



**Westchester Police Department  
2016 Annual Report**

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## 2016 Annual Report

### Westchester Police Department

Chief Steven L. Stelter

### Chief's Message

It is my pleasure to present the 2016 Westchester Police Department Annual Report. Contained in this report are the details that outline the fine service the men and women of the Westchester Police Department provide on a daily basis.

The Westchester Police Department serves a diverse community and provides law enforcement services with a professional and dedicated staff. The police department currently has 29 sworn officers, 2 community service officers, 2 records clerks and 7 part-time clerks.

The men and women of the Westchester Police Department take tremendous pride in providing the community with excellent police service. The staff here is highly valued and we encourage continued empowerment through continuous training and professional development. The staff understands the importance of public service and their service reflects the values of the community.

I have spent this past year getting to know all members of the police department and learning first-hand how the department operates. I must say that I am very proud of this police department and its members as well as the reputation they have with community members. As we move forward into 2017, we will continue to deliver responsive and fair police services to all individuals.

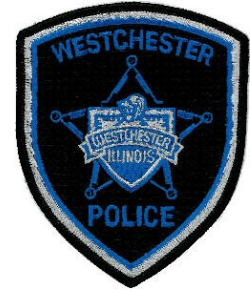
I want to assure the Village of Westchester that the police department is committed to ensuring that everyone has a voice in our attempt to keep the Village of Westchester a safe and livable Village. We are always available to answer questions and address your concerns. If you have a compliment for one of our employees or concern please do not hesitate to contact myself or Deputy Chief Michael O'Hagan.

Lastly, if you are in the neighborhood, please stop by and say HELLO!!!!

Respectfully,

Steven L. Stelter  
Chief of Police

# Organization Chart



Chief of Police

Deputy Chief

Police Services  
Coordinator

Sergeants (2)  
Watch #1

Sergeants (2)  
Watch #2

Sergeants (2)  
Watch #3

Investigation  
Sergeant

Records Clerk  
(2)

Officer

Officer

Officer

Detective

Community  
Service Officer

Officer

Officer

Officer

Detective

Community  
Service Officer

Officer

Officer

Officer

Community  
Resource  
Officer

Part-Time Desk  
Personnel (7)

Officer

Officer

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## SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

The School Resource Officer (SRO) is responsible for providing security and crime prevention services at Westchester Public Schools District 92½, as well as Divine Infant Jesus and Divine Providence schools, Britten School, St. Joseph High School, and Immanuel Christian Academy. The SRO operates off the TRIAD concept that reflects the philosophy of the SRO program and adheres to the following roles: Teacher/Guest Speaker; Informal Counselor; Law Enforcement Officer. The SRO also works closely with school administrators in an effort to create a safer environment for both students and staff. Additional duties included mentoring, coordinating investigative procedures between Police and school administrators, checking for residency and truancy, organizing and then performing safety drills, and conducting presentations on youth-related issues. The SRO plays an integral role in the school system and has a positive impact on the students that the SRO is involved with.

Through the SRO all schools within the community are part of the School Safety Information Sharing Program of the Statewide Terrorism & Intelligence Center (STIC). The program provides a monthly newsletter and webinars.



The SRO also assists at school dances and at the Middle School graduation providing security and traffic control. At the end of the school day the SRO works closely with the Westchester Public Library to ensure students visiting are in compliance with library policies in regards to behavior and conduct.

Some of the highlights of the SRO program, over 2016 included the following classroom presentations:

- “No Bullying Allowed”... a program that addresses bullying and cyber bullying at various grade levels.
- Implemented Sexual Abuse Prevention/Stranger Danger education (Erin's Law) to the District
- Veterans Day
- “A Dose of Reality”... a program that addresses drug and alcohol related issues at the High School level.
- Unity Day... last week of October
- Red Ribbon Week... a full week of programs including drug awareness, personal awareness, stranger danger and others at public and private schools during the month of October.
- Career Day... offers middle and high school students an opportunity to learn about law enforcement.
- “Police Officers Role in the Community”... for various grade levels.



Ofc. Verber as the guest speaker for Veterans Day at the Primary school



Ofc. Verber with Mrs. Mizwicki, 4th grade teacher, with one of our students



Ms. Carlson getting ready for Red Ribbon Week at the Intermediate school

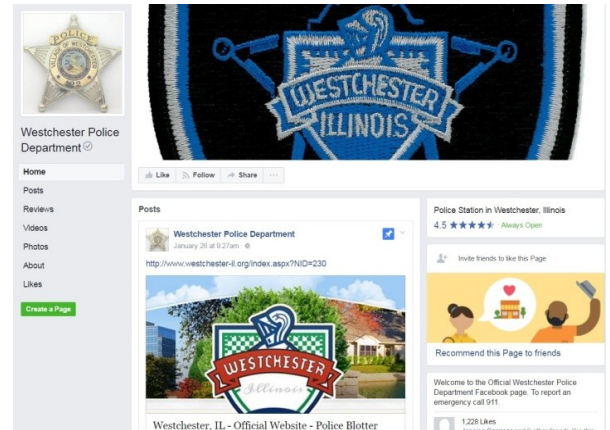


The Westchester Police Department's Community Relations Unit (CRU) is charged with the responsibility of establishing positive communication, to share concerns, perspectives, ideas and solutions to crime between the community and the Department. While all police officers are obligated to project a positive and professional image of the Department, the CRU assisted and created avenues in which to accomplish this task.

The Department's Crime Prevention Officer (CPO) serves as a liaison between the Department and the community, and is responsible for designing and implementing community programming in the areas of crime prevention, personal safety and neighborhood protection. The officer of this unit focused on projects that the Department could implement to enhance services to the community and to improve the quality of life.

The CPO maintains a social media page on Facebook to provide more transparency and enhance networking capabilities with the public. The Westchester Police Department uses the popular social networking site to more effectively provide timely information to the community.

The CPO presented at various times throughout the year. The highlight of the CPO program, over 2016 included the following presentation:



Social media page on Facebook

## Safety and Security

### HOME AND PERSONAL SAFETY PRESENTATION

This is a 1.5 hr. crime prevention program based upon the neighborhood watch concept that empowers participants with the opportunity to work together in crime prevention, local Homeland Security, and to "Look Out For Each Other!". Upon request Ofc. Verber can also perform a security audit of your home, business, or property. A professional inspection provides Community Managers and HOA Boards with an itemization of security liabilities that exist within the association. Anyone who lives in an apartment, condominium complex, townhouse, or a single family home should attend. What will I learn?

- Who your neighbors are and how to work with them to prevent crime
- How to observe, recognize, and report suspicious activity
- How to improve home security and personal safety
- How to identify ownership of property through 'Operation Identification'.
- How to deter criminal behavior through Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)





# WESTCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

2016  
Calls Taken

## TOTAL CALLS 16,762

911 Misdia/Hangup	365	Missing Person	50
Abandoned Auto	59	Motor Vehicle Theft Rpt	21
Accident Property Damage	535	Motorist Assist	182
Animal Complaint	361	Notification	45
Assault	9	Obvious Death	5
Assist Citizen	105	Other Fire Service	1
Assist Fire Dept/Amb	1,992	Other Public Complaint	428
Assist Other Police Dept	240	Other Public Service	97
Attempt To Locate Subject	19	Overnight Parking Request	302
Battery	23	Parking Complaint	303
Burglar Alarm	542	Personal Day	2
Burglary	37	Premise Check	2,562
Burglary/Theft From MV	83	Psychiatric/Suicide/Attem	1
Check Well Being	235	Reckless Driving Complain	182
Citizen Report	80	Recovered Property	84
Conditions Report	14	Recovered Stolen Vehicle	4
Court	12	Repossession	69
Criminal Damage/Prop/Veh	92	Request Police	430
Deceptive Practice/Fraud	129	Roadway Haz / Obstruction	55
Disturbance	143	Robbery/All Offenses	15
Domestic Battery	22	School Crossing	508
Domestic Disturbance	163	Sex Offender Registration	10
Driving Under Influence	4	Sex Offenses All Other	17
Drug Activity/All Offen	15	Shift Roster	1,083
Escort/Prs Meal/Mail/Bank	461	Shots Fired	17
Extra Watch	116	Sick Call	154
Falls - Patient Assist	3	Sick Person	1
Fingerprinting	62	Special Duties	1
Fireworks	45	Station Information	162
Foot Patrol	13	Structure Fire	1
Graffiti-Crim Damage	19	Susp Incident/Auto/Noise	665
Harrassment	35	Telephone Harr/Threat	100
Heart Problems/AICD	1	Theft / All Offenses	195
Hit And Run	103	Towed/Abandon Or Relocate	11
Holdup Alarm	63	Traffic Detail Police	58
Illegal Solicitation	50	Traffic IL Veh Code Arst	80
Intoxicated Subject	2	Traffic Stop	1,903
Investigation	35	Traffic/Transp Acc	1
Juvenile All Offenses	43	Transport Subject	71
Large Group/Loitering	8	Unwanted Subject	67
Lock Out	215	Utilities Notifications	84
Loud Noise	132	Warrant Serv/Want Person	29
Miscellaneous	3	Weapon Complaint	10
Mischievous Conduct	8		



## Department Firearms Training

### *Pistol and Patrol Rifle Training*

Department members participate in pistol and patrol rifle training qualifications both indoors and outdoors. Each department member must qualify with their duty pistol and patrol rifle annually.



### *Scenario Based Training*

The Westchester Police Department participates in a regional Active Shooter training program. During the program, Police and Fire Departments in the region (Bellwood, Broadview, Berkeley, and Westchester) work together through active shooter scenarios with the use of a rescue task force. The objective of this training is to be prepared to coordinate police and fire departments during an active shooter situation to eliminate the threat and rescue wounded using the most effective tactics.



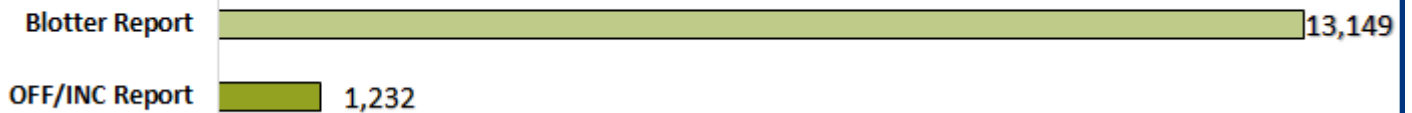




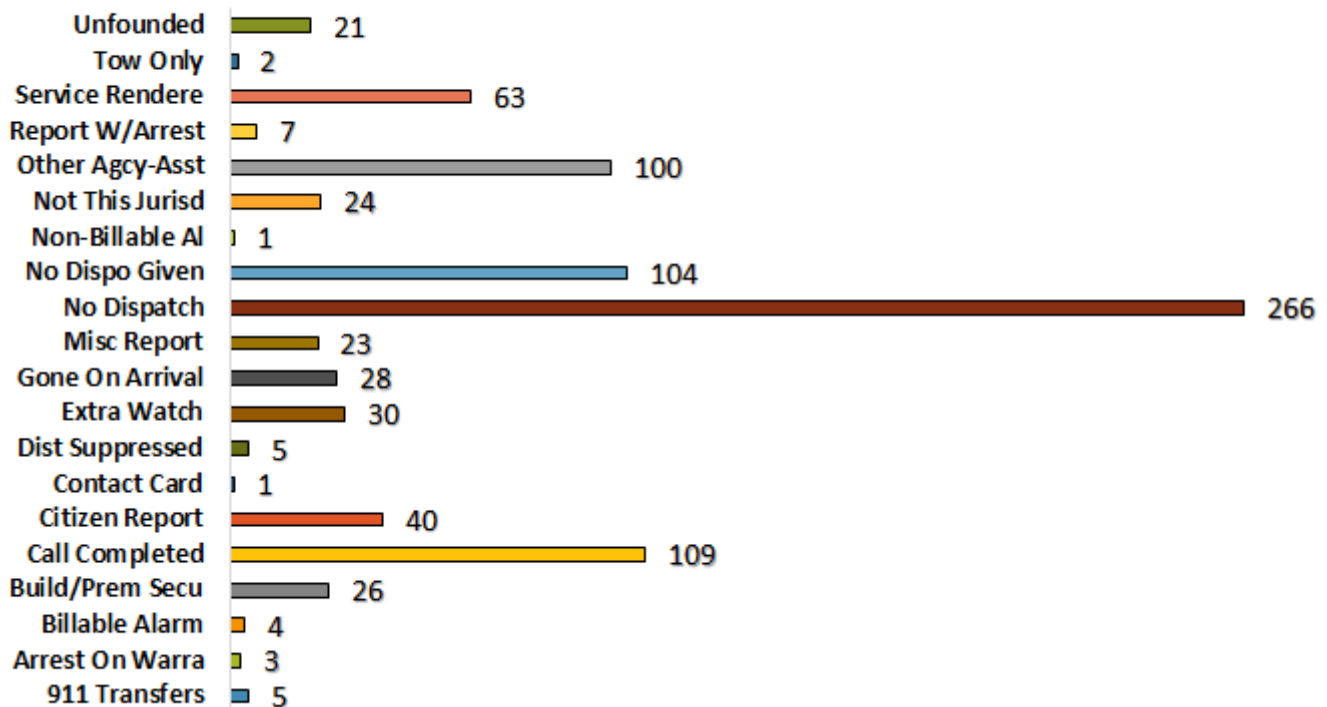
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2016  
Dispositions Report

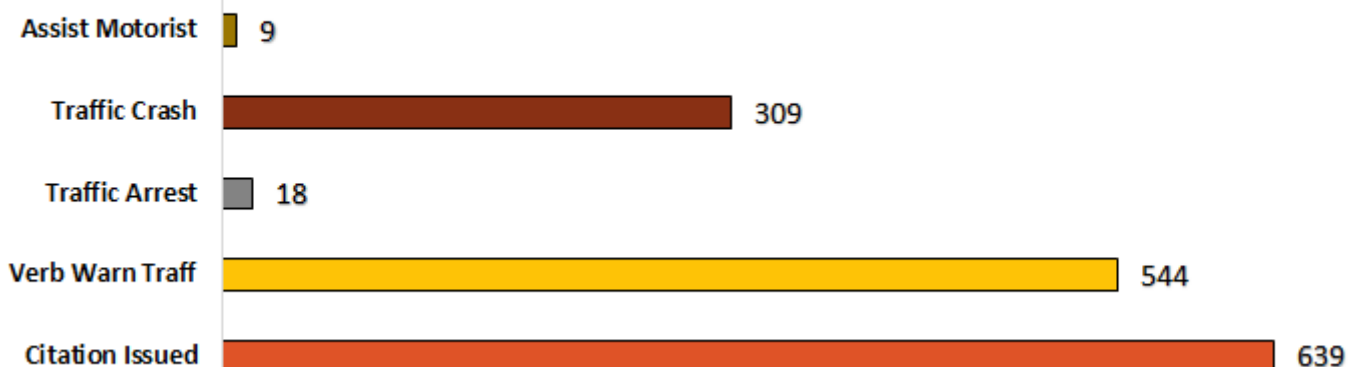
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## TRAFFIC DISPOSITIONS



The Elderly Service Officer (ESO) deals with the needs and problems of the senior community, and plays a more active role in helping members of the senior community protect themselves against violence and fraudulent crime. The Departments ESO serves as an advocate and is versed in the aging process, elder abuse and neglect, communication skills, and crime prevention programs for seniors. The officer could be contacted if assistance was needed with anything from reporting a crime against a senior citizen to senior crime prevention help. The ESO could also direct seniors and their families to a multitude of county and state resources that specialize in assisting seniors.

Through AgeOptions the ESO was connected with the Illinois Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) Program. The SMP Program empowered consumers to prevent healthcare fraud. Each month information is posted on the Departments social media page on Facebook to more effectively provide timely information to seniors within the community.

The ESO presents at various venues throughout the area. Some of the highlights of the ESO program, over 2016 included the following presentations and topics:

- S.A.F.E. Senior program - S.A.F.E. stands for Safety, Abuse, and Fraud Education. The purpose of the program is to educate seniors about home and personal safety, elder abuse, neglect, financial exploitation, and con games and fraud schemes.
- Smartphone Safety For Tech-Shy Seniors
- KNOX-BOX<sup>®</sup> program - A Knox-Box enables firefighter-paramedics rapid entry to your home without damage if you're not home or unable to open the door.
- Care Trak program - This is telemetry based tracking for people at risk. The equipment is used to locate Alzheimer's wanderers and children with special needs such as Autism, Down syndrome and other conditions and bring them home safely.



Ofc. Verber with the Care Trak system



Knox-Box



***Citizen Police Academy (CPA) -***

The CPA, which was run by Ofc. Rob Verber, is one of the most popular and successful programs with the community. The Westchester Police Department brought back the CPA in 2016 by hosting a fall/winter session. The 10-week program was designed to give the participants a working knowledge of the Westchester Police Department. It consisted of a series of classes and discussions held once a week. There was NO COST to anyone who lived or worked in the Village of Westchester.



CPA Class 2016

The classes provide an in-depth view into various areas of law enforcement to include crime prevention, patrol, investigations, gangs, juvenile crime, traffic safety, firearms, terrorism, and K-9 unit. It is an educational and informative program that allows residents the opportunity to learn about the issues that affect law enforcement efforts in the Village of Westchester, and how to develop a partnership with the police department.

***Westchester Park District Safety "U" program -***

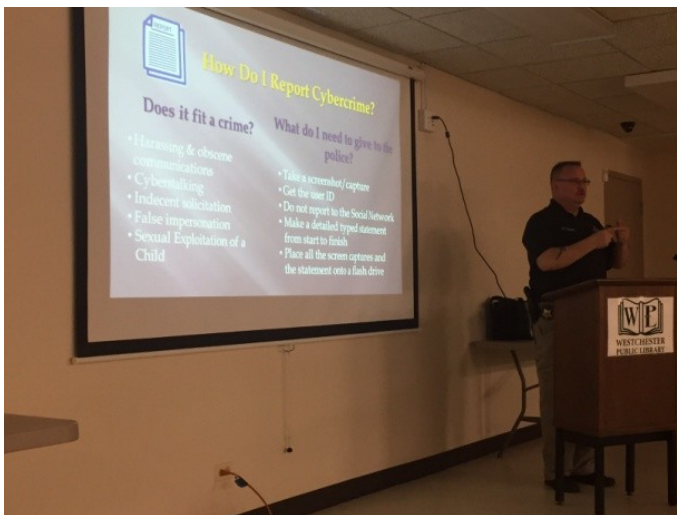
Sponsored by the Park District in June and co-taught by both the Police and Fire Department the weeklong two-hour class taught children age 5-7 years old about strangers, seatbelt safety, how to call 911, fire safety, poisons, school bus evacuation/safety, bike safety, playground safety and water safety.





## Cyber Safety -

The Westchester Public Library hosted Ofc. Verber's 'Cyber Guide For Parents' presentation. Upon completion of the presentation parents were empowered to answer the following questions and covered topics such as: Who is my child talking with? What apps is my child using? How to perform a search of your child's computer. Internet predators on having access to our children through their cell phone applications.



**DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR KIDS ARE DOING ONLINE?**

Protect your child NOW with **Not my kid!** and **Cyber Self-Defense** - invaluable and relevant cyber safety presentations for parents and for students in Middle and High School - developed by **Officer Rob Verber**

**TWO PRESENTATIONS AVAILABLE:**

- 2.0 hr. parent **Not my kid!** and a 1.5 hr. student **Cyber Self-Defense**
- Student forum will discuss sexting, sextortion, cyberbullying, gaming platforms, sexual and financial predators.
- Parent forum will discuss all of the above along with computer searches, software for monitoring computers and cell phones, red flags, cyberbullying and how to report, dangers of video websites, file sharing, and social networking.
- Free and discounted software will be offered to properly monitor an Android, iPhone, and computer.

**INFORMATION ABOUT OFFICER VERBER:**

- 27 year veteran of the Westchester Police Department
- MASSD certified School Resource Officer - Westchester Public School Dist. 92 %
- State certified Juvenile Officer
- One of Officers Verber's goals is to educate parents and the public on the importance of internet safety in every home

**To reserve a presentation or for more information:**  
rverber@westchesterpolice.com or 708-345-0060 ext. 440

The presentation will empower parents to answer:

- Who is my child talking with?
- What apps is my child using?
- iPhone or Android?
- What websites does my child visit?
- What information does my child share?

## KinderCare "Safety Day 2016" -

KinderCare, located in tower one of the Westbrook Corporate Center, invited the Police Department to visit with the children. During the visit Ofc. Verber, School Resource Officer, spoke with the children about Stranger Danger, Outdoor Safety, and how to make positive choices. The children enjoyed the opportunity to check out the squad car. The Fire Department spoke with the children about fire safety on the previous day.





**Westchester Public Library Summer Reading Finale -**

The Community Relations Unit was present along with Safetypup® who greeted guests.



**National Night Out -**

In the month of August this annual event, funded in part by community partnerships, is a unique crime prevention campaign that includes local businesses, residents and the police department. The event generates support for anti-crime programs and aims to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.





### ***Dunkin' Donuts Cop on Rooftop -***

The CRU coordinated fund raising at both the Mannheim Rd. & 31st St. Dunkin' Donuts for this year's event for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois. Special Olympics provides opportunities for adults and children with intellectual disabilities to train and compete in Olympic-type sporting events to increase their physical fitness levels, achieve success in meeting goals, and experience the fun and camaraderie of competitive sports. The Westchester Police Department raised in total \$5,602.00 in donations for Special Olympics Illinois.



### ***Safety Talks with Daisy Troops, Cub Scout Troops and Daycare Facilities -***

Ofc. Verber attends meetings of various boy and girl scout troops and packs. Throughout the year, groups are provided tours of the police facility.

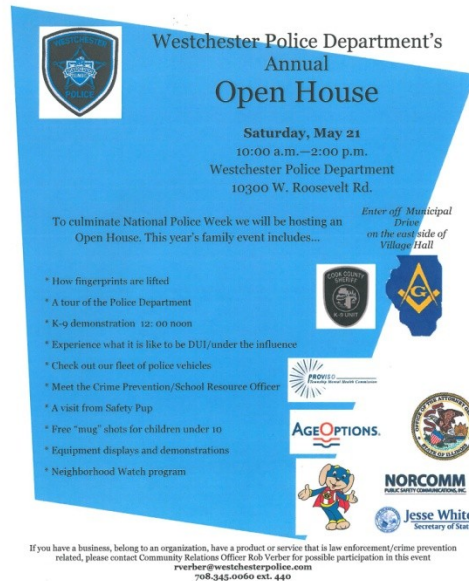


Cub Scout Pack #73 on a station tour



## Westchester Police Department Open House -

The annual Open House, held in May to culminate National Police Week, was also another occasion to connect with residents in a relaxed, informal setting and share information about programs and services available to the community. The open house offers guests an opportunity to tour the prisoner processing area and jail cells, the interview rooms, and the squad room – and even got a chance to experience what it is like to be DUI/under the influence. Free "mug" shots for children under 10 were offered, as were free gun locks. Programs like Crime Cams, Stop Arm Violation Enforcement (S.A.V.E.), and Free Prescription Drop Off were also promoted.



### Crime Cams - A Community Camera Partnership

The Crime Cams program enlists the help of residents who have home outdoor video cameras to solve neighborhood crimes. Investigators have found when canvassing a neighborhood after a crime has occurred that a home video system may have captured a picture of a suspect and/or a vehicle. This can be a valuable lead that can help in an investigation and may lead to an arrest. The Crime Cams program is voluntary and asks residents who have outdoor surveillance cameras to register their cameras with the Police Department. While still in its early stages, the program has already helped with the identification of suspects.



Registration form for the program can be found on the Village website



### Narcan -

The growing heroin and opioid epidemic in Illinois is here to stay with Cook County at its epicenter. In September 2015 legislation was passed allowing state and local law enforcement officers to be equipped to administer the lifesaving drug Naloxone. Naloxone or Narcan is an opioid antagonist, designed to reverse an opioid overdose.




The image depicts both the size and look of the injector carried by officers

In October Westchester officers completed a training program developed by the CPU and can now carry and administer the drug. By means of an auto-injector victims receive the drug through intramuscular injection, typically the thigh. Within 2-8 minutes the effects of the opioid overdose are reversed giving paramedics time to perform after care and ultimately save a life. The drug does come at a price, \$3,800 for two auto-injectors. Through a grant the department was provided with several of the kits free of charge.



### Ring Video Doorbell program -

The device streams live audio and video of a home's front doorstep directly to a smartphone or tablet, allowing homeowners to stay connected to their homes whether in the kitchen or across town. Ring customers have used the technology in the target hardening of their home and add more to their peace of mind. Coupled with the Crime Cam program the Department now has additional eyes in the community. Ofc. Verber works closely with the good people at Ring. The end result, the creation of a discount for Westchester residents.




With Ring, You're Always Home.

**SPECIAL OFFER FOR:**  
**Westchester Residents**  
GET \$25 OFF AT RING.COM USING:  
PROMO CODE: 14westchester

**PRODUCT FEATURES**

- WI-FI CONNECTED**  
Simply connect the Video Doorbell to your Wi-Fi network and it's ready to go.
- EASY INSTALLATION**  
Installs in minutes - no professional help or special tools required.
- HD CAMERA**  
Always have a clear view of your home's entrance with wide-angle HD video.
- NIGHT VISION**  
See what's going on any time of day, thanks to infrared LEDs.
- FACEPLATE FINISHES**
  - Satin Nickel
  - Venetian Bronze
  - Antique Brass
  - Polished Brass
- CLOUD RECORDING**  
Never miss any activity with optional Cloud Recording.
- MOBILE ACCESS**  
Receive instant alerts when someone rings your doorbell or motion is detected, via the free Ring App for iOS, Android, and Windows 10. See and speak with visitors from anywhere using your smartphone, and watch recorded footage anytime (with optional Cloud Recording).




**TWO-WAY TALK**  
Seamlessly speak with anyone at your door via the built-in speakers and microphone.

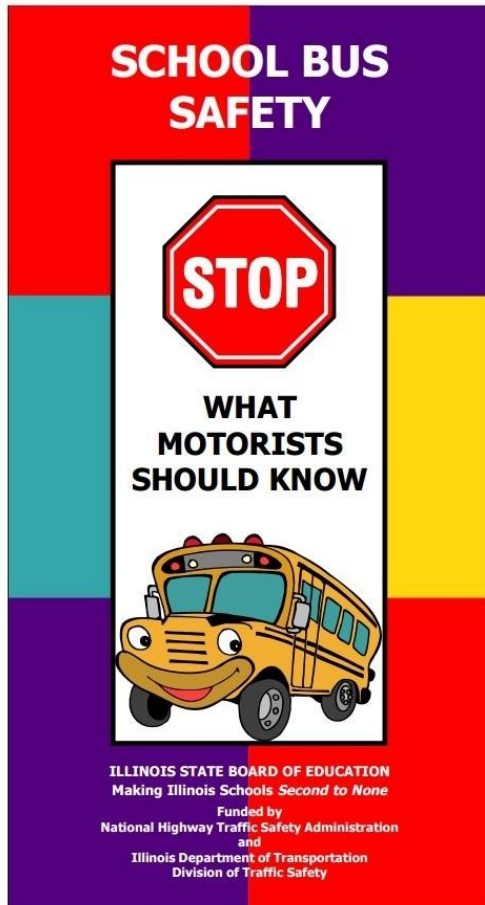
**MOTION DETECTION**  
Motion sensors activate the camera and trigger instant mobile alerts when movement is detected.

**DUAL POWER**  
Connects to existing doorbell wiring, or runs off the built-in battery for total convenience.

**CERTIFIED FOR OUTDOOR USAGE**  
Never worry about your unit being damaged by heat, humidity, rain, sleet, or snow.

**LIFETIME PURCHASE PROTECTION**  
If your Video Doorbell is stolen, we'll replace it free of charge.





Upload from the Illinois State Board of Education website

### Stop Arm Violation Enforcement (S.A.V.E.) program -

The focus of enforcement centered on vehicles that passed a stopped school bus actively picking up and dropping off children. Child Safety is a top priority! The SRO conducts a random 'ride along' in school buses throughout the school year while an officer follows behind the bus cites motorists in violation. The SRO utilizes a social media page on Facebook to push school safety to include school bus stop arm awareness out into the community.

District school bus drivers also have an active part in the program. Once a violation is observed the color, make, model, and license plate are recorded on a Department issued Stop Arm Violation Observation Report. Completed reports are then picked up by Ofc. Verber. The information is then ran through the Department with a warning letter sent to the registered owner of the vehicle.



During the third week of October an extensive safety campaign was launched using our social media page on Facebook

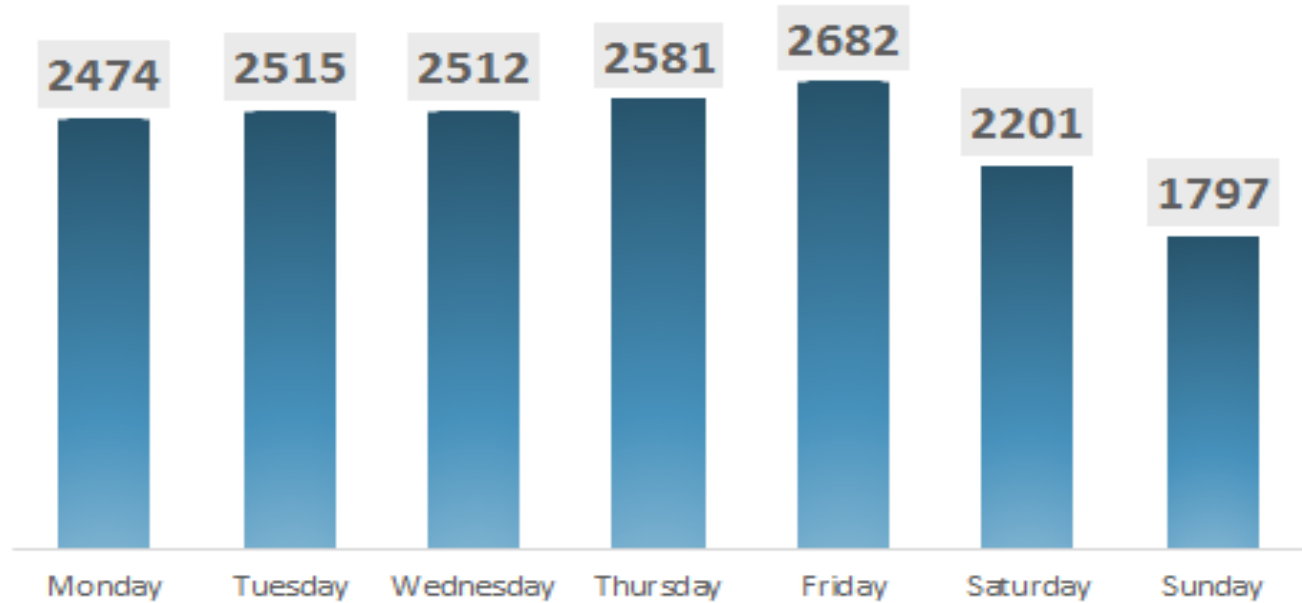




# WESTCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

2016  
Call Frequency

## DAY OF WEEK



## CALLS BY HOUR

