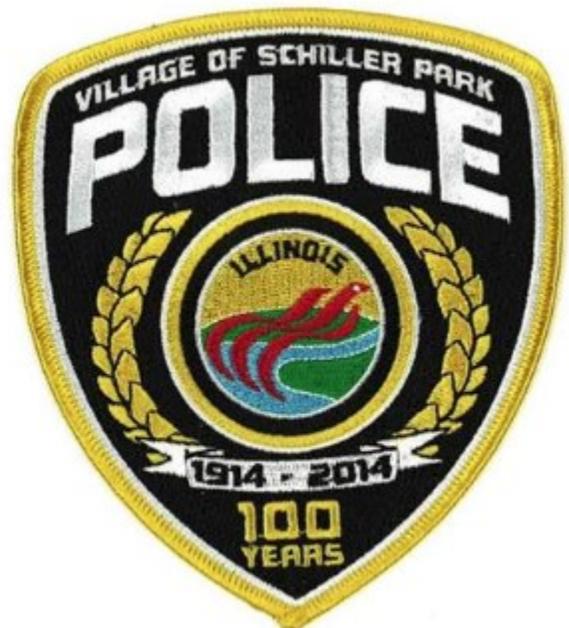


# Schiller Park Police Department Annual Report



**Anthony Brzezniak**  
**Chief of Police**



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## Mission Statement



***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 Chief

As your Chief of Police, I am pleased to present the first ever annual report for the Schiller Park Police Department. The primary purpose of this report is to provide the community with transparency in government and to show how we meet the challenges that face law enforcement. This report offers a snapshot of the Police Department's operations and presents a detailed summary of police programs implemented, calls for service, arrest data, accident data, DUI data, citation data, and includes revenues collected.

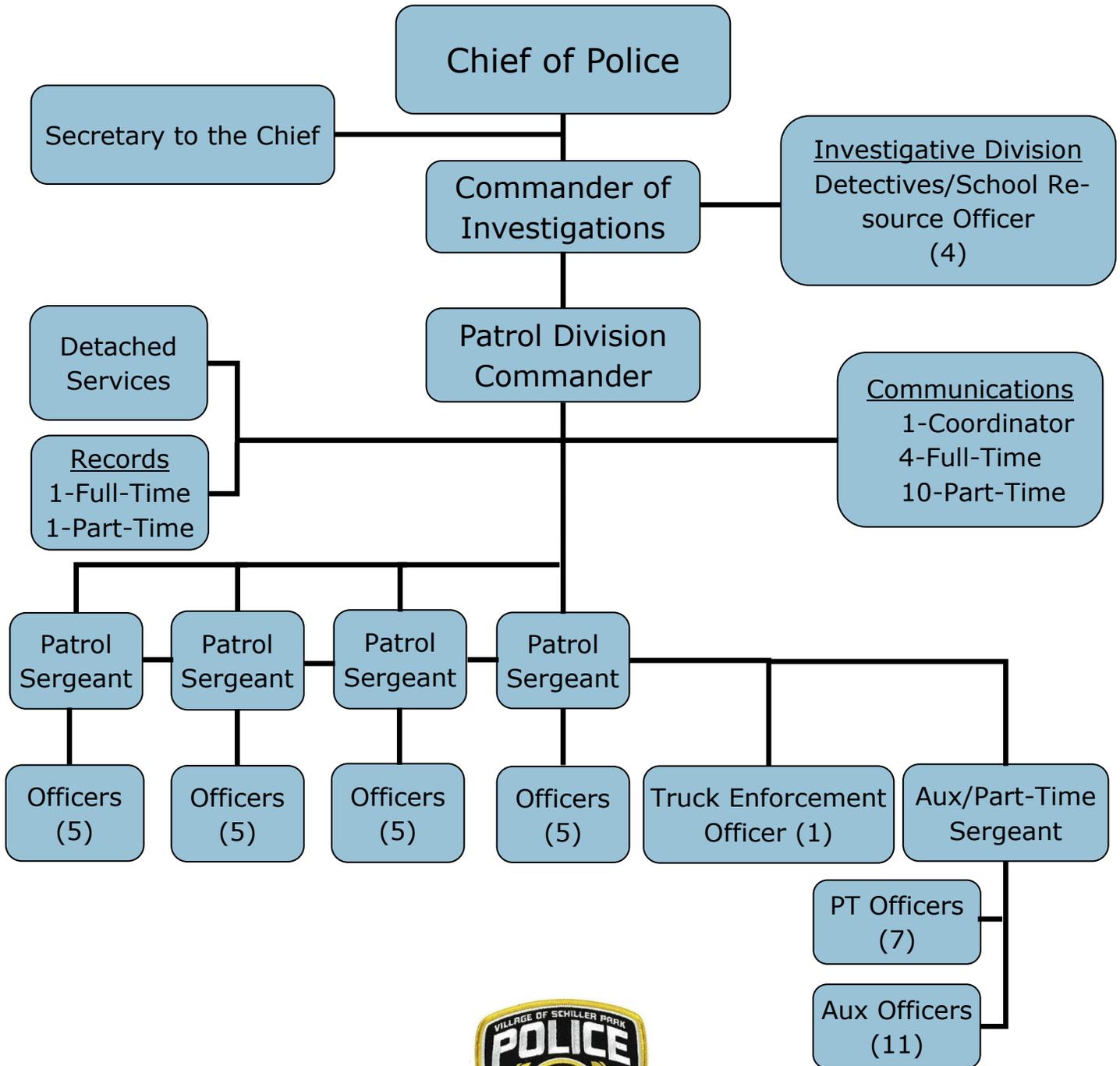
This past year is best described as a year of change, growth and progress. The police department modified its command structure, completed a transition audit, and reviewed, revised and evaluated policies, procedures and regulations. We also implemented several community policing initiatives. These programs have been designed to improve service, increase public safety and awareness, develop community involvement, and enhance quality of life. I further believe that these programs are effective and are crucial to crime reduction. As always, we will continue to ensure that our community has the best law enforcement and public service possible.

I also would like to say that I have great confidence in Mayor Piltaver's vision for the future and the Village Board for their unwavering support of the police department. It is rewarding to be part of an organization and profession so committed to serving our community. Furthermore, my staff and I are continually looking to identify priorities in the delivery of police service. We welcome community input from those we serve and protect because together we can make a difference.

On behalf of the men and women of the Schiller Park Police Department, I am proud to present this annual report of the positive changes and accomplishments that were achieved this year.



# Schiller Park Police Department Organizational Chart



### Command Staff



**Chief Anthony Brzezniak**



**Investigations Commander Thomas Fragakis**



**Patrol Commander Edward Ladonsky**



**Sergeant Steve Lee**



**Sergeant Joseph DeSimone**



**Sergeant James Scheib**



**Sergeant Mark DiCosola**



## Awards and Recognition

The Schiller Park Police Department has established a formal process whereby the department, through the Chief of Police, acknowledges individual, unit, or department acts or work performance worthy of recognition. The following employees were recognized in fiscal year 2014 :



## Awards and Recognition



**Officer Oliver Roberts (left)  
Officer Daniel Biernacki (right)  
Life Saving Awards**



**Officer Jeremy Chernikovich  
Merit Award**



**Officer Michael Rosenstein  
Merit Award**

The following officers were also given Unit Citation Awards for exhibiting exceptional professional skills and conduct during coordinated efforts:

- **Sergeant Steve Lee**
- **Officer Daniel Biernacki**
- **Officer James Klug**
- **Officer Jeremy Chernikovich**
- **Officer Oliver Roberts**
- **Officer Chadd Kaiser**
- **Officer Vince Cavalieri**



## Personnel Changes

- Thomas Fragakis, who is a merit rank Lieutenant and oversees the Investigations Division, was appointed to Commander of Investigations on July 30, 2013. In this position, Commander Fragakis is responsible for the supervision, control, and guidance of all follow-up investigations received from the Patrol Division. He also administers all special multijurisdictional investigations, internal affairs investigations, vehicle seizures, and property inventory and control.
- Edward Ladonsky, who is a merit rank Lieutenant and oversees the Patrol Division, was appointed to Patrol Division Commander on July 30, 2013. In this position, Commander Ladonsky supervises and has direct oversight over the Patrol Division, 911 Communication Dispatch Center, Administration, Records, Training, Community Policing Initiative, and Detached Services. In this capacity, Commander Ladonsky is responsible for the express supervision, control, and management of the daily operations.



## Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is the backbone of the Schiller Park Police Department. They are the department's most visible unit, as well as the first line of defense in preventing crime and providing protection. The Patrol Division consists of 22 highly trained officers who are supervised by 4 Sergeants. The Patrol Division provides many police services that include responding to and investigating the following:

- 911 calls for service
- Traffic crashes
- Day-to-day complaints
- Traffic enforcement
- Preventative/deterrent patrol
- Preliminary criminal investigations

In FY-2014, the Patrol Division responded to 14,547 calls for service. They made 160 DUI arrests, 1,849 traffic stops, investigated 773 traffic crashes, and issued 3,699 traffic citations. The Patrol Division continues to work diligently every day in order to improve the quality of life in our community for all residents and visitors.



## Community Policing

One of the many positive changes we made this year was the implementation and/or revampment of many programs. The cornerstone of many of the programs is the Community Policing Initiative. Community Policing is a proactive strategy that encourages Police Officers to form partnerships with residents to reduce crime and improve quality of life. The entire Schiller Park Police Department believes strongly in the Community Policing Philosophy and is excited to apply its principals. Presented below is a synopsis of the programs that support the Community Policing Initiative:

- **Neighborhood Watch** - This program encourages residents to call 911 to report suspicious/criminal activity in their neighborhood. For this program, we have adopted the phrase, “If you see something...say something.”
- **Bike Patrol** - During the summer months, Bike Patrol is activated. The bikes provide an additional tool to patrol the neighborhood. They give an officer unique abilities to see and stop crime in ways that are often more difficult in a squad car.
- **D.A.R.E. Program** - Drug Abuse Resistance Education is a program that the Schiller Park Police Department is proud to support. The program promotes discussions between the police and school children. The curriculum has been revised to not only teach kids how to resist drugs, but also includes sections on bullying and communicating effectively, which will help students learn to define, assess, respond and evaluate their choices.



**Schiller Park Police  
Neighborhood Watch**  
*If You See Something... Say Something*



## Community Policing Continued

- **Crime Prevention Notices** - This program allows police personnel to document observations on a crime prevention notice that is left for residents to correct.
- **Citizen Assisted Radar Enforcement (C.A.R.E.)** - The program is designed to reduce speeds on residential streets and increase citizen awareness regarding traffic safety and speeding.
- **Facebook Page** - The Schiller Park Police Department's new Facebook page is a medium that was created to provide community news, events, crime prevention tips and traffic updates and engage residents to interact with the police department through social media.
- **Spot Crime** - The police department has partnered with spotcrime.com to provide residents with free access to crime data on a map of Schiller Park which displays arrests and crimes occurring in the village.



## Other Programs

- **Safe School Initiative** - This program is designed to improve safety around schools, protect children and increase the police presence and enforcement of traffic laws in school zones.
- **Warrant Service Team** - The warrant service team is comprised of specially trained department personnel to serve traffic/criminal warrants.



## Investigations Division

The Schiller Park Police Department's Investigations Division consists of four (4) Detectives that are selected from sworn departmental personnel of the same rank. The objectives of their investigative efforts are to determine if a crime actually occurred, gather evidence of the crime, identify and arrest the person(s) responsible for criminal acts, recover stolen property, and aid in the prosecution of the arrestee. 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
- Property Crimes
- Missing Persons
- Auto Theft
- Narcotics/Vice
- Burglary
- Theft
- Hit and Run Traffic Crashes
- Crimes Against Persons
- Intelligence Gathering
- Crime Analysis
- Juvenile Investigations

In fiscal year 2014, the Investigations Division conducted 3 Undercover prostitution stings, which resulted in 10 Arrests. They also were part of 2 multijurisdictional investigations, one with the Narcotics and Currency Interdiction Team (NARCINT), and the other with the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, which resulted in 7 arrests. They are currently conducting two ongoing multijurisdictional investigations; one involving the Chicago Police Department and the other involving the Cook County Sheriff's Police, Cook County Department of Revenue, and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.



## Communications



It is the policy of the Schiller Park Police Department to manage and operate a twenty four (24) hour 911 communication center. It is the main point of contact for both walk-in and telephone communication with the public. The center supports the response for police, fire and emergency medical service (EMS) calls for service initiated by the public. This method of delivery ensures the most efficient, effective and expedient service to the public.

Telecommunicators' responsibilities include utilization of CAD, LEADS, NCIC and SOS automated data entry and retrieval to include case number, date, time of request, location, identification of assigned officers/units, time of dispatch, time of arrival, return to service and disposition of assignment. The communication center is comprised of five (5) full-time and ten (10) part-time dispatchers

## 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 to assume many of the responsibilities of an active full-time police officer but they work under a part-time status. Auxiliary officers receive in-house training and are used for services including parking enforcement, park and school patrol, and traffic 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 to provide excellent police services to the community. During those times, the part-time and auxiliary officers help to stabilize the situation and maintain services to the community.



## Support Services

### Secretary to the Chief

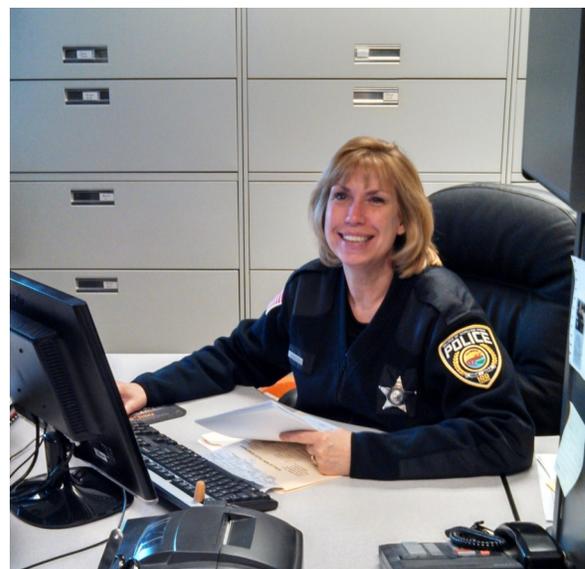
The Secretary to the Chief wears many hats. Aside from the general secretarial duties, the secretary acts as the department's payroll clerk, timekeeper, and is a department matron. In addition, this position maintains oversight of court transmittal/warrant files, aids the department with adjudication hearings, and prepares department End of Month reports.



Secretary Terri Roth

### 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 program. 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 Clerk Patti Benesch



### School Liaison/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 27 year veteran Detective Henn. In this dual role, Detective Henn has many responsibilities.

As the School Liaison 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 Henn 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 Henn meets with school children of all ages 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.

### 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 throughout the village. A School Crossing Guard position must be requested by the school district and approved by the Chief of Police.

The crossing guards are responsible for safely expediting the movement of children at intersections. They are very dedicated and perform their duties well, even during extreme weather conditions.



## Evidence Technicians

Thirteen officers of the Schiller Park Police Department have received Evidence Technician training. Evidence Technicians assist the investigating officer or detective in the identification, collection, and preservation of evidence. To increase efficiency when processing a crime scene, the department maintains an evidence technician vehicle that stocks all of the common items needed to process a crime scene.



## Traffic Crash Reconstruction Specialists



Being located along major thoroughfares and next to the busy O’Hare International Airport, the Schiller Park Police Department investigates numerous traffic crashes. Some of these crashes unfortunately result in fatalities which create a unique set of circumstances requiring specialized investigative skills. The Schiller Park Police Department has one traffic crash reconstructionist that has received full training and two that are currently receiving training through the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety.

The accident reconstructionist provides the technical support and expertise in the collection of traffic crash scene information. A Reconstructionist is trained in examining and recording vehicle damage, examining road and weather conditions, preparing scaled diagrams, taking detailed photographs of the crash scene, the preservation and collection of evidence, and preparing formal reports to support criminal charges arising from the accident.

## Warrant Service Team



The Schiller Park Police Department recognizes that service of criminal warrants is the responsibility of sworn police officers. Thus, a warrant service team was established in September 2013 to assist with the execution of local search and arrest warrants. The warrant service team also assists drug enforcement operations or other high risk operations designated by the Chief of Police. The warrant service team is trained and commanded by Sergeant Mark DiCosola.



## NIPAS and ILEAS

The Schiller Park Police Department has been a member of the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) for many years. ILEAS is a statewide law enforcement mutual aid system. The purpose of the Alarm System is:

- To provide immediate extra law enforcement manpower and equipment at the scene of law enforcement emergencies.
- To provide for an automatic and systematic response of law enforcement manpower teams.
- To provide for contractual responsibilities and liabilities.
- To provide broad area coverage.
- To foster a cooperative spirit for law enforcement emergency planning.
- To provide access to specialized manpower and equipment which no one department could afford to maintain.

The cost of membership is minimal and all training and equipment for members is provided by ILEAS through state and federal grant funding.



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. From these humble beginnings, the system has grown to include law enforcement agencies of 93 cities, villages, and towns in five counties.

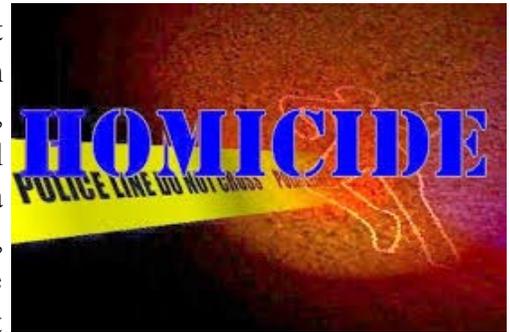
The Schiller Park Police Department is a member of NIPAS’s Emergency Services Team (EST) and Mobile Field Force (MFF). Member agencies can deploy the EST for hostage/barricade incidents, high-risk warrant service, major crime scene searches, search and rescue missions, dignitary protection, and similar 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. Sergeants Mark DiCosola and James Scheib are currently assigned to respond to NIPAS and ILEAS callouts.



## WESTAF



The Schiller Park Police Department is a member of the West Suburban Major Crime Task Force (WESTAF), which was formed to provide mutual investigative aid among several area police departments. Formed in 2001, WESTAF consists of 21 area police agencies and has been a great advancement in combating crime.



Membership in WESTAF provides several benefits including the ability to obtain and share police services and combine resources in order to effectively investigate major violent crimes or serial crimes. Whether an investigation calls for more manpower or specialized equipment, WESTAF will help meet those needs.

## DEA Task Force



The Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) is a Federal Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Program that was designed to work in close partnership with State and Local Law Enforcement Agencies in the investigation and prosecution of major drug trafficking organizations. The Schiller Park Police Department joined the DEA in its fight against drug trafficking by sending one of our very own to work as a task force member.

The Schiller Park Police Department sees many benefits in maintaining an officer who is a task force member. First, our efforts help in the fight against the nation's growing drug problem. Second, our participating officer can gain investigative knowledge that can be shared with other department members. Lastly, the Schiller Park Police Department gets to keep a percentage of the money and vehicle seizures made which can be used for local law enforcement efforts.



## Citizen Assisted Radar Enforcement (C.A.R.E.)

One of the most frequent requests or complaints made to the Schiller Park Police Department is for speed enforcement and to address speeding autos. This year, the Schiller Park Police Department established the Citizen Assisted Radar Enforcement (C.A.R.E.) program. The program is designed to reduce speeds on residential streets and increase citizen awareness regarding traffic safety and speeding.

Citizens are encouraged to participate in this program which gives them the opportunity to monitor speeds on their assigned streets. Any speed violations can be reported to the police department and a letter may be sent to the registered owner of the violating vehicle.



### Department Training

The Training Unit is responsible for comprehensive training for all department personnel, as determined by input from the command staff, an annual training needs assessment through the Chief of Police, and regulated 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 Ladonsky oversees this unit and is assisted by Sergeant Jim Scheib.

The Schiller Park Police Department has many talented 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.



Listed below is a synopsis of department training that took place in fiscal year 2014:

<u>Training Type</u>	<u>Hours</u>
• Overall training hours for the year (Full-Time Officers):	3229.25
• In-house training:	814.25
• Outside Training:	903
• Cook County Sheriff’s Police Training Academy:	480
• Firearms Training:	156
• NIPAS Mobile Field Force (MFF) training:	88
• NIPAS Emergency Service Team (EST) training:	344
• West Suburban Major Crime Task Force (WESTAF):	144
• Fire Investigator training:	148
• Pension Board training:	152
• Overall training for Part-Time/Auxiliary Officers:	488.25



## Department Training Continued

### Rapid Deployment Training

The Schiller Park Police Department has been committed to Rapid Deployment training (critical incident response) for more than ten years. This training is usually done at an actual school or other similar location. School officials are included in this training in an effort to understand each partner's role and to improve safety procedures.

For several years, the Schiller Park Police Department has teamed up with various surrounding departments to conduct Rapid Deployment Training at different schools. Past Rapid Deployment Training has taken place at Lincoln Middle School in Schiller Park, Elmwood Park High School in Elmwood Park, Ridgewood High School in Norridge, and Union Ridge Elementary School in Harwood Heights.



## Statistical Information

### Uniform Crime Reporting

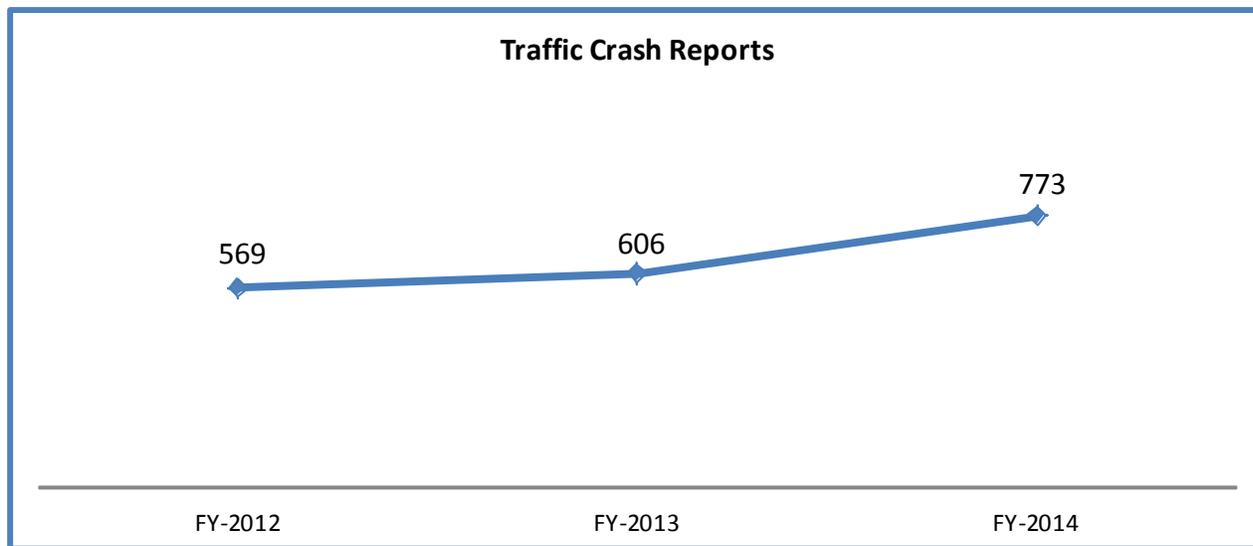
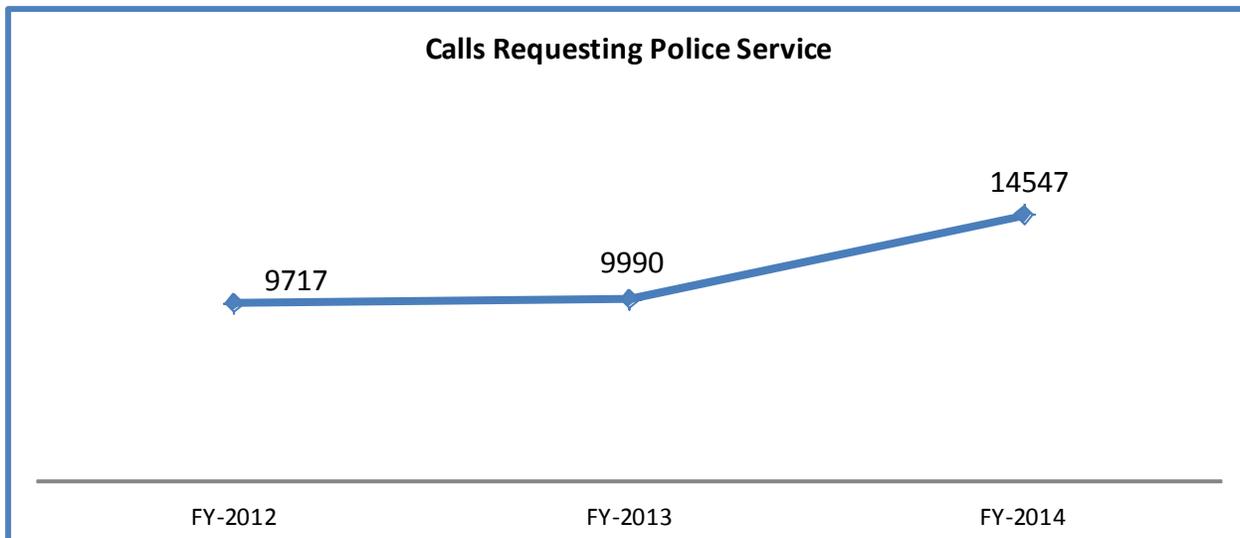
Police agencies are required to report their annual crime data to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The FBI requires us to report eight Part I Offenses as a measure of crime trends. They include: Murder, Criminal Sexual Assault, Robbery, Aggravated Assault/Battery, Burglary, Theft, Motor Vehicle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

Although we did see a spike in Burglary reports in fiscal year 2014 (due to several garage and public storage unit burglaries), Part I Offenses continue to be relatively low in the Village of Schiller Park.

	FY-2012	FY-2013	FY-2014
Murder	0	0	0
Criminal Sexual Assault	1	2	7
Robbery	9	3	1
Aggravated Assault/Battery	5	2	3
Burglary	35	38	70
Theft	166	170	176
Motor Vehicle Theft	17	16	18
Arson	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>275</b>

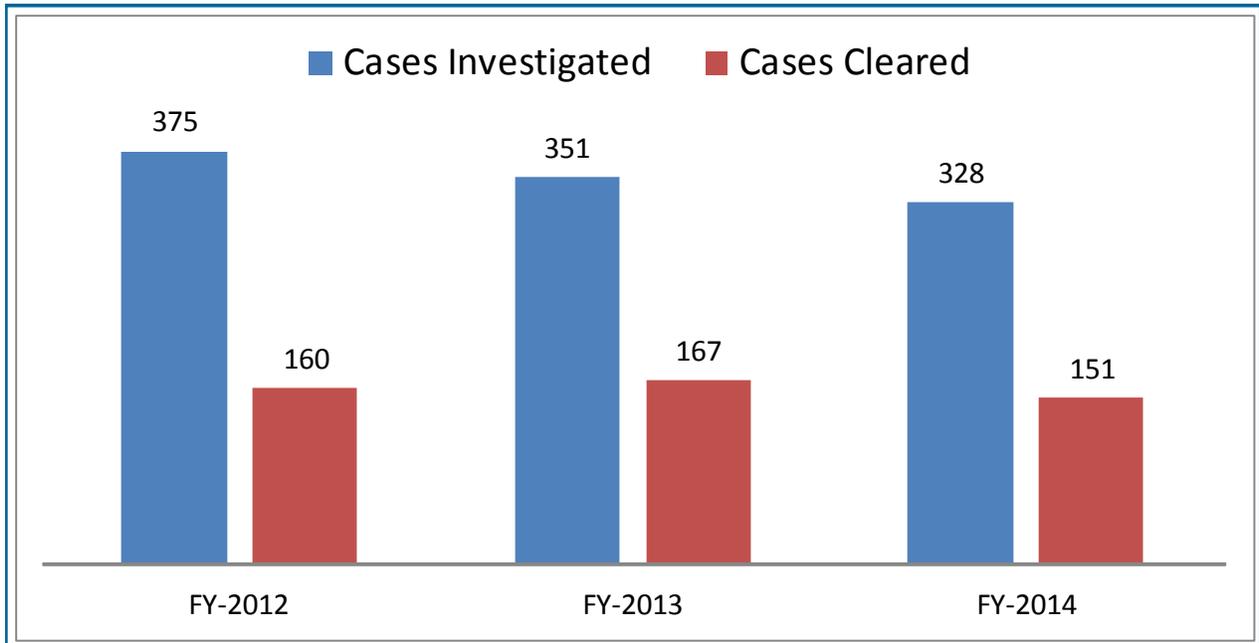


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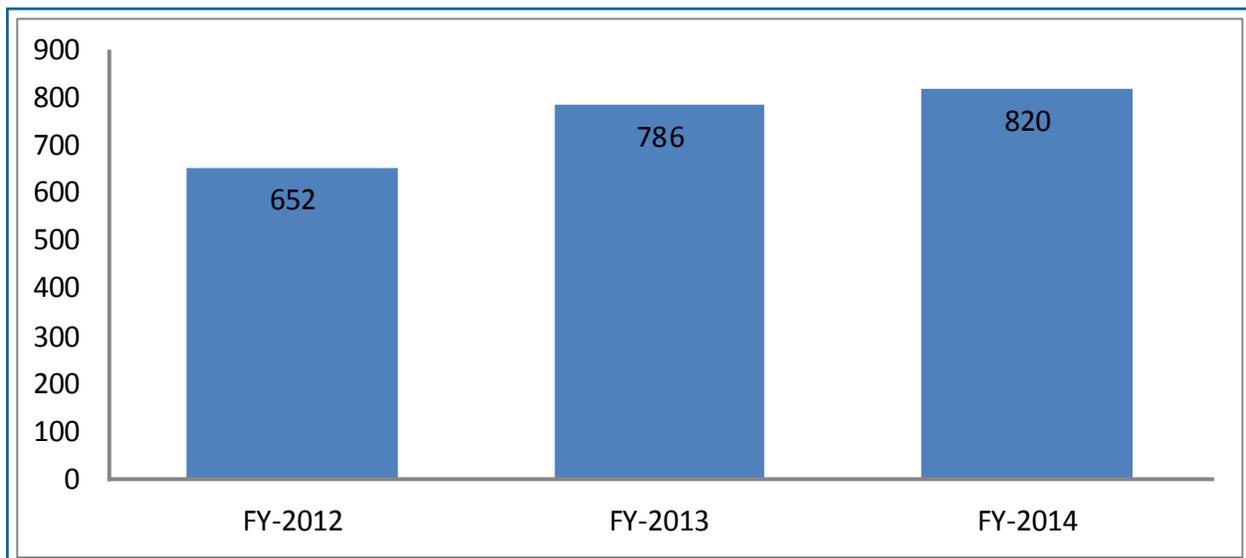


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#### Investigative Cases and Follow-Ups



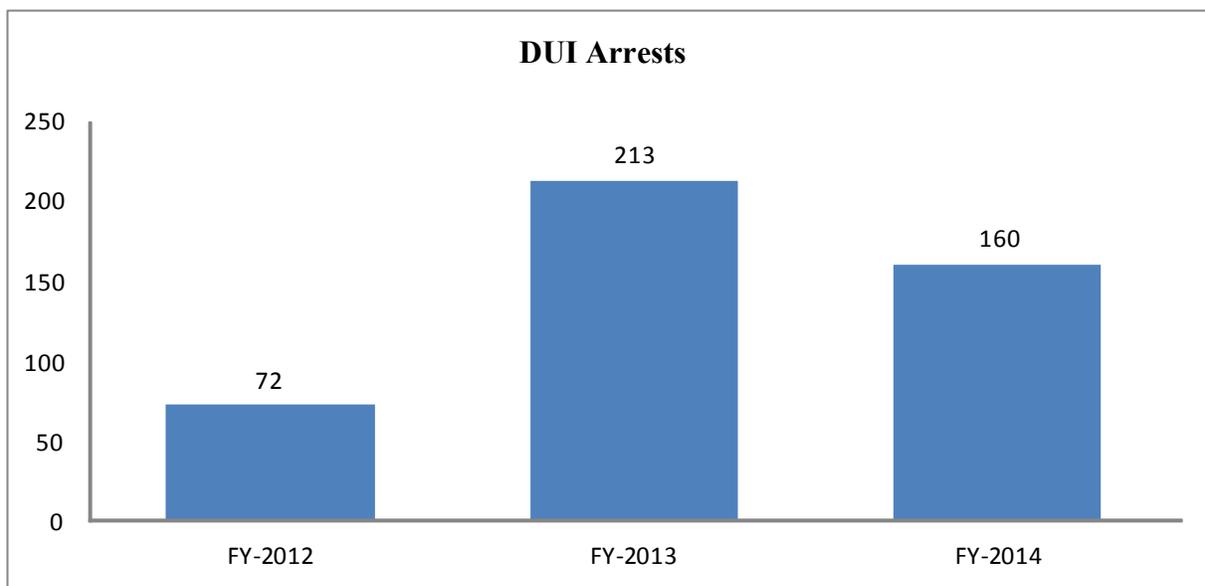
#### Total Criminal Arrests



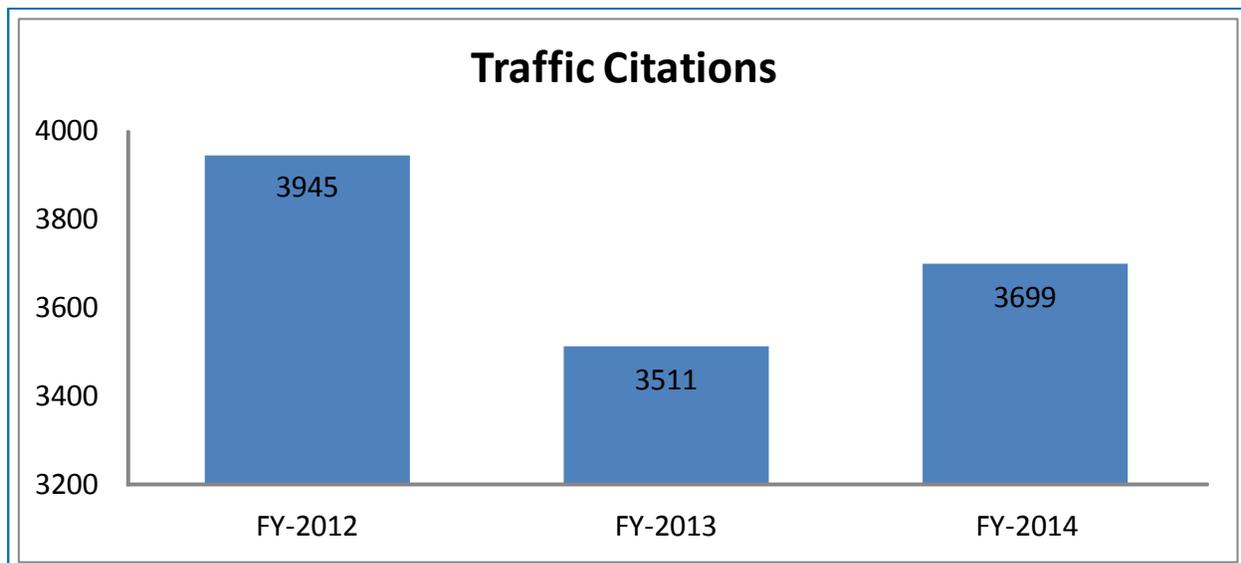
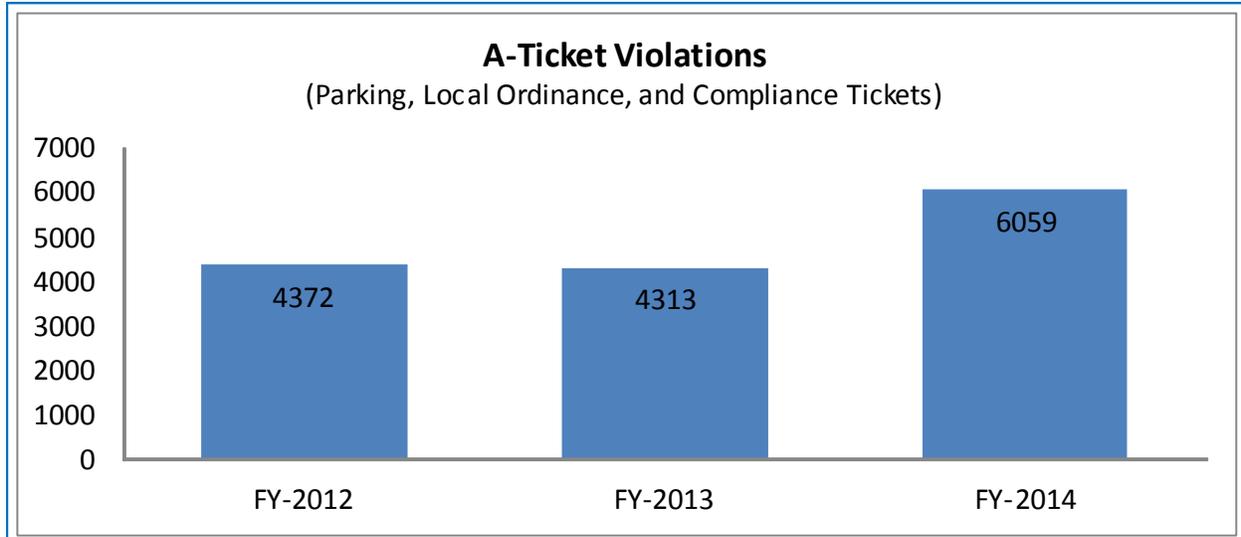
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### DUI Enforcement

The Schiller Park Police Department fully supports a comprehensive approach to DUI enforcement, which includes education to the public to elicit support in detecting impaired drivers. The patrol division has established strict impaired driver enforcement as one of its primary objectives. Uniformed patrol officers are alert for signs of alcohol and/or drug impairment in contacts with motorists. They make every effort to both detect and apprehend impaired motorists.

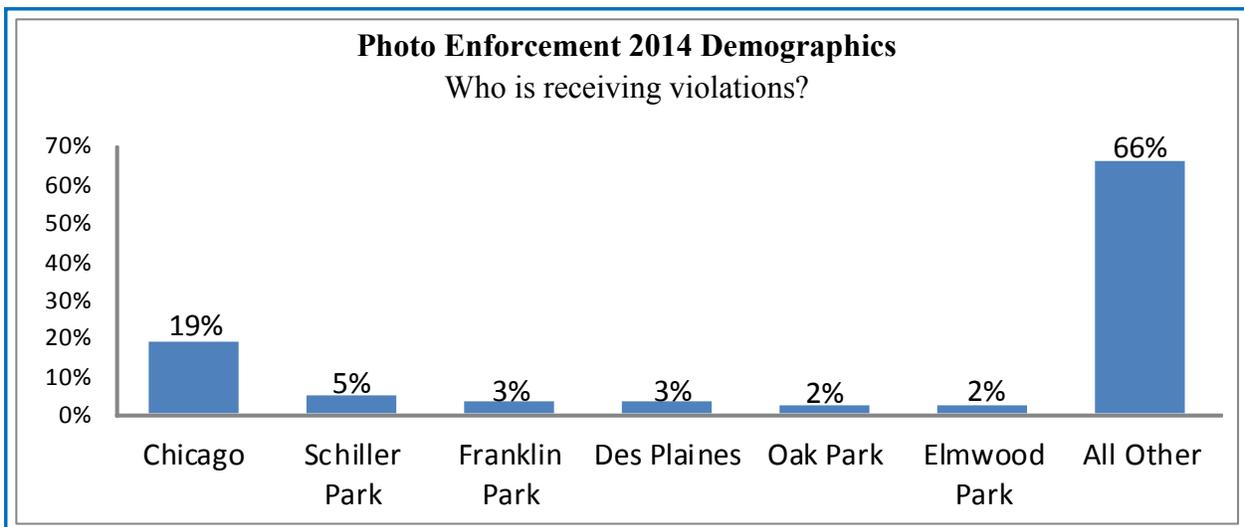
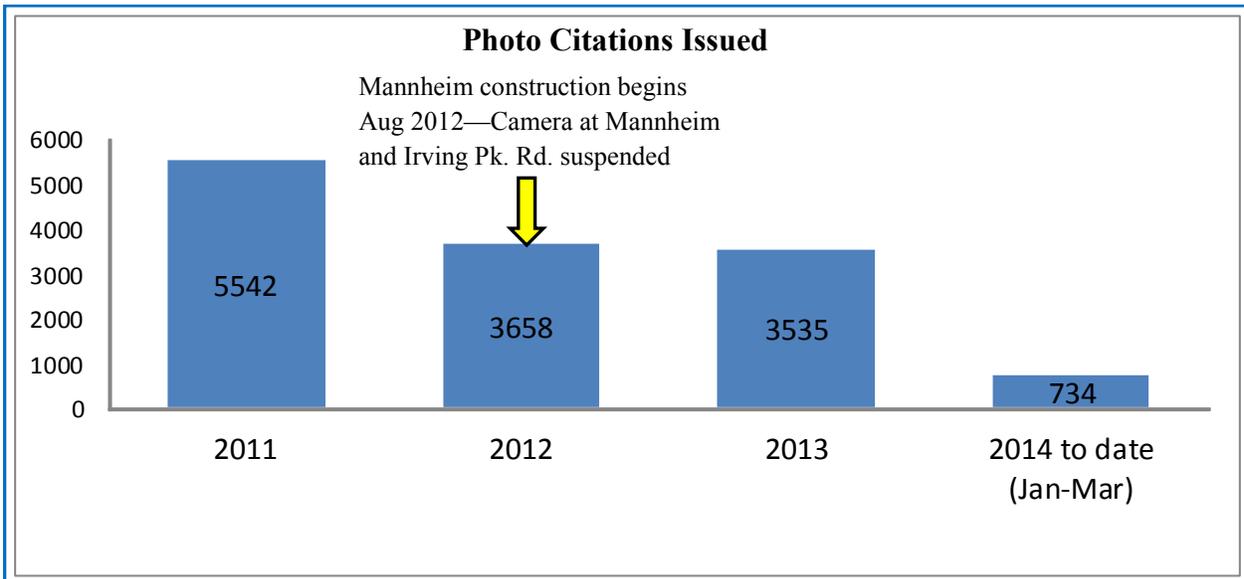


### Statistical Information Continued



### Statistical Information Continued

The Village of Schiller Park instituted a photo enforcement program in 2008 in order to deter red light violations, thus, making the streets safer. Three Schiller Park intersections are currently equipped with cameras to improve safety and reduce traffic crashes resulting from red light violations. So far this year, 734 Motorists were issued photo enforcement violations. A fourth camera which was placed at the southeast corner of Mannheim and Irving Park Road has been suspended since Mannheim Road construction began in August of 2012.



## Traffic Stop Data Sheets

Members of the Schiller Park Police Department and all officers in Illinois are currently required to record demographic 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 from fiscal year 2014.

Ethnic Breakdown	Traffic Stops	Percent
Caucasian	1109	60%
African/American	187	10%
Native American/ Alaskan	1	0
Hispanic	468	25%
Asian/Pacific Islander	84	5%
Totals	1849	100%



## Professional Standards

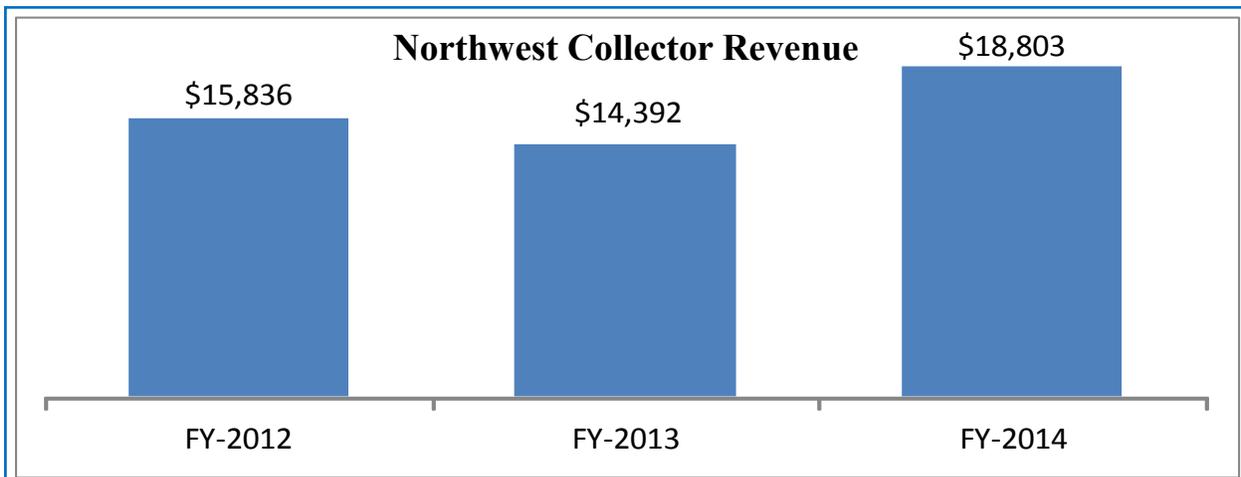
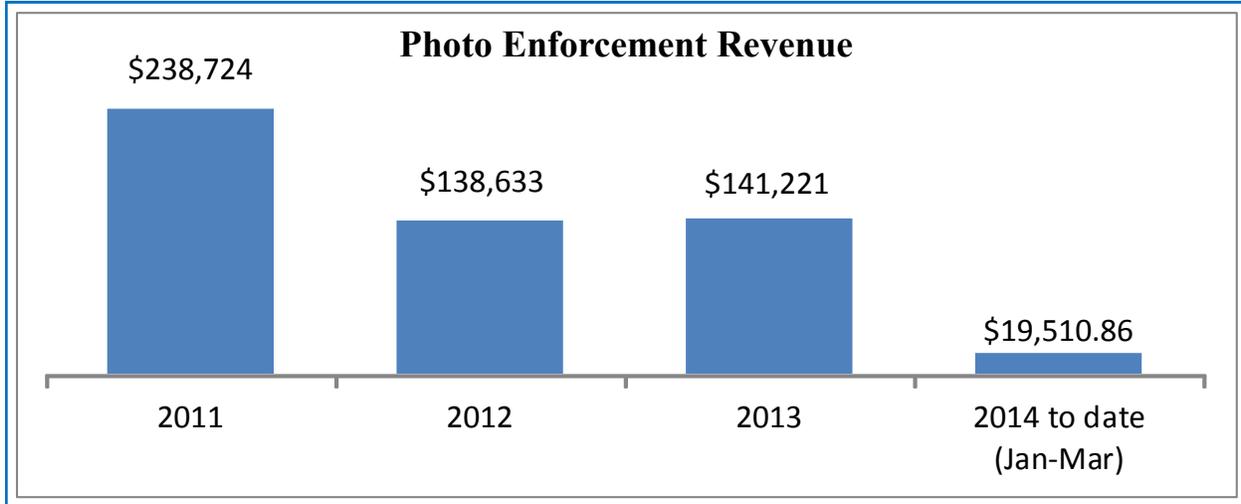
The Schiller Park Police Department makes every effort to deliver the best possible customer service to the citizens and visitors of our community. We value feedback, good or bad, about the services we provide to our community. It is the policy of the Schiller Park Police Department to receive and investigate 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 that are acting properly 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.

During fiscal year 2014, the Schiller Park Police Department is proud to say that it received **NO** reports of misconduct against department members.



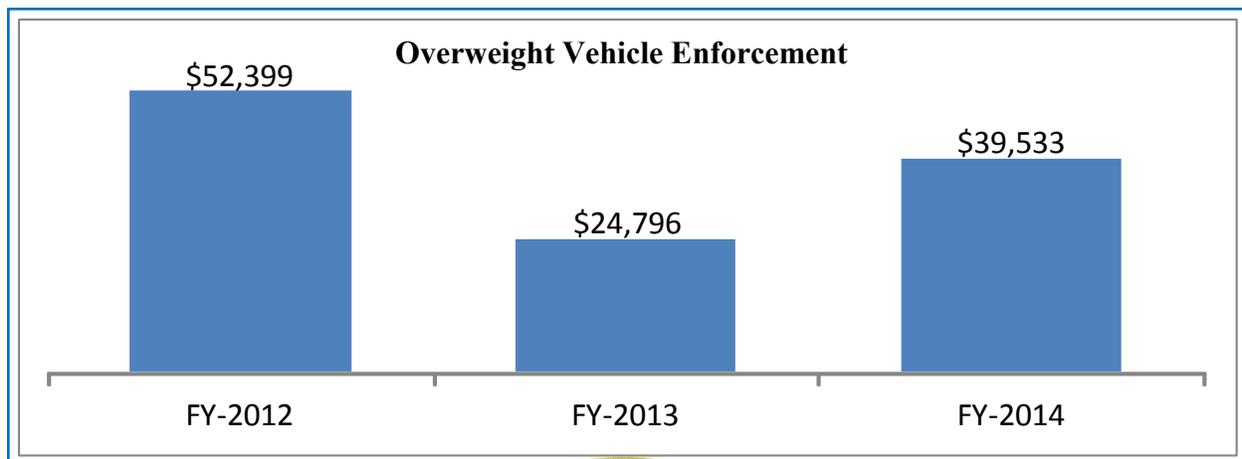
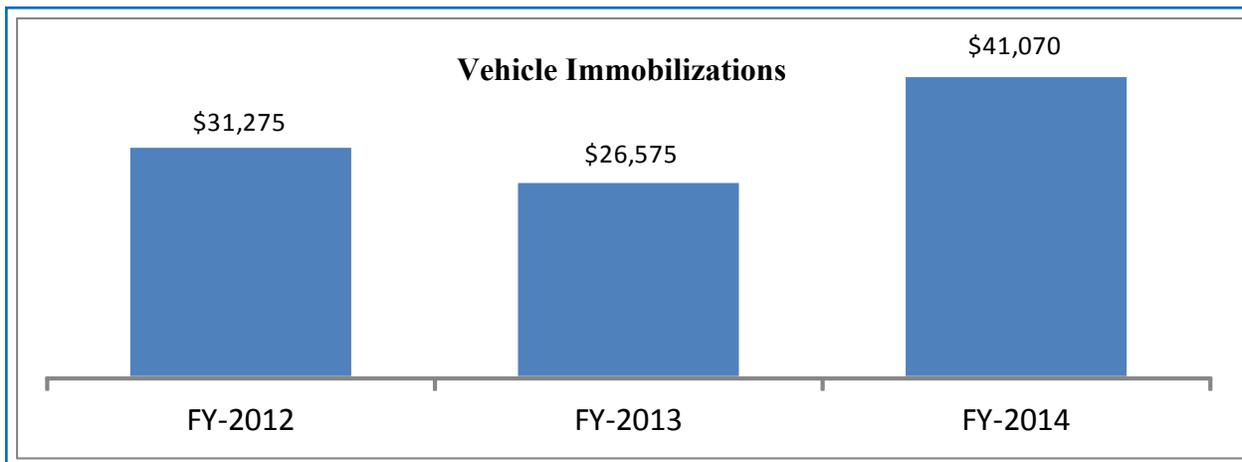
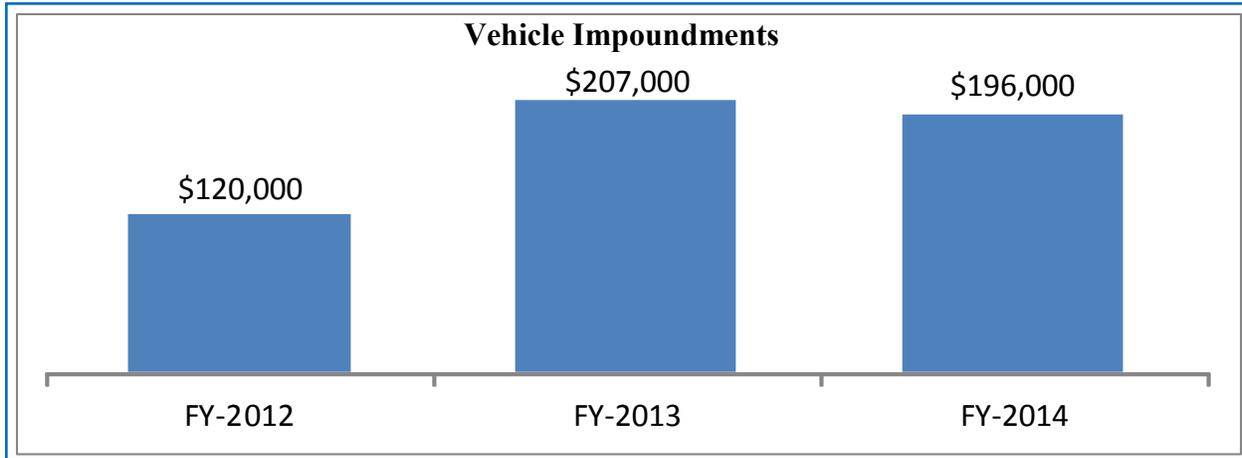
### Revenues



Northwest Collector is the collection agency which handles collections for unpaid photo enforcement violations with up to a year's time before payments are made to the Police Department.



### Revenues Continued



### Revenues Continued

