COUNTRYSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT



2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Joseph G. Ford

CHIEF OF POLICE

City of Countryside
Police Department
JOSEPH G. FORD
CHIEF OF POLICE

March 14, 2018

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 2017 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. As you read through the pages you will see that our officers continue to be a well-trained group, prepared to handle any situation that may arise. Ben Franklin said, *"By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail."* It is this mentality that drives us to prepare for the worst all while doing our very best to prevent it from happening.

2017 was a productive year. We worked to accomplish a couple of major projects which will have a dynamic impact on the department. Staff collaborated tirelessly with city architects to design the police side of our new municipal complex. The finished design incorporates a functional working space that increases safety and provides a welcoming feeling for the community. Next, through Southwest Central Dispatch (SWCD), the Countryside Police Department acquired a new, state of the art, records management and Computer Aided Dispatch system. The SWCD Board of Directors approved a one million dollar investment to purchase this system, which includes voiceless dispatch, field reporting, and a records management system at no additional cost to Countryside. This system will streamline our daily functions and enhance the safety of our officers. The software is very intuitive allowing us to track crime trends and patterns more efficiently. Implementation of the software will take approximately twelve months. We hope to be going live this time next year.

I would like to thank the city fathers and citizens for their continued support of our organization as we strive to fulfill our mission to the community. The Countryside Police Department will continue to work within our core values; Integrity, Courage, Excellence, Respect, Compassion, and Dedication and continue to serve proudly.

Respectfully,

Joseph G. Ford
Chief of Police

City of Countryside Government

The Countryside Police Department is pleased to recognize the City of Countryside elected officials, committee members, and board members. Their commitment, leadership, and vision help to support the achievement of our mission and ensure the safety and quality of life for the residents of Countryside.



MAYOR
Sean R. McDermott



ALDERMAN - Ward 3
Mark Benson



ALDERMAN - Ward 2
Tom Mikolyzk



CITY CLERK
Susan Burdett



ALDERMAN - Ward 1
John Finn



ALDERMAN - Ward 3
Scott Musillami



TREASURER
Caryn Stancik



ALDERMAN - Ward 1
Jim Jasinski



ALDERMAN - Ward 2
John Von Drasek

POLICE COMMITTEE

John Finn	**Mark Benson**	**Tom Mikolyzk**
Chairman	***Alderman***	***Alderman***

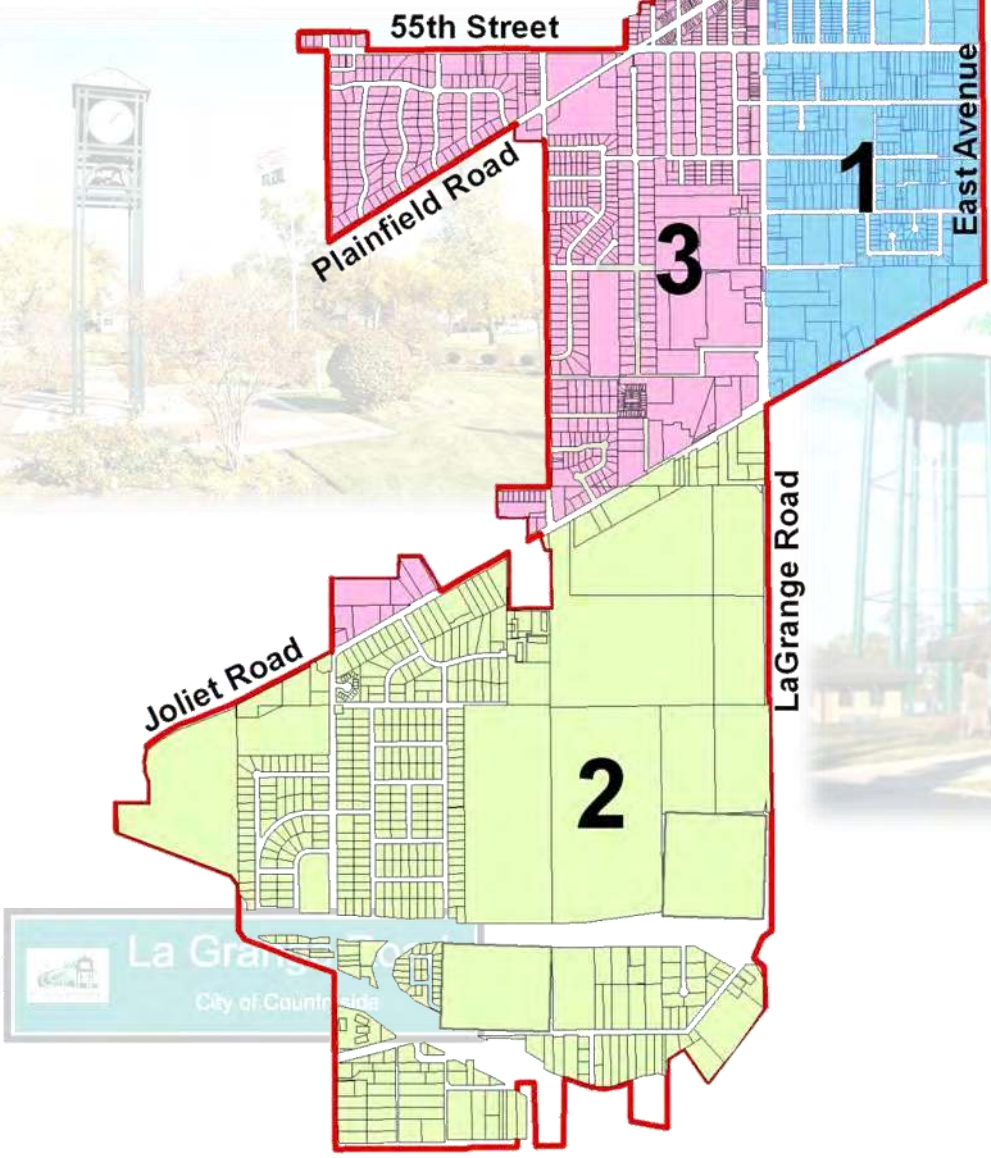
BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION

Jerry Welch	**Mark Burdett**	**Mary Louise Pisone**
Chairman	***Secretary***	***Commissioner***

Quick Facts:

The Countryside Police Department jurisdiction is divided into 3 beats that correspond with the City wards.
Sworn Officers: 24
Civilian Personnel: 13

Population Served: 5,895 (2010 Census)
Land Patrolled: 2.88 square miles
Total Households: 2,511
Median Age: 44
Median Household Income: $56,659
9 parks, 9 hole golf course, 550 businesses, 2 Schools

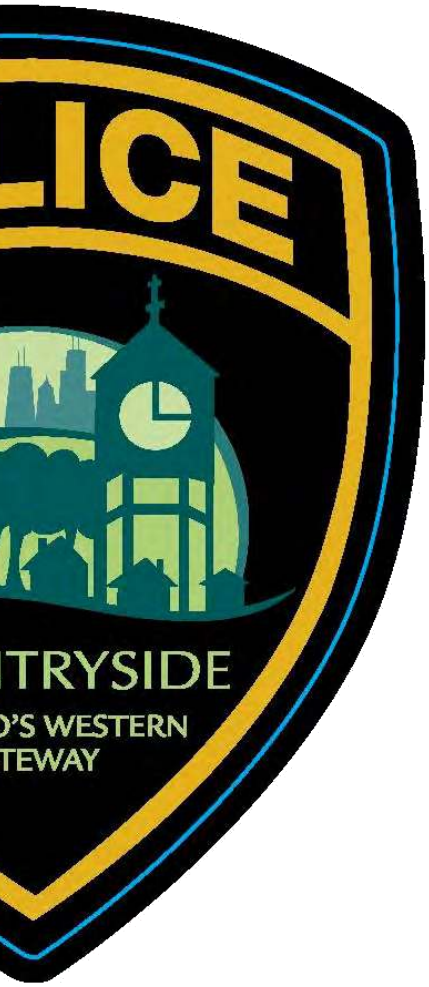




VALUES

INTEGRITY ★ COURAGE ★ EXCELLENCE ★ RESPECT ★ COMPASSION ★ DEDICATION

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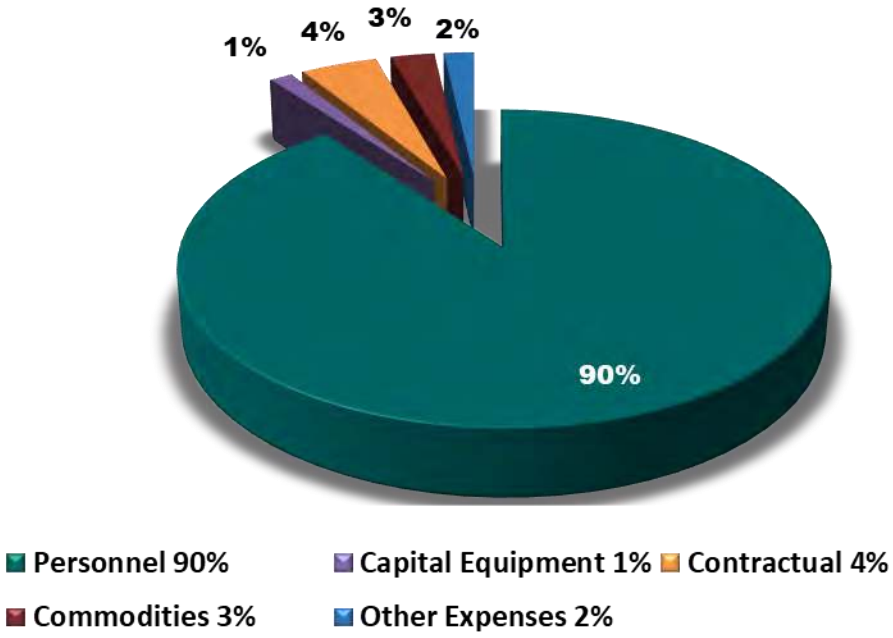


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On the cover: Photo taken by Chief Ford outside the Police Department

DEPARTMENT BUDGET FY 2018:

$3,899,070



BUDGET CATEGORY	AMOUNT BUDGETED
Personnel	$3,499,758.00
Capital Equipment	$52,000.00
Contractual	$177,010.00
Commodities	$100,602.00
Other Expenses	$69,700.00
TOTAL BUDGET	$3,899,070.00

COUNTRYSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Organizational Chart



Chief of Police
Joseph G. Ford

Administrative Assistant
Charity Mitchell

Deputy Chief of Police
Scott Novak

Investigations
Robert Sodt
Jim Stern
Tim Wherry *(HIDTA)*

Patrol Operations
Master Sergeant
Paul Klimek

Records Coordinator
Guadalupe Hamernik

CSO Supervisor
Patricia Littlejohn

Crossing Guards
(4)

Sergeant
John Andree

Sergeant
Anthony Boyd

Sergeant
Darrell DuRell

CSOs
(10)

Patrol Officers
(Power Car)
Joe DiGangi
Michael Maher

Patrol Officers
Kelly Kalker
Ronnie Pohle
Michael Rojas, Jr.

Patrol Officers
Christopher Batzel
Brendan Gleespen
Nate McDonald

Patrol Officers
Ken Goluszka - *Officer in Charge*
Agostino Alonzo
Kreg Floyd
Ryan Jakubowski
April Bisignani
Paul Lanzi
Ryan Venem

Updated 10-01-17

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

The Office of the Chief of Police oversees all aspects of police department operations and provides leadership, direction, and vision to the members of the Countryside Police Department in the fulfillment of its overall mission. This office is responsible for departmental management, maintenance of professional standards, and administration of the police department budget.

The 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. ***Charity Mitchell*** has provided administrative support for the department since 2014.



CHIEF
Joseph G. Ford



DEPUTY CHIEF
Scott Novak



MASTER SERGEANT
Paul Klimek



ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Charity Mitchell

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Records Department



Records Coordinator
Guadalupe Hamernik

The Records Department is staffed by ***Guadalupe Hamernik***, who has been with the police 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*

Communications

Community Service Officer Supervisor ***Patricia Littlejohn***, who has been with the police 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. The day-to-day support provided by CSO staff is instrumental in minimizing the office responsibilities of our officers allowing them to spend more time out of the department and on the street serving our residents.



CSO SUPERVISOR
Patricia Littlejohn

In 2017, CSOs received a total of 2,122 administrative telephone calls and handled 1,376 window assists during the course of weekend and evening shifts. The "CSO Shift Activity" chart below, 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**.

2017 CSO SHIFT ACTIVITY TOTALS

	Countryside PD Calls	Transferred Calls	Window Assist	Prisoner Housed	Arrest	Tickets	Transfer Paperwork
Shift 1 11pm - 7am	358	36	76	54	104	1018	21
Shift 2 7am - 3pm	361	49	352	37	91	610	11
Shift 3 3pm - 11pm	1403	227	948	77	159	1716	24
TOTAL	2122	312	1376	168	354	3344	56

Dispatching / Southwest Central Dispatch

In October 2013, the Countryside Police Department outsourced its 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.

FIELD OPERATIONS

Patrol Division

Consisting of 3 sergeants and 15 patrol officers, the Patrol Division is the largest and most highly visible component of the Countryside Police Department. The primary responsibility of the Patrol Division is the protection of life and property. Patrol officers maintain peace and order, conduct preliminary investigations, and enforce traffic and criminal laws, as well as City ordinances. Patrol officers provide initial response to emergency and non-emergency calls for service. They handle special assignments, proactively address community concerns, and perform ancillary functions such as evidence technician, field training officer, elderly services officer, Bicycle Unit officer, and DARE officer.

The Patrol Division operates on a 12-hour-shift patrol schedule. Under this 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.

During 2017, patrol officers responded to **6,250 total calls for service** regarding criminal offenses, traffic crashes, alarm activations, disturbances, traffic complaints, and other miscellaneous incidents. Our officers also demonstrate their commitment and dedication daily through numerous officer-initiated interactions with the community and its residents.



	2014	2015	2016	2017
Calls for Service	6590	6400	6408	6250



The Countryside Police Department has a total of 12 police vehicles in service. Of the 12 units, 7 units are used for active patrol, 2 units are used for investigations, 2 units are administrative, and 1 is a former ESDA unit. Of the marked vehicles, one is specifically equipped and outfitted for the evidence technicians and another has all the specialized weaponry and protection essential for our SWAT officers.

Investigations Division

The Countryside Police Department Investigations Division is comprised of three detectives who possess special skills and training to perform case follow-ups and investigate crime that is of a complex nature or geographically beyond the reach and control of Patrol Division officers. Two of the detectives in the Investigations Division 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). Based upon their assignments and the opportunistic nature of criminals, our detectives are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

In 2017, the Investigations Division reviewed ***983 criminal cases***. Of these 983 cases, ***119 cases were assigned*** to detectives for follow-up. Through the course of the year, detectives dedicated **346 manpower hours** to conducting criminal investigations which led to ***31 cleared/closed cases, 26 arrests***, ***44 suspended cases*** (due to lack of evidence), and ***18 cases that remain under investigation***.



Some of the cases assigned to detectives in 2017 included:

- *Death Investigation*
- *Sex Crimes*
- *Burglary/Home Invasion*
- *Burglary to Vehicle*
- *Theft*
- *Battery/Assault*
- *Forgery/Fraud*

The third detective is assigned to the ***Chicago High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Domestic Highway Enforcement Initiative*** through an interagency agreement with the ISP Narcotics and Currency Interdiction Task Force (NARCINT). The HIDTA Unit investigates narcotics and money laundering related crimes throughout the State of Illinois and assists local, county, state, and federal agencies with interview/interrogation, controlled delivery of contraband, and follow-up investigations. Our detective focuses primarily on commercial motor vehicle interdiction to target narcotics and currency traffickers.

In 2017, the HIDTA Unit seized almost $660,000 in US Currency and other assets. The Countryside Police Department received over $22,300.00 of these seizure funds.

2017 HIDTA ACTIVITY

254	Cases
132	Arrests
59	Firearms seized
20	Search warrants
11	Vehicles seized

Narcotics Seizures

Heroin	56.9 Kilos
Cocaine	459.45 Kilos
Meth	1.6 Grams
MDMA	116 Pills
Marijuana	1,126.11 Kilos

Evidence Technician Unit

The Evidence Technician 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 an initial 2-week, 80 hour certification course and they continue to receive specialized training in their field throughout the course of each year.

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**

EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN OFFICERS:

Agostino Alonzo
April Bisignani
Ken Goluszka
Jim Stern

The Evidence Technician Unit was called upon many times in 2017 to process crimes scenes and motor vehicle crashes in Countryside. Some of the crime scenes that were investigated in 2017 include:

- **Death Investigations**
- **Fire Investigations**
- **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 patrol in 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 Bicycle 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
Detective Jim Stern
Officer Ryan Venem





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

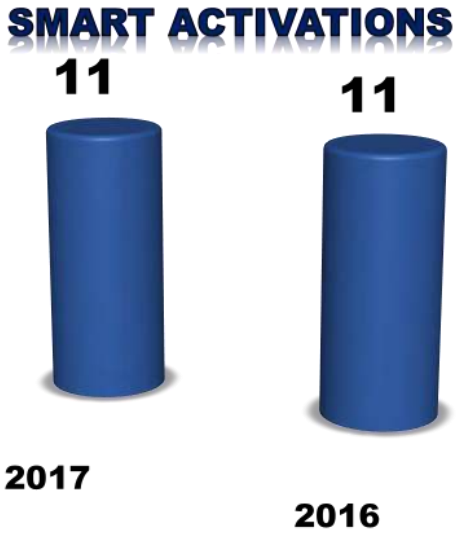


MUTUAL AID ASSIGNMENTS

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:

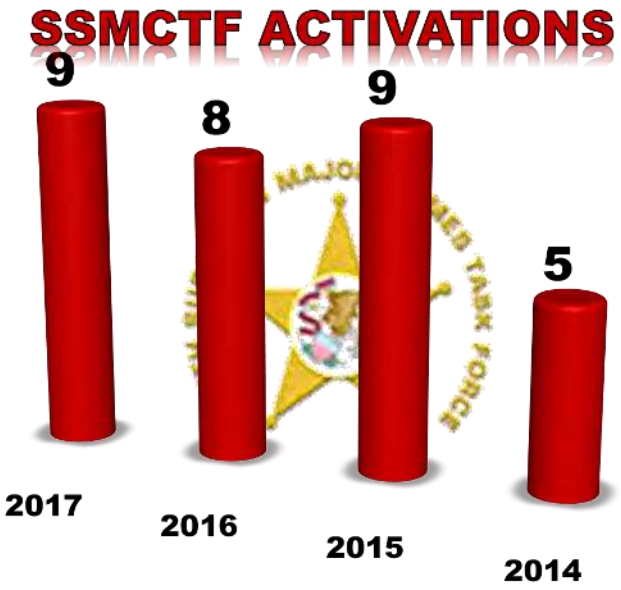
Suburban Major Accident Reconstruction Team (SMART)

The Suburban Major Accident Reconstruction Team (SMART) is comprised of police officers from member agencies that are specially trained in major crash reconstruction. These officers assist member agencies in the investigation of vehicle crashes involving substantial property damage, injury, and/or death. The Countryside Police Department joined SMART in February 2016, and we currently have one officer assigned to the Team. Our officer received the required training and is a State Certified Accident Reconstructionist. ***In 2017***, our officer responded to ***11 activations*** to assist member agencies with the reconstruction of major crashes.



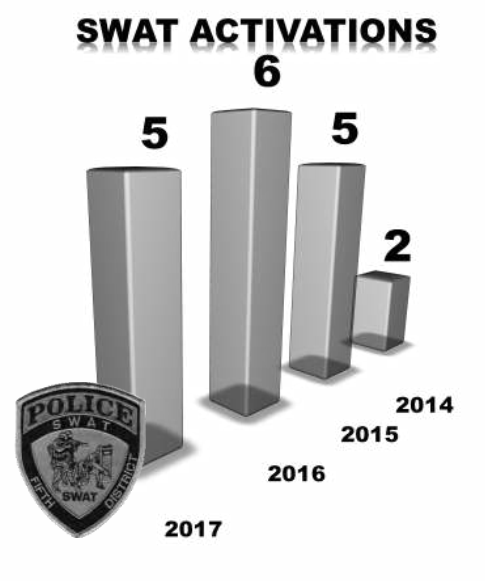
South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force (SSMCTF)

The South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force (SSMCTF) 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 2017***, detectives were ***activated on 9 separate*** occasions. Our detectives dedicated approximately ***288 hours*** to the investigation and resolution of those cases.



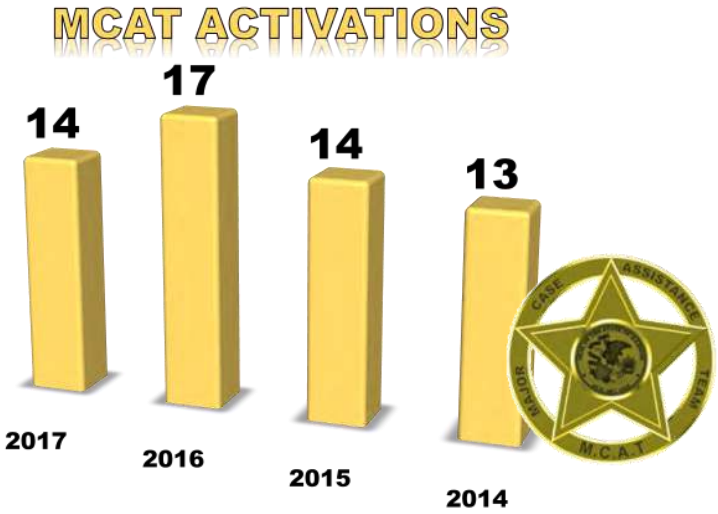
5th District SWAT

The 5th District SWAT Team 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 2017***, 5th District SWAT officers responded to ***5 callouts***; 3 for execution of high risk search warrants, 1 for armed-barricaded subject, and 1 to assist in locating 3 armed subjects.



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 2017, MCAT investigators were ***activated 14 times*** and dedicated approximately ***152 hours*** to various criminal investigations that included a murder, shootings, narcotics, and burglary and theft investigations. It is the mission of MCAT to work together to solve and reduce crime through the sharing of expertise, information, and the combining of resources.

Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS)

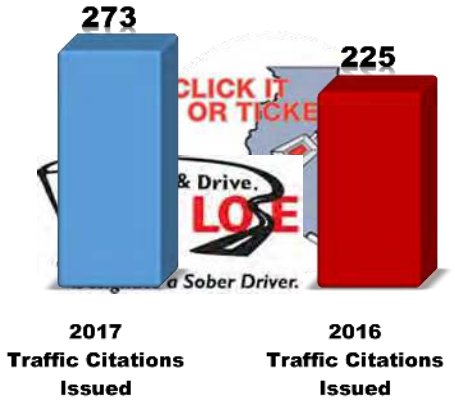
The Countryside Police Department is a member of the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS). ILEAS was formed in 2002 in response to the September 11th attacks. ILEAS provides for immediate emergency response by law enforcement agencies to a requesting agency on a statewide basis, should a community 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.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS

"Click It or Ticket" / "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 2017, the Countryside Police Department conducted **8** special enforcement details: Super Bowl, 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 the 2017 details, our officers issued a total of **273 citations;** including 127 seatbelt violations, 14 uninsured vehicle violations, 3 suspended driver's license violations and 12 speeding violations. In addition, **1 warrant arrest** and **2 narcotics arrests** were made.

Tobacco Enforcement

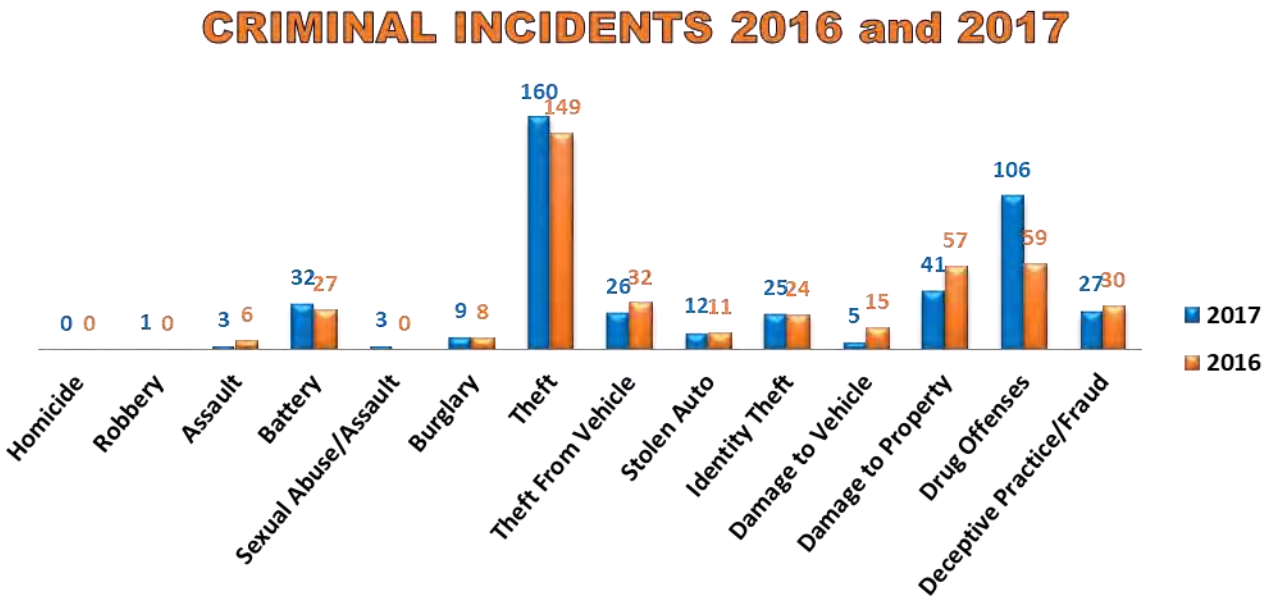
The Countryside Police Department's Tobacco Enforcement Program is currently supervised by Officer Alonzo who is a State Certified Tobacco Enforcement Officer. This program is operated in cooperation with the State of Illinois Liquor Control Commission's "Kids Can't Buy 'Em Here" program. Through this 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 2017, our department conducted 3 rounds of compliance checks.



STATISTICS

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 2017 from the previous year. The largest increase was experienced in drug offenses which is the result of increased enforcement in that area.



CRIMINAL INCIDENTS	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	1	0	0	1	4
Assault	3	6	4	14	8
Battery	32	27	28	28	31
Sexual Abuse/Assault	3	0	2	2	1
Burglary	9	8	8	18	11
Theft	160	149	140	140	134
Theft From Vehicle	26	32	27	52	48
Stolen Auto	12	11	7	8	10
Identity Theft	25	24	17	12	6
Damage to Vehicle	5	15	15	9	27
Damage to Property	41	57	60	48	41
Drug Offenses	106	59	37	34	26
Deceptive Practice/Fraud	27	30	29	28	31
TOTAL	**450**	**418**	**374**	**394**	**378**

Arrests

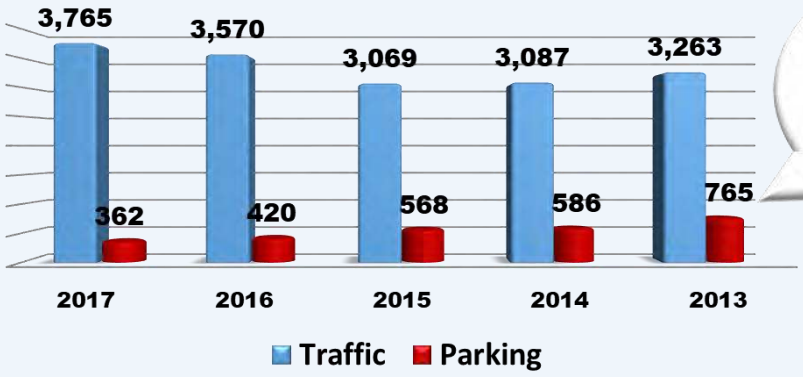
CRIMINAL OFFENSE	2017 Arrests	2016 Arrests
Aggravated Assault / Aggravated Battery	1	5
Disorderly Conduct	7	10
Armed Robbery	1	0
Assault / Battery	15	15
Burglary from Motor Vehicle	3	0
Burglary Commercial/Non-Residential	0	2
Contributing to Delinquency of Minor	1	0
Criminal Damage to Property/Damage to Vehicle/Defacement	8	7
Criminal Trespass to Real Property/Residence/Vehicle	11	12
Cyberstalking	1	0
Defacing ID Mark of Firearm	1	0
Domestic Battery	12	12
Drug Offenses	106	59
Endangering Life Health Child	2	1
First Degree Murder/Homicide (ATTEMPT)	0	1
Flee or Attempt to Elude Police	4	0
Fraudulent Activity	8	6
Harassment by Phone	0	1
Indecent Exposure	1	0
Intoxicated Person	4	1
Mob Action	3	0
No FOID Card	2	0
Obstructing Justice/Resist/Obstruct Officer	12	10
Obstructing Traffic	1	0
Public Indecency	1	1
Reckless Discharge Firearm	1	0
Retail Theft	62	44
Theft under $500 / Theft over $500	20	8
Weapons Offenses	6	0
Violate Order of Protection	1	1
Warrant Arrest	37	29

TRAFFIC OFFENSE	2017 Arrests	2016 Arrests
Driving Under the Influence	12	13
No Driver's License	24	28
Reckless Driving	2	3
Hit and Run	0	4
Registration Violation	1	0
Suspended/Revoked DL	89	83

*** This chart depicts arrests for violations of Illinois Compiled Statutes and Local Ordinances.**

TRAFFIC & PARKING CITATIONS ISSUED

5 Year Comparison

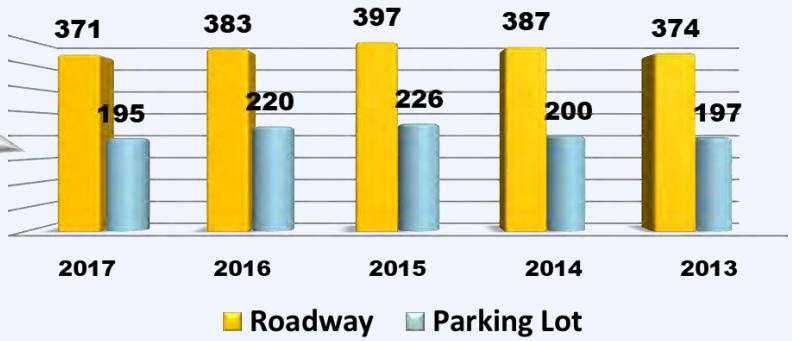


Patrol Officers made 3,185 traffic stops in 2017 and issued a total of 4,127 citations with traffic and parking combined.

ROADWAY & PARKING LOT CRASHES

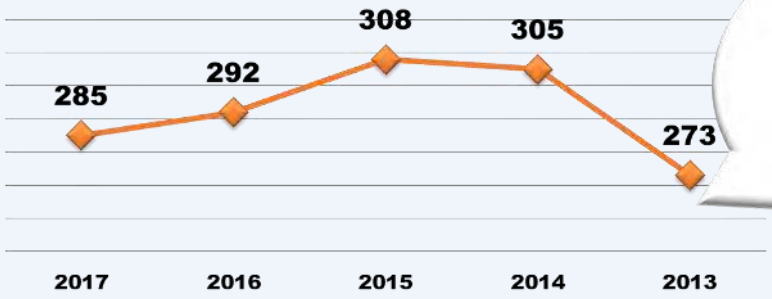
5 Year Comparison

This chart illustrates roadway and parking lot crashes that were reported.



ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES

5 Year Comparison

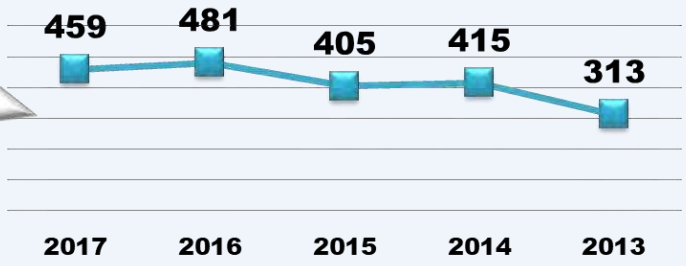


These numbers show officer assist requests received from neighboring departments as well as mutual aid assists made by our officers to other agencies.

ALARM CALLS

5 Year Comparison

This chart shows the number of business, residential, and hold-up alarms that our officers respond to each year.



PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

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 the community is the number of citizen complaints received. Only 1 citizen complaint was filed against an officer in 2017. This complaint was for missing currency, which was subsequently unfounded when the citizen located the currency. Our officers receive numerous compliments and praise from the public throughout the year which emphasizes our commitment to the community and public service.

Source of Complaint

Administrative Policy	8
Citizen Complaint	1
Police Agency Complaint	0
TOTAL	**9**

Disciplinary Action

Counseling/Verbal Reprimand	1
Written Reprimand	1
Suspension	6
Termination	0
TOTAL	**8**

IA#	Nature of Complaint	Disposition
2017-1	Citizen Complaint	Unfounded
2017-2	Performance of Duty	Sustained
2017-3	Vehicle Operation/Accident	Sustained
2017-4	Performance of Duty	Sustained
2017-5	Performance of Duty	Sustained
2017-6	Performance of Duty	Sustained
2017-7	Performance of Duty	Sustained
2017-8	Performance of Duty	Sustained
2017-9	Performance of Duty	Sustained

Definitions 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.

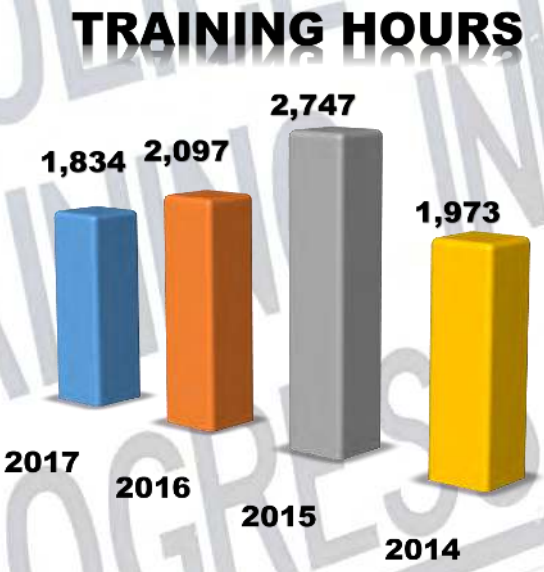
Use of Force - In 2017, no use of force complaints were made. 4 use of force incidents occurred in 2017 and each incident was reviewed through department-initiated investigation and all were found to be within the prescribed guidelines of Countryside Police Department policies and procedures.

Training

The coordination of training for the Countryside Police Department is the responsibility of ***Master Sergeant Klimek.*** Police department employees participate in a variety of training throughout the year, including 1 hour each month of online testing through the Police Law Institute. Training programs are presented through classroom instruction, printed materials, videos, online instruction, seminars, and departmental communications. Training topics have included: policy and procedures review, criminal law, local ordinances, and traffic law updates. The majority of department training is provided by the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency (IRMA) and North East Multi-Regional Training, Inc. (NEMRT). IRMA provides training videos and nationally accredited driving courses. NEMRT provides our officers a wide variety of courses from refresher training to university-directed staff and command courses.

2017 Training Highlights

- Completed 1,834 combined hours of department training. 464 hours of the total training hours were completed by our two ***5th District SWAT Team*** officers during their training which consists of 16 hours per month of training and a 40-hour block of skill set training every year.
- The Chief and Deputy Chief both exceeded the 20 hours of training required annually by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP).
- ***Less Than Lethal Training and Defensive Tactics Training is conducted annually.*** During this training officers are instructed on the proper use of the baton, OC spray, and Taser to maximize officers' skills in protecting themselves and others during arrest and restraint.







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. Two times per year, officers complete their pistol and rifle training and qualification course, shooting over 300 rounds each.





De-Escalation Training

In 2016, the State of Illinois passed the Police and Community Improvement Act. This mandate requires police departments to provide annual training for all sworn officers in use of force and criminal law. The act also requires officers to complete training in civil rights, constitutional and proper use of law enforcement authority, cultural competency, procedural justice, and human rights. In February 2017, the Countryside Police Department collaborated with the Hodgkins Police Department to train all of our officers in a course titled, "De-Escalation and Smarter Policing for Changing Times". This course was certified by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board to meet the guidelines set forth and mandated by the State.

Mental Health First Aid and CIT Training

In December 2017, the Countryside Police Department signed up to “take the pledge” to participate in the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) “One Mind Campaign”. As part of this campaign our department has set a goal to establish a partnership with one or more community mental health organizations, develop and implement a policy addressing police response to persons affected by mental illness, train and certify 100% of our officers in mental health first aid, and provide crisis intervention training to a minimum of 20% of our officers by the end of December 2018.

CPR / AED / Opioid Overdose Response

All Countryside police officers are trained and certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and in the use of automated defibrillators (AEDs). Each officer on patrol has an AED with them in the event of a cardiac emergency. All City employees are re-certified in CPR and in AED use every other year. Sergeant Boyd and Officer Venem are both certified CPR instructors.

All officers are also trained in the proper administration of Naloxone. As a trained Opioid Overdose Educator, Sergeant Boyd conducted the training for our officers and he can also instruct parents and siblings of addicts in the proper administration of Naloxone. Naloxone kits are carried with the AEDs that all officers have with them on patrol.

Technology

Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) **-** All patrol vehicles are equipped with ***CAD*** software that alerts 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.

In-Car Camera Systems **-** All patrol vehicles are equipped with in-car camera systems. These systems provide several benefits including officer training opportunities, increased professionalism and performance, and most importantly the safety of our officers and citizens.

Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) **-** HD cameras capture license plates which are then run against a database that cross references wanted vehicle listings as officers patrol the city. If an officer receives a "hit" notification on a plate, the officer will manually confirm the "hit" and 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" require enforcement, our officers follow up on each one.

Records Management System (RMS) **-** The Countryside Police Department utilizes ***CAPERS*** as its records management system (RMS). The RMS streamlines the reporting process and allows officers to accurately document people, places, and things when completing their written police reports. The RMS also allows our department to document recovered property and evidence, maintain officer training records, track vehicle maintenance records, and manage our monthly adjudication proceedings.

Computerized Accident Reporting **-** This software allows officers to complete accident reports electronically. In addition, State required crash statistics are compiled seamlessly in the system, staff can conduct statistical reports of crash data, and our accident reports are made available to citizens and insurance companies online.

Video Management/Surveillance System **-** The City of Countryside has at total of 11 security cameras located at Countryside Park and at Ideal Park along with a total of 19 cameras that cover City Hall, the Police Department, and the Water Department facility. Countryside also has 8 cameras at Flagg Creek Golf Course that enhance security due to the addition of on-site video gaming. All cameras can be monitored on any computer at the police department.

Internet/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 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 allows us to share crime alerts and safety tips with the public, promotes public safety and awareness, spreads information quickly to help catch criminals, aids in crime prevention, assists in finding missing persons, and notifies the public of emergencies, or special events and programs.

COMMUNITY POLICING & CRIME PREVENTION 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 also 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 attended by family, friends, and community members. The graduation ceremony for students of DARE Class #42 was held on May 3, 2017. 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.



Safe Riding Program

When officers "catch" kids practicing safe riding habits by wearing their bicycle helmets, they reward them with a coupon for one free small cone from Andy's Frozen Custard. This program runs from June 1st to August 30th and anyone caught "riding safe" received a coupon.

"Tommy Moose"



"Tommy Moose" is a stuffed animal officers can offer to children to help them with overcoming fears or anxiety they may be experiencing during traumatic incidents. There is a "Tommy Moose" in every squad car that is ready to help provide a child with a little comfort and security.

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
Detective Robert Sodt

ESO (Elderly Service Officer) Progam

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 ESO 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.

Shop With A Cop Program

The 5th Annual Countryside Police Department "Shop With a Cop" program was held on December 16, 2017. 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 extra help during the holiday season. Each child receives a $100.00 gift card to purchase gifts for themselves or for family members. The children were taken in squad cars to T.J. Maxx, and 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 T.J. Maxx, Westfield Ford, the Autobarn of Countryside, Ledo's Pizza, and Countryside Chamber of Commerce for their support and generosity which helped to make this event possible.





Crime Free Housing Program

The Crime Free Housing Program was initiated in November 2015 with the purpose of providing the tools needed to strengthen our relationship with rental property owners/managers while helping to improve safety 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. In 2017, the use of the lease addendum proved successful by assisting 6 property owners with the eviction of tenants who were in violation of the terms of the addendum.

Landlords and property owners/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 2017 year-end, 125 multi-family and single family rental properties were identified through our Crime Free Housing program. Crime Free Housing Coordinator Mark Battaglia conducted six Crime Free Housing seminars in 2017 and currently 88 rental property owners/managers have successfully completed the required 4 hour training.

Citizen's Police Academy

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 Academy is open to anyone 18 and over who works or resides in Countryside. The curriculum includes weekly presentations that include topics such as criminal/ civil law, crime prevention, juvenile law, evidence, traffic stops, use of force, and investigations. The academy also provides an opportunity for students to get to know the men and women who protect their community. Due to low enrollment the Countryside Police Department did not hold a Citizen's Police Academy in 2017. We are still accepting applications and anticipate holding an Academy in 2018.

Business Watch

This program helps to build partnerships with local businesses and promotes community awareness. ***Over 250 local businesses are currently enrolled*** in this free program. This program keeps business owners and their employees informed of current crime trends and alerts. Relevant "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". The Countryside 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.



Service Observation Cards



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:

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. ***In 2017***, our officers located ***57 open doors*** and when possible, contacted the homeowner or business owner directly. In the event contact could not be made, a card was left and our officers attempted to secure the open door.

Internet Purchase Exchange Location

In 2017, the Countryside Police Department established an internet purchase exchange location. Residents of Countryside making online transactions that require a meet up are encouraged to use the Countryside Police Department lobby as a safe meeting spot for the exchange of internet purchases. The Police Department lobby is under 24 hour video surveillance and there is an emergency phone located in the lobby that will automatically connect with a 911 dispatcher.



Drug Take Back Location

The Countryside Police Department participates in the Cook County Sheriff's Office Prescription Drug Take Back Program. This program is an effective way to get unused pharmaceuticals off the streets and out of medicine cabinets. The Sheriff's Office supplied our department with a secured collection container for unwanted medication. The Sheriff's Office picks up the medication on a regular basis, incinerates the drugs, and recycle the containers. The collection box is located in the lobby of the police department.

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION



Eric Vates, Vice President of CJ Wilson Mazda in Countryside, was presented with an award at the December 13, 2017 City Council Meeting. The dealership and Mr. Vates were recognized for their community partnership and generous contributions in support of law enforcement safety via the Ballistic Vest Replacement Program. Contributions over the last 3 years have amounted to over $11,000 to purchase vests for our officers.



At the August 23, 2017 City Council meeting, Mayor McDermott and Police Chief Ford presented Alexia and Max Stradal with Certificates of Appreciation recognizing them for their honesty and for being outstanding citizens. The brother and sister found a wallet that contained over $400 cash and they turned it over to the police department.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Law Enforcement Torch Run For Special Olympics Illinois

Every year the Countryside Police Department participates in several fundraising campaigns in support of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois. In 2017, we were able to raise a total of $15,003 through our participation in the following events:

Dunkin' Donuts "Cop on Rooftop"
Chick-fil-A "Cops and Cows"
Harley-Davidson Raffle
"Beards for a Cause"
Texas Roadhouse Benefit Lunch
Cubs Rooftop















Countryside's 2017 St. Patrick's Day Parade

Sunday, March 5th, 2017











2017 Run for Kelli

Sunday, October 1, 2017

As part of the 2017 Run for Kelli held October 1, 2017, the Countryside Police Department participated in the 1st Annual Kelli Joy O'Laughlin Cup . The Kelli Joy Cup is a contest to raise pop tops to donate to Ronald McDonald House in memory of Kelli Joy O'Laughlin. This year our department competed with McCook and Hodgkins Police Departments and were able to collect over 700 pounds of pop tops. Though Countryside placed third, we enjoyed participating and being able to contribute. Pictured to the right, Officer Goluszka, his daughter, and Administrative Assistant Mitchell participated in the 5K run.





We are already collecting pop tops for the 2018 Kelli Joy cup, so please keep collecting those pop tops and drop them off at the Countryside Police Department 24 hours a day.

Memorial Day Service



Monday, May 29, 2017

Sergeant Boyd and Officer Gleespen attended the service at Memorial Park.

Veteran's Day Lunch



Saturday, November 11, 2017

Officer Bisignani and Fire and Police Commissioner Burdett attended the Texas Roadhouse Veteran's Day lunch.

American Towman Spirit Ride Memorial Service

Friday, July 7, 2017



League of Women Voters

Thursday, January 26, 2017

Chief Ford along with 3 other local chiefs of police led discussion regarding policing legislation at the League of Women Voters meeting titled "Are Our Communities Safer".



COPS AND KIDS BASKETBALL GAME

Thursday, March 16, 2017

Money raised at this event was donated to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.









City of Countryside Criterium and Festival

Saturday, August 5th, 2017

Bicycle Unit Officers McDonald, DiGangi, and Gleespen are pictured here on the bicycle race path.



IDEAL SCHOOL HALLOWEEN TOUR

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

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









Hello Chief Ford,

Thank you so much for once again hosting Ideal Elementary School's Kindergarten and First grade students on Halloween. We sincerely appreciate the generosity of your department and the enthusiasm of everyone there. Your team reinforced important safety messages for Halloween and for every day. We are truly blessed to have such a supportive and engaged local police department. As the principal of Ideal and on behalf of our school, I just want to say thank you for this annual event, including all the time and attention that you personally put in to greeting every student. I know that it just made the day of one of our kindergartners when you deputized him for the day due to his police costume! Please convey our gratitude to your entire department.

Thank you again for everything you do to support our school, district, and our families!

Timothy Sheldon, Principal of Ideal Elementary School

"SHOP WITH A COP"

Saturday, December 16, 2017



















Military Recognition



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 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.



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.



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 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.

Honorable Mention

The following officers received Honorable Mention awards in 2017:

Officer Paul Lanzi - in recognition of his outstanding performance leading to an arrest stemming from burglary and credit card fraud on Tuesday, August 29, 2017.

Officer Christopher Batzel in recognition of his outstanding performance leading to an arrest stemming from burglary and credit card fraud on Tuesday, August 29, 2017.

Officer Ryan Venem - in recognition of his outstanding performance on July 21, 2017 while apprehending an armed offender that was operating a stolen vehicle.

Officer Joseph DiGangi - in recognition of his outstanding performance on June 13, 2017 while responding to a call involving a male in possession of a loaded hand gun enroute to Countryside.

Officer Agostino Alonzo - in recognition of his outstanding performance while processing a vehicle for possible evidence from an automobile theft which ultimately led to the identification of a suspect in April 2017.

Service Awards



Sergeant John Andree
25 YEARS



Officer Kreg Floyd
20 YEARS



Officer Joe DiGangi
15 YEARS



Records Coordinator
Guadalupe Hamernik
10 YEARS



Detective Jim Stern
10 YEARS



CSO Supervisor
Patricia Littlejohn
10 YEARS



Officer Paul Lanzi
5 YEARS



Officer Ryan Jakubowski
5 YEARS



New to the Department



Officer Christopher Batzel was sworn in by Mayor McDermott on August 23, 2017. Officer Batzel came to Countryside with 2 years of prior police experience.

Retirement



Officer Karl Rodey retired on January 15, 2017. He served 29 years with the Countryside Police Department. During his career, he served in such assignments as the Bicycle Unit and the Juvenile Unit. Officer Rodey also coordinated Special Olympics Torch Run events for the department for several years.

Thank You Notes

Officer Bisignani: "Thank you for taking the time to speak to the members of District 1 Retirees Club about scam awareness and safety. The information that you gave to us was very helpful and appreciated."

- The Retirees Club, Local 150

Countryside Police Department (regarding assistance with Governor's Motorcycle Run September 23, 2017): "Your officers' detailed efforts, planning, and knowledge proved beneficial and ensured a successful detail. Please accept our sincere thanks and appreciation for the invaluable assistance and extend our appreciation to all involved personnel."

- Illinois State Police Executive Protection Unit

Officer Gleespen and Officer McDonald: "With the strife and discord going on across our nation concerning police culture, if your officers conduct is representation of the police staff in Countryside, Illinois; then perhaps you should put your management style into a template to share with other Police Chiefs across our nation to help restore the confidence and faith in our police departments. Your officers have certainly restored mine."

- Oak Park Resident

MCAT Investigators Sodt and Stern: "I would like to thank you, and all of the members of MCAT for the assistance they provided...The experience, knowledge and dedication of your team resulted in all suspects being charged with Residential Burglary and one suspect additionally charged with two counts of Unlawful Use of a Weapon by a felon."

- North Riverside Police Department

Master Sergeant Klimek, Sergeant Boyd, Officer Gleespen, and Officer Rodey: "On behalf of our family, we would like to express our deepest appreciation to you for providing an escort at Dad's funeral cartage. We thank you and God for what you do and for being the professionals that you are, caring for and serving our community and the vets."

- Countryside Resident

Officer Lanzi: "Officer Lanzi was instrumental in establishing a secure perimeter and aided in taking the suspect into custody...I express my sincere gratitude to Officer Lanzi and your department for providing an officer to assist in this incident."

- Brookfield Police Department

Countryside Police Department: "I would like to extend my sincere thanks in helping make the 2017 Spirit Ride Memorial Service a great success. Thank you for helping us plan for the event, your participation, and providing us with safe passage during the procession of trucks."

- Chariot Automotive & Towing

Officer Alonzo and Officer Venem: "The assistance and support of Officers Venem and Alonzo was appreciated and contributed to the thorough and swift handling of this traffic crash. As usual, your officers responded quickly to our request for assistance and were helpful, professional and systematic in their duties. Kindly extend my personal thanks to these officers for their duty and dedication."

- Indian Head Park Police Department

Sergeant Andree, Officer DiGangi, and Officer Pohle: "On behalf of the McCook Police Department I wanted to thank the Countryside Police Department and the officers involved for their assistance. Their hard work and dedication that night provided our officers with the opportunity to fulfill their responsibilities."

- McCook Police Department

Countryside Police Department: "With the assistance of your department, along with several others, we were able to successfully apprehend the three fleeing suspects. All three offenders have since been charged with several offenses...thank you very much for the assistance your officers provided during this critical incident in our town."

- Western Springs Police Department

Department Photos






















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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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