

# HINSDALE POLICE

## 2019 Annual Report





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# ***A Letter from the Chief***

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**Brian King**

**Chief of Police**

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On behalf of the men and women of the Hinsdale Police Department, thank you for reviewing our annual report. Hinsdale Police Department is a full service law enforcement agency that prides itself on providing progressive and proactive policing to the residents of Hinsdale, the source of our authority.

This report is designed to be a snapshot of the agency and our activities throughout the past year. There are two significant issues that I would like to call to your attention: crime and the impact of heroin use on the community.

Hinsdale is a low crime community. The most consistent criminal activity occurs during the overnight hours with burglaries to unlocked vehicles, garages, and auto thefts. In July, one of the offenders was captured on video holding a firearm while burglarizing a resident's car and garage. The prevalence of this type of crime increased towards the end of the year. The department strategy for combating this crime pattern involves enhancing overnight patrols, quickly recovering and processing vehicles stolen from the community, and identifying and arresting known offenders. Fifteen vehicles were stolen in the Village during the year; all but one was left unlocked with the key fobs left inside. The most effective deterrent is for residents to lock their property and remove their key fobs from their cars.

The Chicago Metropolitan area continues to be impacted by the national heroin epidemic. Hinsdale is not immune. We experienced one death in 2019 due to the use of heroin. The Village has averaged two deaths a year over the last five years. Hinsdale detectives were able to identify and charge the individual who sold the drugs to this year's fatality, and he was appropriately charged with Drug Induced Homicide. We continue to conduct outreach to community groups and stand ready to assist residents in finding resources to overcome their addictions. We will also continue to seek out and charge individuals distributing drugs to community members.

Please contact us if you have questions or would like further information on items contained within this report. We are here to serve you, and we pride ourselves in being responsive to the needs of the community.

Sincerely,

*Brian King*

Chief of Police

# ***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.

# *Department Staff*

## *Sworn Officers*



Chief Brian King



Deputy Chief Thomas  
Lillie



Detective Sergeant  
Louis Hayes



Sergeant Mark  
Wodka



Sergeant Kevin  
Susmarski



Sergeant Thomas  
Krefft



Sergeant Brian  
Davenport



Detective Art  
Holecek



Juvenile Officer  
Karen Kowal



Officer Jeffrey  
Huckfeldt



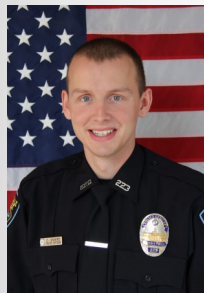
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McElroy



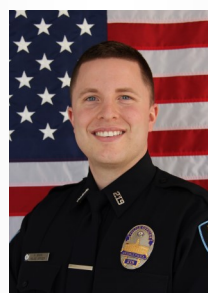
Officer Dan Blake



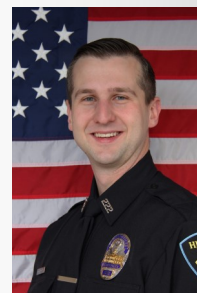
Officer Kevin Berland



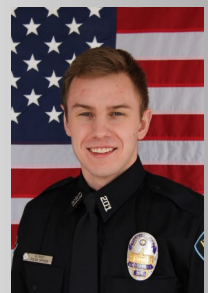
Detective Carter  
Sward



Officer Ryan Grahn



School Resource  
Officer Dan Mazepa



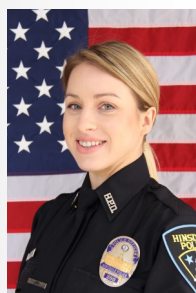
Officer Matthew  
Root



Officer Andrew  
Gallik



Officer Frank Smith



Officer Teresa  
McIntyre



Officer David  
Rodriguez



Officer Mike Dzierzega



Officer Jim Litrenta

## Civilian Staff



Community Service  
Officer Nina Szaflarski



Community Service  
Officer Matt Miller



Parking Enforcement  
Officer Grant Davis



Parking Enforcement  
Officer Daniel Sanchez



Investigative Aid  
Frank Homolka



Records Clerk Mike  
Hogan



Administrative  
Analyst Anna Benson



Administrative  
Coordinator Safia

## Volunteers



Nancy Anetsberger



Edna Burke



Shelia Chatham



Donna Donaldson



# Retirements

In 2019, three police officers retired from the department.

Officer Chris Washburn retired on 1/1/19 with 20 years of service. He served the Hinsdale Police Department with dignity and honor. In his tenure he was a Use of Force Instructor, a Less Than Lethal Force Instructor, a Range Instructor and often served as an Officer in Charge.

Officer Mike Coughlin retired on 8/2/19 with 30 years of service. Mike began his career in 1989 as a patrol officer. In 2000 he was assigned the position of D.A.R.E./Juvenile Officer. He held that position for the next 20 years, making an incredible impact on thousands of children's lives in the community.

Officer Steve Ruban retired on 10/9/19 with 20 years of service. Steve began working for the village in 1989 as a tele communicator operator (or a dispatcher as they are now known), then as a meter enforcement officer and a community service officer, and eventually in 1999 he took on the role of police officer.

***Thank you for your service!***



Officer Chris Washburn



Juvenile Officer Mike Coughlin

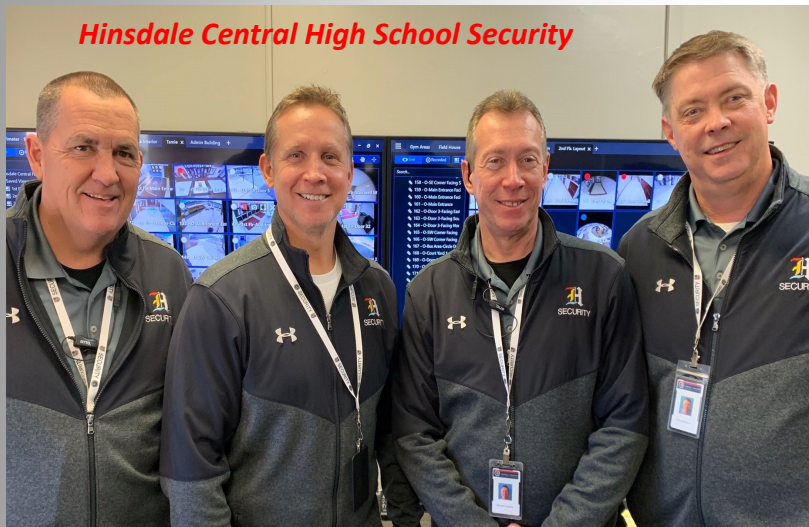


Officer Steve Ruban





Believe it or not, the photo on the left is *NOT* Officer Coughlin's mug shot. It is a photo taken by staff in 1989 during his hiring process. The photo on the right is from his last ever D.A.R.E. class graduation.



These four retired Hinsdale police officers work at Hinsdale Central High School on the security team. From left to right: Mark Keller (retired School Resource Officer), Kevin Simpson (retired Chief of Police and current Director of Security for School District 86), Mike Coughlin (retired juvenile officer) and Chris Washburn (retired officer.)

This photo was taken at our 2nd annual Retiree Holiday Luncheon held on December 12, 2019. Back row, left to right: Chief King, Detective Holecek, Detective Sgt Hayes, Zahalka (ret. Ofc.) Middle row: Lamb (ret. Sgt.) Birdsong (ret. Ofc.) Homolka (ret. Ofc.) Lambert (ret. Sgt.) Tulacka (ret Ofc.) Bernholdt (ret. Deputy Chief) Detective Sward, Officer Berland, Sgt. Wodka. Front row: Cogger (ret. Sgt.) Jirasek (ret. Sgt.) Felbinger (ret. Chief) Mandarin (ret. Sgt.) Bloom (ret. Chief), Officer Kowal.



# ***Employee Recognition***

On April 12, 2019 Officer Teresa McIntyre graduated from the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy at College of DuPage. In December of 2019, three additional officers graduated from Suburban Law Enforcement Academy: Officer Michal Dzierzega, Officer Jim Litrenta, and Officer David Rodriguez. We congratulate them on completing a rigorous 14-week basic academy. Recruits are given classroom training as well as practical scenarios of a variety of everyday situations common to police work. They conduct physical and defensive tactics training, as well as firearms training and safety.



Deputy Chief Thomas Lillie attended the FBI's National Academy from October 7, 2019 through December 20, 2019. Based in Quantico Virginia on the Marine Corps Base, the National Academy offers 11 weeks of advanced communication, leadership, and fitness training. Participants must have proven records as professionals within their agencies to attend. It was the 278th session of the National Academy and consisted of men and women from 49 states and the District of Columbia. The class included members of law enforcement agencies from 37 countries, four military organizations, and six federal civilian organizations. Deputy Chief Lillie started his police career with Hinsdale Police Department in 2001. He was promoted to Deputy Chief in December of 2016. In the below photo Deputy Chief Lillie is shaking hands with the Associate Executive Assistant Direct of the FBI, Hinsdale resident Jeffrey Sallet. The brick Deputy Chief Lillie is holding represents his completion of a 6.1 mile obstacle course located on the base called "the



yellow brick road." Deputy Chief Lillie also received a blue brick for completing 34 miles of swimming over the course of his time there. While in the academy, the officers and deputies live in a dorm-like setting. The FBI does not charge U.S. students for tuition, books, equipment, meals, lodging or travel to and from their home.

Associate Executive Assistant Director of FBI Jeffrey Sallet with Deputy Chief Thomas Lillie



Officer Grant McElroy was recognized at the Village's annual employee recognition dinner and received an award voted on by other village staff. Grant was nominated by Chief King for his instrumental role in implementation and training of the new computer aided dispatch and records management system implemented county wide in DuPage County. He was at the forefront of identifying issues related to system processes and performance. His work with the department in training and trouble shooting with personnel has been truly outstanding. He also acted as a

resource for other nearby police agencies. His actions reflect highly on the image and reputation of the police department. Grant has invested countless hours to ensure that the implementation of the new systems are successful and does not disrupt the operations of the police department. His commitment was above and beyond his routine duties and certainly deserving of this recognition.

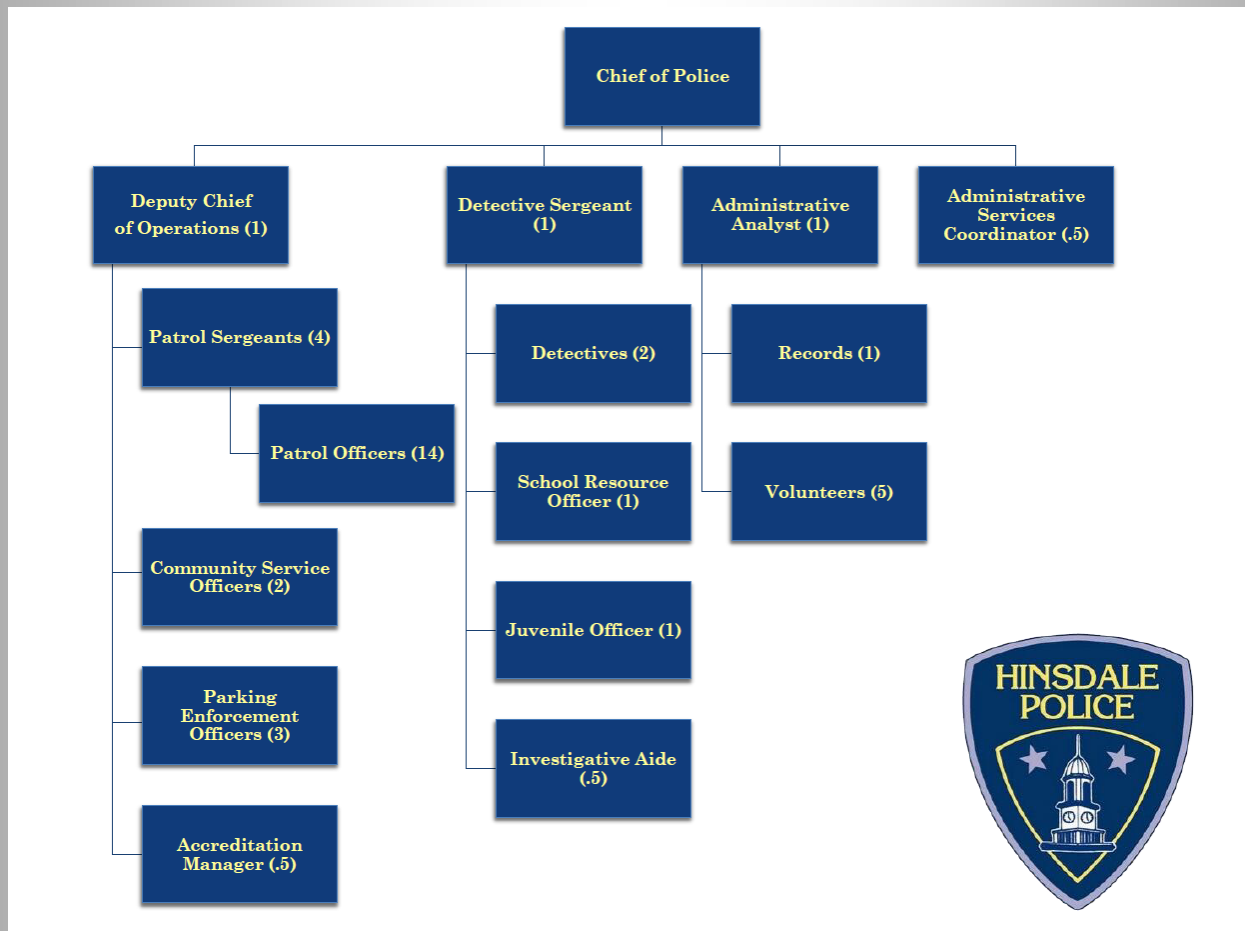


Officer Karen Kowal was chosen as the new D.A.R.E./Juvenile Officer after Officer Coughlin's retirement. The above photo was taken at her 80-hour D.A.R.E. instructor course graduation. If you have grade school aged children, it is likely you will see more of Officer Kowal. ***Great job, Officer Kowal!***



August 9, 2019 marked 10 years of dedicated volunteer service by our volunteer Edna Burke. Edna has assisted thousands of citizens either in person or on the phone while volunteering at the front desk of the police department. She also helps department staff with administrative duties with great accuracy. She is an invaluable asset to our department and we cannot thank her enough for her 10 years of service!

# ***Department Organization***



The Hinsdale Police Department is authorized for 25 sworn police officers. We also have 3 full time civilian staff, 6 part time civilian staff, and 4 volunteers.



# ***Budget & Equipment***

## **2019 Budget**

Personnel	\$4,167,346
Materials & Supplies	\$125,800
Operations & Contractual	\$687,509
Equipment/Capital	\$276,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,256,655</b>

In 2019 the Police Department procured a variety of advanced patrol equipment:

- 5 rifle rated shields (portable armor capable of protecting against rifle rounds)
- 4 pistol rated shields (portable armor capable of protecting against handgun rounds)
- A vehicle window tint meter
- 8 breaching tools
- 8 rescue throw bags with 50 feet of cord and a flotation device on the end
- Rifle Optics with Red Dot target acquisition

⇒ A thermal imager which uses infrared beams to see areas of heat in the dark

⇒ A weapon storage unit for a vehicle

The two items above were able to be purchase through a gracious monetary donation to the department.



# ***Traffic Safety***



<b>Offense</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>
Disobeyed Traffic Control Device	342	275	311
Disobeyed Railroad Control Signal	27	32	14
Disobeyed Stop Sign	655	463	392
Improper Lane Usage	361	379	342
Driving while License Suspended/Revoked	87	134	109
Failure to Wear Seatbelt/Child Restraint	96	126	173
Failure to Yield	120	134	136
Speeding	2211	2156	1985
Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol/Drugs	68	77	67
Insurance Violation	113	102	113

2019 Traffic Stops				
	Caucasian		Minority	
Total Stops	3,381	72%	1,323	28%
Benchmark	74.06%		25.94%	
Reason For Stop				
	Caucasian		Minority	
License/ Registration	239	7%	110	8%
Equipment Violation	270	8%	141	11%
Moving Violation	2,872	85%	1,072	81%
Outcome				
	Caucasian		Minority	
Warning	1,934	57%	729	55%
Citation	1,447	43%	594	45%

Traffic stops and traffic enforcement are two of the most routine activities for our patrol officers. The goal is to create a safe environment for pedestrians and the motoring public and to detect and deter criminal activity. The police department conducted roughly 4,700 traffic stops in 2019, a slight increase from 2018. The State of Illinois requires law enforcement agencies to collect and publish traffic stop data. The Hinsdale Police Department prides itself on delivering professional bias free policing while maintaining the highest ethical standards.

Pictured below are Chief King, Sergeant Susmarski and Deputy Chief Lillie accepting our 2nd place award at the Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge.



# ***Investigations Division***

Our Investigations Division includes a Detective Sergeant, two detectives, an investigative aide who handles Evidence and Property, a DARE/Juvenile/Crime Prevention, School Resource Officers, and an administrative coordinator.

The Investigations Division follows up on crimes of residential burglary, robbery, auto theft, unnatural deaths, financial schemes, sex crimes, school threats, identity theft, domestic violence, and other violent and property crimes. We assign detectives to a county-wide task force that handles homicides, officer-involved shootings, predatory child sex cases, and other complicated investigations.

In 2019, our investigators organized several efforts to connect criminal investigations related to metropolitan-wide crime sprees affecting Hinsdale. By working with other police departments, investigators maximize crime-fighting resources, such as the high-tech software and tools necessary to analyze data, connect cases, and identify criminal networks.

The Evidence and 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.

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



Officer Karen Kowal replaced former Juvenile/D.A.R.E Officer Mike Coughlin upon his retirement in August of 2019. Officer Kowal became a certified D.A.R.E instructor and is now in the schools teaching classes to both middle school and elementary aged children. Officer Kowal was hired with the Hinsdale Police Department in 2003. She has worked in the patrol division since then. Officer Kowal's passion for children led her to apply for the Juvenile/D.A.R.E officer position that became available.

The School Resource Officer or "SRO" of Hinsdale Central High School is Officer Dan Mazepa. A School Resource Officer is a Police Officer, employed by the Police Department but assigned to work at the High School for 40 hours each week. SROs provide a safe and secure environment by monitoring the campus, helping enforce traffic laws in the busy morning and afternoons, building and establishing meaningful relationships with students and staff and proactively interacting with the school community to ensure the enforcement of Village and state laws, such as underage vaping. SROs investigate allegations of criminal incidents and make referrals of students to juvenile authorities, when necessary. The SRO acts not only as a law enforcement officer, but as a law enforcement counselor and law enforcement educator. SRO Mazepa hosts the criminal justice club, which is well attended by students.



***Investigations Division Team***

From left to right: Detective Sergeant Lou Hayes, Administrative Coordinator Safia Rusulis, Investigative Aide Frank Homolka, Detective Art Holecek, SRO Dan Mazepa, Detective Carter Sward, and Juvenile/D.A.R.E. Officer Karen Kowal

# Crime Data

## Selected Offenses

### The year by the numbers

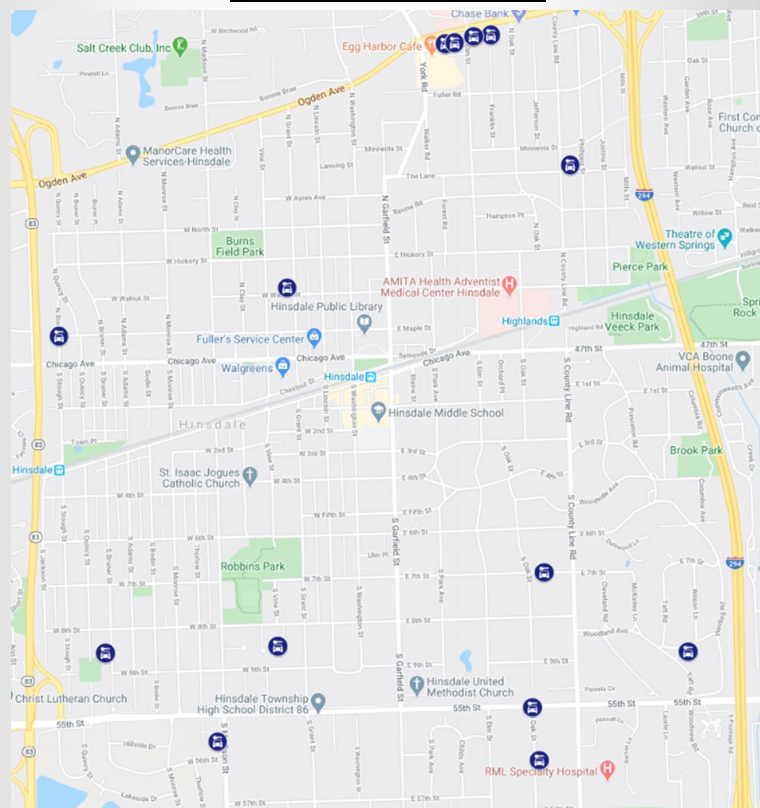
	2019	5 Year Average
Calls for Service	16,254	16,196
Adult Arrests	287	312
Juvenile Arrests	45	59

	2019	5 Year Average
Motor Vehicle Burglaries	59	46
Residential Burglaries	10	12
Other burglaries	13	11
Motor Vehicle Theft	15	12
Theft	152	108
Assault/Battery	46	47
Robbery	2	4

### Overnight Auto Burglaries and Stolen Automobiles

One of the more persistent crime patterns impacting the Village in 2019 was the theft of vehicles that were left unlocked with the key fobs inside. During the year, the Hinsdale Police Department arrested a number of individuals for some of these crimes. The lure of obtaining a luxury vehicle draws individuals to Hinsdale and other suburban communities. The police department has responded by increasing overnight patrols, tracking vehicle recovery locations (mostly on the south side of Chicago and in several south suburban communities) and identifying and arresting the offender whenever possible. We ask that you do your part by locking your vehicle and removing the keys each and every night.

### Auto Theft Locations in 2019



## Heroin, Fentanyl, and Opioid based Prescription Medications

Number of fatalities in DuPage County and cause of death

	2018	2019
Heroin alone	17	13
Heroin/ Fentanyl mixture	34	42
Fentanyl alone	30	33
Opioid based Prescription Medications	17	8

According to the 2019 Opioid Statistics released from the DuPage County Coroner's office, heroin related deaths fell in 2019 while the number of deaths related to fentanyl alone and fentanyl mixed with heroin increased, as illustrated by the data in the chart to the left.

On January 14, 2019 officers responded to a call of an unresponsive 23 year old female at home. Resuscitation efforts were not successful and she was pronounced dead. The cause of death was lethal levels of intoxication of fentanyl and heroin. Hinsdale investigators were able to successfully put together a case for drug induced homicide charges. On May 1, 2019 Hinsdale Officers with the assistance from DUMEG officers, arrested a 27 year old male from Burr Ridge on charges of drug induced homicide and unlawful delivery of controlled substance.

## Number of Overdose Deaths by Year

2015	
Hinsdale	3
DuPage County	51

2016	
Hinsdale	3
DuPage County	95

2017	
Hinsdale	0
DuPage County	95

2018	
Hinsdale	3
DuPage County	98

2019	
Hinsdale	1
DuPage County	96

## Hinsdale Strategies

### Drug Take Back Container

A drug collection container was installed in the lobby of the police department where residents can safely dispose of unused pharmaceutical medication. We encourage residents to clean out their medicine cabinets of unused medications. The bin is available during police department lobby hours. It is anonymous, it will make your home safer, and it is the environmentally correct way to dispose of medications.

### Education

The police department participates in education sessions where residents

can learn more on how the heroin epidemic affects Hinsdale as well as learning of available resources for those struggling with addiction and support for family members.

### NARCAN

Every Hinsdale police officer carries NARCAN for those individuals experiencing a heroin overdose. NARCAN reverses the effects of a fatal overdose. Officers administered NARCAN to three individuals in the community in 2019.

### Arrests

The Hinsdale Police Department investigates the possession or distribution of heroin in the

community. Although we are cognizant of the fact that we cannot simply arrest our way out of the heroin epidemic, we also know from experience that consequences associated with an arrest are often the impetus for getting individuals addicted to heroin into an effective recovery program.

### Community Resources

Hinsdale is a community with an abundance of resources. We have developed a close partnership with community resources to make referrals to those individuals seeking help.

# ***Training***

The members of the Hinsdale Police Department participated in over two thousand hours of training in 2019. Employees participated in monthly on-line training on issues related to criminal law and procedure, bias free enforcement and use of force issues. Firearms training occurred at the firing range in the basement of the Hinsdale Police Department and at regional ranges where officers were required to demonstrate firearm proficiency. Specialized training was conducted regionally on topics such as computer crimes, forensics, and major case investigations.

*Illustrated below from left to right is a picture from the active shooter training exercise, training conducted during a staff meeting, and a chart showing the breaking of training hours by type.*



In January, Hinsdale hosted an active shooter training exercise at one of the local schools. The drill encompassed a dozen fire and police agencies and the local hospital network. Over twenty volunteers participated as “victims” in order to test the Village’s capability to handle an active shooter with a mass casualty event.

This year we also focused on long term health and wellbeing of our officers. Training was conducted on resiliency and stress management, participation in a physical agility challenge was encouraged and officers were provided with a comprehensive physical exam courtesy of Hinsdale Hospital.

Important specialization skills were attained by officers who received certification in the highly technical Major Accident Reconstruction and Digital Evidence Recovery and Retention.



# ***Department Services***

Hinsdale Police Officers respond to emergency and non-emergency calls 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. They assist individuals that come to the police department that wish to make a report, get advice about a situation or simply speak to an officer about something. In addition to these traditional police services, the police department offers its residents a variety of other services and resources to help foster a safe environment in Hinsdale.

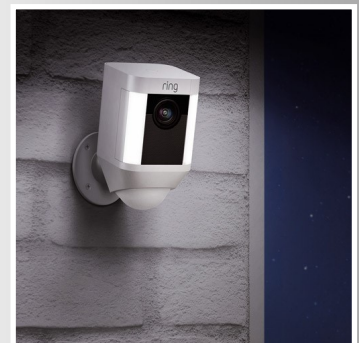
**Special Needs Program** The Persons with Special Needs Identification Program was created to assist residents of Hinsdale who may be at a greater risk of becoming confused, disoriented, lost or missing. This program is designed to provide the Hinsdale Police Department with the necessary information that will allow them to make faster identifications, reunite family members more quickly, and provide help to persons with special needs without delay. The police will collect and store photographs, emergency contact information, and other personal information relevant to the special needs for someone with physical or mental disabilities. The information contained in this database is used only for emergency responders for the purpose of identifying and locating an individual who is reported missing or found wandering.

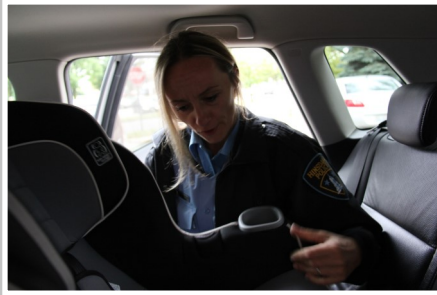
**No Soliciting Sticker** These stickers for your home or business are available free of charge at the Police Department.



**You Are Not Alone** 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 enrolled in the program 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.

**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.





### **Car Seats Installation and Inspections**

Community Service Officer Nina Szaflarski is a certified child passenger technician. Nina can install or inspect child car seats upon appointment.



**Fingerprinting** Staff at the Hinsdale Police Department can provide ink and paper fingerprinting services. The fee is \$10 for residents, and \$25 for non-residents.

**Meetup Spot** The Hinsdale Police Department foyer is now a designated meet up spot for secure transactions for buyers and sellers from online marketplaces. The foyer is an accessible, well-lit, surveilled area that eliminates the need for two strangers to exchange items at a home or residence. Having a designated public space to conduct a transaction can help deter criminal intent and activity.



**Drug Take Back Bin** The Hinsdale Police Department has partnered with the Cook County Sheriff's Office to utilize their free Prescription Drug Take Back Program. There is a collection box located in the Hinsdale Police Department that can be accessed during lobby hours, which are Monday through Friday 9am - 6pm and Saturday 9am - 2pm. For your safety and the safety of the environment, drop off unused or expired prescription and non-prescription drugs with no questions asked to make sure they get disposed of safely. No needles or liquids are to be put in the collection bin.

**Community Electronic Notification Program** 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](http://www.villageofhinsdale.org)

Sign up for...



# Professional Standards

The Hinsdale Police Department is an accredited law enforcement agency, meaning we voluntarily meet an established set of professional standards through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) which requires:

- Comprehensive and uniform written directives that clearly define authority, performance, and responsibilities
- Reports and analysis to make fact-based and informed management decisions.
- Preparedness to address natural or man-made critical incidents
- Community relationship-building and maintenance
- Independent review by subject matter experts
- Continuous pursuit of excellence through annual reviews and other assessment

## Vehicle Pursuits

In 2019, there were five occasions where officers engaged in vehicle pursuits. On several other occasions offenders associated with overnight burglaries and thefts fled after making contact with one of our officers, but no pursuit was initiated. The overriding responsibility of the Hinsdale Police Department is to protect human life and property. When the risks to human life and property begin to outweigh the benefits of an arrest, officers are directed to terminate those pursuits. Officers weigh the necessity of engaging in a pursuit against the risk to the community. The offenders in our overnight crime patterns in 2019 were shown to be holding and pointing handguns during some of these offenses. This necessitated a more aggressive posture in pursuing offenders in 2019.

## Use of Force

Hinsdale Police Officers pride themselves on their ability to gain compliance when making criminal arrests or when intervening in potentially violent situations. In 2019 we made 371 custodial arrests and responded to numerous instances involving individuals that were in crises. On nine occasions officers exhibited force to stop an individual that was suicidal or engaging in self-harm. On nine instances, force was required to effect an arrest by an individual that was engaged in criminal activity and resisted the officer's efforts to take them into custody.

Crime Leading to the Pursuit	Time of Day	Description
Traffic	1:14am	A vehicle fled from an attempted traffic stop. The pursuit was terminated.
Stolen Auto/ Car Jacking Crew	5:42pm	Officers detected a stolen auto associated with numerous felonies circling the neighborhood near Ogden & County Line. The vehicle was pursued onto the I-294 and the chase was terminated due to speed at 55 <sup>th</sup> street.
Overnight Auto Theft Crews Armed offenders	2:50am 1:49am 3:44am	On three occasions, officers detected stolen autos in the residential neighborhoods. On each occasion the offenders were pursued until they left the jurisdiction. The offenders in the pattern were shown on surveillance video to be armed.

Type of Incident	Force Utilized
Battery/Underage Alcohol Consumption	Empty Hand Control
Driving Under the Influence (x3 instances)	Empty Hand Control
Domestic Battery (x3 instances)	Empty Hand Control
Reckless discharge of a firearm	Empty Hand Control
Violation of order of protection	Empty Hand Control

### **M.E.R.I.T.**

M.E.R.I.T. stands for Metropolitan Emergency Response and Investigations Team. It is a consolidation of the law enforcement specialty teams within DuPage County. The MERIT components include:

- SWAT
- Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT)
- Canine Response Unit (CRU)
- Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT)
- Planned Events
- Major Crash Reconstruction Team (MCRT)
- Major Crimes Unit (MCU)
- Public Integrity Team (PIT)
- Forensics Investigation Unit (FIU)
- Digital Forensics Unit (DFU)



On August 1, 2019, each of the MERIT components listed above became operational. The Hinsdale Police Department has an officer assigned to the SWAT team (Officer Berland), Crisis Negotiation Team (Sergeant Krefft), Major Crash Reconstruction Team (Officer McElroy) and members of our investigations unit can respond with the Major Crimes Unit and Forensics and Investigation Units as needed depending on where and what the crime is.

Our SWAT team member participates in twice a month training and our Crisis Negotiation team member participates in monthly training.

### **ILEAS**

ILEAS stands for Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System. It is another entity of mutual aid and emergency response to combine resources within Illinois. We have an officer assigned to this organization in the Mobile Field Force (Officer



Mazepa) which is a civil disorder and large crowd control team. He participates in monthly training that involve arrest and control tactics, strategical formations and movements, as well as firearms training, first aid, and physical training. In 2019, there were ILEAS activations/personnel requests for planned protests, marathons, and man power assistance in St. Louis dealing with area flooding.

### **Internal Investigations**

There was one formal personnel complaint against a member of the department in 2019. The employee was investigated for unprofessional conduct and resigned prior to the conclusion of the investigation.

We encourage residents and citizens to provide our agency feedback via our electronic citizen survey which can be found on the village website under Police Department. You can provide us feedback on our ability to put you at ease, professional conduct, knowledge, explanation of actions, helpfulness, solving the problem, sensitivity to minority groups, fairness and overall performance. Whether it is good, bad or somewhere in between, we want to hear from you about your interactions with our officers.

# ***Community Events***



The above photos are from the village's annual 4th of July celebration. It was a beautiful, hot day in 2019. In the classic Police Versus Fire Turtle Race, the Police Chief picked the winning turtle once again and we proudly retain the trophy.





These photos are taken from Safety Village. Safety Village is a miniature town with 16 small buildings including a police and fire station, a Memorial building, hospital, and more. There is a working railroad crossing, lots of familiar signs and four working traffic lights all built to the scale of a small child. Usually held in June, Safety Village is a two week long program where more than 50 safety tips are taught to approximately 300 children between 5 and 6 years old. For over 30 years this program has been in place in Hinsdale and taught more than 8,000 children basic rules of safety.



Our annual Open House is a fun and educational event for community members. To the right are some photos from the Open House in 2019. Some of our volunteers and a Citizen Police Academy graduate volunteered their time handing out temporary tattoos, pencils, and sticker badges to our younger visitors. Also shown is Detective and Evidence Technician Carter Sward showing a young police cadet how to dust for finger prints on a practice window sill. The bottom photos show two of our officers in their tactical gear. On the left is Officer Berland, a member of the MERIT SWAT team doing a less lethal shotgun demonstration. Officer Mazepa dons his Mobile Field Force anti-riot gear.



# ***Community Events***



The second annual Stuff the Squad food drive to benefit HCS Family Services food pantry in Hinsdale was a success thanks to the generosity of the District 86 schools and the families and children who donated. Children from Monroe, Madison, The Lane, Oak School, and Hinsdale Middle School participated. Additionally this year, the Burr Ridge and Clarendon Hills Police Departments and schools were involved with the event. Stuff the squad food drives were held at Elm Elementary School in Burr Ridge, and Clarendon Hills Middle School, Prospect and Walker Elementary in Clarendon Hills. Together all the students donated about 2,500 pounds of food and pantry items.

At National Night Out, Detective Sergeant Lou Hayes represented the Hinsdale Police Department in the Weber Grill burger cook off challenge. His burger, the “Thin Bleu Line” came in first place after being sampled and voted on by the National Night Out patrons. His burger was topped with a special winning combination of bleu cheese, cream cheese, onion and bacon. His competition was representatives from the Oak Brook Park District, Bob Johnson and Oakbrook PD, Officer McTighe. Sergeant Hayes’ burger was placed on the menu at the Weber Grill restaurant in Lombard for about a month after the competition. He will participate in the cook off next year to see if he can hold the title another year.





The Hinsdale Police Department recognizes and appreciates the support that we receive from the community. We also appreciate our strong community partnerships- from schools, hospitals, religious institutions, social service agencies and volunteer organizations. Participating in community events affords us the opportunity to thank those who we so proudly serve.



Support from the community makes working at this police department a special place. We are fortunate to serve such a supportive community. Thank you!





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