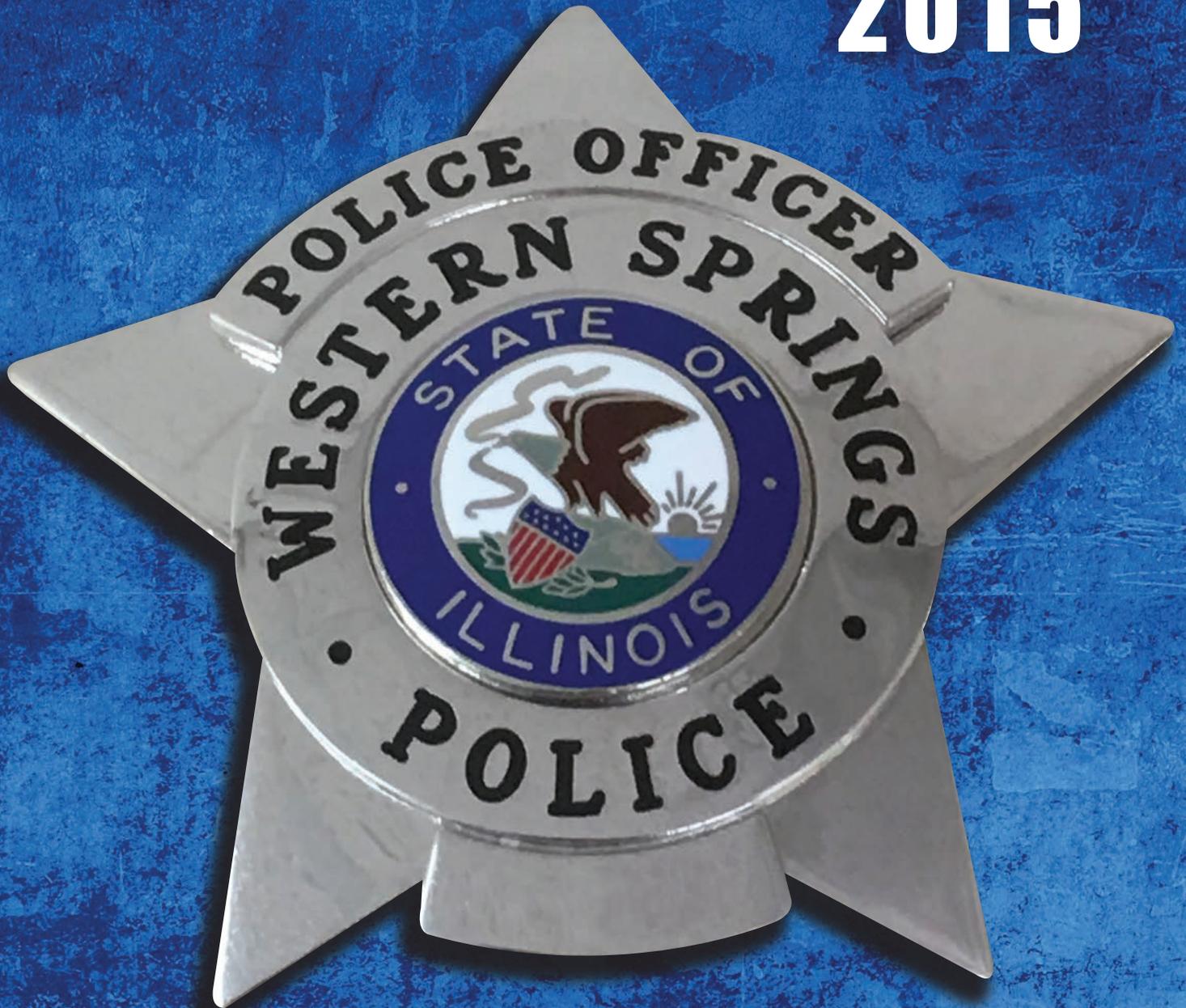


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WESTERN SPRINGS

2015



**DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES
ANNUAL REPORT**





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CHIEF'S LETTER

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February 28, 2016

To: Village Manager Patrick Higgins, Village President William Rodeghier, Trustees Sheila Hansen, Berry Allen, James Horvath, Alice Gallagher, Suzanne Glowiak, Edward Tymick:

PRESIDENT
William Rodeghier

On behalf of the men and women of the Western Springs Department of Law Enforcement Services, it is again my distinct honor to present to you the 2015 annual report. The report highlights our departmental programs and law enforcement activities and provides an overview of our crime statistics, as well as, our enforcement efforts.

TRUSTEES
Suzanne Glowiak
James Horvath
Sheila Hansen
Edward Tymick
Alice Gallagher
Berry Allen

In 2015, the Department responded to 10,787 calls for service which represented a decrease of 11.7% when compared to 2014. Reported thefts decreased by 11.4 %, and burglaries increased by 25%. There were no reported robberies in 2015. A total of 290 motor vehicle crashes were reported in 2015, which is one more crash as compared to 2014.

CLERK
Jeanine Jasica

We continued to move forward in 2015 with our dispatch consolidation efforts with the communities of La Grange and La Grange Park. The Lyons Township Area Communication Center (LTACC) was formed, and the new Executive Director was hired. This consolidation effort has served to foster strong partnerships with our neighboring communities and will provide the foundation for the sharing of future regional law enforcement services.

MANAGER
Patrick Higgins

In 2015, in an effort to engage and connect with the community, the Department launched a Facebook page. We continue to conduct community surveys to ensure that we are providing the highest quality law enforcement services that our citizens expect.

DIRECTORS
Tracy Alden
Grace Turi
Pat Schramm
Ingrid Volkma
Martin Scott
Pamela Church
Matthew Supert
Patrick Kenny

As the result of our review of the recommendations of the "Interim Report of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing", two of our Sergeants attended Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) which stresses de-escalation techniques. We are also in the process of making sure that our mission aligns with the "Pillars" and recommendations of the report. As we move forward into the future, the members of the Department of Law Enforcement Services will receive training and education on procedural justice, cultural competency, and crisis intervention.

I want to thank Village President William Rodeghier, the Public Health and Safety Committee Trustees Hansen and Allen, and Village Manager Higgins for your ongoing support of the Department in 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela K. Church
Chief/Director of Law Enforcement Services
Village of Western Springs

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MISSION STATEMENT



Mission Statement

It is the Mission of the Western Springs Police Department to maintain a high standard of integrity, professionalism, and effective law enforcement services in partnership with the community. We believe that our services preserve and foster the high quality of life in our community. We demonstrate our commitment to excellence through continuous education, training, proactive law enforcement initiatives, and enhanced response methods to ensure a safe environment.

Vision Statement

As we move forward, the Vision of the Western Springs Police Department will be to strive and meet the evolving expectations of our citizens to include proactive community engagement, education, and creative problem solving. We will continue to be at the forefront with technological advances, embrace service sharing, and continue to plan and prepare for the effective management of critical incidents that may impact our community.

The Western Springs Police Department will maintain our Mission and strive to achieve our Vision by subscribing to the following core values:

Professionalism

Dedication

Integrity

Service

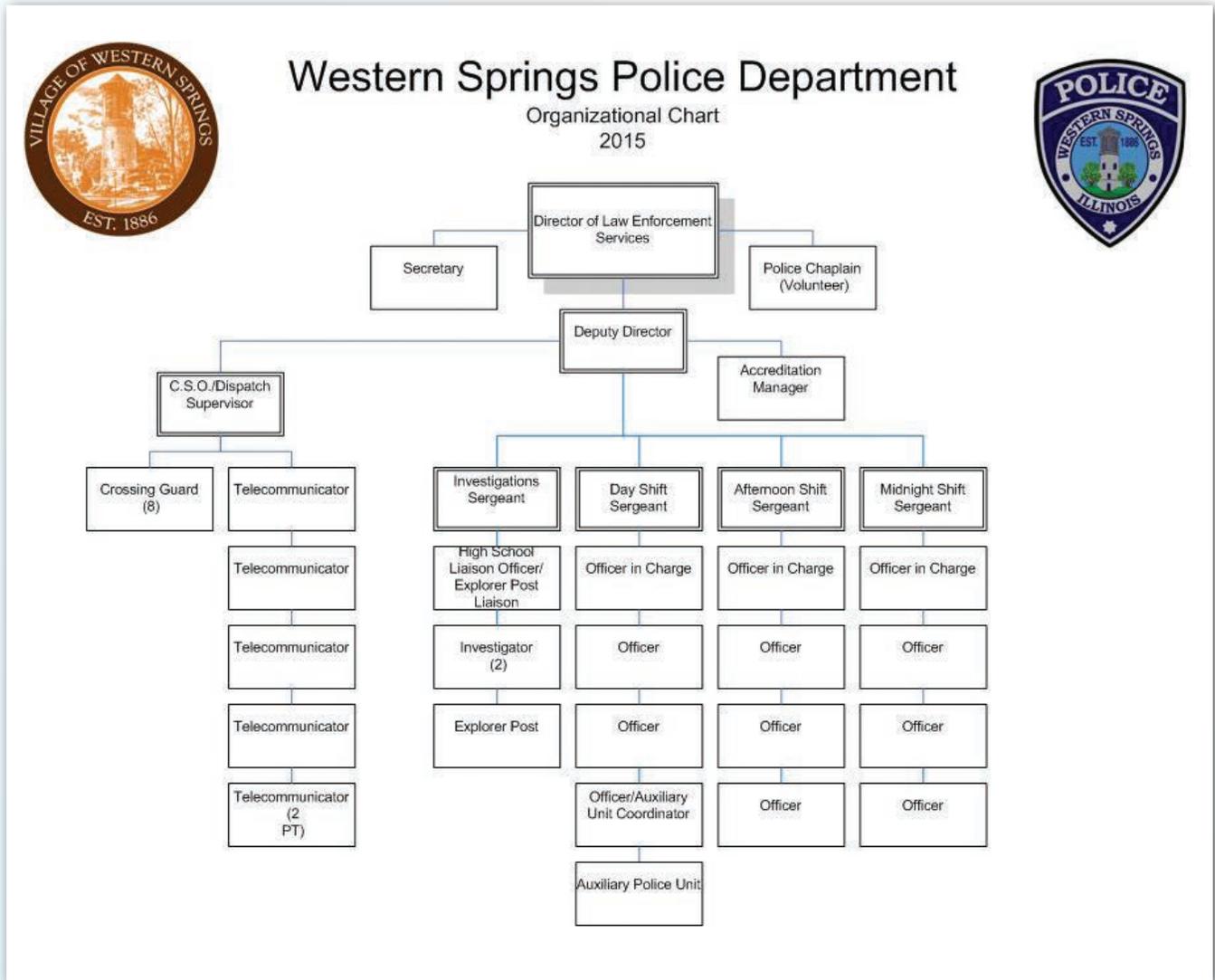
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2015 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART





COMMAND STAFF



Front row:

Sergeant Dan Albrecht, Chief Pamela Church, Sergeant Joe Rourke

Back row:

CSO/Dispatch Supervisor Jim Strafacci, Sergeant John Piesti,
Deputy Chief Brian Budds, Sergeant Phil Lo Chirco



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PATROL STAFF



Officer
JIM ASHMORE
Serving Since
1996



Officer
ROGER JAGE
Serving Since
1998



Officer
AJ HULL
Serving Since
1998



Officer
TONY JEMISON
Serving Since
1999



PATROL STAFF



Officer
DEAN HARRISON
Serving Since
2000



Officer
TERRY MADLER
Serving Since
2004



Officer
MIKE BELCASTRO
Serving Since
2005



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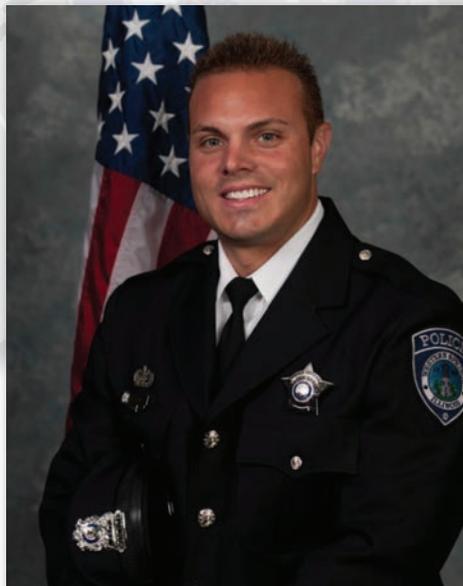
PATROL STAFF



Officer
KC CHURCH
Serving Since
2006



Officer
JACKIE MROZ
Serving Since
2007



Officer
KEN LENA
Serving Since
2008



PATROL STAFF



Officer
RYAN POSTAL
Serving Since
2012



Officer
ASHLEE SELLIG
Serving Since
2013



Officer
VINCE GISMONDI
Serving Since
2015



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DISPATCHERS



KYMETHIA MADKINS
Serving Since
2005



BARB DROBNEY
Serving Since
2006



SHAUN O'CONNOR
Serving Since
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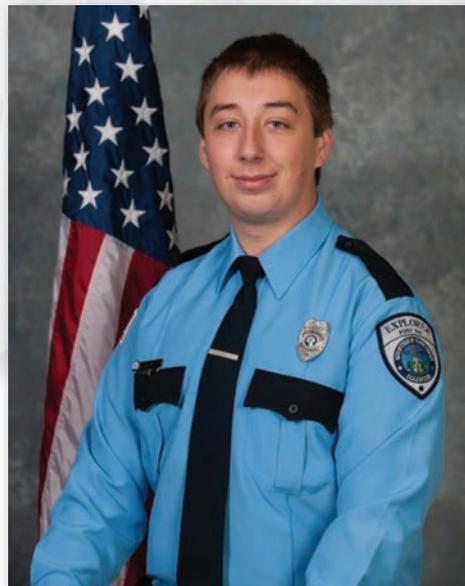
DISPATCHERS



CARRESA WARRIOR
Serving Since
2012



KELLY VABRO
Serving Since
2013



JOHN FORNALSKY
Serving Since
2015



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SUPPORT STAFF



Department Secretary
TAMMI ALBRECHT
Serving Since
 1994



Accreditation Manager
CINDY GONZALEZ
Serving Since
 2011



TEN YEAR HISTORY OF INDEX CRIMES

Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Population	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,500	12,975	12,975	12,975	13,033	13,033
Rate/100,000 Persons	848	968	1096	840	864	470	401	262	353	353
Total Crime Index	106	121	137	105	108	61	52	34	46	45
Murder/ Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Sexual Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0
Aggravated Battery/Assault	3	3	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
Burglary	28	2	2	23	24	9	5	7	8	11
Theft	74	9	112	78	80	50	42	26	35	32
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
Arson	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	0



PATROL DIVISION



The Western Springs Police Department has a dedicated Patrol Division that is responsible for responding to emergency and non-emergency calls for service. It is the largest division within the agency and is committed to our core mission of delivering exceptional police services while maintaining public safety to our residents. Our uniformed officers are typically the first responders to most calls for service, conducting preliminary investigations, and addressing the specific needs of the community.

Our patrol officers routinely conduct visible traffic and safety enforcement in marked patrol vehicles covering 8 hour shifts. There are three shifts with each consisting of a shift sergeant, one officer-in-charge, and one or two patrol officers.

In 2015, our Patrol Division responded to 10,787 reported calls for service. This represented a decrease of about 11.7% from 2014. Our patrol officers initiated 2,680 traffic-related contacts for various moving violations of the Illinois Vehicle Code resulting in a total of 4,825 warnings and/or citations as represented in the accompanying chart. Our patrol officers investigated a total of 290 reported motor vehicle traffic crashes during 2015.

On a daily basis, every officer that is assigned to the Patrol Division interacts with our residents and businesses and they registered roughly 400 cumulative hours of community interaction in 2015.



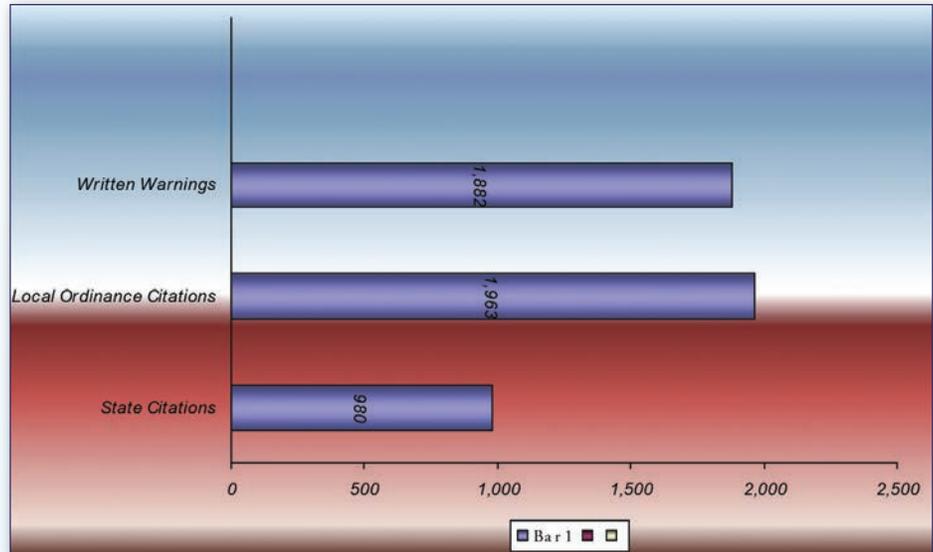
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PATROL DIVISION

ISSUED CITATIONS & WRITTEN WARNINGS PARKING & MOVING VIOLATIONS 2015

The Western Springs Police Department made a total of 4 overweight truck arrests during 2015 with a total fine amount generated of \$4,772.00. Our Department issued 51 oversized truck permits in 2015. The total revenue generated by oversized vehicle permits in 2015 was \$3,550.00.

Our Department cited 158 trucks that were traveling on various Village roadways. There were 154 citations issued for various commercial vehicle violations in the Village. The total revenue generated from these citations issued was \$5,390.00. The total revenue generated from commercial vehicle fines was \$10,162.00 in 2015.





PATROL DIVISION

BIKE PATROL TEAM

The Bike Patrol Team currently consists of 7 state certified bicycle officers. Members of the Bike Patrol Team augment our regular patrol presence and visibility during the warmer months of the year. Our bike officers focus on networking with the community in areas such as the central business district, schools, parks, and larger community events.

The continued primary mission of our Bike Patrol Team is to foster friendly and positive interaction with children specializing on bicycle and pedestrian safety. In 2015, the Bike Patrol Team participated in several events that included:

- Illinois Special Olympics Torch Run
- Safety Village
- Western Springs Tower Trot
- Gathering on the Green
- Memorial Day Parade
- Bicycle safety presentations



DUI ENFORCEMENT

Selective impaired driving enforcement remained a top priority for the Western Springs Police Department in 2015. Officers initiated 14 arrests for driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs which represented a decrease of 52% from the previous year.

The highest recorded breath-alcohol content result in 2015 was 0.17, the average breath-alcohol content was 0.14, and there were 10 refusals to submit a breath and/or blood sample. The top two officers for DUI arrests in 2015 are noted below:

Officer Name	# of DUI's
Sgt. John Piest	9
Officer Roger Jage	2



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MUTUAL AID/NIPAS

NORTHERN ILLINOIS POLICE ALARM SYSTEM

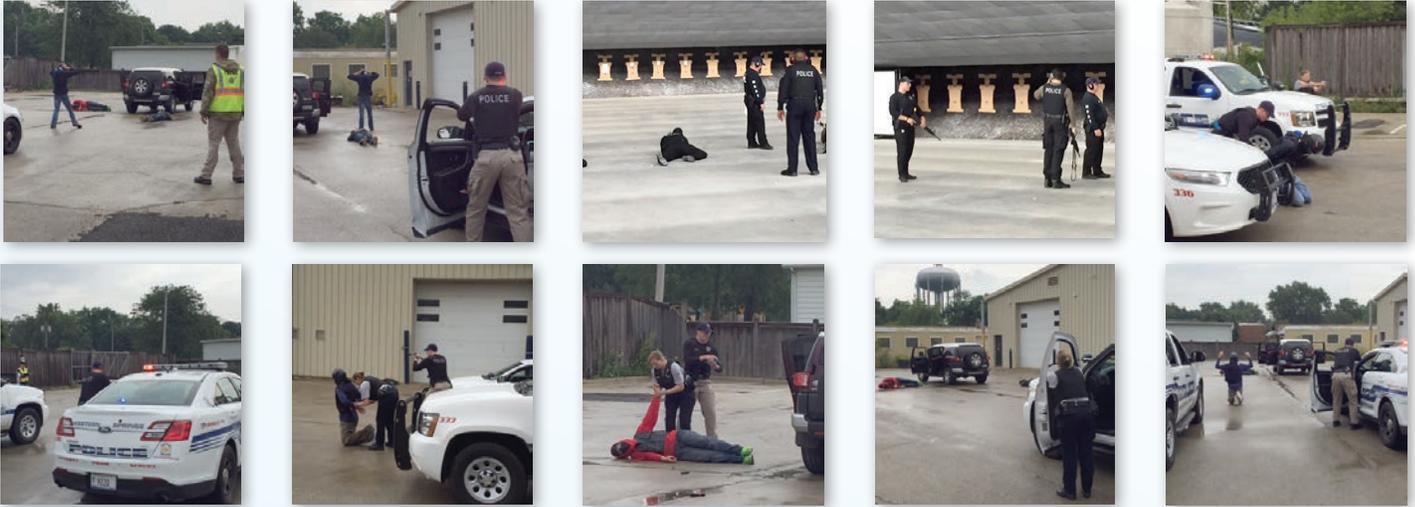


The Western Springs Police Department is a long-standing member of the Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS), a joint venture of 107 suburban municipal police departments from five counties. Created in 1983, NIPAS serves to ensure effective mutual aid in times of natural disasters, unusual occurrences and special events. NIPAS covers over 700 square miles and a population of approximately 2.2 million persons. NIPAS member agencies may also elect to participate in two additional NIPAS programs: a special tactical squad known as the Emergency Services Team (EST); and a special crowd-control team known as the Mobile Field Force (MFF).

Investigator Terry Madler is assigned to the Emergency Services Team. Officer Ken Lena is assigned to the Mobile Field Force Team. The Department joined the Emergency Services Team in order to enhance the ability to respond to both large-scale incidents and incidents that may last extended periods of time. Of the NIPAS agencies, there are 66 that participate in the Emergency Services Team, and 87 in the Mobile Field Force Team. As members of the Mobile Field Force Team and Emergency Services Team, the officers are required to participate in monthly training that includes certification with specialized equipment, instruction in squad-based tactics, and team tactical maneuvers. This training prepares Mobile Field Force Team and Emergency Services Team personnel to respond to unruly crowds, apprehend multiple offenders, manage and resolve hostage/barricade incidents, perform high-risk warrant services, conduct major crime scene searches, apprehend multiple offenders, as necessary, and conduct search and rescue missions. In 2015, NIPAS EST was activated 30 times and the Mobile Field Force was called out for 3 activations and 19 standby events.



TRAINING



Members of the Department attended many significant and contemporary training courses. These training experiences continue to highlight our commitment to maintaining very high expectations of technical competency and professional confidence in all staff members who serve the Western Springs Department of Law Enforcement Services. Some highlights include:

- The Chief, the Deputy Chief, and 1 Sergeant attended Northeast Multi-Regional Training's (NEMRT) Annual Meeting and Training course.
- 2 Sergeants attended Crisis Intervention Team training.
- The Dispatch Supervisor attended Emergency Traffic Control: Train the Trainer.
- 1 Sergeant attended Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety's Supervision of Police Personnel training course.
- 2 Detectives attended Lead Homicide Investigator training.
- 2 Sergeants attended Incident Command System (ICS) 300 and 400.
- 1 Officer attended the advanced School Resource Officer course.
- 1 Telecommunicator attended LEADS Agency Coordinator training.
- 1 Officer attended the Juvenile officer state certification.
- 2 Officers attended the Field Training Officer program.





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Annual Report Crimes

	2015	2014	Percent Change
Total Complaints	10,787	12,239	-11.9%
911 Complaints	3,948	4,041	-2.3%

Fines Received	This Year	Last Year	Percent Change
Cook Co.	\$25,097.84	\$31,782.25	-21.0%
Ordinance	\$114,971.83	\$135,209.78	-15.0%
Total Fines:	\$140,069.67	\$166,992.03	-16.1%

Offense	This Year	Last Year	Percent Change
Homicide (Murder/Manslaughter) (Includes Attempts) TOTAL*	0	0	0.0%
Criminal Sexual Assault TOTAL*	0	0	0.0%
Robbery TOTAL*	0	2	-100.0%
Aggravated Assault/Battery TOTAL*	1	0	100.0%
Burglary TOTAL*	11	8	37.5%
Theft TOTAL*	32	35	-8.6%
Motor Vehicle Theft TOTAL*	1	1	0.0%
Arson TOTAL*	0	0	0.0%
INDEX CRIME TOTAL	45	46	-2.2%
TOTAL CASE FILES	408	404	1.0%



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Emergency management is the managerial function charged with creating the framework within which communities reduce vulnerability to hazards and cope with disasters.

The Western Springs Police Department as a whole, shares a collective effort preparing and planning. The Department utilizes specialty programs such as:

- Code Red Notification program (Emergency Notification System).
- Pharmaceutical distribution.
- Northern Illinois Police Alarm System. (N.I.P.A.S.) Field Force.
- Northern Illinois Police Alarm System. (N.I.P.A.S.) Emergency Services Team.



NARCAN PROGRAM

Naloxone (Narcan) the Narcan program was initiated with the Western Springs Police Department in 2014. Officers continue carrying the Narcan kits and have remedial training annually. Narcan is a nasal spray that is an antagonist used to counteract the effects of narcotic.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (E.O.C.)

On October 28, 2015, members of the Western Springs Police Department participated in a tornado table top exercise at the Clarendon Hills Police Department E.O.C. The purpose of the exercise is to provide participants an opportunity to evaluate current response concepts, plans, and capabilities for a response to a tornado event in Clarendon Hills, Hinsdale, LaGrange and Western Springs.



AUTOMATIC ELECTRONIC DEFIBRILLATORS (A.E.D.)

Police and law enforcement officials are often the first to arrive on the scene of a sudden cardiac arrest. By carrying automated external defibrillators in their vehicles, police officers can increase the survival rate. All officers of the Western Springs Police Department are trained in C.P.R., as well as, the execution of the device.

RAPID DEPLOYMENT TRAINING

In March of 2015, officers from the Western Springs Police Department participated in a Rapid Deployment training exercise which took place at Lyons Township North High School. The training provided both classroom and practical applications; approximately 200 officers/supervisors from neighboring jurisdictions, as well as, officers throughout Cook and DuPage Counties attended the training.



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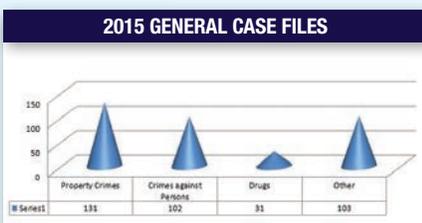
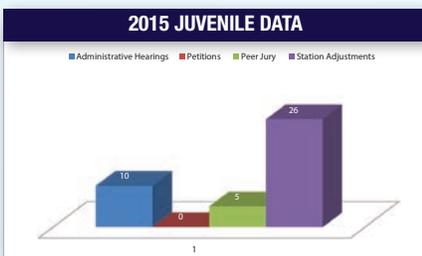
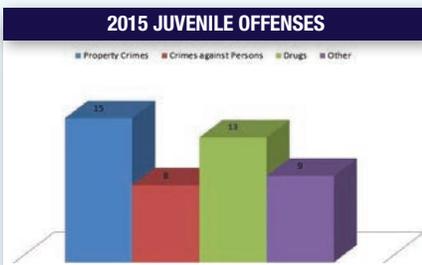
INVESTIGATIONS AND YOUTH DIVISION



Investigator Madler, Detective Sgt. Albrecht and Investigator Church

The Western Springs Police Department's Criminal Investigations Division is supervised by Detective Sgt. Albrecht. Investigator Church and Investigator Madler serve as the Department's investigators, and collectively the unit has the responsibility of identifying, apprehending and assisting in the prosecution of individuals responsible for criminal activity. Other responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Support to the Patrol Division
- Follow up on case files
- Tracking crime patterns in the area and disseminating information to patrol and local agencies
- Asset forfeiture
- Controlled Liquor and Tobacco Purchase Program
- Custodian of property and evidence
- Juvenile Division
- Liaison to All Our Children's Advocacy Center
- Liaison to DuPage Metropolitan Enforcement Group (DUMEG)
- Liaison to the Major Case Assistance Team (MCAT)
- Liaison to the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force (SSMCTF)
- Licensing and new hire backgrounds
- Sex Offender Registration
- Illinois Crimes Against Children (ICAC)



2015 STATS

- 367 total adult case files
- 41 total juvenile case files
- 16 MCAT call-outs
- 3 SSMCTF call-outs
- 16 arrests ranging from Class B Misdemeanors to Class 1 Felony's
- 2 search warrants were conducted, resulting in the recovery of over \$50,000 in victim's property
- 25 subpoenas completed



INVESTIGATIONS AND YOUTH DIVISION

NOTABLE CASES

FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION OF THE ELDERLY

In August of 2015, a report was generated for a victim who suffered from an illness, and the investigation revealed two offenders who had obtained the victim's credit card and made over 100 fraudulent charges without the victim's knowledge. Hundreds of hours were devoted to obtaining video surveillance, conducting interviews, and researching financial documents. As a result, two offenders were charged with Class 3 felonies.



RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY

In September of 2015, The Criminal Investigation unit was notified of a residential burglary in which several thousands of dollars of property was stolen. Within a matter of days, two separate search warrants were prepared and executed. As a result of hard work and perseverance, two offenders were arrested and charged with Class 1 felonies. During the course of the investigation, stolen property was recovered having a value of over \$51,000.00.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER

In 2015, the Community Service Officer (CSO) consisted of one full-time uniformed, non-sworn member of the Department who works 8 hour days. The CSO supports the efforts of the Department by providing services to the community, while also supporting other divisions within the Police Department. The CSO has a significant impact on the efficiency and effectiveness of police services that the Department provides. His duties include enforcing local and parking related ordinances and animal complaints. Other activities include picking up/delivering correspondence for the Department, traffic control, crossing guard substitutions, and placement/maintaining of the four speed monitoring signs. During his daily shift, the CSO is also often occupied with administrative duties such as vehicle maintenance, errands, and deliveries.

The CSO has multiple roles within the Department including serving as supervisor for the crossing guards and the Communications Center. In the Communications Center he assists with training, completing telecommunicator evaluations, scheduling and covering for time off which includes training, breaks and vacations when necessary.



He oversees and maintains the Police Department's CAD and Record Management systems and is responsible for running the Village's monthly Adjudication Hearing in which citizens can contest their parking, compliance, and local ordinance and RedSpeed violations.



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HIGH SCHOOL LIAISON/SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

During the 2015 school year at Lyons Township High School-South Campus, School Resource Officer A. J. Hull provided a variety of educational presentations to students, faculty, junior high students, and senior citizens along with other duties of investigating criminal activity within the school. Arrests and incidents that occurred within this school year range from Possession of Cannabis, Possession/Consumption of Alcohol, Thefts, Sexual Assault, and Disorderly Conduct. The SRO has been granted permission to have a Taser/ Electronic Control Weapon to be stored and secured within his office.

FEBRUARY 2015

Gang Presentation to Faculty



APRIL 2015

Driver Education Discussion on Traffic Laws





HIGH SCHOOL LIAISON/SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

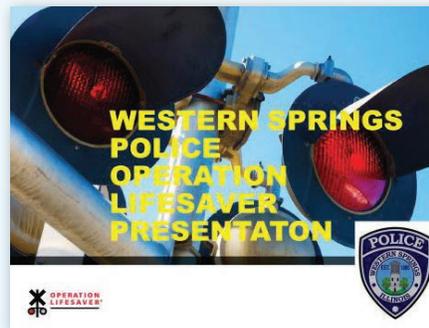
MARCH 2015

**St. John of the Cross Grade School Presentation
of Substance Awareness-March 2015**



SEPTEMBER 2015

Operation LifeSaver (Railroad Safety)



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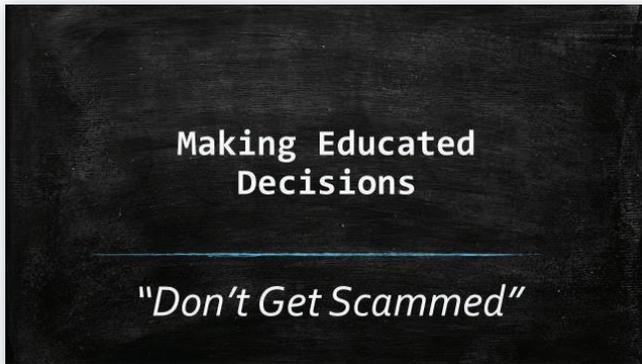
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HIGH SCHOOL LIAISON/RESOURCE OFFICER

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NOVEMBER 2015

Scam Presentation to Senior Citizen Group



NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2015

Distracted Driver/Traffic Law Presentation to Drivers' Education





CRIME PREVENTION AND PUBLIC EDUCATION



In 2015, our Crime Prevention and Public Education Divisions partnered with Western Springs School District 101 and St. John of the Cross School to furnish valuable public education programs to foster a safe learning environment for students and staff. As in past years, our programs included railroad safety, student safety patrol training, cyberbullying, bicycle safety, and school crisis response planning. We also continued to build on our new school visitation program where our patrol beat officers are encouraged to visit the four District 101 schools to interact with the students and staff during lunch periods. Officer Tony Jemison proudly represented the Police Department at Safety Village in June.



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CRIME PREVENTION & PUBLIC EDUCATION

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During the past year, the Crime Prevention and Public Education Divisions also focused on the community by providing ongoing safety and security tips, and other crime prevention programs through our Neighborhood Watch. Officers also met with senior citizen groups, business, and other civic organizations to discuss fraud, elder abuse, identity theft, home security, and other related topics. We also conducted numerous police facility tours for various youth groups during the year.



COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

CROSSING GUARDS

The Department utilizes 8 part-time school crossing guards to help elementary and middle school students safely cross the street at seven key locations as they walk or ride their bicycles to and from school. All the school crossing guards receive annual training before the start of the school year. The seven locations are as follows:

- 47th Street and Wolf Road
- Hillgrove Avenue and Wolf Road
- Burlington Avenue and Wolf Road
- 51st Street and Wolf Road
- 47th Street and Central Avenue
- Wolf Road and Chestnut Street
- Hillgrove Ave and Clausen Ave

The Community Service Officer is responsible for supervising the crossing guards. The crossing guards all attended a training program provided by the Police Department in the fall of 2015.



COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

The Western Springs Communications Center is a twenty-four emergency police and fire dispatch center for the Village of Western Springs, including the lobby walk up window. The Center is staffed by 4 full-time Telecommunicators who work rotating 12 hour shifts and also has 2 part-time Telecommunicators. They are responsible for answering emergency and non-emergency calls along with dispatching for Police, Fire and EMS, as well as, various other departments of the Village during closed hours in addition to activating the tornado siren.

The Communications Center handles all department record keeping and serves as official court clerks for the monthly hearing which adjudicates parking, compliance, Red Light, and local ordinance citations. They process citations which include data entry, filing and entering payments, assist citizens with any of their needs, preparing transfer listings for court in addition to managing accident reports and new business contact forms. Our female Telecommunicators also serve as police matrons that include conducting searches of female detainees and 30 minute lock-up checks to ensure their safety.

The "I Live Alone" Program is an extremely valuable service provided by our Telecommunicators, which consists of them calling elderly residents who live alone up to twice daily to ensure their well-being and that they do not require any assistance.

The Communications Center is equipped with a video monitoring system which utilizes 55 different cameras that covers various public infrastructures. Telecommunicators monitor these cameras in locations such as the Police Department/ Village Hall, North and South Fire Stations, Public Works, Train Station, and a pedestrian underpass.

In 2015, the Center received 10,787 CAD entries and they answered 3,948 9-1-1 calls of which 2,248 were wireless calls.





VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS, ILLINOIS

SPECIAL EVENTS

COMMUNITY RELATIONS PROJECTS & EVENTS



The Western Springs Police Department in its commitment to better serving and being a significant part of the community, participated in various special events throughout the year. Special Events requires planning, security, and traffic control.

The Western Springs Police Department with assistance from the Western Springs Auxiliary Officers and Explorer cadets successfully participated in a variety of events including:



- **CHRISTMAS WALK**

- **GATHERING ON THE GREEN**

- **NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTIES:** On occasion, officers visit various neighborhood block parties. The police vehicle is always a hit with the children, and officers often provide a vehicle demonstration.

- **SPECIAL OLYMPICS:** The Western Springs Police Department continued its fundraising efforts for the Special Olympics program.

- **SAFETY VILLAGE:** Katie's Foundation launched Safety Village of Western Springs in memory of Katie Satkamp, who tragically lost her life at age 7. Officer Tony Jemison provided his services during the two-week Safety Village program.

- **ST JOHN OF THE CROSS FESTIVAL:** Officers provide security for the 4 day festival, consisting of carnival games, rides, music, food and spirits.

- **TOWER TROT RACE:** The 38th Annual Run for Fun 10K and 5K were held May 23rd.





DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAMS

PEER JURY PROGRAM



2015 Senior Graduates

The Peer Jury was established in 1997, and is designed to give first time juvenile offenders of non-violent and non-gang related crimes an opportunity to redeem themselves through balanced and restorative justice by agreeing to sentencing by a jury of their peers. To be eligible for the program, the offenders must admit their guilt to the crimes they have been charged with.

The Western Springs Peer Jury heard 14 new cases in 2015, which is 2 less than in 2014. The cases included a total of 13 Class A Misdemeanors and 1 Class C Misdemeanor. This activity is in line with previous years after experiencing a significant decline in 2013.

Sentences included a total of 120 hours of community service at our assisting organizations and 5 essays.

The program saw a large increase in juror applications during the year, and has increased to a pool of approximately 40 jurors at any given time this year and we continue to actively recruit new jurors. The jurors are a very dedicated and fair minded group of young men and women whose time we truly appreciate.

Eugenia Callison, the Senior Civilian Coordinator continues to be a great asset to the program. Maia Whalen is the second Civilian Coordinator who was appointed in 2010, and has excelled in her position and saw her daughter Natalie graduate from the program this year after several years on the jury. Due to their efforts, the Peer Jury continues to operate at a high level of efficiency.

Sergeant John Piest and Officer AJ Hull run the day-to-day police related responsibilities of the program.

A goal set for 2015, included increasing community service locations by at least one agency. This goal was easily completed with the addition of at least 3 new locations during the course of the year by our civilian coordinators.



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DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAMS

TORCH RUN FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The Special Olympics mission is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with physical and intellectual disabilities. This gives them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympic athletes, and their communities.



The Special Olympics is a non-profit program which began in 1968, with a total of 1,000 athletes from the U.S. and Canada. In 2015, there were more than 32,000 athletes served in Illinois alone. That service is provided by more than 25,000 volunteers. The program relies on the generous donations from a variety of fundraising activities. The Law Enforcement community has been a long-time partner of Special Olympics.

The Western Springs Police Department takes a very active role in fund-raising and the promotion of this program. Each year a number of events are held throughout the community to raise much needed funds. Events in 2015 included the Adopt-A-Cop, car show, ball toss and the Law Enforcement Torch Run. The Law Enforcement Torch Run has raised nearly \$35 million over 29 years while increasing awareness of Special Olympics Illinois athletes and their accomplishments.





DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAMS

CHILD CARSEAT PROGRAM

The 2015 Child Safety Program modified its outreach to the community. The program set up an appointment schedule for residents. However, the program participated in the state-wide event, "Seat Check Saturday" on Saturday, September 19, 2015. This event was open to all, residents and non-residents. During this event, a total number of 8 child safety seats were checked along with 3 new seats issued to parents of whom their seats were expired. The free child safety seats were provided by the Illinois Department of Transportation. Additionally, earlier in the year, the Department hosted its own annual event, "Buckle-Up Your Valentine" on February 14th. During this event, 3 child safety seats were checked and many questions answered on child occupant safety within vehicles.



The Department's child car seat technicians, Officer AJ Hull and Officer Mike Belcastro worked on completing their 2-year certification process. A new, third technician, Officer Ashlee Sellig completed her certification.

The total child safety seats checked/inspected for 2015 were 13.





VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS, ILLINOIS

DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAMS

AUXILIARY POLICE UNIT

The Western Springs Auxiliary Police Unit upholds a proud tradition of public service to the Village of Western Springs and its residents. Each year, Auxiliary Police Officers dedicate hundreds of hours toward supporting the Western Springs Police Department. Since its formation, the organization has assisted the Police Department with traffic and crowd control at fires, auto accidents, parades, community events, and other emergencies.

The purpose of the Police Auxiliary Unit is to relieve patrol officers from performing auxiliary tasks and other functions that deplete the number of regular officers on the street. The Auxiliary Unit is used in a variety of functions ranging from crowd and traffic control to handling non-emergency calls. They also handle, but are not limited to; parking enforcement, municipal code violations, and can act as a booking officer when needed.

In addition, Auxiliary Officers help ensure community events run smoothly. For example, every year Auxiliary Officers direct traffic and parking for community events like the Torch Run and Gathering on the Green. Also, Auxiliary Police patrol the Village on major holidays, nights, and weekends.

Auxiliary Officers can report suspicious activity immediately to the police officers via portable police radios. The unit also provides important assistance during disasters and assist officers with securing perimeters and direct traffic due to downed power lines or flooded areas.

The Unit can be rapidly deployed if needed to critical incidents for the entire duration where their presence will allow the Department to control the situation effectively, resulting in full time officers being freed up for other serious incidents.





DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAMS



Auxiliary Police Officers are equipped with uniforms which are different than those worn by sworn officers. Though not armed, they are authorized to use police vehicles and police band radio communications equipment when appropriate.

In 2015, the Auxiliary Unit worked approximately 696 hours throughout the year and issued 86 citations. They also participated in 19 different events; some lasting less than an hour, a few lasting more than a few hours.

Auxiliary Officers are required to meet hiring qualifications similar to that of a Community Service Officer. This process includes an interview, polygraph examination, fingerprinting, and an in-depth background investigation. Once hired, Auxiliary Officers must complete an in-house training curriculum and field training program before being released on their own. Mandatory training continues throughout the year on a regular basis in order to enhance the Auxiliary Officer's knowledge, as well as, strengthen basic skills. The training is in accordance with our yearly goals and objectives.

One of the yearly goals for Auxiliary Officers include participating in a minimum of five training meetings, which covers the goals of the unit for the year, general orders, officer safety, their function as an Auxiliary Officer, and any other necessary training that needs to be addressed.

In 2015, there were 8 Auxiliary Officers: Shaun O'Connor, James Demonte, Enes Menkovic, David Kielczewski, Luis Calderon, John Fornalsky, Nick Karambelas, and Tom West. The Liaison Officers for the Unit were Officer Mike Belcastro and Officer Terry Madler.



VILLAGE OF WESTERN SPRINGS, ILLINOIS

DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAMS

EXPLORER POST 740

The 2015 Explorer Post had a productive year. The Post currently consists of 7 Cadets and 3 Adult Advisors. The Post participated in the following Community Events:

Western Springs Business Association- Easter Egg Hunt on March 28

Tower Trot on May 23

Memorial Day Parade on May 25

LaGrange Pet Parade on May 30

Western Springs Business Association-Gathering on the Green on June 12

Rapid Deployment Training at Lyons Township High School-North on August 15

Field Park 5k Run on September 12

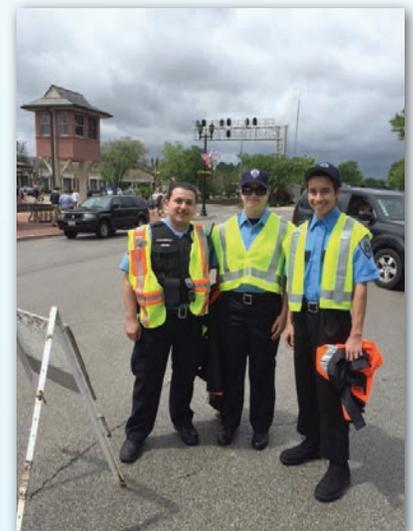
Lyons Township High School "Homecoming Parade" on September 26

Western Springs Business Association - Fall Fest on October 2

Western Springs Business Association - Festival Of Trees on December 5

On Wednesday, December 9th, Cadet Jeffrey Hank, was recognized by Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart for completing over 100 hours of Community Service. Cadet Hank received the Youth Medal of Honor for Service.

The Explorer Post conducted monthly meetings covering police related training on traffic stops, burglaries in progress, handcuffing, and building searches.





DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAMS

RECRUITMENT TEAM



In 2015, the Western Springs Police Recruitment Team continued to actively recruit potential law enforcement candidate applicants.

Members of this year's Recruitment Team included:

Deputy Chief Brian Budds, Sgt. Daniel Albrecht, Sgt. Phillip Lo Chirco, Investigator Terrence Madler, Officers James Ashmore, Tony Jemison, Ashlee Sellig, and Telecommunicators Caressa Warrior and Shaun O'Connor.

Various Recruitment Team members represented our agency at 2 career fairs; May 5th at Triton College, located in River Grove, and on September 23rd at the University of Illinois at Chicago. We distributed Department informational pamphlets, applications, and various promotional items at the fairs while receiving a total of 55 applicant interest cards.





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DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAMS

ACCREDITATION



*Accreditation Manager
Cindy Gonzalez*

Western Springs Department of Law Enforcement Services Prepares for On-site Assessment

With four awards from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies to its credit, the Department is preparing for another on-site assessment in mid-2016. The agency spent the year preparing for the upcoming assessment by continuously reviewing accreditation standards, providing proofs of compliance, preparing required reports, and reviewing and revising agency general orders to maintain compliance and reflect changes in legislation.

Improvement of agency practices as it pertains to service delivery is an important goal of the agency, as well as, a basic tenant of accreditation. The citizen survey, a monthly random survey of several citizens who have requested police services during the previous month, was in its 4th year in 2015. Results are tabulated and summarized annually. These results provide the Department valuable insight to citizen opinions of police activities and are given respect and consideration while planning agency direction and activities.

The Western Springs Department of Law Enforcement Services has been accredited since 2004, and is one of only 44 accredited agencies in Illinois. Maintaining accreditation assures that the Western Springs Department of Law Enforcement utilizes nationally recognized law enforcement guidelines and practices, resulting in the best possible service delivery to the community.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



Braunty Baum

The Western Springs Police Department has an active Internship Program that affords selected students who are majoring in the field of criminal justice the exposure of the daily operations of our agency. Interns are required to be endorsed by a nationally accredited college or university to participate in our program. Interns have the opportunity to observe the following functions and divisions of our Department:

- Investigations
- Patrol
- Records
- Communications
- Community Services
- Crime Prevention
- School Resource Divisions

In 2015, the Western Springs Police Department had 1 intern who completed 140 hours. This year's intern was Braunty Baum from Elmhurst College.



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

In 2015, the Awards Committee members included Co-Chairpersons Sergeant John Piest and Sergeant Joseph Rourke, as well as, committee members, Officer Roger Jage, Officer Jaclyn Mroz and Accreditation Manager Cynthia Gonzalez. Departmental awards and service awards were presented during 2015 and early 2016.



Officer Ryan Postal

COMMENDATORY CERTIFICATE: Commendatory Certificates are awards given to a citizen and/or employee for performance which brings credit upon themselves and the Department as a whole.

Officer Ryan Postal: On March 7, 2015, Officer Postal responded to the Walgreens parking lot at 4700 Gilbert Avenue in reference to a Domestic Battery. He rendered aid to the victim and continued to work on the case identifying and locating the offender who was subsequently charged with Aggravated Battery to an Individual with a Physical Handicap and was held on a \$1,000,000.00 bond while awaiting trial.

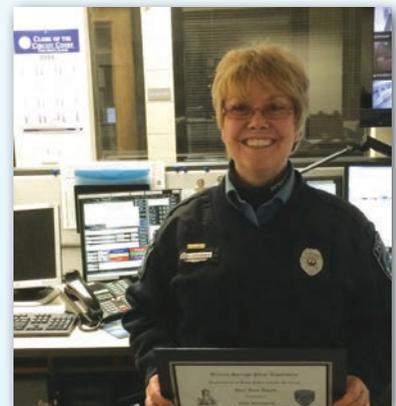
Sergeant John Piest, Officer Roger Jage, Officer Jaclyn Mroz and Telecommunicator Barb Drobney: On March 26, 2015, Telecommunicator Barb Drobney dispatched officers to an address in reference to a violent domestic incident in which a husband had attacked his wife with a sledgehammer. Telecommunicator Drobney gathered much needed officer safety information on the situation before dispatching the officers and during the event as it unfolded. Once on scene, officers insured the safety of the victim and when attempting to arrest the offender, discovered he had barricaded himself in his residence. Sergeant Piest requested officers from the LaGrange Police Department for assistance in maintaining a perimeter of the residence. Responding officers eventually talked the offender into surrendering himself without incident.



Officer Roger Jage



Officer Jaclyn Mroz



Telecommunicator Barb Drobney



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Sergeant John Piest: On April 12, 2015, Sergeant Piest was on a traffic stop on 55th Street just east of Wolf Road. While speaking the driver of that stop he observed a vehicle traveling westbound on 55th Street passing his stop at an extremely high rate of speed. Sgt. Piest observed that vehicle attempt to turn onto northbound Wolf Road, and in doing so it left the roadway and drove onto the front lawn of the bank at 5450 Wolf Road. At this time, Sgt. Piest terminated his initial traffic stop and attempted to stop the second vehicle. He located the vehicle turning westbound onto 54th Street from Wolf Road at which time a short pursuit occurred and the vehicle was eventually stopped in the 5000 block of Woodland Avenue. The driver was subsequently arrested for Reckless Driving, Leaving the Scene of a Property Damage Crash, Felony Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and Felony Driving with a Suspended License.



Sergeant John Piest

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT AWARDS:

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| Sergeant John Piest | DUI Enforcement |
| Officer Ashlee Sellig | Speed Enforcement |
| Officer James Ashmore | Seat Belt Enforcement |
| Officer James Ashmore | Child Safety Seat Enforcement |



Officer James Ashmore



Officer Mroz (pictured front row right) was recognized by the Northern Illinois University's Department of Public Safety at the 1st Annual Women of the Shield day on March 25th.



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL WERE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE:

Sergeant Joe Rourke	25 years
Sergeant Phil LoChirco	15 years
Officer Dean Harrison	15 years
Officer Mike Belcastro	10 years
Telecommunicator Kymethia Madkins	10 years
Chief Pam Church	10 years
Auxiliary Officer Enes Menkovic	5 years
Crossing Guard Nancy Rocco	5 years

NEW PERSONNEL



NEW POLICE OFFICER

Officer Vincent Gismondi was officially sworn in on March 16, 2015, and completed basic recruit training at the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy in Glen Ellyn, IL, on June 19, 2015.

Officer Gismondi has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Illinois State University and has been a fine addition to the Western Springs Police Department. Officer Gismondi is currently assigned to the Patrol Division.



NEW TELECOMMUNICATOR

Telecommunicator John Fornalsky was officially sworn in on October 9, 2015, and currently serves as one of our part-time Telecommunicators. Telecommunicator Fornalsky is currently a student at the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, IL, and has been a fine addition to the Western Springs Police Department.



INTERNAL AFFAIRS



WESTERN SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT 2015



The Police Department investigated a total of 7 complaints of both civilian and sworn staff during 2015. 2 of the 7 complaints (28.6%) were categorized as Internal Affairs investigations and there were no citizen complaints filed in 2015.

SOURCE OF COMPLAINT

Citizen complaints	0
Police Agency complaints	7
Total:	7
Total:	7

GENDER OF COMPLAINANT

Male	0
Female	0
Police Agency Complaint	7

AGE OF COMPLAINANT

Under 18	0
18-25	0
26-35	0
36-45	0
46 and over	0
Police Agency Complaint	7
Total:	7

ACTION TAKEN

Counseling	2
Oral Reprimand	0
Written Reprimand	2
Suspension	2
Total:	6

DISPOSITION OF COMPLAINTS

Unfounded	0
Exonerated	0
Sustained	6
Not sustained	0
Ongoing investigation	1
Total:	7

DEFINITION OF DISPOSITIONS

Unfounded—The investigation indicates that the act or acts complained of did not occur or failed to involve police personnel.

Exonerated—The investigation indicates that the acts did occur, but were justified, lawful, and proper.

Not Sustained—The investigation fails to discover sufficient evidence to clearly prove or disprove the allegations made against the employee.

Sustained—The investigation discloses sufficient evidence to clearly prove the allegation(s).





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