

Annual Report

2022



Hinsdale Police
Department



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A Letter from the Chief

Thank you for visiting the Hinsdale Police Department's Annual Report to the Community!

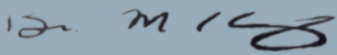
The Hinsdale Police Department is a proud organization in the noble profession of law enforcement. We are a low-crime community. When crime does occur, we spend considerable resources on training and equipment to ensure that those responsible are caught and prosecuted. We are a values-driven agency that seeks to provide the best law enforcement services to our residents, the source of our authority. I would like to highlight three cases from 2022 that best exemplify the agency's competency and commitment to professional law enforcement.

In June, an armed robbery crew struck the Verizon Store in downtown Hinsdale shortly before the store closed for the day, stealing 60 iPhones. Within hours, Hinsdale officers, with their law enforcement partners tracked the suspects to suburban Ford Heights, took the gunman into custody, and executed search warrants that led to the recovery of the stolen property. One offender remains in the DuPage County Jail, and a second individual has been identified and is being sought for prosecution.

In May, a postal worker in West Hinsdale was the victim of an armed robbery while on his route. Hinsdale officers identified the offenders and recovered evidence of the crime after serving search warrants. The offenders await formal charges by the U.S. Attorney's office.

In September, Chicago gang members shot a twelve-year-old boy in the head on the west side of Chicago. Shortly after the crime, the offender's vehicle entered Hinsdale where officers were able to "spike" it using a tire deflation device. Officers pursued the vehicle back into Cook County where the car was eventually "boxed-in" by Hinsdale officers and the offenders were taken into custody. Our success in these and other cases highlighted in this report would not be possible without the support of our residents and our local elected officials. We do not take this support for granted, and speaking for the men and women of the Hinsdale Police Department, it is both an honor and privilege to serve. Success would also not be possible without the commitment, courage, and dedication of the men and women of the Hinsdale Police Department- I am proud to serve alongside you, and I am grateful for your service.

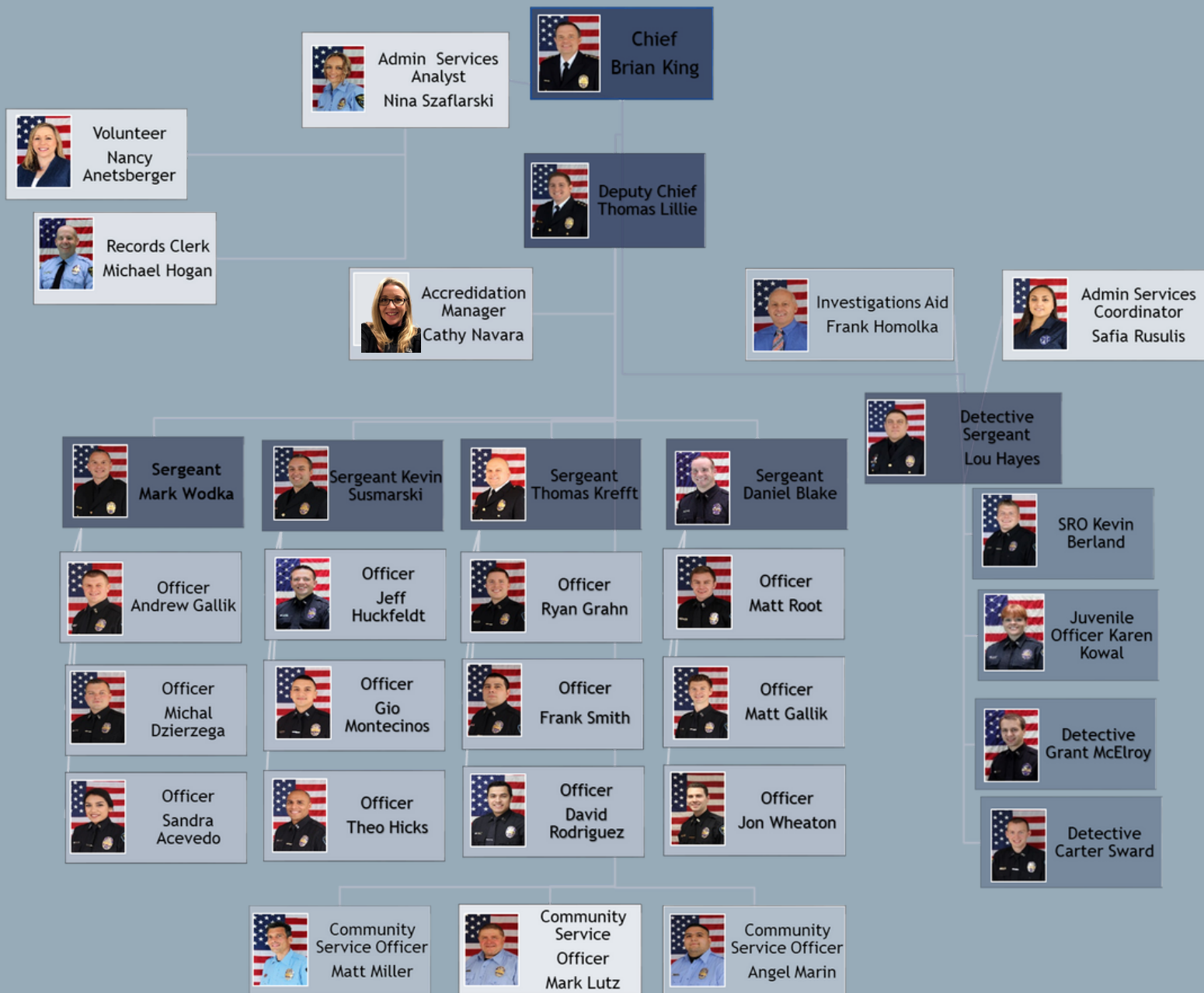
Sincerely,



Brian King
Chief of Police



Department Organization



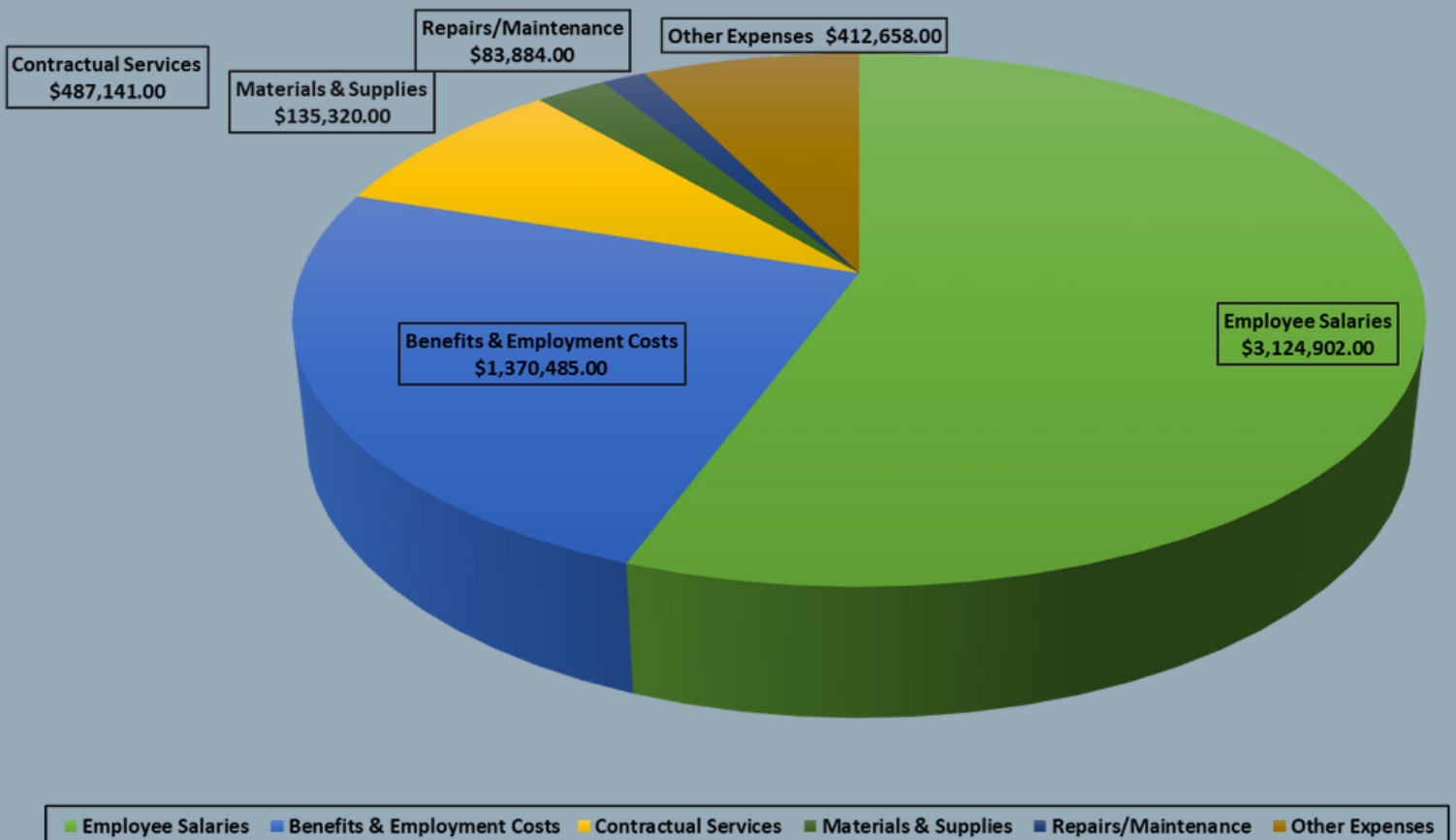
Mission Statement

The mission of the Hinsdale Police Department is to provide the community with impartial law enforcement, community-oriented services, and police protection in our Village, while maintaining the highest ethical and professional standards.

Police Department 2022 Budget



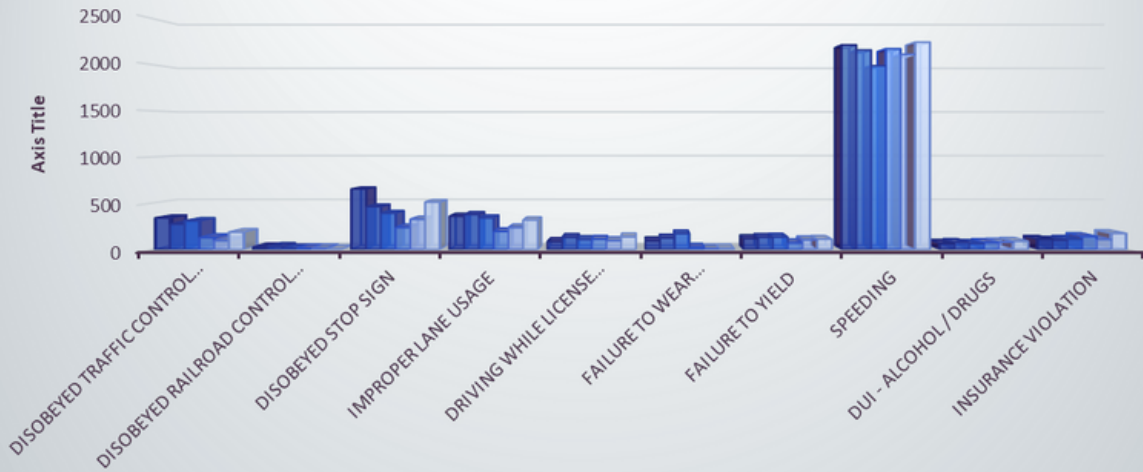
Employee Salaries	\$ 3,124,902.00
Benefits & Employment	\$1,370,485.00
Contractual Services	\$487,141.00
Materials & Supplies	\$135,320.00
Repairs/Maintenance	\$83,884.00
Other Expenses	\$412,658.00



2022

Activity

Traffic Data



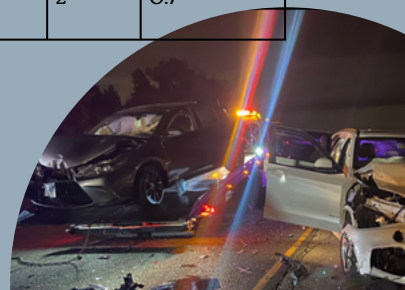
	Disobeyed Traffic Control Device	Disobeyed Railroad Control Signal	Disobeyed Stop Sign	Improper Lane Usage	Driving While License Suspended/Revoked	Failure to Wear Seatbelt/Child Restraint	Failure to Yield	Speeding	DUI - Alcohol / Drugs	Insurance Violation
2017	342	27	655	361	87	96	120	2211	68	113
2018	275	32	463	379	134	126	134	2156	77	102
2019	311	14	392	342	109	173	136	1985	67	113
2020	130	14	239	196	112	24	73	2169	76	142
2021	97	15	327	239	97	11	106	2109	80	109
2022	189	5	513	320	139	14	112	2239	89	175



2022 Traffic Stops

	Caucasian		Minority	
Total Stops	3,008	61.60%	1,875	38.40%
Benchmark	74.06%		25.94%	
Reason for Stop				
	Caucasian		Minority	
License/Registration	286	10%	238	13%
Equipment Violation	254	8%	230	12%
Moving Violation	2,468	82%	1,407	75%
Outcome				
	Caucasian		Minority	
Warning	1,967	65%	1,090	58%
Citation	1,041	35%	785	42%

Selected Offenses	2020	2021	2022	3 Yr. Average
Burglary to Vehicles	58	11	27	32
Residential Burglaries	13	14	14	13.7
Other Burglaries	9	8	9	8.7
Vehicle Thefts	11	5	8	8
Theft	253	115	91	153
Assault / Battery	42	54	55	50.3
Robbery	0	0	2	0.7

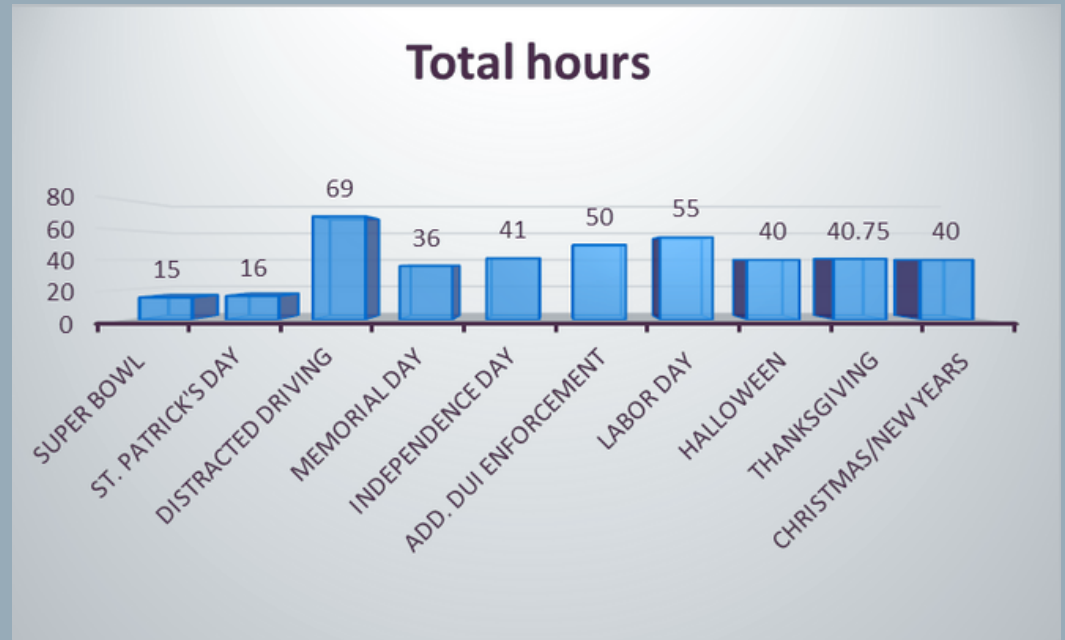


Traffic Safety Campaigns

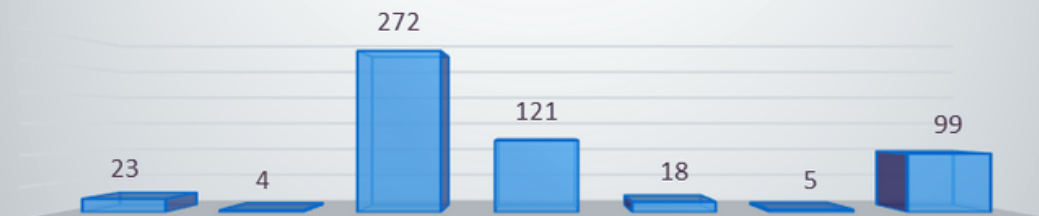
Hinsdale Police Department participated in several traffic safety campaigns throughout the year which are founded by I.O.D.T Traffic Grant and issued by the state.

In 2022 our officers committed 402.75 hours and issued 542 citations during the following 10 special enforcement details.

Super Bowl - 15hrs
St. Patrick's Day - 16hrs
Distracted Driving -69hrs
Memorial Day - 36hrs
Independence Day- 41hrs
Additional DUI Enfor.- 50hrs
Labor Day- 55hrs
Halloween- 40hrs
Thanksgiving- 40.75hrs
Christmas/New Years- 40hrs



Enforcement Totals



	DUI	Seat Belt	Speeding	Distracted Driving	Traffic Arrest	Criminal Arrest	Other
Total	23	4	272	121	18	5	99

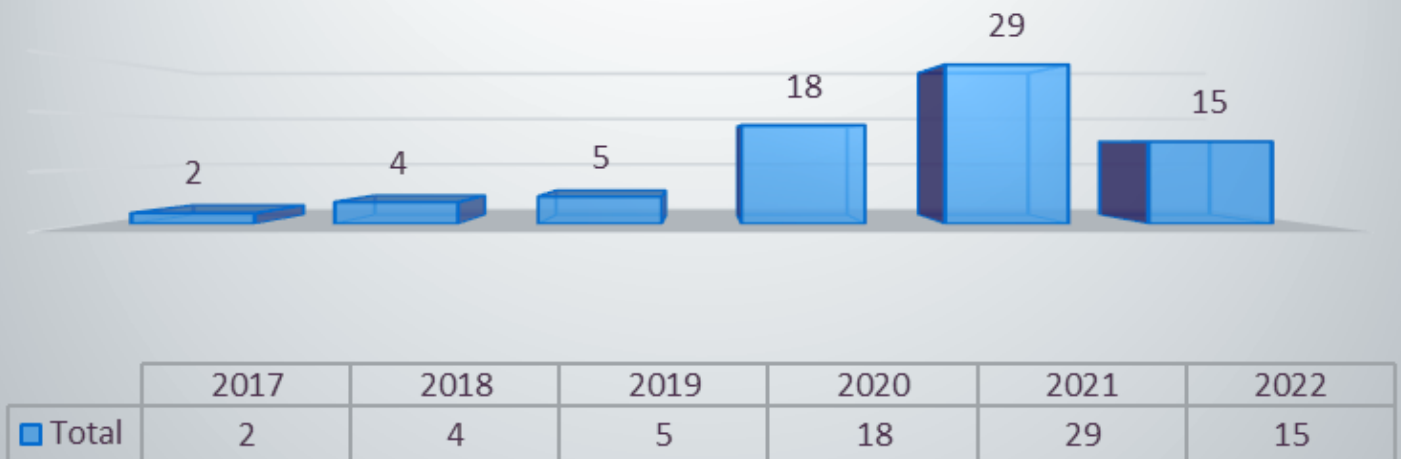


Vehicle Pursuits

Our department continues to witness a significant increase in motor vehicle pursuits. Several factors contributed to this increase. We are experiencing more armed subjects carrying weapons in what were traditionally non-violent property crimes, like burglaries and auto thefts. We also experienced a greater number of stolen autos or those wanted for other crimes in the community.

The Department recorded 15 motor vehicle pursuits last year. Those were typically short in duration in which officers engaged a vehicle that was stolen, wanted, or suspected in another crime. In a dozen other cases, offenders fled prior to the officers initiating action. We act to safeguard the community. Sometimes that means engaging a potentially armed criminal suspect and sometimes that involves not pursuing if the risk to the public outweighs the benefits of the pursuit.

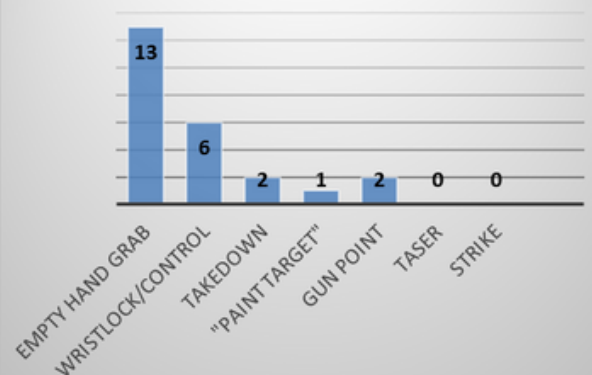
Vehicle Pursuits



Use of Force

The Hinsdale Police Department responded to over 17 thousand calls for service in 2022. Occasionally officers are required to detain individuals who either actively or passively resisted arrest. The most significant use of force involved an officer deploying a Taser on a subject in an armed commercial burglary. The remainder of the incidents involved subjects resisting the act of handcuffing. The Hinsdale Police Department prides itself in its ability to de-escalate tense situations, and our use of force incidents remain relatively rare.

Type of Force 2022



2022 Highlighted Cases

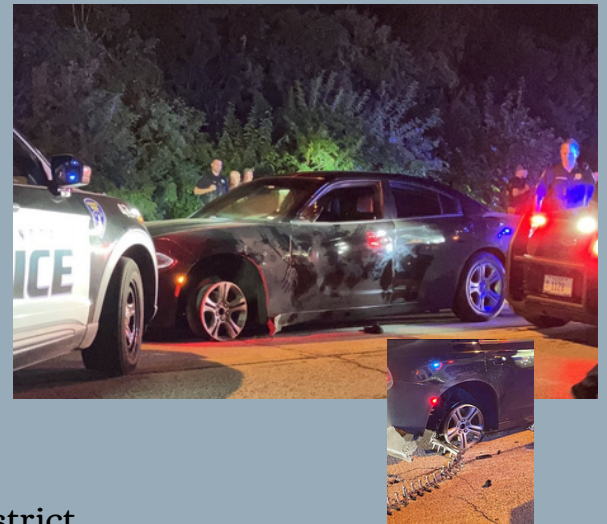
Gang Members Arrested for Shooting

On September 13th, a twelve-year-old boy was shot in the head on the west side of Chicago as he was walking home from a store in the 1800 block of West 21st Place. The child was reported to be in very critical condition. The Chicago Police Department chased the offender's vehicle but that chase was terminated by Chicago P.D. supervisors due to speeds. A helicopter located the car traveling near First Avenue and the Stevenson expressway and followed it west on 47th. Chicago requested area law enforcement attempt to stop the vehicle. As the car crossed 47th Street into Hinsdale, Hinsdale police officers used spikes to flatten the car's tires and then initiated a traffic stop at County Line Road and First Street. The car fled from us and Hinsdale Officers pursued the offenders south on County Line Road, east on Plainfield, and then North on East Avenue in the Brookfield/ La Grange area. Hinsdale Officers were able to "box" the car in and take three suspected shooters into custody. Two handguns were recovered along the path of the suspect's flight which matched the ballistic from the shooting. Two Chicago men, 22 and 23 years old, both with gang affiliation, were charged with a total of five counts of First Degree Murder.

This case demonstrates our officers' willingness to engage with armed criminal offenders who have no regard for the life or property of others. According to the Chicago Police Department spokesman, the offenders "were looking for someone to shoot". Our thoughts and prayers are with the victim and his family.



Chicago Police
Department
Press Release



Murder Suspect Arrested in the Village Center Business District

On October 31st, Officers located a 46-year-old Montgomery man who was wanted in the shooting death of his wife. At approximately 2 p.m., a Hinsdale officer observed a car wanted for homicide stopped in the parking lane at Garfield and First Avenue. Hinsdale officers boxed the car in to prevent a chase and took the suspect into custody. A gun, later determined to be the murder weapon was recovered from the offender's vehicle. The man was charged with the homicide by Kane County Authorities.

Department Commendations

Service Awards

- Chief Brian King- 5 years
- Ofc. Matt Root- 5 years

Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) Recognition of Commendable DUI Enforcements

- Ofc. Jeffrey Huckfeldt
- Ofc. David Rodriguez
- Sgt. Kevin Susmarski

2022 Service Excellence Award Detective Sergeant Lou Hayes



Employee Recognition

Detective Sergeant Louis Hayes Jr.

Det. Sgt Hayes was a recipient of the Service Excellence Award in 2022. He is the commander of the investigative unit for the Hinsdale Police Department. As such, he has responsibility for assigning and supervising cases that require follow-up investigations, and he assists major patrol cases to be readied for prosecution. He is an investigator in the Merit Task Force, which combines resources for major investigations that occur throughout DuPage County up to and including homicide investigations. One area of particular note: Sgt. Hayes's excels at the analysis of data from regional crime patterns and the formulation of a coordinated response from the affected agencies. We applaud Det. Sgt. Hayes on his well-earned recognition and are thankful for his efforts to keep our residents safe.



Jim Slonoff

Hinsdale detective Sgt. Lou Hayes (left) and officer Kevin Berland stand with the car believed to be used in the Verizon Wireless store armed robbery June 16. A handgun with a bullet in the clip was found in the vehicle, which was tracked to Ford Heights, where Stephon Little was arrested. (Jim Slonoff photo/photos provided)



Welcome to Our Team Community Service Officer Mark Lutz



Mark joined the Hinsdale Police Department on January 25th, 2022 as a full-time Community Service Officer. CSO Lutz comes to our department with over 30 years of law enforcement experience with the Lisle Police department, from where he retired as the Deputy Chief. CSO Lutz worked on previous assignments as Detective Sergeant, SWAT, and supervisor of the civilian CSO function, among other positions of leadership throughout his career with the Lisle Police department.

Retirement of Village Clerk Chris Bruton

*Thank You
for
Your Service!*



Officer Mazepa served with the Hinsdale Police Department for 5 years. In October of 2022 he relocated out of state. During his tenure, he was assigned to the Mobile Field Force team, served as a taser instructor and also a Hinsdale Central School Resource Officer. We thank him for his exceptional service and dedication and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.



School Resource
Officer Dan Mazepa

Annual Retiree Luncheon



Patrol Division

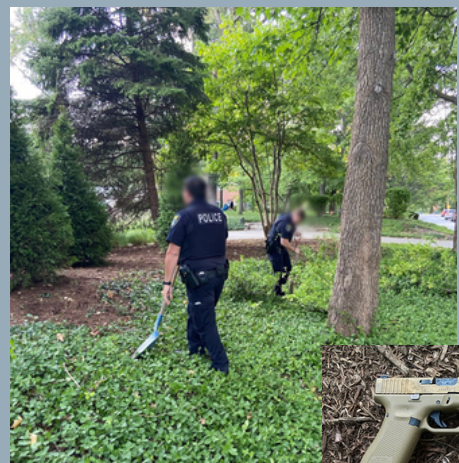
The Patrol Division is the largest component of the police department. It consists of fifteen sworn officers and four front-line supervisors, constituting 76% of our sworn personnel. They are supplemented as needed by detectives, administrative personnel, and school resource officers.

The Patrol Division responds to the vast majority of the agency's calls for service, which constituted over seventeen thousand calls in 2022. It is staffed to provide 24-hour response and preventive crime patrols in the Village. Hinsdale officers respond to a wide variety of calls for service in any given year, from something as mundane as a parking complaint to a felony crime in progress.

Patrol Officers handled 17,990 total calls for service in 2022

Patrol Division Expense

- Purchase new weapons cabinets - \$4560



Patrol Officers assisting
with investigations



Investigations

Our Investigations Division includes:

a Detective Sergeant
two Detectives
a Juvenile Investigator / DARE Officer
a High School Resource Officer
an Evidence & Property Custodian

The Investigations Division follows up on crimes of residential burglary, robbery, auto thefts, unnatural deaths, financial schemes, sex crimes, school threats, identity theft, domestic violence, and other violent, property, and cyber-crimes. Investigators also conduct pre-employment background checks on prospective police officers and other non-sworn employees.

We assign detectives to a county-wide task force that handles: homicides, officer-involved shootings, predatory child sex cases, and other complicated investigations. Our members routinely form and work with various investigative and intelligence groups to handle cross-jurisdictional crime sprees and patterns, such as residential burglaries, organized retail thefts, carjacking, and financial crimes. By working with other police departments, we maximize crime-fighting resources, such as the high-tech software and tools necessary to analyze data, conduct surveillance, connect cases, and identify criminal networks.

The Evidence & Property function maintains items collected at crime scenes, as well as found property. The unit oversees the processing of these items by laboratories, forensic units, and scientists. Evidence may include recovered weapons, automobiles used in crimes, DNA, fingerprints, sex assault kits, electronic devices, and digital media.

Crime Prevention, School Resource Officer, and Juvenile functions provide public education and outreach programs including: Bicycle Safety events, Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE), National Night Out, Department Open House, Safety Village, and other community events. This unit works within our schools and alongside our community partners to promote safety and share crime prevention tips.

- Incidents Assigned to Investigations - **152**
- Incidents with Arrest or Warrant Issued -**27**



Department Training



Training is a priority for the department. Officers complete training on a monthly basis in a variety of formats including roll call presentations, individual computer training modules, regional police training seminars, and the use of specialized structures including indoor and outdoor gun ranges. Topics include law updates, recent court decisions, investigation of specific crimes, mental health awareness, resiliency, defense tactics, de-escalation techniques, and marksmanship.

Some training is mandated by the Illinois Training and Standards Boards which applies to every law enforcement officer in the state; other training is based on the goals and needs of the agency. This year it was the department's goal to enhance the familiarization with each one of our schools and rapid deployment exercises in which officers were required to respond to specific locations and quickly and efficiently to confront an intruder. We are grateful to the schools in Hinsdale that participated in the training and allowed us to conduct simulated scenarios in their buildings during the off hours. These scenarios increase our officer's confidence and ensure a professional, tactical response in the event of an emergency. Additional training was conducted on crisis intervention, pursuit driving, and the proficient use of non-lethal force options.

Public expectation of law enforcement have never been higher. Training is an essential element to ensure that we meet those expectations. We are grateful to the Village Board for allocating funds to run a robust training program that far exceeds the standards placed on us by the Training and Standards Board.



Mutual Aid



Metropolitan Emergency Response and Investigation Team (MERIT): DuPage MERIT provides mutual aid assistance to the Village during natural-made disasters or other law enforcement emergencies that exceed staff capabilities. The establishment of MERIT consolidates existing intergovernmental law enforcement services currently provided by the DuPage Felony Investigation Assistance Team (FIAT) and the DuPage Major Crime Task Force (MCTF).

- Officer Kevin Berland is assigned to SWAT Team.
- Sgt. Thomas Krefft is assigned to Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT).
- Officer Grant McElroy is assigned to Major Crash Reconstruction Team (MCRT).
- Sgt. Hayes is assigned to Major Crime Unit (MCU) and Digital Forensic Unit (DFU).
- Det. Carter Sward is assigned to Major Crime Unit (MCU) and Public Integrity Unit (PIT).



Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS): ILEAS was formed in 2002 in response to the September 11th attacks and is responsible for coordinating immediate statewide emergency mutual aid to requesting law enforcement agencies. It is the largest mutual aid organization in the United States.

Officer Dan Mazepa is assigned to the Mobile Field Force, which is a civil disorder and large crowd control team.



Community Events



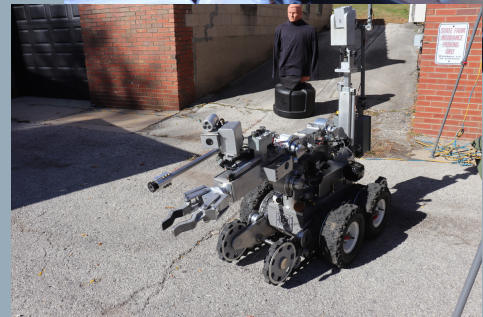
Stuff
the
Squad
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Ice cream race teams



2022 Open House



July 4th Parade





D.A.R.E lock-in



2022 Walk the Walk



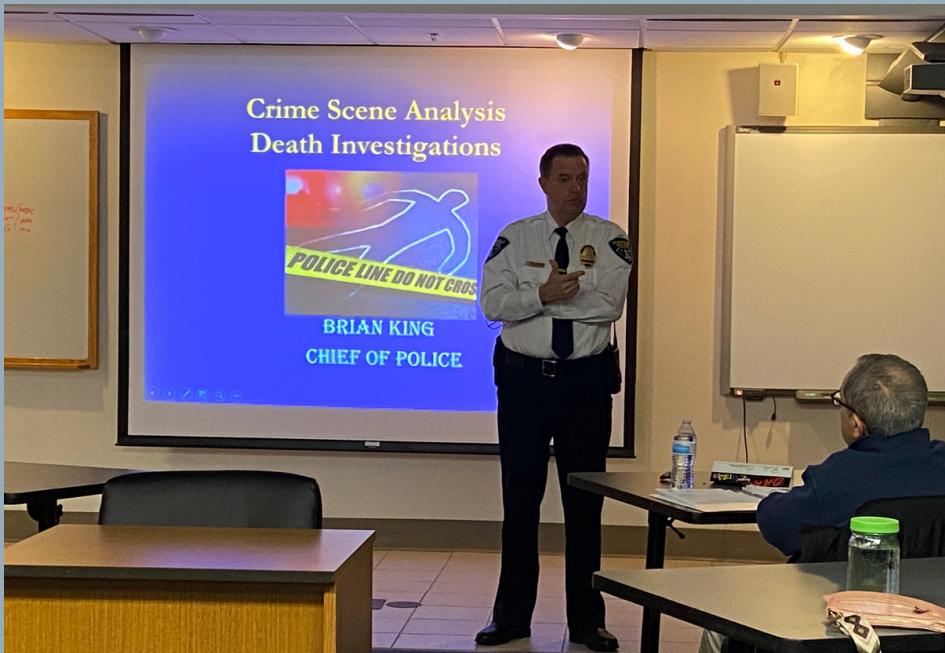
D.A.R.E
graduations

2022 No Shave November & December winner
Sgt. Kevin Susmarski presents a check to the
HCS Family Services.



2022 Christmas Walk





2022 Citizen Police Academy



Department Services

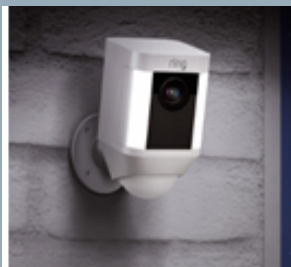
Code Red

This service enables the Hinsdale Police Department to use e-mail, text, and/or voice calls to send out important information to the community, including crime alerts, missing person alerts, utility notices, street closures, and other emergency information that may affect Hinsdale residents. These informative alerts are meant to educate the public, reduce fear, increase the chance that criminals will be caught, and help prevent future occurrences of crime.



No Solicitor

Stickers are available at the Police Department. To be put on the "No Solicitor list" please visit the Hinsdale Police Department



Block Watch Program



Enlists the help of residents who have home outdoor video cameras to solve neighborhood crimes. The Block Watch program is voluntary and requires the resident to register their camera with the Police Department. There is no charge to participate in the program and program participants will be kept confidential.

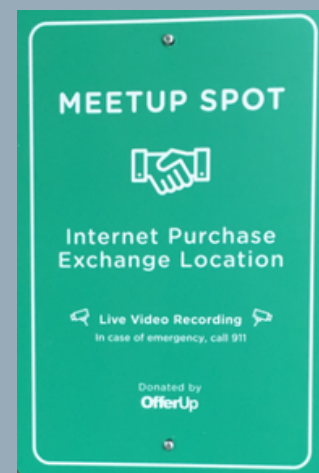
Car Seat Inspection

Available by appointment
Wednesdays 8am-12pm.



The Hinsdale Police Department foyer is now a designated meet-up spot for buyers and sellers from online marketplaces. It is accessible 24/7 and is under surveillance.

Meet Up Spot



Fingerprinting

Staff at the Hinsdale Police Department can provide ink fingerprinting services for a fee:
Hinsdale residents - \$10
Non- resident -\$25



Juvenile Crime Prevention Programs and Safety

D.A.R.E Program continues to be the prime drug prevention program offered by the Hinsdale Police Department. D.A.R.E (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) is a collaborative effort by D.A.R.E certified law enforcement officers, educators, students, parents, and the community to offer an educational program in the classroom to prevent or reduce drug abuse and violence among juveniles. The D.A.R.E program generally consists of ten (10) lessons and is taught by Officer Kowal to all fifth-grade students in Hinsdale Public Schools and in sixth-grade classrooms in Hinsdale Parochial Schools. The Middle School D.A.R.E program consists of ten (10) lessons taught by Officer Kowal in the eighth-grade classrooms at Hinsdale Parochial Schools and five lessons taught at the Hinsdale Middle School, The program concentrates on helping students make good decisions, develop awareness of consequences, and drug, alcohol, tobacco awareness and resistance. Also taught at the Middle School level is VEGA (Violence Education Gang Awareness) which is a five-lesson program dealing with conflict resolution, avoiding gag activities and problem-solving without violence.

Officer Kowal also acts a liaison for all District 181 Elementary Schools, Hinsdale Middle School, St. Issac Jogues School, Hinsdale Adventist Academy, The Community House, local Preschools and many other community organizations and programs focusing on juvenile safety. She is an active participant on the District 181's Safety & Crisis Committee which is dedicated to ensure safety of all students and staff. She assists with training staff in A.L.I.C.E (ALERT, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate).

The Hinsdale Police Department works closely with school administrators and participates in all annual school lock-down drills.

You Are Not Alone (YANA)

The YANA program is a free service to senior citizens who live alone and would like someone to check on them on regular basis. Residents signed up for this program are called weekly to check-in and provide information on important community events.

SCAN ME



For more information and registration for our programs please visit our website at www.villageofhinsdale.org/departments/police or scan this QR Code

Special Needs Program

This program was created to assist residents of Hinsdale who may be at greater risk of becoming confused, disoriented, lost, or missing. It is designed to provide the Hinsdale Police Department with the necessary information that will allow a police officer to respond more quickly and more effectively when dealing with a special needs person.

Professional Standards



Law Enforcement Accreditation

CALEA serves as the premier credentialing association for police agencies. The standards are promulgated by a board of 21 commissioners, representing a full spectrum of public safety leadership. The assessment process includes extensive self-assessment, annual remote web-based assessments, and a quadrennial site-based assessment. Candidate agencies are presented to the Commission for final consideration and credentialing.

CALEA Accreditation is a voluntary process and participating law enforcement agencies, by involvement, have demonstrated a commitment to professionalism. The program is intended to enhance organizational service capacities and effectiveness, serve as a tool for policy decisions and management, promote transparency and community trust, and establish a platform for continuous review.

The Hinsdale Police Department was originally accredited in 1996. In July we received our 9th Accreditation Award from the Commission. We appreciate all the work that went into the award by staff, our Accreditation Manager Cathy Navara, and various public officials and community members who agreed to be interviewed by CALEA assessors.



In Memoriam



Dell Kall (Left), Connie Karceski (middle) and Diane Petrovic (right).



Attending Dell Kall funeral services:
Diane Petrovich, Sgt/Det Lou Hayes, Chief Brian King, Deputy Chief Tom Lillie Ret. Ofc. Lennax, Inv. Aid Frank Hamolka and Assistant Village Manager Brad Boom



Delphine Kall passed away on October 20th, 2022. Del retired in January 2007 after 17 years of Service as Investigations Secretary.

Dell Kall is remembered by those who worked with her as the hub of the investigations bureau. Dell was always eager to help, and in her tenure became a source of institutional knowledge of the agency. Dell always had a smile on her face, and shared her excitement and interest in watching newer officers grow and develop, both professionally, and personally.



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