

# FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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*Annual Report 2016*



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## Mission

THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT ARE COMMITTED TO KEEPING OUR CITIZENS AND VISITORS SAFE BY FAIRLY AND VIGOROUSLY ENFORCING LAWS, PREVENTING CRIME, AND KEEPING THE PEACE, WITH SAFETY AND SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS, VISITORS, AND FELLOW EMPLOYEES ALWAYS IN MIND.

## Vision

OUR VISION IS A COMMUNITY THAT IS KNOWN AS A SAFE AND VIBRANT PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND VISIT NOW AND INTO THE FUTURE. PATROL SERVICE WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE CORE FUNCTION OF OUR AGENCY. WE WILL CONTINUALLY WORK TO DEVELOP PARTNERSHIPS WITH OUR BUSINESS AND RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY BECAUSE WE NEED THE INVOLVEMENT OF OTHERS TO ACCOMPLISH OUR GOALS.

## Values

VALUES ARE THE FUNDAMENTAL BELIEFS AND HIGHEST PRINCIPLES THAT WE, AS POLICE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, USE TO GUIDE OUR DAILY CONDUCT AND INTERACTION WITH OTHERS. THE CORE VALUES OF THE FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT ARE:

- THAT HUMAN LIFE IS PRECIOUS AND IS TO BE PROTECTED;
- THAT THE RIGHTS OF MEN AND WOMEN, AS ENUMERATED IN THE U.S. CONSTITUTION AND THE ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION, ARE TO BE UPHELD AND PROTECTED;
- THAT PEOPLE SHOULD BE TREATED WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT;
- THAT WE MUST BE HONEST, FAIR, PROFESSIONAL, COURTEOUS, JUST AND RESPECTFUL EVEN WHEN FACED WITH THE OPPOSITE FROM OTHERS.
- THAT OUR ORGANIZATION'S GREATEST ASSETS ARE THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE THE FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE



It is my honor to present to the Fairview Heights community your police department's 2016 annual report. Violent crime remains low in our community, which we believe is thanks to proactive policing and strong partnerships with our citizens.

There was one homicide in the City, which was rapidly solved with the assistance of the Greater St. Louis Area Major Case Squad. There were six (6) criminal sexual assault reports taken (down 33%), four (4) robberies (down 60%), and 30 aggravated assault/ battery (up 25%).

Property crimes continue to be the primary crime concerns in the City. We had 67 burglaries (up 29%), 779 thefts (up 19%), 24 motor vehicle thefts (up 20%), and zero (0) arsons. Officers on the department made a total of 181 drug related arrests. This is a drug arrest rate (per 100,000 residents) of 1064.7 – compare this number to the St. Clair County 2015 drug crime arrest rate of 793.7 and a State 2015 drug crime arrest rate of 776.0. This indicates our officers are working hard to keep drugs off the streets!

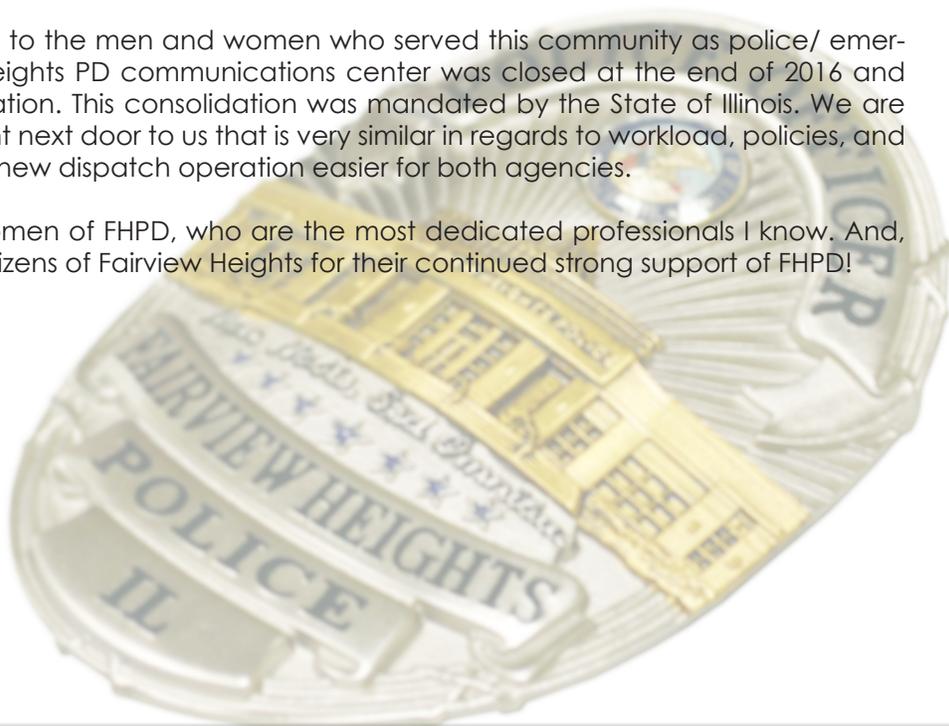
Fairview Heights was recognized in 2016 for outstanding efforts to keep the roadways safe through DUI law enforcement. Fairview Heights was ranked 10th in the entire state for efforts, based on total number of drunk driving arrests. When the number of arrests are compared against other police agencies, Fairview Heights' DUI arrest rate is #2 in the state!

I wish to congratulate the 2016 Patrolman of the Year, Zachary Adrian. His work effort this year was exceptional, and he is very deserving of the award.

Finally, I would like to bid farewell to the men and women who served this community as police/ emergency 9-1-1 dispatchers. The Fairview Heights PD communications center was closed at the end of 2016 and consolidated with the O'Fallon PD operation. This consolidation was mandated by the State of Illinois. We are fortunate that we have a community right next door to us that is very similar in regards to workload, policies, and procedures. It made the transition into a new dispatch operation easier for both agencies.

Thank you to all the men and women of FHPD, who are the most dedicated professionals I know. And, thanks to our elected officials and the citizens of Fairview Heights for their continued strong support of FHPD!

Nicholas J. Gailius, Chief of Police





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## PATROL DIVISION

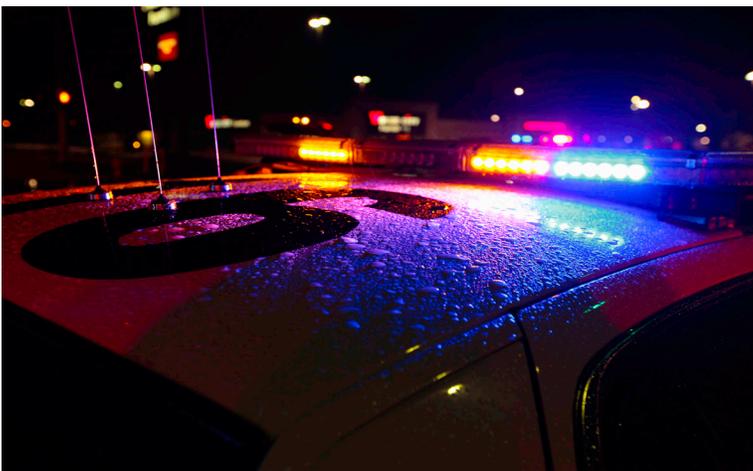
The core mission of the Fairview Heights Police Department is carried out by the Patrol Division officers. Every other division and unit in the Police Department, including the Chief of Police and administrators, are there to support the daily operations of what Patrol Officers do.



Our community relies on the patrol division to:

- Respond to emergency calls for help;
- Act as keepers of the peace;
- Investigate and report on crimes and incidents;
- Make arrests as needed;
- Enforce traffic and criminal laws and investigate traffic accidents;
- Patrol neighborhoods and businesses to prevent and deter crime.

The Patrol Division is made up of 28 officers which are divided into 4 teams. Each team is led by a patrol sergeant. The teams work 12 hour shifts and are assigned to work together on the same shift for a full year.



The day shift consists of a sergeant and six officers. On the night shift, the teams are a sergeant and five officers.

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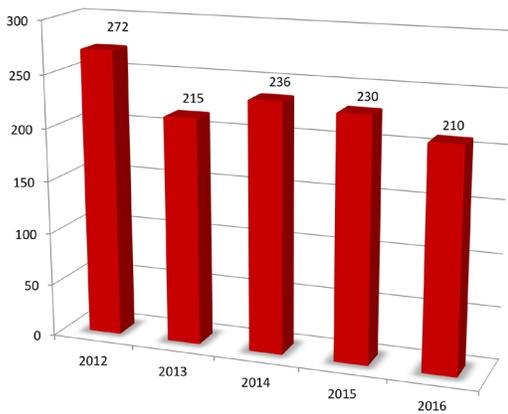
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## TRAFFIC

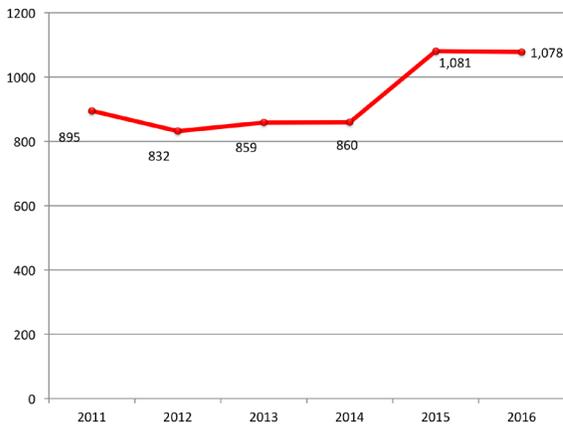
In 2016, the Fairview Heights Police Department conducted 7,248 traffic stops resulting in 6,899 traffic citations and 3,725 warnings.

One of the Fairview Heights Police Department's goals is to promote safer roadways. Below are the top 5 violations that make the roads dangerous for others:

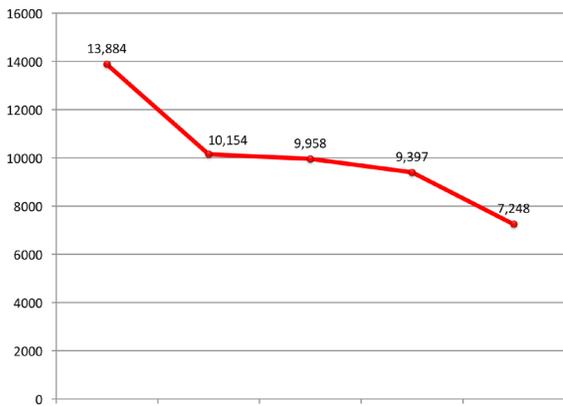
1. Impaired Drivers
2. Excessive Speeders
3. Traffic Control Violators
4. Aggressive Driving
5. Distracted Driving



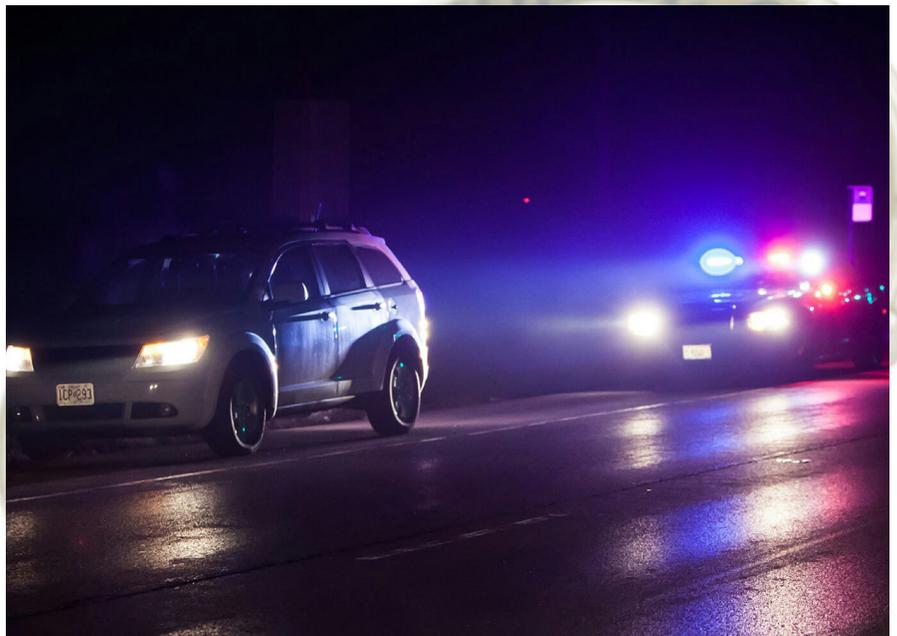
DUI Arrests



All Traffic Accidents



Traffic Stops Conducted





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## T.R.A.C.E.R.

T.R.A.C.E.R. (Targeting Residential and Area Concerns through Enforcement and Responsiveness) was formed in 2011 as part of the Fairview Heights Police Department's commitment to community oriented policing philosophy. The team was formed not only as an enforcement option but also to serve as our flagship to foster, improve, and promote the police/community partnership in combating crime and quality of life issues within our community.

The team is staffed by two (2) full time F.H.P.D. officers who work to combat crime, quality of life issues, and traffic related problems within the city. These officers are also deputized by the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department which allows them to work in conjunction with other law enforcement agencies in the county and surrounding areas.

The T.R.A.C.E.R. team is a two year assignment. The Officer of the Year for the department is given the opportunity to join the unit. The 2016 T.R.A.C.E.R. team was comprised of Ptl. Nicholas Bullard and Brandon Strickland. These officer have distinguished themselves amongst their peers for their work ethic and dedication to the city safer.

A snapshot of some of their activity which occurred during 2016 is outlined below:

- 340 Vehicle Stops
- 26 DUI Arrests
- 43 Self-Initiated Felony Arrests
- 60 Arrests of Fugitives
- 32 Self-Initiated Misdemeanor Arrests
- 34 Traffic Arrests

While the arrests are impressive, the manner in which they were obtained reveals the true worth of the T.R.A.C.E.R. team. The officers spent a great deal of time identifying issues impacting our community and as their mission details, sought out the problem and addressed it.

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## PATROLMAN OF THE YEAR

### 2016 - Patrolman Zachary Adrian

The FHPD is comprised of some of the best officers in law enforcement. Each year, the Chief has the difficult task of choosing just one to recognize for their hard work and dedication to the department, and for going above and beyond the call of duty. This year, the recipient of the FHPD Patrolman of the Year award goes to Officer Zachary Adrian.



During the year, he was nominated for the Patrolman of the Month award on an incredible nine (9) occasions and received the award on five (5) occasions. Additionally, Patrolman Adrian was rated as outstanding by his immediate supervisor on his annual evaluation and he utilized no sick leave during the year.

As noted, he led the department in the arrest of individuals suspected of Driving under the Influence (DUI). Patrolman Adrian also led the department in self-initiated felony arrests which enabled him to be awarded the Aggressive Criminal Enforcement (ACE) award. The number of fugitives he removed from the community far surpassed all other members of the department.

During the year, Officer Adrian had the following activity:

- 24 Felony Arrests
- 17 Misdemeanor Arrests
- 34 DUI Arrests
- 47 Fugitive Arrests
- 536 Vehicle Stops

Patrolman Adrian's results are very impressive but they do not begin to provide a clear reflection of the dedication and effort he puts forth during the year to interact with the community and serve as a deterrent to those who may do harm. The city and department are truly grateful to have him there to serve and protect our community.

Thank you for a job well done!

#### Patrolman of the Year Honor Roll

2015	Nicholas K. Bullard	2008	Joshua R. Hubbard	2001	James B. Arendell	1994	Gregory D. Chance	1987	Jeffrey L. Stratman	1980	Kenneth E. Burge
2014	Brandon Strickland	2007	Timothy G. Mueller	2000	Michael J. Hoguet	1993	Phillip L. Wisely	1986	Richard A. Parker	1979	Stephen M. Walters
2013	Timothy B. Birkhead	2006	David J. Kitley	1999	C.J. Beyersdorfer III	1992	Michael A. Origliosso	1985	Phillip L. Wisely	1978	Daniel J. Perry
2012	Nicholas K. Bullard	2005	Wade A. Gummersheimer	1998	Jeffery F. Blair	1991	Jeffery F. Blair	1984	Robert C. Barth	1977	James C. Dauphin
2011	Gregory J. Hosp	2004	Neal R. Rohlfling	1997	Michael J. Hoguet	1990	Nicholas J. Gailius	1983	Michael A. Origliosso	1976	Scott E. Penny
2010	Ryan N. Weisenborn	2003	Neal R. Rohlfling	1996	Michael J. Hoguet	1989	Nicholas J. Gailius	1982	Dean H. Belt	1975	Edward M. Pitra
2009	Neal R. Rohlfling	2002	Stacy J. McElroy	1995	Thomas M. Diamond	1988	Jeffrey L. Stratman	1981	Logan T. Harris	1974	Robert L. Lewallen

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## PATROLMEN OF THE MONTH

The following is a list of officers who received Patrolman of the Month for each month respectively in 2016. These officers put forth extraordinary effort in the deterrence of crime in the city and should be commended for their exceptional service and performance.

January	<b>Zachary Adrian</b>	July	<b>Zachary Adrian</b>
February	<b>Drew Rutter</b>	August	<b>Zachary Adrian</b>
March	<b>Zachary Adrian</b>	September	<b>Zachary Adrian</b>
April	<b>Nicholas Cerentano</b>	October	<b>Blane Cline</b>
May	<b>Timothy Birkhead</b>	November	<b>Nicholas Cerentano</b>
June	<b>Trevor Winters</b>	December	<b>Blane Cline</b>

## A.C.E. AWARDS

The Fairview Heights Patrol Officers are recognized for their self-initiated felony criminal arrests through the A.C.E. (Aggressive Criminal Enforcement) award program and encourages the patrol officers to look beyond the routine traffic stop or pedestrian check for hidden criminal behavior. Officers conduct investigations through traffic stops or intelligence information they develop and make arrests for felony violations of the Illinois Criminal Code. Common violations officers find are Controlled Substance and weapons violations.

Officers are awarded one point for each self-initiated felony criminal arrest they make. An officer needs to accrue eight points for an A.C.E. Award. Each summer, officers who qualify for A.C.E. are recognized at the Fire Fighters and Municipal Law Enforcement (F.F.A.M.L.E.) appreciation picnic where they are presented with a recognition pin to wear on their uniform.

### 2016 A.C.E. Award Recipients

Zachary Adrian   Timothy Birkhead   Nicholas Bullard  
 Nicholas Cerentano   Blane Cline   Brandon Strickland  
 Ryan Teschendorf   Jason Totel   Trevor Winters

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## SUMMARY OF CALLS FOR SERVICE

911 HANG-UP/STATUS	1,235	LOST DRIVERS LICENSE/REG PLATES	2
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	1,078	LOST PROPERTY	33
AMBULANCE CALL	1,410	MENTAL CASE	63
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	249	MISSING PERSONS	35
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	456	MOTORIST ASSIST	404
ATT SUICIDE/SUICIDAL SUBJECTS	43	NEIGHBORHOOD DISTURBANCE	26
BURNING COMPLAINT	60	PUBLIC COMPLAINT	4
CIVIL MATTER	87	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES/CIRCUMSTANCES	588
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	295	SUSPICIOUS PERSONS	187
FALSE ALARM	1,290	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	239
FIRE CALL	483	THREATS/ TELEPHONE THREATS	18
FOUND PROPERTY	144	TRAFFIC CONTROL/ASSIST	60
HARRASSING/ NUISANCE/ OBSCENE CALLS	50	UNWANTED SUBJECT/ CUSTOMER DISPUTE	279
INFORMATION	524	VANDALISM/PROPERTY DAMAGE	96
JUVENILE COMPLAINT	156		





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## USE OF FORCE

Use of force incidents on a regional and national level over the past year have impacted law enforcement in a negative way. Perceptions of improper use of force by law enforcement has created barriers between the general public and law enforcement. As found in many incidents, the facts of the case do not coincide with the public's perception or beliefs.

The men and women of the Fairview Heights Police Department are policing in difficult times. They are presented difficult situations and are expected to handle them effectively in a professional manner. These expectations are certainly required when our officers are confronted by someone who uses force against them and they react to the situation.

The Fairview Heights Police Department Officers are committed to professionalism. To support this, each year officers attend training relative to police use of force. Some of the training covers topics in civil liberties, defensive tactics, and Taser use. Additionally, each use of force incident, no matter how minor, is investigated. The F.H.P.D. utilizes an internal software program to document and track each incident where force was used.

During 2016, our officers had forty-nine (49) encounters of resistance to which they had to utilize force to maintain control, protect themselves and/or others, and make a lawful arrest utilizing the least amount of force necessary.

<b>Response to Resistance</b>	<b>Number of Reportable Incidents (Total: 49)</b>
Firearms Displayed/NO Discharges	18
Firearms Displayed/Discharge	0
Escorts/Restraint Utilizing Hands/Body	11
Taser deployed	17
Body Strikes	3

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## CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

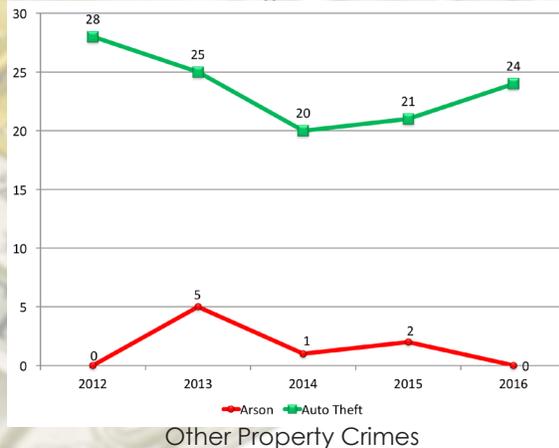
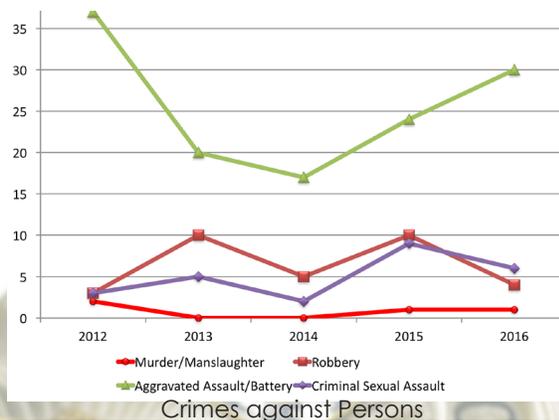
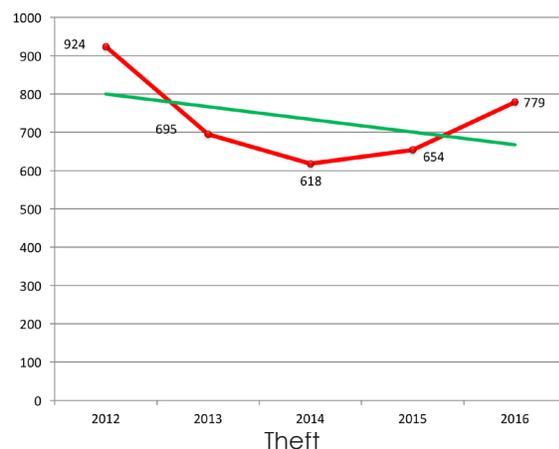
The Criminal Investigations Unit is currently comprised of a unit supervisor (sergeant), four detectives, a juvenile detective, a Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southern Illinois (MEGSI) undercover narcotics officer, and a federal DEA Drug Task Force Officer.

The detectives conduct follow up investigations of reported criminal activity and crime reports taken by the patrol division. They follow leads to include interviewing of witnesses, victims, and suspects. Upon completion of their investigation, the case is presented to the St. Clair County State's Attorney's Office for warrant application.

The Juvenile Detective primarily focuses on juvenile crime, complaints, abuse and neglect, and mentoring. This detective is also part of the MECOP program. The Juvenile Detective is also a member of the St. Clair County Juvenile Justice Committee which sets policies for handling juvenile cases within St. Clair County.

The detectives also work special details and are members of the Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis, the Illinois Attorney General's Child Death Task Force, and the International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators.

Detectives assigned to the outside drug units conduct investigations within the city and surrounding areas.





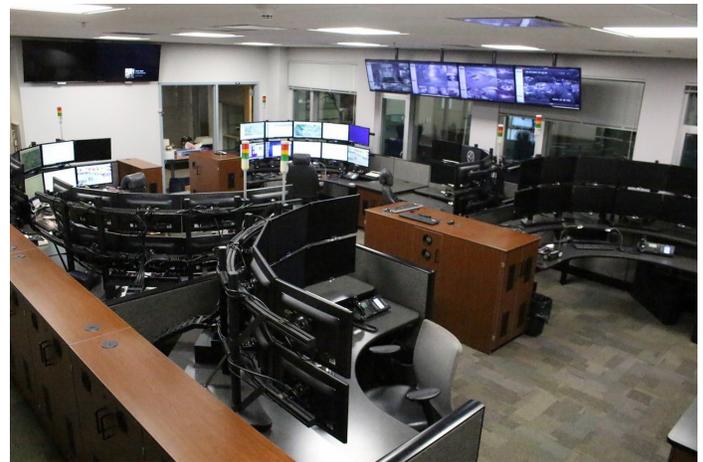
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## SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

### COMMUNICATIONS

The Fairview Heights and O'Fallon Police Department Dispatch Centers formed a partnership and consolidated during 2016. The consolidation was not something sought by either department but was required to occur based upon Illinois State Law. The consolidated center is located at the O'Fallon Public Safety Center and also serves the community of Shiloh.



The Fairview Heights Communications Center was known as being highly professional and responsive to the needs of the citizens, visitors and patrol officers. It was imperative to the members of the department to ensure its citizens continued to be served in the same manner as in the past. The department sought to form a partnership with O'Fallon to address this concern; allowing each input and oversight responsibilities regarding the overall operation of the center. We feel, in this endeavor, the consolidation has been very successful.

The Fairview Heights, O'Fallon, Shiloh consolidated Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) is staffed by some of the best tele-communicators in the area. We typically have 3 tele-communicators on duty at a time, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, staffed at one of the most modernized PSAPS in the area.

Words alone cannot express the gratitude and respect owed to the members who staffed the Fairview Heights Communications Center. Most dispatch personnel remained on the job up until the consolidated center began dispatch responsibilities; a true testament to their loyalty and professionalism. We all look forward to our new partnership as the O'Fallon/Fairview Heights Consolidated Communications Center. The center will continue to provide the best service possible to our residents and visitors alike.

### RECORDS

The Records Division consists of 1 full-time records clerk and a full time Community Service Officer (CSO) who functions as a records clerk as well as fulfilling other duties. They are assisted by Civilian Police Aides. After a report is initially taken, it is the responsibility of the records unit to process and maintain the reports. The reports are electronically stored in our computer system which allows the clerks to disseminate them to the frequent requests by the general public, the court system, insurance companies and other police agencies.

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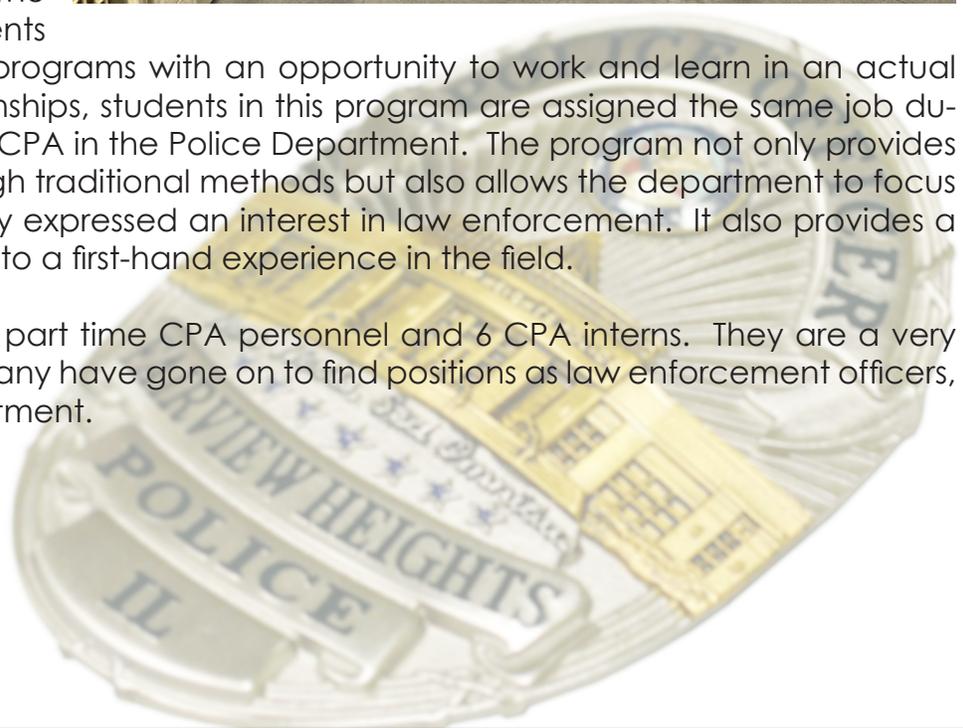
## CIVILIAN POLICE AIDES

Civilian Police Aides (CPA) are non-sworn, civilian personnel who perform a myriad of duties critical to the effective and efficient operation of the Fairview Heights Police Department. CPA personnel are primarily tasked with prisoner booking, processing, feeding and well-being checks. They also perform tasks associated with the records unit of the department such as scanning documents and data entry. They are also responsible for accepting bond and impound fees and documenting these transactions appropriately.



The CPA unit also has a CPA apprenticeship/work experience program. The program endeavors to provide students enrolled in college Criminal Justice programs with an opportunity to work and learn in an actual police setting. Unlike traditional internships, students in this program are assigned the same job duties as those who currently work as a CPA in the Police Department. The program not only provides personnel at a lower cost than through traditional methods but also allows the department to focus on recruiting those who have already expressed an interest in law enforcement. It also provides a tremendous gateway for the intern into a first-hand experience in the field.

The department currently employs 4 part time CPA personnel and 6 CPA interns. They are a very valuable asset to the department. Many have gone on to find positions as law enforcement officers, both within and outside of this department.





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## CRIME FREE MULT-HOUSING

The Crime Free Mult-Housing Program (CFMH) is operated through the police department and was created to develop a working partnership between our community, the police department, and the owner/managers of residential rental property. This partnership helps keep our community safe, secure, and as crime-free as possible.

As of December 31, 796 residential rental property licenses had been issued for the 2016 calendar year. Of these 796 RR licenses, 12 were issued as conditional. Conditional licenses are issued to property owners/managers who have submitted RR license applications but have not yet attended an ordinance required CFMH seminar. 7 of these owners/managers completed the CFMH seminar in 2016. The remaining owners/managers will be notified of their requirement to attend upcoming classes. These licenses represent a total of 1714 individual rental units.



Through a variety of sources, 76 residential properties were identified as possible new rentals in 2016. Additional research is being done on these residential properties to determine their status as rentals. The owners of these properties that are determined to be rental dwellings, will be sent letters of notification regarding the RR license ordinance and CFMH program.

9 city code violations were discovered at rental properties in 2016. The CFMH Coordinator and the Land Use Department have worked cooperatively to notify the owners/managers of rental property about these violation(s) to bring the properties into city code compliance.

During 2016, four (4) property owner/manager training seminars were conducted. A total of 18 Fairview Heights owner/managers attended the trainings.

The CFMH coordinator contacts the owners and managers of rental properties on a daily basis regarding calls for police service at their property(s). These notifications are made by telephone, in person, and/or by an incident reporting form developed for this purpose. 89 notifications were made in 2017. This open line of communication with owners and managers of residential rental property has been one of the keys to the success of the Crime Free Rental Housing Program.

In 2016 there were 10 (known) evictions and 2 (known) non-renewal of leases due to criminal or nuisance related police calls at rental properties.

As a result of these partnership efforts, there has been a significant decrease, and in most cases, an elimination of crime or nuisance related calls for police service at these rental units.



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## EMERGENCY SERVICES AND DISASTER AGENCY (E.S.D.A)

The Fairview Heights Emergency Services and Disaster Agency (FH - E.S.D.A.) was established in 1988. The city department is unique due to being recognized as an accredited emergency management agency through the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (I.E.M.A.). Few municipalities in the state have attained the accreditation. Most E.S.D.A. or emergency management agencies are at the county level of government.

Accreditation allows the city to request resources and assistance directly from the State of Illinois should a disaster strike the city. The agency is responsible for coordinating responses to incidents. The coordination may be between various city departments; or the city and state and/or federal agencies.

The department prepares for, responds to, mitigates and aids in the recovery efforts regarding all natural and manmade emergencies and disasters. Much of the focus of the department revolves around preparedness.

State of the art outdoor warning sirens were purchased and installed which greatly improved the coverage area for the devices and also replaced an outdated and increasingly costly old inventory of sirens.

The city improved the coverage of CodeRed, our community notification system, by entering into an agreement with its parent company for unlimited use which allows the city to have much greater ability to send more detailed messages/broadcasts to our residents. This service is available to all city residents at no charge. The service is utilized to warn residents of severe weather, ongoing criminal activity which may pose a threat, road closures and a myriad of other topics. Residents can sign up for the service by visiting the FHPD or city of Fairview Heights web site. If interested please visit <http://www.cofh.org/> then go to E.S.D.A. and CodeRed or the Police Department site at <http://codered.fhpd.org>.

The department is very involved in exercises which simulate real world events and assisting agencies with Emergency Operations Plans. Members have participated in various exercises and are in the planning stages of future exercises. These exercises strengthen the response capabilities of first responders and in-turn ensure a safer community for all.

Capt. Chris Locke currently fulfills the role of E.S.D.A. Coordinator and Lt. C.J. Beyersdorfer as the Assistant Coordinator. They can be reached at 489-2154 or 489-2155.





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## CHAPLAINS



Chaplain  
John Dawson



Chaplain  
Gregory Gibson



Chaplain  
Curtis Levingston



Chaplain  
Dr. Jeffrey Williams

Not Pictured - Chaplain Hal Santos

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## SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES

Fairview Heights Police have a number of activities and initiatives that go beyond the provision of basic police patrol and investigations. These programs enhance the delivery of services by providing greater interaction with various segments of the community and by participating in regional law enforcement efforts that have a manpower multiplier effect for our department. The following is an inventory of those programs:

**Police Youth Academy** – The Police Youth Academy is an innovative program that was first introduced in Fairview Heights in 1974. It has run every year since. The program is a 2 week day program held during the summer for children 12 to 15 years old. It exposes youth to facets of law enforcement, team building, leadership, and community service.

**Senior Citizens' Academy** – The Senior Citizens' Academy celebrated its 24th year in 2016. This program meets one afternoon a week over six weeks to provide seniors with crime and safety information pertinent to their needs and interests. This is a very popular program, with many seniors coming many years consecutively.

**Citizens' Police Academy** – The PD hosted its 5th annual Citizens Academy this fall with 20 eager participants. The citizens met one night per week for 10 weeks to learn more about policing in Fairview Heights. Activities include crime scene processing, police and county jail tours, drug enforcement, canine demonstrations, and shooting at the Police range.

**Safety Town** – The Police Department, in conjunction with the Parks & Recreation Department, started Safety Town in 2008. This program is presented during the summer each year. Children aged 5 to 7 years old are given lessons in stranger, traffic, fire, pedestrian, and bicycle safety in a small “town” built for the children by Parks staff.

**Citizen Ride-Along Program** – FHPD offers any interested citizen the opportunity to ride along and interact with FH police officers on duty. This unique opportunity allows citizens to get an “up close” look at what policing is really like.

**CUFF Newsletter** – Twice each year, two volunteers put out a newsletter on behalf of the Police and Fire Departments. This medium allows us to communicate crime prevention tips, provide departmental news, and inform the citizens of minor happenings that may not make it into the newspapers.

**Vacation House Checks** – The PD has offered this service for several years. The PD will check the homes of residents while they are out of town on vacation.

**Speed Monitoring & Enforcement** – The department has a formal program to address complaints regarding speeding, especially in the residential area. In addition to using radar enforcement by police officers, the PD also uses a speed trailer to inform motorists of their speeds compared to the limit. And, the PD uses a computer, called Stealth Stat, which records speed data of set periods of time to determine the extent of any speed problems.

**Premise Alert Program** – The PD offers residents with disabilities or special needs the opportunity to register through the PD to provide vital information in the event of an emergency. This information is stored in a database in the Department's Computer Aided Dispatch System.

**Code Red Community Notification** – In conjunction with the City's ESDA, the PD offers residents and businesses the opportunity to sign up to receive phone notification regarding important information and weather warnings. There is no charge to the residents for this service.

**MECOP** – Metro-East Cadets of Policing successfully launched in January with 31 cadets starting the 10 week program. Chief Gailius implemented MECOP as a bridge between the community and police, and as a recruitment tool for minorities to join the police force. It is his vision to get youth excited about policing, and giving back to the community so they may grow into leaders within the area. The Illinois State Police and many other local departments are actively engaged in this program as well.



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**DARE/ SRO Program** – The PD provides DARE training to 5th graders at the public and parochial schools in the community. This program has been in effect for over 25 years. The PD also has an officer assigned as a School Resource Officer to the Pontiac – William Holliday School District. The cost for that police officer is shared between the PD and the District.

**Crime-Free Multi-Housing (CFMH) Program** – Fairview Heights was one of the first cities in the Metro-east to have a CFMH program. This program provides training to landlords and rental property managers in preventing crime on their premises. In addition to training, a CFMH Coordinator is assigned to work closely with the landlords, keeping them informed of problems on their properties and working with the landlords to abate the problems.

**Greater St. Louis Area Major Case Squad (MCS)** – Several investigators with FHPD are also members of MCS. MCS is called on unsolved homicides occurring in the area. The MCS concept allows a small department to have over a dozen investigators on a homicide case almost immediately after a homicide is discovered. The solve rate of the MCS is extremely high – well above the national average for clearance of homicides.

**Child Death and Serious Injury Investigation Task Force (CDITF)** – The CDITF was founded in Southern Illinois through the Illinois Attorney General's office. The concept is similar to that of the MCS, except it specifically deals with children deaths and serious injuries. This task force is the first of its kind in the State and is planned as a model for future expansion. We have several investigators for this Task Force.

**DEA Task Force** – One FH Police officer is assigned to the Fairview Heights office of the DEA Task Force. This Task Force targets high level drug trafficking organizations that operate in the Metro-east.

**Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southern Illinois (MEGSI)** – One FH Police officer is assigned to MEGSI as an undercover narcotics officer. MEGSI focuses on the street level and mid-level drug dealers in the Metro-east.

**Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm Systems (ILEAS)** – ILEAS is the mutual aid mechanism in place for Illinois law enforcement agencies to assist each other during emergencies. In addition to this basic level of mutual aid, FH officers serve on the regional Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) – Special Response Team (SRT). The WMD-SRT also serves as a regional SWAT team, as most communities in this area do not have the resources to support their own teams.

**ILEAS Mobile Field Force (MFF)**. The MFF is designed to deal with civil unrest and to protect the Strategic National Stockpile of drugs and medicines in times of an emergency. MFF members have also been used for large scale event in Illinois and out of state, including the Chicago NATO and G8 Summits, the Republican National Convention in Minnesota, the G20 Summit in Pittsburgh, and the response to Hurricane Sandy in New Jersey.

**Honor Guard** – FHPD has several members who serve as an honor guard. These officers, who all volunteer their time for the Honor Guard, are used in official ceremonies inside and outside the community and to represent the PD in special events, including funerals.

**FHPD Volunteer Program** – The Volunteers in Policing program has 23 active participants who have volunteered a combined 1695 hours in the last 3 years! This invaluable program assists with various activities and programs within the police department and is led by Head Volunteer Frank Watson.

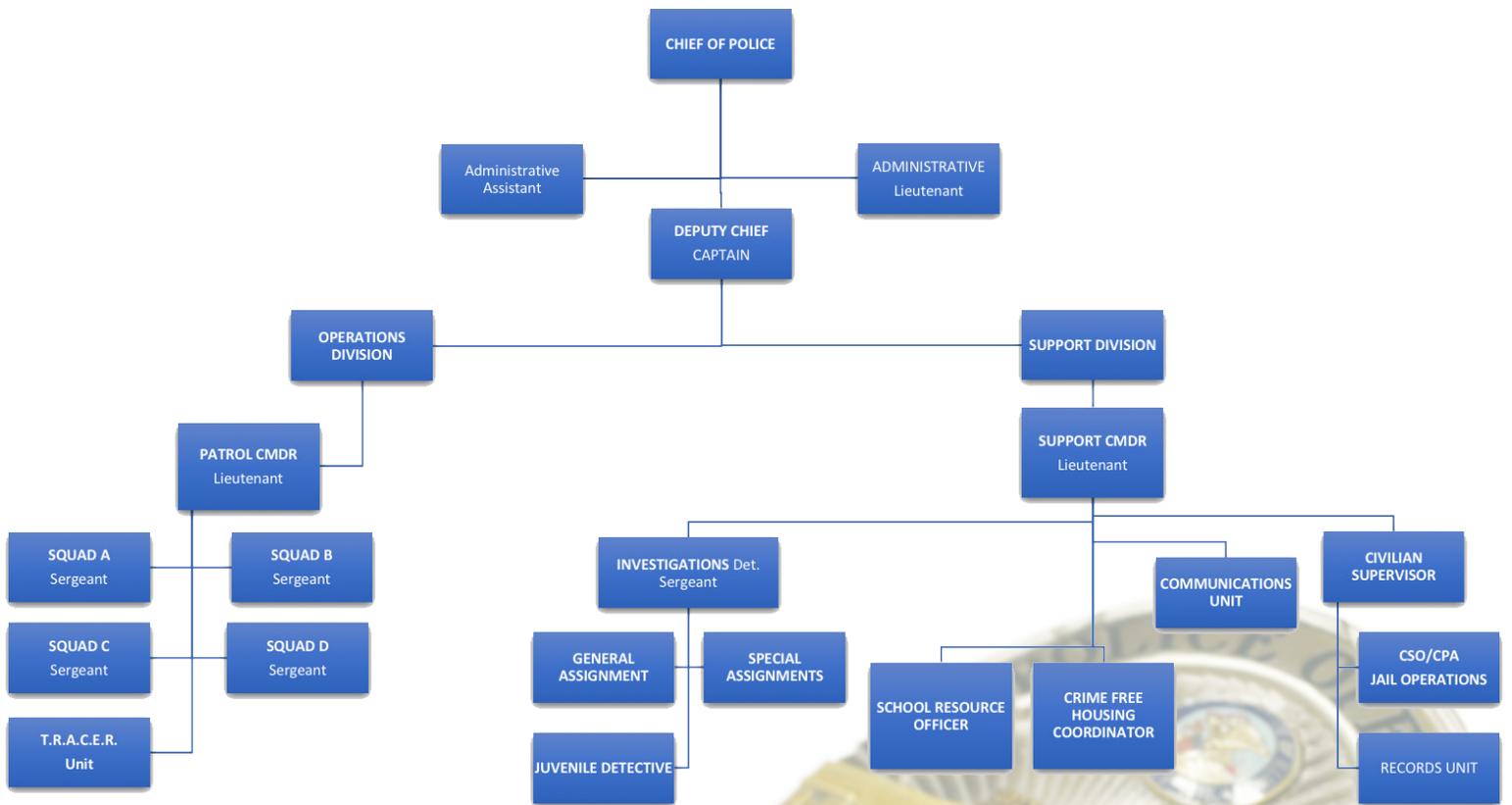
**R.A.D. Training** – Short for Rape Aggression Defense System, this class is offered free to women over the ages of 14. The training focuses on education and awareness and empowers women to say NO, defend themselves, and prepare for "real world" encounters.

**YouthIn2Action** – This organization was formed by men and women in the community to mentor youth, especially young men in their formative years. This group provides youth with positive role models and offers guidance in all areas of life.

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