

The Park Ridge Police Department

Chief Frank Kaminski



2013 Annual Report

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Chief's Message

2013 was another year of growth for the Department.

By far, one of the most significant accomplishments for 2013 was receiving the designation as one of the top 100 safest cities in the country for populations of 25,000 or greater. Our actual rank was 72. This is certainly something everyone can be proud of.

In reference to crime, overall crime for 2013 decreased by 5.1% as compared to 2012. Our index crime rate remained relatively unchanged for 2013. Our low crime rates continue to help us achieve our Safest City designation.

As we learned from the Healthier Park Ridge Survey, crime is a key concern for residents. The results from the Survey were released in 2013. When asked about your quality of life in Park Ridge, specifically, "What is valued most?," the #1 response for respondents was "Safety, low crime." Certainly, this information maintains our high level of service to our residents.

I am particularly proud of our efforts in reference to burglaries. Burglaries were reduced by 16.81%. This past year our Community Strategies Bureau concentrated on proactive outreach with the community regarding crime prevention initiatives. Also, we joined NORTAF's Burglary Task Force which has assisted us on focusing on regional burglary operations. I believe both these efforts have helped to impact our burglaries.

Phase I of the Police Renovation Project was completed in 2013. This phase allows us to move the property function to the building annex. On behalf of the members of the Department, I want to thank the Council for supporting this phase of the project.

Community outreach continued to be a focus for the Department. "Coffee with A Cop" was implemented during 2013, as well as the "Keeping it Real" programs. The Department also participated in the National Traffic Safety Challenge and once again was recognized for its efforts.

I am proud of the many awards and recognition our staff has received through 2013. They are a special group of people.

In 2014, we will face a significant challenge in reference to our police dispatch decision. In addition, we hope to finally create our 9-11 Memorial.

I am especially grateful for the men and women of the Park Ridge Police Department and their efforts in 2013 to make our community safe.



Part I
Department Staff



Police Department Staff



As of 12/30/13

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Commander Kathleen Shaughnessy

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Sergeant Kirk Ashleman

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Sergeant Jean Delfosse

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Ruth Hahn
Tony Hernandez
Laura Kappler
Daniel Kearns
Ken King
Jeff Koller

David LaFrancis
Frank Lauria
Matt McGannon
Jon Moehrlin
Greg Orta
Carlos Panizo
Benjamin Peterson
Tom Rechlicz
Remoh Robert
Kevin Ryan
Arnold Sanetra
Karyn Suarez
Agnes Szpiganowicz
Greg Taylor (promoted to Sgt. 1/4/13)
Steve Tracy
Mark Vallejo
Jeff Waddell

Detectives

John Anderson
John Dorner
Mario Faso
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Community Service Section

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Community Service Officers

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Pat Hodge

Kate Poirier

Jack Lanners

Mike Sexton

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Laura Soto

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Parking Enforcement Officers

Philip Kosecki

Dolores Wilson

Info Techs

Christine Bengtson

Michael Munoz (Hired 7/23/13)

Katherine Cien

Karen Ziemek (Hired 12/02/2013)

Emel Sendil

Sylwia Zwolinski (Hired 12/26/2013)

Eden Haile (Left 6/1/2013)

Justin Haretoun (Hired 7/29/2013)

Matthew Fisher (Hired 9/23/2013,

Michael Pavel (Left 11/30/2013)

Left 11/12/2013)

Kevin Mathew (Hired 9/3/2013, Left 11/11/13)

Records

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Kerry Cwick

Sue Tunzi

Julie Rumbaut



Crossing Guards

George Aragianas	Barbara Abdul
Kathy Adrian (Left 6/6/13)	Diane Appari
Kurt Arntzen	Gretchen Bertling
Jerry Dytko	Paul Enderle
Bruce Johnsen	Kathleen Jozwiak
Ralph Lietz	John Luszowiak
Joseph Mangiolardo	Doris McCabe
Vickie Mellema	Francis Musillami
James Russo	Max Ponder
Mary Powers	John Whalen (Left 11/18/13)
Kathy Geib	Rob Wortman
Eliane Kuykendall	Kathleen Yoshida (Hired 8/22/13)
Catherine Piazza	John Pufpaf (Hired 3/15/13)
Panagiota Chronopoulos (Hired 8/27/13)	Christine Dudlak (Hired 6/11/13)
Judy Niederkorn (Hired 8/22/13)	Jack Suomi
Rogelio Yrastorza (Hired 9/12/13, Left 11/15/13)	



Reserve Crossing Guards

Jack Clerkin (Left 8/5/2013)
 Liz Mahoney
 Giuseppe D'Aquisto
 Michael Nimietz
 Pauline Ronan
 Joe Blume
 Michael Urbano
 Guy Maloberti (Hired 9/16/13)
 George Marcin (Hired 8/22/13)
 Ann Payne (Hired 9/12/13)
 Ruben Ruiz (Hired 9/12/13)
 Katherine Summer-Swidnicki (Hired 9/23/13)
 Ronda Acuna (Hired 9/16/13)



Student Interns

Kendall Bieschke
Michael Munoz
Marcin Dukala



Citizen Patrol Members

Joe Deprizio	Pat Dohr
Dick Stuercke	Art Ryden
Joan Hutchinson	Wes Davis
Susan Kleckner	Pat Gill (Retired 12/13)
Don Tyre	Irene Horodecki (Retired 12/13)
Joseph Cien	Joseph Sweeney
Gary K. Warner	Ray Rasane
Charlie Austin	Neil Norcross
Stan D'Souza	Jerry Scafa
Edward J. Fennell (Retired 12/13)	Ron Kurowski
Susan Scatchell	Leslie A. Wolf
Ted Woytowicz	Cassie Stutman
Harry J. Ashner	Elizabeth Ryles
Mike Dwyer	Frank Summers
Tom Wilson	Jerry Oleksy
Don Rusch (Passed Away 6/13)	Robert Wortman (Retired 2/13)
William Reilly	John Mukoyama
Angelo Demeros	

Police Explorer Members

Connor Buckley
Stevan Georgevich
Cameron Grossart
Angelo Hunter
Adam Kravetz
Gary Lynch
Ken Maggiore
Frank Marinopoulos
Eric Mansini
Karl Meister
Anthony Perez
Eugene Toms
Sam Winter



Police Chaplains

Rev. Rich Darr
First United Methodist Church

Rev. Sarah Odderstol
St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Fr. Chris Kerkeres
St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox

Fr. Andrew Liaugminas
Mary, Seat of Wisdom
(Left: September 2013)

Rev. Jim McCracken
Park Ridge Presbyterian Church
(Left: January 2013)

Fr. James Wallace
Mary, Seat of Wisdom

Rev. Matt Hoffman
St. Andrews

Rev. Ed Bird
St. Mary's Episcopal Church

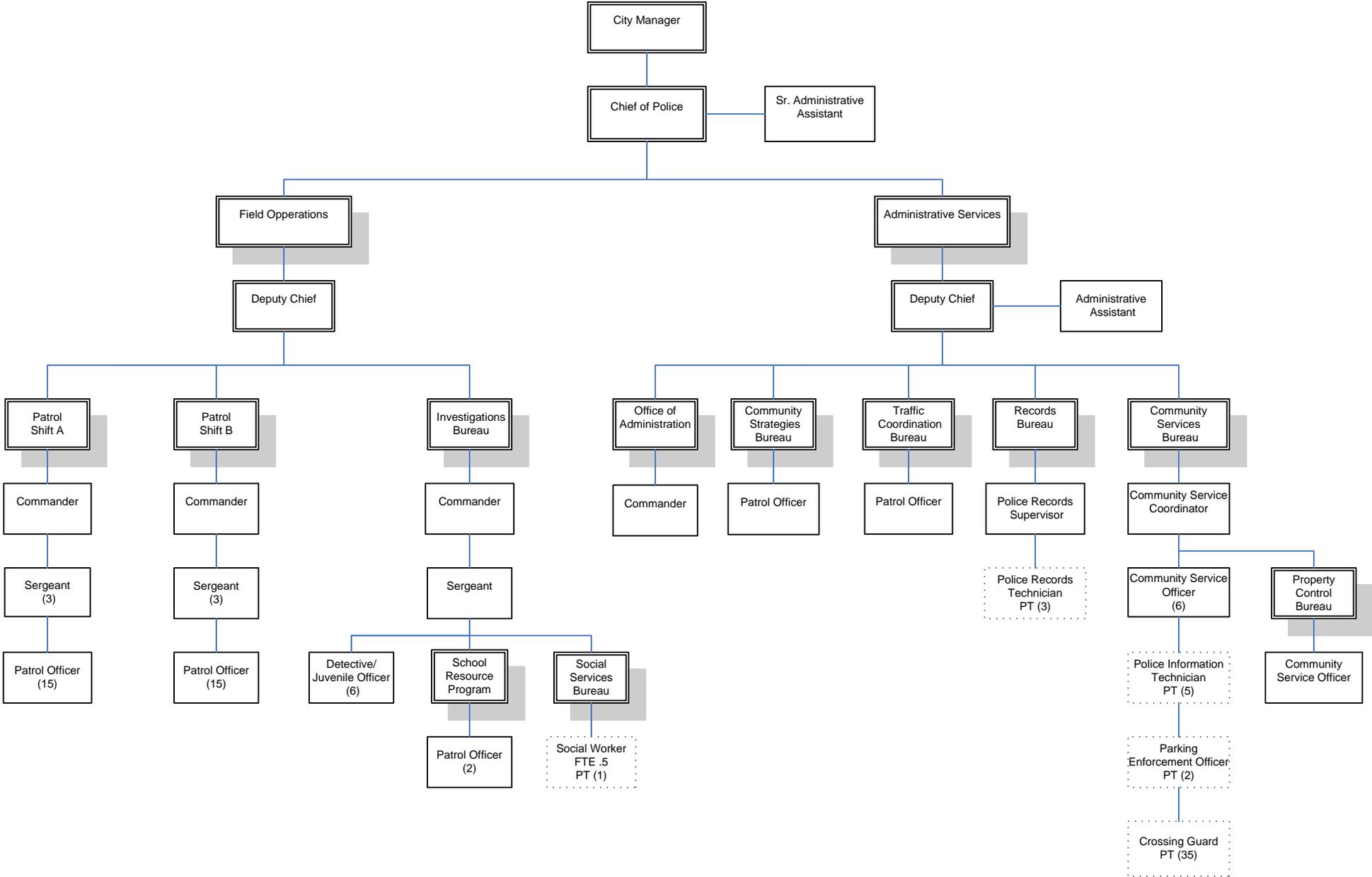
Rev. Robert Campbell
First United Methodist Church

Rev. Larry Lutey
St. Luke's Lutheran Church

Perry Fisher
1st Church of Christ Scientist

Dr. Dave Saulnier
1st Baptist, Park Ridge

Park Ridge Police Department



Part II
Departmental Recognition

Departmental Recognition

Special Awards

Police Officer of the Year 2012

Each year the department forms a committee to nominate an Officer of the Year. This year, Officer Evans was chosen to receive the Officer of the Year award for 2012. Officer Evans was selected as Officer of the Year for his excellent lifesaving police work related to a suicidal subject.

Employee of the Year

During 2012, Administration employee, Kim Hodge was given the Employee of the Year Award.



Cook County Sheriff's Law Enforcement Award

Officer Evans received the Award of Merit for his efforts in saving the life of a subject who hung themselves.

Certificates of Recognition



During the 2013 year, twenty-one officers received Letters of Recognition, and out of those twenty-one, three officers received two or more letters.

Traffic Awards

In 2013, four officers received awards for their efforts in traffic enforcement which included DUI (Officer McGannon), speed (Officer Anthony Hernandez), safety belt (Officer Karyn Suarez) and child safety seat enforcement (Officer John Moehrlin).



Perfect Attendance

In 2013, Deputy Chief Keller, Commander Leavitt, Sergeant Taylor, Detective Anderson, Detective Faso, Officer Alonso, Officer McGannon, Officer Rechlicz, CSO Lanners and Info Tech Bengtson did not use any sick time during the year.

Complimentary Letters From Citizens

Over the past twelve months, the department has received 78 complimentary letters to numerous officers for their hard work and professional efforts.

Saved By the Belt Award

Forty-nine (49) 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.

Special Olympics

The Department received an award from Special Olympics Illinois for their participation in several events throughout the year. The Department raised \$20,017.12 in 2013.



Maine Township Emergency Management Association

In 2013, Maine Township Emergency Management Association awarded the Park Ridge Police Department with a Certificate of Excellence in appreciation of the continuing partnership amongst departments.

Part III
Crime Data



PARK RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME OFFENSE/ARREST COMPARISON 2012 VS. 2013

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.

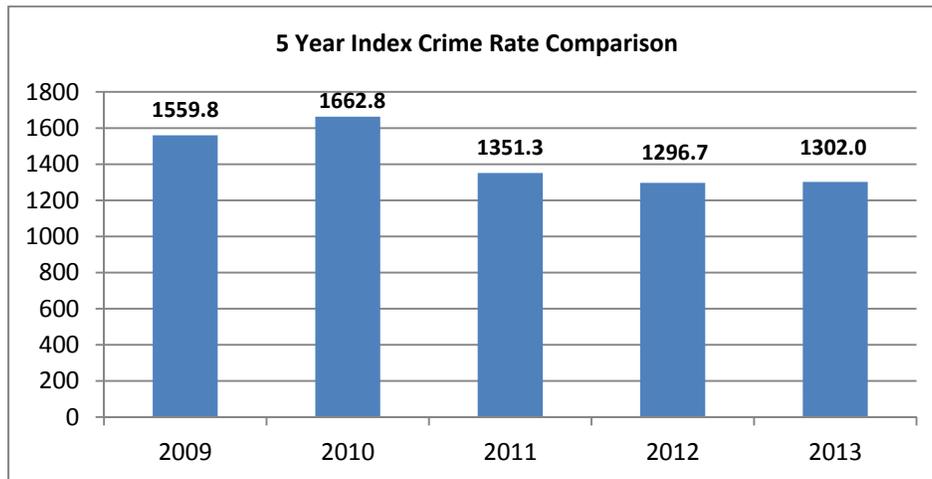
INDEX CRIME OFFENSE RATE

The **Index crime rate**¹ 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 2013 Index Crime Rate is almost equivalent to the 2012 Index Crime Rate. Although the Index Crime Rate in Park Ridge increased slightly, by less than ½ percent from 2012 to 2013, due to an increase of only two Part I Index crimes.

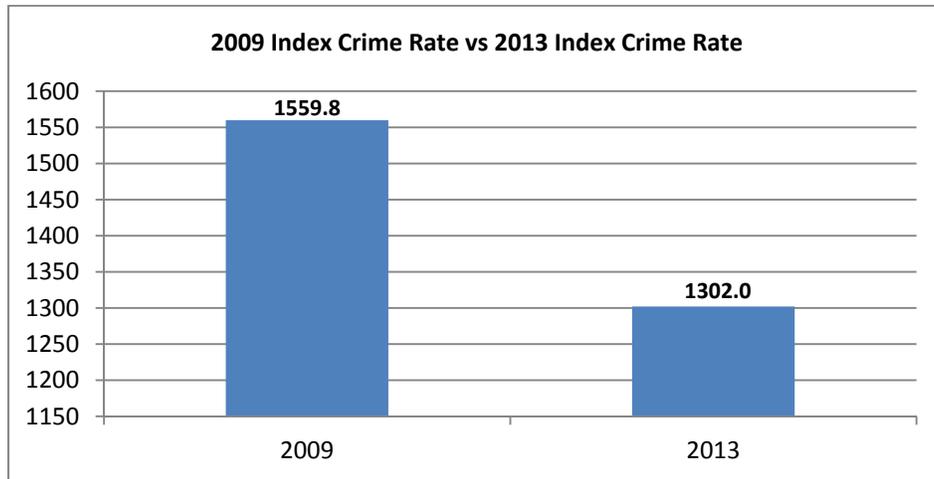
¹ Based on the latest publication of Crime in Illinois 2010-11, the Crime Rate for the State of Illinois was 3073.1 and 4063.5 for the County of Cook

² Based on 2010 census data = 37,480



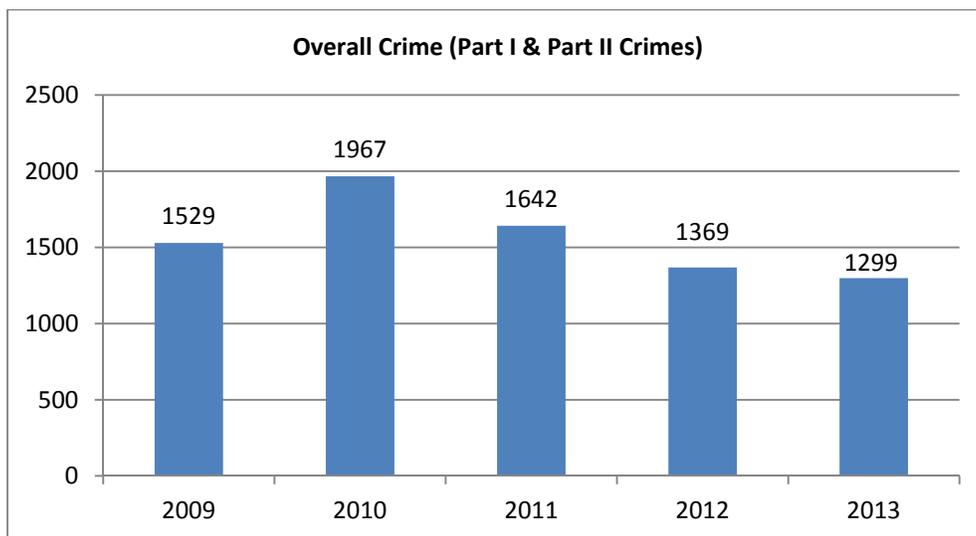
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The Index Crime rate has decreased by 16.5% from 2009 to 2013 as indicated on the chart below.



OVERALL CRIME TOTALS

Overall crime totals represent the total of both Part I & Part II crimes.



In 2013, the total of overall crime decreased by 5.1%, or 70 criminal offenses, as compared to 2012. Additionally, the overall crime totals have decreased by 15.0% as compared to 2009.



**PARK RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CRIME OFFENSE/ARREST COMPARISON
2012 VS. 2013**

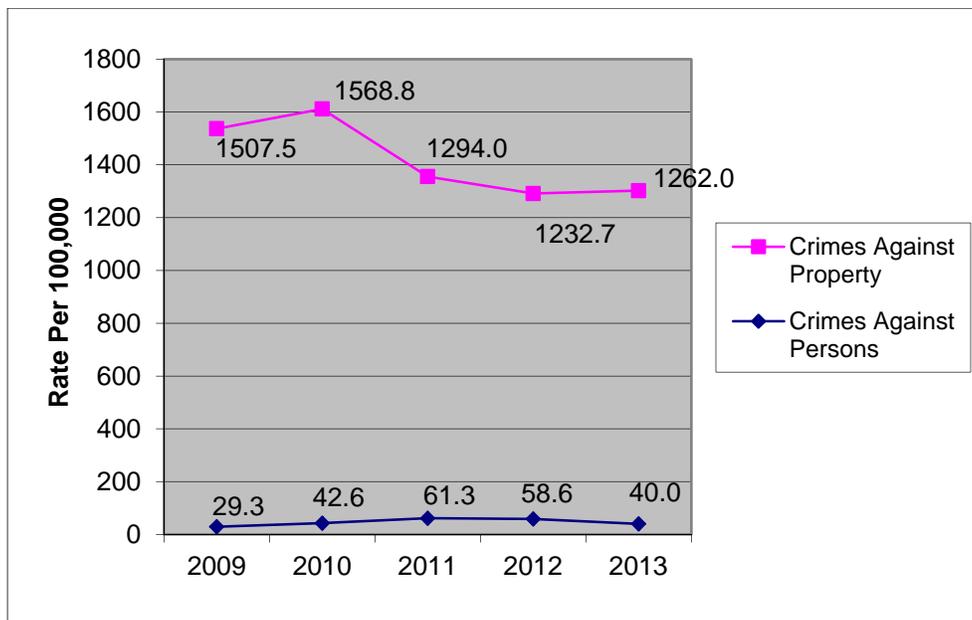
Violent Crime Offenses	2012	2013	# Difference	% Change
Criminal Homicide	1	0	-1	-100.0%
Forcible Rape	0	1	1	n/c
Robbery	12	6	-6	-50.00%
Aggravated Battery/Assault	9	8	-1	-11.11%
Property Crime Offenses				
Property Crime Offenses	2012	2013	# Difference	% Change
Burglary	119	99	-20	-16.81%
Theft	327	361	34	10.40%
Motor Vehicle Theft	13	10	-3	-23.08%
Arson	5	3	-2	-40.00%
Crime Index Offense Totals³	486	488	2	0.41%
Violent Crime Offense Totals	22	15	-7	-31.82%
Property Crime Offense Totals	464	473	9	1.94%
Violent Crime Arrests				
Violent Crime Arrests	2012	2013	# Difference	% Change
Criminal Homicide	1	0	-1	-100.0%
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	0.00%
Robbery	2	1	-1	-50.00%
Aggravated Assault/Battery	2	1	-1	-50.00%
Property Crime Arrests				
Property Crime Arrests	2012	2013	# Difference	% Change
Burglary	9	10	1	11.11%
Theft	22	35	13	59.09%
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	2	2	n/c
Arson	2	2	0	0.00%
Crime Index Arrest Totals	38	51	13	34.21%
Violent Crime Arrest Totals	5	2	-3	-60.00%
Property Crime Arrest Totals	33	49	16	48.48%

³ All Crime Index categories include attempts, except attempted Homicide, which is classified and reported as an Aggravated Battery. There were no attempted Homicides reported as aggravated battery in 2012 or 2013.



PARK RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME OFFENSE/ARREST COMPARISON 2012 VS. 2013

Violent Crime Offenses include Criminal Homicide, Forcible Rape, Robbery and Aggravated Assault/Battery (including attempts). Violent crime offenses, or Crimes against Persons, accounted for 3.1% of the crime index total in 2013. 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 97.0% of the crime index total in 2013.

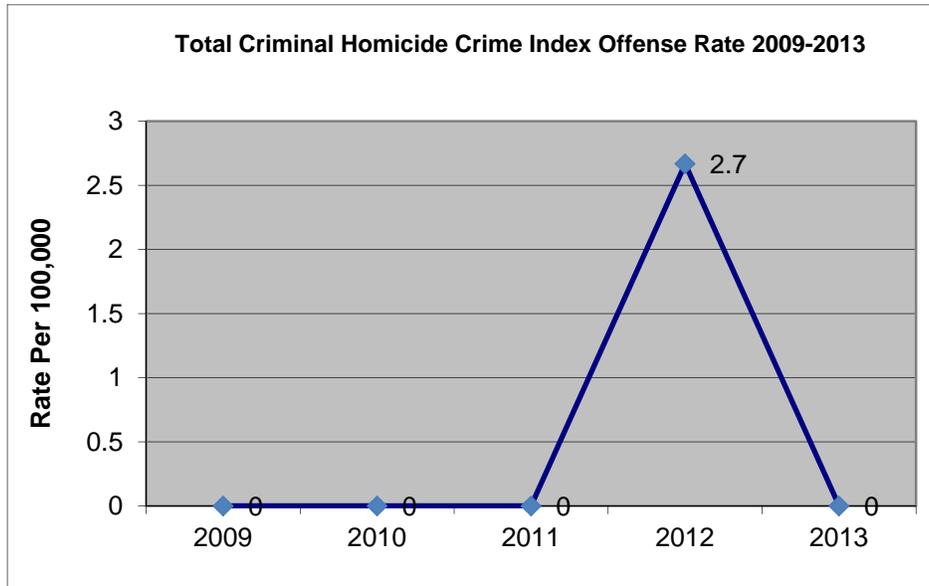


Although the total number of Violent Crime Offenses has increased 36.36% over 5 years, in 2013 the Violent Offenses Crime Rate was the second lowest in 5 years and decreased by 31.82% since 2012.

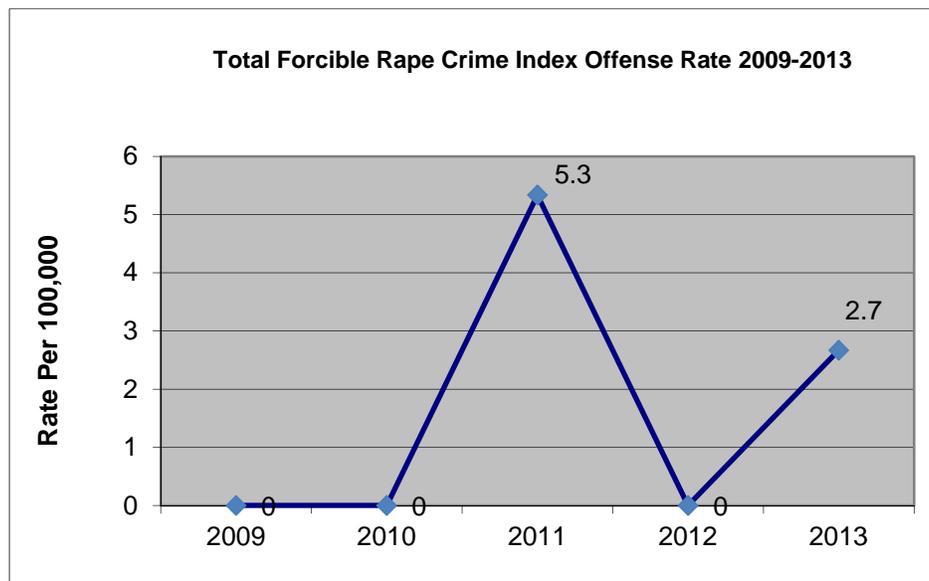
Although the total number of Property Crime Offenses has increased 1.94% since 2013, it has decreased by 16.28% over 5 years and in 2013 the Property Offenses Crime Rate was the second lowest in 5 years.



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2012 VS. 2013**



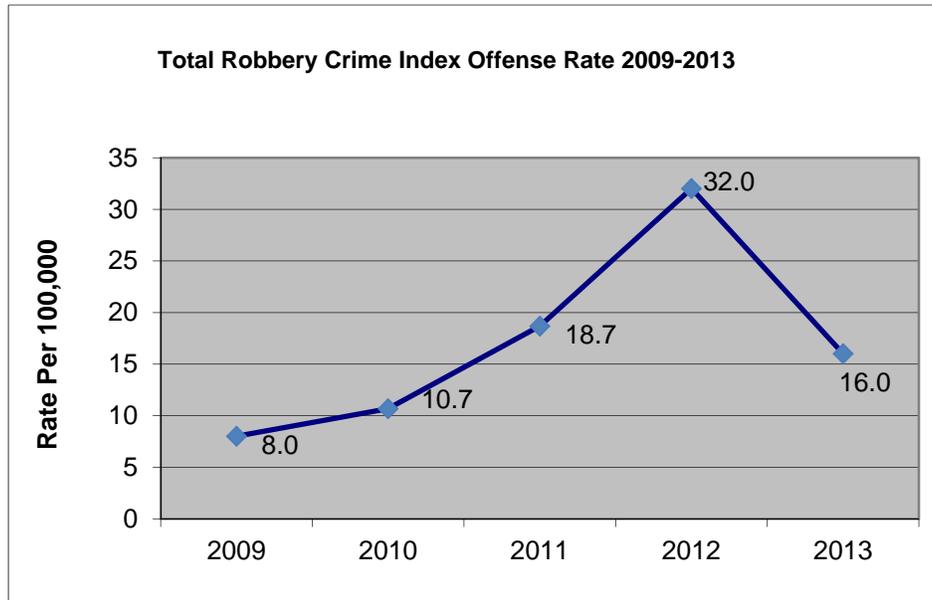
Criminal Homicides decreased 100.0% in 2013 from 1 to 0. The Homicide crime rate is the same it was in 2009.



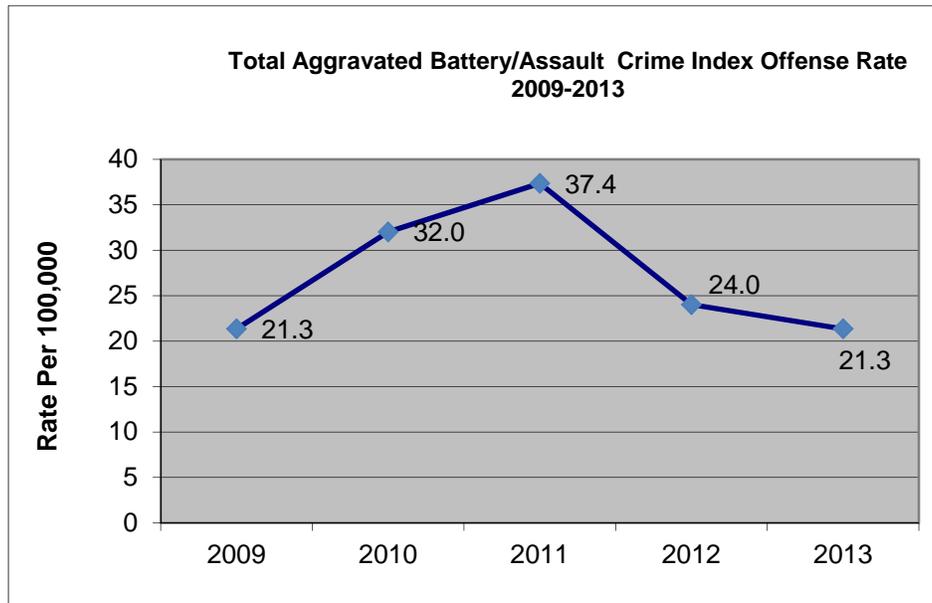
Forcible Rapes increased by a total of 1 in 2013 (not calculable in a percentage), from 0 to 1 and the crime rate is slightly higher than it was in 2009.



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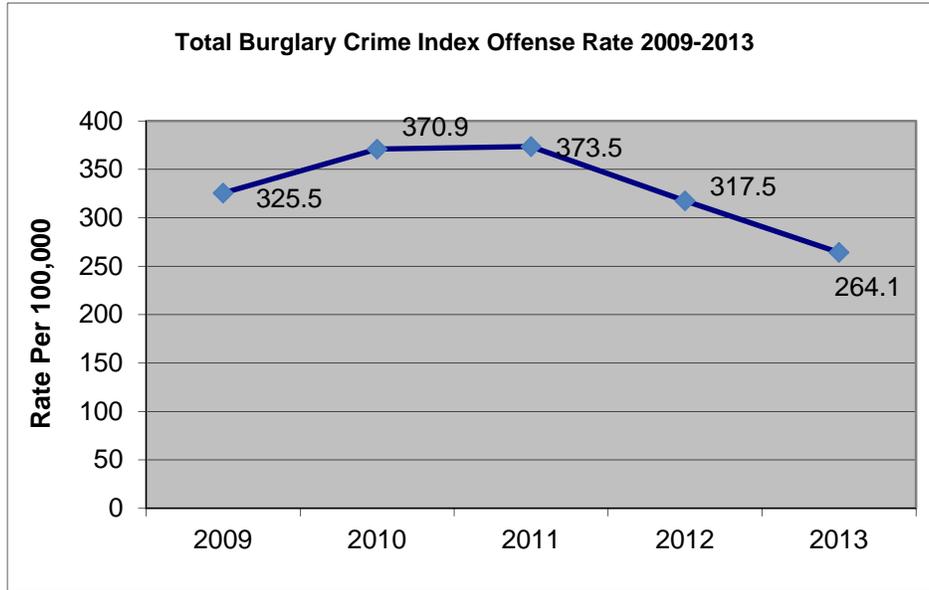
Robbery crimes decreased by 50.0% in 2013, however the crime rate is 100.0% higher than it was in 2009.



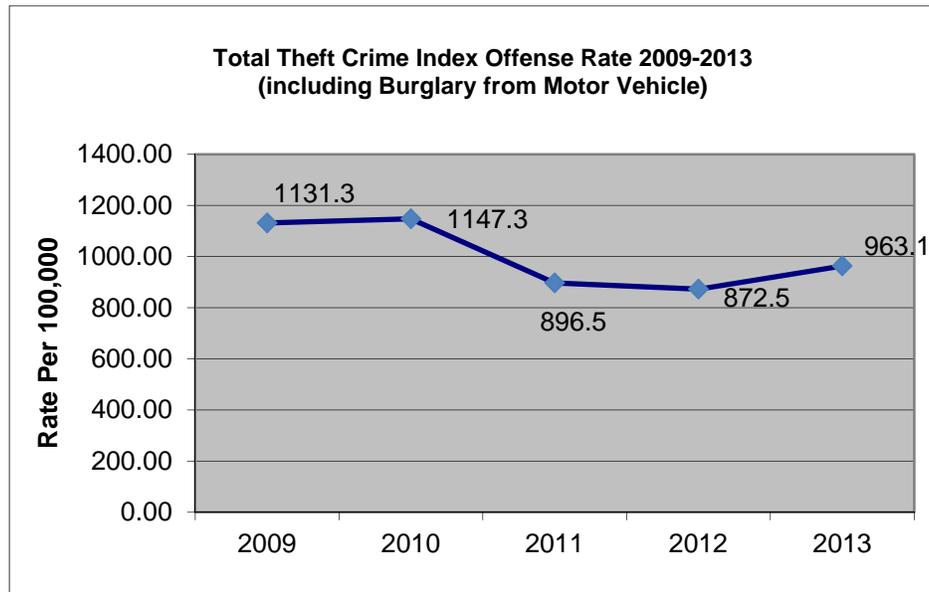
Aggravated Battery/Assault crimes decreased by 11.11% in 2013, but are at the same crime rate they were in 2009.



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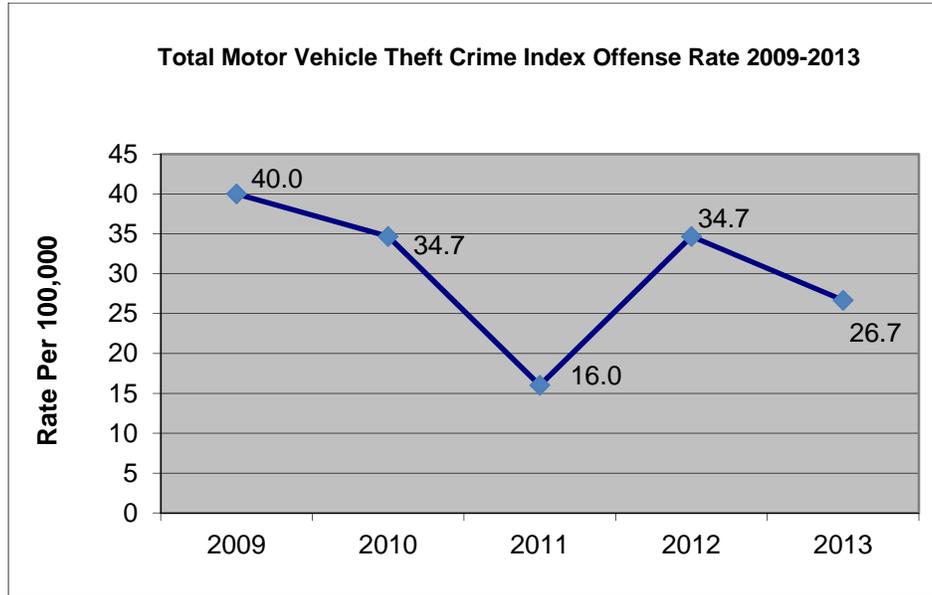
Burglary crimes offenses have decreased by 16.81% in 2013 and the crime rate is 18.9% lower than it was in 2009.



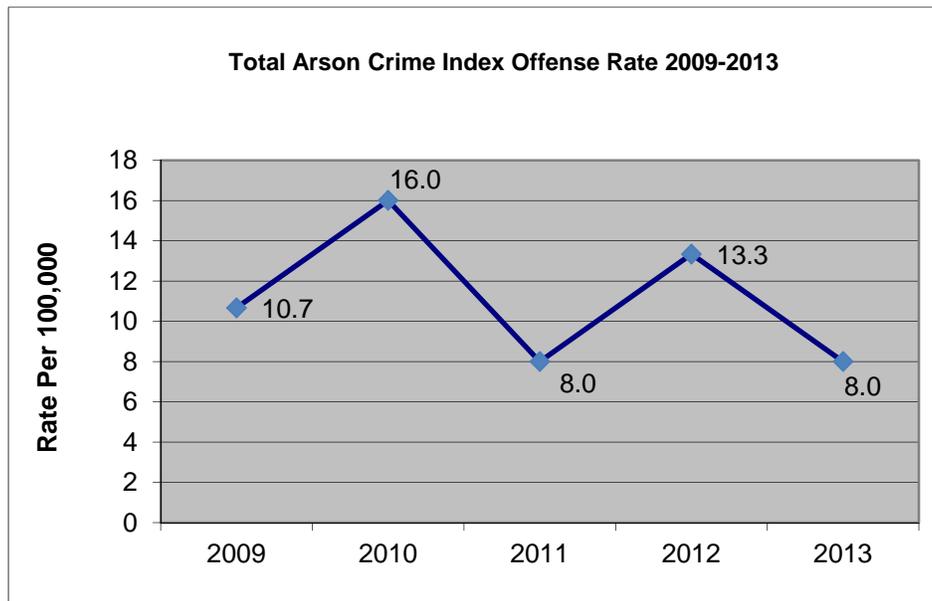
Theft crime offenses have increased by 10.4% in 2013, however this crime rate is 14.9% lower than it was in 2009.



PARK RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME OFFENSE/ARREST COMPARISON 2012 VS. 2013



Motor Vehicle Theft crime offenses have decreased by 23.08% in 2013, however the crime rate is 33.33% lower than it was in 2009.



Arson crime offenses have decreased by 40.0% in 2013. This crime rate is 25.0% lower than it was in 2009.



**PARK RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CRIME OFFENSE/ARREST COMPARISON
2012 VS. 2013**

Drug Crime Arrests	2012	2013	# Difference	% Change
Cannabis Control Act	26	46	20	76.92%
Controlled Substances Act	5	3	-2	-40.00%
Hypodermic Syringes & Needles Act	0	0	0	0.00%
Violations of Drug Paraphernalia Act	20	24	4	20.00%
Violations of Methamphetamine Act	0	0	0	0.00%
Drug Crime Arrest Totals	51	73	22	43.14%

Select Part II Crime Offenses	2012	2013	# Difference	% Change
Simple Assault/Battery	72	63	-9	-12.50%
Domestic Battery	93	71	-22	-23.66%
Criminal Damage to Property	173	83	-90	-52.02%
Criminal Damage to Vehicle	104	71	-33	-31.73%
Juvenile Runaways	13	8	-5	-38.46%

Alcohol Related Arrests	2012	2013	# Difference	% Change
Liquor Control Act Violations	91	57	-34	-37.36%
DUI Violations	54	53	-1	-1.85%
Zero Tolerance Violations	2	3	1	50.00%

Annual Totals	2012	2013	# Difference	% Change
Part I Crime Offenses	486	488	2	0.41%
Part I Crime Arrests	38	51	13	34.21%
Part II Crime Offenses	885	811	-74	-8.36%
Part II Crime Arrests	556	475	-81	-14.57%
Drug Crime Arrests	51	73	22	43.14%
Total Criminal Arrests	602	526	-76	-12.62%
Total Criminal Offenses	1369	1299	-70	-5.11%
Total Service Calls	27769	26812	-957	-3.45%
Total CAD Incidents	29138	28111	-1027	-3.52%
Traffic Accident Reports	1229	1428	199	16.19%
Total Traffic Stops	3752	4219	467	12.45%

Although there was a slight increase in Part I Crime offenses in 2013 of .41%, they are 15.3% lower than they were in 2009.

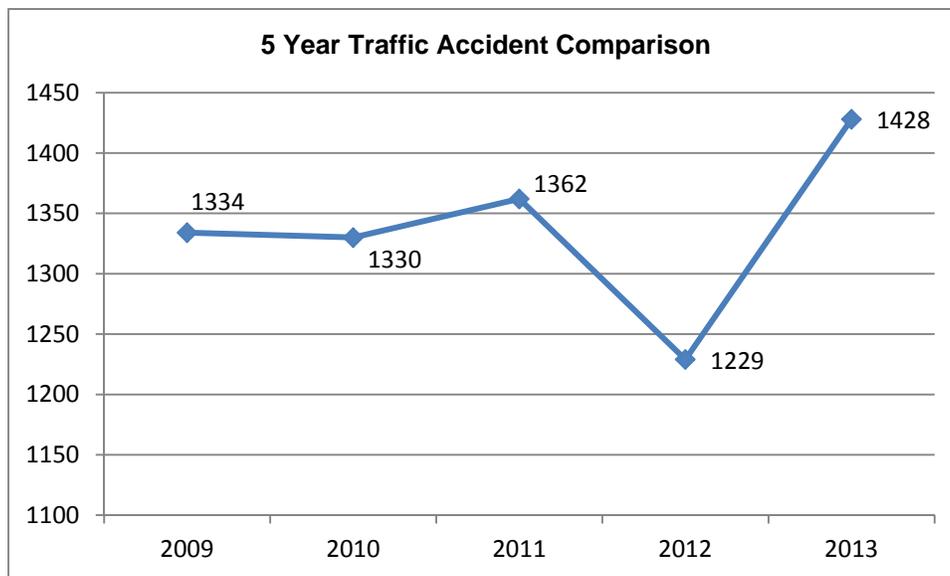
Overall Criminal Offenses decreased by 5.11% in 2013 and are 15.0% lower than they were in 2009.



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Traffic Accident Comparison

Traffic Accidents have increased by 16.2% in 2013. The following chart reflects the total number of traffic accident reports taken for the last 5 years, which indicates over five years our traffic accidents have increased by 7.0%.



Part IV
Departmental Highlights

Highlights

Safe City Award

The Park Ridge Police Department was notified by representatives from Location, Inc. that Park Ridge was included in the Top 100 Safest Communities in the nation for 2013. Location, Inc. is a leading builder and source of location-based data and risk analysis information. Location, Inc. provides crime data and other information to neighborhoodscout.com and uses that information to identify the safest communities across the country. Park Ridge ranked 72nd in 2013 and is included in the Top 100 along with 11 other Illinois communities. The study indicated that Park Ridge is considered to be safer than 68% of the cities across the nation with populations of 25,000 or more. The real estate research firm identified the nation's 100 safest towns based on the number of property crimes and violent crimes per 1,000 residents. Those crimes include burglary, larceny-theft, vehicle theft, homicide, forcible rape, armed robbery and aggravated assault. The study indicated that the chance of becoming a victim of violent crime in Park Ridge is 1 in 1,637.



Phase I Completed

Phase I of the Department's three phase police facility renovation project was completed. Phase I created a new free standing building adjacent to City Hall. This new structure houses the Evidence/Property function and the employee's fitness room. In addition, a secure and protected bike cage was built for recovered bicycles. With the completion of Phase I, several of the issues have been addressed in the report "Cost Effective Strategies to Address the Risk Factors at the Police Facility."

Police Dispatch Transition

The challenge to find a new 911 Police Dispatch Center continued in 2013. Both Niles and Morton Grove left the consolidated dispatch center in Des Plaines (NSEC). Des Plaines then agreed to serve as a police dispatch center with Park Ridge serving as a client. A two-year agreement was signed with Des Plaines to continue police dispatch. Des Plaines then advised us that they no longer wish to be a police dispatch center. As a result, staff has been researching locations for police dispatch services. One of our primary objectives for 2014 is to secure a location for police dispatch services.

NORTAF Burglary Task Force

The Department joined the North Regional Area Burglary Task Force. The Task Force consists of approximately 13 other agencies specifically designed to target burglaries and burglary crews. The Task Force has allowed us to work better with other agencies, get intelligence and share resources. In 2013, our burglaries decreased by 16.81%.

National Safety Traffic Challenge

The Department once again participated in the 2013 Traffic Safety Challenge. The Department received third place for its efforts.



Leadership Development

During 2013, the Department continued its leadership development program with Mr. John Fontana. This initiative continues to help develop the future leadership for the organization.

Healthier Park Ridge Survey

The Department participated in the Healthier Park Ridge Survey. This was the first community survey in a decade. The survey sought to provide information for creating a better quality of life for residents. The Department was a survey partner and helped develop the survey. The results will be worked on in 2014.

Chaplain Program

Three new Chaplains joined the program – Father Ed Bird from St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, Reverend Larry Lutey from St. Lukes and Reverend Robert Campbell from First United Methodist Church. Father Andrew retired from the program.



The Chaplains hosted the annual Police Memorial Service in recognition of Police Week and the annual 9-11 Services.

Parent Patrol

As the program continues to grow and develop, 2013 was the fourth and busiest year for the Park Ridge Parent Patrol Program. Volunteers worked every weekend beginning in May going through December for a total of 296 volunteer hours; an outstanding demonstration of our community’s dedication to such a meaningful cause.

Citizen Corp Council

The mission of the Park Ridge Citizen Corps Council is to harness the power of every individual through education, training, and volunteer service to make communities safer and stronger. The Citizen Corp Council works to better prepare for, respond to, and recover from, the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds.

The Park Ridge Citizen Corp Council is a collaboration between City Departments and community stake holders. In 2013, the Park Ridge Citizen Corp Council operated with 157 volunteers for 3,758 service hours volunteered to the City of Park Ridge. Citizen Corp Council programs were deployed during every event and critical incident within the City of Park Ridge in 2013.

Explorer Post 911

The Park Ridge Law Enforcement Explorer Post 911 had 11 Explorers enrolled for 2013. The Explorers participated in a number of events and extensive training within the Department.

Explorers conducted traffic control, crowd control, and presentation assistance to the Police Department during the following events: Norwegian Day Parade, Memorial Day Parade, Park Ridge Fireworks, the Taste of Park Ridge, and National Night Out for a total of 142.5 hours of service.

Finally, Explorers participated in training/meeting sessions on: defensive tactics, DUI enforcement, criminology, traffic stops, juvenile law, investigation procedures, community policing, rapid deployment and traffic control.

Chief's Advisory Task Force

The Chief's Advisory Task Force concluded its work in May of 2013. During its three-year tenure it helped to move the Department in three areas – building public trust, enhancing police professionalism and building teamwork. A special thanks needs to be given to Mr. Frank Gruba-McCallister for chairing the Task Force. His leadership and dedication has significantly helped to move the Park Ridge Police Department in a positive direction.

The following individuals were members of the Task Force:

Frank Gruba-McCallister (Chair)

Ralph Cincinelli

Dave Loomos

Michael Fullman

Warren Whitely

Dick Barton

Paul Sheehan

Don Petkus

Peg Brosnan

Caren Hejza

Tricia Williams

Larry Ryles

Patrick Leddy

Rich DuSold

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Eric Odderstol

Kevin Cawley

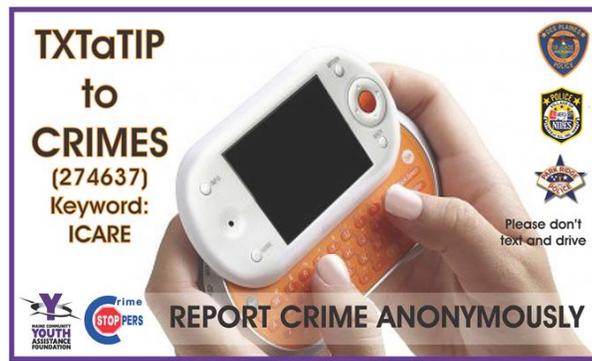
In its final report to the City Council, Mr. Gruba-McCallister noted: “As this and previous reports made to the City Council and Mayor have spelled out, we believe that the Task Force, in response to its statement of purpose, has over the past three years established a record of proposing and implementing positive measures that have contributed to the Police Department’s fulfillment of its mission and to improving the quality of life in our community.”²⁹

Animal Commission

In 2013 we had 22 animal bites. The Animal Commission met twelve times during 2013. After reviewing each case, and interviewing the victims and owners, the Commissioners found three dogs to be “At Risk” and zero dogs to be “Dangerous.” Letters go out to the owners of each dog, advising them of the rules they must follow. The City and our 911 Center are advised of the owner’s name, address, breed and name of dog.

Text-a-Tip

MCYAF sponsored this initiative between the Park Ridge Police Department and the Des Plaines Police Department. Through Text-a-Tip, people can anonymously text tips to the Department. During 2013, the Park Ridge Police received 23 tips, 4 of which were in Park Ridge. Of these tips, one was for a student showing explicit pics of 14 year old student, one for hypodermic syringe in street, one for illegal parked car and one for cyberbullying.



Senior Breakfast Program

Members of the Department implemented a Senior Breakfast Program at the Park Ridge Senior Center. The Department sponsors the program every third Tuesday of the month and Panera Bread and Jewel Food Store donates refreshments. The program has been a great hit with the seniors as evidenced by their attendance. Average attendance has been about 55 people per meeting. Twelve programs were conducted in 2013.



National Night Out

The 9th annual National Night Out was held on August 6, 2013. This year the Department partnered with the Park Ridge Public Library in honor of their 100-year anniversary. The event went very well and the Department was successful in heightening crime and drug prevention awareness, generating support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs, strengthening neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and sending the message to criminals that the police and community are working together and are fighting back against crime.



Citizens Police Academy / Senior Police Academy

One class was held in 2013 with 14 graduates. The Department also held a Senior Police Academy, with 11 graduates.



Physical Fitness Initiative

The Park Ridge Police Department completed the fitness evaluations of department members primarily between June and November 2013. During that time, all 52 sworn officers completed the preliminary health consultation with 22 of those officers participating in the voluntary fitness assessment. The scores that were obtained, were normed for age and sex, rated in comparison to the general population and categorized into four groups; Excellent, Very Good, Good and Poor. The blind data provided the following highlighted information:

- Upper body and abdominal strength, as measured by push-ups and curl-ups was extremely good, with more than 87% of all officers testing in the Excellent, Very Good and Good categories.
- VO2 max (Aerobic Capacity) as measured on a stationary bike showed 80% of all participants to have Good, Very Good or Excellent test scores.



- Grip strength and flexibility scores were good, with over 80% of the participants scoring in the Good category or above.
- Percent Body Fat and Body Mass Index results were about the same as 2012 with approximately 77% of participants scoring in the Good category or above.

This was the fourth year of a continuing process, which will be used to develop training and support for ongoing fitness for all officers within the Department. The overall results continue to be encouraging, and it is reasonable to expect, that with proper support and participation, the overall fitness of the Department will remain high, and continue to improve.

Youth Related Initiatives

The Department participated in several outreach activities with young people:

- Dodge Ball Tournament – February 2013
- Maine South Principal's Advisory Council
- Youth in Government Program
- Story Time at the Library



Underage Drinking Campaign

The Department continued to support efforts to reduce underage substance abuse to include the following:

- “Parents Who Host Lose the Most” Campaign (This campaign was done in May for Prom season and in September for Homecoming).
- Sticker Shock Program – April 2013
- MCYAF monthly meetings – 11 meetings
- Drug Take Back Program (As a result of this program, 312 pounds of unwanted pharmaceuticals were collected).



Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

The Park Ridge Community Emergency Response Team (PRCERT) program consists of 58 volunteers with specialized training in; traffic control, disaster response skills, fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. In 2013, PRCERT continued their expanded training to allow volunteers to participate in specialized Groups/Units of; 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 2013 PRCERT operated in 26 operational activations for 1228hrs. PRCERT participated in 325hrs of training. PRCERT certified trainers conducted a class for 12 participants of which all 12 remained as new PRCERT members who completed the 20hr CERT Certification Course, Volunteer Traffic Control, and Volunteer Radio Procedures in the fall of 2013.



Disaster Preparedness

The following are examples of disaster preparedness activities for 2013:

- Hired part-time Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
- Worked on All Hazard Mitigation Plan with the Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (CCDHSEM)
- Completed the Suburban Duty Officer Program at CCDHSEM
- Worked on grants:
 - To hire more firefighters
 - To purchase a new fire engine
 - To replace old protective firefighting gear
- Attended multiple classes sponsored by IEMA regarding Emergency Management
- Reviewing and updating city's Emergency Operations Plan
- City's management staff attended mandatory NIMS training
- Worked with the State of Illinois Dept. of Economic Opportunity to handle training tower repairs
- Hosted CCDHSEM meeting with city personnel to go over ways the county can assist Park Ridge during emergencies
- Met with staff at Lutheran General Hospital monthly to go over emergency preparedness. Worked with them to host a "Code Pink" drill for a child abduction
- Met with a representative from Cook County Department of Public Health to go over mass dispensing protocols for Park Ridge
- Participated in a hostage drill at O'Hare International Airport
- Started a Twitter feed to give the residents another way to access emergency preparedness information
- Monthly Police and Fire Department meetings
- Monthly Meetings with LGH Emergency Preparedness staff
- District 64 and 207 Lockdown Drills
- JCCRT quarterly meetings
- ComEd JOC preparedness drill
- Monthly training meetings with CERT/Citizen's Patrol
- Search and Rescue training through CERT (ISARC)

Farmers Market - "Ask a Cop"

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

Special Events

The Department assisted in the following special events:

- Anelise's Run
- Norwegian Day Parade
- Memorial Day Parade
- July 3rd Fireworks
- July 3rd Kiddie Parade
- Taste of Park Ridge
- Charity Classic
- Harry O'Brien Run
- Winter Fest
- National Night Out

- Field School Walk
- Roosevelt School Walk
- St. Paul Walk-a-Thon
- Concerts in the Park
- Car Shows – 3
- Senior Olympics
- Maine South Homecoming Parade
- Timmer Cancer Walk
- South Park Trick-or-Treat
- Resurrection High School Walk to Pickwick Theater
- Fire Department Open House
- Electronic Recycling
- Crop Walk
- Trot Against Trafficking 5k
- Carpe Diem Races – Indian Scouts 5k
- Making Strides Against Breast Cancer
- Tricks & Treats Halloween Event
- ALGH Walk/Run 5k
- Mary Seat of Wisdom Run/Walk 5k



There were 28 requests for public appearances (i.e. scout tours) in 2013.



Block Parties Program

The Department continued to send representatives to neighborhood block parties throughout the summer. The Department attended approximately 61 parties.

Honor Guard

Last year the Honor Guard participated in the Cook County Police Memorial Service, Park Ridge Police Memorial Service, Norwegian Day Parade, Memorial Day Parade, National Night Out, the 9/11 Ceremony, Maine South and Maine East Homecomings, Patriot Day Ceremony at the Fire Department, Citizen's Police Academy Graduation and Veteran's Day Ceremony at Franklin School.



Coffee with a Cop

In 2013, the Park Ridge Police Department piloted a new program called “Coffee with a Cop.” This program which was held at a local coffee shop in each of the prospective “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 2014.



Scraper Ordinance

The City of Park Ridge created a Scavenger/Junk Hauler Ordinance. This Ordinance will allow residents to know a company has been reviewed and licensed to remove garbage, refuse, junk, trash, rubbish, debris, wood, oil, grease, paper, metal, bricks, clothes, furniture, bottles or glassware for disposal, sale or otherwise.

Owners of a firm will pay an annual fee of \$50.00. The owner will have an application to fill out and a background done. The Police Department will approve the permit.

The Ordinance requires said vehicles to be properly covered and securely closed during hauling.

Training

For 2013, the Department continued to make cost effective training a priority. We focused on NEMRT's no-cost classes and continued to increase our in-house training offerings whenever practical. Officers attended a total of 2,638 hours of training, or approximately 50 hours of training per officer. We are steadily increasing in-house and online training. This is yet another way we are attempting to get more for our training dollar. The following list is a brief summary of some of the training received by officers this year:

- Financial Exploitation of Seniors
- Deescalating Juvenile Aggression
- Investigation of Financial Crimes
- Driver Simulation Training
- DUI Enforcement
- Investigation of Domestic Violence
- Legitimacy Training
- Crisis Intervention Team Certification
- Elderly Service Officer
- Mental Health Awareness
- Concealed Carry Law Update
- Medical Marijuana Law Update
- Senior Management Leadership
- Public Employment Law
- Police Suicide Awareness
- Pension Training
- Emotional Survival
- Law Enforcement Response to School Violence
- Investigation of Child Abductions
- Basic Truck Overweight Enforcement
- Crime Prevention Officer
- Recent Case Law Update
- Advanced Homicide Investigation
- Criminal Code Review
- Supervision of the Field Training Program
- Internet Based Investigative Resources

Law Enforcement Special Olympics

The Department continued its commitment to the Law Enforcement Special Olympics and participated in five fundraising events – Polar Plunge, Cop-on-Top, Plane Pull, Torch Run and a “Test Your Strength” event at the Taste of Park Ridge. Our efforts generated \$20,017.12 for Special Olympics.



Traffic Activities 2013

- 2013 IDOT Grants
 - Awarded 2 separate traffic safety grants (Holiday Mobilization and Step Grants)
 - Targeted impaired driving, seat belt violations, speed enforcement and child safety seat violations
 - Grants covered the following periods: St. Patrick’s Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.
 - 192 extra hours in which Patrol Officers worked on the street
 - 1 Roadside Safety Check conducted at Touhy and Milwaukee on August 30, 2013. (This was covered by grant monies)

▪ Traffic Training Conducted

- Standard Field Sobriety testing recertification
- Major Crash Unit training
- Attended one week Basic Traffic Crash Investigation Training
- Attended 3-day Solving Neighborhood Traffic Problems in Madison, WI
- IDOT traffic safety conferences - both winter and summer
- Traffic Safety Challenge training
- Community Policing training
- Attended two day instructor course for “Alive At 25” through the National Safety Council with Officer McGannon
- Roll call training conducted on speed, seatbelt, crash reports, and new laws for 2013 for patrol officers
- In-house training on radars, baaid devices, and new laws

▪ Community Partnerships

○ District 64

- 5 traffic safety meetings with district administrators
- Officers out at schools before and after school day
- Red Ribbon Week
- School Safety Patrol talks for each school with a safety patrol
- Distracted driving campaign with schools
- Engineering assistance with signs, roadways, etc.



○ Citizen Patrolers

- Volunteers conducted several surveys to assist in data collection
- Volunteers out at schools providing visible presence
- Assisted with handing out traffic safety materials
- Speed studies

○ Lutheran General Hospital

- Attended Traffic Advisory Committee meetings at hospital
- LGH staff attended several S.T.A.C. (Staff Traffic Advisory Committee) meetings
- Participated in Hospital leadership meeting with IDOT and local politicians to discuss solutions to Dempster and Luther Lane traffic problems. Several ideas implemented after meeting.

○ Reduce Program (Citizen Radar Program)

- Cumberland and Stewart
- Talcott (Maine South High School)

▪ Red Light Safety Camera Program

- 2,179 violations reviewed
- Impact studies updated
- Monthly reports

- DUI Program
 - Set-up and requested training for patrol
 - Re-certified PBT's tri-monthly
 - Update and certify breathalyzer
 - Track and monitor data and order supplies needed
 - Standard Field Sobriety Test re-certifying training conducted

- Hit-and-Run Investigations
 - Investigate all hit-and-runs that the Department received
 - Courtesy calls to non-solvable cases

- Education Campaigns
 - Weekly traffic meetings
 - Quarterly school traffic meetings
 - School safety blitzes
 - Drivers Education classes (Viking and High Schools)
 - Yard Signs
 - "Stop Means Stop"
 - New stop sign red warning lights
 - Speed trailers and speed sign
 - Letters to violators
 - Web, news stories and press releases
 - Electronic signboard (No Texting, Click it or Ticket, You Drink You Drive – You Lose, Bike safety on sidewalks in business districts)
 - Public Speaking (Lutheran General Hospital, schools, seniors, etc)
 - Pedestrian crossing flags at Prospect and Summit
 - Crosswalk Stings along with help from Citizen Patrol on Northwest Hwy at Euclid, Devon at Fairview, and Touhy at Cumberland.
 - Local access cable channel traffic safety slides
 - Distracted Driving Campaign with local schools
 - Press releases for traffic safety grants, Cumberland traffic, cell phone law reminders, and new traffic law updates
 - Yellow Dot Program
 - AAA distracted driving simulator on National Texting Day at Maine East and National Night Out in August.
 - Traffic Safety materials distributed at schools, Taste of Park Ridge, NNO, local businesses, etc.
 - "Caught Being Good" coupons given out on grants and bike patrol
 - Hosted an 8-hour Defensive Driving class by AARP at City Hall. 24 seniors were in attendance.
 - Quarterly Community Strategies Newsletter
 - Attended Maine South Alcohol Awareness night- Used DUI goggles with the teens and handed out literature

- Data and Studies
 - Top ten crash intersections
 - Speed, volume, violations studies - 35 new in 2013
 - Traffic problems monitoring computer program
 - Selective Enforcement Program (monitor patrol, enter data, speak with complainants)
 - Crash analysis
 - GIS mapping introduced for better crash analysis. Monthly updates for patrol including specific beat maps.

- Engineering
 - 32 overweight truck permits reviewed and issued in 2013
 - Reviewing and updating City's overweight truck ordinance
 - Several engineering recommendations (No Turn on Red sign at Talcott and Dee, double stop signs at Cumberland and Crescent, Stop Means Stop signs at various locations.)

- Traffic Awards
 - 3rd Place Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge
 - Officers awarded for leading Department in traffic safety enforcement included DUI (Officer Matt McGannon), speed (Officer Anthony Hernandez), safety belt (Officer Karyn Suarez) and child safety seat enforcement (Officer John Moehrlin).

- Miscellaneous
 - Worked Taste of Park Ridge and Golf Mill Senior Fair
 - Radars re-certified
 - Assisted patrol when needed
 - Installed a crossing guard/traffic assistant to the entrance of Maine South on Talcott due to the traffic
 - "Do Not Block Driveway" sign on Potter to Maine East High School front driveway.

Part V
Professional Standards

Professional Standards

Formal Citizen Complaints

During 2013, there was one formal citizen complaint. A formal citizen complaint occurs when a person completes the Citizen Affidavit form. A summary of this complaint is as follows:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Allegation</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
13-1	Follow-up regarding an accident investigation/inadequate supervision	Sustained

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 31 of these in 2013. Of these thirty-one, six were sustained resulting in corrective action.

Administrative Reviews

There were 82 Administrative Reviews handled in 2013. 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 82, 66 were sustained resulting in corrective action.

Use of Force

An analysis of the Use of Force Reports submitted for the year 2013 is as follows:

- All Use of Force incidents and techniques were within Departmental and State guidelines.
- 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 22 officers involved with the 15 Use of Force incidents.
- There were 22 Use of Force techniques applied. Some incidents required more than 1 Use of Force technique.
- Of the 22 Use of Force techniques applied, 10 were compliance/escort related and 8 were weapons displayed/pointed at subjects.
- Of the 15 Use of Force incidents, 10 subjects were adults and 5 subjects were juveniles.

Types of Use of Force Reports

Type of Force	2013
Display of Firearms	8
Use of Firearms	1
Baton	0
O.C. Spray	0
Compliance Technique or Escort	10
Display of Taser	2
Use of Taser	1
Other	0
Total	22

Police Pursuits

During 2013, there were no motor vehicle pursuits.

Traffic Study Data – 2012*

The following chart represents the stops for minority drivers in 2012:

Benchmark for minority drivers 25%
Actual minority drivers stopped 21%

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

	Minority Drivers	Caucasian Drivers
Benchmark	25%	75%
Actual Stop	21%	79%

* Data is a year behind. 2013 data will not be available until Fall of 2014.

Formal Inspections

There were 110 formal inspections conducted in 2013.

Number	Audit Type
13-1	MDT Transmission Audit
13-2	DL Checks
13-3	2013 In-Car Audit
13-4	CHRI – Inquiries
13-5	CQH Quarterly Audit #1
13-6	2013 Daily Activity Sheet Audit #1 (Improvement Needed)
13-7	2013 Court Appearance Audit #1
13-8	2012 Informational Request Audit #1
13-9	Inspection of Seized Property
13-10	2013 Confidential Funds Audit #1
13-11	2013 Domestic Violence Audit #1
13-12	2013 CADS Notes Audit #1 (AR 13-12)
13-13	2013 Monthly Evaluations Audit #1
13-14	2013 In-Car Video Audit #2
13-15	2013 10-41 for Units Audit #1
13-16	2013 Audit Lock-Up Form #1
13-17	2013 Daily Activity Sheets Audit #2
13-18	December 2012 – CHRI Inquiries
13-19	2013 1 st Quarter CQH Audit
13-20	Semi Annual Line Inspection
13-21	CHRI Inquiries – January 2013
13-22	DUI Squad Video Audit
13-23	2013 Daily Activity Sheet Audit #3
13-24	2013 In-Car Video Audit #3
13-25	Parking Citation Audit
13-26	Audit Church Fund
13-27	Unannounced Property Room Inspection
13-28	CHRI Inquiries – February 2013
13-29	2013 Daily Activity Sheet Audit #4
13-30	2013 Confidential Funds Audit #2
13-31	2013 10-41 Audit for Units #2
13-32	2013 Monthly Evaluation Audit #2
13-33	20130 Domestic Violence Audit #2
13-34	Internet Use
13-35	CHRI – March 2013
13-36	2013 In-Car Video Audit
13-37	2013 Lock-Up Audit #2
13-38	2013 CAD Notes Audit #2
13-39	2013 Daily Activity Sheet Audit #5
13-40	2013 2 nd Quarter CQH Audit
13-41	2013 2 nd Quarter Taser Audit
13-42	Patrol Materials Inspections
13-43	2013 In-Car Video Audit #5
13-44	2013 Informational Requests Audit #2
13-45	2013 Court Appearance Audit #1

13-46	2 nd Quarter Ticket Control Audit
13-47	Uniform Inspection – Spring
13-48	2013 In-Car Video Audit #6
13-49	2013 Daily Activity Sheet Audit #6
13-50	2013 Monthly Education Audit #3
13-51	2013 Domestic Violence Audit #3
13-52	Confidential Funds Audit #3
13-53	10-41 Audit #3
13-54	2013 CAD Notes Audit #3
13-55	2013 Daily Activity Sheet Audit #7
13-56	MDT Transmission
13-57	2013 In-Car Video Audit #7
13-58	2013 Court Appearance Audit
13-59	Inspection of Seized Property
13-60	2013 Foot Patrol Audit – June
13-61	2013 Daily Activity Sheet Audit #8
13-62	2013 In-Car Video Audit #8
13-63	3 rd Quarter Ticket Control Audit
13-64	Internet Use
13-65	2013 Daily Activity Sheet Audit #9
13-66	Inspection – Church Fund
13-67	Annual Radar Unit Certification
13-68	2013 In-Car Video Audit #9
13-69	2013 Information Request Audit #2
13-70	2013 Lock-Up Audit #3
13-71	Breathalyzer/Portable Breath Test Machine Certification
13-72	3 rd Quarter CQH Audit
13-73	2013 In-Car Video Audit #10
13-74	2013 Domestic Violence Audit #4
13-75	2013 Annual Court Performance Criminal Audit
13-76	2013 Daily Activity Sheet Audit #10
13-77	2013 10-41 Audit #4
13-78	2013 Monthly Evaluation #4
13-79	2013 Foot Patrol Audit #4
13-80	2013 CADS Notes Audit #4
13-81	2013 Court Appearance Audit #4
13-82	2013 Confidential Funds Audit #4
13-83	2013 Annual Sex Offender Registration Audit
13-84	2013 Formal Line Inspection
13-85	2013 Lock-Up Audit #4
13-86	2013 Daily Activity Audit #11
13-87	2013 CHRI Inquiries – September
13-88	2013 In-Car Video Audit #11
13-89	2013 Foot Patrol Audit #5
13-90	2013 Lock-Up Audit #5
13-91	Property Room – Spot Audit
13-92	Quarterly Property Room Inspection – November
13-93	Quarterly Property Room Inspection – September
13-94	Quarterly Property Room Inspection – July
13-95	Quarterly Property Room Inspection – March

13-96	Audit – Church Fund
13-97	4 th Quarter – CQH Audit
13-98	MDT Transmission Audit #2
13-99	2013 Annual Subpoena Audit
13-100	2013 Annual Court Sick Time Audit
13-101	Property Room Audit
13-102	2013 In-Car Video Audit #12
13-103	Church Fund Inspection
13-104	Annual Pursuit Audit
13-105	2013 Daily Activity Audit #2
13-106	2013 Annual Traffic Court Audit
13-107	4 th Quarter Ticket Control Audit
13-108	Foot Patrol Audit #6
13-109	Armory Audit
13-110	Annual Review of Vendor Services

Grievances

There were three grievances filed in 2013 by the FOP. All three were dropped. One was a disciplinary issue and the other two concerned sick time usage and specialty assignments. One grievance was filed by ICOPS and was resolved at Step 1. The grievance concerned overtime pay.

Police Involved Automobile Accidents

There were thirteen accidents involving City vehicles. Four vehicles were damaged and the source is unknown. Six accidents involved City employees (5 police and 1 public works) who were at fault. Corrective action was taken. Three accidents were caused by other drivers.

On the Job Injuries

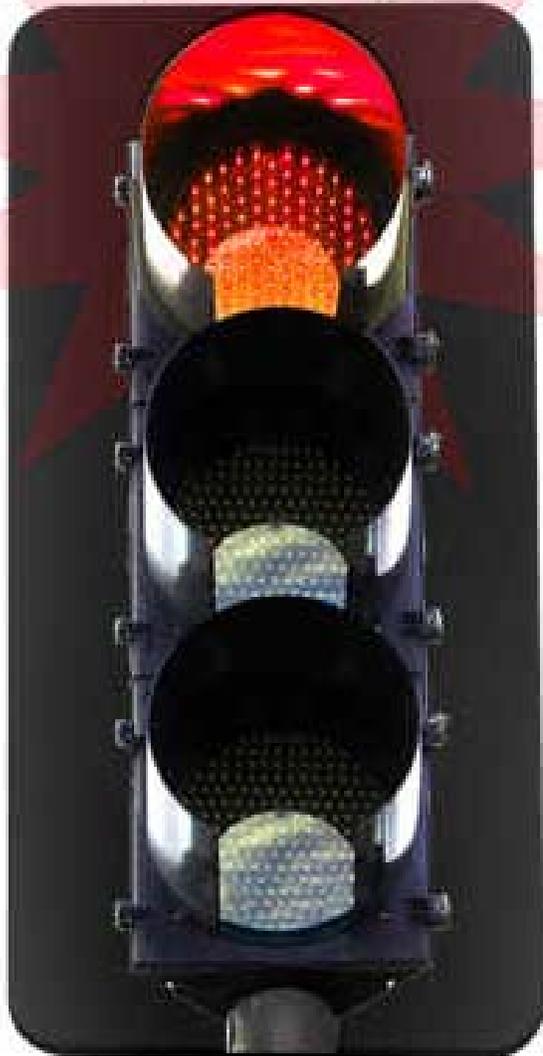
There were eleven reports filed with nine employees reporting injuries.

Specific Task Being Performed at the Time of Injury

Ran into car door as driver lost control	1
Motor vehicle crash	1
Walking	6
Closed vehicle door on hand	1
Medical condition*	1
Bitten by suspect	1

The injuries were minor in nature with half of the employees remaining at work. There were no policy violations committed by the injured.

Part VI
Red Light Camera – Impact Study



**RED
MEANS
STOP**

Red Light Camera Enforcement Programs are designed to improve intersection safety positively and:

CHANGE DRIVER BEHAVIOR

The Institute supports Red Light Camera Programs for Highway Safety, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the International Association of Chiefs of Police and regional branches of AAA.



Safety Statistics

A 2005 study concluded, red-light runners, at a cost in excess of \$14 billion dollars, caused 1,000 deaths and 176,000 injuries. One in three people claim they personally know someone who has been injured or killed in a Red Light Running Crash—similar to the percentage of people who know someone injured or killed by a drunk driver. 55.8% of Americans admit to running red lights.

96% of Americans fear they will get hit by a Red Light Runner when they enter an intersection. U.S. Cities (Chicago, LA, San Francisco & New York report accident reduction of 20-80% at intersections with operational Red Light Cameras.

2001 Harris Poll found 73% of the public supports Red Light Camera Enforcement.

Impact Study

The City of Park Ridge installed a red light photo enforcement camera to deter violators for the westbound traffic at the intersection of Oakton and Northwest Highway. The purpose of the camera was to increase safety and to decrease automobile crashes in the area. The City had received several complaints of westbound travelling vehicles running the traffic lights on Oakton to beat the trains. The Police Department started collecting data in 1994 to determine the most hazardous intersections. Since then the intersection of Oakton and Northwest Highway has consistently been in the top 10 for most crashes in the City of Park Ridge. To make matters worse, the heavy congestion in the area and the lack of personnel make enforcing the area a challenge. An automated enforcement solution was sought and the State of Illinois granted the City a red light camera permit for that area. The camera was installed in March of 2010 and after over a month of warning citations the camera became fully operational. A comprehensive study was conducted to see if the camera had an impact on safety.

The study focused on westbound traffic on Oakton from Northwest Highway to the railroad tracks. The crash rate was calculated for this traffic pattern for the two years preceding the installation of the camera and for the year in which the camera was installed. The crash rate is the number of crashes per one million vehicles that travel a certain area over a certain time. The calculation is often used by traffic engineers to measure and compare how dangerous intersections are.

$$\text{Rate} = \frac{\text{Number of Crashes X 1,000,000 Vehicles}}{\text{Number of Years X 365 Days X Volume}}$$

The volume used was 24,400 vehicles per day from 2008-2010. IDOT increased the estimated volume to 25,600 from 2010 thru 2013 this was obtained from the IDOT daily estimated vehicle volume for westbound Oakton. The following are the crash rates for 2008 through 2013 from Park Ridge Police records for westbound Oakton to the railroad tracks or Busse Hwy.

<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
$\frac{18 \times 1,000,000}{1 \times 365 \times 24,400} = 2.02$	$\frac{19 \times 1,000,000}{1 \times 365 \times 24,400} = 2.13$	$\frac{13 \times 1,000,000}{1 \times 365 \times 24,400} = 1.45$
<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
$\frac{12 \times 1,000,000}{1 \times 365 \times 25,600} = 1.28$	$\frac{17 \times 1,000,000}{1 \times 365 \times 25,600} = 1.81$	$\frac{14 \times 1,000,000}{1 \times 365 \times 25,600} = 1.49$

The study shows there has been relatively no change in the rate of crashes due to increased traffic volume. In addition, the camera enforcement has been shown to limit the number of personal injury accidents after they are installed by decreasing the number of angle crashes. These crashes typically occur when vehicles disobey the red light by turning left or going straight, and by turning right without stopping at a red light. The following is the number of personal injury crashes reported for 2008 thru 2013.

<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
3	3	1	0	2	1

The photo enforcement camera installed for the westbound traffic on Oakton at Northwest Highway has been up for approximately three years and 9 months in 2013. Based on the above data, the impact has been positive on traffic safety. The traffic volume has stayed the same increased the crash rate stayed basically the same. As for the crashes westbound on Oakton at Northwest Hwy, there was only one and the driver went to the hospital for medical reasons unrelated to the crash.

The City of Park Ridge will continue to monitor the camera's impact in regards to traffic safety. The Illinois Department of Transportation considers three years a snapshot of the information gathered rather than a study. A study would include 5-10 years of data to determine what, if any, the impact has on the intersection as a whole.

The next page shows the Illinois Department of Transportation data thru 2012.

Illinois Department of Transportation Crash Data:
 This data includes crashes with more than \$1500 in losses.

**Northwest Highway & Oakton Street
 Park Ridge, IL**
 Crash Data Comparison & Analysis Report
 Westbound

**Camera Installation Date: March 4, 2010*

	Rear-End	Angle	Turning	Other	Killed	Total
IDOT crash data 2007	5	4	6	1	0	16
IDOT crash data 2008	3	2	0	3	0	8
IDOT crash data 2009	1	1	1	4	0	7
*IDOT crash data 2010	4	1	1	1	0	7
IDOT crash data 2011	4	1	2	0	0	7
IDOT crash data 2012	4	1	0	0	0	5

- Other indicates the following: Pedestrian, Pedal cyclist, Fixed Object, and Sideswipe

Part VII
Goals 2014

Goals 2014

- Complete the transition to a new 911 Dispatch Center
- Partner with the Fire Department to create a 9-11 Memorial Park
- Implement the Power DMS computerized general order and training system
- Study the feasibility of an on-line reporting system
- Pilot test the new Police Officer Performance Instrument developed in conjunction with IIT
- Revise the Departments Job Classification Plan
- Implement an anti-theft strategy for the use of decoy devices