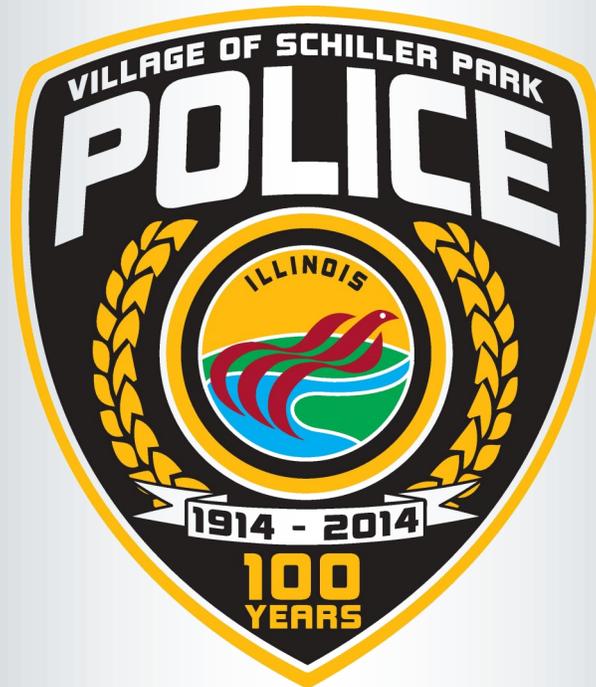




# SCHILLER PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT



## 2018 ANNUAL REPORT



# Law Enforcement Oath of Honor

*On my honor, I will never betray  
my badge, my integrity, my  
character or the public trust.*

*I will always have the courage  
to hold myself and others  
accountable for our actions.*

*I will always uphold the  
constitution, my community,  
and the agency I serve.*



# Village Officials

## Village President/Mayor

Nick Caiafa

## Village Clerk

Rosa Jos

## Village Trustees

Thomas Deegan

Moses Diaz

Joan Golembiewski

Catherine Gorzynski (Retired)

Russell Klug

Robert Lima

Terri Sheridan

## Interim Village Manager

David Strahl



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## Our Mission and Values

### Mission Statement

*The mission of the Schiller Park Police Department is to perform to the highest standards of ethical conduct while working in cooperation with the community to prevent crime and the fear of crime; to enhance public safety; and to improve the quality of life for the diverse community we serve.*

### Core Values

**SERVICE** - *We continuously strive to improve the quality of life for our citizens by seeking out innovative methods to deliver police services as expediently and efficiently as possible, and with individualized attention.*

**PROFESSIONALISM** - *We are committed to serving the community with honor and integrity at all times, delivering police services with the highest ethical standards and with the highest standards of proficiency in all that we do.*

**PARTNERSHIP** - *We seek to strengthen relationships and build trust with those we serve in order to identify community problems and develop mutual solutions to improve the quality of life in the community we serve.*

**DEDICATION** - *We pledge to serve the community, upholding the dignity of the law enforcement profession by remaining at the forefront of best police practices and devoting ourselves to training, education, and fidelity.*



## Message from the Director

April 28, 2019

I like to start each year's message acknowledging Officers killed Nationally in the line of duty. In 2018, 144 Officers died as a result of performing their duties. Of those: 52 Officers were shot to death (up 13% from the previous year); 50 from motor vehicle accidents; 4 drowned; 3 were beaten to death; and 2 were struck by a train. In 2018, at least 158 Officers died by suicide, nine percent more than the total number of line-of-duty deaths resulting from 15 other causes.

Faced with these alarming statistics, Schiller Park Police Officers will always remain resolute in providing the best police services to our Community. We do so with honor, dignity, and dedication!

The Schiller Park Police Department would like to thank Mayor Nick Caiafa and the Village Board of Trustees for their unwavering support of our Police Department. This collaborative team continues to evolve and is focused on how to best serve the Community. It is this cooperative effort between the Police, Village Officials, and all Village Departments that ensures a consistently high level of service is provided to our Community.

The Schiller Park Police Department would also like to thank our Residents. We realize that our relationship goes a long way in keeping our Village safe. We work hard to maintain the ties with those we serve and are committed to embracing programs that make our neighborhood safer.

The dedicated men and women of our Police Department worked hard throughout the year to fulfill their goal of protecting our Community. Therefore, it is a privilege for me to present you with the Schiller Park Police Department's 2018 Annual Report.

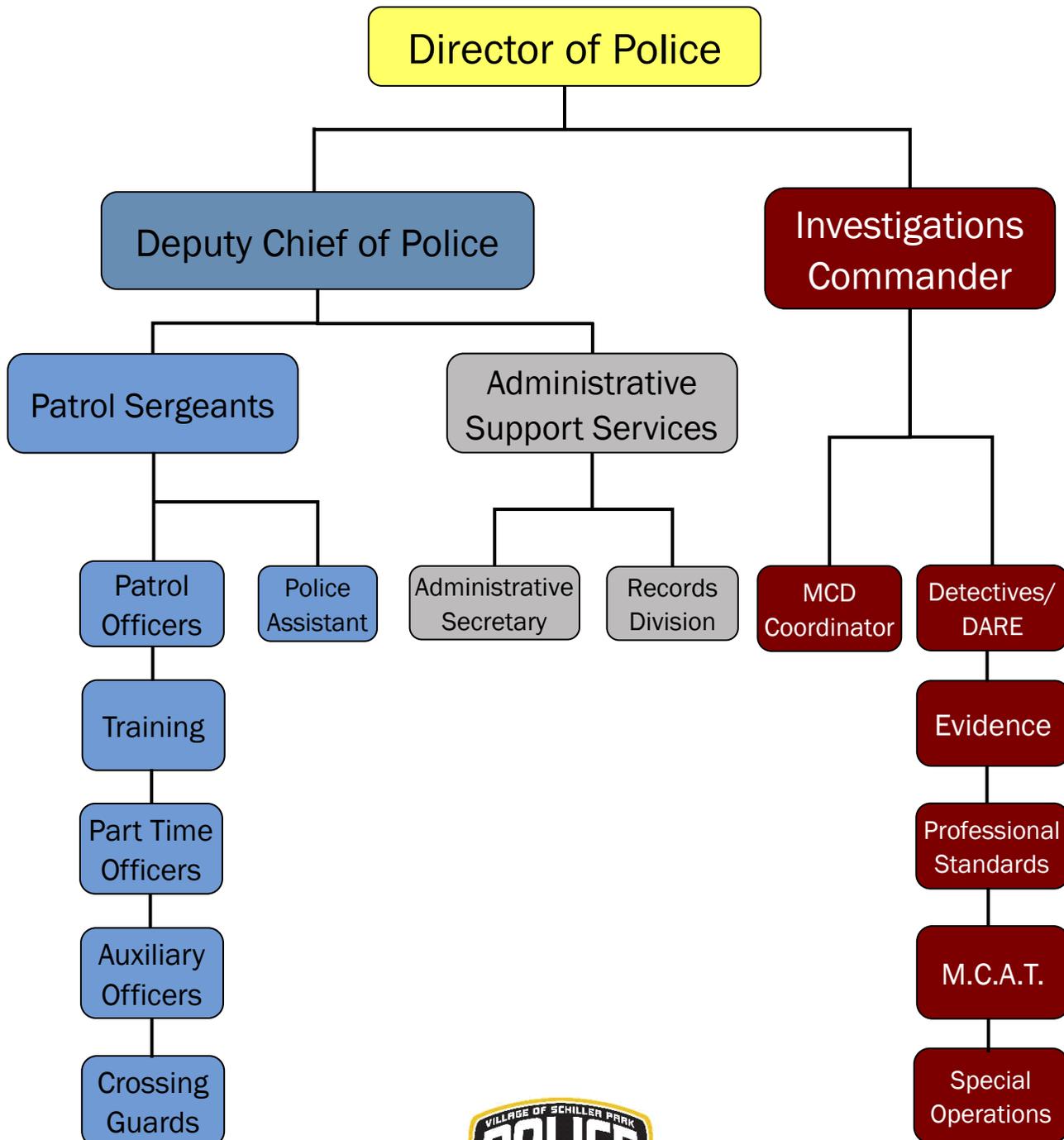
Serving with honor,



Director Thomas Fragakis



# Schiller Park Police Department Organizational Chart



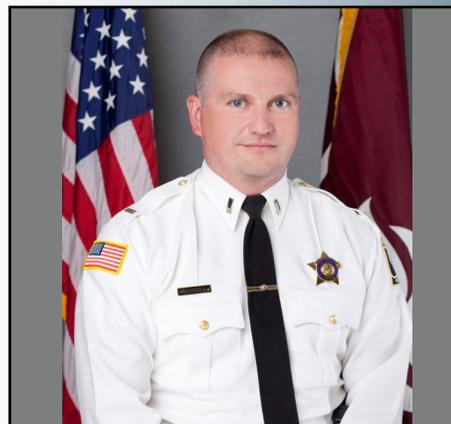
## Command Staff



**Director of Police Thomas Fragakis**



**Deputy Chief Joseph DeSimone**



**Commander Edward Ladonsky**



**Sergeant Steve Lee**



**Sergeant James Scheib**



**Sergeant Mark DiCosola**



**Sergeant Jon Kubychek**

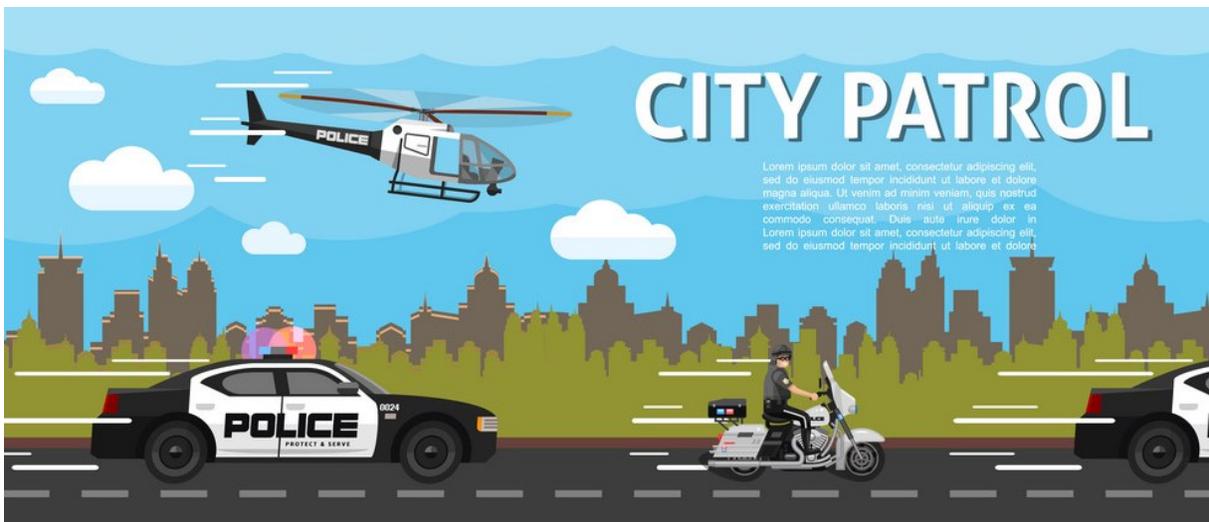


## Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is the backbone of any police department. In Schiller Park, the patrol division is the most visible unit, as well as the first line of defense in preventing crime and providing protection. The Patrol Division consists of 20 highly trained officers who are supervised by 4 Sergeants. The Patrol Division provides many police services that include responding to and investigating the following:

- ☆ 9-1-1 calls for service;
- ☆ Traffic crashes;
- ☆ Quality of life complaints;
- ☆ Traffic enforcement;
- ☆ Preventative/deterrent patrol;
- ☆ Preliminary criminal investigations.

In 2018, the Patrol Division responded to 15,261 calls for service. They made 173 DUI arrests, conducted 2,975 traffic stops, investigated 874 traffic crashes, issued 2,548 traffic citations, issued 5,921 adjudication citations (which include parking, compliance, and local ordinance citations), made 356 misdemeanor arrests, 42 felony arrests, and 44 persons arrested on outstanding criminal warrants. The Patrol Division continues to work every day in order to improve the quality of life in our community for our residents and visitors.



# Community Policing



Community Policing is a proactive strategy that encourages Police Officers to form partnerships with residents and businesses to reduce crime and improve quality of life. In essence, all members of the community become partners in enhancing the quality of life and the safety of our community. The entire Schiller Park Police Department believes strongly in the Community Policing Philosophy and consistently employs its principles. The following is a synopsis of the programs that support the Community Policing Initiative:

- **D.A.R.E.** - Drug Abuse Resistance Education is a program that the Schiller Park Police Department began in 1992 and continues to teach today. The program promotes discussions between the police and school children. The curriculum not only teaches kids how to resist drugs, gangs, and violent behavior, but also how to deal with bullying and communicating effectively, all of which will help students learn to **Define, Assess, Respond, and Evaluate** their choices.
- **Safe School Initiative** - With violence against our children continuing in America in 2018, the Safe School Initiative is designed to improve safety around schools, protect children and increase the police presence and enforcement of traffic laws in school zones.
- **Neighborhood Watch**—A visible form of Community Policing is the Neighborhood Watch Program. It encourages a partnership between the police department and the community. “If you see something, say something” is our motto and we encourage all to call 911 if they see anything suspicious. There is no problem too small.



*Schiller Park Police  
Neighborhood Watch*

*If you See Something...Say Something*



## Community Policing



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- **Bike Patrol** - During the summer months, bicycle patrol is activated. The bikes provide an additional tool to patrol the neighborhood and interact with the community. The bicycles easily allow auxiliary officers to go where squad cars cannot.
- **Facebook** - The Schiller Park Police Department uses its Facebook page as a tool to provide community news, events, crime prevention tips, and traffic updates. It also provides residents an additional way to interact with the police department and even provide tips that may not have otherwise been received. A lot of the younger demographic feels more comfortable using social media, and the Schiller Park Police Department encourages interaction via Facebook.
- **Crime Prevention Notices** - This program allows police personnel to document observed vulnerabilities on a crime prevention notice that is left for residents to review. When people receive these notices, it makes them aware of potential issues, as well as reminds them that our officers are always looking out for them.



## Community Policing



### Crime Free Housing Program



In late 2015, the Village of Schiller Park took steps to initiate the all new Crime Free Housing Program which was later adopted under Ordinance No. 16-3035.

- **What is the Crime Free Housing Program?** - The Crime Free Rental Housing Program is a crime prevention program designed to reduce crime, drugs, and gangs in rental properties. This program was successfully developed at the Mesa Arizona Police Department and has spread to approximately 2,000 cities in 48 U.S. States.
- **How it works?** - The Crime Free Rental Housing Program is a unique, three phase certification program for rental properties of all sizes, including single family rental homes. The first phase is the completion of a seminar taught by police personnel. The second phase is an inspection of the property. Upon successful completion of the inspection, the third phase is a police social with the tenants and management. This police-sponsored program is designed to be easily implemented, and is extremely effective at reducing criminal activity in rental properties.



**Keeping illegal activity out of  
rental property.**



## Dr. Seuss Night

On March 3, 2018, Officers volunteered to read Dr. Seuss books to kids at Kennedy School. Dr. Seuss Night is an annual event to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss.



## Fundraiser for Jacob Corona



On April 22, 2018, officers and firemen attended a pancake breakfast held at St. Maria Goretti Church for resident Jacob Corona (pictured). Jacob has been battling medical issues and the breakfast was a fundraiser for his mounting bills.



## Other Community Policing Activities



On May 18, 2018, the Schiller Park Police Department raised nearly \$2,000 for the Illinois Special Olympics by participating in the "Cop on Top" program. The event took place at the Dunkin Donuts located at 4111 Mannheim Rd. We would like to commend the officers for a job well done!



# National Night Out



On August 7, 2018, Director Fragakis and the Schiller Park Police Department held their annual National Night Out, a night for residents and police to stand united to promote community safety and neighborhood unity. The event took place at the Anna Montana Water Park/Memorial Pool and was co-sponsored by Mayor Nick Caiafa and the Village Board. The Fire Department, Recreation Department, and Public Works Department all pitched in to help make the night a true community event. There was food, swimming, games, and most importantly, positive police-community interaction.



## Supporting Men's Health

During the month of November, with the blessing of the Director, several Schiller Park Police Officers participated in No Shave November. Officers grow beards and raise money for the No Shave Foundation. This charity funds research for men's health issues. This year, officers raised over \$1,000 for the No Shave Foundation. It's a testament to the good character of our officers to go above and beyond for a good cause!



# Schiller Park Police F.O.P. Lodge #170



Over the course of a few days in December 2018, the Schiller Park Fraternal Order of Police (F.O.P.) Lodge #170 conducted their annual Santa visit to Schiller Park schools to hand out holiday gifts to the children. The F.O.P. Members were aided by Schiller Park Firefighter/Paramedics Rob Velasco and Nicholas Santiago, as well as Community partner William Botti. A special appearance by Mayor Nick Caiafa added to this year's fun.



## Investigations Division



The Schiller Park Police Department's Investigations Division consists of four detectives that are selected from the patrol division. All of the detectives are state-certified Lead Homicide Investigators as well as certified juvenile officers. The objectives of their investigative efforts are to follow up on criminal reports taken by the patrol division, gather evidence of

the crime, identify and arrest the person(s) responsible, recover stolen property, and aid in prosecution. Detectives diligently investigate all cases they receive for follow-up. Their investigation must be thorough, careful, and objective. Detectives assigned to this unit focus on many offenses/activities that include the following:

- Death Investigations
- Violent Crimes
- Financial Crimes
- Missing Persons
- Auto Theft
- Narcotics/Vice
- Burglary
- Theft
- Hit and Run Traffic Crashes
- Crimes Against Persons
- Crimes Against Property
- Juvenile Investigations
- Crimes Against Children
- Background Investigations

During 2018, the detectives were assigned 325 cases for follow-up, including 15 death investigations, 4 armed robberies, 2 strong arm robberies, 2 criminal sexual assaults, and 18 burglaries. The investigators worked hard and cleared 284 of those cases by the end of the calendar year.

In addition, one of the detectives serves as the D.A.R.E. and School Resource Officer, two serve as investigators on the Major Case Assistance Team (M.C.A.T.), and the fourth is part of the Secret Service Task Force and the Internet Crimes Against Children (I.C.A.C.) task force. Between their hard work on their assigned cases and all of their extra duties, the Investigations Division stays busy!



## Part-Time and Auxiliary Police



The Schiller Park Part-time and Auxiliary Officers are a much needed supplement to our full-time officers. Part-time officers are academy trained and state-certified to augment the Patrol Division. Auxiliary officers receive in-house training and are used for services including parking enforcement, park and school patrol, street crossings and traffic control/direction.

When the Schiller Park Police Department has to deal with heavier than normal call volumes or small scale naturally occurring emergencies like flooded streets or downed trees and power lines, we are still expected maintain an excellent level of police services to the community. During those times, the part-time and auxiliary officers help to free up full-time officers and maintain services to the community.

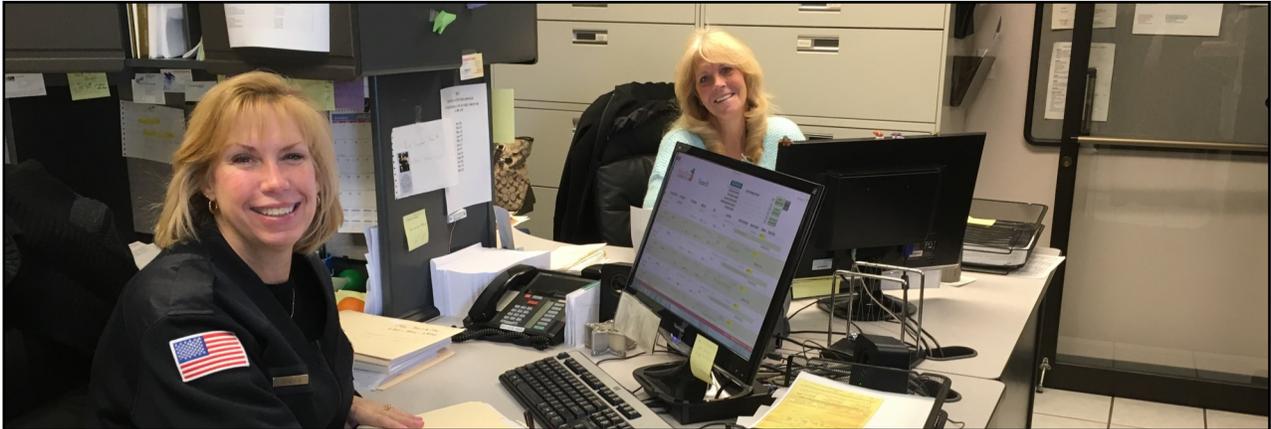
## School Crossing Guard Program

The Schiller Park Police Department oversees the School Crossing Guard Program in which new crossing guards are hired and trained. There are currently 10 crossing guards that are assigned to designated locations around the schools. A School Crossing Guard position must be requested by the school district and approved by the Director of Police. The crossing guards are responsible for safely assisting school children at intersections. They are very dedicated to the children they protect and perform their duties well, even during inclement weather conditions.



## Records Department

Our Records Department serves a vital role within the agency. The Records Department is the central repository for incident, arrest, traffic records, and crime data, after verifying such data is complete and accurate. In addition, the Records Department collects local ordinance fines and manages the vehicle immobilization and I-Drop programs. Records also aids in the department’s adjudication hearings and oversees inquiries and requests for copies of records and Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests.



**Records Administrator Patti Benesch**

**Part-Time Records Clerk Jill Gaffney**

## Administrative Secretary

The Administrative Secretary wears many hats. Aside from general secretarial duties, she is the department’s payroll clerk, timekeeper, and is a department matron. In addition, this position maintains oversight of court transmittal/warrant files and prepares department end-of-month reports. As of September 2018, the Administrative Secretary has been splitting her duties between the police and fire departments and some of her duties have been absorbed by the Deputy Chief of Police.



**Administrative Secretary Terri Roth**

## Administrative Support Services



## School Resource / D.A.R.E. Officer



In order to maintain a safe school environment and to facilitate drug awareness, the Schiller Park Police Department maintains a School Liaison/ D.A.R.E. Officer position. This position is currently held by 16 year veteran Detective Roger Orozco (pictured left at his D.A.R.E. graduation). In this dual role, Detective Orozco has many responsibilities.

As the School Resource Officer, he meets with school officials on a regular basis to discuss school safety and to maintain good communication between the schools and the police department. Detective Orozco also regularly performs state mandated emergency drills, including “lock down” drills which help prepare the staff and students for critical incidents.

As the D.A.R.E. Officer, Detective Orozco meets with all 5th graders and discusses, not only how to resist drugs, but how to make good decisions and take responsibility for their actions. These lessons can help kids avoid drug use and other situations that might be risky for them.

## Police Assistant

In 2018, the Schiller Park Police Department hired a full time Police Assistant. The Police Assistant works as the Schiller Park Evidence Custodian, Court Officer, and Lexis Nexis liaison, as well as a variety of other duties. His hard work and dedication this past year has made our evidence handling and processing procedures state of the art. This addition has been a valuable asset to the department, freeing up full-time patrolman who used to be taken off the street to handle these issues.



## Evidence Technicians

As a vital part in crime solving, the Schiller Park Police Department has eight state certified Evidence Technicians. These specially trained officers are tasked with identifying, photographing, collecting, and preserving evidence in accordance with current standards.



In 2018, the department built a new, secure and technologically advanced evidence processing area and storage room. The Crime Fighter BEAST (Bar Coded Evidence Analysis Statistics and Tracking) provides the department with a bar coding program to track custody and control of evidence, which assists in evidence inventory and report writing. The Crime Fighter BEAST is directly linked with the Illinois State Police Forensic Laboratory, making it easier to have specialized forensic testing completed. These updates were a much needed improvement helping to bring our department in line with the best available practices in law enforcement technology.



## Special Operations Group

Being located along the interstate, two major state routes, and next to one of the country's busiest airports, Schiller Park sees a large transient population. In 2018, the department formed a Special Operations Group. The purpose of the group is to investigate narcotics issues, gang activity, prostitution complaints, hotel/motel interdiction, and any other vice related complaints. At its inception, the group is comprised of a Sergeant, a specially trained narcotics investigator, and an investigative liaison from the detective unit. They primarily investigate cases in Schiller Park, but have access to resources from, and work in cooperation with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), and other local police tactical units. Not only will this unit solve and prevent problems in Schiller Park, any assets seized can be used to further train and equip the Schiller Park Police Department.

# POLICE



# SPECIAL OPERATIONS



# ILEAS

The Schiller Park Police Department continues to be a member of the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS). The main benefits of ILEAS are::

- Availability of extra manpower during a law enforcement emergency;
- Access to specialized equipment;
- Access to specialized personnel;
- To foster a cooperative spirit for law enforcement emergency planning.

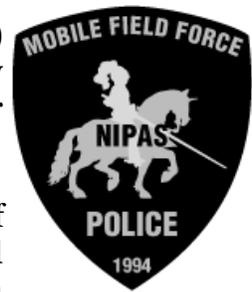
The cost of membership is minimal and all training and equipment for members is provided or purchased by ILEAS through numerous state and federal grants.



# NIPAS



The Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS) is a highly specialized unit made up of highly trained members that come from over 100 member agencies.



The Schiller Park Police Department is a member of NIPAS's Emergency Services Team (EST) and Mobile Field Force (MFF). Member agencies can deploy the EST for hostage/barricade incidents, high-risk warrant service, major crime scene searches, search and rescue missions, dignitary protection, and similar tactical incidents. The MFF provides its member agencies with a planned, organized, and rapid response to: control unruly crowds (either hostile or passive); seal off problem areas, regardless of size; rescue citizens or officers from crowds; clear an area of hostile individuals by use of proactive tactics; and apprehend multiple offenders, if required.

Currently, the Schiller Park Police Department maintains the following positions on NIPAS: Sergeant James Scheib is the assistant Commander of the Mobile Field Force; Officer Thomas Reif is a member of the Mobile Field Force; Officer Nicholas Brzezinski is a member of the Mobile Field Force Bicycle Team; Officer Patrick Flynn is a member of the Emergency Services Team; and Sergeant Mark DiCosola serves as a training consultant with the Emergency Services Team after having served on the team for 17 years, holding the positions of operator, squad leader, and assistant team leader.



# M.C.A.T.



In the summer of 2018, the Schiller Park Police Department became a member of the Major Case Assistance Team (M.C.A.T.). M.C.A.T. is a multi-jurisdictional organization that provides investigative, forensic, surveillance and accident reconstruction assistance to member agencies during investigations of homicides, kidnappings, serious/fatal accidents, and other major crimes. M.C.A.T. is presently comprised of 24 police agencies from the northwest suburbs. The team itself is comprised of seasoned investigators, forensic technicians, surveillance officers, and accident reconstructionists from the various departments.



When M.C.A.T. is activated by a member agency, members respond to the requesting police agency and work in tandem with the host agency. M.C.A.T. can be required to perform any task in the investigative process to include canvassing neighborhoods, interviewing witnesses and suspects, providing technical support and conducting forensic duties including the collection of evidence. Following the investigation, M.C.A.T. members return to their own departments.

The benefits to the communities from M.C.A.T. include providing seasoned investigators, forensic technicians, surveillance officers, and accident reconstructionists to major case investigations and helping to lessen the cost of a major investigation to one department by spreading the responsibility among every member agency.



## Department Training

The Training Unit is responsible for the training and continuing education of all department personnel, as determined by input from the Director of Police, command staff, and required by the Illinois Training and Standards Board through the Police Training Act. The Schiller Park Police Department recognizes that training is essential to complete our core mission and public service continues to be a top priority of the department. Commander Ed Ladonsky and Sergeant James Scheib oversee this unit.

The Schiller Park Police Department has many officers who are certified to teach various specialties. They help the department train other officers in our in-house training program. For other required training, the Schiller Park Police Department sends officers to a variety of certified institutions, including the North East Multi-Regional Training (NEMRT) center, Northwestern University’s Center for Public Safety, and the Cook County Sheriff’s Police Academy, as well as through our multi-jurisdictional team commitments..



Listed below is a synopsis of department training that took place in 2018:

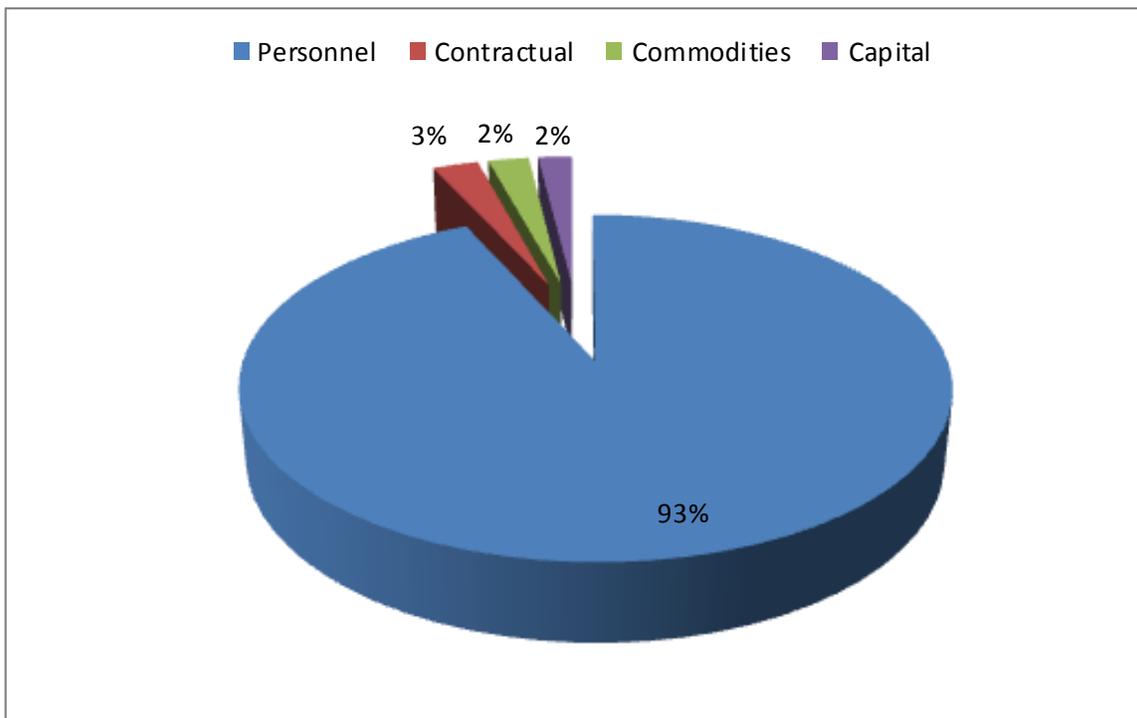
<u>Training Type</u>	<u>Hours</u>
• Overall training hours for the year (Full-Time Officers):	3946
• In-house training:	1108.5
• Outside Training:	692
• Cook County Sheriff’s Police Training Academy:	560
• Firearms Training:	513.5
• NIPAS Mobile Field Force (MFF) training:	248
• NIPAS Emergency Service Team (EST) training:	464
• Major Case Assistance Team (MCAT):	144
• Pension Board training:	96
• Fire Investigator training:	120
• Overall training for Part-Time/Auxiliary Officers:	128



# Statistical Information

## 2018-2019 Police Department Budget Allocation

<b>Personnel</b>	<b>\$ 6,999,364.00</b>
<b>Contractual</b>	<b>\$ 192,500.00</b>
<b>Commodities</b>	<b>\$ 171,300.00</b>
<b>Capital</b>	<b>\$ 144,250.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 7,507,414.00</b>



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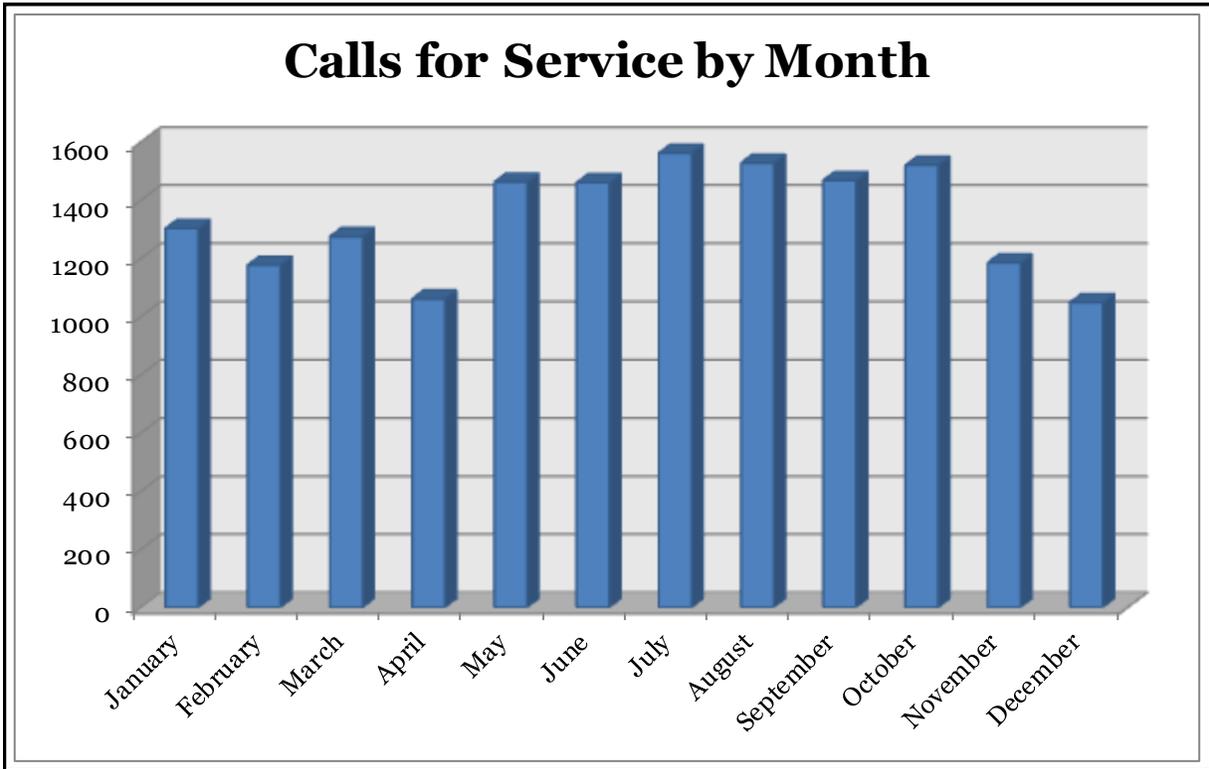
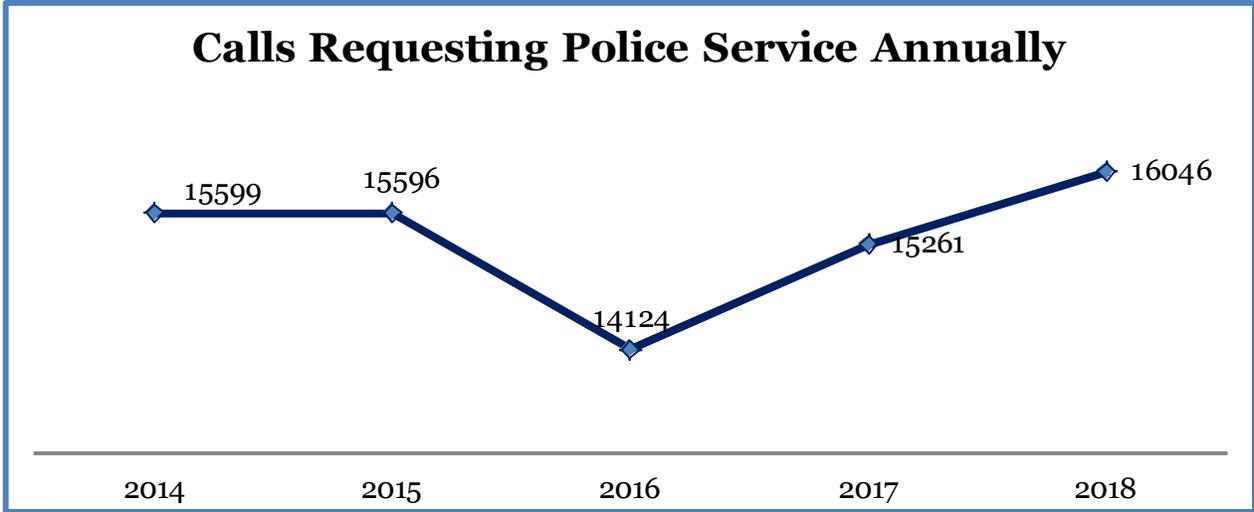
### Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR)

Police agencies are required to report their annual crime data to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The FBI does this in an effort to ensure that certain crimes are uniformly reported. The FBI requires us to report eight Part I Offenses as a measure of crime trends. They include: Murder, Criminal Sexual Assault, Robbery, Aggravated Assault/Battery, Burglary, Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft, and Arson.

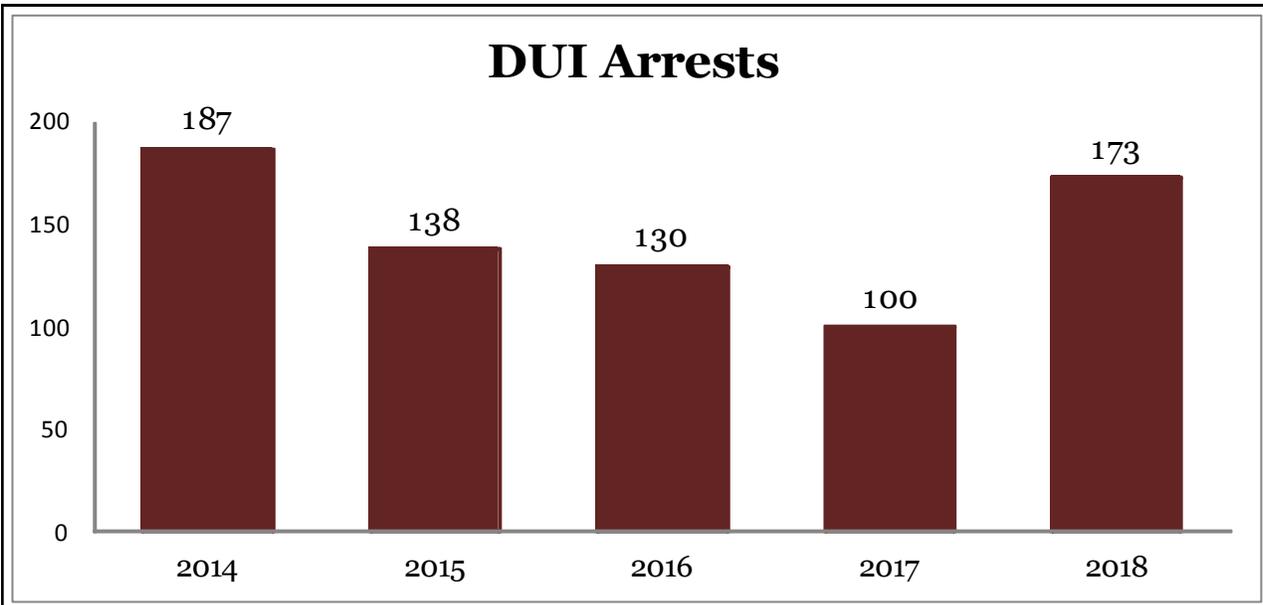
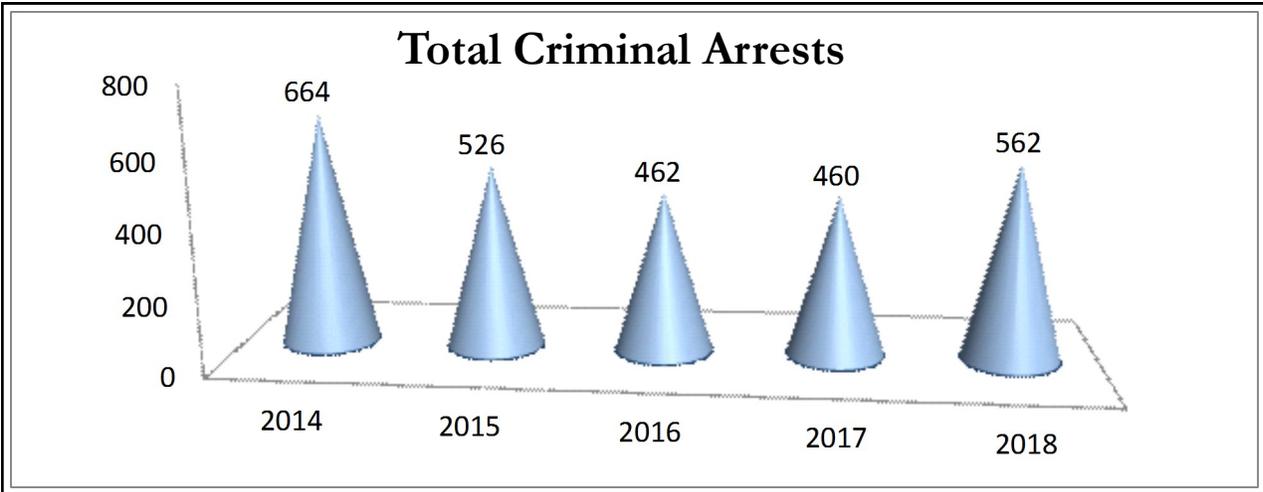
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Murder	0	1	0	1	0
Criminal Sexual Assault	1	2	8	7	2
Robbery	2	5	7	4	6
Aggravated Assault/Battery	5	6	4	13	9
Burglary	72	33	39	23	18
Theft	172	161	177	126	178
Motor Vehicle Theft	18	11	25	20	23
Arson	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>237</b>



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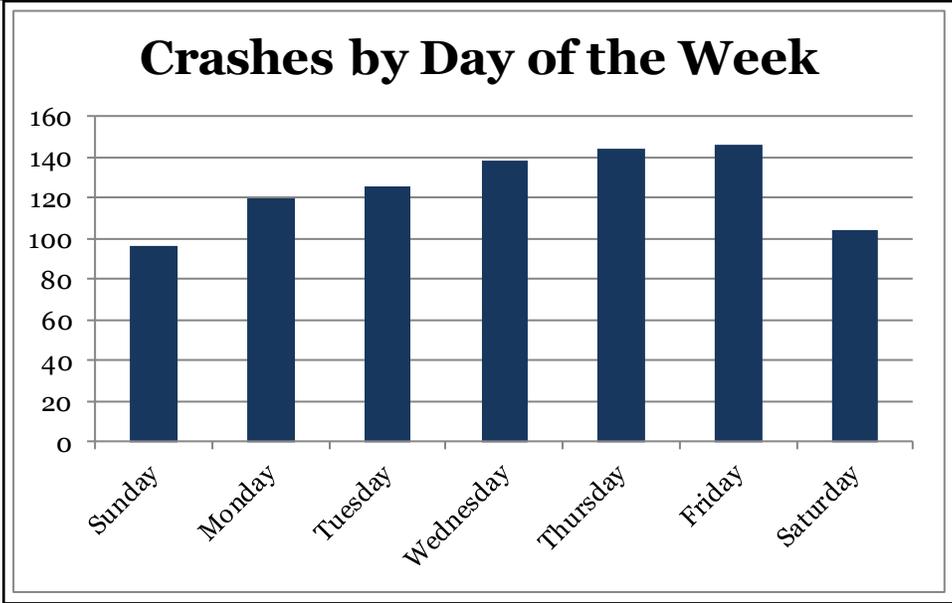
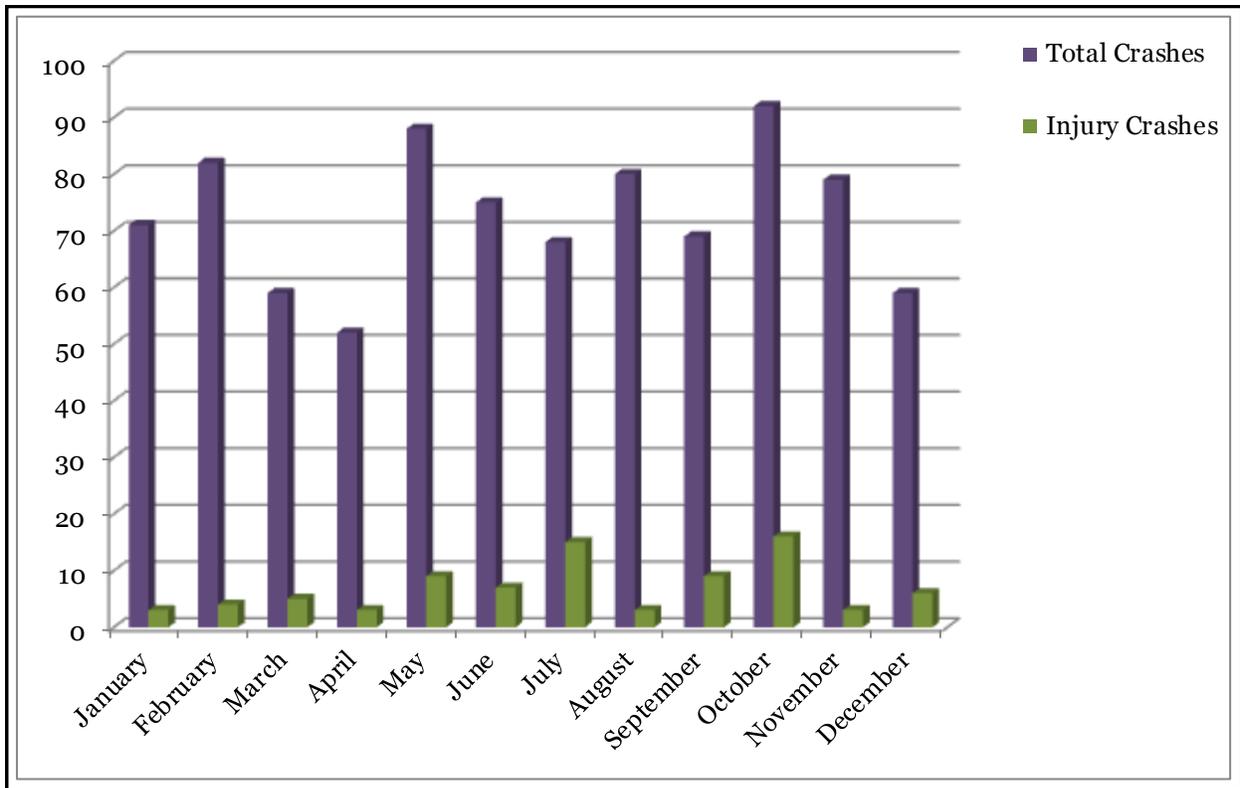


The Schiller Park Police Department employs a comprehensive approach to DUI enforcement. Uniformed patrol officers are alert for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment in their contacts with motorists. They make every effort to both detect and apprehend impaired motorists, ensuring our roadways are as safe as they can be.

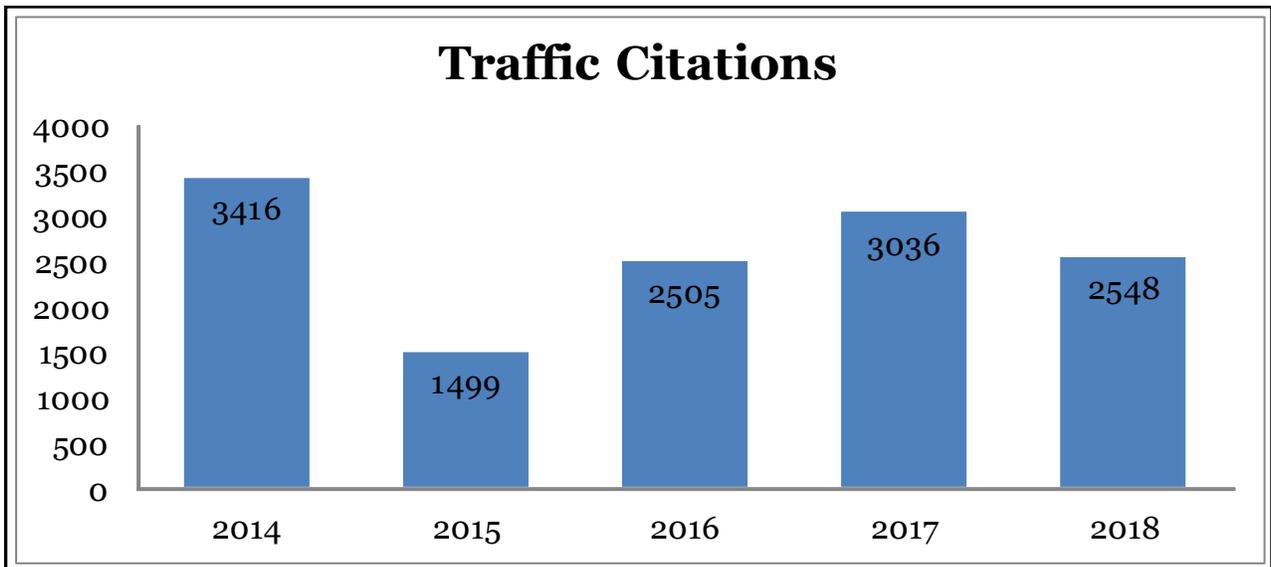
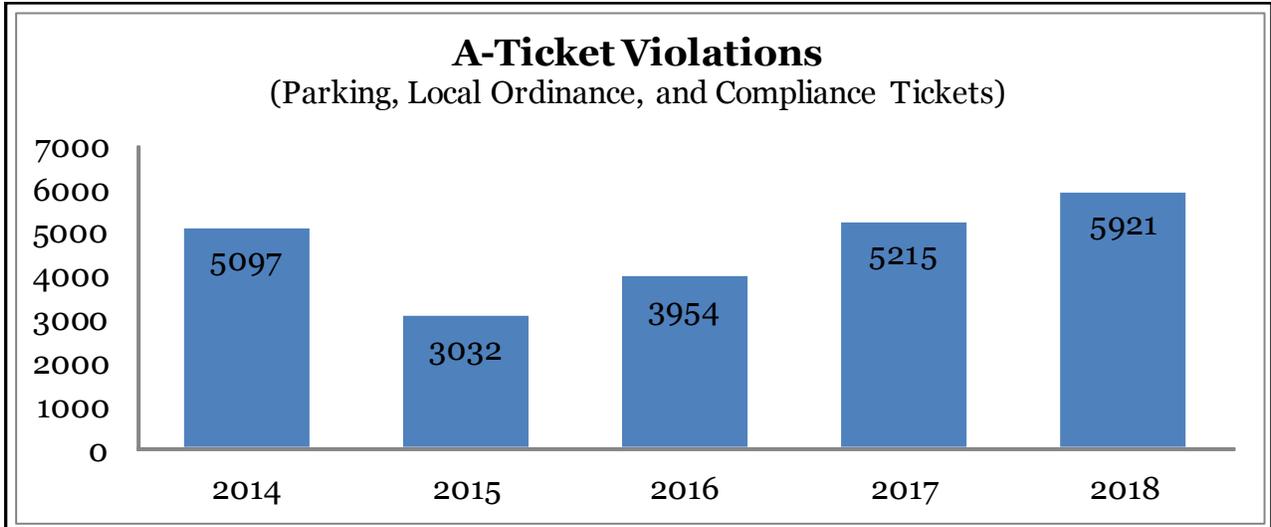


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## Traffic Crash Statistics



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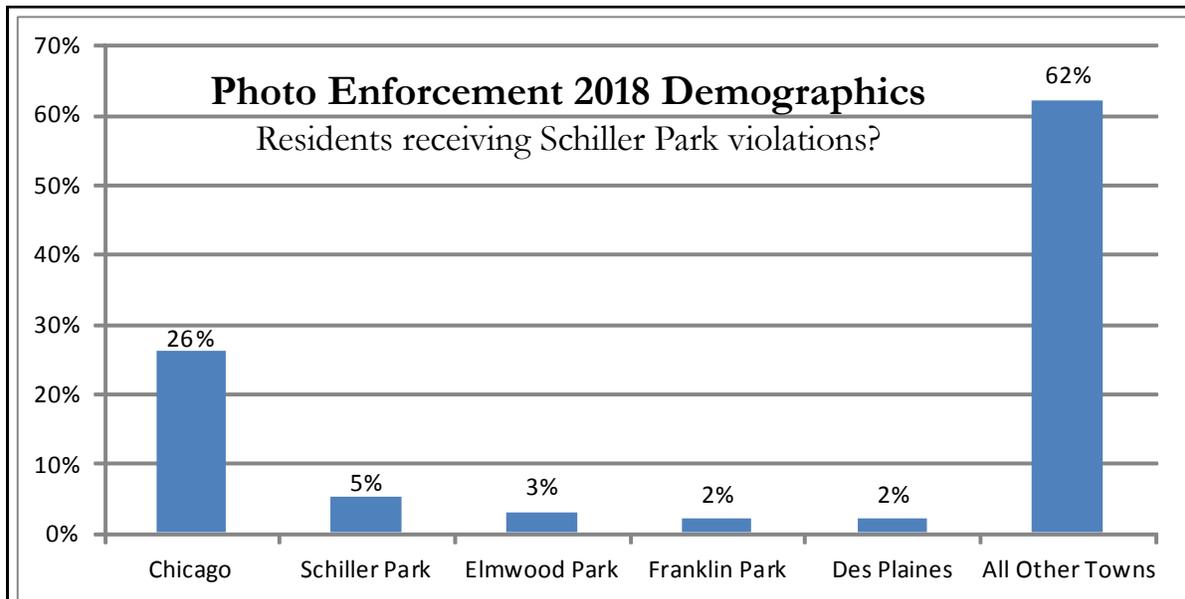
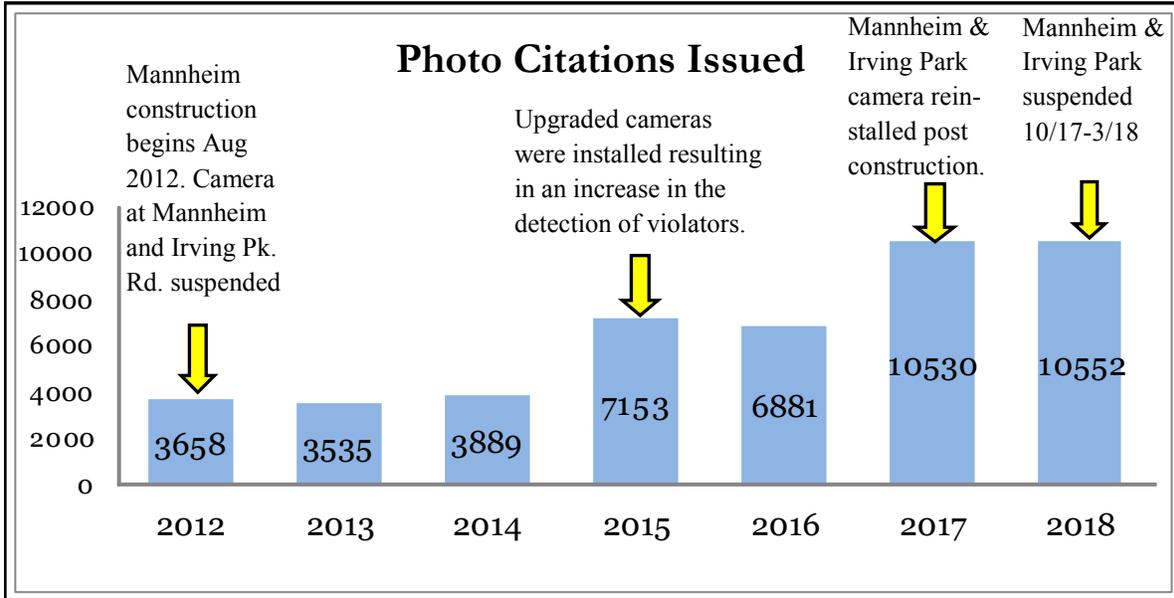


The number of citations issued by officers can fluctuate depending on shift assignments, call load, and the number of personnel assigned to parking and traffic enforcement.



## Statistical Information

The Village of Schiller Park instituted a photo enforcement program in 2008 in an effort to gain voluntary compliance with traffic signals. Currently, three Schiller Park intersections are equipped with cameras to improve safety and reduce traffic crashes resulting from red light violations.



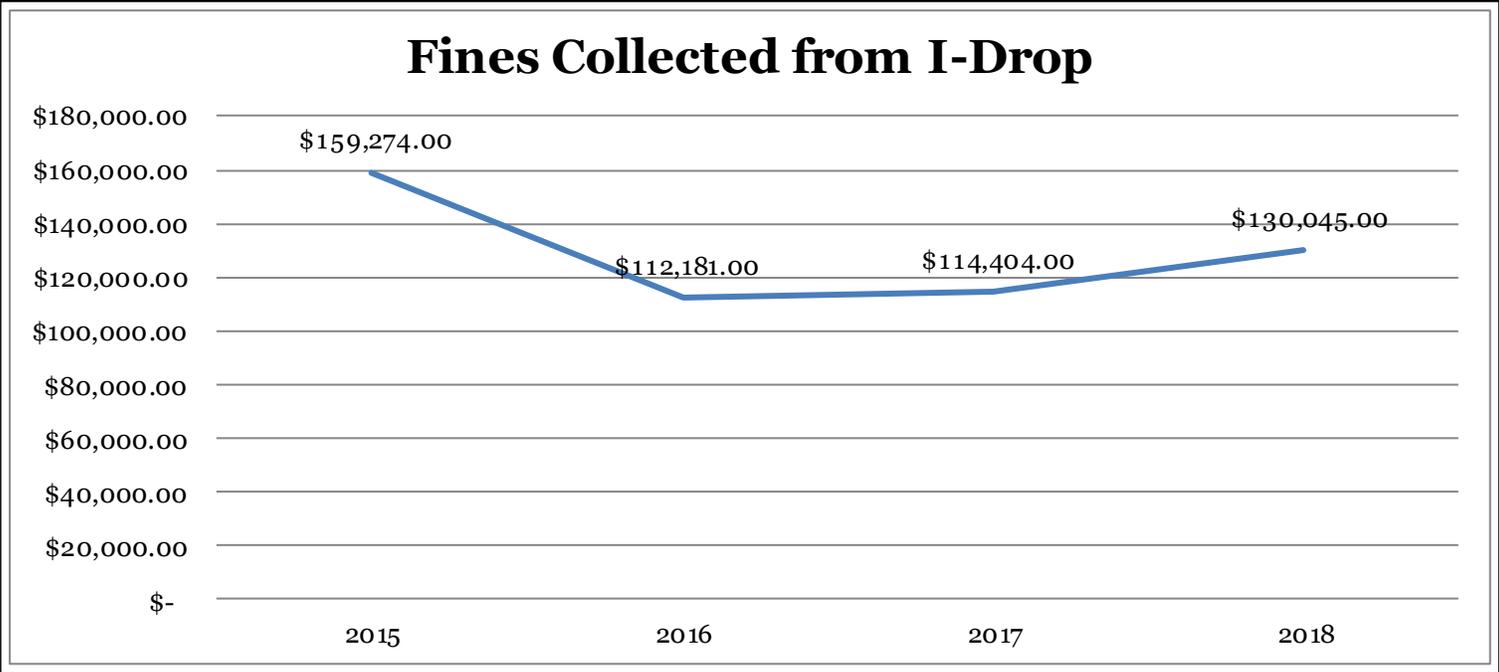
## Traffic Stop Data Sheets

All Police Officers in Illinois are required by law to record specific data for every driver of a motor vehicle stopped for traffic-related offenses. Once collected, the data is forwarded to the Illinois Department of Transportation for analysis and reporting. Presented below is the traffic stop data for the Schiller Park Police Department for the year 2018. The data below reflects the diversity of drivers on Schiller Park roadways.

Ethnic Breakdown	Number of Driver's Stopped	Percentage
Caucasian	1470	49.4%
African American	451	15.1%
Native American/ Alaskan	8	0.3%
Hispanic / Latino	877	29.5%
Asian/Pacific Islander	169	5.7%
Totals	2975	100%



# I-DROP & Collections



In 2015, the Schiller Park Police Department entered into an agreement with the State of Illinois (I-Drop Program) to recover past due unpaid fines from parking citations, red light camera violations, and local ordinance citations through the garnishment of Illinois Income Tax returns. In 2018, the Schiller Park Police Department collected \$130,045.00 in previously unpaid fines.

The Schiller Park Police Department also uses a collection agency in an effort to recoup past due, unpaid fines. In conjunction with the our collection agency, the Schiller Park Police Department collected \$16,256.00 in past due fines.



## Professional Standards

The Schiller Park Police Department is committed to delivering the most professional service to the residents and visitors of our community. We value feedback, good or bad, about the services we provide to our community. It is the policy of the Schiller Park Police Department to accept and thoroughly investigate all complaints made against Police Department personnel. It is the duty of the Police Department to protect the public from improper conduct of officers as well as protect police officers from false, inaccurate, misinformed, or malicious accusations of misconduct.

Minor civilian complaints may not involve accusations of misconduct, but rather speak to differences in opinion, disagreements with the officer's enforcement discretion, or to challenge laws and probable cause for example. In those situations, it is our goal to have a supervisor resolve any discontent by perhaps explaining the law or stating the department's position on the matter. Anyone wishing to file a formal complaint is asked to support it with a sworn affidavit which will be forwarded through the chain of command.

**In 2018, the Schiller Park Police Department is proud to say that it did not receive any formal complaints of misconduct against department members.**

