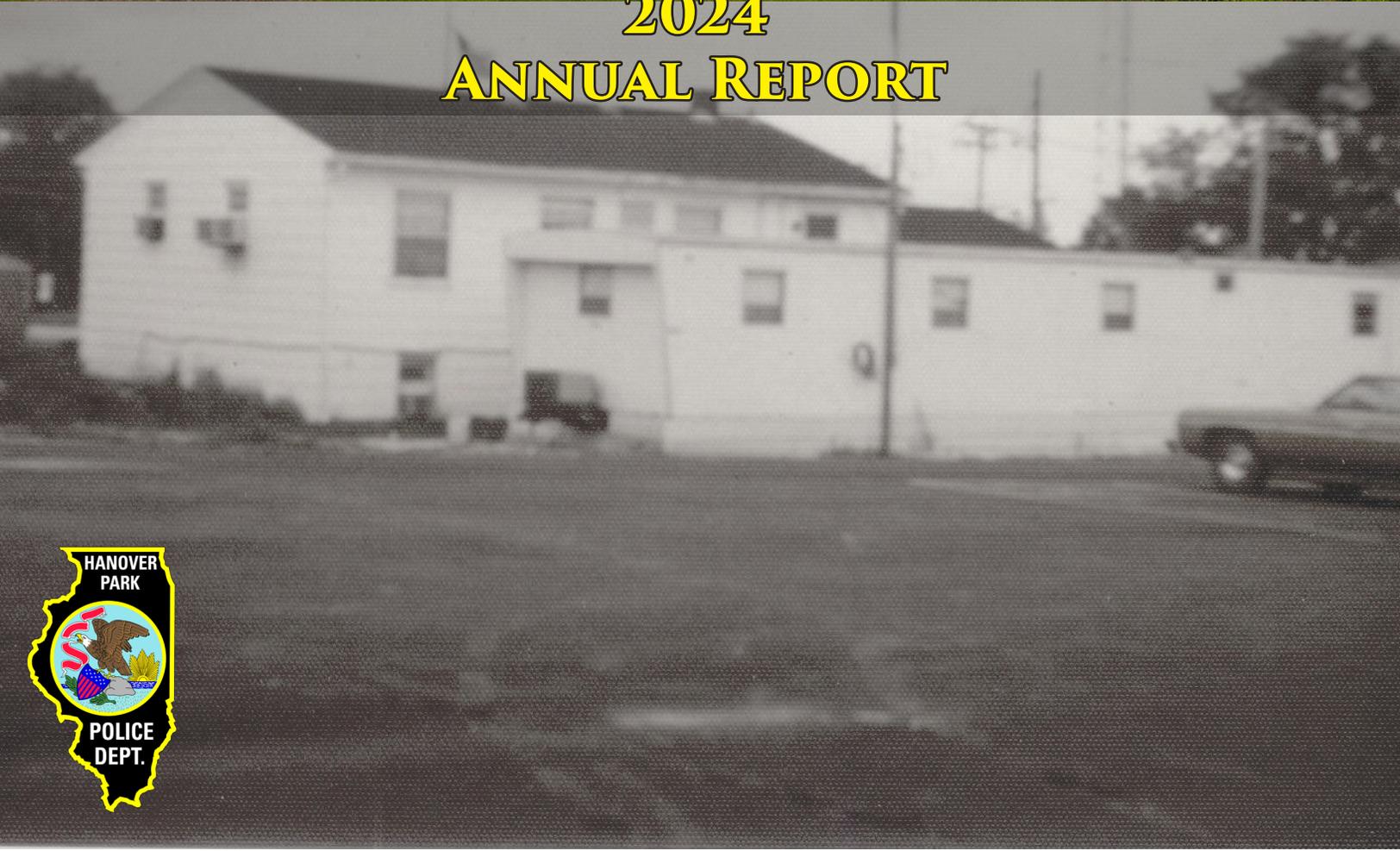




**HANOVER PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT  
2024  
ANNUAL REPORT**



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# A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



**TO: Village President Rod Craig  
Elected Officials of the Village of Hanover Park  
Village Manager Juliana Maller  
Officers and Civilians of the Hanover Park Police Department  
All Citizens of the Village of Hanover Park**

*To our elected officials, residents, business community, and all those connected to Hanover Park, I am pleased to present to you the Hanover Park Police Department's 2024 Annual Report. This report provides a comprehensive overview of the police department's programs, highlights, and accomplishments throughout the year.*

*I am extremely pleased that in terms of crime, the Village recorded an all-time record low Part I crime total, with 193 crimes reported. As indicated in the charts on page 9, double (and in one case triple) digit declines were recorded for violent and property crime in the Village. Overall, a 22% year-over-year drop in crime is a phenomenal result, and I would like to thank our Elected Officials, other Village staff, and community stakeholders for their assistance and support in keeping Hanover Park safe. Our residents can rest assured that the men and women of the HPPD are dedicated, professional, and compassionate in the service they provide on a daily basis to our community.*

*It is also worth noting that traffic crashes in the Village decreased by another 7%, or 62 fewer crashes than in 2023. This follows a 10% drop we experienced from 2022 to 2023. Our commitment to the Illinois Department of Transportation and Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP) Traffic Safety Challenge, along with our overall day-to-day commitment to traffic safety efforts can be credited for this result.*

*Our comprehensive officer wellness program, which addresses mental/emotional, financial, and physical components, took large steps forward in 2024. Every sworn officer (including command staff and myself) attended a mental wellness check-in with a licensed professional and attended an 8-hour course on emotional resilience for law enforcement put on by the First Responders Wellness Center. Our employees began to take advantage of the Smart Dollar program as well to achieve their financial goals. Employees were able to reduce debt by over \$100,000 already by using this voluntary program.*

*We reinstated a Citizen's Police Academy as well in 2024, led by Lt. Gordon Hendry. The 10-week program ran from September through November and participants had the opportunity to learn more about all aspects of the department, participate in scenario-based hands-on training exercises, gain insight into law enforcement tactics, procedures, equipment, and policing strategies, and interact directly with our officers, civilian employees, and command staff. We are excited to offer this program again later in 2025.*

*As always, our commitment to community policing continued in 2024 as well. We held the largest COPS Day Picnic we have had to date, teamed up with Suburban Tire to offer catalytic converter theft prevention events, held our annual Shop with a Cop holiday event for children in our community, and participated in a wide variety of Village events throughout the year. We hope to see you at a few of them (or all of them) this year – remember to like and follow Hanover Park PD and the Village of Hanover Park on Facebook to stay informed.*

*Thank you for your interest in our Annual Report and Stay Safe!*

*Chief Andrew Johnson*

# MISSION STATEMENT

## *HANOVER PARK POLICE MISSION*

The mission of the Hanover Park Police Department is to provide quality law enforcement services, maintain and improve community livability by working with all citizens to preserve life, maintain human rights, protect property, and promote individual responsibility, community commitment and involvement.

## *HANOVER PARK POLICE VISION*

The Hanover Park Police Department will be an elite police agency based on its dedication to the safety and security of the people of Hanover Park through the use of innovative and proactive policing strategies.

This will be accomplished by fostering a partnership with the community while maintaining a commitment to national accreditation and the responsible management of the department's resources.

The department will combine the principles of intelligence driven policing with a community policing approach as a cutting edge policing style to control crime. This will be achieved through the department's integrity, professionalism and commitment to our community and employees.



# DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION



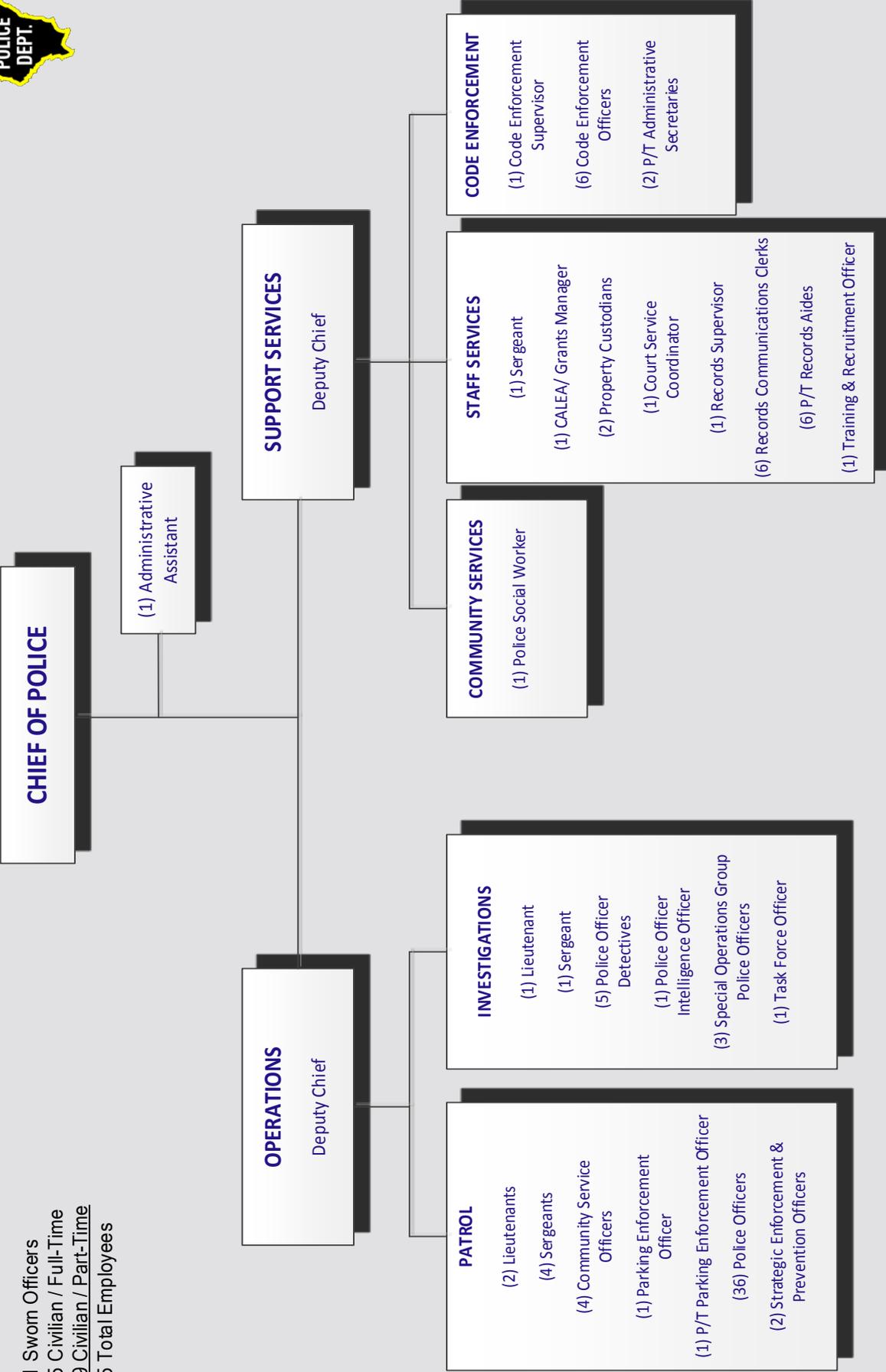
## VILLAGE OF HANOVER PARK

### Police Department

Table of Organization



61 Sworn Officers  
 25 Civilian / Full-Time  
 9 Civilian / Part-Time  
 95 Total Employees

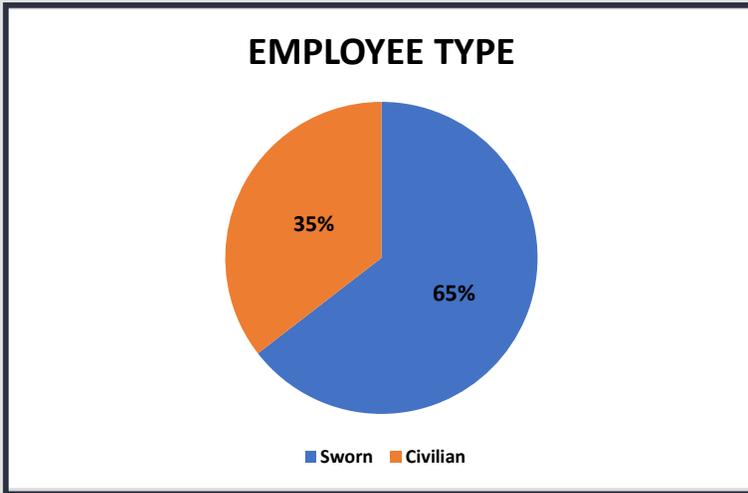


# DEPARTMENT DEMOGRAPHICS

In 2024, the Hanover Park Police Department had an authorized strength of 95 employees which includes 61 sworn officers and 34 civilians. At the time of the data collection, the department had 93 employees and 2 vacant positions. The demographics that follow are based upon the composition of the department on December 31, 2024.

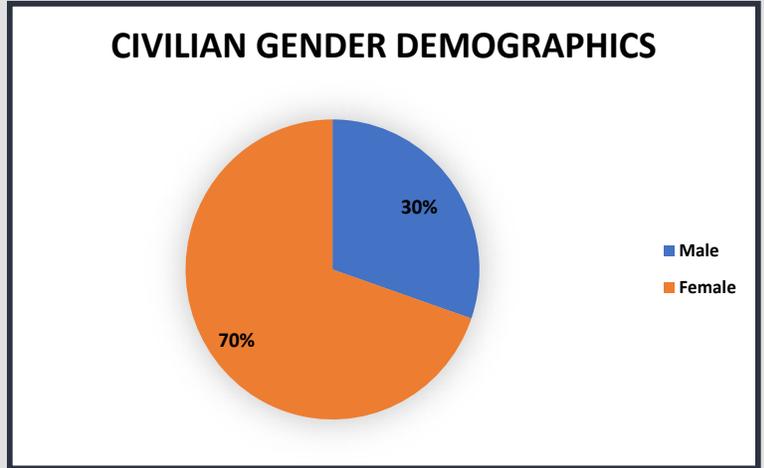
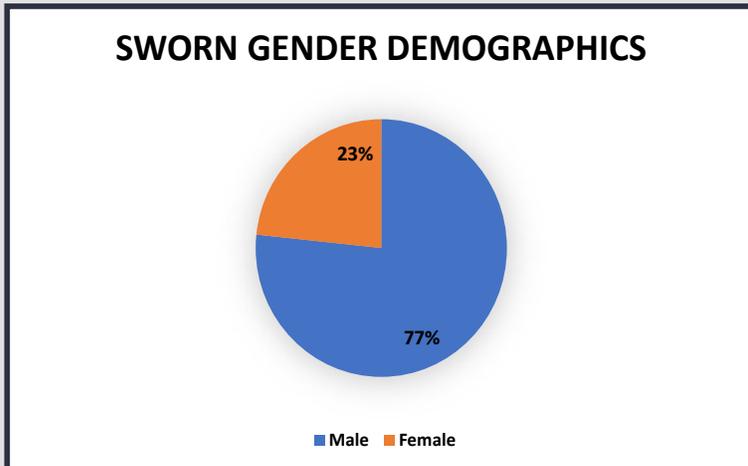
## EMPLOYEE TYPE

The department's employee type consisted of 60 sworn officers with one vacant position (65%) and 33 civilians with one vacant position (35%).



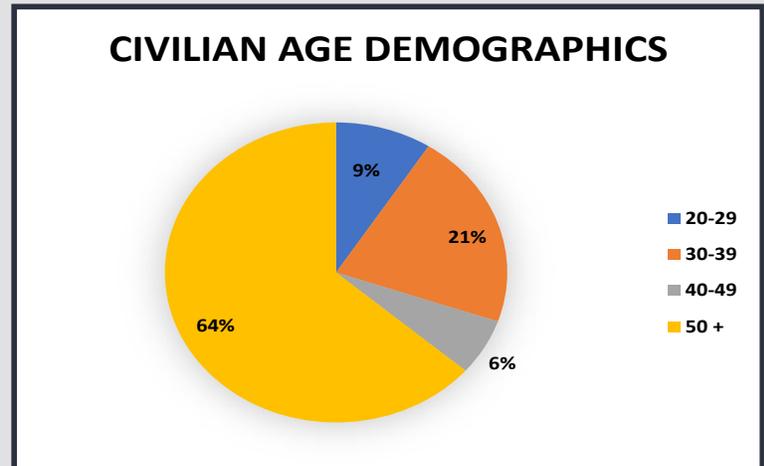
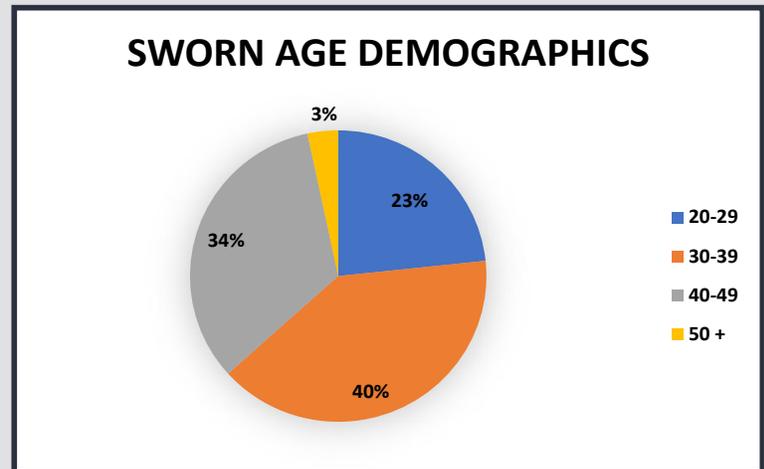
## GENDER DEMOGRAPHICS

The police department employs 56 males which comprises 60% of the total employees while 37 females comprise 40% of the total employees. Sworn employees comprise 65% of the total employees of which 46 are males (77%) and 14 are females (23%). The civilian employees comprise 35% of the total employees and consist of ten males (30%) and 23 females (70%).



## AGE DEMOGRAPHICS

The age demographics are separated by sworn and civilian. The sworn employees consist of 23% between the ages of 20-29, 40% between the ages of 30-39, 34% between the ages of 40-49 and 3% are over the age of 50. The civilian employees consist of 9% between the ages of 20-29, 21% between the ages of 30-39, 6% between the ages of 40-49 and 64% over the age of 50.



# DEPARTMENT DEMOGRAPHICS CONT.

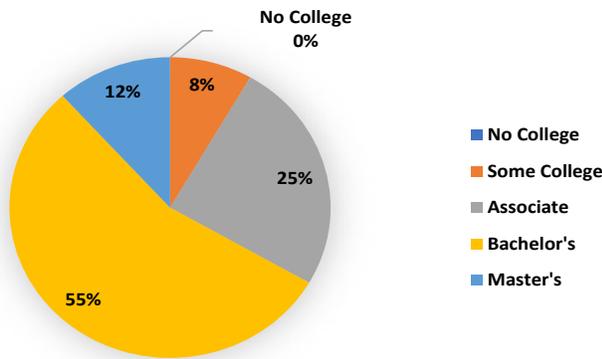
## EDUCATION DEMOGRAPHICS

The education demographics of the department are separated by sworn and civilian personnel. The five categories examined include: Master's Degree, Bachelor's Degree, Associate Degree, Some College and No College. Some College is defined as any college credit earned but no degree attained regardless of program. Of the 60 sworn employees, 12% have master's degrees, 55% have bachelor's degrees, 25% have associate degrees, 8% have some college, and 0% have no college. Of the 33 civilian employees, 15% have master's degrees, 43% have bachelor's degrees, 12% have associate degrees, 18% have some college, and 12% have no college.

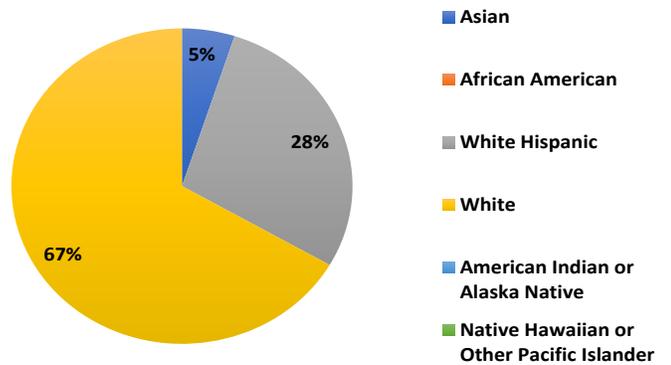
## RACIAL DEMOGRAPHICS

The racial demographics of the department are separated by sworn and civilian personnel. The racial categories examined include Asian, African American, American Indian or Alaska Native, White Hispanic, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and White. The department employs 5% Asian, 0% African American, 0% American Indian or Alaska Native, 0% Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, 23% are White Hispanic, and 72% are White. The 60 sworn employees are comprised of 5% Asian, 0% African American, 0% American Indian or Alaska Native, 0% Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, 28% White Hispanic, and 67% White. The 33 civilian employees are comprised of 6% Asian, 0% African American, 0% American Indian or Alaska Native, 0% Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, 12% White Hispanic, and 82% White.

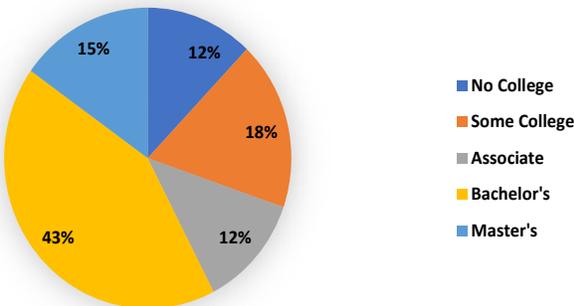
### SWORN PERSONNEL EDUCATION



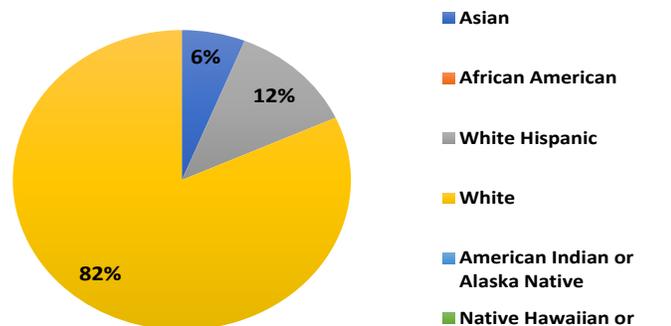
### SWORN RACE DEMOGRAPHICS



### CIVILIAN PERSONNEL EDUCATION



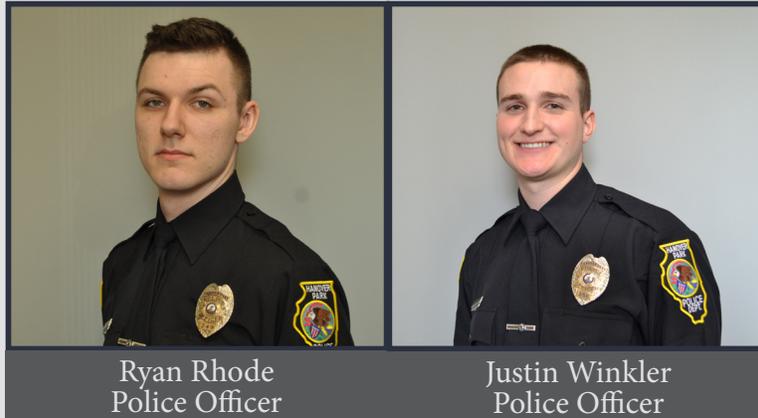
### CIVILIAN RACE DEMOGRAPHICS



# PERSONNEL CORNER: APPOINTMENTS & RETIREMENTS

*IN 2024, THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES WERE APPOINTED:*

## *POLICE*



Ryan Rhode  
Police Officer

Justin Winkler  
Police Officer

## *CODE ENFORCEMENT*



Gregory Manko  
Code Enforcement Officer

Garrick Yurgil  
Code Enforcement Officer

## *RECORDS*



Leah Miller  
Police Records Aide

Kimberly Monroy  
Police Records Aide

Katelyn Hernandez  
Police Records Supervisor

# PERSONNEL CORNER: APPOINTMENTS & RETIREMENTS

*IN 2024 THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES WERE APPOINTED:*

*ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT*



Joyce Doma  
Administrative Assistant

Deborah Selvitella  
Administrative Assistant

*IN 2024, THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEE RETIRED:*

*POLICE*



Thomas Langhenry  
Police Officer

*IN 2024, THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES WERE PROMOTED:*

*RECORDS*



Maggie Miller  
Police Records Clerk

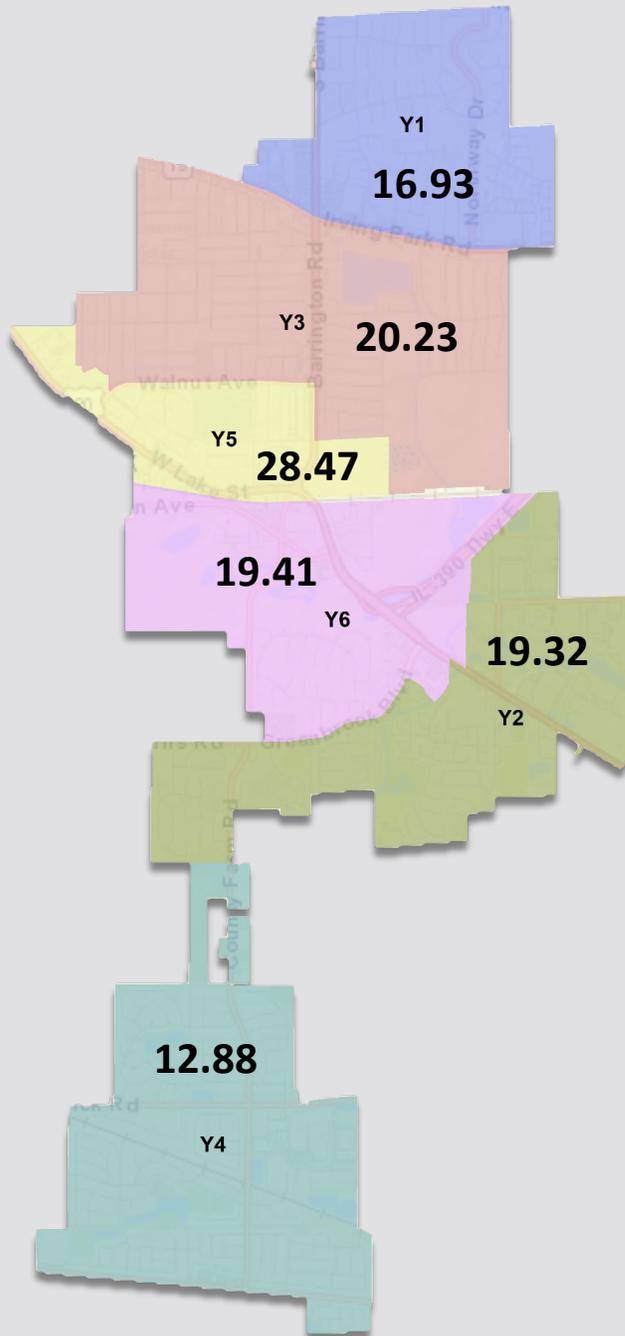
Stefanny Escareno  
Police Records Clerk

# 2024 CALLS FOR SERVICE

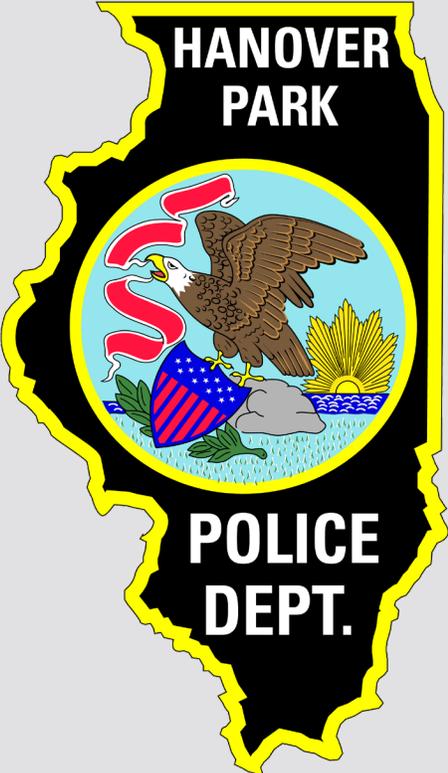
DuPage Public Safety Communications (DuComm) provides dispatching services for the Hanover Park Police Department. DuComm is an intergovernmental agency which provides public safety communications to 45 police and fire agencies located throughout DuPage County. DuComm receives residents requests for police, fire and EMS via 9-1-1 phone lines.

In 2024, the Hanover Park Police Department received 44,411 total calls for service. The Village of Hanover Park is broken down into six (6) beats. The map below reflects the daily average calls for service broken down by each beat for the entire year of 2024. Calls for service include 911 and officer initiated calls. The police department is located in beat 5, so all walk-in and station reports are included in this area.

## Daily Average Calls For Service



# KEY CRIME FIGURES



**CRIME IN 2024**

2024 recorded the lowest number of Part I Crime since 1974, when the village began tracking these crimes. In 2024 Part I Crime showed a decrease of 22% in Hanover Park. See Figure 1.

**PART I CRIME**

Part I crimes are the ten categories used as a basis for the Village’s Crime Rate, a product of crime numbers and population. An analysis of the Part I crimes was completed which compared 2024 versus 2023. The analysis shows that with respect to Part I crimes, a decrease occurred in 2024 versus 2023. Categories contributing to this decrease were: Murder (100% decrease or 2 fewer incidents), Criminal Sexual Assault (29% decrease or 2 fewer incidents), Burglary (10% decrease or 2 fewer incidents), Theft (22% decrease or 34 fewer incidents), Motor Vehicle Theft (11% decrease or 2 fewer incidents), and Arson (100% decrease or 2 fewer incidents). No categories showed an increase with one category being unchanged: Robbery (8 total incidents).

**PART II CRIME**

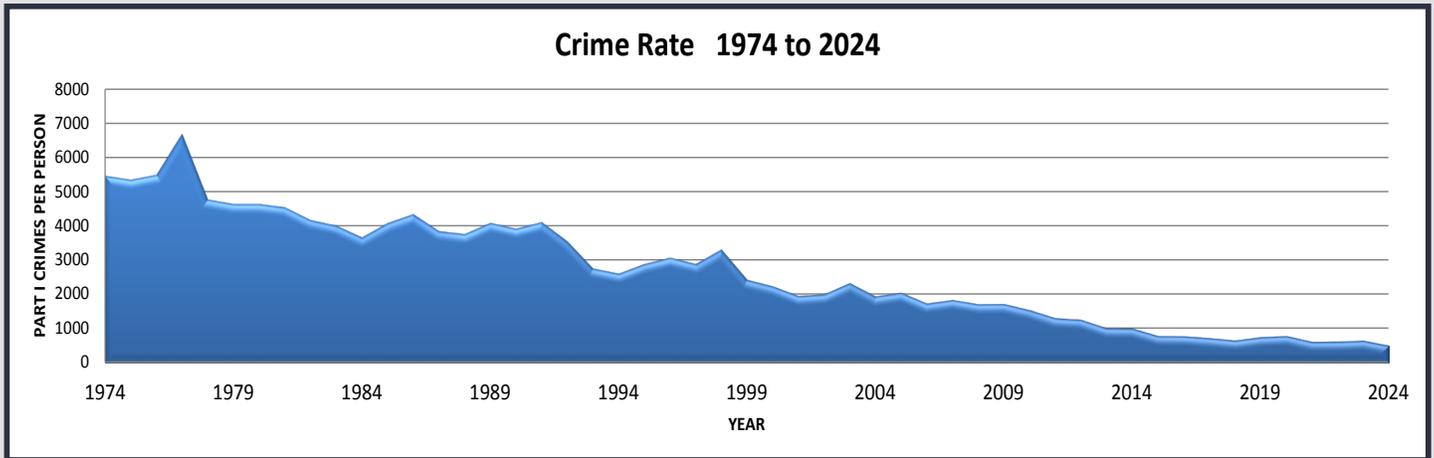
Part II Crime includes incidents that are reported by citizens and crimes officers observe and against which they take enforcement. Part II Crime includes all other crimes that are not reported in the Part I category. Part II Crime decreased by 14% from 2,999 crimes in 2023 to 2,565 crimes in 2024. Part II Crime categories that substantially contributed to this decrease were: Offenses Involving a Child (41% decrease or 16 fewer incidents), Deadly Weapons (36% decrease or 13 fewer incidents), and All Other Offenses (21% decrease or 478 fewer incidents).

**CRIME RATE**

The crime rate, which is calculated based on the Village’s overall population, decreased. In 2024, Hanover Park’s Part I Crime Rate was 515 crimes per 100,000 persons which was a 22% decrease over 2023.

In the last 10 years, Part I Crime has been reduced over this period by 35% or 275 fewer crimes. See Figure 3 for Part I Crime totals over the last ten years.

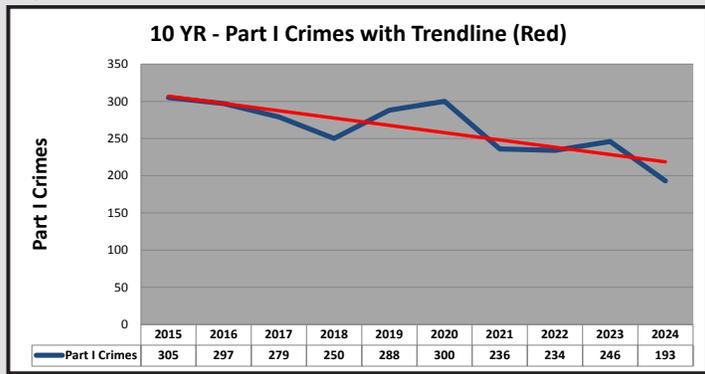
**Figure 1**



**Figure 2**

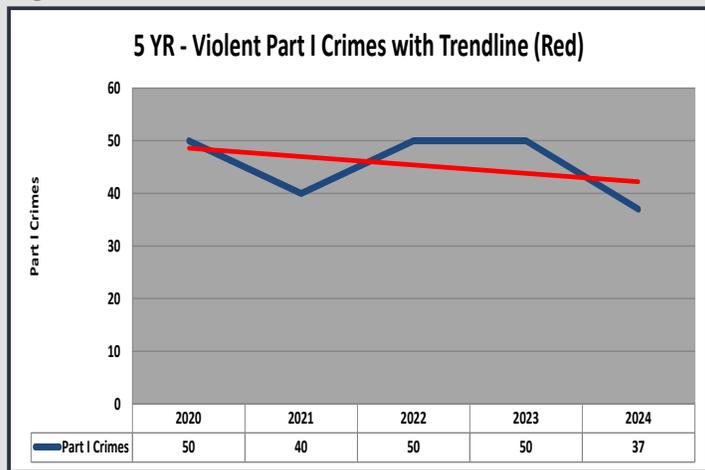
PART I CRIMES	2024	2023	(+/-)	%
Murder	0	2	-2	-100%
Criminal Sexual Assault	5	7	-2	-29%
Robbery	8	8	0	0%
Agg. Assault/Agg. Battery	24	33	-9	-27%
Burglary	19	21	-2	-10%
Theft	120	154	-34	-22%
Motor Vehicle Theft	17	19	-2	-11%
Arson	0	2	-2	-100%
Human Trafficking - Sex Acts	0	0	0	*
Human Trafficking - Inv. Servitude	0	0	0	*
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>-53</b>	<b>-22%</b>

Figure 3



Part I Crime can be separated into two categories: violent crimes & property crimes. Violent crimes include Murder, Criminal Sexual Assault, Robbery, Aggravated Assault/Aggravated Battery, Human Trafficking - Sex Acts, & Human Trafficking - Involuntary Servitude. In 2024, violent Part I Crime showed a decrease of 26% from 2023. See Figure 4 for additional details.

Figure 4



**NATIONAL INCIDENT-BASED REPORTING SYSTEM**

The National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) is a comprehensive crime reporting system that provides detailed insights into various criminal activities. NIBRS collects data on each single incident and arrest within 23 offense categories made up of 52 specific crimes called Group A offenses. In addition to the Group A offenses, there are 7 Group B offense categories for which only arrest data are reported.

**GROUP A OFFENSES**

Group A offenses represent a comprehensive array of criminal activities and are the primary focus of NIBRS data collection. These offenses are categorized into crimes against persons, crimes against property and crimes against society:

- **Crimes Against Persons:** This category includes assault, homicide, human trafficking, kidnapping/abduction, and sex offenses.
- **Crimes Against Property:** Offenses within this category comprise of arson, bribery, burglary, counterfeiting/forgery, destruction of property, embezzlement, fraud, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, robbery, and stolen property.
- **Crimes Against Society:** This category encompasses animal cruelty, drug/narcotic offenses, gambling offenses, prostitution, and weapon law violations.

Group A offenses are considered more serious or significant in nature and often involve direct harm to individuals, property, or society. Due to their severity and impact, detailed data on Group A offenses are crucial for understanding crime patterns, allocating resources, and developing effective law enforcement strategies.

**GROUP B OFFENSES**

Group B offenses are a secondary category within NIBRS and include seven specific offense categories. Unlike Group A offenses, which include detailed data on both incidents and arrests, Group B offenses focus solely on arrest data. This means that only information about arrests made in connection with Group B offenses is reported to NIBRS, rather than detailed incident data.

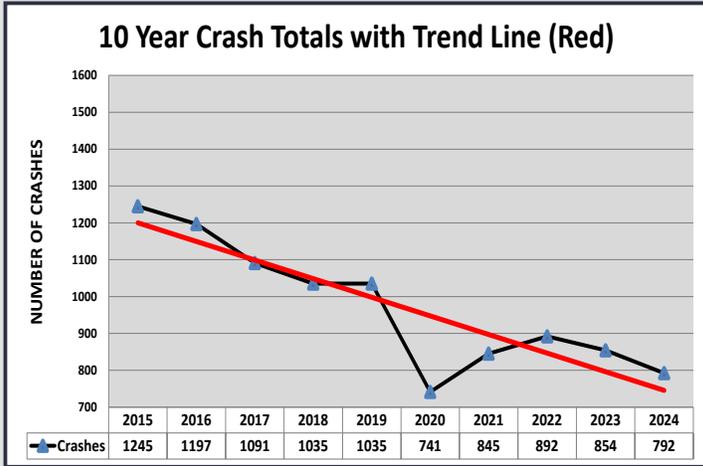
Examples of Group B offense categories include Curfew/Loitering, Disorderly Conduct, Driving Under the Influence (DUI), Nonviolent Family Offenses, Liquor Law Violations, Trespass to Property, and All Other Offenses.

In 2023, in an effort to align itself with the nationwide shift in crime data collection, the Hanover Park Police Department transitioned from Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system to NIBRS. Although the transition may initially depict higher levels of reported crime due to NIBRS’s enhanced reporting specificity, the adoption of this new system is anticipated to yield more insightful statistics, strategic planning, and informed policing practices.

**TRAFFIC CRASHES**

Crashes decreased in the village in 2024 by 7%, or 62 fewer crashes when compared with 2023. In 2024 792 crashes were recorded versus 854 in 2023. Figure 5 illustrates the number of crashes that have occurred over the previous 10 years (2015-2024).

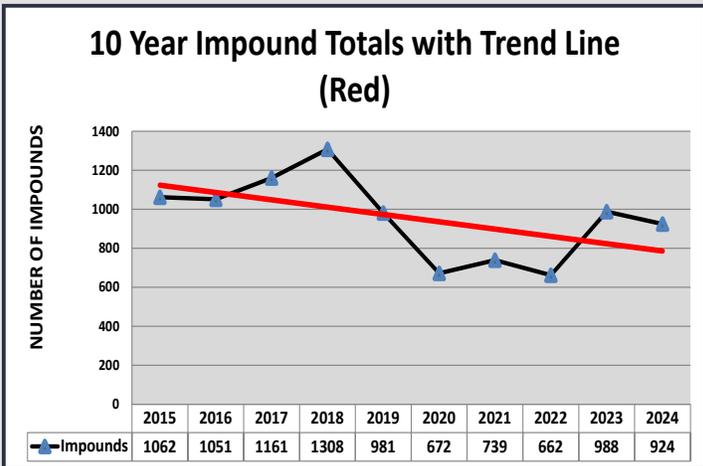
**Figure 5**



**IMPOUNDS**

The vehicle impound program started in February 2004. In 2024, 924 vehicles were impounded. This represented a 6% decrease in impounded vehicles in 2024 compared to 2023. Figure 6 illustrates the number of impounds that have occurred over the previous 10 years (2015-2024).

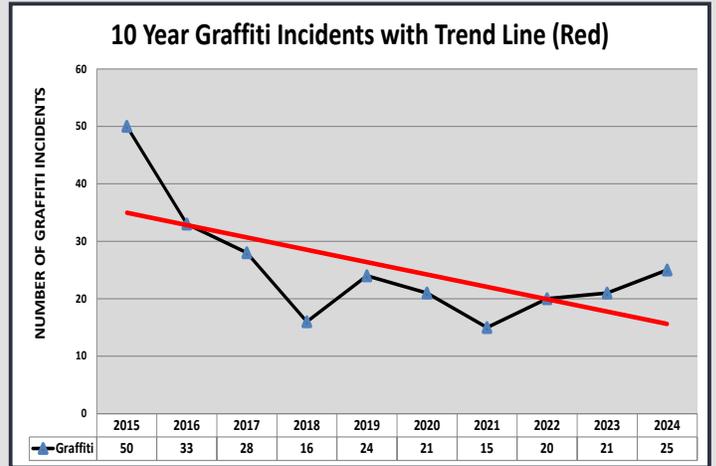
**Figure 6**



**CRIMINAL DEFACEMENT**

In 2024, 25 Criminal Defacement incidents were reported which was an increase of 19% or 4 more incidents from 2023. There were 10 gang-related graffiti incidents in 2024 and 11 incidents in 2023. Figure 7 illustrates the number of criminal defacement incidents that have occurred over the last 10 years (2015-2024).

**Figure 7**



# INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS

It is the policy of the Hanover Park Police Department to investigate all complaints against its employees, regardless of the source. The public may file complaints in person at the Police Department, and pamphlets explaining the procedure are available in the lobby. All complaints are documented and the Police Department follows specific procedures for investigating these complaints. After complaints are investigated, they are closed with one of seven dispositions. The potential dispositions are:

- A. Sustained - the allegation is substantiated.
- B. No Conclusion - the allegation is not substantiated and there is insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the allegation.
- C. Unfounded - the allegation is false or not factual, no misconduct, the incident did not occur or did not involve the employee named.
- D. Exonerated - the incident occurred but the employee involved acted lawfully and properly.
- E. Misconduct Not Based On Complaint - substantiated employee misconduct not alleged in the complaint but disclosed by the investigation.
- F. Violation of Policy, Procedure or Proper Action - minor violations generally unintentional or due to lack of training.
- G. Policy or Procedure Failure - the member acted within policy or procedural guidelines or the issue involved is not covered by existing directives. The situation indicates a need for the review and change of pertinent procedures or the drafting of new guidelines.

The department conducted 4 internal reviews in the calendar year 2024. Of the four internal reviews, three were informal investigations and one was a formal investigation. Two of the complaints were initiated internally by a supervisor against an employee, and the other two came from outside citizen complaints. One of the outside complaints was against one employee, while the other involved two employees. The formal investigation was closed with no conclusion as the employee resigned amidst investigation. This resulted in the agency making a notification to the Illinois Law Enforcement Training & Standards Board (ILETSB) per 50 ILCS 705/9.2. In reviewing the informal investigations, it was found that one was closed with a finding of sustained, resulting in a written warning. The second informal investigation was closed with the finding of unfounded. The third informal investigation, which was conducted against two employees, found counts against one employee being closed with findings of unfounded on one and exonerated on another, while the second employee's investigation was closed with findings of unfounded on one count and sustained on another. The sustained count in this instance resulted in a verbal counseling.

One of the complaints was related to bias-based policing, but it was closed as unfounded with no wrongdoing by the employee. The four internal reviews conducted in 2024 represents an increase over the two internal reviews conducted in 2023. In analyzing the incidents, there does not appear to be any patterns of behavior or practice that led to the investigations. Each appears to be an isolated incident.

The table below illustrates the breakdown of investigations conducted in 2024.

<i>DISPOSITION</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
Sustained	2
No Conclusion	1
Unfounded	2
Exonerated	0
Misconduct Not Based on Complaint	0
Violation of Policy, Procedure, or Proper Action	0
Policy or Procedure Failure	0

# RESPONSE TO RESISTANCE SUMMARY

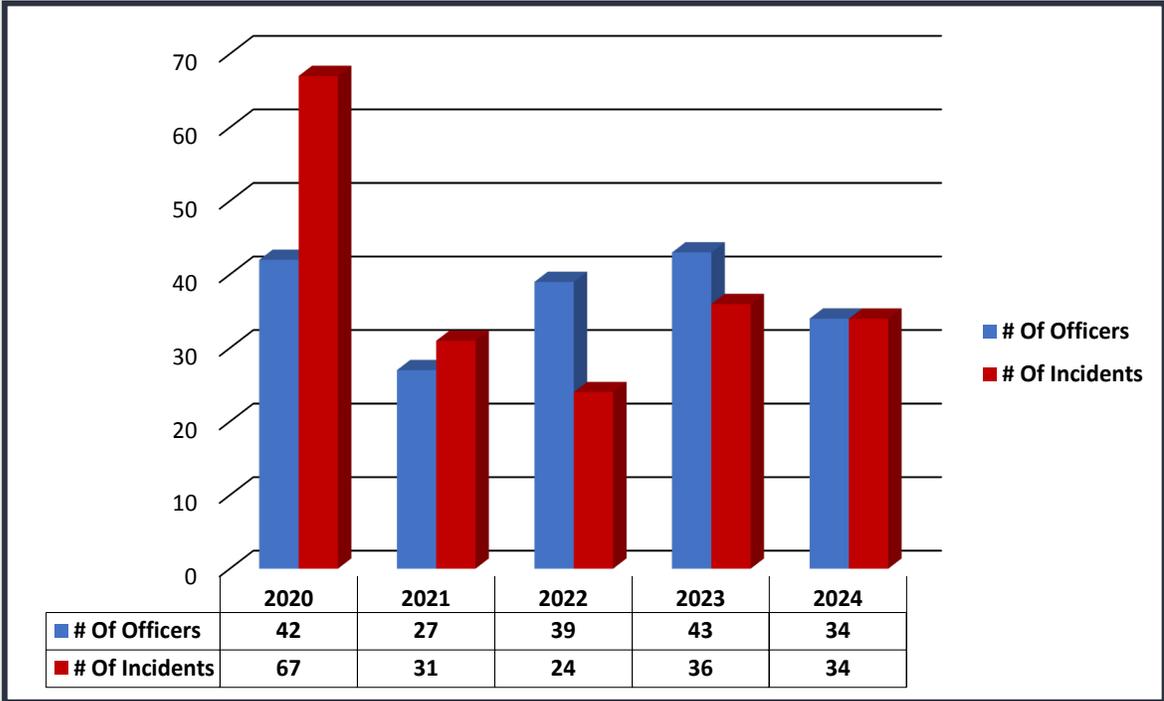
As a standard practice, response to resistance incidents (Use of Force) are reviewed by the supervisors of the Hanover Park Police Department. In 2024, Hanover Park Police Officers responded to 44,411 calls for service. The calls for service can be categorized as 911 calls and officer-initiated calls. Of those 44,411 calls for service, 1,532 individuals were arrested and or taken into custody by Hanover Park Police Officers.

Of those 1,532 individuals arrested by Hanover Park Police Officers, force was used on 35 individuals or 2.3%. Additionally of the 44,411 calls for service that Hanover Park Police Officers responded to, force was used 0.077% of the time (less than one percent).

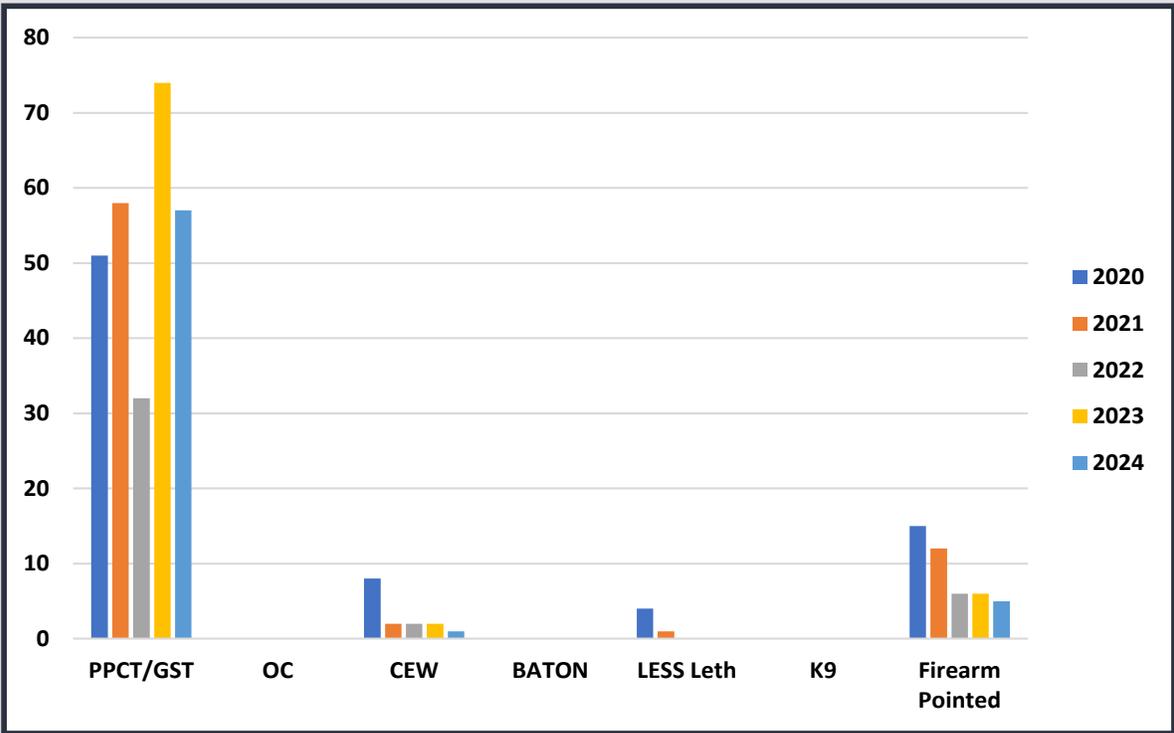
<i>YEAR</i>	<i>CALLS FOR SERVICE</i>	<i>USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS</i>	<i>% CALL FORCE USED</i>	<i># OF OFFICERS USING FORCE</i>
2020	39,056	67	0.172%	42
2021	40,992	31	0.076%	27
2022	40,644	24	0.059%	39
2023	43,152	36	0.083%	43
2024	44,411	34	0.077%	34

<i>YEAR</i>	<i>INCIDENTS</i>	<i>OFFICERS INVOLVED</i>
2020	67	42
2021	31	27
2022	24	39
2023	36	43
2024	34	44

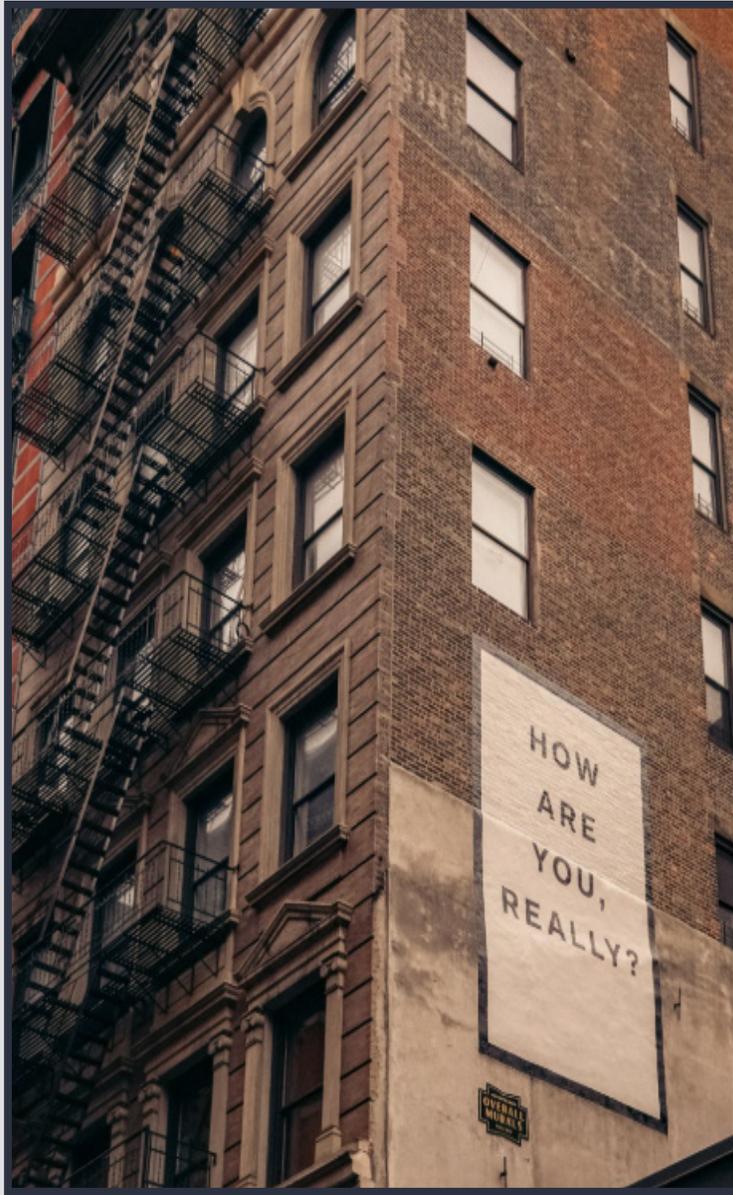
# RESPONSE TO RESISTANCE SUMMARY CONT.



The graph below illustrates the number of incidents when a particular level of force was used in 2024. As in previous years, the most common form of force used was weaponless control tactics (PPCT/GST) such as take-downs, pressure points, and joint locks. No lethal firearms were discharged by police officers during a use of force incident in 2024.



# WELLNESS PROGRAM



The Hanover Park Police Department maintains an employee wellness program focusing on initiatives to improve the mental/emotional, physical, and financial wellness of all its personnel. 2024 was the first full year of the program, which included budgetary funding to allow for the implementation of resources and training for personnel.

In 2024, the department offered several resources for its personnel for all facets of the program. Mental wellness offerings were provided by an outside mental health provider specializing in work with first responders. In April 2024, an 8-hour training session was held which focused on emotional resilience. In September 2024, all sworn personnel conducted an annual wellness check-in, per the recommendations outlined by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training & Standards Board (ILETSB). For financial wellness, the department contracted with an outside vendor to provide online access to a financial wellness platform which offers various training videos and budget-friendly tools for personnel to utilize. The platform was rolled out to all personnel in January 2024. Since implementation, personnel have completed over 6,000 activities on the platform and have had a cumulative total financial turnaround of over \$101,000. For physical wellness, the department identified a male and female employee who began self-paced study to become certified personal trainers and law enforcement fitness coordinators, which will provide personnel with increased access to fitness expertise.

# CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY



In a world where the relationship between law enforcement and the communities they serve is more critical than ever, the Hanover Park Police Department is taking proactive steps to foster understanding, trust, and collaboration. We are proud to announce the completion of the inaugural Hanover Park Police Department Citizen Police Academy, that was hosted in September through November 2024.

The Hanover Park Citizen Police Academy represents an innovative approach to community policing, aimed at building stronger connections between our officers and the diverse residents of our community. This academy offers an exclusive opportunity for Hanover Park residents to gain valuable insight into the daily operations, procedures, and challenges faced by our dedicated law enforcement professionals.

The Citizen Police Academy is an immersive 10-week educational program designed to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of law enforcement practices, protocols, and principles. Throughout the academy, participants engaged in a series of interactive sessions, discussions, and hands-on activities led by experienced members of the Hanover Park Police Department.

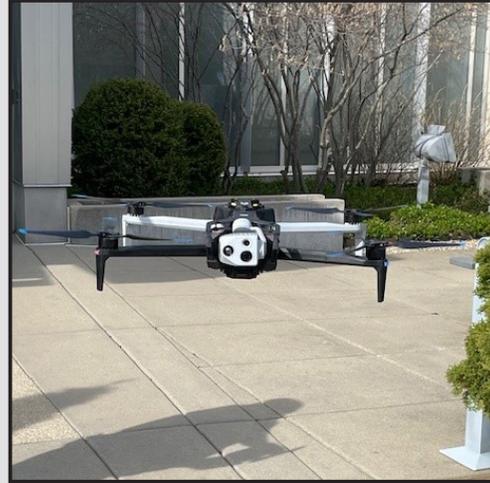
During the course of the academy, participants had the opportunity to:

- Learn about the various divisions within the Hanover Park Police Department, including patrol, investigations, canine unit, drone unit, community policing, and more.
- Gain insight into law enforcement tactics, procedures, and decision-making processes.
- Participate in scenario-based training exercises to better understand the complexities of police work.
- Explore topics such as use of force, crisis intervention, and crime prevention strategies.
- Interact directly with Hanover Park police officers and command staff, fostering open dialogue and mutual understanding.

## ***BUILDING BRIDGES, FOSTERING TRUST***

At the Hanover Park Police Department, we recognize the importance of community engagement and collaboration in promoting public safety and well-being. Through initiatives such as the Citizen Police Academy, we are committed to building bridges between law enforcement and the communities we serve, fostering trust, transparency, and mutual respect.

# DRONE PROGRAM



The Hanover Park Police Department launched its drone program in 2024. The department currently has five drone pilots who hold remote pilot licenses. At present, the Police Department uses the Skydio X10 and Skydio 2+ drones. In 2024, the department deployed drones 24 times outside of training. The reason for each deployment varies per incident. Some of the drone deployments included locating a missing person, searching for an armed robbery suspect, and investigating a man with a gun call. The drones are also utilized for crowd management during special events such as COPS Day Picnic, Summer Soiree, and Tree Lighting Ceremony.

# INVESTIGATIONS

The Investigations Division in 2024 was supervised by a Lieutenant and Sergeant and was comprised of five detectives, two SOG officers, and one crime analyst officer. The main function of the Investigations Division is to conduct investigations involving major crimes and long-term or complex technical cases. The detective division also conducts background investigations for potential new employees. Major cases include, but are not limited to homicides, sexual assaults, robberies, aggravated assaults/batteries and burglaries.

In 2024 the division investigated 12 sexual assaults, 6 robberies, 9 aggravated assaults/battery, 14 burglaries, 95 thefts, 14 motor vehicle thefts, and 613 other criminal and non-criminal incidents.

## **NOTABLE CASES INVESTIGATED IN 2024:**

On January 6, 2024, detectives investigated a vehicular hijacking near County Farm Rd and Arlington Dr. Two victims reported that a male and female, whom they were giving a ride to the train depot, assaulted them and attempted to steal their car. The car crashed with one victim still inside. A good Samaritan stopped to help, but the offenders stole their vehicle and fled, later crashing on 390. The offenders then stole a third vehicle, which was found the following day in Forest Park. Both were arrested a few days later. After several photo lineups, both offenders were positively identified. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved multiple felony charges.

On January 16, 2024, detectives investigated a reckless discharge of a firearm in the 1800 block of Sequoia. The complainant reported fleeing the house after her intoxicated husband threatened to kill her and their children while holding a gun. The complainant reported being shot at while running away and stated that four children were still inside the house. The Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS) assisted, entering the residence to rescue the children and arrest the offender. A search warrant was obtained for the residence, recovering a 9mm pistol and ammunition. The Cook County State's Attorney's Office approved charges for aggravated unlawful restraint, reckless discharge of a firearm, two counts of domestic battery, and interfering with reporting a domestic. The case is closed.

On February 9, 2024, detectives investigated a robbery in the 1700 block of Tower Dr. The complainant reported arriving at work after withdrawing money from a bank in Arlington Heights. Two masked male suspects approached him and began searching his pockets, likely having followed him from the bank. They stole an envelope containing cash and his credit cards. The offenders fled in a dark blue Infiniti with no registration. Similar robberies were reported in Arlington Heights, Berwyn, Oak Lawn, Waukegan, and Summit. One offender was identified by other police departments, arrested by another agency, and indicted for the Hanover Park robbery. The second offender was never identified. The investigation is closed.

On May 14, 2024, detectives investigated a robbery in the 2000 block of Army Trail Rd. The complainant arranged to meet a subject he met on Facebook Marketplace for a shoe sale. When he arrived with his girlfriend, several males jumped out of a vehicle, attacked the complainant, and stole the shoes. The complainant's girlfriend was battered while attempting to intervene. The offenders fled in an unknown direction on County Farm Rd. Using FLOCK license plate reader cameras, the vehicle was identified, and the registered owner and other individuals were located. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved robbery and aggravated battery charges for two of the four individuals. The third individual was charged with robbery, and the fourth was not charged. The case is closed.

On June 18, detectives were assigned to investigate a motor vehicle theft that occurred in the 2000 block of Hollywood Ct. Complainant advised that her vehicle that was parked in the garage was stolen by her friend. A check of FLOCK license plate reader cameras showed the vehicle traveling S/B Barrington Rd and Maple Ave in Hanover Park and in Roselle shortly after. On June 23, the vehicle was located in the 1200 block of Albany Ave in Chicago. The vehicle was unoccupied and unlocked. Key fob was found in the vehicle. Evidence Technician duties were conducted. The victim did not want to prosecute after her vehicle was located. The case is closed.

# INVESTIGATIONS CONT.

On July 15, 2024, detectives investigated a burglary in the 2000 block of Irving Park Rd. The complainant reported that upon opening for the day, money was missing from the cash register, along with a wireless speaker and six pairs of hair trimmers. A canvass of surrounding businesses revealed video footage showing a male subject entering the business by picking the back door lock. About seven minutes later, the subject was seen leaving with a brown bag. The subject was identified through previous police contacts, and an arrest warrant was issued. The subject was later arrested on the warrant and transported to Cook County Jail. The case is closed.

On September 26, 2024, detectives investigated a burglary in the 1800 block of Army Trail Rd. Dispatch received a call about a broken glass door at a business. The owner arrived shortly after and reported a register box was stolen. Video surveillance showed a male subject breaking into the business, stealing the register box, and riding off on a bicycle northbound on County Farm Rd. Shortly after, a similar burglary occurred in Carol Stream, where the suspect was apprehended. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office confirmed the offender would be indicted for the Hanover Park burglary in connection with the Carol Stream incident. The case is closed.

On October 14, 2024, detectives investigated a burglary in the 26 W 200 block of Lake St. The complainant discovered a burglary at the business and found that a safe was stolen. The safe contained an Apple AirTag, which showed its location in Burr Ridge. Video surveillance revealed a male suspect arriving in a vehicle, breaking into the business, and using a hammer to attempt opening the safe. Unable to open it, the suspect took the entire safe. The victim reported several hundred dollars were in the safe. Burr Ridge PD located the offending vehicle, with the stolen safe inside, and arrested the suspect. A search warrant was executed, recovering the safe and over \$700. The suspect refused to provide a statement. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved charges of burglary and possession of burglary tools.

On December 31, 2024, detectives investigated a home invasion in the 7500 block of Bristol Ln. The complainant reported that his daughter's ex-boyfriend damaged his vehicle and entered the residence, causing damage to the walls with a baseball bat. Video surveillance showed the suspect arriving with a baseball bat and two other individuals. FLOCK license plate reader cameras captured the suspect traveling home after the incident. The suspect was contacted and later turned himself in but denied causing any damage. The Cook County State's Attorney's Office approved one count of home invasion. The case is closed.

In 2024, the Hanover Park Police Department issued two complimentary Ring Doorbell Cameras to residents who were victims of crimes and interested in target-hardening their residences.

## SPECIAL OPERATIONS GROUP

In 2024, the Hanover Park Special Operations Group consisted of Ofc. Christina Petrou and Ofc. Luis Rivas. The primary goals of SOG include gang suppression, gang crime investigations, narcotics investigations, and other specialized assignments. The unit worked with neighboring agencies, Federal agencies such as the ATF and HSI, and the HSI BEST task force to share intelligence on gang and drug-related crimes throughout the suburbs.

Additionally, SOG officers supplemented detectives by assisting with general investigative casework and background investigations.

The unit recovered: 72.19 grams of narcotics (cannabis and various controlled substances).

SOG also initiated the seizure of 1 vehicle.

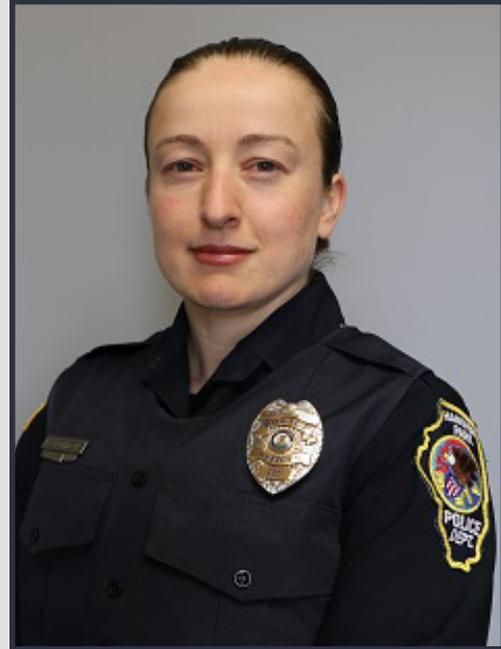
# INTELLIGENCE & CRIME ANALYSIS UNIT

In 2024, the Intelligence & Crime Analysis Unit was staffed by Officer Mariola Skonieczna who is an active member of several intelligence and crime analysis organizations. In 2024, Officer Skonieczna was elected as vice president of the International Association of Law Enforcement Intelligence Analysts - Land of Lincoln Chapter.

Major duties of the Intelligence & Crime Analysis Unit include the analysis of crime trends, patterns, and series; the mapping of crime locations; and using the data gleaned from the aforementioned analysis in an attempt to forecast when and where the crime will occur again. This information is used to direct police resources and address crime related problems as they occur.

The Intelligence & Crime Analysis Unit reviews federal, state and local intelligence information and then disseminates that intelligence to police personnel which can include information pertinent to officer safety, criminal activity, terrorism or other related activity. This unit is also responsible for creating monthly departmental activity reports, the department's annual report, compiling a monthly public crime report, coordinating the department's video surveillance operations and managing the surveillance equipment.

Officer Skonieczna conducts forensic digital analysis of cellular devices and, in 2024, attended multiple courses at the National Computer Forensic Institute (NCFI) in Hoover, Alabama. As criminals increasingly use digital platforms for illicit activities, law enforcement must be trained to handle cases involving a range of electronic devices.

A banner for an intelligence bulletin. On the left is the Hanover Park Police Department logo, which features a stylized eagle and the text "HANOVER PARK POLICE DEPT." inside a yellow and black border. The background of the banner is a faded image of a modern police station building. The text in the center reads: "INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN", "IB-2024-001", "HANOVER PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT", and "CHIEF ANDREW JOHNSON 2011 LAKE STREET, HANOVER PARK, IL 60133 (630) 823-5500".

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## INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN

### IB-2024-001

### HANOVER PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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# CANINE UNIT



Officer Brian Wiebe and K-9 “Echo” were assigned to Team D in 2024. “Echo” is trained in narcotic searches and sniffs, building and article searches, obedience, cadaver searches, vehicle and handler protection and offender apprehension.

Officer Wiebe and “Echo” completed 175 hours of training during 2024, and the trainings were conducted at various locations and on the street. Officer Wiebe and “Echo” completed and passed their ILETSB Annual Drug Recertification and their Canine Unit Patrol Certification. He also attended the K9 Legal Seminar. Ofc Wiebe was assigned as an ATL and was OIC for 25 shifts during the year. The canine assisted patrol at least 25 times during 2024.

***SOME OF THE NOTABLE CASES INVESTIGATED IN 2024:***

On January 9, 2024, K9 assisted Elmhurst PD and conducted a track following an armed robbery. K9 tracked from the location of the incident down the block before turning back and tracking back towards the business where the footprints initiated. K9 tracked into the lot of this business before losing the scent. Elmhurst officers later located offenders in a room at this business and they were taken into custody.

On May 23, 2024, K9 assisted Itasca PD with a building search after a burglary in progress. K9 searched the first floor of the building, and no subjects were located. A short time later, K9 responded to a nearby gas station with other units and an offender was located on scene and fled on foot. K9 began barking and the subject ultimately surrendered and was taken into custody by officers.

On November 7, 2024, K9 conducted a demo for the citizens police academy. K9 performed obedience and narcotics searches. Ofc. Wiebe conducted a presentation to the class.

On November 18, 2024, K9 responded to assist Glendale Heights PD on a track after an intoxicated subject fled from police in his vehicle and then ran on foot. K9 conducted a track and searched the area along with other assets and was able to assist in locating the subject who ultimately fled on foot once located and after a short foot pursuit, surrendered to the K9 and other officers. He was placed into custody.

## 2024 K9 Stats

<i>TRACK/ SEARCH</i>	<i>ARRESTS</i>	<i>ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES</i>	<i>DEMOS</i>	<i>STREET TRAINING</i>	<i>AMOUNT SEIZED</i>
37	21	19	3	7	\$ 3,587.00

# TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT



The Hanover Park Training Unit is a comprehensive system designed to facilitate individual growth of an employee's job knowledge and continued development throughout his or her career.

The training coordinator is responsible for developing and administering various training programs within the department. The Hanover Park Police Department also has a training committee that provides oversight to the training coordinator to ensure the training is valuable and appropriate. The training committee is committed to providing valuable and appropriate training programs and continuing education courses so that department personnel can continue to deliver quality police service within the community.

A newly hired police officer must attend and complete a 16-week basic police academy. This year, the Department formalized a three-week in-house training program with topics that included building searches, conducted electrical weapons, defensive tactics, department computer software, department programs, driving under the influence arrests and field sobriety tests, in-car video, initial rifle, less-lethal shotgun, oleoresin capsicum (OC), naloxone, radar/lidar, rapid deployment, scenarios, tactical first aid, traffic stops, use of respirators, use of shields, vehicle searches, and weapons qualification to reduce the amount of classroom instruction that had previously occurred during field training. This change ensures that new officers gain more experience during their 14-week field training program, which follows the in-house training program.

Once police officers complete their initial training, they receive advanced training related to the specialty position to which the officer is assigned. These specialty positions can include but are not limited to detective, firearms instructor, major crash investigator, gang and drug crime, crime prevention, community policing, defensive tactics instructor, and canine officer. In 2024, police department personnel had 14,190 hours of training including in-person classroom training, online training assignments, and external training courses.

In 2024, the Hanover Park Police Department attended six career fairs. HPPD attended Lewis University Career Fair, Western Illinois Career Fair, Chicago State University Career Fair, Proviso West High School Career Fair, Elgin Community College Career Fair, and WIU Public Safety Career Fair.

# STRATEGIC ENFORCEMENT & PREVENTION



The Strategic Enforcement & Prevention Unit is responsible for traffic enforcement & crime prevention. The Unit was supervised by Lt. Matt McDonnell and staffed by two police officers and two parking enforcement officers. The Unit is responsible for overseeing the impound program, red light camera enforcement, parking enforcement, liquor law compliance, neighborhood watch and community events. In 2024, Police Officers Amy Alonzo and Kevin Pini, along with Parking Enforcement Officers Tom Cortese and Ted Pini were assigned to the Unit.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE TOWS/IMPOUNDS:**

In 2024, there were 924 administrative tows. There were three 24-hour hearings with two vehicles being released. One vehicle was released to the owner through the administrative hearing and 72 vehicles have been junked.

## **RED LIGHT ENFORCEMENT:**

This was the 15th full year for the red-light camera intersection at Barrington/County Farm and Lake. However, in February 2023, IDOT disconnected the cameras during construction. Since then, the Village has maintained ongoing communication with IDOT to restore service. Due to the disruption, no violations or hearings were recorded during this period.

## **ALCOHOL/TOBACCO COMPLIANCE CHECKS:**

The SEP unit enforces compliance checks at Hanover Park establishments that sell tobacco and alcohol. These checks are conducted twice per year to ensure license holders comply with laws prohibiting the sale of tobacco to minors.

In addition to conducting compliance checks, the Hanover Park Police Department educates tobacco and alcohol retailers about minimum-age requirements and emphasizes the importance of verifying customer age.

In 2024, the police department conducted two alcohol compliance checks. These checks resulted in one establishment being cited for selling or serving alcoholic beverages to a minor—three fewer violations than in 2023.

The Village also receives funding through the state's Tobacco Enforcement Program Grant to offset costs related to preventing tobacco sales to minors. As part of this grant, the department conducts three annual compliance checks. In 2024, these checks led to citations for three tobacco retailers for selling tobacco to minors – two more violations than in 2023.

## **ANNUAL TRAFFIC CRASH EVALUATION:**

The crash reports were reviewed and analyzed. Excluding private property crashes, a total of 695 traffic crashes were reported in 2024. This represents a 4.3% decrease in crashes compared to 2023.

# STRATEGIC ENFORCEMENT & PREVENTION CONT.

## CHILD SAFETY SEAT INSTALLATION

SEP Unit conducts child seat installations according to manufacturer’s direction and a removal and re-installation procedure is demonstrated to the parent/guardian. SEP will also check for manufacturer’s recall and product updates on the car seat. There were 31 child safety seat installations conducted in 2024.

On September 19th, Ofc. Alonzo, Ofc. Pini and CSO Hernandez along with assistance from Roselle Police Department Social Worker Misty Javan, Roselle CSO Kamil Kaleta and Roselle Community Resource Coordinator Maria Reyes held a 3-hour car seat event at the Roselle Park District. This event was a partnership between the Roselle Police Department and the Hanover Park Police Department for Safety Seat Saturday. There were 16 seats installed, including one seat that was donated to a family in-need.

## COLLECTIONS/VEHICLEIMMOBILIZATION(BARNACLE):

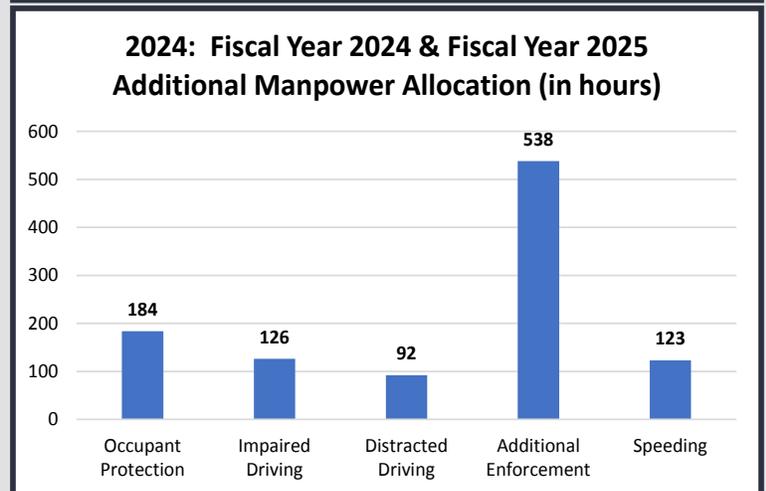
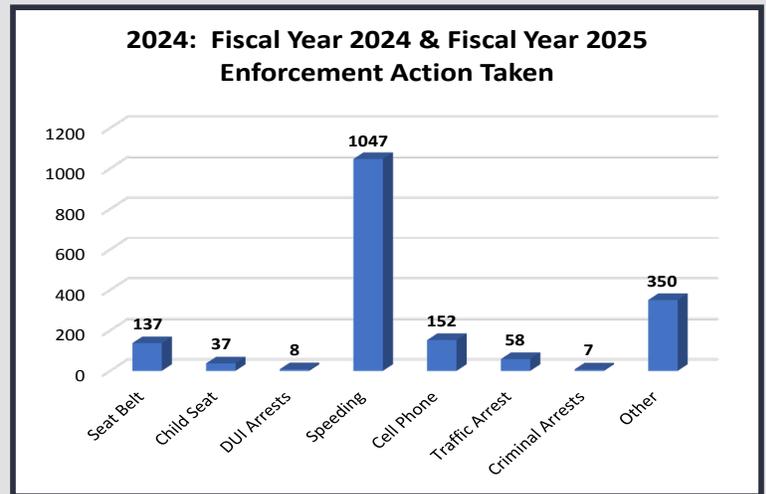
In 2024, the police department successfully immobilized 68 vehicles; 56 of the vehicles were immobilized utilizing the Barnacle and 12 were towed as a means of immobilization.

## SCHOOL HARD LOCK-DOWN/ACTIVE SHOOTER DRILLS:

The SEP unit is involved with school hard lock-down drills which are conducted no later than 90 days after the first day of each school year. The program addresses an active threat or an active shooter within the school building. Hanover Park has District 54 (which consists of Albert Einstein Elementary, Anne Fox Elementary, and Hanover Highlands Elementary) District 20 (consists of Early childhood Center, Greenbrook Elementary, and Springwood Jr. High), District 93 (consists of Elsie C. Johnson Elementary), U-46 (consists of Horizon Elementary, Laurel Hill Elementary, Ontarioville Elementary, and Parkwood Elementary), and two private schools (consisting of Al Huda Academy and Greenbrook Montessori School) within its boundaries. The SEP unit is in communication with each of the school’s administrative staff to schedule a hard lock-down drill. On a voluntary basis, the schools may request an active shooter presentation for staff but is not mandated by the state. The SEP unit conducted 12 hard lock-down drills with a hard lock-down drill record of completion.

## SUSTAINED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP) GRANT:

In 2024, the Hanover Park Police Department participated in the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant during fiscal year 2024 and 2025. The STEP program focuses on High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) on specific times and dates of the year with a focus on state and national mobilizations. The enforcement efforts are designed to reduce fatalities and serious injuries at some of the deadliest times of the year for vehicle travel. There are six required campaigns for this program as well as optional campaigns and/or additional traffic safety enforcement. The grant enabled us to hire back additional officers to focus on impaired driving (126-hours), occupant protection (184-hours), distracted driving enforcement (92-hours), speeding (12-hours), and additional traffic enforcement (538-hours). The charts below illustrate the number of patrol hours, tickets issued, and arrests made during these grant campaigns.



# CODE ENFORCEMENT



In 2024, the Code Enforcement Unit expanded its duties while continuing to work with residents on compliance. Officers conducted rental inspections and addressed property maintenance issues. They also partnered with utility companies to repair or replace 35 damaged boxes across the Village. Community engagement efforts included a landlord training attended by 30 landlords and participation in the Citizen Police Academy, where residents learned about the unit's role in keeping Hanover Park safe.

The Code Enforcement Unit inspected and licensed 1,308 apartments during the Multi-Unit Rental Residential Inspection (MURRI) program. An additional 1,336 Single-Unit Rental Residential Inspections (SURRI) were completed. A total of 720 SURRI properties were licensed in 2024 which is a 2% decrease from the previous year.

Code Enforcement Officers investigated non-compliant rental properties using internet listings, public records, water billing accounts and HOA rental records. During the year, thirty-nine rental landlords were cited and referred to Local Adjudication for failure to obtain a rental license.

Since its addition to the rental licensing process in 2013, the Crime Free Multi-Housing program has maintained high compliance. In 2024, 26 tickets were issued to non-certified landlords. Monthly in-person training is offered for new certifications, while re-certifications are completed online. That year, 126 new certificates were issued and 132 landlords were recertified.

Code Enforcement Unit Officers investigated 1,822 Curb Appeal (property maintenance violation) cases. This is a 12% increase in cases from 2023. Code Enforcement continued to work with residents in achieving compliance by granting extensions, referring to outside resources or entering into compliance agreements.

Code Enforcement Officers identified 1,578 tall grass/weed abatement cases in 2024. In 2023, 1,624 cases were investigated. This was a 3% decrease. More importantly, Code Enforcement achieved a 94% compliance rate on all the weed/grass cases initiated. Ninety-five cuts were ordered in 2024.

When compliance on property maintenance issues was not achieved, Code Enforcement took appropriate enforcement action. A total of 495 property maintenance citations were issued. This was a 16% reduction from 2023. Code Enforcement elected to file all violations into Local Adjudication. A total of 430 cases were referred to Local Adjudication.

Three overcrowding complaints were investigated during the year. Two cases were closed by compliance. The third case was unfounded. In 2023, Code Enforcement investigated four overcrowding complaints.

In 2018, the Village of Hanover Park passed an ordinance requiring that all foreclosed properties be licensed. A benefit of the program is mandating financial institutions to provide contact information for an individual responsible for safety and maintenance issues relating to the property. Hera management company was contracted by the Village to identify, track and collect fees for qualifying properties. In December 2024, 142 were registered. Hera continues to be committed to assisting Code Enforcement in gaining code compliance for properties in foreclosure.

# SOCIAL SERVICES

Tricia Rossi, LCSW is the Police Department's licensed clinical Social Worker. She provides crisis intervention, short-term counseling, information and referrals to residents of the community.

## STATISTICS

In 2024, the Social Services Unit responded to 1,048 cases and logged 33 clinical hours.

## CRIME VICTIM SERVICES

Tricia was an advocate for survivors of crime in Hanover Park. Tricia provided crisis intervention services to survivors and their families. Tricia responded to the scene of incidents to provide support and comfort to the survivors, and she stayed with the families to guide them through the police investigation. She then provided case management services to ensure that the families received appropriate information and referrals and continued to receive assistance in the aftermath of the incident. Tricia accompanies crime victims to court to provide support. Tricia helps crime victims apply for the Attorney General's Crime Victim Compensation Program. Tricia processes applications for U-Visas, an immigration benefit available for victims of crime. Tricia collaborated with many social service agencies to get ongoing treatment for those affected by crime, sudden death, or natural disaster. This year, Tricia worked closely with other social services agencies and schools to support the children of a homicide victim.

## YOUTH SERVICES

Tricia provides home visits, counseling, and referral services as part of the Hanover Park Police Department's Safe Home Program, an early intervention strategy designed to identify and prevent gang involvement. Tricia also provided counseling services to juveniles that were on Station Adjustment through the Hanover Park Police Department. Tricia has assisted Mayor Craig with the expansion of the Kids at Hope initiative, acted as the Chairperson for the Kids at Hope Coalition, and executed the annual Community Health & Resource Fair. Tricia attended a seminar entitled "Talking with your Teen about Fentanyl and Counterfeit Pills".



**SOCIAL WORKER TRICIA ROSSI**

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Tricia is involved with the community and keeps connected with the agencies that serve our residents. Tricia serves on the committees of various community projects such as the DuPage Crisis Intervention Team, the Prevention Leadership Team, the Communities for Positive Youth Development, and the Mental Health Partnership Team. Tricia serves on the Village's Special Events Committee and was involved with the planning and execution of the Village's Movie in the Park series. Tricia helped plan the Hanover Park Police Department's COPS Day Picnic, including a resource fair where families could learn about the programs and services available to them in the community. Tricia partnered with the Kenneth Young Center to have a table in the Police Department's lobby and distribute literature about substance abuse treatment during National Drug Takeback Day. Tricia attended School District 20's Parent Day and spoke about services and events offered by the Police Department. Tricia partnered with the Hanover Park Lion's Club to identify families for the holiday food and gift basket program. Tricia assists the Fire Department with families that are struggling with medical issues in the home and provides resources and referrals.

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

Tricia is committed to protecting the rights of survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and to educating others about this issue. Tricia conducted a domestic violence court advocacy pilot program at the Cook County courthouse for two months where she tracked all domestic violence arrests, contacted victims by phone to offer assistance and information about court procedures, went to court to get updates on proceedings, and accompanied victims to court to get Orders of Protection. Tricia attended symposiums on domestic violence and sexual assault in both Cook and DuPage County. Tricia planned activities for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. She drafted a Proclamation for the Village Board to have October 2024 declared Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Tricia invited the Community Crisis Center and Family Shelter Service to roll call to provide officers with information about their services and a refresher about helping victims seek orders of protection in court.

# SOCIAL SERVICES CONT.

## *MENTAL HEALTH*

Tricia understands the growing mental health crisis in our country. Tricia provides short-term counseling to residents of Hanover Park who have been referred by a police officer. Tricia attended meetings of the Illinois Mental Health Task Force, which is working to establish the 988 system. Tricia attends trainings to keep up with changes and updates in the field.

## *THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC*

The Hanover Park Police Department understands the seriousness of the opioid epidemic in our country. Tricia serves on the DuPage County Prevention Leadership Team to address the effect of drugs on our youth. She attended trainings entitled “Talking with your Teen about Fentanyl and Counterfeit Pills” and “Substance Abuse and Harm Reduction”. Tricia has been trained through the DuPage Narcan Program to coach substance users and their families in the use of the life-saving drug, and has expanded her outreach to making home visits to anyone who was administered Narcan from a police officer. Tricia also manages the DuPage Overdose Reversal and Narcan Administration Reporting program and manages the in-supply stock of Narcan. Tricia gave a presentation on how to recognize an opioid overdose and use Narcan to all officers during block training.

## *EDUCATION AND TRAINING*

Tricia provides education and training to the officers of the Hanover Park Police Department. Tricia trained the entire Police Department on best practices for dealing with mentally ill persons. She arranges for critical incident stress debriefings for personnel following a traumatic incident. Tricia served on the Department’s Wellness Committee and helped lead the search for a mental health provider to perform officer wellness checks and provided consultation to the Department while they searched for a peer support program for officers. Tricia arranged for the Northern Illinois Critical Incident Stress Management (NICISM) team to come to the Department for three separate (3) debriefings for police, fire, and DuComm personnel following critical incidents, and arranged for ongoing clinical support following the death of a retired officer.

# ACCREDITATION & GRANTS

AGM Zelinka manages the department's accreditation process while also searching for grants for which the department or the Village would be eligible. In 2024, the Hanover Park Police Department successfully passed Year 4 CALEA review and received Meritorious Accreditation at the annual CALEA Conference held in Jacksonville, Florida, in November 2024. CALEA Accreditation is based on a 4-year compliance with policy and procedures. The Accreditation Manager obtained 8 certificates of detailed Accreditation Training during this conference.

In 2024, department personnel applied for and were rewarded for 5 grants worth a combined total of \$137,636.47.



***FY2024 BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP (BVP) GRANT*** from the U.S. DOJ, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

**Amount: \$1,625.46**

**Summary:** Pays half the cost for the purchase of 5 ballistic vests.

***FY2024 ILETSB BODY-WORN CAMERA AND DATA STORAGE GRANT*** from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training & Standards Board.

**Award: \$67,005.54**

**Summary:** Pays for costs associated with the digital data storage of body-worn video and other applicable data storage.

***FY2024 IDOT SUSTAINED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP) GRANT*** from the Illinois Department of Transportation.

**Award: \$65,653.47**

**Summary:** Funding allows the police department to conduct special enforcement for DUI and safety belt mobilizations, as well as funding for additional DUI, occupant protection, speeding enforcement, and a month-long distracted driving campaign.

***FY2024 TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (TEP) GRANT*** from the Illinois Department of Human Services.

**Amount: \$3,352.00**

**Summary:** Pays for costs associated with retail tobacco stings 3 times per year with retailer educational material being distributed prior to the stings being conducted.

***FY2024 IRMA HEALTH & WELLNESS GRANT*** from the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency.

**Amount: (Claim filed in 2024, but will pay out in 2025).**

**Summary:** Pays for partial costs related to mandated wellness checks for sworn police officers.

# HONOR GUARD

The Hanover Park Police Department Honor Guard Unit consists of two (2) sergeants and five (5) officers that serve as official representatives of the Police Department for formal ceremonies, parades, memorial services, funerals and other special occasions.

The Honor Guard Unit and or a member of the Honor Guard unit attended seven (7) events in 2024. The events consisted of wakes and funerals for fallen officers including retired Hanover Park Police Officer Ed Lopez.

In 2024, the Department's Honor Guard participated in the following events:

- The funeral for Kane County Deputy Sheriff Christopher Ruchaj.
- The funeral for Dekalb County Sheriff Deputy Christina Musil.
- The funeral for Chicago Police Officer Luis Huesca.
- The funeral for retired Hanover Park Police Officer Ed Lopez.
- The funeral for Illinois State Trooper Corey Thompsen.
- The wake and funeral for Chicago Police Officer Enrique Martinez.
- The visitation and funeral for Oak Park Detective Allan Reddins.



# CRISIS RESOLUTION TEAM

The Hanover Park Crisis Resolution Team (CRT) consists of 13 members and is commanded by a lieutenant. CRT members receive monthly specialized training on warrant service, team movements, and advanced weapons. This team is used most often for the execution of high risk search warrants that may involve armed individuals or present a significant threat to law enforcement.

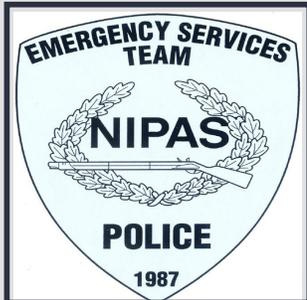
In 2024, the team participated in 88 hours of scheduled training which included room entries, search warrant executions, alternate shooting platforms, shield work, outdoor range shooting, rapid deployment, pistol and rifle marksmanship, officer rescue and low light shooting.



# TASK FORCES



The Hanover Park Police Department has several officers assigned as departmental representatives on task forces and teams for both Cook and DuPage counties. These officers provide supplemental manpower, training, expertise, and equipment to assist with major criminal investigations and incidents. By being a member of these task forces or groups, the Hanover Park Police Department is allowed to pool manpower and public safety resources with surrounding agencies in the event of a large scale crime or event that would overwhelm the resources and abilities of a single agency.



### **MAJOR CASE ASSISTANCE TEAM (MCAT)**

The Major Case Assistance Team is a multi-jurisdictional organization that provides investigative and forensic assistance to Cook County member agencies during investigations of homicides, kidnappings, and other major crimes. The Hanover Park Police Department has six officers assigned to MCAT. In 2024, officers responded to twelve (12) MCAT activations in other jurisdictions which included homicide, surveillance, and other types of major investigations.



### **METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE & INVESTIGATION TEAM (MERIT)**

The Metropolitan Emergency Response & Investigation Team is a multi-jurisdictional organization that provides investigative and forensic assistance to DuPage County member agencies during investigations of homicides, major crashes, kidnappings, and other major crimes. The Hanover Park Police Department has five officers assigned to the task force. In 2024, officers responded to eleven (11) MERIT activations in other jurisdictions which included homicide, shooting, fatal crashes, drone operation, and other types of major investigations.



# TASK FORCES CONT.

## *ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT ALARM SYSTEM (ILEAS)*

The Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System is a statewide police mutual aid system consisting of over 700 member agencies. ILEAS activations can be made in the event of a large scale event or public safety matter which would necessitate additional manpower and resources. In 2024, the Hanover Park Police Department responded to eleven (11) ILEAS activations.

## *NORTHERN ILLINOIS POLICE ALARM SYSTEM (NIPAS)*

The Northern Illinois Police Alarm System is a police mutual aid system consisting of over 100 agencies. NIPAS is comprised of an Emergency Services Team (EST) and a Mobile Field Force Team (MFFT).

The Emergency Services Team is a specially trained tactical team which can be deployed in the event of a hostage/barricade event, a high-risk search warrant service, a search and rescue mission or other high risk tactical situation. The Hanover Park Police Department has one officer assigned to the NIPAS EST team and that officer responded to three (3) activations in 2024.

The Mobile Field Force Team consists of officers specially trained to handle civil disturbances, union conflicts, public demonstrations and other events involving large or disorderly crowds. The Hanover Park Police Department has one officer assigned to the MFFT and that officer responded to seven (7) activations in 2024.



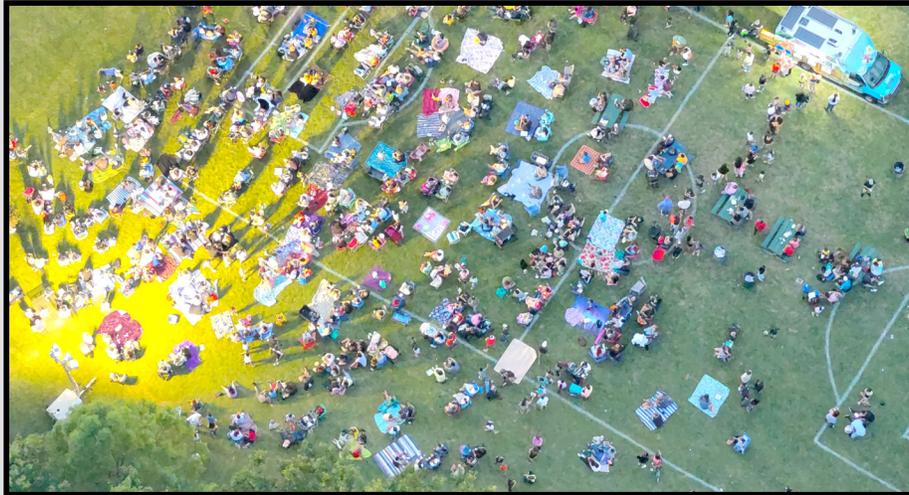
# TRAFFIC SAFETY CHALLENGE



The Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge (ITSC) is a friendly competition between similar size and type of law enforcement agencies. The Challenge targets three major traffic safety priorities: occupant protection, speeding, and impaired driving. It recognizes agencies for the approach and effectiveness of their overall highway safety programs. Agencies are evaluated not just for enforcement initiatives, but for innovating problem solving in their communities, using public information activities and creating departmental policies that support their traffic enforcement campaign efforts. Winning programs effectively combine many different strategies to reduce crashes and injuries in their jurisdiction.

On August 23, 2024, the Hanover Park Police Department received Second Place in the Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge Awards for calendar year 2023 in the championship category. The department won a Phlebotomy Service from Illinois Phlebotomy Service and a gift certificate from Blauer.

# COPS DAY PICNIC



On July 19, 2024, the police department hosted its 26th annual COPS Day Picnic at the Park District grounds. The event, which continues to grow in popularity each year, was well-attended with an estimated 2,000 community members joining the festivities. The picnic started at 5:00 PM and concluded at 8:30 PM. Following the picnic and its various activities, the evening wrapped up with a screening of the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles movie in the park.

The SEP Unit, in collaboration with the Social Services Unit, successfully organized what is being recognized as the largest COPS Day Picnic to date. The event featured an array of attractions, including free food and drinks served by the police department’s Command Staff and the Hanover Park Lions Club. Attendees enjoyed a variety of activities, such as a video gaming bus, a petting zoo, face painting, raffles, and music provided by a DJ.

The picnic hosted over 50 non-profit and social service organizations, as well as representatives from more than 25 law enforcement, medical, and first responder agencies. A highlight of the day was a demonstration by Officer Wiebe and his K9 partner, Echo, which captivated the crowd and remains a favorite moment of the event.

We received positive feedback from our community regarding the event and look forward to continuing this tradition.

# COPS & CONES



On July 17, 2024, the police department's third quarter ART meeting was held at the Green Valley Golf Range located at 26W101 Lake Street in Hanover Park. The premise of the ART meeting was "Cops and Cones" and was shared via the department's social media outlets weeks before the event. This was an opportunity for residents of Hanover Park to come meet some of our officers, learn about the department's ART program, voice any concerns, ask questions, tour one of our squad cars, and enjoy a free ice cream cone. We discussed the vision of the Area Response Team program and introduced residents to their respective ART officers and how to contact them, the services provided by the departments social services department, and major incidents and crime statistics for the year so far. The meeting was a success as we had approximately 50 participants, and we plan on continuing and expanding upon the event in the future. We would like to thank the Green Valley Golf Range for hosting the event with us and graciously donating the ice cream.

# SHOP WITH A COP



On December 14th, 2024, the Hanover Park Police Department proudly participated in the annual Shop with a Cop event, a cherished tradition that continues to bring holiday joy to elementary-aged children in our community. This year, we were honored to collaborate with Roselle PD, Itasca PD, Wayne PD, and Canadian National Police.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our community sponsors, including Meijer of Bloomingdale and The Home Depot of Elk Grove Village, this year's program achieved a record-breaking fundraising total. These contributions, along with support from local donors, once again made the event a resounding success.

Each child, identified by our community partners, was paired with a police officer for a day filled with holiday cheer. Starting with a shopping spree at Meijer of Bloomingdale, children selected holiday gifts for themselves and their families. Afterward, officers led a lights-and-sirens parade to lunch, where Santa Claus made a special appearance to present each child with an age-appropriate gift. Additionally, every child received a warm coat and hat provided by Maddie's Mitten March to prepare for the winter season.

This event exemplifies the power of community partnerships. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our officers, sponsors, and donors, whose commitment to giving back creates lasting memories and strengthens bonds within our community. Shop with a Cop continues to be one of the Hanover Park Police Department's favorite annual events, and we look forward to many more years of bringing holiday magic to our young residents.

# FOOD FOR FINES

In 2024, the Police Department once again participated in the Food for Fines initiative from December 15 through December 31. The department accepted donations in lieu of parking ticket fines for any citations issued during that period. For this program, 10 (ten) canned food items were accepted in place of the fine for any \$50 parking citation. By participating in Food for Fines, individuals can eliminate their fines and help others who use the food pantry. A total of 103 parking tickets were paid with food items, and a total of 1,128 food items were donated. The Hanover Park Township Food Pantry services 600 to 900 residents each month and will be the recipient of all donations.



# CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT PREVENTION EVENT



On April 30, 2024, the Hanover Park Police Department and the Bartlett Police Department partnered with Suburban Tire Auto Repair Center in Hanover Park along with the Cook County Sheriff's Department and State Farm for a catalytic converter theft prevention event.

A catalytic converter is a bulbous piece of aluminum containing a honeycomb structure that filters fumes. Inside the converter are several different minerals that help reduce car emissions, including platinum, palladium, and rhodium. In recent years, efforts by car manufacturers to improve vehicle emissions has led to a higher demand for the metals.

In order to prevent the theft of catalytic converters, Suburban Tire technicians applied a bright color high temperature paint on the catalytic converter and provided a cling sticker for the car window. A painted catalytic converter makes it harder for thieves to re-sell it and more likely they or their buyers could get caught. This was a free event which was advertised on Facebook, Instagram as well as Ring Neighborhood Portal.

