

# WEST CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT



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### A MESSAGE FROM CHIEF UPLEGGER

Thank you for your interest in our Annual Report. It represents a few of our highlights from 2017 and provides us with an opportunity to focus on where we are going in the future.

During 2017, a number of goals were reached by our Department Staff. Perhaps the most significant was the receipt of our 1<sup>st</sup> Accreditation award from the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP). Accreditation is the ongoing process whereby agencies evaluate policy and procedure against established criteria, and comply with those criteria as verified by an independent and authoritative body, the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Council.

Our officers continue their efforts to keep our streets safe. This year, officers initiated over 9,000 traffic stops, issued over 3,000 traffic citations, and arrested 72 drivers who were under the influence from drugs and/or alcohol.

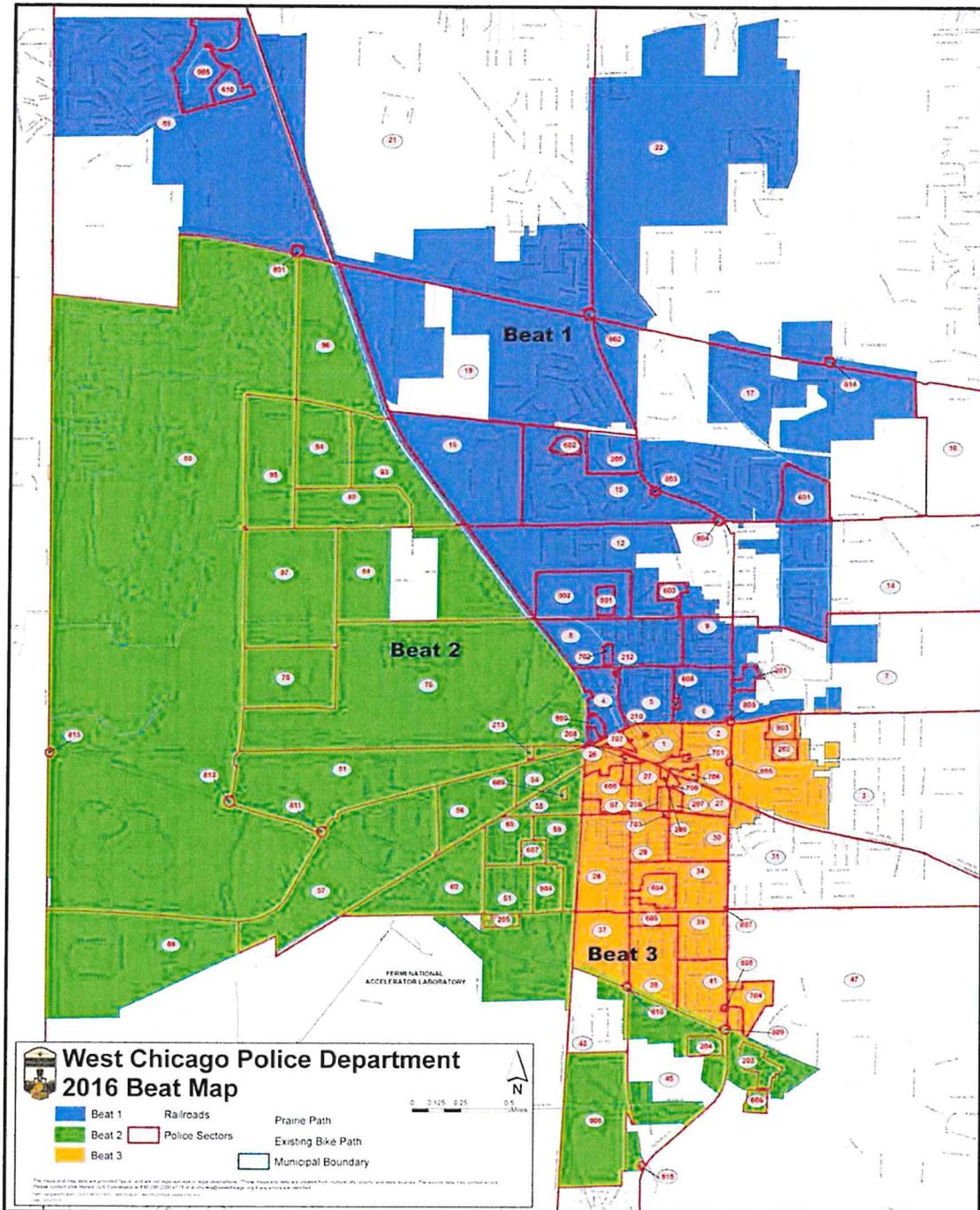
We continue to battle the use of heroin and opioid medication abuse. During 2017 we responded to 16 overdose related calls and saved 13 people by administering Naloxone (NARCAN) to the victims. NARCAN reverses the deadly effects of an opioid overdose.

While the Annual Report cannot document everything that our Department accomplishes or participates in during the year, we are confident that this Report gives a representative sample of our interaction with the community and dedication to making West Chicago a safe and secure place to live, visit or work.

The men and women of the West Chicago Police Department are committed to serving the community. Please do not hesitate to call upon us whenever you have questions or concerns.

Michael E. Uplegger  
Chief of Police

MAP OF SERVICE AREA



## DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

The West Chicago Police Department is comprised of 56 employees, including 46 sworn police officers and 10 civilian personnel. All employees are dedicated to serving the 27,086 residents of the City of West Chicago. All sworn officers are responsible for investigating and enforcing both local and state criminal offenses. The Chief of Police reports directly to the City Administrator and is responsible for the overall direction and vision of the Police Department.

The Department is divided into two Divisions: the Patrol Division and the Support Services Division. Each Division is led by a Commander who reports to the Chief of Police. The communications operation of the Department is outsourced to DuPage Public Safety Communications (DU-COMM), which provides dispatch services to 45 police and fire agencies in DuPage County.

The Patrol Commander leads the Patrol Division, which consists of Uniformed Patrol, the Traffic Safety Unit and Community Relations/Training. Uniformed Patrol consists of four Sergeants, 28 sworn officers and two Community Service Officers. Uniformed Patrol is the most visible component to the public, as it is responsible for patrolling assigned beats within the community and responding to all emergency and non-emergency calls for service. The Traffic Safety Unit consists of one Sergeant and three Police Officers and is responsible for traffic safety and enforcement as well as the investigation of serious injury and fatal traffic crashes.

The Support Services Commander leads the Support Services Division, which consists of the Investigations and Records Section and Social Services. The Investigations Section consists of one Sergeant, four Detectives, three School Resource Officers, one Crime Analyst and a Community Service Officer who acts as the Evidence/Property Custodian. The Records Section consists of three full-time contracted clerks. Social Services has one full-time Social Worker and an intern from Aurora University.

## MISSION AND VALUES STATEMENTS

### Mission Statement

The mission of the West Chicago Police Department is to protect life and liberty, provide quality police services, and forge community partnerships with integrity and professionalism.

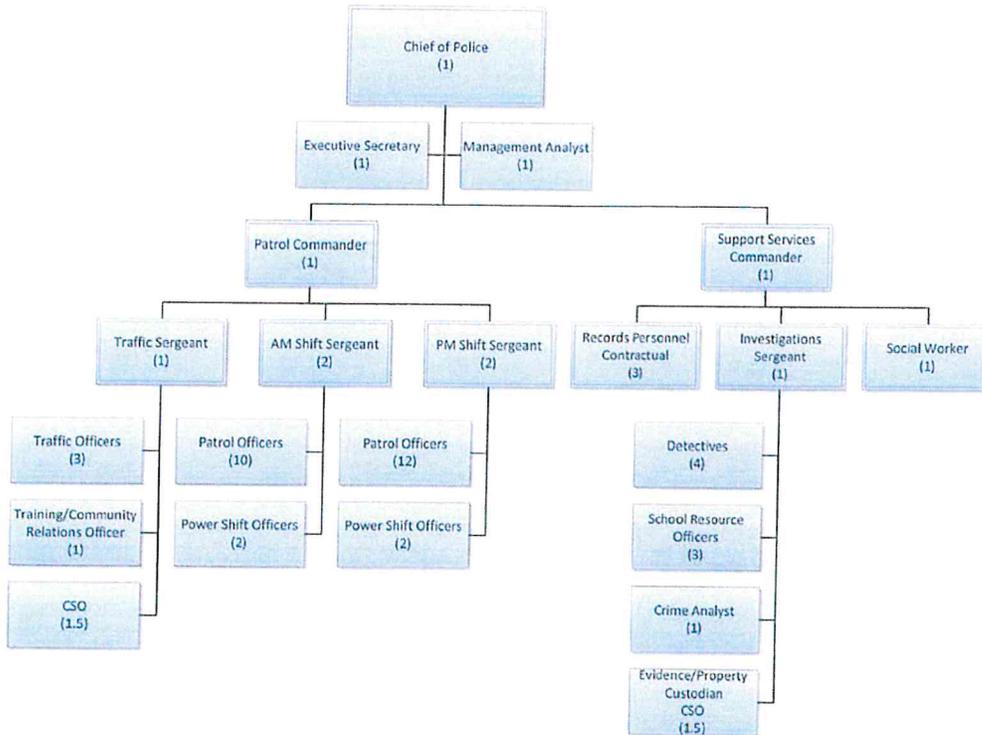
### Vision Statement

The vision of the West Chicago Police Department is to utilize state of the art technology, progressive training, professional development, and leadership to establish ourselves as a premier law enforcement agency.

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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART – 2017

WEST CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT



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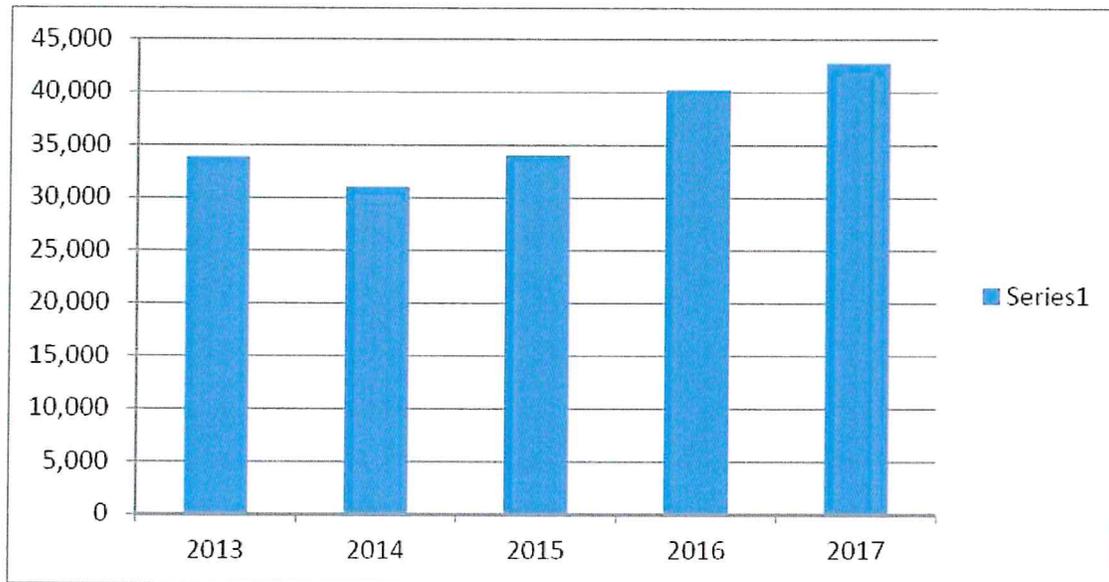
**DIVISIONS**

**PATROL DIVISION**

Officers work 12-hour shifts and a 10- hour shift and are divided into four teams: two day shift teams and two night shift teams. The Patrol Sergeants also work 12-hour shifts, with one Sergeant assigned to each team.

In addition to their self-initiated duties such as traffic enforcement, Patrol Officers are responsible for responding to all emergency and non-emergency calls for service. This includes, but is not limited to, traffic crashes, burglaries, disputes, Fire Protection District assists, well-being checks and suspicious activity calls. These are known as Police Incidents. In 2017, West Chicago Police Department personnel responded to 42,780 Incidents. This is a 6.3% increase from 2016, which is attributed to increased traffic enforcement and foot patrols.

**Police Incidents By Year: 2013-2017**



The Patrol Division saw significant personnel changes in 2017. One Commander retired and a Sergeant was promoted to the position of Patrol Commander. An Officer was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. One new Police Officer was hired and the Crime Analyst subsequently resigned. The new Officer successfully completed training at the Illinois State Police Training Academy. After the Academy, new officers continue their training at the Police Department with a Field Training Officer. The Field Training Officer is an experienced officer trained in the art of supervising, training and evaluating entry level police officers in the application of their recently acquired knowledge and skills.

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### PATROL DIVISION

This additional three to four months of field training allows new officers to become familiar with the City, learn Department policies and procedures and build on the skills they learned in the Academy. It also gives new officers the opportunity to work with and observe veteran officers on different shifts prior to working on their own.

All officers receive on-going training during their tenure with the Department. The Police Department offers both in-house training and outside training through its partnerships with North East Multi-Regional Training, Inc. and other agencies. In 2017, the West Chicago Police Department hosted in-house training courses in areas such as CPR and first aid, firearms, rapid deployment, defensive tactics and conducted energy weapons (Tasers).

In addition to the standard training that is required for all sworn personnel, Patrol Officers have the option to pursue specialty training for the roles of Juvenile Officer, Evidence Technician, Traffic Crash Investigator and Range Officer. This training allows officers to become more knowledgeable in a particular skill set and adds to the level of professionalism within the Department.

### Traffic Stop Analysis

In 2004, Illinois law began requiring all State and local police agencies to collect and report specific statistical data to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for compilation in a statewide Traffic Stop Study Report. The data is compiled annually by IDOT and reported to the Governor, General Assembly, the Racial Profiling Prevention and Data Oversight Board and each law enforcement agency. Data collected and submitted from the West Chicago Police Department's 2017 traffic stops indicate that minority drivers are stopped less frequently than would be expected based on the IDOT estimated driving population.

Race	Stops	Percentage
White	4,108	49.59%
Black/African American	556	6.71%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	26	.31%
Hispanic/Latino	3143	37.94
Asian	436	5.26%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	15	.18%
Total Stops Reported to IDOT	8,284	
TOTAL NON-WHITE	4,176	50.41%
IDOT NON-WHITE DRIVING POPULATION	56.29%	

## PATROL DIVISION

### Traffic Safety Unit

The Traffic Safety Unit is charged with responding to and handling traffic crashes and road related complaints. The Traffic Safety Unit Sergeant also organizes and coordinates traffic enforcement campaigns throughout the year.

Another lesser known aspect of traffic safety is the enforcement of laws as they pertain to large trucks. Trucks are required to have a registration based on their weight, and cannot carry loads that are heavier than the registration allows. Overweight trucks contribute to accelerated road deterioration and negatively affect braking capabilities in emergencies. The Police Department has several Patrol Officers who are trained as Truck Enforcement Officers and one who is assigned to the Traffic Safety Unit to conduct specialized enforcement on overweight trucks. In 2017, 152 overweight trucks were cited.

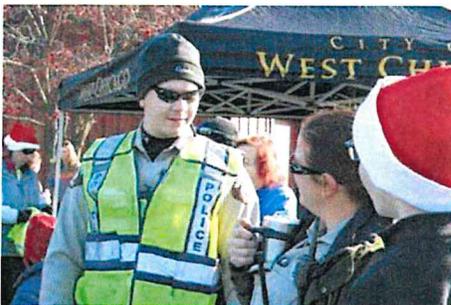
### Community Relations/Training

The Community Relations Officer coordinates and implements the specific crime prevention, community education, crime resistance and community relations activities of the Department. The specific duties in regard to the Department include, but are not be limited to, the following:

- (a) Planning and developing training programs;
- (b) Identifying and notifying personnel of both required and available training;
- (c) Maintaining training records;
- (d) Ensuring that required training programs are attended; and
- (e) Implementing training programs.

In 2017, West Chicago Officers completed a total of 4,708 hours of training, which equates to an average of 88 hours of training per officer. The training focused on Civil Rights, Constitutional Law/Proper Use of Law Enforcement Authority, Cultural Competency, Procedural Justice, Human Rights, Law/Legal Updates and Use of Force, all of which are required by the Illinois Police Training Act.

### Community Service Officers



The Community Service Officers perform a wide variety of non-sworn field and office law enforcement work in direct support of sworn personnel including parking enforcement, traffic control, report taking, animal control, management of the Evidence/Property Room, the transportation and delivery of evidence and official documents and cash, and providing responsive, courteous and efficient service to City residents and the general public.

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### SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

#### Investigations Section

In 2017, the Detectives worked on cases involving death investigations, financial crimes, burglaries and narcotic investigations. A summary of the cases follows:

Offense/Incident	2017
Burglary/Residential Burglary	28
Background Investigations	10
Missing Persons	21
Aggravated Battery/Battery/Mob Action	15
Theft/Retail Theft	42
Sex Offenses	8
Criminal Damage (Property/Vehicle)	24
Shootings	12
Death/Suicide Investigations	9
Armed Robbery/Robbery	11
Weapons	5
Fraud/Credit Card Fraud/Forgery/Deceptive Practice	25
Drugs	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>224</b>

#### Records Section

The Records Section is the information repository within the Police Department. The Records Section is responsible for maintaining all paper and electronic enforcement records for the Department. The Records Section also serves the public on a daily basis by conducting business at the customer service window. Records personnel help citizens with Freedom of Information Act requests, arrest record checks, and citation payments. They also serve as an answering point for customers who need information about court, traffic and parking citations, overnight parking and various permits issued by the City.

#### Crime Analysis

The Crime Analyst is responsible for collecting and analyzing crime data for Department-wide dissemination. The Analyst also identifies crime patterns and trends that are impacting the City and compiles this information to produce analytical reports that are helpful to Detectives and Patrol Officers for directed patrol.

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**SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION**

**Social Services**

The West Chicago Police Department employs a full-time Social Worker, who is available to handle cases that are referred to her either by other Police Department personnel or by any other City staff. In addition to the Social Worker, the Department has an intern from Aurora University. The Internship Program provides interns the opportunity to acquire the skills necessary to function in a practice setting, while integrating and applying the theoretical classroom material to actual clients.

Social Services staff automatically follows-up with all victims of domestic violence. During the course of 2017, Social Services staff handled in excess of 500 cases. These cases involved issues such as abuse, neglect, crisis intervention and domestic violence.

The Social Services Section also hosted 17 women’s programs, which were divided into two groups (a support group and an educational group). Social Services staff also put on numerous presentations and assisted in providing 11 families with a total of 30 children with food and gifts for Christmas. Easter baskets were also provided to 48 children during 2017. A summary of the cases follows:

Type of Case	#	Type of Case	#	Type of Case	#
Call-Out	8	Death	10	Housing	15
Advocacy	242	Domestic Violence	109	Information & Referral	129
Alleged Sexual Assault	2	Elderly Cases	9	Mental Health/Psychiatric	12
Court	21	Family Problems	93	Youth Problems	34
Crisis Intervention	35	Financial Assistance	13	Drugs Alcohol	2
		Other Problems	8		

**School Resource Officers**

The School Resource Officers (SROs) serve as the liaisons between the Police Department and West Chicago Community High School District 94 and West Chicago Elementary School District 33. In 2017, the High School SROs were the primary investigators in 166 cases, of which 164 cases originated at the Community High School. 54 cases were handled by the SRO at District 33 schools. The investigations completed by the SROs led to the arrest of 35 persons.

In addition to their investigative responsibilities, the SROs conduct training and education exercises for students and School staff. During 2017, the SROs participated in over 87 classroom presentations, 15 staff in-service sessions, and approximately 30 emergency drills, including weather, lockdown, and fire drills.

## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

## 2017 Highlights

The following are snapshots of notable cases during the year:

In January, a suspect entered the Jewel Food Store located at 177 E. Roosevelt Rd. and removed 35 cans of Enfamil formula from the store without paying for them. Officer Alaniz was able to develop a suspect based off of a license plate. An arrest warrant for Felony Retail Theft was obtained for the suspect's arrest on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Based on the arrest warrant, a trooper with the Illinois State Police arrested the suspect on February 4<sup>th</sup>. The suspect was transported to the West Chicago Police Station where she was processed. Unable to post the required bond, the suspect was transported to the DuPage County Jail.

On January 12<sup>th</sup>, Officers Kowalik, Bertany, Landbo, Langelan and Winton, Detectives Bowers and Herbert, and Sergeant Zurick responded to the 500 block of Kenwood Ave. for a shots fired complaint. A suspect had fired multiple shots at a vehicle. On January 25<sup>th</sup>, as part of the investigation, a search warrant was executed for a residence in the area of the shooting. While conducting the search, cocaine and psilocybin mushrooms were located. A follow-up interview was conducted by Detective Herbert where the suspect admitted to selling cocaine at local bars. An arrest warrant was obtained for the suspect for Possession of a Controlled Substance. On February 13<sup>th</sup>, the suspect surrendered himself at the West Chicago Police Station. The suspect was processed, assigned a court date and released from custody.

On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Officers Perry, Gelsomino and Calabrese were dispatched to Jewel located at 177 E. Roosevelt Rd. for a report of theft of liquor. A check of the area was unsuccessful in locating the suspect(s). Over \$500.00 of liquor was taken. Video footage of the theft and suspect was obtained. Detective Bowers followed up and learned that the offender is also a suspect in thefts in a number of other municipalities and had been recently arrested by the Highland Park Police Department. Detectives Peterson and Bowers interviewed the suspect at his residence in Chicago and obtained a confession. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved two felony charges for Retail Theft. A warrant was obtained for the offender's arrest.

On April 17<sup>th</sup>, Sergeant Cargola and Officers O'Neil, Perry and Potts responded to the area of Augusta Ave. and Bishop St. for a report of a man chasing two people with a gun. A suspect was not located at that time and the victim did not want to cooperate. On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Sergeant Cargola and Officers Zepeda, Reyes and Smurawski responded to a call of a car struck by gunfire as it drove through the 500 block of E. Pomeroy St. Suspects were developed in this case and on April 25<sup>th</sup>, they were taken into custody while at the Geneva Motel Inn in St. Charles. A handgun and cannabis were found in the hotel room. The suspect with the contraband was taken into custody and interviewed at the West Chicago Police Station. Due to the arrest taking place in Kane County, the Kane County State's Attorney's Office was contacted and approved the following charges: one count of Armed Violence, four counts of Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon and one count of Unlawful Possession of Cannabis. The offender was processed and transported to Kane County Jail.

## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

## 2017 Highlights

On May 4<sup>th</sup>, Officers were dispatched to a fight in progress behind a business in the 300 block of S. Neltor Blvd. Two individuals were fighting and one was stated to be hitting the other with a hammer. Officers Calabrese, Fearon, Sauseda, Langelan, and Cummings responded to the scene. The victim was found covered in a large amount of blood with wounds to his face. He was transported to Central DuPage Hospital where he was treated for multiple injuries. He was released and transported to the West Chicago Police Station where he provided Officers with a written statement of what occurred. Officer Reyes, who is a trained Evidence Technician, was called out to process the scene and collect evidence which included the hammer. The DuPage County State's Attorney approved two counts of Aggravated Battery (Causing Great Bodily Harm and Use of a Deadly Weapon). The offender was processed and transported to the DuPage County Jail.

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, Officer Gelsomino responded to a burglary to a detached garage call in the 400 block of Ann St. Removed was an air compressor, a power washer and miscellaneous hand tools. The owner is unsure if the garage was padlocked shut. The homeowner believes the offender is a neighbor. Detective Herbert checked for pawned items and was able to locate the victim's property at a local pawn shop. Video from the pawn shop was obtained which showed the offender pawning the items. On May 18<sup>th</sup>, the suspect fled from a vehicle stopped by Detective Herbert. Sergeants Shackelford and Calabrese and Officers Bertany, Gelsomino, Jones, Moos, Fuller and Reavley and Detective Bowers assisted with the search of the area. The suspect was located hiding in a shed in the 200 block of W. Stimmel Ave. Detective Herbert interviewed the suspect and obtained a confession to burglarizing the garage. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved one count of Burglary. The suspect was processed and transported to the DuPage County Jail.

On May 27<sup>th</sup>, Officers Sauseda and Gelsomino were dispatched to a report of a residential burglary in the 200 block of Ainsley Dr. The homeowner returned from vacation and noted a number of items missing including jewelry, \$700 U.S.C. and garage door openers from the victims' car. The victims also learned that their credit cards, which had been left in the residence, had been used at stores in Addison and Glendale Heights. The victim suspected a relative committed the burglary. Detectives Peterson, Herbert and Bowers followed up with the pawn shop where the victim's jewelry was sold. They obtained video and confirmation that the suspect had pawned jewelry. Detectives also obtained video from stores where the victim's credit cards had been used. With the assistance of the Rolling Meadows Police Department, the suspects were taken into custody on June 6<sup>th</sup>. The DuPage County State's Attorney Office approved one count of Residential Burglary and three counts of Unlawful Use of Credit Card. The offenders were processed and transported to DuPage County Jail.

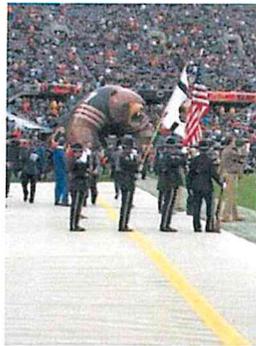
On July 4<sup>th</sup>, a victim walked into the lobby of the Station to report she had been battered by her husband, and that he had also placed a gun to her head. Officers Flanigan, Cummings, Fearon, Calabrese, Perry and Moos went to the residence in the 700 block of Kenwood Ave. The victim's son advised that he had taken the gun away from his father and hid it in a garbage can located in the backyard. Officers recovered the gun, and the offender was arrested and transported to the Station. Once at the Station, the offender refused to make any statements. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved charges of Aggravated Assault, two counts of Domestic Battery and Possession of a Firearm without a FOID card. The offender was processed and transported to the DuPage County Jail.

DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

**Honor Guard**

The West Chicago Police Department Honor Guard is a team of Officers formed with the mission to remember and honor all those serving in law enforcement, the fire service and the United States military who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our communities and a grateful nation. Members of the Honor Guard receive training in military-style drill and ceremony etiquette. The Honor Guard was comprised of: Commander Shipman, Sergeant Gaztambide, and Officers Richards, Rosenwinkel, Fuller, Gelsomino and Flanigan. Honor Guard activities include the presentation, posting and retiring of the Colors, parades, holiday ceremonies and, most importantly, funeral ceremonies and memorials.

In 2017, the Honor Guard participated in the Police Officer Memorial in Springfield, National Night Out, Railroad Days, the Red Tail Ball at the DuPage County Airport Flight Center and a Chicago Bears game.



**National Night Out**

On Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, the Department held its National Night Out event. This year, the event was held at the Police Station and included station tours and displays of various pieces of law enforcement equipment. 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.



**Touch-a-Truck**

On Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, the West Chicago Police Department in conjunction with the West Chicago Park District hosted the annual Touch-a-Truck event at the Turtle Splash parking lot. During the two-hour event, children and families explored, discovered and climbed on a variety of trucks including big rigs, fire engines, police cars, excavating equipment and more.



## DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

### Prescription Drop Box

In 2011, the Department placed a collection box for prescription medication in the Police Station lobby in an effort to provide residents with an easy, secure, and safe way to dispose of unwanted or expired prescription drugs. This service is provided to assist in keeping medications out of both the water supply and the hands of individuals who might otherwise abuse prescription drugs.

The safe and easy drop-off location allows residents to be eco-friendly while helping to safeguard our youth, our community and the natural environment. In 2017, a total of 224 lbs. of drugs were dropped off, which was a 31 lb. increase over 2016. Since the inception of the Program, the Department has received 1,605 lbs. of unwanted or expired prescription drugs.



### MEETUP SPOT

The West Chicago Police Department is now an internet purchase exchange location. Residents are encouraged to use the lobby or parking lot, located at 325 Spencer Street, for a safe location to exchange items sold via the internet.

The exchange location is open and available for use, but residents should not expect officers to mediate transactions.

The West Chicago Police Department recommends using the exchange location during daylight hours. In an event that an officer is needed, people can go into the police department and request to speak with an officer or call 911.



### Peer Jury Program

The Peer Jury Program was designed with the goal of providing positive peer guidance to first time juvenile offenders. The proceedings are confidential closed sessions, with the Peer Jury, the Juvenile Officer, the offender, and the offender's parents in attendance. The 2017 Peer Jury Panel was comprised of eight to ten jurors between the ages of 15 and 18. Over the course of the year, the panel heard a total of three cases.

The Peer Jury can assign consequences such as community service, essays, collages, and apology letters as part of its sentencing recommendations. After the panel makes its recommendation, the juvenile offender has one month to complete the assigned consequences and return before the Peer Jury to show proof of compliance. The offender's parents must also sign an Agreement for their child to participate.

A goal of the Program is to choose high school age volunteers from the community who represent diverse backgrounds to be Peer Jurors. They must be persons of character, show maturity and be trustworthy. They must be recommended by members of their school and the community. Once selected, they participate in a training program designed to give them a background in juvenile law. They learn how to ask appropriate questions, arrive at appropriate solutions, and maintain strict confidentiality about the offender.

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### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

On March 6<sup>th</sup>, Department members and their families participated in the Polar Plunge at Silver Springs State Park in Yorkville. This Law Enforcement Torch Run event raises money for the Illinois Special Olympics. The West Chicago Team raised \$2,340.00.



On Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, Department members, Alderman Birch-Ferguson, residents and Special Olympians joined other law enforcement organizations across the state and participated in the 31st Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run. Runners left City Hall and continued to Supermercado La Chiquita at Illinois Route 38 (Roosevelt Rd.) and Joliet St. Over the past 31 years, the run has raised more than \$43 million. Funds ensure that neither the athletes nor their families will be charged for participation in Special Olympics.



On July 8<sup>th</sup>, the Department held the Michael Browning Memorial Run to Remember 5K. Thanks to Detective Peterson and his family and Department staff who assisted him with this event. This annual event honors fallen police officers and raises funds for a scholarship established in his name.

On the morning of May 19<sup>th</sup>, members of the West Chicago Police Department staked out all four Dunkin' Donuts locations in West Chicago to raise funds for the Law Enforcement Torch Run benefitting Special Olympics. Thanks to the huge support from the community, we can happily announce we raised in excess of \$4,500.00 with the entire amount going directly to the Special Olympics.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

**Leaf Raking**

On Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, the Annual Leaf Raking event was held. Chief Uplegger, Commanders Calabrese and Shipman, Officers Rosenwinkel and Schoonhoven, Community Service Officers Eichinger and Rigler, Executive Secretary Bautista, West Chicago Community High School Teachers, West Chicago Community High School's Horticulture and Interact Clubs, Boy Scouts of America, West Chicago Park District, Noble Wolf Estates and a number of residents all donated time to help with the event. Special thanks to Menards for donating the yard bags, and Groot Industries for collecting the bagged leaves.



CONTRACTUAL AND AUXILIARY SERVICES

Communications

DU-COMM is an intergovernmental agency formed in 1975 to provide public safety communications to police and fire agencies. DU-COMM serves 45 agencies and over 800,000 residents within DuPage County. DU-COMM receives citizens requests for police, fire, and emergency medical services via 9-1-1 and ten- digit emergency phone lines. DU-COMM averages over 200,000 9-1-1 calls for service per year, and processes over 1.1 million phone calls in and out of the Communications Center.



Telecommunicators are responsible for answering all emergency and non-emergency public safety calls for service that come into the Communications Center. This includes calls for police, fire or ambulance services. During 2017, the Communications Center received in excess of 42,000 calls for service for the West Chicago jurisdiction. This includes police dispatches, traffic stops, 911 hang up calls and other service items. In addition to responding to citizen requests for assistance, Telecommunicators also relay information to and from patrol officers via radio. All calls for service are processed through the Computer Aided Dispatch System by the telecommunicators, ensuring that all calls are logged and stored for future reference.



Emergency Services

The West Chicago Emergency Services and Disaster Agency (ESDA) exists to prevent, minimize, repair, and alleviate injury or damage resulting from disasters caused by enemy attack, sabotage, or other hostile action, or from natural or man-made disasters.

Its primary function continues to be one of support/relief for the West Chicago Police Department. Typically the volunteers provide assistance at major traffic accidents, protect evidence at crime scenes, and protect the public and property in the event of weather-related damage. In addition, ESDA volunteers are trained to spot potentially hazardous weather which may affect the City or western DuPage County.

CONTRACTUAL AND AUXILIARY SERVICES

Community Emergency Response Team

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) was established in 2005. The purpose of CERT is to train citizens to better respond to emergency situations, should they arise. These volunteers can support first responders, provide immediate assistance to injured victims, and assist with crowd control in an emergency event.



More often, however, CERT members help with non-emergency projects throughout the year, such as Railroad Days, National Night Out, Mexican Independence Day and Frosty Fest. In addition to volunteering at these events, members staff a booth to raise community awareness about CERT and disaster awareness. West Chicago CERT currently has 150 members. All CERT members must undergo basic training provided by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency. For the duration of their tenure on CERT, members attend monthly training meetings which consist of online training, classroom instruction and practical training exercises.

On October 4<sup>th</sup>, CERT members received training on fire suppression. CERT members learned how to properly utilize a fire extinguisher.



On November 13<sup>th</sup>, 14 community volunteers successfully completed the seven-week CERT Training Program sponsored by the West Chicago Police Department. CERT training is designed to provide basic training in disaster preparedness, which increases the ability of citizens to survive until first responders or other assistance arrives. The seven-week course included instruction on Weather Safety, Fire and Life Safety, Medical, Light Search and Rescue, CERT Organization, Psychology, and Terrorism.



REGIONAL COOPERATIVES

**Northern Illinois Police Alarm System**

The Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS) represents a joint venture of suburban municipal police departments in the Chicago metropolitan area. Fifteen police agencies created NIPAS in 1983 to ensure effective police mutual aid in times of natural disasters. The system has grown to include law enforcement agencies of over 100 cities, villages, and towns in five counties

There are three components of NIPAS. The first component is the Mobile Field Force (MFF), which is used for crowd control and civil disturbances. The second component is the Emergency Services Team (EST). The EST is called for high-risk tactical incidents. The final component is the Bicycle Response Unit (BRU) which was created in 2015 to supplement the mission of the MFF.



The West Chicago Police Department has been a member of the Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS) since 2012. The Department currently has one officer serving on the Mobile Field Force.

There were no NIPAS activations during 2017 that required a response from West Chicago Police Officers.



## REGIONAL COOPERATIVES

### Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System

The Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) was developed to provide mutual aid to all Illinois police agencies. There are over 800 agencies represented in the ILEAS consortium.

In the event of an emergency in the West Chicago area, it is likely that surrounding jurisdictions will also be affected by the same circumstances, thereby making them unable to respond for mutual aid. As part of the ILEAS consortium, West Chicago would be able to request aid from other parts of the State that are not impacted by the emergency event. Additionally, West Chicago Police Department personnel can be called upon to respond to emergencies in other jurisdictions.

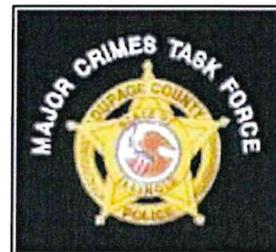


In 2017, there were no ILEAS activations in participating jurisdictions that required a response from West Chicago Police Officers.

### DuPage County Major Crimes Task Force

The DuPage County Major Crime Task Force (DCMCTF) began operating in February 1992. The Task Force was developed through a joint effort by the DuPage County Sheriff's Office, the DuPage County State's Attorney's Office, and the DuPage County Chiefs of Police Association.

The goal of the Task Force is to provide strong investigative aid and expertise to participating DuPage County agencies in especially significant cases. Task Force members typically request assistance in homicide investigations, kidnappings, police-involved shootings, and other exceptionally heinous crimes. In 2017, investigators from the West Chicago Police Department participated in five investigations with the DCMCTF. Those investigations included: an officer involved shooting by the DuPage County Sheriff's Office; a homicide in Wheaton; an aggravated battery, murder and arson in Roselle; suspicious death in Hanover Park; and a murder in Bensenville.



### DuPage County Crash Assistance Response Team

The West Chicago Police Department is a contributing agency to DuPage County Crash Assistance Response Team (DUCART), which means an Officer is provided to assist the team when a call-out is made. DUCART is activated to investigate serious motor vehicle accidents in any of the participating jurisdictions. There are 29 contributing agencies and seven non-contributing agencies within DUCART. In 2017, DUCART responded to one collision site within West Chicago. That investigation was for a Fatal Crash on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

## REGIONAL COOPERATIVES

### Fire Investigation Task Force

The DuPage County Fire Investigation Task Force was established in 1999 to assist local municipalities in processing and investigating significant fires of questionable origin. The Task Force is comprised of Federal, State and local investigators from 36 fire service law enforcement agencies in DuPage County. Teams of Task Force investigators are available to respond to assist in origin and cause investigations. Task Force resources include: ATF, FBI, DuPage County Sheriff's Office Forensic Investigations Unit, Hazardous Devices Unit, Crime Laboratory, Office of the State Fire Marshal, DuPage County State's Attorney's Office, accelerant detection dogs, electrical engineers, and demolition & shoring contractors.

### Emergency Management

As part of emergency preparedness, staff at the West Chicago Police Department maintain the Emergency Operations Plan for the City. The Plan includes a database of emergency resources, such as agencies and equipment that can be utilized in the event of a disaster.

The purpose of the Emergency Operations Plan is to familiarize City officials with procedures during an emergency, thereby coordinating staff responsibilities to efficiently respond to an event. The revised Plan was approved by the DuPage County Office of Emergency Management in 2016. Additional emergency preparedness is achieved through the West Chicago Police Department staff, working relationships with the DuPage County Office of Emergency Management, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The Department also partners with volunteer organizations such as the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army. These agencies provide the support and resources necessary to assist the City in managing large scale events, such as tornados or flooding. Additionally, they can provide personnel and equipment for disaster recovery, as well as food and shelter for displaced residents.

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### Internal Affairs

It is the Policy of the West Chicago Police Department to receive and investigate complaints related to internal discipline in a manner that will assure the community of prompt corrective action when Department members conduct themselves improperly and to protect the City and its employees from unwarranted criticism pursuant to the discharge of official duties. In 2017, there were no complaints filed against members of the Department.

Any person wishing to compliment or file a complaint against an employee may do so by contacting the on-duty shift supervisor in person or by telephone at 630-293-2222.

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### Levels of Resistance

For the calendar year 2017, the West Chicago Police Department had 17 Levels of Resistance Encountered Reports documented and submitted. This represents a decrease of Reports from 2016.

A summary of the Levels of Resistance Encountered Reports follows:

Summary	2017	2016	2015
Reports Initiated	17	24	8
# of Officers Involved	27	31	18
Type of Defense Used:			
Hands/Feet/Knee Strike/Other	15	17	6
O.C. Spray	0	1	0
Expandable Baton	0	0	0
Taser Deployed	1	0	3
Taser Pointed	0	5	n/a
Firearm	0	0	0
Canine Bite	0	0	1
Pointed Firearm	16	8	n/a
Injuries:			
Officer Injured	4	7	0
Subject(s) Injured	0	2	3

According to information provided by DU-COMM, the West Chicago Police Department received a total of 42,780 calls for service in 2017 and force was used in .037% of these calls.

Police Officers are knowledgeable of both the Use of Force Policy and appropriate Use of Force responses. In addition, all incidents of Use of Force are investigated by the supervisor and then subject to administration review. In 2017, Use of Force training included qualification and certification with firearms and patrol rifles, less than lethal weapons certifications, and review of the Department's Use of Force Policy.

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## Pursuit

In 2017, the West Chicago Police Department had three documented Pursuit Reports. This represents a 63% decrease from 2016 in which eight pursuits were reported.

PURSUIITS	2017	2016	2015
Total Pursuits	3	8	3
Terminated by Agency	1	8	2
Policy Compliant	3	8	2
Policy Non-Compliant	0	0	0
Crashes	2	3	0
Injuries: Officers	0	0	0
: Suspects	0	0	0
: Third Party	0	0	0
Traffic Offense(s)	2	6	2
Felony	0	2	0
Misdemeanor	1	0	1

The average top speed of Department vehicles involved in the pursuits was 81 MPH.

Two of the three pursuits ended in crashes. All of the crashes were one car collisions involving only the offenders' vehicles. No Department vehicles or citizen vehicles were damaged as a result of the pursuits. No Officers or third-party citizens were injured. No pursuit was reported covering a distance of more than two miles. Two of the pursuits covered a distance of one to two miles before ending. One pursuit was 1/2 mile to one mile in length. Two out of three pursuits originated from traffic violations. The third pursuit originated as a result of suspected criminal activity.

A review of the pursuits and the associated documentation did not reveal any significant trends or patterns that would necessitate additional training.

Sergeants and Command Staff reviewed the reports and Policy as part of the pursuit review. At this time there does not appear to be a need for policy modification. There were no equipment failures noted or policy violations.

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**Annual Performance**

Activities	2017 Total	2016 Total
Calls for Service (911 Calls)	10,276	10,073
Officer Generated Activity	23,472	21,186
Traffic Stops	9,032	8,982
Traffic Citations	3,563	2,383
Warnings	6,269	5,652
Parking Citations	3,026	3,665
Traffic Crashes	886	996
Incident Reports	3,720	3,475

**2017 Illinois Unified Crime Report (IUCR) Statistics**

Crime	2017 Total	2016 Total	2015 Total
Murder	0	0	0
Criminal Sexual Assault	7	6	11
Robbery	11	10	11
Aggravated Assault/Battery	12	17	12
Burglary	53	46	79
Theft	250	240	289
Arson	1	2	2
Motor Vehicle Theft	15	14	21
<b>Total IUCR</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>425</b>
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL CRIMES</b>			
Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle	68	111	123
Criminal Damage to Property	58	74	72
Criminal Defacement	91	61	82
Simple Assault/Battery	81	55	70
<b>Total Supplemental Crimes</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>347</b>

## GOALS

### Accomplished Goals for 2017

The Police Department staff set several goals for 2017 and spent the year working to achieve them. The Department purchased new Panasonic Arbitrator Mobile Audio Video (MAV) systems for Patrol vehicles. The units were installed and are currently operational.

In March of 2017, two Officers successfully completed Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training. CIT Training provides officers with education about mental illness, and provides skills and tools for effectively and safely interacting with someone who is experiencing a crisis. The key components of the forty hour course covered Exposure to the basic dynamics of common types of mental illness allowing the officer to make quick decisions utilizing options they have to resolve the crisis. Officers were exposed to the experiences, viewpoints, and concerns of persons with mental illnesses (consumers) and their families. Officers receive instruction and demonstrations in listening and responding skills.

On May 12<sup>th</sup>, Sergeant Julio Calabrese graduated from Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety School of Police Staff and Command, which is an intensive ten-week program that prepares law enforcement managers for senior positions by uniquely combining academic principles with practical applications. Chief Uplegger, Commander Shipman and Detective Peterson attended the event.



On July 24<sup>th</sup>, the first meeting was held between the City's Community Outreach Coordinator, the Chief of Police and a number of clergy from the City. Participants were from First United Methodist Church, Puente del Pueblo, World Relief, St. Andrew Lutheran, Wheaton Bible Church, Glen Arbor, Arya Samaj and Arya Samaj. The group decided that the goals of the committee should include: Strengthen partnerships between law enforcement and the Faith-Based Community; further the Faith-Based Community's role as a partner in crime reduction; and identifying and addressing social issues that diminish the quality of life for their members.

On October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017, two Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP) assessors were at the Police Station. The assessors conducted a review of policies, procedures and supporting documentation on how the Department operates. After concluding a review of the files, the assessors inspected the Station including the Evidence/Property Room, interviewed staff and went on ride-alongs to ascertain Department personnel were adhering to ILEAP standards. On December 19<sup>th</sup>, the Department was advised the Illinois Chiefs of Police Association had approved Tier II accreditation.

GOALS

**2018 Goals**

- Implement a Police Explorer Post by August 2018.
- Host a Citizen Police Academy by October 2018.
- Evaluate the use of Body Worn Cameras after a One year Field Test beginning in January 2018.