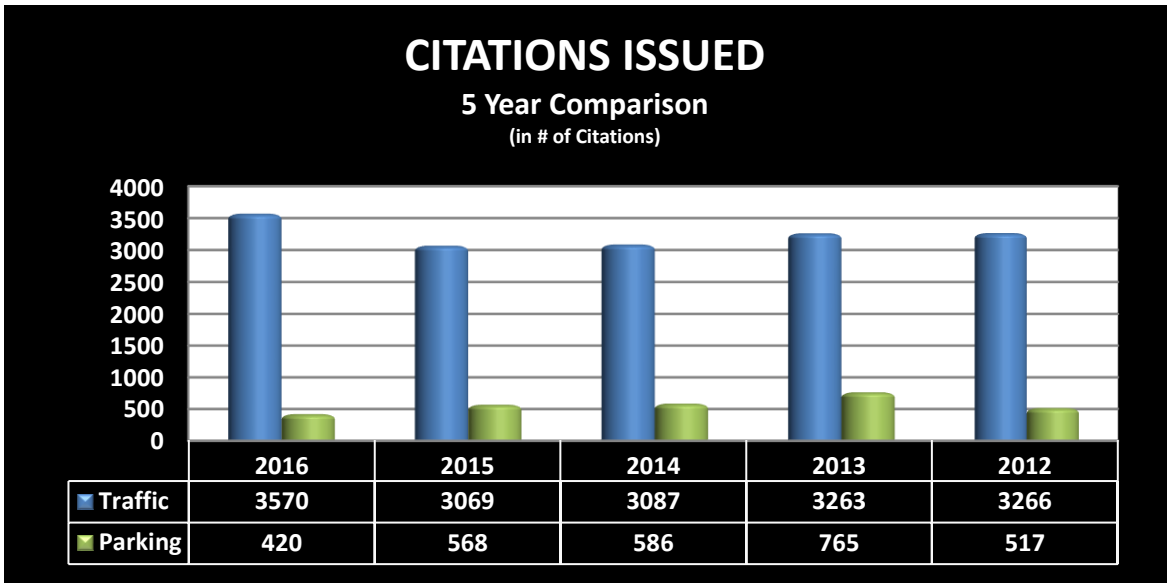


This chart shows the number of business, residential, and hold-up alarms that our officers respond to each year. There was a significant increase in alarm call responses in 2016 compared to previous years.

Citations Issued and Crashes...

Issuing Citations

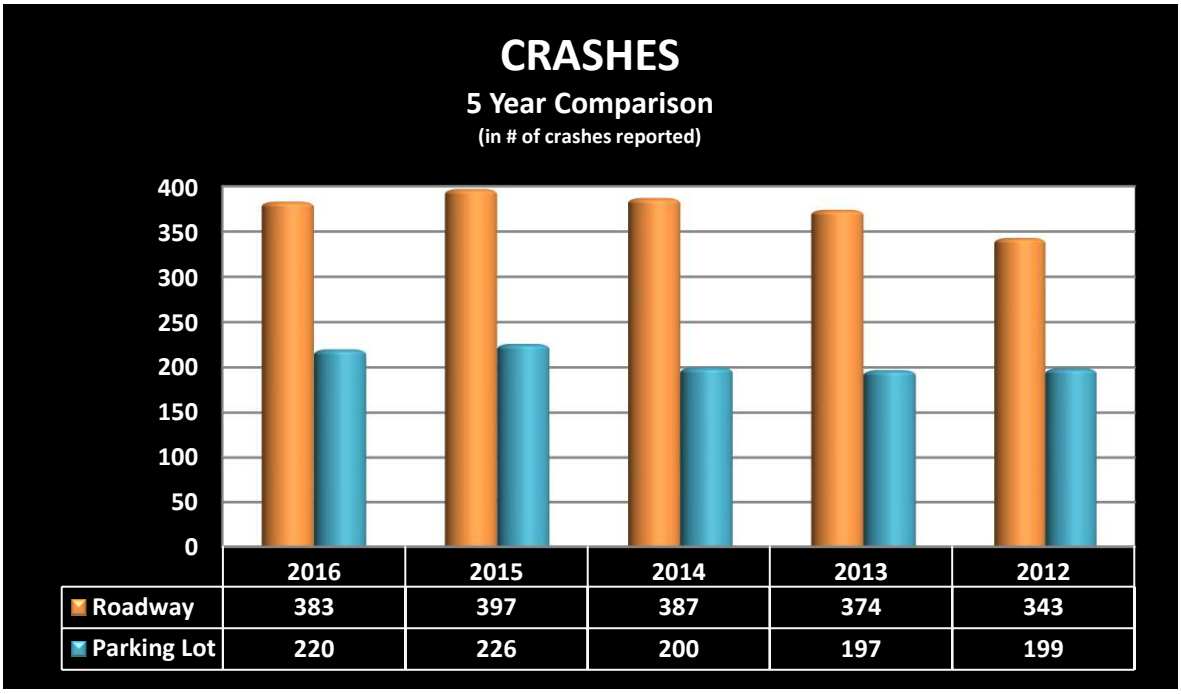
Patrol Officers made **3,043 traffic stops** in 2016. This chart shows an increase in traffic citations issued and a decrease in parking citations issued in 2016 as compared to all previous years.



	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Traffic	3570	3069	3087	3263	3266
Parking	420	568	586	765	517

Crashes Reported

This chart illustrates roadway and parking lot crashes. There was a decrease in roadway and parking lot crashes in 2016 as compared to 2015. In an effort to reduce roadway crashes, we are conducting traffic surveys and enforcement on roadways prone to a high volume of accidents.



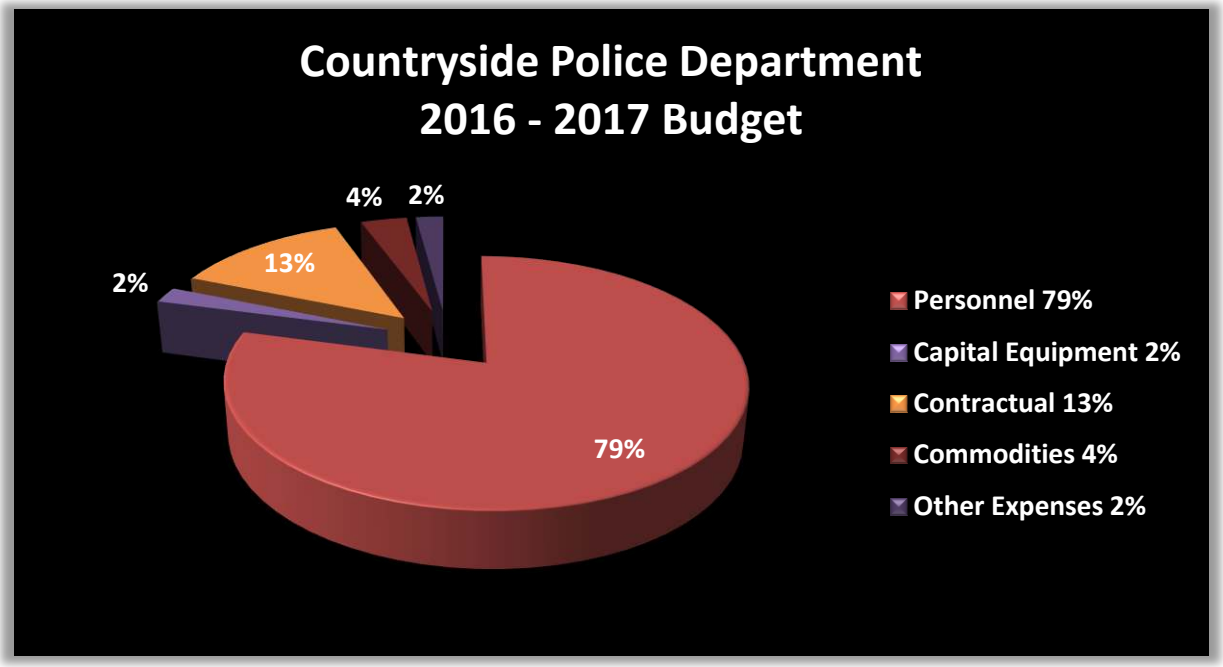
	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Roadway	383	397	387	374	343
Parking Lot	220	226	200	197	199

Budget: 2016 - 2017 4

Countryside Police Department 2016 - 2017 Budget Detail

DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	FUND	BUDGET
Salaries Full-time	Personnel	Corporate	$2,363,437
Salaries Part-time	Personnel	Corporate	$129,804
Overtime	Personnel	Corporate	$114,000
Overtime	Personnel	Drug Forfeiture	$17,000
Buybacks/Other Benefit	Personnel	Corporate	$152,381
Social Security Tax	Personnel	Corporate	$169,819
Medicare Tax	Personnel	Corporate	$39,716
Health Insurance	Personnel	Corporate	$360,966
Other Insurance	Personnel	Corporate	$20,147
Employee Assistance	Personnel	Corporate	$600
IMRF	Personnel	Corporate	$37,770
Employee Physicals	Personnel	Corporate	$1,000
		TOTAL PERSONNEL	**$3,406,640**
Operating Capital	Capital Equipment	Corporate	$1,800
Operating Capital	Capital Equipment	911	$10,000
Operating Capital	Capital Equipment	Drug Forfeiture	$79,000
		TOTAL CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	**$90,800**
Labor Negotiations	Contractual	Corporate	$150,000
Cellular	Contractual	Corporate	$5,500
Contractual/Consulting	Contractual	Corporate	$15,615
Software Maint/License	Contractual	911	$5,420
Telephone	Contractual	911	$29,000
Contractual Services	Contractual	911	$362,000
		TOTAL CONTRACTUAL	**$567,535**
Uniform Allowance	Commodities	Corporate	$25,200
Uniform Allowance	Commodities	Drug Forfeiture	$4,000
Subscriptions	Commodities	Corporate	$4,750
Office Supplies	Commodities	Corporate	$6,000
Operating Supplies	Commodities	Corporate	$15,195
Fuel	Commodities	Corporate	$60,000
Operating Supplies	Commodities	Drug Forfeiture	$30,000
Crime Prevention Materials	Commodities	Drug Forfeiture	$5,000
		TOTAL COMMODITIES	**$150,145**
Maintenance - Equipment	Other	Corporate	$9,750
Maintenance - Motor Vehicle	Other	Corporate	$18,000
Conference & Travel	Other	Corporate	$500
Training & Meetings	Other	Corporate	$9,850
Professional Development	Other	Drug Forfeiture	$8,400
Tuition Reimbursement	Other	Corporate	$18,200
Memberships & Licenses	Other	Corporate	$4,000
Legal Notices	Other	Corporate	$0
Maintenance - Equipment	Other	911	$7,000
Maintenance - Equipment	Other	Drug Forfeiture	$13,500
		TOTAL OTHER	**$89,200**
TOTAL 2016 - 2017 BUDGET			**$4,304,320**

Countryside Police Department 2016 - 2017 Budget Summary



BUDGET CATEGORY	AMOUNT BUDGETED
Personnel	$3,406,640.00
Capital Equipment	$90,800.00
Contractual	$567,535.00
Commodities	$150,145.00
Other Expenses	$89,200.00
TOTAL BUDGET	$4,304,320.00

*Note: The preceding budget detail and summary include numbers from our General Fund, Drug Fund, and 911 or Dispatch Fund. The amounts are based on what is budgeted in each category and not what is actually spent. We continue to be fiscally responsible at all levels in the Department. Please refer to the City of Countryside fiscal year report for a complete budget review.

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Military Recognition...



Officer Kelly Kalker is a member of the United States Army Reserve Military Police. Officer Kalker has been deployed 4 times. During her last deployment, to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Officer Kalker 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 Michael Maher served in the United States Army National Guard from 2004 to 2013. He held the rank of Sergeant E-5 and was an Infantry Team Leader. He served tours of duty in Afghanistan and Iraq and was part of the 1/178th Infantry.



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.



Detective 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.



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 Ryan Venem served in the United States Marine Corps from 2008 until 2017 where he held the rank of Sergeant E-5. Officer Venem served 3 tours in Afghanistan and was a part of VMU-1. His primary specialty was Unmanned Aircraft System Operator and he received several recognitions during his service.

Awards and Special Recognition...



Officer Ryan Venem received the Life Saving Award for his outstanding police performance and extraordinary personal action when responding to a call of a drug overdose on April 30, 2016. While acting commendably and without hesitation, upon finding the victim unresponsive with a weak pulse, Officer Venem administered a dose of Naloxone to the victim. The initial dose had no effect on the condition of the victim so Officer Venem administered a 2nd dose of Naloxone. After the 2nd dose, the victim's pulse become stronger and paramedics arrived on the scene to render additional aid. As a result of Officer Venem's quick response and actions, a life was saved.

Sergeant Darrell DuRell, Officer Kreg Floyd, Officer Ryan Jakubowski, and Officer Michael Rojas received the Life Saving Award for their outstanding police performance and extraordinary personal action when responding to a call of a possible drug overdose on July 14, 2016. While acting commendably and without hesitation, upon finding the victim unresponsive, these officers acted in union to perform CPR and administer doses of Naloxone to the victim until paramedics arrived on the scene to provide additional aid. As a result of the quick response and effective teamwork of these officers, a life was saved.



AWARDS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION (cont.)



Deputy Chief Scott Novak received recognition for his exemplary leadership while serving 11 years as Commander of the Major Case Assistance Team (MCAT). At the annual MCAT chiefs meeting on March, 30 2016, he was presented with a plaque recognizing him for his dedicated commitment to MCAT, the communities they serve, and to the goal investigative excellence.



Deputy Chief Scott Novak, Detective Robert Sodt, and Detective Jim Stern were presented with recognition awards from the Village of Brookfield and the Illinois Police Association Tri County Division for their outstanding performance in law enforcement and exemplary investigative skills during an MCAT assignment related to a January 27, 2016 homicide investigation in the Village of Brookfield. Their efforts and leadership ultimately led to the November 2016 apprehension and arrest of three individuals responsible for the murder.

Service Anniversaries



Officer Agostino Alonzo
10 YEARS



Officer Brendan Gleespen
10 YEARS

Letters from the Community...

RE: Sergeant Tony Boyd:

On Saturday, January 2, 2016 "my aunt was in the building driveway trying to remove the ice that had accumulated from the ice storm a few days earlier. As she was struggling trying to chip and shovel the ice one of your officers, Sgt. Boyd, drove by the house. Seeing my aunt wrestling with the shovel while trying to use her cane, Sgt. Boyd backed up his cruiser and asked my Aunt if she would like assistance. After calling for radio clearance to assist my Aunt, Sgt. Boyd proceeded to clear the driveway as well as the sidewalk making it safe for her to walk. The kind and thoughtful actions of Sgt. Boyd most likely prevented a potential serious injury to my aunt. It's good to know we live in a community that cares about and for senior citizens".

To: Countryside Police Department

(Regarding the Citizen's Police Academy)

"All in all it was the best class! I'm so happy I live in Countryside with these dedicated people! Although I knew police in [other towns] I never realized their sacrifices and danger they face every day. I could go on and on but PLEASE- extend my best wishes to all- Be Safe, Thank you!

To: Countryside Police Department

(Regarding the Citizen's Police Academy)

"I feel that the program is very good for showing the average resident what the police department does to keep us safe. It's a situation that we really don't think about until we need their services. We're hearing more stories these days about how dangerous the job can be. We're thankful that we have such a dedicated group in Countryside!"

RE: Officer Michael Rojas

(Regarding disabled vehicle)

On Sunday, May 15, 2016, "I was assisted by [Officer Rojas], in my opinion he is one outstandingly professional man in a very difficult job for which my family and I are extremely grateful and won't forget him any time soon. Thank you."



Letters from other Agencies...

Sergeant Tony Boyd, Officer Joe DiGangi, and Officer Paul Lanzi: "On September 1, 2016, Hodgkins patrol units were dispatched to a large group of subjects fighting [at a restaurant in Hodgkins]. It was later relayed that one of the subjects had a firearm in his possession and was pointing it at the subjects in the parking lot. Due to the quick response and teamwork displayed by your agency and other responding agencies we were able to control the scene, recover the firearm, and place multiple subjects into custody without incident. Please inform Sergeant Boyd, Officer DiGangi, and Officer Lanzi that the exceptional police work that they exhibited is duly noted and greatly appreciated by our agency."

- Ernest Millsap - Hodgkins Police Department

Sergeant Darrell DuRell, Officer April Bisignani, and Officer Kreg Floyd: "I just wanted to send you a note to acknowledge Sgt. DuRell and his officers for their courtesy and professionalism in assisting [us] in making an arrest in Countryside on August 10, 2016…I contacted your department and was immediately assisted with background information on the offender, then assistance locating him, which led to his arrest. They made our job much less difficult and exponentially safer which in this day and age is paramount. Thanks again. You have a team to be proud of."

- Central Detective Bureau, Chicago Police Department

Officer Jakubowski and Officer McDonald: "I would like to thank your officers for their assistance on October 15, 2016. They responded to an ILEAS request from our Department for assistance in trying to locate a subject possibly entering Lyons Township High School with a gun. 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 Department of Law Enforcement Services

Sergeant Darrell DuRell, Officer Agostino Alonzo, Officer Nathan McDonald, Officer Michael Rojas, and Officer Ryan Venem: "On behalf of the Indian Head Park Police Department, I would like to thank you and your staff for the professional assistance they had provided in the early morning of Tuesday, November 7th, 2016. Your staff, Officers Agostino Alonzo, Nathan McDonald, Michael Rojas, and Ryan Venem, led by Sgt. Darrell DuRell provided timely, professional assistance in the processing of the multivehicle accident involving two of our officers… Officer Alonzo did an excellent job taking evidentiary photographs of the scene. The Countryside Police Department is a dedicated group of Law Enforcement Professionals that has provided assistance to our Department on countless occasions. Our two Departments cohesiveness is beneficial to the safety of our citizens and employees."

- Chief Robert Cervenka - Indian Head Park Police Department

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Community Events...

LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS ILLINOIS

Every year the Countryside Police Department participates in fundraising campaigns in support of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois.

Dunkin' Donuts "Cop on Rooftop"

Countryside Police Officers stood on the rooftop of Dunkin Donuts at 55th and La Grange Road for 9 hours on Friday, May 20, 2016 and were able to raise over **$4,740.00.** Officers and staff also volunteered for the cause by accepting donations and selling Special Olympics shirts, hats, and novelties during the event.





"Beards for a Cause"

For the 3rd year, Countryside police officers with donations of $100.00 or more grew playoff beards in support of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois and our Chicago Blackhawks Stanley Cup Playoff run. Even though our Blackhawks had a short Playoff run this year, our officers were able to raise over **$3,450.00** for Special Olympics Illinois.

Harley-Davidson Raffle Tickets

The Countryside Police Department sold **$830.00** in raffle tickets for the Kane County Chiefs of Police Association's annual Harley-Davidson Raffle to benefit the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois. The raffle was held on Friday, October 21, 2016 and the Grand Prize was a new 2016 HD Street Glide.



Texas Roadhouse Benefit Lunch

On Friday, July 29, 2016 Texas Roadhouse hosted their free benefit lunch in support of the Law Enforcement Torch for Special Olympics Illinois. Lunch included a non-alcoholic beverage, pulled pork sandwich, corn, fresh baked bread, and honey cinnamon butter. Countryside Police Officers and Texas Roadhouse staff served the lunch from 11am to 2pm. Patrons simply left donations at their tables with 100% of the proceeds benefiting Special Olympics Illinois. This event raised over **$4,150.00.**



Chick-fil-A Cops 'N Cows

Held on Tuesday, August 23, 2016, this was the first time for the Cops 'N Cows fundraiser. During this event, we were able to raise **$733.00** for Special Olympics Illinois. Kids and adults alike enjoyed the opportunity to see and sit in the 5th District SWAT vehicle, fire truck, and police vehicles that were on hand for the event.





IDEAL SCHOOL HALLOWEEN TOUR - October 31, 2016

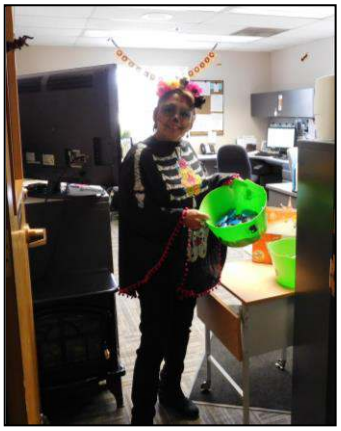
Each Halloween, Countryside police officers escort Kindergarten and First Grade students from Ideal School to the Police Department and City Hall. Administrative staff dress up for the event and hand out candy while the children get a tour of the Police Department and City Hall.















“SHOP WITH A COP” - December 10, 2016
















DARE PIZZA PARTY AT IDEAL SCHOOL - Wednesday, May 25, 2016
At this year's pizza party we held a bicycle helmet raffle during each lunch period. We were able to provide helmets to 20 Ideal School students.









BICYCLE SAFETY… Mayor McDermott, Chief Ford, Sergeant Boyd, Officer Alonzo, and Officer Lanzi with their certificates for completing the Ride Illinois online Bicycle Safety Training Quiz as part of the Mayor's Bicycle Safety Challenge. To encourage students to practice bicycle safety, we held a Chicago White Sox ticket raffle at Ideal School for students who completed the online quiz.







SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION…The Countryside Police Department partnered with Five Below in Countryside to hold a school supply collection to help provide Ideal School students with school supplies for the 2016-2017 school year. On August 26, 2016 they presented Ideal School with over $600 in donated school supplies.



COLD WEATHER GEAR COLLECTION… Sergeant Boyd reached out to his fellow officers and the employees of the Countryside Police Department and the City of Countryside to collect winter gear (coats, hats, etc.) for students in a less fortunate community in Chicago. Donations were very generous and the school was thankful for everyone's thoughtfulness and efforts to help keep their students warm.



CONCERT IN THE PARK… For the second year, Eric Vates with CJ Wilson Mazda, presented Chief Ford with a $4,800.00 check for the purchase of new bulletproof vests for Countryside police officers through our vest replacement program.



WESTFIELD FORD USO BBQ FOR THE TROOPS… Officer Bisignani with Westfield Ford General Manager Carm Scarpace on July 16, 2016.





COUNTRYSIDE CARNIVAL… Officer Bisignani is pictured here with 3 Special Olympians who were attending the Carnival on July 17, 2016.



2016 CHICAGO AUTO SHOW… Officer Bisignani is pictured here working the Occupant Protection Booth at the Chicago Auto Show on February 13, 2016.



Department Photos...























ILLINOIS PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL -
May 5, 2016

Detective Jim Stern, Crime Free Housing Coordinator Mark Battaglia, and Deputy Chief Novak at the 2016 Illinois Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony.

NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL - May 15, 2016

Detective Jim Stern attended the 2016 National Peace Officers Memorial Service in Washington, DC with fellow officers from other local police departments.





At the August 10, 2016 City Council meeting, Countryside residents Catherine Van Driska and Rebecca Richard presented Officer DiGangi, handler of Police K-9 Dago, with a plaque to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of Dago's untimely death.

In Memory . . .



Patrolman Joseph Raymond Jankovsky
Countryside Police Department
End of Watch: Saturday, April 6, 1974.



K-9 Dago
Countryside Police Department
End of Watch: Friday, August 4, 2006



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