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Police Department



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LETTER TO THE VILLAGE MAYOR, BOARD OF TRUSTEES, BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND RESIDENTS

On behalf of the Men and Women of the Willowbrook Police Department, I am privileged to present the 2017 Annual Report. This report details some of the department's accomplishments and illustrates the continuing connections we build with our community and businesses. The report will provide a quantitative snapshot of the services and achievements during 2017.

I would like to acknowledge all the officers and staff with my sincerest appreciation for providing outstanding service and attention to our residents and those requiring police assistance. Their compassion exhibited was recognized periodically throughout the year by citizen letters, phone calls, emails and public acknowledgement.

The department progressed its transformation in 2017 with the retirement of the Chief of Police and two senior officers. While the department continues to lose institutional knowledge with the retirements of its senior staff, we are forging ahead with a younger department investing in advanced training programs. These advanced training programs which include extensive mentoring, have allowed the department to adjust to the loss of its senior members, and continue to provide the services that the residents of the Village of Willowbrook have become accustomed to.

The Willowbrook Police Department originally achieved accreditation status in Savannah, Georgia on November 16, 1991. In November 2017 the Willowbrook Police Department was awarded reaccreditation for the 9th time in Frisco, Texas.

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NEW POLICE CHIEF

Robert Pavelchik the former Police Chief serving both Darien (2002-2011) and Villa Park (2012-2017) became the Willowbrook Police Departments Chief, June 6th, 2017.

RETIREMENTS

Chief Mark Shelton began his career in 1987 and retired after 30 years of service.

Officer Art Svehla began his career in 1986 and retired after 30 years of service.

Officer Ted Kolodziej began his career in 1988 and retired after 29 years of service.

NEW OFFICERS

The department hired (1) one new officer, Alexander Erdman. Alexander Erdmann completed his FTO program and is currently assigned to the patrol division midnight shift. This brings the department staffing level of 21 full-time sworn officers.



MISSION & VALUES

We Value Our Community

We will work in partnership with our community to ensure that the Village of Willowbrook continues to be a safe and pleasant place to live and work.

We Value Service to Our Citizens

We will serve to reassure our citizens of their personal safety and the safety of their property, to provide an exceptional level of assistance, and to otherwise positively enhance the overall quality-of-life within the Village.

We will work to resolve the concerns of our citizens the first time, every time.

We Value Our Commitment to Improvement

We will continually review our work product to ensure that our level of service is of unmatched quality and constantly seek new and innovative methods of improvement.

We Value Our Employees

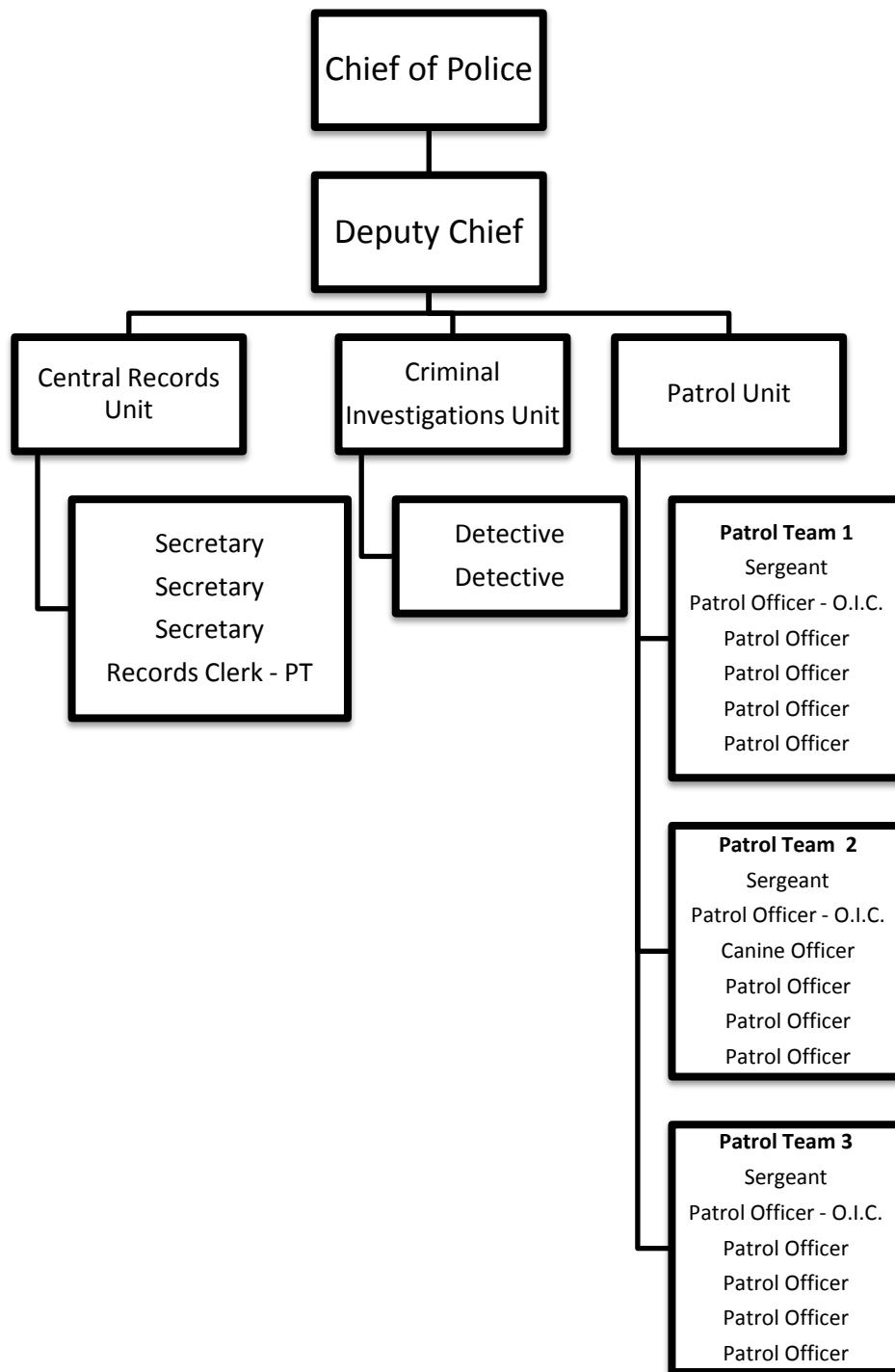
We will, in order to engage in the process of continual and innovative improvement, strive to maximize the professional skills and potential of each employee through the development and retention of our members and by affording education, training, and unique, advanced career opportunities.

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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE VILLAGE OF WILLOWBROOK POLICE DEPARTMENT

30 – 35 Years	Sergeant Arthur Svehla -Retired 2017	1986
	Support Services Deborah Hahn	1986
	Chief Mark Shelton- Retired 2017	1987
	Officer David Gaddis	1987
25 – 29 Years	Officer Theodore Kolodziej – Retired 2017	1988
	Officer Scott Eisenbeis	1990
20 - 24 Years	Detective John Handzik	1993
	Detective Daniel Polfliet	1994
	Officer Timothy Kobler	1995
	Deputy Chief Robert Schaller	1995
	Sergeant Christopher Drake	1997
15 - 19 Years	Officer Darren Biggs	2001
	Officer Jose Chavez-Jimenez	2001
	Sergeant Michelle Strugala	2001
10 - 14 Years	Support Services Laurie Schmitz	2006
	Officer Lauren Kaspar	2007
5 - 9 Years	Support Services Lori Rinella	2008
	Officer Nicholas Volek	2008
	Officer Dylan Trainor	2013
	Officer Jose Lopez	2013
1 - 4 Years	Officer Christine Robles	2014
	Officer James Martino	2014
	Officer Othello Rosal	2015
	Support Services Nancy Turville	2015
	Officer Matthew Vanderjack	2016
	Officer Blake Huntley	2016
	Officer Joseph LaValle	2016
	Support Services Claire Manley	2016
	Accreditation Manager Ben Kadolph	2016

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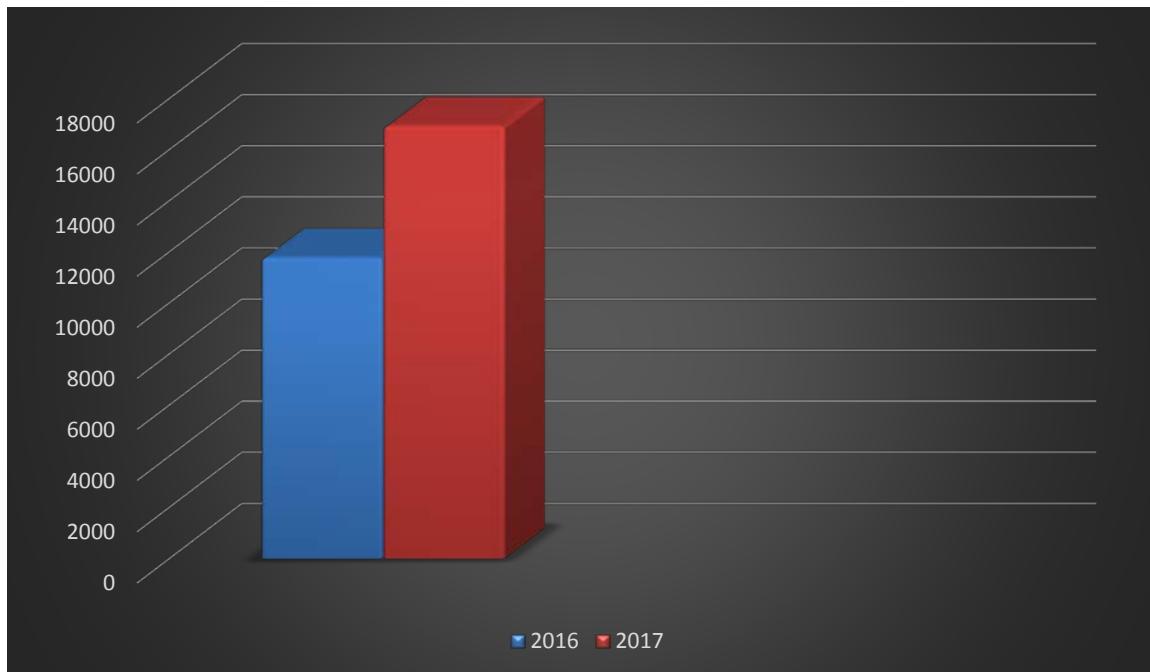
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TOTAL DISPATCH NUMBERS GENERATED BY DUCOMM (DUPAGE PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH)

2016 = 11,782

2017 = 16,936

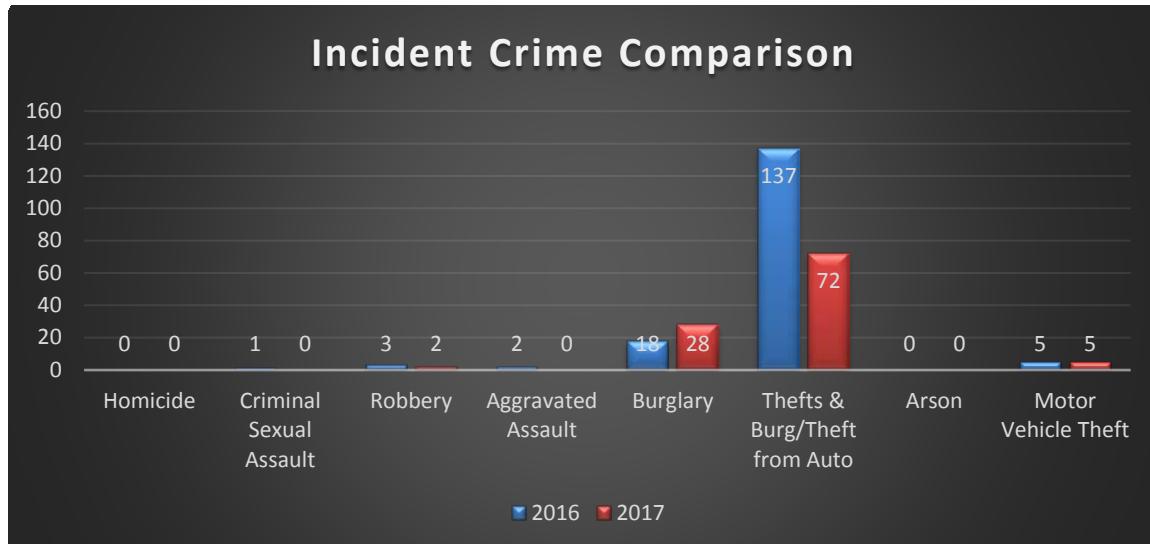


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INDEX CRIME COMPARISON



Year:	2016	2017
Homicide	0	0
Criminal Sexual Assault	1	0
Robbery	3	2
Aggravated Assault	2	0
Burglary	18	28
Thefts & Burg/Theft from Auto	137	72
Arson	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	5	5
Total	171	107

Index crimes decreased by 38 % in 2017. Thefts, Burglary and Thefts from Auto saw the greatest reductions in crime. The continual high visibility of marked patrol cars within the business and multifamily districts helps deter crime.

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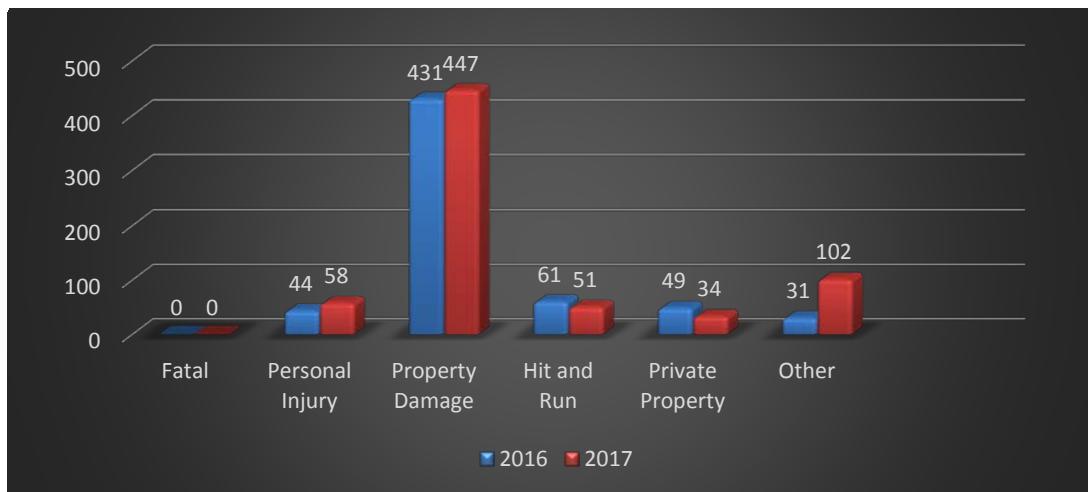
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TRAFFIC ACCIDENT SUMMARY

YEAR	2016
Fatal	0
Personal Injury	44
Property Damage	431
Hit and Run	61
Other	31
Private Property	49
Total	616

YEAR:	2017
Fatal	0
Personal Injury	58
Property Damage	447
Hit and Run	51
Other	34
Private Property	102
Total	692



Traffic accident totals increased in 2017. The increase is attributed to private property crashes that occurred within the parking areas of the business district. In 2017 there were ten (10) fewer hit and run accidents as compared to 2016. The continual presence of marked patrol vehicles along the roadways deters poor driving habits and increases safety awareness and defensive driving habits.

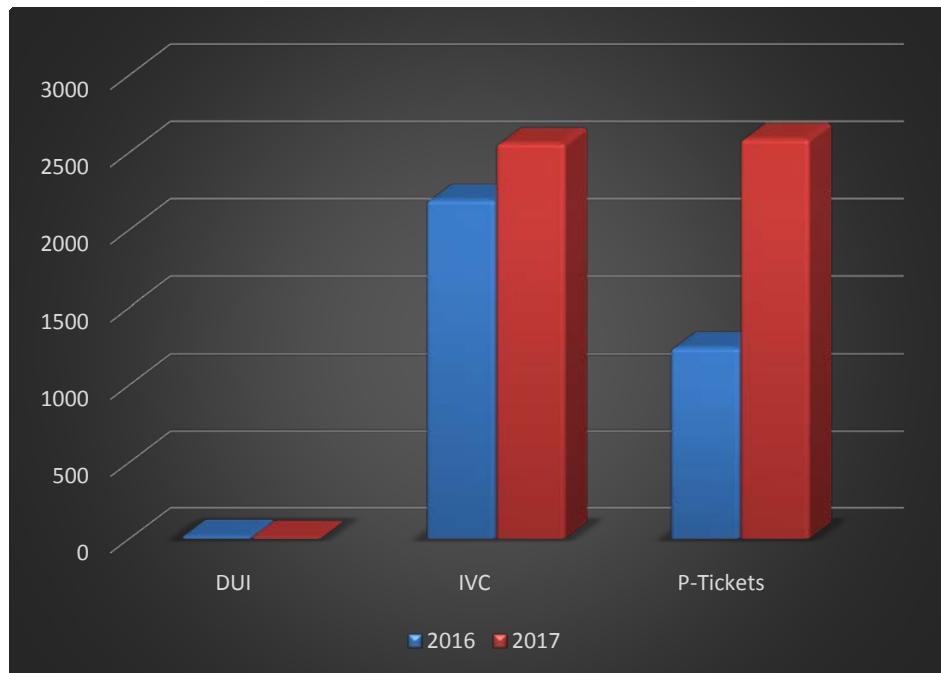
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TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

YEAR:	2016	2017
DUI Arrest	20	11
IVC Traffic Citations	2196	2563
Compliance/Parking/Ordinance Tickets	1245	2591



The Willowbrook Police Department is dedicated to reducing the number of traffic fatalities and injuries through traffic enforcement. These efforts focus on the major contributors of accidents, which include the following: seat belt usage, speeding, impaired motorists (DUI), and distracted driving.

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REMODELED POLICE FACILITY AND 9-1-1 MEMORIAL

The Willowbrook Police Department moved into a completely remodeled police facility in July of 2017. The facility increased the size of the evidence storage area, locker rooms, overcrowded offices and gained a dedicated training room and sally port. Proudly displayed within the lobby of the Police Department is a portion of an elevator cab from the World Trade Center Tower 1. This 9-11 artifact is roughly 7 feet long 5 feet and 3 feet deep weighing in at 3000 pounds.



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TRAINING

Ongoing and continued specialized training are a priority with the police department. For 2017 Willowbrook officers received over (1200) hours training which included Law Review, Range Training, Less Lethal Training, Hazardous and Bloodborne Training, and other various specialized training.

Some of the specialized training attended by officers included Midwest Forensic Training Conference, Northwestern University Center for Public Safety Staff and Command, Investigative Skills, Internal Affairs and Professional Standards, Financial Crime Investigation, Tactical Pistol Training, Crisis Intervention, Street Crimes Seminar, Firearms Training Course, Major Case Investigations Team Training, Controlled F.O.R.C.E defensive tactics, and numerous other law enforcement related fields.

In continuing professional career training and specialties, the department takes a proactive approach to training officers. In preparation for future retirements, the officers' training needs to be established and being strong proponents of training should accomplish this. Our compliment of trained, experienced officers will continue. This allows our newer officers to not only receive the required certification but also glean from the senior Officers experience to make a more well-rounded officer.



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EXPLORERS

There are currently 9 Willowbrook Police Explorers in the program. Trainings and meetings are held two times a month. The Explorers receive in house training from the Willowbrook Cadet Advisors. Training includes building searches, traffic stops, accident reconstruction, domestic crisis, surveillance tactics, crime scene processing, and traffic control.

The Explorers in 2017 have met with the DuPage County Sheriff Bomb Squad. Members of the bomb squad explained their role within the sheriff's department and demonstrated equipment and techniques used in neutralizing bombs.

The Willowbrook Police Explorers were also active within the community in 2017 helping with the Spring Fling 5K fun run, Easter Egg hunt, Burr Ridge Crusin 66 Car Show, Halloween and Christmas parties. The Willowbrook Police Explorers were also instrumental in moving the department into the temporary police facility and back again into the remodeled police department.

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EXPLORER PROGRAM

AGES 14-21 YEARS

GOOD MORAL CHARACTER

ENJOY VOLUNTEERING

POSITIVE ATTITUDE

COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE

COMMUNITY MINDED

A five-pointed star badge with "WILLOWBROOK POLICE DEPT." and a central circular emblem.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

For more information contact Officer Dan Pofflet (830) 325-2806

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INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATION

As an accredited law enforcement agency, the Willowbrook Police Department annually releases the department's Internal Affairs Investigations summary for the prior year. During 2017 there were no official complaints.

2016 Allegations	Sustained	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Exonerated	Suspended	Total
Conduct Unbecoming	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rudeness	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unintentional Contact	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Allegations	0	0	0	0	0	0

2017 Allegations	Sustained	Unsubstantiated	Unfounded	Exonerated	Suspended	Total
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Rudeness	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unintentional Contact	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Allegations	0	0	0	0	0	0

Sustained The investigation disclosed sufficient evidence to clearly prove the allegation made in the complaint.

Unsubstantiated The investigation was unable to discover sufficient evidence or clearly prove the allegation made in the complaint.

Unfounded The investigation found that the allegation did not occur or failed to involve department personnel.

Exonerated The allegation did occur, but the acts were justified, lawful and proper.

Suspended The investigation failed to reveal, after all known leads have been exhausted, the identity of or the involvement of a department member, in any part of the allegation; but there still remains a possibility that with new evidence, the allegation can be substantiated.

Policy Failure The investigation revealed the acts did occur; however, the employee was acting in accordance with established department policy.

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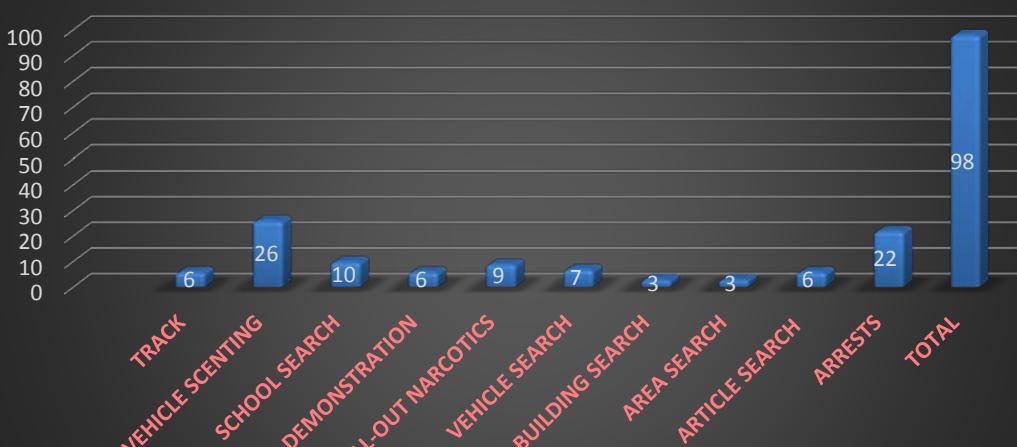


CANINE

On October 5, 2015, Officer Nick Volek and his K-9 partner Artos began their career together on patrol during the 3pm – 11pm shift. Since that time, the canine team has been utilized for numerous purposes ranging from narcotics searches to public demonstrations for the Village of Willowbrook and surrounding agencies. Most notably, Officer Volek and Artos assisted the Illinois State Police Narcotics and Currency Interdiction Task Force in August of 2017 with the recovery of over 120 pounds of cannabis having an approximate street value of over \$800,000. In addition, in March of 2017 the team recovered \$10,980 during a vehicle search and assisted in the recovery of a 9mm handgun in a wooded area in January of 2017.

Officer Volek and Artos also play a large role in the community by conducting demonstrations at public events such as Pleasantview Fire Protection District's annual Safety Day. These events not only educate the public on the different job duties a Police K-9 can perform, but they also allow for supervised interaction with Officer Volek and Artos.

ACTIVITY INCLUDING ASSISTING OTHER AGENCIES



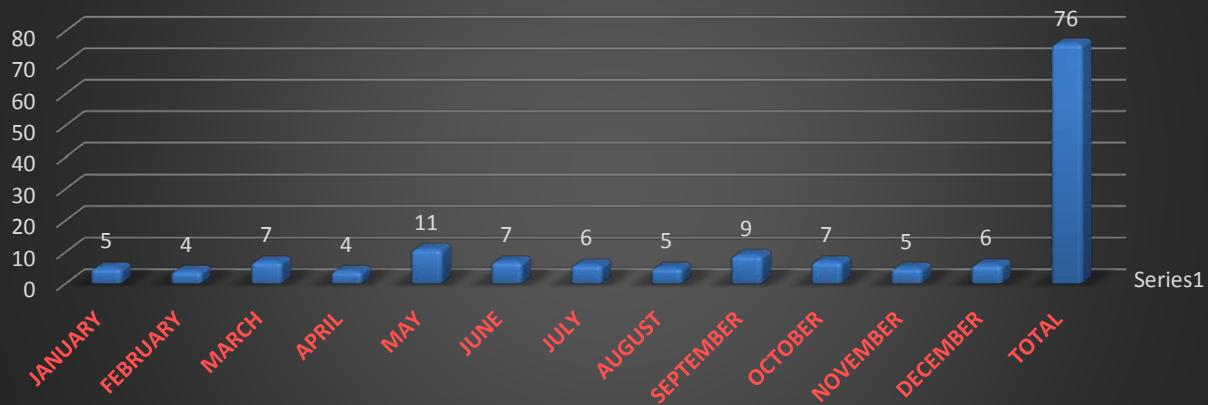
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2017 Canine Deployments by Month



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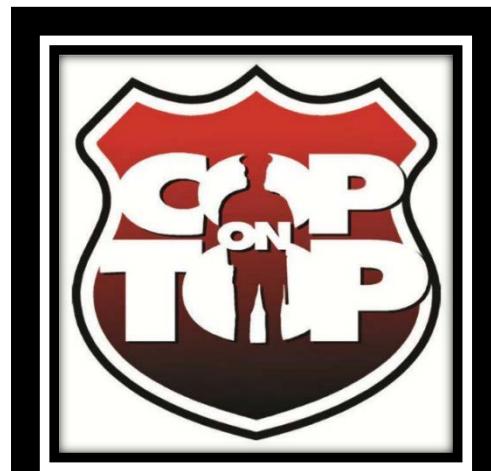


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POLICE AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Our involvement in numerous activities with our residents was a great success. Secretary Debbie Hahn participated with the Special Olympics “Cop On Top” Dunkin Donuts fundraiser in May.

Office staff personnel assisted with the Tri-State Fire Department, Pleasantview Fire Department and the Hinsdale Police and Fire Department Open House events. Lori Rinella, Laurie Schmitz and Debbie Hahn are fantastic representatives for the department each year at these events.



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SENIOR WILLOWBROOK ADULTS CONNECTED

Once again, the annual Willowbrook Police senior citizen bingo was a success. Over (170) seniors attended this year's bingo event. The afternoon was filled with challenging games of bingo. The spirited enthusiasm for prizes was contagious throughout the event. Crime prevention information dealing with current scams, and fraudulent activities that seniors are targets of was discussed. A special thank you to the many community business that donated prizes and made this event a success.

