

WINNETKA POLICE DEPARTMENT

2018 ANNUAL REPORT



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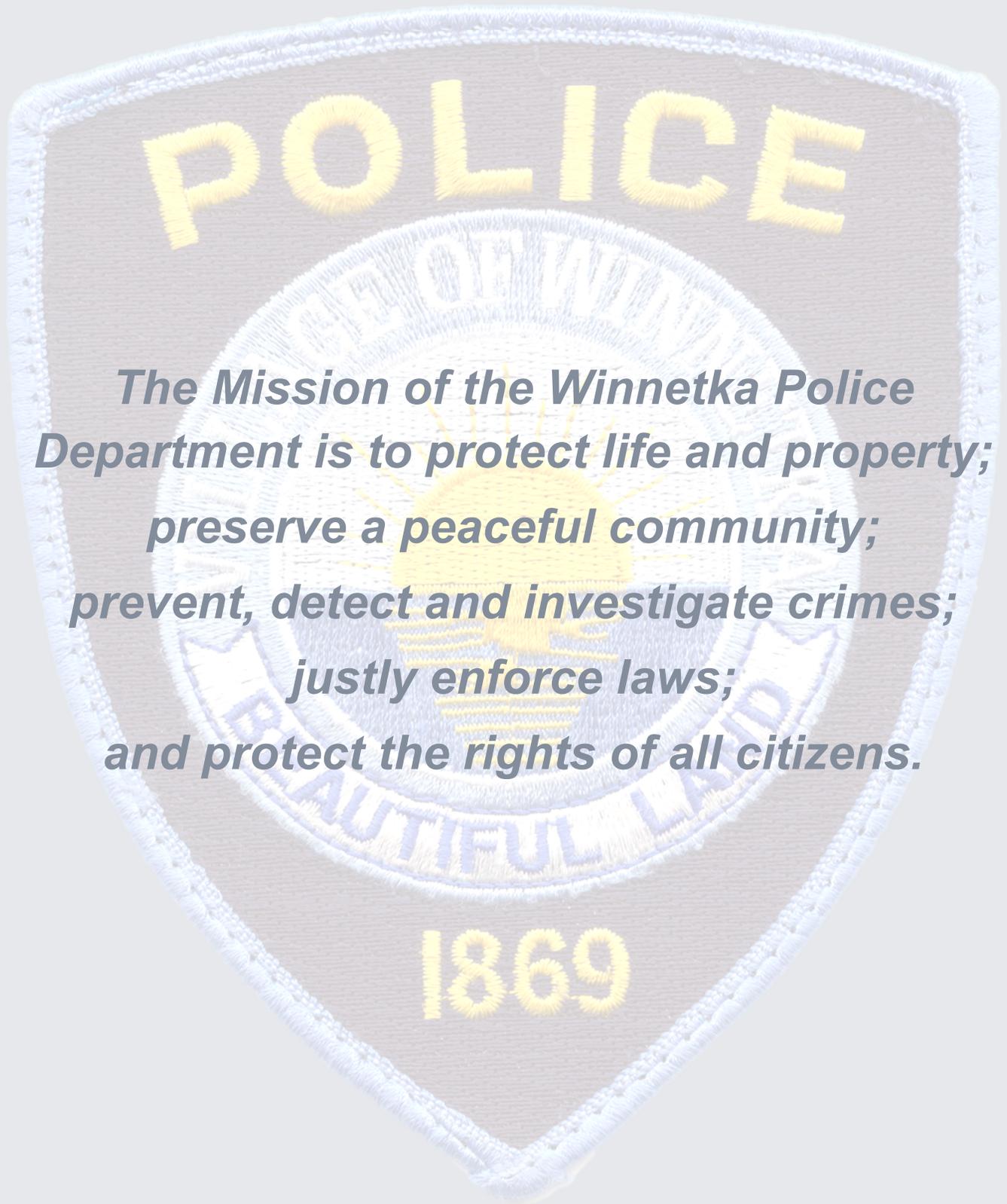


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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

2018 brought substantive change to the Winnetka Police Department. I was both honored and humbled to be appointed Chief in April. The Chief's appointment led to a cascade of other changes throughout the organization. Some of these changes included reallocation of Records Division personnel and the appointment of Brian O'Connell to Deputy Chief of Police. Keri Kaup was promoted to the newly created position of Administrative Services Manager. This position replaced the Public Safety Analyst position. A new patrol officer, Brandon Dorsey was welcomed to the department. Jesus Atempa, a part-time Community Service Officer, also joined the department.



Our commitment to public safety included upgrading our radio communications to the STARCOM-21 radio platform. STARCOM-21 allows our community to better communicate with outside public safety resources in the event of an incident that requires mutual aid assistance. Our public safety resources were tested over the summer when an armed and barricaded homicide suspect was located by our officers inside a residence. We coordinated a local response that included the use of regional resources. The response and management of the incident ultimately led to a peaceful outcome where the suspect was taken into custody without further harm to others.

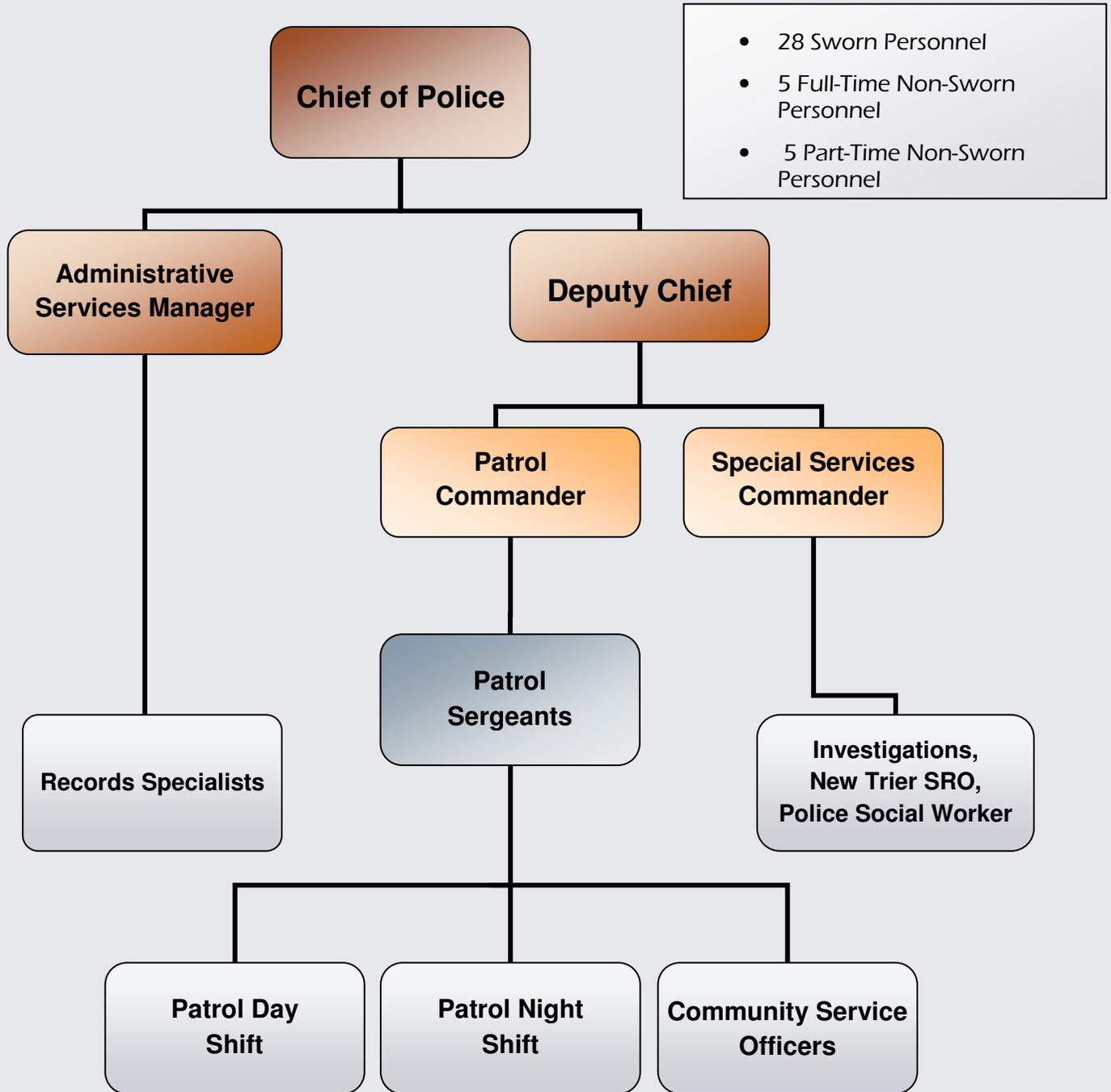
Working closely with both the public and private schools to ensure a safe environment continues to be a top priority. Prior to the beginning of the school year, we partnered with the Winnetka Fire Department and conducted a school safety summit that was inclusive of both Winnetka and Kenilworth schools. We continue to have a visible presence both in and around our schools. We also strive to ensure our officers remain properly trained to respond to any type of threat in the community.

The Winnetka Police Department takes great pride in our positive interactions with the community. This past year, we hosted our first ever Commuters, Cops, and Coffee event at the Elm Street Train Station. Our officers were also frequent attendees at block parties and were highly visible at many community events such as the Winnetka Music Fest and 4th of July festivities. We also increased our social media presence by sharing timely information that was intended to be both informative and educational.

Our department continues to receive tremendous support from the community. We consistently reinforce the value and importance of public trust. We remain committed to providing the highest level of service and professionalism to everyone we serve.

Marc Hornstein, Chief of Police

2018 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



BUILDING RENOVATION

On June 6, 2017, the Winnetka Police Department officially closed its dispatch center, consolidating to Glenview Public Safety Dispatch Center. This move was due to the enacted Illinois Public Act 99-006, which mandated the consolidation of public safety answering points (PSAPs). In Cook County, the Act required that no PSAP serve less than 25,000 people.

In 2018, the empty communications center that was left as a result of dispatch consolidation was repurposed into the new home of our Investigations Unit. The department's front lobby area underwent an extensive remodel as well. These renovations are part of an ongoing two year department facilities improvement plan. The pictures included on this page show the communications center and lobby areas before and after the remodel.



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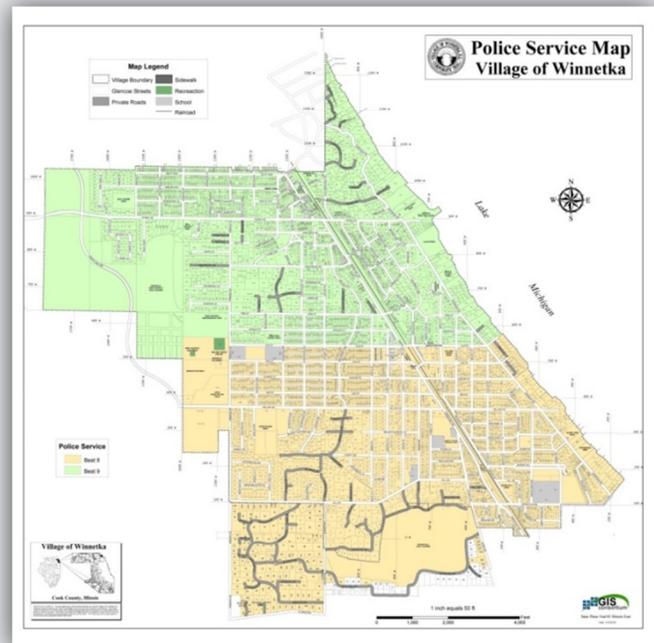
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After

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

The Winnetka Police Department is comprised of 38 employees who serve in both full and part-time capacities. The department employs 28 sworn officers, including the Chief of Police, who are responsible for enforcing local and state laws throughout the community. In addition to the sworn officers, the police department includes 10 civilian staff members, 5 of whom serve full-time and 5 of whom serve part-time. All police department employees are dedicated to serving the community of 12,480 residents across 3.81 square miles.



The department is divided into three main sections: Administration, Operations, and Administrative Services.

Administration: Includes the Chief of Police, Deputy Chief of Police, and the Administrative Services Manager. The Administration Section establishes the goals and objectives of the department on an annual basis, coordinates and oversees all law enforcement related activities, and sets the overall vision for the department as a whole.

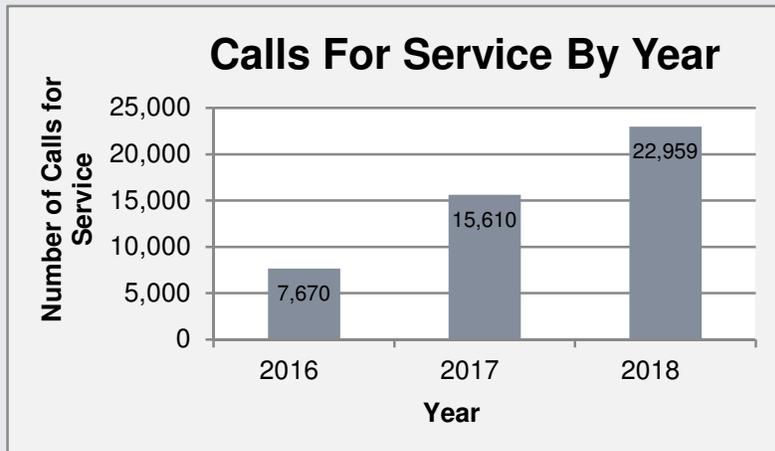


Operations: Is the largest section of the police department, comprised of two Commanders, five Patrol Sergeants, nineteen Patrol Officers, and four Community Service Officers (CSOs). The Operations Section is responsible for responding to all calls for service, investigating reported crimes, and enforcing traffic and parking laws.

Administrative Services: Consists of the Records Division which is staffed by four civilian employees. This division answers all phone calls, provides customer service to visitors, and provides general information to the public. They provide technical support to the Administration and Operations Sections, as well as maintain all police records.

Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is the most publicly visible section of the police department. The division is led by the Patrol Commander who oversees 5 sergeants and 16 uniformed police officers. Sergeants and police officers work 12-hour shifts and rotate between day and night shifts on a regular basis. The patrol division is responsible not only for self-initiated activity such as traffic enforcement, but also for responding to all emergency and non-emergency calls for service.



In 2018, the Winnetka Police Department responded to 22,959 calls for service. Although this number appears significantly higher than previous years, the increase is due to an updated definition of “calls for service” which now includes both officer-initiated activity as well as

citizen-initiated contact. For detailed information regarding crimes, arrests, and citations issued during 2018, please refer to the chart on page 16.

Common Calls for Service

Common calls for service in 2018 include alarm activations (964), assisting the fire department (385), suspicious incidents (583), and parking complaints (347).

Traffic

Traffic enforcement is an essential component of a patrol officer’s daily responsibilities. During 2018, traffic enforcement included:

- 1,827 traffic assignments - 1,013 traffic citations issued - 1,983 traffic warnings issued

Officers are also responsible for responding to traffic accidents throughout the village. In 2018, officers responded to 302 non-injury traffic crashes and 40 injury traffic crashes. Refer to the below chart for the top collision locations in 2018.

Top Collision Locations : 2018	
Location	Number of Traffic Crashes
Green Bay Road / Willow Road	12
Hibbard Road / Willow Road	10
Green Bay Road / Tower Road	10
385 Winnetka Avenue (New Trier High School)	8
Chestnut Street / Willow Road	6

Investigations Division

The Investigations Unit is comprised of two investigators, a School Resource Officer (SRO), and is led by the Special Services Commander. It is the responsibility of the Investigations Unit to conduct complex criminal investigations that require more time and involvement than the more common calls for service handled by the Patrol Division. The cases handled by this unit include identity thefts, burglaries, death investigations, and more. Additional responsibilities of Investigations include conducting inspections of liquor vendors, identifying emerging crime trends, and participating in task forces such as NORTAF Burglary and NORTAF Major Crimes.



School Resource Officer –

Since 1992, the police department has assigned a School Resource Officer to New Trier East High School. The SRO serves as a liaison between the school and the police department and primarily investigates crimes that occur on school grounds. Additionally, the SRO conducts educational presentations to students and staff.



Records Division

The Records Division underwent a transition in 2018 after participating in a work study to analyze division responsibilities in a post-consolidated dispatch environment. As a result of the study, the department's Public Safety Analyst position was transitioned to the Administrative Services Manager position which now oversees the Records Division. The division is staffed by two full-time and two part-time Records Specialists who are the primary customer service representatives of the department. They assist all police department visitors and non-emergency callers by appropriately answering questions or directing them to the proper staff. The Records Division is responsible for maintaining all police records, including cases, arrests, traffic accidents, and citations/warnings. They also process taxi licenses applications, false alarm invoices, and administrative adjudication hearing requests.



Community Services

Winnetka Police Department's two full-time and two part-time Community Service Officers (CSOs) primarily work during the day and are tasked with handling a variety of non-crime related calls for service. Their responsibilities include parking enforcement, animal control, and school crossings.



Youth Investigations & Resources

Police officers interact with juveniles on a regular basis through juvenile-in-crisis complaints, child abuse allegations, or criminal activity investigations. Incidents of this nature require the expertise of specially trained juvenile officers who are knowledgeable about juvenile law and case handling procedures. As of the end of 2018, the Winnetka Police Department had eight certified juvenile officers, all of whom provide support and social service resource information to juveniles and their parents.

Evidence Technician Unit

The Winnetka Police Department currently has twelve members trained as evidence technicians (ET). All members of this unit are required to complete a basic ET course prior to appointment. They continue with advanced specialized training including photography and fingerprint development and recovery.



Police Social Worker

The Winnetka Police Department has a part-time, in-house social worker. The Social Worker provides advice and resources to citizens during times of crisis or when expertise is needed beyond what a police officer can provide.

CRIME PREVENTION & COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

The Winnetka Police Department is committed to assisting residents with crime prevention and safety. To assist in the efforts, the police department offers the following services to residents:

- **Vacation Watch Program:** When a resident is absent from the home, they can contact the police department to add their residence to the Vacation Watch Program. Once added, officers will periodically walk the exterior of the home to ensure all doors and windows appear secure. Officers conducted 1,482 vacation checks during 2018.
- **Burglar Alarm Response:** The Winnetka Police Department encourages residents to utilize their burglar alarms as residences are often burglarized when a functioning alarm has not been set. Patrol officers respond to all alarms even though most ultimately prove to be false. In 2018, officers responded to 964 burglar alarms. False alarms can be activated for a number of reasons, including malfunctioning alarm sensors, human error, or interruption of power.
- **Special Watch Database:** Patrol officers access the special watch database daily to stay informed of recent traffic concerns, special patrol needs, community events, and parking issues. Officers can also add information regarding victims of recent crimes to ensure additional special watches are being conducted in the area. Officers conducted 7,701 special watches during 2018.
- **Home Security Survey:** Residents are encouraged to contact the police department to have a Crime Prevention Officer conduct a security survey of their home. The officer can discuss specific security related issues or answer questions about protecting the residence on a daily basis.
- **Crime Opportunity Reduction Education (C.O.R.E) Card:** C.O.R.E. cards help residents become more aware of criminal opportunities involving their property. Officers often leave C.O.R.E. cards at residences, businesses, or on vehicles when they see property that might be especially vulnerable to criminal activity. In 2018, officers issued a total of 988 C.O.R.E cards.
- **Car Seat Installation & Inspection:** To ensure that car seats are properly installed, the Winnetka Police Department offers child car seat installation and inspection by certified car seat technicians. Residents can make an appointment by contacting the police department.

TRAINING

Although all police officers receive basic training through a police academy at the beginning of their law enforcement careers, it is critical they continue to participate in training throughout their tenure. The Winnetka Police Department places a strong emphasis on training for all employees in order to stay abreast of new laws, technology, protocols, and threats. Employees are encouraged to supplement their basic training with advanced training in specialized areas that match their interests and skills.

The department participates in both outside and in-house training. In 2018, the department hosted a number of in-house training programs, including the following:

CPR / AED Training –

CPR and AED training is conducted annually by a certified first aid instructor. All department members, including the non-sworn staff, learn and practice CPR procedures and AED use for adults, children, and infants.

Defensive Tactics –

Defensive Tactics is taught by two certified instructors and is attended by all officers and supervisors. This training allows officers to practice procedures in handcuffing, less than lethal use of force, verbalization, and compliance.

Critical Incident / Rapid Deployment Training -

The Winnetka Police Department hosts Rapid Deployment Training up to two times per year at local schools. The training involves officers responding to high stress scenarios where time is of the essence to terminate an active threat. The training is open to neighboring law enforcement agencies as well. Most recently, the



Winnetka Fire Department has

been incorporated into the scenarios for Rescue Task Force training. The idea behind Rescue Task Force is that fire department personnel can enter a building with police personnel in order to provide medical aid to victims during a life threatening scenario. Both police and fire personnel are taught medical evaluations, emergency bandaging of wounds, and transporting.



Roll Call Training –

Prior to each shift, supervisors conduct Roll Call Training with the oncoming team of officers. This includes a 10-15 minute discussion regarding department policies, recent court decisions, or scenarios. They also review short training videos covering a wide range of topics from seat belt safety to recent United States Supreme Court decisions.

Scenario Based Training -

The goal of Scenario Based Training is to simulate high stress scenarios that require officers to make quick decisions regarding use of force. The training utilizes real actors and paint projectiles to simulate incidents police officers may encounter on the job. Not only must officers make challenging decisions, but



they also must be able to verbalize the reasons for their actions. Officers debrief with the trainer upon completion of each scenario.



Taser Training –

The police department conducts regular refresher training for all officers in the use of their Tasers. Officers receive classroom instruction and take a written exam. They also practice deploying their Tasers on a live actor by utilizing a special suit designed to protect the wearer.



Village Familiarization Program –

On an annual basis, officers familiarize themselves with all schools, churches, and public buildings in Winnetka. This includes visiting each school, church, and public building at least once to walk through and observe both the interior and exterior of the building. The goal of this program is to ensure that all officers are familiar with the layout of each building should they have to respond to an emergency situation on the premise.

REGIONAL COOPERATIVES & PARTNERSHIPS

Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System

The Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) is a statewide law enforcement mutual aid system established after September 11th, 2001. ILEAS provides support through manpower and equipment when a law enforcement agency has exceeded its own capabilities.



Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS)

NIPAS is a coalition of agencies who provide mutual aid to one another in the event of an emergency. NIPAS is divided into two teams: Emergency Services Team (EST) and Mobile Field Force (MFF). The Winnetka Police Department is an active member of NIPAS and provides an officer to serve on each team. The EST is comprised of personnel who are trained in special weapons and tactics for hostage



& barricade incidents, high-risk warrant service, major crime scene searches, and other tactical incidents. The MFF provides crowd control for public demonstrations, civil disturbances, and other events involving large crowds. Both teams train on a regular basis throughout the year. In 2018, EST responded to 26 requests for service and MFF responded to 17 requests for service. EST responded to the August 13, 2018 incident in Winnetka involving an armed/barricaded homicide suspect.



NORTAF Major Crimes Task Force

In 1997, thirteen north shore suburbs formulated the North Regional Major Crimes Task Force to assist member communities with significant criminal investigations that exceed an agency's resources. The Major Crimes Task Force currently investigates homicides, kidnapping, and critical school violence incidents. Each member department supplies personnel, expertise, equipment, and support. In addition to responding to call-outs, this unit participates in training to enhance the skill level of all personnel. The task force consists of administrative and support personnel, investigative personnel, and forensic specialists. NORTAF Major Crimes Task Force had nine activations during 2018.



NORTAF Burglary Task Force

The Burglary Task Force is responsible for investigating burglary patterns throughout the member communities. The task force is activated when any of the thirteen member agencies observe a residential or commercial burglary pattern occurring in their area. The Winnetka Police Department currently has two officers assigned to this task force. In 2018, the Burglary Task Force had four activations.

NORTAF Major Crash Assistance Team

The NORTAF Major Crash Assistance Team (MCAT) was developed to assist member agencies with the investigation of fatal or near-fatal motor vehicle crashes. MCAT provides a rapid response and professional crash investigation for all major crashes in the NORTAF communities. Winnetka currently has one officer assigned to MCAT as crash investigators. MCAT had 20 activations during 2018, 19 of which were responses to crash scenes. 10 of the 19 crash investigations involved at least one fatality and 9 of the 19 crash investigations involved serious personal injury.



Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Academy

The Winnetka Police Department is a member of the Northeastern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy (NIPSTA) which provides a cooperative approach to emergency preparedness and response. Located in Glenview, NIPSTA currently has thirty-three member agencies that enjoy a year round curriculum. For police members, NIPSTA provides training in a wide array of subjects including: tactical driving, forensics, and tactical scenario-based training.



Northeastern Illinois Regional Crime Laboratory



The Winnetka Police Department is a member of the nationally accredited Northeastern Illinois Crime Laboratory (NIRCL). NIRCL offers a wide variety of analysis including: Forensic Biology (DNA), Chemistry, Fingerprint and Footwear Analysis, Toxicology, and more. Partnering with NIRCL enables the Winnetka Police Department to have crime scene evidence processed and analyzed in a timely manner.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS

Promotions –

Due to the retirement of the Chief in 2017, the police department was able to promote two sworn employees to new ranks. Deputy Chief Marc Hornstein



was promoted to Chief of Police and Patrol Commander

Brian O'Connell was promoted to Deputy Chief of Police. Due to the organizational restructuring in the administrative services section, the Public Safety Analyst Keri Kaup was promoted to Administrative Services Manager.



New Hires –

The Winnetka Police Department welcomed one new police officer to the ranks during 2018. All new officers attend the police academy and must pass the State of Illinois Peace Officer written certification exam. Upon completion, new officers are assigned to work with experienced Field Training Officers at the police department who provide mentorship and training for approximately 12 weeks. After successfully completing this phase, new officers begin solo patrol.



The department also hired one new community service officer in 2018. Although CSOs do not attend a police academy, they complete several weeks of training with a veteran CSO to learn the department policies and procedures.

Award Recipient -

The Winnetka-Northfield Chamber of Commerce recognized Winnetka Police Department Detective Jeremy Walton with the 2018 Public Safety Officer of the Year Award. We congratulate you on your hard work and continued success with the Village of Winnetka.



COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

2018 Winnetka Police & Fire Open House



Each October, the Winnetka Police and Fire Departments open the station doors for the Annual Public Safety Open House. Citizens are welcomed inside for tours of the lock-up area, firing range, and fitness center. Children can participate in activities while learning about police task forces, vehicles and police service. The event is a highlight for residents and police personnel alike.



Bike Rodeo

The Bicycle Rodeo is hosted annually by Boy Scout Troop 20 at Hubbard Woods School. The Winnetka Police Department is a proud participant of this event. Police Officers and Community Service Officers register bicycles, conduct helmet checks, and answer bicycle safety questions raised by children and parents.



Ride to School

Throughout the year, the police department donates a small number of "Ride to School" prizes to various school fundraisers. The winner receives a certificate for their child to ride to school in a police car with an officer.



The officer will also give a short presentation to the child's class once they arrive at school. This is a unique way for children to learn about policing and fun community outreach opportunity for our officers.



OFFICERS' MAILBOX

"Officer Strzelec – thank you for the ride along. I learned so much information and I had a great time.

It was really cool when you showed me how the radar system works. I never knew that you can detect speeds from drivers behind you."

"Officers Beskur, Gonzalez, and Sarabia – Thank you again for rescuing me and my car from the ravages of those ferocious waves at the lake today. I am an artist and often paint at the lake during the week, but was drawn there today because of the wind and waves. Intrigued by the water, I guess I forgot to respect nature!"

"Community Service Officer Fuhr watched after me and held traffic until I crossed the street with my walker. My heartfelt thanks."

"Officer Hobbs' understanding and cooperation in this instance was so gracious and professional that I find that the Winnetka Police Department has renewed my faith in my fellow humankind here."

"Within a few minutes, Officer Sparks and Sergeant Larson arrived at my unit. They were calm, courteous, and very helpful. I immediately felt that I was in good hands."

"Once again I write to compliment one of Winnetka's finest. Officer Powers kept a close eye on me as I walked to my home after work at midnight. I would not be able to work at my age if not for the help of Winnetka Police."

"Officer Taylor – thank you so much for helping our family this Sunday at Elder Lane Beach when we were locked out of our car. Your speedy, professional service absolutely saved the day!"

WINNETKA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Crimes, Arrests, Citations and Activities, 2016-2018

PART I OFFENSES	REPORTED			ARRESTS & CITATIONS	2018	2017	2016
	2018	2017	2016				
Aggravated Battery	1	6	5				
Forcible Rape	2	0	0				
Murder	0	0	0				
Robbery	0	1	0				
Arson	0	0	0				
Burglary	15	17	10				
Larceny- Theft	85	112	59				
Motor Vehicle Theft	7	15	8				
TOTAL Part I Offenses	110	151	82				
PART II OFFENSES							
	2018	2017	2016				
Battery	1	3	8				
Criminal Damage to Property	43	53	46				
Disorderly Conduct	20	8	11				
Domestic Trouble	8	41	51				
Fraud and Identity Theft	59	93	93				
Sex Offenses	0	1	0				
TOTAL Part II Offenses	131	199	209				
COMMON CALLS FOR SERVICE							
	2018	2017	2016				
Total Calls for Service	22,959	15,610*	7,670				
Burglar Alarms	964	1,098	1,059				
Fire Department Assist	385	730	1,017				
Motorist Assist	176	209	252				
Noise / Other Disturbance	181	158	235				
Parking Complaint	347	408	441				
Suspicious Incident	583	633	484				
ARRESTS & CITATIONS							
	2018	2017	2016				
TOTAL Custodial Arrests	75	83	94				
TOTAL Ordinance Citations	215	136	138				
OFFENSE TYPES							
Animal Violations	29	19	28				
Battery	1	1	3				
Burglary	1	1	5				
Cannabis Violations	76	62	62				
Criminal Damage to Property	2	5	1				
Disorderly Conduct / Harassment	12	2	6				
Domestic Battery / Violation O.P.	2	6	5				
DUI	9	12	17				
Hit and Run	1	2	0				
Liquor Offenses	13	25	21				
No Valid D.L. / Suspended D.L.	24	25	29				
Other Agency Warrant Arrests	6	4	6				
Other Drug Violations	3	2	8				
Public Nuisance	71	21	8				
Theft	12	13	19				
Trespass	1	4	0				
Other Arrests & Citations	27	15	14				
TRAFFIC / PARKING							
	2018	2017	2016				
Traffic Citations	1,013	873	834				
Traffic Warnings	1,983	1,728	1,822				
TOTAL Traffic Citations/Warnings	2,996	2,601	2,656				
Injury Traffic Crashes	40	29	34				
Non-Injury Traffic Crashes	302	245	305				
TOTAL Traffic Crashes	342	274	339				
Parking Citations	5,009	4,227	4,802				
OTHER DEPARTMENT SERVICES							
	2018	2017	2016				
House Watch	1,482	1,360	1,532				
Directed Traffic Assignments	1,827	1,636	2,194				
Special Watches and Checks	7,701	7,667	10,358				
Crime Prevention Cards	988	367	350				

*Increase in "Total Calls for Service" due to updated definitions. Previous years' data did not include officer-initiated activity.



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