

FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Annual Report 2013



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"NOT FOR OURSELVES, BUT FOR ALL"

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



I am pleased to present to the Fairview Heights community your police department's 2013 Annual Report. Fairview Heights continues to be a safe place to live, work, and visit. We enjoy a very low violent crime rate. And, our property crimes are down.

There were no homicides in Fairview Heights in 2013. There were 10 robberies in 2013, five criminal sexual assaults, and 67 aggravated assaults or batteries. There were no shootings in Fairview Heights, which is fortunately typical of our community.

We suffered an increase in robberies and armed robberies from three in 2012 up to 10 in 2013. Usually, Fairview Heights has 12 to 18 robberies per year. Having only three was very unusual. And, the 10 we had in 2013 matched the number we had in 2011. As a credit to the hard work of our investigators and patrol officers, 8 of the 10 robberies have been solved.

There were a total of 840 reportable property crimes in 2013. This is down 16% from 2012. Theft was down 16.3% from 2012. And, burglary was down 14.2%. It is important that we do not draw conclusions from a reduction in property crimes.

Fairview Heights' property crimes rates are driven by the reporting of shoplifting cases by retail stores in the City. A store's decision on what crimes to report can change frequently.

The Fairview Heights crime control strategy focuses on vigorous traffic enforcement, a focus on drug control through arrests, engaging neighborhoods and citizens to promote safety and crime prevention, and through detailed and thorough criminal investigations after crimes are reported.

We are particularly proud of the depth with which we engage our neighbors and the citizens. This year, we expanded our offerings by starting a Volunteers in Police Service program, using citizens to help us with non-police related duties, thus freeing our officers and civilians to concentrate on the core functions. For more information, please see our pages on the variety of community-oriented programs in which we are involved.

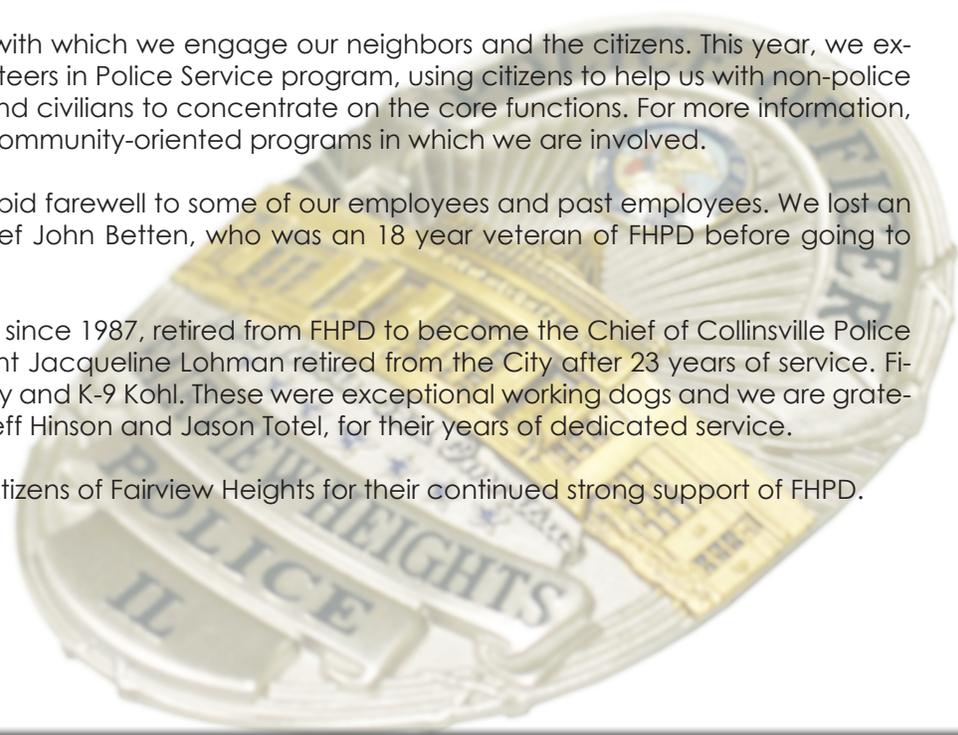
Finally, I would like to take a moment to bid farewell to some of our employees and past employees. We lost an exceptional man this year, O'Fallon Chief John Betten, who was an 18 year veteran of FHPD before going to O'Fallon.

Lt. Steve Evans, who was a police officer since 1987, retired from FHPD to become the Chief of Collinsville Police Department. And, Administrative Assistant Jacqueline Lohman retired from the City after 23 years of service. Finally, two of our police canines, K-9 Kenny and K-9 Kohl. These were exceptional working dogs and we are grateful to them and their handlers, Officers Jeff Hinson and Jason Totel, for their years of dedicated service.

We thank our elected officials and the citizens of Fairview Heights for their continued strong support of FHPD. Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. Gailius".

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 what Patrol does day in and day out.



Patrol officers are counted on by this community 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 laws and investigate traffic accidents;
- Patrol neighborhoods and businesses to prevent and detect crime.

The Patrol Division is made up of 28 officers, 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. There is no rotation and no switching of shifts, normally.

On the day shifts, the team consists of the sergeant and seven officers. On the night shifts, the teams are a sergeant and five officers. The Patrol Division also has two canine officers.

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Neighborhood Expert Officers

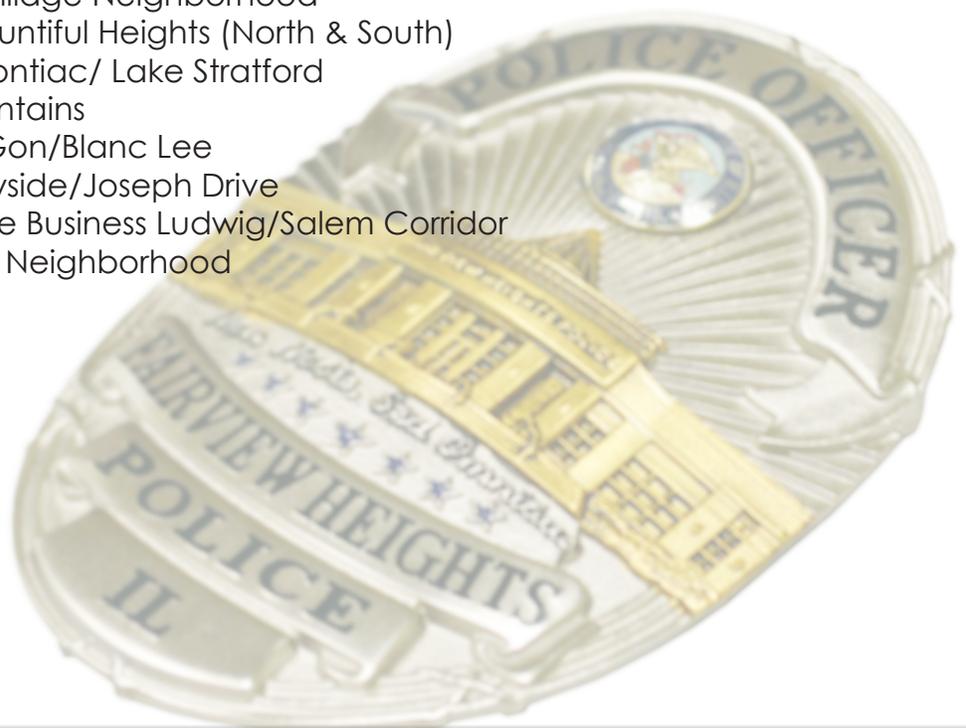
The Police Department started an innovative program in 2011 called the Neighborhood Expert Officer (NEO) program.

This program was part of the Department's efforts towards becoming more involved in the neighborhoods in the City. The plan is to have an officer assigned to learn more about a neighborhood – identifying problems and concerns of the residents; identifying trouble properties; identifying parolees, sex offenders, and other criminals; and developing communication avenues with the residents.

The Department hopes that these inroads lead to perceptions of greater safety in neighborhoods and a willingness of residents to become engaged and involved with crime prevention strategies.

The program, originally started with two NEO areas, has now been expanded to 8 areas. The following are the assigned NEO's for 2013:

- Officer Todd Huskey – French Village Neighborhood
- Officer Brandon Strickland – Bountiful Heights (North & South)
- Officer Drew Rutter – Bonita/ Pontiac/ Lake Stratford
- Officer Ryan Teschendorf - Fountains
- Officer Martin Gordon - Beau Gon/Blanc Lee
- Officer Chris Hay - Frey/Countryside/Joseph Drive
- Officer Jamie Smith - Crime Free Business Ludwig/Salem Corridor
- Officer Nick Bullard - Fox Creek Neighborhood





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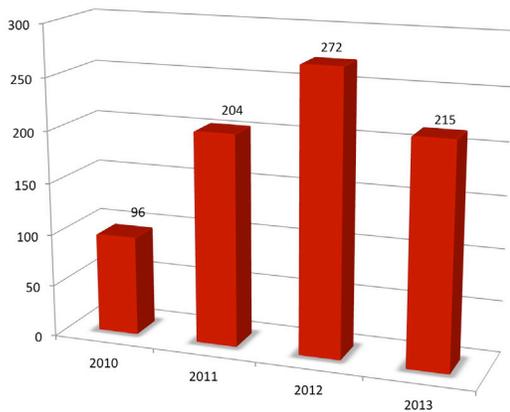
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Traffic

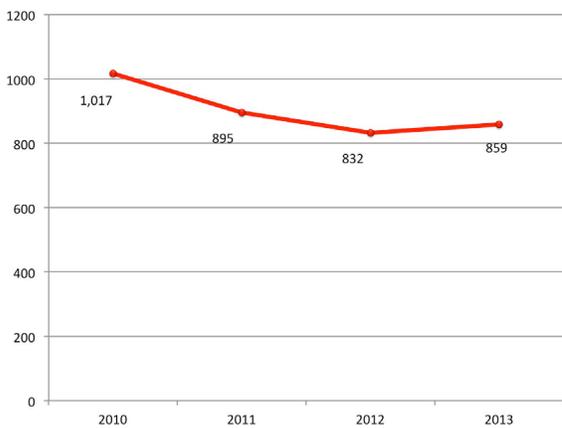
In 2013, the Fairview Heights Police Department conducted 10,154 traffic stops resulting in 4,120 traffic citations and 7,989 warnings. This particular traffic enforcement initiative can be shown to have a direct impact on the number of traffic accidents that motorists are involved in while driving through the city. Since 2010, there has been a 15.5% drop in reported traffic accidents. In addition, proactive DUI enforcement has increased the number of DUI arrests in 2013 by 124% since 2010.

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:

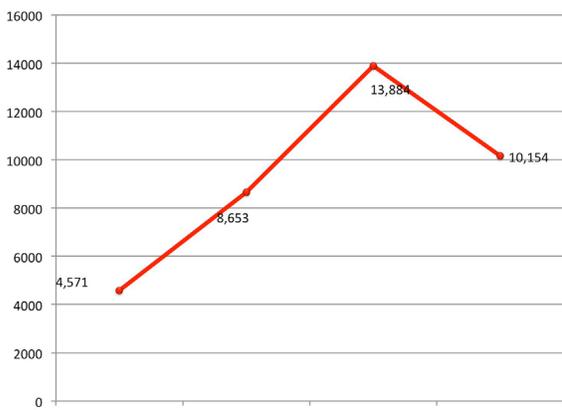
1. Impaired Drivers
2. Excessive Speeders
3. Traffic Control Violators
4. Aggressive Driving
5. Distracted Drivers



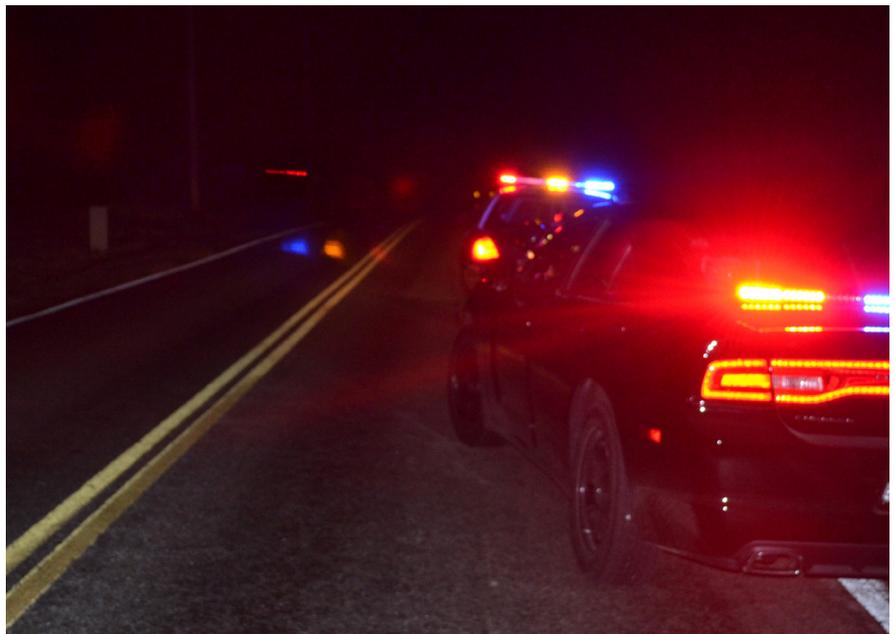
DUI Arrests



All Traffic Accidents



Traffic Stops Conducted



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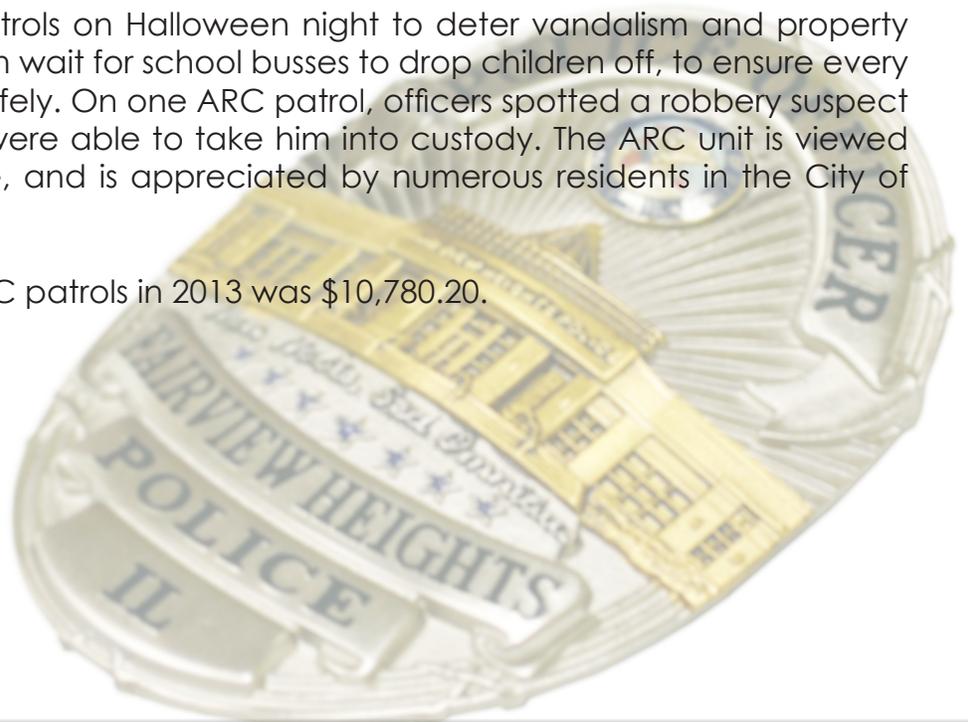
A.R.C. Patrols

The Fairview Heights Police Department conducted 29 ARC (Addressing Resident Concerns) patrols, with 16 participating officers. These officers put in over 224 hours during 2013. As a result, approximately 160 vehicle stops were conducted in areas that were identified as troublesome by residents in particular neighborhoods. Of these 160 stops, 8 people were arrested; 1 for felony unlawful use of a weapon, 1 for felony possession of a controlled substance, 5 for traffic offenses, and 1 for obstruction of identification. In addition to the traffic stops, the officers also made over 80 contacts with residents within the neighborhoods to discuss concerns and issues within those areas. Almost every person the officers made contact with, expressed gratitude for this additional police presence with the ARC patrols.

Officers participating in ARC patrols made 15 code enforcement notifications of violations within the city. ARC patrol officers would often drive every street within a district, making contact with residents and documenting the code violations. Furthermore, officers would often go door-to-door in problem areas to speak with residents and address concerns and to also build rapport with the community. On several occasions, ARC officers were called upon to assist regular patrol units when the call volume was extreme.

ARC officers conducted extra patrols on Halloween night to deter vandalism and property damage. ARC officers would often wait for school busses to drop children off, to ensure every child exited and made it home safely. On one ARC patrol, officers spotted a robbery suspect walking in a neighborhood and were able to take him into custody. The ARC unit is viewed as being very responsive, positive, and is appreciated by numerous residents in the City of Fairview Heights.

Total overtime expenditure for ARC patrols in 2013 was \$10,780.20.





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Patrolman of the Year

2013 - Patrolman Timothy Birckhead

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 Timothy Birckhead.



During the year, Officer Birckhead was nominated for Patrolman of the Month honors on nine (9) occasions; out of the nine nominations he received the award five (5) times. Officer Birckhead also led the department in self-initiated felony arrests, and had the second highest number of self-initiated misdemeanor arrests. It is important to note, Officer Birckhead was in the top percentages department-wide for every category of self-initiated field activity. This is truly impressive productivity for any officer; and it reflects the level of dedication and work ethic he displayed day in and day out. The results Officer Birckhead achieved in regard to self-initiated felony arrests led to him receiving the Aggressive Criminal Enforcement (ACE) award, a very coveted award amongst members of the department.

During the year, Officer Birckhead had the following activity:

- 20 Felony arrests
- 38 misdemeanor arrests
- 28 DUI arrests
- 41 traffic related arrests
- 229 Traffic Citations
- 499 Written Warnings
- Only used 12 hours of sick leave during the year.

Officer Birckhead's level of dedication, work ethic and ability to remove dangerous individuals from our midst has earned him the respect and accolades of the department members. We wish to congratulate and offer thanks to you, Officer Birckhead, for making Fairview Heights a much safer community for our residents and visitors alike.

Patrolman of the Year Honor Roll

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. Rohlfing	1997	Michael J. Hoguet	1990	Nicholas J. Gailius	1983	Michael A. Origliosso	1976	Scott E. Penny
2010	Ryan N. Weisenborn	2003	Neal R. Rohlfing	1996	Michael J. Hoguet	1989	Nicholas J. Gailius	1982	Dean H. Belt	1975	Edward M. Pitra
2009	Neal R. Rohlfing	2002	Stacy J. McElroy	1995	Thomas M. Diamond	1988	Jeffrey L. Stratman	1981	Logan T. Harris	1974	Robert L. Lewallen
2008	Joshua R. Hubbard	2001	James B. Arendell	1994	Gregory D. Chance	1987	Jeffrey L. Stratman	1980	Kenneth E. Burge		& Edward M. Pitra
2007	Timothy G. Mueller	2000	Michael J. Hoguet	1993	Phillip L. Wisely	1986	Richard A. Parker	1979	Stephen M. Walters		
2006	David J. Kitley	1999	C.J. Beyersdorfer III	1992	Michael A. Origliosso	1985	Phillip L. Wisely	1978	Daniel J. Perry		

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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 2013. 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	Robert J. Belba	July	Timothy B. Birckhead
February	Christopher B. Hay	August	Timothy B. Birckhead
March	David J. Kitley	September	Timothy B. Birckhead
April	David J. Kitley	October	L. Anthony Flinn
May	Timothy B. Birckhead	November	Timothy B. Birckhead
June	Drew P. Rutter	December	Brandon K. Strickland

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. An example would be; an officer stops a motorist for speeding. While the officer is speaking to the driver, he notices some peculiarities with the driver's behavior, conditions of the vehicle and perhaps with a passenger's behavior. The officer becomes suspicious that something is "not right" and instead of merely issuing a speeding citation and allowing the driver to leave, he engages the driver and passenger in more conversation or conducts more computer checks. Through further investigation he has reason to request the occupants to exit the vehicle and when they do he observes a loaded handgun on the driver's side floorboard. This would lead to a felony charge for Unlawful Use of a Weapon against the driver.

Officers are awarded one point for each self-initiated felony criminal arrest they make. An officer needs to accrue eight points to qualify 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.A.M.L.E.) appreciation picnic where they are presented with a recognition pin to wear on their uniform.

2013 A.C.E. Award Recipients

Timothy Birckhead Jeffery Blair L. Anthony Flinn Timothy Mueller
Brandon Strickland Ryan Teschendorf Jason Totel



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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 as part of the Fairview Heights Police Department's commitment to community oriented policing philosophy. The team was formed not only as 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, staffed by two (2) full time FHPD officers, work to combat crime, quality of life issues and traffic related problems within the city. These officers are also deputized in St. Clair County and routinely work in support of the St. Clair County Drug Tactical Unit.

Formed in May 2011, the 2013 version of TRACER was comprised of Ptl. Greg Hosp (Patrolman of the Year 2011) and Ptl. Nicholas Bullard (Patrolman of the Year 2012). Ptl. Bullard replaced Ptl. Nathan Harris who was moved to a new assignment but should be congratulated for his role in the success of TRACER since its inception.

These officers work with other city entities such as Crime Free Multi Housing, Land Use, and Code Enforcement. The team's mission is simply to address issues impacting the city and its residential areas in particular. The bottom line for the team is if there is a problem in a neighborhood the team is to identify the problem, the root of the problem, and then resolve the issue at its core for the betterment of the community.

A snapshot of some of their activity which occurred during 2013 is outlined below:

- 619 Total Vehicle Stops
- 31 DUI Arrests
- 56 Self-Initiated Felony Arrests (mostly related to drug activity)
- 70 Self-Initiated Misdemeanor Arrests (mostly related to drug activity)
- 71 Fugitive Arrests
- 53 Traffic Arrests

While the arrests are impressive, the manner in which they were obtained reveals the true worth of the TRACER team. These were not random arrests or arrests by "luck". 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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Awards

Meritorious Service

Awarded to members of the Department who display a superior performance of duty resulting from unusual alertness, initiative, proficiency, exceptional attention to duty and/or an outstanding act which involves performance above and beyond that which is required by the member's basic requirement. This award will also be presented to a member of the Department after twenty (20) years of faithful and dedicated service.



Awarded to the following:

Ptl. Aaron T. Nyman
Ptl. Neal R. Rohlffing

Communications Officer Ashley R. Krejci

Innovative Policing

Awarded to a member of the FHPD who has demonstrated an on-going commitment to employing intelligent or innovative methods to prevent or detect crime or to solve problems related to crime or disorder. This commitment must be documented and demonstrated by:

- Development and implementation of a program which has contributed significantly to a reduction in crime or elimination of a specific type of crime or disorder in the community, or any other program that reflects positively on the Department.
- A long-term commitment to the community by any member who practices the basic principles of intelligent policing and problem solving techniques.



Awarded to the following:

Ptl. Andrew C. Ward
Det. Brian D. Schrieber

Chief's Commendation

Awarded to members of the Department who have demonstrated exceptional performance, innovative solutions, or unique programs in an effort to advance superior police services and departmental goals.



Awarded to the following:

Lt. John F. Proffitt
Communications Officer
Randy L. Randolph
Community Service Officer
Tina M. Bangaru

Combat Cross

Granted to members of the Department who have successfully and intelligently performed an act of extraordinary heroism, while engaged in personal combat with an armed adversary under circumstances of imminent personal hazard to life.



Awarded to the following:

Ptl. Jeffery F. Blair
Ptl. L. Anthony Flinn
Ptl. Jeffrey L. Stratman

Purple Heart

Awarded to members of the department who received a significant injury due to an intentional infliction from an act of aggression of an adversary while in the line of duty. Events such as fires, explosions, collisions, may also be awarded dependent on the circumstances.



Awarded to the following:

Ptl. Jeffrey L. Stratman



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Summary of Calls for Service

911 HANG-UP/STATUS	302	LOST DRIVERS LICENSE/REG PLATES	7
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	859	LOST PROPERTY	35
AMBULANCE CALL	1,130	MENTAL CASE	36
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	202	MISSING PERSONS	29
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	545	MOTORIST ASSIST	444
ATT SUICIDE/SUICIDCAL SUBJECTS	30	NEIGHBORHOOD DISTURBANCE	7
BURNING COMPLAINT	51	PUBLIC COMPLAINT	11
CIVIL MATTER	67	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES/CIRCUMSTANCES	559
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	224	SUSPICIOUS PERSONS	227
FALSE ALARM	1,214	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	259
FIRE CALL	668	THREATS/ TELEPHONE THREATS	18
FOUND PROPERTY	128	TRAFFIC CONTROL/ASSIST	77
HARRASSING/ NUISANCE/ OBSCENE CALLS	73	UNWANTED SUBJECT/ CUSTOMER DISPUTE	185
INFORMATION	491	VANDALISM/PROPERTY DAMAGE	14
JUVENILE COMPLAINT	146		

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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

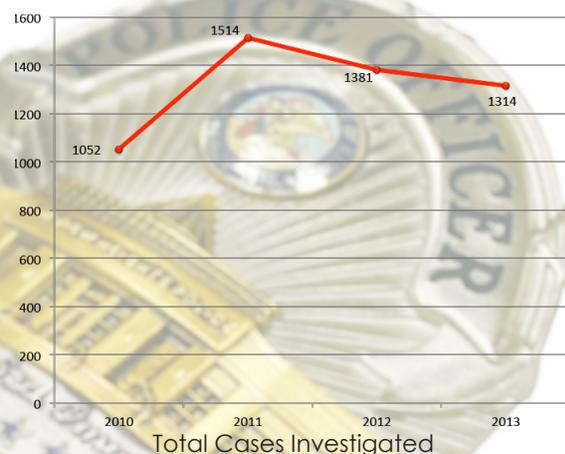
The Criminal Investigations Unit is currently comprised of a unit supervisor (sergeant), four detectives, a juvenile detective, one school resource officer, a Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southern Illinois (MEGSI) undercover narcotics officer, and a federal DEA Drug Task Force detective. The division is under the command of the Support Services Lieutenant.

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

Detectives also work special details and are members of the Major Case Squad of Greater St Louis for homicide investigations and the Illinois Attorney General's Child Death & Serious Injury Investigation Task Force.

The Juvenile Detective assists with general investigations but primarily focuses on juvenile crime, complaints, juvenile victims of crime, abuse and neglect, and mentoring. He is also the coordinator of the department's explorer post. The juvenile detective is also a member of the St. Clair County Juvenile Justice Committee which sets policy for handling of juvenile cases within St. Clair County.

Detectives assigned to the outside drug units assist the FHPD with drug investigations with in the city and surrounding areas. Most drug related arrests are referred to one of the drug units depending upon that unit's criteria.





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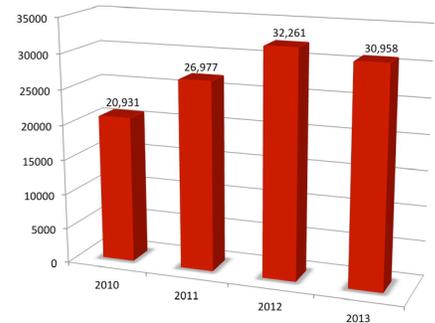
SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION **Communications**

The Fairview Heights Police Department Communications Center is manned by a team of 4 full-time and 4 part-time telecommunicators that are capable of multi-tasking a vast number of communication duties. This 24-hour operation requires them to answer both non-emergency and emergency calls, including 9-1-1, as well as deal with day-to-day radio traffic. Calls received are then entered into a computer aided dispatch system and disseminated to the appropriate resource, be it the police, fire or medical services.



The FHPD Communications Center consists of a vast array of computer services and technology. These systems include the radio used to communicate with fire and police units in the community as well as surrounding agencies, 9-1-1 systems, to the activation of storm system sirens.

In 2013, the FHPD Communications center received 10,397 9-1-1 calls, a 1.3% increase from the previous year.



Total Communications Received

Records

The Records Division consists of two full time civilian employees who are assisted by Civilian Police Aides. After a report is initially taken it is the records unit that is responsible for the processing and maintenance of the report. The reports are electronically stored and frequently disseminated to the court system, insurance companies, other police agencies, and parties involved in the incident. The reports handled by this division include Crime reports, accidents, calls for service, and arrest records. Monthly and yearly reports are tabulated from the stored information. In January of 2013, records clerk Kathy Blockyou celebrated her 30th year working for the City of Fairview Heights. Thank you, Kathy for your dedication to our city!

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CRIME FREE MULTI-HOUSING

The Crime Free Multi-Housing Program (CFMH), is operated through the police department and was created to develop a working partnership between a community, the local police department, the owner or manager of a residential rental property and the renter(s) to help keep their property, and surrounding community as safe, secure and as crime free as possible.

As of December 31, 2013, 771 residential rental property licenses had been issued. These licenses represent a total of 1760 individual rental units.

27 residential properties were identified as possible new rentals in 2013. The owners of these properties were sent letters of notification regarding the RR license ordinance and CFMH program. As a result of these letters, 22 owners responded and are now in compliance with the ordinance. Additional research is being done on the remaining residential properties to determine their status as rentals.

21 city code violations were discovered at rental properties in 2013. The CFMH Coordinator and the Land Use Department have worked cooperatively to notify the owners/managers of rental property violation(s) to bring the properties into city code compliance.

During 2013, five (5) property owner/manager training seminars were conducted. Three (3) classes in Fairview Heights and two (2) in O'Fallon. A total of 26 Fairview Heights owner/managers attended the trainings. Additional seminars have been scheduled for February and April of 2014.

Four (4) rental apartment communities are in the final stages of completing the requirements to become fully certified Crime Free Multi-Housing properties. These four properties are multi-unit complexes and represent approximately 682 individual residential units. CPTED safety assessments have been completed for three (3) of the properties. Tenant safety meetings have been conducted at two (2) of the properties and two (2) will be scheduled for the spring of 2014.

The owners and managers of rental properties continue to be contacted on a daily basis of calls for police service at their property(s). Notifications are made by telephone, in person, and/or by an incident reporting form developed for this purpose. 154 notifications were made in 2013. The CFMH coordinator also notifies tenants of registered sex offenders, parolees, and persons to be released from the Illinois Department of Corrections that may be or will be occupying their property. Fourteen (14) of these notifications were made in 2013.

In 2013 there were 24 (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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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 20th year in 2012. 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 first FH Citizens' Police Academy was held in 2012. 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.

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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.

Canine Unit – The FHPD has two canine teams. These canines are trained for police service, including suspect or article tracking and narcotics detection.

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.

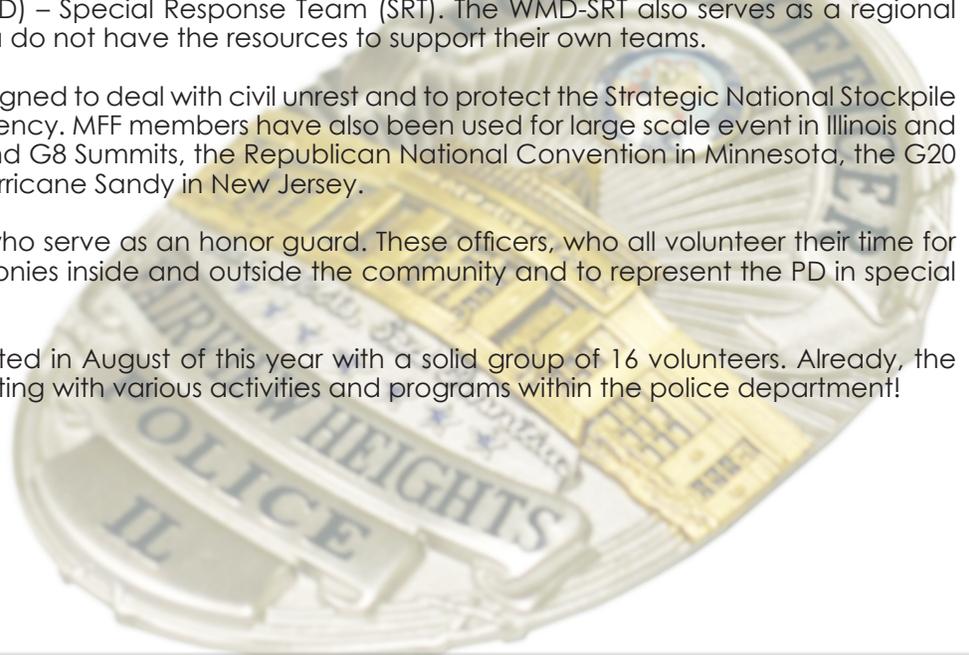
Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southern Illinois (MEGSI) – One FH Police officer is assigned to MEGSI as an undercover narcotics officer. MEGSI focuses on the street level and mid-level drug dealers in the Metro-east.

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 program started in August of this year with a solid group of 16 volunteers. Already, the volunteers have worked over 306 hours, assisting with various activities and programs within the police department!





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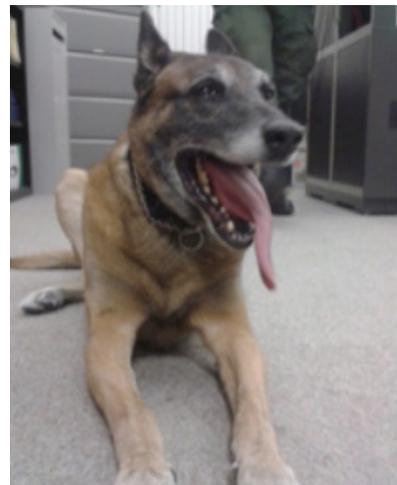
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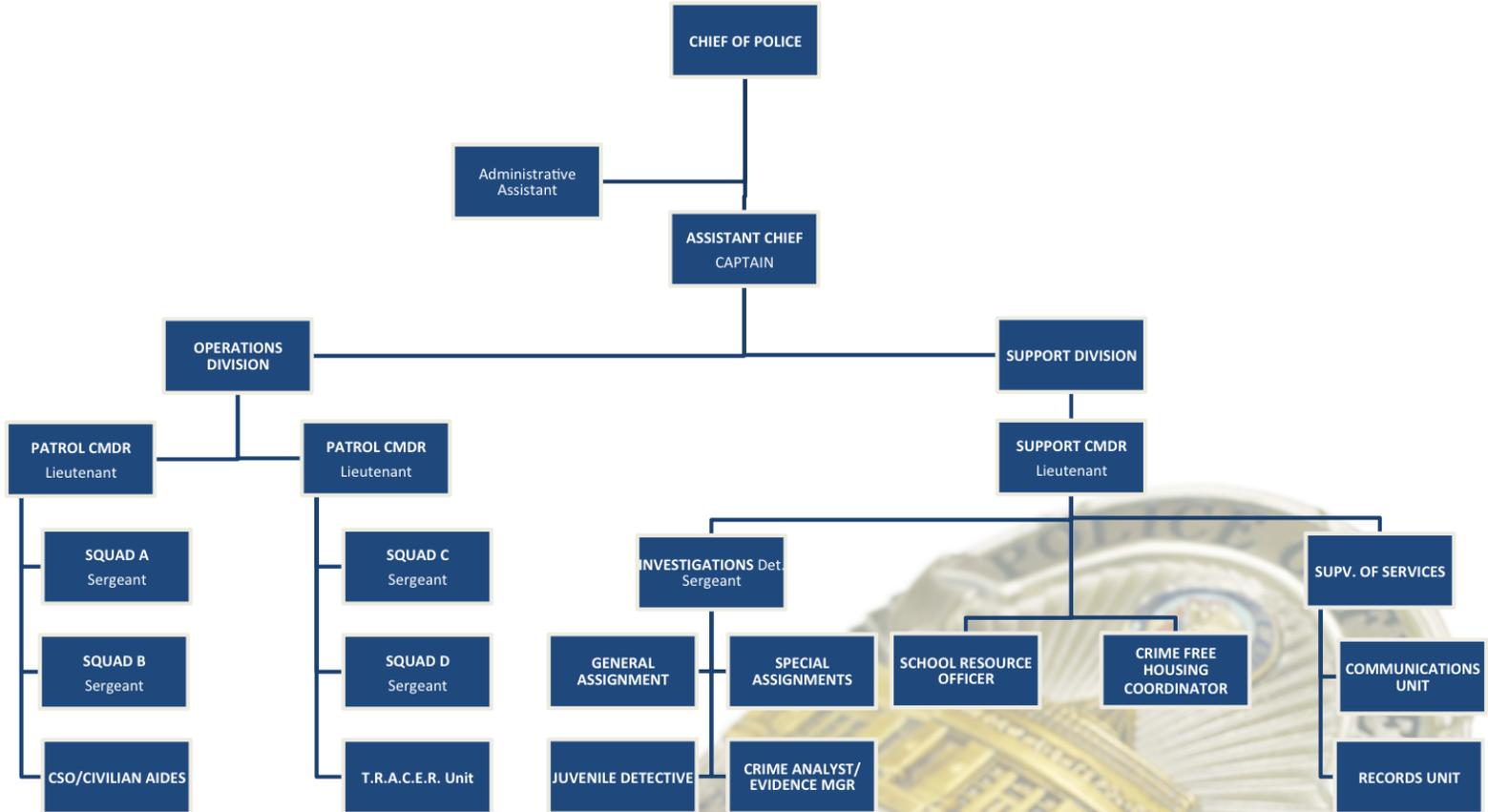
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