

FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Annual Report



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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

On behalf of all the hard working men and women of the Fairview Heights Police Department, it is my honor to present to you the 2012 Annual Report. Crime trends were mixed in 2012, with violent crime down 8% and property crime up 10.9%.

Fairview Heights had two homicides in 2012 – both of these were drug-induced homicides. Traditionally, Fairview Heights has had 12 to 18 robberies per year. Over the last couple of years, the number has dropped significantly, with only 3 reported robberies in 2012. This is a phenomenally low number, and it cannot be explained short of the active work of our patrol officers and detectives deterring criminal activity in Fairview Heights!

There were 1,030 reportable property crimes in 2012, up 10.9% from 2011. The driver of this increase was reported thefts, which increased from 797 to 924 in this one year, a 15.9% increase year to year. A focus of FHPD efforts in 2012 was to reduce burglary. It is down 25%, dropping to 78 from 104.

The FHPD 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 thorough criminal investigations after crimes are reported. Traffic stops were up to nearly 14,000, which is a 243% increase since 2009. There were 272 DUI arrests, which is a 172% increase since 2009. This has contributed to a reduction in traffic accidents, which have decreased 22.5%.

Arrests related to drug crimes are up significantly. Cannabis arrests rose to 449 from 288 in 2011. Controlled substance possession or delivery arrests rose to 110 from 76. Drug paraphernalia rose to 191 arrests from 155. All three of these categories are the highest they have ever been in Fairview Heights.

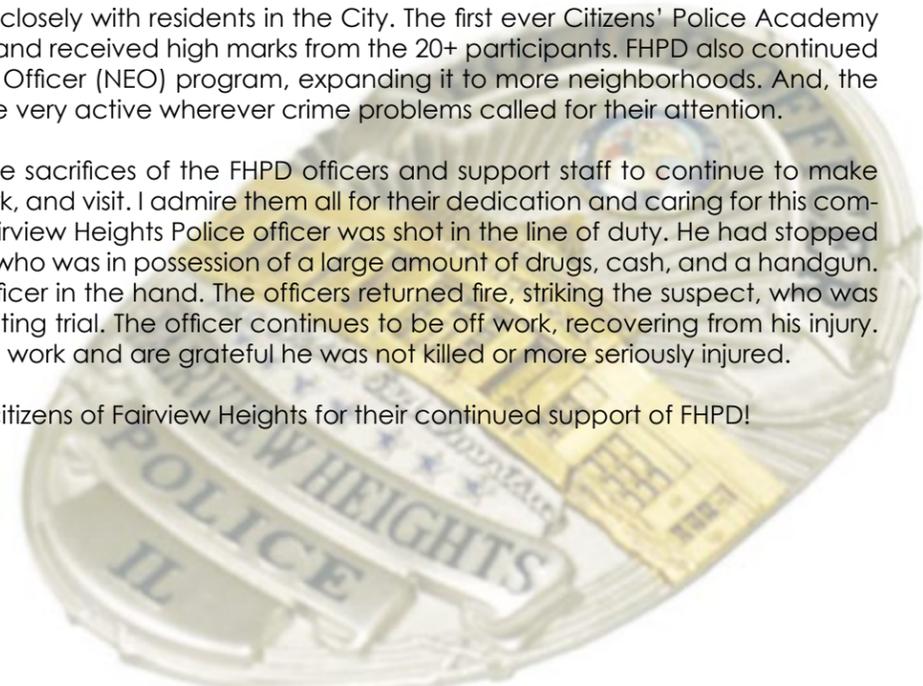
FHPD continued its efforts to work more closely with residents in the City. The first ever Citizens' Police Academy was held in 2012. The class filled quickly and received high marks from the 20+ participants. FHPD also continued its efforts with the Neighborhood Expert Officer (NEO) program, expanding it to more neighborhoods. And, the hot spot team (TRACER) continued to be very active wherever crime problems called for their attention.

I must close this letter by recognizing the sacrifices of the FHPD officers and support staff to continue to make Fairview Heights a safe place to live, work, and visit. I admire them all for their dedication and caring for this community. For the first time since 1981, a Fairview Heights Police officer was shot in the line of duty. He had stopped a car. The driver was a convicted felon, who was in possession of a large amount of drugs, cash, and a handgun. He fired on three officers, striking one officer in the hand. The officers returned fire, striking the suspect, who was subsequently apprehended and is awaiting trial. The officer continues to be off work, recovering from his injury. We certainly hope he is able to return to work and are grateful he was not killed or more seriously injured.

We thank the elected officials and the citizens of Fairview Heights for their continued support of FHPD!

Sincerely,

Nicholas J. Gailius, Chief of Police





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PATROL DIVISION

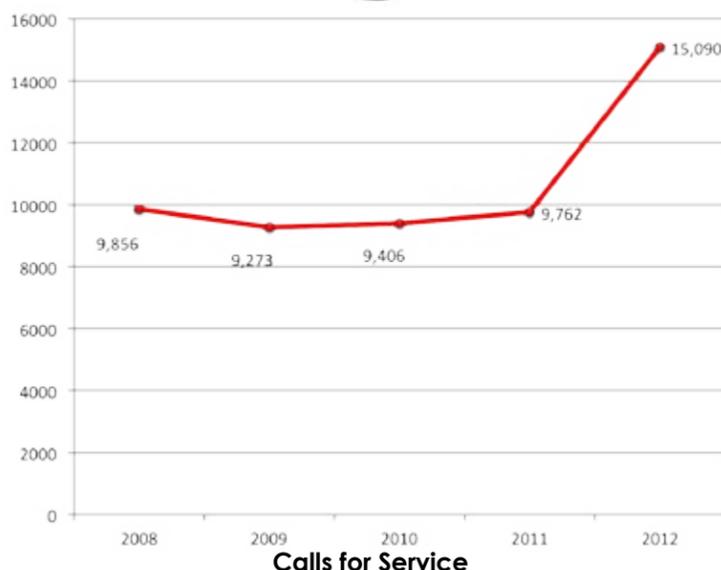
The core mission of the Fairview Heights Police Department is carried out by the Patrol Division officers. Every other division and unit in the Police Department, including the Chief of Police and administrators, are there to support what Patrol does day in and day out.

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 four canine officers - one assigned and counted as a patrol officer on each shift.



| | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
|------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Cannabis | 386 | 271 | 288 | 449 |
| Controlled Substances | 84 | 86 | 76 | 110 |
| Drug Paraphernalia | 108 | 125 | 155 | 191 |
| Hypodermic Syringes | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Methamphetamine | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 |

Drug Crimes

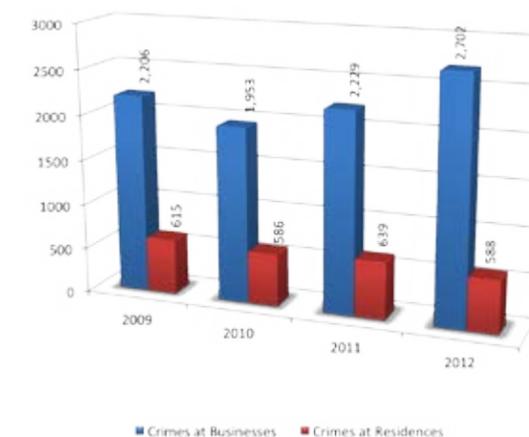
Neighborhood Expert Officers

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

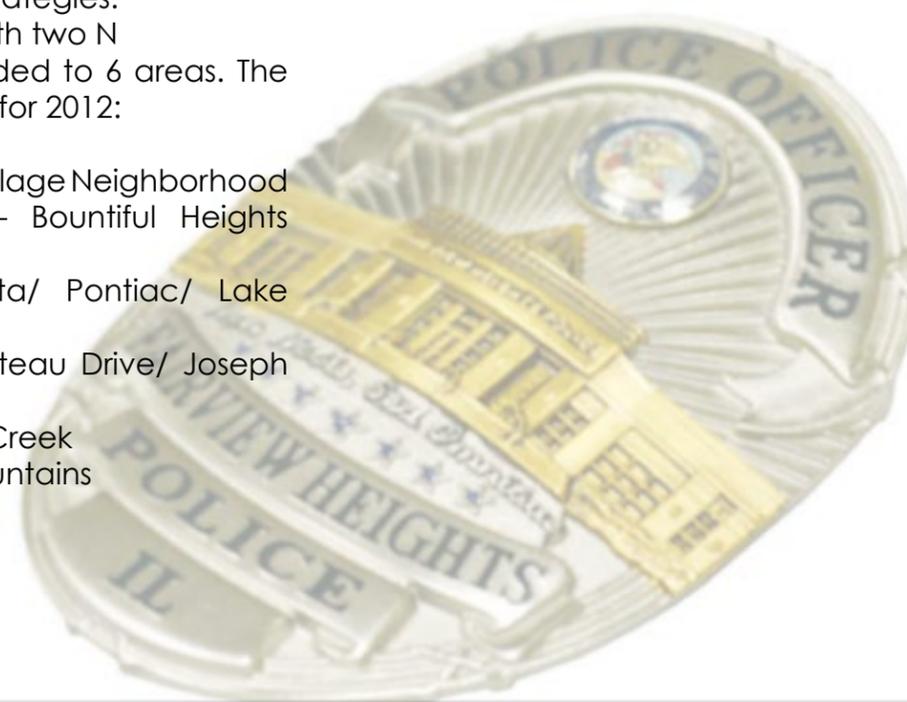
This program was part of the Department's efforts towards becoming more involved in the neighborhoods in the City. The plan is to have an officer assigned to learn more about a neighborhood – identifying problems and concerns of the residents; identifying trouble properties; identifying parolees, sex 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 6 areas. The following are the assigned NEO's for 2012:

- Officer Todd Huskey – French Village Neighborhood
- Officer Brandon Strickland – Bountiful Heights (North & South)
- Officer Drew Rutter – Bonita/ Pontiac/ Lake Stratford
- Officer Brian Schreiber – Chateau Drive/ Joseph Drive
- Officer Nicholas Bullard – Fox Creek
- Officer Ryan Teschendorf - Fountains



Crimes at Business vs. Residential



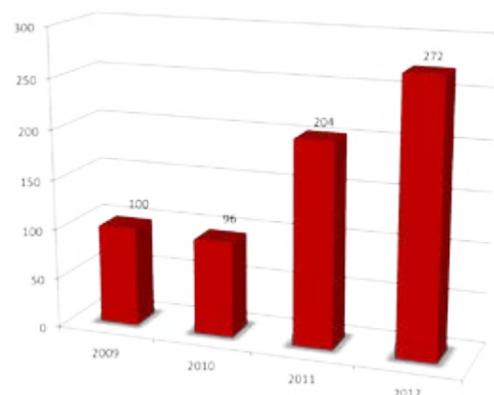


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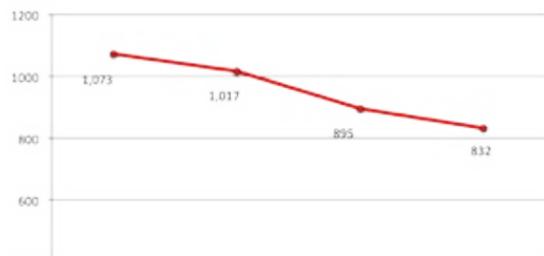
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Traffic

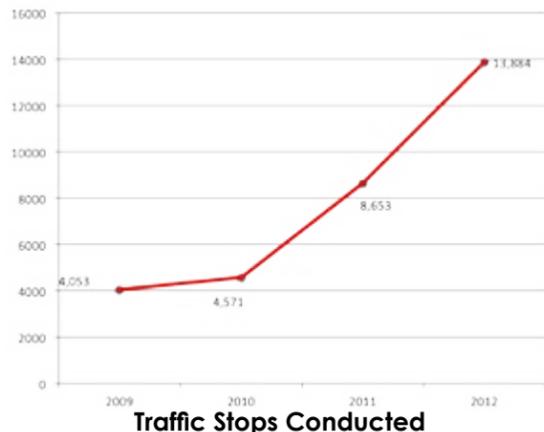
In 2012, the Fairview Heights Police Department conducted 13,884 traffic stops resulting in 5,416 traffic citations and 9,086 warnings. This assiduous traffic enforcement initiative can be shown to have a direct impact on the number of traffic accidents that motorists are involved in while driving through the city. Since 2009, there has been a 22.5% drop in reported traffic accidents. Since 2011 that number is 7.3%. In addition, proactive DUI enforcement has increased the number of DUI arrests in 2012 by 33.4% since 2011 and 183.4% since 2010.



DUI Arrests



All Traffic Accidents



Traffic Stops Conducted

The top 5 police focuses to promote safer roadways utilized by the Fairview Heights Police Department are:

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



A.R.C. Patrols

The Fairview Heights Police Department conducted 41 ARC (Addressing Resident Concerns) patrols accomplished by 20 officers over approximately 166 hours during 2012. As a result, approximately 254 Vehicle Stops were conducted which targeted traffic violations identified by residents as being an issue in their particular neighborhood; 8 outside complaints generated, 3 drugs arrests and several fugitive arrests. In addition, officers attended and participated in 12 separate neighborhood meetings to support NEO assignments, conducted surveillance on suspected drug locations, assisted patrol officers on occasion when the call volume was extreme and also attempted to locate residents with outstanding warrants.

Much of the activity conducted by ARC involved speaking with residents, introducing themselves, explaining the ARC concept and addressing their concerns. Numerous contacts with residents revealed they viewed ARC as being very responsive, positive and appreciated. Many residents relayed to ARC officers that violations had decreased in the areas of concern noted. There was an overall impression of a large police presence in the neighborhoods targeted. Residential Burglaries decreased drastically after a subject was apprehended on Old Lincoln Trail breaking into a home. Total overtime expenditure for ARC patrols in 2012 was \$13,320.93.





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Patrolman of the Year

2012 - Patrolman Nicholas K. Bullard



Although FHPD is blessed with some of the best officers in law enforcement anywhere, each year one officer stands out from all the rest. We honor that officer with recognition as the FHPD Patrolman of the Year. This year's recipient is Officer Nicholas Bullard.

Officer Bullard performed exceptionally all year long, leading to his nomination for the Patrolman of the Month award seven (7) times and actually receiving the award four times. Officer Bullard led the department in almost every category of self-initiated field activity, including felony arrests, misdemeanor arrests, fugitive arrests, total traffic stops, citations issued, and warnings issued. He was the second highest in the department for DUI arrests. He was also a recipient of the A.C.E. award for his criminal enforcement work.

During the year, Officer Bullard had the following activity:

- 35 Felony Arrests
- 89 Misdemeanor Arrests
- 40 DUI Arrests
- 94 Other Traffic Arrests
- 418 Traffic Citations
- 722 Warnings

Officer Bullard also serves as the Neighborhood Officer (NEO) for the Fox Creek neighborhood.

We are very proud of Officer Bullard's hard work and congratulate him on this well-deserved award.

Patrolman of the Year Honor Roll

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| 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 & Edward M. Pitra |
| 2008 Joshua R. Hubbard | 2001 James B. Arendell | 1994 Gregory D. Chance | 1987 Jeffrey L. Stratman | 1980 Kenneth E. Burge | |
| 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 | |
| 2005 Wade A. Gummersheimer | 1998 Jeffery F. Blair | 1991 Jeffery F. Blair | 1984 Robert C. Barth | 1977 James C. Dauphin | |

Patrolmen of the Month

The following is a list of officers who received Patrolman of the Month for each month respectively in 2012. These officers put forth extraordinary effort in the deterrence of crime in the city and should be commended for their exceptional service and performance.

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| January | Larry A. Flinn | July | Todd L. Huskey |
| February | Andrew C. Ward | August | Nicholas K. Bullard |
| March | Larry A. Flinn | September | Nicholas K. Bullard |
| April | David J. Kitley | October | Nicholas K. Bullard |
| May | Larry A. Flinn | November | David J. Kitley |
| June | Nicholas K. Bullard | December | Andrew C. Ward |

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.

2012 A.C.E. Award Recipients

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| Timothy Birckhead | Nicholas K. Bullard | Larry A. Flinn | David J. Kitley |
| Travis D. Montgomery | Jeffrey Stratman | Brandon Strickland | Jason P. 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 as a team 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 with the St. Clair Drug Tactical Unit.

As 2012 began, Patrolman Nathan Harris and Patrolman Robert Belba served on the team. However, in June 2012 Patrolman Gregory Hosp joined Patrolman Harris on the team as Patrolman Belba move on to a new assignment. Patrolman Belba 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 residential areas in particular. The bottom line for the team is if there is a problem in a neighborhood, identify the problem, identify the root of the problem and resolve the issue at its core for the betterment of the community. The team has only been in operation since May 2011.

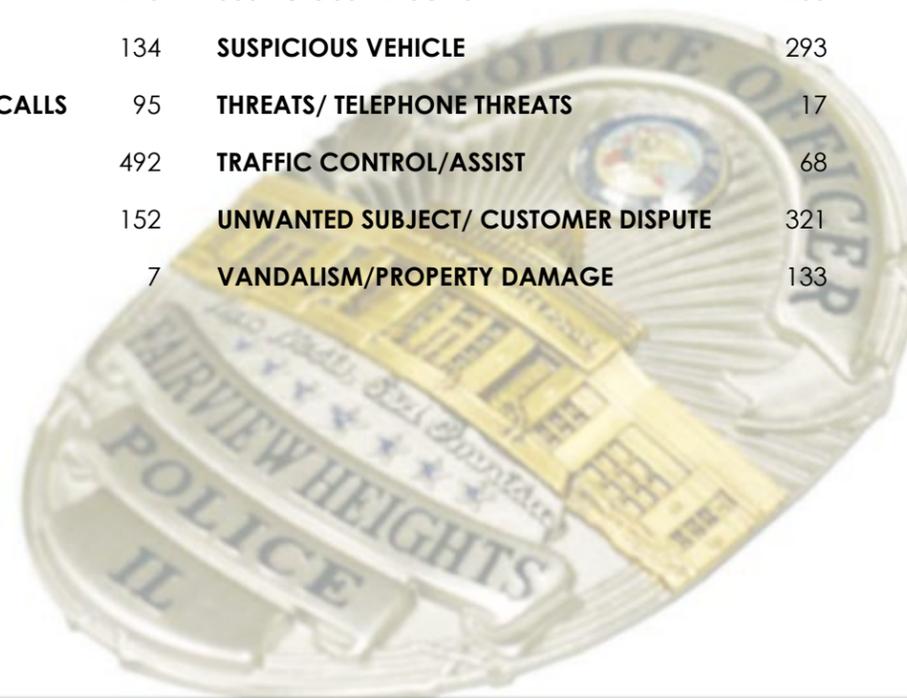
A snapshot of some of their activity which occurred during 2012 is outlined below:

- 678 Vehicle Stops
- Fifteen (15) DUI Arrests
- 17 Self Initiated Felony Arrest (mostly related to drug activity)
- 51 Self Initiated Misdemeanor Arrests (mostly related to drug activity)
- 61 Fugitive 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. These were not random arrest 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.

Summary of Calls for Service

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| 911 HANG-UP/STATUS | 295 | LOST PROPERTY | 51 |
| TRAFFIC ACCIDENT | 832 | MENTAL CASE | 34 |
| AMBULANCE CALL | 1,177 | MISSING PERSONS | 14 |
| ANIMAL COMPLAINT | 232 | MOTORIST ASSIST | 340 |
| ASSIST OTHER AGENCY | 444 | NEIGHBORHOOD DISTURBANCE | 160 |
| ATT SUICIDE | 12 | OTHER TRAFFIC RELATED SERVICE | 123 |
| BURNING COMPLAINT - VERBAL WARNING | 55 | PUBLIC COMPLAINT | 129 |
| CIVIL MATTER | 85 | PUBLIC SERVICE | 659 |
| DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE | 165 | SUDDEN DEATH AND BODY FOUND | 10 |
| FALSE ALARM | 1,218 | SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES/CIRCUMSTANCES | 525 |
| FIRE CALL | 273 | SUSPICIOUS PERSONS | 258 |
| FOUND PROPERTY | 134 | SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE | 293 |
| HARRASSING/ NUISANCE/ OBSCENE CALLS | 95 | THREATS/ TELEPHONE THREATS | 17 |
| INFORMATION | 492 | TRAFFIC CONTROL/ASSIST | 68 |
| JUVENILE COMPLAINT | 152 | UNWANTED SUBJECT/ CUSTOMER DISPUTE | 321 |
| LOST DRIVERS LICENSE/REG PLATES | 7 | VANDALISM/PROPERTY DAMAGE | 133 |





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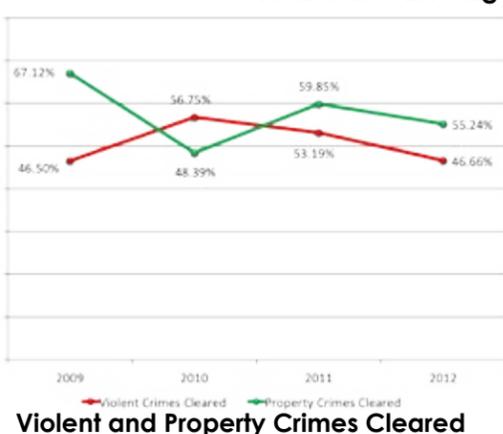
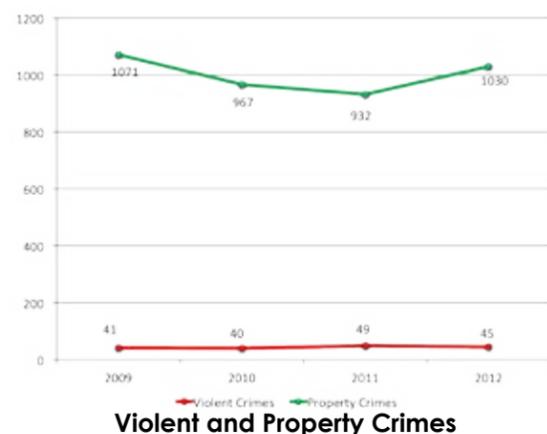
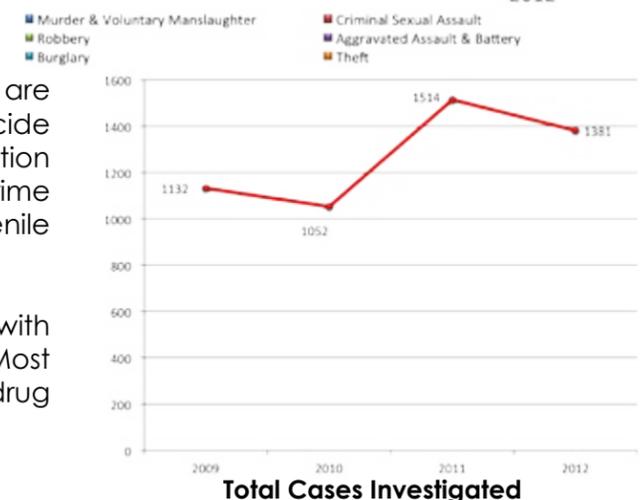
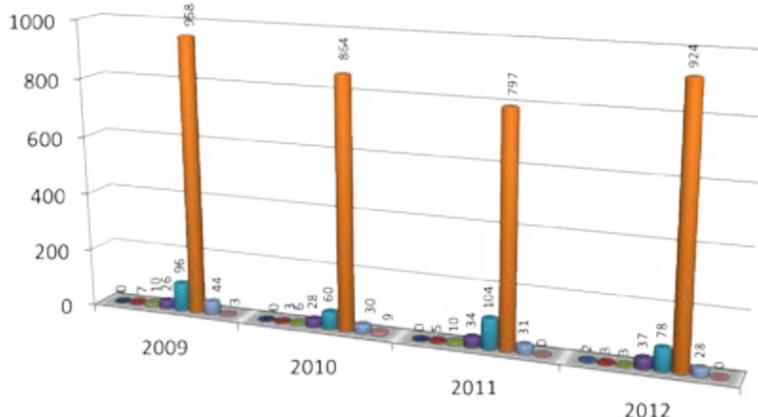
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CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The Criminal Investigations Unit is currently comprised of a unit supervisor (sergeant), three detectives, a juvenile officer, one school resource officer, a Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois (MEGSI) undercover narcotics officer and a federal DEA Drug Task Force detective. The division is administered by a lieutenant.

The detectives conduct follow up investigations of reported criminal activity and crime reports taken by the patrol division. They will follow any leads, interview victims, witnesses and suspects. They finalize investigations and present the reports to the St. Clair County State's Attorney's Office for warrant applications. Detectives also work special details, and are assigned to the Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis for homicide investigations and the Child Death & Serious Injury Investigation Task Force. The juvenile officer assists with some general crime investigations but primarily focuses on juvenile crime, juvenile complaints and juvenile victims of crime, abuse and neglect.

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



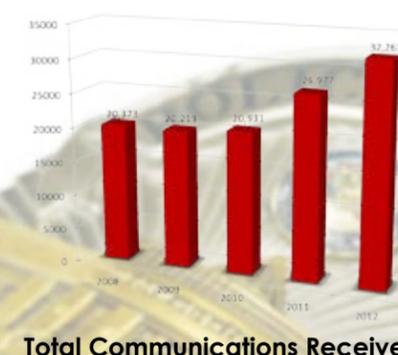
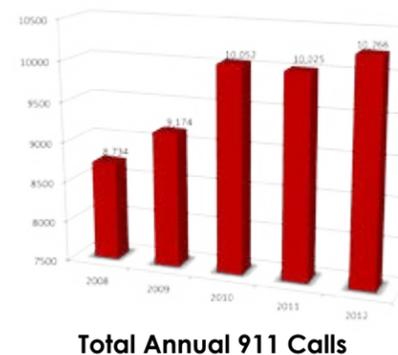
SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

Communications

The Fairview Heights Police Department Communications Center is a 24/7 center responsible for handling day-to-day radio, 911 and non-emergency phone call operations. Telecommunicators are responsible for entry of calls received and dispatching appropriate resources—fire department, emergency medical services and police—to calls for service.



The FHPD Communications Center is staffed by 3 full-time and 4 part-time telecommunicators and currently dispatch for Fairview Heights Police, Fairview Fire Department and French Village Fire Department. In 2012, 79% of 911 calls were received from wireless (cell) phones, an increase of 3% from 2011 and 10% from 2010.



Records

The Records Department, manned by three civilian employees, is responsible for the overall processing, maintenance and digitizing of department records and reports. This includes all reports pertaining to crimes, accidents, services, arrest records, traffic citations and warning tickets. The Records Department is responsible for the preparation of the monthly Illinois Uniform Crime Report. They provide assistance to citizens and law enforcement agencies as necessary. The department functions under the direct supervision of the Supervisor of Support Services.



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CRIME FREE MULTI-HOUSING

Residential rental properties present unique challenges for communities and for law enforcement agencies. In July, 2008, the City of Fairview Heights adopted the nationally recognized Crime Free Multi-Housing Program, along with a Residential Rental License Ordinance to assist in addressing these unique needs in the residential rental housing units within our community.

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.



2012 Program Summary

- As of December 31, 2012, 1736 individual rental units were part of the Crime Free Rental Housing Program. 836 Residential Rental Licenses were issued for those properties.
- During 2012, four (4) property owner/manager training seminars were conducted. A total of 62 owner/managers attended the trainings. Additional seminars have been scheduled in March and April 2013.
- 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.
- The owners and managers of rental property continue to be contacted on a daily basis of calls for police service at their property(s). 104 notifications were made in 2012. This open line of communication with owners and managers has been one of the keys to the success of the Crime Free Program.
- Property owners and managers that have been notified of ongoing problems at their properties have been very cooperative in working with the CFMH program to resolve the issues. A number of the owner/managers have chosen to exercise the option to evict or not to renew the leases of problem tenants.
- In 2012 there were 19 (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.



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.



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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.

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 – Each of the four patrol shifts is assigned a canine officer and his animal partner. 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.

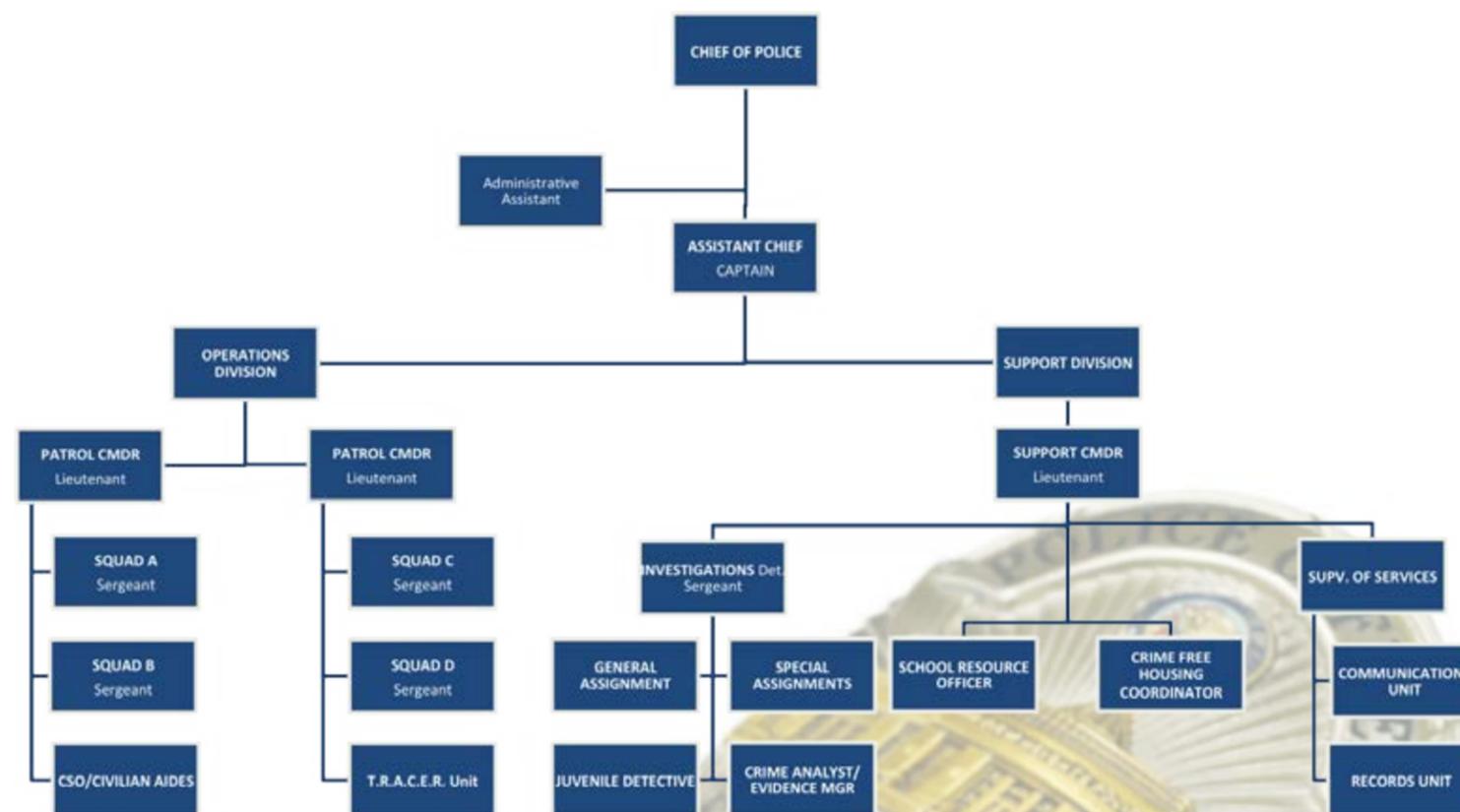
Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southern Illinois (MEGSI) – One FH Police officer is assigned to MEGSI as an undercover narcotics officer. MEGSI focuses on the street level and mid-level drug dealers in the Metro-east.

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.

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