

COUNTRYSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

2024 Annual Report

Paul 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 2024 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 2024, CPD officers responded to 15,666 calls for service, issued 4,718 citations and written warnings, and made 112 adult arrests. It should be noted this is the third 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,

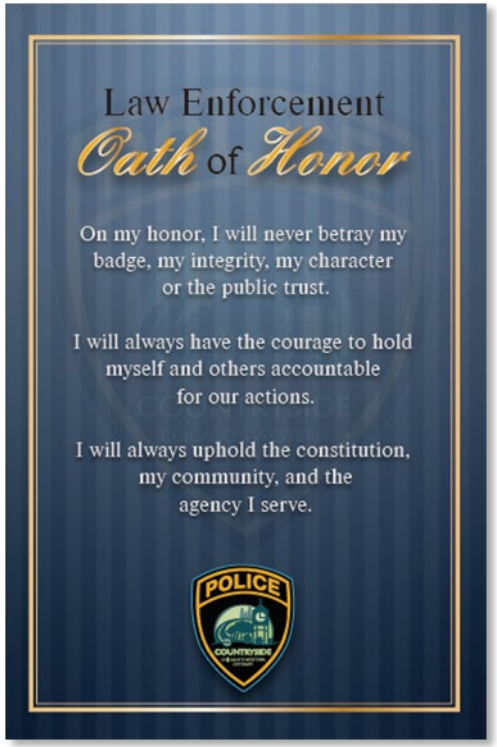
Paul Klimek
Chief of Police

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Accomplishments

- ✓ Hired one officer , which restored the department to full staffing levels.
- ✓ Purchased four new patrol vehicles, two Dodge Durangos and two Ford Explorers, and outfitted them with emergency equipment. The total investment in these purchases was $223,087.68. Due to COVID-related delays, 2 of the 4 vehicles were purchased and received approximately 2 years beyond the point at which they were due for replacement in the capital replacement plan. The acquisition of these vehicles greatly improved operational efficiency due to a decrease in maintenance related issues and greater availability of vehicles for use by officers during their patrol shifts.
- ✓ Purchased six (6) stationary and one (1) mobile radar speed signs. The $48,804.20 cost of this initiative included a software package that collects and analyzes traffic data at each location where the signs are placed. This purchase was completed in response to traffic related public safety concerns on residential side streets, primarily due to construction-related traffic. The utilization of these new tools enabled the police department to better control growing volumes of traffic and attendant infractions which are detrimental to the quality of life and safety of our residents.
- ✓ Entered into an agreement with Flock Safety which integrated our city LPR system with Flock's software, thus unlocking law enforcement access to over 4,500 LPR cameras across the country, the majority of which are located in the Chicago metropolitan area. Additionally, 3 new live view cameras were purchased through partial grant funding by the Illinois Attorney General's office. Placed strategically throughout the City and integrated with 2 previously installed cameras, these units provide our officers live view traffic footage via their patrol cars or any location with an internet connection. These technologies have dramatically improved our ability to respond to and investigate criminal activity.
- ✓ Purchased body worn and in-car cameras from Motorola Solutions for $39,911.35. The prior systems utilized by our personnel had reached the end of their usable lifespans and were in dire need of replacement. This new equipment ensured the department remained in compliance with state law requiring body worn cameras for all police officers. Additionally, the new cameras greatly reduced the amount of administrative time spent on trouble shooting and maintenance.

Accomplishments

- ✓ Purchased 4 StarChase GPS units for $30,000, which were covered entirely through a grant awarded by the Illinois Attorney General's Office. Per the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board, the Countryside Police Department ranked among the top 15 police departments in Illinois for *reported* police pursuits during 2023. StarChase GPS affixes a tracking device onto fleeing vehicles, which greatly reduces the occurrence of dangerous high speed pursuits while simultaneously increasing the odds of safely apprehending fleeing offenders.

- ✓ Purchased ballistic shields for $13,860. This acquisition ensures that every patrol vehicle will be equipped with a lifesaving bulletproof shield, a tool proven to greatly enhance the safety of officers responding to critical incidents.

- ✓ Completed an extensive policy and procedure review with Lexipol, a policy development and management company that collaborates with law enforcement agencies to update and modernize their policy manuals. Through extensive weekly work sessions with a nationally-recognized team of legal professionals and subject matter experts, Command Staff ensured CPD directives reflect current State and Federal legislation and law enforcement best practices. Throughout the year, our Officers utilized Lexipol's mobile app to review policy in the field. Additionally, officers received daily bulletins tied to these updated standards.

- ✓ Eleven 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, 12 citations were issued and $26,242.00 in fines were assessed.

- ✓ 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.

Accomplishments

- ✓ 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 program was made possible through the collaborative efforts of our officers, volunteers, and generous donations received from local businesses.

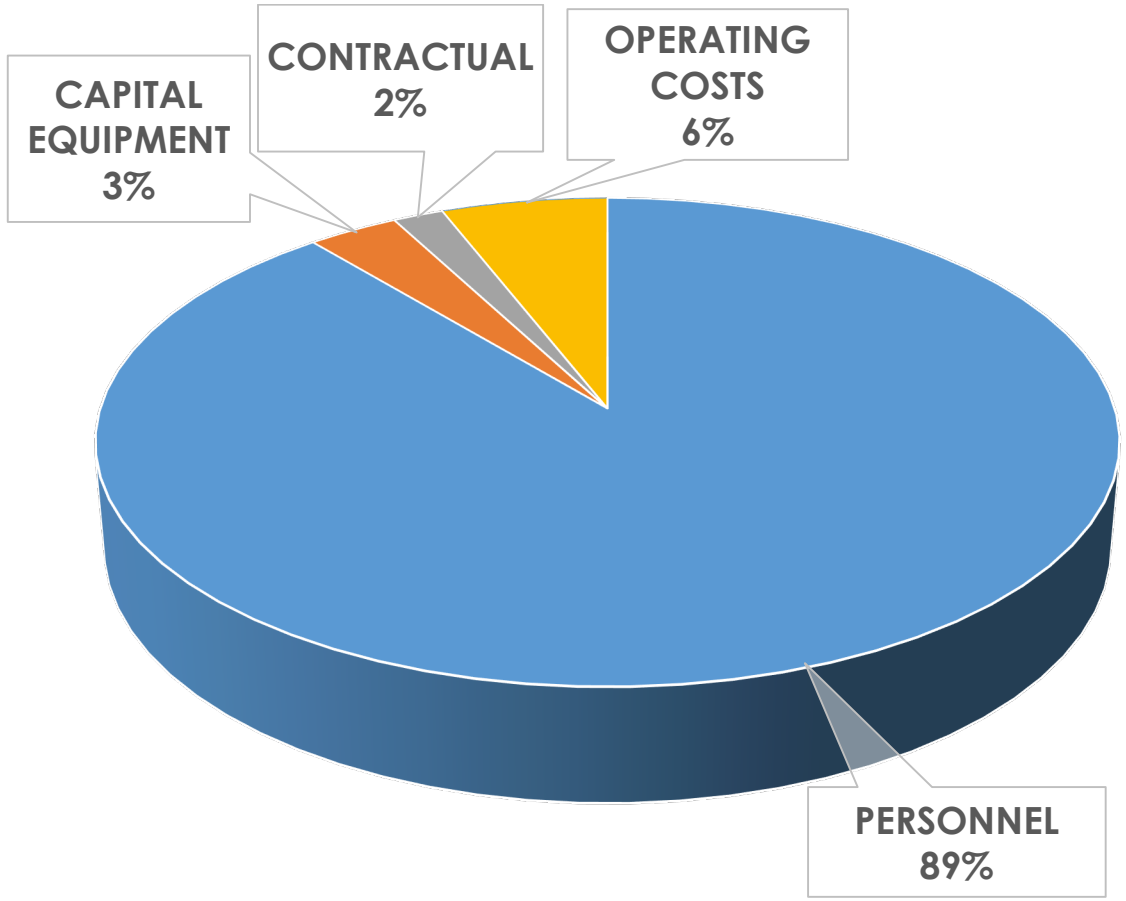
- ✓ Partnered with our local Texas Roadhouse for a Tip-A-Cop event benefitting Illinois Special Olympics. Of all 19 communities participating in this initiative, ours was the largest grossing event in Illinois with $4,858 being raised. Countryside businesses, including The Home Depot, Fullers, Five Below, and Popshelf, generously contributed merchandise raffled as prizes at the end of the evening.

- ✓ Continued to utilize in-house instructors to provide critically important, State-mandated training to their peers on topics such as Use of Force, High Risk Vehicle Stops, and Emergency Medical Response.

- ✓ Completed over 3,194 combined hours of department training, including the following highlights:
  - Four Officers successfully completed 40 Hour Basic Investigative Skills and 40 Hour Lead Homicide Investigator programs, both of which are instrumental in honing overall patrol skills, the initial evaluation of crime scenes, and in interacting with subjects. These programs provide the fundamental skills required for future consideration for Detective positions and spots on specialty units.
  - One Officer successfully completed three of Northwestern University Center for Public Safety's challenging traffic crash specialist programs, which included 40 Hour Pedestrian/Bicycle Crash Reconstruction, Crash Investigation and Reconstruction Aerial Photogrammetrist, and Crash Data Retrieval System Operator. These highly technical programs enable our personnel to quickly and accurately investigate traffic crashes occurring in Countryside and, by extension, in other communities served by the Suburban Major Accident Reconstruction Team.

Police Department 2024-2025 Budget

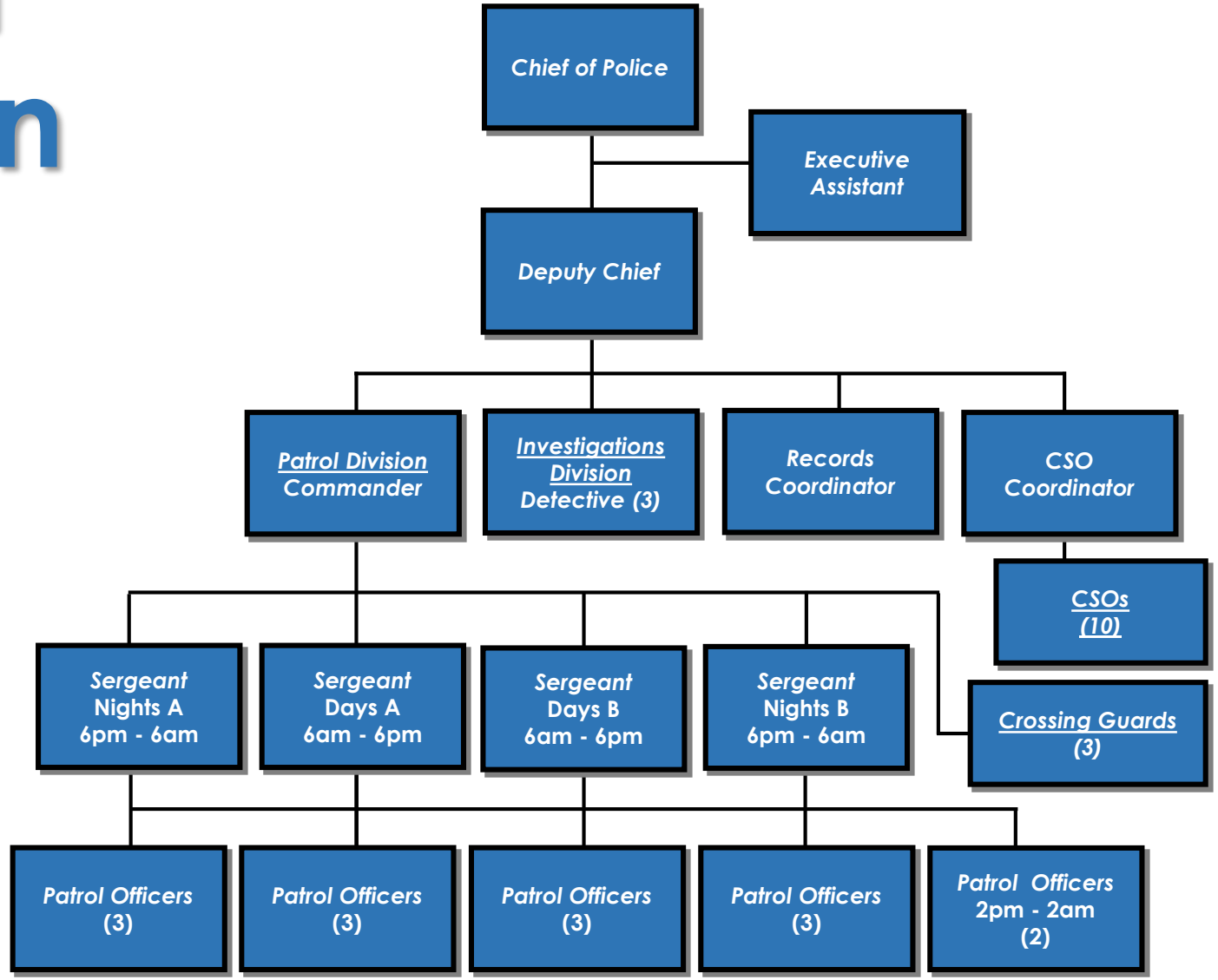
BUDGET CATEGORY	AMOUNT BUDGETED
PERSONNEL	$4,331,726
CAPITAL EQUIPMENT	$160,000
CONTRACTUAL	$88,855
OPERATING COSTS	$291,825
TOTAL BUDGET	**$4,872,406**



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Department Organization

Sworn Officers: 24
Civilian Personnel: 13



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Department Members

25+ Years

Sergeant Robert Sodt (1999)

20-24 Years

Sergeant Joe DiGangi (2002)
Detective Tim Wherry (2003)
Commander Darrell DuRell (2003)
Officer Nate McDonald (2003)
Chief Paul Klimek (2004)
Officer Kelly Kalker (2004)
Officer April Bisignani (2004)

15-19 Years

Officer Agostino Alonzo (2006)
Officer Brendan Gleespen (2006)
Deputy Chief Jim Stern (2007)
CSO Coordinator Patricia Littlejohn (2007)

10-14 Years

Officer Ryan Jakubowski (2012)
Sergeant Paul Lanzi (2012)
Crossing Guard Maria Gonzalez (2013)
Officer Mike Rojas (2014)

5-9 Years

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)
Detective 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)
Officer Ian Dziallo (2022)
CSO Evan Anderson (2023)
CSO Elizabeth Garcia (2023)
CSO Kayla Garcia (2023)
CSO Alicia Hoggro (2023)
Officer Margaret Greenfield (2023)
Executive Assistant Shelley Cooker (2024)
CSO Freddie Gonzalez (2024)
CSO Nick Tenuto (2024)
CSO Mary Machaj (2024)
Officer Nicholas Maslanka (2024)

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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.

Chief of Police Paul Klimek, Deputy Chief James Stern, and Commander Darrell DuRell each play 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
Paul Klimek

Deputy Chief
James Stern

Commander
Darrell DuRell

Executive Assistant
Shelley Cooker

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Police Records

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 2024, 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.

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.

Records Coordinator

Joanne Hernandez

Records Requests	2024	2023
FOIAs	184	181
Subpoenas	122	117
Crash Reports	491	451

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	1,184	Transport paperwork	47
Calls transferred to LTACC	340	Overnight parking	182
Walk-ins assisted	2,405	Vacation watches	22
Prisoners housed	51	Animal licenses	1
Arrest paperwork	160		

Summary of Local Activity	
State tickets	1,070
Parking tickets	518
Compliance tickets	828
Warning tickets	2,302
Administrative tows	68
Administrative Tow fees	$34,000

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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.

- **631 users have opted-in for Countryside Emergency Notifications, which represents a 10.12% increase from 2023**
- **449 users have opted-in for Countryside General Information Notifications, which represents a 8.19% increase from 2023**
- **1,789 users have opted-in for Non-Severe Weather Notifications, which represents a 3.83% increase in users from 2023**
- **3,092 users have opted-in for Severe Weather Notifications, which represents a 4.71% increase from 2023**

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 Type	January		February		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December		Yearly
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	Totals
5th Dist SWAT	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	8.3	2	16.7	0	0.0	1	8.3	4	33.3	2	16.7	0	0.0	1	8.3	0	0.0	1	8.3	12
911 Misdial/Hang-	8	8.2	11	11.2	9	9.2	5	5.1	8	8.2	4	4.1	4	4.1	6	6.1	5	5.1	8	8.2	18	18.4	12	12.2	98
Abandoned	1	9.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	36.4	1	9.1	0	0.0	1	9.1	0	0.0	1	9.1	3	27.3	0	0.0	11
Accident - Hit &	5	8.1	1	1.6	8	12.9	4	6.5	6	9.7	8	12.9	1	1.6	4	6.5	6	9.7	7	11.3	4	6.5	8	12.9	62
Accident - Hit &	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Accident - Injuries	0	0.0	2	5.9	2	5.9	2	5.9	1	2.9	8	23.5	3	8.8	0	0.0	3	8.8	6	17.6	5	14.7	2	5.9	34
Accident - No Rpt.	2	3.3	4	6.7	1	1.7	8	13.3	7	11.7	10	16.7	2	3.3	4	6.7	9	15.0	3	5.0	3	5.0	7	11.7	60
Accident -	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	33.3	1	33.3	1	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3
Accident -	27	7.2	23	6.1	36	9.6	35	9.3	44	11.7	30	8.0	28	7.5	27	7.2	38	10.1	25	6.7	22	5.9	40	10.7	375
Administrative	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	1
Alarm - Other	2	12.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	12.5	1	6.3	1	6.3	1	6.3	0	0.0	1	6.3	3	18.8	0	0.0	5	31.3	16
Alarm-Burglar	37	8.2	26	5.8	37	8.2	33	7.3	38	8.4	37	8.2	48	10.6	33	7.3	39	8.6	42	9.3	41	9.1	40	8.9	451
Alarm-Holdup	6	12.0	5	10.0	9	18.0	1	2.0	6	12.0	2	4.0	4	8.0	3	6.0	3	6.0	2	4.0	6	12.0	3	6.0	50
Ambulance	37	15.4	22	9.1	25	10.4	22	9.1	14	5.8	17	7.1	15	6.2	19	7.9	17	7.1	22	9.1	17	7.1	14	5.8	241
Animal - Barking	1	16.7	2	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	16.7	6
Animal - Bite	0	0.0	2	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	25.0	1	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	4
Animal-Complaint	8	7.1	7	6.2	8	7.1	6	5.3	10	8.8	15	13.3	10	8.8	15	13.3	11	9.7	6	5.3	4	3.5	13	11.5	113
Assault	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	22.2	1	11.1	1	11.1	2	22.2	1	11.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	22.2	9
Assist Fire	69	13.5	48	9.4	56	10.9	41	8.0	26	5.1	39	7.6	53	10.3	28	5.5	34	6.6	62	12.1	24	4.7	33	6.4	513
Assist Other	23	7.1	29	8.9	28	8.6	30	9.2	27	8.3	26	8.0	31	9.5	20	6.1	21	6.4	34	10.4	32	9.8	25	7.7	326
Attempt to Locate	1	10.0	1	10.0	1	10.0	1	10.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	20.0	2	20.0	1	10.0	0	0.0	1	10.0	0	0.0	10
Battery	3	10.3	2	6.9	2	6.9	3	10.3	4	13.8	0	0.0	3	10.3	5	17.2	3	10.3	3	10.3	1	3.4	0	0.0	29
Bike Patrol	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	25.0	1	12.5	3	37.5	0	0.0	1	12.5	1	12.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	8
Building Check	7	15.2	7	15.2	6	13.0	2	4.3	3	6.5	7	15.2	0	0.0	3	6.5	3	6.5	6	13.0	1	2.2	1	2.2	46
Burglary	2	8.7	3	13.0	2	8.7	1	4.3	2	8.7	0	0.0	1	4.3	1	4.3	3	13.0	4	17.4	1	4.3	3	13.0	23
Business Check	379	8.0	357	7.6	406	8.6	379	8.0	403	8.6	360	7.6	381	8.1	381	8.1	393	8.3	434	9.2	378	8.0	458	9.7	4709

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Check Well Being	18	8.5	14	6.6	16	7.5	8	3.8	16	7.5	22	10.3	28	13.1	23	10.8	28	13.1	15	7.0	15	7.0	10	4.7	213
Citizen Assist	60	11.3	36	6.8	53	10.0	45	8.5	37	7.0	54	10.2	42	7.9	40	7.5	47	8.9	53	10.0	29	5.5	34	6.4	530
Civil Matter	2	3.3	4	6.6	5	8.2	1	1.6	7	11.5	9	14.8	4	6.6	9	14.8	4	6.6	4	6.6	5	8.2	7	11.5	61
Community	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	16.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	4	66.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	16.7	6
Criminal Damage	3	11.1	1	3.7	1	3.7	0	0.0	2	7.4	2	7.4	5	18.5	7	25.9	3	11.1	0	0.0	2	7.4	1	3.7	27
Criminal	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	13.3	5	33.3	0	0.0	1	6.7	0	0.0	1	6.7	1	6.7	1	6.7	4	26.7	0	0.0	15
Criminal Trespass	0	0.0	2	40.0	0	0.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	5
Damage to	2	10.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	3	15.0	1	5.0	0	0.0	2	10.0	2	10.0	1	5.0	2	10.0	3	15.0	2	10.0	20
Death	0	0.0	3	27.3	1	9.1	1	9.1	1	9.1	1	9.1	1	9.1	2	18.2	1	9.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	11
Deceptive Practice	2	8.3	0	0.0	4	16.7	1	4.2	0	0.0	1	4.2	0	0.0	2	8.3	3	12.5	0	0.0	4	16.7	7	29.2	24
Detail	1	3.1	0	0.0	1	3.1	5	15.6	3	9.4	8	25.0	2	6.3	4	12.5	1	3.1	0	0.0	4	12.5	3	9.4	32
Directed Patrol	8	1.2	66	10.2	46	7.1	90	13.9	60	9.3	53	8.2	42	6.5	67	10.3	38	5.9	73	11.3	66	10.2	39	6.0	648
Disorderly	7	12.5	4	7.1	3	5.4	7	12.5	6	10.7	4	7.1	5	8.9	5	8.9	3	5.4	5	8.9	6	10.7	1	1.8	56
Dispute	4	7.8	2	3.9	5	9.8	4	7.8	3	5.9	6	11.8	4	7.8	9	17.6	2	3.9	6	11.8	4	7.8	2	3.9	51
Disturbance	5	6.8	10	13.7	2	2.7	8	11.0	6	8.2	13	17.8	3	4.1	6	8.2	7	9.6	6	8.2	3	4.1	4	5.5	73
Disturbance -	6	11.5	6	11.5	5	9.6	3	5.8	2	3.8	6	11.5	3	5.8	3	5.8	6	11.5	2	3.8	4	7.7	6	11.5	52
Domestic Battery	4	11.4	3	8.6	3	8.6	0	0.0	4	11.4	1	2.9	4	11.4	6	17.1	1	2.9	1	2.9	4	11.4	4	11.4	35
Domestic Trouble	1	20.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	20.0	1	20.0	1	20.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	5
Elevator Response	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Extra Watch	20	5.8	53	15.4	35	10.2	51	14.8	43	12.5	30	8.7	25	7.3	20	5.8	13	3.8	17	4.9	23	6.7	14	4.1	344
Fingerprinting	0	0.0	2	3.4	5	8.5	9	15.3	22	37.3	9	15.3	1	1.7	6	10.2	1	1.7	0	0.0	3	5.1	1	1.7	59
Fireworks	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	4.8	0	0.0	3	14.3	15	71.4	2	9.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	21
Follow Up	14	11.0	11	8.7	14	11.0	8	6.3	14	11.0	5	3.9	9	7.1	19	15.0	9	7.1	7	5.5	7	5.5	10	7.9	127
Forgery/Fraud	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	33.3	0	0.0	1	33.3	0	0.0	1	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3
Fuel Leak	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Identity Theft	5	17.9	3	10.7	5	17.9	2	7.1	2	7.1	1	3.6	1	3.6	2	7.1	2	7.1	2	7.1	0	0.0	3	10.7	28

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Incident Type	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	Totals
Intoxicated Person	1	6.7	2	13.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	20.0	3	20.0	2	13.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	13.3	0	0.0	2	13.3	15
Juvenile Cases	1	2.9	2	5.7	3	8.6	3	8.6	3	8.6	4	11.4	7	20.0	2	5.7	2	5.7	1	2.9	5	14.3	2	5.7	35
Lock Out /	0	0.0	5	11.4	6	13.6	2	4.5	4	9.1	2	4.5	1	2.3	6	13.6	5	11.4	6	13.6	1	2.3	6	13.6	44
Loud Noise	9	7.8	8	6.9	2	1.7	5	4.3	8	6.9	15	12.9	11	9.5	18	15.5	8	6.9	13	11.2	8	6.9	11	9.5	116
LPR Camera Alert	3	2.6	1	0.9	10	8.7	24	20.9	10	8.7	13	11.3	6	5.2	16	13.9	8	7.0	11	9.6	6	5.2	7	6.1	115
Major Crime Task	0	0.0	1	6.7	2	13.3	0	0.0	2	13.3	2	13.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	13.3	3	20.0	2	13.3	1	6.7	15
MCAT Callout	1	9.1	3	27.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	27.3	1	9.1	1	9.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	9.1	1	9.1	11
Mischief	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	2
Missing Person	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	33.3	1	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3
Motor Vehicle	1	12.5	0	0.0	3	37.5	0	0.0	1	12.5	1	12.5	0	0.0	1	12.5	1	12.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	8
Motorist Assist	18	12.6	5	3.5	8	5.6	9	6.3	15	10.5	16	11.2	14	9.8	15	10.5	12	8.4	12	8.4	9	6.3	10	7.0	143
Notification	0	0.0	1	4.8	3	14.3	2	9.5	3	14.3	1	4.8	4	19.0	2	9.5	2	9.5	0	0.0	1	4.8	2	9.5	21
Open	1	2.4	1	2.4	9	21.4	6	14.3	4	9.5	3	7.1	6	14.3	1	2.4	1	2.4	1	2.4	4	9.5	5	11.9	42
Other Public	5	5.2	2	2.1	7	7.3	8	8.3	11	11.5	9	9.4	5	5.2	9	9.4	9	9.4	17	17.7	5	5.2	9	9.4	96
Overdose	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Parking	10	10.3	3	3.1	12	12.4	7	7.2	10	10.3	11	11.3	9	9.3	11	11.3	5	5.2	5	5.2	7	7.2	7	7.2	97
Prisoner Transport	0	0.0	3	14.3	0	0.0	3	14.3	1	4.8	2	9.5	1	4.8	5	23.8	1	4.8	2	9.5	0	0.0	3	14.3	21
Property - All	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Property - Found	6	12.5	1	2.1	4	8.3	2	4.2	5	10.4	7	14.6	5	10.4	4	8.3	2	4.2	4	8.3	2	4.2	6	12.5	48
Property - Lost	3	9.4	1	3.1	3	9.4	3	9.4	0	0.0	5	15.6	2	6.3	2	6.3	1	3.1	4	12.5	4	12.5	4	12.5	32
Property - Lost	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2
Propery - Found	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	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
Recovered Stolen	1	20.0	0	0.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	1	20.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	20.0	0	0.0	5
Repossession/Rel	8	13.6	4	6.8	5	8.5	3	5.1	7	11.9	7	11.9	6	10.2	2	3.4	3	5.1	6	10.2	5	8.5	3	5.1	59
Roadway	2	9.5	0	0.0	1	4.8	3	14.3	5	23.8	6	28.6	1	4.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	4.8	2	9.5	0	0.0	21
Robbery - Armed	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1

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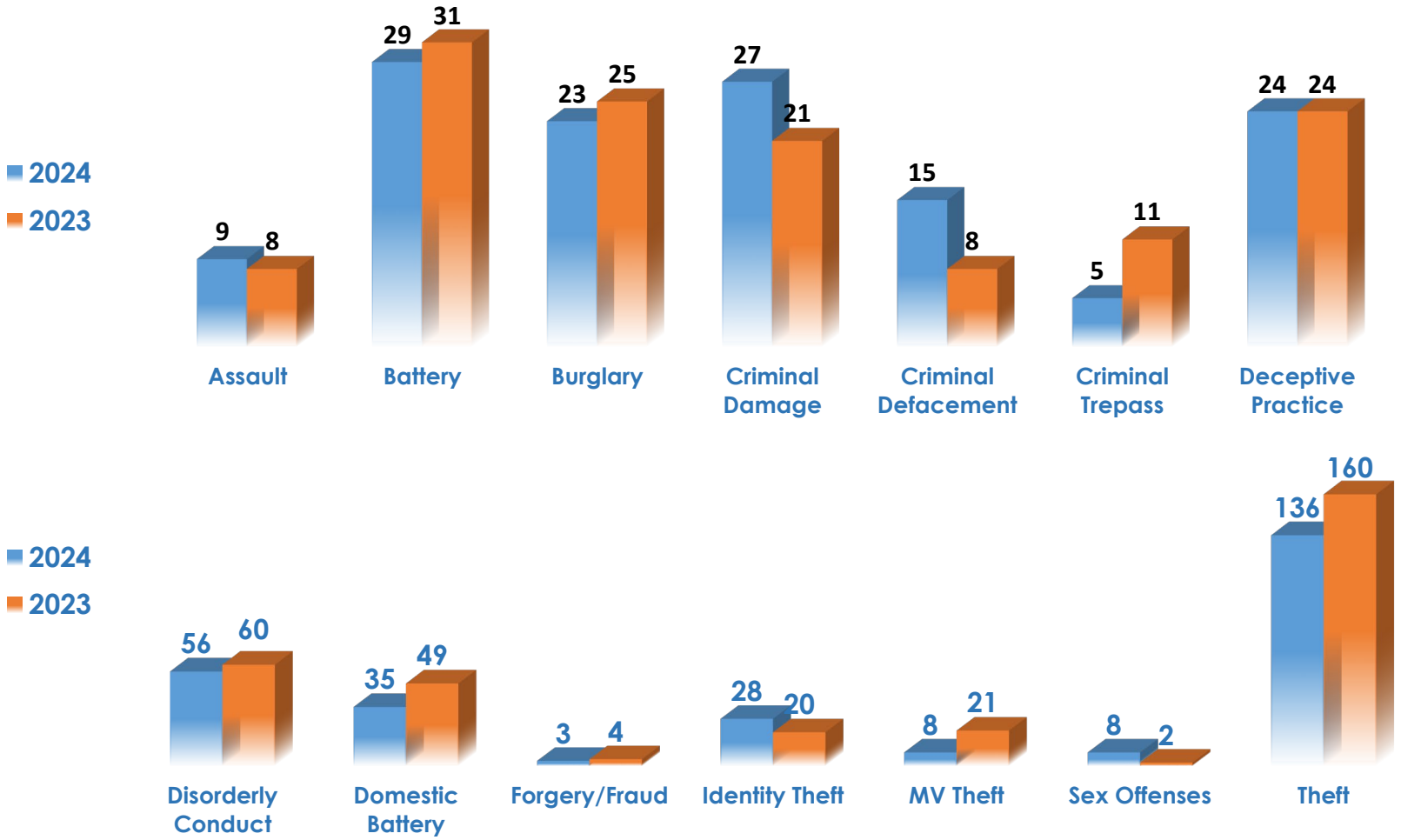
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	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	Totals
School Crossing	6	35.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	11.8	1	5.9	1	5.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	7	41.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	17
Sex Offender	2	18.2	0	0.0	2	18.2	1	9.1	1	9.1	1	9.1	1	9.1	0	0.0	1	9.1	1	9.1	0	0.0	1	9.1	11
Sex Offenses	1	12.5	0	0.0	3	37.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	12.5	2	25.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	12.5	8
Shooting	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2
Solicitors	1	5.0	1	5.0	2	10.0	3	15.0	4	20.0	2	10.0	2	10.0	3	15.0	1	5.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	5.0	20
Special Watch	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	4.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	9.5	1	4.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	14.3	11	52.4	3	14.3	21
SSMART Callout	2	10.0	2	10.0	3	15.0	4	20.0	2	10.0	1	5.0	0	0.0	1	5.0	2	10.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	1	5.0	20
Station Information	8	8.1	6	6.1	9	9.1	11	11.1	7	7.1	12	12.1	4	4.0	11	11.1	7	7.1	4	4.0	11	11.1	9	9.1	99
Storm Mode	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1
Suicidal Person	0	0.0	2	16.7	1	8.3	0	0.0	1	8.3	2	16.7	2	16.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	8.3	0	0.0	3	25.0	12
Susp/Revoked/No	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	42.9	1	14.3	1	14.3	0	0.0	1	14.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	14.3	0	0.0	7
Suspicious Activity	1	5.9	1	5.9	2	11.8	3	17.6	1	5.9	2	11.8	1	5.9	2	11.8	0	0.0	1	5.9	2	11.8	1	5.9	17
Suspicious Auto	8	5.7	15	10.6	14	9.9	7	5.0	9	6.4	18	12.8	11	7.8	9	6.4	13	9.2	7	5.0	11	7.8	19	13.5	141
Suspicious	9	7.0	14	10.9	11	8.6	10	7.8	19	14.8	17	13.3	8	6.3	11	8.6	6	4.7	6	4.7	10	7.8	7	5.5	128
Suspicious Noise	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	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
Suspicious Person	8	8.6	6	6.5	10	10.8	5	5.4	11	11.8	4	4.3	13	14.0	3	3.2	6	6.5	12	12.9	11	11.8	4	4.3	93
Theft	8	5.9	15	11.0	14	10.3	14	10.3	16	11.8	12	8.8	14	10.3	6	4.4	12	8.8	14	10.3	6	4.4	5	3.7	136
Traffic Complaints	14	8.7	8	5.0	16	9.9	19	11.8	16	9.9	20	12.4	16	9.9	10	6.2	12	7.5	14	8.7	10	6.2	6	3.7	161
Traffic Control	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	50.0	1	50.0	2
Traffic Signal	4	8.7	1	2.2	2	4.3	5	10.9	1	2.2	5	10.9	6	13.0	0	0.0	3	6.5	9	19.6	6	13.0	4	8.7	46
Traffic Stop	159	4.5	311	8.8	340	9.6	478	13.5	359	10.1	353	10.0	256	7.2	277	7.8	248	7.0	303	8.6	277	7.8	181	5.1	3542
Unwanted Subject	4	5.1	4	5.1	4	5.1	4	5.1	5	6.3	10	12.7	14	17.7	9	11.4	14	17.7	5	6.3	4	5.1	2	2.5	79
Vacation Watch	18	6.7	45	16.8	30	11.2	30	11.2	12	4.5	34	12.7	25	9.3	29	10.8	23	8.6	12	4.5	5	1.9	5	1.9	268
Vehicle Lockout	14	8.3	8	4.8	18	10.7	15	8.9	13	7.7	20	11.9	13	7.7	11	6.5	14	8.3	15	8.9	12	7.1	15	8.9	168
Village Ordinance	2	7.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	3.8	2	7.7	1	3.8	1	3.8	2	7.7	3	11.5	7	26.9	3	11.5	4	15.4	26
Violation of Order	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	16.7	2	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	16.7	1	16.7	0	0.0	1	16.7	6
Violent Offender	1	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	33.3	1	33.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	3
Warrant Service	2	12.5	2	12.5	2	12.5	3	18.8	1	6.3	2	12.5	0	0.0	1	6.3	0	0.0	2	12.5	1	6.3	0	0.0	16
Wires Down	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	100.0	1
Total:	1122	7.2	1259	8.0	1411	9.0	1531	9.8	1420	9.1	1433	9.1	1270	8.1	1278	8.2	1195	7.6	1381	8.8	1195	7.6	1171	7.5	15666

Call Breakdown by incident type

Incident Type	2024	2023
Assault	9	8
Battery	29	31
Burglary	23	25
Criminal Damage	27	21
Criminal Defacement	15	8
Criminal Trespass	5	11
Deceptive Practice	24	24
Disorderly Conduct	56	60
Domestic Battery	35	49
Forgery/Fraud	3	4
Identity Theft	28	20
Motor Vehicle Theft	8	21
Sex Offenses	8	2
Theft	136	160

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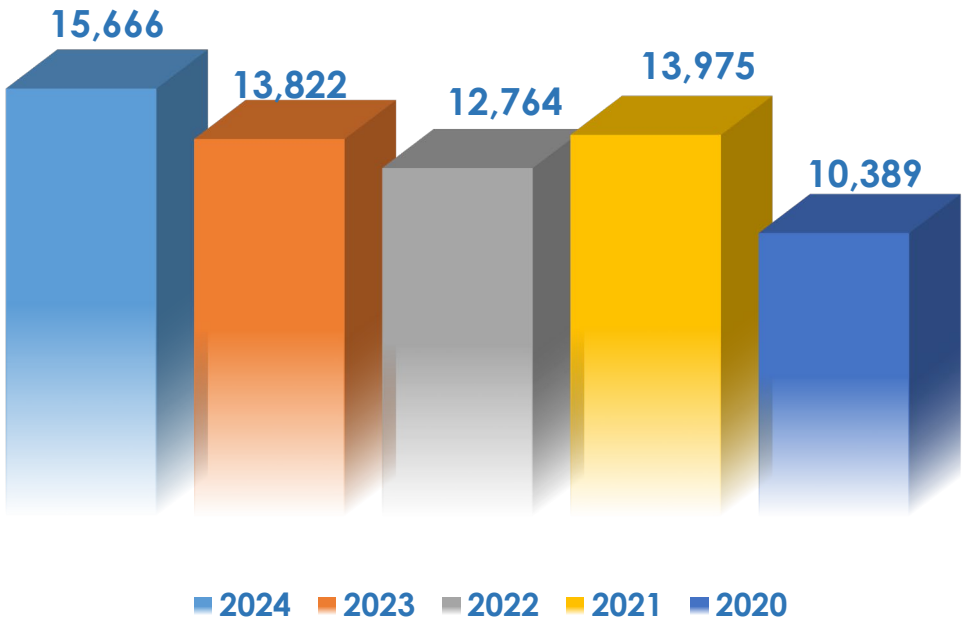


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Patrol Division

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 ***15,666 total calls for service in 2024.*** This figure represents a 13.3% increase from the 2023 total and includes responses to incidents such as criminal offenses, traffic crashes, alarm activations, disturbances, traffic complaints, and other miscellaneous incidents. Of these calls, ***6044 were officer-initiated*** interactions that include incidents such as open door/window checks, and business/building checks. In addition to the 15,662 calls logged by LTACC, our officers conducted ***1334 vacation watch checks*** which our officers logged separately in Community Policing Connect by Frontline.

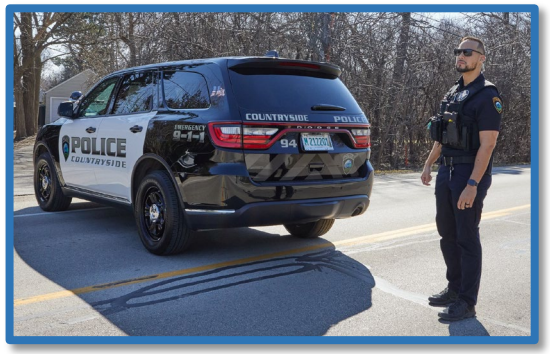
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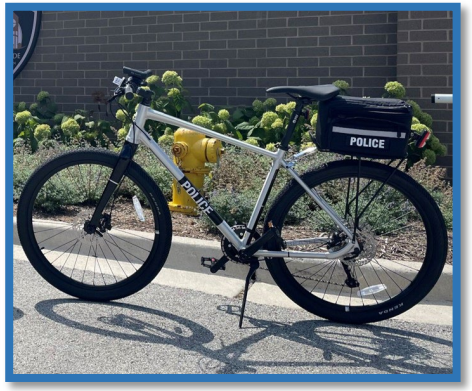
- ✓ All officers are equipped with ***Body-Worn Cameras***, which provide the ability to document and maintain officer accountability, citizen contacts, critical incident response, and serve as evidence in court proceedings. They also assist the police department in maintaining the highest level of departmental 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**
  - **Drone Pilots**
  - **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**
- ✓ **4 Police Bicycles**
- ✓ **1 Cargo Trailer**
- ✓ **2 Speed Signs**

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- ✓ 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.

- ✓ The Countryside Police Department has ***stationary License Plate Readers (LPRs)*** installed at various locations throughout the city. When these cameras read license plate numbers, "hits" are generated based upon information entered into "hot files" produced by law enforcement agencies. 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 ***115 enforceable LPR hits in 2024***.

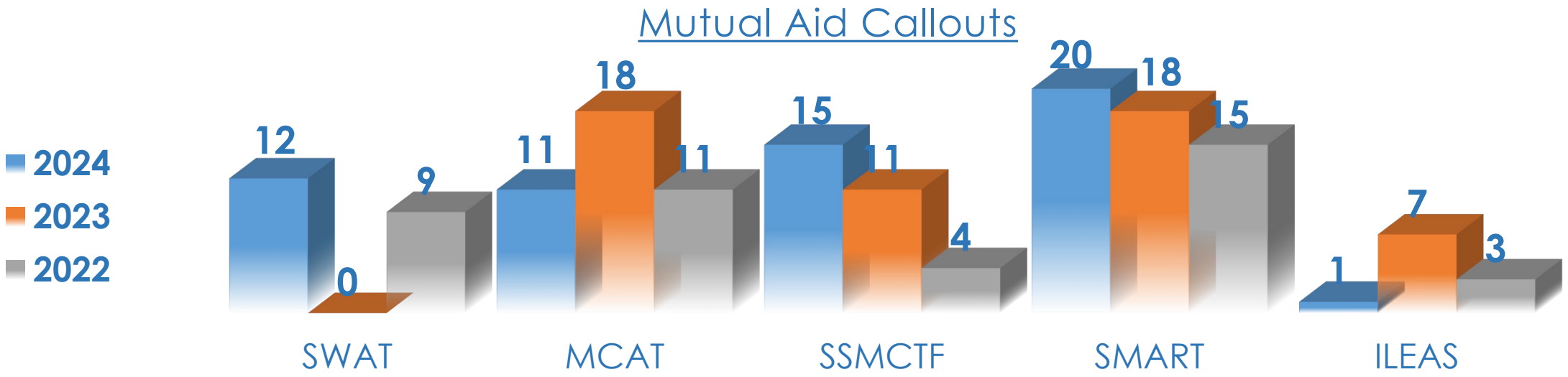


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Actionable
LPR "Hits" in 2024

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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 crimes of a complex nature or which occur beyond the geographic reach and control of Patrol Division officers. Examples of cases 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 responsibility for 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	**537**
Cases assigned for follow-up	**134**
Investigations resulting in arrest	**18**

NARCINT ACTIVITY	
Total Cases	**141**
Arrests	**13**
Firearms seized	**12**
Human Trafficking Details	**1**

NARCINT NARCOTICS SEIZURES	
DRUG TYPE	**AMOUNT**
Cocaine	90,560.5 grams
Fentanyl	5,405 grams/powder
Fentanyl	1,100 pills
Heroin	3,144 grams
Marijuana	1,361,944 grams
Methamphetamine	5,124 grams
Psilocybin (Mushrooms)	601 grams
THC Edibles	10,479 grams
THC Vape Pens	31,747

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.

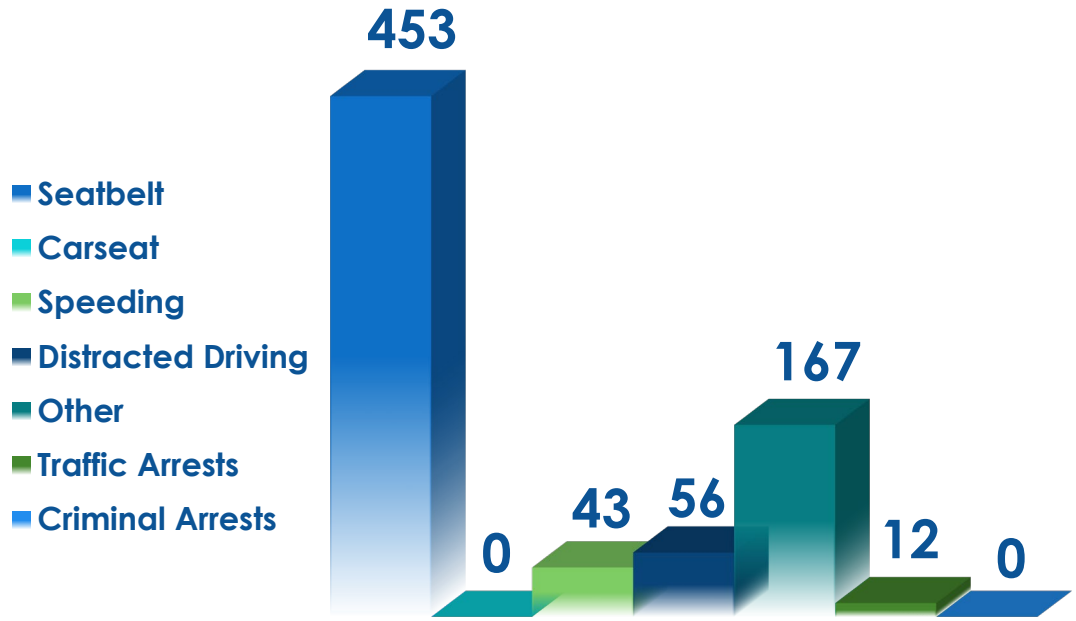
NARCINT seized $4,367,872.00 in US Currency in 2024. Currency is submitted for forfeiture when the courts determine whether or not to declare the funds as forfeited. The City of Countryside then receives a percentage of any of these funds that are declared by the courts as forfeited.

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 2024, our officers committed **410.5 hours** to conducting **12 special enforcement details** that included: ***Super Bowl, St. Patrick's Day, Distracted Driving, Child Passenger Safety, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas/New Year's Holiday.*** During these IDOT Traffic Safety Details our officers issued **732 citations and made 12 traffic arrests.**



Tobacco Compliance Checks

In 2024, Countryside officers conducted 3 rounds of tobacco compliance checks on all Countryside businesses with tobacco licenses. These checks were conducted in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Human Services. Through the State of Illinois Tobacco Enforcement Program, our department received grant funding to conduct retail education and enforcement initiatives. As part of the program, an officer visited each business to distribute tobacco retailer kits and advise the business that compliance checks would be conducted throughout the year. This program was designed to educate retail establishments and eliminate the illegal sale of tobacco to minors in our community.

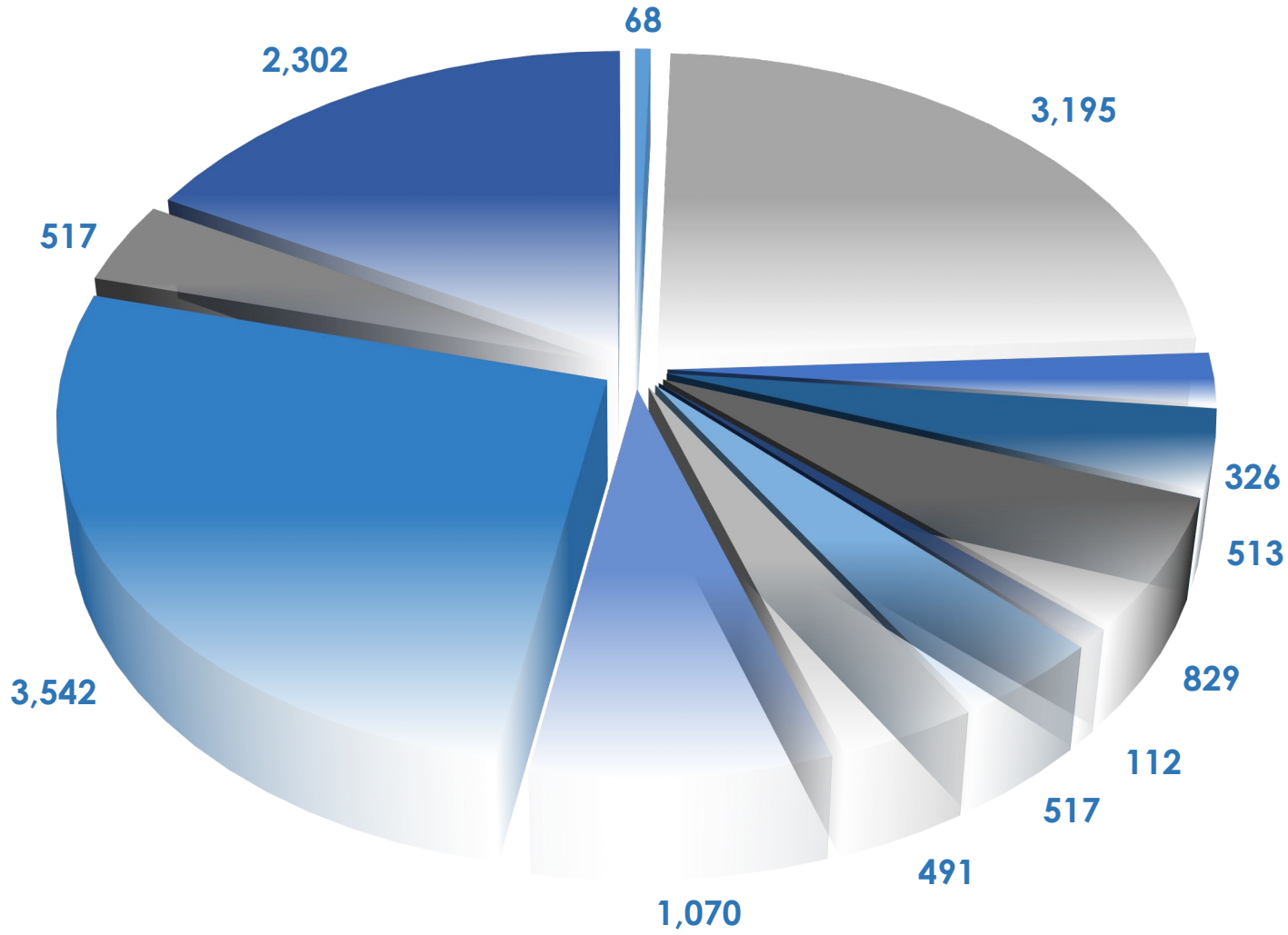


Round 1 - 15 of 15 businesses were in compliance.
Round 2 - 15 of 15 businesses were in compliance.
Round 3 - 14 of 15 businesses were in compliance.

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2024 Activity at a glance

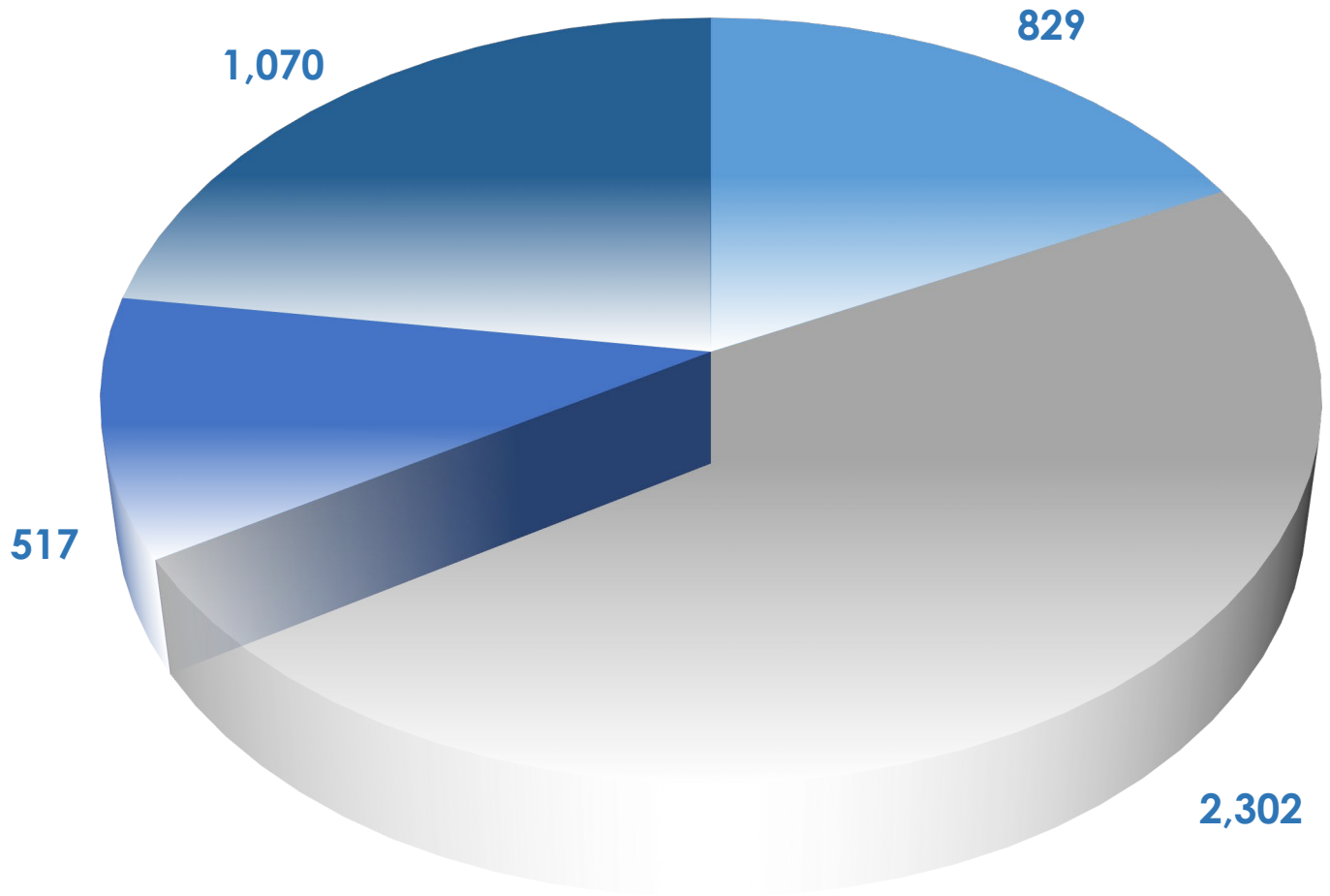
- Administrative Tows - 68
- Training Hours - 3195
- Assist Other Agency - 326
- Assist Fire Department - 513
- Compliance Citations - 829
- Adult Arrests - 112
- Parking Citations - 517
- Traffic Crashes - 491
- Traffic Citations - 1070
- Traffic Stops - 3542
- Alarm Calls - 517
- Written Warnings - 2302



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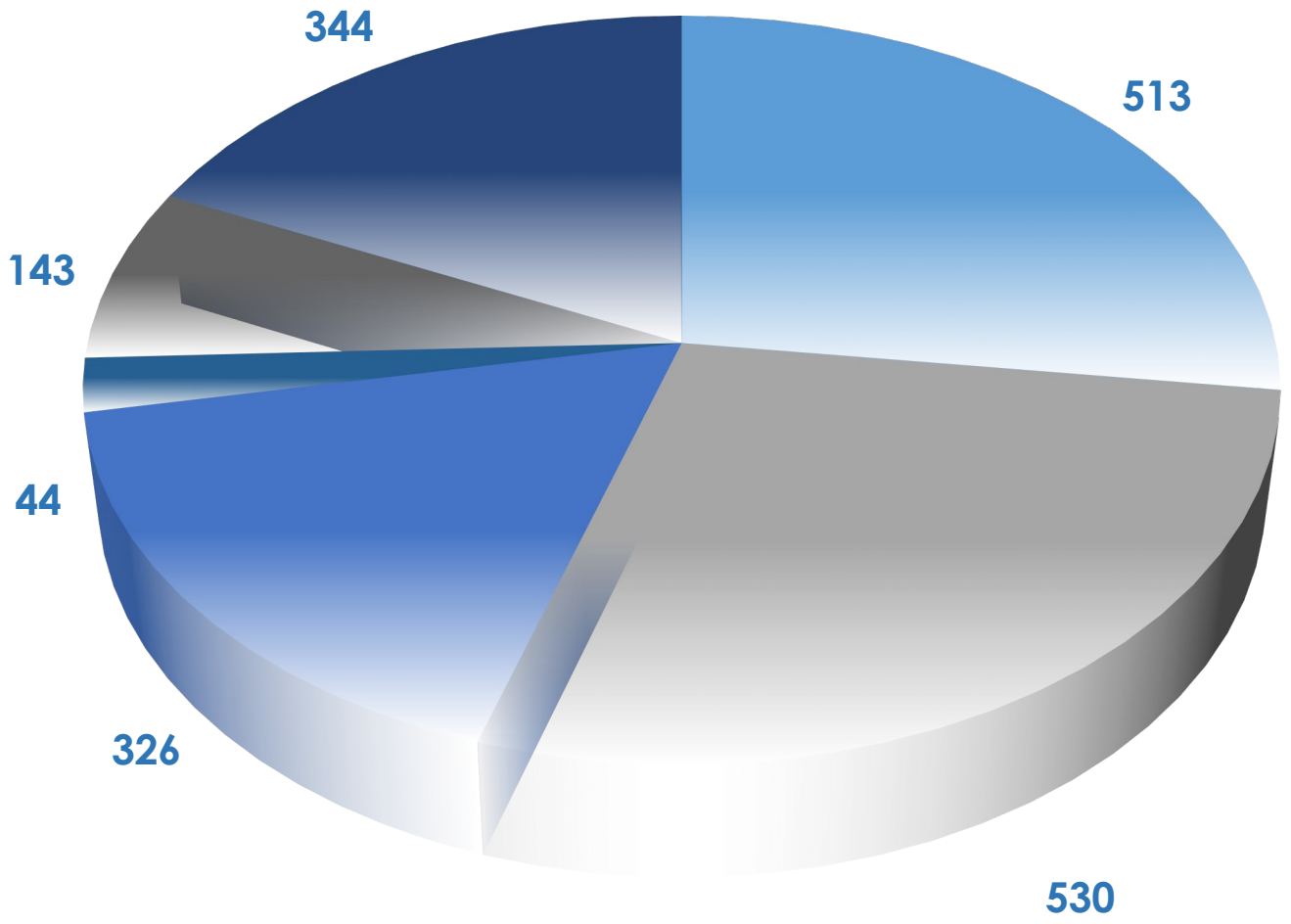
Tickets Issued by ticket type

- Compliance - 829
- Written Warning - 2,302
- Parking - 517
- Traffic - 1,070



Assists to Community and Other Agencies

- Assist Fire Dept - 513
- Citizen Assist - 530
- Assist Other Agency - 326
- Lock-out Assist - 44
- Motorist Assist - 143
- Extra Watch - 344



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Adult Arrest Charge Summary and comparison

CRIMINAL OFFENSE	2024	2023	2022	2021
Aggravated Assault/Battery	7	7	3	0
Aggravated Kidnapping/Kidnapping	1	0	0	1
Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking	0	0	0	1
Armed Robbery	0	0	0	1
Assault/Battery	3	4	9	14
Burglary from Motor Vehicle	1	0	0	0
Burglary Commercial/Non-Residential	1	0	2	3
Criminal Damage to Property/Vehicle/Defacement	1	3	5	4
Criminal Trespass to Real Property/Residence/Vehicle	7	9	3	3
Disorderly Conduct	4	1	6	3
Domestic Battery	4	10	9	14
Drug Offenses	9	1	1	9
Endangering Life/Health of Child/Neglect	0	0	1	0
Fraudulent Activity/Forgery	6	8	2	1
Harassment by Phone/Electronics	0	0	1	0
Obstruct Justice/Flee/Resist/Obstruct Officer	7	8	8	11
Retail Theft	19	22	10	16
Theft under $500/Theft over $500	7	3	15	9
Weapons Offenses	0	0	11	6
Warrant Arrest	14	16	26	19

The arrest data in this chart 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.)



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Uniform Crime Reporting NIBRS Method

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Group A Offenses	2024
Homicide Offenses	0
Non-Consensual Sex Offense	5
Rape -5	
Sodomy - 0	
Assault Offenses	78
Aggravated Assault - 3	
Simple Assault - 66	
Intimidation - 9	
Kidnapping/Abduction	2
Consensual Sex Offense	0
Human Trafficking Offenses	1
Crimes Against Persons Total	**86**

Group A Offenses	2024
Robbery	1
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	24
Larceny/Theft Offenses	117
Motor Vehicle Theft	13
Arson	0
Destruct/Damage/Vandalize Property	44
Counterfeiting/Forgery	10
Fraud Offenses	62
Embezzlement	0
Extortion/Blackmail	1
Bribery	0
Stolen Property Offenses	0
Crimes Against Property Total	**272**

Group A Offenses	2024
Drug/Narcotic Violations	4
Drug Equipment Violations	3
Gambling Offenses	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	2
Prostitution	0
Weapons Law Violation	0
Animal Cruelty	0
Crimes Against Society Total	**9**

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Group A Arrest Distribution	2024
Aggravated Assault	2
Simple Assault	6
Burglary/Breaking and Entering	1
Shoplifting	11
Motor Vehicle Theft	3
Counterfeiting/Forgery	1
False Pretense/Swindle/Confidence Game	6
Credit Card/ATM Fraud	1
Identity Theft	1
Destruction/Damage/Property Vandalism	1
Drug/Narcotic Violations	4
Drug Equipment Violations	1
Total	**38**

Group B Arrest Distribution	2024
Driving Under the Influence	15
Liquor Law Violations	1
Trespass of Real Property	3
All Other Offenses	19
Total	**38**

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 3194.5 combined hours of training in 2024. Highlights from the year include:

- ✓ Newly promoted Sergeant Joseph DiGangi attended an 80 Hour Supervision of Police Personnel program conducted by Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety, a nationally-renowned provider of law enforcement supervisory and leadership development programming.
- ✓ Three officers attended 32 Hour Instructor Development training in preparation to serve as In-House instructors on a variety of training topics, including High Risk Traffic Stops, Firearms, and Use of Force.
- ✓ Detectives Ryan Venem and Christopher Batzel attended several advanced level courses to further develop their investigative acumen, including 40 Hour Intelligence and Analysis, Physical Surveillance for Law Enforcement, Sex Assault Investigator, Child Death Investigation, and Basics of Property and Evidence Room Management.

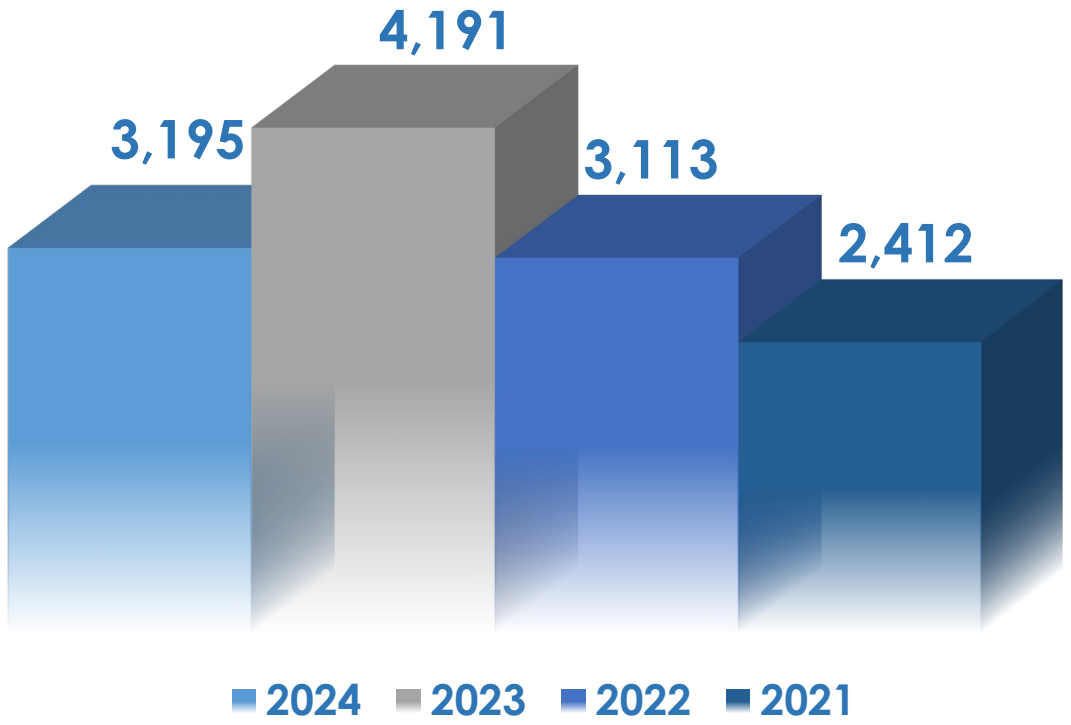
In 2024, CPD submitted an In-House **Vehicle Stops: Focus on Officer Safety** curriculum for vetting and certification approval through ILETSB. Sergeant Michael Maher, Detective Christopher Batzel, and Officer Connor Rinehart then provided this training to their peers through a series of sessions conducted throughout late August and September. This in-house training certification model has become an indispensable means for the Countryside Police Department to efficiently and economically satisfy the many training mandates required by Illinois law.

Department Training

Countryside Police 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. These course titles included:

40 Hour Basic Investigative Skills Program
40 Hour Lead Homicide Investigator Program
Beneath the Body Armor – Strengthening Identity and Wellness
Conflict Resolution & De-Escalation Strategies for Police
Crime Scene: Do Not Cross
Echelon Front's Extreme Ownership
From Crime Scene to Lab
Interviewing Children
Juvenile Interrogation and Delinquency Update
Mental Health First Aid for Public Safety
Scene Processing: Prints and Footwear
Sex Assault – Trauma Informed Initial Response
STOPS: Strategies and Tactics of Patrol Stops
Vehicle Stops: Focus on Officer Safety

4 Year Hourly Comparison



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Firearms Training - The Countryside Police Department utilizes three 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 2024, 236 total man hours were spent on firearms training at the department.







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Department Training



Use of Force, Taser,
O.C. Spray & Baton
Skills Training
January 30, 2024





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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)**
- ✓ **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**

4,709
Business Checks

26
Car Seat Installs

1334
Vacation Watch Checks

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Community Programs

- ✓ **"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 14, 2024. 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.

We extend a special thank you to all the volunteers and to T.J. Maxx, Westfield Ford, and Ledo's Pizza for their continued support and generosity which help to make this event possible every year.







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The Countryside and Hodgkins Police Departments partnered to host a **Citizen's Police Academy** from February 8th through March 14, 2024. During those six weeks, members of the community met every Thursday evening with CPD and HPD personnel to discuss various aspects of law enforcement operations, including patrol procedures, investigations, criminal and traffic law, use of force, SWAT, and firearms. Attendees participated in group discussions and hands-on exercises designed to provide a first person perspective on the many aspects of modern-day policing.



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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.
  - Throughout 2024, our LEAV advocate reviewed **62 domestic related police reports and provided outreach to 29 victims.** The LEAV advocate discusses the criminal process, orders of protection, safety planning, and available counseling services for complainants and their children. 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



Service dog Pippin's visit to the P.D.
July 24, 2024



St. Patrick's Day Parade
March 2, 2024

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Community Events



St. John's Lutheran
Ride to School Winners
April 26, 2024

Creative Academy
Station Visit
May 31, 2024







Tip-A-Cop
in support of
Illinois Special
Olympics
August 19, 2024

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Community Events



Back to School Event
August 17, 2024

Ideal School
Halloween Visit
October 31, 2024





National Night Out
Western Springs
August 7, 2024

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Transitions



On December 11, 2024, Nicholas Maslanka was joined by Chief Klimek and Deputy Chief Stern as he was sworn in as a Countryside Police Officer by Mayor Sean McDermott.



On July 15, 2024, Officer April Bisignani retired after serving the citizens of Countryside for 20 years.

The City bid farewell to Mark Battaglia on October 21, 2024. Mark's career in public service spanned an impressive 39 years and included tenures as a Police Officer, Detective & Crime Free Housing Coordinator.



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Department Recognition

Letters of Appreciation:

Officer Agostino Alonzo (1)
Detective Chris Batzel (4)
Officer Juan Cahue (2)
Commander Darrell DuRell (1)
Officer Brendan Gleespen (1)
Officer Meg Greenfield (1)
Officer Ryan Jakubowski (2)
Officer Kelly Kalker (2)
Officer Connor Rinehart (3)
Officer Michael Rojas (2)
Sergeant Robert Sodt (2)
Deputy Chief James Stern (1)
Detective Ryan Venem (6)

Service Awards:

Sergeant Robert Sodt – 25 years
Officer April Bisignani - 20 years
Officer Kelly Kalker – 20 years
Chief Paul Klimek – 20 years
Officer Michael Rojas – 10 years

Military Service:

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

Officer Connor Rinehart
Detective Ryan Venem



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In Memoriam…



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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