



# WHEATON POLICE DEPARTMENT

## ANNUAL REPORT

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2021







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# INTRODUCTION

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## **Dear Readers,**

Thank you for taking the time to read our 2021 Annual Report. It was a trying year for so many as we navigated through another year of the COVID Pandemic. This report focuses on the many positive aspects of our year. The police department continued to stay focused on our community and to improve the overall safety of Wheaton.

The 2021 Annual Report contains information and data to assist in telling our story. We have made strides in accountability and transparency while continuing to provide professional police services. There were many accomplishments in support of the City of Wheaton's Strategic Priorities for which we are very proud. Some of our efforts will carry over into the coming years as we seek to strengthen community safety and reinforce our commitment to community service.

The police department maintains high standards for our employees. We remain committed to officer training and development to ensure we are ready to serve in any situation. We look forward to the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead in 2022.

I hope you find this report informative and useful. It was prepared with the goal of providing the reader with a greater understanding of the police department and our role in helping make Wheaton a great place to live. A special thank you to Sergeant Greg Klos, PSR Sharon Taylor, and the many members of our staff who brought this report to you.

**Respectfully,**

**Bill Murphy, Chief of Police**

# POLICE DEPARTMENT STATEMENT OF QUALITY

The Wheaton Police Department is an organization comprised of people of **integrity**, committed to providing quality police service to its community in an **honest, fair, professional, and courteous** manner.

We will focus on forging a partnership with the community based on mutual trust, confidence, commitment, and communication to maintain and improve the quality of life and promote the safety and welfare of our citizens.

The members of this agency pledge collectively and individually to grow, develop and engage in reassessment to meet the current and future problems and challenges of our community.

The Wheaton Police Department exists to meet the City's objectives for the safety and well-being of its residents. This mission is accomplished through people and knowledge, our most important resources. In the continuing pursuit of quality, we are guided by the following values:

## RESPECT:

We will recognize the worth, quality, diversity, and importance of each other, the people we serve and the department.

## COMPASSION:

We will care about others and respect their feelings.

## INTEGRITY:

We will be honest and forthright and meet ethical standards.

## EFFICIENCY:

We will be prudent with our resources.

## LEADERSHIP:

We will work together to set an example through leadership which embodies respect, compassion, integrity, and efficiency.

# POLICE DEPARTMENT STRUCTURE

The police department is divided into three divisions: **Administration**, **Operations**, and **Support**. Each division has clear responsibilities and contributes to the overall mission of the department.

- **Administration** is responsible for the overall operation of the police department and consists of the Chief of Police and the senior administrative secretary. The division has primary responsibility over the entire department, creates policies, encourages morale, establishes goals and objectives.

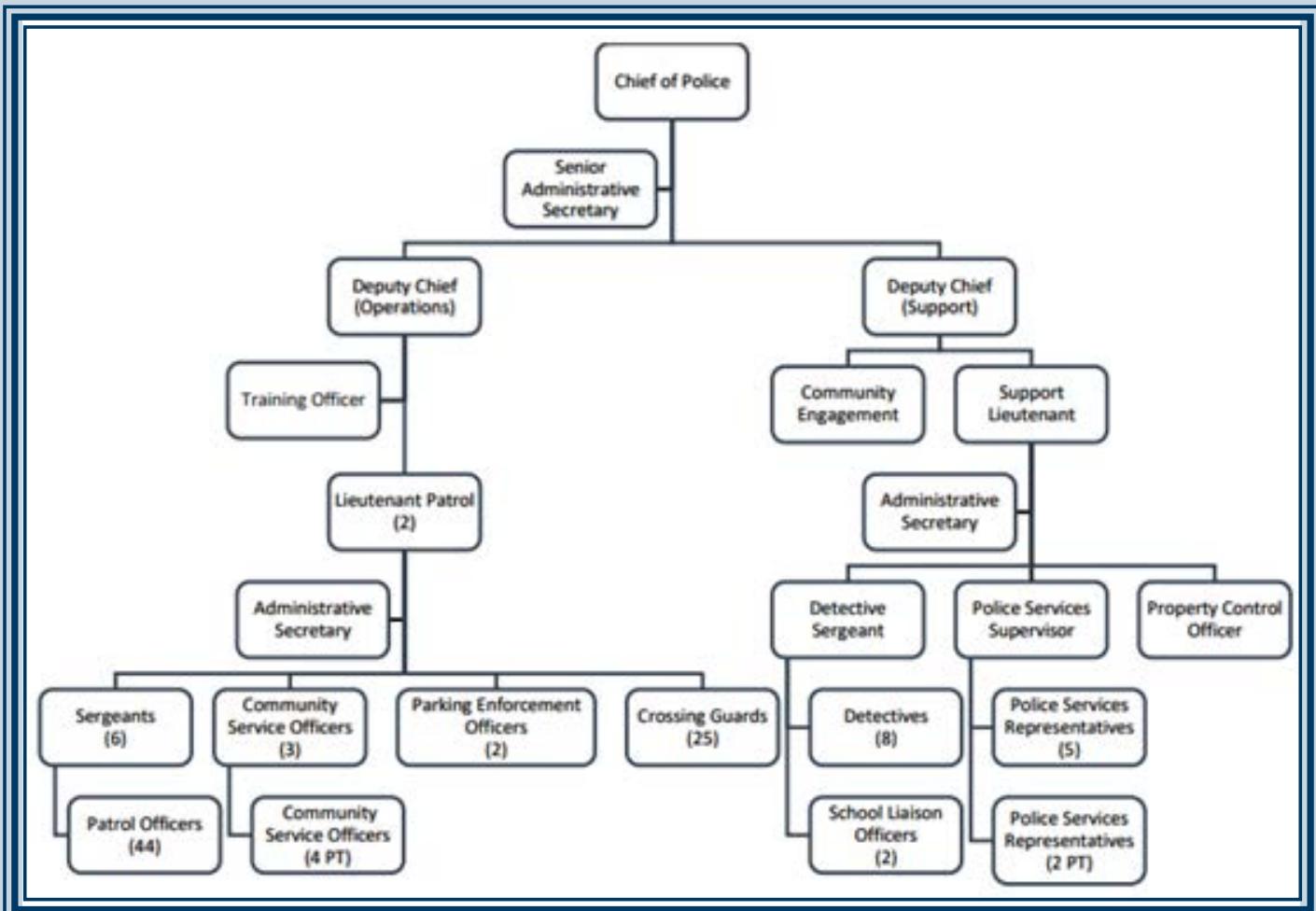
- **Operations** is the largest and most visible of the divisions. Uniformed officers, community service officers, and parking enforcement officers patrol the city and respond to requests for police services.

- **Support** is comprised of Investigations, Police Services (Records), Property and Evidence Control, Training and Community Relations. Its members are responsible for major crime investigations, evidence cataloging and retention, maintaining records, training, and responding to FOIA requests.

Many police department services can be categorized into the following three functions. These functions account for the respective responsibilities, goals, and objectives for each specific area:

| ORDER MAINTENANCE   | LAW ENFORCEMENT   | COMMUNITY SERVICE   |
|---|---|---|
| Vehicular/pedestrian safety<br>School Crossing Guards<br>Dispute resolution<br>Inspect parking compliance<br>Inspect ordinance compliance<br>Ensuring safe & efficient roadways<br>Identifying potential problems<br>Rectifying environmental issues that lend to criminal conduct<br>Aid those in crisis<br>Social service referrals<br>Traffic Unit <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Speed enforcement</li><li>- 25 mph Plan execution</li></ul> Identifying issues requiring response from other city departments | Traffic enforcement<br>Preliminary crime investigation<br>Follow-up crime investigation<br>Arrest of suspects<br>Issuance of citations to violators<br>Enforce state law & local ordinances<br>Repress crime activity <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Vacation house checks</li><li>- Location-oriented patrols</li><li>- Perpetrator-oriented patrols</li><li>- Time-oriented patrols</li></ul> Employ proactive patrol tactics <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Vehicle patrol</li><li>- Bicycle patrol</li><li>- Foot patrols</li></ul> Basic, field and in-service training<br>Self-development of all employees <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Core training program</li><li>- Cadre training</li><li>- State mandates</li></ul> Testify in court/present evidence | Respond to calls for service <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Animal complaints</li><li>- Victim checks</li><li>- Business emergency cards</li></ul> Build community partnerships through contemporary community-oriented policing methods<br>Provide crime prevention programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Senior Citizen driving courses</li><li>- Police Facility tours</li><li>- Civic Club presentations</li><li>- ALICE training</li><li>- Child Safety Seat program</li></ul> False alarm reduction program<br>Create an atmosphere of trust and understanding with all members of the community<br>Citizens' Police Academy<br>National Night Out<br>Child safety seat installation and inspection |

# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



# 2021 GOALS & OBJECTIVES

In 2021, the police department aligned its annual goals and objectives with the city's new strategic five-year plan. The strategic plan provides a clear path forward for the city and includes the following priorities:

## FINANCIAL STABILITY:

- Control expenditure increases over a five-year period
- Maintain structurally balanced budgets, with a continued focus on operating expenditures and infrastructure investment
- Effectively communicate information about City finances to the community
- Maintain fund balance reserves based on established policy targets

## ENHANCED INFRASTRUCTURE:

- Decrease overland flooding into primary structures
- Decrease sanitary sewer backups
- Establish annual investment and operating targets to maintain existing and support new infrastructure

## RESPONSIVE AND EFFICIENT SERVICES:

- Prioritize essential services for the City of Wheaton
- Identify key performance indicators to track service delivery levels for operating departments
- Offer comparable service levels at less cost

## COMMUNITY SAFETY:

- Continue to prioritize the health, safety, and welfare of the community
- Increase partnerships that focus on the health, welfare, and safety of Wheaton residents
- Increase community outreach concerning safety and security issues
- Increase availability of statistical safety data

## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY:

- Develop policies and create programs that preserve the natural environment

CY2021 budget for the police department included the following goals, objectives, and results based on this five-year plan:

## RESPONSIVE AND EFFICIENT SERVICES

- **Objective:** Complete a review of all policies, procedures, and regulations against accepted professional standards – COMPLETED
- **Objective:** Seek professional accreditation through the Illinois Chiefs of Police Association (ILACP) and their Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP) – ONGOING
- **Objective:** Analyze current practices against national and state recommendations from independent and bipartisan committees on professional police practices – COMPLETED
- **Objective:** Conduct a promotional process to identify future leaders of the police department – COMPLETED
- **Objective:** Improve case management and workload distribution within the Investigative Unit by establishing ideal caseload metrics and using solvability factors for case assignments – COMPLETED
- **Objective:** Identify and train a backup Property Control Officer – COMPLETED
- **Objective:** Identify and incorporate new briefing procedures for Police Service Representatives – COMPLETED
- **Objective:** Identify and train a backup for the Investigative Secretary – POSTPONED

# 2021 GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- **Objective:** Increase training of ALICE instructors and expand ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) training to private institutions and higher education institutions – COMPLETED
- **Objective:** Create a core competency training program for new detectives – COMPLETED
- **Objective:** All police officers shall meet or exceed the state mandated training requirements – COMPLETED
- **Objective:** Create micro-assignments to Investigative Unit for individuals who have either applied for detective or expressed interest in the assignment – COMPLETED
- **Objective:** Increase Bicycle Patrol Unit in-service hours in the Central Business District and downtown parks by 33% - COMPLETED
- **Objective:** Enhance compliance and successful outcome of ordinance, building and code violations, reduce backlog of improperly stored vehicles by 25% - COMPLETED

## COMMUNITY SAFETY

- **Objective:** Conduct a staff study with cost/benefit analysis and recommendations for implementation of body-worn recording devices – COMPLETED
- **Objective:** Publish police department rules and regulations on city website – COMPLETED
- **Objective:** Identify and implement a minimum of one traffic and pedestrian safety/enforcement campaign per quarter – COMPLETED
- **Objective:** Implement “neighborhood roll calls” where Patrol Teams will conduct informational neighborhood meetings to provide relevant information, interact with the community, and create personal relationships with residents – COMPLETED
- **Objective:** Attend quarterly World Relief meetings to help bridge the gap in services to the immigrant

- population in Wheaton – COMPLETED
- **Objective:** Host a National Night Out event for the community to interact with the police department – COMPLETED
- **Objective:** Partner with DuCAP on their IMPACT campaign at Marian Park – COMPLETED
- **Objective:** Conduct a second Citizens’ Police Academy for residents – COMPLETED
- **Objective:** Conduct a proactive school safety campaign for the 2021/2022 school year – COMPLETED
- **Objective:** Partner with Wheaton College to implement ALICE and conduct one joint training exercise – COMPLETED
- **Objective:** Engage in community relations opportunities by performing 4 public speaking events and 4 public service announcements – COMPLETED
- **Objective:** Deliver enhanced police responses to mental health related service calls and increase the number of referrals to the Decentralized Crisis Response – COMPLETED
- **Objective:** Ensure long-term compliance with City’s 25 mph Speed Enforcement Plan by creating an enforcement plan based off first year plan data with a goal of reducing the 85th percentile speeds – ONGOING

## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

- **Objective:** Reduce Patrol squad fleet environmental impact by adding 6 hybrid squads (30% of fleet)
  - o Patrol squads 361, 350, 356, 358, 355, and 335 were converted to hybrid squads.
  - o Four additional patrol squads, 336, 352, 353, and 354 projected for hybrid conversion in April 2022
  - o The hybrid patrol vehicles saved an estimated 5,443 gallons of gasoline, \$12,985 dollars and 97,257 pounds of CO2 in total during 2021

# DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION



## CHIEF OF POLICE WILLIAM MURPHY

The Chief of Police is the top-ranking law enforcement officer in the City of Wheaton. He is responsible for making sure the police department continues in the direction of its mission, creates policies, and establishes goals and objectives for the police department. The Chief of Police is ultimately responsible for the efficient and effective operation of the police department as well as staff management, budgeting, and public relations.



## DEPUTY CHIEF OF OPERATIONS PRINCETON YOUNKER

The Deputy Chief of Operations is responsible for the coordination and command of law enforcement, order maintenance, and additional service delivery of the Operations Division. He oversees the largest and most visible component of the police department, which is comprised of patrol officers, community service officers, parking enforcement officers, and crossing guards.



## DEPUTY CHIEF OF SUPPORT ROBERT MILLER

The Deputy Chief of Support is responsible for the coordination and command of law enforcement, order maintenance, and additional service delivery of the Support Division. He oversees the Investigative Unit, Police Services, Property and Evidence Control, Training, and Community Relations.

# OPERATIONS DIVISION

**The Operations Division** is comprised of patrol officers, community service officers, parking enforcement officers, and crossing guards. Collectively, they provide the basic police functions for the citizens of Wheaton. The Operations Division is the largest and most visible element of the police department. Generally, these are uniformed personnel who are the first responders to calls for service. Their primary function is to be the first line of contact with the public.

## PATROL

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**P**atrol officers are the most visible component of the police department. These officers are the first responders to calls for service. They are the first line of contact with the public and have the responsibility of maintaining law and order, preventing crime, mitigating community problems, and improving the quality of life for citizens. When not responding to calls for service, officers are responsible for proactively engaging in community caretaking, business checks, extra watches, field contacts, traffic enforcement, and a host of other activities.

The Patrol Division is staffed 365 days of the year, twenty-four hours a day. The Division is comprised of one Deputy Chief, two Lieutenants, six Sergeants, and forty-four officers. The officers are divided into four teams. Each team is comprised of officers with specialized training in areas such as: Crisis Intervention Officers, Evidence Technicians, Juvenile Officers, Accident Investigators, Elderly Service Officers, Field Training Officers, Drug Recognition Experts, Less-than-Lethal Operators, Breath Operators, and Bicycle Patrol Officers.

During 2021, the Operations Division experienced several staffing changes. Officers Joseph Dimas (31 years), Adnan Hasan (25 years), and Roy Reiger (24 years) retired after 80 combined years of distinguished service to the City of Wheaton. Six new officers were hired: Officer Evan Tschida, Officer Corey Simpson, Officer Corey Eldridge, Officer Mohammad Mohammad, Officer Falon-Jocquet



Adams, and Officer James Gutierrez. The Wheaton Police Department's process in hiring outstanding police officers is extensive.

Wheaton Police Officers must have a bachelor's degree to qualify for employment, a mandate shared by only 1% of police departments in the United States. Police applicants must also pass a multitude of screening phases including physical agility test, written test of critical thinking/comprehension, thorough background investigation performed by our investigative division, a Wheaton-unique 8-hour ride-along with a police officer who assesses the candidate, polygraph examination, oral interview with a civilian board comprised of Wheaton residents,

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psychological compatibility examination performed by an outside entity, and a medical screen.

Once hired, newly minted Wheaton Police Officers are required to complete a 480-hour basic police academy and a state certification exam. Once the candidate passes the state certification exam, Wheaton requires the new officer to complete a 12-month probationary period. During the probationary period, new police officers are assigned to field training, where a specially trained officer teaches and assesses the new officer one-on-one for an additional 600 hours.

Prior to the end of the probationary period, the new officer returns to the field training officer for an additional 72 hours for further assessment of the new officer's development. A probationary period assessment is completed by a supervisor and forwarded to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners for a final decision regarding the conclusion of the probationary status.

The Wheaton Police Department also continued its hiring of lateral candidates, an initiative which began in 2020. Lateral applicants come to the Wheaton Police Department from a variety of different states and agencies and are routinely top performers at their respective municipalities. In 2021, the Wheaton Police Department completed successful lateral hires from the Prospect Heights Police Department (IL), Nashville Police Department (TN), East Chicago Police Department (IN), Buffalo Grove Police Department (IL), and Posen Police Department (IL).



The following is a breakdown of the Wheaton Police Department's patrol division:

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**25 – 31 years** Chief William Murphy (1990)

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| <b>20 – 24 years</b> | Sergeant Angela Smith (1998)<br>Officer Jill Uhli (1998)<br>Officer Michael Shanks (1999)<br>Lieutenant Van Dillenkoffer (1999)<br>Officer Dennis Smith (1999)<br>Sergeant James Craig (1999) | Officer Clifford Dillon (1999)<br>Officer Bradley Caliendo (1999)<br>Deputy Chief Princeton Youker (2001)<br>Officer Justin Long (2001)<br>Officer Christopher Harpling (2001) |
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| <b>15 – 19 years</b> | Officer Edward Waterous (2002)<br>Sergeant Patricia Potter (2003)<br>Lieutenant Brian Gabryel (2003)<br>Officer Jason Scott (2005) | Officer Rommy Klamerus (2006)<br>Sergeant Gregory Klos (2006)<br>Officer Pasquale Gapastione (2006) |
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| <b>10 – 14 years</b> | Sergeant Daniel Salzmann (2007) | Officer Kimberly Loster (2007) |
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| <b>5 – 9 years</b> | Officer Justin Sanchez (2011)<br>Officer Shaun Lucas (2011)<br>Officer Timothy Kolzow (2011)<br>Sergeant Roberto Miroballi (2013)<br>Officer Benjamin Belcaster (2014) | Officer Sonsacksth Siripanya (2015)<br>Officer Samuel Kaufman (2016)<br>Officer Michael Sterkowicz (2016)<br>Officer Christopher Kelly (2016)<br>Officer Vetaliy Lord (2016) |
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| <b>0 – 4 years</b> | Officer Britney Jackson (2017)<br>Officer Mateusz Pytka (2017)<br>Officer Miguel Palomo (2018)<br>Officer Jaroslaw Hampel (2018)<br>Officer Kevin Freeman (2018)<br>Officer Ivan Lichvan (2018)<br>Officer Nadia Duarte (2018)<br>Officer Brian Wagner (2018)<br>Officer Russell Tanzillo (2018)<br>Officer Derek Hoots (2018)<br>Officer Kamila Nawrot (2019)<br>Officer Sara Niedbala (2019) | Officer Adam Welte (2019)<br>Officer Corey White (2019)<br>Officer Seth Berlin (2020)<br>Officer Ryan Cusack (2020)<br>Officer Mario Fearon (2020)<br>Officer Denis Doherty (2020)<br>Officer Evan Tschida (2021)<br>Officer Corey Simpson (2021)<br>Officer Corey Eldridge (2021)<br>Officer Mohammad Mohammad (2021)<br>Officer Falon-Jocquet Adams<br>Officer James Gutierrez |
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# — COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS —

The Operations Division is currently staffed with three full-time and four part-time Community Service Officers (CSO). The CSOs primary responsibility is to assist patrol as needed. In addition, they are tasked with handling ordinance violations, traffic control, animal complaints, roadway hazards, and parking enforcement. Additional duties include filling in for absent crossing guards or assisting with special events.

- Community Service Officer Janice Bahno
- Community Service Officer Neil Waldschmit
- Community Service Officer Timothy Boyle
- Part-time Community Service Officer Roberto Ayala
- Part-time Community Service Officer Joshua Babor
- Part-time Community Service Officer Alexander Roe
- Part-time Community Service Officer Syed Sohaib

CSOs are also involved in child safety seat inspection. The Illinois Vehicle Code requires children under the age of eight to be secured in a child restraint system. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), 59% of child seats are installed incorrectly or



every three out of five seats are installed incorrectly. Three of our Community Service Officers are certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians. During 2021, they conducted 149 child car seat inspections. Parents, grandparents, and caregivers were instructed on the safe installation and maintenance of a child restraint system to help keep their child passengers safe.

# — PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS —



The police department has two full-time Parking Enforcement Officers (PEOs): Parking Enforcement Officer Robert Krolikowski and Parking Enforcement Officer Joseph Dimas. One PEO is assigned to the central business district on foot to enforce customer parking restrictions and time zone regulations. The second PEO is assigned to assist in the central business district along with enforcing parking regulations in commuter parking zones and municipal lots.

Both PEOs collectively monitor over 3,000 paid parking spaces in the City of Wheaton with 1,210 spaces being for quarterly parking permits, 200 spaces which utilize the Cale Payment Kiosk or the Passport Parking application, 20 manual fare spaces, 225 timed parking spots in the CBD, 620 customer only parking spots in the CBD, and 700 parking spots in city lots 3, 4, and 5.

# —SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS—

Drones have fast become a burgeoning technology in both the public and private sectors.

The utility these elegant machines provide has not gone unnoticed by law enforcement entities across the United States. Drones allow law enforcement agencies to police more efficiently and augment law enforcement's ability to serve and protect their citizenry. After 18 months of deliberate research and planning, the Wheaton Police Department launched its inaugural Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (sUAS) unit in 2021.

Staffed with 10 FAA Part 107 licensed remote pilots and 40 visual observers our drone operators are well versed at deploying our Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems. The sUAS unit operates in strict compliance with the Illinois Freedom from Drone Surveillance Act (725 ILCS 167), Federal Aviation Administration regulations, Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) Part 107 requirements, and privacy rights.

To put this in layman's terms, Wheaton's sUAS unit is only deployed if one of the following situations materializes:

1. To counter a high risk of a terrorist attack by a specific individual or organization if the United States Secretary of Homeland Security determines that credible intelligence indicates there is a risk
2. Pursuant to a search warrant based on probable cause under Section 108-3 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963. The warrant must be limited to a period of 45 days, renewable by a judge upon showing good cause for subsequent periods of 45 days.
3. Upon reasonable suspicion that under particular circumstances, swift action is needed to prevent imminent harm to life, forestall the imminent escape of a suspect or prevent the destruction of evidence. The use of a sUAS under this paragraph is limited to a period of 48 hours. Within 24 hours of sUAS initiation under this paragraph, the Chief of Police must report its use, in writing, to the State's Attorney.
4. To locate a missing person while not also undertaking a criminal investigation.
5. To obtain crime scene and traffic crash scene photography in a geographically confined and time-limited manner. Use of the sUAS under this paragraph on private property requires either a search warrant or lawful consent to search. As it relates to lands, highways, roadways, or areas belonging to the state, a search warrant or SMALL UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS (sUAS) 5.17 consent to search is not required. Reasonable attempts shall be made to only photograph the crime scene or traffic crash scene and to avoid other areas.
6. To obtain information necessary for the determination of whether a disaster or public health emergency should be declared, to manage a disaster by monitoring weather or emergency conditions, to survey damage, or to coordinate response and recovery efforts. There is no requirement that an official declaration of disaster or public health emergency prior to use.

**Most commonly utilized in compliance with remedies 3, 4, and 5 listed above, Wheaton's SUAS unit has already paid dividends, recording 10 positive practical deployments since its rollout in July. Below is a sampling of a few of those audits:**

### **Assist Other Agency: Mavic 2 sUAS utilized to locate offender who fled from police**

On 7/6/2021, officers responded to the area of Geneva Road and Driving Park Road to assist the Carol Stream Police Department in locating an offender who fled from the scene of a traffic stop and into Wheaton's jurisdiction. A perimeter was established near the location of the traffic stop and the offender was ultimately located and taken into custody.

### **Reckless Discharge of a Firearm - Mavic 2 sUAS utilized in search for firearm**

On 07/22/21 at 2248 hours, Wheaton officers responded to a call of shots fired near the 1300 block of N. Main Street. Upon their arrival, officers observed three vehicles parked in the area with apparent gunshot damage. Officers spoke with a witness who observed a dark vehicle pull up and a female get out with a bat and start breaking the windows of several parked vehicles in the area. She returned to her vehicle and drove off toward the north alleyway, at which point gunfire erupted from the north where the was vehicle driving. The bullet holes found in the three vehicles were consistent with rounds being fired in both directions.

Evidence technicians performed bullet trajectory analysis and confirmed this fact on scene. It was determined one of the involved parties who discharged a firearm was residing at the apartment complex where the incident transpired, later identified as Anthony Holland, 23, of Wheaton.

Further investigation into the matter determined an individual known to Holland had a physical altercation with another individual the previous day. The second individual and others went to Holland's home where one member of their group produced a baseball bat and broke the windows of a car parked outside of Holland's home. Upon hearing the commotion, Holland exited his home and began shooting at the vehicle as it fled the scene. Members from the fleeing vehicle returned fire. Holland



was taken into custody from his home on July 23, 2021, without incident and charged with Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm.

### **Home Invasion: Mavic Mini utilized to clear interior of victim's residence**

On 10/22/2021 Officers responded to 700 block W. Childs for a reported home invasion. The victim reported her ex-boyfriend entered her home and struck her in the forehead with a handgun. Officers used the sUAS to safely clear the inside of the residence. Detectives continued with this investigation and on 12/17/21, the offender in this case was taken into custody for multiple felonies in Wheeling, IL and a subsequent search warrant led to the recovery of numerous illegal firearms from the residence.

# — NEIGHBORHOOD ROLL CALLS —



Transparency is a vital principle to any professional law enforcement agency. To increase transparency and further facilitate positive relationships with our community, neighborhood roll calls were implemented in 2021. The idea was simple, conduct informational neighborhood meetings to provide relevant information and interact with the community, these events were designed to emulate daily briefings conducted before the deployment of each patrol shift, wherein operational tempo, priorities, and alerts are discussed. To that end, multiple locations were selected in each geographical part of the city and neighborhood roll calls were carried out in the following locations:



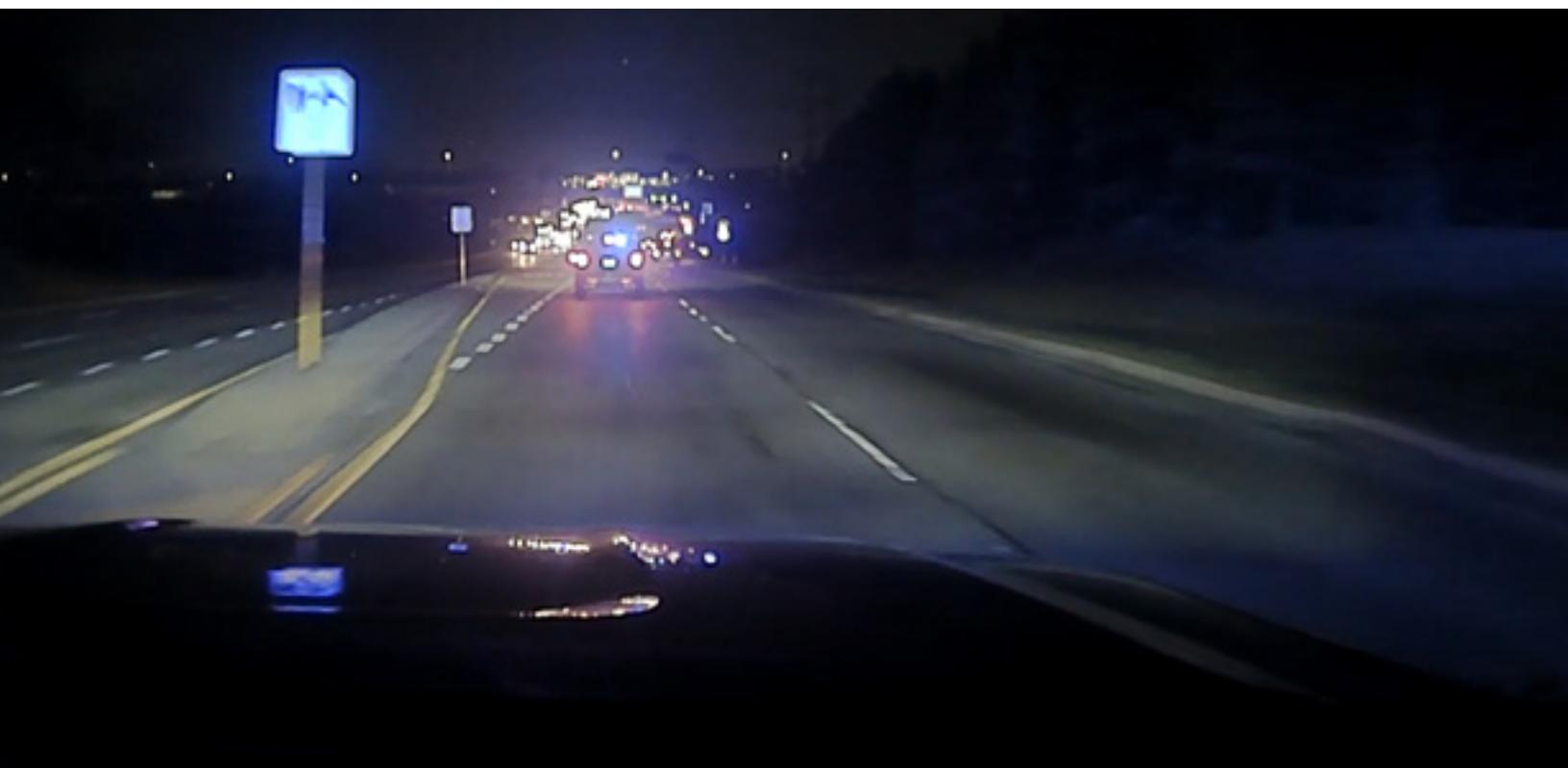
- June 8th – Briar Knoll Park
- June 15th – Hoffman Park
- June 22nd – Northside Park
- July 6th – Graf Park
- July 13th – Marian Park
- July 20th – Brighton Park
- July 27th – Hull Park
- August 10th – Lawson Field
- August 17th – Memorial Park
- August 24th – Kelly Park
- August 31st – Madison Park.



In addition to the relevant information sharing and important community discussion these events engendered, numerous activities were provided for the children in attendance. Citizen turnout and involvement was remarkable for each event, and we look forward to expanding this initiative in 2022.



# PATROL RESPONSE TIME



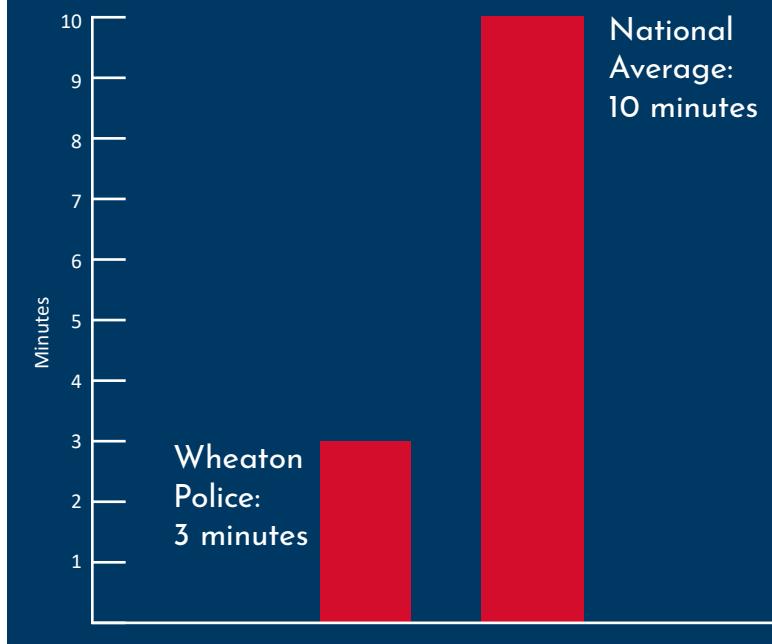
## In an emergency, **every second matters.**

Police officers recognize the urgency behind every 9-1-1 call and the need to arrive to emergency calls safely and expeditiously. In an emergency, mere seconds can feel like minutes. As law enforcement officers, we strive to alleviate the stress, anxiety, and uncertainty born from the necessity of calling 9-1-1 for any civilian.

The City of Wheaton is divided into 7 geographical beats, which are staffed by one officer at any given time of the day. In 2021, the Police Department's average response time to 9-1-1 calls which necessitated an emergency response (priority 1) was 3 minutes. For context, the national average for police response time to a 9-1-1 call for service was 10 minutes.

Most citizens will never call 9-1-1 in their entire life, but if the need arises and an emergency befalls, we will arrive fast and safe to assist in any way we can.

### Average Priority 1 Emergency Response Time (Minutes)



# —USE OF FORCE STATISTICS—

Policing is unpredictable, and law enforcement professionals often find themselves in dangerous situations. Every call for service, traffic stop, or citizen contact has the potential for danger and inappropriate action may lead to deleterious consequences for officers and members of the public alike.

Wheaton's robust training curriculum, demanding hiring process, and educated staff serve to insulate our community and organization from harm through inaction or overreaction. Well-trained, confident, tactically proficient officers make better decisions under stressful conditions and are more adept at de-escalating potential sources of conflict on the street.

Occasionally, members of the Wheaton Police Department are required to use force to lawfully effect an arrest on a non-compliant subject. In 2021, the Wheaton Police Department responded to 50,275 calls for service, leading to 597 custodial arrests. Of the 597 custodial arrests, force was used to overcome and lawfully apprehend a resistive subject on 6 occasions.

Each use of force incident is thoroughly reviewed by multiple layers of command staff personnel to ensure the force used was reasonable, necessary, adhered to department policy, and was lawfully compliant. All 6 use of force incidents during 2021 were classified "in-policy" and met the above-mentioned parameters.



*Use of Force prevalence in 2021 accounted for .0001% calls for service and 1% of custodial arrests.*

In 2021 the Wheaton Police Department's Use of Force policy was submitted to and received federal certification through the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP) and the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP).

Use of Force prevalence in 2021 accounted for .0001% calls for service and 1% of custodial arrests. For further context, the below table contains use of force statistics for the Wheaton Police Department from 2016-2021.

| Year | Service Incidents | Arrests | Use of Force Incidents | % of Calls for Service | % of Custodial Arrests |
|------|-------------------|---------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 2016 | 54,995            | 496     | 14                     | .0003%                 | 2.8%                   |
| 2017 | 57,332            | 543     | 11                     | .0002%                 | 2%                     |
| 2018 | 63,140            | 598     | 13                     | .0002%                 | 2%                     |
| 2019 | 54,859            | 804     | 10                     | .0002%                 | 1.2%                   |
| 2020 | 50,006            | 521     | 6                      | .0001%                 | 1.2%                   |
| 2021 | 50,275            | 597     | 6                      | .0001%                 | 1%                     |

# SUPPORT DIVISION

The Support Division is comprised of the Investigative Unit, Police Services Unit, Property and Evidence Control, Social Services Unit, and Community Relations and Training Unit. These entities are responsible for assisting and enhancing the day-to-day operations of the Operations Division.

## -INVESTIGATIVE UNIT

**T**he Investigative Unit is primarily responsible for investigating qualifying criminal offenses which require extensive follow-up investigation. Detectives receive specialized training in a litany of subjects including homicide investigation, interview and interrogation, financial crimes, and sexual assault investigations. The Investigative Unit also works closely with other law enforcement agencies including but not limited to; the DuPage County State's Attorney's Office, the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, United States Secret Service, Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), and United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

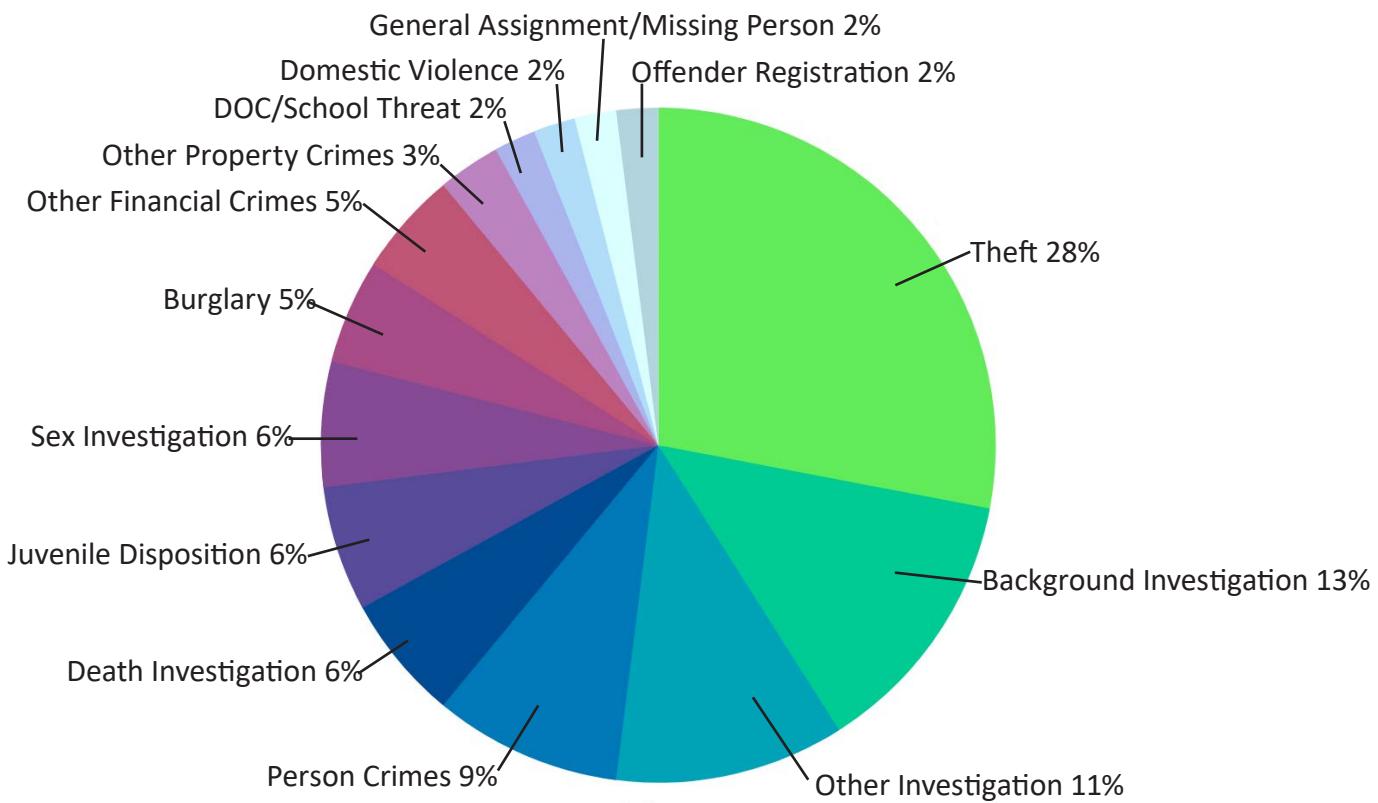
The Investigative Unit is also responsible for several secondary functions including pre-employment background investigations and interviews, juvenile dispositions, covert operations for alcohol, tobacco, gambling, and spa ordinance compliance, public education and speaking, violent offender and registered sex offender compliance and violation investigations.

The Support Division is comprised of a Deputy Chief, Lieutenant, Sergeant, seven Detectives, and two School Liaison Officers. The following is the breakdown of the personnel and their years of service.

|                      |   |   |
|----------------------|---|---|
| <b>20 – 31 years</b> | Chief William Murphy (1990)<br>Deputy Chief Robert Miller (1992)                                      | Detective Donald Stelmar (1992)   |
| <b>15 – 19 years</b> | Detective Dana Opalinski (2002)<br>Lieutenant Ryan Conway (2004)                                      | Sergeant Louis Prempas (2006)   |
| <b>10 – 14 years</b> | School Liaison Officer Michael Schumaker (2007)<br>School Liaison Officer Matthew Welsch (2011)       |   |
| <b>0 – 9 years</b>   | Detective Jacquelyn Johnson (2014)<br>Detective Kayte Witten (2014)<br>Detective Timothy Green (2015) | Detective Michael Sheahan (2014)<br>Detective Gregory Hayward (2014)<br>Detective Brian Wagner (2018) |

## — INVESTIGATIVE UNIT —

During 2021, the Investigative Unit assigned 446 cases to detectives for follow-up. Below is a breakdown of the assigned investigations expressed as a percentage of overall case workload.



## — MOBILE FORENSICS UNIT —

The Investigative Unit oversees the Mobile Forensic Unit, which is responsible for providing valuable evidence by generating bit by bit duplicate copies of digital media captured on mobile devices. Currently, the Unit is comprised of five members: Detective Kayte Witten, Officer Timothy Kolzow, Sergeant Roberto Miroballi, Officer Christopher Kelly, and Officer Mateusz Pytka. During 2021, the Unit was responsible for 67 mobile device extractions.

These certified examiners are relied on to extract data to assist both the Operations and Support Division with gathering intelligence for a plethora of different cases involving death investigations, home invasions, robberies, residential burglaries, sexual assaults, missing persons, and unlawful video recordings. This evidence is often essential in the prosecution of criminal cases or in the assistance of locating missing persons.

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# SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER PROGRAM

The police department, in partnership with Community Unit School District 200, has an established School Liaison Officer (SLO) program which allows the police department to work with CUSD 200's high schools and middle schools to facilitate a more proactive approach with our youth.

The primary goal of the program is to promote a positive learning and educational environment and a solid, healthy community environment for all students. Together the police department and CUSD 200 coordinate resources to enhance positive, communicative, and productive relationships between police and school personnel, students, parents, and other service-related agencies to foster a safe and educational environment.

SLO Michael Schumaker is assigned to Wheaton North High School, and SLO Matthew Welsch is assigned to Wheaton Warrenville South High School. In addition to the high schools, both SLO's handle any concerns or issues arising at the middle schools. Some highlights from the past year include:

- SLO Welsch captained two sophomore anglers for the IHSA Sectional Bass Club Tournament. The students finished in 1st place out of 17 boats and earned a spot to compete in the State Finals.
- SLO Schumaker assisted WNHS with a community event involving neurodivergent teens learning to operate a motor vehicle.
- Both SLO's Schumaker and Welsch participated in their respective school's "Safe Driving" event, where they each conducted presentations regarding traffic stop etiquette and Illinois' Graduated Driver's License laws.
- SLO Welsch captained a boat with two junior anglers for the Fall Shabbona Classic, taking 1st Place.
- SLO Schumaker conducted question and answer discussion with the WNHS freshman class regarding the Wheaton Police Department's involvement with the community.



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# PROPERTY & EVIDENCE CONTROL

Property and Evidence Control is staffed by Property Control Officer (PCO) Brian Lipowski who is responsible for inventorying, cataloging, and maintaining property and evidence. PCO Lipowski maintains over 9,000 items within a secured and monitored evidence vault. He handles, processes, and maintains the chain of custody for evidence in criminal cases. When necessary, he will oversee the temporary transfer of evidence to the DuPage County Crime Lab, the Illinois State Police Forensic Services, and private labs for

testing or the DuPage County State's Attorney's Office for prosecution.

His secondary functions involve maintaining found and abandoned property, releasing property to owners, and the destruction of items utilizing trained specialized services. In 2021, 2,173 new items were added to the property control inventory and 2,227 items were taken out of inventory and either destroyed, surrendered, or returned to their respective owner.

## POLICE SERVICES UNIT

The Police Services Unit serves as the liaison between the police department, community, and local, state, and federal agencies. They facilitate and expedite essential information to other police personnel and the public. The Police Services Unit is responsible for a myriad of functions including, but not limited to:

- retrieving, interpreting & disseminating information from other agencies regarding officer safety;
- compiling extensive research which is, analyzed, reviewed, and verified to ensure completeness and accuracy prior to entering or removing wanted persons, missing persons, stolen vehicles, stolen articles, stolen guns, and stolen securities from a state and national database;
- processing police records which generally stem from reports generated by the Patrol and Investigative Divisions. In 2021, the police services unit processed 3,222 reports.
- maintaining police records including, but not limited to, traffic citations, incident reports, arrest reports, traffic crash reports, and citizen reports;
- preparing court transmittals;
- conducting local background checks;
- maintaining various logs and files;
- issuing handicap permits;
- handling non-emergency telephone calls;
- coordinating dispatch of Public Works personnel after hours;
- providing accurate and current statistical data; and
- conducting audits of records in order to maintain the integrity of the records and purge records according to the state laws governing records retention.

Currently, the Unit comprises of one Police Service



Supervisor, five full-time Police Service Representatives, and two part-time Police Service Representatives. The following is a breakdown of the Police Services Unit staffing:

- Police Service Supervisor Sharon Taylor (1999)
- Police Service Representative Lorna Castro (2011)
- Police Service Representative James Schneider (2020)
- Police Service Representative Scott Ummel (2020)
- Police Service Representative Kimberly Pappalardo (2021)
- Police Service Representative Danielle Niemi (2020)
- Part-time Police Service Representative Deena White (2020)
- Part-time Police Service Representative Olivia Acevedo (2021)

The Police Services Unit also handles all Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. During 2021, the Police Services Unit was responsible for the processing of 492 Freedom of Information Act requests.

# SOCIAL SERVICES UNIT/CRISIS REFERRAL

**M**ental health crisis has become an epidemic in this country, with law enforcement response to mental health related calls reaching all-time highs over the past 5 years. To better serve and help those suffering from mental health crisis, Wheaton Police Officers undergo a litany of training related to mental illness and mental health response including:

- Crisis Intervention and De-escalation
- Interacting with Persons with Mental Disabilities
- Mental illness and non-normative behavior
- Neurobiology of trauma and PTSD
- Mental health awareness and response

To further augment our service for those suffering from a mental health crisis, the Wheaton Police Department continued our partnership with the DuPage County Health Department's Crisis Center.

The Wheaton Police Department was one of three agencies to partner with the decentralized pilot program when it launched three years ago, and we remain committed to the initiative. Accordingly, a strategic goal/objective for the 2021 year, under the priority of public safety, was to increase the number of referrals to decentralized crisis response. This goal was attained as Wheaton's referral rate rose to 88% on eligible mental health calls for service.

The DuPage County Health Department's Decentralized Crisis Response Unit is staffed by highly trained counselors who provide service to DuPage County residents who may be experiencing a psychiatric crisis or need additional support for symptoms of mental illness. Crisis Services staff provide intervention, support, guidance, and linkage to additional behavioral health services including:

- Immediate on-site assessment to determine appropriate level of care and provide direct linkage to behavioral health services
- Off-site, community screenings to assess needs and assist in linkage to recommended services
- Criss Residential – a 12 bed unit for adults who are experiencing an increase in psychiatric symptoms but do not require inpatient hospitalization
- Linkage to services for residents coming out of a psychiatric hospital or jail
- Telephone support through the DCHD Crisis Hotline and the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
- Psychiatric evaluations
- Short-term crisis counseling



DuPage County residents that utilize the decentralized crisis response program also avoid the costs associated with ambulance services and hospitalization. Utilization of the decentralized crisis response program must come on a voluntary basis from the individual in crisis and referrals must not be in need of immediate in-patient care via an involuntary petition.



In addition to our partnership with the decentralized crisis response program, the City of Wheaton hired a full-time social worker during the 2021 calendar year. The full-time social worker, Khadija Khan, provides crisis intervention, short-term counseling, advocacy, community outreach and education, and connects residents with appropriate social services. Mrs. Khan performs such tasks as mediating conflicts between citizens, aids domestic violence victims, acts as a liaison with area social service entities, performs crisis intervention to determine immediate needs of those in crisis, provides short-term counseling to individuals and families, and coordinates youth and senior services. The presence of a full-time social worker greatly increased our department's ability to provide services to those in crisis by providing a level of mental health expertise and advocacy unrivaled by law enforcement personnel, and one which few area agencies can match.

In 2021, Mrs. Khan provided crisis support, intervention, linkage, or counseling to 280 Wheaton citizens via police related calls for service.

# TRAINING

Training is crucial for any law enforcement agency, as changes in law and societal demands continually evolve. One of the primary goals at the Wheaton Police Department is to have educated, well-rounded, well-trained law enforcement professionals available to serve and protect our citizenry. In 2021, 12,015 hours of external training and 3,012 hours of internal training was provided to our officers. An amalgam of computer based learning and practical, hands-on training from subject matter experts was provided in the following areas:

- constitutional and proper use of law enforcement authority
- procedural law
- civil and human rights
- mental health awareness and response
- cultural awareness
- crisis intervention and de-escalation
- rapid deployment training
- use of force, escalation, and de-escalation with dynamic scenarios
- Taser, OC, and baton certification
- defensive tactics
- less than lethal munitions
- duty to intervene
- building searches

- entry teams/arrest teams
- officer wellness
- cannabis related laws
- DUI enforcement
- firearms

Procedural Justice is a core tenet of the Wheaton Police Department and one that our staff is committed to exercising during each contact we have with the public. As an organization, we strive to uphold the principles that permeate the process:

- Fairness in the process
- Transparency in actions
- Opportunities for voice
- Impartiality in decision-making

In accordance with these values, the Wheaton Police Department implemented additional cultural competency courses, beyond that required by the State of Illinois, for all sworn officers in 2021. These courses included implicit bias, cultural conflict recognition, understanding community perception, understanding generational differences, elimination of discriminatory practices, and building trust and legitimacy with diverse communities.



The safety of the community's children continued to be one of the Wheaton Police Department's primary goals. One of an officer's daily tasks is to patrol and monitor the schools in each of their beats. They are tasked with ensuring the children arrive at school and return home safely daily. To safeguard this expectation, daily extra watches and foot patrols are conducted and logged at each school. Traffic enforcement is conducted in and near the school zones targeting speeding and cell phone use. Extra attention is given to school crossing and school buses loading and unloading.

During the first week of the 2021-2022 school year, a minimum of one officer was assigned to each school to be present at arrival and departure times. Beat officers were tasked with meeting with all the school principals and discussing any issues and efforts the police department may assist them with. This information is aggregated and made accessible to all police department personnel to be familiar with the issues that may be occurring at a specific school.

Prior to the new school year, all school crossing guards attended an annual meeting to discuss expectations, schedules, and any concerns or trends with the position. Newly hired school guards received training on the position and were issued the proper equipment. On scene inspections were conducted by supervisors to ensure all appropriate safety measures were taken.

School place violence is anathema to any community. It has been more than 20-years since the tragedy that unfolded at Columbine High School on April 20th, 1999. Unfortunately, incidents of school place violence are becoming commonplace in our society and the events have duly transformed law enforcement response and tactics. During 2021, the police department continued to train several schools and businesses on how to deal with an active shooter utilizing ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate) techniques. The department has eleven certified ALICE instructors that were involved in ALICE presentations at various locations within Wheaton including schools and businesses.

Additionally, Support personnel attends monthly District 200 school safety meetings to engage with school administrators and provide insight on operational safety initiatives implemented throughout our public school system.



# SPECIALIZED ASSIGNMENTS



The Wheaton Police Department offers many specialized units or positions to better meet the needs of the community. Each of these assignments require advanced training and often certification. These duties are performed above and beyond the officer's regular assignment. Officers are chosen for these specialized assignments based on merit, skills, and general aptitude.

## TRAFFIC UNIT

The Traffic Unit consists of four full-time officers who provide targeted speed enforcement throughout the city seven days a week. The Unit's primary goal is to increase driver and pedestrian safety throughout the city by generating voluntary speed compliance on city roadways. During 2021, the four officers issued 1,078 citations and 1,033 written warnings. The traffic unit utilizes speed sign technology to aggregate traffic data for analysis and enforcement selection. The technology is deployed on targeted roadways based on numerous factors including citizen complaints, historic enforcement/collection data, and current traffic patterns. Traffic analytics enables traffic unit officers to make insightful decisions regarding traffic enforcement and management. In 2021, the traffic unit conducted and assessed 32 city roadways via speed sign technology, 18 based on citizen complaints and 14 based on 2021 departmental goals and objectives.

The Traffic Unit is also responsible for processing, handling, and maintaining vehicle seizures. The police department may seize vehicles and property when said items are used in the commission or in the attempt to commit an offense as listed in the Illinois Criminal Code under Chapter 720 ILCS 5/36-1 (Seizure and Forfeiture of Vessels, Vehicles and Aircraft) and Chapter 725 ILCS 150/1 (Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act). During 2021, the Traffic Unit was responsible for the handling and processing of 30 seized vehicles.



In 2021, the Traffic Unit was involved in four traffic campaigns:

- **March 21-27** Occupant restraint and distracted driving enforcement campaign
  - o 106 total contacts related to distracted driving.
- **June 13-19** Wheaton Police Department Speed Awareness Week
  - o 170 total contacts; 113 related to speed.
- **September 12-17** Speed/Distracted Driving Initiative
  - o 126 total contacts; 75 related to speed and/or distracted driving
- **December 6- 11** Holiday Impaired Driving Safety Campaign
  - o 23 total contacts related to the suspicion of impaired driving.

# BIKE PATROL



The Bike Officers primary function is to perform visible patrol duties, community relations, and crime prevention. These officers are often deployed to areas with a high density of pedestrians and bicycle traffic such as the Central Business District, schools, and parks. Based on the location of an incident, a Bike Officer is often able to reach the location prior to an officer in a squad. Currently, the police department has 15 trained bicycle officers. Each of these officers received training on how to safely handle bicycles in traffic and how to negotiate obstacles along with functions specific to police work:

- power slides, stair climbs, cornering at speeds, etc.;
- riding at slow speeds among crowds;
- performing traffic stops and positioning bicycles on traffic stops;
- dismounting quickly to apprehend a suspect; and
- tactically riding for pursuits, felony traffic stops, subject stops, etc.

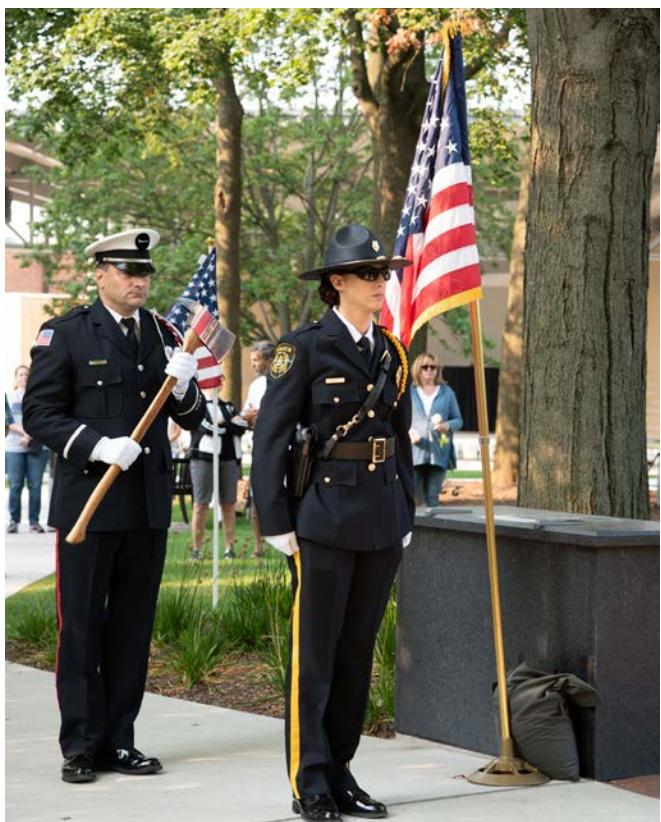
The bike patrol unit plays a significant role in the police department's ability to provide responsive and efficient services to members of our community. During the 2021 calendar year, bike patrols in the Central Business District and downtown parks were increased by 33%, accounting for 248 hours of directed patrol.



# HONOR GUARD



The police department has an Honor Guard that is staffed by two sergeants and eight officers. The Honor Guard represents the Wheaton Police Department at special events with the highest degree of honor, dignity, and professionalism while adhering to the traditions of law enforcement and the military. While their primary function is to honor fallen officers, they also partake in the City of Wheaton Fourth of July and Memorial Day parades along with other community engagements. The Honor Guard performed services at the following events in 2021:



- 3/11/2021: (Retired) Wheaton Ofc Robert "Pete" Peterson Visitation/Funeral Service
- 3/31/2021: (Retired) Wheaton/DCSO Det. Sgt. David Hamm's Visitation/Funeral Service
- 4/1/2021: (Line of Duty Death) ISP Trooper Todd Hanneken's Funeral Service
- 6/5/2021: (Active-Duty Death) Bloomingdale Ofc Yelena Malinovskaya's Visitation
- 8/3/2021: National Night Out Opening Ceremony (Flag Posting)
- 8/19/2021: (On-Duty Death) Chicago Police Department Ofc Ella French's Funeral
- 9/11/2021: (On-Duty Death) City of Wheaton 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony
- 10/15/2021: (Retired WPD) Commander Terry Leonard's Funeral
- 10/22/2021: (Retired WPD) Officer Daniel Vallo's Funeral
- 10/27/2021: 38th Annual Valor Awards Dinner
- 11/8/2021: (Active-Duty Death) Schaumburg Police Department Ofc Ross Urso's Funeral
- 12/6/2021: (Active-Duty Death) Forest Park Police Department Ofc Nicholas Kozak's Funeral
- 12/14/2021: (Active Duty) Forest Park Police Department Officer Jose Flores Visitation/Funeral Service.

# NARCINT: Illinois State Police Narcotics Interdiction Unit

The Wheaton Police Department has one officer assigned to the Illinois State Police Narcotics Interdiction Unit (NARCINT). The Unit consists of Illinois State Troopers and members from local law enforcement agencies who collectively work as an interdiction division and investigative unit. The Chicago area, which includes DuPage County, has been identified as a high intensity drug trafficking area by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). NARCINT receives funding from the Drug Enforcement Administration's HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area).

NARCINT's goal is to disrupt the supply chain of illegal narcotics and currency obtained through narcotics trafficking. They are responsible for being proactive in the detection methods of narcotics trafficking by working at truck stops, weigh stations, hotels and motels, casinos, airports, train stations, bus depots, highways, roadways, and other locations

identified as means of transporting large amounts of narcotics and bulk currency. The Unit also conducts follow up investigations on intelligence gained from NARCINT targets and other law enforcement agencies across Illinois and the United States. A few case highlights from 2021 include:

## 2021 NARCINT Activity

| <b>Seized</b>      | <b>Amount</b>         |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Heroin</b>      | <b>1,100 grams</b>    |
| <b>Cocaine</b>     | <b>89 kilograms</b>   |
| <b>Marijuana</b>   | <b>434 pounds</b>     |
| <b>Fentanyl</b>    | <b>1293 grams</b>     |
| <b>Firearms</b>    | <b>6</b>              |
| <b>US Currency</b> | <b>\$1.87 Million</b> |



- Led by Officer Scott, NARCINT agents were conducting surveillance on a truck tractor semi-trailer in the parking lot of the Greater Chicago I-55 Truck Stop when a White SUV type vehicle approached the Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV), and it appeared the driver of the provided something to the driver of the White SUV. The SUV was stopped for a traffic violation and an investigative stop. Assisting K-9 alerted for the odor of narcotics on the SUV. A search of the passenger vehicle produced 31 kilograms of cocaine and an offender was taken into custody.

- NARCINT Agents seized \$145,395 USC, 181 lbs. of cannabis and (1) 9mm Taurus handgun as part of an on-going investigation. An offender was taken into custody



## NARCINT:



- NARCINT agents recovered 1,293 grams of Fentanyl and 1,100 grams of Black Tar Heroin from the axles of a 2012 Ford F-150.

## MERIT:

### Metropolitan Emergency Response & Investigations Team

In 2018, the DuPage County Major Crimes Task Force and the DuPage Felony Investigative Assistance Team (FIAT) came together to form the Metropolitan Emergency Response and Investigations Team, or MERIT, a consolidated task force in DuPage County for the mutual benefit of every community within DuPage County. The goal is to aggregate resources and manpower into a combined county-wide entity which would lead to quickly and effectively addressing serious crimes, critical incidents, and other law enforcement related activities beyond the capability of a sole agency to handle in a safe manner.

There are nine operational components of MERIT: Crisis Negotiation Team, SWAT, K-9 Response Unit, Major Crash Reconstruction Team, Incident Management Assistance Team, Planned Events Unit, Forensic Investigations Unit, Digital Forensics Unit, and Major Crimes. The annual cost for a police department to have access to these resources is \$4,000. The Wheaton Police Department has officers involved in Metro SWAT, Major Crimes Unit (MCU), and Major Crash Reconstruction Team (MCRT).



Wheaton's membership and contributions to this effort are a perfect example of our commitment to efficient and effective policing. The pooling of resources ensures Wheaton has access to the equipment and specialization necessary to respond accordingly to almost any contingency. It also provides our officers with development and experience that assists in fulfilling our mission of providing professional police services to the community.

SWAT responds to and/or assists with “high-risk” critical incidents that require specialized training and equipment. Such critical incidents include hostage rescue, barricaded gunmen, barricaded suicidal subjects, and protective details. The goal of Metro SWAT is to safely resolve these incidents minimizing the risk of injury or death to victims, citizens, police officers, and offenders.



## Wheaton Police Department Officers involved in SWAT:

Officer Mario Fearon Jr  
Officer Brad Caliendo  
Officer Pasquale Gapastione  
Officer Shaun Lucas  
Officer Vetaliy Lord

## SWAT ACTIVATIONS IN 2021:

- January 1, 2021, Woodridge – Armed Barricaded Subject
- February 2, 2021, Harvey – Search Warrant; Armed Robbery Suspect
- February 6, 2021, Bloomingdale – Active Shooter
- February 9, 2021, Bensenville – Search Warrant; Armed Robbery Suspect
- February 19, 2021, Villa Park – Armed Barricaded Subject
- March 25, 2021, St Phoenix – Search Warrant – Burglary Crew
- May 30, 2021, Glen Ellyn – Armed Barricaded Subject
- June 16, 2021, Des Plaines – Search Warrant; Attempt Homicide
- June 21, 2021, Westmont – Search Warrant – Armed Robbery Suspect
- June 24, 2021, Hinsdale – Armed Gunman
- July 23, 2021, Wheaton – Search Warrant – Attempt Homicide
- August 5, 2021, Roselle – Armed Barricaded Subject
- August 23, 2021, Downers Grove – Aggravated Battery / Armed Barricaded Subject
- August 25, 2021, Willowbrook – Search Warrant; Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking
- October 8, 2021, Downers Grove – Search Warrant; Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking
- October 21, 2021, Glendale Heights – Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm
- October 22, 2021, Wheaton - Home Invasion / Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm
- November 5, 2021, Carol Stream – Search Warrant; Delivery of a Controlled Substance
- December 17, 2021, Wheaton – Search Warrant; Home Invasion
- December 21, 2021, Villa Park – Hostage Situation
- December 23, 2021, Oak Brook – Active Shooter
- December 23, 2021, Chicago – Search Warrant; Oak Brook Mall Shooting

# — MAJOR CRIMES UNIT (MCU) —

The Major Crimes Unit (MCU) is tasked with assisting agencies with investigations relating to murder, equivocal death, sexual assault, and other forcible felonies. Additionally, the MCU investigates incidents related to public integrity such as officer involved shootings, officer involved death, in-custody death, and qualifying use of force incidents.

## WHEATON MERIT MCU ACTIVATIONS IN 2021:

- February 23, 2021, Winfield – Homicide
- April 22, 2021, West Chicago – Homicide

## Wheaton Police Department Officers involved in the MCU:

Detective Donald Stemar  
Detective Jacquelyn Johnson  
Officer Christopher Harpling (Forensics)  
Officer Edward Waterous (Forensics)  
Detective Michael Sheahan (Forensics)  
Officer Samuel Kaufman (Forensics)

# MAJOR CRASH RECONSTRUCTION TEAM (MCRT)

The Major Crash Reconstruction Team (MCRT) responds to fatal crashes, crashes that may result in a fatality, or a crash involving an emergency vehicle with serious injuries or other aggravating factors. The MCRT pools all participating agencies equipment, software, and expertise to quickly document a crash scene and clear the roadway for vehicular traffic to resume. If requested, the MCRT will provide the originating agency with a full reconstruction of the crash which will often determine speeds and fault to assist the State's Attorney's Office with any criminal prosecution. During 2021, the MCRT assisted the Wheaton Police Department with fatal crashes on three occasions.

## MCRT ACTIVATIONS:

- January 14, 2021 -Assist to Villa Park PD for a fatal accident at Kenilworth Ave / Yale Ave.
- March 23, 2021 – Wheaton PD for a fatal accident at Butterfield Rd / Briarcliffe Blvd.
- June 3, 2021 – Wheaton PD for a fatal accident at Hale St / Indiana St.
- June 14, 2021 – Wheaton PD for a fatal accident at Roosevelt Rd / Naperville Rd.
- November 08, 2021 – Assist to Warrenville PD for a fatal accident at Route 59 / Batavia Rd.
- November 12, 2021 – Assist to Downers Grove PD for a fatal accident at Butterfield Rd / Lloyd

## Wheaton Police Department Officers involved in MCRT:

Sergeant Angela Smith – Major Crash Reconstruction Team Component Commander  
Officer Justin Sanchez  
Detective Michael Sheahan (Drug Recognition Expert)  
Officer Britney Jackson (Drug Recognition Expert)

# ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT ALARM SYSTEM (ILEAS)



In 2002, after the September 11th attacks, the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, the Illinois Sheriff's Association, and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency came together and created the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS). ILEAS was created to help meet the needs of local agencies through mutual aid. There are over 900 local governments involved in ILEAS. The Wheaton Police Department provides officers to ILEAS Mobile Field Force (MFF) and ILEAS Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Special Response Team.

## MOBILE FIELD FORCE (MFF)

### Wheaton Police Department Officers involved in MFF:

Officer Justin Long  
Officer Kayte Witten  
Officer Benjamin Belcaster

The ILEAS Mobile Field Force (MFF) is a mutual aid response team that provides rapid and organized responses to civil disorder or any other public safety emergency. ILEAS MFF was not activated during the 2021 calendar year.

## WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (WMD) SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM

### Wheaton Police Department Officers assigned to WMD:

Officer Michael Schumaker  
Officer Ryan Cusack

The Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Special Response Team is a mutual aid team that is highly trained and skilled in handling incidents involving weapons of mass destruction. Each team is fully equipped with hazardous materials protective gear and detection equipment. The WMD Special Response Team will stabilize the scene, neutralize the threat, and detect any bombs, hazardous materials, or chemical/biological agents. The team will also assist with providing aid to victims and decontaminating involved parties.

# IT'S ALL ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICE

Several initiatives allowed members of our police department to **interact with the citizens they serve** in a fun, informal setting.

**D**uring 2021, the Community Engagement Officer (CEO) position was held by Officer Crystal Miroballi. CEO Miroballi was responsible for coordinating community engagement events and enhancing the Wheaton Police Department's communal relationship.

CEO Miroballi was also the liaison to several agencies dealing with "Quality of Life" projects that impacted Wheaton residents such as the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) and World Relief. CEO Miroballi engineered several initiatives which allowed members of our police department to interact with the citizens they serve in a fun, informal setting. The following pages highlight some of those events.



### Stuff the Squad

CEO Miroballi and Wheaton Police Interns Carla DeLara and Amaris Hernandez partnered with the People's Resource Center and the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans, Inc. to "Stuff a Squad" full of donated food, cleaning, and personal care items for neighbors in need.



# National Night Out

Wheaton hosted its 2nd annual National Night Out event at Northside Park. National Night Out promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. Games, food, touch-a-truck, and other fun family activities such as a dunk tank, SWAT obstacle course, and fishing contest were held at the event.



## The Elf on the Shelf



CEO Miroballi completed a public service announcement for the holiday season, incorporating numerous Wheaton officers and Wendy, the Wheaton Elf.

## Citizen's Police Academy

Wheaton hosted its 2nd annual Citizen's Police Academy (CPA). The CPA provides Wheaton residents with an inside look at the Police Department's daily operations and training.

The academy consists of classroom instruction, interactive discussions, and hands-on practical exercises focused on various aspects of police work including investigations, forensics, patrol response, traffic stops, specialty teams, critical incidents, and more.

The CPA is focused on providing citizens with a transparent understanding of the policies, tools, and laws that guide the Wheaton Police Department.





## Polar Plunge

**O**n March 6, 2021, the Wheaton Police Department's Polar Plunge team, Frosted Donuts, officially took the plunge for Special Olympics!

The Frosted Donuts consists of 26 voluntary participants from the Wheaton Police Department, Wheaton Fire Department, and Community Unit School District 200. This is the first year the Wheaton Police Department has participated in the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics and the team raised over \$20,000.



## Virtual Torch Run

**O**n June 23, Team Frosted Donuts participated in the Virtual Torch Run to support Special Olympics Illinois. Each member ran 2 miles and raised funds to donate to the cause.

# — COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICE —

## Coffee for Champions



**O**n August 20, 2021, The Wheaton Police Department participated in Coffee for Champions, benefiting Special Olympics Illinois. The event was held at the Dunkin Donuts located at 956 E Roosevelt Road.



## Wheaton Festival of Cultures

**O**n September 12, 2021, Wheaton officers attended The Festival of Cultures at memorial park. The Festival of Cultures is an annual event hosted by the City of Wheaton Community Relations Commission that celebrates the many vibrant cultures that make Wheaton such a strong and diverse community. 20 culture booths featuring storytelling, displays, and interactive experiences were present to help others learn about the heritage of the many cultures represented in the City of Wheaton.



# Halloween Safety PSA

**O**n October 20, 2021, CEO Miroballi completed a public service announcement providing safety tips for Halloween and trick-or-treaters.



## School Visit

**O**n December 2, 2021, Officer Freeman and Officer Gutierrez met with students from St. Michael's School. The students presented the officers with handwritten notes and cards expressing their gratitude for the service provided by the Wheaton Police Department.



## Shop with a Cop Program

**O**n December 11, 2021, the Wheaton Police Department and Wheaton Chapter 699 of the Metropolitan Alliance of Police participated in the third annual Shop with a Cop. Target donated wrapping paper and supplies, and SCARCE (School & Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education) provided books for the families. Nine off-duty officers donated their personal time to assist in this year's event.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, several modifications were made to the way Shop with a Cop is usually conducted. For 2021, wish lists were received from disadvantaged children from the community. Officers were assigned a child and were responsible for shopping for gifts off the child's wish list and then packaging and wrapping the gifts. All gifts were paid for from donations from Wheaton Chapter 699 of the Metropolitan Alliance of Police. The officers, in marked squads, delivered the gifts to the families.



# CALL VOLUME

The Wheaton Police Department utilized DuPage Public Safety Communications (Du-Comm) as its call and dispatch center during the 2021 calendar year. Du-Comm is an intergovernmental agency which provides safety communication services to Police, Fire, and EMS agencies. Today, Du-Comm serves 44 agencies in DuPage County and is one of the largest consolidated 9-1-1 call centers in Illinois. Neighboring municipalities, such as Glen Ellyn, Winfield, Carol Stream, Bartlett, Downers Grove, Elmhurst, Hanover Park, Lisle, Warrenville, West Chicago, and Lombard all utilize Du-Comm for their dispatching needs.

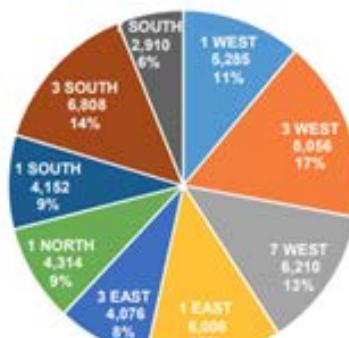
**Du-Comm is one of the largest 9-1-1 call centers in Illinois.**

Naturally, with so many agencies employing Du-Comm for their services, numerous broadcast channels were developed to adequately manage call and dispatch volume. The Wheaton Police Department utilizes Du-Comm channel 3-West, which it shares with the Glen Ellyn Police Department for our emergency call and dispatch needs.

## DU-COMM POLICE CAD STATS

DECEMBER 2021

| DEPARTMENT       | CH | ACT           | COMP          | SUM           | %             | MONTHLY CALLS BY RADIO CHANNEL |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | CHANNEL                     | TOTAL          | %             |  |
|------------------|----|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------|--|
| Bartlett         | 1W | 1,060         | 1,018         | 2,078         | 4.35%         |                                |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 1 WEST                      | 5,285          | 11%           |  |
| Burr Ridge       | 3S | 1,479         | 552           | 2,031         | 4.25%         |                                |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 3 WEST                      | 8,056          | 17%           |  |
| Carol Stream     | 1W | 1,726         | 1,481         | 3,207         | 6.71%         |                                |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 7 WEST                      | 6,210          | 13%           |  |
| Clarendon Hills  | 3S | 371           | 356           | 727           | 1.52%         |                                |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 1 EAST                      | 6,006          | 13%           |  |
| Darien           | 1S | 467           | 735           | 1,202         | 2.51%         |                                |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 3 EAST                      | 4,076          | 9%            |  |
| Downers Grove    | 7S | 1,227         | 1,683         | 2,910         | 6.09%         |                                |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 1 NORTH                     | 4,314          | 9%            |  |
| Elmhurst         | 3E | 997           | 1,792         | 2,789         | 5.83%         |                                |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 1 SOUTH                     | 4,152          | 9%            |  |
| Glen Ellyn       | 3W | 2,637         | 1,112         | 3,749         | 7.84%         |                                |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 3 SOUTH                     | 6,808          | 14%           |  |
| Hanover Park     | 1N | 1,480         | 1,088         | 2,568         | 5.37%         |                                |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | 7 SOUTH                     | 2,910          | 6%            |  |
| Hinsdale         | 3S | 590           | 705           | 1,295         | 2.71%         |                                |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | <b>TOTAL</b>                | <b>47,817</b>  | <b>80%</b>    |  |
| Lisle            | 1S | 266           | 925           | 1,191         | 2.49%         |                                |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | <b>ACTIVITY INITIATED</b>   | <b>26,028</b>  | <b>54.43%</b> |  |
| Lombard          | 1E | 2,762         | 1,721         | 4,483         | 9.38%         |                                |               |               |               |               |               |               |               | <b>COMPLAINT DISPATCHED</b> | <b>21,789</b>  | <b>45.57%</b> |  |
| Oak Brook        | 3S | 770           | 922           | 1,692         | 3.54%         |                                |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |                             |                |               |  |
| Oakbrook Terrace | 3E | 789           | 498           | 1,287         | 2.69%         |                                |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |                             |                |               |  |
| Roselle          | 1N | 970           | 776           | 1,746         | 3.65%         |                                |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |                             |                |               |  |
| Villa Park       | 1E | 527           | 996           | 1,523         | 3.19%         |                                |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |                             |                |               |  |
| Warrenville      | 7W | 826           | 613           | 1,439         | 3.01%         |                                |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |                             |                |               |  |
| West Chicago     | 7W | 1,303         | 938           | 2,241         | 4.69%         |                                |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |                             |                |               |  |
| Wheaton          | 3W | 2,611         | 1,696         | 4,307         | 9.01%         |                                |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |                             |                |               |  |
| Willowbrook      | 3S | 541           | 522           | 1,063         | 2.22%         |                                |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |                             |                |               |  |
| Winfield         | 7W | 1,882         | 648           | 2,530         | 5.29%         |                                |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |                             |                |               |  |
| Woodridge        | 1S | 747           | 1,012         | 1,759         | 3.68%         |                                |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |                             |                |               |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>     |    | <b>26,028</b> | <b>21,789</b> | <b>47,817</b> | <b>100%</b>   |                                |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |                             |                |               |  |
| YEAR-TO-DATE     | CH | JAN           | FEB           | MAR           | APR           | MAY                            | JUN           | JUL           | AUG           | SEP           | OCT           | NOV           | DEC           | 2021                        | 2020           | 20 vs. 21     |  |
| Bartlett         | 1W | 2,754         | 2,284         | 2,556         | 2,112         | 2,687                          | 2,651         | 2,668         | 2,414         | 2,345         | 2,294         | 2,550         | 2,078         | 29,393                      | 30,645         | -4%           |  |
| Burr Ridge       | 3S | 1,311         | 1,169         | 1,482         | 1,503         | 1,772                          | 1,724         | 1,502         | 1,438         | 1,520         | 1,809         | 2,106         | 2,031         | 19,367                      | 12,105         | 37%           |  |
| Carol Stream     | 1W | 2,509         | 1,937         | 2,882         | 3,117         | 3,238                          | 2,713         | 2,814         | 3,198         | 2,831         | 3,228         | 3,395         | 3,207         | 35,069                      | 29,446         | 16%           |  |
| Clarendon Hills  | 3S | 1,001         | 879           | 937           | 864           | 853                            | 892           | 846           | 988           | 909           | 904           | 873           | 727           | 10,673                      | 12,185         | -14%          |  |
| Darien           | 1S | 1,259         | 1,070         | 1,280         | 1,311         | 1,372                          | 1,395         | 1,443         | 1,470         | 1,420         | 1,296         | 1,247         | 1,202         | 15,765                      | 14,108         | 11%           |  |
| Downers Grove    | 7S | 2,303         | 2,168         | 2,808         | 2,567         | 2,822                          | 3,015         | 3,043         | 3,061         | 3,147         | 3,232         | 2,972         | 2,910         | 34,048                      | 29,130         | 14%           |  |
| Elmhurst         | 3E | 3,599         | 3,272         | 3,580         | 3,818         | 3,325                          | 3,301         | 3,421         | 3,316         | 3,002         | 3,056         | 2,843         | 2,789         | 39,322                      | 38,644         | 2%            |  |
| Glen Ellyn       | 3W | 3,690         | 3,231         | 3,584         | 3,575         | 3,803                          | 3,764         | 3,846         | 3,960         | 4,215         | 3,832         | 3,775         | 3,749         | 45,024                      | 33,460         | 26%           |  |
| Hanover Park     | 1W | 3,433         | 3,451         | 4,004         | 3,155         | 3,469                          | 3,048         | 2,887         | 2,989         | 3,074         | 3,023         | 2,635         | 2,568         | 37,736                      | 35,331         | 6%            |  |
| Hinsdale         | 3S | 1,035         | 782           | 1,159         | 1,159         | 1,179                          | 1,301         | 1,185         | 1,278         | 1,272         | 1,264         | 1,283         | 1,295         | 14,192                      | 12,621         | 11%           |  |
| Lisle            | 1S | 1,202         | 1,064         | 1,252         | 1,225         | 1,700                          | 1,672         | 1,484         | 1,571         | 1,343         | 1,266         | 1,296         | 1,191         | 16,266                      | 14,508         | 11%           |  |
| Lombard          | 1E | 4,497         | 4,314         | 4,431         | 4,444         | 4,188                          | 4,107         | 4,158         | 4,263         | 4,237         | 4,397         | 4,297         | 4,483         | 51,816                      | 54,190         | -5%           |  |
| Oak Brook        | 3S | 1,614         | 1,407         | 1,641         | 1,523         | 1,589                          | 1,652         | 1,924         | 1,723         | 1,777         | 1,672         | 1,660         | 1,692         | 19,874                      | 17,716         | 11%           |  |
| Oakbrook Terrace | 3E | 573           | 766           | 1,025         | 983           | 1,024                          | 1,018         | 1,007         | 981           | 1,409         | 1,454         | 1,372         | 1,287         | 12,899                      | 6,418          | 50%           |  |
| Roselle          | 1N | 1,668         | 1,543         | 1,813         | 1,661         | 1,722                          | 1,617         | 1,713         | 1,809         | 1,889         | 1,806         | 1,704         | 1,746         | 20,691                      | 21,818         | -5%           |  |
| Villa Park       | 1E | 2,023         | 1,606         | 1,964         | 1,910         | 1,916                          | 1,740         | 1,647         | 1,751         | 1,844         | 1,945         | 1,676         | 1,523         | 21,545                      | 21,198         | 2%            |  |
| Warrenville      | 7W | 1,170         | 1,150         | 1,620         | 1,838         | 1,586                          | 1,335         | 1,666         | 1,806         | 1,710         | 1,519         | 1,497         | 1,439         | 18,336                      | 15,833         | 14%           |  |
| West Chicago     | 7W | 2,817         | 2,145         | 2,545         | 2,721         | 2,766                          | 2,799         | 2,856         | 2,604         | 2,461         | 2,468         | 2,188         | 2,241         | 30,611                      | 28,238         | 8%            |  |
| Wheaton          | 3W | 5,280         | 3,989         | 4,626         | 3,853         | 4,080                          | 4,162         | 4,082         | 4,063         | 3,804         | 3,954         | 4,075         | 4,307         | 50,275                      | 50,006         | 1%            |  |
| Willowbrook      | 3S | 1,137         | 1,021         | 1,192         | 1,284         | 1,514                          | 1,376         | 1,346         | 1,076         | 1,051         | 976           | 1,074         | 1,063         | 14,110                      | 12,267         | 13%           |  |
| Winfield         | 7W | 2,628         | 2,223         | 2,693         | 2,544         | 2,127                          | 2,498         | 2,226         | 2,501         | 2,744         | 2,716         | 2,887         | 2,530         | 30,297                      | 19,495         | 36%           |  |
| Woodridge        | 1S | 2,240         | 1,857         | 2,160         | 2,195         | 2,254                          | 2,041         | 2,048         | 2,085         | 1,968         | 1,905         | 1,942         | 1,759         | 24,454                      | 26,573         | -9%           |  |
| <b>Total</b>     |    | <b>49,743</b> | <b>43,328</b> | <b>51,234</b> | <b>49,362</b> | <b>50,986</b>                  | <b>49,821</b> | <b>49,812</b> | <b>50,345</b> | <b>49,972</b> | <b>50,016</b> | <b>49,327</b> | <b>47,817</b> | <b>591,763</b>              | <b>535,935</b> | <b>9%</b>     |  |



# UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING

In 1930, the Federal Bureau of Investigation created the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program which was designed to generate reliable crime statistics.

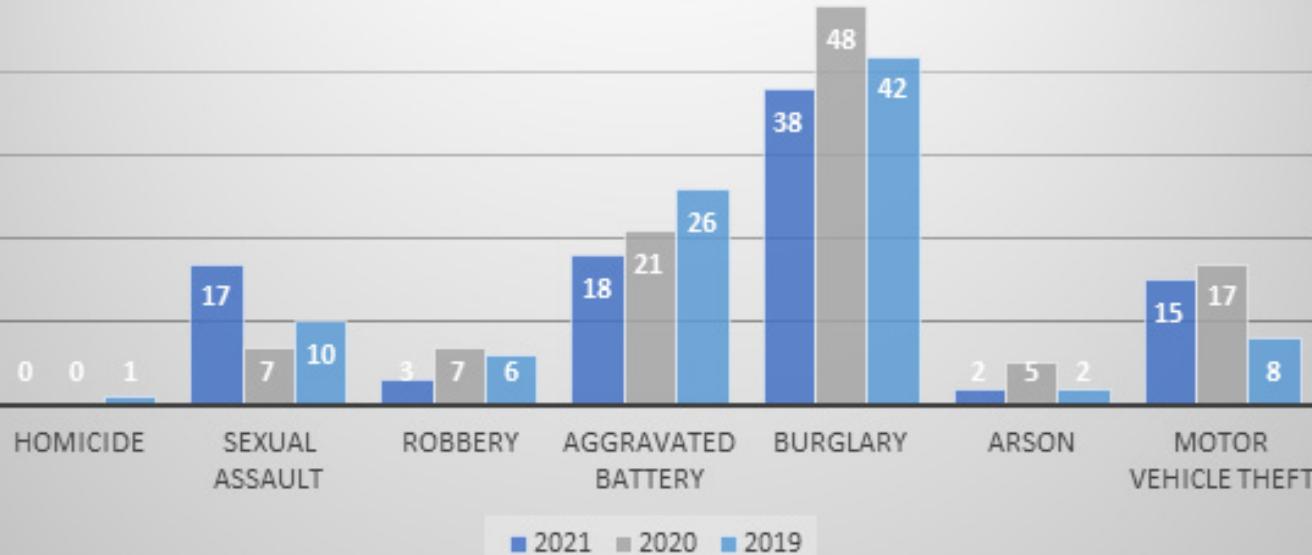
The program is a cooperative effort of nearly 18,000 city, university and college, county, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies.

These agencies voluntarily participate in the UCR Program by reporting data on crimes brought to their attention. The data collected from this

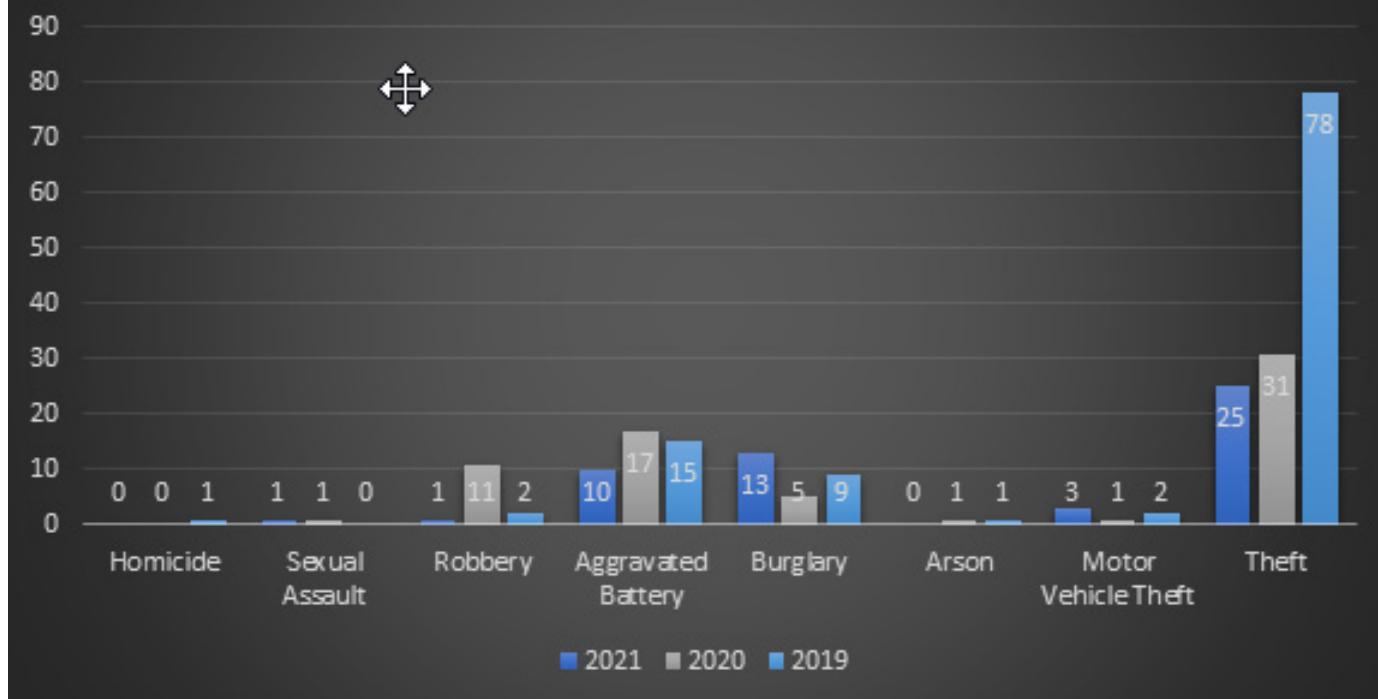
program provides information to criminal justice students, researchers, media, and the public. The Wheaton Police Department contributes to the program by collecting, maintaining, and providing the statistical data associated with crimes occurring within the City of Wheaton.

The UCR Program collects statistics on specific violent crimes and property crimes: homicide, murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. Below are the UCR statistics for the City of Wheaton for the 2021 calendar year. In addition, UCR statistics are provided for 2019 and 2020 for comparative analysis.

## 2021/2020/2019 UCR Statistics



## 2021/2020/2019 UCR Arrest Statistics

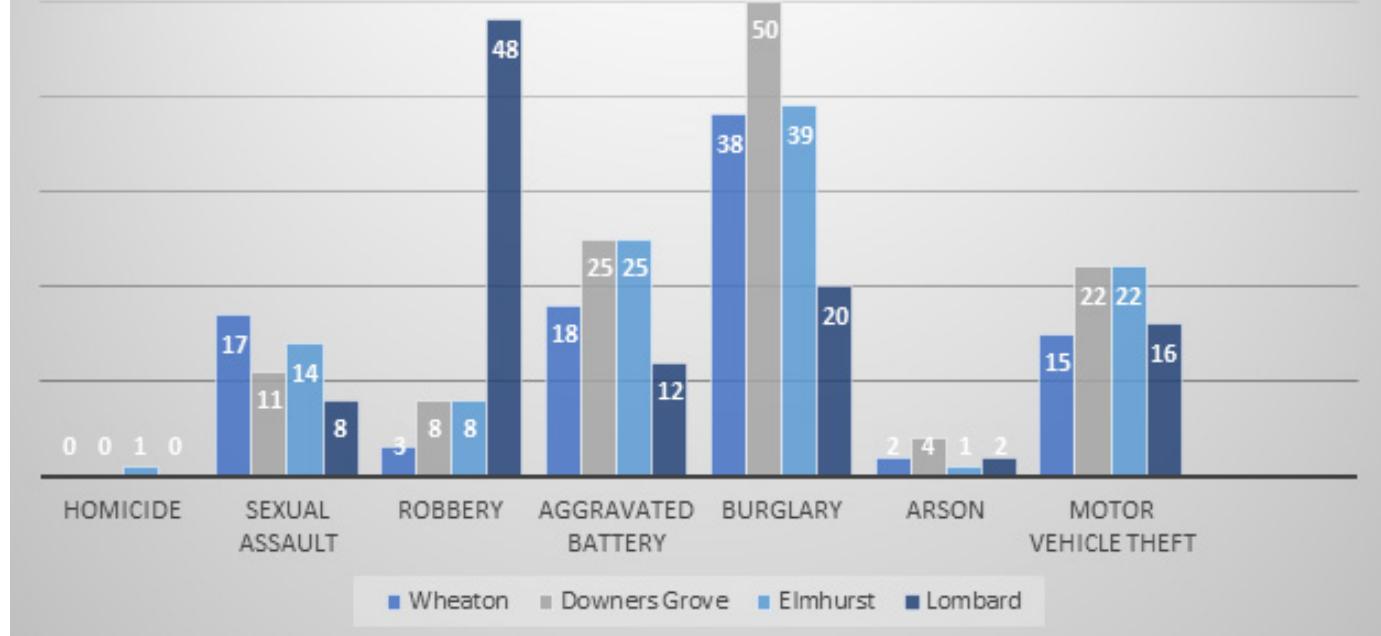


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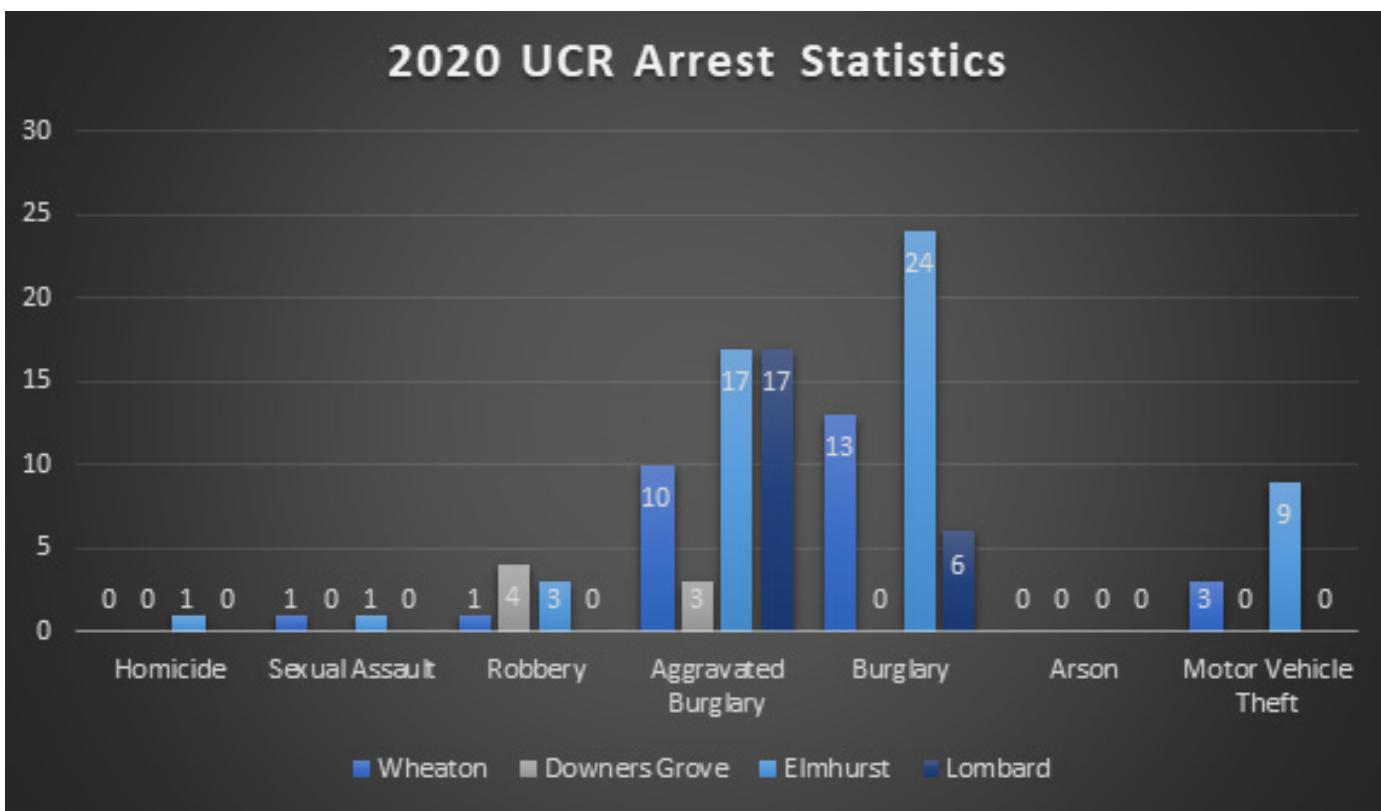
To provide additional context to the UCR statistics, the Village of Downers Grove, City of Elmhurst, and Village of Lombard were selected for comparison due to their similar city profiles and proximity to Wheaton.

| City          | Population | Square Miles | Service Incidents | Sworn Officers | Sworn Officers per 1000 Residents |
|---------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| Wheaton       | 53,970     | 11.3         | 50,275            | 67             | 1.241                             |
| Downers Grove | 50,247     | 14.2         | 34,048            | 65             | 1.293                             |
| Elmhurst      | 45,786     | 10.3         | 39,322            | 68             | 1.485                             |
| Lombard       | 44,476     | 9.69         | 51,816            | 62             | 1.394                             |

## 2021 URC Statistics



## 2020 UCR Arrest Statistics



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The Operations and Support Divisions were involved in several cases and arrests that showcased their exemplary police work in 2021.

## JANUARY 16, 2021 - ARMED ROBBERY

Wheaton officers responded to the Walgreens, located at 1601 N. Main St., for an armed robbery. During the incident, one person entered the store, displayed a hatchet, and demanded money from the clerk. The suspect proceeded to reach around the counter and grabbed an unknown amount of money out of the open

cash register, before fleeing the area on foot. During the follow-up investigation, the offender, identified as Jason Zell, 32, of Carol Stream, IL, was located and taken into custody two days later, on January 18, 2021. Zell was charged with Armed Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon, a Class X Felony.

## MARCH 5, 2021 - WATER RESCUE

Wheaton officers responded to Rathje Park for a person who had fallen through the ice in the park's pond. A passerby heard screams coming from the pond and discovered a woman had fallen through the ice, at which time they contacted 9-1-1. The first two responding officers located the woman in distress, entered the water

and performed a water rescue, ultimately utilizing a rope to pull the woman out of the water completely.

The Wheaton Fire Department responded and treated the woman on scene, who was hypothermic from being in the icy water for approximately five minutes.

## MARCH 7, 2021 - SEXUAL ASSAULT

The Wheaton Police Department initiated an investigation into a sexual assault which occurred in the 1000 block of south Lorraine Road. A female victim received a car ride to the area where she was subsequently sexually assaulted by three subjects. A

lengthy investigation ensued, and ultimately all three offenders were identified via forensic analysis of latent evidence and hours of surveillance. All three offenders were subsequently charged with Criminal Sexual Assault by Force.

## APRIL 20, 2021 - DRUG INDUCED HOMICIDE

Wheaton police officers responded to a residence on Rossini Court for a well-being check. Upon their arrival, officers found a male subject deceased on the living room couch, the suspected victim of a drug overdose. Officers also found numerous drugs in the residence. A lengthy investigation ensued, when it was learned the deceased was sold a counterfeit drug containing fentanyl, which was previously identified as the primary

cause of death in this incident. Wheaton police identified Kalvin Beulle, 31, of Glendale Heights, and Nicole Cassata, 23, of Glendale Heights as the individuals who allegedly supplied the decedent with the illegal drugs. Both Beulle and Cassata were charged with one count of Drug Induced Homicide, a Class X Felony, and one count of Manufacture/Delivery of a Controlled Substance, a Class X Felony.

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## APRIL 29, 2021 - MAN WITH A GUN; DOMESTIC BATTERY

Wheaton officers responded to the area of Mitchell Circle for a man who had forcibly restrained a woman in a vehicle and held a gun to her head. Upon arrival, officers located the woman, who was able to flee from the suspect prior to officer's arrival. A perimeter was established, and negotiations commenced with the suspect, who had since retreated into a residence near

the location of the original call. The suspect eventually exited the residence and surrendered, where he was taken into custody without incident. The subject was charged with Domestic Battery, Aggravated Assault, and possession of ammunition without a FOID card. The suspect also had a warrant out of Chicago for Agg Unlawful Use of a Weapon.

## JUNE 1, 2021 - POSSESSION OF A STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE

Wheaton Officer Kevin Freeman observed a white Dodge Durango Hellcat with limo style tint turning into the county complex from Manchester Road. A Carfax inquiry revealed the vehicle was recently offered for sale in Ohio and sold at auction, with a title in Michigan. All history was dated 5/2021 long after the suspect vehicle's registration date on 1/21. A google search of the VIN showed it was currently for sale with the Rick Hendrick Dealership network. Dealer was contacted and

confirmed vehicle was still in their inventory. The vehicle windshield VIN sticker had no watermark hologram. Probable cause search for the VIN on the driver side door was conducted which also had no watermark hologram. An OBD reader confirmed the true VIN to be stolen out Bourbonnais in a dealership burglary on 3/24/21. Tri-County auto theft task force responded and took possession of the stolen vehicle, and the suspect was charged with Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle.

## JUNE 30, 2021 - AGGRAVATED UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE; THEFT 10K-100K

The Wheaton Police Department concluded several investigations in reference to a series of motor vehicle burglaries, motor vehicle thefts, and aggravated fleeing and eluding incidents which occurred during the preceding months. Investigative personnel spearheaded a multi-jurisdictional investigation which identified

the perpetrators of the crime spree. Criminal charges were procured against the offenders in these incidents, ranging from Aggravated Unlawful Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle, Theft 10k-100k, Burglary, and Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding Police.

## JULY 17, 2021 - MEDIC ASSIST

Wheaton Officers Schumaker and Freeman responded to 7 Gables Park for a subject who collapsed and was in cardiac arrest. Upon arrival, officers located a male subject who was unresponsive and not breathing. Ofc Schumaker administered one shock with his AED

and conducted cardiopulmonary resuscitation until Ofc Freeman arrived on scene and relieved Officer Schumaker in performing life saving measures. Medics arrived and transported the male subject to Central DuPage Hospital where he was stabilized.

## JULY 22, 2021 - AGGRAVATED DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM

Wheaton officers responded to a call of shots fired near the 1300 block of N. Main Street. Upon their arrival, officers observed three vehicles parked in the area with apparent gunshot damage. Officers spoke with a witness who observed a dark vehicle pull up and a female get out with a bat and start breaking the windows of

several parked vehicles in the area. She returned to her vehicle and drove off toward the north alleyway, at which point gunfire erupted from the north where the was vehicle driving. The bullet holes found in the three vehicles were consistent with rounds being fired in both directions. Evidence technicians performed bullet

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trajectory analysis and confirmed this fact on scene. It was determined one of the involved parties who discharged a firearm was residing at the apartment complex where the incident transpired, later identified as Anthony Holland, 23, of Wheaton.

Further investigation into the matter determined an individual known to Holland had a physical altercation with another individual the previous day. The second

individual and others went to Holland's home where one member of their group produced a baseball bat and broke the windows of a car parked outside of Holland's home. Upon hearing the commotion, Holland exited his home and began shooting at the vehicle as it fled the scene. Members from the fleeing vehicle returned fire. Holland was taken into custody from his home on July 23, 2021, without incident and charged with Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm.

## SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 - MAN WITH A GUN; DOMESTIC BATTERY

Wheaton officers responded to the 400 block of North President Street for the report of a man with a firearm. Mutual aid was requested and responding units established a perimeter around the residence, at which point in time the offender exited and surrendered to authorities. The offender was determined to be involved in a domestic battery with

his girlfriend and a battery with a female neighbor, both of whom advised the offender had a revolver style weapon in his waistband and threatened to shoot the victims during their altercation. The offender was charged with Domestic Battery, Battery, Disorderly Conduct.

## OCTOBER 22, 2021 - HOME INVASION

Wheaton officers responded to the 700 block of Childs Street for a reported home invasion. The female victim reported her ex-boyfriend, identified as Timothy Jackson, 29, of Villa Park, entered her home and struck her in the forehead with a handgun after an argument. A search of the residence determined Jackson had left the area. Detectives were notified of the incident and later located Jackson in the 300 block of Ardmore Ave in Villa Park. Merit SWAT was

activated and attempted to take Jackson into custody, however, were unsuccessful in doing so. Detectives continued to follow-up with this investigation and on December 17, 2021, Timothy Jackson was located and taken into custody in Wheeling, IL. A search warrant was conducted on the residence Jackson was using as a hideout and numerous firearms were recovered. Jackson was charged with Aggravated Unlawful Restraint and numerous weapon related offenses.

## DECEMBER 29, 2021 - AGGRAVATED DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM

Wheaton officers responded to the 1300 block of N. Main Street for the report of gun shots. A witness advised he heard a male and female arguing in a residential unit approximately 2-3 minutes before he heard a single gunshot come from outside the building. A canvass yielded further information that a male and female were arguing in the parking lot, near a maroon SUV. A witness advised the unknown male driver of the SUV extended his arm outside the vehicle and shot one, before the female entered the maroon SUV with him and left the scene. A search of the parking lot of the apartment complex yielded one

shell casing.

Detectives conducted a thorough follow-up investigation at which point in time the responsible parties were identified. Detectives learned the Elgin Police Department arrested our suspects for a home invasion and shooting that occurred in their town, two hours after our incident. A 9mm handgun and a 9mm shell casing were subsequently recovered. All suspects were feloniously charged with Attempt Homicide (Elgin PD) and Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm (Wheaton PD) in reference to this investigation.

# COMING IN 2022 ...

## ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION

The City of Wheaton is in the process of implementing a system of administrative adjudication to augment its enforcement umbrella in 2022.

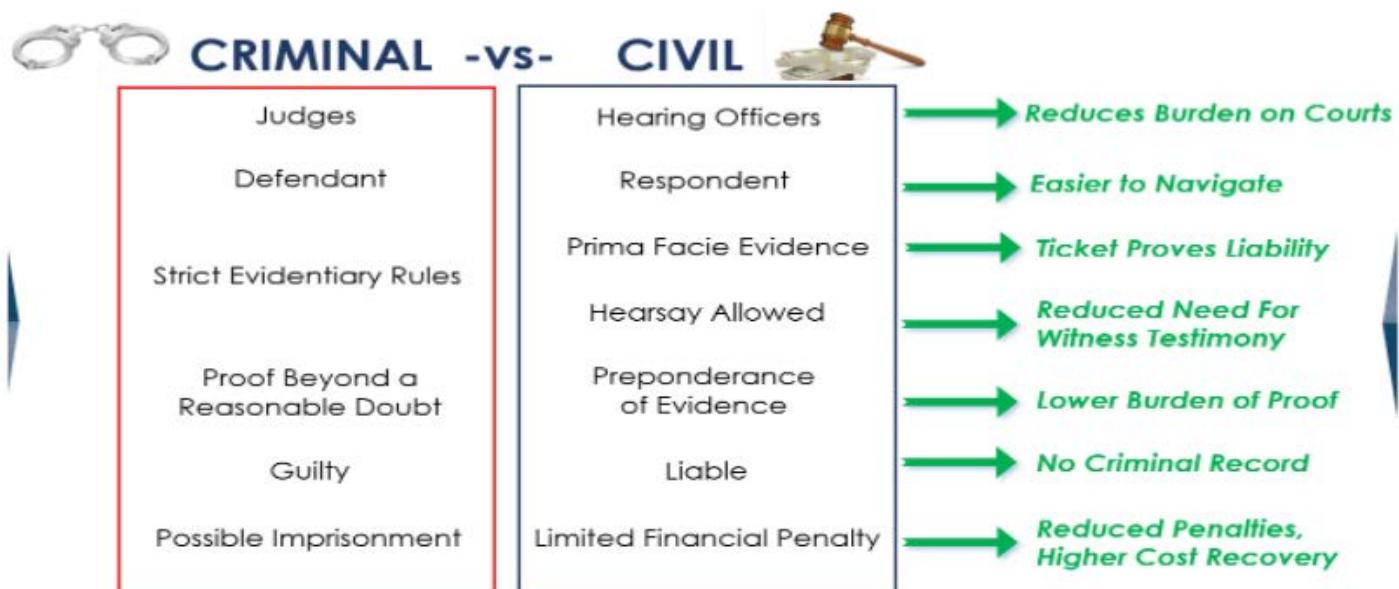
Currently, the city's sole mechanism for adjudication remains at the judicial level with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of DuPage County. A system of administrative adjudication refers to the civil, non-criminal, adjudication of any violation of a municipal ordinance and provides the city with greater autonomy over the entire adjudication process.

The initiative is community centric and aligns with the procedurally just tenets of the Wheaton Police Department. Utilizing a system of administrative

adjudication provides officers a method of accountability alternative to arrest, as violations are viewed in a civil, non-criminal context. Refraining from arrest allows violators to avoid judicial proceedings held at the DuPage County Courthouse and spares violators the exorbitant court fees associated with judicial adjudication and the inconvenience of appearing in court during work hours. There are many situations involving non-violent, minor offenses that are appropriate for administrative adjudication.

Administrative adjudication will not in any way impede the police department's ability to utilize judicial adjudication when appropriate, and the routing of violations will be appropriately applied after considering all relevant facts and circumstances of a given incident.

Training and software installation is underway, and the city's system of administrative adjudication is scheduled to launch in the first half of 2022.



# COMING IN 2022 ...



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## BODY-WORN CAMERAS

The ability of law enforcement to serve and protect their community is dependent upon the public's trust and perception of police legitimacy. Body-worn cameras represent a new form of technology that augments transparency and accountability for law enforcement professionals and enhance our commitment to procedural justice. Studies on the efficacy of body-worn cameras have shown they increase civilian compliance and officer professionalism and provide a greater level of evidence corroboration. Following the recommendations of the Illinois Chiefs of Police Association and the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Wheaton Police Department adopted a plan to institute body-worn cameras for all sworn personnel in 2022. This is the culmination of a process that began in the Fall of 2020.

After extensive research and implementation considerations, the Wheaton Police Department completed a purchase of Axon body-worn cameras in the 4th quarter of the 2021 fiscal year. Staff training and department integration is underway,

with a projected go-live date for body-worn camera utilization scheduled for the first half of the 2022 calendar year. A series of public service announcements will be released in the coming months to familiarize citizens with the initiative and proactively answer any questions concerning body-worn cameras.

