





COUNTRYSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

2023 Annual Report

Paul V. Klimek, Chief of Police

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Letter from the Chief

To the Honorable Mayor McDermott and the City Council of Countryside,

On behalf of the men and women of the Countryside Police Department, I am pleased to present our agency's 2023 Annual Report for your review. This document provides a comprehensive overview of the Police Department's operations for the past year and highlights our team's many accomplishments and exemplary performance as a work unit.

In 2023, CPD officers responded to 13,822 calls for service, issued 3,639 citations, and made 125 adult arrests. It should be noted this is the second year that no complaints were received as a result of any of these many contacts with the public. This unblemished record is a indicator of the professionalism with which our officers and staff engage community stakeholders. Another metric of successful agencies - effective recruitment and retention of qualified officers – continues to be one of our agency's many strengths. The Countryside Police Department is a desirable professional home for our officers and our strong reputation within the regional law enforcement community serves as a powerful draw for talented candidates.

I would like to thank the city fathers and citizens for their continued support of this agency and the services we provide. Our enduring goal is to continue to augment the many positive relationships we share with our friends in the community through the expression of core values central to the well-being of all, namely Integrity, Courage, Excellence, Respect, Compassion, and Dedication.

Respectfully,

Paul Klimek
Chief of Police

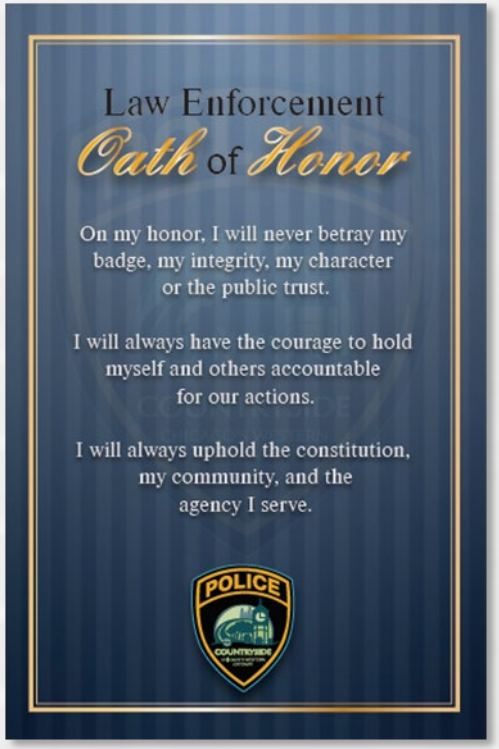


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Accomplishments

- ✓ Hired one officer , thus restoring the department to full staffing levels.
- ✓ Received a $4,000 grant from the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency (IRMA) to purchase the Lexipol company's policy management services, including a module that ensures compliance with Illinois training mandates.
- ✓ Began an extensive policy and procedure review with Lexipol content experts to ensure CPD directives reflect current State and Federal legislation and law enforcement best practices. Through weekly online work sessions, Command staff is currently half way through this process. When completed, our Officers will be encouraged to utilize Lexipol's mobile app which allows for policy review in the field. Additionally, officers will receive daily bulletins tied to these updated standards.
- ✓ Expanded the department's automated license plate reader (ALPR) network with the installation and activation of 4 fixed LPR cameras purchased with $39,830.06 in grant funding awarded by the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C) and the Bureau of Justice Assistance in 2022.
- ✓ Purchased a DJI M30T multi-purpose drone for use in investigations, special event surveillance, subject searches, and more. A policy directing appropriate use of the drone was developed and disseminated to officers and a trainer specializing in law enforcement drone operations provided Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) pilot testing preparatory training to our personnel. Presently, seven officers have passed the test and are fully licensed by the FAA to operate the drone.
- ✓ Seven truck enforcement details were conducted by officers specifically trained to recognize and enforce traffic violations committed by commercial motor vehicles, a proven cause of considerable roadway damage and, oftentimes, a safety threat to the driving public. These details enabled our officers to concentrate their enforcement efforts solely on commercial vehicles travelling through Countryside's main thoroughfares. In all, $38,648.00 in fines were issued.

Accomplishments

- ✓ Continued to participate in the Illinois Department of Human Services Tobacco Enforcement Program, a grant-funded initiative providing retailer education and compliance checks of tobacco retail establishments to prevent the sale of tobacco and vape products to individuals under 21.
- ✓ Continued to participate in the Illinois Department of Transportation's Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program, which includes a series of special grant-funded enforcement details dedicated to enhancing traffic safety. CPD officers working these details educate the public through enforcement of laws related to impaired driving, excessive speed, distracted driving, and use of seat belts.
- ✓ Hosted a successful Shop With a Cop event which provided holiday gifts and resources to local deserving families. This beloved yearly program is made possible through the collaborative efforts of our officers, volunteers, and generous donations received from local businesses.
- ✓ Continued to partner with the Crisis Center for South Suburbia to assist victims of domestic violence through case follow-up and referral to outside support services and resources.
- ✓ Initiated a partnership with the Cook County Treatment Response Team, which provides virtual co-responder services to individuals coming into contact with law enforcement who are experiencing mental health crises.
- ✓ Purchased five Terminator pursuit prevention devices and revised department Vehicle Pursuit policy to authorize their use. Placed in front of a vehicle's rear tire at the beginning of a traffic stop, these units prevent pursuits of fleeing drivers by flattening tires quickly, safety, and in a controlled manner.
- ✓ Received approval for the purchase of two new Dodge Durango patrol vehicles, which are slated for delivery in early 2024.
- ✓ Fully implemented the cloud-based public safety software, Quicket Solutions, which has enabled CPD officers, Records personnel, and City building department representatives to work more efficiently within a paperless ticketing environment. Quicket's online payment capabilities have proven beneficial to those needing to pay fees related to local ordinance violations. Furthermore, individuals seeking copies of crash reports can do so within the online portal, thus saving staff time and providing greater convenience to the public.

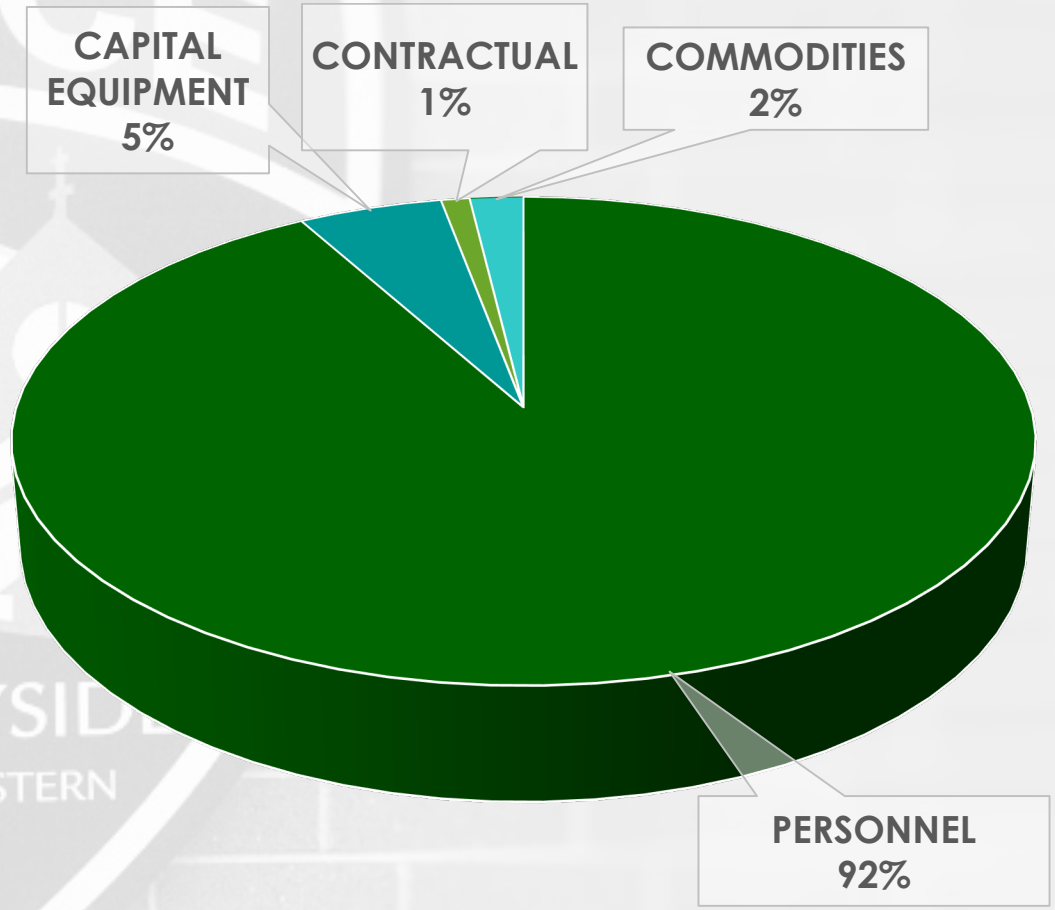
Accomplishments

- ✓ With the implementation of the SAFE-T Act, the police department was faced with satisfying unfunded training mandates required by the Act and administered by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB). With every police department in the state also urgently attempting to comply with these mandates, available spots in much-needed training programs became difficult to find. As a remedy to this shortage, Command staff identified officers to send to certified train-the-trainer programs that qualified those attendees to provide training to their peers on a number of topics, including high risk traffic stops, tactical medical response, and active shooter response.
- ✓ Completed over 4191 combined hours of department training.
  - One Officer successfully completed the 90-hour Basic SWAT Officer school and has been assigned to the 5th District SWAT Team.
  - One Officer successfully completed the 40-hour Truck Enforcement program and will assist in improving commercial motor vehicle safety in our community.
  - Sergeant Robert Sodt graduated from the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety (NUCPS) School of Police Staff and Command, the acclaimed 10-week program that provides intensive law enforcement management and leadership training to prepare mid- and upper-level personnel for senior command positions.
- ✓ Hosted 17 different training programs for North East Multi-Regional Training, Inc. (NEMRT), which provides our officers with two guaranteed spots in each class hosted, some of these course titles include:

40 Hour Basic Investigative Skills Program
Juvenile Court Act - Chapter 705, Act 405
Mental Health First Aid for Public Safety
Echelon Front's Extreme Ownership
Adaptive Leader
Officer Wellness and Fitness
Managing an Investigative Unit
Vehicle Stops: Focus on Officer Safety
Street Crimes Program
ILETSB School Resource Officer Program

Police Department 2023-2024 Budget

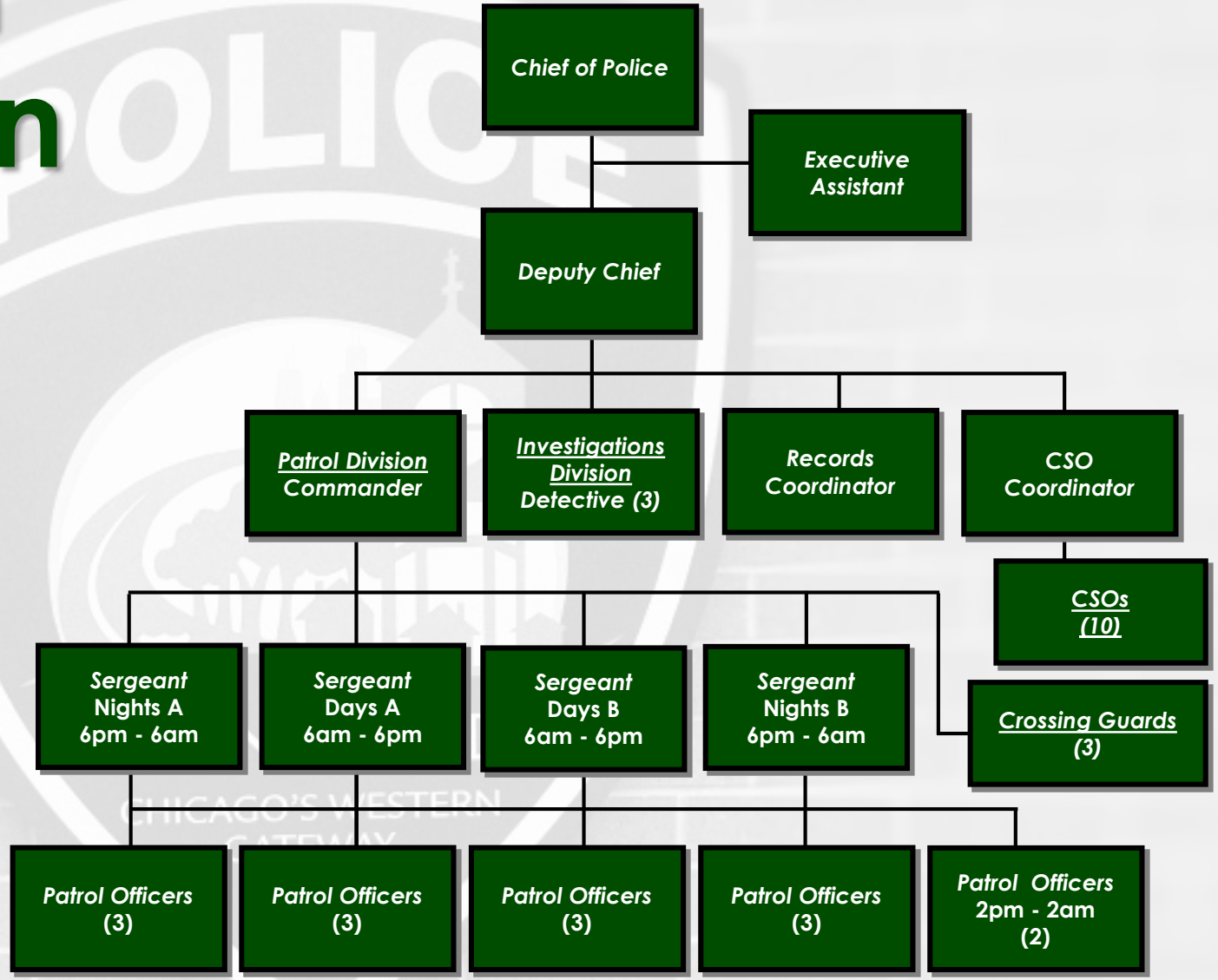
BUDGET CATEGORY	AMOUNT BUDGETED
PERSONNEL	$3,970,987
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	$224,704
CONTRACTUAL	$44,590
COMMODITIES	$83,479
TOTAL BUDGET	**$4,323,760**



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Department Organization





Sworn Officers: 24
Civilian Personnel: 13

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Department Members

20-24 Years

Sergeant Robert Sodt (1999)
Detective Joe DiGangi (2002)
Detective Tim Wherry (2003)
Sergeant Darrell DuRell (2003)
Officer Nate McDonald (2003)

15-19 Years

Deputy Chief Paul Klimek (2004)
Officer Kelly Kalker (2004)
Officer April Bisignani (2004)
Officer Agostino Alonzo (2006)
Officer Brendan Gleespen (2006)
Commander Jim Stern (2007)
CSO Coordinator Patricia Littlejohn (2007)

10-14 Years

Officer Ryan Jakubowski (2012)
Sergeant Paul Lanzi (2012)
Chief Joseph Ford (2013)
Crossing Guard Maria Gonzalez (2013)

5-9 Years

Officer Mike Rojas (2014)
Executive Assistant Charity Mitchell (2014)
Detective Ryan Venem (2015)
Sergeant Michael Maher (2015)
Crossing Guard Maricruz Reyes (2015)
CFH Coordinator Mark Battaglia (2015)
CSO Robert Benes (2016)
Records Coordinator Joanne Hernandez (2017)
Officer Christopher Batzel (2017)
Officer Connor Rinehart (2018)
Officer Kevin Cerny (2018)

0-4 Years

Officer Gage Brunke (2020)
Crossing Guard Elizabeth Kasprzak (2020)
Officer Juan Cahue (2020)
Officer Maciej Kuklinski (2020)
CSO Laura Acosta-Barajas (2021)
CSO Ivan Guerra-Hernandez (2021)
Officer Ian Dziallo (2022)
CSO Evan Anderson (2023)
CSO Elizabeth Garcia (2023)
CSO Kayla Garcia (2023)
CSO Alicia Hoggro (2023)
Officer Margaret Greenfield (2023)

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Police Administration

The Countryside Police Department is led by a Chief of Police whose Office oversees all aspects of the agency's operations and provides leadership, direction, and strategic vision to all P.D. personnel. In collaboration with other Command staff, the Chief ensures the department's optimal management through the adoption and implementation of professional standards and adherence to practices which ensure community-centered policing, promote officer safety and well-being, and mitigate risk.

Upon the retirement of Chief Joseph Ford in May of 2023, the City of Countryside transitioned a new leadership team into CPD's administrative offices with the installations of Paul Klimek as Chief of Police, James Stern as Deputy Chief, and Darrell DuRell as Commander. Though new to their respective roles, each plays an integral part in the continued management of essential departmental functions, including:

- Responsible stewardship of the department's annual budget and the allocation of resources
- Utilization of technological resources to more effectively respond to, and prevent, criminal activity
- Review and implementation of policies and procedures in accordance with industry best practices and recommendations from insurance carriers and other trusted sources
- Compliance with Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board training mandates and sworn officer certification requirements
- Maintaining optimal staffing levels through proactive recruitment and selection practices
- Creating effective and inclusive agency messaging and community outreach initiatives through social media platforms

Chief
Joseph G. Ford Jr.

Deputy Chief
Paul Klimek

Commander
Jim Stern

Executive Assistant
Charity Mitchell

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Police Records

Records Coordinator
Joanne Hernandez

The Records Department maintains all police department records and provides information and assistance to the public. Statistical data, official police reports, and documents ranging from parking citations to traffic crash and arrest reports are processed daily and archived here.

The Records Coordinator is responsible for ensuring the accurate reporting and archiving of all reports of criminal, non-criminal, and traffic activity handled by the Countryside Police Department. ***In 2023, the records coordinator reviewed 1,508 case reports and 12,764 incident reports***. The Records Coordinator is also responsible for other functions that include annual records disposal, 5th District Circuit Court, subpoena requests, Freedom of Information (FOIA) requests, local ordinance citations, records expungements, and auditing of the records management system.

Records Requests	2023	2022
FOIAs	181	229
Subpoenas	117	128
Accident Reports	451	66

Using police records management system (RMS) software, the 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 software also allows our department to document recovered property and evidence and manage our monthly adjudication proceedings.

In addition to RMS software, computerized accident reporting software allows officers to complete accident reports electronically which are then made available to citizens and insurance companies online. This software also seamlessly compiles State-required crash statistics and police staff can conduct statistical reports of crash data.

Community Service Officers

Community Service Officers (CSOs) are instrumental in minimizing the desk responsibilities of patrol officers allowing them to spend more time on the street serving our residents. CSOs provide coverage at the front desk during and after business hours at the municipal complex. They are responsible for answering non-emergency phone calls, preparing arrest jackets, assisting walk-up traffic, data entry, processing ticket/fine payments, entering overnight parking/vacation watch requests, and monitoring the video surveillance system including prisoners, cameras located at Countryside and Ideal Parks, and all cameras that cover the City of Countryside Municipal Complex, and the Water Department facility.

The Community Service Officer Coordinator has additional responsibilities that include interviewing and training new CSOs, ensuring accuracy of the arrest jackets and tickets, processing bank deposits, maintaining LEADS hot files, LEADS agency coordination, clerking Administrative Adjudication hearings, and processing collections.

Community Service Officer Coordinator
Patricia Littlejohn

Community Service Officer Activity (During the course of evening shifts Monday-Friday (11pm-7am, 3pm-11pm) and weekend shifts Saturday and Sunday. (11pm-7am, 3pm-11pm, 7am-3pm)			
Calls answered	904	Transport paperwork	32
Calls transferred to LTACC	271	Overnight parking	153
Walk-ins assisted	1,906	Vacation watches	39
Prisoners housed	115	Animal licenses	8
Arrest paperwork	156		

Summary of Local Activity	
State tickets	1099
Parking tickets	535
Compliance tickets	481
Warning tickets	1524
Administrative tows	50
Administrative Tow fees	$19,000

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Dispatch/Emergency Communications

Emergency dispatch services for the residents and businesses of Countryside are operated by the Lyons Township Area Communications Center (LTACC). LTACC serves and operates as a 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) and dispatch center for the *Countryside, LaGrange, LaGrange Park, and Western Springs Police Departments* as well as the LaGrange, LaGrange Park and Western Springs Fire Departments. LTACC became a consolidated dispatch center on March 20, 2017.

Through LTACC, the citizens of Countryside have access to enhanced 9-1-1 services and emergency notifications with **Smart911** and **Rave Alert**. Smart911 allows citizens to create a ***Safety Profile*** for their household that includes any information they may want 9-1-1 and response teams to have in the event of an emergency such as allergies, pets, emergency contacts, household information, medical history, and vulnerable needs. Information from the Safety Profile is automatically displayed to the 9-1-1 call taker during an emergency call, allowing them to send the appropriate response teams to the correct location with the right information.

Rave Alert, which acts as a mass notification system, allows the City of Countryside and the Countryside Police Department to notify citizens of vital information and emergency situations that may be occurring in their neighborhoods. By "opting-in" for notifications, citizens are able to receive timely and actionable emergency alerts via text, email, and/or voice message.

✓**Both Smart911 and Rave Alert are free services provided to the citizens of Countryside.**

- **573 users have opted-in for Countryside Emergency Notifications, which represents a 19% increase from 2022**
- **415 users have opted-in for Countryside General Information Notifications, which represents a 17% increase from 2022**
- **1,723 users have opted-in for Non-Severe Weather Notifications, which represents a 48% increase in users from 2022**
- **2,953 users have opted-in for Severe Weather Notifications, which represents a 7% increase from 2022**

https://ltacc911.org/

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Call Breakdown by Month

“Incident Type” represents how the initial call was dispatched to an officer. This classification will be modified by officers once the facts of the incident are established.

For example…a person may call in a burglary when in fact the crime is actually a theft. This explains why there may be a deviation between “Incident” totals and UCR totals. Incident totals cannot be accurately compared to UCR totals.

Incident Breakdown By Month Report

Print Date/Time: 02/21/2024 13:48
Login ID: pklimek
Year: 2023

Countryside Police Department
ORI Number: IL0162300
Incident Type: All

Incident Type	January		February		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December		Yearly
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	Totals
5th Dist SWAT	0	0	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
911 Misdial/Hang-	7	5.1	19	13.8	16	11.6	14	10.1	10	7.2	8	5.8	16	11.6	14	10.1	7	5.1	12	8.7	5	3.6	10	7.2	138
Abandoned Vehicle	0	0	2	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	37.5	1	12.5	0	0	1	12.5	0	0	1	12.5	0	0	8
Accident - Hit &	5	11.1	6	13.3	2	4.4	3	6.7	6	13.3	8	17.8	2	4.4	3	6.7	2	4.4	2	4.4	2	4.4	4	8.9	45
Accident - Hit &	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	100	2
Accident - Injuries	3	9.4	2	6.3	1	3.1	1	3.1	1	3.1	2	6.3	3	9.4	6	18.8	1	3.1	3	9.4	5	15.6	4	12.5	32
Accident - Property	28	6.7	23	5.5	26	6.2	25	6	29	7	35	8.4	39	9.4	55	13.2	30	7.2	50	12	41	9.8	36	8.6	417
Accident - School	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Administrative	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	50	0	0	0	0	2
Alarm - Other	2	11.1	0	0	0	0	1	5.6	1	5.6	1	5.6	4	22.2	1	5.6	2	11.1	5	27.8	0	0	1	5.6	18
Alarm-Burglar	37	8.6	36	8.3	39	9	44	10.2	21	4.9	26	6	44	10.2	34	7.9	33	7.6	34	7.9	53	12.3	31	7.2	432
Alarm-Holdup	2	6.1	2	6.1	2	6.1	3	9.1	3	9.1	1	3	1	3	4	12.1	6	18.2	2	6.1	4	12.1	3	9.1	33
Ambulance Request	22	8.2	30	11.2	25	9.3	13	4.8	29	10.8	27	10	17	6.3	27	10	20	7.4	20	7.4	19	7.1	20	7.4	269
Animal - Barking	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	33.3	1	11.1	2	22.2	0	0	0	0	2	22.2	0	0	0	0	1	11.1	9
Animal - Bite	1	25	0	0	2	50	1	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Animal - Complaint	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	50	0	0	1	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Animal-Complaint	8	7.3	9	8.2	9	8.2	7	6.4	9	8.2	17	15.5	11	10	2	1.8	8	7.3	9	8.2	9	8.2	12	10.9	110
Assault	1	12.5	1	12.5	1	12.5	0	0	2	25	0	0	1	12.5	1	12.5	0	0	0	0	1	12.5	0	0	8
Assist Fire	39	6.2	43	6.8	54	8.6	60	9.6	48	7.6	44	7	77	12.3	49	7.8	44	7	46	7.3	66	10.5	58	9.2	628
Assist Other	21	7.7	23	8.4	29	10.6	23	8.4	27	9.9	25	9.1	20	7.3	16	5.8	29	10.6	16	5.8	26	9.5	19	6.9	274
Attempt to Locate	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	11.1	1	11.1	1	11.1	0	0	2	22.2	1	11.1	0	0	2	22.2	1	11.1	9
Battery	1	3.2	1	3.2	4	12.9	1	3.2	5	16.1	5	16.1	3	9.7	1	3.2	1	3.2	3	9.7	2	6.5	4	12.9	31
Bike Patrol	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	28.6	2	28.6	1	14.3	2	28.6	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Building Check	4	8.9	6	13.3	0	0	3	6.7	4	8.9	3	6.7	8	17.8	3	6.7	3	6.7	2	4.4	6	13.3	3	6.7	45
Burglary	5	20	1	4	3	12	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	4	8	32	2	8	1	4	3	12	0	0	25
Business Check	215	5.4	194	4.9	215	5.4	134	3.4	158	4	202	5.1	361	9.1	412	10.4	535	13.5	525	13.3	488	12.3	513	13	3952
Check Well Being	14	7	20	10	12	6	18	9	22	10.9	10	5	21	10.4	19	9.5	17	8.5	18	9	17	8.5	13	6.5	201
Citizen Assist	38	7.7	27	5.4	36	7.3	51	10.3	36	7.3	61	12.3	50	10.1	51	10.3	35	7.1	28	5.6	38	7.7	45	9.1	496
Civil Matter	3	4.2	6	8.5	5	7	6	8.5	5	7	5	7	3	4.2	5	7	8	11.3	9	12.7	10	14.1	6	8.5	71
Community	0	0	0	0	1	9.1	2	18.2	0	0	0	0	1	9.1	2	18.2	1	9.1	1	9.1	1	9.1	2	18.2	11
Criminal Damage	1	4.8	2	9.5	0	0	2	9.5	1	4.8	2	9.5	3	14.3	2	9.5	2	9.5	2	9.5	2	9.5	2	9.5	21
Criminal	1	12.5	0	0	0	0	1	12.5	2	25	1	12.5	1	12.5	0	0	1	12.5	0	0	0	0	1	12.5	8
Criminal Trespass	0	0	1	9.1	2	18.2	2	18.2	3	27.3	0	0	0	0	3	27.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Damage to	1	7.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7.1	2	14.3	3	21.4	2	14.3	1	7.1	4	28.6	0	0	14
Death Investigation	1	16.7	1	16.7	0	0	0	0	1	16.7	0	0	0	0	1	16.7	0	0	1	16.7	1	16.7	0	0	6
Deceptive Practice	0	0	1	4.2	1	4.2	0	0	0	0	4	16.7	3	12.5	6	25	1	4.2	4	16.7	2	8.3	2	8.3	24
Detail	1	3.7	0	0	3	11.1	0	0	4	14.8	7	25.9	3	11.1	2	7.4	1	3.7	2	7.4	3	11.1	1	3.7	27
Directed Patrol	4	1.7	1	0.4	7	2.9	1	0.4	1	0.4	15	6.3	37	15.5	29	12.1	26	10.9	44	18.4	36	15.1	38	15.9	239
Disorderly Conduct	5	8.3	6	10	2	3.3	6	10	4	6.7	4	6.7	6	10	9	15	7	11.7	4	6.7	3	5	4	6.7	60
Dispute	0	0	4	8.7	1	2.2	2	4.3	5	10.9	1	2.2	3	6.5	5	10.9	8	17.4	4	8.7	9	19.6	4	8.7	46
Disturbance	7	7.4	8	8.5	8	8.5	9	9.6	13	13.8	6	6.4	9	9.6	6	6.4	8	8.5	5	5.3	12	12.8	3	3.2	94
Disturbance -	3	4.3	9	13	5	7.2	4	5.8	8	11.6	5	7.2	5	7.2	7	10.1	9	13	2	2.9	6	8.7	6	8.7	69
Domestic Battery	4	8.2	5	10.2	3	6.1	1	2	9	18.4	8	16.3	5	10.2	5	10.2	1	2	1	2	5	10.2	2	4.1	49
Domestic Trouble	1	7.7	0	0	0	0	1	7.7	1	7.7	1	7.7	4	30.8	1	7.7	1	7.7	1	7.7	0	0	2	15.4	13
Employee Sick Call	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Extra Watch	27	6.4	13	3.1	23	5.5	27	6.4	33	7.9	32	7.6	61	14.6	44	10.5	42	10	52	12.4	31	7.4	34	8.1	419
Fingerprinting	3	5.7	6	11.3	6	11.3	5	9.4	3	5.7	5	9.4	12	22.6	6	11.3	1	1.9	1	1.9	1	1.9	4	7.5	53
Fireworks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9.1	17	77.3	1	4.5	0	0	0	0	2	9.1	0	0	22
Follow Up	7	7.4	9	9.6	9	9.6	5	5.3	1	1.1	6	6.4	6	6.4	15	16	8	8.5	10	10.6	11	11.7	7	7.4	94
Forgery/Fraud	1	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	25	0	0	0	0	1	25	1	25	0	0	4
Identity Theft	3	15	1	5	1	5	1	5	1	5	1	5	4	20	1	5	4	20	1	5	1	5	1	5	20
ILEAS/NIPAS	1	14.3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	14.3	1	14.3	0	0	1	14.3	0	0	1	14.3	1	14.3	1	14.3	7
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Juvenile Cases	4	10.3	3	7.7	4	10.3	3	7.7	4	10.3	4	10.3	1	2.6	6	15.4	4	10.3	4	10.3	1	2.6	1	2.6	39
Lock Out /	4	14.3	0	0	1	3.6	2	7.1	2	7.1	1	3.6	6	21.4	2	7.1	0	0	5	17.9	2	7.1	3	10.7	28

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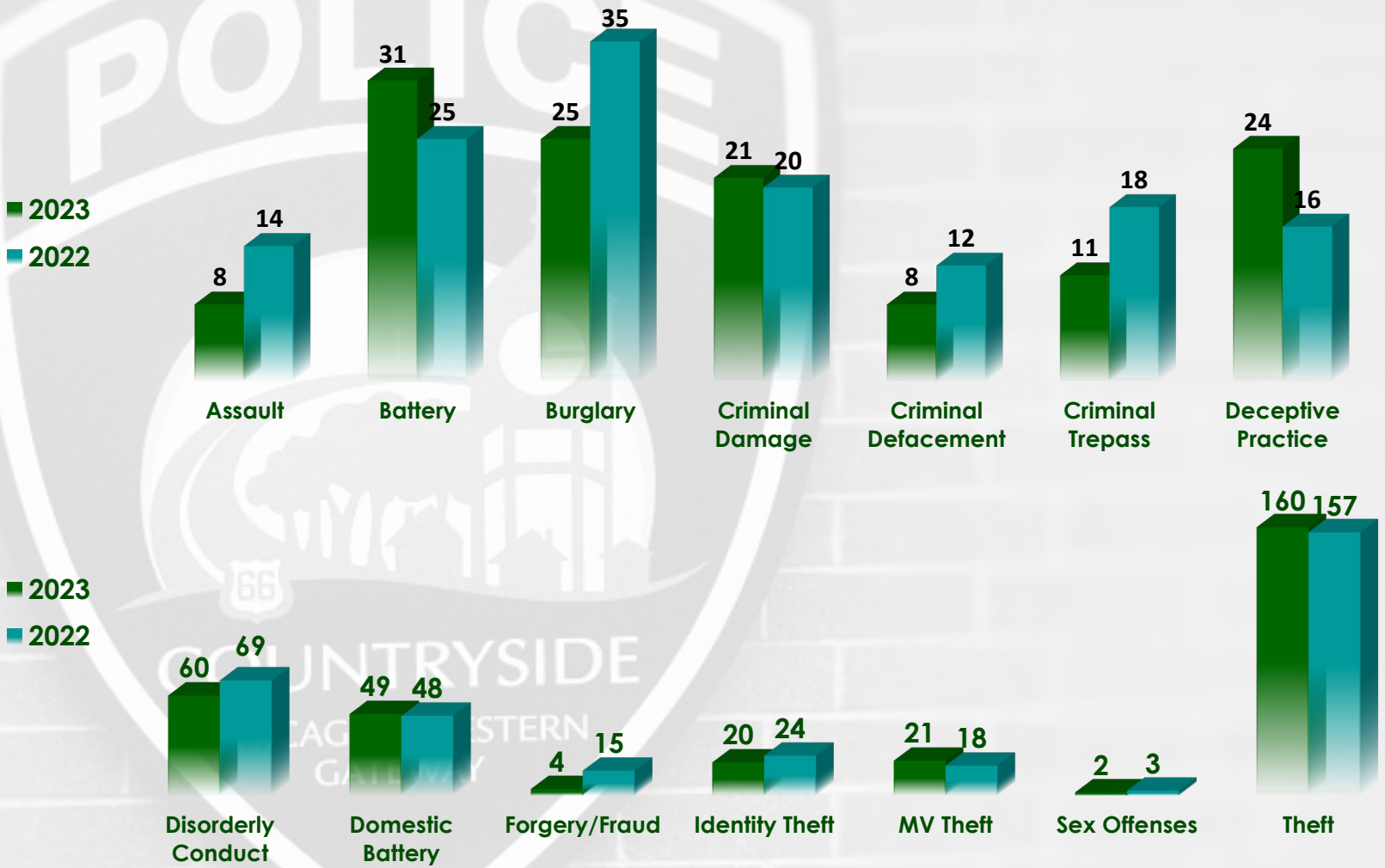
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Call Breakdown by incident type

Incident Type	2023	2022
Assault	8	14
Battery	31	25
Burglary	25	35
Criminal Damage	21	20
Criminal Defacement	8	12
Criminal Trespass	11	18
Deceptive Practice	24	16
Disorderly Conduct	60	69
Domestic Battery	49	48
Forgery/Fraud	4	15
Identity Theft	20	24
Motor Vehicle Theft	21	18
Sex Offenses	2	3
Theft	160	157

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Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is the largest and highest profile 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 service officer, bicycle unit officer, and more.

CALLS FOR SERVICE



- ✓ The Patrol Division provides continuous 24-hour police service and operates on a 12-hour-shift patrol schedule. Each shift is supervised by a Sergeant or Officer-in-Charge. Our officers patrol a service area of 2.88 square miles and serve a population of 6,420 (2020 Census), that includes 2,524 households, 9 parks, a 9-hole golf course, over 550 businesses, and 2 schools.

- ✓ Patrol officers responded to **13,822 total calls for service in 2023.** These calls include responses to incidents such as criminal offenses, traffic crashes, alarm activations, disturbances, traffic complaints, and other miscellaneous incidents. Of these calls, ***4,855 were officer-initiated*** interactions that include incidents such as open door/window checks, and business/building checks. In addition to the 12,764 calls logged by LTACC, our officers conducted ***over 1,294 vacation watch checks*** which our officers logged separately in Community Policing Connect by Frontline.

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- ✓ All officers are equipped with ***Body-Worn Cameras***, which provide the ability to document and maintain officer accountability, citizen contacts, critical incident response, and serve as evidence in court proceedings. They also assist the police department in maintaining the highest level of departmental transparency.

- ✓ Many officers receive additional training to perform ***Specialty Assignments***. Training and assigning officers in specialty areas not only provides officers the opportunity to diversify their skillset, but it allows our department to remain progressive and to continue to provide professional, high-quality service and protection to the community.

  - **Accident Reconstructionists**
  - **Bicycle Officers**
  - **Child Safety Seat Technicians**
  - **Drug Recognition Expert Officers (DREs)**
  - **Elderly Service Officers (ESOs)**
  - **Evidence Technicians**
  - **Field Training Officers (FTOs)**
  - **Investigations**
  - **Juvenile Officers**
  - **Truck Enforcement Officers**



Countryside Police Department Fleet

- ✓ **7 Marked Squad Cars**
  - **2 hybrid**
  - **1 for Evidence Technicians**
  - **1 for SWAT Officers**
- ✓ **2 Investigative Vehicles**
  - **1 hybrid**
- ✓ **2 Administrative Vehicles**
- ✓ **1 Unmarked Squad**
- ✓ **3 Police Bicycles**
- ✓ **1 Cargo Trailer**
- ✓ **1 Speed Sign**

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Patrol Division

- ✓ 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 daily.

- ✓ One of our marked patrol units is equipped with a ***mobile License Plate Reader (LPR)***. This LPR captures license plate numbers which are run against a database that cross references wanted vehicle listings as officers patrol the city. In addition to the mobile LPR, the Countryside Police Department has ***stationary LPRs*** installed at various locations through the City of Countryside. On average, our LPRs capture ***over 2,000,000 plate reads a month***. Of these reads, "hits" are generated. A hit could be anything from a stolen or suspended/revoked plate to a stolen or felony vehicle or a missing or wanted person. Whenever an LPR "hits" on a plate, our officers receive an alert that comes directly to their squads. Once an officer receives a hit notification on a plate, they will manually confirm the hit and determine whether it is actionable/enforceable. For example, officers will act if the hit is for a stolen plate or stolen car reported in the past 90 days and for missing or wanted persons reported in the past year. If a plate "hits" as stolen, but it matches the registration of the car, officers would not take enforcement action. There were ***169 enforceable LPR hits in 2023***.



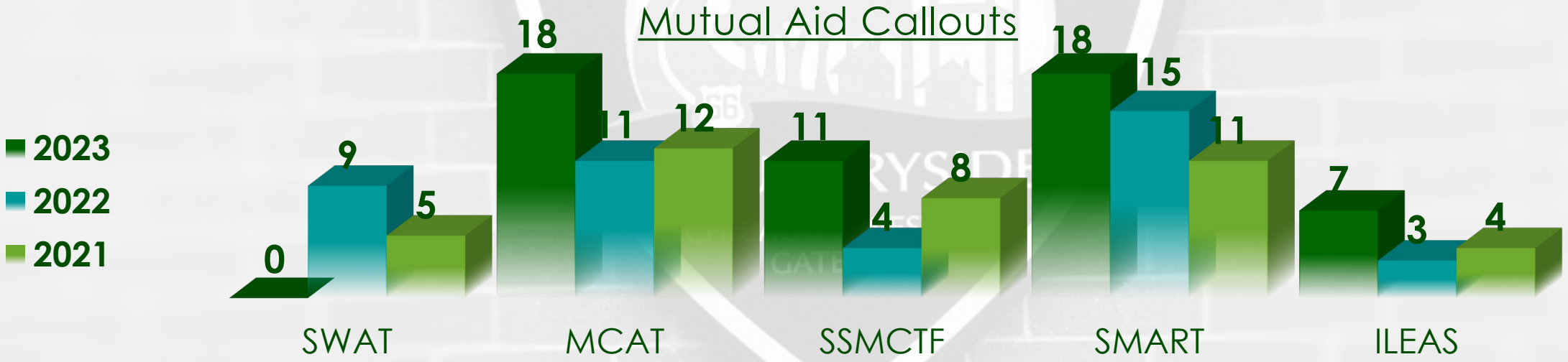
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Mutual Aid Assignments

- ✓ **5TH District SWAT Team -** These officers respond to high-risk situations such as hostage/barricade subjects, armed offender situations, and high-risk search/arrest warrant service.
- ✓ **Suburban Major Accident Reconstruction Team (SMART) -** SMART is comprised of police officers from member agencies that are specially trained in major crash reconstruction.
- ✓ **Major Case Assistance Team (MCAT) -** MCAT investigators bring resolution to various criminal investigations that include such crimes as murder, shootings, narcotics, burglaries, and thefts.
- ✓ **South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force (SSMCTF) -** Member officers specialize in homicide investigations.
- ✓ **Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) -** designed to assist law enforcement agencies throughout the State of Illinois "in matters of mutual aid, emergency response and the combining of resources for public safety and terrorism prevention and response".



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Investigations

The Countryside Police Department Investigations Division consists of three detectives. These detectives have special skills and received additional 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. Examples of cases that are assigned to detectives include: Death Investigations, Sex Crimes, Burglaries/Home Invasions, Burglaries to Motor Vehicle, Thefts, Batteries/Assaults, and Forgeries/Fraud. 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. They 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.

Investigations Statistics	
Criminal cases reviewed	**201**
Cases assigned for follow-up	**174**
Investigations resulting in arrest	**26**

The third detective in the Investigations Division is currently 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. This detective focuses primarily on commercial motor vehicle interdiction to target narcotics and currency traffickers.

NARCINT ACTIVITY	
Total Cases	**252**
Arrests	**15**
Firearms seized	**23**
Search warrants	**26**
Vehicles seized	**4**

NARCINT seized $2,695,661.53 in US Currency and $37,847.00 in value/other assets in 2023. The currency is submitted for forfeiture where the courts determine whether or not to declare the funds as forfeited. The City of Countryside then receives a percentage of any of these funds that are declared by the courts as forfeited.

NARCINT NARCOTICS SEIZURES	
DRUG TYPE	**AMOUNT**
Amphetamine	7 grams
Cocaine	66,581.7 grams
Codeine	907.18 grams
Fentanyl	2,993.7 grams
Heroin	2,588.3 grams
Marijuana	571,196.5 grams
MDMA	1,359 grams
Methamphetamine	21,647.1 grams
Psilocybin (Mushrooms)	38,942.8 grams
THC Edibles	5,105 grams
THC Vape Pens	204
Xanax	180 pills

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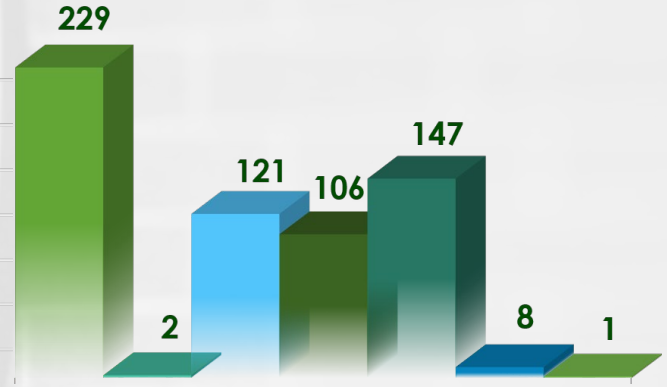
Special Enforcement Programs

Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Traffic Safety Campaigns

These high visibility enforcement efforts are designed to promote traffic safety and reduce the incidence of fatalities and serious injuries during some of the busiest times of the year for travel. Special emphasis is placed on impaired driving, speed, distracted driving, and occupant protection. These safety campaigns are funded by the Illinois Department of Transportation with federal highway safety funds managed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

In 2023, ur officers committed **410.5 hours** to conducting **14 special enforcement details** that included: ***Super Bowl, St. Patrick's Day, Distracted Driving, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas/New Year's Holiday.*** During these IDOT Traffic Safety Details our officers issued over **571 citations and made 3 criminal arrests and 9 traffic arrests.**

	Total
Seatbelt	229
Carseat	2
Speeding	121
Distracted Driving	106
Other	147
Traffic Arrest	8
Criminal Arrest	1



Tobacco Compliance Checks

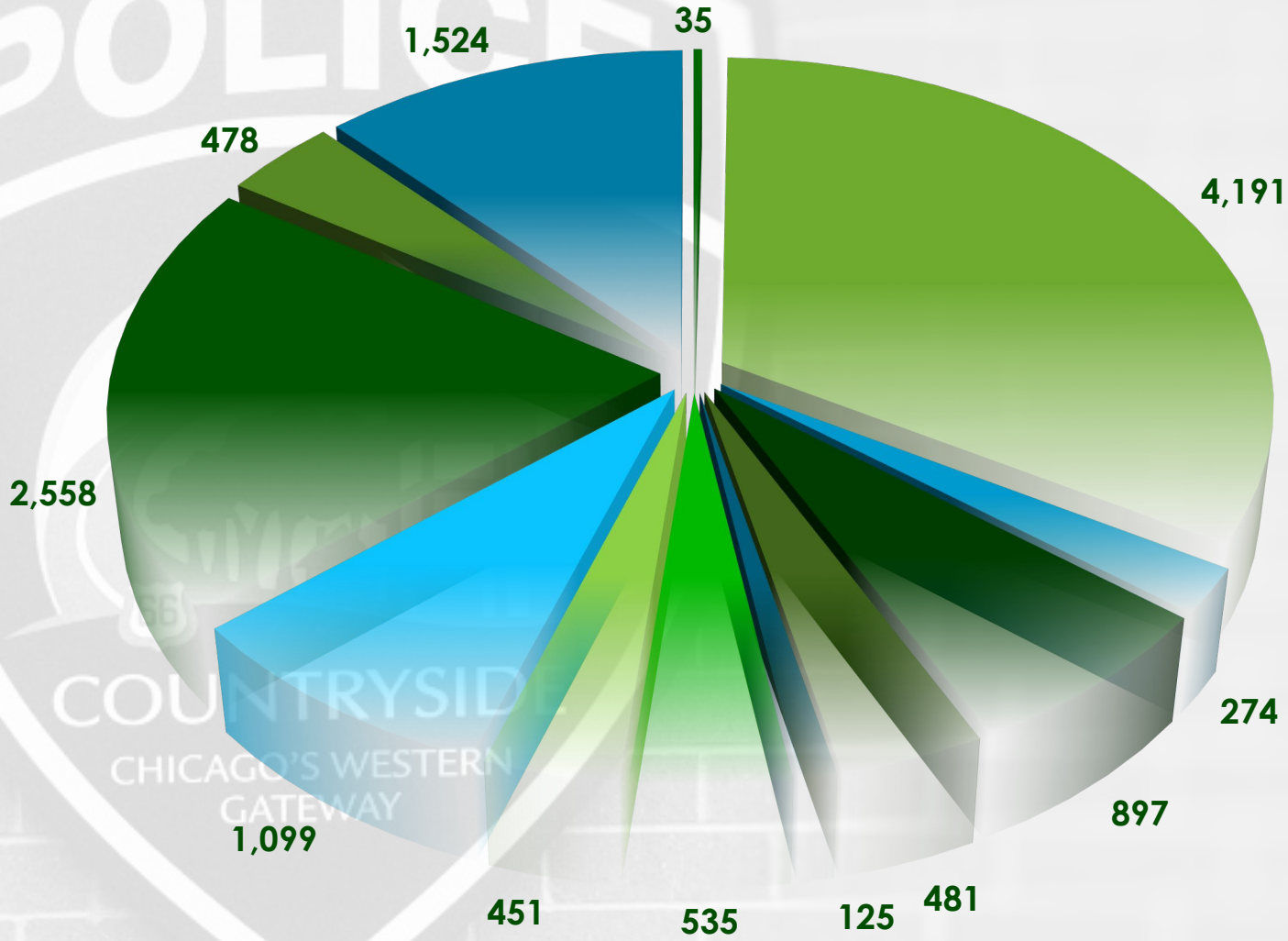
Countryside officers conducted 3 rounds of tobacco compliance checks on all Countryside businesses with tobacco licenses. These checks are conducted in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Human Services. Through the State of Illinois Tobacco Enforcement Program, our department receives grant funding to conduct retail education and enforcement initiatives. As part of the program an officer will visit each business once a year to distribute tobacco retailer kits and advise the business that compliance checks will be conducted throughout the year. This program is designed to educate retail establishments and eliminate the illegal sale of tobacco to minors in our community.



Round 1 - 15 of 16 businesses were in compliance.
Round 2 - 16 of 16 businesses were in compliance.
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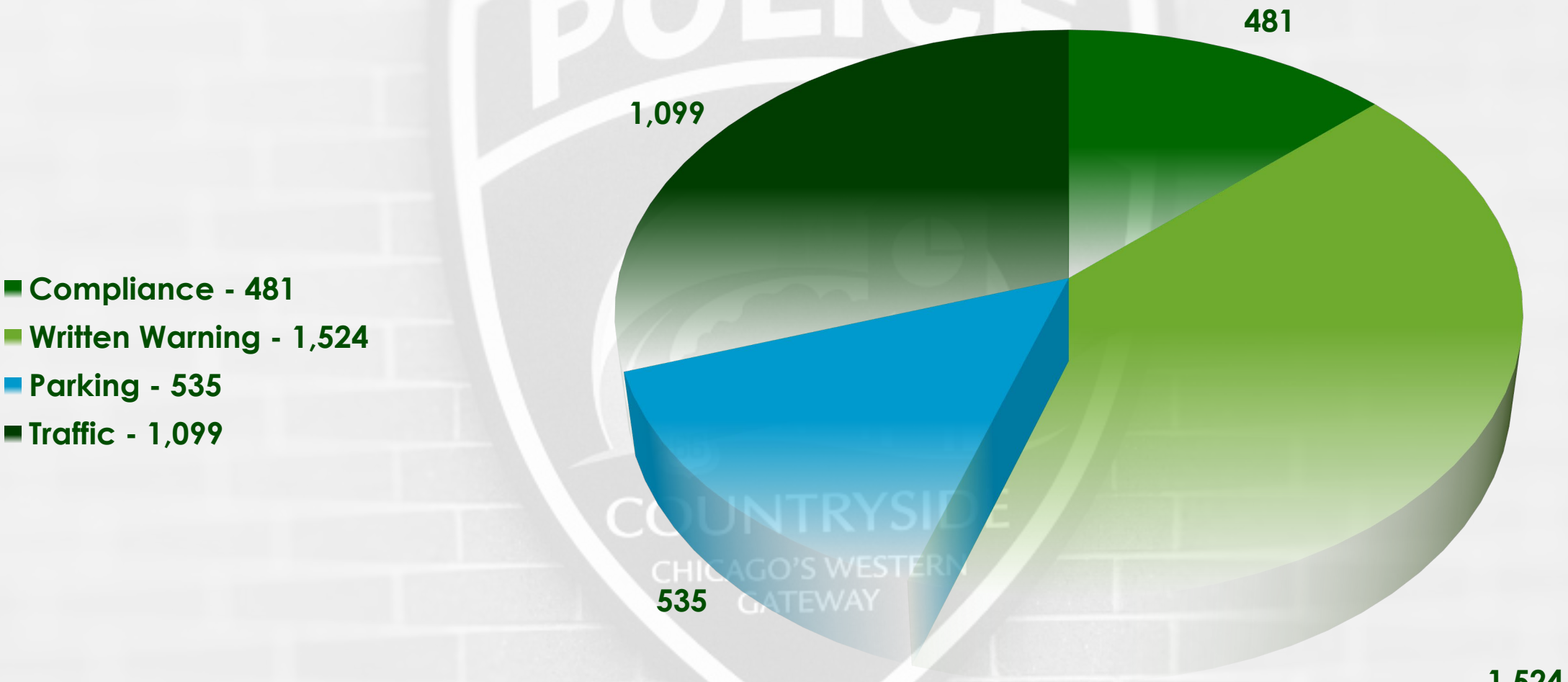
2023 Activity at a glance

- Administrative Tows - 35
- Training Hours - 4,191
- Assist Other Agency - 274
- Assist Fire Dept - 897
- Compliance Citations - 481
- Adult Arrests - 125
- Parking Citations - 535
- Traffic Accidents - 451
- Traffic Citations - 1,099
- Traffic Stops - 2,558
- Alarm Calls - 479
- Written Warnings - 1,524



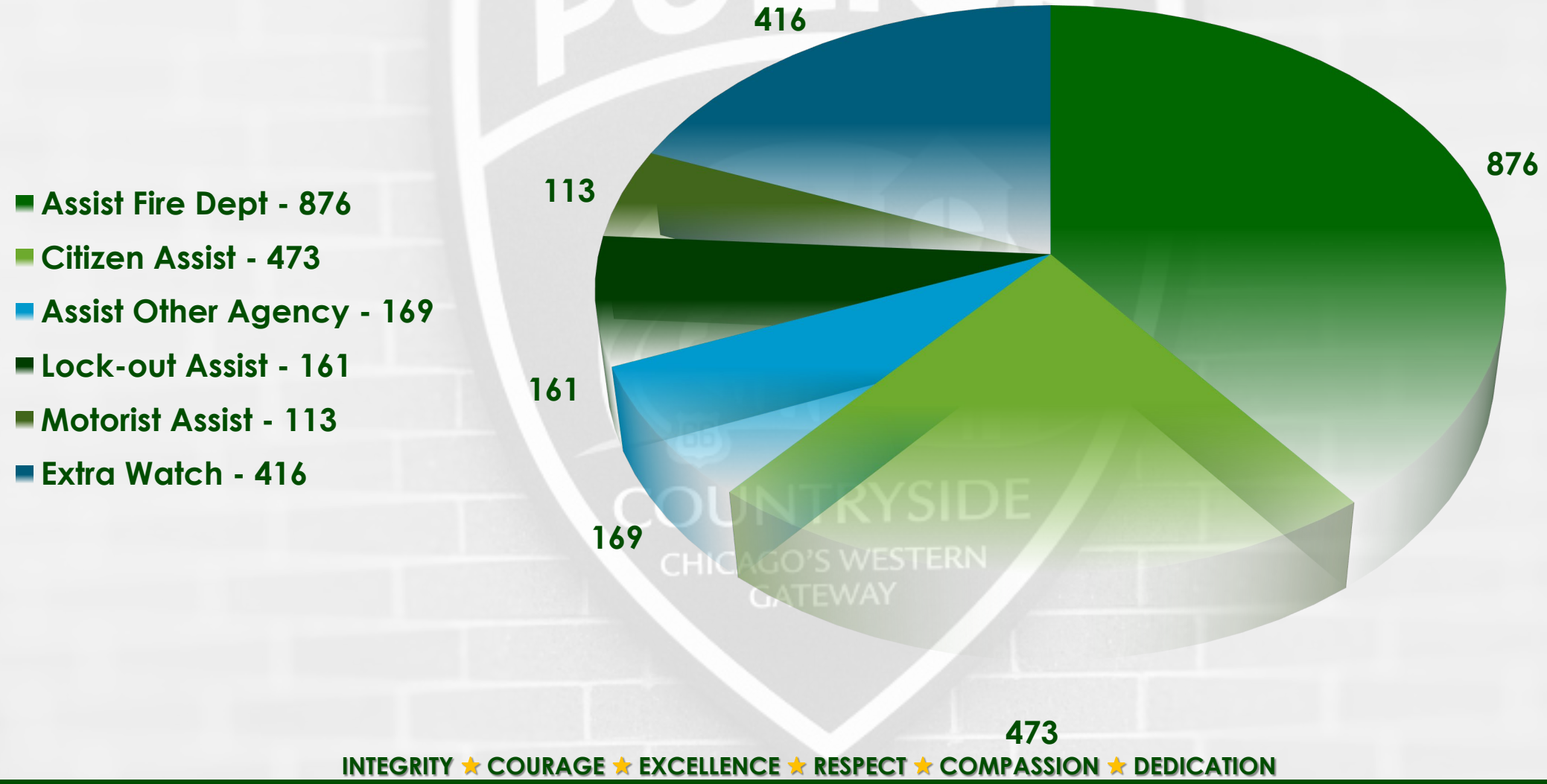
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Tickets Issued by ticket type



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Assists to Community and Other Agencies



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Adult Arrest Charge Summary and comparison

CRIMINAL OFFENSE	2023	2022	2021	2020
Aggravated Assault / Battery	7	3	0	4
Aggravated Kidnapping	0	0	1	0
Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking	0	0	1	0
Armed Robbery	0	0	1	0
Assault / Battery	4	9	14	11
Burglary from Motor Vehicle	0	0	0	3
Burglary Commercial/Non-Residential	0	2	3	3
Criminal Damage to Property/Vehicle/Defacement	3	5	4	5
Criminal Trespass to Real Property/Residence/Vehicle	9	3	3	5
Disorderly Conduct	1	6	3	1
Domestic Battery	10	9	14	5
Drug Offenses	1	1	9	18
Endangering Life/Health of Child / Neglect	0	1	0	2
Fraudulent Activity/Forgery	8	2	1	2
Harassment by Phone / Electronics	0	1	0	0
Obstruct Justice/Flee/Resist/Obstruct Officer	8	8	11	4
Retail Theft	22	10	16	22
Theft under $500 / Theft over $500	3	15	9	7
Weapons Offenses	0	11	6	*
Warrant Arrest	16	26	19	5

* Data is unavailable for these years

The arrest data in these charts represents the number of charges for selected violations of Illinois Compiled Statutes as well as Local Ordinance Violations. (One adult arrest can include multiple charges.)

TRAFFIC OFFENSE	2023	2022	2021	2020
DUI Alcohol and/or Drugs	12	13	18	6
No Valid Driver's License	11	29	35	7
Illegal Possess/Transport Alcohol/Drugs	1	7	6	*
Driving with Suspended/Revoked DL	21	26	26	7

Uniform Crime Reporting NIBRS Method

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Group A Offenses	2023
Homicide Offenses	0
Non-Consensual Sex Offense	1
Rape - 1	
Sodomy - 0	
Assault Offenses	109
Aggravated Assault - 10	
Simple Assault - 84	
Intimidation - 15	
Kidnapping/Abduction	1
Consensual Sex Offense	0
Human Trafficking Offenses	0
Crimes Against Persons Total	**111**

Group A Offenses	2023
Robbery	0
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	11
Larceny/Theft Offenses	144
Shoplifting - 54	
Theft from Motor Vehicle - 15	
Theft from Motor Vehicle Parts/Accessories - 3	
All other Larceny - 72	
Motor Vehicle Theft	24
Destruct/Damage/Vandalize Property	38
Counterfeiting/Forgery	17
Fraud Offenses	
False Pretense/Swindle/Confidence Game - 32	64
Credit Card/ATM Fraud - 3	
Identity Theft - 20	
Impersonation - 8	
Stolen Property Offenses – 1	
Crimes Against Property Total	**298**

Group A Offenses	2023
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	1
Drug Equipment Violation - 1	
Drug/Narcotic Violations - 0	
Gambling Offense	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	0
Prostitution	0
Weapons Law Violation	0
Animal Cruelty	0
Crimes Against Society Total	**1**

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Group A Arrest Distribution	2023
Aggravated Assault	3
Simple Assault	17
Shoplifting	20
All Other Larceny	2
Motor Vehicle Theft	3
Counterfeiting/Forgery	1
False Pretense/Swindle/Confidence Game	4
Total	**50**

Group B Arrest Distribution	2023
Driving Under the Influence	8
Family Offense, Nonviolent	1
Trespass of Real Property	8
All Other Offenses	16
Total	**33**

Department Training

Countryside Police Officers are required to complete training mandated by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB) that addresses issues related to civil rights, constitutional and proper use of law enforcement authority, cultural competency, procedural justice, and human rights. Additionally, our officers attend training programs that provide specific technical skills needed to do their jobs safely, legally, and professionally. Through a combination of online and in-person programming, officers receive instruction on disciplines as varied as case law/legal updates, patrol tactics, supervision and leadership, investigative techniques, evidence processing, and much more. CPD is a member of North East Multi-Regional Training, the largest decentralized in-service training academy in Illinois which provides essential ILETSB-certified training to local, county, and State law enforcement personnel. We also receive high-quality, directed training from the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency (IRMA).

Countryside Police officers completed 4,191 combined hours of training in 2023, which represents a 35% increase from 2022's activity level. Highlights from our 2023 Training calendar include:

- ✓ Detective Batzel and Officer Cerny attended a 40 Hour Basic Investigative Skills program from February 20-24, 2023, which provided them the fundamental baseline skills and job knowledge needed to perform investigative functions central to effective police work and solving crime.

- ✓ Officers Jakubowski and Rinehart attended a 40-Hour Basic SWAT course with 5th District SWAT Team members in Missouri from October 2-6, 2023. This intensive, live-fire training program provided both officers with invaluable opportunities to participate in shoot house exercises that honed their team and individual tactical response skills.

- ✓ Officers Cerny and Dziallo attended an 80-Hour Evidence Technician program from September 25-October 6, 2023, that certified them to perform specialized evidence identification and processing skills at accident and crime scenes.

In 2023, CPD submitted an In-House **Emergency Medical Response Training** curriculum for vetting and certification approval through ILETSB. Officer Brunke, himself a certified instructor in this topical area, will then be able to provide this life-saving training to his colleagues. This in-house training certification model has become an indispensable means for departments to efficiently and economically satisfy the many training mandates required by Illinois law. Looking forward to 2024, the department will also be submitting a **High Risk Traffic Stops** curriculum for certification approval as well.

Department Training

Countryside Police personnel have all completed a broad range of essential training programs to optimally prepare them to serve as community caretakers. These courses equip our officers with the practical skills needed to intervene when encountering individuals experiencing medical emergencies, mental health crises, drug overdoses, and more. Some of these programs include:

- ✓ **40 Hour Crisis Intervention Team training,** a multi-disciplinary program designed to familiarize attendees with the signs of mental illness in others and methods for safely interpreting and de-escalating encounters with those persons.
- ✓ **Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and Automated Defibrillator (AED) use.** Each officer on patrol has an AED with them in the event of a cardiac emergency.
- ✓ **Naloxone (Narcan) Administration training**, which enables officers to save the lives of those experiencing an opioid overdose. Naloxone kits are carried along with the AEDs in each patrol vehicle.
- ✓ **Less Lethal Training and Defensive Tactics Training** are conducted annually and provide reviews of the proper use of batons, OC spray, Taser, and special tactics which protect themselves and others during arrest and restraint.



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- ✓ **Firearms Training** - The Countryside Police Department utilizes two Range Officers who are ILETSB-Certified Firearms and Police Carbine/Rifle Instructors. These highly-trained individuals provide critical bi-annual instruction to their colleagues on the safe handling and use of their duty weapons and ensure all personnel successfully complete yearly firearms qualifications as prescribed by Illinois law. In 2023, 184 total man hours were spent on firearms training at the department.





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Patrol
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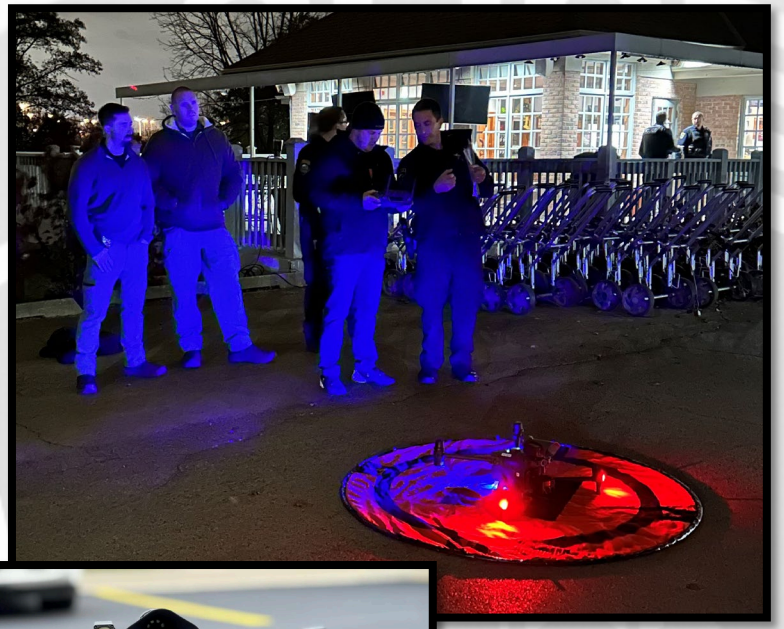
Continuing APEX Officer Virtual Reality training February, 2023

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Department Training



Sergeant Sodt graduated from
Northwestern University
Center for Public Safety's
School of Police Staff & Command
on 12-1-2023









Drone delivery day, 8-9-2023,
and nighttime training exercise
December, 2023

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Community Programs

The Countryside Police Department provides many programs and services to encourage community involvement and build valuable relationships and partnerships with residents and businesses alike.

- ✓ **Business Watch**
- ✓ **Citizen's Police Academy**
- ✓ **Crime Free Rental Housing (CFH)**
- ✓ **Junior Police Academy**
- ✓ **Safe Riding Program**
- ✓ **Free Car Seat Installations**
- ✓ **Online Police Blotter/Media Releases**
- ✓ **Shop With A Cop**
- ✓ **"We Call Police"**
- ✓ **Internet Purchase Exchange Location**
- ✓ **Prescription Drug Drop-off Collection**
- ✓ **Service Observation Cards ("Lock-it-or-Lose it")**
- ✓ **Social Media - Facebook (5,626 followers), Twitter (1,429 followers), Nextdoor, Ring Neighbors**

3,997
Business Checks

13
Car Seat Installs

1,294
Vacation Watch Checks

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- ✓ **Crime Free Rental Housing (CFH)**
  - Through our Crime Free Rental Housing program, **261 multi-family and single-family rental properties have been identified, totaling over 1,080 individual units**.
  - Currently, owners/managers of 258 rental properties have successfully completed the required 4-hour Crime Free Rental Housing training seminar or are exempt from attending due to immediate family living at the property or they have been certified by another department. **7 Crime Free Housing seminars were held in 2023**
  - In 2023, the Crime Free Housing Coordinator issued 3 citations for non-compliance with the training requirements.
  - The Crime Free Housing Coordinator assisted with 6 nuisance complaints, all of which were resolved successfully.
- ✓ **"Community Policing Connect" online portal**
  - Residents are able to enter details for overnight parking requests such as vehicle location, plate number, and vehicle make and model.
    - Officers can access this information in real-time while they are on patrol.
  - Residents are able to enter details for vacation watch requests such as address, emergency contact information, and vacation start and end dates.
    - Officers conducting vacation watches can access this information in real-time and are able to record the date and time of each premise check and make notes if needed.
    - An automated email is sent to residents upon completion of a premise check.
  - Directed patrol - This application allows officers to enter information to address and monitor events such as traffic complaints reported by residents, extra patrol requests, and special watches.
    - When officers conduct a directed patrol it is documented and time stamped in the portal.

Community Programs





"Shop With a Cop" was held on December 16, 2023. This beloved annual holiday tradition provides 10 children from Countryside an opportunity to spend time with our police officers while shopping for holiday gifts. Each child receives a $100 T.J. Maxx gift card to purchase gifts and, after shopping, the children return to the police department to wrap their gifts and eat pizza with officers and volunteers. The families of each child also receive a $100 Jewel gift card to help defray holiday costs.

A special thank you to all the volunteers and to T.J. Maxx, Westfield Ford, and the Autobarn of Countryside for their continued support and generosity which help to make this event possible every year.





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Community Services

- ✓ **Crisis Center for South Suburbia:** Our department continues to participate in the Crisis Center for South Suburbia's Law Enforcement and Victim Outreach (LEAV) program. Through the LEAV program, the Crisis Center provides services that include confidential outreach to domestic violence victims, domestic violence and resource education, professional training, roll call information, and referral information for complainants. A court advocate is assigned to the Countryside Police Department and this advocate visits our department once a week to conduct follow up calls to victims to evaluate their situations and offer services.
    - From July 1st through December 31, 2023, our LEAV advocate reviewed **66 domestic related police reports and provided outreach to 55 victims, which represent dramatic increases of 38% and 35% respectively from 2022 activity levels**. The LEAV advocate discusses the criminal process, orders of protection, available counseling services for the complainant and any children, and safety planning. Court advocates are also available at the 5th District courthouse to assist victims with obtaining orders of protection. Assistance with securing shelter is also available to victims.

https://www.crisisctr.org

- ✓ **Police Chaplain Program:** The mission of the Chaplin Program is to lend support to our officers and staff and also assist the community in times of need. Our Chaplin Program is led by Tim Perry (10-41 Inc.) and our very own Rev. Eric Brown of Brainard Avenue Baptist Church. Together they support our staff and their families as well as community members dealing with a crisis situation. They are trained to provide crisis care, coaching, counseling and also referrals for those requesting support. We have used them in debriefing exercises for our officers following a traumatic incident as well as death notifications to support families who lost a loved one. This is an important program to make sure our officers have recourses to deal with the stressors that come along with this profession.

- ✓ **Crossing Guards:** The Countryside Police Department employs **3 school crossing guards** to assist school children crossing at the following locations:

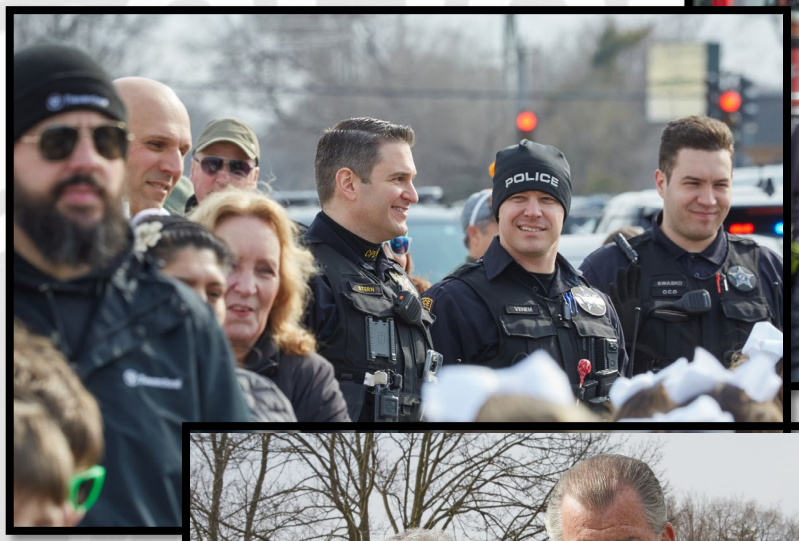
55th Street at Plainfield Road
58th Street at Francis Avenue
58th Street in front of Ideal School

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Community Events



Love, Lila Box dedication
4-27-2023









St. Patrick's Day Parade
3-2-2023

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Community Events





Highlands Middle School
Ride to School
4-20-23





Cop on a Rooftop
In support of
Special Olympics
5-19-23





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Transitions



The City bid farewell to Chief Joseph Ford, whose last day of service to the citizens of Countryside was May 19, 2023. Chief Ford's exemplary leadership and steady guidance left an indelible mark on our agency, for which we are truly grateful.



On May 24, 2023, Deputy Chief Paul V. Klimek was appointed the City's new Chief of Police by Mayor Sean McDermott. Chief Klimek has served the citizens of Countryside since 2004.

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On May 24, 2023, Commander James Stern was appointed Deputy Chief of the Countryside Police Department by Mayor Sean McDermott. Deputy Chief Stern has served the citizens of our community since 2007.



On June 14, 2023, Sergeant Darrell DuRell (r) was appointed Commander for the Countryside Police Department and Officer Joseph DiGangi (l) was promoted to Sergeant. Cmdr. DuRell has served the community since 2003, Sgt. DiGangi since 2002.

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Department Recognition

Letters of Appreciation:

Officer Gage Brunke
Officer Juan Cahue
Officer Ian Dziallo
Officer Brendan Gleespen
Officer Maciej Kuklinski
Officer Connor Rinehart
Officer Michael Rojas
Sergeant Joseph DiGangi
Commander Darrell DuRell

Honorable Mention:

Officer Connor Rinehart

Service Awards:

Detective Joe DiGangi - 20 years
Commander Jim Stern - 15 years
CSO Coordinator Patricia Littlejohn - 15 years
Officer Ryan Jakubowski - 10 years
Sergeant Paul Lanzi - 10 years
Officer Christopher Batzel - 5 years
Records Coordinator Joanne Hernandez - 5 years

Military Service:

Officer Brendan Gleespen
Officer Kelly Kalker
Sergeant Michael Maher
Sergeant Robert Sodt

Officer Connor Rinehart
Detective Ryan Venem



New Hires:

Officer Margaret Greenfield



Officer Greenfield was sworn in on July 12, 2023

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In Memory…



Patrolman
Joseph R. Jankovsky
Countryside Police Department
from July 12, 1973 to
End of Watch:
Saturday, April 6, 1974



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

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