

ST. CHARLES POLICE DEPARTMENT



2020 Annual Report

Chief's Letter of Introduction



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James Keegan *Chief of Police*

March 11, 2021

Mark Koenen, City Administrator
City of St. Charles
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Dear Mr. Koenen:

Attached is the annual report for the St. Charles Police Department for calendar year 2020 as organized, prepared, and distributed by Senior Administrative Assistant Sara Cass. This information outlines the activities conducted by members of the Police Department throughout the calendar year to inform you, the Mayor, City Council, and our community of the great work done by our employees on a daily basis. Our mission is to provide *quality service, with respect and a commitment to excellence*.

The past year, without question, was one of the most challenging years the law enforcement profession has ever faced. The pandemic, followed by civil unrest and calls to defund police departments nationwide, captivated headlines, followed by a very contentious national election and a police reform bill being passed by Illinois legislators. Our police department stood tall in the face of this adversity and weathered the storm using the four tenants of our core values: *Service, Professionalism, Courage, and Dedication* (SCPD).

Our low crime rate and overall high quality of life is indicative of a very safe community; one that respects its police department with the utmost resolve. Citizen surveys completed by an outside vendor this past year echo these sentiments as indicated by our citizens and business owners.

Highlights of this past calendar year include the additional hiring of new personnel with prior law enforcement experience, several long-term employee retirements, the implementation of a new digital radio system, and the enhancement of our police social work program (now staffed full-time with a master's degree social worker and augmented by a college intern).

We, as an organization, remain committed and forever thankful to our citizens, business owners, and visitors in providing the best possible public safety services we have to offer. Through quality training and organizational preparedness, we consider ourselves a leader in the Fox Valley. We are proud to be "The Pride of the Fox!"

Sincerely,


James T. Keegan
Chief of Police

Service, Courage, Professionalism and Dedication



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Organizational Chart





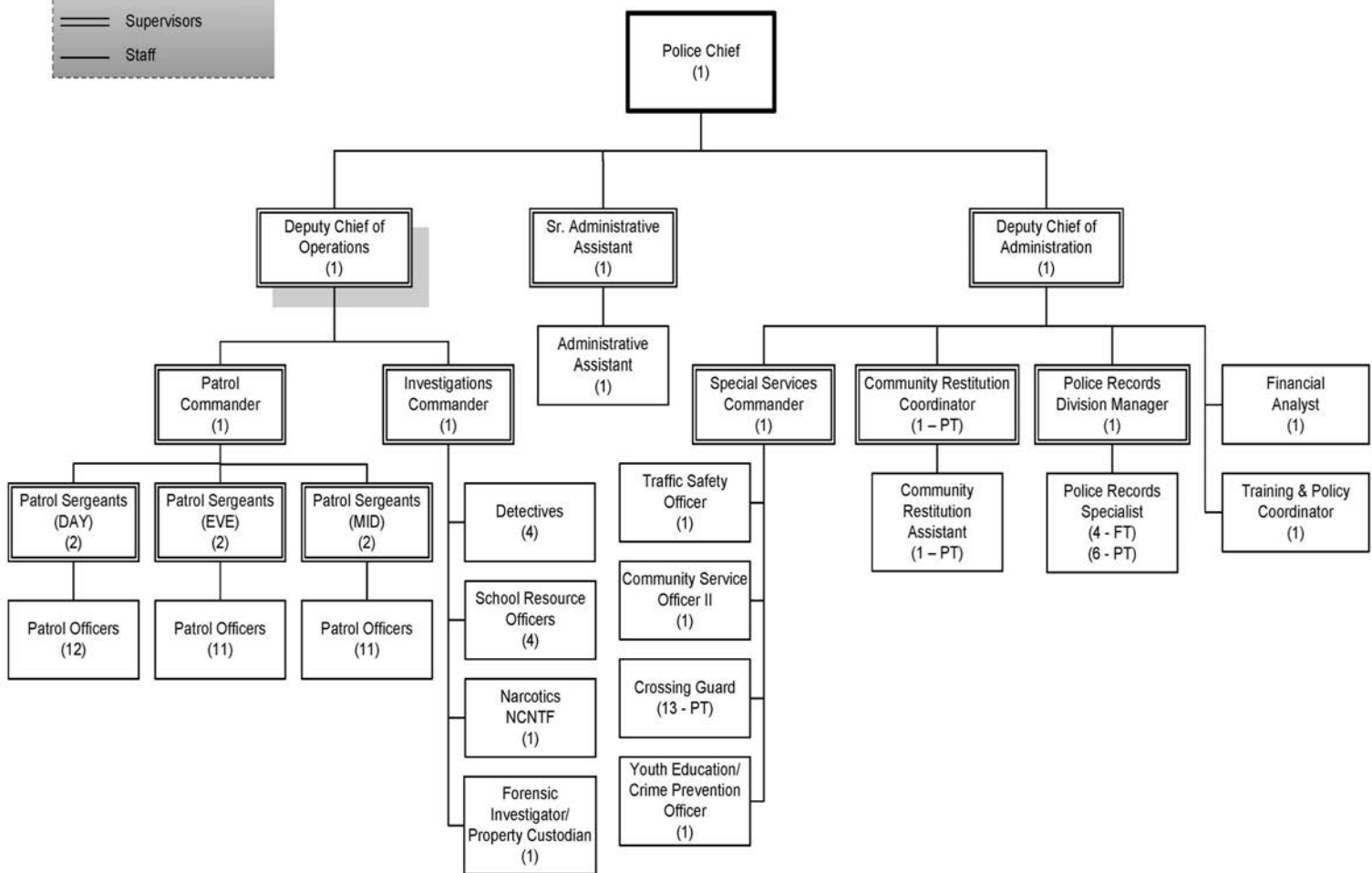
City of St. Charles, IL

Police Department

3/8/2021

Key

- Elected Officials
- Department Directors
- Supervisors
- Staff



Department Roster



SWORN PERSONNEL

Chief James Keegan	2014	Officer Johnathon Losurdo	2010
Deputy Chief Erik Mahan	1996	Officer Russell Haywood	2012
Deputy Chief Chuck Pierce	1996	Detective Rick Murawski	2014
Commander Mike Griesbaum*	1990	Officer Jose Jacobo	2015
Commander Eric Majewski	2000	Detective Jennifer Larsen	2015
Commander Rich Clark	2000	Detective Joe Dony	2015
Commander Mike McCowan	1997	Officer Mike Redmann	2016
Sergeant Dan Kuttner	2007	Officer Meghan Kramer	2016
Sergeant Drew Lamela	1995	Officer Mike Karnath	2016
Sergeant Cory Krupke	2005	Officer Matt Phillips	2016
Sergeant Brett Runkle	2005	Officer Anthony Squillo	2017
Sergeant Rob Vicicondi	2012	Officer Justin Bennett	2017
Sergeant Tim Ocasek	2012	Officer Josh Rowoldt	2017
Officer Troy Peacock*	1992	Officer Niki Garcia	2018
Detective Bridget McCowan*	1993	Officer Joe Gaske	2018
Officer Mike Ross*	1995	Officer Rick Jackson	2018
Officer Chris Grove	1996	Officer Jason Wessendorf	2018
Officer David Ketelsen	1997	Officer Bryce Rentschler	2018
Officer Steve Heike	1999	Officer Tom Fawkes	2018
Officer Jerry Schomer	2000	Officer Joe Bonifas	2019
Officer Dawn Churney	2001	Officer Steve Mattas	2019
Officer Jim Burden	2001	Officer Noelle Wold	2019
Officer Ben Devol	2001	Officer Brad Schumacher	2019
Detective Eric Bauwens	2001	Officer Nicholas Rankovich*	2019
Detective Bill Tynan	2003	Officer Nicholas Wasmond*	2019
Officer Brooks Boyce	2004	Officer Daniel Godinho	2020
Detective Chuck Crumlett	2005	Officer Sean Nicholson	2020
Detective Nic Anson	2005	Officer Othello Rosal	2020
Officer Melinda Anyon	2006	Officer Blake Powers	2020
Officer Janis Schuessler	2006	Officer Andrew Belanger	2020
Officer Steve Woloszyk	2010	Officer Dominic Monaco	2020

Senior Administrative Assistant

Sara Cass 2004

Administrative Assistant

France Cevallos 2012

Forensic Investigator/Property Custodian

Mike Wojcik 2018

Records Division Manager

Kim Schult 2002

Diane Leahy 1987

Connie Goetz* 1991

Elizabeth Mendoza 2011

Kathy Young 2014

Nancy Ricotta 2014

Liliana Pompeo 2016

Adrienne Casanas Ramos 2017

Renee Helfinstine 2017

Krystal Reiser 2018

Training & Policy Coordinator

Guy Hoffrage 2007

Financial Analyst

Scott Sanders* 2010

Community Service Officer

Ryan Beeter 2007

Community Restitution Coordinator (Part-time)

Francisco Fregoso 2017

Crossing Guards

Dave Evans (S) 1977 George Mace* 2014

Gerald Schmitz (S) 1979 Tania Williams 2015

Gina King 1996 Stanley Jarosz 2017

Gloria Helm 1997 Barbara Rolek (S) 2017

Heidi Scaletta 2000 Lisa Newell 2019

Nicole Kotsy 2005 Gay Stephens 2020

Maureen O'Carroll 2007 Denise Fairbanks (S) 2020

*Denotes individual left the Department in 2020 (S) Substitute Crossing Guard

2020 Summary of Arrests / Offenses



PART I CRIMES

Homicide	0
Criminal Sexual Assault	14
Robbery	7
Aggravated Battery	20
Aggravated Assault	6
Burglary	38
Burglary from Motor Vehicle	69
Theft	256
Motor Vehicle Theft	19
Arson	0
Total Part I Crimes	429

SERVICES

Warrant Service	66
Criminal Complaints	201

TOTALS

Part I Crimes	429
Part II Crimes	1,939

PART II CRIMES

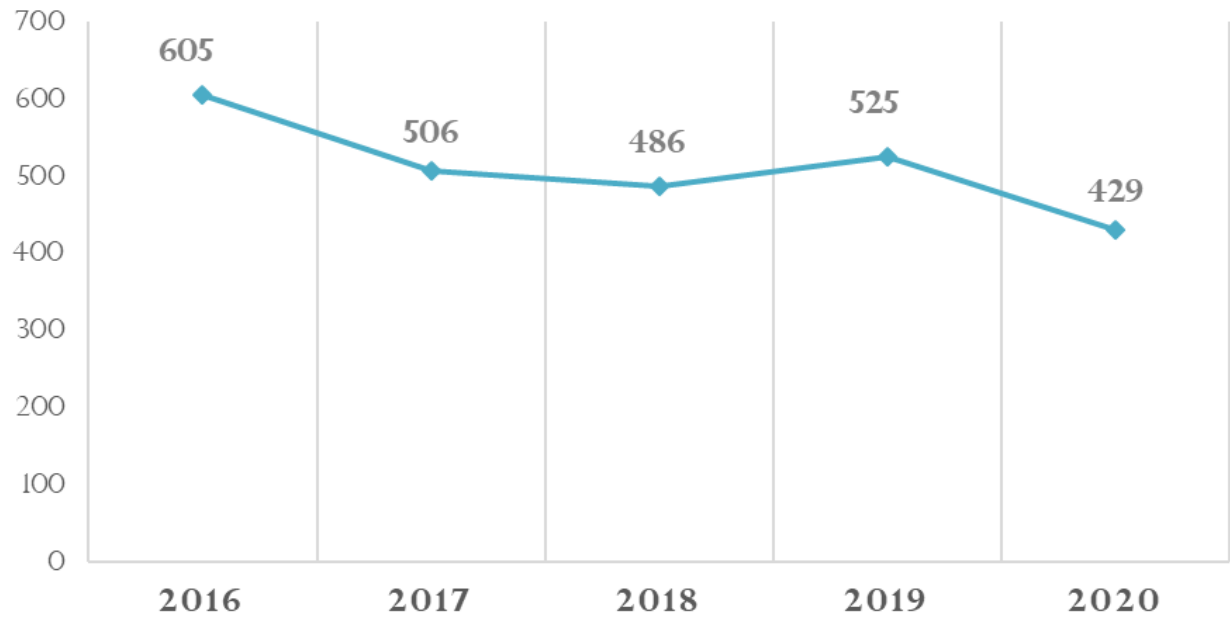
Reckless Homicide	0
Battery and Domestic Battery	243
Assault (Simple)	8
Deception	326
Criminal Damage and Trespass	273
Deadly Weapons (including FOID card violations)	13
Sex Offenses	12
Offenses Involving Children	15
Cannabis Control Act Violations	49
Methamphetamine Offenses	2
Controlled Substance Act Violations	22
Hypodermic Needle	1
Drug Paraphernalia Act	16
Liquor Control Act Violations	12
Intoxicating Compounds	0
Motor Vehicle Offenses (including DUI)	504
Disorderly Conduct	150
Interference w/ Peace Officers	7
Intimidation	5
Kidnapping (including visitation violations)	13
Violation of Criminal Registry Laws	2
Other Offenses (including Domestic Trouble)	266
Total Part II Crimes	1,939

OUR MISSION

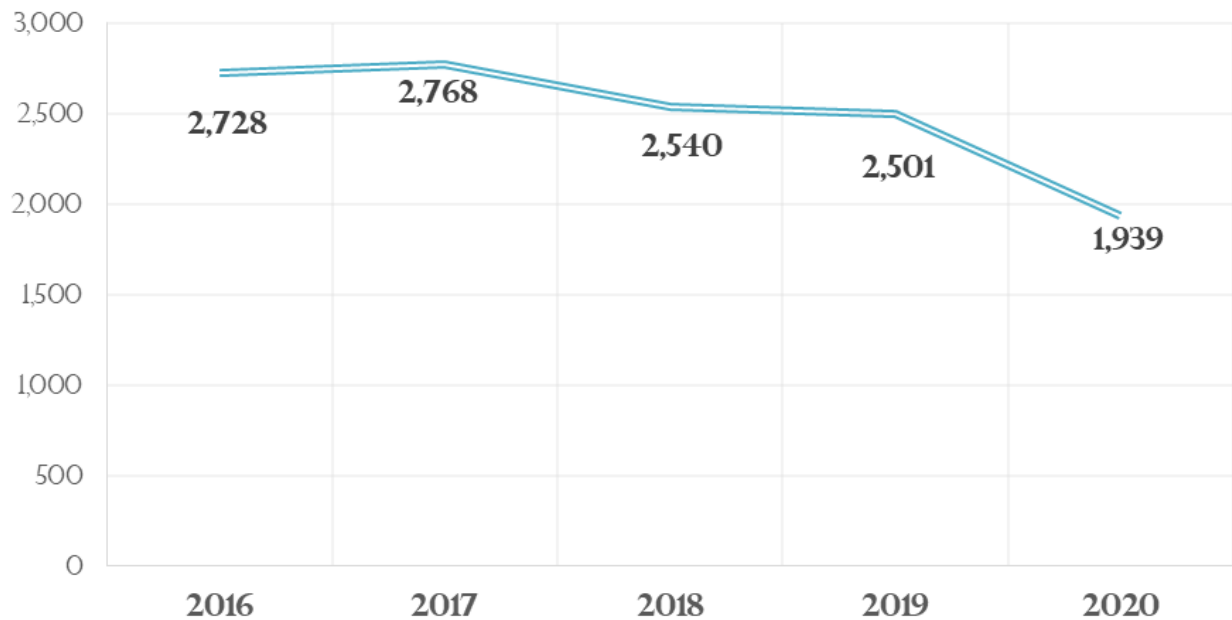
We protect and serve our community with respect and a commitment to excellence.



PART I CRIME COMPARISON

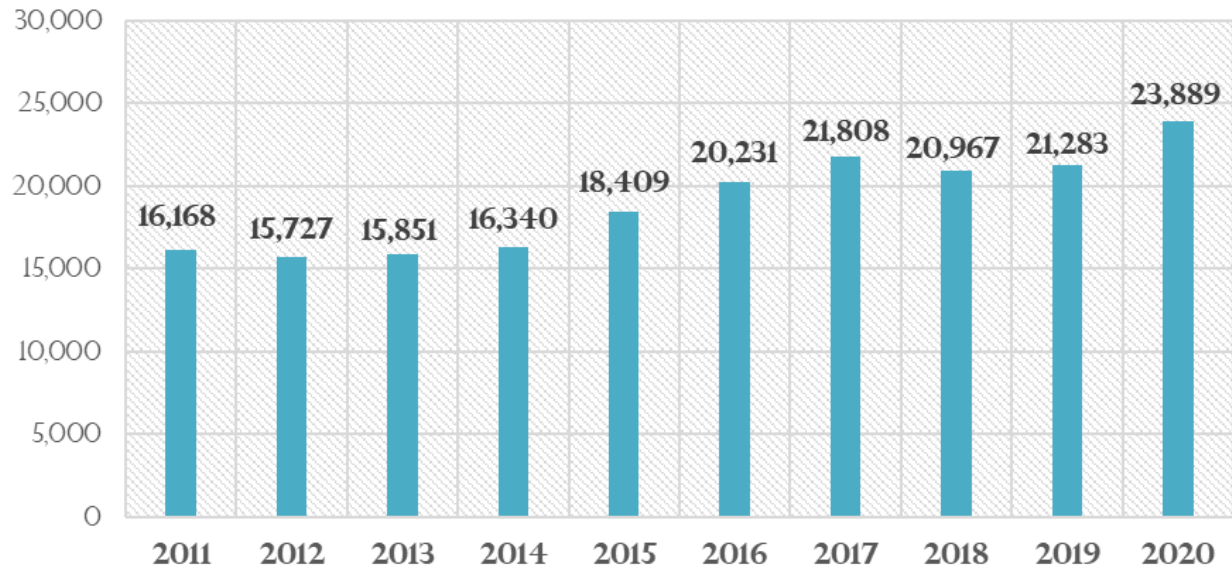


PART II CRIME COMPARISON

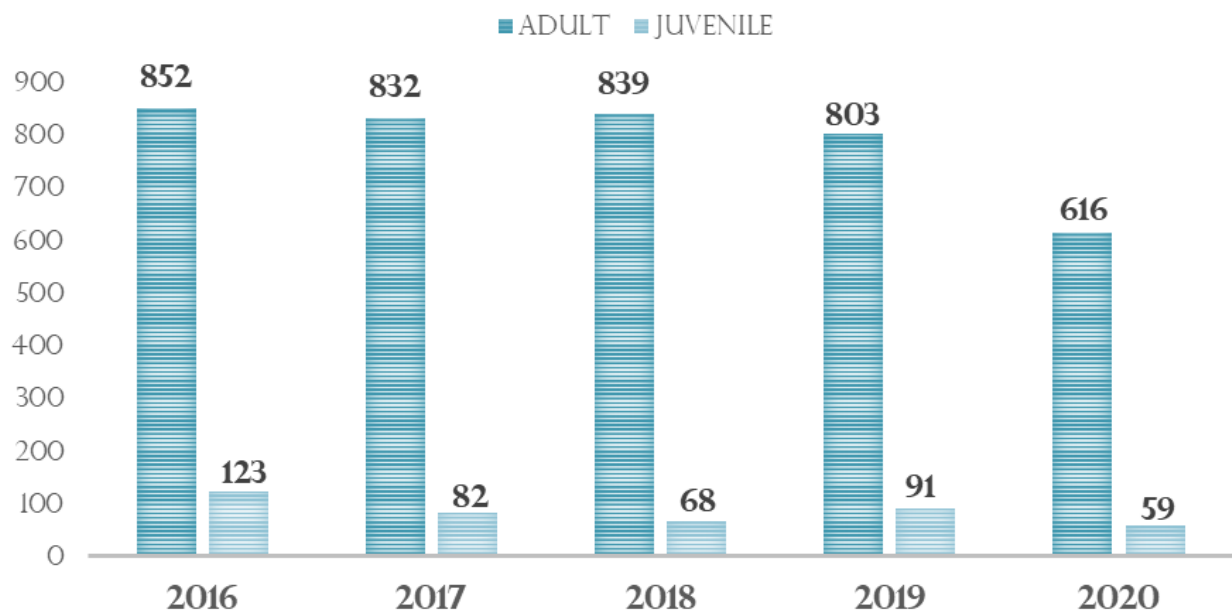


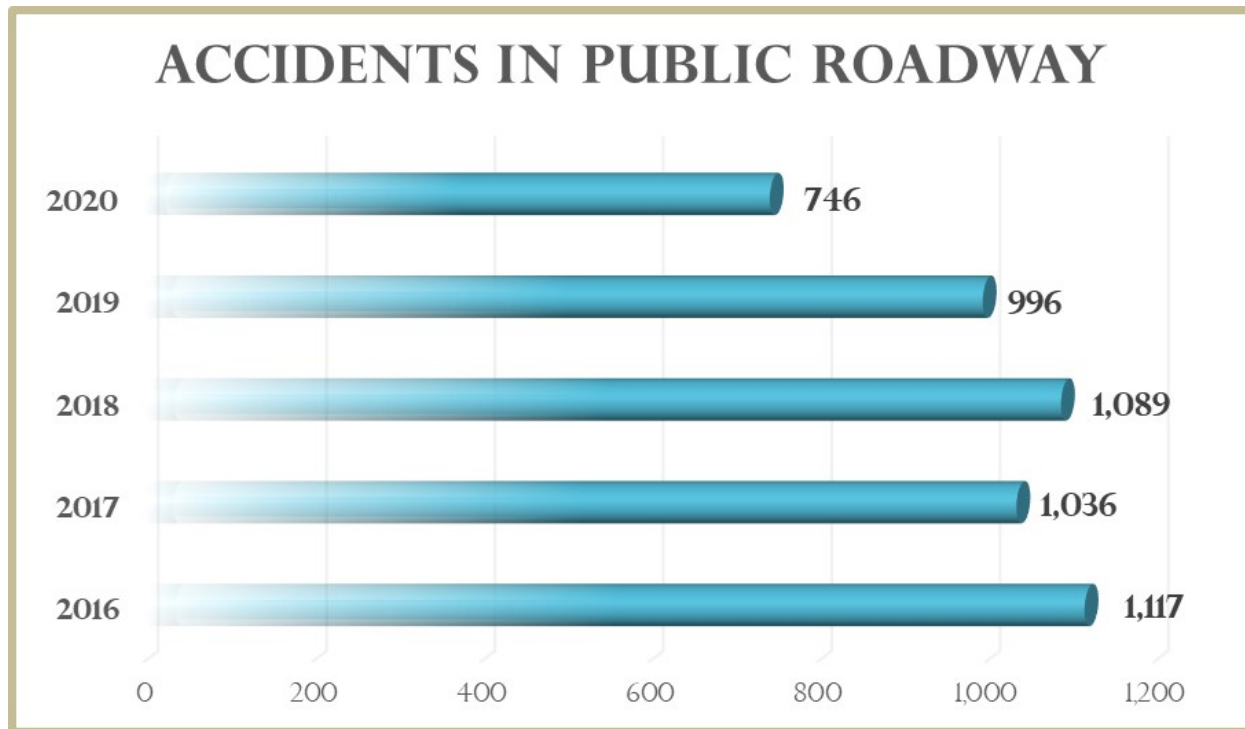
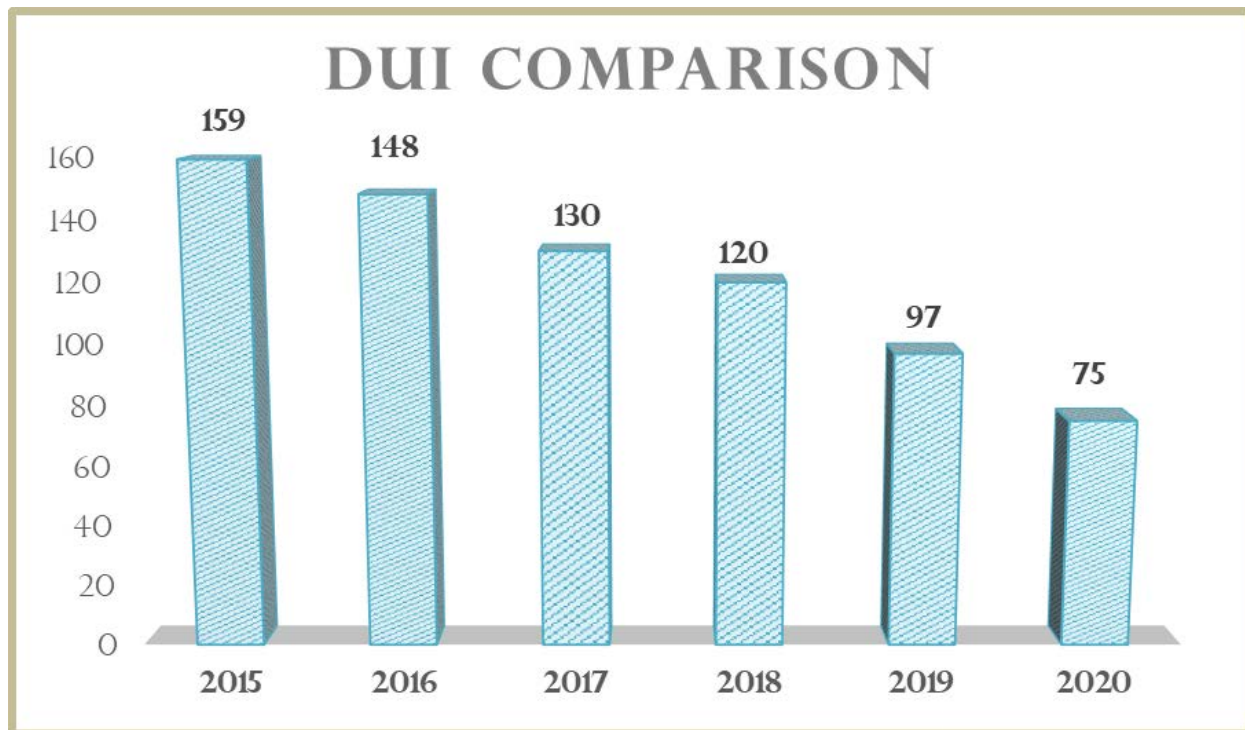


ANNUAL CALLS FOR SERVICE COMPARISON



ARREST COMPARISON





Records Division

PREPARED BY: RECORDS DIVISION MANAGER KIM SCHULT



The St. Charles Police Records Division maintains the confidentiality and integrity of police reports, arrest and criminal history information both electronically and on paper. It handles requests for dissemination of information to other agencies, to the public and internally. The actions and decisions of the Police Records staff must comply with all City, Police, State and Federal policies and laws, guidelines and confidentiality requirements. The data processed by Police Records deals with courts and the law, so Records' duties must be performed accurately and in a timely manner, often bound by state mandate.

The St. Charles Police Records Division is comprised of 6 part-time and 4 full-time civilian staff members and manages the Police Front Desk 6 days a week (M-F, 7:30a-10:30p / 8a-4p Saturdays). The desk is closed on Sundays and holidays.

Your friendly Records Staff





ST CHARLES POLICE RECORDS DIVISION -- BY THE NUMBERS - 2020

990	ACCIDENT REPORTS (Public & Private Property)	Vehicle Crash Data Entry / State Reporting
2,300	ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION	Summons to Appear / Notice of Seizure / Findings and Decisions
722	ALARM PROCESSING	New alarm permits, false alarm letters, invoices
512	ARREST PROCESSING (in-custody arrests)	Process bail bond, tickets, fees, booking and charging documents for dissemination to the Clerk of the Circuit Court.
5,420	CASE REPORTS and SUPPLEMENTS	Review, amend and merge into computer records system
35	CITY CALL OUTS	After hours City public works emergency call outs
421	COURT ACTIVITY	Officers' Notice of Trials/ Depositions/ Cancellations/ Continuances / Subpoenas / Documents to City Prosecutor
2,965	DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILING	Data Entry/State Reporting for every traffic and pedestrian stop.
104	EXPUNGE/SEAL ARRESTS (court ordered)	Process received petitions and completed court orders. Implement deletions.
196	EXPUNGEMENTS (automatic juvenile)	Gather data; identify eligible; implement deletions; send notifications
332	FEE BILLING	Subjects requiring invoicing by City Finance for unpaid Booking Fees
100s	FEE HANDLING, PROCESSING and TRANSFER	Fees for: Accident report copies, bike permits, booking, fingerprints, FOIA, registered sex offenders, solicitors, subpoena, towing, utility disconnect after-hours payments, vehicle impounds, and other miscellaneous fees.
512	FINGERPRINTS (Arrest)	Quality assurance review
525	FREEDOM OF INFORMATION	Review and process requests for Police records
199	IMPOUNDED VEHICLES	Process tow information/Notice of Seizure/ Findings and Decisions
121	INSURANCE REQUESTS	Accident report copies
101 lbs	MEDICATION DISPOSAL	Prescription drugs turned in for destruction by STC residents
18	PARKING TICKET REVIEW REQUESTS	Entry, processing and response to public requests for appeal
356	RECORDS CHECKS	Military, Law Enforcement and US Government
58ft ³	RECORDS DESTROYED	
1,202	RECORDS & EVIDENCE REQUESTS	Prepare and disseminate documents and CDs to Court, Corrections and Law Enforcement Agencies
25,000 +	SCANNED DOCUMENTS	Most of the records described above and below are scanned and maintained in an electronic format
53	SOLICITOR APPLICATIONS	Process application to include fees, criminal history and photo
4	TICKETS – OVERWEIGHT	Data Entry / Filing
573	TICKETS – CITY ORDINANCE	Data Entry / Filing
1,873	TICKETS – STATE/LOCAL UTC	Data Entry / Filing / State Reporting
2,850	TICKETS – WARNING	Data Entry / Filing
35	VACATION WATCH	Electronic notification entry and hard copy maintenance
44	VERBAL WARNINGS	Traffic stops, without a written citation
228	WARRANTS (319 new and 318 served/recalled)	Process new, served and recalled warrants

Special Services

PREPARED BY: SPECIAL SERVICES COMMANDER RICH CLARK



Overview of Special Services Unit (SSU)

The Special Services Unit was formed in July of 2018 and is under the direction of Commander Rich Clark. The unit is responsible for overseeing city-wide special events, traffic issues and crime prevention. The unit falls under the direct supervision of the Deputy Chief of Administration. The Special Services Unit consists of the following members; 1- Commander, 1- Traffic Safety Officer, 1- Crime Prevention Officer, 1 Community Service Officer, and 13 Crossing Guards (both full and part time). The SSU works to enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors through the safe and efficient movement of traffic in the City. The SSU works in support of the Patrol Division by providing traffic studies and analyses, solving neighborhood traffic and parking problems, and working closely with organizers to plan safe and successful special events.



SSU Personnel Specialties

Commander Rich Clark has been with the department for over 20 years. He was promoted to the role of Commander in September of 2019 and has been running the Special Service Unit since. Prior to this, he served as a Patrol Sergeant for 3 years. Preceding his promotion to Sergeant, he was the department's Traffic Safety Officer for 8 years. In his career, Commander Clark has served as the head of the department's Field Training Program and has served as an instructor for a variety of specialized trainings.

Traffic Safety Officer Jerry Schomer is also a veteran of the department for over 20 years. Prior to becoming the department's Traffic Safety Officer in January of 2020, Officer Schomer worked in both the Patrol and Investigations divisions. Officer Schomer was an active member of SWAT, a Field Training Officer, a firearms instructor, amongst many other specialties he has held.

Crime Prevention Officer Jim Burden is yet another 20-year veteran of the department with an additional 15 years of service at another Illinois department prior to joining the St. Charles Police Department in 2001. Officer Burden has also spent time in his career in both the Patrol and Investigations sections and now the Special Services Unit. He is currently an active member of the Kane County Accident Reconstruction Team (KCART) and a state certified Traffic Accident Reconstructionist. CPO Burden has been in charge of the department's annual Citizens Police Academy and has taught *Too Good for Drugs* to students within our school district. Officer Burden is also on many committees, to include: Youth Commission, the Elder Watch program, and our city's Apartment Complex Managers group.

Community Service Officer Ryan Beeter is in his 13th year of

service and continues to assist with evidentiary duties, as well. CSO Beeter leads the department's Child Passenger Safety Seat Technicians group and works closely alongside our Patrol Division. CSO Beeter was recently named a member of the Kane County Major Crimes Task Force - Evidence Unit. He has played an important role in many high-profile Kane County cases.



Special Services



Traffic Safety Officer

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

- ◆ Solving Neighborhood Traffic Problems
- ◆ Community Education
- ◆ Traffic Crash Investigation and Reconstruction
- ◆ Truck Enforcement

TSO Jerry Schomer is assigned as a member of the City's Special Events Committee and the Development Review Team. In 2020, the following areas were among those where Ofc. Schomer was assigned to analyze and address traffic and/or parking concerns:

- Police COVID-19 birthday parades
- 4th Ward traffic issues
- Tow and Horse Carriage license renewals
- Red Gate Rd. speeding complaints
- Reserve Subdivision speed study
- Fox Chase speed study
- Fairfax speed concerns
- Kautz Rd. – Engineering
- Timbers Trail parking
- 1st Street parking
- 0-99 S. Riverside Ave. loading zone
- Yearly officer statistics
- 2019 annual crash statistics
- Fairfax-Huntington study
- Low Speed Electric Cycle law
- School District traffic flow studies
- Campton Hills / IYC entrance-exit study
- Ride Share signage – downtown
- Complete Crash Study – Randall Rd. / W. Main St.
- Evergreen St. parking
- Randall Rd. Co-Op enforcement
- S. 7th Ave. Chevrons
- Tower Hill Rd. speed complaints and study
- 4th St. speed study
- 4th St. / Fellows St. stop sign study
- Several large-scale events including vehicle parades

The year 2020 was different in many ways and this includes the traffic volume that was on our roadways. The result of so many residents working from home, and COVID itself, created traffic crash and enforcement data that is unique to any other year in which data has been tabulated.

The following two charts contain the top ten roadway and intersection crash locations for 2020. The third chart compares the difference between crash data from 2019 and 2020 as well as our overall enforcement efforts.

2020 Top Ten Roadway Crash Locations		
Rank	Location	Total Crashes
1	500 Blk. S. Randall Rd.	7
2	600 Blk. S. Randall Rd.	7
3	800 Blk. S. Kirk Rd.	7
4	2000 Blk. W. Main St.	6
5	300 Blk. W. Main St.	6
6	900 Blk. S. Randall Rd.	5
7	100 Blk. W. Main St.	5
8	3000 Blk. E. Main St.	5
9	3600 Blk. E. Main St.	5
10	500 Blk. Dunham Rd.	5

2020 Top Ten Intersection Crash Locations		
Rank	Location	Total Crashes
1	W. Main St. / 2 nd St.	10
2	S. Randall Rd. / Lincoln Hwy.	7
3	S. 3 rd St. / Prairie St.	6
4	S. Randall Rd. / Prairie St.	6
5	E. Main St. / Kirk Rd.	5
6	Peck Rd. / Lincoln Hwy.	4
7	S. Randall Rd. / Oak St.	4
8	E. Main St. / 5 th Ave.	3
9	W. Main St. / Randall Rd.	3
10	Kirk Rd. / E. Tyler Rd.	3



2020 TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

CRASHES	2020	2019	% Change
Total # of Crashes on Public Roadways	746	984	-24%
Fatal Crashes (F)	3	3	0%
Injury Crashes (PI)	42	91	-54%
Property Damage Only Crashes (PDO)	948	890	7%
Hit and Run Crashes*	110	139	-21%
Pedestrian Crashes*	3	2	50%
Private Property Crashes	270	315	-14%

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

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT	2020	2019	% Change
Total Citations Issued	1,692	4,064	-58%
Speed Related	664	1,443	-54%
Other Moving Violations	423	918	-54%
Non-moving Violations	379	1,597	-76%
Seat Belt Violations	11	72	-85%
Child Safety Seat Violations	2	10	-80%
Overweight Citations	4	24	-83%
Written Warning Notices Issued	2,850	7,437	-62%
Total Traffic Arrests	254	438	-42%
DUI Arrests	75	96	-22%
Suspended/Revoked DL	134	221	-39%
Reckless Driving Excessive Speed	3	8	-63%
No Valid DL	49	112	-56%
Zero Tolerance	0	0	0%
Vehicle Impounds	199	339	-41%
Traffic Enforcement Index (TEI)**	27.21	27.06	.15%

**The TEI represents the number of citations written for moving violations, in relation to the number of injury and fatal crashes.

A TEI of twenty (20) is considered to be the minimum effective enforcement to crash ratio.

Special Services



Crime Prevention Officer

The Crime Prevention Officer (CPO) is a sworn Police Officer specially trained in areas such as:

- ◆ Traffic Crash Investigation and Reconstruction
- ◆ Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
- ◆ Security Assessment Specialist

◆ Community Education

Officer Jim Burden is assigned the duties of Crime Prevention and Crime Analysis, in addition to facilitating the instruction for the *Too Good for Drugs Program* in our local schools. He coordinates the annual Citizens Police Academy, Youth Academy, Spanish CPA, Elder Watch Program; serves as a liaison to the Illinois

Crime Analyst Association, St. Charles Youth Commission, Kane County Senior Services (Central Kane County-TRIAD), and the Kane County Hoarding Task Force. Officer Burden is also a member of the Distressed Property Task Force and produces publications both quarterly and annually with safety tips and other current event topics.

Community Service Officer

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

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

School Crossing Guards

The Crossing Guards work each school day to safely cross children at nine different locations. There are 10 guards assigned to the nine positions and there are three additional substitute guards who fill in as needed throughout the year. An additional seven crossing locations are staffed by Community Unit School District #303. The Special Services Unit works closely with the School District to train crossing guards and plan safe routes to school. The Crossing Guards also help with pedestrian crossing locations during

special events. All Crossing Guards attend an annual training session and are outfitted with safety equipment provided by the Police Department.



Crime Prevention Officer, Jim Burden, attending the Youth Commission meeting

Criminal Investigations

PREPARED BY: INVESTIGATIONS COMMANDER ERIC MAJEWSKI



Investigations Overview

The Criminal Investigations Division serves the St. Charles Police Department in various roles. The primary function is to provide investigative support to the Patrol Division. Reported incidents are screened to identify those cases that require additional follow-up that would exceed the Patrol Division resources. Solvability factors such as potential suspects, evidence, crime patterns, etc. are evaluated when determining when to assign a case for additional follow-up work. These assignments would include cases requiring multiple interviews, out-of-town follow-ups, extensive crime scene work, and ongoing surveillance

activities. These investigations can vary in duration before a case is successfully investigated or closed. A case is closed or deemed inactive after all potential leads have been exhausted.

The Criminal Investigations Division staffing consisted of the following personnel during 2020:

- 1 – Commander
- 4 – General Assignment Detectives
- 4 – School Resource / Juvenile Officers (one for each of the 2 high schools and 2 middle schools)
- 1 – Narcotics Detective (North Central

Narcotics Task Force – Illinois State Police)

1 – Civilian Administrative Assistant

General Assignment Detectives and School Resource Officers worked 316 cases in 2020, compared to the 326 cases in 2019. Of those, 257 cases were criminal in nature resulting in 81 arrests, a 31% clearance rate. The overall criminal case clearance rate for 2019 was 24% with 59 arrests compared to 47 in 2018. 25 cases assigned during 2019 remained in a “pending additional investigation” status at the end of the year.

2020 Case Highlights

Following are highlights of cases worked and related job functions performed by investigators in 2020:

- ◆ Execution of numerous search warrants and Grand Jury subpoenas for evidence / property recovery and investigative case support, three of which were related to a home invasion, a reckless discharge of a firearm and a fatal hit and run.
- ◆ (8) Sexual assault and /or abuse investigations, compared to (15) in 2019.
- ◆ Ongoing compliance checks with home visits of registered sex offenders which resulted in no compliance violations this year.
- ◆ (2) Online sexual predator investigations.
- ◆ (23) Death investigations – non-criminal.
- ◆ (4) Armed robbery investigations; compared to (1) in 2019.
- ◆ (12) Motor vehicle thefts; compared to (10) in 2019.

- ◆ (19) Burglary from motor vehicles; compared to (54) in 2019. Many of these incidents were entry to unlocked vehicles. Crime prevention press releases, social media alerts and web site reminders were published, alerting the public on ways to protect their valuables.
- ◆ (1) Residential burglary investigation; compared to (9) in 2019.
- ◆ (18) Burglary / Attempted burglary to commercial establishments; compared to (20) in 2019.
- ◆ Numerous incidents of criminal damage to property / criminal damage to vehicles.
- ◆ Numerous City employment background investigations for probationary police officers, firefighter / paramedics, and dispatcher candidates.
- ◆ Liquor license, massage license and business renewal applications; liquor / massage establishment site inspections and licensing background investigations.
- ◆ Numerous assists to outside agency investigations.

- ◆ Tobacco establishment compliance checks were ongoing throughout the year. There was (1) citation issued for underage tobacco sales compared to (4) in 2019. The St. Charles Police Department works closely with vendors to provide educational information and ensure continued compliance.
- ◆ Numerous investigations involved thefts, retail thefts deceptive practices, credit card, identity thefts and other assorted fraud- based offenses. (38%) of the cases investigated by detectives in 2019 were based on some form of theft, fraud or deceptive practice, compared to (17%) in 2019.
- ◆ The St. Charles Police Department works closely with the Cook County Regional Organized Crime Task Force (CCROC), our Federal partners, and other area task forces and investigators to identify individual offenders and organized groups involved in high dollar retail thefts, frauds, and other pattern crimes. CCROC is a partnership between numerous retail organizations, regional law enforcement, and prosecutors.

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Criminal Investigations



Investigations Assignments and Duties

School Resource Officers

The D303 School District and St. Charles Police Department agreed to have School Resource Officers (SRO) in the middle schools which began in the fall of 2019. With the closing of Haines Middle school, the SROs were placed at Wredling Middle School with Detective Nic Anson and at Thompson Middle School with Detective Chuck Crumlett.

Detective Bill Tynan served as liaison to the St. Charles North High School and established a new high school club called

the Law Enforcement Club which meets once a month at the Police Department during the school year. With Detective Bridget McCowan's retirement in 2020, Detective Jen Larsen took over as the liaison for St. Charles East High School in the fall. She, along with Det. Anson and Det. Tynan, are members of the department's Crisis Intervention Team.

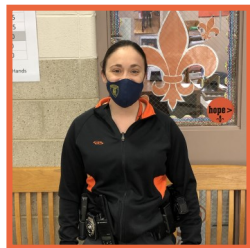
The School Resource Officers oversee juvenile based initiatives for the department, to



include referrals to the Juvenile Justice System and alternative programs such as community restitution opportunities.



Detective Tynan



Detective Larsen



Detective Crumlett



Detective Anson

St. Charles SROs

Detectives

Detective Eric Bauwens again served as a general assignment Detective. He manages the sex offender registration and compliance program for St. Charles and also serves as a member of the combined Kane County Accident Reconstruction Team. Detective Tim Ocasek served as

a general assignment Detective until his promotion to Patrol Sergeant in July of 2020. Detective Rick Murawski took his place in the unit.

Detectives John Losurdo and Joseph Dony were new to Investigations at the start of 2020. Detective Losurdo serves the

Cook County Regional Organized Crime Task Force (CCROC) while Detective Dony serves as the Investigation's representative for Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC). All the general assign-



ment investigators serve on the Kane County Major Crimes Task Force.

Criminal Investigations



Commander Majewski

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

supervision of organization members and their training.

The Criminal Investigations Division participates in ongoing monthly intelligence and case briefings with several area Investigators Associations. St.

Charles has led the Fox Valley Investigators Association monthly meetings for more than 20 years. Investigators from Kane County, as well as surrounding counties, municipalities, and Chicago based federal agencies routinely attend these meetings

at the St. Charles Police Department. The level of cooperation, collaboration, and resources generated by this partnership has provided tremendous benefits to this agency, as well as all involved in this partnership.

North Central Narcotics Task Force

The department continues to staff a full-time investigator with the North Central Narcotics Task Force. That unit was involved in numerous narcotics related investigations throughout the region, although operations were scaled back due to COVID-19. These efforts resulted in (14) narcotics investigations, the execu-

tion of (5) search warrants, a total of (4) arrests, and the seizure of assorted narcotics, related drug equipment/paraphernalia, weapons, vehicles, and U.S. currency.



Drug and Crime Tip Line

This link allows citizens to submit drug and crime related information easily and anonymously. The "Tip Line" has proven to be a viable resource and has been actively utilized by residents for a variety of crime related issues. The "Tip Line" also allows for the submission of photographs to assist investigators. These tips are

reviewed upon receipt, researched, and assigned accordingly. Anyone can access the Tip Line on the City of St. Charles website at <https://www.stcharlesil.gov/report-crime-drug-tip> or by simply calling 1-866-378-4267.



Neighbors by Ring Doorbell

The St. Charles Police Department continues to utilize the **Ring Doorbell Neighbors Portal**. **Neighbors by Ring** is a free app that brings communities together to help create safer neighborhoods. With real-time crime and safety alerts directly from residents, law en-

forcement and the **Ring** team, the **Neighbors** app proactively keeps you in the know. Content on the **Neighbors** app is focused on crime and safety only, and moderated 24/7, 365 days a year by the **Ring** team.



Evidence

PREPARED BY: FORENSIC INVESTIGATOR & PROPERTY CUSTODIAN MIKE WOJCIK



Evidence Submission and Storage

In 2020 we continued to enjoy the use of our new Police facility. Officers utilized the evidence packaging area and evidence submission lockers (pictured below). After evidence is collected, it is packaged and information about the items are entered into a computer system and a barcode is generated. These barcodes stay with the evidence package throughout its lifetime and help keep track of its location. Once an item is packaged and barcoded, it gets locked into a "one way" evidence locker by the Officer. The items stay secured in the locker until a property custodian

checks them into the evidence vault and assigns a permanent storage location within the vault, keeping a chain of custody or "life history" for each item of evidence.

The property custodian maintains the integrity of all found items and submitted evidence and coordinates future investigative, crime lab submission or court related needs. A single fingerprint can be one of dozens or more items recovered during a case investigation. Using this as an example, this one recovered print will be handled by on-scene police personnel, an evi-

dence custodian, a courier for transportation to a crime lab, processing by one or more lab personnel, and upon return, another courier, evidence custodian, etc. This all happens before it is to be handled by the States Attorney, possibly viewed by a defense attorney and accepted during trial by the court clerk. This one item has now been handled at least nine times and chain of custody documentation must be completed for each of these individual instances. A single case with 20 pieces of evidence now entails numerous man-hours of

dedicated work and recordkeeping that regularly occurs out of the public's view.

Evidence storage requires high levels of organization, effective warehousing type management and maximization of available space while considering health, safety and long term preservation of evidence concerns. Our new evidence storage facility utilizes moveable high density shelving units (pictured below), large rack shelving for oversized items, refrigerators, freezers and a vault room in order to accomplish these goals.



Evidence Processing

Our new police facility includes a spacious evidence processing area. This area is used by evidence technicians to employ more advanced processing techniques than what is often available at a crime scene. The processing area includes a cyanoacrylate (superglue) fuming chamber which can be used to reveal fingerprints which are not visible to the naked eye, a fingerprinting down draft table and a macro photography stand for taking close-up photos of devel-

oped latent evidence and trace evidence. The processing room also features bright LED task lighting and houses several alternate light sources (ALS) for revealing and photographing unseen evidence such as fingerprints or biological stains. The

processing area is equipped with chemicals and dye stains which can be used in conjunction with the forensic ALS to aid in the recovery of evidence. Casting materials, static electrical charges and gelatins are

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

In addition to an evidence processing area, our new facility also has an evidence garage bay. This is a space large enough and with proper equipment to process a vehicle for evidence. The garage is equipped with a winch, equipment for lifting a vehicle and lower level LED lighting to aid in photography and recovery of evidence.



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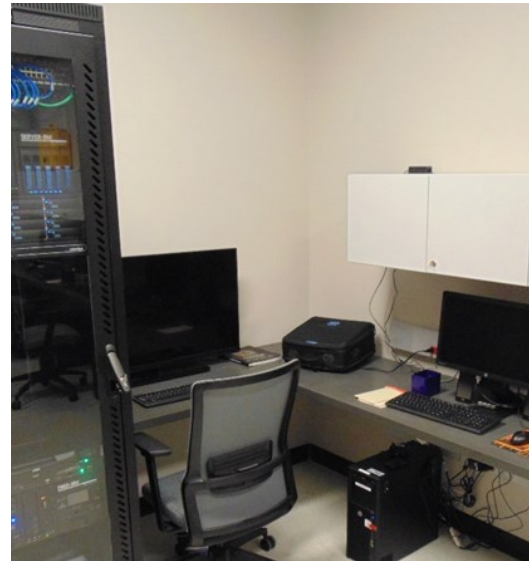


Digital Evidence

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

facility is equipped with a dedicated digital forensics lab.

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



Major Crimes Task Force

Our department actively continues as members of the Kane County Major Crimes Task Force. Police agencies county-wide jointly share specialized/technical resources in order to maximize

response to what can be complex criminal investigations. Task force participation is reciprocal in that, should our community ever need additional manpower and/or specialized resources, then these are only a phone call away.



Prescription Drug Disposal

2020 marks the tenth year of the prescription drug disposal program and we were able to safely dispose of approximately 143 pounds of prescription drugs during this time. Of this, 42 pounds were collected in partnership with Northwestern Medicine from the DEA's national prescription drug take back day. Our efforts continue to be a great feat, if one stops and considers where these drugs

could have gone otherwise if this program were not in place. We continue to promote this environmentally safe and controlled disposal of unwanted or unneeded drugs in order to reduce or eliminate any related drug based catastrophes.

Residents living within the city limits of St. Charles can bring in medication in original pharmacy containers to the Police front desk during business hours. Front desk personnel will provide the resident with a Police property bag. Residents are

required to transfer medications by dumping only the contents of the original pharmacy containers into the Police property bag. Front desk personnel are not allowed to touch the medication. Residents are responsible for disposing of their original prescription containers (be sure to remove labels containing personal information).

Front desk personnel will accept the property bag containing the loose medication, seal and initial

it, and place it into the secure disposal unit located inside the Police Records office.

Items not accepted include liquids, sharps, over-the-counter items, inhalers, creams, pressurized containers, or any medical waste products.

Visit the City's website for more information at www.stcharlesil.gov.

Kane County SWAT & ILEAS



Kane County Special Weapons & Tactics

PREPARED BY: SWAT TEAM MEMBER & DETECTIVE CHUCK CRUMLETT



The Multi-Jurisdictional Kane County SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) team completed another successful year in 2020. The Kane County SWAT team is comprised of nine differ-

ent police agencies, two fire departments, and one independent physician.

In October, St. Charles Police Department Officer Matthew Phillips rotated out of his position as an operator on the Kane County SWAT team. He was replaced by St. Charles Police Officer Joe Gaske. Steve Wolozyk is assigned as a member of the Sniper team. Chuck Crumlett continues to serve as an Assistant Team Leader. St. Charles Police Department Commander Mike McCowan returned to the Kane County SWAT team as an Assistant

Team Commander. Commander McCowan's years of training and experience have been a great asset as he teaches and leads the next generation of SWAT operators.

The SWAT team was activated multiple times during the summer to assist with protests that occurred in the western suburbs. The SWAT team was activated for service on multiple high-risk search warrants and arrest warrants in 2020.

The Kane County SWAT team continues to push itself during our bi-monthly training. This

year the team trained on firearms proficiency, close quarters battle (CQB), hostage rescue, vehicle assaults, armored vehicle operation, rappelling, fire suppression, and tactical medicine. All Operators are required to pass a physical agility test twice a year. The SWAT team also conducted an aggressive week-long training course at Fort McCoy in Tomah, Wisconsin. In total, SWAT Officers trained a total of 510 hours to maintain their state of readiness.

ILEAS / Mobile Field Force (MFF)

PREPARED BY: ILEAS TEAM MEMBER & ST. CHARLES OFFICER MIKE KARNATH

ILEAS (MFF) 3N was activated numerous times over the spring and summer months during civil unrest and for other protest support in 2020, to include:

- Supporting the Aurora PD during riots, which assisted in bringing the riots to an end and protecting numerous uninvolved citizens and businesses.
- On stand-by almost every day during the height of the riots throughout the spring and summer months.

- Assisting multiple agencies throughout Kane and McHenry Counties by assuring the safety of multiple protest marches in St. Charles, Spring Grove, Carpentersville, and other cities. ILEAS 3N assisted with crowd control, blocking vehicle traffic along the marching route, and the overall safety of the marchers.

ILEAS 3N was recertified by FEMA (Federal Emergency

Management Agency) this year and passed all certification events and tests.

St. Charles ILEAS members attended the ILEAS training course and are now certified to respond to any civil unrest, natural disaster, and other police agency needs throughout

the entire United States.

Although 2020 was a very busy year for ILEAS 3N, the team survived the many incidents without any major injuries to their officers. The citizens they served were very appreciative of their presence and support.



Training & Accreditation

PREPARED BY: TRAINING & ACCREDITATION COORDINATOR GUY HOFFRAGE



Training Overview

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

In 2020, the St. Charles Police Department personnel received 8,873 hours of job-related training. This number reflects a 31.4% decrease in the number of training hours attained in 2019. This is due to the COVID-19 pandemic that caused the cancellation of numerous classes

for most of the year.

St. Charles Police Officers work a 10.25-hour workday. The 10.25-hour day allows for an overlap day once a week in which all officers are scheduled to work. All officers have been divided into two teams and are provided, on average, with a 10.25-hour training day once a month. Approximately half of these monthly classes were cancelled due to the pandemic.

The Department maintains a training goal of 40 hours of training per year for each full time sworn officer. Despite the pandemic, 100% of our sworn

officers exceeded that goal. Our commitment to training personnel is proven.

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

Our annual training program addresses a variety of topics

most of which are driven and required by CALEA. These topics include but are not limited to:

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

Career Development & Training Resources

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

- North East Multi Regional Training, Inc. (NEMRT)
- Northwestern University Center for Public Safety (NUCPS)
- Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA)
- Police Training Institute (PTI)

- Law Enforcement Training, Inc.
- Kane County State's Attorney's Office
- DuPage County State's Attorney's Office
- U.S. Department of Justice
- The Federal Bureau of Investigation

- Northwest Police Academy
- Street Smart Seminars
- On-Target Solutions Group
- TASER International
- Kane County Office of Emergency Management
- ILEAS
- Illinois Division of Interna-

tional Association for Identification

- Illinois Truck Enforcement Association
- Illinois State Police
- Illinois Attorney General's Office
- Illinois Secretary of State
- Illinois Association of Traffic Accident Investigators

State-Mandated Training

Recent changes in the law mandated that all sworn officers must receive training in the following area:

- **Child Abuse and Neglect**
- **Officer Stress Management**

To comply with this mandate, all sworn officers completed online training through the Illinois Training and Standards Board Executive Institute.

NEMRT Training

North East Multi Regional Training continues to be one of the most economical training resources for our Department. In 2020, 35 employees attended 23 NEMRT courses for a total of 720 hours. The annual NEMRT membership is \$95.00 per member.

The Department hosted 8 NEMRT classes in 2020-Mental

Health First Aid for Public Safety, Advanced DUI Enforcement, IVC Refresher, Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement, Enforcing Illinois Cannabis Laws, Emergency Vehicle Operator-Train the Trainer, Basic Traffic Crash Investigation Level 1, and Traffic Crash Investigation Level 2.

Training & Accreditation



Firearms / Use of Force

All sworn officers:

- Participated in firearms training.
- Attended rifle training.
- Attended Tactical Simulations training.
- Participated in Control Tactics training.
- Completed the annual Use of Force examination.
- Completed a Pepperball Refresher course.
- Completed OC and Baton Refresher training.
- Completed TASER recertification.

Off-duty weapons qualification and training was provided to all sworn officers who own/carry off-duty firearms.

Accident Investigation & Training with Traffic Control

The St. Charles Police Department is committed to its effort to make St. Charles a safer place to live and work by attending 476 hours of training in the area of traffic accident investigation, along with traffic control.

- Four officers attended Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement.

- One additional officer was certified as a Child Safety Seat Technician.
- Two officers attended Advanced DUI Enforcement.
- Two officers attended Crash Investigation Levels 1 and 2.
- All patrol officers attended Radar/Lidar refresher training.

In-House Training

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

- CPR Recertification
- Mental Illness Refresher
- Juvenile Law Updates

- Shoulder Injury Prevention
- Crowd Control
- Sexual Harassment Prevention
- NARCAN Recertification
- Law Review

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

Management Training

Commander Majewski attended the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety School of Police Staff and Command, for a total of 400 hours.

Other training attended by Police management staff included:

- IPELRA Employment Law Seminar
- Virtual ILACP Conference
- Juvenile Interrogation and Delinquency.
- Enforcing Illinois Cannabis Laws.

Hostage Negotiation Team

Officer Heike was selected to be a part of the newly formed Hostage Negotiation Team through the Kane County Sheriff's Office and attends training, on average, once a month.

Accreditation

The St. Charles Police Department has been accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) since 1989. St. Charles was one of the first agencies in the State of Illinois to become nationally accredited.

In 2020, the department completed year three of the on-line annual assessment program as

part of a 4-year re-accreditation cycle. This year's remote, web-based assessment included 99 of the required standards from the CALEA Standards for Law Enforcement Manual, paving the way for completion of the cycle in the Spring of 2021. Compliance was verified in each of those areas.



Community Restitution Program

PREPARED BY: RESTITUTION COORDINATOR FRANCISCO FREGOSO



Community Restitution Program Overview

The Community Restitution Program is a non-profit work site which operates under the St. Charles Police Department, and is overseen by Francisco Fregoso. Francisco has been leading this program since 2017, and over the last three years it has

proven to be an important contributing asset to the Police Department, the City of St. Charles, and its residents and businesses.

Unique to the county and surrounding areas, the program was created to serve as a place

where people who committed minor offenses could have the opportunity to work off their sentence in the form of restitution to the city versus serving jail time. The number of hours each defendant works reflects the type of offense they commit-

ted. Currently, the program is operating as five part-time days per week, which helps give defendants the opportunity to fulfill their sentence. The program accepts adults and juveniles who are charged with non-violent offenses.

Program Progress

The program is operated as a work day. Defendants arrive early in the morning and are assigned necessary tasks. They clean and upkeep stairwells, the department's gym facility, restrooms, lobby, trash receptacles, and surrounding areas to the police station. Always keeping the four driving principles of the City of St. Charles mission in mind to uphold heritage, community, opportunity, and service above all, the Restitution Program works closely with

several departments to identify the needs of the City. In addition to fulfilling tasks for the Police Department's facility, during a traditional year, defendants are also assigned with some of the following tasks:

- ⇒ Painting
- ⇒ Pressure washing
- ⇒ Daily pick-up of trash from the downtown area, public parking lots, and 3 parking garages
- ⇒ Collect trash from highly

traveled main roads and other roadways, as needed

- ⇒ Emptying trash bins throughout the City
- ⇒ General maintenance at both the Police Department and the department's firearms practice range
- ⇒ Mowing and general landscaping
- ⇒ Snow removal from abandoned or foreclosed properties, as well as City-owned properties
- ⇒ Participate in Kane County

Recycling programs throughout the year.

In 2020, the Restitution Program came to a halt as the COVID-19 pandemic took hold of the country. During this time, all restitution hours were put in suspension by the court system as a precautionary measure; and to help prevent the further spread of this virus. With proper precautionary measures under CDC (Centers for Disease Control) guidelines, the program is now operational once again.

Conclusion

Coordinator Fregoso strives towards making the program a place of learning and growing, as well as a place where defendants can be connected with other available resources and programs, such as assistance through our police social worker. The Department looks forward to a productive 2021 working in tandem with the defendants.



Social Services

PREPARED BY: SOCIAL WORKER SANDRA RINCON



Social Services • Year in Review

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

standing of bereavement.

Sandra's collaboration with the St. Charles Police Department began in April of 2019. In fiscal year 2020, Sandra accumulated a total of 209 cases and 457 clients. Sandra looks forward to being a supportive resource to the community.

The role of a police social worker is to liaison with the Police Department, the community, and the various social service agencies that serve our residents. A police social worker does not provide long-term counseling, but rather assesses the quality of life is-

sues brought to the attention of the Police Department, attempts to stabilize those issues, and provides the proper referrals necessary to bring the situation at hand to a successful conclusion, or at least a manageable situation moving forward.

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

◆ Mental health issues

◆ Chemical and/or substance abuse

◆ Victim advocacy

◆ Neighbor mediation/ conflict resolution

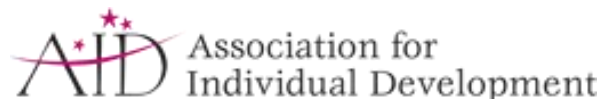
◆ Hoarding

◆ Elderly services

◆ Youth services

◆ Domestic Violence/ Orders of Protection

◆ City liaison with area social service agencies



Crisis Intervention

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

Currently, the department has

25 sworn personnel who make up the Crisis Intervention Team. They are:

- ★ Melinda Anyon
- ★ Andrew Belanger
- ★ Joe Bonifas
- ★ Brooks Boyce
- ★ Dawn Churney
- ★ Rich Clark
- ★ Russell Haywood
- ★ Jose Jacobo

- ★ Mike Karnath
- ★ Cory Krupke
- ★ Dan Kuttner
- ★ Drew Lamela
- ★ Jen Larsen
- ★ John Losurdo
- ★ Erik Mahan
- ★ Eric Majewski
- ★ Bridget McCowan
- ★ Mike McCowan
- ★ Rick Murawski

- ★ Othello Rosal
 - ★ Brett Runkle
 - ★ Brad Schumacher
 - ★ Bill Tynan
 - ★ Rob Vicicondi
 - ★ Jason Wessendorf
- As training becomes available, additional members are sent for this essential instruction.

Special Olympics

PREPARED BY: SPECIAL OLYMPICS LIAISON DETECTIVE JEN LARSEN



Special Olympics 2020

Fundraising for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois 2020 started off with our strongest outset yet!

Department Liaisons, Detective Jen Larsen and Administrative Assistant Sara Cass, attended the 2020 Special Olympics—Illinois Kick-off Conference in Bloomington, Illinois in January 2020. After an inspiring and motivating gathering, the team began recruiting for the annual 2020 Polar Plunge event.

Our team participated in the Yorkville Polar Plunge which took place on Sunday, March 1,

2020. Members of this year's team included:

- ◆ Special Olympics Athletes (SOA) Janna Blowers and John Remitz
- ◆ Officer Jen Larsen
- ◆ Officer Noelle Wold
- ◆ Officer Joe Bonifas
- ◆ St. Charles Park District Park Security Officer Tim Timberlake
- ◆ Staff members from a local St. Charles restaurant and bar: Flagship on the Fox—to include Steve Mayer

The team more than doubled

the goal of \$3,000—taking in \$6,873.37—which is half of the total funds raised in 2019 for the entire year-long campaign!

Due to the fact COVID-19 forced Special Olympics Illinois to cancel most other in-person fundraising events, the team relied solely on selling SOILL merchandise and tickets for the annual Harley Davidson motorcycle raffle. Merchandise sales totaled \$735.10 and \$90.00 in Harley tickets were sold.

The grand total for the St. Charles Police Department for 2020 was \$7,698.47. This is still an incredible amount and actually surpasses efforts in past years!

As always, we are grateful for the support of such a caring community. Without your support, our department would not



be able to back such an incredible organization. The support SOILL gives families of athletes is incredible and we are proud to do all we can to continue to fundraise for these athletes and their families.

If you're interested in supporting our efforts in 2021, please reach out to Detective Jen Larsen at jlarsen@stcharlesil.gov to learn how you can help.

We are hopeful we will be able to have several safe events in 2021—so stay tuned and we hope to see you soon!



TRI-COM Central Dispatch

PREPARED BY: TRICOM DIRECTOR JOE SCHELSTREET



Calls for Service

During 2020, Tri-Com processed 134,626 inbound and outbound telephone calls, which resulted in 105,199 calls for dispatch. Out of the total calls, 25,003 were calls received via the 9-1-1 emergency number. 76% of Tri-Com's 9-1-1 calls

were received from wireless devices. Only 37 text to 911 messages were received with 25 of those being either test calls or accidental contacts.

Calls for service by community and contract agency in 2020 were:

St. Charles – 29.31%

Batavia – 16.75%

Geneva – 17.17%

Tri-City Ambulance – 6.79%

Elburn and Elburn FPD – 5.95%

Sugar Grove and Sugar Grove FPD – 6.24%

North Aurora FPD – 2.20%

Waubensee Campus Police – 0.06%

South Elgin Police – 15.53%

Staffing & Collective Bargaining

Tri-Com is authorized to maintain 21 full-time dispatchers and two part-time dispatchers. We currently have four immediate openings in the full-time ranks. By the end of the 1st quarter of 2021, one employee will graduate from training and three will be in various phases of the train-

ing program. Tri-Com will hire at least four new employees in both the second and third Quarter of 2021 to accommodate impending retirements. Hiring and retention continues to be a challenge in this industry with an average turnover of 19% nationwide. Staff revised our

testing and training programs in 2020 in an effort to have more candidates available for rapid hire and to increase the percentage of people who graduate from the training program.

The current labor contract will expire on April 30, 2021.

Budget

State 9-1-1 revenue to Tri-Com trended positively this year. At the ETSB Board level, the last remaining payment needed to retire the bonds was made. The Board also voted to increase the

amount of funding that is directly passed through to the dispatch centers and reduce the amount that was held for administrative expenses. The Tri-Com Board of Directors took advantage of our very healthy reserve balance

and was able to fund a number of capital projects. Additionally, we received reimbursement for headsets, repairs to the chairs utilized by the dispatchers and CAD maintenance.



Fiscal Year 2020 Projects

This year, the Board of Directors authorized a major capital improvement project to remedy an issue with ground water that the Tri-Com facility was experiencing. \$725,000 in financing was approved to undertake this construction initiative. The project is nearly complete and has resolved the challenges that had

been previously encountered. Additionally, Tri-Com was approved to expend \$250,000 to add an additional StarCom21 tower site in St. Charles; \$250,000 to replace the existing console furniture and supporting infrastructure and \$115,000 to add to radio positions to the console's in the basement. All of

these projects are being funded through the utilization of ETSB reserve monies allocated to Tri-Com. They will directly improve operations here and enhance service provision to our member agencies. These initiatives are currently scheduled for completion by the end of the current fiscal year.

Employee Updates



WELCOME to those who joined us in 2020...



Officer
Andrew
Belanger



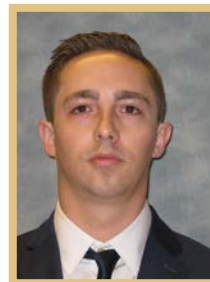
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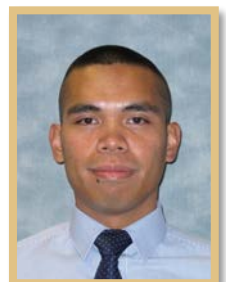
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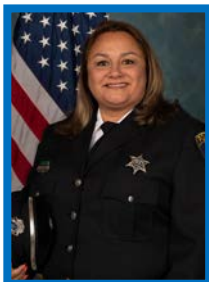
...and best wishes to those who left us.



Officer
Troy
Peacock



Commander
Mike
Griesbaum



Officer
Bridget
McCowan



Officer
Mike
Ross



Records
Specialist
Connie
Goetz



Financial
Analyst
Scott
Sanders

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Years of Service

Department Awards



Thank you for your dedicated service!

5 YEARS

Joe Dony
Jose Jacobo
Jen Larsen
Tania Williams

10 YEARS

John Losurdo
Scott Sanders
Steve Woloszyk

15 YEARS

Nic Anson
Chuck Crumlett
Nicole Kotsy
Cory Krupke
Brett Runkle

20 YEARS

Rich Clark
Eric Majewski
Heidi Scaletta
Jerry Schomer

25 YEARS

Drew Lamela
Mike Ross

30 YEARS

Mike Griesbaum

Kane County Chiefs of
Police • Officer of the Year
• Department Nomination

Officer Jose Jacobo



Department Awards

MERIT: Officer Niki Garcia, Deputy Chief Chuck Pierce,
Officer Mike Ross, Officer Jerry Schomer

LIFESAVING: Officer Jose Jacobo, Officer Mike Karnath

**LETTER OF
APPRECIATION:** Officer Mike Karnath

“Way to Be” City of St. Charles Awards

Liliana Pompeo, Kathy Young, Liz Mendoza,
Adrienne Casanas Ramos, Connie Goetz

Community Kudos

Dear St. Charles Police Officers—thank you for doing a great job on the front lines fighting the coronavirus and keeping us all safe. We appreciate your work!

I would like to express my gratitude and sincere appreciation to Mike Wojcik and the St. Charles Police Department.

God bless all of you for what you do; you are so appreciated!

To those who work tirelessly to protect us, I want to just say THANK YOU!

The men and women of the St. Charles Police Department should be proud of the work they are doing to serve the community in such a positive way. I appreciate all the hard work that everyone does for a great community—

Summer Intern, Nolan Theriault

I would like to extend a thanks to Officer Jacobo, Sergeant Runkle, and Records Division Manager Kim Schult for the help they have given to me and my family. All three individuals are great examples of the high quality and very polite people that work in your department.

Thank you Officer McCowan; it is comforting and gives us a sense of security knowing our police force is so competent and quick.

Hats off to Officer Stephen Heike; he went above and beyond his duties to assist me.

We just want to say a big THANK YOU to St. Charles Sergeant Lamela!

Officer Bridget McCowan—keep doing your wonderful work!

We recently moved to St. Charles and are grateful for the dedication and vigilance of our newly adopted police force.

Thanks for all you're doing to keep us and our community safe.

THANK YOU to Sergeant Kuttner, Detective Anson, and Officer Boyce for their help in getting me to the hospital while I was in labor!

Your service does not go unnoticed or unappreciated; thank you so much for everything you do!

...the young officer, Officer Rentschler, responding did an amazing job of diffusing and resolving the issue. My hat's off to that fine officer and the training he has received through your department—thank you.

I would like to extend special thanks to Evidence Technicians Mike Wojcik and Ryan Beeter. They played a significant role in the collection and preservation of valuable evidence.

Kudos to the entire department, especially to Officer Jim Burden who so exemplifies the department's commitment to the residents of the City of St. Charles.

I am so thankful for all you do—keep up the great work!

My daughter always says “we don't have to worry about anything because we live in St. Charles.” She feels safe and I owe you a huge thank you!

Your good works don't go unnoticed, although it may seem that way sometimes. I had to go to the police department after a car accident and am so thankful for the kindness, sympathy, and gentleness I was shown. Thank you!

Thank you so much for having such a wonderful team that serves and protects our community!

Memorable Moments of 2020



★ Thank you! We are grateful for such a supportive community. ★

From individually packaged goodies and hand-written notes, to a taco truck, to several catered meals from local restaurants, to a dedicated pizza stand that still set up in the rain for us, our officers are grateful for all the generosity residents and businesses contributed throughout 2020!