COUNTRYSIDE

Countryside Police Department



Annual Report

2018

Joseph G. Ford
CHIEF OF POLICE

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

February 27, 2019

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 City of Countryside Police Department 2018 Annual Report to you and the esteemed members of our City Council. This report is an overview of our operations for the past year. As you read through this report you will observe the many accomplishments the Men and Women have attained during the course of the year.

I am proud of our officers, their commitment to our vision, and their ability to adapt to change while maintaining a standard of excellence our residents can appreciate. In the last year we restructured the police department by adding a fourth sergeant and creating a commander position. This established a more consistent chain of command providing for increased efficiency in supervision. In our efforts and commitment to promote development and provide the necessary resources to ensure officer preparedness in a myriad of situations, 2018 police department training hours well surpassed training hours of previous years. With retirements and new hires, it is important for us as a team to train the future leaders of this department. To paraphrase an old saying, "We grow trees in whose shade we shall never sit". We are building a department of educated leaders so the excellence of the Men and Women of the Countryside Police Department will continue long after the current leadership has moved on.

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 serve proudly and work within our core values; Integrity, Courage, Excellence, Respect, Compassion, and Dedication.

Respectfully,

Joseph G. Ford
Chief of Police

City of Countryside Government

The Countryside Police Department would like to thank the City of Countryside elected officials, committee members, and board members. Their commitment, leadership, and vision throughout the year help to support the achievement of our mission and ensure the safety and quality of life for the residents of Countryside.

COUNTRYSIDE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Sean R. McDermott, Mayor
Susan Burdett, City Clerk
Caryn Stancik, Treasurer
John Finn, Alderman - Ward 1
Jim Jasinski, Alderman - Ward 1
Tom Mikolyzk, Alderman - Ward 2
John Von Drasek, Alderman - Ward 2
Mark Benson, Alderman - Ward 3
Scott Musillami, Alderman - Ward 3

POLICE COMMITTEE

Alderman John Finn - Chairman
Alderman Mark Benson
Alderman Tom Mikolyzk

BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSION

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

City of Countryside Map

The Countryside Police Department jurisdiction is divided into 3 zones that correspond with the City wards.

Service Area:
2.88 square miles

Sworn Officers:
24

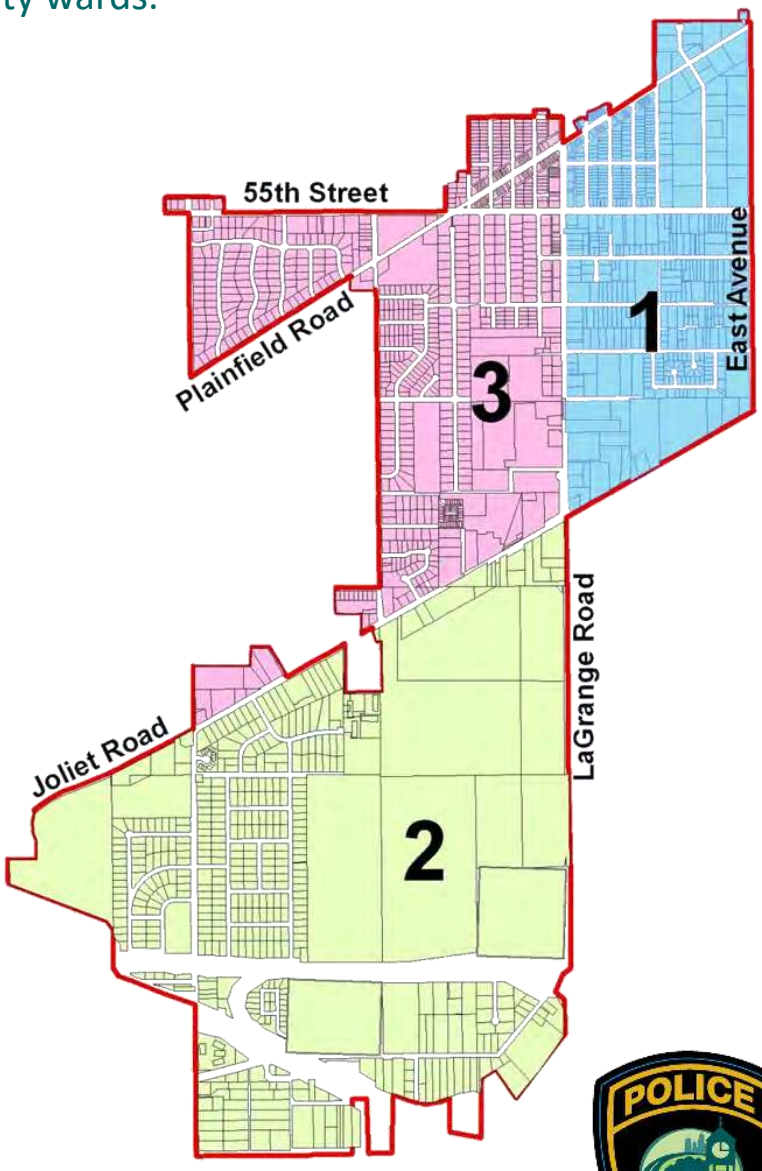
Civilian Personnel:
13

2018-2019 Budget:
$4,322,769

Population Served:
5,895 (2010 Census)

Total Households:
2,511

9 parks, 9 hole golf course,
550 businesses, 2 Schools





Values

INTEGRITY ★ COURAGE ★ EXCELLENCE ★ RESPECT ★ COMPASSION ★ DEDICATION

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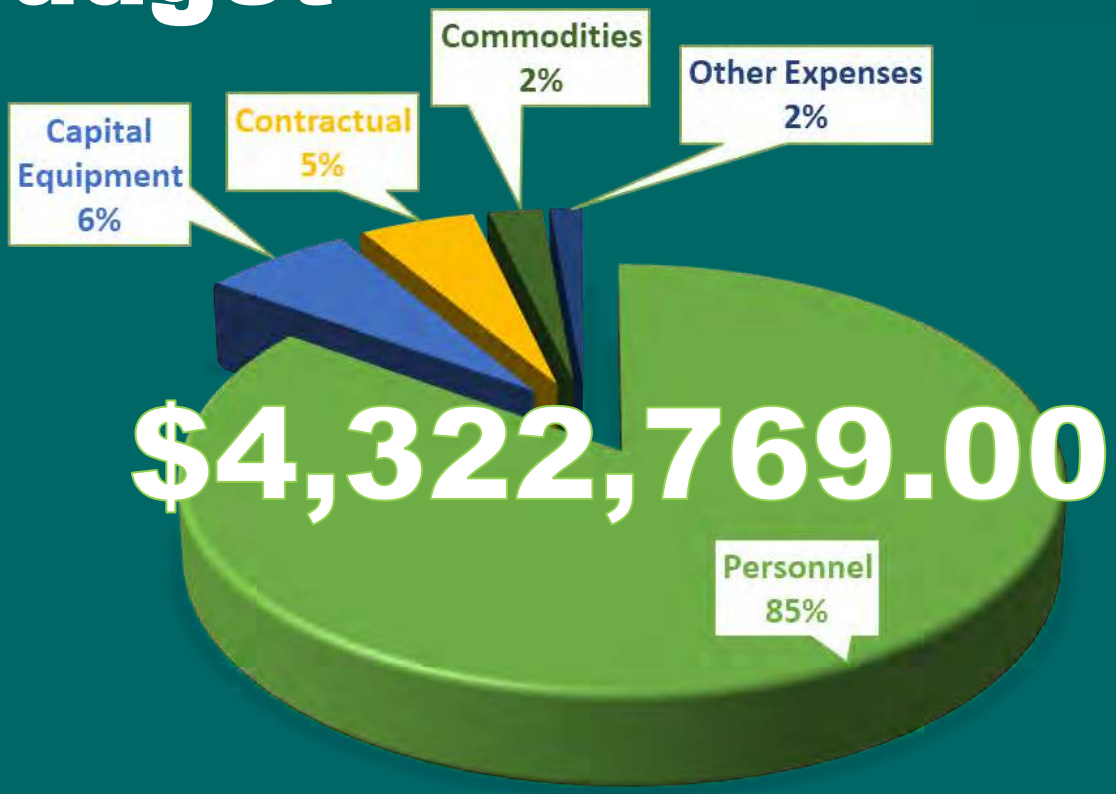
2018 Accomplishments

- Restructured police department to evenly distribute supervision and create a more effective flow in chain of command.
  - ◊ Created commander position and eliminated the master sergeant position.
  - ◊ Created a fourth patrol sergeant position.
  - ◊ Promoted a patrol officer to detective.
- Hired and began training two probationary officers.
- Updated and/or created seven policies to include; Responding to Mental Health Situations, Investigation of Criminal Sexual Assault, Social Media Use, Awards, Computer Use, Attendance/Overtime Report, and In-Car Audiovisual.
- Held 1st Annual Junior Police Academy.
- Held 6th Annual Shop with a Cop.
- Raised over $15,000 in support of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois for the 3rd year in a row.
- Accepted ComEd Powering Safe Communities Grant award in the amount of $9,300 to upgrade cameras at Countryside and Ideal Parks.
- Began building and training for the new Superion public safety software system.
- Collaborated with the finance department to partner with the State of Illinois for the Local Debt Recovery Program to increase our revenue from unpaid fines in collections.
- Negotiated a plan to lease the vacant ESDA property.
- Crime Free Housing Program assisted 4 landlords in the eviction process stemming from police involvement with tenants.

Accomplishments (cont.)

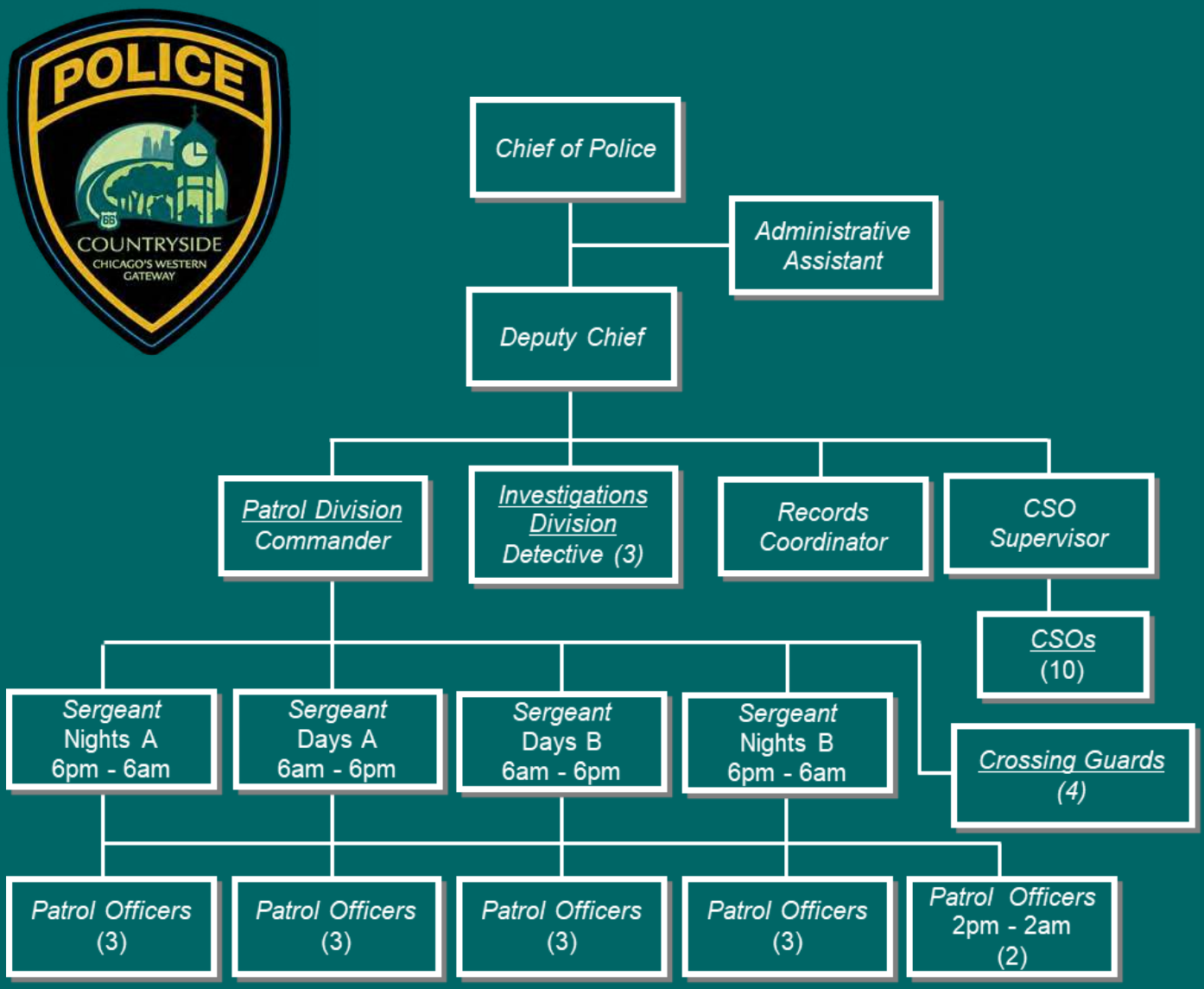
- Continued involvement in the construction process of the new municipal complex.
  - ◊ Worked with the Dewberry design team in the selection of fixtures, furniture & equipment.
  - ◊ Created the keying plan for the entire complex.
  - ◊ Negotiated the purchase and construction of a 195' monopole for the new municipal complex to meet the needs of public safety and the City's integrated telephone and computer system.
  - ◊ Began a campaign to lease space on the monopole to national wireless carriers to generate revenue for the City.
- Purchased 6 tri-band portable radios to improve interoperability and prepare for the T-band take back in 2021.
- Conducted two tobacco enforcement details and multiple IDOT safe driving details with overtime funds reimbursed by State grants.
- Successfully auctioned outdated and retired equipment including a police motorcycle and a surplus squad car.
  - ◊ Entered into an agreement with Internet auction service, Public Surplus, to liquidate unneeded City equipment online. This service can be used for the future needs of the City, including for items no longer needed by any City department especially when relocating to the new municipal complex.
- Presented two officers with Life Saving Awards.
- Presented two Certificates of Appreciation for outstanding citizenship.
- Officers dedicated over 3,066 hours to in-service training.
  - ◊ Training came in many forms including mandatory online training, SWAT training, police academy, and Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training, which is part of the IACP One Mind Campaign.

Countryside Police Department 2018-2019 Budget



BUDGET CATEGORY	AMOUNT BUDGETED
PERSONNEL	$3,675,107.00
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	$276,025.00
CONTRACTUAL	$212,335.00
COMMODITIES	$99,002.00
OTHER EXPENSES	$60,300.00
TOTAL BUDGET	**$4,322,769.00**

Countryside Police Department Organizational Chart




POLICE
66
COUNTRYSIDE
CHICAGO'S WESTERN
GATEWAY

Office of the Chief of Police



CHIEF
Joseph G. Ford



DEPUTY CHIEF
Scott Novak

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 Commander Paul Klimek. Deputy Chief Novak has served the Countryside Police Department since 1993, with Commander Klimek serving since 2004. Charity Mitchell has provided administrative support for the department since 2014. 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.



COMMANDER
Paul Klimek



ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Charity Mitchell

Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is the largest and most highly visible component of the Countryside Police Department. Employing 4 sergeants and 14 patrol officers, 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.

Patrol Division (cont.)

The Countryside Police Department has a total of 12 police vehicles in service. 7 of these units are used for active patrol, 2 are used for investigations, and 3 are administrative. One marked vehicle is outfitted with evidence technician equipment and one is equipped with specialized weaponry and protection essential for our SWAT officers. An Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) is also installed in one of the marked patrol units. The ALPR captures license plate numbers which are run against a database that cross references wanted vehicle listings as officers patrol the city.

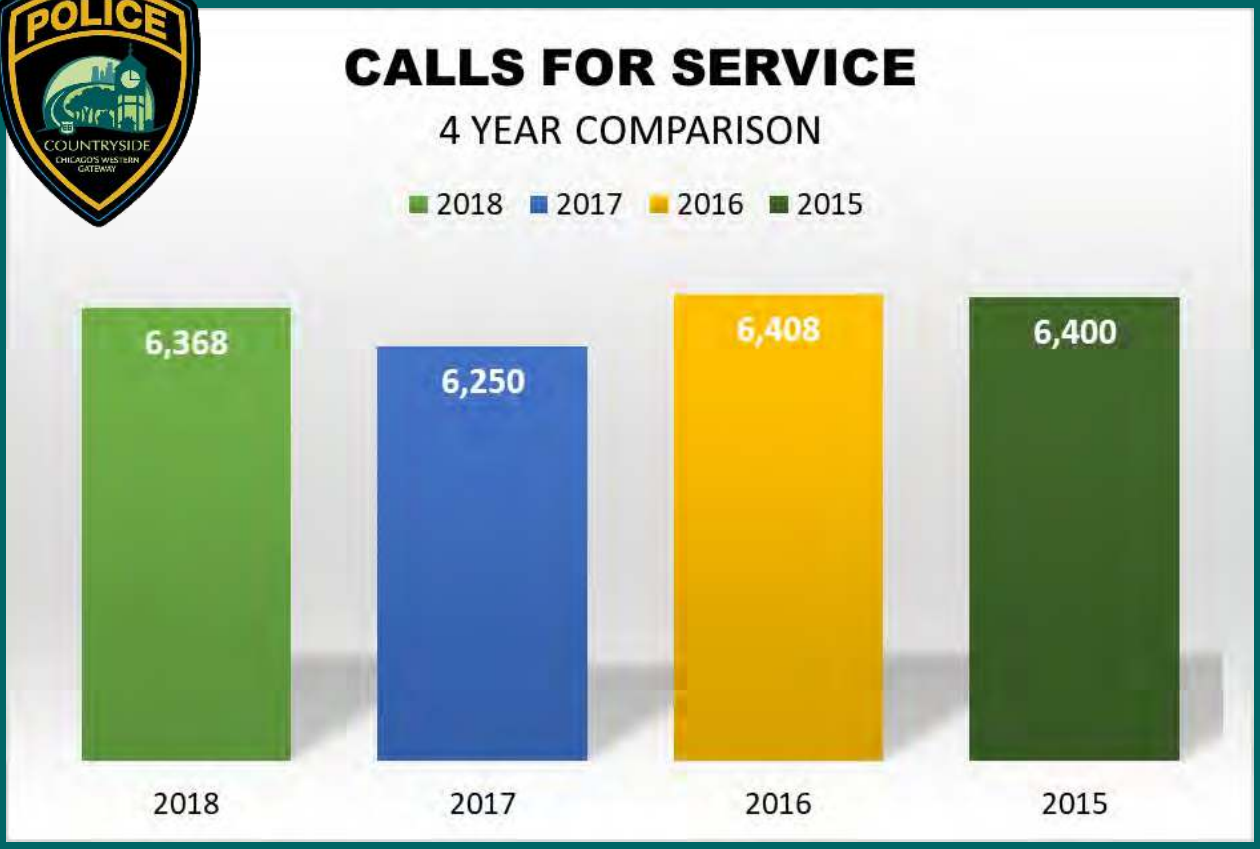




All patrol vehicles are equipped with in-car camera systems and Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) software. The in-car camera systems provide several benefits including officer training opportunities, increased professionalism and performance, and most importantly the safety of our officers and citizens. CAD software alerts officers when they are being assigned to calls 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.

Patrol Division (cont.)

During 2018, patrol officers responded to ***6,368 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.



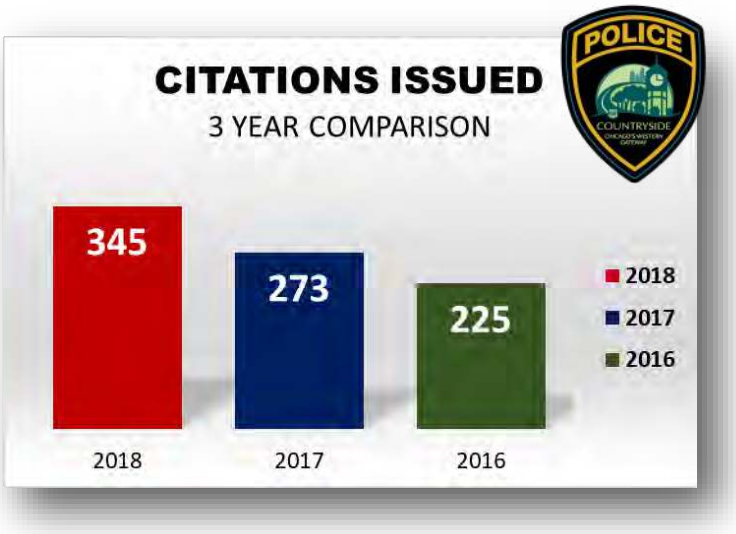


Traffic Safety Details

Traffic safety details, 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. In 2018, our officers 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.***

*Our officers issued a total of **345** citations including:*

165 seatbelt, **3** child safety seat, **8** suspended/revoked driver's license, **25** uninsured motorist, **7** speeding, and **6** distracted driving. In addition, **2** felony arrests, and **9** narcotics arrests were made.



Tobacco Enforcement Details

ROUND 1:
13 In Compliance
3 Violations

ROUND 2:
16 In Compliance
0 Violations

In 2018, our officers conducted 2 rounds of compliance checks on the 16 Countryside businesses with tobacco licenses. These checks are conducted in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Human Services. Through the State of Illinois Tobacco Enforcement Program, our department receives grant funding to conduct retail education and enforcement initiatives. This State 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.

Investigations

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 (M.C.A.T.) 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.

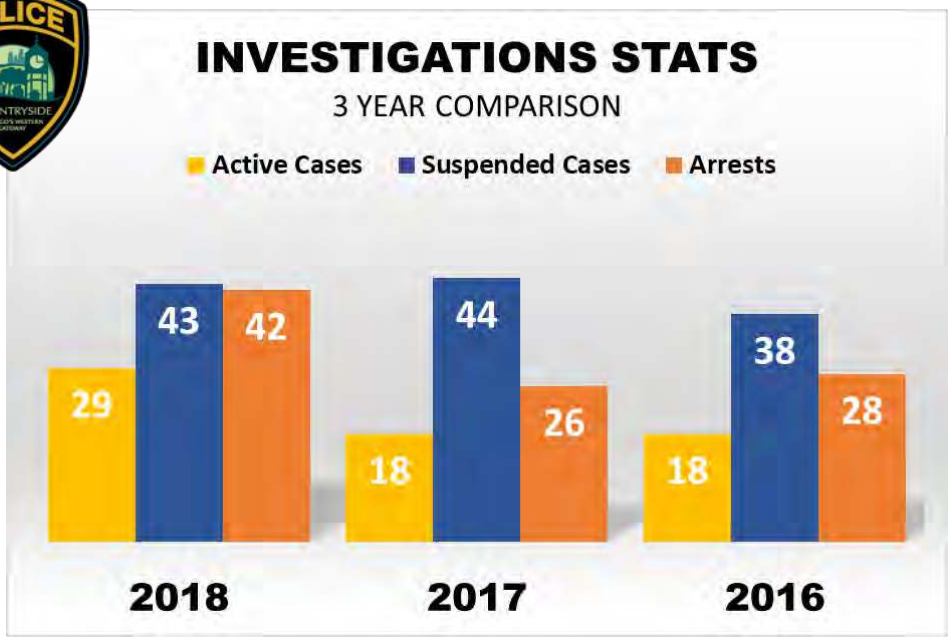
Some of the cases assigned to detectives in 2018 included:

Death Investigations, Sex Crimes, Burglary/Home Invasion, Burglary to Vehicle, Theft, Battery/Assault, and Forgery/Fraud.



In 2018, the Investigations Division reviewed 898 criminal cases. Of these 898 cases, ***121 cases were assigned to detectives for follow-up***. Through the course of the year, detectives dedicated 322 manpower hours to conducting criminal investigations which resulted in 42 arrests and 43 suspended cases (due to lack of evidence). 29 cases are still being actively investigated. (***See Investigations Stats on next page***).

Investigations (cont.)



Our third detective is assigned to the Chicago High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Domestic Highway Enforcement Initiative through an interagency agreement with the Illinois State Police Narcotics and Currency Interdiction Task Force (NARCINT). The HIDTA Unit investigates narcotics and money laundering related crimes throughout the State of Illinois. Our detective focuses primarily on commercial motor vehicle interdiction to target narcotics and currency traffickers.

In 2018, the HIDTA Unit seized almost $5,427,754.00 in US Currency and other assets. The Countryside Police Department received over $162,000.00 of these seizure funds.

2018 HIDTA ACTIVITY

184	Cases
36	Arrests
15	Firearms seized
28	Search warrants
8	Vehicles seized

Narcotics Seizures

Heroin	14.5 Kilos
Cocaine	125.6 Kilos
Meth	17.9 Kilos
Marijuana	278.3 Kilos

Evidence Technician Unit

The Evidence Technician Unit consists of 4 specially trained officers and 1 sergeant who, in addition to regular patrol duties, are responsible for recovering, photographing, and processing crime scene evidence. Our evidence technician officers complete 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 TECHNICIANS:

Sergeant Stern
Officer Alonzo
Officer Bisignani
Officer Goluszka
Officer Rojas



The Evidence Technician Unit was called upon many times in 2018 to process crimes scenes and motor vehicle crashes in Countryside. Some of the crime scenes that were investigated in 2018 include:

Death Investigations, Fire Investigations, Serious Motor Vehicle Accidents, Burglary (Residential/Business/Motor Vehicle), Crimes Against Person (Assault and Battery).

Bicycle Unit

The Bicycle Unit provides police patrol in areas that are inaccessible to vehicular patrol and makes officers more visible and more accessible to the citizens in Countryside. The Bicycle Unit operated 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 regular patrols, the Bicycle Unit provided security at Concerts in the Park and other City related events in 2018.

BICYCLE UNIT OFFICERS:

Sergeant Andree
Sergeant Boyd
Sergeant Stern
Officer Alonzo
Officer Gleespen
Officer Kalker
Officer Lanzi
Officer McDonald
Officer Venem



Crossing Guards



The Countryside Police Department has 4 part-time school crossing guards.

The school crossing locations are:

- 7th Avenue at Plainfield Rd
- 55th Street at Plainfield Rd
- 58th Street at Francis Ave
- In front of Ideal School on 58th St.

Mutual Aid Assignments

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 2018, 5th District SWAT ***officers responded to 6 callouts***; 4 for execution of high risk search warrants and 2 for armed-barricaded subject.

Major Case Assistance Team (M.C.A.T.)

The Major Case Assistance Team is a mutual aid organization comprised of investigators from 14 local jurisdictions including; Brookfield, Countryside, Forest View, Hodgkins, Indian Head Park, LaGrange, LaGrange Park, Lyons, McCook, North Riverside, Riverside, Stickney, Western Springs, and Willow Springs. In 2018, M.C.A.T. investigators were ***activated 11 times*** to bring resolution to various criminal investigations that included a murder, shootings, narcotics, burglaries, and thefts. It is the mission of M.C.A.T. to work together to solve and reduce crime through the sharing of expertise, information, and the combining of resources.

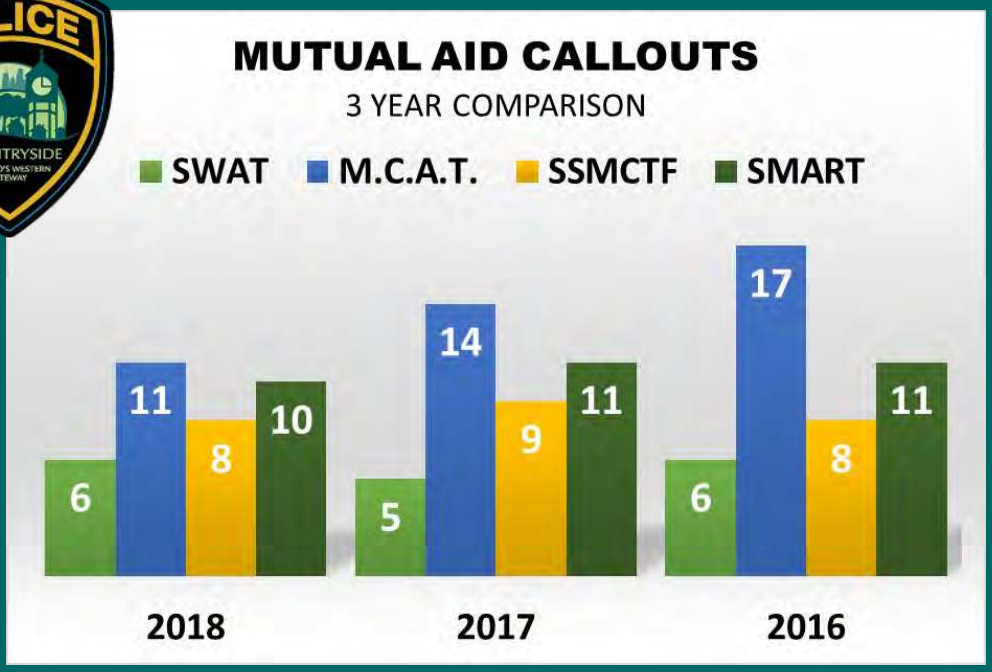
South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force (SSMCTF)

The South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force encompasses more than 50 agencies from the 5th and 6th Districts of Cook County. The Countryside Police Department is part of the SSMCTF West Division and specializes in homicide investigations. In 2018, SSMCTF detectives were ***activated on 8 separate occasions***.

Mutual Aid Assignments (cont.)

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. These officers assist member agencies in the investigation of vehicle crashes involving substantial property damage, injury, and/or death. We currently have one officer assigned to SMART. Our officer received the required training and is a State Certified Accident Reconstructionist. In 2018, our officer responded to ***10 activations*** to assist member agencies with the reconstruction of major crashes.



Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS)

The Countryside Police Department is also a member of ILEAS. ILEAS was formed in 2002 in response to the September 11th attacks and is responsible for coordinating immediate statewide emergency mutual aid response by law enforcement agencies to a requesting agency should a community suffer any natural or man-made disaster. ILEAS is based in Urbana, IL and is the largest mutual aid organization in the United States.

Juvenile Officers

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.

JUVENILE OFFICERS:

Sergeant Andree
Sergeant Boyd
Sergeant DuRell
Detective Sodt
Officer Alonzo
Officer Bisignani
Officer Kalker
Officer Lanzi

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.

9-1-1 Emergency Dispatch

All emergency calls and calls for police service in Countryside are dispatched by Southwest Central Dispatch (SWCD) located in Palos Heights, Illinois. SWCD operates dispatching services for several area agencies including Countryside.

As of 2018 SWCD also has the ability to handle text to 9-1-1 services, which allows text messages to be sent to 9-1-1 through a mobile phone or handheld device.

Text to 9-1-1 is intended primarily for use in 3 emergency scenarios:

1) For individuals who are deaf, hard-of-hearing, or have a speech disability.

2) For situations where it is not safe to place a voice call to 9-1-1.

3) A medical emergency renders a person incapable of speech.

Always Call 9-1-1 when you can and only Text 9-1-1 when you can't call.

Text-to-9-1-1 is not yet available across all locations in Illinois, in the US, or with all wireless carriers.



To Text:

1. Enter "911" in the "To" or "Recipient" field.
2. The first text sent should be short, and include the location of the emergency, and ask for police, fire, or ambulance.
3. After the text is sent to 911, answer any questions and follow instructions from the 911 call taker.
4. Texts should be short, and use no abbreviations or slang.
5. *Photos and videos CAN NOT be received at this time.

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/day, 365 days/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 the video surveillance system including prisoners, 11 cameras located at Countryside and Ideal Parks, and 19 cameras that cover City Hall, the Police Department, and the Water Department facility.



CSO SUPERVISOR
Patricia Littlejohn

In addition to the above duties, the CSO Supervisor is also responsible for training new CSOs, processing bank deposits, maintaining all LEADS hot files, and assisting with adjudication hearings

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.



In 2018, CSOs received a total of 2,171 administrative telephone calls and handled 1,730 window assists during the course of evening shifts Monday-Friday (11pm-7am, 3pm-11pm) and weekend shifts Saturday and Sunday. (11pm-7am, 3pm-11pm, 7am-3pm).

2018 CSO Shift Activity



Records Department

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.



Records Coordinator
Guadalupe Hamernik

THE RECORDS DEPARTMENT IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR:



Annual Records Disposal
Accuracy of Arrest Jackets
Compiling Monthly Reports
Local Court Adjudication
5th District Circuit Court
Subpoena Requests
Freedom of Information Requests
Local Ordinance Citations
Collections / IL Debt Recovery
Records Expungements
LEADS Coordination
Records Management System Auditing

Records Management (RMS)

Through the use of RMS our record keeping and reporting process is streamlined 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.

Our department also utilizes computerized accident reporting software that 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.

Administrative Adjudication

Administrative adjudication (local court) for local ordinance violations (including building code violations) is held on the 3rd Thursday of every month. In 2018, a total of 282 cases (including building code cases) were heard in local court. These cases were cleared through fines and/or community service, or they were dismissed. A total of $34,860.00 in fines/cost was collected through the adjudication of these violations.



In 2018, a total of 53 vehicles were impounded and $21,500.00 was collected in administrative tow fees.

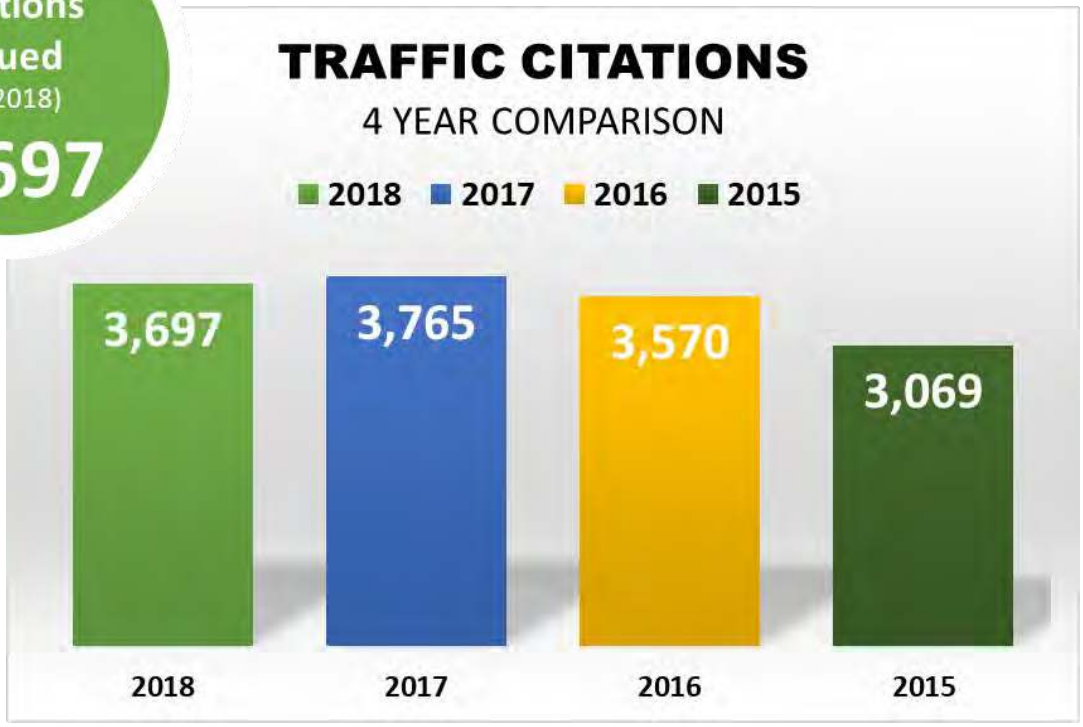
2018 Statistics at a Glance



*Long form arrests include felony arrests, misdemeanor arrests, and warrant arrests.

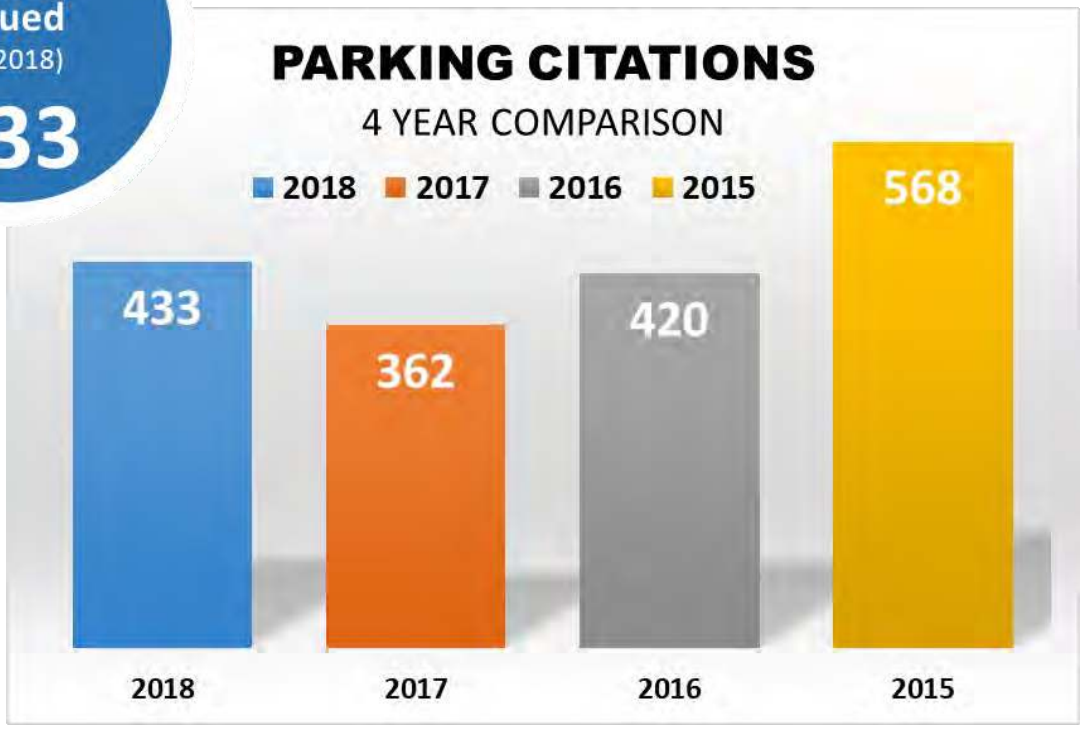
Traffic Citations Issued (in 2018)

3,697

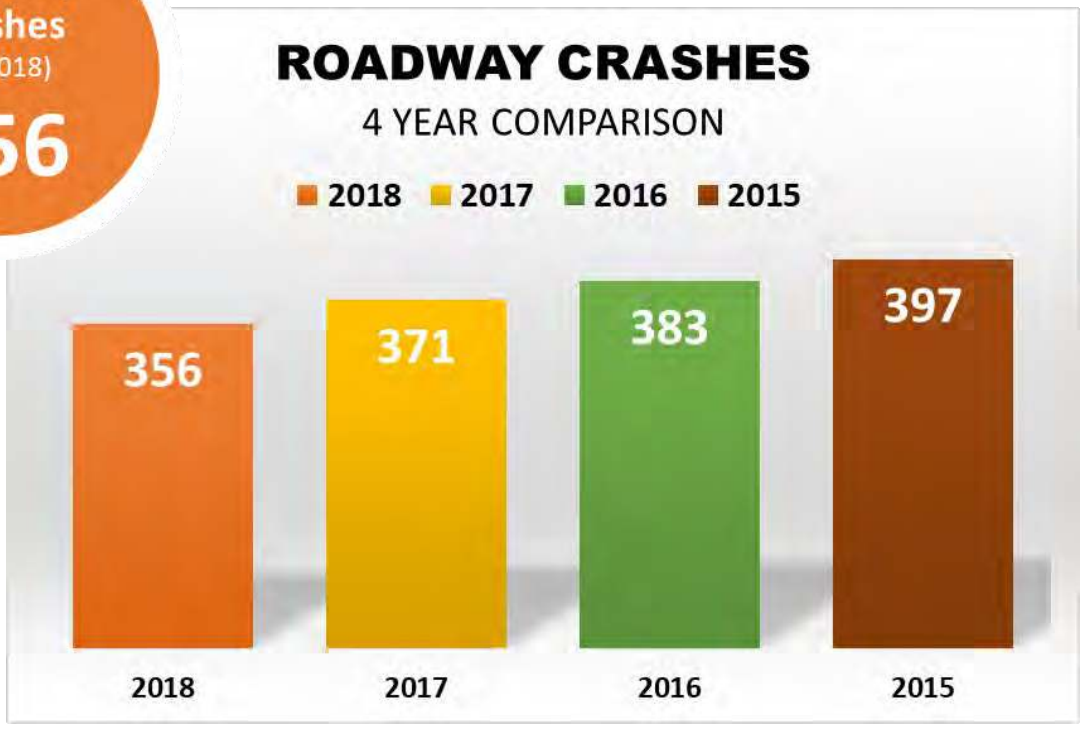


Parking Citations Issued (in 2018)

433



Roadway Crashes
(in 2018)
356



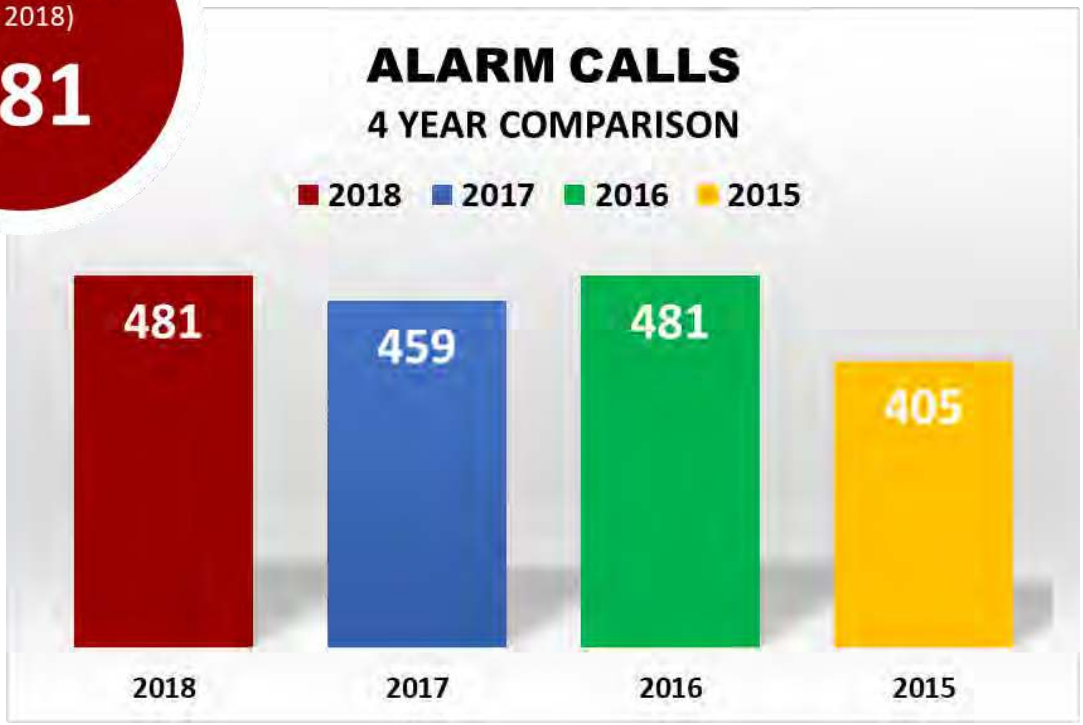
Parking Lot Crashes
(in 2018)
196



Assists to Other Agencies
(in 2018)
296



Alarm Calls
(in 2018)
481



Part I & Part II Crimes 2018

Part I Crimes	2018
Homicide	0
Criminal Sexual Assault	1
Robbery	1
Aggravated Battery/Assault	0
Burglary	4
Theft	174
Motor Vehicle Theft	11
Arson	0
Human Trafficking	0

Part II Crimes	2018
Battery/Domestic Battery/Assault	82
Deceptive Practices	55
Criminal Damage to Property/Defacement	39
Deadly Weapons	1
Sex Offenses	0
Drug Offenses	85
Resisting/Obstructing Arrest	13
Liquor Control Violations/Premise Checks	198
Disorderly Conduct	58
Offenses Involving Children	2
Warrant Arrests	38
Unlawful Visitation Interference	2
Driving While Intoxicated	16
Driving on Suspended/Revoked or No DL	93
Other Traffic (Illinois Vehicle Code) Offenses	4021

The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program divides offenses into two groups, Part I and Part II crimes. Each month, participating law enforcement agencies submit information on the number of Part I offenses that become known to them; those offenses cleared by arrest or exceptional means; and the age, sex, and race of persons arrested for each of the offenses. Contributors provide only arrest data for Part II offenses. The UCR Program collects data about Part I offenses in order to measure the level and scope of crime occurring throughout the nation. The program's founders chose these offenses because they are serious crimes, they occur with regularity in all areas of the country, and they are likely to be reported to police.

Arrest Summary & Comparison

* The data on this page represents **arrests** for **selected** violations of Illinois Compiled Statutes as well as Local Ordinance violations.

CRIMINAL OFFENSE	2018	2017	2016
Aggravated Assault / Aggravated Battery	0	1	5
Disorderly Conduct	14	7	10
Armed Robbery	1	1	0
Assault / Battery	14	15	15
Burglary from Motor Vehicle	0	3	0
Burglary Commercial/Non-Residential	1	0	2
Contributing to Delinquency of Minor	0	1	0
Criminal Damage to Property/Damage to Vehicle/Defacement	6	8	7
Criminal Trespass to Real Property/Residence/ Vehicle	8	11	12
Domestic Battery	4	12	12
Drug Offenses	85	106	59
Endangering Life / Health Child / Neglect	4	2	1
Fraudulent Activity	16	8	6
Harassment by Phone / Electronics	2	0	1
Intoxicated Person	5	4	1
Mob Action	4	3	0
Obstructing Justice/Resist/Obstruct Officer	12	12	10
Retail Theft	66	62	44
Theft under $500 / Theft over $500	14	20	8
Warrant Arrest	37	37	29

TRAFFIC OFFENSE	2018	2017	2016
Driving Under the Influence	15	12	13
No Driver's License	22	24	28
Reckless Driving	1	2	3
Hit and Run	3	0	4
Suspended/Revoked DL	61	89	83


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Training

The coordination of training for the Countryside Police Department is the responsibility of Commander 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.



2018 Training Highlights

* Completed 3,066 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. 560 of the total training hours were completed by one of our new recruits at the police academy.



* In accordance with the State of Illinois Police and Community Improvement Act, officers also receive annual training 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.



* 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.

CPR / AED / Opioid Overdose



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. Two of our officers, Sergeant Boyd and Officer Venem, are both certified CPR instructors.



All officers have also received training in the proper administration of Naloxone. Naloxone kits are carried along with the AEDs . As a trained Opioid Overdose Educator, Sergeant Boyd can also instruct parents and siblings of addicts in the proper administration of Naloxone.

Mental Health First Aid

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 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 Team training to a minimum of 20% of our officers by the end of December 2018.

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training

Crisis Intervention Team training is a State certified 40-hour training course that provides specialized training to allow officers to respond effectively to incidents that may involve an individual facing a mental health crisis. 5 officers completed this 40-hour training in 2018.

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.













Active Shooter Training

During spring break, Countryside officers participated in an active shooter training exercise. A lock down drill was also completed with Ideal School teachers, staff, and students on a different day.



















Elderly Service Officer Training

The Elderly Service Officer (ESO) Training 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. 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.

On May 1, 2018 Officer Bisignani gave a presentation titled "How to prevent Phone-y Scams".



Professional Standards

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 and public service is the number of citizen complaints received. Only one citizen complaint was filed for battery and this complaint was investigated by the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department and was ultimately unfounded. To their credit, our officers received numerous compliments and praise from the public throughout the year.

IA#	Source of Complaint	Nature of Complaint	Disposition	Disciplinary Action
2018-1	Administrative Policy	Vehicle Operation	Sustained	Counseling letter
2018-2	Administrative Policy	Performance of Duty	Sustained	Counseling letter
2018-3	Administrative Policy	Vehicle Operation	Sustained	Counseling Letter
2018-4	Citizen Complaint	Battery	Unfounded	N/A
2018-5	Administrative Policy	Vehicle Operation	Not Sustained	N/A
2018-6	Administrative Policy	Performance of Duty	Sustained	Suspension of Overtime Detail
2018-7	Administrative Policy	Performance of Duty	Sustained	Counseling Letter
2018-8	Administrative Policy	Performance of Duty	Sustained	Counseling Letter
2018-9	Administrative Policy	Performance of Duty	Sustained	Counseling Letter

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 Incidents

In 2018, Countryside police officers were involved in 4 use of force incidents. Although none of the incidents received outside or citizen complaints, each and every officer-involved use of force incident was thoroughly reviewed and investigated by department administration. Based on the investigations, all incidents were found to be within the prescribed guidelines of the Countryside Police Department policies and procedures.

D.A.R.E.

The **D.A.R.E. 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. During the school year, Officer April Bisignani teaches the program to 5th Grade students from Ideal School. The D.A.R.E. "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.

The academic school year culminates with a D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony that is attended by family, friends, and community members. The graduation ceremony for students of D.A.R.E. Class #43 was held on May 23, 2018.



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 2018.

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"



This 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.

Junior Police Academy

2018 marked our 1st Annual Junior Police Academy. The Junior Police Academy was introduced to provide students the opportunity to interact with law enforcement in a fun environment while promoting youth involvement within the community, encouraging open communication, and establishing positive relationships with our officers. The Academy is offered as a free, one-week program with classes designed to provide an informative and interactive experience for middle school students interested in learning more about law enforcement and what police officers do on a daily basis. Through class instruction, lectures, demonstrations, and practical activities, students are introduced to different aspects of law enforcement and become acquainted with the daily operations of our police department. Some of the topics that are presented include SWAT, investigations, evidence processing, traffic enforcement/patrol, physical agility, and report writing.

The Junior Police Academy was held June 11 - June 15, 2018. Classes met each day from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and culminated in a graduation and pizza party on June 15th. The Junior Police Academy Class of 2018 had 13 graduates.



Junior Police Academy 2018 Class Photos





















The 6th Annual Countryside Police Department “Shop with a Cop” was held on December 15, 2018. Each year this community program provides 10 children from Countryside an opportunity to interact in a positive way with Countryside police officers while shopping for holiday gifts. Each child receives a $100.00 gift card to purchase gifts. 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 and volunteers.

A special thank you to all who volunteered and to T.J. Maxx, Westfield Ford, and the Autobarn of Countryside for their support and generosity which helped to make this event possible.



Shop with a Cop

More photos from Saturday, December 15, 2018













Crime Free Multi-Housing

The City of Countryside 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. The lease addendum holds the tenant responsible and subject to lease termination if they or their guests engage in any violation of the law when such activity constitutes a threat to public health or safety or which constitutes a breach of the peace.

In 2018, the use of the lease addendum proved successful by assisting 4 property owners with the eviction of tenants who were in violation of the terms of the addendum. 2 of the 4 evictions involved subjects with extensive criminal backgrounds. Including involvement in numerous vehicle burglaries and narcotics dealings.

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 2018 year-end, 215 multi-family and single family rental properties were identified through our Crime Free Housing Program and currently 100 rental property owners/managers have either successfully completed the required 4 hour training or are exempt from attending due to immediate family living at the property or they have been certified by another department.

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. Business Watch keeps business owners and their employees informed of current crime trends and alerts. Relevant "Crime Alerts" are emailed to businesses to provide them with important and timely information about crime trends occurring in our area or at specific business types in nearby areas.





"We Call Police"

This 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.

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.

Service Observation Cards

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 a card indicating the condition they viewed and some security measures that can be taken. **In 2018, our officers located 110 open doors/windows** 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.


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
Other _____

Mission Statement
Our mission is to save 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, service, and excellence.

Prescription Drug Take Back

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.

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 callers with a 911 dispatcher.



Website/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.

Every year the Countryside Police Department participates in several fundraising campaigns in support of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois. In 2018, the Countryside Police Department was able to raise a total of **$15,774.54** through our participation in the following events:

Dunkin' Donuts "Cop on Rooftop"
Harley-Davidson Raffle
"Beards for a Cause"
Texas Roadhouse Benefit Lunch
Cubs Rooftop Party
"Change for a Cause"
"Cops N Kids" Basketball Game



Pleasantview Fire Protection District Annual Safety Day 2018

Officer Venem pictured with Safety Pup at Pleasantview Fire Protection District Safety Day held on September 29, 2018 from 10am - 1pm.



2018 Run for Kelli & Pop Tops for Joy Program

As part of the 2018 Run for Kelli, this was the second year the Countryside Police Department competed with other agencies to raise the most pop tops for the Ronald McDonald House in memory of Kelli Joy O'Laughlin. Countryside competed with McCook, Hodgkins, and Willow Springs Police Departments, and North Riverside Parks and Recreation. Countryside placed third, but we enjoyed participating and being able to contribute to this worthy cause.

Pictured: Admin. Asst. Mitchell, Ofc. Goluszka, his daughter, and her friend participated in the 2018 Run for Kelli 5K on September 30, 2018.





Western Springs Police Department & La Grange Police Department combined

National Night Out Event

Officer Chris Batzel represented the Countryside Police Department at the August 7, 2018 event.





Countryside Carnival

Officer Kalker, Detective Sodt, Officer Bisignani, Sergeant DuRell, Commander Klimek, & Sergeant Stern are all pictured here at the Carnival on July 15, 2018.

Saturday, July 7, 2018

Sergeant Stern and Officer Jakubowski happened upon two young ladies running a lemonade stand to raise money to donate to the Illinois Chapter of Concerns for Police Survivors (COPS).



Meals on Wheels

On Wednesday, March 7, 2018, Chief Ford, Officer Lanzi, Officer Goluszka, and Administrative Assistant Mitchell volunteered to distribute goodie bags and meals to Countryside residents during the Meals on Wheels "March for Meals" event.







COPS N KIDS

Basketball Game

On March 22, 2018 officers from Countryside, Hodgkins, and La Grange Police Departments participated in the Cops N Kids Basketball Game at Gurrie Middle School. The money raised was donated to Special Olympics Illinois.











Ideal School Halloween Tour

Wednesday, October 31, 2018

Each Halloween, Countryside police officers escort Kindergarten and 1st Grade students in squad cars from Ideal School to the Police Department. Administrative staff dress up for the event and hand out candy as the children tour the Police Department and City Hall.
















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Recognition from the Community & Other Agencies

Detective Sodt: (Regarding assistance in locating suspect of an armed robbery) “We would like to thank Detective Sodt for his assistance and excellent police work. Due to his efforts, a dangerous felon was taken off the streets.”

- Chicago Ridge Police Department

Sergeant Stern, Officer Goluszka, and Officer Venem: (Regarding a call for assistance) “I just want you to know how wonderful these men were during the entire episode. They were sensitive, compassionate, and understanding of the student and his emotions and inability to comprehend what was occurring…I think it is important to acknowledge the efforts your department has taken to train your officers for these situations and what outstanding men you have working for you.”

- Helping Hand Center

Officer Rojas and Officer Batzel: (Regarding assistance removing a bat from a condo) “These guys are just two reasons why I am happy I live in Countryside and proud of our Police Department…Although this was a non-emergent situation, I do believe [your officers] possess qualities that would make them an asset to any Law Enforcement Organization. I'm just happy they are with ours! They were very pleasant and personable, had a sense of humor, they did not have an "I'm better than this" attitude. They were called out on a job and they were going to get that job done. They have compassion,- (they were very nice to my 89 year old mom), asking if she was okay. They seem to work well with one another. They have what it takes I believe to be successful in any situation they may be put in.”

Officer Goluszka and Officer Maher: (same resident...another bat…) “Again they were professional, courteous and extremely nice guys…I credit our community and the leadership that make the Countryside Police Department the class-act that it is.”

- Countryside Resident

Officer Rojas and Officer Batzel: (Regarding a medical emergency) "I was glad I made the call and the officers could help him. I was very proud to witness what a great job our police officers are doing."

- "A proud and grateful citizen"

Detective DiGangi: "An ILEAS call out was initiated and numerous agencies responded to assist the Willowbrook Police Department with rendering aid and searching for the juvenile who was ultimately located on the hotel property. Please thank Officer DiGangi for his assistance. The cooperation shown in this incident and many in the past, are examples of the excellent working relationship between our agencies."

- Willowbrook Police Department

Officer Bisignani: (Regarding locating a missing suicidal subject) "The assistance and cooperation of your officer is greatly appreciated and contributed to the thorough handling and safe outcome of this incident. Your officer responded quickly to the scene and was effective, professional and systematic in her actions and duties."

- Indian Head Park Police Department

Sergeant DuRell, Officer Floyd, and Officer Venem: (Regarding assisting in a DUI arrest) "Had these officers not come to the aid of [our officer] this arrest may not have occurred or, worse yet, it could have resulted in injury. The driver of the offending vehicle was charged with D.U.I., Fleeing and Attempting to Elude a Police Officer, Resisting Arrest, D.W.L.S. and several other traffic violations. Please pass along my sincere appreciation to these three officers for not hesitating to intervene and coming to the aid of a fellow officer."

- La Grange Police Department

Detective Stern and Detective Sodt: (regarding a call for assistance) "I just wanted to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for how professionally and thoroughly you both handled the situation…this was a very stressful situation for me but working with two caring calm people such as yourselves made a difficult situation tolerable…it is comforting to know that our village has two great detectives to work with."

- Countryside resident

Chief Ford, Commander Klimek, Sergeant Boyd, Detective Sodt, Detective Stern, Officer Batzel, Officer DiGangi, Officer Rojas, and Officer Bisignani: "On behalf of the men and women of the Western Springs Police Department I would like to extend my sincere appreciation and gratitude to the members of your department for assisting our agency with the apprehension and arrest of two subjects who committed an armed robbery…with the invaluable assistance of these officers, along with those of surrounding towns, we were able to apprehend the subjects without incident, ensuring the safety of other residents."

- Western Springs Police Department

Sergeant Andree, Officer Gleespen, and Officer Pohle: "This crash occurred during rush hour traffic as well as a snow storm...the above officers arrived on the scene and began traffic control. Their assistance while routine in nature was appreciated more since the other officers in our department were busy with an arrest. The continued support of our surrounding agencies is greatly appreciated."

- Hodgkins Police Department

Citizen Recognition

Countryside resident and crossing guard, **Elizabeth Wittenberg**, was recognized as an outstanding citizen for providing information that assisted officers in the apprehension and arrest of an offender from a hit and run traffic crash. Elizabeth was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation at the December 12, 2018 City Council meeting.





Certificate of Appreciation

COUNTRYSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

THIS CERTIFICATE IS AWARDED TO

ERIK D. KOSIK

FOR

EXTRAORDINARY PERSONAL ACTION AND HEROISM DURING A MEDICAL EMERGENCY THAT OCCURRED ON APRIL 18, 2018 AT JEWEL OSCO.

WHILE ACTING COMMENDABLY AND WITHOUT HESITATION, ERIK D. KOSIK, UPON SEEING A CO-WORKER COLLAPSE AND NOT BREATHING, ADMINISTERED CPR UNTIL POLICE OFFICERS ARRIVED ON THE SCENE.

ERIK'S ACTIONS DEMONSTRATE A SENSE OF CONCERN AND HELPFULNESS TO OTHERS AND HE IS RECOGNIZED AS AN OUTSTANDING CITIZEN.

June 19, 2018 — June 27, 2018

Joseph G. Ford, Chief of Police — Date — Gerald R. McDermott, Mayor — Date

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Erik Kosik was recognized as an outstanding citizen and received an award for his extraordinary personal action and heroism during a medical emergency that occurred in April, 2018. Erik, observed a co-worker collapse and realized the co-worker was not breathing, so he proceeded to administer CPR until police officers arrived on the scene. Erik was unable to attend a City council meeting so our officers hand delivered his certificate.

Life Saving Award



Officer Paul Lanzi and Officer Ryan Venem, both received a Life Saving Award at the June 27, 2018 City Council meeting for their actions when responding to an ambulance assist for an unresponsive male.

Honorable Mention

Officer Kreg Floyd received an honorable mention award for his actions on April 23, 2018. When responding to a call to assist the Cook County Sheriff's Department with a residential fire, Officer Floyd learned 2 subjects were inside the home. One subject was able to locate the exit and Officer Floyd made entry into the home and assisted the second subject in evacuating the home safely.

Mutual Aid Recognition

Detective Robert Sodt and Detective Joe DiGangi both received recognition at a Lyons Village Board meeting in December for their assistance, through M.C.A.T., with a murder investigation and resulting arrest that occurred in Lyons, IL.





Service Awards



Deputy Chief Scott Novak

25 years



Sergeant Darrell DuRell

15 years



Officer Nate McDonald

15 years



Detective Timothy Wherry

15 years



Chief Joseph Ford

5 years

2018 Employee Years of Service



25-29 Years

Sergeant John Andree
Deputy Chief Scott Novak

20-24 Years

Sergeant Tony Boyd
Officer Ken Goluszka
Officer Ronnie Pohle^
Officer Kreg Floyd^

15-19 Years

Detective Robert Sodt
Detective Joe DiGangi
Detective Tim Wherry
Sergeant Darrell DuRell
Officer Nate McDonald

10-14 Years

Commander Paul Klimek
Officer Kelly Kalker
Officer April Bisignani
Officer Agostino Alonzo
Officer Brendan Gleespen
Sergeant Jim Stern
Records Coordinator Lupe Hamernik
CSO Supervisor Patricia Littlejohn

5-9 Years

Officer Ryan Jakubowski
Officer Paul Lanzi
Chief Joe Ford

0-4 Years

Officer Mike Rojas
Admin. Asst. Charity Mitchell
Officer Ryan Venem
Officer Mike Maher
Officer Christopher Batzel
Officer Connor Rinehart*
Officer Kevin Cerny*

^ Employee retired in 2018
* Employee was hired in 2018

Military Service Recognition





Sergeant Anthony Boyd *retired from the United States Air Force in April of 2009 after 25 years of active and reserve service.*

Officer Brendan Gleespen *served in the United States Army from 1998 to 2006.*

Officer Kelly Kalker *is currently a member of the United States Army Reserve Military Police.*

Officer Michael Maher *served in the United States Army National Guard from 2004 to 2013.*

Officer Connor Rinehart *served in United States Marine Corps from 2009 to 2013*

Detective Robert Sodt *served in the United States Army National Guard from 1994 until 1999.*

Officer Ryan Venem *served in the United States Marine Corps from 2008 until 2017.*

Promotions



Officer Joe DiGangi was promoted to Detective on June 1, 2018.



At the May 9, 2018 City Council meeting, Master Sergeant Paul Klimek was sworn in as Commander and Detective Jim Stern was sworn in as a Sergeant.

New to the Department

Officer Connor Rinehart and Officer Kevin Cerny were sworn in by Mayor McDermott at the City Council meeting on September 12, 2018 .



* Photo taken by Jeff Templin, a freelance reporter for the Desplaines Valley News.

Retirements



23 Years of Service

Officer Ronnie Pohle



20 Years of Service

Officer Kreg Floyd

Department Photos



Chief Ford, Officer Cerny, and Deputy Chief Novak at the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy graduation on December 21, 2018.



Detective Sodt, Commander Klimek, Officer McDonald, Officer Kalker, Admin. Asst. Mitchell, Detective DiGangi, Officer Pohle, Deputy Chief Novak and Records Coordinator Hamernik take a picture on Officer Pohle's last day of work, July 5, 2018.



On December 5, 2018 Chief Ford and Deputy Chief Novak attended the ComEd reception to recognize police departments who received grant funding through the Powering Safe Communities Grant.

Department Photos



Officer Alonzo, Officer Gleespen, Officer Rinehart, Detective Sodt, Chief Ford, Sergeant DuRell, Officer Lanzi, and Officer Rojas pose for a picture after Shop with a Cop on December 15, 2018.



Officer Goluszka in March 2018 after participating in St. Baldrick's to raise money for childhood cancer research.



Chief Ford, Deputy Chief Novak, & Commander Klimek at the Texas Roadhouse Benefit Lunch in support of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois.





PATROLMAN
JOSEPH R. 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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