Message from the Chief

On behalf of the sworn and civilian members of the Morton Grove Police Department, it is my pleasure to present our 2018 Annual Report. It is our hope that readers will not only learn about the police department and our activity over the past year, they will also learn why we do what we do and get to know us better. I hope you find this year’s report informative and interesting.

The Morton Grove Police Department is committed to preventing crime and the fair and impartial enforcement of our laws. The relationship we have with the community we serve is very important to us. We want ours to be helpful and open, built on a foundation of mutual respect and fairness.

We pride ourselves on our ability to solve problems for people and help them through difficult times in their lives.

It is also important to us that we interact with the public in a positive manner, and put a friendly face on an agency that usually meets people under unfortunate circumstances. We are proud of our Community Interaction programs such as the Citizens Police Academy and National Night Out. We hope that if you haven’t made it to one of these events yet, you’ll be able to join us soon.

Best wishes for a safe and prosperous year.

Respectfully,

Michael Simo
Chief of Police
As a Law Enforcement Officer, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception; the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence and disorder; and to respect the Constitutional rights of all men to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department.

Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty. I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities, or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession – Law Enforcement.

We, the members of the Morton Grove Police Department, are committed to providing responsive and professional law enforcement services, preserving peace and order, and maintaining the highest ethical standards possible.

To fulfill our mission, uphold our Oath of Office pledge, and safeguard our obligation to the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics, we, the members of the Morton Grove Police Department are committed to:

- Protecting constitutional rights;
- Providing the safest possible environment for the citizens of Morton Grove;
- Promoting mutual trust with all citizens;
- Remaining sensitive to the human condition;
- Accepting responsibility and being accountable for our conduct and performance;
- Providing the best available training to our officers;
- Cultivating respect and support for all members in a quality work environment;
- Maintaining honesty, integrity and ethical behavior on and off duty.
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The Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP) is a two tier program designed for law enforcement agencies to attain excellence in policing. The Morton Grove Police Department holds Tier 2 Accreditation by having complied with over 180 law enforcement standards pertaining to Administration, Operations, Personnel and Training. An accredited agency will remain so for a term of four (4) years which is when the agency will be required to complete and submit an Annual Verification of Compliance package. During the fourth year of their accreditation term, ILEAP staff will contact the agency and arrange for a re-accreditation on-site assessment. The Morton Grove Police Department is in its third year of being an accredited agency.

In March of 2018, the Community Liaison Unit continued to teach the Learning Effective & Assertive Decision-making (L.E.A.D.) program which focuses on positive decision-making skills for middle school students and also teaches them about the dangers that they may face. Created by the Huntley Police Department in partnership with their schools, L.E.A.D. the Way teaches the importance of being assertive and making choices that keep students safe whether they are at home, at school, or out with friends. The program is geared toward 5th graders and is designed to engage the students through group work, individual reflections, and activities as they work towards a healthy and safe future. L.E.A.D. the Way is a 9-week program with the last week being graduation. Each 35-45 minute L.E.A.D the Way class discusses popular topics that middle school students are currently encountering. The topics include: tobacco, marijuana, alcohol & medication, peer pressure, being assertive, bullying, cyber bullying, internet safety, and encouraging words. It is taught by Officers Lietz, Tabor, Jurasz, and Hough.

In March 2018, we partnered with Park View, Molloy and Golf schools to start the program. In October 2018, we partnered with Edison, Jerusalem Lutheran and MCC to continue the program. In total, we have taught over 400 students. The police department wants to help build bright futures for the students in our community and we believe the positive interaction between the police department and the schools will be beneficial for the children.
Patrol Services Division

The Patrol Services Division represents the largest section of our agency. It is staffed by uniformed officers who are most likely the first officers to respond to a wide variety of incidents, ranging from service calls to the most serious of crimes. Patrol officers routinely are responsible for preliminary investigations of crimes, the protection of life and property, the prevention of criminal activity and the maintenance of public order, with lawful authority to enforce all laws and ordinances.

The Patrol Division is also responsible for traffic safety and accident investigations, as well as visibility and enforcement activities at problematic locations in the Village. When officers are patrolling in neighborhoods they are engaged in proactive duties to reduce and stop crime; citizens should feel free to wave, ask questions or pass along information for the betterment of the community.
Patrol Operations

1st Shift: 2300 – 0700 hours

In 2018, the Midnight Shift was staffed by one Commander, one Sergeant, eight Patrol Officers, and three part time Community Service Officers. Shift members consisted of the following specialties: six breath operators, two range instructors, two defensive tactics instructors, six evidence technicians and one field training officer.

This is the second year that the front desk is closed at 2am and reopened at 6am. The shift has easily adjusted to having the desk area closed and all shift members were able to accomplish their tasks efficiently.

There are ten basic tasks that I have asked the midnight shift to strive for each day. The chart below shows the breakdown of those tasks over the last two years. As can be seen, the Midnight Shift had another very productive year.

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The entire shift of officers has continued to gain experience and enhanced knowledge. The shift is made up of young, aggressive officers who enjoy coming to work every day.

The shift’s Top Cop for 2018 is Officer Daniel Dahm. During 2018, Officer Dahm conducted 327 traffic stops, had 47 custodial arrests resulting in one Felony, 25 Misdemeanor, and 15 Cite & Release charges; wrote 328 citations and had 99 searches. Sixteen of his arrests were DUI related, 32 of the arrests were Self-Initiated, and he assisted shift members in 38 arrests. Officer Dahm, in his second year at the department, is an outstanding and aggressive Police Officer!!
Patrol Operations

2nd Shift: 0700 – 1500 hours

The 2018 2nd Shift was staffed by eight permanently assigned Patrol Officers, a Community Service Officer, an Animal Control Officer, two Sergeants, and a Watch Commander. The Patrol Officers are tasked with providing responsive services to the community in regards to various types of incidents that occur during the day. These incidents include the investigation of criminal activity, traffic accidents, traffic violations, and parking enforcement. The members of the 2nd Shift displayed excellence and professionalism on numerous types of calls, including being recognized for saving lives through the use of Narcan and employing CPR in emergency situations. The 2nd Watch is exceptionally well trained, benefiting from advanced Range, Defensive Tactics, and Evidence training. Of particular importance to the assigned personnel was an attention to the safety of children in the educational institutions within the Village. 2nd Shift personnel did numerous premise checks of schools during each school day and often dropped in to speak with school personnel. They were also involved in several school safety drills and worked closely with the Community Liaison Officers in regards to these events. In addition to providing leadership for the patrol officers, 2nd Watch Sergeants were responsible for overseeing the Animal Control Unit, the newly created Traffic Unit, the Red Light Camera Program, and the Abandoned Auto Program.

During the calendar year of 2018, the 2nd Shift responded to 5,490 calls for service and made 68 custodial arrests as a result of criminal investigations, with four of the offenders being charged with felony offenses. 2nd Shift personnel conducted over 2,400 premise checks of local businesses, parks, and school facilities. In an effort to be responsive to community concerns about traffic related issues, officers spent time at identified problem areas on 2,454 occasions and made 1,477 traffic stops for various offenses. Officers wrote 943 reports of which 534 were incident reports and 409 were traffic crash reports.

The 2nd Shift Top Cop for 2018 was Officer Tim Walsh who led the shift with 17 custodial arrests and two felony arrests.
3rd Shift: 1500 – 2300 hours

In 2018, the 3rd shift had a productive and successful year collaborating with the community in solving issues of mutual concern and employing proven tactics to deter and reduce crime. Officers focused on community safety while building positive relationships through daily contact with citizens and business owners. The 3rd shift is supervised by Commander Ed Panko and Sergeants Eric Eimer and Dan Warrensford. We pride ourselves on being well trained and well prepared. Our Officers received over 349 hours of in house training, including law updates, firearms, evidence collection and scenario based training. In 2018, our shift consisting of well-rounded veteran officers responded to over 6,204 calls for service, which is an increase of 1,305 from last year. With all of those calls, we did not have a single formal citizen complaint. Officers made 122 arrests, which is an increase of 62 arrests from 2017. In 2018, 3rd shift took 948 reports an increase of 216 all while conducting 1,725 traffic stops an increase of 216 to keep our community safe in every way possible.

The 3rd Shift Top Cop for 2018 was Officer Gus Fasos who led the shift with 27 custodial arrests and 4 felony arrests. He wrote 174 tickets and conducted 189 searches of persons and vehicles.

Officer Mark Atto assisting Tactical Officer Mallaney
Social Services

The Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) began working with the Police Department in November 2015. The social worker provides a human services support component to individuals having contact with the Morton Grove Police Department and Fire Department. The social worker is a part-time employee but is available on an on-call basis 24 hours a day. As time permits, the social worker may also provide generalist human services to residents of the Village who are referred through a variety of community sources.

Typical police and fire response services include the following areas of concern:
- Death investigations
- Domestic violence
- Physical or sexual abuse
- Mental health concerns
- Residential burglaries
- Child/Adolescent behavioral concerns
- Missing persons

Typical generalist services include:
- Therapeutic counseling
- Supportive services for victims of crime (legal advocacy, etc.)
- Resource and referral for general issues (housing, employment, health, etc.)
- Resource and referral for aging issues (health care, caregiving, etc.)

In 2018, the social worker served 463 individuals and/or families. The breakdown of service provision is outlined in the chart below. The three largest service areas for the year were aging needs, mental health and substance abuse concerns, and domestic violence issues.
Field Services Division

The Morton Grove Police Department has nine sworn personnel assigned full time within the Field Services Division performing a wide variety of tasks and assignments. Personnel assignments within this division are; Detective, Tactical Officer, and Community Liaison Officer. Also located within Field Services are task force investigators assigned to NORTAF Major Crimes, NORTAF Burglary, Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) and NARCINT.

- **DETECTIVES** – The Detectives’ main responsibilities include conducting criminal investigations, identifying and apprehending criminals in follow-up investigations, identifying witnesses, and preparing cases for court. Additionally, they conduct juvenile and youth investigations and are responsible for the background investigations of civilian and sworn personnel.

- **TACTICAL OFFICERS** – Tactical Officers conduct criminal intelligence gathering, surveillance, crime pattern analysis, undercover operations, vice and narcotics operations, liquor gaming and tobacco enforcement compliance checks. Tactical Officers also perform many self-initiated tasks that include anti-crime patrols and hot spot saturation.

- **COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICERS** – Community Liaison Officers are sworn officers that primarily focus upon crime prevention and community involvement.

Task Force Assignments

Field Service personnel are assigned to task force duties that benefit Morton Grove through the utilization of other law enforcement agencies. Task force duties focus upon major crimes, crimes against persons, burglary suppression and narcotics interdiction.

- **NORTAF Major Crimes** – NORTAF Major Crimes is a multi-jurisdictional task force that utilizes investigators from surrounding communities to assist in solving homicides and other major crimes. One Morton Grove detective is assigned to this task force.

- **NORTAF Burglary** – NORTAF Burglary is a task force that focuses primarily on the identification and suppression of residential and commercial burglaries. This task force also performs surveillance and tracking of the persons that commit burglaries. One Morton Grove detective is assigned to this task force.

- **NARCINT** – NARCINT, the Narcotics and Currency Interdiction Team, is part of the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area group (HIDTA). NARCINT is responsible for the interdiction of narcotics flowing through Morton Grove and our surrounding communities. One Morton Grove detective is assigned to this task force.
Field Services Division

- **ICAC** – The Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program is a national network of 61 coordinated task forces representing over 4,500 federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies. These agencies are continually engaged in proactive and reactive investigations and prosecutions of persons involved in child abuse and exploitation involving the internet.

In 2018, detectives investigated 563 criminal cases that included property crimes, crimes against persons, narcotics, and vice. Cases are assigned based upon solvability factors that include such details as:

- Witnesses
- Evidence recovered
- Suspects named or described
- Traceable property

Cases are closed in a variety of ways with the following dispositions:

- **Cleared by Arrest** – An arrest is made.
- **Cleared by Warrant** – An arrest warrant has been issued for the offender.
- **Cleared Exceptionally** – Probable cause to make an arrest is present, but an arrest was not made for a variety of reasons that can include; restitution being made, the victim not wishing to prosecute, or a non-traditional closure of the case that satisfies the victim.
- **Unfounded** – A crime did not occur.
- **Administratively Closed** – The case is closed due to a lack of investigative leads or evidence.
- **Referred to Other Agency** – The crime or incident occurred in another jurisdiction.
- **Documentation Only** – The report and investigation were created with the express purpose to assist the victim or complainant in receiving assistance from other agencies or judicial process.

The Field Services Division also initiated various narcotics, vice, and computer based investigations during 2018. These investigations, which curtailed illegal narcotics distribution groups within Morton Grove, resulted in search warrants, seizures of narcotics and weapons, and arrests.
Community Liaison Unit

Officers Lietz and Tabor continue to be in the Community Liaison unit after it was started in late August of 2014. Officer Jurasz joined the team after Officer Tabor retired at the beginning of 2019. The Community Liaison unit is responsible for the very popular Officer Friendly program which allows our officers to interact with all of the schools, students, and staff. The unit is also responsible for creating and participating in programs that will enhance the relationship between the Police Department and the community. The Community Liaison unit does presentations not only for the schools but also for different community organizations that may be interested. Community relations, meetings with the public and fundraising events are also important aspects of this unit.

What we’ve accomplished in 2018:

- Officer Friendly-School walk thru & recess
- School Lockdown drills including nearby high schools
- School Meetings
- School Traffic Issues/ Parades
- Presentations for schools/local businesses
- Security Assessments
- 4th Citizens Police Academy
- Internship Program
- Social Media (Facebook and Twitter)
- School Law enforcement Knox Box program- gives immediate access to law enforcement if there is an emergency in the school.
- Block Watch: Residential/Business volunteer security camera program
- Fundraising Activities
  - Torch Run
  - Cop on a Rooftop
- National Night Out
- Community Outreach Meetings/Activities
- B.A.S.S.E.T Classes
- Condo Association Meetings
- Press Releases
- Police Department tours
- Community Relations (Fairs/Events)
- Training Classes/ Seminars
- Raffled off Rides to School at events
- Continued LEAD the Way, a 5th grade program teaching effective decision-making skills
Evidence and Property Section

There were two major projects this past year concerning Evidence Management. One was an auction and the other was the renovation of our 2nd floor Evidence Room. In March, we used Obenhauf Auction Services to sell 310 items of evidence/property. At the end of the auction the Village received $15,152.08. Mid-year, we renovated our 2nd floor Evidence Room (used for long term storage). The renovation included new space-saving shelving, a new climate control system and reorganization of evidence storage.

Other accomplishments for 2018 were:

- Disposed of 1,991 items of evidence/property (1,596 items of evidence/property were submitted during 2018).
- Destroyed 73 firearms.
- Destroyed 303 illegal drugs.
- Donated 66 items of evidence/property to the "Wings" organization.
- Donated 7 bicycles to the "Bikes & Roses" organization.
The Support Services division is staffed by civilian personnel and provides a myriad of professional services necessary to support the wide variety of functions in the Police Department. These services are critical to the efficient operation of the Department as well as to the community members we serve.

Support Services is divided into four major areas of responsibility: Records & Statistical Management, Logistical Services (Budgeting & Fiscal Management), Ordinance Enforcement & Court Services and the School Crossing Guard Program. Additionally, Support Services assists at accidents and crime scenes, in special events, parking enforcement, and many other functions.

To help achieve its goals, the Division is administered by a civilian manager and staffed with a Records Coordinator, five full-time Community Service Officers and seven School Crossing Guards.

Functions of Support Services include but are not limited to:

- Clerical and customer service activities
- Records management
- Statistics
- FOIA compliance
- Records checks
- Court Services
- Subpoena compliance
- Administrative hearing liaison
- Ordinance and code enforcement
- Alarm system management
- Building maintenance
- Holding facility operations and compliance
- School crossing guards
- Purchasing
- Police equipment maintenance
- Expungement/Sealing of records
Crime data compiled by the Village of Morton Grove are categorized to conform to the Uniform Crime Reporting Information System, which allows for comparisons among jurisdictions. Offenses are divided into two groups – Part I and Part II. Part I Offenses (Index Crimes) include the nine crimes that are considered most serious. These are crimes that must be reported to the FBI on a monthly basis by local, county and state law enforcement agencies. The FBI acts as a clearinghouse for the data. Usually, when the news media discusses crime rates going up or down, they are referring to the Index Crimes. Part II Offenses are most other crimes.

### PART I OFFENSES

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### PART II OFFENSES

These are all other crimes, including, but not limited to: Simple Assualts, Forgery and Counterfeiting, Fraud, Embezzlement, Stolen Property Offenses, Vandalism, Weapons Offenses, Prostitution and Commercialized Vice, Sex Offenses (except rape and prostitution), Drug Abuse Violations, Gambling, Offenses Against the Family and Children, Driving Under the Influence, Liquor Laws, Drunkenness, Disorderly Conduct, Vagrancy, All Other Offenses (except traffic), Curfew and Loitering Laws (Juveniles only) and Runaways (Juveniles only).

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<td>Traffic Citations</td>
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<td><strong>TOTALS</strong></td>
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The Juvenile Court Act establishes procedures for dealing with youthful offenders, according to the following categories: 1) abused, neglected or dependent minors; 2) minors requiring authoritative intervention; 3) addicted minors; and, 4) delinquent minors. Members of the Field Services Division are trained to deal specifically with juvenile offenders as our specially trained members of the Patrol Division.

Juvenile crime, like adult crime, is rooted in a combination of social, emotional and economic factors. However, unlike the adult justice system, juvenile justice is based in a rehabilitative approach that attempts to keep kids out of prison as adults. Depending upon the offense committed by the juvenile, options are available that keep kids out of jail and get them the help they may need.

A juvenile contact may involve a juvenile who is a victim or in need of counseling due to other problems that are not criminal. The Department’s goal is to utilize these types of contacts to provide youths with an opportunity to recognize that they may need help and obtain appropriate assistance. In furthering this mission the Police Department has relationships with outside non-governmental organizations (NGO) and works closely with the schools that have more consistent contact with these juveniles in need.

It is the goal of the Morton Grove Police Department to remain proactive in working with youths through various programs in order to educate them and deter their involvement in criminal activity. Utilizing the Morton Grove Social Worker, Rebekah Philippart, has proven to be a tremendous asset to the Morton Grove Police Department in assisting youthful offenders and youths in need. The categories of crimes that juveniles are charged under consist of status offenses and criminal offenses.

The chart below highlights the juvenile contacts that occurred in 2018. There are two categories of juvenile offenses; Status offenses, which are offenses that would not be criminal if the juvenile was of the proper age such as consumption of alcohol or possession of tobacco by a minor and criminal offenses which are offenses that are criminal no matter the age of the offender.

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<td><strong>2018 Totals</strong></td>
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**Burglary**

Burglary is a particularly sensitive crime because of the invasive nature of the offense. Generally, burglaries are classified as Residential (dwelling or garage) or Non-Residential (commercial).

Burglaries generally are crimes of opportunity: a burglar identifies the easiest target and strikes. Homeowners and business owners can deter burglars by locking doors, leaving lights on timers, lighting entrance ways, and having good locks and alarm systems in place. The Morton Grove Police Department will provide a free security survey for all home or business owners and provide security information to deter crime.

More sophisticated burglary rings may also strike in Morton Grove. The Morton Grove Police Department maintains its partnership with the Burglary Task Force for identification and apprehension of criminals in these incidents.
Traffic Safety

The goal of the Morton Grove Police Department’s Traffic Safety Program is to protect the lives of motorists and pedestrians, reduce accidents, and create a safer, more secure community. Higher police visibility in targeted areas serves as a significant deterrent to the motoring public. Coordinated efforts by our Patrol Officers and Special Operations Officers target school zones, high volume signal intersections, known excessive speed areas, and problematic intersections. The Police Department works closely with citizens, the Village Engineer and the Traffic Safety Commission to identify safety concerns and problem solve to a reasonable solution for neighborhoods. In 2018, the Police Department issued 3,688 traffic citations overall.

![Motor Vehicle Crashes Chart]

![DUI Crashes Chart]
According to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration statistics from 2010, the State of Illinois was one of the top-five most deadly in the nation for red-light running fatalities. To help combat that, the Village of Morton Grove implemented a Red-Light Safety Camera Program with the purpose to increase traffic safety in the village by reducing red-light running violations, collisions and injuries.

Since July 2012, the Village of Morton Grove has had a Red-Light Enforcement area at the intersection of Waukegan and Dempster. The camera system is maintained and managed by American Traffic Solutions (ATS) and covers both the straight and left turn lanes of northbound Waukegan.

When a possible violation occurs, there is a two part vetting process prior to a violation notice being issued. First, the video is reviewed by ATS personnel. If they verify the camera was working properly and within the recognized specifications, the violation is forwarded to the Police Department. The supervisor assigned to monitoring the Red-Light Camera, reviews the evidence and makes the final determination of whether or not a violation notice is issued.

In 2018, there were 4,567 events captured by the camera and of those 1,800 (39%) were issued violation notices. Residents of Chicago were the most frequent violators and received 25.5% of all the notices issued.

The following chart shows the top five jurisdictions of violators in 2018. The top five jurisdictions were issued 58.33% of the total citations in 2018.
In 2018, the Morton Grove Police Department conducted over 3,700 hours of training. The training covers topics from criminal law to investigations courses to firearms/defensive tactics to management training to de-escalation/crisis intervention training. After decades of cuts to mental health services, police are encountering more and more people in mental crisis. CIT training is a proven strategy for helping police handle mental health crises in ways that are safer for police and better for citizens. The Morton Grove Police Department is committed to sending all sworn police officers to a 40-hour Crisis Intervention Team training course.

The Morton Grove Police Department trains its Officers based on State requirements, Department/Community needs, and individual officers’ desire for self-improvement and personal development. The department utilizes local training facilities to accomplish its training goals. NEMRT, the North East Multi-Regional Training facility, offers hundreds of courses each year at local police departments and is vital to the completing the various State mandated training requirements. The Suburban Law Enforcement Academy located at the College of DuPage is where the Department sends officer for their basic academy and also to attend various continuing education classes on law enforcement. Also, online training is conducted monthly at the Police Law Institute covering topics such as arrest, search and seizure, anonymous tips, and vehicle pursuits.

The table below shows a breakdown of the hours spent in training in several general categories.

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Department Training

Field Training

Field Training is a rigorous structured program, lasting 60 days, designed to teach and observe a probationary police officer in the field dealing with real world police interactions. The probationary police officer is accompanied at all times with a Field Training Officer. The department has trained eight officers to be Field Training Officers. These are officers who have demonstrated exceptional professionalism and passion for law enforcement. Field training normally lasts three months before an officer is allowed to conduct solo patrol. Once on solo patrol, he is evaluated each month by his supervisor and has a meeting with the Field Training coordinator to track his progress. Each officer is considered on probation for the first two years of his employment. This ensures completely vetted and well trained officers are serving our community.

Firearms Training

The Morton Grove Police Department uses its indoor gun range to conduct monthly training courses for all its sworn officers. In 2018, there were eighteen courses of fire that all members completed. Courses covered room entry, ballistic shield use, rifle and shotgun courses, close quarter battle drills, and weapon malfunction drills. The courses of fire are adaptable so one month an officer may be shooting in the dark with his flashlight and the next he shoots the same course wearing a helmet and ballistic vest. This allows officers to become more familiar wearing the equipment available to them and also how to shoot and move while wearing the bulky and heavy protective equipment. The courses of fire are designed to simulate real life situations officers may encounter.

In 2018, the Department was fortunate to be able to conduct a training day at the FBI Outdoor Gun Range located in the northern suburbs of Chicago. Nine officers conducted four courses of fire during the training day. It was raining the day of the training but all officers thoroughly enjoyed the ability to shoot at longer distances than what is available on the Department’s gun range.

The Morton Grove Police Department standardized its duty weapons in 2017 by adopting the Sig Sauer P320 9mm pistol, in the Full Size and Compact versions. In 2018, the Department started its inspection process for all pistols and rifles utilized by Department members. There are nine Sig Sauer P320 pistol armorer and two M-4 Carbine armorers for the Department. All Department pistols and rifles and all personally owned rifles were inspected throughout the year. This inspection will continue in the following years.

In 2019, the Department is hoping to purchase portable turning targets that can be utilized both on the range and during Scenario Based Training. These turning targets will be incorporated into the various range training programs to make the programs more realistic, simulate targets popping out of cover briefly that need to be engaged, and put the officer under more real life stress during training.
**Scenario Based Training**

The Morton Grove Police Department engages in a quarterly Scenario Based Training Program. Participating in scenarios which are designed to simulate the real world obstacles that officers are faced with during the course of their duties allows personnel to improve their tactical abilities. Training methods and models used in the Scenario Based Training Program are based upon the leading research and methodology within the law enforcement community. The program is designed to test the skills that officers are taught in the other internal training programs such as the Range Program and the Defensive Tactics Program.

The Morton Grove Police Department utilizes various technologies in the implementation of the Scenario Based Training Program, such as Simunitions, Impact Reduction Suits, Tasers, and OC Spray. The use of these technologies allows personnel to be inoculated to the stresses of real world, live fire scenarios while eliminating any of the associated dangers.

The Scenario Based Training Program is the marquee of the Morton Grove Police Department training, and its continuation ensures the optimum performance of its sworn officers, and the continued delivery of the most professional police services possible.
Defensive Tactics Training

Like law enforcement officers across the United States, the personnel of the Morton Grove Police Department have the dual role of acting as guardians for the weak and as warriors who have to confront those who would do violent crime and threaten bodily harm to our citizenry. This is a tremendous responsibility which our officers take very seriously. In a time of stress and crisis, people either rise or fall to the level of their training. Therefore, in order to prepare for those moments of crisis, the Morton Grove Police Department strives to give their personnel the very best training possible. Every month, the officers are trained in some aspect of physical confrontation, to include blocks of instruction in the following:

- Use of restraints
- Armlocks/Takedowns
- Two-officer control tactics
- Ground defense
- Oleoresin Capsicum spray
- Taser
- Weapon retention
- Baton use

The training cadre is a highly motivated group of police officers who strive to give their peers the tools necessary to confront every threat while being conscious of the ramifications of using force. The training cadre is afforded expert certification from a number of industry leading institutions, including the Police Training Institute, Pressure Point Control Tactics, the S.P.E.A.R system and Force Science Institute.

The comprehensive training that the officers are afforded contributes to a lower overall use of force during the multitude of arrests made, as well as a lower incident of injury to victims, officers, and offenders alike.

CPR Training

The Morton Grove Police Department trains and certifies each of its officers in American Heart Association CPR. Each officer is certified on a semi-annual basis in CPR and AED (automated external defibrillator) usage. The Department employs four members to be CPR instructors to ensure that training is always current. Those four members are Officer Narcisa, Officer Lietz, Officer Crowe and Commander Panko. Four squads cars are equipped with an AED and the AED’s are inspected daily by each officer prior to his shift to ensure that it is ready should a citizen be in need of the lifesaving tool.

This year, the Department purchased five new AED’s to replace our original AED’s which reached the end of their serviceable life. The new AED’s are Zoll AED Plus which are completely automatic and do not require an officer to push a button all the while giving him explicit instructions while in a critical situation.
The FBI National Academy is a professional course of study for active U.S. law enforcement personnel and international law enforcement managers nominated by their agency heads who seek to enhance their credentials in their field and to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge, and also cooperation worldwide.

The National Academy is held four times a year at the FBI Training Academy which is located in one of the largest U.S. Marine Corp bases, Marine Corps Base (MCB) Quantico in Prince William County, VA. Up to 250 candidates go through a 10-week course that provides coursework in intelligence theory, terrorism and terrorist mindsets, management science, law, behavioral science, law enforcement communication, and forensic science.

Included in this course of study is the final fitness challenge that each student must complete. The course came to be known as the “Yellow Brick Road”, is a grueling 6.1 mile run through a hilly, wooded trail built by the Marines. Along the way, participants must climb, run through creeks, jump through simulated windows, scale rock faces with ropes, crawl under barbed wire in muddy water, maneuver across a cargo net, and more. When the students finish this difficult test, they are given a yellow brick to memorialize their achievement. The yellow bricks started as markers placed by the Marines at various locations to show the runners the way around the course. This challenge began in 1981 and has evolved over the years.
# CHIEF OF POLICE
Simo, Michael

# DEPUTY CHIEF
- Fennelly, Brian
- Stromberg, Norman

# COMMANDERS
- Panko, Edward
- Stueber, Daniel
- Weitzel, Michael
- Yaras, Paul

# SERGEANTS
- Eimer, Eric
- Novak, Andrew
- Przekota, Dominik
- Rago, Jason
- Warrensford, Daniel

# POLICE OFFICERS
- Johnson, Dennis
- Jurasz, Justin
- Lang, Sean
- Lietz, Gina
- Litkowiak, Stephen
- Mallaney, Patrick
- Mercieri, Michael
- Murakami, Kerry
- Narcisa, Nicole
- Rubio, Tyler
- Schmidt, Jonathan
- Schuette, Jeremy
- Skrzyniarz, Tomasz
- Sliva, Thomas
- Tabor, Adam
- Toussaint, Robert
- Walsh, Timothy
- Zachacki, Michael

# CROSSING GUARDS
**Seasonal Part-Time**
- Andrews, Pierce
- Baker, Lilli
- Boras, Vlado
- Brand, Linda
- Cutler, Terry
- Davis, Robert
- Drouillard, John
- Maguire, Kathleen
- Philbin, Nancy

**Part-Time CSO’s**
- Biram, Nina
- Chirila, Daniel
- Frerichs, Wayde
- Jovina, Joy
- Munyer, Theodore
- Nelson, Jacob
- Wadowski, Victoria
- Zverev, Aleksandr

# CIVILIANS
- Alvarex, Bruno
- Downen, Maria
- McCloskey, Terrence
- Moreno, Marvin
- Owca, Monica
- Nordhaus, Janet
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# SOCIAL WORKER
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The personnel of the Morton Grove Police Department pride themselves on the professional conduct they display during the discharge of their duties each day. In order to maintain the highest of standards, certain critical events trigger an automatic assessment process. Any vehicle pursuit or use of force that a Department member is involved in is subject to a review by supervisory staff. In addition to these types of events, any complaint of improper conduct received by the Department triggers a review process. The reviews follow set procedures contained in the Morton Grove Police Department Policy Manual, and ensure that we are operating with the utmost discipline and ethical behavior.

We are exceptionally proud of the conduct that our personnel display, and attribute their performance to the quality of officers we employ and the training that we continuously afford them to navigate the high stress incidents that they may find themselves involved in. We believe that the results of the internal review processes conducted in the calendar year of 2018 bear out that conviction.

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The Morton Grove Police Department welcomed six new members in 2018: five new Community Service Officers and one Crossing Guard. We congratulate them and wish them a long, successful and rewarding career here at the Morton Grove Police Department.

CSO Daniel Chirila
CSO Jovina Joy
CSO Theodore Munyer
CSO Victoria Wadowski
CSO Aleksandr Zverev
Crossing Guard Nancy Philbin

**OATH OF OFFICE**

I do solemnly swear and affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Illinois and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the Office Of Police Officer according to the best of my ability.
Service Anniversaries

The following employees celebrated significant employment anniversaries in 2018. The Department thanks them for the years that they have dedicated to the Village and to their outstanding commitment to their profession.

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Recognition and Awards

2018 Officer of the Year
The Officer of the Year award is intended for any sworn Department member who exhibited exceptional dedication to duty, initiative & professionalism; whose outstanding achievements are above and beyond service standards; and, who has notably contributed to the Department and community by consistently performing duties with outstanding skill, diligence, productivity, judgment and responsibility.

For 2018, the recipient of the award goes to Officer Daniel Dahm. Officer Dahm has consistently demonstrated an outstanding work ethic that not only resulted in a number of arrests for impaired driving and other dangerous incidents, but also has contributed greatly to the overall safety of the community. Officer Dahm has been with the police department since 2012 starting as a Community Service officer and Animal Control officer before being sworn in as a police officer in 2016.

2018 Civilian Employee of the Year Award
The Civilian Employee of the Year award is intended for any civilian Department member who exhibited exceptional dedication to duty, initiative & professionalism; whose outstanding achievements are above and beyond service standards; and, who has notably contributed to the Department and community by consistently performing duties with outstanding skill, diligence, productivity, judgment and responsibility.

For 2018, the recipient of the award goes to Community Service officer Monica Owca. CSO Owca is assigned as our Animal Control officer and was selected for her knowledge, hard work and willingness to take on other tasks. She has worked as a desk officer and became certified as a child safety seat technician. She has established relationships with area kennels, animal rescue groups and shelters and is responsible in getting four found animals adopted last year. CSO Owca has been with the police department since 2016.
Recognition and Awards

**Shift Top Cops**
The Top Cop award is intended for any member who distinguishes themselves in continuous performance of their duties by providing outstanding professional service with diligence, determination, and excellence which notably contributes to the Department and community.

1\(^{st}\) Shift: Officer Daniel Dahm

2\(^{nd}\) Shift: Officer Timothy Walsh

3\(^{rd}\) Shift: Officer Constantinos Fasos

Field Services: Detective Dennis Johnson

**Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists Certificate of Appreciation**
The certificate is given out by the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM), an independent non-profit organization founded in 1982 by families who had lost loved ones in drunken driving crashes. AAIM recognizes that the enforcement of DUI laws is a thankless and unpleasant arrest situation. It is however one of the most important arrests that an officer can make on a regular basis. With this in mind, in conjunction with IDOT, it provides a continuing recognition system for officers that excel in arresting impaired drivers.

In 2018, the following officers were recognized for their commendable DUI enforcement from 2017:

Officer Michael Crowe

Officer Eric Ficht

Officer Nicholas Hoffman

Officer Justin Hough

Officer Stephen Litkowiak

Officer Robert Toussaint
Letters of Commendation
This acknowledgment may be awarded to any member of the Department who takes action and performs with exceptional ability so as to contribute to the successful conclusion or completion of an incident or operation.

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Cook County Sheriff’s Law Enforcement Award of Merit
This award is given to police officers from throughout Cook County who have consistently performed above and beyond the call of duty and have shown excellent dedication, attitude, work ethic, professionalism and commitment.

On May 7, 2018, Officer Adam Tabor was recognized for his outstanding service, devotion and professionalism to the Village of Morton Grove.

Officer Adam Tabor
## Recognition and Awards

### Letters of Appreciation

This award is given to a member who, through performance of duty, receives a letter of praise or appreciation from a citizen or a fellow Village employee.

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Community Participation

The Morton Grove Police Department takes its responsibility to serve the citizens seriously. One of the important ways this is accomplished is through crime prevention programs. All of these various programs are designed to help make the citizens more vigilant in their own safety and allow us to better serve them.

Community Partnership

All members of the Police Department are responsible for the suggestions and concerns of citizens, representatives of schools, religious institutions, businesses, and other government or community organizations. The continuous exchange of information is critical to the mission of the Police Department. This process provides us with an opportunity for rapid response to community needs. Citizen concerns should be directed to the Police Department immediately to allow us time to investigate events early while they may still be minor in nature. This important process also helps the community impart concerns to their Police Department that might otherwise not get reported.

Non-Emergency (847) 470-5200
Emergency 911
www.mortongroveil.org
Tip line: (847) 663-3828
Facebook
Twitter

Communities Against Terrorism Program

In accordance with its mission to build strong relationship with the members of our community, the Morton Grove Police Department and its personnel support the initiatives of the Communities Against Terrorism Program.

The Communities Against Terrorism (CAT) program is funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance through the State and Local Anti-Terrorism Training (SLATT) Program to provide law enforcement agencies with a tool to engage members of the local community in the fight against terrorism. This program provides industry-specific information on activities that may be associated with the planning and preparation of a terrorist attack. By providing information about potential terror indicators to businesses, law enforcement agencies enhance their ability to prevent acts of terror. To assist law enforcement in the outreach effort, templates of flyers containing potential indicators have been created for distribution to specific industries.

All components of the Morton Grove Police Department are engaged in this important program. Members of the Patrol Operations Division visit local businesses and distribute informational flyers, creating a dialogue with important members of the community. The Department’s Community Liaison Officers are crucial in building on and furthering these dialogues. Any leads or tips that are generated from the CAT Program are followed up on by members of the Investigations Bureau.

This comprehensive and inclusive approach to information sharing leads to a safer environment for all stakeholders in the community.
The year of 2018 marked the 4th annual Morton Grove Citizens Police Academy. This program which was created by Officer Lietz and Officer Tabor from our Community Liaison Unit allows residents and community stakeholders to take part in a 10 week instructional and hands-on program. The latest Academy class involved 20 Morton Grove residents who came every Tuesday from 6:30pm - 8:30pm to the second floor conference room at the Village Hall from March 20th, 2018 - May 22nd, 2018.

The academy had nine experienced instructors who taught courses related to their area of expertise within the Morton Grove Police Department. The last class, which was the graduation, was held in the Council Chambers of the Village Hall where each graduate was given a certificate of completion by Chief Simo. Many graduates from the academy continued their relationship with the Police Department by volunteering to assist with community events throughout the year.

The topics that were presented had hands on experience and were as follows:

- History of The Morton Grove Police Department
- Qualifications/hiring process/PD Tour
- Communications (At Dispatch Center)
- Laws of arrest, search, and seizure
- Patrol Functions, DUI enforcement (Use of Fatal Vision Goggles)
- Evidence and Crime Scene processing
- Optional Ride-a-long
- Crime Prevention/Local Ordinances
- Investigations Major Crimes/Specialized Units
- Gun Laws/Safety, practice shooting
- Defensive Tactics Presentation
- Information on N.I.P.A.S. & Mobile Field Force units
Community Participation

Toys for Tots 2018

The Morton Grove Police Department participates in an annual Toys for Tots collection drive. The Morton Grove Police Department collected 16 large boxes of toys from late October 2018 until December 14th, 2018. We had a very successful year assisting the U.S. Marine Corps due to the generosity of all that donated.

The Toys for Tots Collection drive was created to assist the U.S. Marine Corps in providing a tangible sign of hope to economically disadvantaged children at Christmas. The objective is to help less fortunate children throughout the United States experience the joy of Christmas; to play an active role in the development of one of our nation’s most valuable resources – our children; to unite all members of local communities in a common cause for three months each year during the annual toy collection and to contribute to improving communities in the future.
Community Participation

Special Olympics – Torch Run

The Law Enforcement Torch Run® is the single largest year-round fundraising event benefiting Special Olympics Illinois. The annual intrastate relay and its various fundraising projects have two goals: to raise money and to gain awareness for the athletes who participate in Special Olympics Illinois. The Law Enforcement Torch Run® has raised nearly $43 million over 31 years while increasing awareness of Special Olympics Illinois athletes and their accomplishments.

Approximately 3,000 officers representing every branch of law enforcement across the state from local police officers to FBI agents will carry the Flame of Hope nearly 1,500 miles, running through thousands of Illinois communities via 23 different legs (routes) to its final destination – the Opening Ceremonies of the Special Olympics Illinois Summer Games in June in Normal.

Morton Grove carried the torch four miles from Dempster and Milwaukee to Lincoln and Gross Point where they handed the torch to the Skokie Police Department. Pictured here are members of our local community and our police department taking part in this awesome experience.
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Special Olympics – Cop on a Rooftop

2018 marks the 16th Anniversary of the Dunkin’ Donuts Cop on a Rooftop event with the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois this event has been a huge success over the years.

In 2018, there were 295 participating locations and more than $880,000 was raised to benefit the athletes of Special Olympics Illinois. This accomplishment is thanks to the hard work of the Law Enforcement officers and Dunkin’ Donuts.

Thanks to the owners of our Dunkin’ Donuts, this was the third year the Morton Grove Police Department was able to participate in this great event for a worthy cause.
National Night Out 2018

This year marked the 4th year that the Morton Grove Police Department hosted the annual National Night Out event. National Night Out is an annual community building campaign developed through the National Association of Town Watch, a nonprofit organization based in Wynnewood, PA., established to promote police/community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. This annual event, held on the first Tuesday of August, is celebrated in 16,124 communities from all 50 states, US territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide.

The event took place on Tuesday August 7th, 2018 at 6140 Dempster from 5:30pm until 8:30pm. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community and provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

This year, due to the generosity of our local businesses and residents, we were able to fully fund the event through donations. With the donations, we were able to offer our residents a live band, face painting, balloon sculptures, two caricaturists, pony rides, a climbing wall, tacos, hotdogs, ice cream, a 51-foot blow up obstacle course, a bouncy house and more.

Even though we had rain, over 400 people attended. We want to thank our Citizen Police Academy volunteers, village employees and the Morton Grove Park District for their help with the event.
Community Participation

**Chicago Police Memorial 14th Annual Run To Remember – May 5, 2018**

The Morton Grove Police Department and its members believe that being involved in the community at large and engaging in charitable activities is a part of public service. The Annual Run to Remember is a USATF certified chip-timed 5k run on Chicago's beautiful lakefront. Our detective bureau represented us at the event joined by more than 6,000 citizens, police officers, families of fallen officers and supporters of the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation. Thanks to Detective Johnson, Officers Barkei and Mallaney for carrying the flag for MGPD.

**Neighborhood Block Parties**

Are you interested in a visit from the Police Department at your next block party?

Since we believe in building strong partnerships within our neighborhoods, upon request, an officer or representative from the Police Department will be made available to demonstrate and explain equipment, speak with younger citizens, or simply chat with residents in attendance. Sometimes officers are on duty and time may be limited.
Honor Guard

Since 1895, the Morton Grove Police Department has served the Village of Morton Grove with distinction and honor. Throughout that long history, over 150 men and women have served as police officers in Morton Grove with 46 currently on active duty. In the 119 year history of the Morton Grove Police Department, one officer paid the ultimate sacrifice in service to Morton Grove. Officer Barry Shalin was killed on October 9, 1989 when he was run over by a drunk driver while he was working a patrol shift.

The Morton Grove Honor Guard was established in 2009 to honor Officer Shalin on the 20th anniversary of his death and continued on as a unit to honor the commitment and sacrifice that police officers provide on a daily basis.

Honor Guard Members

Commanders: Paul Yaras, Ed Panko, Dan Stueber, Mike Weitzel
Sergeant: Jason Rago
Detective: Dennis Johnson
Officers: James Hankey, Nick Hoffman, Pat Mallaney, Sean Lang
Community Participation

**Police Explorers**

The Morton Grove Police Explorers is a youth group open to young men and women ages 14 to 20 years of age who wish to discover what it is like to be a police officer. It is governed under the umbrella of the Boy Scouts of America. Currently, Morton Grove has 17 active Explorers. The group is run by Detective Dennis Johnson, Detective Mike Johanson and Commander Ed Panko.

Besides learning how to be the police, Explorers participate in many community activities such as the 4th of July parade, fireworks, carnival activities and charity events. In addition to this, they also help with Park District activities such as the annual Children’s Halloween party and various runs or festivals as requested by the Park District. In July of 2018, the Explorers competed in a national Explorer competition held at Purdue University in Indiana. For more information please contact Commander Ed Panko @ 847-663-3817 or epanko@mortongroveil.org
The Morton Grove Police Department investigates crime and makes arrests through the diligent efforts of police department employees working together. On many occasions the police department works with other law enforcement agencies to solve crimes that affect our region, the State of Illinois, or even other states. Some of the crime patterns are long term and necessitate the formation of targeted working groups that have since evolved into task forces. The Morton Grove Police Department is a part of or contributes to many regional, state and federal task forces.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS POLICE ALARM SYSTEM
The Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS) represents a joint venture of suburban municipal police departments in the Chicago metropolitan area. To ensure effective police mutual aid in times of natural disasters and to protect life and property during unrest, the Morton Grove Police Department joined NIPAS. NIPAS is further divided into two additional mission specific teams; Mobile Field Force and the Emergency Services Team. Morton Grove personnel are assigned to both teams.

NORTH REGIONAL MAJOR CRIMES TASK FORCE
The Morton Grove Police Department is a longtime partner in this regional task force. NORTAF Major Crimes assists Morton Grove and other law enforcement agencies from the Lake County border to the north border of the City of Chicago. Since 1997, NORTAF Major Crimes and the Morton Grove police personnel that are assigned, have investigated numerous homicides and non-parental kidnappings.

NORTAF-MAJOR CRASH ASSISTANCE TEAM (MCAT)
MCAT is a regional task force that investigates and assists in major vehicle crashes resulting in serious injury or death. Members assigned to this task force receive advanced training in evidence collection standards for vehicle and pedestrian related crashes while also receiving training in accident reconstruction techniques.

NARCOTICS AND CURRENCY INTERDICTION TEAM (NARCINT)
NARCINT is a state wide task force that utilizes a cooperative approach to narcotics interdiction efforts. Working with investigators from other suburbs and the State of Illinois, a Morton Grove detective helps interdict narcotics and human trafficking organizations.
GLENVIEW PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH CENTER
In September of 2012, the Morton Grove Police Department contracted with the Glenview Public Dispatch Center (GPSDC) to provide dispatch services. GPSDC provides contracted dispatch services to 12 police and fire departments, and serves eight different municipalities.

Along with the dispatch service, GPSDC provides numerous technological benefits to the Morton Grove Police Department such as a comprehensive Law Enforcement Records Management System; a self-contained computerized report writing system that allows officers to create reports in their squad cars and send them to supervisors; mapping capabilities that allow officers to see events and locations in real time; and computer aided dispatch functions that share prior call information with responding officers.

STARCOM21 RADIO NETWORK
GPSDC and the members of the Morton Grove Police Department use radios connected to the STARCOM21 network. STARCOM21 is a groundbreaking public/private partnership with Motorola Solutions envisioned and commissioned by the State of Illinois to enable seamless, interoperable communications among State, local and federal government users. The network allows members of the Morton Grove Police Department to communicate with these users, and each other, anywhere in the State. It also enables enhanced response to disaster and emergency situations and allows the State to effectively address homeland security concerns.

The STARCOM21 network is owned and operated by Motorola Solutions and currently serves more than 45,000 subscribers from various State, local and federal government and non-governmental entities. This includes the neighboring communities of Niles, Glenview, Skokie, and many others in the surrounding area. It is a statewide, 700/800 MHz, Project 25-compliant, digital, trunked voice radio network that is open to all public safety and public service agencies in the State of Illinois.
Characters from Star Wars joined us at Lutheran General’s Peds in the Weeds picnic.

Morton Grove partnered with other agencies at the Westmont Squad Car Show.

2018 Law Enforcement Meet at Oakton College

A kindergarten class at Hynes School was excited to listen to Officer Tabor’s Officer Friendly presentation.

Chief Simo with a preschool class from Jerusalem Lutheran.
Photos Throughout The Year

Santa Comes to Town Parade

The police department conducting Seat Belt Safety checks at Beckwith and Oriole

The end of another successful National Night Out

Police Explorers volunteering at the Holly Days event

Det. Johnson celebrating Memorial Day with American Legion Post #134
Police Department “Thank You” Notes

September 4, 2018

Thanks so much!

Thank you very much for your generous contribution to the 2018 Melzer Elementary Back-to-School Bash and Fundraiser!

The rain stayed away and the cooler weather allowed everyone to enjoy the festivities! We had a great response from the community and we are especially grateful for your donation.

The students and their families had a really fantastic time and we could not have done it without your kind support. We at Melzer Elementary School are truly appreciative of your participation. We look forward to working with you again in the future!

With sincere thanks,

Jeannie Lugtu
Melzer Elementary School PTO

The recipients were so excited to get their certificate! Easily one of the most popular items!

Thank You!!

Thank you very much for the fruit baskets that you dropped off during TC week. Your thoughtfulness was appreciated.

GPSDC
Police Department “Thank You” Notes

From: Beth Flores  
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 9:13 PM  
To: Adam Tabor; Gina Liezt; Paul Yaras; Mike Simc  
Cc: Carol Westley; Karen Chvojka; Lyni Kurokawa; Richard Searl  
Subject: Thank you!

Thank you all so much for spending all day with our district yesterday. The active shooter drill and the conversations before and after was an eye-opening experience for our staff members. I’m sure this will be the start of many more safety discussions and drills in our schools. We are fortunate to have such a responsive and collaborative police department. The Golf administration appreciates our partnership and thanks you!

Beth Flores, Ed.D.  
Superintendent  
Golf School District 67

From: Jason Ness  
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2018 11:18 AM  
To: Mike Simc  
Cc: Steven Isoye  
Subject: Thank you from Niles West

Chief Simo,

On behalf of the Niles West community, I wanted to express my appreciation and gratitude to your police department following last Friday’s National Student Walkout. During the walkout, your Morton Grove officers were clearly present and visible across the street on Oakton making the students feel safe and supported. Over the past few months, schools have experienced an enormous amount of stress due to the violence and threats of violence to students. Your presence and cooperation was noted by our students and staff.

Thank you for helping make the national walkout a successful and safe experience for our students.

-Jason Ness

From: Mynor Chang  
Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 1:34:43 PM CDT  
To:  
Subject: Job Well Done!

Hello Brian

This is Mynor Chang with the Skokie Police Department and I’m sure you remember me from the NIPAS Mobil Field Force. Some great efforts by members of our departments sometimes go unrecognized so I wanted to commend the whole team of first responding officers and investigators, especially, Mike and Tom Barkei who quickly responded to the shooting at 8326 Central on the night 22 SEP 18. They all quickly got to the bottom of what occurred that night and Mike was very helpful by reassuring me and my fiance that this was an isolated incident that most likely won’t occur again involving the same subject.

I’d like you to inform all officers involved that we are grateful to have such a professional and effective police department in Morton Grove. You have a great team of officers and detectives that makes all feel safe.

Thank you!

Mynor Giovanni Chang.
March 1, 2018

Dear Sir or Madam:

Thank you very much for your recent donation to the Morton Grove Cub Scout Pack 228 Blue and Gold Dinner and Silent Auction. The event and the auction was a big success!

Your generous donation is greatly appreciated and the funds raised will help Morton Grove Cub Scout Pack 228 continue to provide the boys with opportunities to learn new skills, build character, and participate in outdoor activities.

Thank you for being an important member of our Cub Scout community. We wish your business continued growth and prosperity in the months and years ahead.

Sincerely,

Scott DiBasilio
Den Leader, Pack 228
Blue and Gold Silent Auction Chair

I apologize for this very tactless letter. At least a month ago, I was driving to a location for a senior class. I had a flyer, which gave an address turning out to be a residence. I pulled over, with caution lights blinking trying to determine my next option. Officer Elliott stopped along side me and asked if I needed any help. He parked behind me after I explained my problem. He then offered check out the facility on his computer.

Apparently the flyer had a misprint with the wrong address. I thought I knew which way to turn, but had to go around the block, as I pulled into the correct facility, he was at the end of the block making sure I found the right place.

Officer Elliott, badge number 131, THANK YOU from a grateful citizen.

Sincerely,

Lynda Pfeiffer
Police Department “Thank You” Notes

Good morning Sergeant Andrew,

I would like to send this thank you letter for addressing the parking complaints last month. With the clear parking area, it is very safe when turning at this intersection now. I genuinely appreciate your quick response and solution. Thank you very much!!

Have a nice day!

Dear regards,
[Signature]

Sgt. [Signature]

Officer Adam,

Thank you for coordinating the police visit to Jerusalem’s BlockTow Fest on September 30th. We are so thankful the rain stopped for Nicole & Justin’s visit. The children and parents appreciated the up close view of the police car and the gun safety talk.

God’s Blessings!
[Signature]

Virginia, Kevin & The Jerusalem Family

Thank you for your time and effort for protecting our community.

[Signature]

MCC Academy

“Gracie”

Thank you for rescuing me off the balcony on Sunday Aug 5th. I like to sit on the balcony in the sunshine & sleep. My favorite spot is "out of view", so I don’t get disturbed... Thank you!! *Gracie* & Monica Schneider

[Signature]
Police Department “Thank You” Notes

Dear Officer Adam & Officer Gina,

You guys have helped me think of things I shouldn’t and should do. You guys have been doing a really good job being police officers. So, thank you for helping me, including my class!

Sincerely,
Sydney Cabitac
5th Grade

In appreciation
Thank you for serving.

Ron & Sandee Zivin

Thank you for all your service.

Srofaider Square
Home owners

Dear Officer Lang #101

Thank you for being such a kind and supportive officer. In the time of my family’s great loss, you were very supportive and just a very nice officer. Thank you.

Allen Festsenstein and Jenn ReCunniff
Robert Festsenstein

I thank you to the caring & efficient police officers who were on site at Mungo on Monday, I am so very grateful to each of you personally.

Pat Gerney