

MORTON GROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT



2022 ANNUAL REPORT



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Message from the Chief



I am pleased to present the Morton Grove Police Department 2022 Annual Report. Our annual reports are opportunities to look back over the past year and track our successes as well as plan to meet future challenges.

Thanks for taking the time to learn about our organization. You'll see that we provide good service to our residents, help solve problems and do our best to enforce the laws with empathy and fairness.

We realize that we tend to meet people under bad circumstances. For that reason we like to put an extra emphasis on our community liaison projects. They are important opportunities to create a friendly atmosphere and foster a climate of mutual understanding with residents.

With the easing of COVID Pandemic related restrictions we plan to be as active as ever in the coming year, meeting people and building relationships in this great community.

The achievements in this report are the result of the hard work and dedication of all of our sworn officers and civilian employees, and I thank them for their efforts and commitment to the Morton Grove Police Department.

Wishing you a safe and peaceful year.

Sincerely,

*Michael Simo
Chief of Police*

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Law Enforcement Code of Ethics

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.

Mission Statement and Values

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:

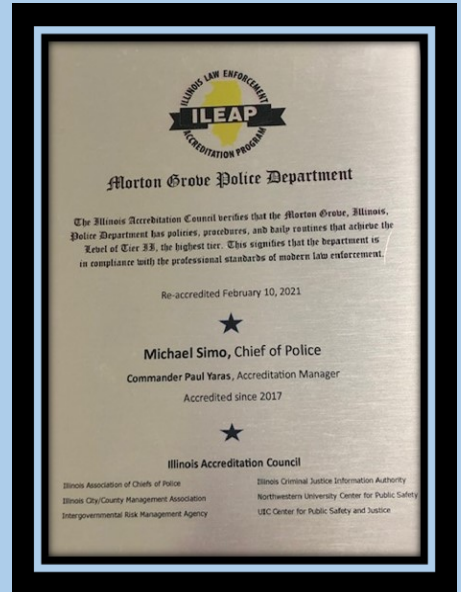
- Protecting constitutional rights;
- Providing the safest possible environment for the citizens of Morton Grove;
- Promoting mutual trust with all citizens;
- Remaining sensitive to the human condition;
- Accepting responsibility and being accountable for our conduct and performance;
- Providing the 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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I. L. E. A. P. Accreditation

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. In February 2021, the Morton Grove Police Department achieved reaccreditation by the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP) which is administered by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police. The Morton Grove Police Department has been accredited since 2017 and will go through the process again in 2024. The department has met the standards for Tier Two Accreditation since 2017, which is the highest level of review offered by ILEAP.



L. E. A. D. The Way

In 2022, 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.



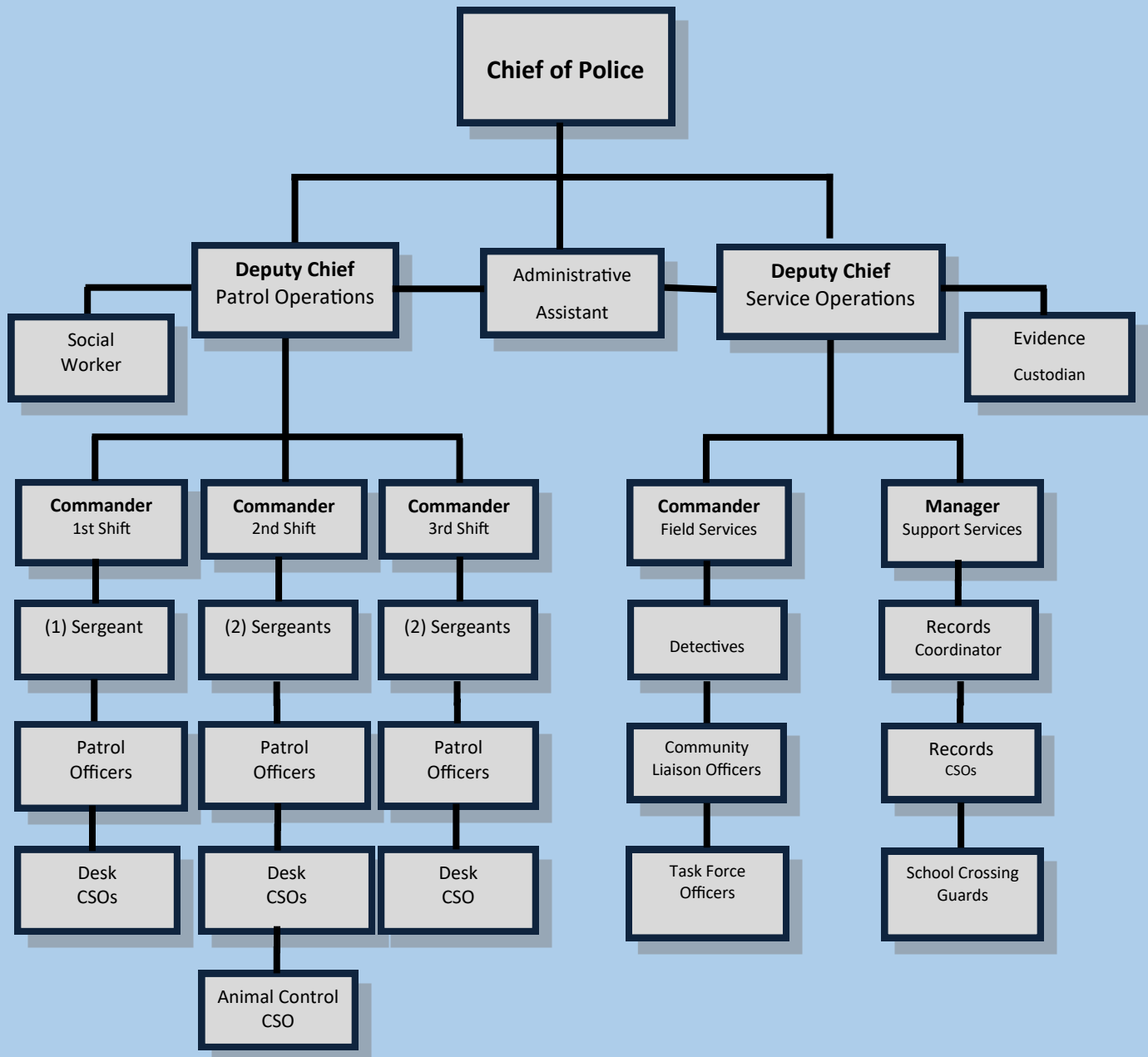
the Way teaches the importance of being assertive and making choices that keep students safe whether they are at home, at school, or out with friends. The program is geared toward 5th graders and is designed to engage the students through group work, individual reflections, and activities as they work 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 and Jurasz.

In 2022, we partnered with Golf, Jerusalem Lutheran, Molloy and MCC to continue the program. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, we were unable to do the program with some of the schools that usually participate. 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.

Organizational Chart



Morton Grove Police Department 2022



Patrol Operations

Patrol Operations Division

The Patrol Operations Division is comprised of several individual work units that work in concert to deliver services for residents and visitors to the Village of Morton Grove. Within the patrol division there are three uniformed Patrol Shifts, the Traffic Unit, the Animal Control Unit, and the Social Services Component.

Our uniformed police officers assigned to the Patrol Shifts are highly trained and dedicated professionals who deal with a myriad of incidents on a daily basis. This might range from traffic safety and accident investigations to being the first responding units in critical incidents. MGPD personnel are dedicated to the highest ideals of the policing profession and strive to deliver the best possible services no matter the nature of the incident. Our officers have the lawful authority to enforce all ordinances of the Village of Morton Grove as well as the criminal statutes of the State of Illinois. However, the enforcement of laws is only one tool that the Department employs to protect life and property within the Village boundaries. The patrol shifts are supported in their efforts by civilian Community Service Officers (CSO), who serve as the face of the Department to anyone who comes to the station or contacts us by telephone. Our CSO's often assist the public in finding answers to questions or enabling the response of police officers when needed. The Traffic Unit engages in numerous activities designed to educate the public and gain voluntary compliance with traffic regulations, particularly in regards to occupant protection, speed awareness, distracted driving, and impaired driving. Our Animal Control Unit routinely rescues animals in distress and provides citizens with a resource to navigate their way through issues related to both domestic animals and wildlife. Our Social Services Component is staffed by a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who brings a wide variety of professional capabilities to assist residents in need.

All of these components work together to try to find the best possible outcomes that they can to meet the needs of Village residents and visitors. The Department and its personnel recognize that the power of the police to fulfill their functions and duties is dependent on public approval of their existence, actions and behavior, and on their ability to secure and maintain public respect.



Patrol Operations

1st Shift: 2300 – 0700 hours

In 2022, the 1st Shift was staffed by one Commander, one Sergeant, eight Patrol Officers, and five part-time Community Service Officers. The 1st Shift strives to keep the community safe through proactive patrolling and investigations. They typically focus on residential patrol, premise checks, suspicious activity, traffic enforcement, and intoxicated motorists. During 2022, the 1st shift responded to 3,239 calls for service, conducted 1129 premise checks, and made 205 custodial arrests. Of those arrests, 9 were felonies and 57 were DUI related.

The shift members are highly trained professionals thanks to hundreds of hours of training every year. The 1st Shift was staffed by instructors for range, defensive tactics, tactical medicine, CPR as well as evidence technicians, field training officers, juvenile officers, breath analysis operators and two Drug Recognition Experts.

The shift's Top Cop for 2022 was Officer Dahm. Officer Dahm is a Field Training Officer, Defensive Tactics Instructor, Tactical Medical Instructor, and Drug Recognition Expert. Ofc. Dahm can be counted on to take ownership of these specialty assignments, and always seeks to better his own knowledge and in turn passes that on to those he works with. In 2022, Ofc. Dahm handled 246 incidents, made 161 traffic stops, had 42 custodial arrests, 22 of which were for DUI related offenses. He also served as an FTO for 60 work days during the year.



Ofc. Hristov training on the range.

Patrol Operations

2nd Shift: 0700 – 1500 hours

In 2022, the 2nd Shift was staffed by eight permanently assigned Patrol Officers, a Community Service Officer, an Animal Control Officer, two Sergeants, and a Watch Commander. During the year the 2nd Shift responded to 3,500 calls for service and made 20 custodial arrests as a result of criminal investigations. 2nd Shift personnel conducted over 900 premise checks of local businesses, parks, and school facilities. Officers spent time at identified traffic problem areas conducting 62 Enforcement Initiatives making 295 traffic stops and issued 318 citations for various offenses. Officers wrote 675 reports during the year.

Patrol Officers of the 2nd Watch provide responsive services to the Village of Morton Grove throughout the day. In addition to their normal duties many shift members are assigned ancillary duties. These duties include preparing for upcoming Scenario Based Trainings, evidence custodian & destruction tasks, monthly range training, evidence technician training, and defensive tactics training. All Patrol Officers, Sergeants, and Watch Commanders conduct these training tasks throughout the year. The two shift Sergeants are in charge of Animal Control, Department Safety Committee, Mass Notifications system, Department Training, Department Accreditation & Class A Uniform Displays.

The 2nd Shift Top Cop for 2022 was Officer Sean Lang who served as a Range Instructor, Tactical Medical Instructor, Field Training Officer, Evidence Technician, and Evidence Instructor while being assigned to MCAT. Officer Lang conducted over 120 hours of training within the Department. Officer Lang is self-motivated, works well with others, seeks out additional work assignments and responsibilities, and is dedicated to providing a high level of service for the Department and to the community.



Second shift at roll call.

Patrol Operations

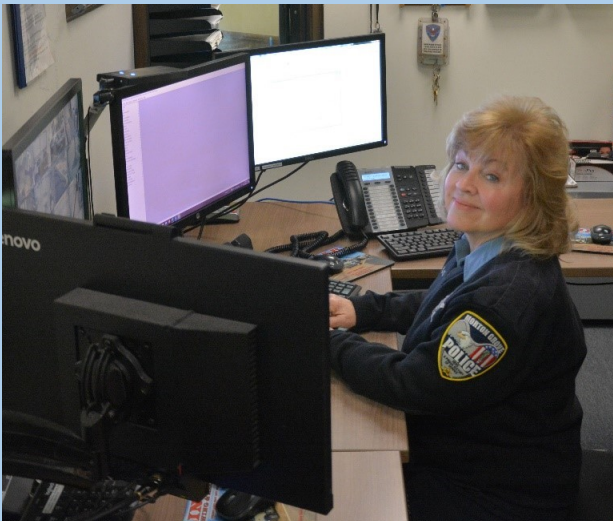
3rd Shift: 1500 – 2300 hours

In 2022, the 3rd Shift was staffed by one Watch Commander, two Sergeants, eight Patrol Officers, and one full-time Community Service Officer. Officers on the 3rd shift focus on community safety, while building positive relationships through daily contact with citizens and business owners. Officers responded to 3,921 calls for service and made 72 custodial arrests.

Officers on the 3rd Shift pride themselves in being highly trained and well prepared. They received hundreds of hours of in-house and external training. The 3rd Shift was staffed by defensive tactics instructors, range instructors, TASER instructors, tactical medical instructors, evidence technicians, field training officers, juvenile officers, and a CPR instructor.

The 3rd Shift's Top Cop for 2022 is Officer Tomasz Prokop. Officer Prokop responded to 712 calls for service and made 11 custodial arrests. He is a field training officer, evidence technician, and breath operator. He served as a field training officer for 417 hours this year, helping to ensure that our new officers are well prepared and highly qualified to serve the Village.

Officer Michael Crowe, also a member of the 3rd Shift, is the 2022 Morton Grove Police Department Officer of the Year and Community Service Officer Susan Platz is the 2022 Morton Grove Police Department Civilian Employee of the Year.



CSO Platz working at the front desk.



Ofc. Schramm standing outside of his squad car.

Patrol Operations

Social Services

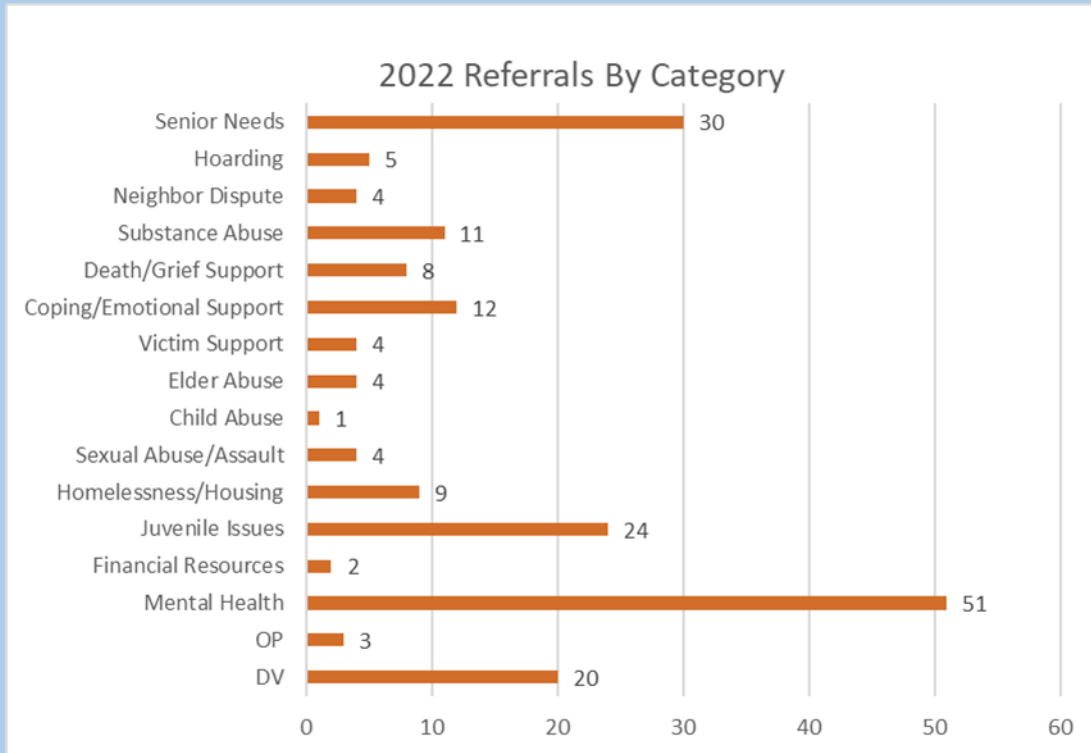
Liz Schild, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, is a full-time employee with the Village of Morton Grove and Police Department. Liz continued to strengthen collaborative relationships with a variety of community resources and stakeholders including townships, schools, State's Attorney's Office/court, mental health providers, hospitals, senior services agencies and substance use treatment advocates. She has researched creative ways to support areas of need within our community by collaborating with nearby villages to learn how they operate programs for residents. Liz is an active member of the Association of Police Social Services (APSS), a group of mental health professionals dedicated to the development, practice and enhancement of social services within police department settings and serves on their Law Enforcement Advisory Board. Liz is also a member of our Peer Support Team and the Village's Advisory Commission on Aging. She engages in community outreach by regularly attending various meetings, including LAN41 Niles Township, AHAND (Association of Homeless Advocates in North District) and Domestic Violence Stakeholder meetings.

The social worker role encompasses many different areas. Liz provides services to the entire Village of Morton Grove via referrals from the police department, fire department, Village and residents themselves. In 2022, she received the following number of referrals: 164 from the Police Department, 14 from the Fire Department and 13 from the Village. Below are some duties that she routinely completes:

- Provides crisis intervention, support and short-term counseling in situations involving domestic violence, family conflict, juvenile issues, substance abuse and/or mental health issues while providing referrals for long-term assistance and services
- Provides referrals for a variety of social service needs including housing, financial, food, senior services, healthcare, transportation, mental health and substance use
- Refines service delivery and the development of new programs and services
- Assists residents with limited income in applying for Village financial assistance
- Assists senior residents with applying for license plate discounts and other government programs
- Serves as an advocate in court for victims of crime, including Domestic Violence
- Acts as liaison with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office and the Cook County Courts System
- Acts as liaison with social service providers in the area and regional agencies/entities as directed
- Compiles statistics and prepares monthly reports on social service activities
- Provides a variety of wellness and mental health resources to police department staff
- Attends professional development trainings on a variety of topics including vicarious trauma, officer wellness, substance use, adult guardianship, suicide prevention and mental health

Patrol Operations

Social Services Referrals



Projects

Liz has embarked on several new projects and initiatives. These include innovations directed towards both process and service offerings. Some of these include:

- Partnering with other municipalities to apply for a Cook County Public Health grant for enhancing our juvenile adjudication hearing process by offering a range of restorative, supportive services to youth and families
- Collaborating with a community agency to secure a grant funded Seniors Matter Rideshare Pilot Program to assist in meeting the need of senior transportation in the Village of Morton Grove
- Attending monthly CESSA Meetings run by the Illinois Department of Mental Health to stay informed about new laws regarding public safety and mental health crisis services available to our residents

Patrol Operations

Animal Control Officer

The Morton Grove Police Department's Animal Control Officer (ACO) Glowacz, was thrilled to provide another successful year of assisting with a myriad of animal calls.

ACO Glowacz was able to facilitate the care and rehoming of 8 stray/abandoned dogs, as well as 3 cats, 1 kitten, and 3 exotic pets, into their new, forever homes. In addition to facilitating the rehoming of abandoned and stray animals, ACO Glowacz was able to provide animal surrender services for 3 canines in need. Animal surrender services are provided to residents who can no longer care for their pet, and need help finding a new home for them. In addition, ACO Glowacz and MGPD Patrol Officers pride themselves on reuniting canines with their owners; including securing at-large dogs in the community and assisting with found pets.



Training continued to be at the forefront of the Morton Grove Police Department's 2022 initiatives. ACO Glowacz spearheaded the update of the animal control section of our field training program for newly-hired patrol officers. This included training probationary officers on animal control ordinances, as well as procedures for safe animal handling/transportation. In addition to this hands-on training, ACO Glowacz constructed an Animal Control CSO Training Manual; another valuable resource for officers that are dispatched to animal control incidents. These written policies and procedures provide standards, and give instructions, for every part of animal control operations.

Animal rescue and rehabilitation efforts continued to play a key role in the police department's services this year. Interactions with wildlife are a part of everyday life for Village of Morton Grove residents. It is ACO Glowacz's goal to ensure a positive relationship between people and wildlife; as these animals are an essential component of our landscape. ACO Glowacz regularly provided care and relocation to wildlife animals found within the Village of Morton Grove. Wildlife that were provided with extra care due to illness or injuries included: a coyote pup, squirrels, rabbits, and birds, to name a few. These animals were transported to nearby wildlife rehabilitation centers for continued care. Wildlife rehabilitators work tirelessly to aid these animals in their recovery process, so that they can be released back into the wild when they are healed. Moreover, the reconstruction of several bird and bunny nests by ACO Glowacz was vital to keeping juvenile wildlife with their mothers, as it greatly increases their chances of survival.

The well-being and safety of both residents and domestic animals in the Village of Morton Grove is a top priority of the Morton Grove Police Department. This year, there were 4 dangerous dog declarations, in accordance with the Village's codes and ordinances.

Patrol Operations

Animal Control Officer

ACO Glowacz is pleased to announce that an Animal Control section has been added to the Morton Grove Police Department website. Furthermore, ACO Glowacz issues a monthly animal publication to educate residents on various animal matters. These valuable resources address and educate the public on domestic animals, wildlife animals, and rodent control. Animal publications are accessible to residents via the Morton Grove Police Department's Facebook page, the MGPD Animal Control website page, or by contacting ACO Glowacz. Continue to be on the lookout for the next ACO publication!

The Morton Grove Police Department is excited to share that a new animal control truck was purchased at the end of 2022, and will be ready for use in 2023. This new vehicle will include upgraded animal control equipment, kenneling options (for a variety of animals), and additional safety features. Moreover, the vehicle will be used for a variety of calls, including: animal transportation, traffic control, and other emergency responses. Be on the lookout for the new ACO truck out on the road this spring, and be sure to say "hello" to ACO Glowacz!

2022 was certainly another exciting year of animal encounters, and ACO Glowacz is looking forward to a successful 2023 season!



Patrol Operations

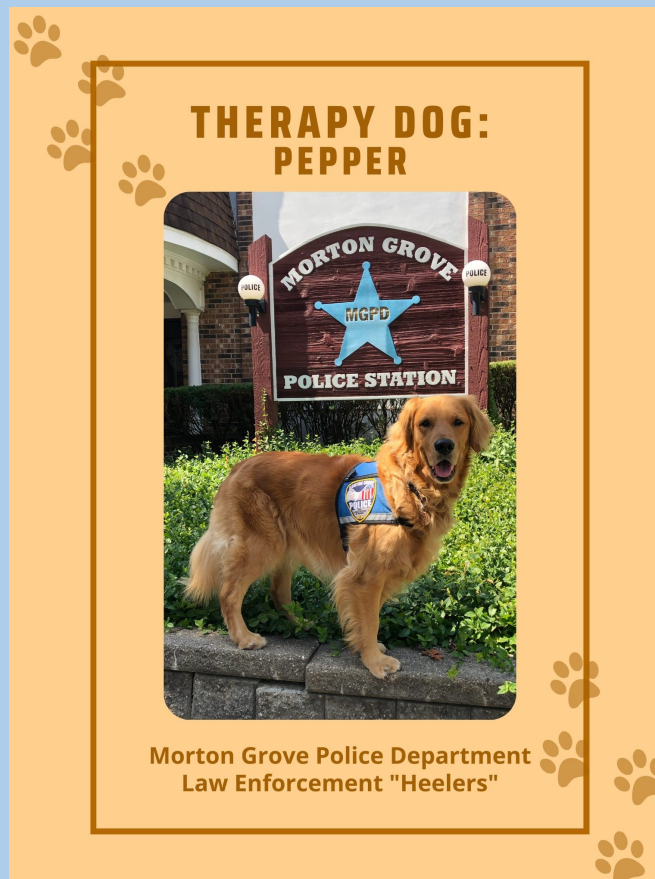
Therapy Dog—"Law Enforcement Healers"

We are excited to announce that in August of 2022, the Morton Grove Police Department created a therapy dog program, "Law Enforcement Healers." In conjunction with the MGPD Peer Support Team, we implemented a therapy dog program to aid our employees in times of personal and professional difficulties, and to help anticipate and address the potential adverse effects on their personal and professional lives. This is a valuable tool in fostering dialogue and communication between Department employees.

The goals of the program are:

- To help build a positive work environment, and increase Department morale
- To aid officers in coping with issues related to their mental and physical health
- To provide officers with the opportunity to interact with a therapy dog, that will offer them a way to destress and cope after critical incidents, or during a difficult/stressful work day
- To help produce social interactions among officers who have been through life-changing experiences, both on and off the job

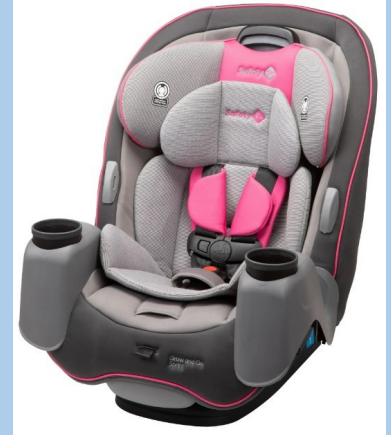
Pepper has been a great addition to Team MGPD!



Patrol Operations

Child Seat Installation

CSO Glowacz is delighted to continue serving the Village of Morton Grove as a Certified Technician for child seat installations. The Morton Grove Police Department is also excited to announce that CSO Moreno completed his training as a Certified Technician in November of 2022. CSO Glowacz and CSO Moreno aid residents by educating them in the proper selection, installation, and use of car seats and booster seats. With two certified child seat Technicians, we are hoping to double our impact in the community by providing additional car seat checks and new installations in the upcoming year.



Through in-person installations and hands-on educational meetings, CSO Glowacz was able to assist 33 families with installing their car seats this year. Each resident that has a car seat checked or installed for the first time is provided with a “Child Seat Safety” educational handout, which guides residents in choosing the appropriate car seat based on the Illinois Child Passenger Protection Act—whether it’s a rear-facing car seat, forward-facing car seat, booster seat, or seat belt.

In November, CSO Glowacz continued her car seat education, by attending a Technician Skills Building class; to learn more about current changes in car seats, and the new car seat models that are available to the public. CSO Glowacz also has additional training for transporting children with special health care needs; including how to install specialized restraint systems.

CSO Glowacz was excited to be able to donate 2 child seats to families in need in 2022. The Morton Grove Police Department is hoping to obtain 4 new child seats in the 2023 year, which again will be donated to families in need.

We are happy to provide virtual educational meetings to residents who would like to continue taking added precautions during this time. Resources for public remote education continue to be available to residents, upon request; including steps that you can do at home for a car seat checkup. Proper safety protocols continue to be in effect for residents scheduling a car seat installation session.

If you are a Village of Morton Grove resident, please feel free to contact the Morton Grove Police Department—CSO Glowacz and CSO Moreno would be happy to schedule a meeting with you to ensure that your car seats are installed correctly, while also teaching you how to utilize and confidently install a car seat on your own.

Service Operations

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.

- **DETECTIVES** – The Detectives’ main responsibilities include conducting criminal investigations, identifying and apprehending criminals in follow-up investigations, conduct juvenile 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.

- **NORTAF Violent Crimes** – NORTAF Violent Crimes is a multi-jurisdictional task force that utilizes investigators from surrounding communities to assist in solving homicides and other violent crimes. Commander Johnson is assigned as a Team Leader. Detective Schuette is the forensics supervisor.
- **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. Detective Johanson is assigned to this task force as a team leader.
- **NARCINT** – NARCINT, the Narcotics and Currency Interdiction Task Force, 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.
- **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. One Morton Grove detective is assigned to this task force.

Service Operations

Field Services Division

2022 Investigation Statistics

In 2022, detectives and tac officers were assigned 456 cases that included property crimes, crimes against persons, narcotics, vice, background investigations, and other miscellaneous cases. The field services division made 74 arrests and obtained 11 arrest warrants. The rest of the cases were cleared by one of the criteria listed below.

Case 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.



Service Operations

Community Liaison Unit

The Community Liaison unit is responsible for the very popular Officer Friendly program which allows our officers, Officer Lietz and Officer Jurasz, to interact with all of the schools, students, and staff. The unit is also responsible for creating and participating in programs that 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 are interested. Community relations, meetings with the public, and fundraising events are also important aspects of this unit.

- Officer Friendly-School walk thru & recess
- School Meetings
- School Active Shooter/Lockdown drills with MG schools and nearby high schools
- School Traffic Issues/ Parades
- Presentations for schools/ local businesses
- Security Assessments
- Citizens Police Academy
- Internship Program
- Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Nextdoor, Neighbors-Ring and the Police Department Website)
- School Law Enforcement Knox Box program– Gives us immediate access if there is an emergency in the school
- Condo Knox Box Program
- Block Watch: Residential/ Business Volunteer Security Camera Program
- Fundraising Activities for Illinois Special Olympics
- Torch Run
- Cop on a Rooftop
- Career Fairs/Recruitment Events
- Explorer Program



- Mayor's Community Outreach Meetings
- National Night Out
- B.A.S.S.E.T Classes
- Condo Association Meetings
- Press Releases
- Police Department tours
- French Market
- Training Classes/ Seminars
- Ruffled off Rides to School
- L.E.A.D. the Way, a 5th grade Drug Awareness and Life Skills Program
- 3rd Community Free Throw Contest
- Pops with the Cops with the Park District
- Catalytic Converter Marking Event

Service Operations

Evidence and Property Section

The Evidence and Property Section is responsible for the safe secure storage and integrity of any and all evidence or recovered property in the custody of our Department. Other responsibilities are:

- Maintaining clear and accurate records of evidence status.
- Monitoring submitted evidence/property to ensure it's compliant with Department Policy.
- Promptly submitting evidence to forensic laboratories.
- Processing subpoenas.
- Managing prisoner property.
- Disposal of evidence/property in accordance with Department policy, State, and Federal laws.
- Identify and return found property to the rightful owners.
- Donating evidence/property salvaged from disposal.
- Preparing evidence/property for auction that was approved by the Department and Village.
- Managing evidence/property intake and disposal levels.

In 2022, we maintained 7,189 items of evidence/property to include:

- 1,560 items of evidence/property were submitted.
- 1,183 items of evidence/property were destroyed.
- 106 items of evidence/property were returned to their owners.
- 11 firearms were destroyed.
- 161 packages of drug evidence were destroyed.



Service Operations

Support Services



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
- Solicitor Permits
- 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

<u>Our Records CSOs Handled:</u>	<u>2022</u>
FOIA Requests	51
Request for report copies	423
Case files prepared and processed	362
Report copies made for the prosecution	724
False alarms entered	630
Subpoenas	175
School Crossings covered	375
Good Citizen Letters	13
Solicitor applications processed	8
Train Enforcement	
Tickets Issued	156
Assist Patrol	453
Tickets sent to Adjudication	951
<u>Our Desk CSOs:</u>	
MG + Y Tickets Entered	513
Traffic Stop Data Sheets Entered	173
Admin Tows	198
Bond Hearing Paperwork	69



Crime Index Offenses

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	2020	2021	2022
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0
Criminal Sexual Assault	0	2	1
Robbery	15	3	1
Aggravated Battery and Assault	9	10	5
Burglary	51	28	104
Theft	133	83	97
Motor Vehicle Theft	10	16	22
Arson	0	3	1
TOTAL	218	145	231

PART II OFFENSES

These are all other crimes, including, but not limited to: Simple Assaults, 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).

Total for 2020	Total for 2021	Total for 2022
592	557	611

TOTAL ARRESTS	2020	2021	2022
Criminal Arrests	235	357	363
Traffic Citations	1052	1522	1306
Ordinance Summonses	1366	1395	1231
TOTALS	2653	3274	2900



Juvenile Offenses and Youth Services

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. The categories of crimes that juveniles are charged under consist of status offenses and criminal offenses.

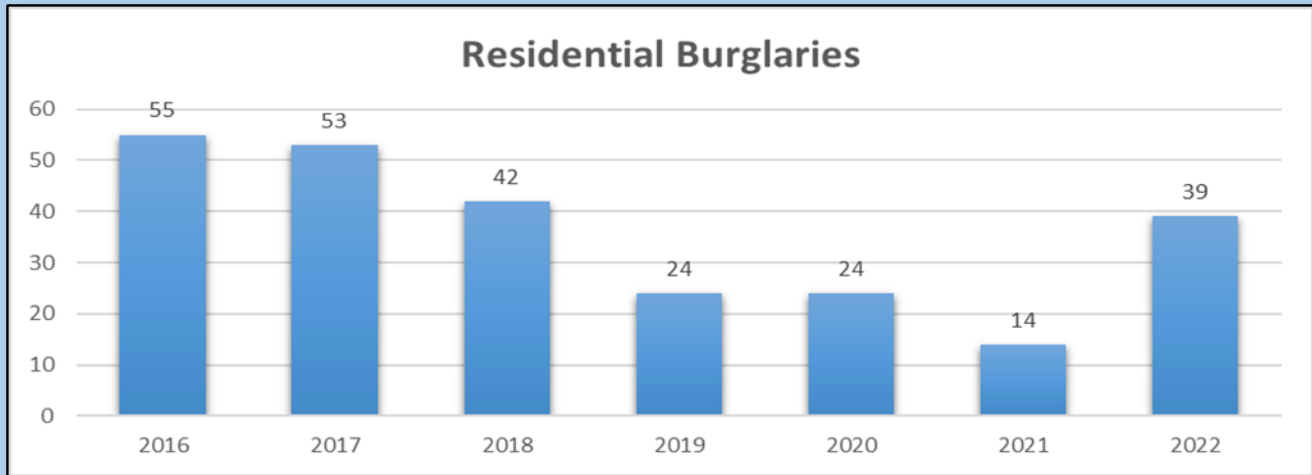
The chart below highlights the juvenile contacts that occurred in 2022. There are two categories of juvenile offenses; Status offenses, which are offenses that would not be criminal if the juvenile was of the proper age such as consumption of alcohol or possession of tobacco by a minor and criminal offenses which are offenses that are criminal no matter the age of the offender.

OFFENSE	OFFENSES CLEARED	OFFENDERS INVOLVED
CRIMINAL OFFENSES	39	46
STATUS OFFENSES	7	9
2022 TOTALS	46	55

Statistical Summaries

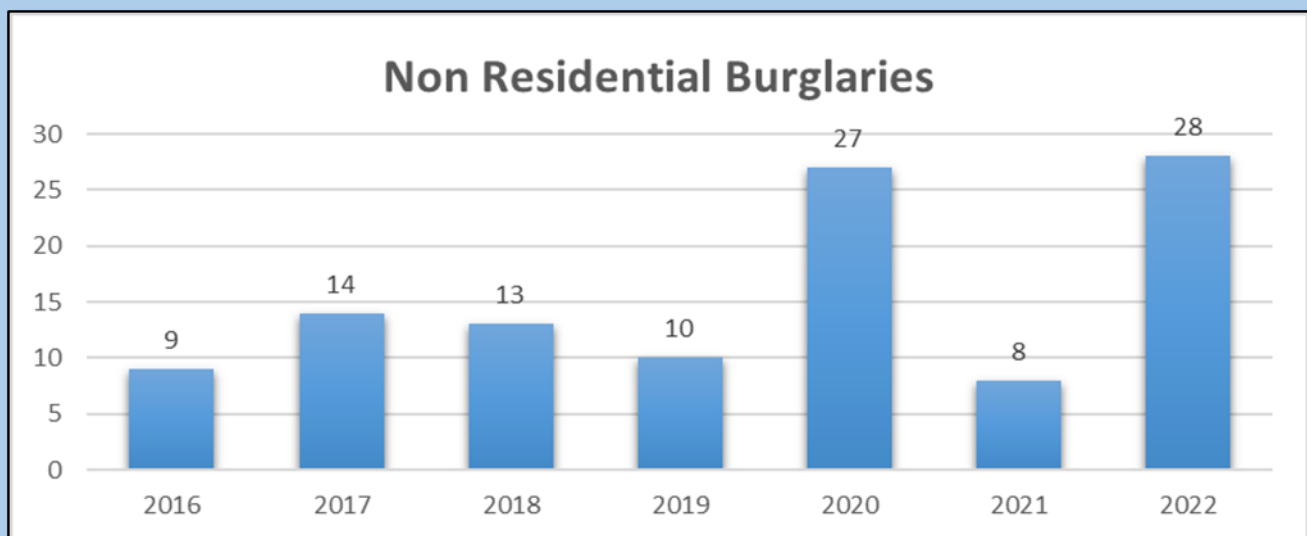
Burglary

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).



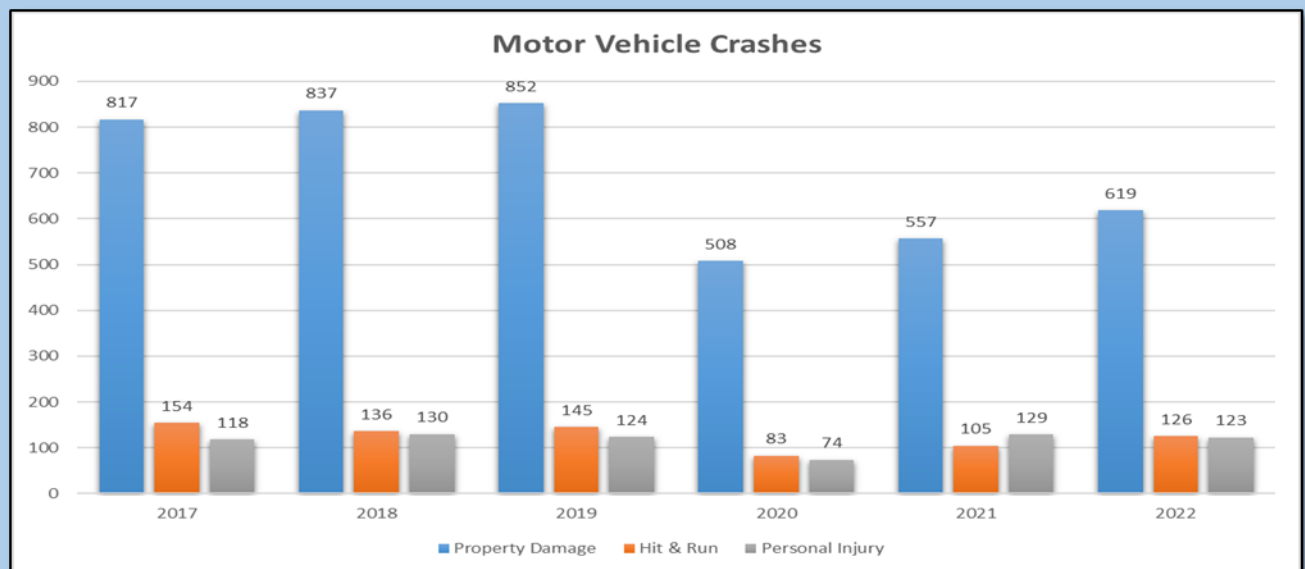
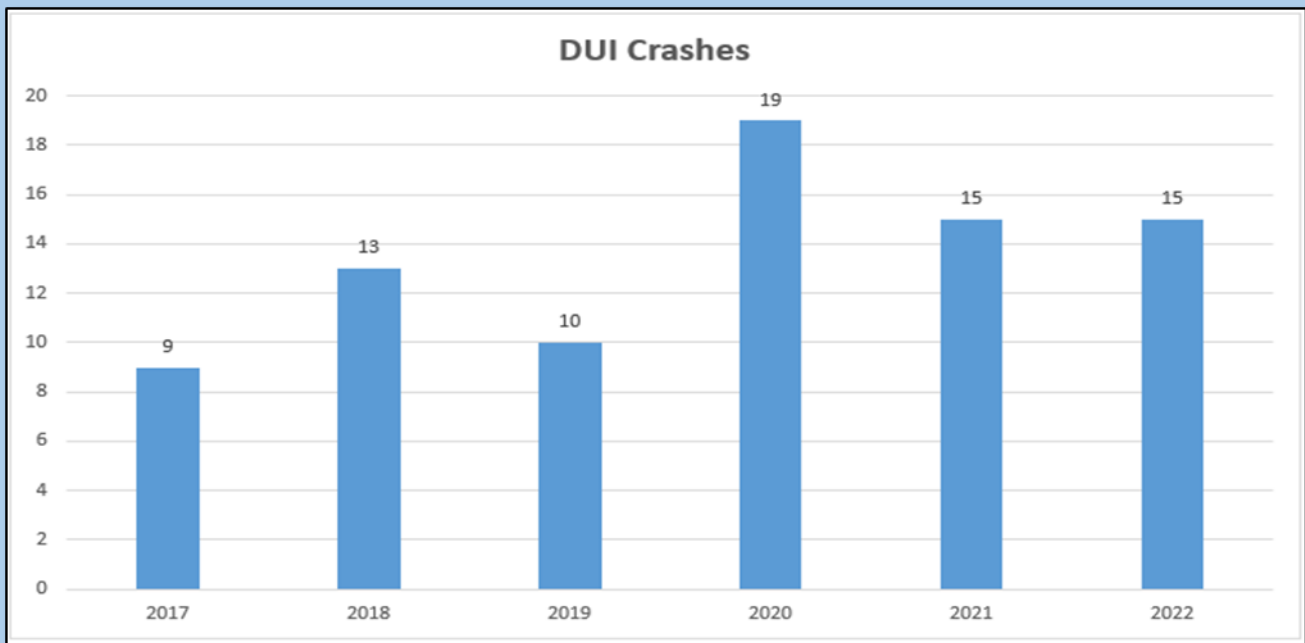
Burglaries generally are crimes of opportunity: a burglar identifies the easiest target and strikes. Homeowners and business owners can deter burglars by locking doors, leaving lights on timers, lighting entrance ways, and having good locks and alarm systems in place. The Morton Grove Police Department 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.

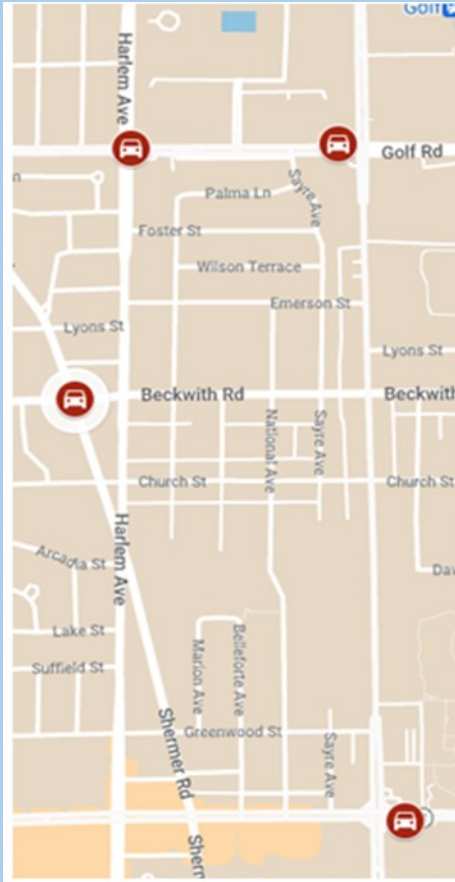


Traffic Safety

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 Tactical 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 2022, the Police Department issued 1,205 traffic citations overall.



Traffic Safety



Top 5 Crash Intersections

Dempster & Waukegan

35

Golf & Waukegan

28

Dempster & Central

18

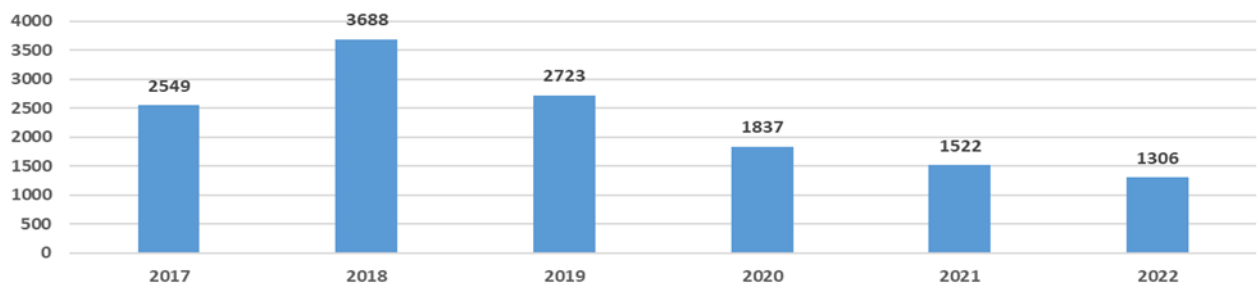
Golf & Harlem

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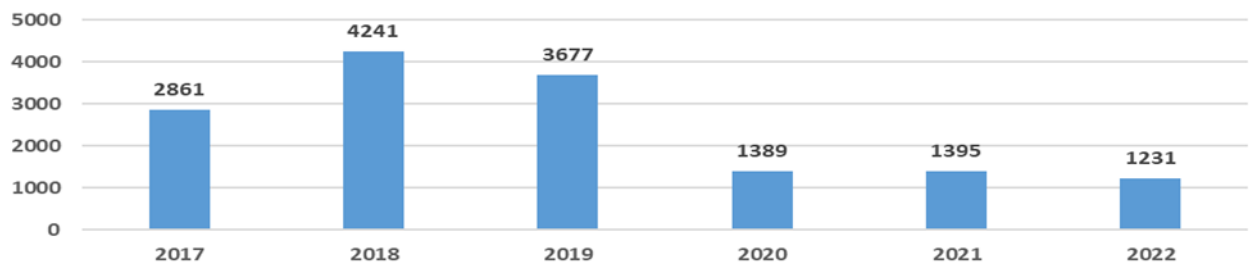
Shermer & Beckwith

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Moving Violations



Parking & Ordinance Violations



Red Light Camera Program

According to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration statistics from 2010, the State of Illinois was one of the top-five deadliest 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 2-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 2022, the camera was not functional due to intersection maintenance. Once this is complete, the Red-Light Safety Program will resume normal operations.



Department Training

In 2022, the Morton Grove Police Department conducted over 5,000 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. The department's thirteen supervisors spent over 780 hours on training in Management and Supervision. One patrol sergeant was sent to the ten week School of Police Staff and Command at Northwestern University. This a very demanding course that is attended by supervisors from around the world and cover a multitude of topics related to police supervision and leadership.

The Morton Grove Police Department continued to address the increasing number of encounters of subjects in mental health crisis with CIT/De-escalation training. 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 department committed 254 hours to CIT/De-escalation training.

The Morton Grove Police Department trains its Officers based on State requirements, Department/Community needs, and individual officer's 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 requirement. 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.

Training Summary 2022	Hours
Crisis Intervention, De-escalation, Mental Health Crisis Training	254
Management & Supervision	780
Criminal, Constitutional, & Liability Law	339
Criminal, Juvenile, Drug, Gang, and Investigations	530
Terrorism & Critical Incident Training	184
Evidence Technician & Breath Test Operator& Drug Recognition Expert	468
Firearm's Range & NIPAS	440
Defensive Tactics & TAC Med	962
Misc. Seminars, Workshops, Video Training, MCAT	296
Police Officer Basic Training and Field Training	310
Monthly Legal Update On-Line Training	440
Total Hours of Training 2022	5003

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 progression. 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 utilizes its indoor gun range to conduct monthly training courses for all sworn officers. Officers must complete qualifying course for handguns and patrol rifles with a passing score. Other courses include room entry, ballistic shield use, close quarter battle drills and weapons malfunction drills. Officers are also trained to shoot in low light situations, different positions and while wearing tactical equipment. These course are conducted to familiarize officers with the different equipment so they are prepared when needed.

The Morton Grove Police Department issues duty pistols to all sworn officers. The pistol is the Sig Sauer P320 9mm. The Department also provides AR-15 patrol rifles to officers. Officers are able to purchase their own rifles to use on duty. These must meet department standards and be inspected by Department armorers.

In 2022, the Morton Grove Police Department Firearms Training Courses were approved by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB) through the North East Multi-Regional Training Inc. (NEMRT).



Department 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 Firearms Training Program, Defensive Tactics Program and Tactical Medical Training.

The Morton Grove Police Department utilizes various technologies in the implementation of the Scenario Based Training Program, such as Simunitions, Impact Reduction Suits, Tasers, OC Spray, and de-escalation techniques. 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.



Department Training

Defensive Tactics Training

Sworn Members of the Morton Grove Police Department respond to thousands of calls and make hundreds arrest a year. Some of those calls have the potential to escalate into physical confrontations and resistance. Officers must overcome these physical attacks and resistance with the minimal force necessary to affect an arrest. In order to prepare for those situations, the Morton Grove Police Department strives to give their personnel the best training possible.

Every month, the officers are trained in some aspect of physical confrontation to include instruction in the use of restraints, two officer control and arrest tactics, ground defense, weapon retention and Conducted Energy Weapons. These techniques are designed to minimize injuries to individuals as well as officers. The training cadre is afforded expert certification from a number of leading institutions including NEMRT, Pressure Point Control Tactics, Force Science Institute and Rectitude Training LLC.



In 2022, The Morton Grove Police Department added the BolaWrap device to patrol. This device can temporarily restrain individuals from a safe distance by discharging a Kevlar cord which wraps around an individual's arms and/or legs restricting their mobility. Four officers successfully completed the Force Science Course. Force Science advances expert decision making, superior performance and honest accountability in public safety. In addition, the Morton Grove Police Department Defensive Tactics Courses were approved by ILETSB and NEMRT.

CPR Training

All Morton Grove Police Department personnel are certified in Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers through the American Heart Association. This two-year certification trains personnel in the following areas: adult, child, and infant CPR; automated external defibrillator (AED) usage; rescue breathing; and naloxone considerations. Ofc. Narcisa, Ofc. Lietz, Ofc. Crowe, and Ofc. Zachacki are currently instructors for the police department. The police department maintains five AEDs. One is kept at the police station and the other four are carried by patrol officers to be utilized on calls for service. All of the AEDs are checked daily to ensure the proper pads are connected and the battery life is sufficient. The AEDs are also annually calibrated by a Zoll company representative at the Morton Grove Fire Department. In 2021 we added bag valve masks (BVM) to our AED kits. BVMs allow the victim to be resuscitated with room air which contains a higher oxygen concentration when compared to exhaled air via a pocket mask. We also added gauze, a pressure bandage, an occlusive dressing (used for covering penetrating thoracic trauma), an emergency blanket, and a tourniquet to all of the AED kits. The first aid kits were added to the AED kits so that first responding officers could also render aid when encountering traumatic injury, not just cardiac arrest. The Morton Grove Police Department conducts CPR and AED refresher training throughout the year at roll call training. Officers are also tested on their skills when participating in scenario-based training throughout the year. We continually strive to improve and provide the highest level of service to our residents.

Specialized Training

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Program

The Morton Grove Police Department continued to address the increasing number of encounters of subjects in mental health crisis with Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training. CIT is a proven strategy for helping police officers handle mental health crises in ways that are safer for police and better for citizens. In 2022, two officers attended the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB) state-certified 40 hour CIT training.



During the week long training, the officers received intensive training on recognizing and addressing individuals in the community who have a mental illness or other behavioral disabilities. These officers were trained as resource specialists who can provide an immediate and effective response to calls involving a mental health crisis. The course included presentations by behavioral health specialists, experienced field officers, and representatives from regional service providers. After an initial presentation, the officers participated in valuable exercises that simulated some of the hallucinations that many individuals with a mental illness may experience. While listening to a series of recorded voices, officers rotated through workstations where they were asked to perform cognitive tasks. This allowed them to gain insight into what an individual who is subject to such a barrier experiences.

Later in the week, each officer had a unique opportunity to participate in discussions with individuals who have a mental illness and/or their family members. These firsthand accounts of living with mental challenges provided insight for the officers outside of a typical field encounter and allowed each officer to better understand the nuances of specific disorders.

Finally, the officers participated in realistic scenarios portrayed by professional actors that included suicide interventions, de-escalating a potentially violent situation, responding to a call involving an individual experiencing paranoia, and/or a person interacting with a peer in a manic episode behaving in an inappropriate manner. All scenarios were facilitated by and evaluated by trained CIT officers.

The Police Department has found this course to be very progressive and extremely helpful when our officers interact with our citizens who have a mental illness or behavioral disability. The Morton Grove Police Department is committed to sending all sworn police officers to the 40 hour Crisis Intervention Team training course.



CHIEF OF POLICE

Simo, Michael

DEPUTY CHIEF

Fennelly, Brian

Weitzel, Michael

COMMANDERS

Eimer, Eric

Ficht, Eric 4

Johnson, Dennis 4

Novak, Andrew 2

Przekota, Dominik

SERGEANTS

Anderson, Anthony

Fasos, Constantinos

Hoffman, Nicholas

Mallaney, Patrick 4

Rago, Jason

POLICE OFFICERS

Atto, Mark

Ballazhi, Liridon

Barreto, Roberto

Barkei, Thomas

Beemer, Christopher

Cima, Carlo

Corcoran, Ryan

Crowe, Michael

Dahm, Daniel

Elliott, Kevin

Hester, Brady

Hough, Justin

Hristov, Vladimir

Jaramillo, Colin

POLICE OFFICERS

Johanson, Michael

Jurasz, Justin

Lamorgese, Vito 3

Lang, Sean

Lawinger, Sean

Lewandowski, William 3

Lietz, Gina

Litkowiak, Stephen 2

Mayberry, Matthew

Narcisa, Nicole

Nickelson, David

Perez, Marcelo 3

Prokop, Tomasz

Rubio, Tyler

Schramm, Michael

Schuetz, Jeremy

Sliva, Thomas

Toussaint, Robert 3

Walsh, Timothy

Wells, Matthew 1

Whalen, William

Zachacki, Michael

CIVILIANS

Alvarez, Bruno

Fine, Johnah

Finney, Jennifer

Glowacz, Megan

McCloskey, Terrence

Moreno, Marvin

Platz, Susan

Roberts, Charles

Siau, Marie-Claire

Tarasiuk, Eva

Tierney, Erica



SOCIAL WORKER

Schild, Elizabeth

PERMANENT

PART-TIME CSO's

Alavi, Syed

Concannon, Sheena 1,3

Contreras, Ricardo 1

Dounis, Laura

Gorski, Kamil 3

Navata, Kimberly 3

Nord, Robert

Soica, Adina 3

Spandary, Deena 1

Young, Nicole 1

CROSSING GUARDS

Seasonal Part-Time

Baker, Lili 3

Brand, Linda

Drouillard, John 3

Jethva, Chandrakant

Maguire, Kathleen

Riedler, Anna

Stanislaus, Melvin 1

Valiji, Munira

Willens, Michael

HIRED 1

RETIRED 2

RESIGNED 3

PROMOTED 4

Professional Standards

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 2019 bear out that conviction.

2022	Inside Department Policy Standards	Outside Department Policy Standards	Sustained	Not Sustained
Complaints			0	1
Pursuits	0	1		
Use of Force	15	0		

New Hires

The Morton Grove Police Department welcomed six new members in 2022: One new Police Officer, four part time Community Service Officers (CSO), and one Crossing Guard. We congratulate them and wish them a long, successful and rewarding career here at the Morton Grove Police Department.

- **Officer Matthew Wells**
- **Part Time CSO Sheena Concannon**
- **Part Time CSO Ricardo Contreras**
- **Part Time CSO Deena Spandiary**
- **Part Time CSO Nicole Young**
- **Crossing Guard Melvin Stanislaus**

Service Anniversaries

The following employees celebrated significant employment anniversaries in 2022. The Department thanks them for the years that they have dedicated to the Village and to their outstanding commitment to their profession.

20 Years
Officer Mark Atto
CSO Terrence McCloskey

Recognition and Awards

2022 Officer of the Year Award



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 2022, the recipient of the award goes to Officer Mike Crowe. He made significant contributions to the department, to include playing a key role in developing new, relevant, and realistic training scenarios for our officers. Ofc. Crowe invested a large amount of time and work into the organization and implementation of the FBI Range Day in 2022, which was a big success and received a lot of positive feedback.

2022 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 and 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 2022, the recipient of the award goes to Community Service Officer Sue Platz. Sue is self-sufficient and has an excellent work ethic. She frequently volunteers for extra assignments, such as completing the shift's daily rosters, writing reports, locating hard-to-find information, and preparing documentation for officers. Sue takes pride in her job, and it shows in the quality of her work. Perhaps most importantly, Sue truly cares about everyone on her shift.

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.

<u>1st Shift:</u>	Officer Daniel Dahm
<u>2nd Shift:</u>	Officer Sean Lang
<u>3rd Shift:</u>	Officer Tomasz Prokop
<u>Field Services:</u>	Detective Jeremy Schuette



Iron Cop Awards

This award is for those officers who did not call in sick for the entire year. We appreciate their dedication and making their attendance a priority.

Commander Dennis Johnson	Officer Justin Hough	Officer William Whalen
Commander Eric Ficht	Officer Colin Jaramillo	CSO Terrence McCloskey
Officer Liridon Ballazhi	Officer David Nickelson	
Officer Carlo Cima	Detective Jeremy Schuette	

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 2022, the following officers were recognized for their commendable DUI enforcement from 2021:

Officer Daniel Dahm
Officer Thomas Sliva
Officer Matthew Mayberry



Recognition and Awards

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.

Rank	Name	#
Commander	Anderson	2
Commander	Eimer	1
Commander	Novak	1
Sergeant	Mallaney	2
Officer	Atto	1
Officer	Barreto	1
Officer	Corcoran	1
Officer	Crowe	2
Officer	Dahm	1
Officer	Hristov	1
Officer	Johanson	1
Officer	Jurasz	1
Officer	Lang	2
Officer	Lietz	1
Officer	Perez	1
Officer	Rubio	2
Officer	Schuette	2
Officer	Sliva	1
Officer	Toussaint	1
CSO	Glowacz	1



Thank
You!

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, fellow Village employee or another departmental organization.

Rank	Name	#	Rank	Name	#
Deputy Chief	Fennelly	2	Officer	Litkowiak	1
Deputy Chief	Weitzel	1	Officer	Mayberry	1
Commander	Eimer	1	Officer	Nickelson	1
Commander	Ficht	2	Officer	Perez	3
Commander	Johnson	3	Officer	Prokop	3
Commander	Novak	2	Officer	Rubio	4
Sergeant	Anderson	2	Officer	Schramm	1
Sergeant	Fasos	3	Officer	Sliva	1
Sergeant	Hoffman	1	Officer	Toussaint	2
Sergeant	Mallaney	2	Officer	Walsh	1
Sergeant	Rago	1	Officer	Wells	1
Officer	Ballazhi	1	Officer	Whalen	1
Officer	Barreto	1	Officer	Zachacki	4
Officer	Beemer	1	S.S.M.	Siau	1
Officer	Cima	4	A.A.	Tierney	1
Officer	Corcoran	1	R.C.	Fine	1
Officer	Crowe	9	A.C.	Glowacz	3
Officer	Dahm	4	C.S.O.	Alvarez	1
Officer	Hester	1	C.S.O.	Concannon	1
Officer	Hough	3	C.S.O.	Finney	1
Officer	Jaramillo	2	C.S.O.	McCloskey	2
Officer	Johanson	1	C.S.O.	Moreno	2
Officer	Jurasz	3	C.S.O.	Nord	1
Officer	Lamorgese	1	C.S.O.	Platz	1
Officer	Lang	2	C.S.O.	Young	1
Officer	Lawinger	3	L.C.S.W.	Schild	1
Officer	Lietz	2		Department Letters	10

Recognition and Awards

Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge

The Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge (ITSC) is a friendly competition between similar size and type of law enforcement agencies. It is a program coordinated by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP) Traffic Committee and supported by a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) grant administered through the Illinois Department of Transportation, Bureau of Safety Programs and Engineering (BSPE), as well as much-appreciated funding from private entities. The Morton Grove Police Department competed in the Championship Division and was awarded the Railroad Specialty Award for the 2021-2022 Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge.



The Challenge is much more than a peer competition. It is a template for law enforcement agencies to identify traffic issues, plan strategies, reduce social harm and improve the quality of life in their communities. The Challenge helps agencies demonstrate successes to their government officials, community leaders and citizens. The Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge provides law enforcement agencies with an opportunity to contribute to the Illinois' Strategic Highway Safety Plan and have a significant impact on the reduction of crashes, deaths and associated injuries across the state.



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 &

Instagram



Community Participation

Morton Grove Citizens Police Academy

The year of 2022 marked the 8th annual Morton Grove Citizens Police Academy. This program, which is run by Officer Lietz and Officer Jurasz 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 12 Morton Grove residents who came every Tuesday from 6:30pm - 8:30pm at the Village Hall from March 22nd - May 24th, 2022.



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 (Glenview Dispatch)
- Laws of arrest, search, and seizure
- Patrol Functions, DUI enforcement (Use of Fatal Vision Goggles)
- Evidence and Crime Scene processing
- Optional Ride-along
- Crime Prevention/Local Ordinances
- Investigations/Major Crimes/Specialized Units
- Gun Laws/Safety, practice shooting
- Defensive Tactics
- Information on N.I.P.A.S. & Mobile Field Force units



Community Participation

Toys for Tots 2022

The Morton Grove Police Department participates in an annual Toy for Tots collection drive. The Morton Grove Police Department collected 13 large boxes toys from late October 2022 until December 9^h, 2022. 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

Free Throw Contest



In an effort to get kids active, the Morton Grove Police Department held its third annual free throw contest on October 18th, 2022. The event took place inside the Prairie View Community Center.

The contest was divided into four divisions: police officers, kids 10 and under and kids 11 to 14. The players who scored the most amount of free throws out of 10, went on to compete in the final round, with the

overall winner and runner up from each of the kids' divisions taking home a basketball and the overall winner of the free throw contest winning a \$25 Amazon gift card.

22 young people through the age of 14 turned out on the basketball court to compete, along with 14 of our officers. Everyone had a blast and we will continue this in the future.



Community Participation

Chicago Police Memorial 18th Annual Run to Remember – May 7, 2022



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 normally a USATF certified chip-timed 5k Run on Chicago's beautiful lakefront.

Commander Johnson, Officer Corcoran, and Officer Whalen participated in the 18th Annual "Run to Remember", sponsored by the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation. Thousands of police officers, their families, and citizens participated in the in person and virtual 5k to honor Chicago's fallen and seriously injured police officer's to raise money for their families. Almost \$500,000 was raised this year! Great job representing MGPD!



Community Participation

Illinois Special Olympics—Cop on a Rooftop



2022 marked the 19th Anniversary of the Dunkin' partnership with the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois. This event has been a huge success over the years; in fact, more than

\$7.6 million has been raised in Illinois during this great partnership!

In 2022, there were more than 315 participating locations. Thanks to the owners of our Dunkin' for their participation. This was the sixth year the Morton Grove Police Department was able to participate in this great event for a worthy cause.



Community Participation

Illinois 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 \$65 million since 1986, 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 4.0 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 police department taking part in this awesome experience.



Community Participation

National Night Out 2022

This year marked the 7th year that the Morton Grove Police Department hosted the annual National Night Out event. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. It provides an opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August.

The event took place on Tuesday August 2nd, 2022 at 6140 Dempster from 5:30pm until 8:30pm. Due to the generosity of our local businesses and residents, we were able to fully fund the event through previous 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, raffle prizes and more.

This year, there were approximately 2,000-2,500 people in attendance. We want to thank our Citizen Police Academy volunteers, Village employees, and the Morton Grove Park District for their help with the event. We look to have another awesome event next year!



Community Participation

Breast Cancer Awareness Month—Pink Patch

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, MGPD Officers and Community Service Officers (CSO's) supported the Pink Patch Project by voluntarily wearing a pink version of the Morton Grove Police Department's traditional uniform patch from late September through the first week of November.

The patches were available for purchase to the public for \$15. We had 40 employees to include our therapy dog, Pepper, who wore them. In total, we sold 116 patches and raised \$2,467.50. All of the money generated from these sales was used as a donation from our FOP Lodge #135 which went to the Lynn Sage Cancer Research Foundation.



A special thank you to Ofc. Narcissa's mother, Carlotta and CSO Finney, for taking the time to remove and sew on all of the patches. Thank you to everyone who donated and participated! This is the first time the Department had a specialty patch and it was a huge success. We hope to continue doing this again in the future.



Community Participation

Catalytic Converter Marking Event

In an effort to deter catalytic converter thefts, the Morton Grove Police Department teamed up with the Morton Grove Public Library and the Morton Grove Department of Public Works for our first ever catalytic converter marking event. Over 90 catalytic converters were spray painted with a red MGPD template in an attempt to make it less desirable for thieves to steal. Special thanks to the library for organizing this successful event and the Public Works employees for spray painting the catalytic converters! The event was very successful.



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.

Community Participation

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: Dennis Johnson

Sergeant: Jason Rago, Nick Hoffman

Detective: Pat Mallaney

Officers: Sean Lang, Justin Jurasz,
Marco Perez, Matthew Mayberry



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 5 active Explorers. The group was run by Commander Dennis Johnson, Detective Mike Johanson, Officer Nicholas Hoffman, and Officer Daniel Dahm.

The post had meetings twice a month where explorers receive hands on training in various police related topics including leadership, drug awareness, traffic stops, building searches, evidence collection, traffic control, criminal law, arrest, search, and seizure law, and a number of other topics. 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. For more information please contact Officer Jurasz or Officer Lietz at 847-470-5200.

Partner Agencies

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)

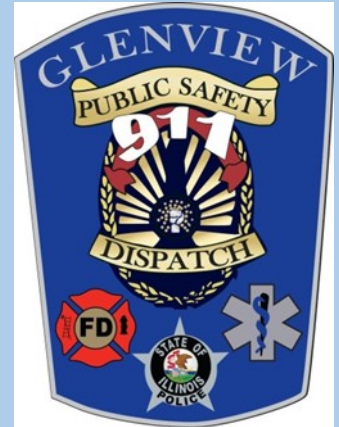
NARCINT is a state wide task force that utilizes a cooperative approach to narcotics interdiction efforts. Working with investigators from other suburbs and the State of Illinois, a Morton Grove detective helps interdict narcotics and human trafficking organizations.

Partner Agencies

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



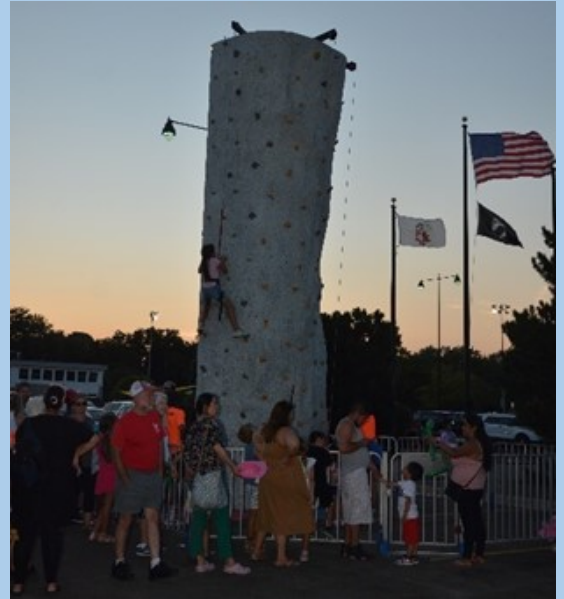
GPSDC and the members of the Morton Grove Police Department use radios connected to the STARCOM21 network. STARCOM21 is a groundbreaking public/private partnership with Motorola Solutions envisioned and commissioned by the State of Illinois to enable seamless, interoperable communications among State, 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.

Photos Throughout The Year



Group photo of Torch Run participants, CSO's, and officers who assisted.



A young child attempting to scale the rock climbing wall at National Night Out.



Field Services officers showing their support at Dunkin' during Cop on a Rooftop.



Ofc. Hristov and Ofc. Jaramillo running through defensive tactics drills.

Photos Throughout The Year



Ofc Cima writing a traffic ticket during a seatbelt enforcement initiative.



Ofc. Litkowiak receiving his retirement plaque from Chief Simo after serving 28 years as a patrolman.



Pepper, our therapy dog, proudly showing of her pink patch in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



Officers posing for a picture with their mustaches and beards in support of No Shave November.

Police Department "Thank You" Notes



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July 2022

Chief Michael Simo
Morton Grove Police Department
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Dear Chief Simo,

On behalf of the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists, it is our great pleasure to acknowledge the exceptional DUI enforcement of **Officer Matt Mayberry**, by awarding a **Certificate of Appreciation** in recognition of these life-saving efforts.

Every year hundreds of people are killed and thousands severely injured as a result of alcohol and drug-related crashes in Illinois. It takes only seconds to become a victim – without warning or choice. Impaired drivers make choices. They choose their weapons – vehicles and alcohol or drugs. We at AAIM, pledge to continue our fight against impaired driving, and to persist in our campaign of this 100% preventable crime.

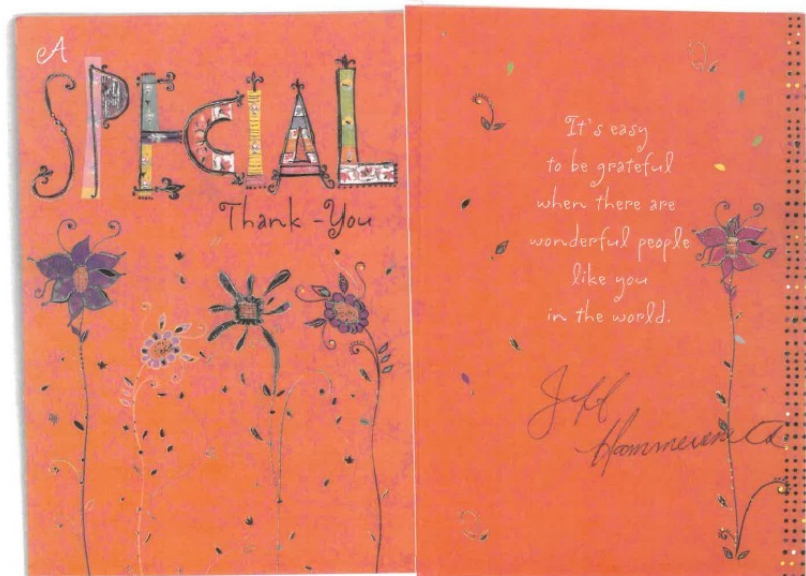
AAIM conducts its Annual DUI Survey of over 700 Illinois police agencies, with funding from the Illinois Department of Transportation, wherein we request your department's top DUI officers. In response, we ask that you pay tribute to this fine officer, as one of AAIM's Top Cops, with our congratulations and the presentation of the enclosed award. You have our sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks for exceptional public service.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rita Kreslin".

Rita Kreslin
Executive Director

Officer Crouse



Police Department "Thank You" Notes

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August 24, 2022

Morton Grove Police Department
Attn: Chief Michael Simo
6101 Capulina Ave
Morton Grove IL 60053

Re: Officer Mike Crowe (NIPAS)

Dear Chief Simo:

On August 14, 2022, Gurnee Police Officers responded to shots fired near the front gate of Six Flags Great America. It was discovered that several victims were shot, and the park was full of frightened patrons. The Gurnee Police Department requested assistance from NIPAS and ILEAS to provide additional law enforcement resources, which included an extensive search of the amusement park. We are glad to report that the shooting victims survived their wounds, and other injuries were minor. The investigation of the shooting is ongoing.

We are grateful for the support provided by NIPAS, ILEAS, you, and Officer Crowe, and assure you that the Gurnee Police Department stands ready to be of service to you in the future.

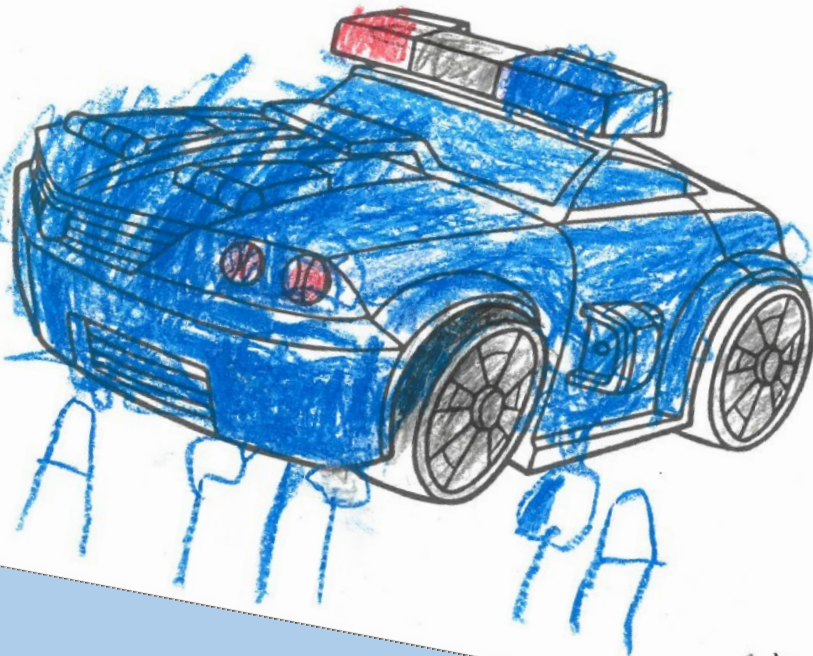
Sincerely,

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Brian M. Smith
Chief of Police

Off. Crowe -
Thanks - Chief Simo

Thank You!



Police Department "Thank You" Notes

October 18, 2022

Michael Simo, Chief of Police

I wish to thank Officer Colin Jaramillo who responded to my call on October 16, 2022.

I had an incident on the evening before, at 7:00 pm, of a stranger on my porch ringing my bell and tapping on my window. I am 84 years old and do not answer my door in the evening unless you call and let me know you are coming. I yelled and asked who it was and they didn't answer. My dogs, who I am watching, went crazy with barking, which didn't seem to bother them. I have locks in my storm door so I opened my door (which I should not have done). The person on my porch said sorry to bother you and I said that he needed to get off my porch because the dogs were going crazy.

I should have called 911 (which I know now), and should have called immediately instead of waiting until morning. Hopefully this will not happen again.

Officer Colin Jaramillo came over to take my statement. He was very professional, yet kind and understanding. He saw my grandson was with me and gave his stickers, a police car and glass. When he left I felt at ease knowing that my area would be patrolled for a while. I wish all your police were as nice and polite as officer Jaramillo.

Thank you again for your quick response.

Regards,



Edie Biewer



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Re: Mutual Aid Response 11-24-2022

Dear Chief Simo,

On behalf of the Kenilworth Police Department, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the assistance we received from your department on November 24, 2022. At 1:14am, our department responded to a personal injury traffic accident with ejection at Kenilworth Avenue and Sheridan Road. The need for additional officers to assist was critical and your department generously responded.

Morton Grove Officer Michael Zachacki and MCAT assisted us with road closures, hospital transportations, and scene processing.

We appreciate the prompt and professional response from Zachacki who provided invaluable assistance to our Department.

Thank you again for partnership and teamwork

Sincerely,



Richard Eddington, Interim Chief of Police

Off. Zachacki - Nice Job -
as usual!

Thanks, Chief Simo

Jaramillo - Nice Job, Thanks
Chief Simo

Police Department "Thank You" Notes



KEITH ZUPEC
Chief of Police

CITY OF WAUKEGAN DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

PROUDLY SERVING THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1859



ANN B. TAYLOR
Mayor

July 22, 2022

Chief Michael Simo
Morton Grove Police Department
6101 Capulina Avenue
Morton Grove, Illinois 60053

Dear Chief Simo,

On behalf of the Waukegan Police Department, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to NIPAS Mobile Field Force Officers Dan Dahm and Ty Rubio who responded to our Department for assistance with the City of Waukegan's annual Scoop event. The City worked with the NIPAS Mobile Field Force in 2019 when the event was last held with great success. The inclusion of the NIPAS Mobile Field Force this year helped ensure the event peaceful.

The annual Scoop event brings together a lot of people not just from the local area but also from the region. The safety and security of those attending this event is the paramount. With recent violence and mass shootings it is more important than ever to be able to depend on our law enforcement partners for assistance. Thank you for your department's ability to allow your personnel to assist our agency with this year's Scoop event.

The City of Waukegan, its residents, and especially its police department, is grateful for your officer's participation, dedication, professionalism, and efforts to keep everyone safe and secure.

Respectfully,

K-Z

Keith Zupec
Chief of Police

*OFFICERS Dahm/RUBIO -
NICE JOBS, THANKS
Chief Simo*

