

# The Park Ridge Police Department

*Chief Frank Kaminski*

## 2017 Annual Report



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## Chief's Message

2017 was a challenging year for the Department. The long term internal investigation regarding allegations of misconduct from 2006 was finally completed, adding closure to a dark cloud that has hung over the Department. The Department has been taking steps to move forward and this rebuilding process will be the focus for 2018.

The Citizen Advisory Board, (CAB) project, funded by the Department of Justice – COPS Office was completed. This one year project allowed the Department to evaluate, through the eyes of citizens, the Departments compliance with the President's Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing and its six pillars. The Department is awaiting the final report.

Crime in Park Ridge continues to decline! In 2017, the index crime rate decreased by 24.4% as compared to 2016. 2017 was the lowest index crime for the last five years, with an index crime decrease of 39.5% from 2013 to 2017! These are amazing numbers, but I always caution everyone to not rest on our laurels, and continue to be vigilant in our partnership to be successful in building a safe community. In addition, traffic accidents were also at the lowest level in five years.

I am extremely proud of our efforts with young people. Our Police Explorer Post did some rebuilding and participation has increased. A Youth Police Academy was held in 2017. Through Project Unify, a police academy was held for special needs students at Maine South High School and a video about youth behavior in the Uptown area was created. I am also grateful for the commitment to Special Olympics and the athletes that we serve, as well as our efforts to assist the two food pantries in town through the "Stuff the Squad Car" program in conjunction with Mariano's.

Staffing challenges continued in 2017 for police officers. We hope to get to full strength in 2018. We were able to achieve full staffing in the Records Bureau to address the backlog issues.

In reference to mental health, all patrol officers were re-evaluated during 2017 regarding their Crisis Intervention Training, (CIT), skill level and the level of compliance was extremely high. The Department will continue its commitment to be 100% trained in 2018. In addition, our full-time social worker has been proven to be an exceptional asset to the Department and Community.

Our consolidated dispatch center completed the addition and transition of a 5<sup>th</sup> agency. As a result of this addition, our costs were reduced.

Our volunteers continue to be a valuable resource to the Department, providing hundreds of hours of service to the Community. Once again, the Department held its annual volunteer appreciation and recognition of service dinner in February.

Finally, I am grateful to all the men and women both sworn and civilian for all their efforts to make Park Ridge a safe community. Thank you for your professionalism and dedicated service!

*Frank Kaminski*

**Part I**  
**Department Staff & Organizational Chart**



**Police Department Staff**

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Sergeant Richard Ryan	Sergeant Michael Luehr
	Sergeant John Anderson

**Officers**

Jodi Broderick	Julie Genualdi	Greg Orta
Dave Cacioppo	Ana Juarez	Carlos Panizo
Rodney Cavender	Daniel Kearns	Quentin Richards
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John Dorner	Frank Lauria	Mitchell Stephens
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Mario Faso	Andrei Moravet	

**Detectives**

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Diane Appari	Noreen Erickson	Mark Nimietz	Jack Suomi
George Aragianas	Kathy Geib	Christina Peterson	Roseann Viola
Kurt Arntzen	James Harrison	Mary Powers	Rob Wortman
Gretchen Bertling	Ralph Lietz	Kazimierz Rodecki	Kathleen Yoshida
Kelly Capek	John Luszowiak	Rubin Ruiz	
Christine Dudlak	George Marcin	Mark Schaffer	
Jerry Dytko	Francis Musillami	Brian Singer	

**Reserve Crossing Guards**

Alice Adamski  
Joe Blume  
Olga Frometa-Stengel  
Liz Mahoney  
Matt Neigebauer  
Ann Payne  
Joseph Piech  
Sue Sheppard  
Ardith Wilk

**Student Interns**

Anthony Cannella  
Martin Sanchez  
Meghan Rose

**Citizen Patrol Members**

Harry Ashner	Ron Kurowski	Elizabeth Ryles	Don Tyre
Joseph Cien	Susan Kleckner	Ray Rasane	Jean Trnka
Angelo Demeros	John Mukoyama	William Reilly	Erik White
Jim DuBrock	Martin Mercy	Cassie Stutman	Gary K. Warner
Pat Dohr	Ann Mullin	Dick Stuercke	Leslie Wolf
Wes Davis	Neil Norcross	Frank Summers	Ted Woytowicz
Bob Gluchman	Art Ryden	Jerry Scafa	Tom Wilson
Joan Hutchinson	Bill Richter	Joe Sweeny	



**Police Explorer - 12**

**CERT Members**

Yulia Ageeva  
David Arena  
Ron Augustyne  
Arlene Banas  
John Bennett  
Stephanie Brown  
Raymond Brzny  
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Dan Cassettari  
Joseph Cien  
Sergio Davila  
Michael Davis

Frank Dickman  
Jean Dietsch  
John Dorow  
Ed Dryer  
Phil Falson  
Ed Featherstone  
Stevan Georgevich  
Thom Goodwin  
Angelo Hunter  
Joan Hutchinson  
Paul Josan  
Steve Judge  
Ginger Kamber

Pat Lofthouse  
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Kristen Olsen  
Vicki Peake  
Anthony Perez  
Corey Plazak  
Ray Rasane  
William Reilly  
Bill Richter  
Mary Wynn Ryan

John Sasser  
Paul Sheehan  
Sarah Smigel  
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John Stuebe  
John Waters  
Deanna Williams  
Tom Wilson  
Leslie Wolf  
Ted Woytowicz

**Police Chaplains**

Fr. Tim Anastos – Mary Seat of Wisdom

Perry Fisher - 1<sup>st</sup> Church of Christ Scientist

Fr. Piotr Gnoinski - St. Paul of the Cross Church

Rev. Matt Hoffman - St. Andrews

Fr. Chris Gustafson – Our Lady of Ransom

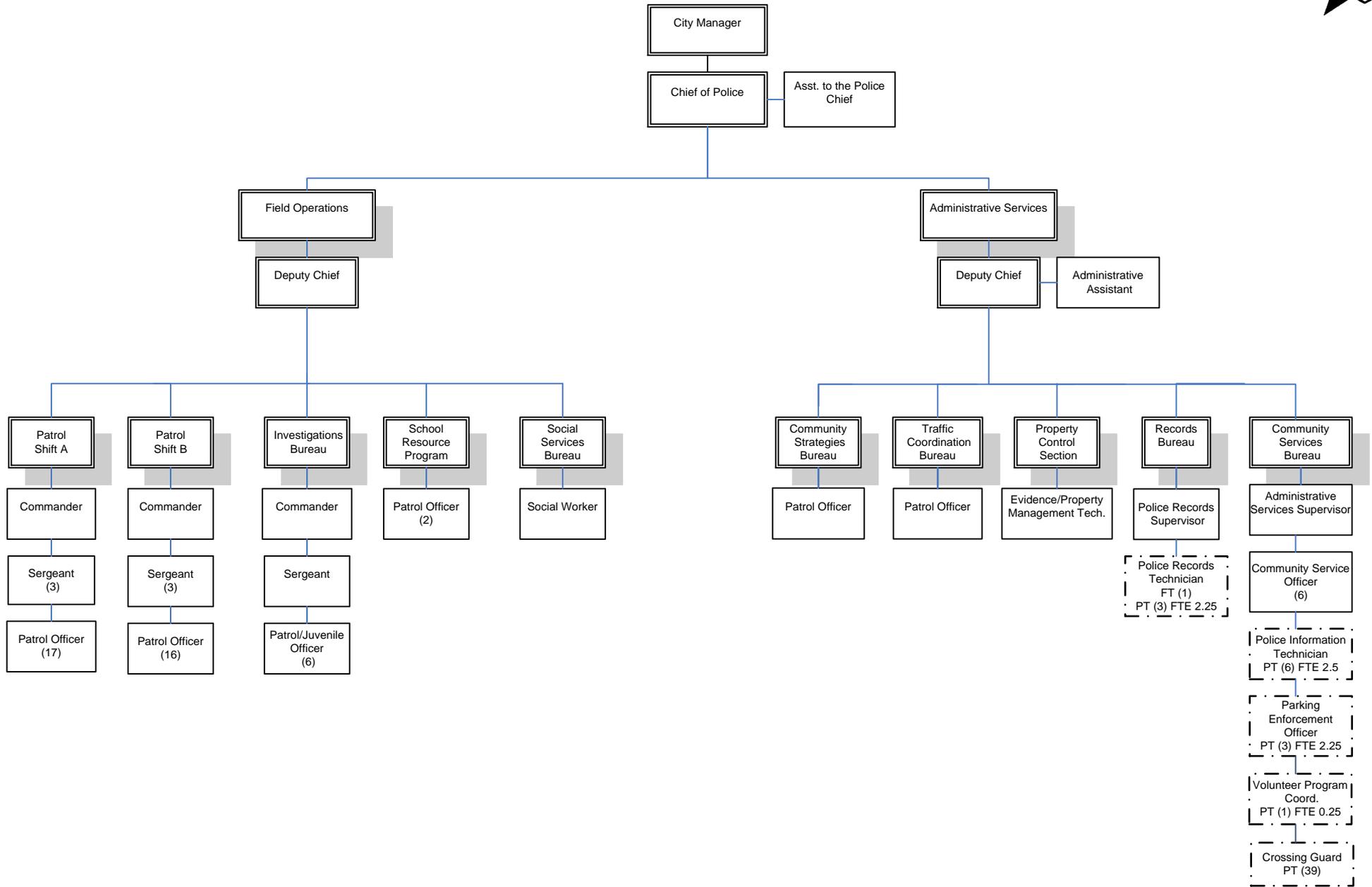
Rev. Dick Johnson - St. Luke’s Lutheran Church

Fr. Chris Kerkeres - St. George Greek Orthodox

Bishop Floyd Kortenhof - Avenues to Independence

Fr. James Wallace - St. Juliana

# Park Ridge Police Department



**Part II**  
**Departmental Recognition**

# Departmental Recognition

## Special Awards

### Police Officer of the Year 2016

Each year the department forms a committee to nominate an Officer of the Year. *Officer Anthony Raitano* was chosen to receive the Officer of the Year award for 2016 for his exceptional work as a school resource officer (SRO) at Maine South High School. The Department received numerous positive comments and letters related to his work. From the Superintendent, to the students, he was respected and trusted by all. Throughout the year, he solved numerous investigations related to school incidents. Additionally, Officer Raitano was instrumental in the development and implementation of the Student Police Academy for special needs students.



### Employee of the Year 2016

*Police Social Worker, Geri Silic* was awarded the Employee of the Year Award for 2016, primarily for her willingness to assist others and her unequalled commitment to help victims in the community. She provided services in areas of domestic violence, elder abuse, and the ever increasing mental health calls the City receives. She was instrumental in advocating for victims of domestic abuse in court and an exceptional liaison for the Department. Additionally, she provided needed in-service training for the Department related to domestic violence and orders of protection.

### Volunteer of the Year 2016

*Joan Hutchinson* was awarded the Volunteer of the Year Award for 2016 for her willingness to volunteer, whether it was for regular patrol duty or a special event. In 2016, she volunteered more service hours than any other volunteer. Additionally, she provided supplies and helped set up and clean up for monthly meetings and special events. Her positive attitude and dedication truly embraced the Park Ridge Police Department Mission and Value Statement.



### **Certificates of Recognition**

During 2017, thirty employees received Letters of Recognition, Department Commendations, Awards of Valor, and Life Saving Awards. Out of those thirty, 3 officers received two or more letters.

### **Perfect Attendance**

In 2017, Commander Bob Kampwirth, Sergeant Rich Ryan, Officer Bart Marczyk, Officer Quentin Richards, CSO Brian Clerkin, CSO Jack Lanners, Info Tech John Brooks, Info Tech Fiona Loague, Info Tech Jeannette Montano, Info Tech Emil Sendil and Administrative Assistant Ingrid Feiereisel did not use any sick time during the year.

### **Complimentary Letters From Citizens**

Over the past twelve months, the department has received 108 complimentary letters to numerous officers for their hard work and professional efforts.

### **Saved By the Belt Award**

Forty-one (41) individuals received the Saved by the Belt award for wearing their seat belt when involved in an accident. Although minor injury may have occurred, wearing a seat belt prevented them from sustaining more serious injuries.

### **2017 President's Award**

On April 21<sup>st</sup>, The Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police presented Deputy Chief Lou Jogmen with the 2017 President's Award for his outstanding contributions to the association and to the State of Illinois during the past year.

### **Green Cross Safety Advocate Award**

Deputy Chief Lou Jogmen was awarded the National Safety Council's 2017 Green Cross Safety Award at the August 21<sup>st</sup> City Council Meeting by Senator Laura Murphy.



### **Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT)**

A new group of CERT volunteers graduated on November 1, 2017. Nineteen individuals completed the basic Citizen Emergency Response Training and graduated from the program.

### **Search and Rescue Team**

On March 20<sup>th</sup>, the Illinois Search and Rescue Groups, which included Park Ridge members were recognized for their assistance with an incident on February 4, 2017.

### **Community Star Award – Park Ridge Chamber Event**

Volunteer Leslie Wolf was recognized as a Community Star at the annual Chamber Event.

**Part III**  
**Crime Data**



## PARK RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME OFFENSE/ARREST COMPARISON 2016 VS. 2017

The Park Ridge Crime Offense/Arrest Comparison report is an annual summary and comparison of all Index crimes, or Part I crimes, and a select group of Part II crimes, as well as a variety of other traffic related department activity. For reporting purposes, criminal offenses are divided into two major groups: Part I offenses and Part II offenses. Part 1 crimes are collectively known as Index crimes and are separated into two subgroups, Violent Crimes against Persons and Crimes against Property. Part II offenses are less severe crimes, but account for the majority of criminal offenses reported.

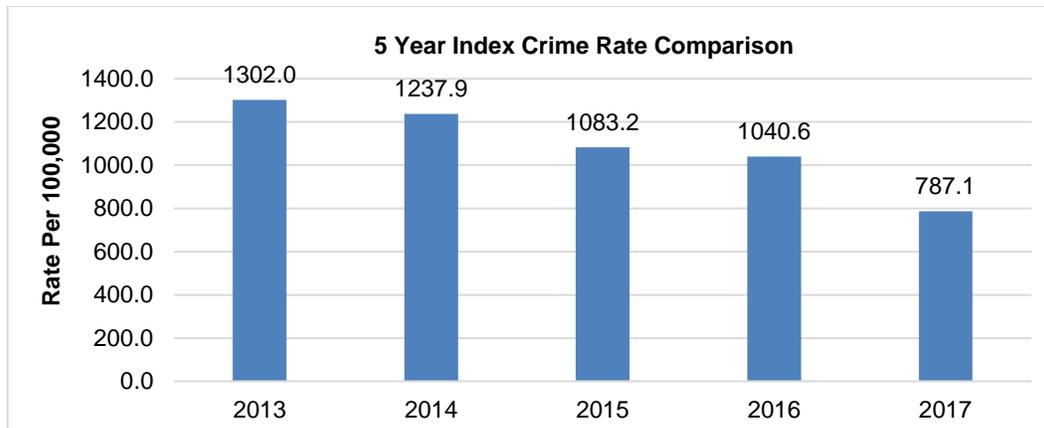
### INDEX CRIME OFFENSE RATE

The **Index crime rate**<sup>1</sup> indicates the prevalence of crime occurring across a given population. It is generally defined as the total number of index crimes per 100,000 inhabitants and is calculated as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Crime Index Count} \times 100,000}{\text{Jurisdictional Population}^2} = \text{Crime Rate}$$

The **percent change** indicates the increase or decrease of the volume of data represented.

$$\frac{\text{Current Figure} - \text{Previous Figure}}{\text{Previous Figure}} \times 100 = \text{Percent Change}$$



The above comparison indicates the 2017 Index Crime Rate is lower than the 2016 Index Crime Rate by 24.4% percent. Index Crimes are broken down into Violent Crimes and Property Crimes. There was a 25% increase in overall Violent Crimes (15 incidents as compared to 12 incidents in 2016), with the most significant increase in Aggravated Battery/Assault (5 incidents as compared to 3 incidents in 2016 - see page 5 for further). There was a 25.9% decrease in overall Property Crimes. A few areas to note that contributed to the overall reduction in the index crime rate include an almost 15% decrease in reported Burglaries, an almost 28% decrease in reported Thefts and an almost 43% decrease in Motor Vehicle Thefts.

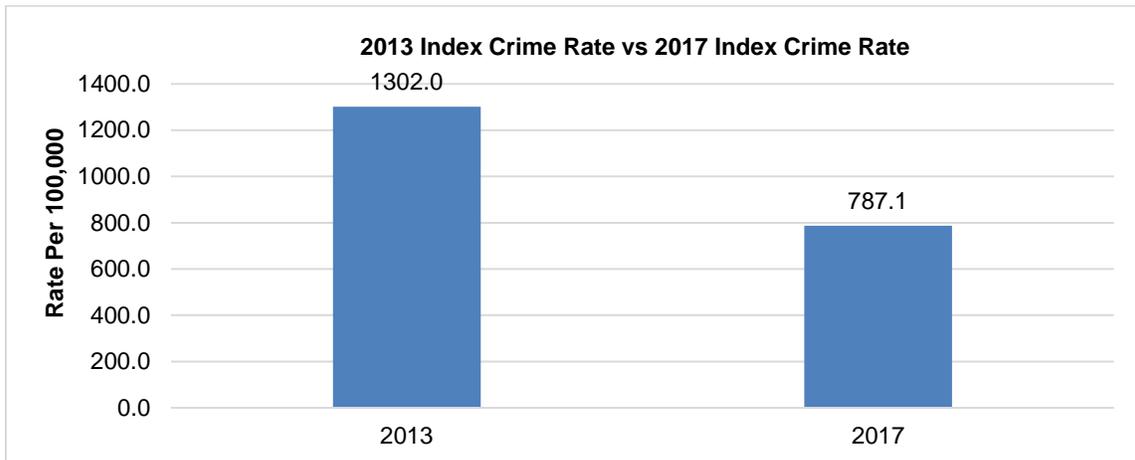
<sup>1</sup> Based on Crime in Illinois 2016, the Crime Rate for the State of Illinois was 2406.9 and 3209.2 for the County of Cook

<sup>2</sup> Based on 2010 census data = 37,480

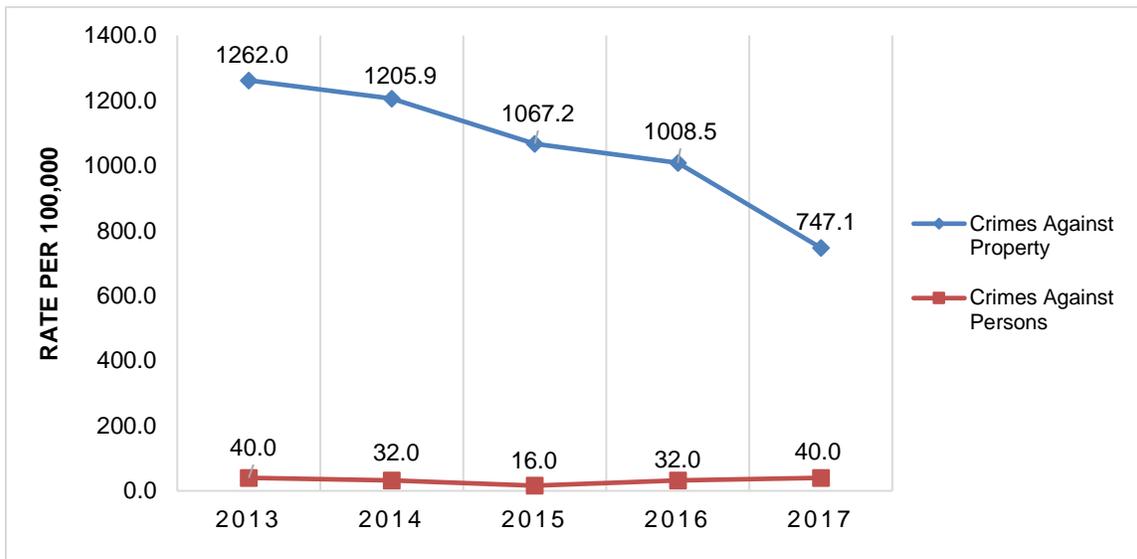


## PARK RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME OFFENSE/ARREST COMPARISON 2016 VS. 2017

The five-year comparison indicates that the Crime Rate in 2017 was 39.5% lower than in 2013.



Violent Crime Offenses include Criminal Homicide, Rape, Robbery and Aggravated Assault/Battery (including attempts). Violent crime offenses, or Crimes against Persons, accounted for 5.1% of the crime index total in 2017. Property Crime Offenses include Burglary, Theft (including Burglary from a Motor Vehicle), Motor Vehicle Theft and Arson. Property Crime Offenses, or Crimes against Property, accounted for 94.9% of the crime index total in 2017.





**PARK RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CRIME OFFENSE/ARREST COMPARISON  
2016 VS. 2017**

Property Crime Offenses have shown a downward trend with a 25.9% decrease since 2016 and an 40.8% decrease since 2013. Motor Vehicle Theft and Arson continue to account for the smallest percentage of the overall crimes against property crime index offense total.

Violent Crime Offenses have shown an upward trend with a 25% increase since 2016 and are the same as five years ago. Criminal Homicide and Rape continue to account for the smallest percentage of the overall violent crimes against persons crime index offense total.

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**In 2017, Property Crime Offenses were the lowest they have been in 5 years, including decreases in both Burglaries and Thefts, which account for the majority of Index Crime Offenses, as well as a significant decrease in Motor Vehicle Thefts.**

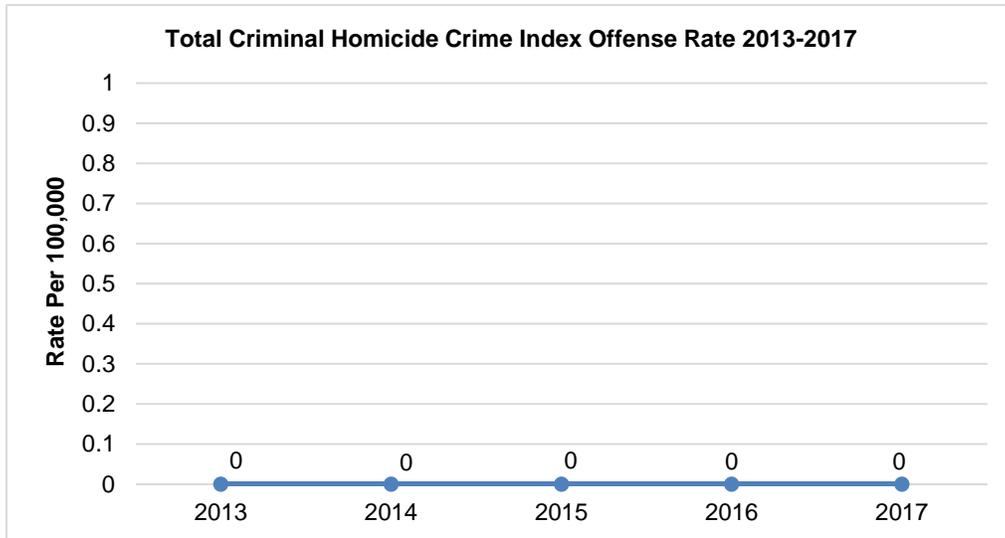
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*It is important to remember when looking at the Crime Index Offense Rate, that these numbers represent a standard comparison to published data, and do not represent the number of actual crimes, but the number of reported crimes per 100,000 population. For the actual number of Index crimes in a given year, refer to page 10 of this report.*

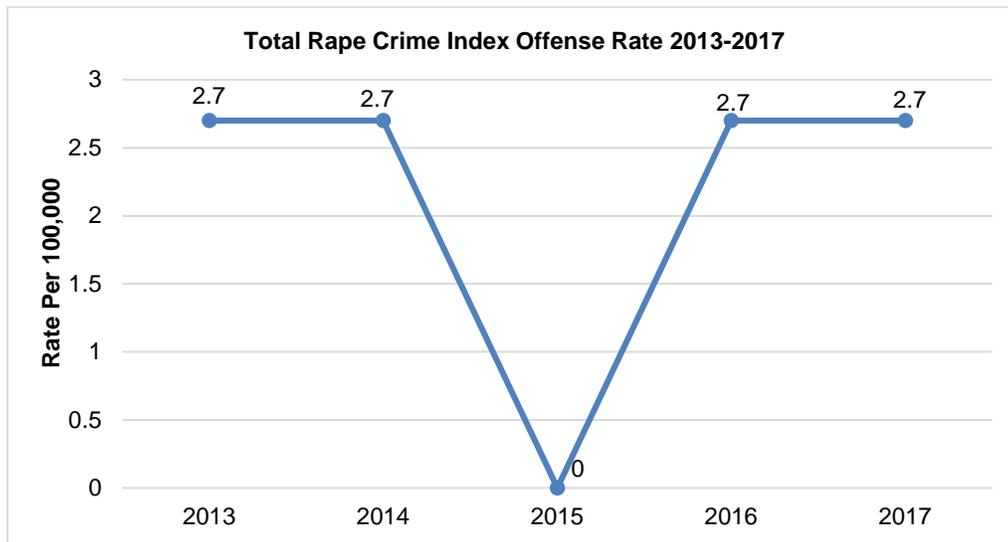


## PARK RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME OFFENSE/ARREST COMPARISON 2016 VS. 2017

### Violent Crime Offenses



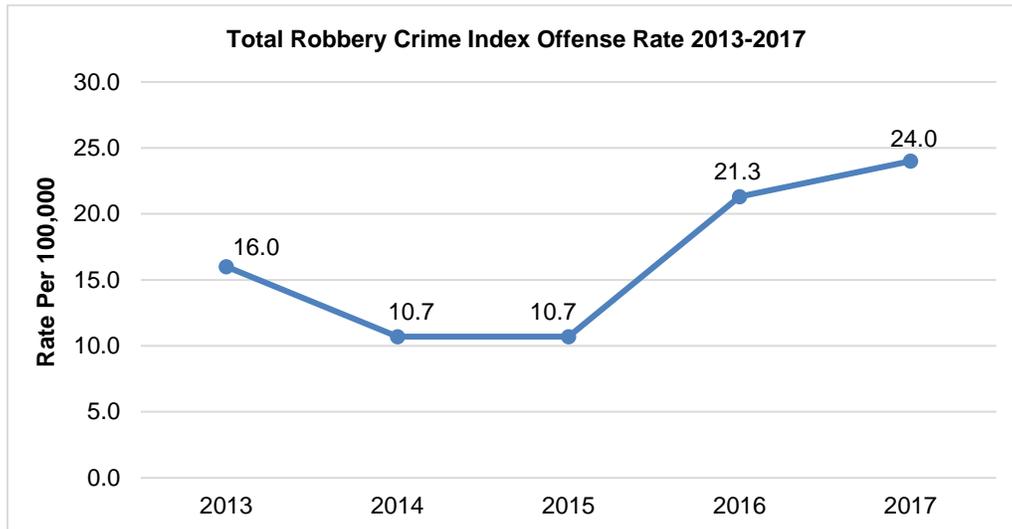
The Criminal Homicide Crime Index Offense Rate remained at 0 in 2017, as it has been for the past five years.



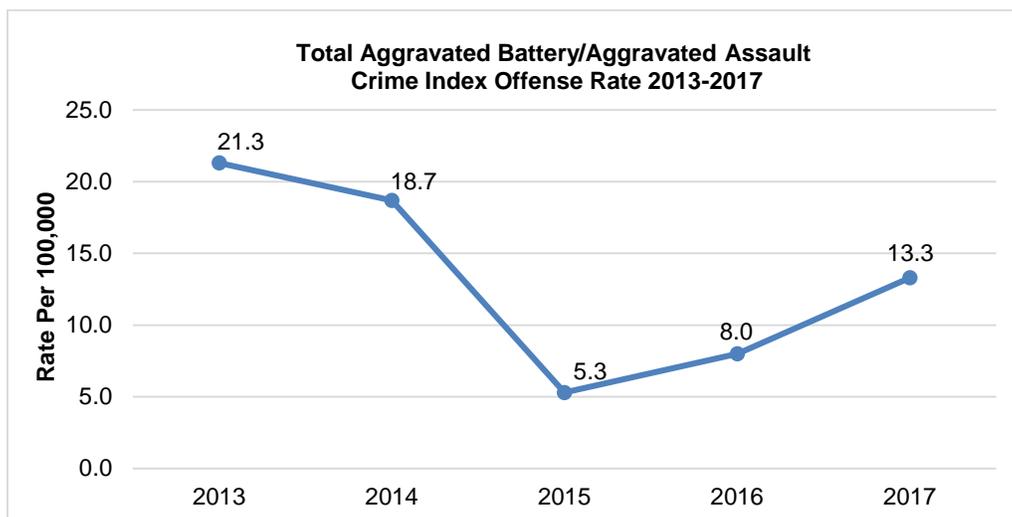
The Crime Index Offense Rate for Rapes remained at 2.7 in 2017 and was the same as it was five years ago.



## PARK RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME OFFENSE/ARREST COMPARISON 2016 VS. 2017



The Robbery Crime Index Offense Rate increased by 12.7% in 2017. **Of the total Robberies in 2017, there was a 88.9% clearance rate** with four cleared by arrest, four cleared by exceptional means and one pending further leads. The Robbery Crime Index Offense Rate is the **highest is has been in five years**.



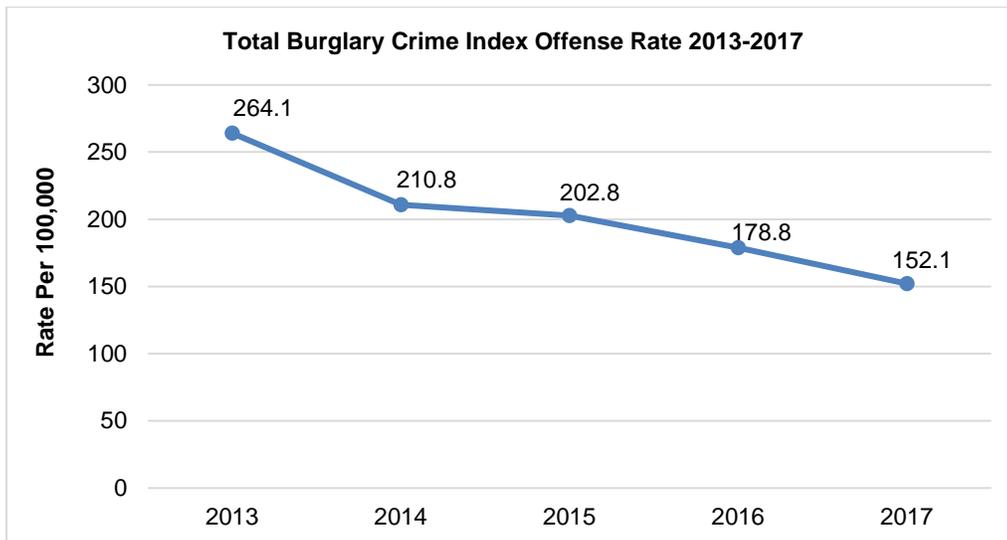
The Crime Index Offense Rate for Aggravated Battery/Assault crimes increased by 66.7% to 5 incidents in 2017 from 3 incidents in 2016. **Of the total Aggravated Battery/Assault crimes in 2017, there was an 80% clearance rate** with two cleared by arrest, two cleared by exceptional means and one pending further leads. Despite the increase in 2017, the Aggravated Battery/Aggravated Assault Crime Index Offense Rate has **decreased by 37.6% as compared to five years ago**.



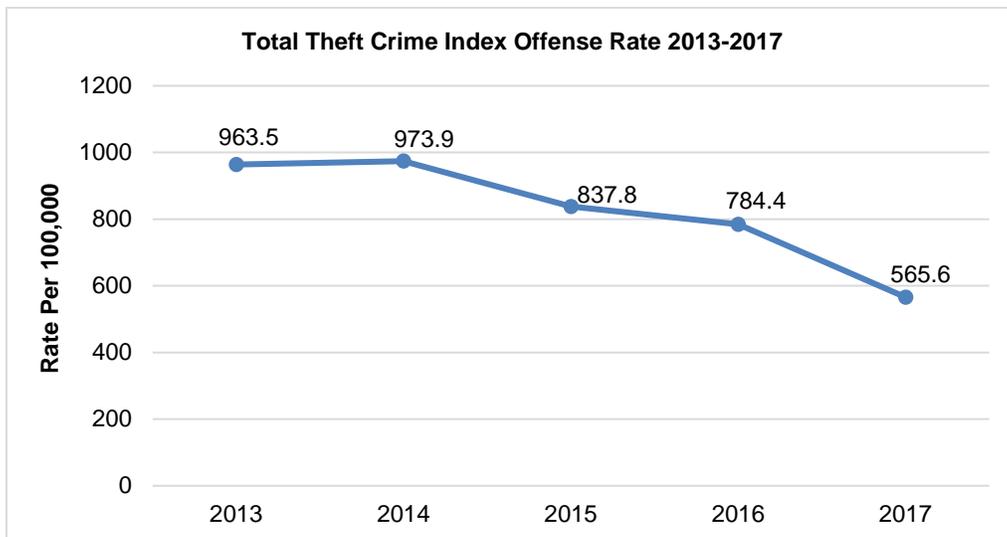
## PARK RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME OFFENSE/ARREST COMPARISON 2016 VS. 2017

### Property Crime Offenses

The Burglary Crime Index Offense Rate has decreased by almost 15% in 2017 from 2016. It is 42.4% lower than it was in 2013, and **is the lowest it has been in five years.**



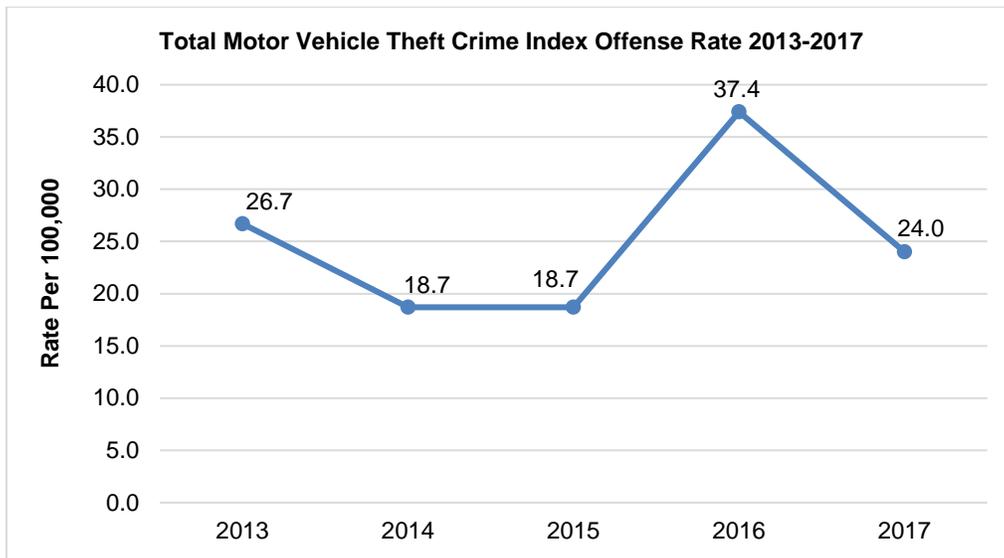
The Theft Crime Index Offense Rate has decreased by almost 28% in 2017 from 2016, and has decreased by 41.3% since 2013. **It is also the lowest it has been in five years.**



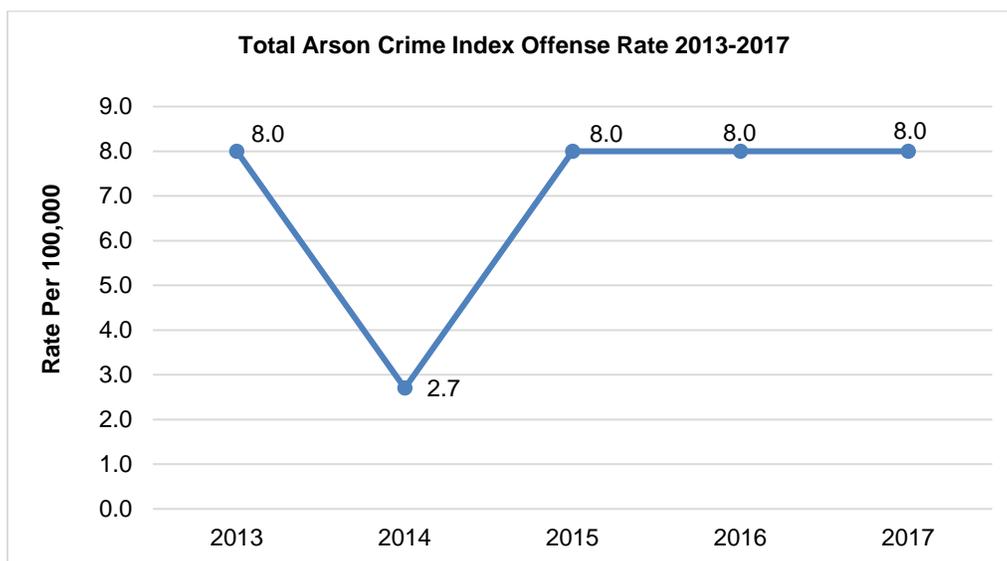


## PARK RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME OFFENSE/ARREST COMPARISON 2016 VS. 2017

The Motor Vehicle Theft Crime Index Offense Rate decreased almost 43% in 2017 from 2016. **Of the total Motor Vehicle Thefts in 2017, there was a 12.5% clearance rate** with one cleared by exceptional means, two suspended due to lack of victim cooperation and five suspended due to lack of further leads. Six of the eight stolen vehicles have been recovered.



The Arson Crime Index Offense Rate has remained the same as it was in 2016, and has been the same for the past five years, with the exception of 2014 when it was as the lowest rate.

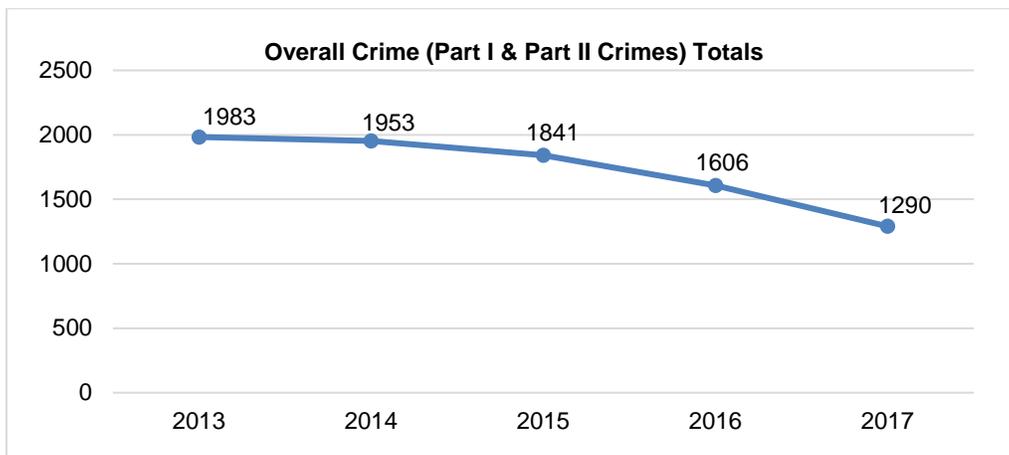




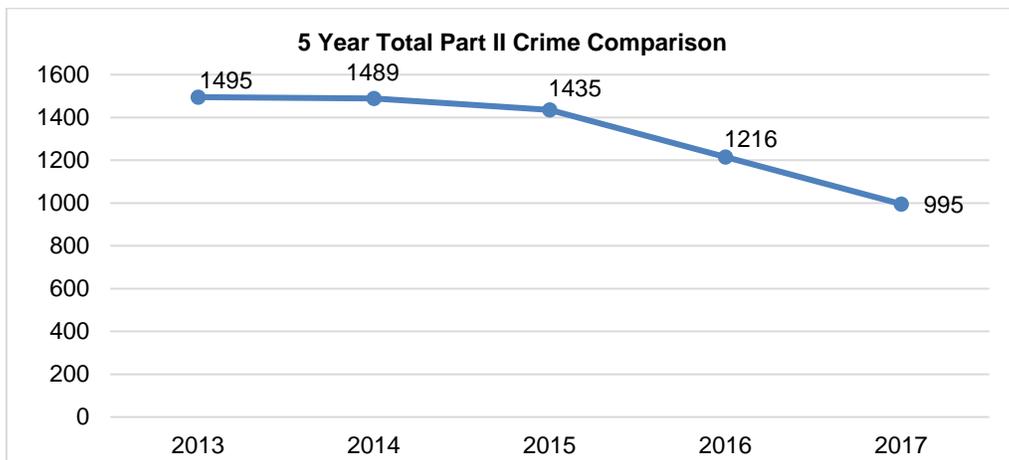
## PARK RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME OFFENSE/ARREST COMPARISON 2016 VS. 2017

### OVERALL CRIME TOTALS

Overall crime totals represent the total number of both Part I & Part II crimes reported to have occurred during a given year.



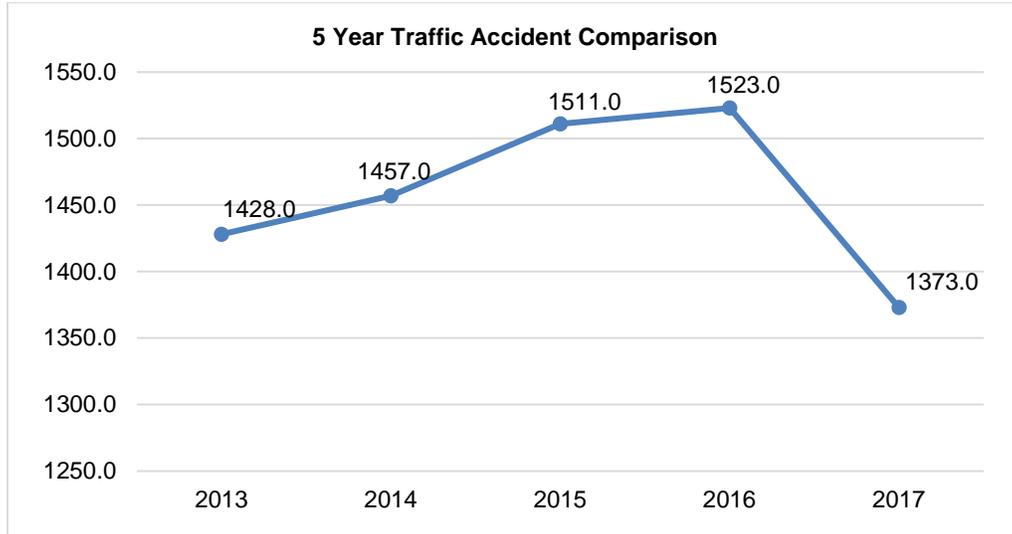
In 2017, the **total of overall crimes** decreased by almost 20% as compared to 2016. Additionally, the overall crime totals have decreased by 34.9% as compared to 2013, and **are the lowest they have been in five years**.



The **total of Part II Crimes** has decreased by 18.2% since 2016, with the five-year trend showing a decrease of 33.4% since 2013 and they **are the lowest they have been in five years**. Part II crimes include hit and runs, as well as traffic arrests.



## PARK RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME OFFENSE/ARREST COMPARISON 2016 VS. 2017



**Traffic Accidents** have decreased by just under 10% in 2017 as compared to 2016 and they are the lowest they have been in five years. There have been an average of about 200 Hit and Runs each year since 2013.



**PARK RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CRIME OFFENSE/ARREST COMPARISON  
2016 VS. 2017**

<b>Violent Crime Offenses</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b># Difference</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0.00%
Rape	1	1	0	0.00%
Robbery	8	9	1	12.50%
Aggravated Battery/Assault	3	5	2	66.67%
<b>subtotal</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>25.00%</b>
<b>Property Crime Offenses</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b># Difference</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Burglary	67	57	-10	-14.93%
Theft	294	212	-82	-27.89%
Motor Vehicle Theft	14	8	-6	-42.86%
Arson	3	3	0	0.00%
<b>subtotal</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>-98</b>	<b>-25.93%</b>
<b>Crime Index Offense Totals</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>-95</b>	<b>-24.36%</b>
<b>Violent Crime Offense Totals</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>25.00%</b>
<b>Property Crime Offense Totals</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>-98</b>	<b>-25.93%</b>
<b>Violent Crime Arrests</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b># Difference</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0.00%
Rape	0	0	0	0.00%
Robbery	3	4	1	33.33%
Aggravated Assault/Battery	2	4	2	100.00%
<b>subtotal</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>60.00%</b>
<b>Property Crime Arrests</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b># Difference</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Burglary	7	3	-4	-57.14%
Theft	38	27	-11	-28.95%
Motor Vehicle Theft	5	1	-4	-80.00%
Arson	0	0	0	0.00%
<b>subtotal</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>-19</b>	<b>-38.00%</b>
<b>Crime Index Arrest Totals</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>-16</b>	<b>-29.09%</b>
<b>Violent Crime Arrest Totals</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>60.00%</b>
<b>Property Crime Arrest Totals</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>-19</b>	<b>-38.00%</b>



**PARK RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
CRIME OFFENSE/ARREST COMPARISON  
2016 VS. 2017**

<b>Drug Crime Arrests</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b># Difference</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Cannabis Control Act	34	3	-31	<b>-91.18%</b>
Controlled Substances Act	10	8	-2	<b>-20.00%</b>
Hypodermic Syringes & Needles Act	0	0	0	<b>0.00%</b>
Violations of Drug Paraphernalia Act	15	6	-9	<b>-60.00%</b>
Violations of Methamphetamine Act	0	0	0	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Drug Crime Arrest Totals</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>-42</b>	<b>-71.19%</b>

<b>Select Part II Crime Offenses</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b># Difference</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Simple Assault/Battery	66	73	7	<b>10.61%</b>
Domestic Battery	46	46	0	<b>0.00%</b>
Criminal Damage to Property (includes defacement)	81	96	15	<b>18.52%</b>
Criminal Damage to Vehicle	70	93	23	<b>32.86%</b>

<b>Alcohol Related Arrests</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b># Difference</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Liquor Control Act Violations	42	29	-13	<b>-30.95%</b>
DUI Violations	34	34	0	<b>0.00%</b>

<b>Annual Totals</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b># Difference</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Part I Crime Offenses	390	295	-95	<b>-24.36%</b>
Part I Crime Arrests	55	39	-16	<b>-29.09%</b>
Part II Crime Offenses	1216	995	-221	<b>-18.17%</b>
Part II Crime Arrests	333	316	-17	<b>-5.11%</b>
Total Criminal Arrests	388	355	-33	<b>-8.51%</b>
Total Criminal Offenses	1606	1290	-316	<b>-19.68%</b>
Traffic Accident Reports	1523	1373	-150	<b>-9.85%</b>
Total Traffic Stops	4178	4177	-1	<b>-0.02%</b>

**Part IV**  
**Departmental Highlights**

## Highlights

### Community Advisory (CAB) Federal Grant

The Department, in collaboration with the Center for Public Safety and Justice at the University of Illinois, Chicago implemented a Community Advisory Board project in 2017. The project titled “Procedural Justice in Practice: A Community Advisory Board (CAB) Approach”, adhered to the guiding principles of community policing, which embodied community partnerships, problem solving and organizational transformation through the application of the pillars of procedural justice. As a result of this COPS supported grant, the Department held two community-police town hall meetings, established a Community Advisory Board consisting of community stakeholders, examined the six pillars as outlined in the President’s Report on Policing, held monthly CAB meetings, and executed strategies developed by the CAB. An evaluation of the project is currently being compiled by the University of Illinois, Chicago.

### Police Accreditation

The Department’s accreditation status was up for renewal in 2016. The Assessment Team evaluated the Department in October of 2016. In March of 2017, the Department was informed that it maintained its accredited status from the Illinois Commission of Law Enforcement Accreditation. The Department was originally accredited in 2012. Chief James Kruger, representing the Commission, presented the Accreditation Award at the May 20, 2017, annual meeting. The accreditation process helps the Department maintain policy and procedures that reflect the best practices in policing.



### Community Block Party with WGN

The WGN morning show selected Park Ridge for its Community Block Party. The entire WGN Morning Show was held live in Park Ridge on Prospect in front of the library. The event was held in conjunction with the Taste of Park Ridge. We estimated that several thousand people attended this live broadcast and the parade. It was a wonderful event for the City.



### “Stuff the Squad”

Mariano’s of Park Ridge approached the Department and asked if we would participate in a program to collect donations for our two food pantries – St Paul of The Cross and Maine Township. For a one-week period in October, customers were able to purchase food bags for the food pantries while in the check-out line. At the end of the week, all the bags were loaded into squad cars and delivered to the food pantries. This was a wonderful event with approximately 400 bags of donations for the food pantries in Park Ridge.

### Volunteer Appreciation

In January 2017, the annual volunteer appreciation dinner was held at the Senior Center where all volunteer groups were recognized. This included: Citizen Patrol, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Police Chaplains, Police Explorers and Parent Patrol. Our volunteers were recognized for years of service and special events.

### Uptown Teen Strategy

During the first several months of the year, the Department noticed a spike in calls involving young people in the Uptown area. As a result, a problem solving approach was used to address the concern. Besides increased patrols in the area, Officer John Dorner developed a short video about the appropriated behavior that was shown daily at the Pickwick. In addition, contacts were made at the schools about Uptown behavior. As a result, the calls for service decreased.

### **FBI National Academy**

Deputy Chief Mellema was selected to attend the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia for eleven weeks. He successfully graduated from the course of study on December 15, with President Trump and Attorney General Sessions being the key note speakers.

### **Chaplain Program**

During 2017, two chaplains retired, Reverend Alex La Chapelle, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, and Father Tim Monahan, Mary Seat of Wisdom. We wish them both well on their new appointments. Two new chaplains were added to the program, Father Tim Anastos, Mary, Seat of Wisdom and Fr. Chris Gustafson, Our Lady of Ransom.

### **Project Unify – Junior Police Academy**

In conjunction with Project Unify, the Department held a Junior Police Academy for the special needs students at Maine South. Over twenty students attended the six week program. Each participant was presented with a graduation certificate at a program in Council Chambers. The program received positive feedback from the participants and the staff.



### **West Suburban Consolidated Dispatch Center (WSCDC)**

Our consolidated Dispatch Center added a fifth agency, Forest Park during 2017. This additional agency helped to reduce our costs to the Dispatch Center. In addition, the Dispatch Center received up-grades which included new consoles and going from six to nine consoles.

WSCDC received 65,584, 9-1-1 calls in 2017: 51,131 for Police and 14,453 for Fire. 9-1-1 calls increased 11.7% and overall phone calls increased 6.1% from the previous year.

In 2017, there were 166,762 Computed Aided Dispatch (CAD) events, an increase of 12.2% from last year. WSCDC answered 99.6% of all 9-1-1 calls within 15 seconds, and 100% of all calls within 40 seconds. This exceeds the NFPA 1221 Standard (Fire standard).

### **New Ordinances**

Two new ordinances were developed in 2017. Electronic Smoking Devices were added to the City's ordinance on smoking. Also, a Chronic Nuisance Properties ordinance was established to address problematic properties.

### **Staffing Changes**

During the 2017 budget process the Council authorized two additional police officer positions to the Department, and increased staffing for the Records Bureau to include one full time position and three part-time positions.

### **On-Going Projects**

- 1) Building Study – the building need study was completed 2017. Recommendations will be made for the 2018 budget process.
- 2) Compensation Study – the compensation study was initiated in 2017 with a completion date in early 2018.
- 3) Body Cameras – an implementation plan was developed and it will be addressed in the 2018 budget process.
- 4) School Resource Officers – Middle School – a pilot program was developed for implementation at the Middle Schools in District 64.

### **Mental Health Training Education**

At the end of 2016, all sworn staff received the 40 Hour Crisis Intervention training, (CIT). After this was accomplished, during 2017, all sworn officers received re-training/evaluation of their CIT skills.

### **Citizens Corps Council**

The Park Ridge Citizen Corps Council is a collaboration of City departments and community stakeholders. In 2017, the Citizen Corps Council operated with 105 volunteer for 5,618\* service hours volunteered to the City of Park Ridge. Citizen Corps Council programs were deployed during every event and critical incident within the City of Park Ridge in 2017.

\*Total YTD Hours (5,618) X Volunteer Hourly rate 24.14 = Total annual salaries saved by the City, \$135,618.52.

### **Citizens Patrol**

The Park Ridge Citizens Patrol is a not – for profit, community –based volunteer organization that consists of 30 active members. Started in 1979, the original goal of the group was to aid in crime prevention by patrolling the community for the purpose of observing and reporting suspicious activity and potentially dangerous situations. This goal was expanded over the years and the group now also helps to maintain the safety and security of our city by supporting other city organizations with their events, as needed, in the form of traffic and crowd control.



Members of the Citizens Patrol donate their time by patrolling the community during evening hours, assisting during storms, railroad crossing problems, floods, power outages, automobile accidents, crime scenes and other catastrophic events. In addition, the Citizens Patrol continues to assist and support the Park Ridge Police Department and the City with activities and events such as 5K walks/runs, recycling events, the Taste of Park Ridge, National Night Out, and Winterfest. In 2017, Citizen Patrol provided a total of 2,163 hours of service.

### **Community Emergency response Team (CERT)**

The Park Ridge Community Emergency Response Team (PRCERT) program consists of 49 volunteers with specialized training in traffic control, severe weather assessment, disaster response and assessment skills, fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. PRCERT participates in specialized groups/units including: the Com Ed Joint Operations Center (Com Ed JOC), an Illinois Search and Rescue Council (ISARC) certified Search and Rescue (SAR) unit, and a Trailer Deployment Group to deploy the Citizen Corps Council utility trailer. In 2017, PRCERT responded to activation for flooding/weather standby, assisted the city in numerous civic events, provided mutual aid assistance to other towns and townships for Search and Rescue for missing persons and evidence, and launched a successful Community Outreach Program for Emergency Preparedness. PRCERT continues to hold annual membership classes. In 2017, PRCERT provided a total of 2,717 hours of service.



### **Parent Patrol**

In 2017, Parent patrol Program volunteers provided 76 hours of volunteer time by working select potential high activity weekends throughout the calendar year. In it's eight years of operations the program continues to develop and adjust to the needs of community, while affirming its commitment to discouraging/preventing underage drinking all the while building a stronger relationship between the Park Ridge Police Department and the community it serves.

### **Police Explorer Post**

The Police Explorer program is affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America and teaches youth between the ages of 14 and 20 skills related to law enforcement. The Explorers do not have police powers. Explorers participated in training/meeting sessions on defensive tactics, DUI enforcement, criminology, traffic stops, juvenile law, investigations procedures, community policing, rapid deployment and traffic control.

Park Ridge Explorers have been deployed to assist police in community events such as National Night Out, Earth Day and Farmers Market, just to name a few. They also play an important role in assisting the police department with traffic control, crowd control and presentation assistance at the Taste of Park Ridge, July 3<sup>rd</sup> Fireworks, parades and races. In 2017, they provided a total of 662 hours of service and currently there are 12 active members.

### **Farmers Market - "Ask a Cop"**

The Department continues to participate at the Farmers Market on a monthly basis from June to October.

### **Donations**

Throughout the year, local schools and charitable organizations often ask for donations for raffles and auctions. In 2017, the Police Department donated nine rides to school in a police car and lunches with the Chief.

### **2017 Special Events**

The Department assisted in the following Special Events:

- Park Ridge Locale House of Worship Dedication
- Special Olympics
- Maine South Fun Color Run
- Park Ridge Indian Scouts and Princesses Walk/Run
- Harry O'Brien Spring Dash Run/Walk
- Norwegian Day Parade
- Farmer's Market
- Main Street Craft Beer Festival
- Memorial Day Parade
- Memorial Day Community BBQ Picnic
- Cruisin' Park Ridge Car Shows
- ALGH Fitness Fun for Everyone 5K Run/3K Walk
- Resolve Chicagoland's Walk of Hope
- Concerts in the Park
- July 3<sup>rd</sup> Fireworks
- Kiwanis Kiddie Parade
- Taste of Park Ridge
- WGN Morning News Block Party
- Annual Library Block Party
- Hawk Harrier 5K
- National Night Out
- Vine Street BBQ Competition
- Trot Against Trafficking
- Main Street Oktoberfest

- Charity Classic 5K
- Maine South Homecoming Parade
- Compass to Care 5K Walk/Run
- ACS Making Strides Park Ridge
- Outdoor Movie Night
- Park Ridge Park District Oktoberfest
- Electronic Recycling
- Halloween Kiddie Parade
- 1<sup>st</sup> Annual D64 ELF Halloween 5K Race and Relay
- Winterfest
- Illinois Bicentennial Flag Raising
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Pilgrimage Procession

### **Block Parties Program**

The Park Ridge Police Department continued to send representatives to neighborhood block parties throughout the summer. The Park Ridge Police Department attended approximately 70 parties.

### **Honor Guard**

Last year the Honor Guard participated in the Park Ridge Police Memorial Service, Norwegian Day Parade, Memorial Day Parade, National Night Out, the 9/11 Memorial Dedication, Maine South and Maine East Homecomings, and Veteran's Day Ceremonies at Franklin School, Maine East High School and Maine South High School.

### **Nixle**

The Park Ridge Police Department is committed to transparency and to providing time sensitive critical information to the public. To that end, the Park Ridge Police Department has been using news releases, Nixle Lite and Facebook for some time now. Administrators recognize that no one platform is the panacea for information sharing. For one thing, news releases do not represent a broad approach and are largely dependent on the media covering the story. In addition, differing demographics use a variety of social media mediums. In an effort to cover a broader segment of the social media market and to speak directly to the consumer of information, the department began using Twitter, Nextdoor and YouTube as well. These services are available at no cost, however, the management of message delivery became a challenge. Specifically, there were limitations in how quickly our staff was able to get messages broadcast. In addition, by participating in different platforms, our administrators were required to issue separate messages, one per platform, which became unwieldy.

The solution was to upgrade our Nixle subscription. The upgrade offers enhanced features such as a mobile phone application allowing our patrol supervisors to issue messages from the field. This means that they are no longer required to leave the scene of an incident to post the message from a computer at the station. In addition, the Nixle platform connects an agency's Facebook and Twitter accounts. With two clicks of a button, the supervisor can ensure that the message sent out on Nixle is simultaneously broadcasted to our Facebook and Twitter followers.

### **Next Door**

Park Ridge Police Department is pleased to announce that we are using Nextdoor in an effort to build a new community partnership, encouraging a positive communication network within the community, promoting crime prevention efforts of a neighborhood watch, and to help foster a safe environment for neighbor-to-neighbor communications. There are currently nearly three thousand Park Ridge residents using Nextdoor to communicate with one another, and continues to grow. Nextdoor is a great tool to effectively share crime prevention and safety updates, free events, charity fundraising, and important safety notifications. You can expect to receive pertinent local crime and safety updates from the Park Ridge Police Department on Nextdoor. Nextdoor is a website, [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com) which is private to only those who live in the neighborhood and who have a verified address.



### **Coffee with a Cop**

In 2017, the Park Ridge Police Department continued the “Coffee with a Cop” program. This program, which was held at local establishments in each of the respective police beats, provided an opportunity for citizens to meet with police officers in a comfortable environment and talk about any subject – crime trends, neighborhood nuisance issues, public safety management, or how to join our team of volunteers. Each event was well received by the residents. We will continue this program throughout 2018.

### **Training**

For 2017, the Department continued to make cost-effective training a priority. We continue to focus on North East Multi-Regional Training, (NEMRT) and the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA), no-cost or minimal cost class offerings, grant-funded trainings and in-house training as much as possible. Sworn officers and civilian personnel attended over 3,000 hours of training. All current sworn officers are certified CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) officers and newly hired officers are on track to be certified. In-service training continues to be conducted with over 300 total hours completed by sworn personnel from supervisor to patrol. For 2018 we will continue to keep cost at a minimum by seeking more in-house and online training opportunities. The Department recently purchased a new online program that administers and tracks all state mandated training for law enforcement agencies. The following is a brief summary of some training received by the staff this past year:

Active Shooter for the Initial Responder	Basic Police Photography
Advanced Cyber Crimes	Close Quarter Handgun Skills
Advanced Sex Crimes Investigation	Community Service Officer Training
Asset Seizure and Forfeiture	Comprehensive DUI Awareness
AED/CPR	Craigslist Investigation
Arson Investigation	Customer Service for Civilian Personnel
Basic Evidence Technician Program	Death Investigation
Digital Evidence Processing	Labor Issues Training
Disarming the Suicidal Mind	Midwest Forensic Conference
Evidence Property Management	Organized Crime Training
Explosive Recognition: Bomb and Security Planning	Pedestrian and Bicycle Crash Reconstruction
Field Training Officer (Refresher)	Police Applicant Background Investigation
Financial Crimes Training	Police Suicide Awareness and Prevention
Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System	Sex Crime Investigations
Illinois State Police Evidence and Forensic Submissions	Surveillance and Apprehension
Imagescan (Computer Forensics)	The Changing Terrorist Threat
Juvenile Justice	

### **Law Enforcement Special Olympics**

The Department continued its commitment to Law Enforcement Special Olympics and participated in five fundraising events: Polar Plunge, Cop-on-Top, Spare Change for the Charge, Torch Run and a “Test Your Strength” event at the Taste of Park Ridge. Our efforts generated nearly \$12,000 for Special Olympics in 2017. The department also received the Evanston Polar Plunge “Top Cops” award for the second consecutive year, raising \$4,865 at the Polar Plunge event alone.



## **National Night Out**

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police/community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live. The 13<sup>th</sup> annual National Night Out was held on August 1, 2017. Our special honorary guest was Gary Warner of Honor Flight of Chicago. The event was well received and the Department was successful in heightening crime and drug prevention awareness, generating support for and participation in local crime prevention programs, strengthening neighborhood spirit and forging police-community partnerships, and sending the message to criminals that the police and community are working together and are fighting back against crime



## **Police Records Department**

In 2017, the Records Department increased staffing to include the first full-time Records Technician position effective May 1, 2017. This increase in staffing has allowed the Records Department to eliminate several backlogs, which were the result of repeated turn-over by part-time staff, as well as operate more efficiently.

## **Traffic Activities**

- Community Partnerships
  - District 64
    - Officers out on foot/vehicle patrol before and after school. Officers also conducting selective traffic enforcements in school zones
    - Beat team leaders and traffic officer regularly met with school representatives regarding traffic concerns
    - Four traffic safety meetings held with school and district administration to discuss traffic concerns
    - Community service officers enforcing parking violations before and after school.
    - Monthly meetings were held in the spring at Franklin school so parents could voice concerns about traffic issues
    - District administrators would send emails to the traffic officer about motorists violating school bus stop arms and parking violations
    - Officers would stop by school functions such as plays and sing alongs
  - Citizen Patrollers
    - Volunteers out at schools for visible presence
    - Assisted in handing out traffic safety material
    - Assisted in traffic control when the railroad gates are stuck down

- Assisted in traffic direction for serious traffic accidents
- Lutheran General Hospital
  - Assistance was given to LGH when they were adding multiple levels to their existing parking garage
  - Worked with the hospital regarding hit and runs
  - Reevaluating the Dempster and Luther Ln. traffic and pedestrian issues
  - Working with the Valet service regarding traffic compliance
- Red Light Safety Camera Program
  - 3,854 violations were reviewed
  - 2,640 violations were approved
  - Monthly reports were generated
  - Site Ops was utilized several times for investigations in criminal matters and for hit and runs
  - Site Ops was integral in assisting the Department when there was a hit and run with 14 victims. The Department was able to narrow down a description of the suspect vehicle and a time frame. Which did lead to the arrest of the offender
- DUI Program
  - Update and certify breathalyzer monthly
  - Track and monitor DUI data
  - Re-certify PBT's every 92 days
  - Order and make sure the booking room has the proper forms and DUI blood kits
- Hit and Run Investigations (269 for the year)
  - Investigate all hit and runs that the department receives
  - Courtesy calls made to unsolvable cases
  - Numerous cases were solved and restitution was paid to victims
  - A hit and run involving 14 victims in Park Ridge that carried into multiple jurisdictions, along with charges of Aggravated fleeing and eluding from Des Plaines was solved by Park Ridge
- Education Campaigns
  - Quarterly Community Strategies Newsletters
  - Local access cable channel traffic safety slides
  - Quarterly school traffic meetings
  - Several railroad blitzes were conducted with the help of the Metra police, the Canadian National railroad and the citizen patrollers. Educational materials were handed out
  - "Children Play Here Signs" were delivered to resident houses and were placed on parkways to promote speed and pedestrian awareness
  - AAA distracted driving simulator was utilized at National Night Out
  - Hosted the AARP defensive driving class at the Public Works Service Center
  - Distracted driving campaigns with local schools
  - Pedestrian crossing flags placed at Summit and Prospect for pedestrian safety
  - Signs were placed in the Uptown area informing the public that riding bicycles and using skateboards on the sidewalks is prohibited
  - Distracted driving campaigns were conducted for cell phone tickets, along with campaigns for speeding and texting while driving
  - "Stop Means Stop" placed at hot spot intersections and where citizens requested they be placed

- Speed trailer and speed sentries deployed for speed analysis/data and to inform motorists of their speed for safety awareness
  - Driver education taught at both high schools along with Viking driving school.
  - Passed out fliers at the Senior breakfast about the AARP driving class as well as passing them around town
- Data and Studies
    - Speed, volume, and violations studies were conducted, 40 were completed.
    - Crash analysis for stop sign requests.
    - Selective enforcement program, monitor patrol, speak with complainants, verify if complaints are valid, if they are take enforcement action
  - Engineering
    - 270 overweight permits were reviewed and approved, generating \$23,950.00 in revenue.
    - Engineering recommendations, LED red flashing lights placed on the top of stop signs at high crash and high stop sign violation intersections, stop means stop placed at hot spot locations, no parking signs were instituted on the south side of Granville across from Mary Seat of Wisdom to alleviate traffic congestion during morning drop off and afternoon pick up.
    - A new stop sign was placed on s/e Northwest Hwy. and Greenwood.
    - 2 new sandwich board no left turn signs were placed on Prospect in the Uptown area.
    - A new pedestrian crosswalk sign was placed at Northwest Hwy. and Euclid.
  - Miscellaneous
    - \$178,037.00 in overweight fines were generated
    - Radars were re-certified and new ones ordered.
    - Sent out violation letters to motorists that violate traffic and parking laws that are reported by citizens.
    - Received multiple calls and emails from a resident having issues with a truck with a loud muffler. After several weeks of sitting in the area one citation was issued.
    - There have been numerous parking complaints about Postal vehicles parking illegally. The Postal Manager was notified verbally and in writing about this issue. Photos of illegally parked postal trucks were taken for presentation to Postal Manager
    - Certified the Intoxilyzer every month
    - Received a request for police assistance because cars were not stopping for kids in the crosswalk at Cumberland and Oakton. No observations were observed.
    - The speed sentries were deployed to the area of Northwest Hwy. and Glenview, Dee area for speeding autos
    - Several crossing guards were given LED Stop paddle signs
    - Attended the senior breakfast every month and several Coffee with a Cop events
    - Fulfilled a resident requested that permanent speed signs be placed at Northwest Hwy. and Dee
    - Park Ridge CSO's were deployed to the area of Tyrell and Manor for parking violations
    - Assisted in a traffic volume study on Oakton
    - The speed sentry was deployed at Touhy and Home for speeding autos
    - Two new speed sentries were requested in the new budget

- Issued 10 speeding tickets for speed awareness day
- Radars unit were certified
- Assisted the crossing guard with directing traffic at Hamlin and Talcott
- Addressed a resident's concerns about traffic on Dee Road
- Spoke with a resident that requested the speed limit on Summit between Touhy and Prospect be lowered to 5mph and that a crosswalk sign be posted in front of the Uptown train station
- Received complaints about cars being trapped on the railroad tracks at Summit and Prospect
- Attended Rapid Deployment Training
- One our speed sentries was stolen and located in Carpentersville, due to a lack of evidence, no charges were filed
- A total of 508 tickets were issued in Selective Enforcement zones, with 588 warnings issued
- Additional Warning to Motorist forms were ordered and placed in the lock-up
- A resident requested the installation of stop signs be placed at Harrison and Columbia. After an analysis of the intersection the crash data did not support the installation of the stop signs
- Several radars were sent out for repair
- Conducted a traffic study at Granville and Crescent for stop sign violations and speeding autos. After several days of observations, the traffic in the area was behaving as it should
- Niles Police Department notified us that they were concerned with the number of crashes at our shared intersection at Oakton and Prospect. After discussing the issue with the City Engineer, it was determined that there was no Engineering issue with the intersection, and the amount of crashes during various times was relatively low
- LED red flashing lights were placed on top of numerous stop signs throughout town
- The speed trailers were deployed to various locations in town as needed
- The right green turn arrow was eliminated at Touhy and Cumberland due to the traffic patterns changing after a new gym opened up in that location.
- A new stop sign was installed on s/e Northwest Hwy. and Greenwood
- The Department ordered more LED red flashing lights along with more LED stop paddles
- Helped in obtaining records for Intoximeter for a subpoena
- A resident requested stop signs be placed at Prairie and Chester. After a traffic crash analysis the intersection did not meet the criteria for installation
- New larger MUTCD stop sign paddles were ordered for the crossing guards
- Received a traffic complaint of cars not stopping at stop signs at Greenwood and Crescent
- After several complaints about the no turn on red sign at Talcott and Dee, IDOT is doing a study to see if the sign should be removed
- Assisted the records section with a FOIA request regarding red light photo enforcement
- Attended the department in service training
- Warning letters were sent out to motorists for violating the stop sign arms for school buses at Field school
- Monitored traffic complaints about Maine South students speeding on Broadway from Arthur

- Issued 14 distracted driving tickets and 1 warning for distracted driving week
- Data for Top Ten crash intersections were released
- A speed study was completed at Root and Hansen, the results did not justify a selective enforcement
- Stop signs were requested at Frances and Grace, after a crash analysis was completed the results did not justify that stop signs be placed there
- The Department looked into the viability of partnering with a company to request stop sign violations be recorded when cars pass the school bus stop arm and after consulting with a company the logistics were not viable
- A meeting was conducted at a resident's house to talk about speeding concerns on the 800 block of Shibley and a traffic study was completed, and several suggestions were given to the Engineering Department on how to curb the speed of vehicles. The speed sentries have been deployed for extended periods of time. A selective enforcement was created for that area. 16 tickets for speeding were issued in that area
- Having cell phone violations heard at the adjudication process was discussed
- Stop signs were requested at Park Ridge Blvd. and Delphia. The crash analysis did not justify stop signs being installed
- Seven tickets for motorists making illegal left hand turns out of the condominium complex at Delphia and Touhy were issued
- Complaint of speeding trucks on Oakton received and after several weeks of no violators the complaint was unfounded.
- Traffic complaints about the Mariano's grocery store were received. All the complaints dealt with private property issues. Staff worked with the store about the issues
- Assisted with a FOIA request from the Chicago Tribune regarding publishing traffic crash data on our website
- A speed study was conducted at Greenwood and Crescent. The results did not justify a selective enforcement
- The Village of Lincolnwood requested information about our stop means stop program
- The Director of Jeanine Schultz School requested that Bouterse street from Busse Hwy. and Rowe be blocked off to allow their students to be dropped off without any traffic interference. It was determined that this was not a viable option due to an entrance/exit that is on Bouterse between the 2 streets for a condo complex.

**Part V**  
**Professional Standards**

## Professional Standards

### Formal Citizen Complaints

There was one filed in 2017. The case was unfounded.

### Citizen Inquiries

Citizen Inquiries are investigations into an incident requested by a citizen who does not wish to file a formal complaint. These are allegations of a less serious nature. The department handled thirteen of these in 2017. Of these thirteen, three were sustained. Corrective action was taken for the members involved.

### Administrative Reviews

There were twenty-nine Administrative Reviews handled in 2017. These investigations relate to issues raised by supervisors or other staff members regarding the conduct of department members. Examples include missed court dates, tardiness, performance issues, etc. Of these twenty-nine, twenty were sustained resulting in corrective action. A pending case from 2014 was concluded with a sustained finding.

### Use of Force

An analysis of the Use of Force Reports submitted for the year 2017 is as follows:

- All Use of Force incidents and techniques were within Departmental and State guidelines. There were 7 reported incidents.
- There was no discipline or remedial training required due to excessive force.
- There were no complaints of excessive force from citizens or discovered by supervisors during their review.
- There were 10 officers involved with the 7 Use of Force incidents.
- Of the 10 Use of Force techniques applied, 7 were compliance/escort related, 1 taser deploy, and 2 were weapons display.
- Of the 7 Use of Force incidents, 7 subjects were adults.

### **Types of Use of Force Reports**

<b>Type of Force</b>	<b>2017</b>
Display of Firearms	2
Use of Firearms	0
Baton	0
O.C. Spray	0
Compliance Technique or Escort	7
Display of Taser	0
Use of Taser	1
Other	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>

### Police Pursuits

During 2017, there were no police pursuits.

### **Traffic Study Data – 2016\***

The following data represents the stops for minority drivers in 2016, Illinois statewide:

Benchmark for minority drivers - 28.48%

Actual minority drivers stopped - 39.44%

The percentage of minority drivers stopped in Park Ridge is below the established benchmark.

	<u>Minority Drivers</u>	<u>Caucasian Drivers</u>
Benchmark	25.12%	74.88%
Actual Stop	21.37%	78.63%

\* Data is a year behind. 2017 data will not be available until Fall of 2018.

### **Formal Inspections**

There were 109 formal inspections conducted in 2017.

<b>Number</b>	<b>Audit Type</b>
17-1	2017 Drivers License Audit
17-2	Foot Patrol Audit #1
17-3	Secondary Employment Audit
17-4	Foot Patrol Audit #2
17-5	CHRI Audit
17-6	Property Room Audit Random
17-7	Taser Audit
17-8	In-Car Camera Audit #1
17-9	Informant Fund Audit #1
17-10	CHRI Audit
17-11	Spring Line Inspection – Admin
17-12	MDT Transmission
17-13	10-41 Audit #1
17-14	Court Audit
17-15	Lock up Audit
17-16	Spring Line Inspection – Patrol
17-17	Ticket Control Audit
17-18	Foot Patrol Audit
17-19	Domestic Violence Report Audit
17-20	CAD Note Audit
17-21	CHQ Audit
17-22	CHRI Audit
17-23	Taser Audit
17-24	Pedestrian Stop Card Audit #1
17-25	Racial Profiling, Data Audit #1
17-26	Property Room Audit – Random
17-27	Armory Audit
17-28	Posting Of Item Audit
17-29	CHRI Audit
17-30	Foot Patrol Audit
17-31	Foot Patrol Audit
17-32	Daily Activity Sheet Audit #2
17-33	Daily Activity Sheet Audit #1

17-34	In-Car Video Audit #2
17-35	Pedestrian Stop Car Audit #2
17-36	Victim's Rights Audit #1
17-37	Lock-up Audit
17-38	Domestic Violence Report Audit
17-39	Informant Fund #2
17-40	Property Room Inspection - Random
17-41	Premise ALERT Annual Audit
17-42	Ticket Control Audit
17-43	Internet Use Audit
17-44	10-41 Audit #2
17-45	Foot Patrol Audit
17-46	CHQ Audit
17-47	CAD Notes
17-48	Nixle Audit
17-49	CHRI Audit
17-50	LEADS Audit
17-51	Foot Patrol Audit
17-52	Sex Assault Kits Audit
17-53	D64 Camera Audit
17-54	Vaping Ordinance
17-55	Domestic Violence Report Audit #3
17-56	Foot Patrol Audit
17-57	Pedestrian Stop Card Audit #3
17-58	In Car Camera Audit #4
17-59	In Car Camera Audit #3
17-60	Lock-up Report Audit
17-61	CHRI
17-62	Racial Profiling Audit
17-63	Racial Profiling Audit
17-64	10-41 Audit #3
17-65	Informant Fund Audit #3
17-66	Property Room Audit - Random
17-67	LEADS Audit
17-68	Time Documentation – Exempt Employees
17-69	CHQ
17-70	Fall Inspection - Patrol
17-71	Radar Certification
17-72	MDT Transmissions
17-73	MDT Transmissions
17-74	Breathalyzer Certifications
17-75	CHQ Audit
17-76	Property Room Audit - Unscheduled
17-77	Posting of Materials
17-78	CHRI
17-79	Armory Audit
17-80	ILEAP Files
17-81	Annual Review Purchasing Procedures
17-82	In Car Camera Audit

<b>17-83</b>	In Car Camera Audit
<b>17-84</b>	CHRI Audit
<b>17-85</b>	10-41 Audit
<b>17-86</b>	Outside Vendor Complaints
<b>17-87</b>	Citation/Warning Requests
<b>17-88</b>	Informant Fund
<b>17-89</b>	Sex Offender Regulation Compliance
<b>17-90</b>	Emergency Preparedness Adjudication Hearings
<b>17-91</b>	REM Report – Evidence/Property Audit
<b>17-92</b>	CAD Notes Audit
<b>17-93</b>	CAD Notes Audit
<b>17-94</b>	Annual Review Church Fund
<b>17-95</b>	Daily Activity Sheet Audit
<b>17-96</b>	Court Audit
<b>17-97</b>	Court Audit
<b>17-98</b>	Court Audit
<b>17-99</b>	Criminal Court Performance
<b>17-100</b>	Case Screening
<b>17-101</b>	Annual Motor Vehicle Crashes Review
<b>17-102</b>	Response to Resistance Annual Audit
<b>17-103</b>	On the Job Injury Audit
<b>17-104</b>	Lutheran General Hospital Key Card Audit
<b>17-105</b>	CHRI Audit
<b>17-106</b>	Lock up Audit
<b>17-107</b>	Domestic Violence Report Audit
<b>17-108</b>	Court Subpoena Audit
<b>17-109</b>	Criminal Court Performance
<b>17-110</b>	Equipment Audit
<b>17-111</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Taser
<b>17-112</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Taser
<b>17-113</b>	Victim Rights #2
<b>17-114</b>	Seized Property
<b>17-115</b>	Pedestrian Stop Audit
<b>17-116</b>	Court Sick Audit
<b>17-117</b>	Sick Time Usage Review

**Grievances**

There were three grievances filed in 2017. One was withdrawn and two were resolved.

**Police Involved Automobile Accidents**

There were four accidents involving City vehicles. Three accidents involved City employees who were at fault, and corrective action was taken. One accident was caused by another driver. All were minor in nature.

**On the Job Injuries**

There were 11 reports filed with 13 employees reporting injuries. Seven employees remained at work while five were treated, released and sent home for further medical follow up, and 1 was admitted to the hospital.

**Summary of officer activity is as follows:**

Slipping/mis-stepping	3
Combative subject	4
Assist Fire Department	1
Exposure	1
Assisting Citizen	1
<u>Chasing suspect</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>

**Part VI**  
**Red Light Camera – Impact Study**



Per the Illinois Compiled Statutes, 625 ILCS 5/11-208.6 Automated Traffic Law Enforcement System:

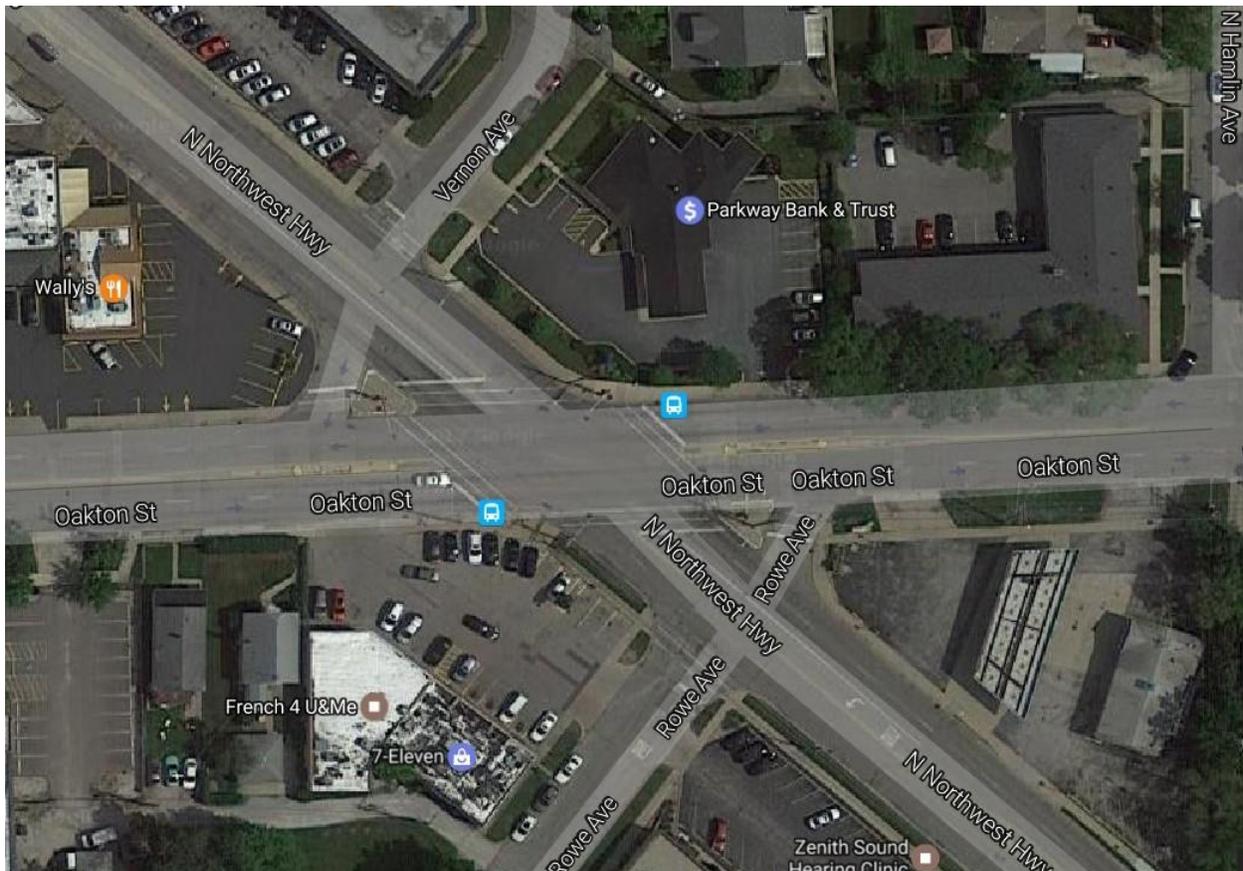
*(k-7) A municipality or county operating an automated traffic law enforcement system shall conduct a statistical analysis to assess the safety impact of each automated traffic law enforcement system at an intersection following installation of the system. The statistical analysis shall be based upon the best available crash traffic and other data, and shall cover a period of time before and after installation of the system sufficient to provide a statistically valid comparison of safety impact. The statistical analysis shall be consistent with professional judgment and acceptable industry practice. The statistical analysis also shall be consistent with the data required for valid comparisons of before and after conditions and shall be conducted within a reasonable period following the installation of the automated traffic law enforcement system. The statistical analysis required by this subsection (k-7) shall be made available to the public and shall be published on the website of the municipality or county. If the statistical analysis for the 36-month period following installation of the system indicates that there has been an increase in the rate of accidents at the approach to the intersection monitored by the system, the municipality or county shall undertake additional studies to determine the cause and severity of the accidents, and may take any action that it determines is necessary or appropriate to reduce the number or severity of the accidents at that intersection.*

A Red Light Running (RLR) Photo Enforcement System was installed at the intersection of Northwest Highway and Oakton Street on March 4, 2010, after finding limited success with other attempted measures to promote safer driving and improve compliance with traffic laws. The following statistical analysis was performed through 2015. Calendar year 2016 was not included as the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has not yet completed collecting all data. The statistical analysis will be updated annually, as collected data becomes available from IDOT.



## Northwest Highway at Oakton Street Park Ridge, IL

- RLR Photo Enforcement System monitors violations occurring on the westbound approach of the intersection
- RLR Photo Enforcement System installed: March 4, 2010





**Northwest Highway & Oakton Street- Westbound Approach**



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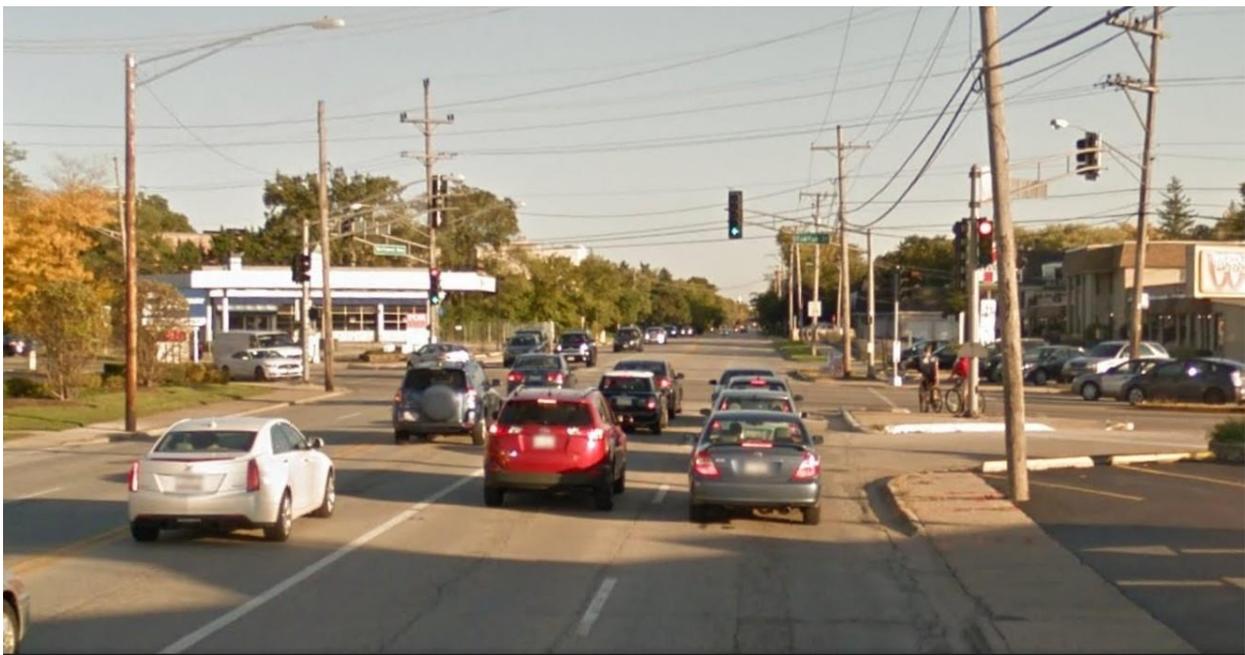




**Northwest Highway & Oakton Street- Northwest Bound Approach**



**Northwest Highway & Oakton Street- Southeast Bound Approach**



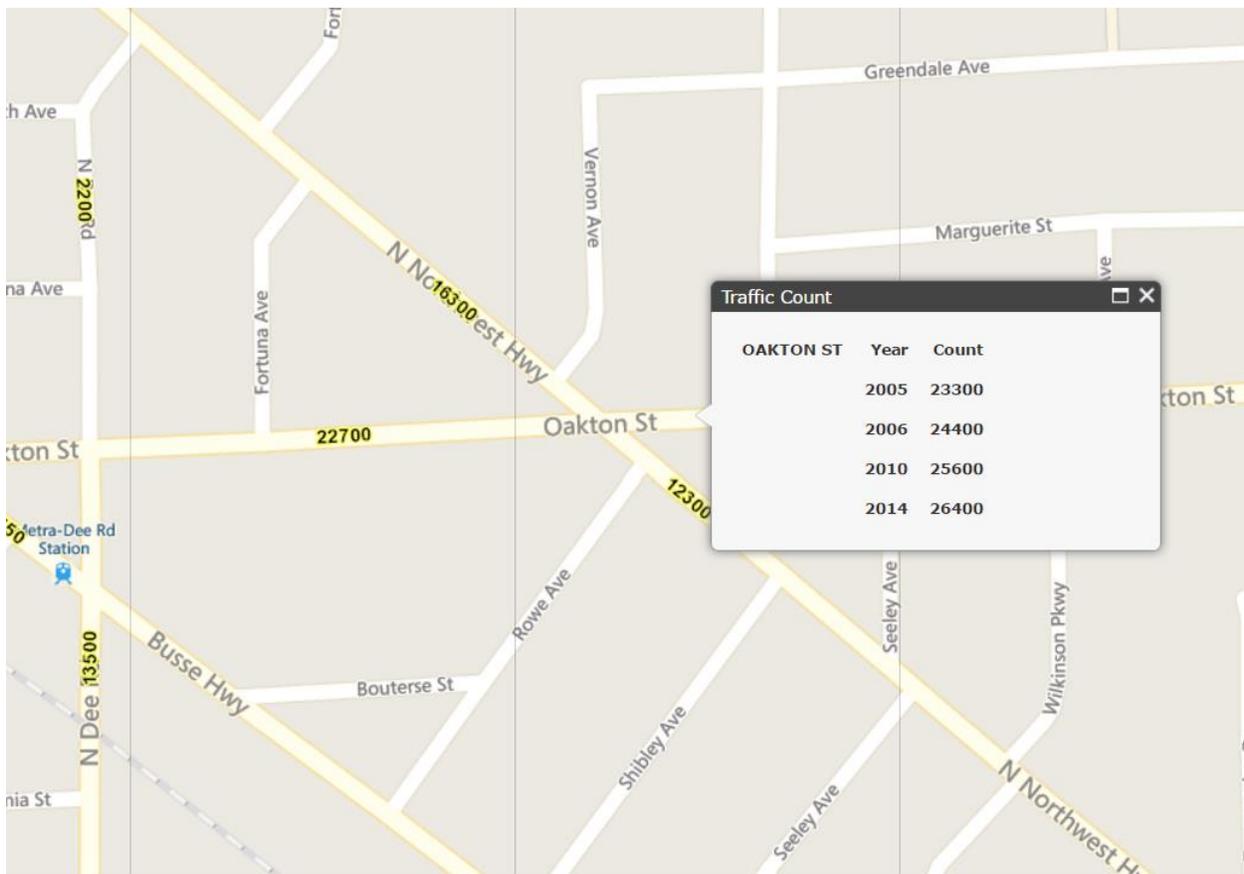


## Average Daily Traffic

Data was obtained from the Illinois Department of Transportation's website [www.gettingaroundillinois.com](http://www.gettingaroundillinois.com).

Northwest Highway & Oakton Street (Westbound)

- 23,300 (2005)
- 24,400 (2006)
- 25,600 (2010)
- 26,400 (2014)





## Crash History and Analysis

- Table 1 includes crash data obtained from the Illinois Department of Transportation, detailing angle, turning, rear-end, and other type crashes occurring at the intersection pre/post RLR Photo Enforcement System installation.

### ALL INTERSECTION APPROACHES

	Crashes								
	Rear-End (% of Total)		Angle (% of Total)		Turning (% of Total)		Other (% of Total)		Total
2006	3	33.3%	1	11.1%	1	11.1%	4	44.5%	9
2007	5	31.3%	4	25.0%	6	37.5%	1	06.2%	16
2008	3	37.5%	2	25.0%	0	00.0%	3	37.5%	8
2009	1	14.3%	1	14.3%	1	14.3%	4	57.1%	7
Total	12	30.0%	8	20.0%	8	20.0%	12	30.0%	40
2006-2009 Average	3.0		2.0		2.0		3.0		10.0

RLR Camera Installation 03/04/2010									
2010	4	57.1%	1	14.3%	1	14.3%	1	14.3%	7
2011	4	57.1%	1	14.3%	2	28.6%	0	00.0%	7
2012	4	80.0%	1	20.0%	0	00.0%	0	00.0%	5
2013	6	85.7%	0	00.0%	0	00.0%	1	14.3%	7
2014	2	66.7%	0	00.0%	1	33.3%	0	00.0%	3
2015	5	55.6%	0	00.0%	2	22.2%	2	22.2%	9
Total	21	67.7%	2	06.5%	5	16.1%	3	09.7%	31
2011-2015 Average	4.2		0.4		1.0		0.6		6.2

- Other indicates the following: Pedestrian, Pedal Cyclist, Fixed Object, Sideswipe, Head-On and Unknown

Table 1

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**Crash History and Analysis (continued)**

- Table 2 includes crash data obtained from the Illinois Department of Transportation, detailing angle, turning, rear-end, and other-type crashes occurring at the intersection on the westbound approach only, pre/post RLR Photo Enforcement System installation.

**WESTBOUND APPROACH ONLY  
 (PHOTO ENFORCED APPROACH)**

	Crashes								
	Rear-End (% of Total)		Angle (% of Total)		Turning (% of Total)		Other (% of Total)		Total
2006	2	66.7%	1	33.3%	0	00.0%	0	00.0%	3
2007	2	33.3%	2	33.3%	2	33.4%	0	00.0%	6
2008	1	25.0%	2	50.0%	0	00.0%	1	25.0%	4
2009	1	33.3%	1	33.3%	0	00.0%	1	33.4%	3
Total	6	37.5%	6	37.5%	2	12.5%	2	12.5%	16
2007-2009 Average	1.5		1.5		0.5		0.5		4.0

RLR Camera Installation 03/04/2010									
2010	0	00.0%	0	00.0%	1	100.0%	0	00.0%	1
2011	2	66.7%	1	33.3%	0	00.0%	0	00.0%	3
2012	1	50.0%	1	50.0%	0	00.0%	0	00.0%	2
2013	4	80.0%	0	00.0%	0	00.0%	1	20.0%	5
2014	0	00.0%	0	00.0%	0	00.0%	0	00.0%	0
2015	4	100.0%	0	00.0%	0	00.0%	0	00.0%	4
Total	11	78.6%	2	14.3%	0	00.0%	1	07.1%	14
2011-2015 Average	2.2		0.4		0.0		0.2		2.8

- Other indicates the following: Pedestrian, Pedal Cyclist, Fixed Object, Sideswipe, Head-On and Unknown

Table 2

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Comparison of annual averages shows the total number of crashes decreasing by 38% at the intersection for all approaches and by 30% on the westbound (photo enforced) approach post-camera installation.

The US Department of Transportation Project Development and Design Manual states that turning, angle or head-on crashes have a number of probable crash causes, to include:

- Large volumes of left /right turns
- Large total intersection volume
- Excessive speed on approaches
- Inadequate traffic control devices
- Poor visibility of signals

While red light cameras cannot truly decrease the volume of cars entering the intersection, speed and proximity of vehicles entering an intersection or the amount of turning traffic volume, red light cameras and red light camera photo enforcement warning signs have the ability to reduce traffic crashes and improve compliance with traffic control devices.



## Adjudication Experience

RLR camera violations are contested and adjudicated through an administrative hearing conducted each month. Adjudication data for the City’s Automated Enforcement Program is shown below in Table 3.

<b>CITY OF PARK RIDGE ADJUDICATION FOR AUTOMATED PHOTO ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM</b>		
<b>YEAR /TOTALS</b>	<b>LIABLE</b>	<b>NOT LIABLE</b>
2010	86	45
2011	84	36
2012	67	25
2013	121	30
2014	120	11
2015	153	21
2016	140	20
2017*	30	1
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>189</b>

*\*2017 totals through March 2017.*

Table 3

The high quality video footage and photographic evidence produced by the enforcement system is a contributing factor in a majority of the contested RLR violations being upheld by the Hearing Officer. The police officers assigned to review and approve/reject potential violations are vigilant in applying the same officer discretion and criteria they would if issuing an in-person citation, resulting in only highly prosecutable violations being mailed out.

**Part VII**  
**Goals 2018**

## **Goals 2018**

1. Implement a Pilot SRO program in Lincoln Middle School
2. Implement a lateral entry program for police candidates
3. Review and evaluate the recommendations of the Compensation Study
4. Implement a field test for the Body Camera Program
5. Increase the number of Officers that are trained with tasers
6. Pilot test for the elimination of staffing at Post 1 for the midnight shift
7. Implement recommendations on the building study
8. Conduct leadership training to rebuild a command/supervisory team



## ~ In Remembrance ~

Robert Colangelo, 68, former Police Chief and Public Safety Director for Park Ridge, died Nov. 24, 2017.

He had joined the department in 1972, rising through the ranks. At a point when he was a Deputy Chief, he accepted a job as Chief of Police in Burr Ridge, but returned to Park Ridge two months later.

Later that year he became Public Safety Director for Park Ridge, supervising police and fire operations for the city. By 1998, he recommended that there be separate fire and police departments with their own chiefs. He retained command of the Police Department until he retired July 7, 2000.

Chief Robert Colangelo served the Park Ridge Community honorably and professionally. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.