

# Schiller Park Police Department



## 2015 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.*



International Association of Chiefs of Police



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## Village Manager

**Brad Townsend**



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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 Interim Chief

February 13, 2016

On September 8, 2015 I was given the privilege of being appointed Interim Chief of Police in Schiller Park. Since that time I have appreciated the warm reception given me by Police personnel, Village staff, elected officials and residents. Mayor Barbara Piltaver and Village Manager Brad Townsend have provided excellent leadership in helping to guide me and the department through the transition period. Thank you all!

Schiller Park is fortunate to have many talented and dedicated police officers who provide professional services and protection every day of the year. In getting to know the staff on a personal level through both private and group meetings, through daily interactions and ride-alongs, I see that personnel demonstrate strong values through their work. The values police officers display are the best indicator of professionalism and also the best predictor of work quality.

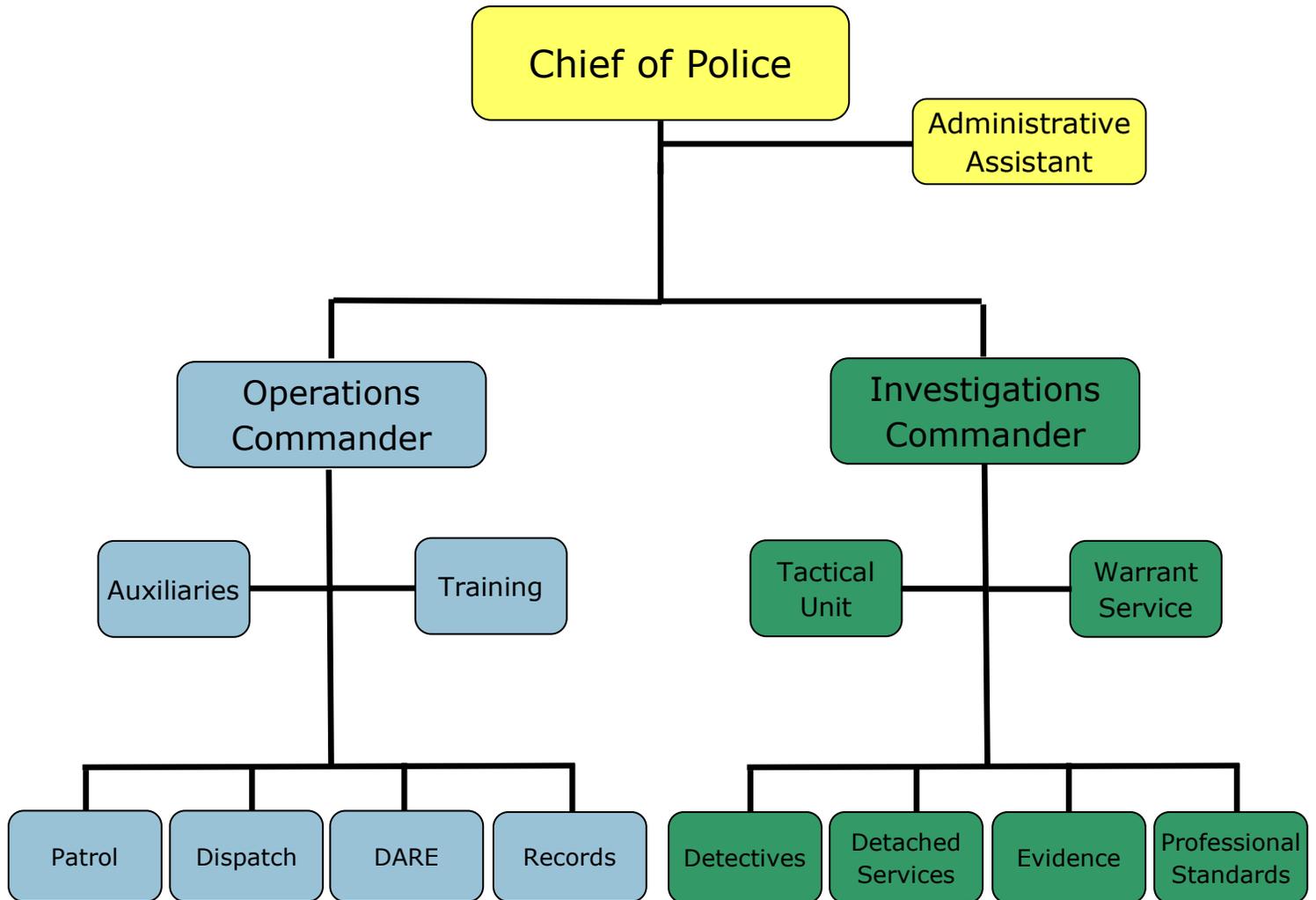
This Annual Report is intended to enhance public awareness of both the policing challenges in Schiller Park and of the resources used to meet those challenges. To do this, the report summarizes crime and accident trends, police programs and personnel highlights from the year.

I would like to express our collective gratitude to Schiller Park's elected officials for their support, including through the budget process that enables the staffing levels, training, enforcement and service programs described in this report. The Fire and Police Commission is equally deserving of our recognition and gratitude for hiring only the best qualified candidates to become YOUR police officers.

George Carpenter  
Interim Chief of Police



# Schiller Park Police Department Organizational Chart



### Command Staff



**Interim Chief George Carpenter**



**Investigations Commander Thomas Fragakis**



**Patrol Commander Edward Ladonsky**



**Sergeant Steve Lee**



**Sergeant Joseph DeSimone**



**Sergeant James Scheib**



**Sergeant Mark DiCosola**



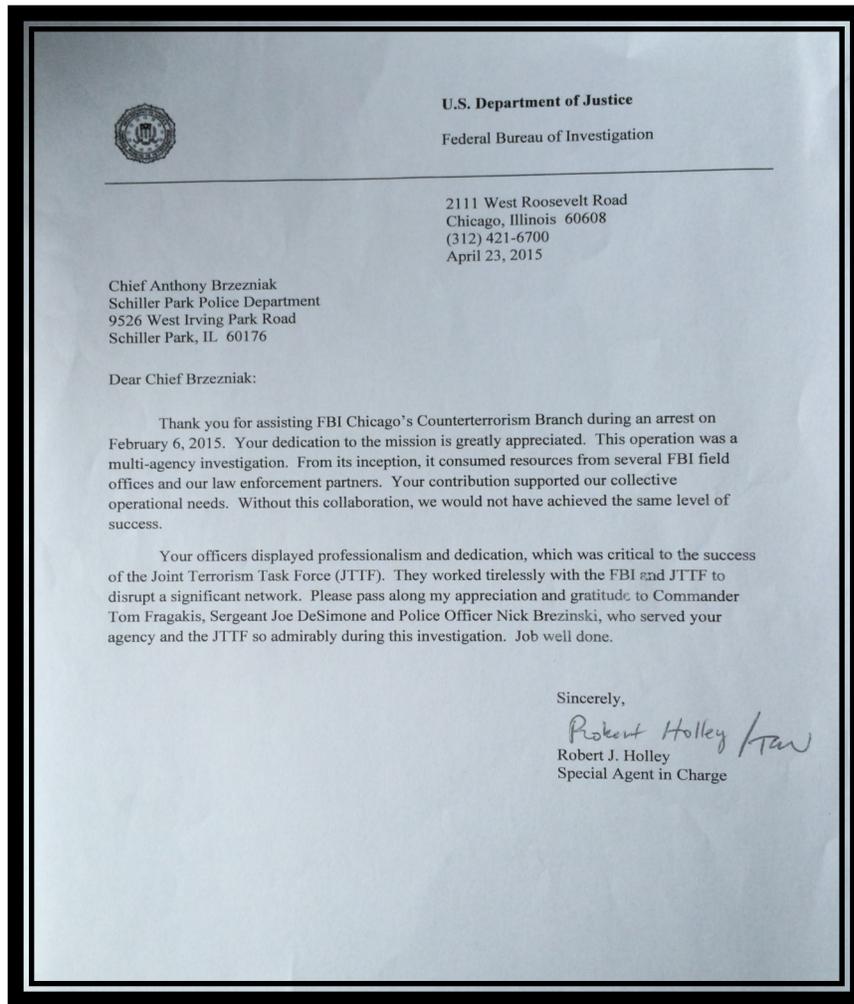
## Commanders

- Thomas Fragakis, who is a merit rank Lieutenant and who 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, detached services, and property inventory and control. Commander Fragakis has been with the Schiller Park Police Department for 31 years.
- Edward Ladonsky, who is a merit rank Lieutenant and who 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, and the Community Policing Initiative. Commander Ladonsky is responsible for the express supervision, control, and management of the daily operations. Commander Ladonsky has been with the Schiller Park Police Department for 21 years.



## Awards and Recognition

Below is a letter of gratitude to former Chief Anthony Brzezniak, Commander Thomas Fragakis, Sergeant Joseph DeSimone, and Officer Nick Brzezinski from the FBI in relation to their help on February 6, 2015 in the identification and capture of a suspect involved in a terrorist network supporting the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS).



## Awards and Recognition

The Schiller Park Police Department would like to congratulate Sergeant Mark DiCosola on his graduation in May, 2015 from the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety (NUCPS) Police Staff and Command course. The course is an intensive ten-week program and helps prepare supervisors for senior positions by focusing on academic principles and practical applications.



Pictured above at his graduation ceremony (l to r) are former Chicago Superintendent Terry Hillard, NUCPS Deputy Director Shelly Camden, Sergeant Mark DiCosola, and NUCPS Executive Director David Bradford.



## Awards and Recognition



Because of his outstanding service this year, the Schiller Park Police Department selected Officer Brian Norris to be the **Officer of the Year**.

On November 16, 2015, the Lions Club presented Officer Norris with the Officer of the Year Award. Schiller Park Firefighter Blaine Schneider was also presented the **Firefighter of the Year Award**.

The award ceremony was attended by Trustees Russell Klug, Catherine (Kitch) Gorzynski, Moses Diaz; Mayor Barbara Piltaver, and Trustee Richard Desecki. Congratulations Officer Norris!



## Community Recognition

Throughout 2015, the Schiller Park Police Department and its members received many letters of appreciation from the community. Below are some quotes from those letters:

- ◆ “On behalf of the ITEA Board of Directors, we wanted to take the opportunity to commend you on the fine service **Officer Steve Lima** is doing in the world of truck enforcement.”
- ◆ “The assistance and hard work provided by **Officer Frank Stoffel** was crucial to making this a successful arrest without incident, and the Des Plaines Police Department is grateful for it.”
- ◆ “Dear **Sergeant DeSimone**, I just wanted to say thank you for taking time to talk to my father . . . we did the right thing thanks to you.”
- ◆ “Because of you (**The Schiller Park Police Department**) we all can continue to “Pay It Forward”...Because of you, this world is a better place.”
- ◆ “I’d like to put in a kind word in regards to **Officer (Oliver) Robert’s** professionalism during my complaint process of a stolen tire.”
- ◆ “Dear **Frank (DeSimone)** and the **Schiller Park Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #170**, on behalf of the Children’s Heart Foundation, . . . your very generous donation will help fund the most promising research to advance the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of congenital heart defects”
- ◆ Sent from the Child Life Program of Advocate Children’s Hospital: “Dear **Schiller Park Police Department**, thank you so much for your generous donation and all the time you spend with us, brightening the spirits of our littlest patients, we are deeply grateful.”
- ◆ “On behalf of the Northlake Police Department, we extend our gratitude for the hard work and dedication this officer (**Tom Henn**) performed during his years as an Investigator, Group Leader, and Task Force Operations Supervisor (with the West Suburban Major Crimes Task Force).”
- ◆ Sent from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD): “**Jeremy (Chernikovich)**, please accept this award for all of your hard work and dedication to keeping our roadways safe in Illinois.”
- ◆ “I want you to know that one person out here sincerely appreciates what you do for all of us. And the kindness your officer showed me that morning is appreciated and remembered.”
- ◆ “The **Schiller Park Police Department** stands out as one of the most cooperative, professional departments that I have ever encountered. . . . However, (**Assistant) Commander Henn** merits particular praise for his central role in the matter. You should be proud.”
- ◆ “On behalf of the Gurnee Police Department, . . . Please Extend my thanks to **Sergeant DiCosola** for his efforts, professionalism, and commitment.”
- ◆ Sent to the **Schiller Park Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #170**: “On behalf of the hundreds of children served by Children’s Oncology Services, Inc. each year, please accept our sincere thanks for your generous gift . . . given in support of One Step Programs serving children diagnosed with cancer.”



## 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 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
- Day-to-day complaints
- Traffic enforcement
- Preventative/deterrent patrol
- Preliminary criminal investigations

In 2015, the Patrol Division responded to 15,596 calls for service. They made 138 DUI arrests, conducted 3,421 traffic stops, investigated 858 traffic crashes, and issued 1,499 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 in recent years was the implementation and/or revampment of many programs. The cornerstone of many of those 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 principles. The following 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.” Neighborhood Watch is such an effective crime prevention program and was expanded last year to include quarterly neighborhood watch meetings which take place at the Schiller Park Community Center.
- **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.



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



## Community Policing

- **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.
- **Crime Prevention Notices** - This program allows police personnel to document observed vulnerabilities on a crime prevention notice that is left for residents to review.
- **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. It also helps engage residents to interact with the police department through social media.



## 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 on 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 extremely effective at reducing criminal activity in rental properties.

### 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.



## Other Community Policing Activities

### St. Baldrick's Day

Schiller Park Police Officers participated in the St. Baldrick's Day cancer charity on March 6, 2015. Pictured above is Assistant Commander Tom Henn with one of Schiller Park's biggest heroes, Cy Petrosino. Tom showed his support by having his head shaved during the event.



Before

After



Shaving the Way to Conquer Kids' Cancer



## Other Community Policing Activities

### Cop on Top



On May 29, 2015, the Schiller Park Police Department raised \$1,750 for the Special Olympics by participating in the "Cop on Top" program. The event took place at the Dunkin Donuts located inside the BP Gas Station on Mannheim. We would like to commend the officers for a job well done.



## Other Community Policing Activities

### 2nd Annual School District 81 Picnic

On June 13, 2015, Schiller Park officers joined the community in the celebration of the 2nd Annual School District 81 Picnic sponsored by the ABC Parent Group. The event took place at Lincoln Middle School and there were many fun kids activities, including Bounce Houses, Pie Throwing, Dunk Tank, and Touch a Police Car.



## Other Community Policing Activities



### National Night Out



On August 4, 2015, everyone was invited to participate and join forces with communities across the country for National Night Out, a night for residents to stand united to promote community safety and neighborhood unity. This crime and drug prevention event was co-sponsored locally by the mayor, the village board, police department, and local schools. There were food, games, contests, free raffles, youth activities, a parade, and a performance by the children's choir. Everyone had a great time and there was a lot of positive community interaction. Pictured with the Police Officers below left are Mayor Piltaver and Mayor's Assistant, Sandra Rosario.



## Other Community Policing Activities

### Halloween



On October 30, 2015, Assistant Commander Tom Henn visited Kennedy School for their annual Halloween parade. Pictured to the left with Tom is school mascot “Kenny Kubbie.”

### Supporting Men’s Health



This November, Officers Andy Jordan, Chadd Kaiser, and Nick Brzezinski grew mustaches in support of the “Movember Foundation,” a Global charity that raises awareness of and supports men's health issues. It's a testament to the good character of our officers to go above and beyond for a good cause!



## Other Community Policing Activities



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



On October 23, 2015, the Schiller Park Fraternal Order of Police (F.O.P.) Lodge #170 sponsored the meal hosted by Loaves and Fishes, a local Charity that has been serving food to those in need for a number of years.

Pictured below left with young helper, Eric (Deuce) Blomquist, are (from l to r) Commander Thomas Fragakis, Officer Roger Orozco, Officer Neil Amedeo, Sergeant Joseph DeSimone, Officer Steve Lima, and Auxiliary Officer Luisa Perez.



On August 7, 2015, the Schiller Park Fraternal Order of Police (F.O.P.) Lodge #170 also conducted their annual golf outing at the Fox Run Golf Course in Elk Grove Village. The outing raised approximately \$12,000 which goes into a fund used to help various local and national charities.



## Other Community Policing Activities



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



On December 14, 2015, the Schiller Park Fraternal Order of Police (F.O.P.) Lodge #170 conducted their annual Santa visit. Police Officers accompanied Santa and helped hand out gifts to the children at each and every school located in the Village of Schiller Park.

Pictured to the left with Santa are Sergeant Mark DiCosola, Assistant Commander Tom Henn, Officer Neil Amedeo, 911 Communication’s Supervisor Laura Etcheson-Kovacs, and Schiller Park Fire Lieutenant Jerry Budnik.

On December 22, 2015, the Schiller Park Fraternal Order of Police (F.O.P.) Lodge #170 donated gifts to the pediatric and adolescent patients at Lutheran General Hospital located in Park Ridge, Illinois who had to be hospitalized during the holiday season. The FOP teamed up with Lutheran General’s own “Child Life” team to make the event a success.



## Other Community Policing Activities

The Schiller Park Police Department participated in this year's United States Marines' Toys-for-Tots Campaign in which many toys were collected to give to children who might not otherwise receive gifts this year.

Below, honorary Officer Cy Petrosino poses with officers before attending the Toys-for-Tots parade in downtown Chicago with Assistant Commander Tom Henn.



## Investigations Division



The Schiller Park Police Department's Investigations Division consists of four 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
- Child Exploitation Investigations
- Background Investigations

In 2015, the Investigations Division conducted many noteworthy investigations which resulted in arrests:

- They were part of a multijurisdictional Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task force, which resulted in clearing two child pornography cases and five currently open cyber tip investigations.
- An Identity Theft arrest was made after Investigations conducted a thorough investigation which revealed a second victim in Wheeling, Illinois. A joint arrest was made with the Wheeling P.D.
- The investigations division made several narcotics arrests and a local business employee was arrested for stealing over \$50,000 in merchandise.
- Three death investigations were conducted as well as three sexual assault investigations.
- A felony arrest was made for a mother who attempted to poison her two children.
- Felony charges for attempted murder were approved after detectives identified, located, and arrested the offender only 78 hours after the initial incident occurred.
- There was also a homicide that occurred earlier this year. After hours of evidence collecting, much inductive and deductive reasoning, and numerous interviews and interrogations, an arrest was made.



## Communications



It is the policy of the Schiller Park Police Department to manage and operate a twenty-four hour 9-1-1 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 full-time and five 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

### Administrative Assistant

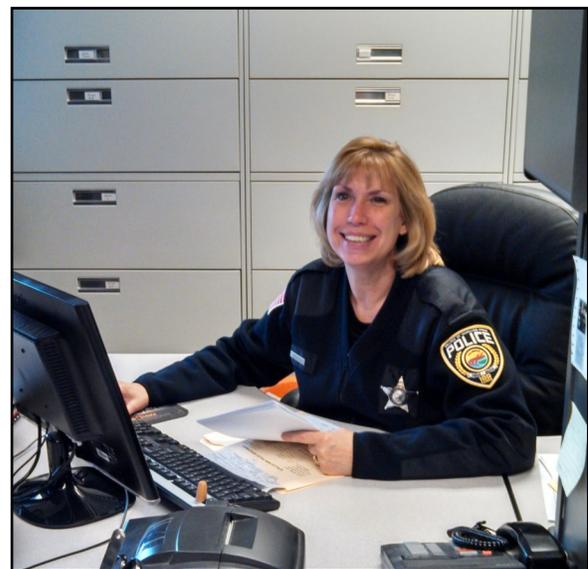
The Administrative Assistant to the Chief wears many hats. Aside from general secretarial duties, the Administrative Assistant acts as the department’s payroll clerk, timekeeper, and is a department matron. In addition, this position maintains oversight of court transmittal/warrant files, aids the department with adjudication hearings, and prepares department end -of- month reports.



Administrative Assistant 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 Administrator 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 28 year veteran Assistant Commander Henn. In this dual role, Assistant Commander 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. Assistant Commander 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, Assistant Commander 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

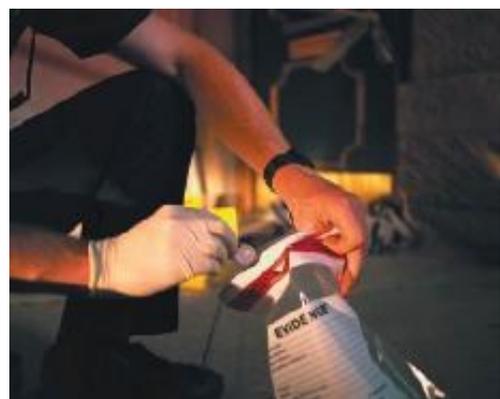
The Schiller Park Police Department oversees the School Crossing Guard Program in which new crossing guards are hired and trained. There are currently 10 crossing guards that are assigned to designated locations throughout the village. A School Crossing Guard position must be requested by the school 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

The Schiller Park Police Department has twelve certified Evidence Technicians who 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 three Traffic Crash Reconstruction Specialists that have received full training through the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety.

The Traffic Crash Reconstruction Specialists provide 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.

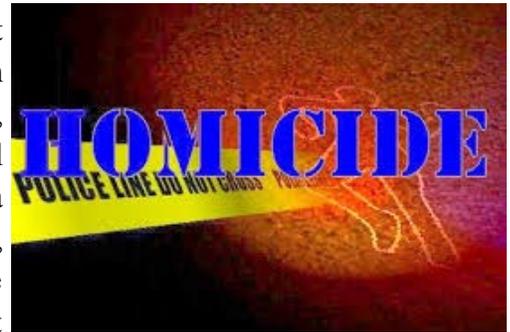
The Schiller Park Police Department is a member of NIPAS’s Emergency Services Team (EST) and Mobile Field Force (MFF). Member agencies can deploy the EST for hostage/barricade incidents, high-risk warrant service, major crime scene searches, search and rescue missions, dignitary protection, and similar 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. In 2013, 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 James 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 2015:

<u>Training Type</u>	<u>Hours</u>
• Overall training hours for the year (Full-Time Officers):	2568
• In-house training:	486.5
• Outside Training:	875.5
• Cook County Sheriff’s Police Training Academy:	440
• Firearms Training:	224
• NIPAS Mobile Field Force (MFF) training:	104
• NIPAS Emergency Service Team (EST) training:	224
• West Suburban Major Crime Task Force (WESTAF):	80
• Fire Investigator training:	48
• Pension Board training:	86
• Overall training for Part-Time/Auxiliary Officers:	109



## Department Training

### 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, Union Ridge Elementary School in Harwood Heights, and West Leyden High School in Northlake.



The above photograph was taken during Rapid Deployment training at West Leyden High School on April 1, 2015, in which the Schiller Park Police Department and 11 other local departments participated.



## Department Training

### Firearms Training



The Schiller Park Police Department is committed to professional training in the use of firearms. The purpose of the training is to ensure that officers are able to use their firearms safely and competently when needed. Sergeant Steve Lee is the department's Range Master. He develops and oversees all firearms training and qualifications. Sergeant Lee takes this responsibility very seriously and always strives to provide training that is relevant, realistic, and that will ensure all officers are highly skilled.

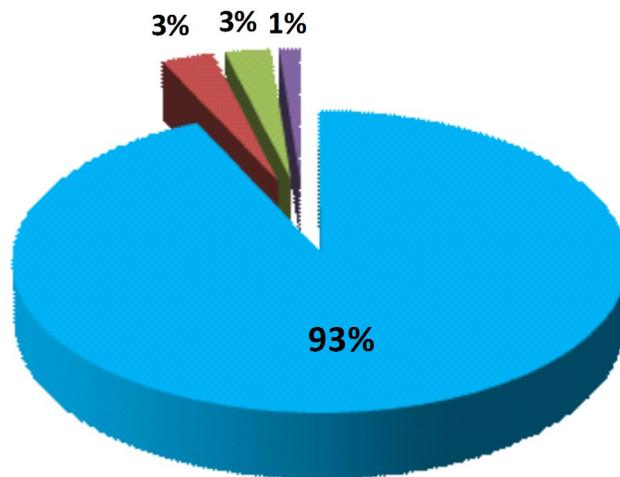
Below is a photograph of Sergeant Lee (standing in the rear) conducting a training session in November, 2015:



## Statistical Information

### Police 2015-2016 Budget Allocation

■ Personnel	\$5,756,309
■ Commodities	\$188,900
■ Contractual	\$164,685
■ Capital	\$75,500
Total	\$6,185,394



## Statistical Information

### Uniform Crime Reporting

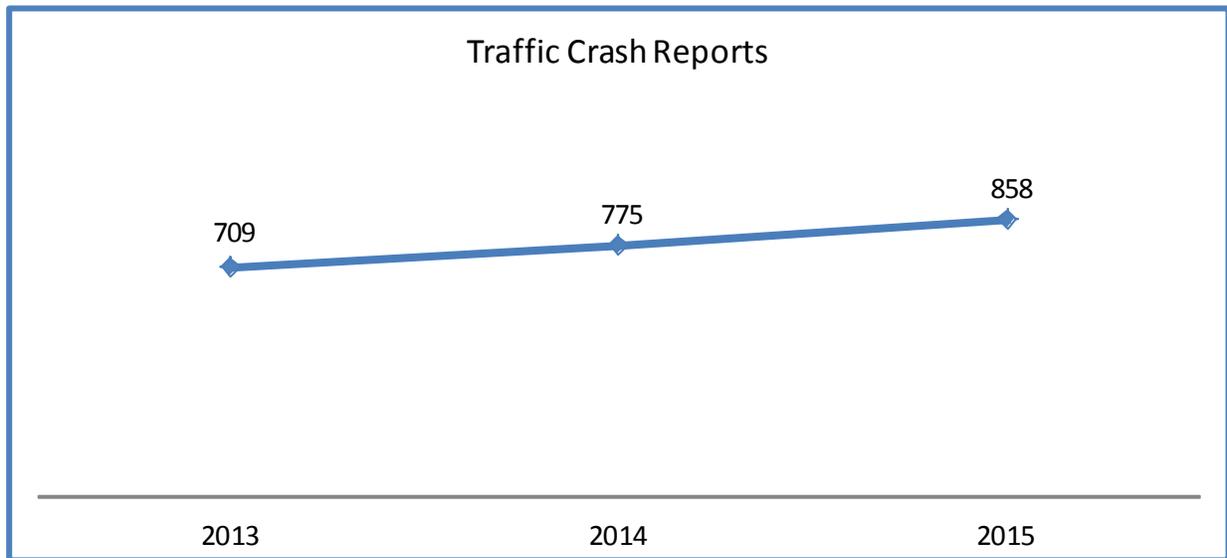
Police agencies are required to report their annual crime data to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The FBI requires us to report eight Part I Offenses as a measure of crime trends. They include: Murder, Criminal Sexual Assault, Robbery, Aggravated Assault/Battery, Burglary, Theft, Motor Vehicle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

Although we did see a spike in Burglary reports in 2014 (due to several garage and public storage unit burglaries), that number has come down 54% in 2015 and Part I Offenses have decreased 18% overall.

	2013	2014	2015
Murder	0	0	1
Criminal Sexual Assault	6	1	2
Robbery	0	2	5
Aggravated Assault/Battery	3	5	6
Burglary	40	72	33
Theft	185	172	161
Motor Vehicle Theft	16	18	11
Arson	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>220</b>



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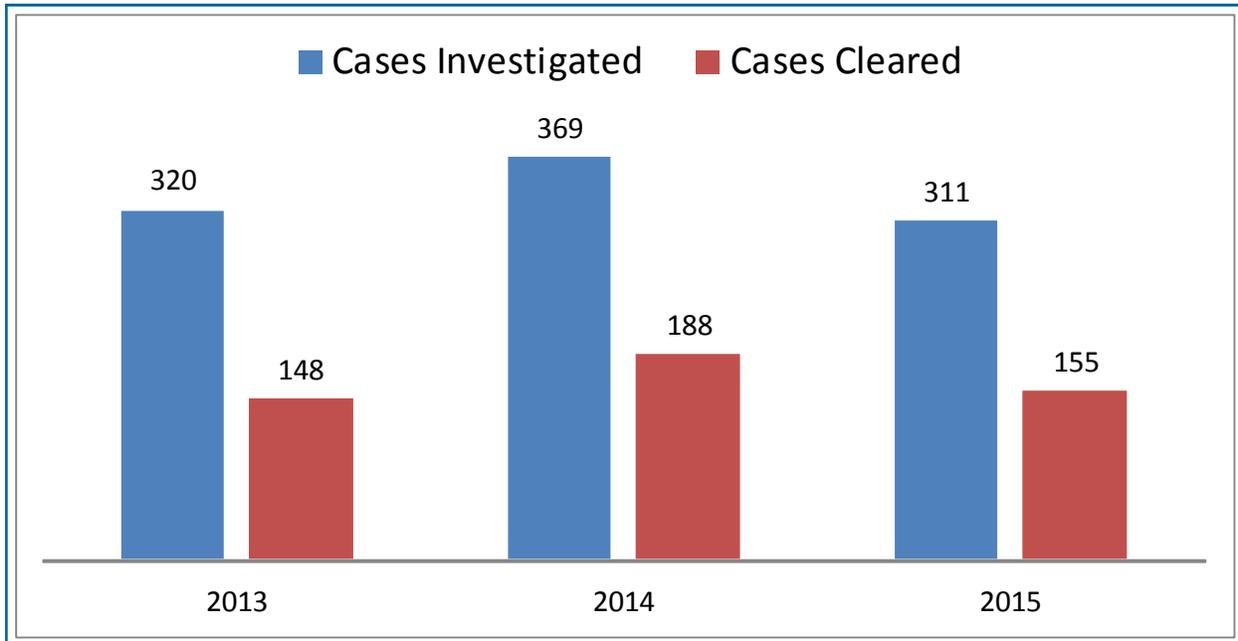


The number of traffic crashes can be attributed to many factors including weather conditions and road construction.

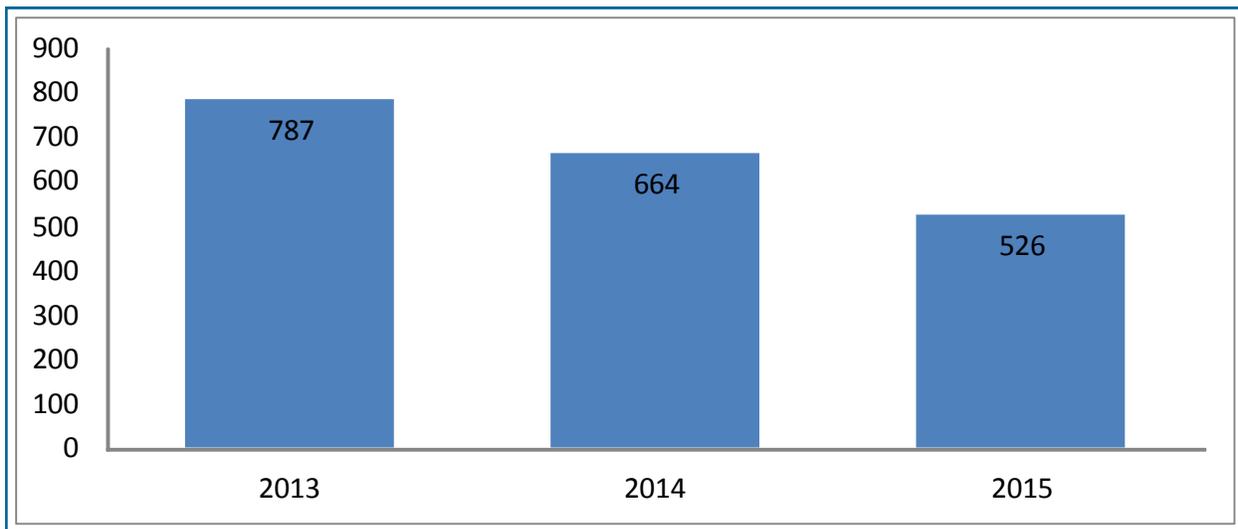


### Statistical Information

#### Investigative Cases and Follow-Ups



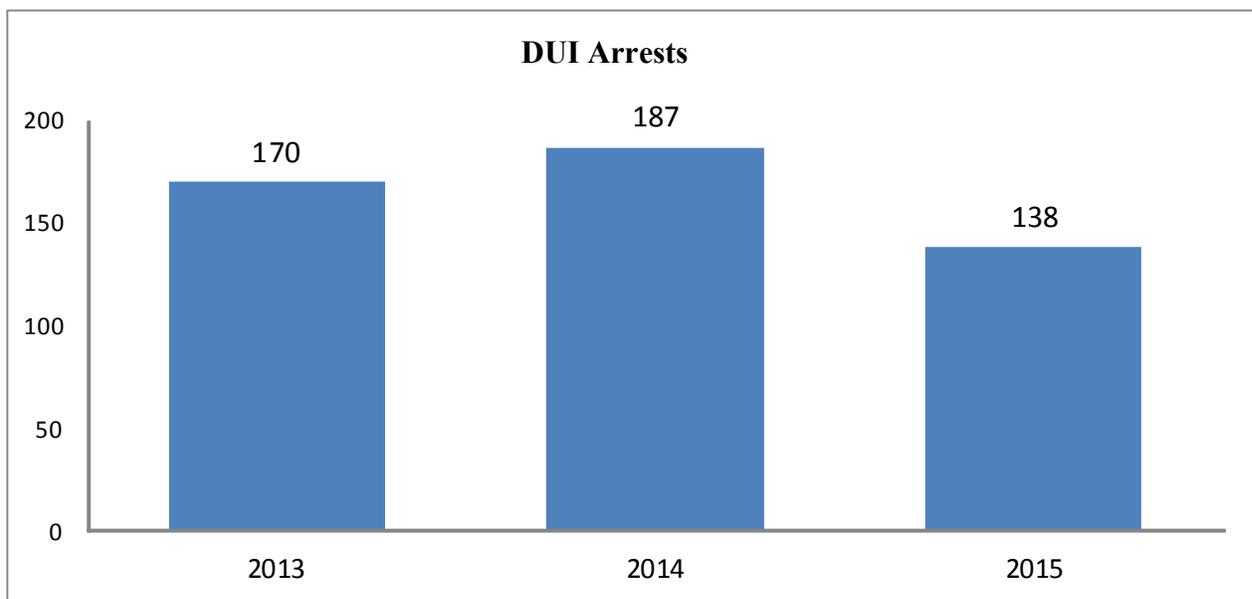
#### Total Criminal Arrests



## Statistical Information

### DUI Enforcement

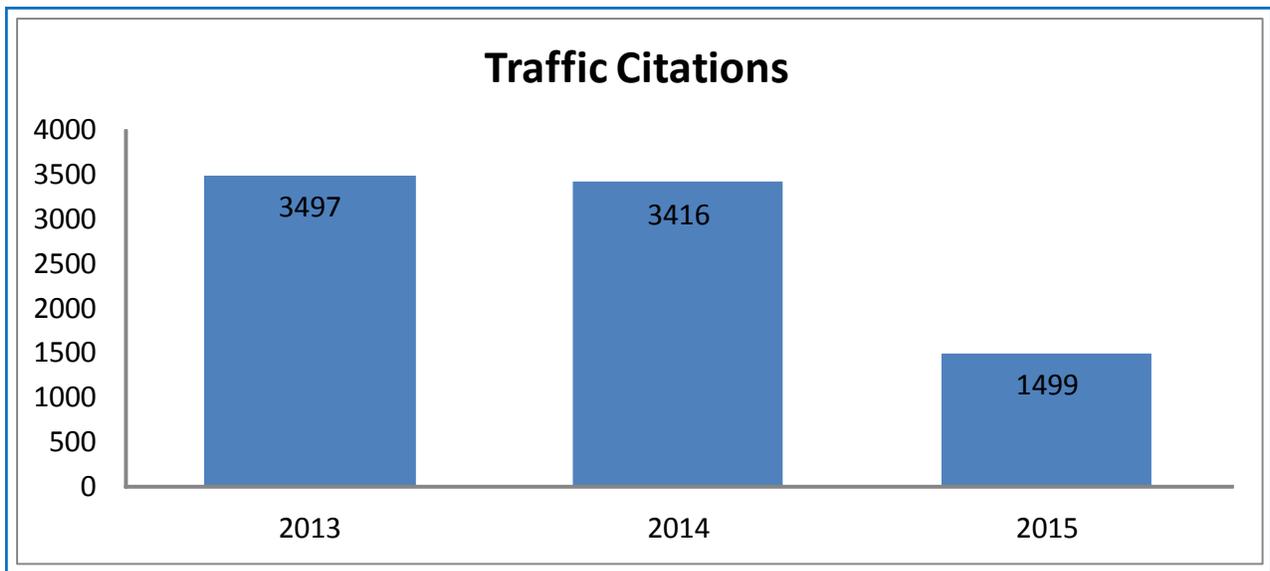
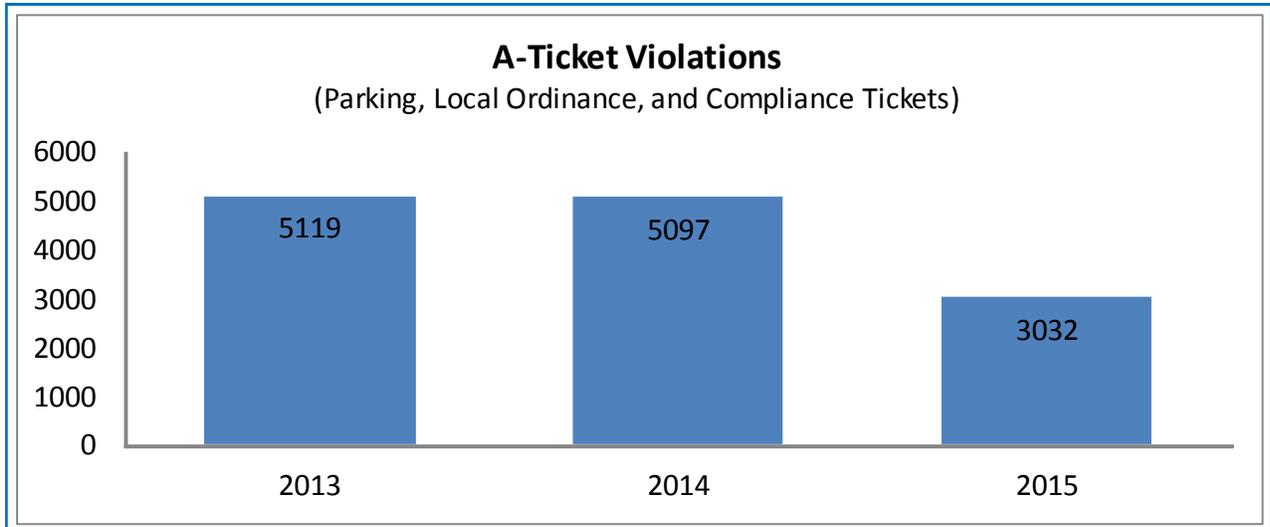
The Schiller Park Police Department fully supports a comprehensive approach to DUI enforcement, which includes education to the public to elicit support in detecting impaired drivers. The patrol division has established strict impaired driver enforcement as one of its primary objectives. Uniformed patrol 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.



The number of DUI arrests can be attributed to many factors including the number of personnel assigned and changes to the law.



### Statistical Information

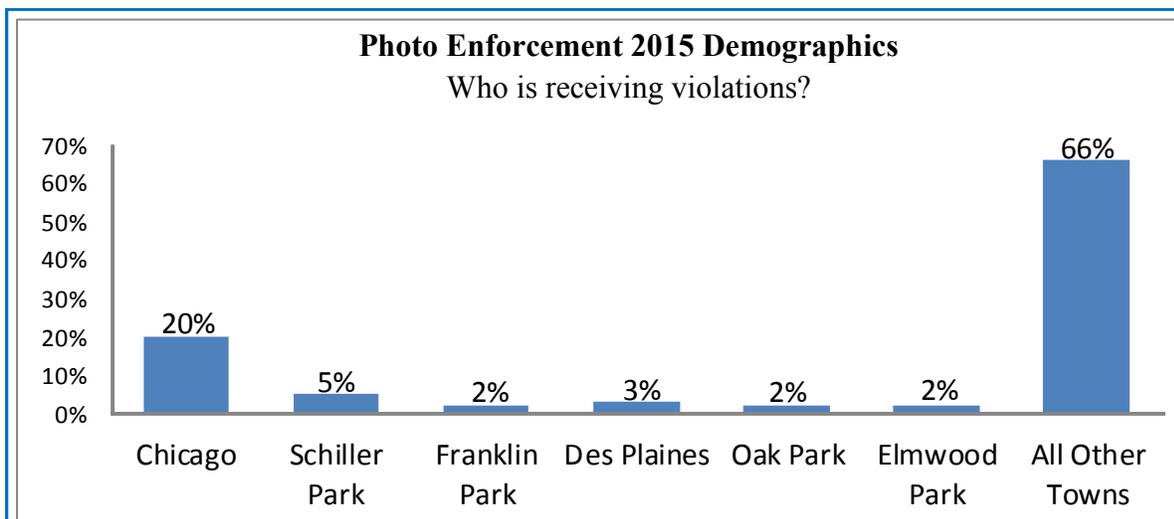
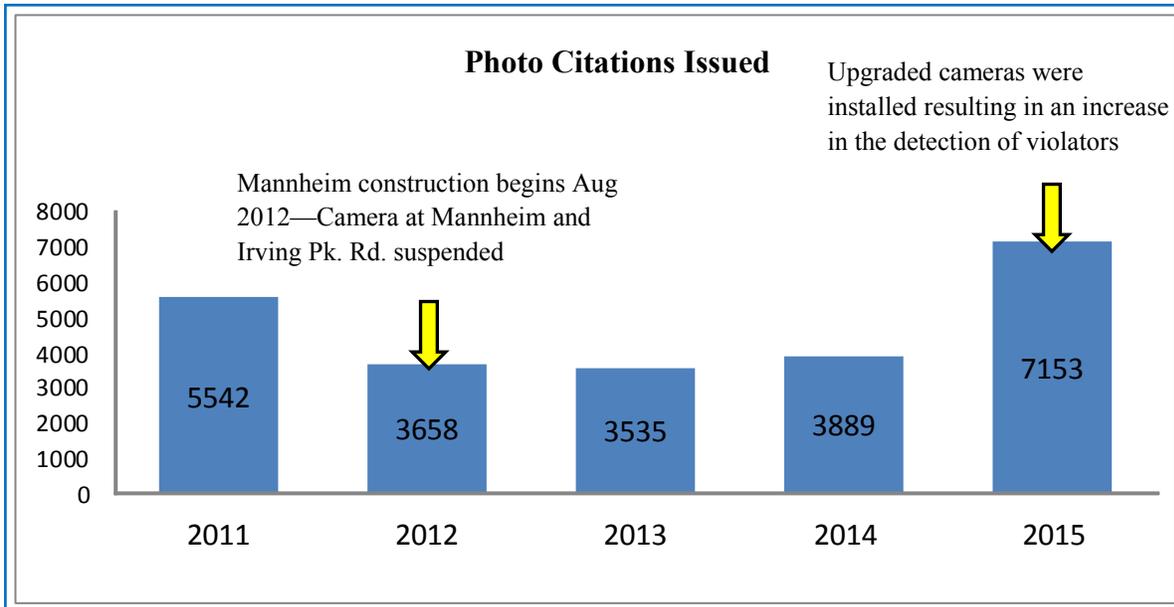


The number of citations issued by officers can fluctuate depending on shift assignments, call load, and the number of personnel assigned to parking and traffic enforcement.



### Statistical Information

The Village of Schiller Park instituted a photo enforcement program in 2008 in 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, 7,153 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

All Police Officers in Illinois are required by law 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 for the year 2015. The data below reflects the diversity of drivers on Schiller Park roadways.

Ethnic Breakdown	Traffic Stops	Percent
Caucasian	2,005	59%
African/American	383	11%
Native American/ Alaskan	1	0
Hispanic	850	25%
Asian/Pacific Islander	182	5%
Totals	3,421	100%



## Professional Standards

The Schiller Park Police Department is committed to delivering the best possible customer 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 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 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 2015, the Schiller Park Police Department is proud to say that it received only one (1) formal complaint of misconduct against department members, which after a thorough investigation, resulted in the allegation being not-sustained. That means there was not sufficient evidence to prove or disprove the allegation.



# I-DROP



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.

The Schiller Park Police Department began collecting unpaid fines in March of 2015 and has received a total of \$159,274.17 for the year. As the graph shows, most fines are collected in the first few months following the tax filing deadline in April.

