



# FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Annual Report 2018





# FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS

Motto  
NON NOBIS, SED OMNIBUS  
"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 COMMUNITIES 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 UPHOLD 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



On behalf of the hard working men and women of the Fairview Heights Police Department, I take great pride in presenting the 2018 Annual Report. The report will provide an overview of our department's activities, units, crime and outstanding performers.

In July 2018, I was named the Interim Chief following the retirement of Chief Nick Gailius. In December 2018, I was humbled and honored to be sworn-in as the city's seventh Chief of Police for the City of Fairview Heights. I have been a member of the department for 25 years and served as the Deputy Chief of Police for the previous eight years, prior to my appointment.

As mentioned earlier, Chief Nick Gailius retired after more than 30 years of service. He was truly an innovative leader and he will be missed. I invite you to learn more about Chief Gailius, detailed in the retiree section of the report.

In 2018, we saw decreases in some crimes and increases in others. Burglaries, burglaries from auto and stolen vehicles all saw decreases while robberies and thefts increased. Robberies increased from three in 2017 to five in 2018 and thefts increased 673 in 2017 to 728 in 2018. The Fairview Heights crime control strategy focuses on vigorous traffic enforcement, self-initiated field activity, a focus on drug control through arrests, forming and strengthening relationships with our residents to promote safety and crime prevention, and completing highly detailed criminal investigations.

We provided many community outreach programs throughout the year, such as Stop the Bleed, Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) as well as Citizen, Senior Citizen, and Youth Academies. We hosted a successful Open House as well as a "Missing Person's Day". These classes and events are not only informative, they also allow the members of the department to interact with our citizens in a different environment. We also participate in backpack and school supply donations for area youth, Shop with a Cop, and Special Olympics events. We have found these events and activities foster strong, lasting relationships with the participants. We are also fortunate to have the support of our elected officials and the community for which we are very appreciative.

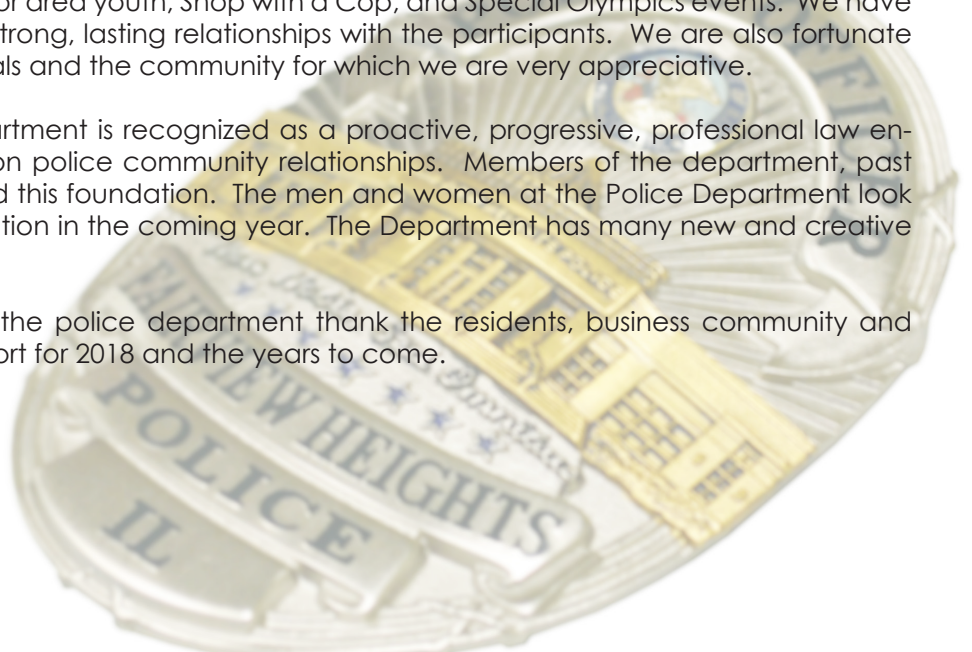
The Fairview Heights Police Department is recognized as a proactive, progressive, professional law enforcement agency with a strong focus on police community relationships. Members of the department, past and present, civilian and sworn, provided this foundation. The men and women at the Police Department look forward to improving on this solid foundation in the coming year. The Department has many new and creative projects planned for 2019.

Again, the men and women of the police department thank the residents, business community and elected officials for your continued support for 2018 and the years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Locke".

Christopher S. Locke, 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 four 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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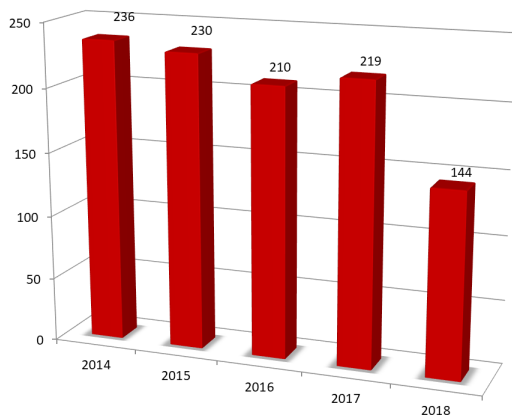
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## TRAFFIC

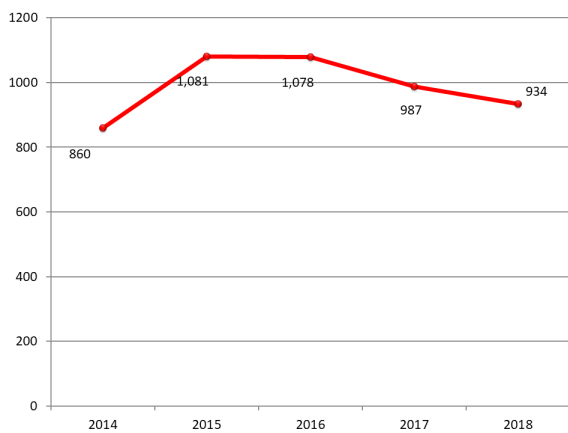
In 2018, the Fairview Heights Police Department conducted 6,239 traffic stops, resulting in 2,735 traffic citations and 4,841 warnings.

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

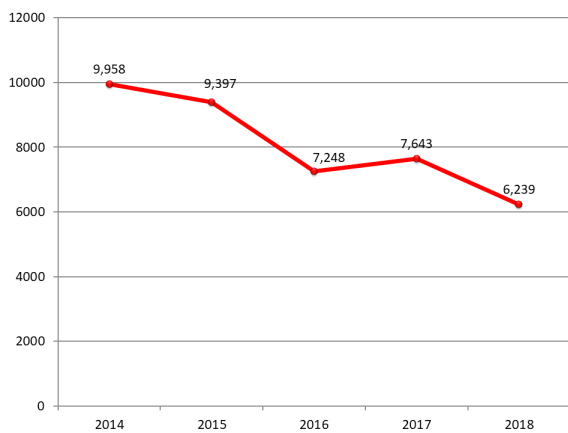
1. Impaired Drivers
2. Excessive Speeders
3. Traffic Control Violators
4. Aggressive Driving
5. Distracted Driving



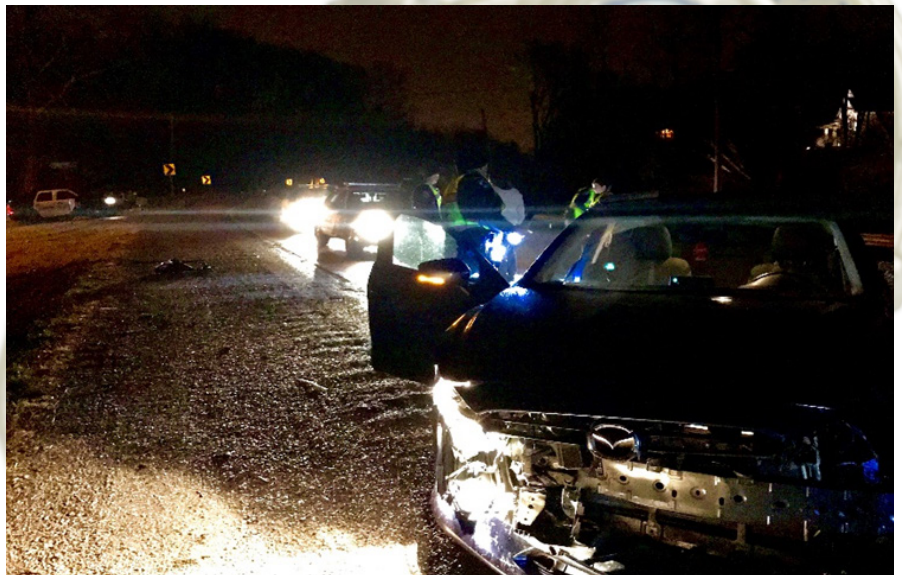
DUI Arrests



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 2018 T.R.A.C.E.R. team was comprised of Trevor Winters and Zachary Adrian. These officers have distinguished themselves amongst their peers for their work ethic and dedication to making the city safer. Due to staffing issues, T.R.A.C.E.R. officers spent a portion of the year assigned to two of the patrol shifts to ensure adequate manpower.

A snapshot of some of their activity which occurred during 2018 is outlined below:

- 687 Vehicle Stops
- 20 DUI Arrests
- 49 self-Initiated Felony Arrests
- 52 Arrest of Fugitives
- 30 Self-Initiated Misdemeanor Arrests
- 40 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 problems and addressed them.

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## PATROLMAN OF THE YEAR

### 2018 - Patrolman Brandon Strickland

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 Brandon Strickland.

During the year, Officer Strickland was nominated for Patrolman of the Month Award on five (5) occasions and received the award on four (4) occasions. Additionally, he was rated outstanding by his immediate supervisor on his annual evaluation.

Officer Strickland led the department, by a large margin, in the arrest of individuals for felony offenses. This led to him receiving the Aggressive Criminal Enforcement (ACE) award. The following is a synopsis of some of Officer Strickland's activities during the months for which he received the Patrolman of the Month award (January, March, April, & May).

- 28 Felony Arrests
- 39 Misdemeanor Arrests
- 3 DUI Arrests
- 24 Fugitive Arrests
- 245 Vehicle Stops

Patrolman Strickland's loyalty and concern for the police department and city are evident in the manner he polices. Enforcement is not his only focus. He also focuses on what is best for the men and women of our department and takes the time to address quality of life issues for our residents. Officer Strickland continues his dedication as a detective in the Criminal Investigations Unit, which he transitioned in mid-August 2018. The department is truly fortunate to call Officer Strickland one of our own.



#### Patrolman of the Year Honor Roll

2017	Timothy B. Bircckhead	2010	Ryan N. Weisenborn	2003	Neal R. Rohlfling	1996	Michael J. Hogue	1989	Nicholas J. Gailius	1981	Logan T. Harris
2016	Zachary Adrian	2009	Neal R. Rohlfling	2002	Stacy J. McElroy	1995	Thomas M. Diamond	1988	Jeffrey L. Stratman	1980	Kenneth E. Burge
2015	Nicholas K. Bullard	2008	Joshua R. Hubbard	2001	James B. Arendell	1994	Gregory D. Chance	1987	Jeffrey L. Stratman	1979	Stephen M. Walters
2014	Brandon Strickland	2007	Timothy G. Mueller	2000	Michael J. Hogue	1993	Phillip L. Wisely	1986	Richard A. Parker	1978	Daniel J. Perry
2013	Timothy B. Bircckhead	2006	David J. Kitley	1999	C.J. Beyersdorfer III	1992	Michael A. Origliosso	1985	Phillip L. Wisely	1977	James C. Dauphin
2012	Nicholas K. Bullard	2005	Wade A. Gummersheimer	1998	Jeffery F. Blair	1991	Jeffery F. Blair	1984	Robert C. Barth	1976	Scott E. Penny
2011	Gregory J. Hosp	2004	Neal R. Rohlfling	1997	Michael J. Hogue	1990	Nicholas J. Gailius	1983	Michael A. Origliosso	1975	Edward M. Pitra
								1982	Dean H. Belt	1974	Robert L. Lewallen & Edward M. Pitra





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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 2018. 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>Brandon Strickland</b>	July	<b>Ryan Teschendorf</b>
February	<b>Blane Cline</b>	August	<b>Alicia Compton</b>
March	<b>Brandon Strickland</b>	September	<b>Ryan Weisenborn</b>
April	<b>Brandon Strickland</b>	October	<b>Nicholas Cerentano</b>
May	<b>Brandon Strickland</b>	November	<b>Blane Cline</b>
June	<b>Blane Cline</b>	December	<b>Ryan Teschendorf</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, which 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 Fairview 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.

### 2018 A.C.E. Award Recipients

Zach Adrian - Timothy Birkhead - Nicholas Cerentano - Blane Cline  
Tony Flinn - Jon Friederich - Clay Mason - Will Rowland - Brandon Strickland  
Ryan Teschendorf - Ryan Weisenborn - Trevor Winters

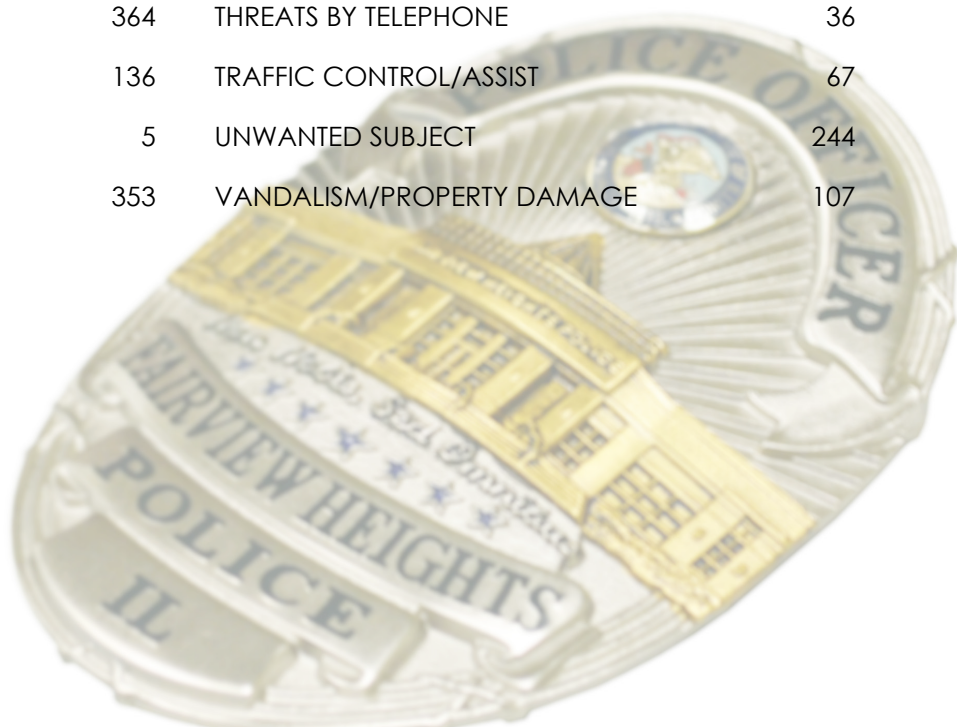


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## SUMMARY OF CALLS FOR SERVICE

911 HANG-UP/STATUS	385	JUVENILE COMPLAINT	100
TRAFFIC ACCIDENT	934	LOST PROPERTY	57
AMBULANCE CALL	1,487	MENTAL SUBJECT	111
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	295	MISSING PERSONS	40
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	459	MOTORIST ASSIST	321
ATT SUICIDE/SUICIDAL SUBJECTS	78	NEIGHBORHOOD DISPUTE	62
BURNING COMPLAINT	30	OTHER COMPLAINTS	7
CIVIL MATTER	97	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES	979
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	101	SUSPICIOUS PERSONS	171
FALSE ALARM	1,167	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	197
FIRE CALL	364	THREATS BY TELEPHONE	36
FOUND PROPERTY	136	TRAFFIC CONTROL/ASSIST	67
NUISANCE CALLS	5	UNWANTED SUBJECT	244
INFORMATION	353	VANDALISM/PROPERTY DAMAGE	107





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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 have 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 2018, our Officers had sixty (60) 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.

Response to Resistance	Number of Reportable Incidents (Total: 60)
Firearms Displayed/NO Discharges	17
Firearms Displayed/Discharge	0
Escorts/Restraint Utilizing Hands/Body	19
Taser deployed	22
Body Strikes	2



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## CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

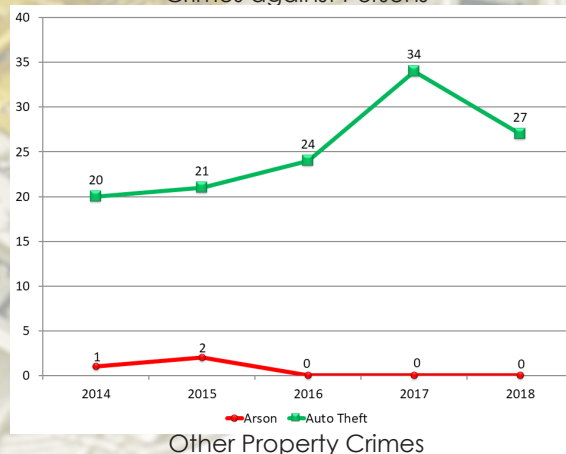
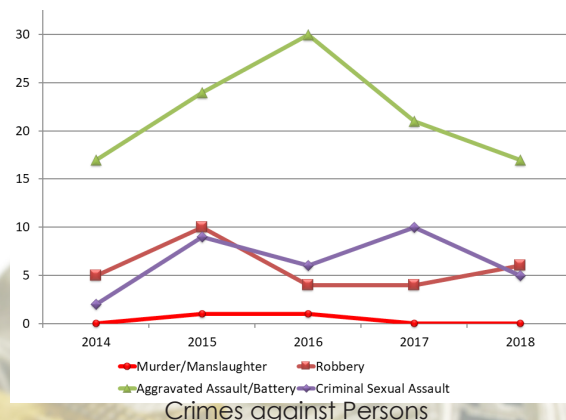
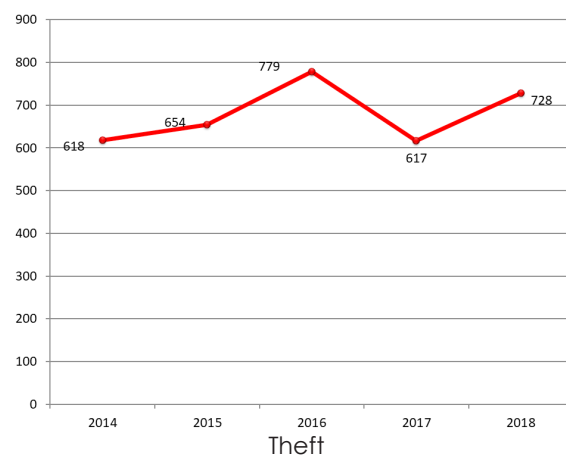
The Criminal Investigations Unit is currently comprised of a unit supervisor (sergeant), four detectives, a juvenile detective, a Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southern Illinois (MEGSI) undercover narcotics Officer, and a federal DEA Drug Task Force Officer.

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.

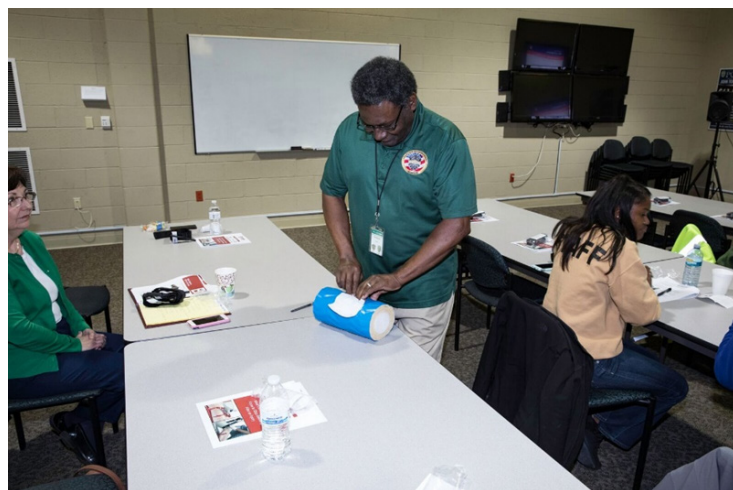




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## VOLUNTEERS

- The Fairview Heights Police Volunteer Program is an important part of our organization. They are an extremely valuable asset to our organization by volunteering countless hours that would have otherwise required sworn personnel to handle. The services provided by our Volunteers allow Officers to address more pertinent issues facing our community. The Fairview Heights Volunteers donated 667 hours in 2018 in assisting the department in a variety of tasks. A few of the events that the FHPD



Volunteers participated in:

- Citizens Police academy
- Law Enforcement Torch Run events to benefit Special Olympics IL
- Metro East Cadets of Policing (MECOP)
- Police Youth Academy
- R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense) Course
- Stop the Bleed Course
- Recycling Day
- Southern IL Law Enforcement Training Commission
- Southern IL Police Chief Association fundraisers
- St. Clair County Chief's Meetings
- Fairview Hts. Police Dept. Open House



The Fairview Heights Police Dept. Volunteers are coordinated by the shared leadership roles of Volunteers Ben Castic, Dave Bandy, & Frank Watson, with liaison from a police department administrator.



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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 four part time CPA personnel and six CPA apprentices. 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.

## RECORDS

The Records Division consists of one 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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## CRIME FREE MULT-HOUSING

The Crime Free Multi-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 31st, 2018, 694 residential rental property licenses had been issued for the 2018 calendar year. Of these 694 RR licenses, four 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. Three of these owner/managers completed the CFMH seminar in 2018. The remaining owners/managers will be notified of their requirement to attend upcoming classes. These licenses represent a total of 1,694 individual rental units.



Through a variety of sources, 37 residential properties were identified as possible new rentals in 2018. Additional research is being done on these residential properties to determine their status as rental properties. 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.

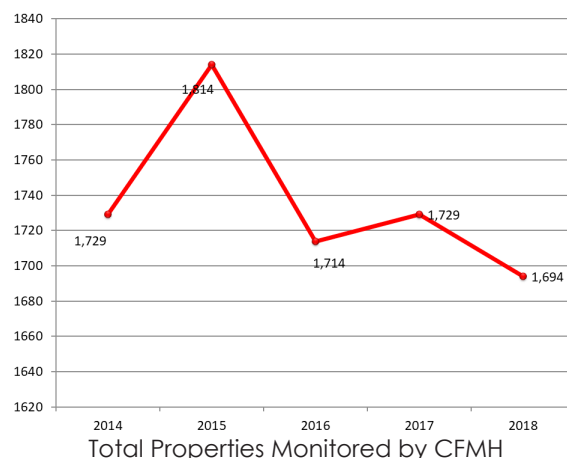
The CFMH coordinator frequently receives reports of suspected occupancy violations, as well as other city code violations from police department patrol officers responding to calls for police service at rental properties. 11 city code violations were discovered at rental properties in 2018. The CFMH 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 2018, four (4) property owner/manager training seminars were conducted. A total of 14 Fairview Heights owner/managers attended and complete the trainings. Additional seminars have been scheduled in March and June 2019.

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. 62 notifications were made in 2018. 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 2018 there were five (known) evictions and two (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. This 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://codedred.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.

Lt. CJ Beyersdorfer currently fulfills the role of ESDA Coordinator, with Public Works Director John Harty as the Assistant Coordinator. They can be reached at 618 489-2155 or 618 489-2020, respectively.





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## RETIREES



After more than thirty years of service with the Fairview Heights Police Department, Chief Nicholas J. Gailius retired July 1, 2018.

Chief Gailius chose his career path early in life by volunteering as a Fairview Heights Police Explorer at the age of 14, becoming a Police Tele-Communicator at age 19, then becoming sworn in as a Police Officer in January 1988 at the age of 21.

Chief Gailius worked several assignments throughout his career as Special Agent in MEGSI, a detective with the department, as well with the Major Case Squad. He became Chief in October 2010 after serving as Acting Chief from May 2010. Chief Gailius served on many committees and boards in St. Clair County and the Metro East; he was a graduate of the Southern Police Institute and the FBI National Academy. He was awarded Illinois Police Chief of the Year in 2016.

We wish Chief Gailius best wishes in his retirement!



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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 two 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 26th year in 2018. 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 6th annual Citizens Academy this fall with 22 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.

**Citizen Ride-Along Program** – FHPD offers any interested citizens the opportunity to ride along and interact with FHPD 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, a city volunteer puts 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 completed our third session of the ten-week academy. MECOP serves as a bridge between the community and police, and as a recruitment tool for minorities to join the police force. The goal is 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 also assist in our efforts.

**M.E.C.A.T.** – M.E.C.A.T stands for the Metro East Crash Assistance Team. The unit is currently comprised of 11 local police officers who are dedicated to assisting local agencies with the investigation of fatal and severe injury motor vehicle crashes.

**STOP THE BLEED** – In 2018, the FHPD added this new class for citizens. The initiative was created by the American College of Surgeons to teach bleeding control. The theory is to teach non-medical personnel how to properly pack wounds and use tourniquets in case of an active shooter or other mass casualty event. We currently have two instructors, who provide the proper techniques to save lives. The classes are free and are announced on our Facebook page. All participants are given a free tourniquet to take home.



# FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS

**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 has Officers assigned as a School Resource Officer to the Pontiac – William Holliday School District as well as the Grant – Illini 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 to assist with unsolved homicides that have occurred 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 18 active participants who have volunteered over 1,800 hours (combined) in the last two years! This invaluable program assists with various activities and programs within the police department and is led by co-chairs Ben Castic and David Bandy.

**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.

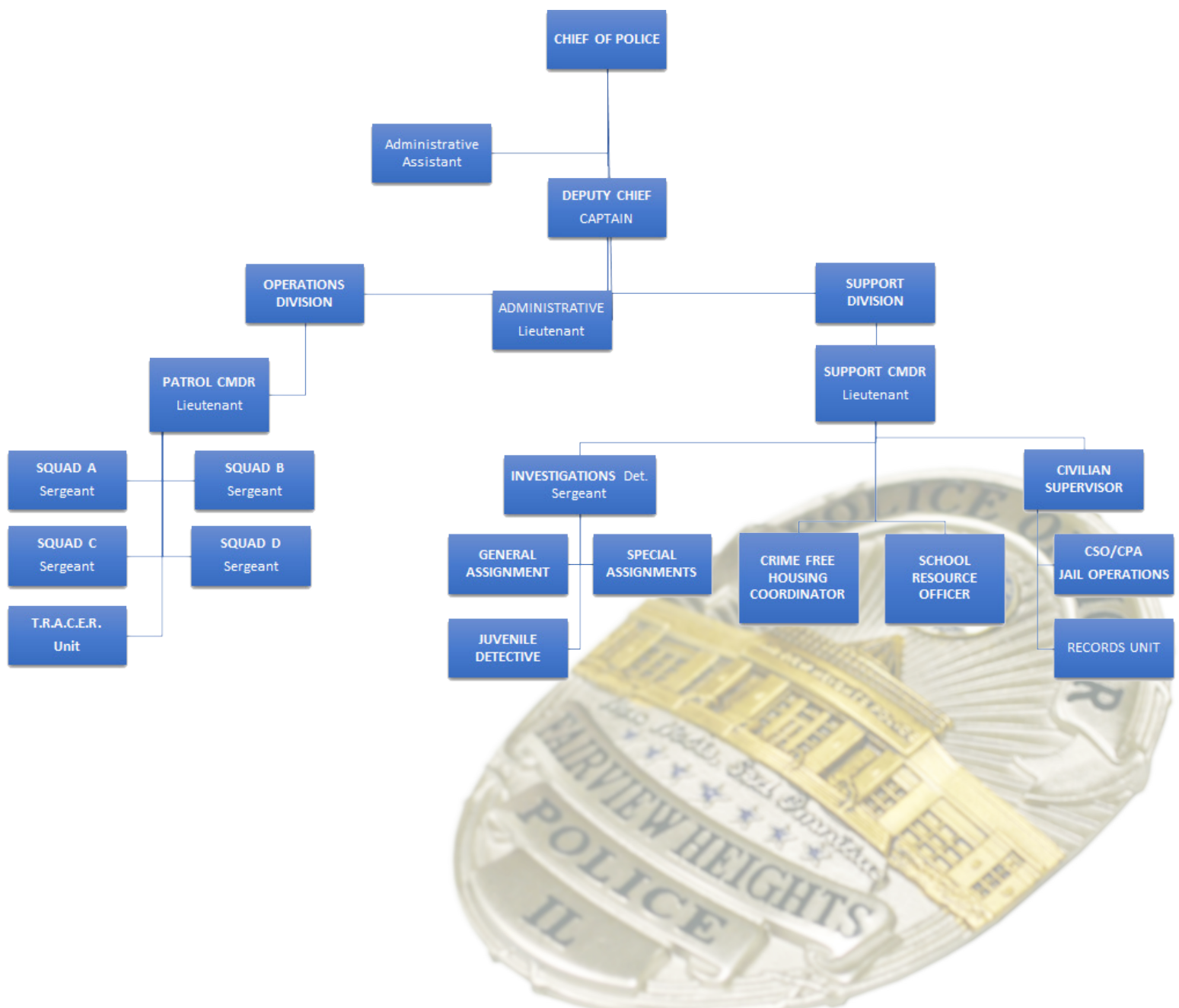
**Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (C.P.T.E.D.)** – CPTED is a multi-disciplinary approach to deterring criminal behavior through environmental designs. The FHPD offers free CPTED assessments for home and business owners to provide tips on how to keep your property secure and safe from criminal activity. A CPTED assessment is also available through the Crime-Free Multi-Housing Program for rental property owners.



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