



# 2014 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 2014 Annual Report. I am honored to lead an organization as talented as the Hinsdale Police Department, which is comprised of so many compassionate and professional employees and volunteers--all of whom are dedicated to meeting the needs of the Hinsdale community.

In April of 2014, trained assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) reviewed on-site our files, activities, management strategies, and operational and logistical aspects of our agency. A report of their findings was forwarded for review by the entire Commission and we were re-accredited following a Commission hearing. CALEA accreditation epitomizes professionalism, integrity and character and we are proud to have proven this agency worthy of this award.

As you will note in our crime statistics, fluctuations in crime occur from year to year. We take pleasure in reporting the decreases, but always report whatever trends are evident. The Hinsdale Police Department remains committed to timely, accurate reporting regardless of the direction of reported crime.

I regularly hear and 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, which I believe speaks volumes about the people and values that make up our organization. I am exceedingly proud of the accomplishments we have achieved together in 2014, and our dedication to delivering quality service as cost effectively as possible.



Sincerely,

**Bradley Bloom**  
**Chief of Police**



Left to right: External Affairs Manager for DuPage Co. Health Dennis Brennan, Chief Bradley Bloom, State Representative John Anthony and ABC News Anchor Ravi Baichwal discussing DuPage County Narcan use.



Chief Bradley Bloom with State Representative Ron Sandack

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# OUR 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, while maintaining the highest ethical and professional standards.*

We believe the success and effectiveness of our organization is built upon certain 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



Job Classification	2014 Positions	Job Classification	2014 Positions
Chief	1	Investigative Aide	0.5
Deputy Chief	2	Clerk	2.9
Sergeant	5	Community Service Officer	1
Sworn Officer	17	Meter Enforcement Officer	1.8
Administrative Assistant	1	Crossing Guard	2
		<b>Total</b>	<b>34.2</b>



# SWORN DEPARTMENT STAFF



Chief of Police  
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



Officer  
Anthony Maraviglia



Officer  
Brian Davenport



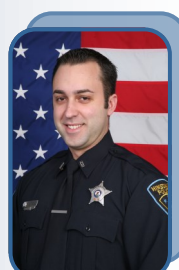
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Charles Leuver



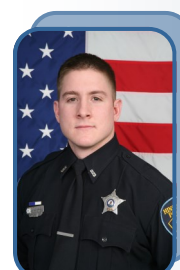
Officer  
Louis Hayes, JR.



Officer  
Chris Washburn



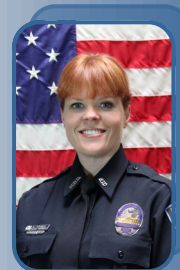
Detective  
Kevin Susmarski



Officer  
Thomas Lillie



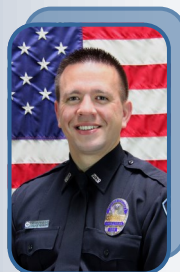
Officer  
Arthur Holecsek



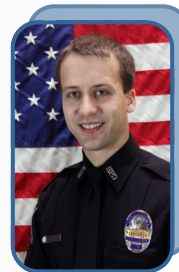
Officer  
Karen Kowal



Officer  
Thomas Krefft



Officer  
Jeffrey Huckfeldt



Officer  
Grant McElroy



Officer  
Daniel Blake



Probationary Officer  
Kevin Berland

# CIVILIAN DEPARTMENT STAFF



Community Service  
Officer Matt Miller



Community Service  
Officer Kyle Paul



Community Service  
Officer Krzysztof  
Szwajnos



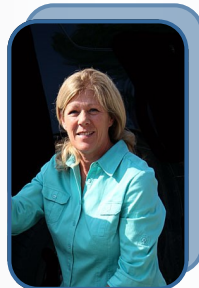
Meter Enforcement  
Officer Jennifer Dodge



Records Clerk  
Michael Hogan



Investigative Aide  
Frank Homolka



Administrative  
Assistant Mary  
Meranda

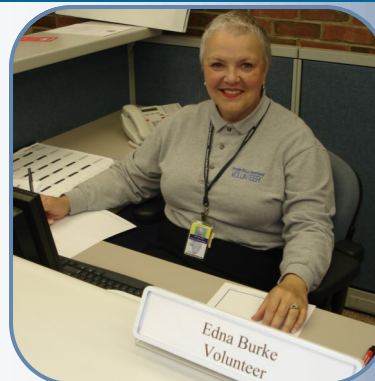


Investigations  
Assistant Nancy  
Anetsberger

<u>Part Time Records Clerks</u>	<u>Volunteers</u>	<u>Crossing Guards</u>	
Danielle Madon	Edna Burke	Joe Legner	Lisa Prisby
Lauren Madon	Cindy Go	Keith Bergles	James Peck
Michael Meranda	Marshall Zandell	Maynard Priebe	Atasi Murkerjie
George Loburgio	Marilynn Sliter	Adelia Thoelecke	Roberto Pacheco
Leslie Sehn	Sheila Chatham	Steven Less	<b><u>Substitute Guards</u></b>
<b><u>Accreditation Manager</u></b>		Allen Rapp	Melissa Spinazola
Rick Haake		Lettie Washington	Marshall Zandell
		Jerry Vosecky	Donald Smejkal



Left to Right: Detective Kevin Susmarski, Crossing Guard Maynard Priebe, Marianne Romanelli, Officer Mike Coughlin, Investigation Aide Frank Homolka, and Sergeant Mark Wodka.



Volunteer Edna Burke



# DEPARTMENT MILESTONES

## Retirement



Mary Meranda retired from the Police Department in December, 2014, after serving over 3 years. Mary worked as the Assistant to the Chief of Police. Mary was a member of the Suburban Law Enforcement Professionals Association and played an instrumental role in the day-to-day operations of the police department.

## 30 Years of Service

Brad Bloom

## 25 Years of Service

Michael Coughlin

Timothy Lennox

Kevin Simpson

Thomas Yehl

Steven Ruban

## 10 Years of Service

Lettie Washington

## 5 Years of Service

Rick Haake



## Sergeant Promotions

At the Village of Hinsdale Board Meeting on February 18th, 2014, Village President Tom Cauley officially swore-in two Hinsdale Police Officers, Thomas Yehl and Steven Ruban, to the position of Sergeant.



Sergeant Yehl has been a Patrol Officer with the Village of Hinsdale for twenty-five years.



Sergeant Ruban was a dispatcher for the Village of Hinsdale for ten years before becoming a Patrol Officer in 1999.



## Sergeant Promotions Continued...

Those in the position of Sergeant are responsible for the supervision of the patrol shift. The selection of these officers is made by the Police & Fire Commission, which is comprised of Hinsdale residents that are appointed by the Village President. Both officers achieved this rank following a written examination, two oral interviews, a behavioral assessment center, and a review of their experiences and preparations for a supervisory position in the department.



Offered at Northwestern University Center for Public Safety, the School of Police Staff and Command is a course that provides education for officers moving into management positions. This ten-week course combines practical applications with academic principles. Both Sergeants Yehl and Ruban successfully completed this required training course.

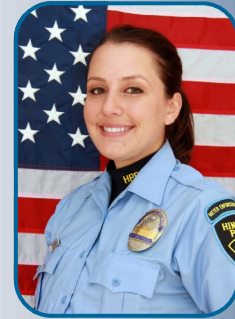
## New to the Department



**Probationary Officer Kevin Berland** was raised in Naperville and is a graduate of Naperville Central High School, and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration from Western Illinois University in Macomb. Prior to becoming a police officer, Kevin worked in retail and spent four years as a security guard for Black Finn American Saloon in Naperville. Kevin graduated from the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy in June, 2014.



**Community Service Officer Krzysztof Szwajnos** was raised in Romeoville and is a graduate of Romeoville High School. He is currently working towards an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice from Joliet Junior College. Prior to becoming a Community Service Officer in Hinsdale, Kris was a Community Service Officer at Countryside Police Department.



**Parking Enforcement Officer Jennifer Dodge** was raised in Beverly and is currently enrolled in a Bachelor's/Master's degree program that focuses on Writing, Rhetoric, and Discourse at DePaul University. She is also a Desk Officer for the Hanover Park Police Department.

# AWARDS

2014 Employees of the Month		
February - Records Clerk Mike Hogan	March - Officer Chris Washburn	April - Detective Kevin Susmarski
June - Officer Karen Kowal	July - Officer Anthony Maraviglia	August - Officer Tom Krefft and Sergeant Steve Ruban
September - Officer Brian Davenport	October - Officer Mark Keller	December - Investigations Assistant Nancy Anetsberger

The Illinois Department of Transportation recognized **Officers Karen Kowal, Louis Hayes Jr., Brian Davenport, Jeffrey Huckfeldt, Detective Kevin Susmarski and Sergeant Mark Wodka** for their career service of driving under the influence (D.U.I.) enforcement.



## Records Clerk Mike Hogan was one of

two employees to win the, first ever, Service Excellence Award from the Village of Hinsdale. Mike received multiple nominations for this award due to his outstanding service to patrons and his dedication to the department.



**Officers Brian Davenport and Jeff Huckfeldt** received a Certificate of Appreciation in Recognition of Commendable DUI Enforcement from AAIM (Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists), an independent non-profit organization. Hinsdale Police Officers are regularly recognized for their achievements in removing drunk drivers from the roadways by A.A.I.M..





The Department received a **"Gold Standard Assessment"** on its sixth re-accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies in July, 2014. 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. Accreditation is a voluntary process with only 5% of police department achieving accredited status.

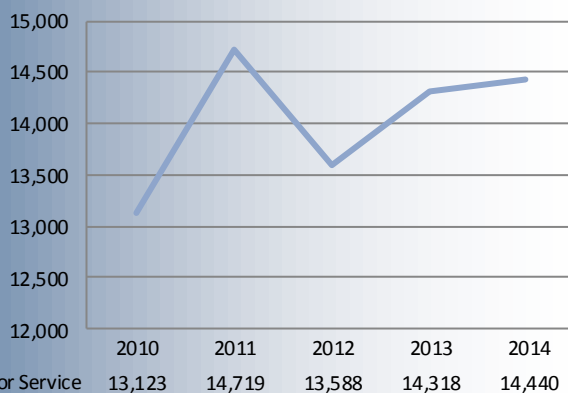


Left to right: CALEA Executive Director W. Craig Hartley Jr., Village Manager Kathleen Gargano, Sergeant Mark Wodka, Deputy Chief Kevin Simpson, Accreditation Manager Rick Haake, Chief of Police Brad Bloom, and Arapahoe County Sheriff and Chairman of the CALEA Board of Commissioners J. Grayson Robinson.

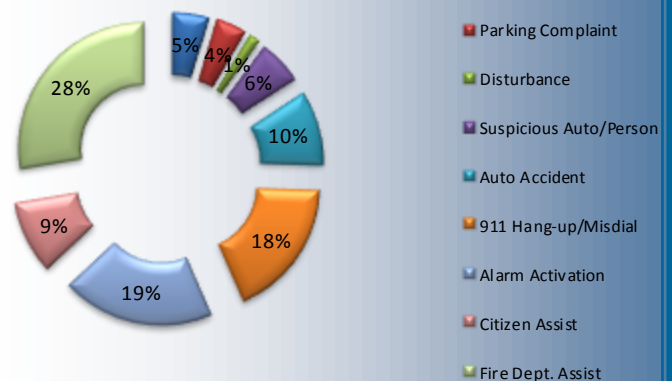
## COMMUNITY POLICING

The Hinsdale Police Department is a service-oriented Police Department. Whether it's a crime in progress or a service call, the police respond in a timely manner. The chart below shows the number of calls for service for the past five years. In 2014, Hinsdale Police Department had over 14,000 calls.

**Calls for Service**



**Types of Calls**

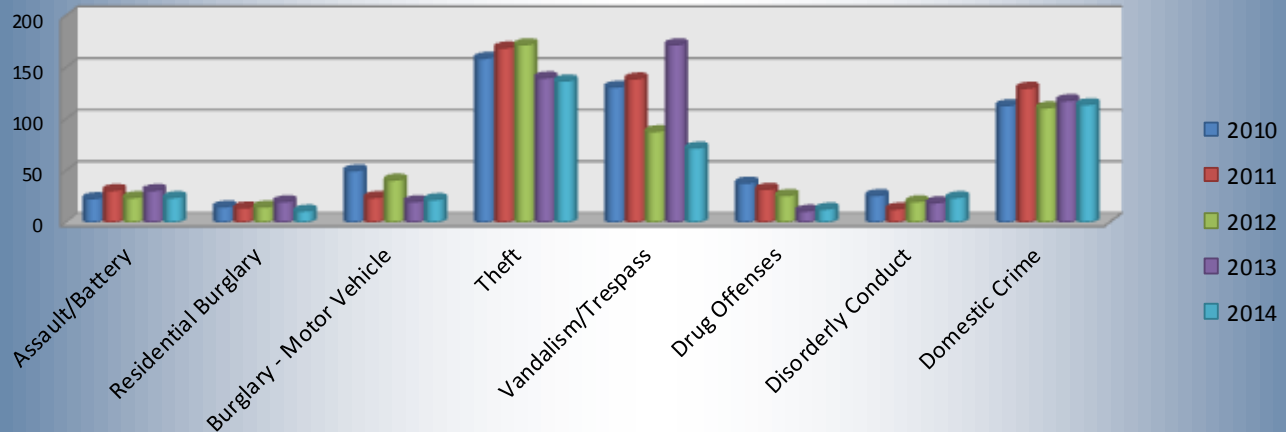




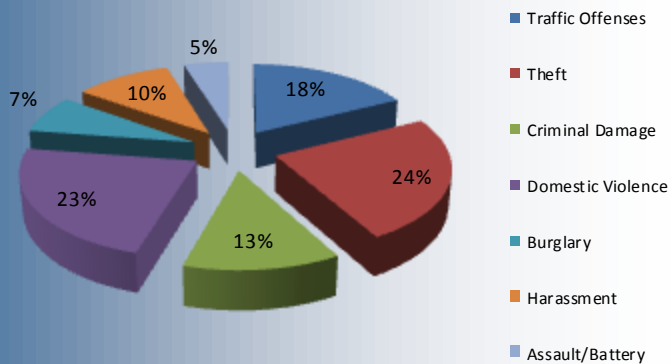
## Community Policing Continued...

Year after year, crime has had little movement in comparison to previous years. Crime in almost every category listed has been deterred from increasing or decreased overall in 2014.

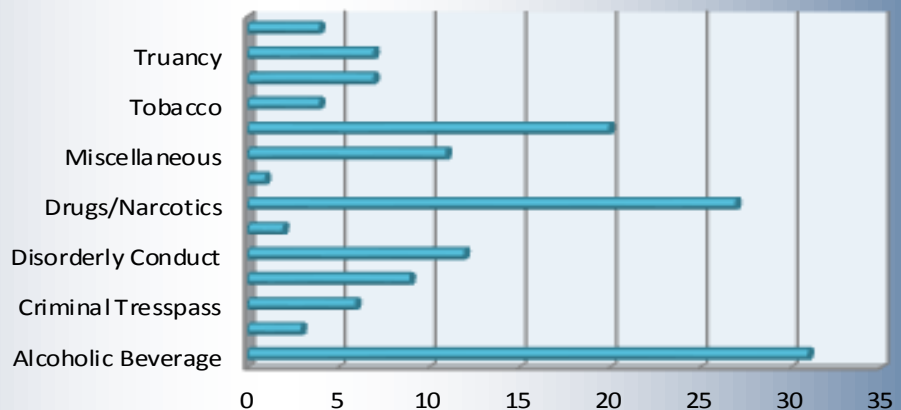
### Year over Year Crime



### Criminal Calls



### Juvenile Crime



# TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

On January 1, 2004, a law took effect in Illinois requiring every state and local police agency to collect race data on each traffic stop conducted. This data is reported to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), which is then required to report the data to the Illinois General Assembly.

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 4,336 traffic stops in 2014.

Traffic Stops				
Caucasian			Minority	
Total Stops	3,586	82.15%	780	17.85%
Benchmark	74.06%		25.94%	
Reason For Stop				
Caucasian			Minority	
License/Registration	296	8.25%	44	5.64%
Equipment Violation	618	17.23%	147	18.85%
Moving Violation	2,672	74.51%	589	75.51%
Outcome				
Caucasian			Minority	
Warning	1,752	48.86%	353	45.26%
Citation	1,834	51.14%	427	54.74%



Traffic enforcement is an important job 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 below depicts the number of citations issued for the most frequently violated offenses:

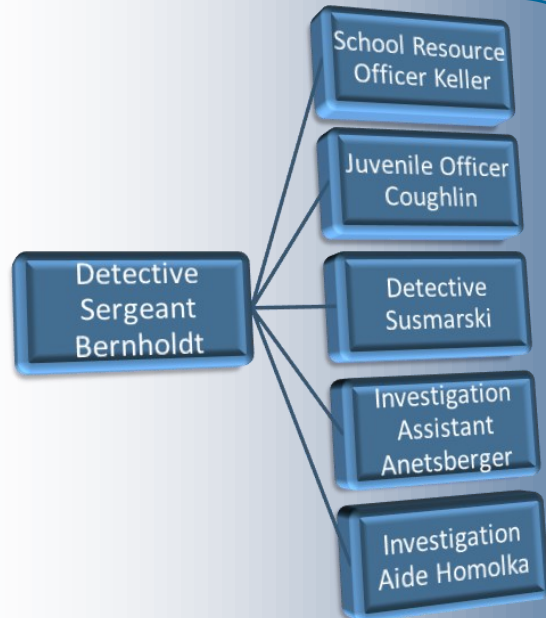


Offense	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Disobeyed Traffic Control Device	389	266	272	257	331
Disobeyed Railroad Control Signal	26	37	9	11	20
Disobeyed Stop Sign	530	507	462	377	397
Improper Lane Usage	520	428	443	318	316
Driving while License Suspended/Revoked	53	49	56	66	22
Failure to Wear Seatbelt/Child Restraint	376	556	536	441	401
Failure to Yield	158	132	159	148	151
Speeding	1781	1677	1439	1378	1386
Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol/Drugs	65	56	54	58	40
Insurance Violation	231	197	199	171	132

# INVESTIGATIONS

The Investigative Division works in conjunction with other local, state, and federal agencies on various cases. The Investigations Division is an active member of the Felony Investigative Assistance Team (FIAT), which was first formed in the 1970's to allow several smaller agencies to pool their often-limited resources and personnel to handle major incidents. Today, FIAT consists of fifteen municipalities in DuPage and Cook Counties, allowing all of the member agencies to share equipment, personnel and resources as needed for major crimes or significant events.

Members of the Investigation Division also serve on numerous other task forces, act as liaison officers, retain membership in professional organizations, and/or attend regular monthly detective meetings.



## **Major Investigations**

### **Burglary**

In March, a 40 year-old Hinsdale man was charged with one count of burglary after entering a detached garage and removing a clock. The subject was located by patrol officers after receiving a burglary in process call, and was transported to DuPage County Jail.



### **Abuse**

In October, a 51 year-old Hinsdale man was charged with five counts of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse following a joint investigation with the DuPage County Children's Center. The man was transported to DuPage County Jail.

### **Financial Investigations**

In April, a 25 year-old Aurora woman was charged with one count of aggravated identity theft-victim older than 60 years of age and one count of financial exploitation of an elderly person. After a 4 month investigation, it was discovered that the caregiver for the elderly victim had used the victim's credit cards for personal expenses exceeding \$10k from June of 2013 to October of 2013.

In October, a 32 year-old female from Hoffman Estates was charged with one count of Forgery after presenting a fraudulently created check at a local bank in an attempt to cash the check.



## Drug and Alcohol Investigations

In February, a 29 year-old Chicago man was charged with one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance. The man was arrested on an outstanding Hinsdale warrant after an investigation from a November (2013) residential burglary case. The man was found in possession of a methamphetamine and was transported to DuPage County Jail.

In October, a 23 year-old New Jersey woman was charged with one count of Unlawful Sale of Alcohol to a Minor, after an investigation. Four male juveniles (ages 16 and 17) as well as one male adult (age 18) were also charged with one count of Unlawful Possession of Alcohol by a Minor.



## NARCAN

Narcan, also known as Naloxone, is used to counter or reverse the effects of a Heroin overdose. This year marked the first anniversary of the DuPage Narcan Program. Hinsdale is one of 33 police departments that are equipped with Narcan nasal spray to combat opioid overdoses. According to the DuPage County Narcan Program's Annual Report, in 2014 the amount of Heroin overdose deaths was reduced almost by half thanks to the Narcan Program. 23 lives in the DuPage County area have been saved.



*"A drug that is highly successful in reversing heroin overdoses is being carried by some police agencies as a way to give quicker treatment before paramedics arrive"*

- USA Today

*"Many times police officers actually arrive prior to the EMS or medical personnel arriving, it is critically important for that drug to be available as quickly as possible."*

- Karen Ayala, Executive Director, DuPage County Health Department

*"Because police are often first on the scene of an overdose, the administration strongly encourages local law enforcement agencies to train and equip their personnel with this lifesaving drug."*

- White House's Office of Drug Control Policy

*"I see this as providing someone an option and hoping that after they have a close call they do get help and it's a wake-up call," he said. "You can't get better if you're not alive."*

- Chief Bradley Bloom



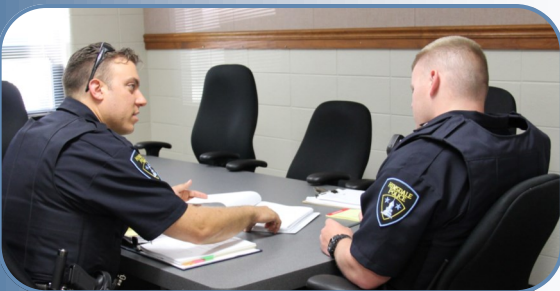
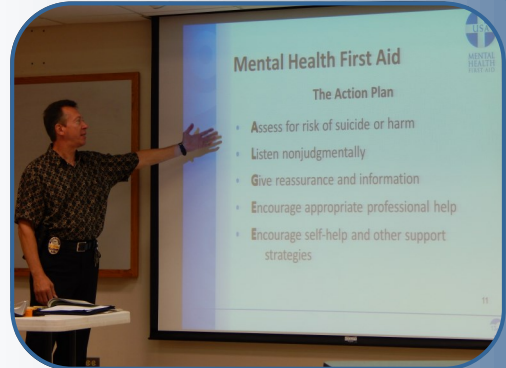
Left to right: Police Chief Brad Bloom, Ed Heil, and DuPage County Board Chairman Dan Cronin.

# TRAINING

The Hinsdale Police Department has a General Order for departmental training. The purpose of this order is to establish guidelines for the administration of effective training for personnel of the Hinsdale Police Department. The department acknowledges the importance of a well-developed and efficient training support system for both the new employee and the in-service employee. The ultimate goal of training is to equip employees with the tools necessary to act decisively and correctly over a broad range of situations and to work with greater productivity and effectiveness.

The Hinsdale Police Department's training goals include, but are not limited to the following:

- Provide job-related training for all department employees.
- Train employees to be better prepared to act decisively and correctly in a wide spectrum of circumstances.
- Provide training for specialization and general safety for department employees.
- Provide training to meet the requirements mandated by Federal, State and Local laws.



Department sworn personnel are assigned in-service training sessions on an annual basis. The purpose of these training sessions is to provide officers with supplemental training on advances, changes, and improvements in the law enforcement community, with requisite training prior to assignment to specialty duties and executive development training for supervisors.

## Officer Education Levels

High School Degree	Associate's Degree (2 year—AA)	Bachelor's Degree (4 year—BA, BS)	Master's Degree (MA)
2 (8%)	3 (12%)	15 (60%)	5 (20%)

## ***Additional Training***

The following positions of the Hinsdale Police Department require additional specialized and/or development training:

Field Training Officer	Detective	Range Officer
Evidence Technician	D.A.R.E. Officer	Breath Test Operator
Accreditation Manager	Bicycle Officer	Juvenile Officer
Chief	School Resource Officer	Deputy Chief
	Sergeant	

## **F.I.A.T**



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 include Hinsdale Police Officers Lillie, Hayes and Sergeant Bernholdt.

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 civilians, officers, or suspects.



In 2014 the FIAT SWAT team was activated for four incidents. These activations included two death investigations (Darien), surveillance for multiple armed robberies (Woodridge), and surveillance for residential burglary suspects (Downers Grove).



## **N.I.P.A.S.**

The Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS) is an organized system for law enforcement to respond to a natural disaster. 107 cities and villages in 5 counties participate in this system. 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 2014, he was involved with 9 standbys and 3 requests for service from member agencies.





# EDUCATION PROGRAMS

## D.A.R.E / V.E.G.A

The Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) 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. at 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 dealing with conflict resolution, avoiding gang activities and problem-solving without violence.



## Alive at 25 Program

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 risk of injury or death.



## Situational Awareness and 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 2014, Officer Michael Coughlin and Officer Mark Keller assisted with the 23rd 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 23 years.



## Citizen Police Academy

From November, 2014 to February, 2015, the Tenth Citizen Police Academy was held. Its 18 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.

## Distracted Driving Video

The Police Department produced an educational video regarding the dangers of distracted driving, intended to remind motorists about how distracted driving leads to crashes and traffic-related deaths. This video can be viewed on Channel 6 or on the Village of Hinsdale Police Department webpage.

## Y.A.N.A

The You Are Not Alone 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.



# PREVENTATIVE PROGRAMS

## Monroe School Speed Sign

In a collaborative effort with the Monroe School Parent Teacher Organization, a speed sign was installed at the intersection in front of Monroe Elementary to inform drivers of their current speed while driving past the school. The sign has made a significant impact on decreasing the speed of drivers at this intersection.



## Block Watch

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.



## School Crossing Guards

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.



## Liquor and Tobacco Compliance

A grant from the Illinois Liquor Control Commission allowed the police department to assist with the Retail Education and Tobacco Enforcement Program. Officer Mark Keller distributed Tobacco Retail Kits that were supplied by the commission to businesses in Hinsdale. The businesses were given information to help them comply with Illinois law for tobacco sales. Random checks are performed throughout the year to ensure compliance.

## Special Needs Program

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.



## Child Seat Inspections

Certified police department staff performed 26 Child Safety Seat Inspections in 2014. This service was provided free of charge to any parent wanting to ensure the safety of their children. Of those inspected, 24 (92%) seats were incorrectly installed upon arrival at the police department, similar to the national average.

## Stranger Danger

This class teaches pre-school children to stay safe, be smart and to protect themselves from strangers. Children are taught who, when, where and how to get help. Parents are also taught to help children learn what to do when they are in an uncomfortable or unsafe situation. McGruff, the Crime Fighting Dog, helps with the class.

## 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 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.



## 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.





# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

## 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 that were donated for the event by Dips and Dogs.



### Rotary Club & 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 two years and 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.



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### Family Shelter Services

This non-profit group was founded in 1976 and is dedicated to building a community that is free of domestic violence and safe for all. With a 24-hour crisis hotline, an emergency shelter, two intermediate shelters and multiple counseling options and programs, F.S.S. has helped thousands of individuals and families in the DuPage County area. Chief of Police Bradley Bloom is the current President of Family Shelter Services.



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### Uniquely Thursdays

Uniquely Thursdays is ten weeks of outdoor summer concerts heard on Thursday evenings from 6pm to 9pm. Put on by the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with the Village of Hinsdale and Hinsdale Police Department, Uniquely Thursdays offers live, outdoor music, local food vendors, a beer and wine tent, and local sponsor giveaways. For more information, see the Chamber of Commerce webpage at [www.hinsdalechamber.com](http://www.hinsdalechamber.com)



### 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 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 on the police department's website: [www.villageofhinsdale.org/pd/](http://www.villageofhinsdale.org/pd/)

### 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/pages/Village-of-Hinsdale-Police-Department/134070683331040>. The Hinsdale Police Department tweets can be found at <http://twitter.com/Hinsdalepolice>.



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