

# St. Charles Police Department

## **2022 Annual Report**





# Chief's Letter of Introduction

It is with great pride that I present the St. Charles Police Department's Annual Report for calendar year 2022. This information outlines the activities conducted by members of the St. Charles Police Department to inform you of the great work done on a daily basis by our employees. Our mission is to provide quality service with respect and a commitment to excellence. Included in this report is an overview of our services, crime rates, enforcement statistics, and other associated activities.

Highlights of this past calendar year include the additional hiring of new personnel, the implementation of new in-service training programs, and work towards replacing several key command team members who announced their pending retirements. In addition, the probable onset of the Pretrial Fairness Act, the Safety Act, and the Community Emergency Services and Supports Act (Cessa) also required several policy and procedural updates moving forward.

Regardless, we as an organization remain committed to our citizens and the quality of the services we provide. Through quality training and organizational preparedness, we consider ourselves forever vigilant to respond to whatever emergency situation arises using the four tenets of our core values; Service, Professionalism, Courage, and Dedication (SCPD).

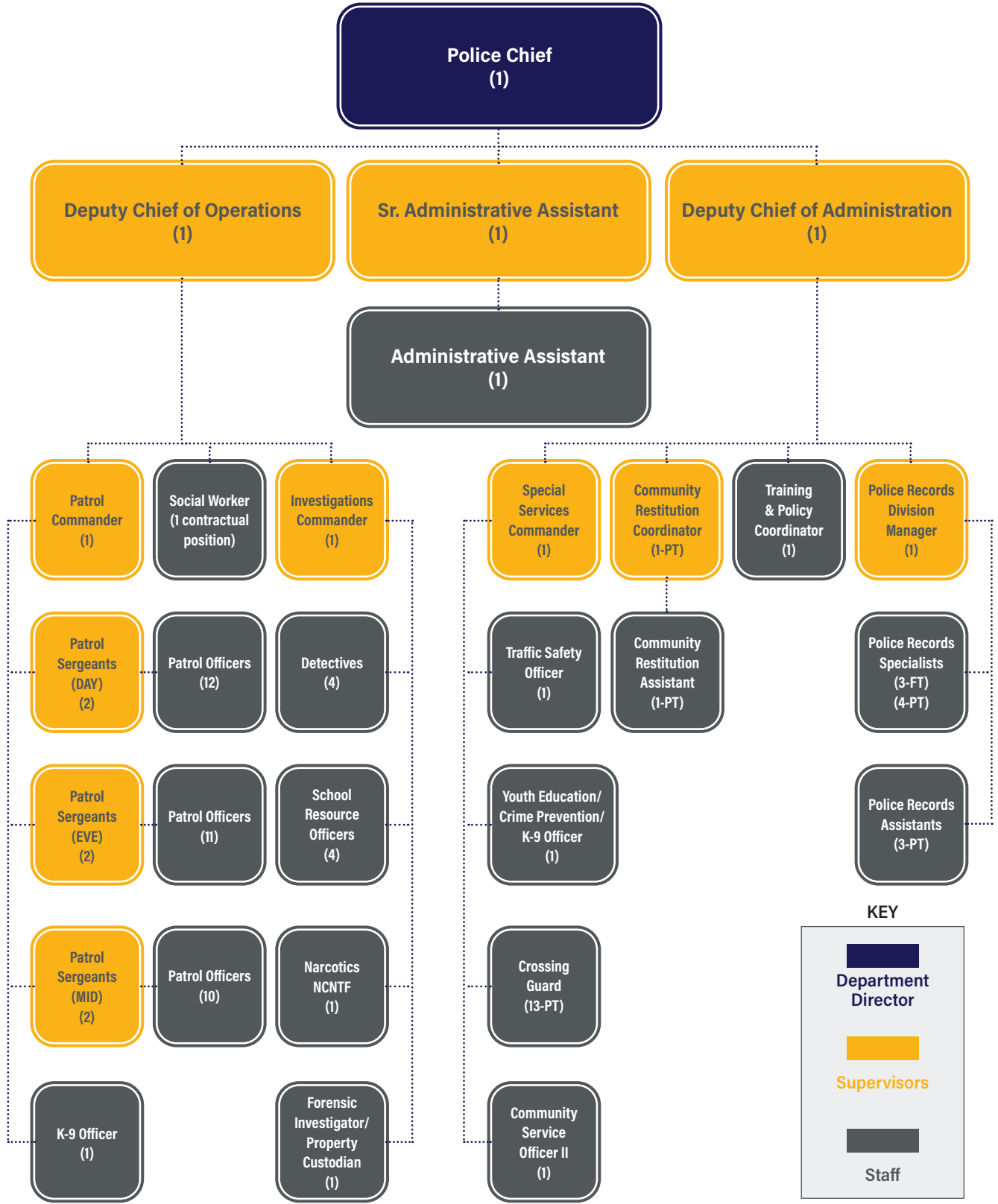
James Keegan  
*Chief of Police*

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# Organizational Chart



**KEY**

- Department Director
- Supervisors
- Staff



# Department Roster



## SWORN PERSONNEL

Chief James Keegan	2014	Detective Nic Anson	2005	Detective Bryce Rentschler	2018
Deputy Chief Erik Mahan	1996	Officer Melinda Anyon	2006	Officer Tom Fawkes	2018
Deputy Chief Chuck Pierce*	1996	Officer Janis Schuessler	2006	Officer Joe Bonifas	2019
Commander Eric Majewski	2000	Officer Steve Woloszyk	2010	Officer Steve Mattas	2019
Commander Rich Clark	2000	Detective Johnathon Losurdo	2010	Officer Noelle Wold	2019
Commander Mike McCowan	1997	Detective Russell Haywood	2012	Officer Brad Schumacher	2019
Sergeant Dan Kuttner	2007	Detective Rick Murawski	2014	Officer Daniel Godinho	2020
Sergeant Drew Lamela	1995	Officer Jose Jacobo	2015	Officer Sean Nicholson	2020
Sergeant Cory Krupke	2005	Detective Jennifer Larsen	2015	Officer Othello Rosal	2020
Sergeant Brett Runkle	2005	Detective Joe Dony	2015	Officer Blake Powers	2020
Sergeant Rob Vicicondi	2012	Officer Mike Redmann	2016	Officer Dominic Monaco	2020
Sergeant Tim Ocasek	2012	Officer Meghan Kramer	2016	Officer Luke Hohman	2021
Officer David Ketelsen	1997	Officer Mike Karnath	2016	Officer Brandon Creed*	2021
Officer Steve Heike	1999	Officer Matt Phillips	2016	Officer Kyle Popp	2021
Officer Jerry Schomer	2000	Officer Anthony Squillo	2017	Officer Ryan Carrigan	2021
Officer Dawn Churney*	2001	Officer Justin Bennett	2017	Officer Kyle Witt	2021
Officer Ben Devol	2001	Officer Josh Rowoldt	2017	Officer Marco Farfan	2022
Officer Eric Bauwens	2001	Officer Niki Garcia	2018	Officer Ryan Ledebuhr	2022
Officer Bill Tynan	2003	Officer Joe Gaske	2018	Officer Dalton Servatius	2022
Officer Brooks Boyce	2004	Officer Rick Jackson	2018		
Detective Chuck Crumlett	2005	Officer Jason Wessendorf	2018		

## CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

### Senior Administrative Assistant

Sara Cass 2004

### Administrative Assistant

France Cevallos 2012

### Forensic Investigator/Property Custodian

Adam Catt 2022

### Community Restitution Coordinator

Francisco Fregoso 2017

### Training & Policy Coordinator

Guy Hoffrage 2007

### Community Service Officer

Ryan Beeter 2007

### K-9

Saint 2021

Charlie 2022

### Records Division Manager

Kim Schult 2002

### Records Personnel

Elizabeth Mendoza 2011

Kathy Young 2014

Nancy Ricotta 2014

Liliana Pompeo 2016

Adrienne Casanas Ramos 2017

Renee Helfinstine\* 2017

Krystal Reiser 2018

Talia Cassara 2022

Jamie Veyette 2022

Courtney Alexander 2022

Anahi Silva 2022

### Crossing Guards

Dave Evans (S) 1977

Gerald Schmitz (S)\* 1979

Gina King 1996

Gloria Helm 1997

Heidi Scaletta 2000

Nicole Kotsy 2005

Tania Williams 2015

Stanley Jarosz 2017

Barbara Rolek 2017

Lisa Newell 2019

Alex Lee 2021

Kathleen McGuire (S)\* 2021

Tedd Laszkiewicz (S) 2022

Steve Arrambide (S) 2022

\*Denotes individual left the Department in 2022

(S) Substitute Crossing Guard



# 2022 Summary Of Arrests/ Offenses



Part I Crimes	Total
Homicide	0
Criminal Sexual Assault	17
Robbery	10
Aggravated Battery	24
Aggravated Assault	12
Burglary	51
Burglary from Motor Vehicle	31
Theft	318
Motor Vehicle Theft	16
Arson	3
<b>Total Part I Offenses</b>	<b>451</b>

Part II Crimes	Total
Reckless Homicide	0
Battery and Domestic Battery	263
Assault (Simple)	5
Deception	204
Criminal Damage and Trespass	263
Deadly Weapons (incl. FOID card violations)	22
Sex Offenses	12
Offenses Involving Children	20
Cannabis Control Act Violations	41
Methamphetamine Offenses	3
Controlled Substance Act Violations	12
Hypodermic Needle	0
Drug Paraphernalia Act	12
Liquor Control Act Violations	31
Intoxicating Compounds	0
Motor Vehicle Offenses (incl. DUI)	821
Disorderly Conduct	106
Interference w/ Peace Officers	35
Intimidation	7
Kidnapping (incl. visitation violations)	10
Violation of Criminal Registry Laws	5
Other Offenses	340
<b>Total Part II Offenses</b>	<b>2,212</b>

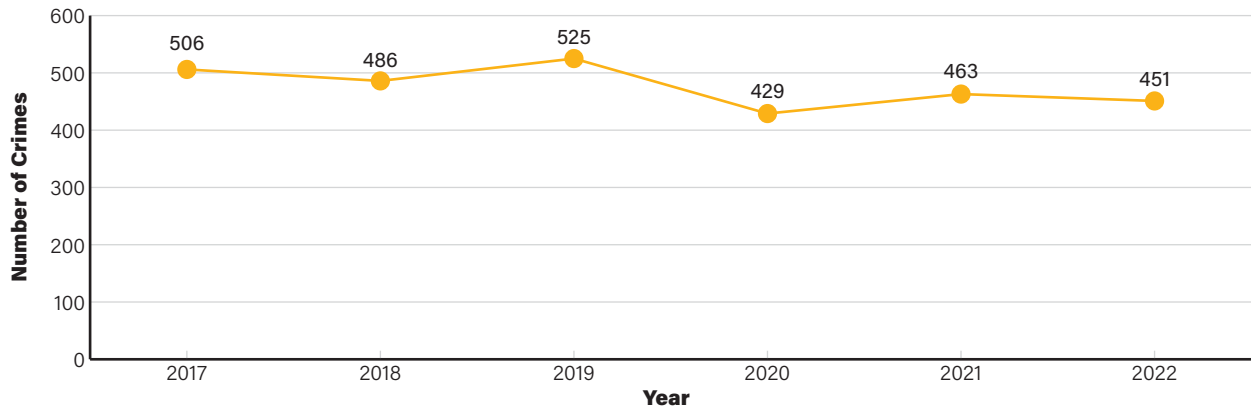
Services / Complaints	Total
Warrant Service (Failure to Appear Warrants)	135
Animal Complaints	501
Driving Complaints	575
Noise Complaints	240
Parking Complaints	530
Public Complaints (Miscellaneous)	346
<b>Total Services / Complaints</b>	<b>2,327</b>



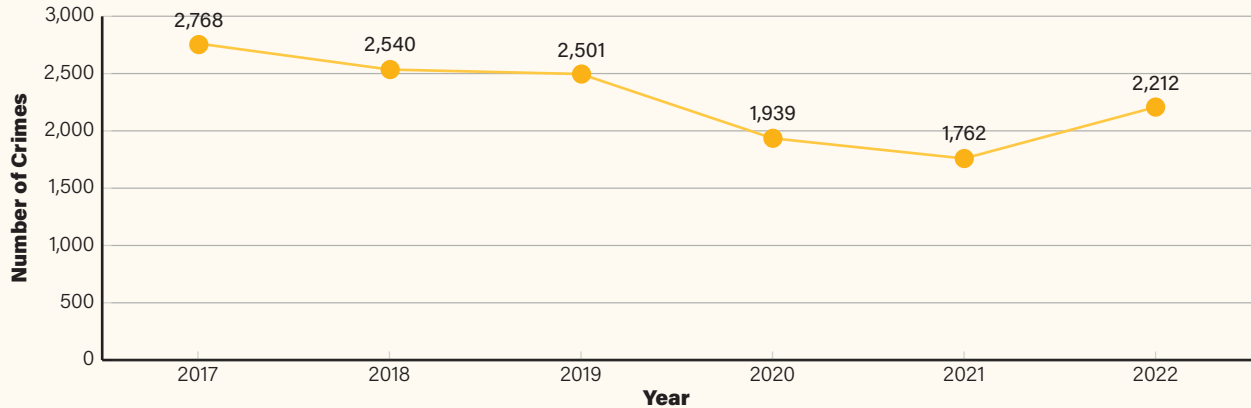
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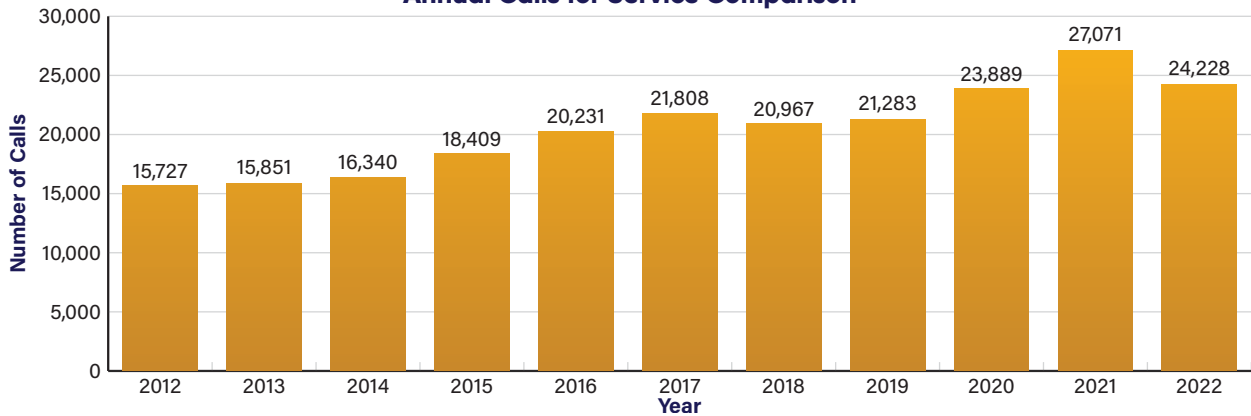
### Part I Crime Comparison

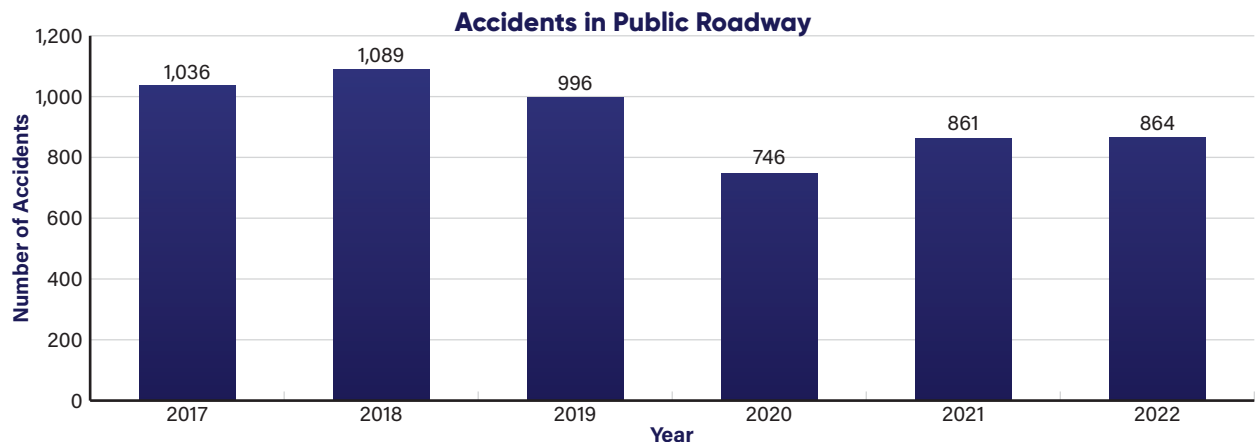
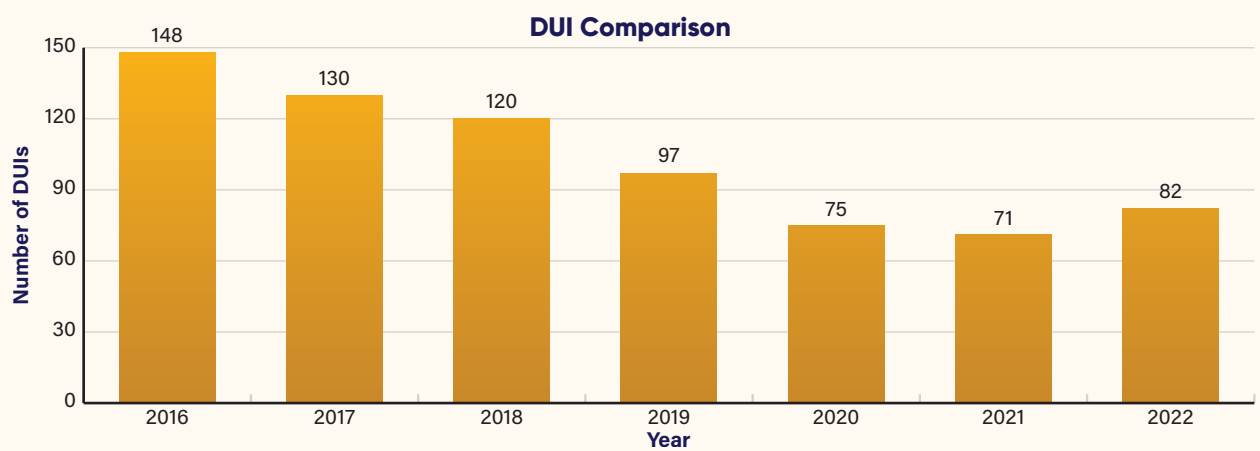
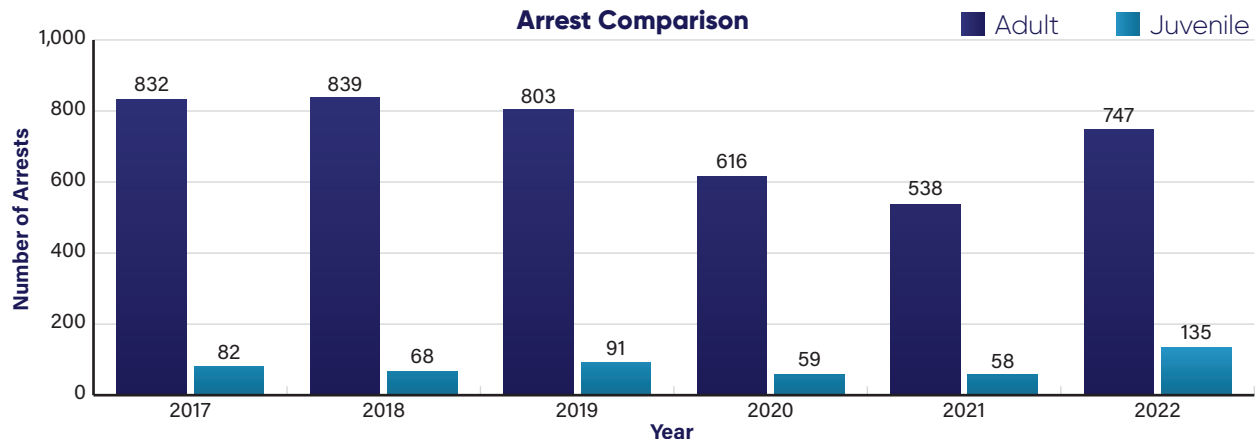


### Part II Crime Comparison



### Annual Calls for Service Comparison







# Records Division



*By Police Records Division Manager Kim Schult*

Police Records maintains the confidentiality and integrity of police reports, arrest, and criminal history information both electronically and on paper. It handles requests for dissemination of information to other agencies, to the public, and internally. The actions and

decisions of the Police Records staff must comply with all City, Police, State, and Federal laws, guidelines, and confidentiality requirements. The data processed by Police Records deals with courts and the law, so Records' duties must be performed accurately and in a timely manner, often bound by state mandates.

## St. Charles Police Records Division - By the Numbers - 2022

1,196	Accident Reports ( <i>Public &amp; Private Property</i> )	Vehicle Crash Data Entry / State Reporting
4,638	Administrative Adjudication	Summons to Appear / Notice of Seizure / Findings and Decisions
725	Alarm Processing	New alarm permits, false alarm letters, invoices for City billing
690	Arrests ( <i>In-Custody</i> )	Process bail bond, tickets, fees, booking and charging documents for dissemination to the Clerk of the Circuit Court.
5,487	Case Reports And Supplements	Review, amend and merge into computer records system
39	City Call Outs	After hours City public works emergency call outs
403	Court Activity	Officers' Notice of Trials/ Depositions/ Cancellations/ Continuances / Subpoenas / Documents to City Prosecutor
4,452	Demographic Profiling	Data Entry/State Reporting for every traffic and pedestrian stop.
51	Expunge/Seal Arrests ( <i>Court Ordered</i> )	Process received petitions and completed court orders. Implement deletions.
563	Fee Billing ( <i>Booking Fee</i> )	Subjects requiring invoicing by City Finance for unpaid Booking Fees
Hundreds of transactions	Fee Handling, Processing And Transfer To City Finance	Fees for: Accident report copies, bike permits, booking, fingerprints, FOIA, registered sex offenders, solicitors, subpoena, towing, utility disconnect after-hours payments, vehicle impounds, and other miscellaneous fees.
690	Fingerprints	Quality assurance review
695	Freedom Of Information	Review and process requests for Police records
234	Impounded Vehicles	Process tow information/Notice of Seizure/ Findings and Decisions
97	Requests From Insurance	Accident report copies
154 lbs	Medication Disposal	Prescription drugs turned in for destruction by STC residents
26	Parking Ticket Review Requests	Entry, processing and response to public requests for appeal
632	Records Checks	Military, Law Enforcement and US Government
30 sq. ft.	Records Destroyed	Identify and gather eligible documents for destruction; process and submit approval request paperwork
1,150	Records & Evidence Requests	Prepare and disseminate documents and DVDs to Court, Corrections and Law Enforcement Agencies
30,000 +	Scanned Documents	Most police records are scanned and maintained in an electronic format
51	Solicitor Applications	Process application to include fees, criminal history and photo
6	Tickets - Overweight Vehicle	Data Entry / Filing
1,312	Tickets - City Ordinance	Data Entry / Filing
2,804	Tickets - State/Local Utc	Data Entry / Filing / State Reporting
4,823	Tickets - Warning ( <i>Including Verbal</i> )	Data Entry / Filing
85	Vacation Watch	Electronic notification entry and hard copy maintenance
651	Warrants ( <i>278 New And 373 Served/Recalled</i> )	Process new, served and recalled warrants

In 2022, the Police Records staff managed the Police Front Desk 7 days a week (M-F, 24 hours / 8a-Midnight on Weekends). The 2022 St. Charles Police Records Division was comprised of a civilian staff of 7 part-time, 3 full-time, and 1 Manager.





# Special Services Unit (SSU)



*By Special Services Unit Commander Rich Clark*

The Special Services Unit is under the direction of Commander Rich Clark. The unit is responsible for overseeing all city-wide special events, traffic safety issues, crime prevention, School Crossing Guards, and the department's comfort dog. The unit falls under the direct supervision of the Deputy Chief of Administration. The Special Services Unit consists of the following members: 1- Commander, 1- Traffic Safety Officer, 1- Crime Prevention Officer, 1- Community Service Officer, 12- Crossing Guards (both full and part-time), and 1- Facility/Comfort Dog. The SSU works to enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors through the safe and efficient movement of traffic in the City. The SSU works in support of the Patrol Division by providing traffic studies and analyses, solving neighborhood traffic and parking problems, and working closely with organizers to plan safe and successful special events. In 2022, the unit assisted, from beginning to end, over 24 events. These include events such as parades, festivals, fireworks, charity walks and runs, and various other special events.

## Special Services Unit (SSU) Specialties

**Commander Rich Clark**, has been with the department for over 22 years. He was promoted to the role of Commander in September of 2019 and has

been running the Special Services Unit since. Before this, he served as a Patrol Street Sergeant for three years. Preceding his promotion to Sergeant, he was the department's Traffic Safety Officer for eight years. In his career, Commander Clark has served as the head of the department's Field Training Program and has served as an instructor for a variety of specialized trainings.



### Traffic Safety Officer

#### Traffic Safety Officer Jerry Schomer

is also a veteran of the department for over 22 years. Before becoming the department's Traffic Safety Officer in January of 2020, Officer Schomer worked in both the patrol and Investigations divisions. Officer Schomer was an active member of SWAT, a Field Training Officer, and a firearms instructor, among many other specialties he has held.

The Traffic Safety Officer (TSO) is a sworn Police Officer specially trained in areas such as:

- Solving Neighborhood Traffic Problems
- Community Education
- DUI Recognition
- Truck Permitting and Enforcement





TSO Jerry Schomer is assigned as a member of the City's Special Events Committee, and dedicates a large amount of his time to specific neighborhood concerns. In 2022, Ofc. Schomer was assigned to analyze and address traffic and/or parking concerns in the following areas:

- 1200 block of Foundry St.
- Anthem Heights traffic concerns
- Pleasant Plains/ Tower Hill parking and speed concerns
- Woodward Ave. speed study
- Prairie St. safety concerns
- S. 12th St. / Howard St. pedestrian safety
- S. 2nd St. cut-through traffic
- Dean St. speed study
- *Netflix* movie filming in the downtown area
- Fox Chase speed concerns
- Manley Rd. parking issue
- Stonehedge and 5th Ave. bicyclist safety concerns
- Foxfield Rd. speed complaints and assisted engineering with future stop sign
- Rt. 31 and Roosevelt stop sign review
- S. 7th Ave. and Jefferson study
- Crosswalks and traffic/speed on Dunham Rd. and Kirk Rd.
- Tyler Rd. speed concerns
- Tow and Horse Carriage license renewals
- Reserve Subdivision speed study
- Roosevelt Rd. speed concerns
- Oak St. pedestrian safety
- Moore Ave. traffic concerns
- Pine St. traffic concerns
- Yearly officer statistics
- 2022 monthly and annual crash statistics
- School District traffic flow studies
- Stop sign study for S. 2nd St. /Viewpointe Dr.
- Evergreen St. parking
- S. 19th St. parking
- Davis school drop-off safety concerns and resolution
- Lincoln School crosswalk review
- Wing Ave. and 13th Ave. speed study
- Deployment of the department's speed boxes throughout the city.

The following two charts contain the top ten roadway and intersection crash locations for 2022. The third chart, on the following page, compares the difference between crash data from 2022 and 2021 as well as our overall enforcement efforts.

#### 2022 Top Ten Roadway Crash Locations

Rank	Location	Total Crashes
1	600 Blk. S. Randall Rd.	14
2	800 Blk. S. Randall Rd.	13
3	3700 Blk. E. Main St.	11
4	300 Blk. W. Main St.	11
5	200 Blk. W. Main St.	10
6	700 Blk. S. Kirk Rd.	10
7	3000 Blk. E. Main St.	8
8	500 Blk. S. Randall Rd.	8
9	2100 Blk. Lincoln Hwy.	7
10	100 Blk. E. Main St.	7

#### 2022 Top Ten Intersection Crash Locations

Rank	Location	Total Crashes
1	W. Main St. / 2nd St.	15
2	S. Randall Rd. / Lincoln Hwy.	10
3	E. Main St. / Kirk Rd.	8
4	E. Main St. / Dunham Rd.	8
5	S. 3rd St. / Prairie St.	8
6	E. Main St. / 5th Ave.	7
7	S. Randall Rd. / Oak St.	7
8	N. Kirk Rd. / Foxfield Rd.	5
9	S. 2nd St. / Illinois St.	4
10	S. Kirk Rd. / Illinois Ave.	4

## 2022 Summary

Crashes	2022	2021	% Change
<b>Total Number of Crashes on Public Roadways</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>0%</b>
Fatal Crashes (F)	0	2	-100%
Injury Crashes (PI)	105	105	0%
Property Damage Only Crashes (PDO)	1,148	1,049	9%
Hit and Run Crashes*	136	135	1%
Pedestrian Crashes*	1	2	-50%
Private Property Crashes	332	299	11%
Traffic Enforcement	2022	2021	% Change
<b>Total Citations Issued</b>	<b>2,565</b>	<b>1,909</b>	<b>34%</b>
Speed Related	755	701	8%
Other Moving Violations	542	466	16%
Non-moving Violations	428	379	13%
Seat Belt Violations	9	8	13%
Child Safety Seat Violations	8	3	167%
Overweight Citations	6	18	-67%
Written Warning Notices Issued	4,543	3,372	35%
<b>Total Traffic Arrests</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>44%</b>
DUI Arrests	86	71	21%
Suspended/Revoked DL	196	139	41%
Reckless Driving Excessive Speed	12	4	200%
No Valid DL	73	40	83%
Zero Tolerance	0	0	0%
Vehicle Impounds	234	178	31%

\*These are also included in totals above under the appropriate classification (F,PI,PDO)

### Crime Prevention Officer

**Crime Prevention Officer Meghan Kramer**, has been with the department for over seven years and has been the Crime Prevention Officer for the past year and a half.

The Crime Prevention Officer (CPO) is a sworn Police Officer specially trained in a variety of educational areas and teaching for our youth. In addition, Officer Meghan Kramer is assigned the duties of crime prevention and crime analysis and to facilitate the instruction for the **Too Good for Drugs Program** in our local schools. She coordinates the annual Citizens Police Academy (CPA), the Youth Academy, Spanish CPA, Elder Watch Program, St. Charles Youth Commission, Kane County Senior Services (Central Kane County-TRIAD), and the Kane County Hoarding Task Force. In addition, Officer Kramer produces publications both quarterly and annually with safety tips and other current event topics. Officer Kramer is also the primary handler for the department's facility/comfort dog, Charlie, and was instrumental in helping the department to acquire and train him.





### Community Service Officer

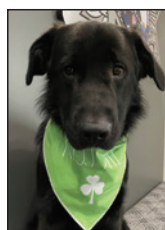
The St. Charles Police Department has one full-time Community Service Officer (CSO). The CSO is a non-sworn member of the Department who performs a variety of tasks in support of all divisions of the Police Department. Those tasks include but are not limited to:

- Animal Complaints
- Motorist Assists
- Traffic Control
- Parking Enforcement
- Minor Traffic Crashes on Private Property
- Ordinance Violations
- Assists with booking/processing of arrestees
- Responding to other non-criminal Calls for Service
- Daily transfer of documents between the department and agencies such as, The Kane County Circuit Clerk, The Kane County State's Attorney, and Tri Com Central Dispatch.
- Child Car Seat Checks
- Delivery of vehicles for maintenance and repair
- Transfer of evidence to and from state crime labs
- Evidence Processing and property control.

**Community Service Officer Ryan Beeter** is in his 15th year of service to the City and continues to actively assist with evidentiary duties. He is also an active member of the Kane County Major Crimes Task Force Evidentiary Unit. CSO Beeter leads the department's Child Passenger Safety Seat Technicians group and works closely alongside our Patrol Division with day-to-day, non-criminal calls for service.

### School Crossing Guards

The Crossing Guards work each school day to safely cross children at nine different locations. There are eight primary guards assigned to the nine positions and there are two additional substitute guards who fill in as needed throughout the year. An additional seven crossing locations are staffed by St. Charles Community Unity School District 303. The Special Services Unit works closely with the school district to train crossing guards and plan safe routes to school. The Crossing Guards also help with pedestrian crossing locations during special events. All Crossing Guards attend an annual training session and are outfitted with safety equipment provided by the Police Department.



### Facility/Comfort Dog - Charlie

In 2021, the St. Charles Police Department, led by Officer Kramer, acquired and began training extensively with the department's first facility/comfort dog, Charlie. He is a retriever mix who was donated by a local family to an organization called Canines 4 Comfort. Following his initial extensive training, he was certified as the department's facility/comfort dog. He is deployed routinely for a variety of events as well as both public and in private situations where he assists families or those in need. In his first year, Charlie was deployed or utilized over 70 times within the community and at outside events.



*Crossing guards*

# Criminal Investigations



*By Investigations Commander Eric Majewski*

The Criminal Investigations Division serves in many roles with its primary responsibility to provide investigative support to the Patrol Division. Reported incidents are reviewed to identify cases which require additional follow-up efforts that would exceed the patrol division resources, are complex in nature, or have leads that expand beyond our jurisdiction. Solvability factors such as potential suspects, evidence, crime patterns, etc., are considered when determining when a case is assigned to a detective for additional follow-up work. These assignments would include cases requiring multiple interviews, extensive crime scene work, or ongoing surveillance activities. These investigations can vary in duration before a case is successfully investigated or closed. A case is closed after all potential leads have been exhausted which may or may not result in an arrest.

The Criminal Investigations Division staffing consisted of the following personnel during 2022:

- Investigations Division Commander
- 4- General Assignment Detectives
- 2- High School Resource Officers; 1 each at St. Charles East and North High Schools
- 2- Middle School Resource Officers; 1 each at Wredling and Thompson Middle Schools
- Narcotics Inspector assigned to the North Central Narcotics Task Force/Illinois State Police
- 1-Forensic Investigator/Property Custodian
- 1-Civilian Administrative Assistant

General Assignment Detectives and School Resource Officers worked 386 cases in 2022, compared to the 358 cases in 2021. Of those, 252 cases were criminal in nature, resulting in 87 arrests - a 35% clearance rate. The overall criminal case clearance rate for 2021 was 38% with 87 arrests. 42 cases assigned during 2021 remained in a "pending additional investigation" status at the end of the year and were followed up on in 2022. 29 cases assigned in 2022 were left pending and will carry over into 2023.

## Arson Investigation

On May 21, the St. Charles Police Department responded to an arson investigation located at the site of the closed Pheasant Run Resort. The St. Charles Fire Department, along with several other local fire agencies, assisted in putting out the blaze. An investigation into the cause of the fire was immediately started. The Investigations Division worked along-side the St. Charles Fire Department Arson Investigators, the ATF, the Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshall, and the DuPage County State's Attorney's Office. This collaboration led to the solving of this case in which four youths were petitioned to DuPage County Juvenile Court on charges of Arson, Burglary, Criminal Damage to Property, and Criminal Trespass to Property. Two St. Charles Police Department Detectives, Russ Haywood and Rick Murawski, were nominated for Kane County Officer of the Year Award as a result of their hard work on this case.

### **The following are other highlights of cases worked and related job functions performed by investigators in 2022:**

- Execution of numerous search warrants and Grand Jury subpoenas for evidence property recovery and investigative case support, three of which were related to a reckless discharge of a firearm and an armed robbery.
- (9) Sexual assault and /or abuse investigations, compared to (15) in 2021.
- Ongoing compliance checks with home visits of registered sex offenders which resulted in one compliance violation this year.
- (5) Online sexual predator investigations; compared to (0) in 2021.
- (12) Death investigations - non-criminal.
- (5) Armed robbery investigations; compared to (1) in 2021.
- (8) Motor vehicle thefts; compared to (20) in 2021.
- (5) Burglary from motor vehicles.



- (3) Residential burglary investigations; compared to (7) in 2021.
- (20) Burglary / Attempt burglary to commercial establishments; compared to (18) in 2021.
- Numerous city employment background investigations for probationary police officers, firefighter / paramedics, and dispatcher candidates.
- Liquor license, massage license, and business renewal applications; liquor/massage establishment site inspections and licensing background investigations.
- Numerous assists to outside agency investigations.
- Tobacco/alcohol establishment compliance checks were ongoing throughout the year. There were (5) citations issued for underage tobacco sales compared to (3) in 2021. (7) businesses were cited for sale of alcohol to a minor compared to (1) in 2021. The St. Charles Police Department works closely with vendors to provide educational information and ensure continued compliance.
- Numerous investigations involved thefts, retail thefts deceptive practices, credit card, identity thefts, and other assorted fraud- based offenses. (32%) of the cases investigated by detectives in 2022 were based on some form of theft, fraud or deceptive practice, compared to (27%) in 2021.

### **Investigations Assignment and Duties**

Commander Eric Majewski is the current supervisor of the Investigations Unit. In this role, the Commander of Investigations is responsible for coordinating major incident response and investigation, liaison with agencies county-wide, and the supervision of organization members and their training.

Detectives John Losurdo and Joseph Dony have been assigned to Investigations since the beginning of 2020. They are both certified in digital forensics analysis. Detective Dony serves as the Investigations representative for Illinois Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC). Detective Rick Murawski has been assigned to Investigations since the summer of 2020 and he oversees the sex offender registry database and compliance program. Detective Russ Haywood joined the Investigations Unit at the beginning of 2021.

Members of the Criminal Investigations Division are assigned to the Kane County Major Crimes Task Force in both an investigative and evidence team capacity. The unit also participates in ongoing monthly intelligence and case briefings with several area Investigators Associations. St. Charles has led the Fox Valley Detectives Association monthly meetings for

more than 20 years. Investigators from Kane County, as well as surrounding counties, municipalities and Chicago-based federal agencies, routinely attend these meetings at St. Charles Police Department. The level of cooperation, collaboration, and resources generated by this partnership has provided tremendous benefits to this agency, as well as all involved in this partnership.

### **School Resource Officers**

The D303 School District and St. Charles Police Department have had a partnership for several years and have School Resource Officers in both middle schools and both high schools. Detective Nic Anson is stationed at Wredling Middle School while Detective Chuck Crumlett works at Thompson Middle School. They have both been assigned to the Investigations Unit as School Resource Officers since the fall of 2019.

Detective Bill Tynan served as liaison to the St. Charles North High School until the end of the school year in 2022. Det. Bryce Rentschler started in the fall at St. Charles North as the new SRO. Detective Jen Larsen is currently assigned to St. Charles East High School and has been there since the fall of 2020. Det. Anson also assists Det. Dony as an ICAC (Illinois Internet Crimes Against Children) Investigator.

The School Resource Officers oversee juvenile-based initiatives for the department, to include referrals to the Juvenile Justice System and alternative programs, such as community restitution opportunities.

### **North Central Narcotics Task Force (NCNTF)**

The department continues to staff a full-time investigator with the North Central Narcotics Task Force. That unit was involved in numerous narcotics-related investigations throughout the region. These efforts resulted in (22) narcotics investigations, the execution of (4) search warrants, a total of (14) arrests, and the seizure of assorted narcotics, related drug equipment/paraphernalia, weapons, vehicles, and U.S. currency.

### **Drug and Crime Tip Line**

The St. Charles Police Department maintains a telephone line which allows callers wanting to remain anonymous to leave information as to drug or criminal activity. The tip line rings directly into a voicemail where the caller can leave a message. An online submission form can also be filled out. These tips are reviewed upon receipt and assigned accordingly. Anyone can access the Tip Line on the City of St. Charles website, the Police Department main page, the Investigations Division link, or by simply calling 1-866-378-4267.



# Kane County Special Weapons & Tactics (SWAT)



*By Detective Chuck Crumlett*

The Multi-Jurisdictional Kane County SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) team completed another successful year in 2022. The Kane County SWAT team is comprised of nine different police agencies, two fire departments, and one independent physician.

St. Charles Police Officer Joe Gaske is assigned as a member of the Entry Team. Officer Steve Woloszyk is assigned as a member of the Sniper Team. Detective Chuck Crumlett serves as an Assistant Team Leader. St. Charles Police Department Commander Mike McCowan is an Assistant Team Commander.

The SWAT team was activated for service on multiple high-risk search warrants and arrest warrants in 2022.

The Kane County SWAT team develops and reinforces its skills with ongoing bi-monthly training. This year the team trained on firearms proficiency, close quarters battle (CQB), hostage rescue, vehicle assaults, armored vehicle operation, rappelling, fire suppression, and tactical medicine. All Operators are required to pass a physical agility test twice a year. The SWAT team also conducted an aggressive, week-long training course at Fort McCoy in Tomah, Wisconsin. The Kane County SWAT team develops and reinforces its skills with ongoing monthly training.



## ILEAS Mobile Field Force (3N) Activity 2022

*By Officer Steve Mattas*

The ILEAS Mobile Field Force Region 3 North team is comprised of officers and deputies from the Kane and McHenry County areas. In 2022 the team expanded by 10 officers from these jurisdictions. Due to the growth of the team, MFF (3N) acquired several new pieces of equipment - to include an armored vehicle and two drones.

Throughout 2022 MFF (3N) was activated for a variety of high-profile events:

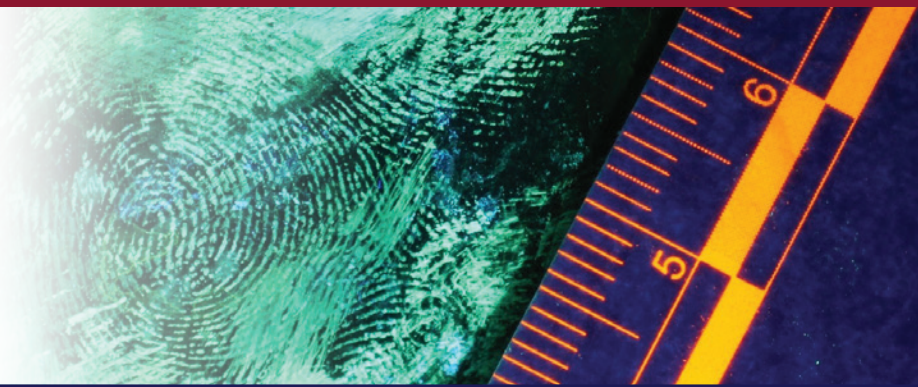
- In the spring of 2022, the MFF (3N) assisted the Joliet Police Department with security measures while the Vice President of the United States visited an area college.
- In the summer of 2022, the MFF (3N) team assisted the Aurora Police Department with security measures for the annual Pride Parade.

- On the morning of July 4th, 2022, ILEAS teams from across the state, including MFF (3N), were activated to assist the Highland Park Police Department with the mass shooting that occurred during the 4th of July celebration parade. For several weeks after the incident, MFF (3N) was added to a rotation of entities assisting the Illinois State Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation with victim reunification and 24/7 crime scene security.
- In the fall of 2022, the MFF (3N) assisted the Elgin Police Department with locating an armed robbery suspect. The suspect was ultimately located and taken into custody without incident.

Entering into 2023, the ILEAS MFF (3N) will begin tailoring its monthly trainings in preparation for the 2024 Democratic National Convention being held in Chicago.



# Evidence Submission and Storage



After evidence is collected by a police officer, it is packaged and information about the items are entered into a computer system and a barcode is generated. These barcodes stay with the evidence package throughout its lifetime and help keep track of its location. Once an item is packaged and barcoded, it gets locked into a “one-way” evidence locker by the officer. The items stay secured in the locker until a property custodian checks them into the evidence vault and assigns a permanent storage location within the vault, keeping a chain of custody or “life history” for each item of evidence.

The property custodian maintains the integrity of all found items and submitted evidence and coordinates future investigative, crime lab submission, or court related needs. A single fingerprint can be one of dozens or more items recovered during a case investigation. Using this as an example, this one recovered print will be handled by on-scene police personnel, an evidence custodian, a courier for transportation to a crime lab, processing by one or more lab personnel, and upon return, another courier, evidence custodian, etc. This all happens before it is to be handled by the State's Attorney, possibly viewed by a defense attorney, and accepted during trial by the court clerk. This one item has now been handled at least nine times and chain of custody documentation must be completed for each of these individual instances. A single case with 20 pieces of evidence now entails numerous man-hours of dedicated work and recordkeeping that regularly occurs out of the public's view.

Evidence storage requires high levels of organization, effective storage management, and maximization of available space, while considering health, safety, and long-term preservation concerns. In order to meet these requirements, our evidence storage facility utilizes equipment such as a specialized vault room, moveable high-density shelving units and large rack shelving for oversized items such as refrigerators and mattresses.

An often-overlooked aspect of evidence storage involves our compliance with laws requiring items be maintained for long periods of time, potentially for dozens of years, or forever. Quarterly audits ensure that

the integrity of our stored evidence is continuously maintained. Audit results are subject to not only internal command staff review but also that of outside agency inspectors via our on-going CALEA certification process. In 2022 we were able to legally purge 352 items of evidence from our storage facilities, while we accepted 1,358 new items during this same period.







## Evidence Processing

Our police facility includes a spacious evidence processing area. This area is used by evidence technicians to employ more advanced processing techniques than what is often available at a crime scene. The processing area includes a cyanoacrylate (superglue) fuming chamber which can be used to reveal fingerprints which are not visible to the naked eye, a fingerprinting processing downdraft table, and a macro photography stand for taking close-up photos of developed latent evidence and trace evidence. The processing room also features bright LED task lighting and houses several alternate light sources (ALS) for revealing and photographing unseen evidence such as fingerprints or biological stains. The processing area is equipped with chemicals and dye stains which can be used in conjunction with the forensic ALS to aid in the recovery of evidence.

Casting materials, static electrical charges, and gelatins are available for the recovery and/or enhancement of dust prints or other footwear impression evidence. Chemicals, which provide presumptive confirmation testing of drugs and/or suspected blood evidence, are also at our disposal.

## Digital Evidence

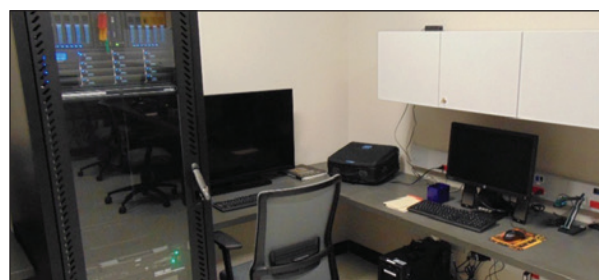
No area in forensics is growing faster than digital forensics. Electronic devices are becoming more and more a part of our every day life. New devices are released and changes or updates happen at a whirlwind pace. Storage sizes on our devices continue to increase rapidly. Cell phones have storage capacities of hundreds of gigabytes up to one terabyte! To help the St. Charles

Police Department cope with the ever-increasing demand to recover evidence in the digital age, our facility is equipped with a dedicated digital forensics lab.

The digital lab has workstations to process information from cell phones, computers, and vehicles. Security and privacy are key for this recovered digital data, as it is treated the same as any other type of physical evidence. The digital lab contains a forensic server which holds all of the recovered data. The forensic server and its data are completely isolated from the Internet as well as the City and Police Department networks.

## Major Crimes Task Force

Our department continues to actively participate as members of the Kane County Major Crimes Task Force. Police agencies county-wide jointly share specialized/technical resources in order to maximize response to what can be complex criminal investigations. Task force participation is reciprocal in that should our community ever need additional manpower and/or specialized resources then these are only a phone call away. The St. Charles Police Department assisted in four major task force calls for assistance in 2022.



## Prescription Drug Disposal

In 2022, we were able to safely dispose of approximately 154 pounds of prescription drugs. Of this, 119 pounds were collected in partnership with Northwestern Medicine from the DEA's national prescription drug take-back day. This collection program continues to

benefit the community by removing public contact with controlled substances. We continue to offer the program to City of St. Charles residents and promote this environmentally safe and controlled disposal of unwanted or unneeded drugs in order to reduce or eliminate any related drug-based catastrophes.



# Training & Accreditation



*By Training & Accreditation Coordinator Guy Hoffrage*

## Overview

The St. Charles Police Department recognizes the importance of training and is continually striving to ensure sworn officers and civilian staff are provided with the knowledge and education to perform their service to the community in a professional and safe manner.

In 2022, St. Charles Police Department personnel received 14,047 hours of job-related training. This number reflects a 9% increase in the number of training hours attained in 2021.

St. Charles police officers work a 10.25-hour workday. The 10.25-hour day allows for an overlap day once a week in which all officers are scheduled to work. All officers have been divided into two teams and are provided, on average, with a 10.25-hour training day once a month.

The Department maintains a training goal of 40 hours of training per year for each full time sworn officer; 98% of our sworn officers exceeded that goal. Our commitment to training personnel is proven.

In-house training remains an integral part of our training program. Quarterly firearms training along with Tactical Simulations provide our officers with basic firearms handling skills and realistic scenario-based training to place officers in stressful use of force situations to sharpen their tactical thinking and reactions. This group training promotes a team concept and approach to problem solving.

Our annual training program addresses a variety of topics most of which are driven and required by CALEA. These topics include but are not limited to:

- Use of Force
- Firearms training and qualification
- Less than Lethal Weapons
- Vehicle Operations
- Control Tactics
- Bias Based Profiling
- Holding Facility/Fire Suppression
- Bloodborne Pathogens

## Career Development/Training Resources

Some of the training resources are, but not limited to:

- North East Multi Regional Training, Inc. (NEMRT)
- Northwestern University Center for Public Safety (NUCPS)
- Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA)
- Police Training Institute (PTI)
- Law Enforcement Training, Inc.
- Kane County State's Attorney's Office
- DuPage County State's Attorney's Office
- U.S. Department of Justice
- The Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Northwest Police Academy
- Street Smart Seminars
- On-Target Solutions Group
- TASER International
- Kane County Office of Emergency Management
- ILEAS
- Illinois Division of International Association for Identification
- Illinois State Police
- Illinois Attorney General's Office
- Illinois Secretary of State
- Illinois Association of Traffic Accident Investigators

## State Mandated Training

- Mental Health Awareness
- Trauma Informed Response to Sexual Assault/ Abuse
- Law Updates
- Use of Force including hands-on role playing and high-risk traffic stops
- Constitutional and proper use of law enforcement authority
- Cultural Competency



- Civil Rights
- Human Rights
- Procedural justice
- Crisis Intervention training
- Emergency Medical Response training
- Officer Wellness and Mental Health
- Firearms Restraining Order Act
- Firearms Qualification
- Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect
- Psychology of Domestic Violence

To comply with these mandates, all sworn officers completed online training through the Illinois Training and Standards Board Executive Institute and through a subscription to the CourtSmart program, in addition to in-person classes.

### **NEMRT Training**

North East Multi Regional Training continues to be one of the most economical training resources for our Department. In 2022, employees attended 80 NEMRT courses for a total of 2,000 hours. The annual NEMRT membership is \$95.00 per member.

The St. Charles Police Department hosted 12 NEMRT classes in 2022: Footwear Impression Evidence Workshop, Latent Print Technology Workshop, OC Instructor, 40-hour Basic Truck Enforcement, Staccato Armorer, Portable Weight Scale Certification, Lead Homicide Investigator Course, Basic Crisis Negotiations, Police Supervisory Liability, Emergency Vehicle Operator-Train the Trainer, Intro to CIT-Mental Health Awareness, and Response and High Risk Traffic Stops-Train the Trainer.

### **Management Training**

- Deputy Chief Mahan attended Police Executive Role in the 21st Century which is a 100-hour course sponsored by the Illinois Training and Standards Board.
- Chief Keegan, Commander McCowan and Deputy Chief Pierce attended Responding to the Non-Criminal Barricade.
- Sergeant Kuttner attended Military Veteran Cultural Competency.
- Records Manager Schult attended an Overview of Freedom of Information Act Issues Facing Law Enforcement.
- Chief Keegan, Deputy Chief Mahan and Deputy Chief Pierce attended the ILACP Conference.
- Sergeant Runkle attended a 40-hour Instructor Development course.

- Records Manager Schult attended Specialized Topics for Law Enforcement.
- Sergeant Runkle and Sergeant Ocasek attended Police Supervisor Liability.
- Commander McCowan and Sergeant Runkle attended the 40-hour Lead Homicide Investigator course.
- Deputy Chief Pierce and Commander McCowan attended SWAT Critical Incident Response and Management.
- Commander Majewski attended the Illinois Homicide Investigators Conference.
- Chief Keegan attended the FBINAA Conference.
- Deputy Chief Mahan attended the CALEA Conference.
- Commander McCowan attended the Illinois Tactical Officers Association Conference.

### **Accident Investigation/Training and Traffic Control**

The St. Charles Police Department is committed to its effort to make St. Charles a safer place to live and work by attending 1054 hours of training in the area of traffic accident investigation along with traffic control.

- Thirty officers recertified as Breathalyzer Operators.
- One officer attended Vehicle Dynamics
- One officer attended Traffic Accident Reconstruction 1 and 2
- One officer attended DRE School
- All officers attended Standardized Field Sobriety Testing
- One officer attended Advanced DUI Enforcement.
- One officer attended Crash Reconstructionist Exam
- One officer attended Total Station Training Course
- One officer attended 40 Hour Basic Truck Enforcement
- One officer attended Portable Weight Scale Certification
- Four officers attended monthly crash reconstruction
- One officer attended Advanced Truck Enforcement
- One officer attended Radar/Lidar Instructor
- One officer attended CDR Technician



## Firearms Training/Use of Force

- All sworn officers participated in firearms training.
- All sworn officers attended rifle training.
- All sworn officers attended Tactical Simunitions training.
- All sworn officers participated in Control Tactics training.
- All sworn officers completed the annual Use of Force examination.
- All sworn officers completed TASER recertification.
- All sworn officers completed a Pepperball Refresher course.
- All sworn officers completed OC and Baton Refresher training.
- Off duty weapons qualification and training was provided to all sworn officers that own/carry off duty firearms.

## School Resource Officers (SRO)

All four officers assigned to work as SROs in School District 303, Detective Anson (Wredling Middle School), Detective Crumlett (Thompson Middle School), Detective Larsen (St. Charles East High School), and Detective Rentschler (St. Charles North High School), attended training as certified School Resource Officers. To maintain this certification, each officer must attend at least one State-approved course in each of the following areas: Juvenile Law, Officer and Youth Interaction, and Active Threat Response.

## SWAT Team

The St. Charles Police Department has teamed with the Kane County Sheriff's Office to maintain an emergency SWAT Team in the event of an active shooter, barricaded gunman, or similar event occurring. SWAT officers trained, on average, twice a month for a total of 592 hours to maintain their state of readiness.

## Hostage Negotiation Team

Officer Heike is a member of the Kane County Sheriff's Hostage Negotiation Team and attends training, on average, once a month.

## In-House Training

The 10-hour schedule provides an opportunity for in-house training at little or no additional expense to the Police Department. In addition to the firearms and use of force topics listed above, the following are topics of instruction provided to all sworn personnel with the exception of those personnel off on benefit time or attending court when the instruction was offered:

- Mental Illness Refresher
- Legal Aspects of Vehicle Pursuits and Vehicle Forcible Stops
- Rapid Deployment
- Involuntary Committal Operations
- Emergency Vehicle Operations
- Sexual Harassment prevention
- Law Review

The St. Charles Police Department was able to gain additional training by serving as a host site for police training. Thirty-seven officers attended a variety of classes free of charge in exchange for the use of the training room and/or the St. Charles Police Department Public Safety Training Facility.



Detective Crumlett  
(Thompson Middle School)



Detective Anson  
(Wredling Middle School)



Detective Larsen  
(St. Charles East High School)



Detective Rentschler  
(St. Charles North High School)



# Community Restitution Program



*By Community Restitution Coordinator Francisco Fregoso*

The Community Restitution Program is a non-profit work program which operates under the direction of the St. Charles Police Department. Over the past several years it has shown to be an important asset to the Police Department, the City of St. Charles, and its residents. The goal is to help mentor, coach, and guide defendants to make better choices in life from that point forward.

Those assigned to the program are expected to complete specific hours of labor, as restitution to the community. The number of hours each defendant works reflects the type of offense they committed. The program accepts adults and juveniles who are charged with non-violent offenses. During 2022, 113 defendants participated in the program of which 74 have graduated, and the remainder continue to work towards completion. Defendants completed a total of 3,387 hours in labor. This has resulted in a total monetary savings of \$76,396.60; twice the monetary savings from 2021. This figure is calculated using the average of the state minimum wage and an entry-level laborer for the City.



The program is operated as a workday and works closely with several departments to identify the needs of the City. In addition to fulfilling tasks for the Police department's facility, defendants are also assigned with the following tasks:

- Pressure washing sidewalks and buildings.
- Collecting trash from over 50 roadways and trash bins throughout the downtown area.
- General maintenance at both the police department and the department's shooting range.
- Snow removal around the downtown area and public spaces.
- Washing, disinfecting, and detailing vehicles for the police department and public works.
- Help senior citizens and residents with medical conditions in maintaining their properties.
- Painting of City offices, light poles, pedestrian bridges, the safety bollards at the east and west side parking garages, and graffiti removal.
- Mowing and general landscaping of City property, as well as abandoned/foreclosed properties.



The program continues to be a place of learning and growing, as well as a place where defendants are aided in finding counseling and other rehabilitation needs. The goal moving forward continues to focus on minimizing the number of defendants who get caught in a cycle of criminal recidivism. This year the number of repeat offenders was three (3), the least it has been in the last 5 (five) years.



# Social Services



*By Sandra Rincon*

The St. Charles Police Department continues to partner with A.I.D. (Association for Individual Development). Sandra Rincon, employed by A.I.D., has office hours at the Police Department five days a week and works closely with officers on a multitude of different social services cases. Sandra obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from the University of St. Francis and holds a Master's Degree in Social Work from Aurora University. Her background is in crisis intervention, training in Applied Suicide Intervention Skills (ASIST), and an understanding of bereavement.

Sandra's collaboration with the St. Charles Police Department began in April of 2019. In fiscal year 2022, Sandra accumulated a total of 307 cases and 570 clients. Sandra looks forward to being a supportive resource to the community.

The role of a police social worker is to liaison with the Police Department, the community, and the various

social service agencies that serve our residents. A police social worker does not provide long-term counseling, but rather assesses the quality of life issues brought to the attention of the Police Department, attempts to stabilize those issues, and provides the proper referrals necessary to bring the situation at hand to a successful conclusion or at least a manageable situation moving forward.

Examples of issues/situations in which a police social worker would be utilized:

- Mental health issues
- Chemical and/or substance abuse
- Victim advocacy
- Neighbor mediation/conflict resolution
- Hoarding
- Elderly services
- Youth services
- Domestic Violence/Orders of Protection
- City liaison with area social service agencies.

## Crisis Intervention

The St. Charles Police Department realizes that mental illness is an enormous challenge in our society today and consists of a broad spectrum of illnesses. It is vital that all sworn personnel are trained in CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) matters to effectively address the individuals suffering from these illnesses. The Department is working towards training all sworn officers in this essential training.

Currently, the Department has 43 sworn personnel who make up the Crisis Intervention Team. They are:

Nic Anson	Joseph Gaske	Erik Mahan	Othello Rosal
Melinda Anyon	Daniel Godinho	Eric Majewski	Joshua Rowoldt
Eric Bauwens	Russell Haywood	Michael McCowan	Brett Runkle
Joseph Bonifas	Steve Heike	Dominic Monaco	Bradley Schumacher
Brooks Boyce	Jose Jacobo	Rick Murawski	Dalton Servatius
Ryan Carrigan	Michael Karnath	Sean Nicholson	Bill Tynan
Rich Clark	Meghan Kramer	Tim Ocasek	Rob Vicicondi
Charles Crumlett	Cory Krupke	Matt Phillips	Jason Wessendorf
Ben Devol	Drew Lamela	Kyle Popp	Karl Witt
Joseph Dony	Jennifer Larsen	Blake Powers	Noelle Wold
Thomas Fawkes	John Losurdo	Bryce Rentschler	



# Special Olympics



*By Detective Jen Larsen*

Our team: **St. Charles Police, Fire, & Friends**, participated in the **Polar Plunge** on Saturday, March 26, 2022 in the St. Charles Municipal Center parking lot. The team raised a grand total of \$13,585.00 – our biggest plunge yet! Members of the 2022 team included:

- Special Olympics Athlete (SOA) Janna Blowers
- Special Olympics Athlete (SOA) John Remitz
- Steve Siwy- St. Charles Fire Department
- Steve Rehak- St. Charles Fire Department
- Officer Steve Woloszyk
- Officer Noelle Wold
- Officer Joe Bonifas
- Detective Jen Larsen
- St. Charles Park District Park Security Officer Tim Timberlake
- Staff members from a local St. Charles restaurant and bar: **Flagship on the Fox**—to include Steve Mayer
- Several family members, including enthusiastic juveniles.

New this year, we hosted the **Battle of the Badges**, an 8 team softball tournament which consisted of: St. Charles Police, Addison Police, Geneva Police, Kane County Sheriff, West Chicago Police, Aurora Police, and Yorkville Police. This one event alone raised over \$2,400.00 for Special Olympics Illinois. This year's team consisted of:

- Nic Anson
- Nick Marqui- St. Charles FD
- Danny Godinho
- John Losurdo
- Tim Ocasek
- Bryce Rentschler
- Rick Murawski
- Mike Redmann
- Joe Gaske
- Justin Bennett
- Dave Kintz (retired St. Charles Police)
- Blake Powers
- Robert Sheehan- St. Charles FD.





We were honored this June to host the Kane County Leg 13 **Law Enforcement Torch Run**. Law Enforcement agencies from around the county had the privilege of running the streets of St. Charles with the flame of hope. We were joined by Special Olympic Athletes: Amanda Propheter, John Remitz, and Benjamin Bluemond.

**Cop on a Rooftop** returned this year! On August 19, 2022, St. Charles police participated at two locations: 1711 W. Main St and 1566 E. Main St. This year's event raised just over \$5,000.00.

The final event we participated in for the 2022 year was the **Donuts for Dinglers'** softball tournament hosted by Law Enforcement Torch Run Leg 22 (Kendall County) on October 23, 2022. St. Charles Police took second overall. Players included:

- Nic Anson
- Dan Kuttner
- John Losurdo
- Mike Redmann
- Tim Ocasek
- Blake Powers
- Tim Timberlake- St. Charles Park District Security.

The grand total for the St. Charles Police Department for 2022 was \$23,902.99. Be sure to check out the 2023 campaign t-shirts as this phenomenal total earned us placement on the back of them – an incredible honor.

As always, we are grateful for the support of such a caring community. Without your support, our department would not be able to back such an amazing organization. The support SOILL gives families of athletes is remarkable and we are proud to do all we can to continue to fundraise for these athletes and their families.

If you're interested in supporting our efforts in 2023, please reach out to Detective Jen Larsen at [jlarsen@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:jlarsen@stcharlesil.gov) or Administrative Assistant Sara Cass at [scass@stcharlesil.gov](mailto:scass@stcharlesil.gov) to learn how you can help.

Hope to see you at our next event!







# Tri-Com Central Dispatch



*By Tri-Com Director Joe Schelstreet*

During 2022, Tri-Com processed 136,542 inbound and outbound telephone calls; which resulted in 112,967 calls for service dispatched. Out of the total calls, 46,111 were calls received via the 9-1-1 emergency number. It should be noted that 79% of Tri-Com's 9-1-1 calls were received from wireless devices. Only 37 text to 911 messages were received with 20 of those being either test calls or accidental contacts.

Calls for service by community and contract agency in 2022 were:

- St. Charles – 29.44%
- Batavia – 16.53%
- Geneva – 17.26%
- Tri-City Ambulance – 8.09%
- Elburn and Elburn FPD – 6.14%
- Sugar Grove and Sugar Grove FPD – 6.83%
- North Aurora FPD – 2.32%
- Waubonsee Campus Police – 0.11%
- South Elgin Police – 13.28%

## Staffing

Tri-Com is authorized to maintain 18 full-time dispatchers, 3 supervisors, and one part-time dispatcher. While we have chosen to maintain one part-time dispatch position, at this time we are currently looking at assigning some additional responsibilities to that position for call review. We have one immediate opening in the full-time telecommunicator ranks and continue to advertise and test prospective candidates as they apply. Hiring and retention continue to be a challenge in this industry. We continue to update and revise our testing and training programs in an ongoing effort to have more candidates available for rapid hire and to increase the percentage of people who graduate from the training program.

## Collective Bargaining

We were successful in conducting some mid-term bargaining this summer that will better align our total compensation program with our competitors. This process was very collaborative and took very few sessions to accomplish.

## Budget

We were fortunate to receive a large refund of previously withheld surcharge money this year. The State NG 9-1-1 project expenses were lower than expected and the remaining monies were refunded to the ETSB's within the State. This money will be put to good use on an upcoming capital project. As has been our previously adopted practice, we continued to apply for reimbursement of expenses for headsets, training and CAD maintenance. This year, we also upgraded our 10 digit phone lines to SIP and were able to recoup those costs as well.

## Fiscal Year 22/23 Projects

Several significant capital projects were completed during this fiscal year. The most significant of these was the connection to the State of Illinois NG911 ESiNet. This project involved hundreds of hours of preparatory work by multiple staff members. Additionally, prior to the link being made, our 911 phone equipment had to be updated so that the connection process went more smoothly. Our 10 digit emergency lines were also upgraded from Centralized Automated Message Accounting (CAMA) to Session Initiated Protocol (SIP). This has resulted in lines that have better audio quality and are less expensive than their predecessors. Tri-Com was one of the first 16 agencies in the State of Illinois to connect to the ESiNet. The last major project was the connection that was made to the City of St. Charles Municipal Water Supply. Tri-Com had previously relied upon a well to provide both domestic and fire suppression water. This meant that multiple complicated systems had to be maintained. The quality of the water was poor and the system was limited in the volume and pressure that could be provided. The new municipal connection has been a definite upgrade and was very well received.



# 2022 Department Awards & Updates



## Thank You For Your Dedicated Service!

### 5 YEARS

Justin Bennett  
Adrienne Casanas Ramos  
Francisco Fregoso  
Stanley Jarosz  
Barbara Rolek  
Josh Rowoldt  
Anthony Squillo

### 10 YEARS

France Cevallos  
Russ Haywood

### 15 YEARS

Ryan Beeter  
Guy Hoffrage  
Dan Kuttner

### 20 YEARS

Kim Schult

### 25 YEARS

Gloria Helm  
Dave Ketelsen  
Mike McCowan

### 30 YEARS

Jim Keegan  
*(Celebrated in law enforcement)*

### 45 YEARS

Dave Evans

## Department Awards

### Award of Merit

Rich Clark  
Rick Jackson

### Commendation Award

Jerry Schomer

### Lifesaving Award

Eric Bauwens  
Joe Bonifas  
Tom Fawkes  
Dominic Monaco  
Anthony Squillo  
Rob Vicicondi

### Letters of Appreciation

Joe Bonifas  
Ben Devol  
Tom Fawkes  
Steve Mattas  
Bryce Rentschler  
Othello Rosal  
Anthony Squillo

### Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists

(13) Brad Schumacher  
(12) Joe Gaske  
(7) Ryan Carrigan  
(6) Rick Murawski  
(5) Othello Rosal  
(5) Karl Witt

## Employee Updates

### Welcome to those who joined us in 2022...



**Courtney Alexander**  
Police Records Specialist



**Talia Cassara**  
Police Records Assistant



**Adam Catt**  
Forensic Investigator &  
Property Room Custodian



**Marco Farfan**  
Police Officer



**Ryan Ledebuhr**  
Police Officer



**Dalton Servatius**  
Police Officer



**Anahi Silva**  
Police Records Assistant



**Jamie Veyette**  
Police Records Assistant

### ...and best wishes to those who left.



**Brandon Creed**



**Renee Helfinstine**



**Chuck Pierce**



**Mike Wojcik**



# Community Kudos

“ Your presence and kindness made all the difference and we thank you.

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We are so fortunate to have such an outstanding relationship with our neighboring agencies. The willingness of your officers to respond to assist us and the thoroughness with which your officers handled this call for service in our city was exemplary.

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“ On behalf of the Batavia Police Department, I would like to thank Commander Clark and Officer Schomer for the effort they put forth to assist our agency during this serious incident. Your agency’s assistance was crucial to our ability to maintain public safety throughout the incident.

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Thank you, again, and please pass on to your officers our gratitude for the work they do to protect our community.

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“ A note of appreciation to the officers that responded to my 911 call – professional and yet compassionate are the best words to describe them all. Thank you to all!

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Thank you so much for another amazing year of assisting the children of Lazarus House! We are so grateful for all of your help.

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Thank you so much for all you do for the community.

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“ Thank you Officer Schuessler ♥ Evelyn

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We would like to thank you for your time and commitment during East’s homecoming week. We appreciate you helping us make it an amazing and memorable week through your help with our volleyball and football games; as well as our dance and parade.

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“ Dear Officer Rosal: just wanted to thank you for your help; it’s very much appreciated. You’re so kind and you’re an asset to our community and the police department.

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The Naperville Police Department would like to formally recognize Commander McCowan for his expeditious response and professionalism during this incident.

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“ On behalf of myself and the Kane County Sheriff’s Office, please extend our gratitude to the officers who assisted with the pursuit that led to the suspect’s apprehension.

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We would like to thank Detective Rick Murawski and Evidence Technician Mike Wojcik for the assistance they provided our agency.

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“ **NOTE:** This is just a sampling of the multitude of thank-you notes, well wishes, and treats the community provided our Department in 2022!

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