

Willowbrook Police Department

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

On Behalf of the Men and Woman of the Willowbrook Police Department, I am privileged to present the 2018 Annual Report. This report includes a review of accomplishments and continuing efforts to strive for the highest levels of service in the ever changing and challenging field of law enforcement.

I would like to acknowledge all of 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 throughout the year by citizens letters, phone calls, emails and public acknowledgement.

The department continued to follow the transformation which started in 2017 with the promotion of a new Police Chief in March of 2018. The Willowbrook Police Departments first female Deputy Chief was appointed in May of 2018. Two new Sergeants were promoted and two long tenured employees retired. The Police Department has been transforming over the past few years with numerous retirements resulting in a new younger and more energetic police department.

I wish to thank Mayor Trilla, the Village Board, and Village Administrator for all of the support and confidence they provide to the Willowbrook Police Department. This unwavering support helps us accomplish the vital mission of keeping our residents safe and secure.

Sincerely,

Robert Schaller

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Chief of Police

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NEW POLICE CHIEF

Robert Schaller was promoted: March 12th, 2018

NEW DEPUTY CHIEF

Lauren Kaspar was promoted on May 1st, 2018

NEW SERGEANTS

David Gaddis was promoted on May 15th, 2018

Scott Eisenbeis was promoted on November 16th, 2018

RETIREMENTS

Sergeant Art Svehla began his career in July of 1986 and retired after 32 years of service.

Secretary Debbie Hahn began her career in November of 1986 and retired after 32 years of service.

NEW OFFICERS

The department hired (2) one new officers. Teresa Esqueda and Joaquin Silva are both assigned to the patrol division which brings the department to full staffing of 23 full-time sworn officers.

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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

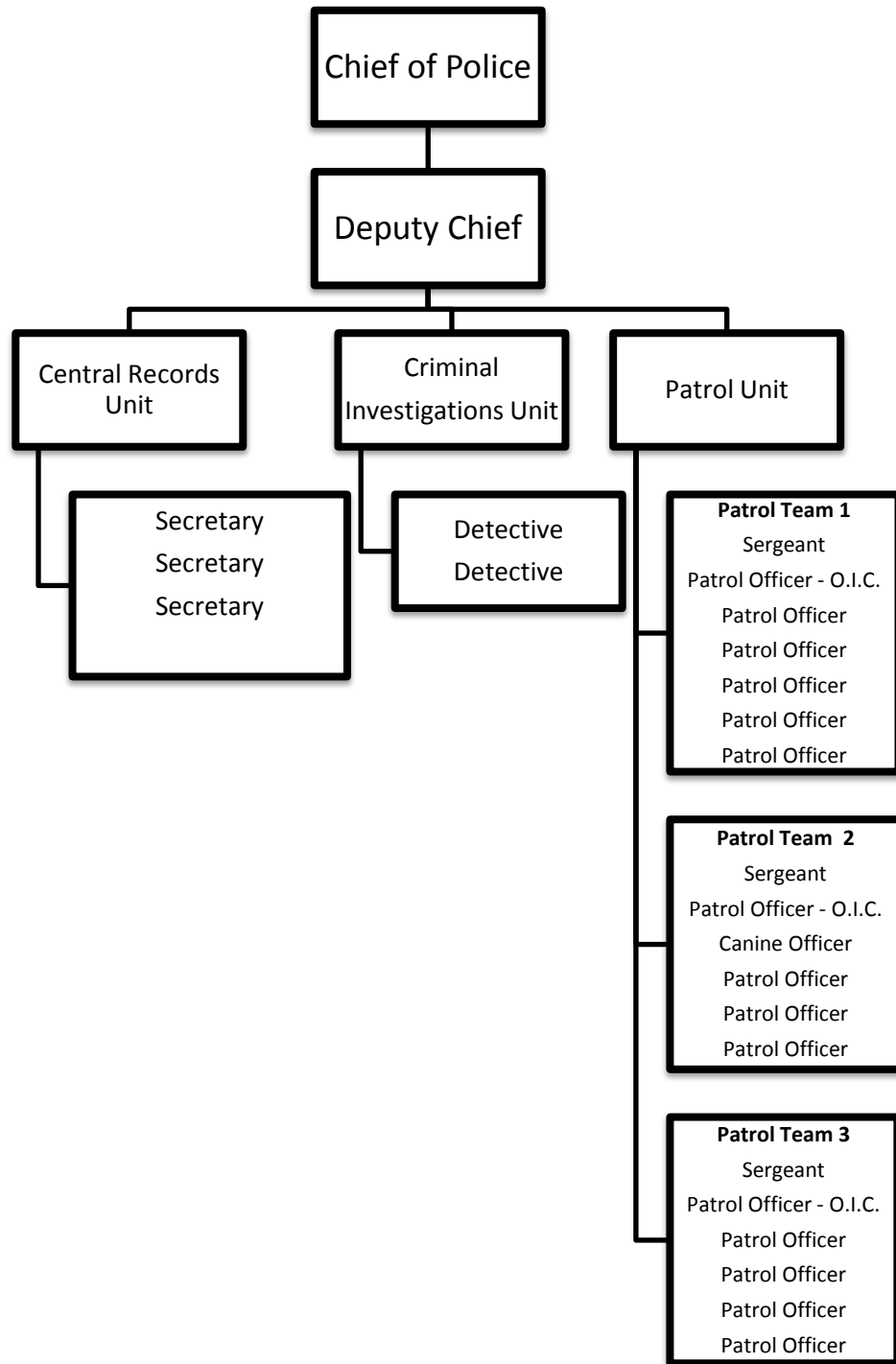
We will, in order to engage in the process of continual and innovative improvement, strive to maximize the professional skills and potential of each employee through the development and retention of our members and by affording education, training, and unique, advanced career opportunities.

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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE VILLAGE OF WILLOWBROOK POLICE DEPARTMENT

30 – 35 Years	Sergeant David Gaddis	1987
25 – 29 Years	Sergeant Scott Eisenbeis	1990
	Detective John Handzik	1993
20 - 24 Years	Detective Daniel Polfliet	1994
	Sergeant Timothy Kobler	1995
	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
	Deputy Chief Lauren Kaspar	2007
	Support Services Lori Rinella	2008
	Officer Nicholas Volek	2008
5 - 9 Years	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
	Officer Alexander Erdmann	2017
	Officer Teresa Esqueda	2018
	Officer Joaquin Silva	2018

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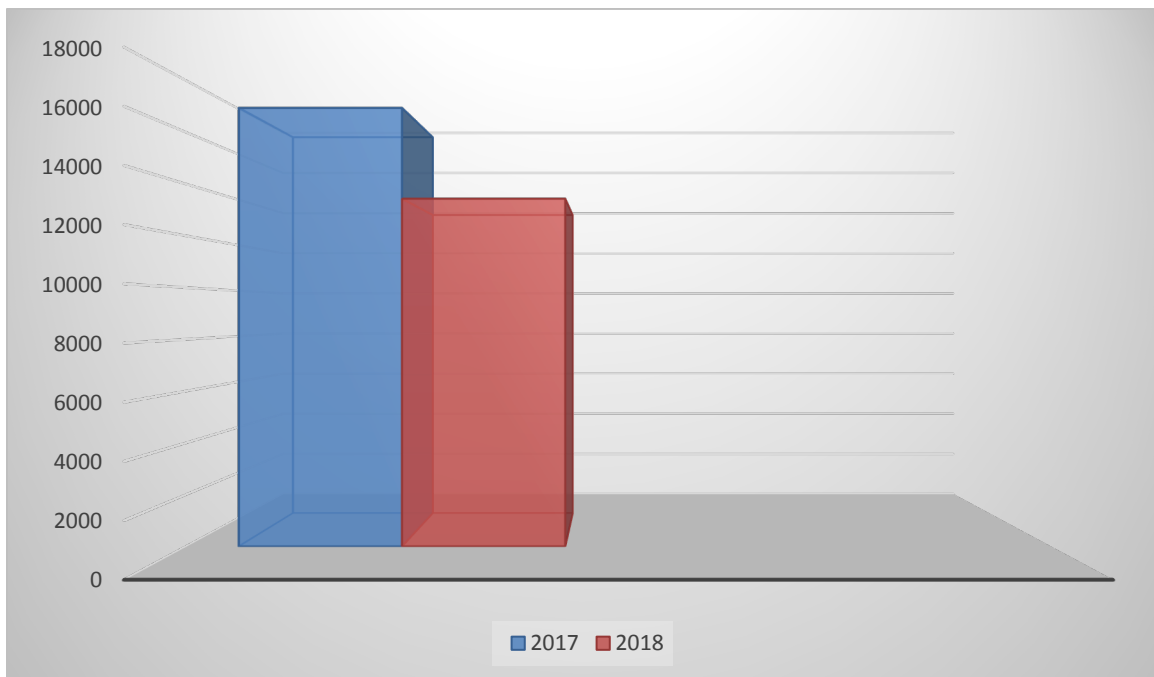
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TOTAL DISPATCH NUMBERS GENERATED BY DUCOMM (DUPAGE PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH)

2017 = 16,936

2018 = 13,432



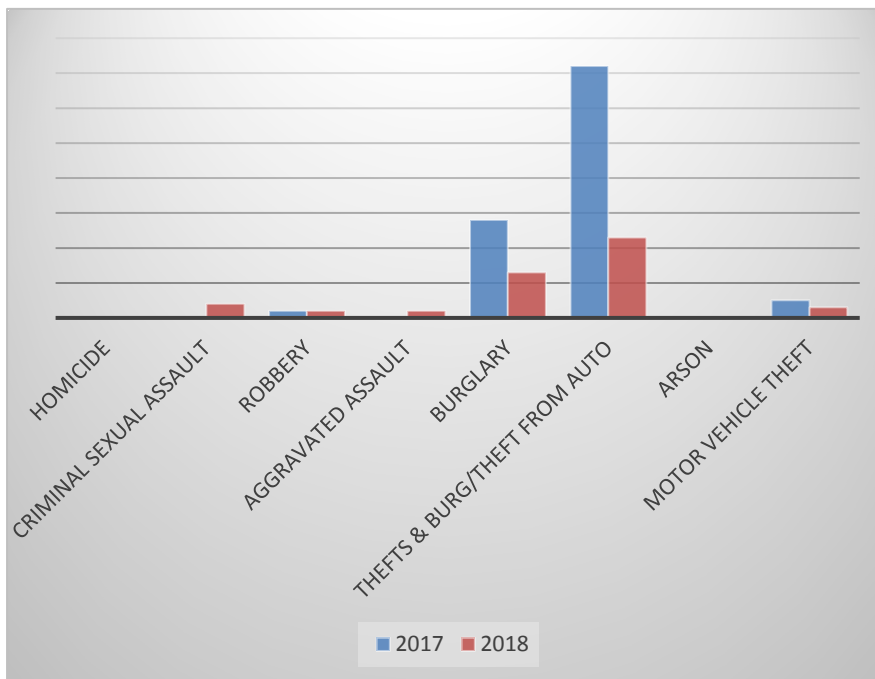
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INDEX CRIME COMPARISON

Year:	2017	2018
Homicide	0	0
Criminal Sexual Assault	0	4
Robbery	2	2
Aggravated Assault	0	2
Burglary	28	13
Thefts & Burg/Theft from Auto	72	23
Arson	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	5	3
Total	107	47



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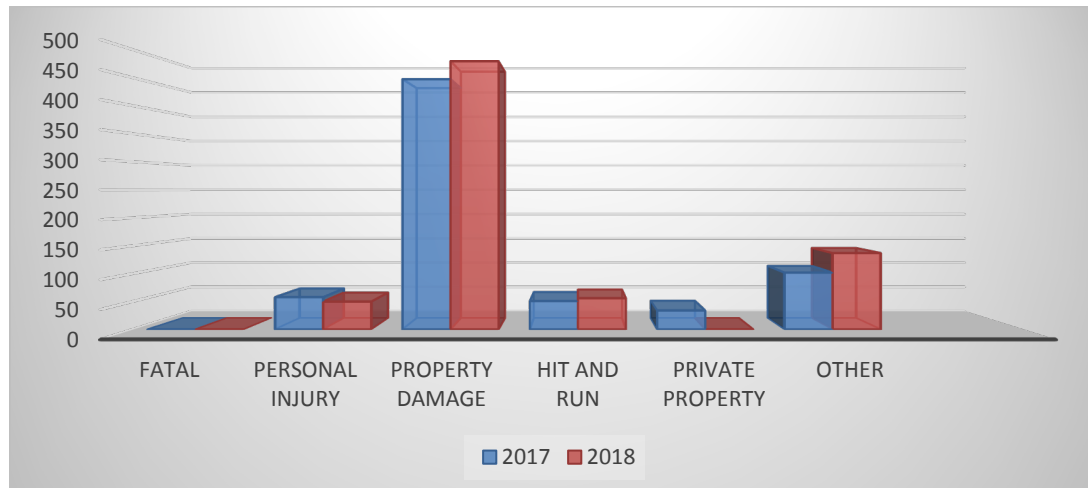
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TRAFFIC ACCIDENT SUMMARY

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

YEAR:	2018
Fatal	0
Personal Injury	50
Property Damage	479
Hit and Run	56
Other	0
Private Property	137
Total	722



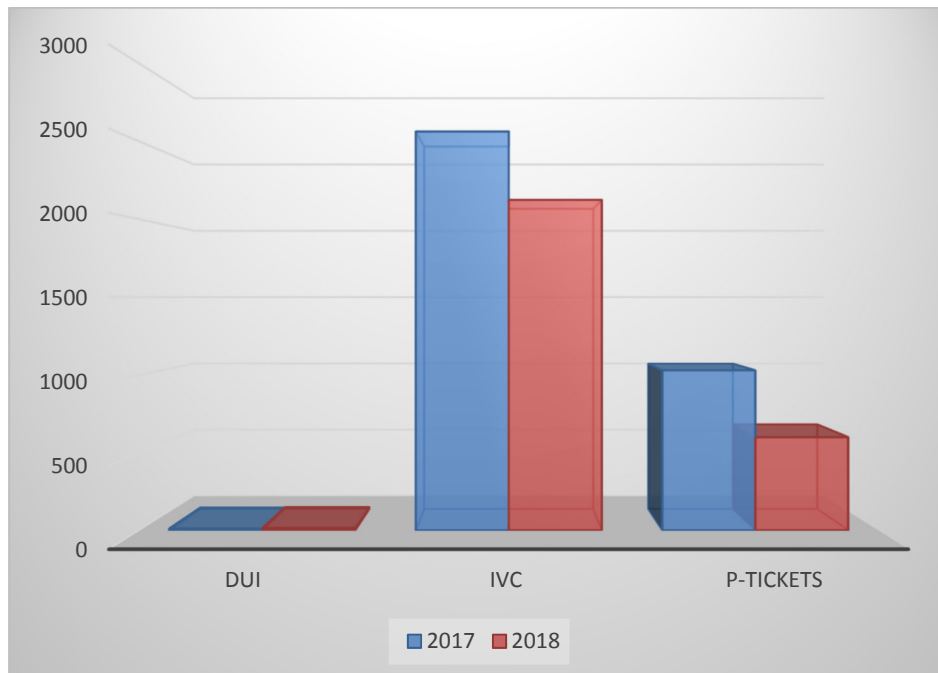
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TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY

YEAR:	2017	2018
DUI Arrest	11	14
IVC Traffic Citations	2563	2124
Compliance/Parking/Ordinance Tickets	1030	601



The enforcement initiatives by patrol and the patrol presence to motorists in the neighborhoods and along the busy roadways work in conjunction to attempt to lower accident totals and keep drivers and pedestrians safer as they travel throughout our village.

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TRAINING

Ongoing and continued specialized training are a priority with the police department. Officers received over (400) hours of in-house service training which included Law Review, Range Training, Less Lethal Training, Hazardous and Bloodborne Training and other various applicable specialties.

Some of the specialized training attended by officers included Midwest Forensic Training Conference, 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 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

The Explorers have been very active in their training and have assisted the Village of Willowbrook with the following events and special details.

The St. Baldrick's Foundation fundraiser which was held at The Kerry Piper.

Along with assisting the police department with "Tobacco Buys" and administrative duties they also assisted with the Village sponsored Easter Egg Hunt, The Spring Fling 5K Fun Run, Halloween, the Children's' Christmas Party, the Village Tree Lighting Ceremony, and the Cruisin 66 Fest and Car Show.



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CANINE

On November 1st, 2018 Willowbrook K9 ARTOS passed away. Artos, a four-year-old German Shepherd K9 contracted a fungal infection known as Blastomycosis. This fungal infection is a systemic fungal infection caused by the organism *Blastomyces dermatitidis*, which is commonly found in decaying wood and soil. Artos began his career in September of 2015 when he was paired with his best friend Officer Volek. The two attended an intensive four-week training course where they focused on narcotic detection, tracking, area searches, apprehension of offenders and his most faithful duty officer protection. Artos served the Village of Willowbrook selflessly during his watch. Artos was a loyal officer and a loved member of the WBPD family.



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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 2018 there were no official complaints.

2017 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

2018 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

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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POLICE AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Our involvement in numerous activities with our residents was a great success. Secretary Debbie Hahn and Nancy Turville 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, Nancy Turville, Laurie Schmitz and Debbie Hahn are fantastic representatives for the department each year at these events.



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SENIOR WILLOWBROOK ADULTS CONNECTED

The annual Willowbrook Police senior citizen bingo was a success. The afternoon was filled with challenging games of bingo and the spirited enthusiasm for prizes was contagious throughout the event. Current senior scam information was instructed to the attendees. A special appreciation went out to all the donations from the local businesses. Our already established relationship with our seniors continued to grow. Once again, the Chief of Police had the most fun!

