

# 2015 Annual Report





## A Letter from the Chief

On behalf of the men and women of the Hinsdale Police Department, I am pleased to present our 2015 Annual Report. I am honored to lead an organization that is comprised of so many compassionate and professional employees and volunteers all of whom are dedicated to meeting the needs of the Hinsdale community. The primary purpose in publishing this report is to generate awareness of the public safety challenges in Hinsdale and the resources used to meet those challenges. This report summarizes crime and traffic crash trends, police programs and some organizational highlights from the year.

The Hinsdale Police Department is a nationally-accredited law enforcement agency staffed by dedicated men and women who are committed to maintaining the

highest degree of professional standards. We strive to create an atmosphere that is based upon the expectation that we will provide quality police services. That means personal relationships and an inherent trust within the organization to treat each and every person with dignity and respect.

The strength of the police department rests in the quality of our employees and volunteers and our partnership with the community. I believe 2015 has demonstrated a department continuing its rich connection with the community.

As you will note in our crime statistics, fluctuations in crime occur from year to year. We take pleasure in reporting the decreases, but will always report whatever trends are evident. The Hinsdale Police Depart-

ment remains committed to timely, accurate reporting regardless of the direction in reported crime.

I regularly receive praise from all corners of the city about the great work of our employees. That praise frequently involves the courtesy, kindness and compassion demonstrated by them. I believe that it speaks volumes about the people who make up our organization and the values of the police department.

I am exceedingly proud of the accomplishments and successes we have achieved together in 2015 and our dedication to delivering quality service as cost effectively as possible.

Sincerely,

*Bradley Bloom*

Bradley Bloom  
Chief of Police




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## Our Mission and Values

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*The Mission of the Hinsdale Police Department is to provide the community with impartial law enforcement, community oriented services and police protection, while maintaining the highest ethical and professional standards.*

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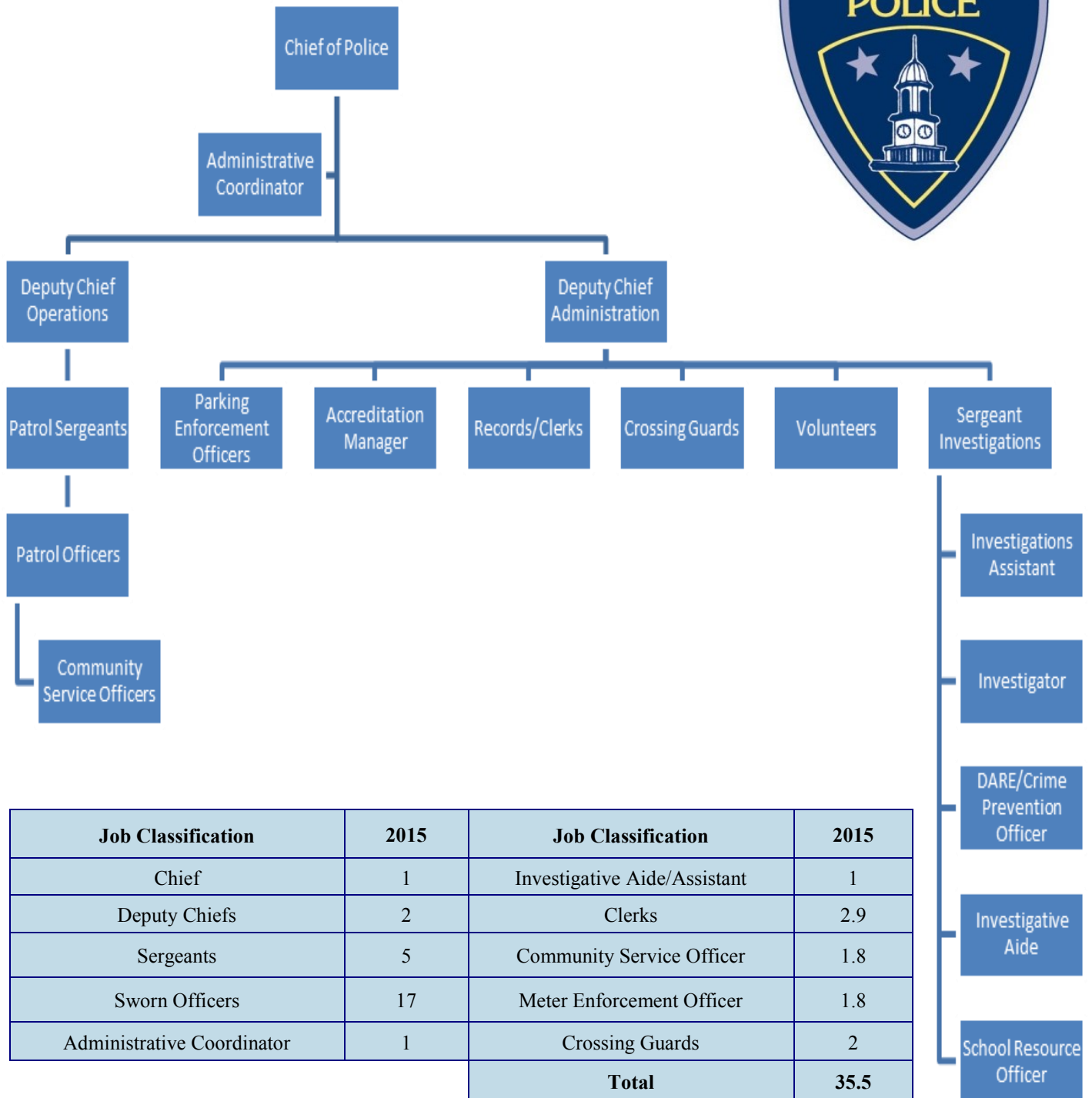


We believe the success and effectiveness of our organization is built upon values. To fulfill our mission, we are committed to:

- ◆ Providing the community with a high level of service.
- ◆ Acknowledging our responsibility and accountability to the citizens of Hinsdale, our source of authority.
- ◆ Performing our duties within the spirit and to the letter of our laws and the Constitution.
- ◆ Remaining sensitive to human needs and treating each person with respect, compassion and dignity.
- ◆ Promoting mutual trust between the department and the citizens and institutions of Hinsdale.
- ◆ Enhancing the safety and feeling of security for Village residents.
- ◆ Fostering a quality work environment that encourages open communication and affords trust, respect and support for each member.
- ◆ Approaching each situation as unique and responding creatively with empathy and the prudent use of discretion.



## Department Organization



## Sworn Staff



Chief  
Bradley Bloom



Deputy Chief  
Kevin Simpson



Sergeant  
Timothy Lamb



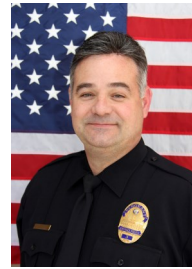
Detective Sergeant  
Erik Bernholdt



Sergeant  
Stephen Cogger



Sergeant  
Mark Wodka



Sergeant  
Thomas Yehl



Sergeant  
Steven Ruban



School Resource  
Officer Mark Keller



Juvenile Officer  
Michael Coughlin



Officer  
Timothy Lennox



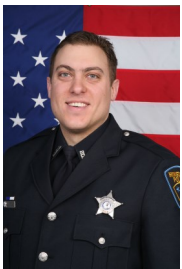
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Anthony Maraviglia



Officer  
Brian Davenport



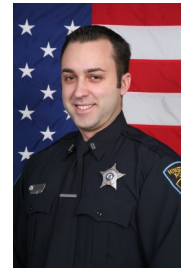
Officer  
Charles Leuver



Officer  
Louis Hayes, JR.



Officer  
Chris Washburn



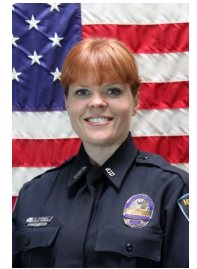
Detective  
Kevin Susmarski



Officer  
Thomas Lillie



Officer  
Arthur Holecek



Officer  
Karen Kowal



Officer  
Thomas Krefft



Officer  
Jeffrey Huckfeldt



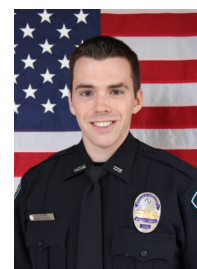
Officer  
Grant McElroy



Officer  
Daniel Blake



Officer  
Kevin Berland



Probationary Officer  
Evan Caughie-  
Petcher



## Civilian Staff



Administrative  
Coordinator  
Jean Bueche



Records Clerk  
Michael Hogan



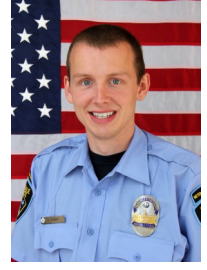
Community Service  
Officer  
Krzysztof Szwajnos



Community Service  
Officer  
Jennifer Dodge



Meter Enforcement  
Officer  
AJ Distefano



Meter Enforcement  
Officer  
Carter Sward



Investigative Aide  
Frank Homolka



Investigations Asst.  
Nancy Anetsberger

<u>Part Time Records Clerks</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>	<u>Crossing Guards</u>	
George Loburgio	Edna Burke	Louis Belpedio	Ilene Slonoff
Danielle Madon	Sheila Chatham	Debra Kielp	Melissa Spinazola
Lauren Madon	Cindy Go	Joe Legner	Adelia Thaelcke
Leslie Sehn	Kimberly Ochsenschlager	Steven Less	Jerry Vosecky
Nina Szaflarski	Stephanie Seppanen	Paul Lugai	Lettie Washington
	Marshall Zandell	Roberto Pacheco	Marshall Zandell
<u>Accreditation Manager</u>		James Peck	<u>Substitute Guards</u>
Rick Haake		Maynard Priebe	Joseph Kulaga
		Lisa Prisby	Donald Smejkal
		Allen Rapp	Charles Swan

## Welcomed to the Department



Nina Szaflarski, Records Clerk

Nina Szaflarski was born in Poland and came to the United States at the age of 13. She attended the University of Illinois at Chicago, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice and minor in Communications. Nina is married with two children who she loves spending time with. In her spare time, she loves to read, hike and especially loves to snow ski.



AJ Distefano, Meter Enforcement Officer

Originally from Glen Ellyn, AJ graduated from Western Illinois University in May of 2014 with a Bachelors Degree in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration and a Minor in Homeland Security. AJ previously completed a 480 hour internship with the Hinsdale Police Department in February 2014. In his free time he likes to hang out with friends, play sports and listen to/play music.



Evan Caughie-Petcher, Probationary Police Officer

Evan is originally from Chicago and graduated from Western Illinois University with a Bachelor's Degree in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration. Before his employment at the Hinsdale Police Department, Evan worked as a special education teaching assistant at a school in Chicago. In his free time, Evan likes to work out, watch sports and try out different restaurants.



Carter Sward, Meter Enforcement Officer

Carter was born in Burr Ridge and graduated from Hinsdale South High School in 2011. He attended Illinois State University where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice Sciences in May of 2015. Before becoming a Parking Enforcement Officer, Carter was an intern with the Hinsdale Police Department. His favorite thing to do is to go to Chicago Bears games during the fall.



Jean Bueche, Administrative Coordinator

Jean is from Oswego and a graduate of Illinois State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice Sciences and a Minor in Political Science. Jean worked in the private sector for several years before her employment with the Hinsdale Police Department. In her free time, Jean enjoys spending time with her nieces and nephews and cooking.



Stephanie Seppanen and Kimberly Ochsenchlager, Volunteers

**Volunteers**  
Stephanie and Kim started in March and are a wonderful addition to our staff. Volunteers assist with phone calls, lobby traffic and other projects as assigned. Both volunteers attended the 10 week Citizen's Police Academy program.



## Career Milestones

### 5 Years

Danielle Madon, Records Clerk  
Maynard Priebe, Crossing Guard

### 10 Years

Officer Tom Krefft  
Officer Jeff Huckfeldt  
Steven Less, Crossing Guard  
Roberto Pachecho, Crossing Guard  
Allan Rapp, Crossing Guard  
Adelia Thaelke, Crossing Guard

### 15 Years

Sergeant Mark Wodka

### 25 Years

Sergeant Erik Bernholdt  
Sergeant Stephen Cogger  
Officer Tony Maraviglia  
Joe Legner, Crossing Guard

### 30 Years

School Resource Officer Mark Keller



### 35 Years

Frank Homolka, Investigative Aide



### Retirement

Officer Timothy Lennox



Officer Timothy Lennox retired in May after serving the Department for just over 26 years. Lennox served as an Accident Reconstructionist and Patrol Officer.

## Remembrance

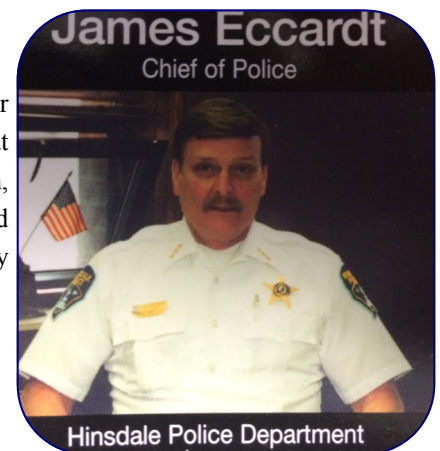
On June 3, 2015 the Hinsdale Police Department lost one of its own when retired Police Chief James Eccardt passed away. Chief Eccardt retired from the Hinsdale Police Department in 2003, after serving for 31 years, serving as Chief of Police in his final two years.

Eccardt was a Vietnam veteran as a U.S. Marine

and a Purple Heart recipient before joining the Hinsdale Police Department in 1972. After spending his first three years as a patrol officer, Eccardt became a detective in 1975, was named supervisor of the investigation/youth division from 1976 to 1983 and was a sergeant from 1983 to 1990. In 1990, he became deputy chief, attended the FBI Na-

tional Academy, and was appointed Chief in 2001.

Known as a fair and honest leader that loved this noble profession, Eccardt was a great friend and mentor who will truly be missed.



## A.A.I.M. Recognition / Service Excellence Award



Community Service Officer Kris Szwajnos

In June, Allied Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) recognized the following officers for exceptional Driving Under the Influence (DUI) enforcement. Certificates of appreciation were issued in recognition of these life-saving efforts.

Officer Karen Kowal  
Officer Thomas Krefft  
Officer Brian Davenport  
Officer Jeffrey Huckfeldt

In December, Community Service Officer Kris Szwajnos was recognized as one of three winners of the Village's second annual Ser-

vice Excellence Award. Kris received multiple nominations for this award due to his outstanding service to patrons and his dedication to the department.

## Employee of the Month 2015

April	Officer Jeffrey Huckfeldt	August	Officer Karen Kowal
May	Officer Louis Hayes, JR.	September	Sergeant Erik Bernholdt
July	Administrative Coordinator Jean Bueche	October	Officer Michael Coughlin

## Life Saving Award



The actions taken by Officer Louis Hayes, Jr. on May 26 resulted in the stabilization of a critically injured worker. Officer Hayes provided trauma intervention prior to paramedics arriving on scene to transport the injured man to the hospital. Without Officer Hayes's interventions, the injured worker may not have survived his injuries.



On September 9, Officer Kevin Berland responded to a report of a motor vehicle crash that occurred on Route 83. Without hesitation, Officer Berland began administering first aid to the driver, placing a tourniquet around the victim's arm to minimize blood loss. The care of the driver was then turned over to responding paramedics from the

Clarendon Hills Fire Department and the driver was transported to Good Samaritan for further treatment. Without Officer Berland's interventions, the driver may not have survived his injuries.

## Department Training

The Hinsdale Police Department is committed to providing current, thorough training to all staff members. For 2015, staff members spent over 1,800 hours in training, conferences and seminars. Additionally, sworn personnel are required to attend in-service training sessions on an annual basis. These training sessions provide officers with supplemental training on advances, changes and improvements in the law enforcement community, with requisite training prior to assignment to special

duties, and executive development training for supervisors.

### Specialty Positions

- Field Training Officer
- Evidence Technician
- D.A.R.E Officer
- Bicycle Officer
- Range Officer
- School Resource Officer
- Breath Test Operator
- Juvenile Officer



Deputy Chief Kevin Simpson, Detective Kevin Susmarski and Sergeant Thomas Yehl attending the 2015 International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference held in Chicago.

Officer Education Levels			
High School Degree	Associate's Degree (2 year—A.A.)	Bachelor's Degree (4 year—B.A., B.S.)	Master's Degree (M.A.)
2 (8%)	3 (11.5%)	16 (61.5%)	5 (19%)

## Traffic Safety Challenge / Accreditation

In 2015, the Hinsdale Police Department took second place in the Illinois Chiefs of Police Association Traffic Safety Challenge. The Traffic Safety Challenge recognizes Police Department's efforts toward promoting traffic and pedestrian safety through innova-

tive educational programs and sustained enforcement efforts.

A special thanks to Sergeant Steve Cogger, Detective Kevin Susmarski and volunteer Cindy Go for their efforts on putting together a winning entry.

In 2014, the Hinsdale Police Department received a "Gold Standard Assessment" on its sixth re-accreditation for the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). The purpose of the CALEA accreditation process is to improve the

delivery of public safety services, primarily by maintaining a body of standards developed by public safety practitioners covering a wide range of up-to-date public safety initiatives, establishing and administering an accreditation process, and recognizing professional excellence.

## Fitness Challenge

On December 12, Hinsdale Police Department staff members hosted and participated in the 2015 Fitness Challenge. The elements of the Fitness Challenge include: a 1.5 mile run, 300 meter sprint, bench press, push up test, sit up test and vertical jump. All staff mem-

bers who attended, successfully completed the challenge requirements and were awarded t-shirts and service bars to display on their uniforms.



AJ Distefano, Brad Bloom, Evan Caughie-Petcher, Mark Wodka, Thomas Lillie, Jeffrey Huckfeldt, Daniel Blake, Catherine Hilttenbrand, Kevin Simpson and Louis Hayes Jr..

*"Fitness is the key to living longer, having more energy and being able to come to the aid of your fellow officer."*  
- Chief Brad Bloom



## Investigations

The Criminal Investigative Division is primarily responsible for conducting follow-up investigations of all criminal incidents reported in Hinsdale. In 2015, there were 364 cases assigned to the division. The most frequent incident classifications were Theft (84 cases), Fraud/ID Theft (83 cases), Vandalism/Trespass (42 cases), and Burglaries (22 cases).

The division is also responsible for the proper

storage and security of property and evidence recovered by officers, background investigations, undercover activities and surveillance.

Members of the division also serve on other task forces, act as liaison officers, and retain memberships in professional organizations, such as the Illinois Juvenile Officers Association, Illinois Internet Child Exploitation Task Force, Certified Lead Homicide Investigator, the International Association of Finan-

cial Crimes Investigators, and the West Suburban Detectives Association.

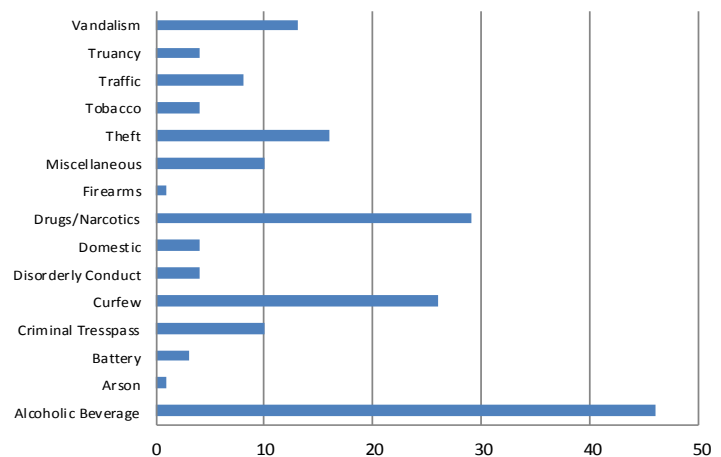


## Juvenile Crime

Juvenile crimes increased in the last year from 114 incidents in 2014, to 175 incidents in 2015. The most frequent incident classifications were Alcohol, Drugs/Narcotics, and Curfew. In many incidents, juvenile offenders are referred to the Hinsdale Police Department Juvenile Officer, and placed in diversionary programs including Peer Jury and Station Adjustment.

In 2015, there were 71 juvenile offenders placed in diversionary programs.

Peer Jury is the most frequently used program which includes community service, the Alive at 25 Class, meeting with the Juvenile Officer and appearing before a Jury of Peers organized thru Downers Grove Township. Juvenile Officer Michael Coughlin is currently the president of the DuPage Juvenile Officers Association, and 1st Vice President of the Illinois Juvenile Officers Association.



Pictured right: Peer Jury Diversionary Program held in Downers Grove Township

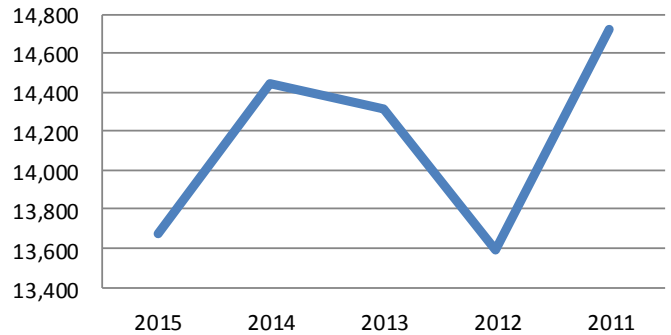
## Policing

The Hinsdale Police Department is a service-oriented Police Department. In 2015, Hinsdale Officers responded to 13,671 calls for service. Among those calls, Fire Department/Ambulance Assists, Alarm Activations and Motorist Assists were the most common.

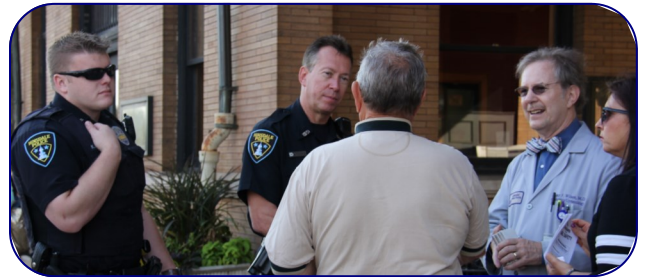
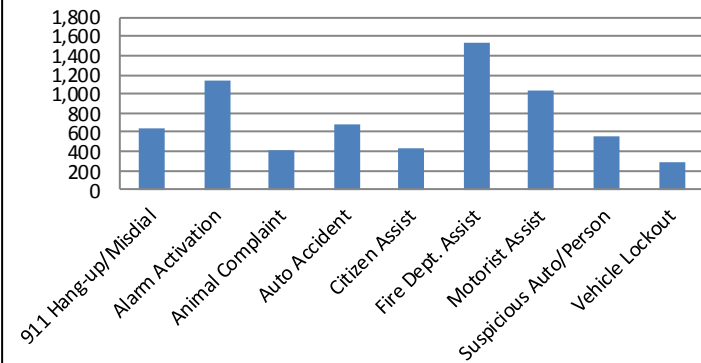
Calls for service were lower in comparison to last year, and year to year

crime has had minimal movement. For 2015, we saw slight increases in assault/batteries, residential burglaries and vandalism/trespassing offenses. There was a significant increase in drug offenses and a minor decrease in burglary to motor vehicles, thefts, disorderly conduct and domestic crimes.

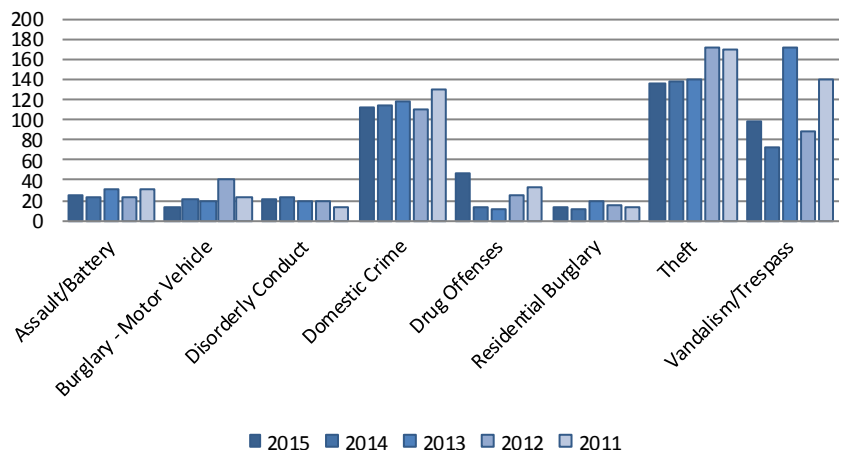
### Calls for Service



### Most Common Calls



### Year over Year Crime



## Traffic Stops

The Hinsdale Police Department has developed a policy which reaffirms the department's commitment to unbiased policing in all encounters between police officers and citizens, and reinforces procedures that serve to maintain public confidence and trust. Written policy, operational practices, training and supervision are part of a multifaceted strategy to provide services in a fair and equitable fashion that reflect positive policing values.

The Hinsdale Police Department conducted 5,144 traffic stops in 2015.

*There were 54 DUI's in 2015. The average breath test results were .16, which is twice the legal limit.*

Traffic Stops				
Caucasian			Minority	
Total Stops	4,153	80.73%	991	19.27%
IDOT Bench-	74.06%		25.94%	
Reason For Stop				
Caucasian			Minority	
License/ Registration	258	86.00%	62	14.00%
Equipment Violation	442	78.37%	122	21.63%
Moving Viola- tion	3,453	81.06%	807	18.94%
Outcome				
Caucasian			Minority	
Warning	2,204	81.09%	514	18.91%
Citation	1,949	80.34%	477	19.66%

## Special Enforcement

Traffic enforcement is an essential job function of patrol officers in the department. Special enforcement periods and campaigns have been designed to address issues such as stop sign violations, DUI's, seat belt violations and violations at railroad crossings. The table to the right depicts the number of citations issued for the most frequently violated offenses.

The "Stop means Stop" initiative has been in effect since June of 2015 to address the issue of drivers disregarding stop signs in residential areas. Between June and December, over 500 warnings and over 400 citations were issued.

Offense	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Disobeyed Traffic Control Device	510	499	257	272	266
Disobeyed Railroad Control Signal	18	17	11	9	37
Disobeyed Stop Sign	848	352	377	462	507
Improper Lane Usage	359	390	318	443	428
Driving while License Suspended/Revoked	116	117	66	56	49
Failure to Wear Seatbelt/Child Restraint	413	409	441	536	556
Failure to Yield	148	163	148	159	132
Speeding	1858	1365	1378	1439	1677
D.U.I.	54	40	58	54	56
Insurance Violation	120	126	171	199	197


## Narcan Program

The Hinsdale Police Department is one of 33 departments in Illinois that carries Narcan. Also known as Naloxone, Narcan is used to counter or reverse the effects of a heroin overdose.

Since 2010, 183 national public health pro-

grams and 53,000 individuals have been trained to use Narcan resulting in more than 10,000 cases of successful overdose reversals. Narcan can be administered via a nasal inhalant or by an intramuscular injection.

The information provided has come from [heroin.dupage.org](http://heroin.dupage.org)



**Deaths Attributed to Heroin Overdose in DuPage County**

- 43 Deaths in 2015
- 33 Deaths in 2014
- 46 Deaths in 2013
- 38 Deaths in 2012
- 23 Deaths in 2011
- 29 Deaths in 2010

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**100 Lives saved using Narcan since the program began in 2014**



## DARE/VEGA

The Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program continues to be the primary drug prevention program offered by the Hinsdale Police Department. D.A.R.E. is a collaborative effort by certified officers, educators, students, parents, and the community to offer an educational program in the classroom to prevent drug abuse and violence among youth. Officer Michael Coughlin teaches



D.A.R.E. in all 5th grade classrooms in the public elementary schools and in 6th grade classrooms in the parochial schools, as well as the middle school level. Officer Coughlin also teaches Violence Education Gang Awareness (VEGA) which is integrated into D.A.R.E. as a program teaching conflict resolution, avoiding gang activities and problem-solving without violence.

## Alive at 25

Alive at 25 is a young-driver intervention program that targets drivers between 15 and 24 years old, the age group identified as most likely to be involved in fatal collisions. This highly interactive program teaches young drivers how to take control of situations by taking responsibility for their own driving behavior. It teaches students that they are more

likely to be hurt in a vehicle crash because of their inexperience, other distractions, and peer pressure. Speeding, alcohol and "party drugs" are topics covered because they increase the risk of injury or death.



## Situational Awareness/Self Defense Class

This class is designed for female high-school and college students to teach situational awareness skills in the classroom setting and to allow them to practice self-defense techniques on the trainers. Participants are placed in controlled situations where these techniques are practiced. Students are

taught to be aware and alert in their surroundings, and shown how to be prepared for any situation so that they can prevent becoming a victim. The students are encouraged to practice and rehearse self-defense techniques mentally, verbally, and physically, after completing the class.



## Safety Village

In June of 2015, Officers Michael Coughlin and Mark Keller assisted with the 24th year of Safety Village. The program teaches children to practice safety by participating in artificial scenarios. This practice will give children the knowledge they need to act in real life emergency situations. There were more than 50 safety tips taught to 300 children between 5 and 6 years old. Officers, Firefighters, and

high school volunteers help with Safety Village during each summer session. This program has taught more than 8,000 children the basic rules of safety over the last 24 years.



## Citizen Police Academy

From November, 2015 to February, 2016, the Eleventh Citizen Police Academy was held. Its participants were instructed in areas of law, crime prevention, patrol, investigations, D.A.R.E., juvenile crime, traffic safety, recruitment, S.W.A.T., K-9, and firearms training. The class held their graduation at Katherine Legge Memorial Park.



## YANA & Special Needs Program

The You Are Not Alone (YANA) Program is a free service to senior citizens who live alone and would benefit from someone checking on them on a regular basis. Independent, single residents are called weekly for updates on important infor-

mation about the community and to have their well-being checked. The program does not provide any medical assistance, service, or advice. Please stop in during lobby hours or call the Hinsdale Police Department if you are interested in joining.

The Special Needs program is designed to assist residents who may be at greater risk of becoming confused, disoriented, lost, or missing. It gives attention to family members who may have physical or mental challenges and expedites appro-

priate emergency responses should that person need assistance at their home. Please stop in during lobby hours or call the Hinsdale Police Department if you are interested in joining.



## Block Watch / Pace Car Program

Block Watch enlists the help of residents who have home outdoor video cameras to solve neighborhood crimes. Investigators have found when canvassing a neighborhood after a crime has occurred that a home video system may have captured a picture of a suspect and/or a vehicle. This can be a valuable lead that can help in an investigation and may

lead to an arrest.

The Block Watch program is voluntary and asks residents who have outdoor surveillance cameras to register their cameras with the Police Department. While still in its early stages, the program has already helped with the identification of suspects.

To combat speeding in residential roadways, the Pace Car Program relies upon the support and participation of the community as individuals pledge to drive courteously and obey the speed limit on local roadways. Residents who agree with the pledge received a free bumper sticker that designates the driver as a Pace Car Program

participant. The sticker encourages other drivers to drive the speed limit as they follow the pace car.

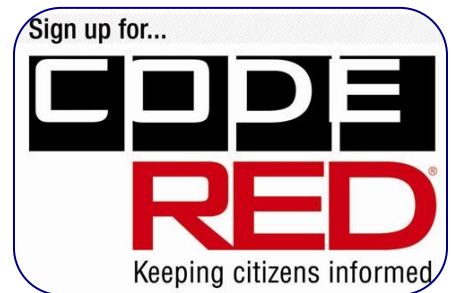
Please visit the Village's webpage if you are interested in joining the Block Watch and/or Pace Car programs.

## Community Electronic Notification Program

The Community Alert Network enables the Hinsdale Police Department to use e-mail, text, and/or voice call to send out pertinent community information, including crime or criminal information, street closings, utility notices, missing persons flyers or other emergen-

cy information that may affect community members or the Village of Hinsdale. 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.

To register for the Community Alert Network, residents can visit and register at the online webpage which can be found on the Village's website.



## Crossing Guard Program

The Hinsdale Police Department trains and oversees school crossing guards at 12 intersections that students use to walk to and from the District 181 elementary schools and St. Isaac Jogues Catholic School. The crossing guards are invaluable for

the protection of students' safety during their walks to and from school. Rain or shine, the crossing guards are there to help students get to school and home safely.





## Walk to School Day

In the USA and Canada, International Walk to School Day encourages walking and bicycling to school. Over time, this event has developed into a movement for year-round safe routes to school and a celebration – with record breaking participation - each October. The Hinsdale Police Department participates in the celebration of walking to school by greeting students and parents on their way to the local schools.



## Open House

Officer Michael Coughlin hosted the annual Hinsdale Police Department Open House in October. Representatives from other agencies such as Downers Grove Township, F.I.A.T. S.W.A.T, Willowbrook Police Department, Burr Ridge Police Department, DuPage County Bomb Squad, DuPage County Forest Preserve,

Coast Guard, and BNSF Police were in attendance. Among the wide variety of activities at the event were demonstrations by a K-9 handler and S.W.A.T. team, station tours, a bounce house, and a fingerprint lifting station. The Hinsdale Jr. Woman's Club volunteered by serving lunch including hot dogs and popcorn.



## Rotary Club of Hinsdale/HCS Family Services

Since 1959 the Rotary Club of Hinsdale has been committed to supporting and serving the community. Deputy Chief Kevin Simpson, has been a member of the Rotary Club of Hinsdale for three years and is a Board member of HCS Family Services. HCS works closely in conjunction with the Rotary of Hinsdale to strengthen the community by giving individuals and families support services and access to local

resources. Hinsdale Police, Firefighters and Rotary members actively participate in the Food Pantry and Mobile Food Pantry that offers food to residents of Southeast DuPage County who are in need.



The Rotary Club of Hinsdale's annual luncheon with the Ray Graham Association.



Investigative Aide Frank Homolka and Deputy Chief Kevin Simpson at the Mobile Food Pantry sponsored by HCS.

## Oak Street Bridge

At over 100 years old and limiting the volume of freight being carried on the BNSF railroad line, the plan for the replacement of the bridge began in 2010. The Oak Street Bridge Replacement Project went underway in September of 2013 with the Environmental Assessment, Preliminary Engineering, Design Engineering and

Land Acquisition. Construction on the bridge began in May 2015 and was completed in December of 2015. The project was 100% grant funded.



Chief Bradley Bloom at the ribbon cutting ceremony.

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*The Village, through a coordinated effort, has received a combination of Federal, State and local grants that will fund the \$6.9 million project cost.*

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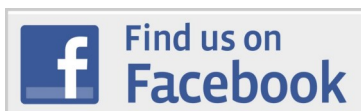
## Social Networking

The Hinsdale Police Department has used the popular social networking sites, Facebook and Twitter, to more effectively provide timely information to the community.

The Hinsdale Police Department Facebook page

can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/Village-of-Hinsdale-Police-Department-134070683331040/>



The Hinsdale Police Department tweets can be found at <http://twitter.com/Hinsdalepolice>.



