



**Westchester Police Department
2018 Annual Report**

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Annual Report 2018

I am pleased to present to you the Westchester Police Department 2018 Annual Report. Each year the police department's goal is to protect and serve the members of our community with the highest level of commitment, ethics and professionalism. We strive to be leaders in the community by providing exceptional police services that embody the spirit of community partnerships by being responsive, efficient and transparent in resolving community concerns in regards to public safety. This can be accomplished through a partnership with the community which in turn will help reduce crime and address quality of life issues. This report is a reflection of the dedication and commitment of the members of the Westchester Police Department.

Our most valued partnership is the one we share with our residents. We continue to maintain a strong and successful alliance with our schools; the newly enacted Citizens Police Academy is bringing residents of the community in and giving them an intimate knowledge of our police department, police officers and their everyday duties. Last Christmas we held our second "Shop With A Cop," where we took 9 children from financially suffering homes and through donations from the community took them Christmas shopping for themselves and their family members. We also had some movement in the police department with the promotion of a Sergeant and added a new Deputy Chief. These are just a few examples of how the police department is maintaining a spirit of building a partnership with the community.

This report provides organizational information, statistics and highlights our services and resources. As 2019 begins, we look forward to partnering with the community to find new ways to make Westchester a great place to live, work and play. It is my honor to serve as the Chief of Police to such a dedicated group of men and women and to a community as caring and passionate as the residents of Westchester.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven Stelter".

Chief Steven Stelter



Organization Chart



CRIME PREVENTION & SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

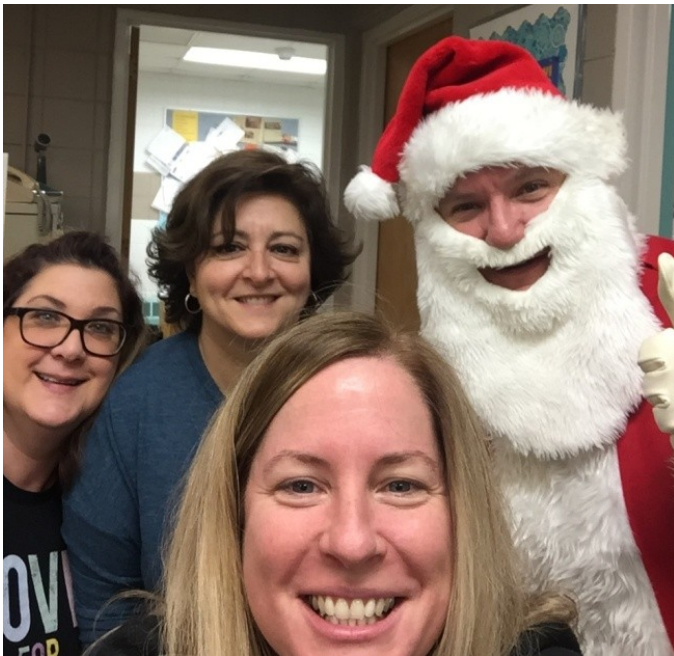
Ofc. Robert Verber, a 30-year patrol veteran, joined the Westchester Police Department in 1989, where he has held the position of Patrol Officer. In August 2013 he was selected for the position and currently serves as the School Resource Officer (SRO) holding both basic and advanced certification from the National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO). He is assigned to the Detective Division as a Juvenile Officer investigating child cybercrime and has since taken his juvenile investigations experience and applied it to invaluable and relevant cyber safety presentations for parents and school-age children.

Since August 2010 he has overseen the department's Community Relations Unit (CRU) and also serves as the Crime Prevention Officer (CPO). The CPO has special training in assisting senior citizens and is a certified Elderly Service Officer (ESO) as designated by the Illinois Attorney General's Office.

Ofc. Verber is currently on the Westchester Public Schools District 92½ standing committee for school safety and security and assisting in the development of the District's strategic plan. He also sits on the Township of Proviso steering committee for the Strengthening of Proviso Youth (SPY) program. Ofc. Verber is an active member of the West Suburban Juvenile Officers Association as Treasurer.

One of Ofc. Verber's goals are to educate parents, students and the public on the importance of Internet safety in every home.

The following sections include but are not limited to the highlights and accomplishments as a result of the School Resource Officer program and the Crime Prevention Officer of the CRU.



Santa's helper? visits the Primary School



92.5 Walk-A-Thon



Intermediate School Halloween "Grammar Police"

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

The School Resource Officer (SRO) was 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 worked closely with school administrators 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 played an integral role in the school system and had a positive impact on the students that the SRO was involved with.

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

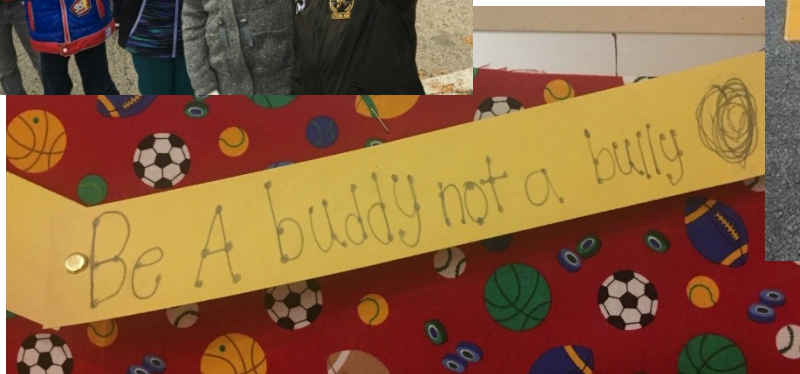
The SRO also assisted at school dances and the Middle School graduation providing security and traffic control. At the end of the school day, the SRO worked closely with the Westchester Public Library to ensure students visiting complied with library policies in regards to behavior and conduct.



Some of the highlights of the SRO program over 2018 included the following classroom presentations:

- “No Bullying Allowed”... a program that addresses bullying and cyberbullying at various grade levels.
- “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 October.

Anti-Bullying Behavior March



Class of 2018

COMMUNITY RELATIONS UNIT

The Westchester Police Department's Community Relations Unit (CRU) was 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) served as a liaison between the Department and the community and was 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.



Social media page on Facebook

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

★ NATIONAL ★

Coffee WITH A Cop

★ ★ ★ DAY ★ ★ ★

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS. ONE CUP AT A TIME.

Join your neighbors and police officers for coffee and conversation on National Coffee with a Cop Day.

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Wednesday
October 3, 2018

Dunkin' Donuts
11204 31st St., Westchester

8:30 am to
10:30 am

The mission of Coffee with a Cop is to break down the barriers between police officers and the citizens they serve by removing agendas and allowing opportunities to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood.

THIS EVENT IS PRESENTED BY THE:

Westchester Police Department

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National Coffee with a Cop

Our first ever National Coffee with a Cop event brought officers and the community members they serve together—over coffee—to discuss issues and learn more about each other.



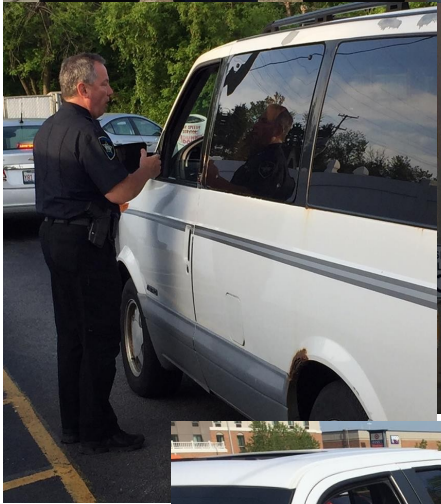
Shop with a Cop

Shop with a Cop provided a fun-filled day for many children in need from our community while creating positive relationships with law enforcement. Through private donations, each child was given a set amount of money to spend. The children purchased gifts for members of their immediate family as well as themselves as their law enforcement “Partner for the Day” escorted them around the store and assisted in selecting appropriate gifts for each family member. Each child was presented with a bicycle while the parent/guardian received a gift card for a Honeybaked Ham.



Dunkin' Donuts Cop on Rooftop

The CRU coordinated fundraising 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 \$ 3,450 in donations for Special Olympics Illinois.



National Night Out

In 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 generated support for anti-crime programs and aims to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.



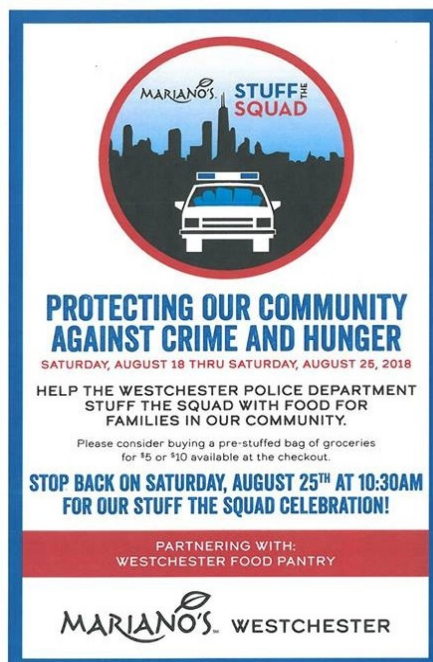
Back to School Picnic

The Village kicked off the start of the 2018-19 school year by once again hosting this event. Those in attendance took a chance at the Throw & Soak to wet down Superintendent Salemi, Intermediate School Principal Barrett, and School Resource Officer Rob Verber at this school year's event. At three throws for a dollar, all proceeds went to benefit the Wounded Heroes Fund. It should be noted that those involved in this year's Throw & Soak endured months of "cold water" training at the Village of Westchester Cold Water Training Center (CWTC) located in Vostok, Antarctica.



Mariano's Stuff the Squad

The Westchester Police Department participated in the annual Mariano's "Stuff the Squad" food drive to benefit the Westchester Food Pantry. Amanda Grant and Kathleen Franzwa, who run the food pantry did a great job.





WESTCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

2016-2018

TOTAL CALLS 2016—16,762 2017—15,186 2018—17,533

CALLS	2018	2017	2016	CALLS	2018	2017	2016
911 Misdia/Hangup	456	328	365	Missing Person	30	41	50
9-1-1 Transfers	3	5	-	Motor Vehicle Theft Rpt	15	16	21
Abandoned Auto	57	51	59	Motorist Assist	164	180	182
Accident Property Damage	411	448	535	Notification	55	46	45
Accident with Injury	56	-	-	Obvious Death	-	4	5
Activated Fire Alarm	1	-	-	Other Fire Service	-	-	1
Animal Complaint	383	394	361	Other Public Complaint	119	307	428
Animal/Bites/Attacks	-	1	-	Other Public Service	19	43	97
Assault	5	6	9	Overdose/Poisoning	1	1	-
Assist Citizen	91	98	105	Overnight Parking Request	297	225	302
Assist Fire Dept/Amb	2,277	2,139	1,992	Overweight Vehicle	1	-	-
Assist Other Police Dept	334	281	240	Parking Complaint	317	323	303
Attempt To Locate Subject	14	20	19	Personal Day	2	2	2
Back Pain	1	-	-	Pregnancy/Birth/Miscarriage	1	-	-
Battery	26	18	23	Premise Check	3,905	1,601	2,562
Bomb Threat	1	-	-	Psychiatric/Suicide/Attempt	3	2	1
Brush Fire	1	-	-	Radio Outage/Issue	-	2	-
Burglar Alarm	578	561	542	Reckless Driving Complain	171	179	182
Burglary	24	41	37	Recovered Property	69	97	84
Burglary/Theft From MV	35	84	83	Recovered Stolen Vehicle	8	6	4
Cardiac,Resp Arrest/Death	1	1	-	Repossession	70	66	69
Check Well Being	298	257	235	Request Police	448	445	430
Citizen Report	62	66	80	Roadway Haz / Obstruction	61	50	55
Community Relations	9	-	-	Robbery/All Offenses	10	14	15
Conditions Report	22	18	14	School Crossing	174	281	508
Court	29	19	12	School Detail	182	-	-
Criminal Damage/Prop/Veh	64	113	92	Sex Offender Registration	-	4	10
Deceptive Practice/Fraud	145	177	129	Sex Offenses All Other	7	6	17
Disturbance	169	162	143	Shift Roster	1,072	1,065	1,083
Domestic Battery	39	31	22	Shots Fired	6	8	17
Domestic Disturbance	181	153	163	Sick Call	178	184	154
Driving Under Influence	9	6	4	Sick Person	-	1	1
Drug Activity/All Offen	30	29	15	Smell of Smoke/Smoke Bldg	1	-	-
Escort/Prs Meal/Mail/Bank	416	466	461	Special Duties	-	-	1
Extra Watch	86	101	116	Station Information	119	142	162
Falls	2	2	3	Structure Fire	1	1	1
Fingerprinting	57	52	62	Susp Incident/Auto/Noise	572	653	665
Fireworks	36	49	45	Telephone Harr/Threat	70	64	100
Foot Patrol	6	15	13	Test Activity	-	1	-
Graffiti-Crim Damage	2	34	19	Theft / All Offenses	159	166	195
Harrassment	45	41	35	Towed/Abandon or Relocate	7	9	11
Heart Problems/AICD	-	-	1	Traffic Detail Police	54	48	58
Hit And Run	100	110	103	Traffic IL Veh Code Arst	82	101	80
Holdup/Panic Alarm	84	86	63	Traffic Stop	1,651	1,533	1,903
Illegal Solicitation	50	81	50	Traffic/Transp Acc	-	1	1
Intoxicated Subject	7	13	2	Transport Subject	61	56	71
Investigation	30	31	35	Trouble Alarm	-	1	-
Juvenile All Offenses	58	50	43	Unconscious/Fainting	-	1	-
Large Group/Loitering	5	10	8	Unwanted Subject	63	66	67
Lock Out	223	214	215	Utilities Notifications	103	135	84
Loud Noise	127	119	132	Vehicle Fire	-	1	-
Miscellaneous	1	-	3	Warrant Serv/Want Person	47	21	29
Mischievous Conduct	1	1	8	Weapon Complaint	10	5	10

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.





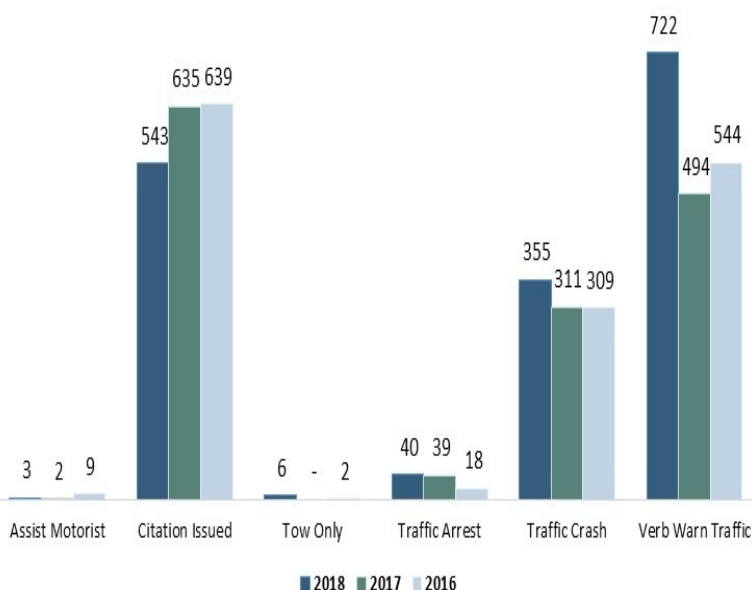
WESTCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

2018

DISPOSITIONS



TRAFFIC DISPOSITIONS



	2018	2017	2016
911 Transfers	7	8	5
Alarm	-	1	-
Arrest On Warra	7	6	3
Assist Motorist	3	2	9
Billable Alarm	-	2	4
Blotter Report	13,164	11,008	13,149
Build/Prem Secu	27	36	26
Call Completed	307	202	-
Citation Issued	543	635	639
Citizen Report	49	60	40
Condition Report	3	-	-
Contact Card	2	-	1
Dist Suppressed	-	3	5
Extra Watch	15	21	30
Field Hosp Rep	-	1	-
Gone On Arrival	15	23	28
Misc Report	18	16	23
No Dispatch	685	666	266
No Dispo Given	101	120	104
Non-Billable AI	-	-	1
Not This Jurisd	12	10	24
OFF/INC Report	1,262	1,323	1,232
Other Agcy-Asst	71	64	100
Report W/Arrest	19	25	7
Service Rendere	66	84	63
Test Call	1	2	-
Tow Only	6	-	2
Traffic Arrest	40	39	18
Traffic Crash	355	311	309
Unfounded	33	22	21
Verb Warn Traffic	722	494	544
Wait	-	1	-

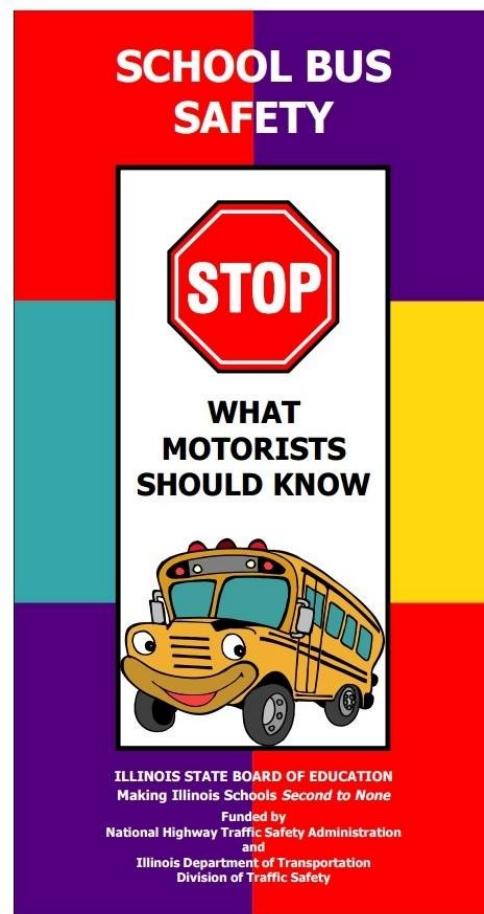
Stop Arm Violation Enforcement (S.A.V.E.) program

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 conducted a random 'ride along' in school buses throughout the school year while an officer who trailed behind the bus cited motorists in violation. The SRO utilized 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 had an active part in the program. Once a violation was observed the color, make, model and license plate were recorded on a Department issued Stop Arm Violation Observation Report. Completed reports were then picked up by SRO Verber. The information was then run 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



Upload from the Illinois State Board of Education website

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 of all ages - 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:

- 29 year veteran of the Westchester Police Department
- NASRO certified School Resource Officer - Westchester Public School Dist. 92 ½
- State certified Juvenile Officer
- One of Officer Verber's goals is to educate parents and the public on the importance of Internet safety in every home

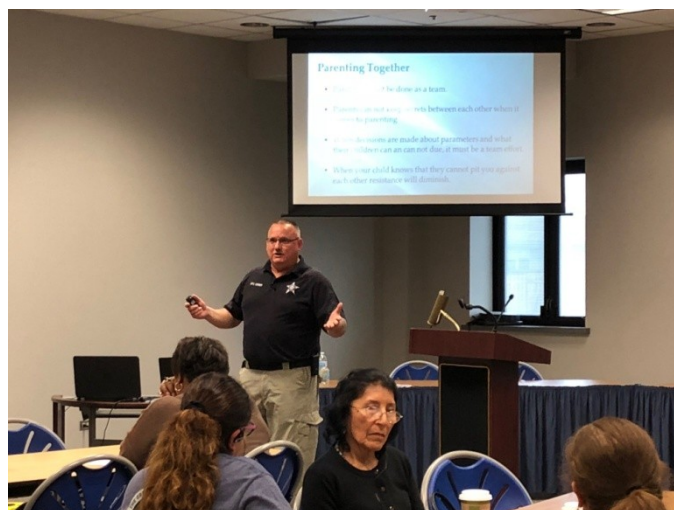
To reserve a presentation or for more information:
rverber@westchesterpolice.com or 708-345-0060 ext. 440

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?

Cyber Safety

SRO Rob Verber presented multiple times through the year so that parents could find out what they need to know to properly guide their child's use of technology.



Crime Cams - A Community Camera Partnership

The Crime Cams program enlisted 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 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. The program has helped in the identification of suspects.



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

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.



KinderCare "Safety Day 2018"

KinderCare, located in tower one of the Westbrook Corporate Center, invited the Police Department to visit with the children. During the visit SRO Verber 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.



ELDERLY SERVICE OFFICER

The Elderly Service Officer (ESO) dealt with the needs and problems of the senior community and played a more active role in helping members of the senior community protect themselves against violence and fraudulent crime. The Departments ESO served 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 was posted on the Departments social media page on Facebook to more effectively provide timely information to seniors within the community.

The highlight of the CPO program over 2018 included a series of presentations hosted by the Township of Proviso.



S.A.F.E. SENIOR PROGRAM

As people grow older, their chances of being victims of crime decrease dramatically. But a lifetime of experience coupled with the physical problems associated with aging often makes older Americans fearful. Although they're on the lookout constantly for physical attack and burglary, they're not as alert to frauds and con games, in reality, the greatest crime threat to seniors' well being and trust.

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.

The ESO presented at various venues throughout the area. A highlight of the ESO program over 2018 included multiple presentations through the Township of Proviso covering topics such as:

- S.A.F.E. Senior program - Scams, Cons & Fraud

A graphic for the S.A.F.E. Senior Program presentation. It features a central circular emblem with the Township of Proviso seal, surrounded by red and blue polka-dot circles and American flag motifs. To the right is a text box with details about the presentation.

**First session of a series,
Scams, Cons & Fraud:
S.A.F.E. SENIOR PROGRAM**

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**Presentation by Rob Verber, Elderly
Service Officer - Westchester Police**

The series will be presented at:
Proviso Township Office
4565 Harrison St.
Hillside, IL 60162

Friday
December 14, 2018
11:00 AM

**Spaces are limited. Please Call Proviso Township
Senior Services to register: 708-449-4307**

Scenario Based Training

The Westchester Police Department and the Westchester Fire Department participate together in active shooter incident training. This ensures we are prepared to deploy an effective multi-discipline response to any incident.

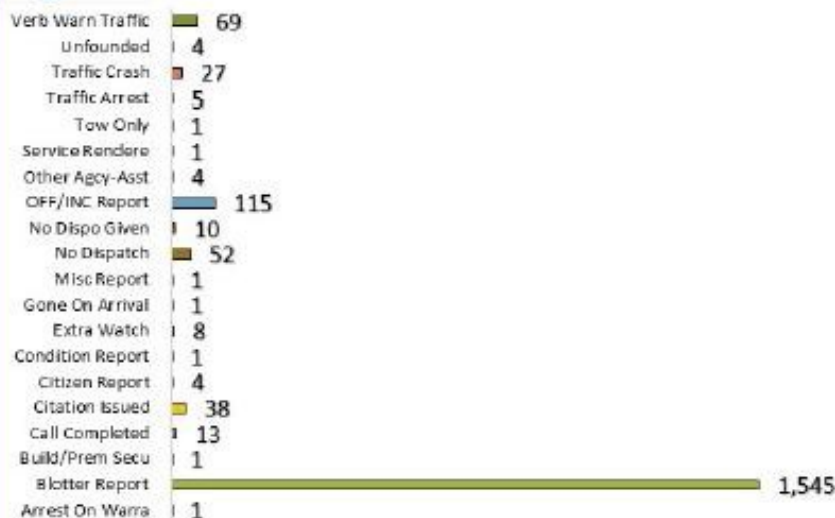




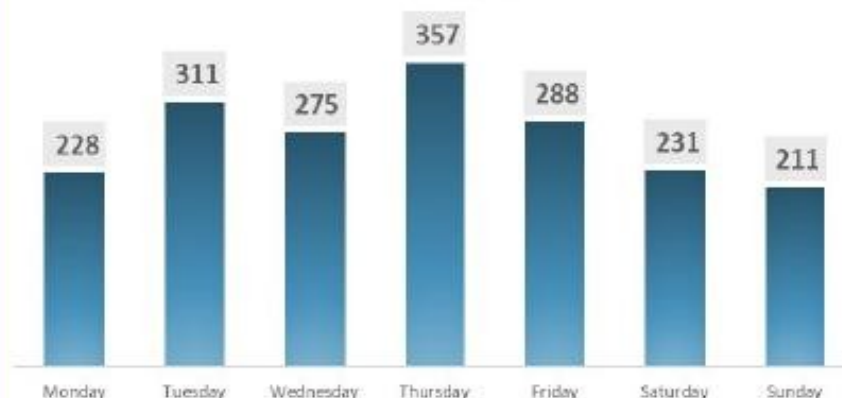
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**December 2018
Statistical Report**

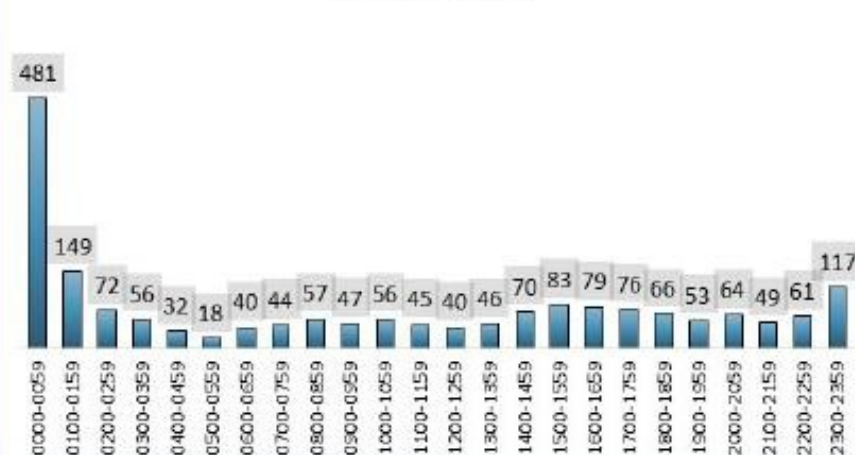
DISPOSITIONS



DAY OF WEEK



CALLS BY HOUR



CALLS	DECEMBER
911 Misdia/Hangup	39
Abandoned Auto	1
Accident Property Damage	24
Accident with Injury	6
Activated Fire Alarm	1
Animal Complaint	25
Assault	1
Assist Citizen	15
Assist Fire Dept/Amb	178
Assist Other Police Dept	26
Attempt To Locate Subject	1
Battery	2
Bomb Threat	1
Brush Fire	1
Burglar Alarm	38
Burglary	3
Burglary/Theft From MV	2
Check Well Being	25
Citizen Report	2
Conditions Report	5
Court	2
Criminal Damage/Prop/Veh	9
Deceptive Practice/Fraud	16
Disturbance	7
Domestic Battery	3
Domestic Disturbance	19
Driving Under Influence	1
Drug Activity/All Offen	3
Escort/Prs Meal/Mail/Bank	33
Extra Watch	14
Fingerprinting	5
Foot Patrol	1
Harrassment	2
Hit And Run	7
Holdup/Panic Alarm	7
Illegal Solicitation	1
Investigation	1
Juvenile All Offenses	3
Lock Out	17
Loud Noise	17
Miscellaneous	1
Missing Person	3
Motorist Assist	12
Notification	5
Other Public Complaint	1
Overnight Parking Request	17
Parking Complaint	17
Premise Check	846
Psychiatric/Suicide/Attempt	2
Reckless Driving Complain	11
Recovered Property	3
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	1
Repossession	5
Request Police	31
Roadway Haz / Obstruction	1
Robbery/All Offenses	2
School Crossing	13
School Detail	19
Shift Roster	93
Shots Fired	1
Sick Call	18
Station Information	10
Susp Incident/Auto/Noise	40
Telephone Harri/Threat	3
Theft / All Offenses	15
Towed/Abandon or Relocate	1
Traffic Detail Police	2
Traffic IL Veh Code Arst	9
Traffic Stop	135
Transport Subject	4
Unwanted Subject	3
Utilities Notifications	11
Warrant Serv/Want Person	1
Weapon Complaint	1
MONTHLY TOTALS	1,901

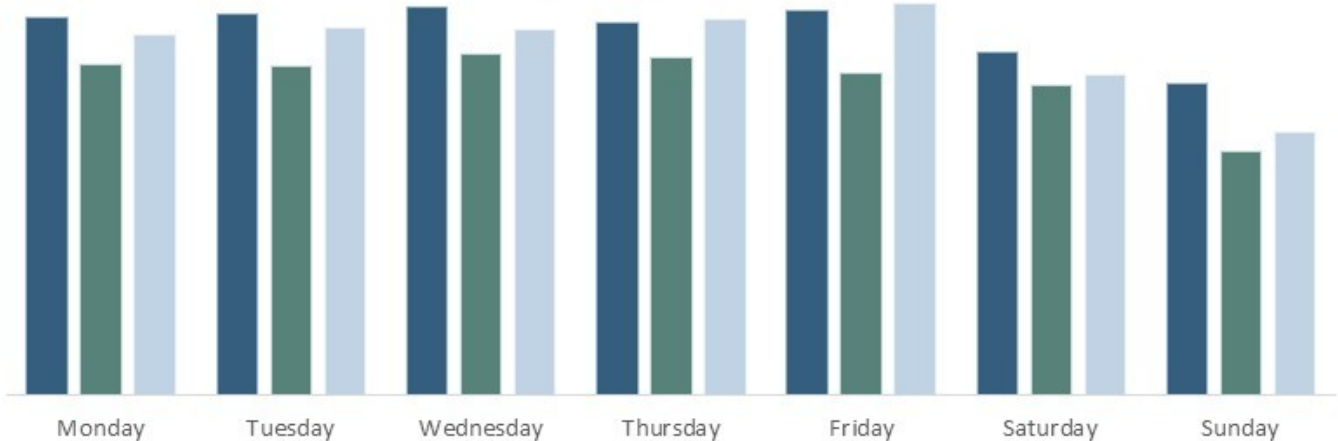


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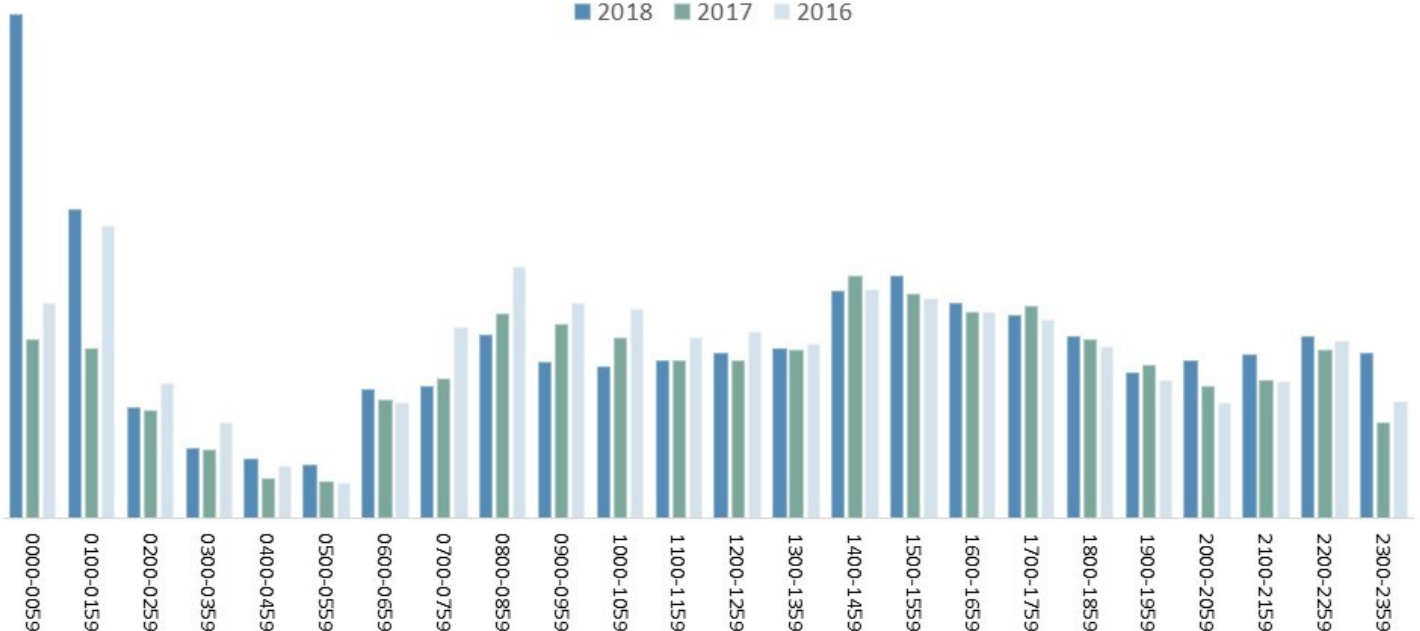
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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2018	2,591	2,613	2,664	2,549	2,634	2,349	2,133
2017	2,270	2,250	2,343	2,319	2,209	2,123	1,672
2016	2,474	2,515	2,512	2,581	2,682	2,201	1,797

CALLS BY HOUR

■ 2018 ■ 2017 ■ 2016



2018	2,088	1,280	461	286	247	220	536	548	756	643	624	654	685	704	942	1,005	891	842	751	603	655	674	754	684
2017	738	702	443	281	162	153	489	579	848	800	747	654	654	693	1,000	926	855	880	740	636	544	573	693	396
2016	890	1,207	557	394	213	144	475	788	1,039	887	866	747	770	723	944	911	850	824	709	570	477	563	733	481

Department Additions and Promotions



Deputy Chief Mark Borkovec (second from right) promoted from Sergeant to Deputy Chief on December 11th 2018



Probationary Patrol Officer Gary Padalik sworn in on March 27th 2018



Probationary Patrol Officer Cristian Aguirre sworn in on June 25th 2018



Sergeant Brian Lamphere (center) promoted from Patrol Officer to Sergeant on December 11th 2018