



2016 Annual Report



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A LETTER FROM THE CHIEF

On behalf of the men and women of the Hinsdale Police Department, I am pleased to present the 2016 Annual Report. Having assumed the responsibilities of Chief in February 2016, I am honored to lead an organization as talented as the Hinsdale Police Department that is comprised of professional employees and volunteers who share a passion for public service and who commit themselves each day to meeting the needs of this community. This report is intended to be a resource not only for residents, elected and appointed officials, law enforcement professionals, and journalists, but also for those who have chosen to visit or work in this wonderful community. Therefore, this report's purpose is to communicate the public safety challenges in Hinsdale and to outline the resources used to meet those challenges. To do this, the report summarizes our department's organization and training programs, policing issues such as calls for service and incident trends, traffic initiatives, as well as community programs and communication.

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 environment and culture that is based upon these expectations of quality police services. By cultivating personal relationships within the community to develop trust and respecting each interaction with the broader public as well, our goal is to always demonstrate that we treat each and every person with dignity and respect.

The strength of our police department rests in the quality of our employees. In 2016, a major reorganization took place within the department after a much anticipated group of senior leaders retired. The opportunity presented by this reorganization was to continue the focused development of a core group of officers and staff slated to be the next group of influential leaders for this department. There are certainly challenges in the near future as a result of these changes, but we are embracing this time and using the enthusiasm it has generated as momentum. I know this will serve us well as training and mentoring will be a key to our future success.

The Hinsdale Police Department appreciates the continued support from the residents and the officials of the Village of Hinsdale. Please know we value and respect the opportunity to serve and protect this fine community.

Kevin Simpson

Kevin Simpson
Chief of Police



Shown above is Kevin Simpson assuming responsibilities as the Chief of Police for the Village of Hinsdale and is congratulated by outgoing Chief, Bradley Bloom, at 5 PM, February 22, 2016.

DEPARTMENT MISSION AND VALUES



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.

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.



POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFF



Chief
Kevin Simpson



Deputy Chief
Erik Bernholdt



Deputy Chief
Thomas Lillie



Sergeant
Thomas Yehl



Sergeant Louis
Hayes



Sergeant Mark
Wodka



Sergeant Kevin
Susmarski



Juvenile Officer
Michael Coughlin



Officer Steven
Ruban



Officer Anthony
Maraviglia



Officer Brian
Davenport



Officer Chris
Washburn



Officer Art Holecek



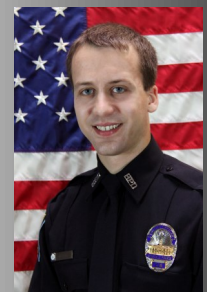
Officer Karen Kowal



Detective Thomas
Krefft



Officer Jeffrey
Huckfeldt



Officer Grant
McElroy



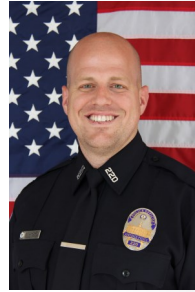
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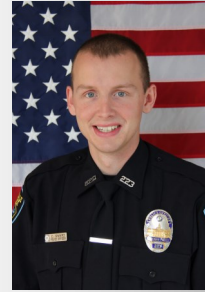
Officer Kevin Berland



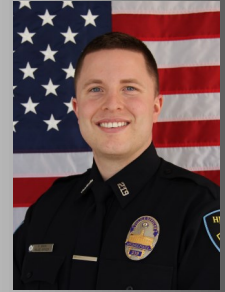
Officer Evan Caughie-Petcher



Officer Kevin Lackey



Officer Carter Sward



Officer Ryan Grahm



Community Service
Officer
Matt Miller



Community Service
Officer
Matt Kane



Community Service
Officer
Andrew Hyland



Mike Hogan
Records Clerk



Nina Szaflarski
Part Time Records
Clerk



Frank Homolka
Investigative Aide



Nancy Antesberger
Investigations
Assistant



Jean Bueche
Administrative
Coordinator

Volunteers

Greta Anetsberger

Edna Burke

Shelia Chatham

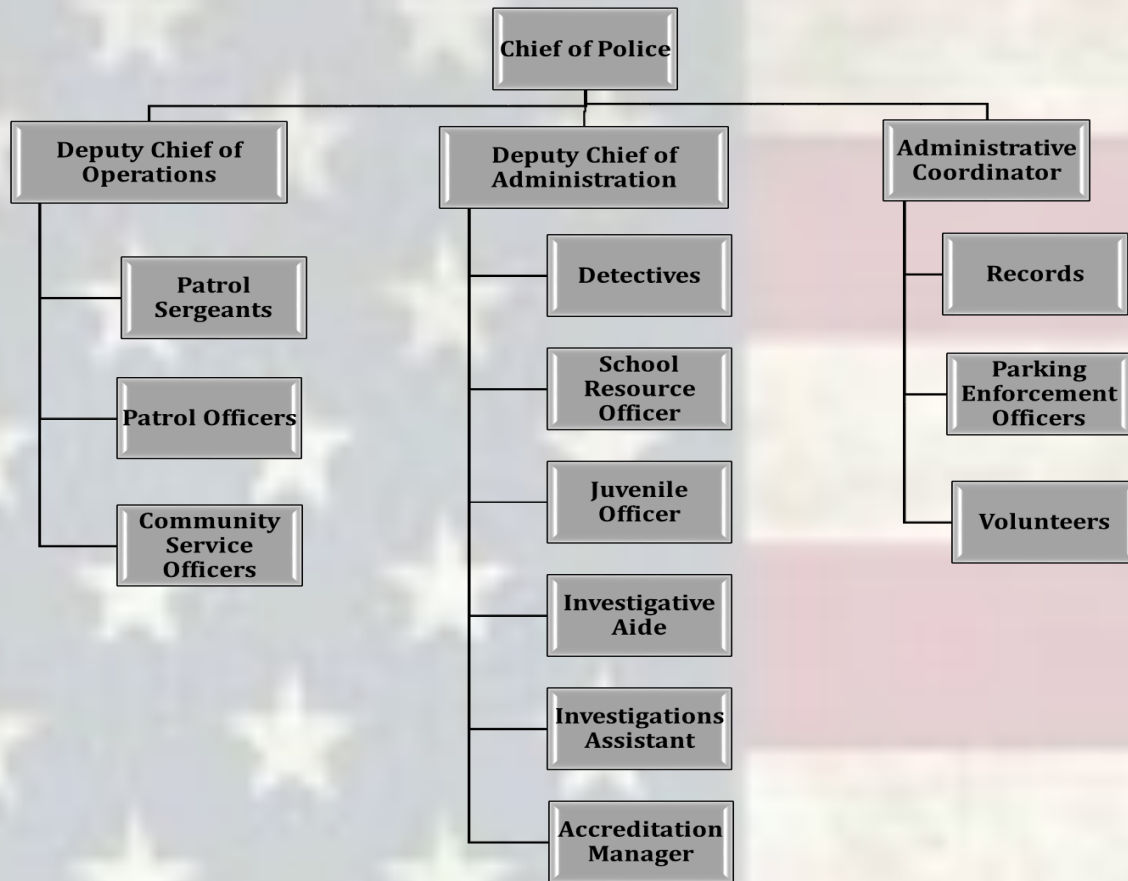
Donna Donaldson

Kimberly Ochsenschlager

Stephanie Seppanen

Marshall Zandell

DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION



From left to right, Officer Evan Caughie-Petcher, Officer Dan Blake, Officer Grant McElroy, and Officer Kevin Berland.

WELCOME TO THE DEPARTMENT

OFFICER RYAN GRAHN: A native of Oak Forest, IL and a graduate of Illinois State University, Officer Grahn joined the department in February. He brings experience from the Oak Forest and the Palos Park Police Departments.

OFFICER KEVIN LACKEY: Officer Kevin Lackey spent eight years in the Marines and two years with the Evergreen Park Police Department before joining the department in February. Officer Lackey is a graduate of Western Illinois University.

OFFICER CARTER SWARD: Officer Carter Sward graduated from Hinsdale South High School and Illinois State University with a degree in Criminal Justice. He began his law enforcement career as a Meter Enforcement Officer for the department and was then hired as a Probationary Police Officer in February.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER

ANDREW HYLAND: Beginning as an Intern in May, Andrew accepted the full time position in July. Andrew graduated from Western Illinois University with a degree in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration with a minor in Homeland Security.



Shown above: Kevin Lackey, Kevin Simpson and Ryan Grahn



Carter Sward

RETIREMENTS:

Officer Mark Keller 1/30/2016
 Chief Bradley Bloom 2/19/2016
 Sergeant Stephen Cogger 3/12/2016
 Sergeant Tim Lamb 8/12/2016

CAREER MILESTONES:

Art Holocek 15 Years
 Tom Lillie 15 Years
 Kevin Susmarski 15 Years
 Mike Hogan 10 Years



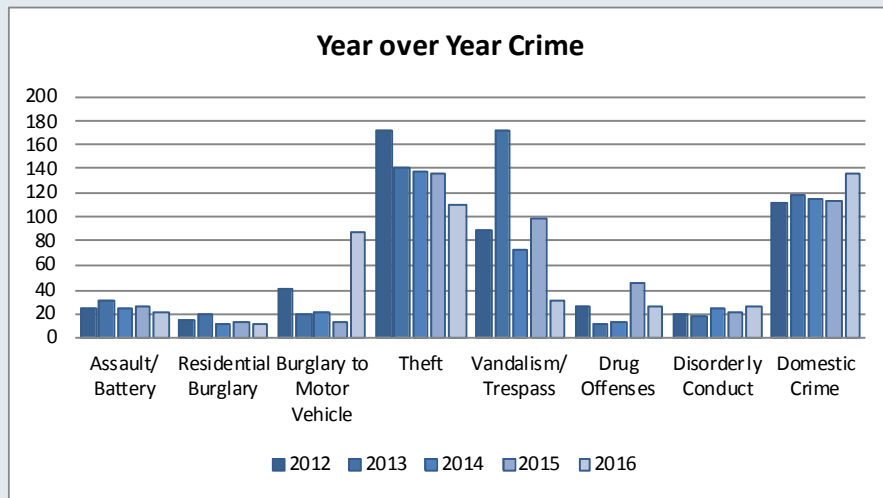
Pictured left to right, back row: Erik Bernholdt, Kevin Simpson, Grant McElroy, Kevin Susmarski. Front row: Kevin Berland, Kevin Lackey, Jean Bueche, Evan Caughie-Petcher, Dan Blake, Tim Lamb, Steve Ruban, Frank Homolka, Louis Hayes, Mark Wodka, Tom Yehl

CALLS FOR SERVICE

	2016	2015
Sex Crimes	4	2
Robbery	4	2
Assault/Battery	21	26
Domestic Violence	136	113
Burglary	4	14
Residential Burglary	11	14
Burglary from Motor Vehicle	86	13
Theft	75	116
Retail Theft	19	13
Identity Theft	65	65
Auto Theft	16	7
Arson/Explosives	0	0
Deceptive Practice	4	9
Forgery/Fraud	69	39
Criminal Damage to Property	68	89
Criminal Trespass	31	9
Disorderly Conduct	27	22
Harassment	117	82
Death Investigations	21	13
Drug Offenses	26	46
Minor Alcohol/Tobacco Offenses	28	19
Juvenile Problems	124	125
Reckless Driving	127	83
Hit and Run	95	101
Traffic Offenses	45	71
Motorist Assist	743	743
Abandoned Motor Vehicle	10	18
Parking Complaint	74	86
Auto Accidents	698	673
Assistance to Outside Agency	126	43
Traffic Stops	4,988	3,286
Noise complaints	113	137
Vehicle Lockout	271	291
Fire/Ambulance Assistance	316	1,528
Alarm Activations	1,258	1,142
Open Door Investigations	81	51
Lost/Found Articles	200	170
Runaway/Missing Persons	34	30
Suspicious Auto/Person	856	554
Disturbance	16	54
911 hangup/misdial	258	642
Animal Complaints	440	410
Citizen Assists	510	432
Solicitors	79	84
Community Contacts	53	37
Curfew/Truancy	11	11
Other	4,353	2,335
TOTALS	16,711	13,850

*Higher totals in the "Other" classification are due to incident numbers being generated by DuComm for many administrative matters that would not have required an incident number previously with SWCD, or incidents that are not specific to an IUCR offense specified in the monthly report. Examples include: mutual aid requests for the fire department to other towns, administrative duties, transport of prisoners, complaint cancellation, in-service training, and child seat inspections.

The Hinsdale Police Department is a service-oriented Police Department with officers responding to many requests for assistance including possible crimes in progress or to help someone who is locked out of their car. In 2016, Hinsdale Officers responded to 16,711 calls. Calls for Service were higher in comparison to last year's total of 13,850. The increase can be attributed to an increase in Traffic Stops and Other Service Calls. Higher totals in the "Other" classifications are due to incident numbers being generated by our new dispatch provider, DuPage Public Safety Communications, also known as "DuComm" for many administrative matters. The specific incident categories in these numbers continue to be further defined as the transition to DuComm is completed. Among the 16,711 calls, the Most Common Calls were for Alarm Activation, response to a Suspicious Auto or Person, Motorist Assistance, and Auto Accidents. Compared to 2015, there was a significant increase in Burglary from Motor Vehicles.



The Criminal Investigative Division is primarily responsible for conducting follow-up investigations of all criminal incidents reported in Hinsdale. In 2016, there were 363 cases assigned to the division which was steady with the 363 cases of 2015. The most frequent incident classifications were Deception/Fraud/ID Theft (71 cases), Burglary from Vehicle (70 cases); Theft over \$300.00 (70 cases); Vandalism/Trespass (29 cases) and Auto Theft (12 cases).



TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

The Hinsdale Police Department conducted 6,181 traffic stops in 2016. The 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.



Traffic Stops				
Caucasian			Minority	
Total Stops	4,407	81.12%	1026	18.88%
Benchmark	74.06%		25.94%	
Reason For Stop				
Caucasian			Minority	
License/ Registration	429	86.32%	68	13.68%
Equipment Violation	292	74.68%	99	25.32%
Moving Violation	3,686	81.10%	859	18.90%
Outcome				
Caucasian			Minority	
Warning	2,491	81.51%	565	18.49%
Citation	1,913	80.58%	467	19.42%

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, driving under the influence, seat belt violations and violations at railroad crossings. This table lists the most frequently violated offenses. Speeding continues to be the number one offense. In 2016, The Hinsdale Police Department did not participate in the Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (S.T.E.P.) grant through the Illinois Department of Transportation. This program focused on roadside enforcement zones for seatbelt and impaired driver



enforcement. This caused a significant reduction in roadside seatbelt enforcement zone's; thus lowering seatbelt citations in comparison to 2015. The Hinsdale Police Department has applied for the S.T.E.P. grant for 2017-18. Stop sign citations are also down from a five year high of 848 in 2015. The "Stop Means Stop" campaign has recently been restructured to include an education phase to violators followed by a strict enforcement phase. Efforts to enforce Stop Sign violations are currently in line with efforts yielded in 2015.

Offense	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Disobeyed Traffic Control Device	266	272	257	331	510	701
Disobeyed Railroad Control Signal	37	9	11	20	18	15
Disobeyed Stop Sign	507	462	377	397	848	563
Improper Lane Usage	428	443	318	316	359	396
Driving while License Suspended/Revoked	49	56	66	22	116	102
Failure to Wear Seatbelt/Child Restraint	556	536	441	401	413	65
Failure to Yield	132	159	148	151	148	117
Speeding	1677	1439	1378	1386	1858	2247
Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol/Drugs	56	54	58	40	54	71
Insurance Violation	197	199	171	132	120	122



The Illinois Chiefs of Police Association Traffic Safety Challenge recognizes Police Departments' efforts toward promoting traffic and pedestrian safety through innovative educational programs and sustained enforcement efforts. Having achieved first and second place finishes in recent years for Departments with 11-25 Sworn Officers, the Hinsdale Police Department has submitted their latest report to the Association which will announce their 2016 winners by summer 2017.

The Hinsdale Police Department recognizes that traffic safety is a key priority for Hinsdale residents. Participation in the Traffic Safety Challenge is, therefore, complementary to the department's focus on our partnership with the community. Among other things, the key dimensions of the Challenge are seat belt, DUI, and speeding enforcement. In addition, by listening to our residents' concerns, the department implements numerous programs that focus on changing driver behaviors to significantly

reduce personal injuries. These programs range from various general safety programs to specific and targeted initiatives at problem intersections such as those with hazardous lines of sight, resident conducted special measurements in their neighborhoods with hand held radar units, and to special monitoring around our schools. In addition, distracted driver, railroad safety, stop sign enforcement are all emphasized.



Madison School Parents-Teacher Organization partnered with the Hinsdale Police Department and the Village of Hinsdale to monitor speed zones around the school, nearby parks and the Community House.



JUVENILE CRIME AND DARE

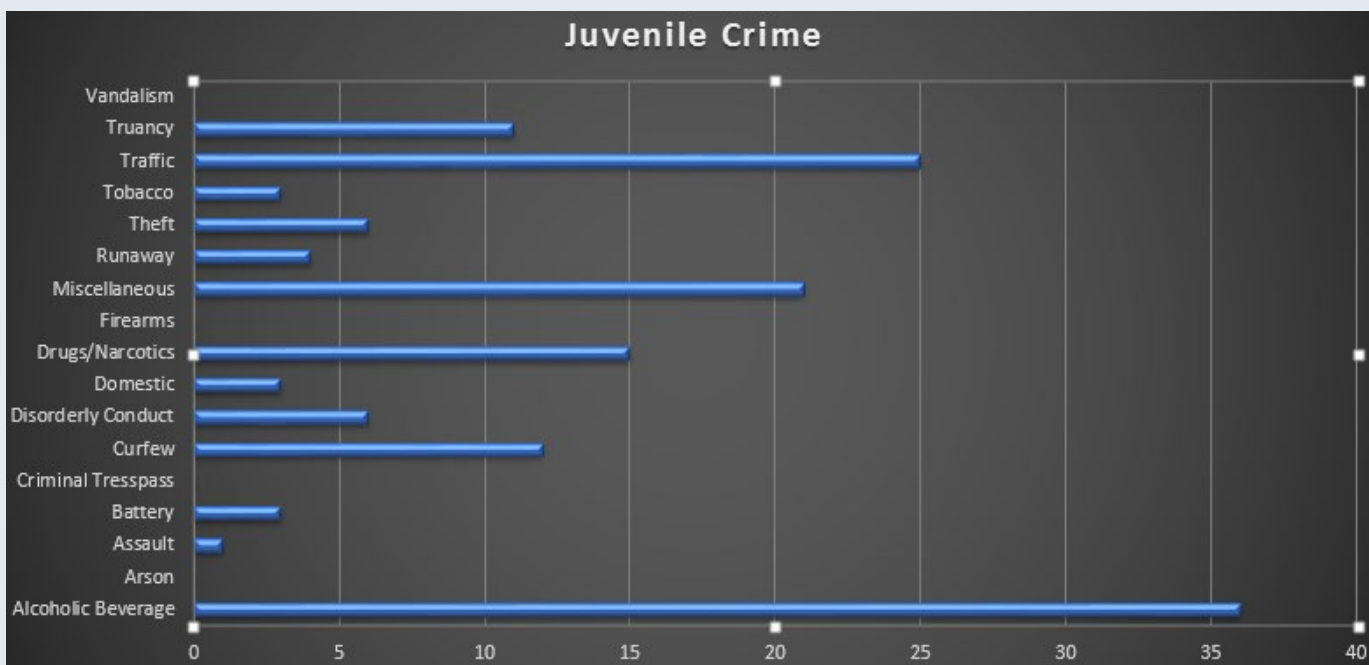
Juvenile crimes decreased in the last year from 174 incidents in 2015 to 146 in 2016. The three most frequent incident classifications were use of Alcohol and Traffic infractions. The incidents of Theft, Drugs/Narcotics, and Curfew violations saw strong decreases over 2015. In many incidents, juvenile offenders are referred to the Hinsdale Police Department Juvenile Officer and placed in diversionary programs including Peer Jury and Station Adjustment. In 2016, there were forty juvenile offenders placed in programs, down from seventy one in 2015. 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 through Downers Grove Township. The Hinsdale Police Department sent thirty three young people to Peer Jury this year.

Juvenile Officer Michael Coughlin continues as the President of the DuPage Juvenile Officers Association as well as first Vice President of the Illinois Juvenile Officers Association.

The Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program continues to be the primary drug pre-

vention program offered by the Hinsdale Police Department. DARE is a collaborative effort by certified officers, educators, student, parents, and the community to offer an educational program in the classroom to prevent drug abuse and violence among youth.

Officer Michael Coughlin teaches DARE 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 DARE as a program teaching conflict resolution, avoiding gang activities and problem-solving without violence.



*Miscellaneous category includes a variety of offenses including soliciting without a permit, possession of stolen property, public indecency, etc.

LIFE SAVING AWARD

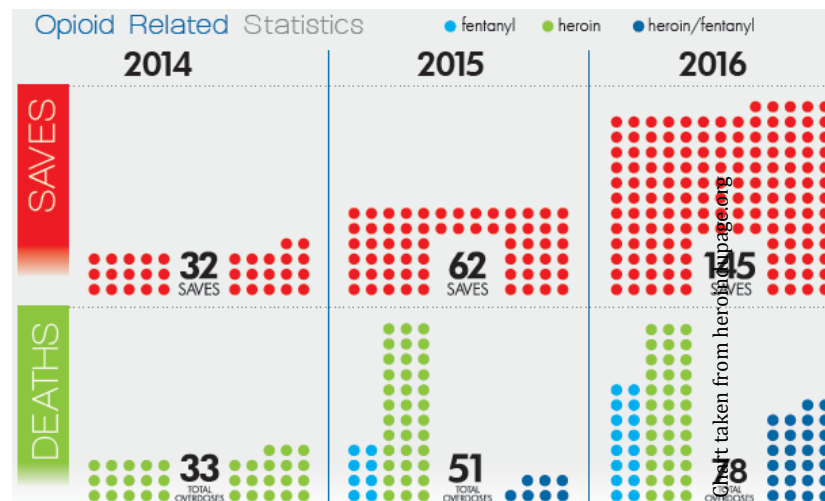
On October 19, Sergeant Mark Wodka and Officer Carter Sward heard the Hinsdale Fire Department dispatched to the Hinsdale Oasis for a person in full cardiac arrest. As they were already in close proximity to the Oasis, Sergeant Wodka and Officer Sward responded immediately and were first on the scene. Upon arrival, Sergeant Wodka and Officer Sward attended to an unconscious man who was not breathing. They employed defibrillator pads but when this proved ineffective, Officer Sward began chest compressions while Sergeant Wodka prepared and administered Narcan. Additional Narcan was administered by a responding Illinois State Police Trooper who joined the scene. The Hinsdale Fire Department arrived and administered additional Narcan. They transported the man to the hospital. Based on the feedback received from the Illinois State Police and our Hinsdale Fire Department, if not for the immediate actions of Sergeant Wodka and Officer Sward, this patient would not have survived. The Lifesav-

ing Award was presented on December 13 at the Village of Hinsdale Board meeting.



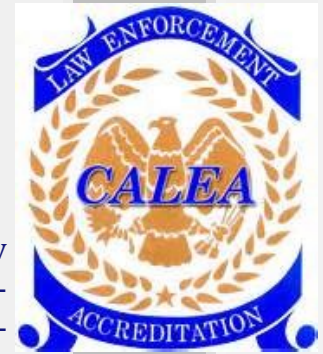
Officer Carter Sward, left, and Sergeant Mark Wodka, right.

DUPAGE COUNTY NARCAN PROGRAM



In 2014, DuPage County started the DuPage Narcan Program after seeing a disturbing up rise in deaths due to heroin overdoses. It is the very first countywide overdose prevention program in Illinois approved by the Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse. Narcan is the brand name of the medication Naloxone, used to block the effects of opioids, such as heroin. Opioids depress the central nervous system to the point that breathing may be slowed to a stop. As part of the program, all Hinsdale officers carry Narcan nasal spray and are trained to use it in emergencies such as the one described above. In 2016, the number of lives saved by using Narcan and the number of lives lost due to opioid overdoses were both higher than in previous years. More and more overdoses are being attributed to fentanyl or a combination of heroin and fentanyl. Fentanyl is also an opioid, yet unlike heroin, it does have approved medical uses as a controlled and powerful painkiller. It is also much more potent than heroin but fentanyl overdoses can still be reversed using Narcan. Our officers will continue to adapt to the changes of this epidemic and the challenges that come with it, knowing that the preservation of life, both their own and the people they serve, is the number one objective.

COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES



In April, an assessment team from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) spent three days at the Hinsdale Police Department reviewing the agency's compliance with the rigorous 459 standards for re-accreditation and will report back with the results in summer 2016. The department has received "Gold Standard Assessments" in previous years and continues to strive for "Flagship" status, a designation given to only the top two percent of accredited agencies. Per the 2016 CALEA Annual Report, only 46 police departments in the State of Illinois have been accredited. 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.

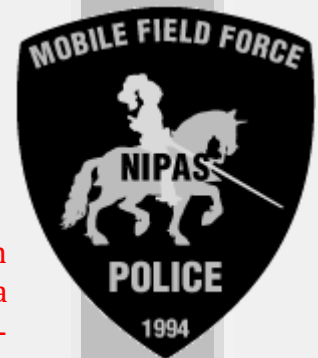


FELONY INVESTIGATIONS ASSISTANCE TEAM

The Felony Investigative Assistance Team (FIAT) taskforce is a multi-jurisdictional organization with several components: Major Crimes Unit, Computer Forensics, Accident Reconstruction Unit, Canine Response Unit, Planned Events, and Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT). The various components are comprised of officers from municipalities in DuPage, Will, and Cook Counties and a few of our very own police officers, Louis Hayes and Thomas Lillie. They are on call 24/7 in the event of a "call out" where their resources are needed. The mission of the FIAT SWAT Team is to respond to high-risk critical incidents requiring specialized training and equipment, and to resolve those incidents while minimizing the potential for injury or loss of life to civilian, officers, or suspects.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS POLICE ALARM SYSTEM

The Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS) is an organized system for law enforcement to respond to a natural disaster. NIPAS represents a joint venture of suburban municipal police departments in the Chicago metropolitan area. Fifteen police agencies created NIPAS in 1983 to ensure effective police mutual aid in times of natural disasters. From these humble beginnings, the system has grown to include law enforcement agencies of over 100 cities, villages, and towns in five counties. In 1994, NIPAS expanded to include a Mobile Field Force (MFF) to maximize the effectiveness of initial police response efforts when a major civil disturbance occurs. Officer Jeffrey Huckfeldt has been a member of the NIPAS MFF since 2012. In 2016, he was involved with 14 standbys and 1 request for



DEPARTMENT TRAINING

The Hinsdale Police Department is committed to providing thorough, contemporary training to all staff members. For 2016, Department members attended and participated in various courses, schools, training workshops, electronic learning modules, webinars, conferences, and seminars. Department members are required, by law and/or accreditation standard, to participate in recurring reviews of various high-risk policies and procedures. Additionally, sworn police officers must attend various annual in-service training sessions, covering topics such as Constitutional “search and seizure” case law, use of force, medical aid, and other courses focusing on legal updates. These training sessions provide officers the knowledge of the advancements, changes, and improvements in the criminal justice community. The

Department also provides specialized training and education to those members assigned to unique specialty or supervisory functions, such as:

- * Detective
- * Sergeant
- * Field Training Officer
- * Evidence Technician
- * SWAT / Tactical Officer
- * Hostage/Crisis Negotiator
- * DARE / Juvenile Officer
- * Range Officer / Firearm Instructor
- * Truck Enforcement Officer
- * School Resource Officer
- * Breath Test Operator
- * Community Service Officer
- * Matron

FITNESS CHALLENGE

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*“Stay in shape both **mentally** and **physically** to help resist drugs and crime.”*

-Chief Kevin Simpson

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On Friday, October 7, nine members of the Hinsdale Police Department participated in the 2016 Fitness Challenge. The elements of the voluntary Fitness Challenge include: 1.5 Mile Run; 300 Meter Sprint; Bench Press; Push Up Test; Sit Up Test; and Vertical Jump. All nine staff members who attended successfully completed the challenge requirements and were awarded service bars to display on their uniforms. As part of the General Orders for Officers effective in 2004, the department recognizes and supports physical fitness and wellness initiatives that are vitally important to every law enforcement officer. Beyond the ordinary dangers to good health, situations may arise where a human life depends on the endurance, strength, and agility of a responding officer.



Back row, left to right: Dan Blake, Kevin Lackey, volunteer Stephanie Seppanen, Kevin Berland, Jeff Huckfeldt.

Front row, left to right: Ryan Grahn, Louis Hayes, Kevin Simpson, Tom Lillie

POLICE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE-October 15th, 2016

On October 15th, Hinsdale Police Department hosted the annual Hinsdale Police Department Open House. Other agencies who helped make it successful were representatives from Downers Grove Township, FIAT SWAT, Willowbrook Police Department, Burr Ridge Police Department, Illinois State Police, DuPage County Forest Preserve, DUCOMM, Coast Guard, BNSF Police and their K9 team. A demonstration called “Less Lethal” was given by SWAT officers and a Drone presentation was another highlight. Many children had a great time getting fingerprinted and there was a bounce house for the smaller kids. Station tours were conducted and badges, stickers, pencils and crime prevention tips were handed out. A face painter and balloon artist were added to the festivities. Food and desserts were handed out by the Hinsdale Junior Women’s Club.



COFFEE WITH A COP

On Friday, October 7, the Hinsdale Police Department joined a national movement named “Coffee With A Cop” in order to better connect on a personal level with the citizens it protects. These get-togethers, held at various locations in the Village, continued throughout the year and provided excellent opportunities to ask questions and exchange ideas on issues of concern to residents.



PACE CAR PROGRAM



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 receive 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 www.villageofhinsdale.org if you are interested in joining the Pace Car program.



BLOCK WATCH 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 an *extremely* 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 camera with the Police Department. If a crime occurs in the neighborhood we will ask you to check your camera system to see if you captured a picture that may aid in our investigation. The program has already helped with the identification of suspects in various cases. There is no charge to participate in the program and program participants will be kept confidential.



COMMUNITY ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATION PROGRAM

Sign up for...



The Community Alert Network enables the Hinsdale Police Department to use e-mail, text, and/or voice call to send our pertinent community information, including crime or criminal information, street closings, utility notices, missing person flyers or other emergency 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 at www.villageofhinsdale.org

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

From November 2015 to February 2016, 17 members of the Hinsdale community attended the 12th Citizens Police Academy. The concept of the Citizens Police Academy started in the United Kingdom in 1977 and in 1985, the Orlando, Florida Police Department created the first Citizens Police Academy in the U.S. The goal is to educate members of the community in areas of law, crime prevention, patrol, investigations, D.A.R.E, juvenile crime, traffic safety, recruitment, S.W.A.T., K9, and firearms. This course is designed to give residents the opportunity to learn about police work in general and issues that face Law Enforcement efforts in the Village of Hinsdale. The Academy is hosted at the Hinsdale Police Station, meets once a week for 12 weeks, is open to Hinsdale residents and employees, and available to those 18 or older. More than 200 members of the Hinsdale community have graduated from this program.



SPECIAL NEEDS

This 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 appropriate emergency responses should that person need assistance at their home.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE (YANA)

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 information 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, call 630-789-7070 or email hinsdalepd@villageofhinsdale.org if you are interested in joining either of these programs.

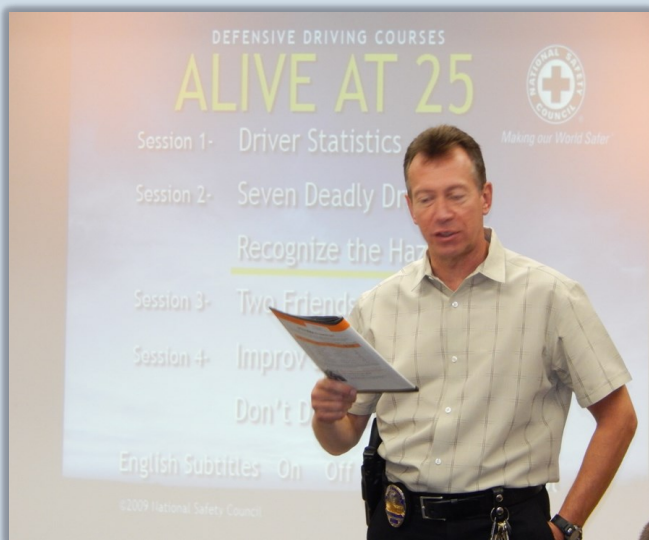
SAFETY VILLAGE

In June of 2016, Officer Michael Coughlin assisted with the 25th year of Safety Village. There were more than 50 safety tips taught to approximately 300 children between 5 and 6 years old. The program teaches children to practice safety by participating in artificial scenarios. This practice will provide children the knowledge they need to act in real life emergency situations. 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 25 years.





"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. In 2016, more than 60 young drivers from Hinsdale participated in his highly interactive program that 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 risk of injury and death.



SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

More than 70 female high school and college students participated in this class that teaches situational awareness skills in a classroom setting and then allows them to practice self-defense techniques on the trainers in controlled situations. Students are taught to be aware and alert in their surroundings and are shown how to be prepared for any situation so they can prevent being a victim. The students are encouraged to practice and rehearse self-defense techniques mentally, verbally, and physically after completing the class. Both of these programs are offered at various times throughout the year. Check the Village of Hinsdale Police Department website to see when the next class is.



FOLLOW US!



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Puppy found! This dog pictured was from Bolingbrook and had been missing for 15 days in October when the Hinsdale Police Department helped reunite it with its family.

