

2016 SEASON ANNUAL REPORT

ELWOOD POLICE



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Our greatest strength is our partnership with the community

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Chief Fred W. Hayes

It is with great pride that I present the Elwood Police Department 2016 Annual Report to the Village President, Board of Trustees, and all citizens of Elwood. This report highlights the numerous challenges and work of the men and women of the Elwood Police Department during the past year. I am thoroughly impressed with our members performance throughout the entire year. As you peruse this publication, I believe you will be equally impressed with the professional accomplishments and the quality of service provided by our members.

It is with great pride that I report our department was honored to receive a 1st Place Award in Traffic Safety Enforcement from the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP) and IDOT. During the past year we have made tremendous strides to

improve the department and position ourselves for continued success in the future.

As the police department continues to work and maintain a peaceful, tranquil, and vibrant village, we recognize our greatest strength is our partnership with the community. Our success depends on our ability to build trust and collaboration with the very citizens we serve. Together we serve as a force multiplier against those who choose a path of wrongdoing.

During the past year a strategic plan was initiated to thoroughly assess our organization in order to become more efficient and effective. The Department continues its advancement with the use of newly developed technology and a better use of resources in order to provide smarter and more efficient policing.

We look forward to the future with optimism and determination as we continue our advancement to excellence in community service.



Chief Fred W. Hayes

Special points of interest:

- Department Budget
- Village of Elwood Crime Statistics
- Year end total for traffic citations
- 2016 Accomplishments
- Police Calls For Service Five Year Trend
- Training Highlights



Officer Ken Jaburek shares dessert with Officer Andrew Anderson at the IDOT Award Ceremony

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Fire Chief Offerman speaks with Jim Hartley Sr.



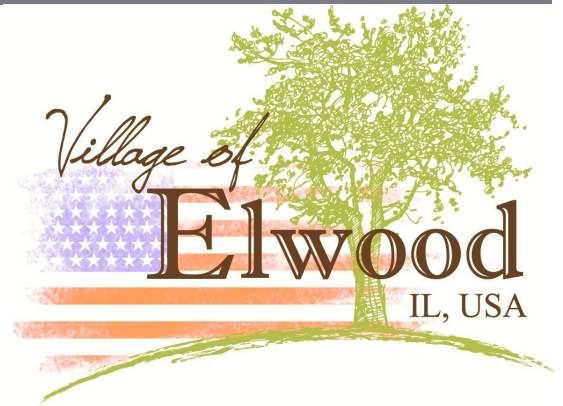
Trustee Jenco and Trustee Melahn serve cookies



Mayor Offerman talking with Elwood paramedics

ELWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Elwood Police Department is to protect and serve the community we police in a legal, ethical and professional manner, using the community policing strategy, and engaging in problem-solving when appropriate.

Department Values

We believe in the principles embodied in our Constitution, and recognize the authority of federal, state, and local laws.

We believe in the dignity and worth of all people.

We believe a disciplined department, professional in both conduct and appearance is necessary to maintain public confidence.

We believe we must maintain the highest standards of integrity and honesty in all our actions.

We believe we are accountable to the residents of the community and each other.

We believe our authority is to be exercised responsibly.

We believe in managing our resources in prudent and productive ways.

Administration/Records

Phone: 815-424-1090

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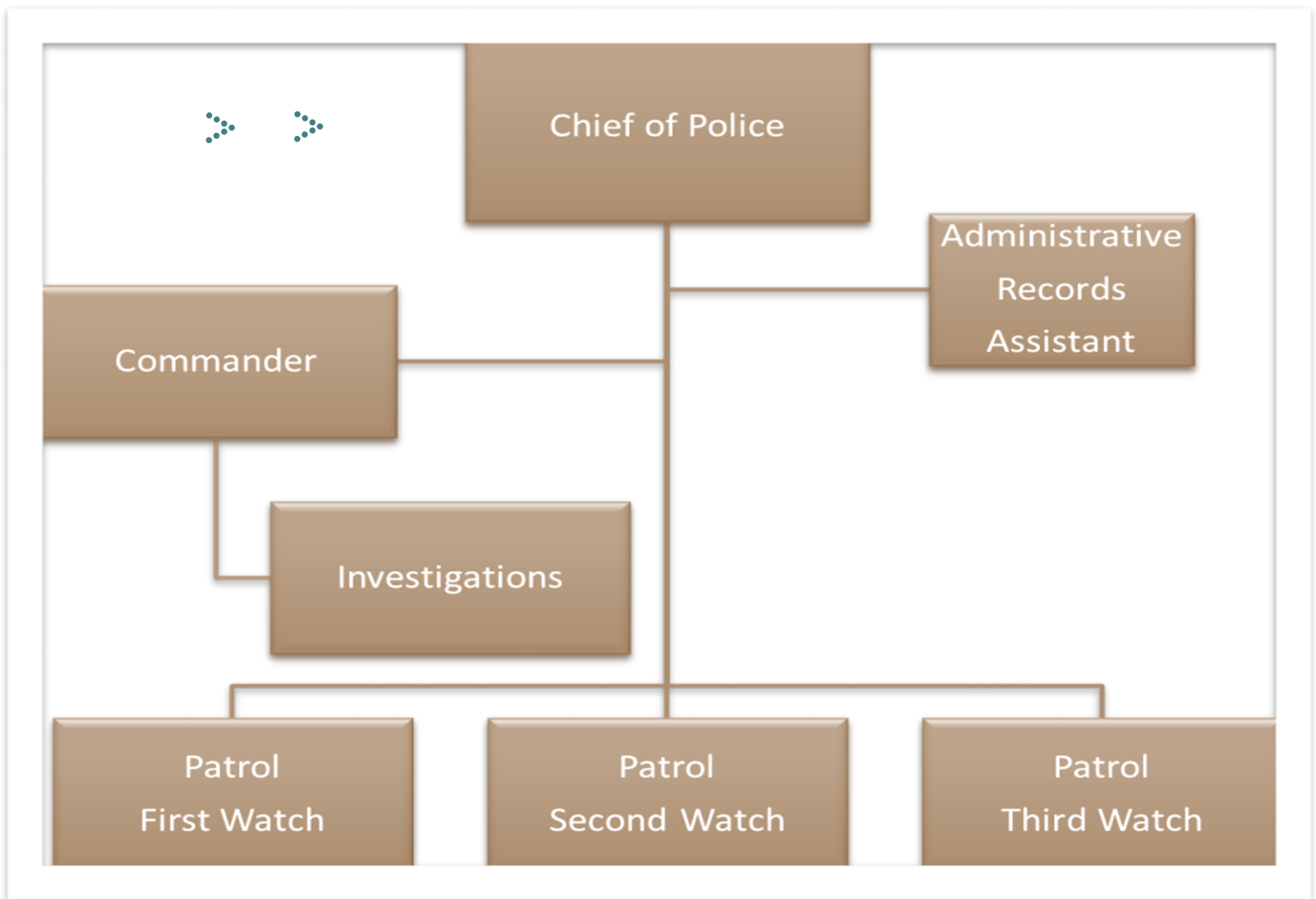


Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency (dispatch):
815-423-5411

401 E. Mississippi Ave.
Elwood, IL 60421-0435

Organizational Structure

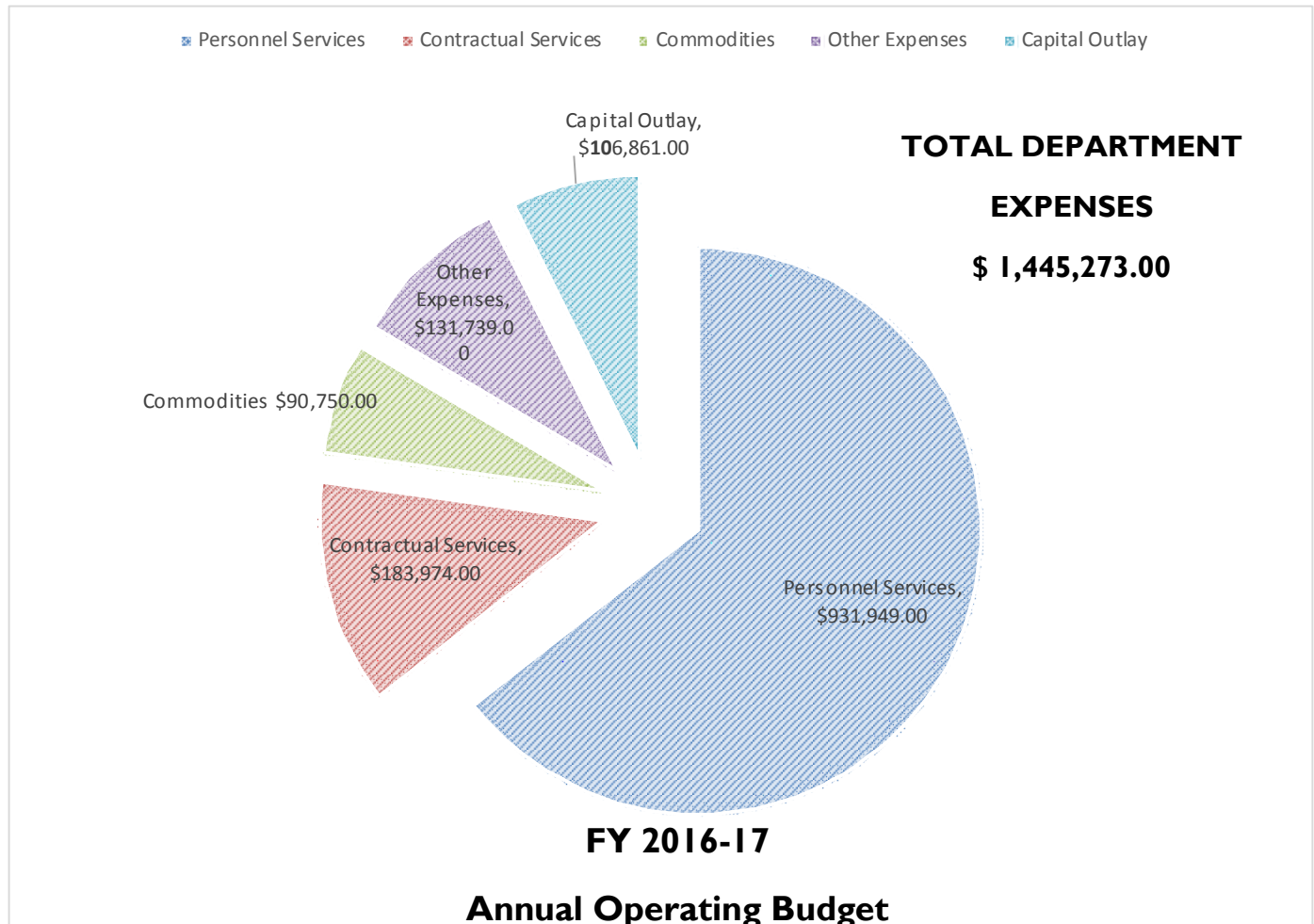
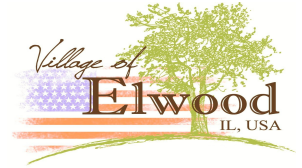


Mike Flannery FOX32 Chicago reporter interviews Chief Hayes



Commander Pat Kerr on traffic control during gas leak at Dollar General

Budget



Sworn Positions 2016 Count

Chief	1
Commander	1
Patrol Officers	8
Part-time Officers	3

Civilian Positions	Count
Administrative/ Records	1

Teamwork



Officer Randy Lightfoot answers questions from students at Elwood School.

On Wednesday, October 19, 2016 Officer Randy Lightfoot participated in important safety information sharing at the Elwood Community Consolidated School, District 203 and its 400 kindergarten through 8th grade students, along with Elwood Fire Protection District Deputy Chief Monte Buchanan and Coal City Fire Prevention Officer Nick Doerfler, and his search and rescue K-9, Rikki, a German Shepard.

Chief Buchanan spoke about the services provided by the Elwood Fire Protection District, and Officer Doerfler discussed the capabilities of his K9 partner in searching for and rescuing lost people in an urban environment.

Without frightening the students, Officer Lightfoot spoke at length to them about the perennial issue of STRANGER DANGER. During his talk, Officer

Lightfoot, known to many of the students due to his fifteen year career with the Elwood Police Department, easily interacted with the students on the gym floor and in the bleachers, posing questions to the students on what to do when approached by a stranger.

Officer Lightfoot also addressed the problem of CYBER stranger danger. With the overwhelming number of students present indicating they used the internet, Officer Lightfoot warned them not to share personnel information or photos with anyone they didn't know, a CYBER STRANGER.

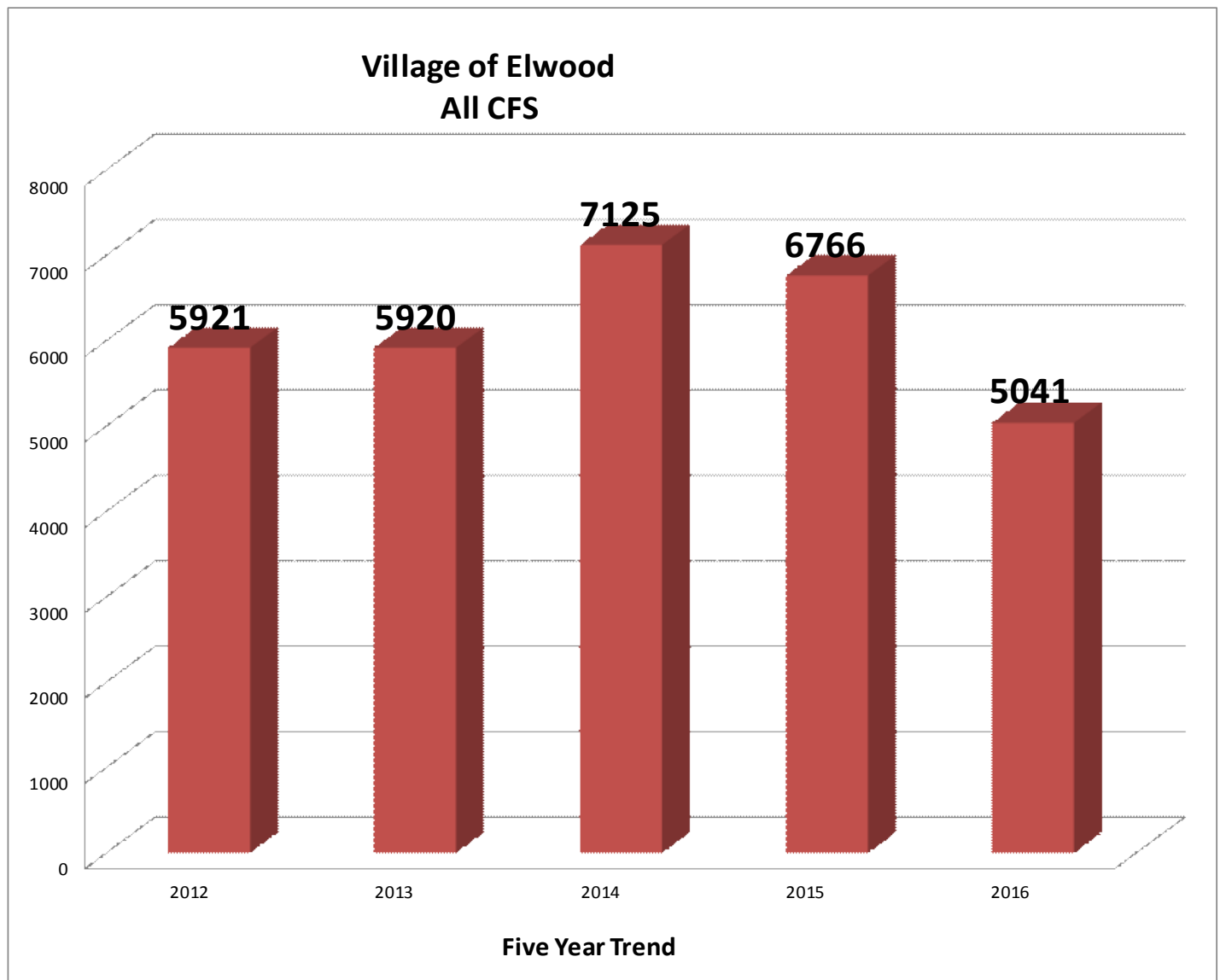
A special thanks goes out to Superintendent Cathie Pezanoski, Principal Tom McLaughlin, and the staff of the Elwood Community Consolidated School, District 203 for inviting the Elwood Police Department to bring the STRANGER DANGER warning message to Elwood's children.

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Police Calls For Service

Calls for service are calls made to the police department either using emergency 911 or non-emergency numbers, and service initiated by officers. Every call is entered into the Computer-Aided-Dispatch (CAD) system where times, locations, officers assigned, and caller information is stored. The Elwood Police Department is a service-oriented law enforcement agency, therefore officers respond to many types and requests for assistance. Whether it's a crime in progress or to help

someone locked out of their car, the police respond in a timely manner. Overall Elwood police officers responded to 5,041 incidents in 2016, resulting in a 25% decrease over the previous year. The below graph represents all calls for service (CFS) in the Village of Elwood over the past five years. They include from every ticket written, to accidents, suspicious vehicle complaints, domestic disputes, worker disturbances, and even barking dog calls.

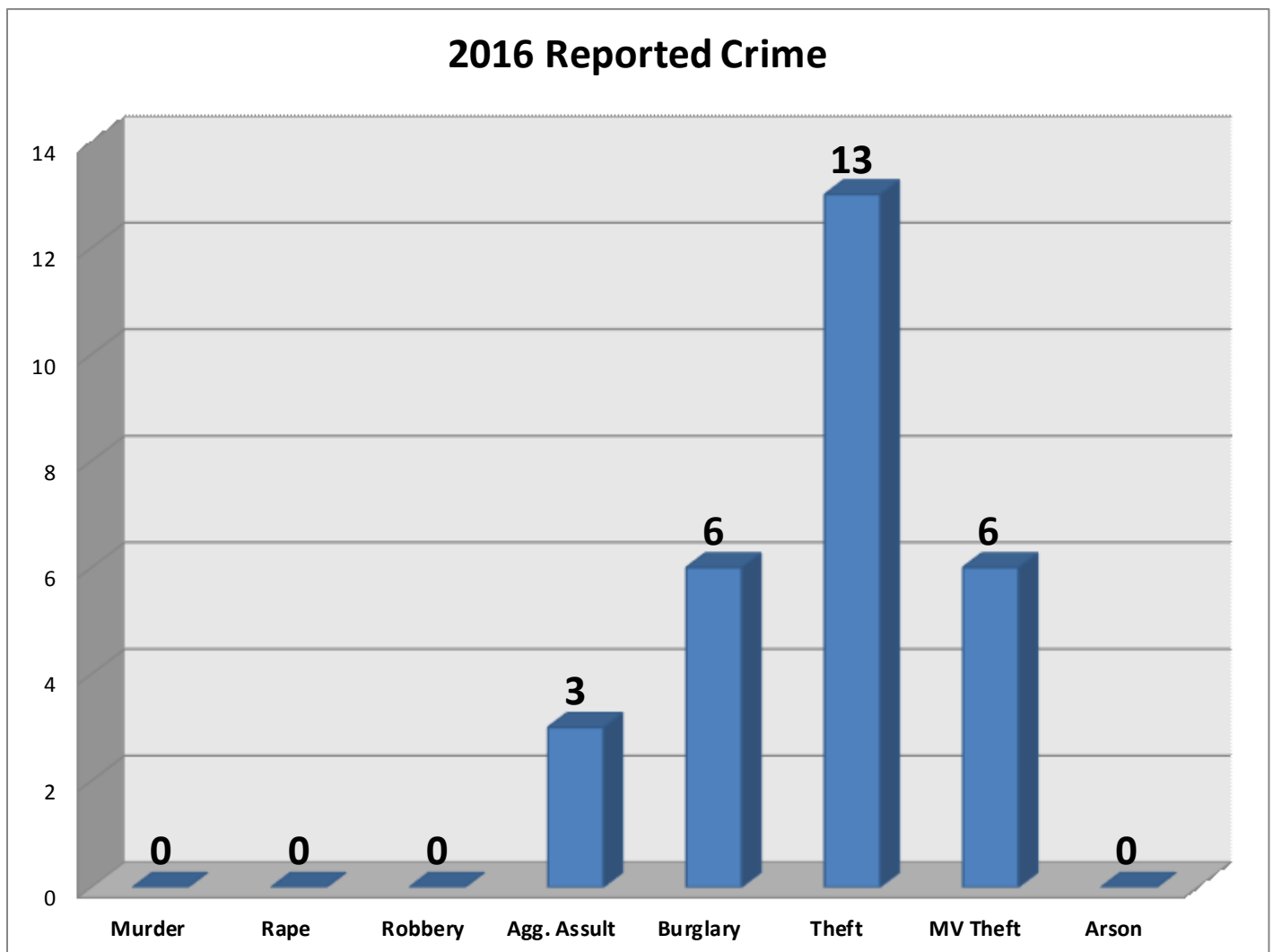


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Crime Statistics

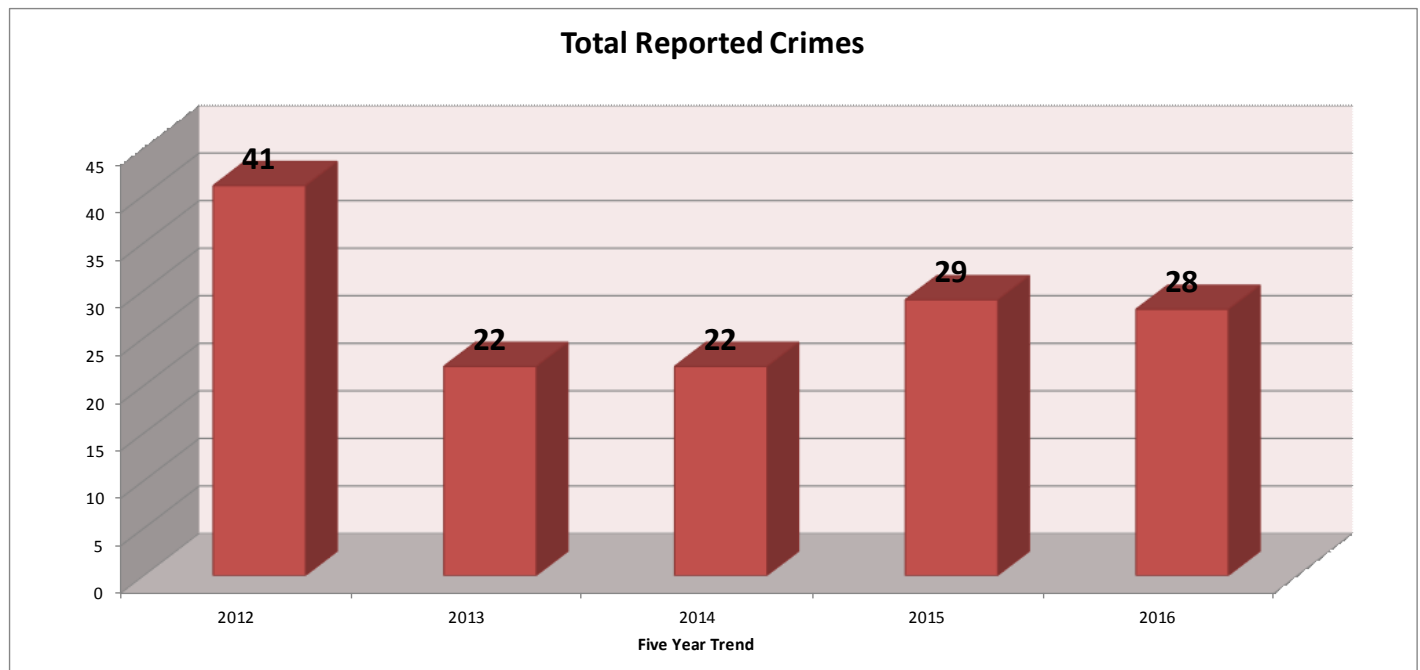
The following graph represents all reported crime in the Village of Elwood for 2016. The Village of Elwood remains one of the safest towns in Will County with only 28 reports or incidents of reported crime. The majority of reported crime involves thefts which occurred within the inter-modal industrial park. The Elwood Police Department is in compliance with the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program and Illinois State Police I-UCR as mandated by state statute.

The police department submits documented reported crimes to I-UCR under the following two main categories, A. Violent Crimes Against People B. Crimes Against Property. A total of eight crime categories are then recorded as follows, Violent Crimes (Murder, Forcible Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault) and Crimes Against Property (Burglary, Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft, Arson).



Crime Statistics Five Year Trend

The following graph represent all reported crime in the Village of Elwood over the past five years, both Violent Crimes Against People and Crimes Against Property. A total of eight crime categories are then recorded as follows, Violent Crimes (Murder, Forcible Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault) and Crimes Against Property (Burglary, Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft, Arson).



At Elwood PD, Officer Ed Wright (left), receives advanced training through a Firearms Training System (F.A.T.S.). The F.A.T.S. simulator is essentially a single-room virtual shootout that prepares police officers with on-screen real world tactical scenarios. It is designed to develop and strengthen a police officers discretionary skills as well as reinforce conflict resolution abilities in real time.

Training Highlights



Officer Lohmar and Officer Kickert learn a new program.



Officer Lightfoot and Officer Jaburek study law updates.



Commander Kern gives instruction to Officer Anderson on the firearms range.

2016 brought about significant changes in law enforcement training for police officers in Illinois when the Illinois Legislature adopted the Police and Community Relations Reform Act. The new law mandates numerous training requirements for all sworn police officers. Those mandatory training areas include training every year on Use of Force and Law Update and then every three (3) years on Civil Rights, Cultural Competency, Human Rights, Constitutional and Proper Use of Law Enforcement Authority and Procedural Justice. Call it the year of getting down and getting busy, in 2016 mem-

bers of the Elwood Police Department received 1162 hours of training, which represents on average 145 hours per member. This represents a record amount of training for Elwood Officers. In addition to the state mandated training topics, Elwood officers also received training in Crisis Intervention, Community Policing, DUI Enforcement, Advanced Traffic Crash Investigation, Firearms Instructor, Basic SWAT, Mental Health Intervention De-escalation, and Mobile Field Force (MFF) crowd control. The department continued the implementation and reduction of training costs through a modern-

ized web-based (online) system. The use of Police One Academy allows officers to receive training during non-obligated patrol time and at their own pace.

One officer attended the Basic Police Academy Course at Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA) College of DuPage from January 4 to March 25, 2016 (12 weeks) receiving over 480 hours of training. SLEA is recognized throughout the State of Illinois as one of the premier basic law enforcement academies.



Officer Ed Wright

Significant Accomplishments 2016

During the past year the Department continued to make significant progress towards achieving organizational excellence. Although not all inclusive many of those achievements are highlighted below.

ADMINISTRATION:

- ♦ Police Chief meeting with Governor Rauner and Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP)
- ♦ Entered into intergovernmental agreement with the WESCOM dispatch center for Starcom21 radio project
- ♦ Encouraged IDOT signalization at Hoff Road and Route 53
- ♦ 2016 Illinois Crime Commission Excellence in Law Enforcement Award
- ♦ Implemented new Motorola Premier One records system and the new Premier One Computer Aided dispatch program
- ♦ Launched/upgraded computer software E-Citation Program



Village Clerk Julie Friebele administers the oath of office to Officer Anthony Lohmar

OPERATIONS:

- ♦ Increased DUI arrests by over 50%
- ♦ Created the Golden Radar Award presented to the Officer with the highest speeding violation for the year (Officer Ed Wright – 110 mph)
- ♦ Received 1st Place in Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge Award
- ♦ 2016 Illinois Crime Commission Excellence in Law Enforcement Award
- ♦ Safety presentation to 400 students at Elwood Community School
- ♦ 2nd Annual National Night Out Event

Significant Accomplishments 2016

PERSONNEL:

- ◆ Presentation by Officer Randy Lightfoot and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to Heartland Bank employees on robbery awareness
- ◆ Newly appointed probationary Officer Anthony Lohmar graduation from Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA)
- ◆ Officer Ed Wright and Officer Andrew Anderson received recognition for exceptional DUI enforcement from Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM)

TRAINING:

- ◆ Initiated online training with PoliceOne Academy
- ◆ Conduct 1,695 hours of training, a 58% increase from 2015
- ◆ Participate in training with the Illinois Tactical Officers Association (ITOA)
- ◆ Officer Andrew Anderson successfully completed the intensive Basic SWAT School 90 hour Illinois state certified course, sponsored by South Suburban Emergency Response Team (SSERT).
- ◆ Completed Active Shooter Response training in conjunction with the Will County Sheriff's Police



Officer Anderson works on combat pistol skills with Commander Kerr at the Illinois State Police Firearms Range in Joliet

Officer Anderson weighs a truck out on portable scales



Chief Hayes gives the keynote speech to graduates of the Police Academy

Significant Accomplishments 2016



Officers Ken Jaburek, Drew Anderson, Nick Adams, Tony Lohmar, Jennifer Kickert, Randy Lightfoot (left to right)
with the 1st Place Traffic Safety Award.

The Elwood Police Department was awarded First Place in the Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge for Municipalities with 1-10 full-time officers. The program is supported by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) by a grant administered through the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), Division of Transportation Safety, and coordinated by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP), as well as much-appreciated funding from private entities. The First place award in the 2016 Illinois Traffic

Safety Challenge distinguishes Elwood as one of the top agencies in the state for their overall approach to traffic safety. Traffic safety is one of the highest priorities for the Elwood Police Department. Officers work year-round to help keep our village streets safe and educate our citizens, on the importance of being safe in a vehicle, on a bike, and as a pedestrian. Aggressive and consistent traffic enforcement, coupled with educational efforts, offer the greatest chance of reducing the incidence of traffic crashes, injuries and fatalities.

The following statistics support the department's traffic safety efforts: Seat Belt use is up! More people are buckling up in the Village of Elwood. Our seat belt compliance rate increased from 93.7% to 94.7%. DUI arrest increased by 50%, 458 speeding citations were issued resulting in a 47% increase over the previous year. The total number of traffic crashes with injuries was reduced by 20% and the number of crashes in our high traffic volume locations was also reduced when compared to the 2014 statistics.

Significant Accomplishments 2016

On October 3, 2016 Officer Randy Lightfoot and FBI Special Agent Brian Clark gave a presentation in the Village Hall Community Room on Bank Robbery Security Awareness. Over 35 employees from the Heartland Bank and Trust Company Elwood Branch and the Shorewood, Minooka, Plainfield, Countryside, and Western Springs branches received information on robbery statistics, response procedures from police and FBI, along with crime prevention recommendations and security analysis.

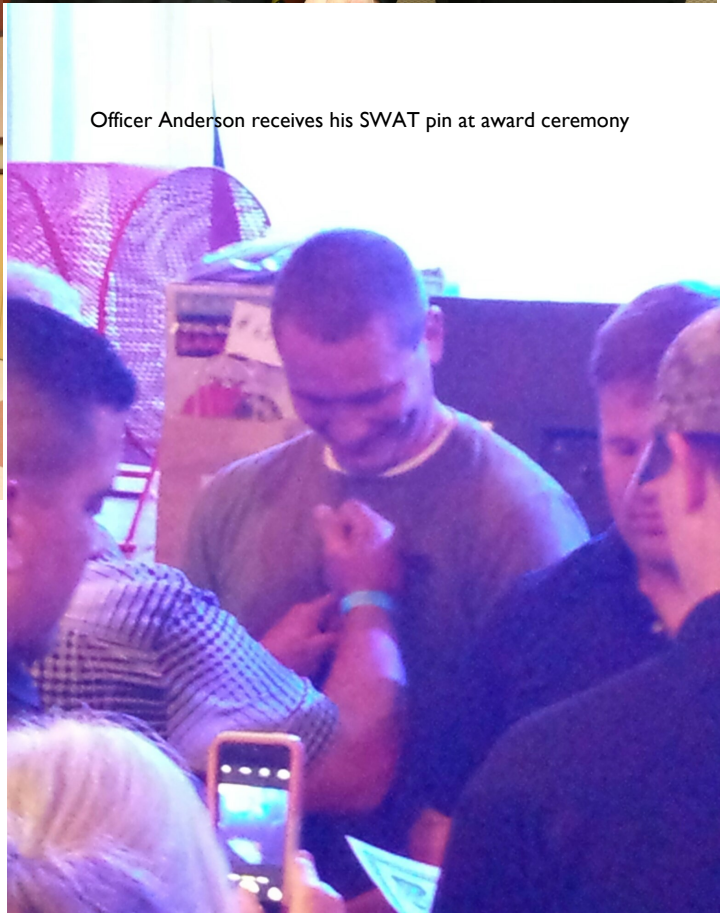


FBI S/A Brian Clark speaking to bank employees

Officer Andrew Anderson successfully completed the intensive Basic SWAT School 90 hour Illinois state certified course, sponsored by South Suburban Emergency Response Team (SSERT). The South Suburban Emergency Response Team is a multi-jurisdictional emergency response team currently comprised of thirty-four police departments in the south suburbs of Chicago, Illinois. The response team was designed to provide member agencies with a tactical response to Critical Incidents. Critical Incidents are defined as, but not limited to: Armed/Suicidal Subject's, Barricaded Subject's, Hostage Situations, Sniper Situations,



Officer Lightfoot receives a certificate of appreciation from Chief Hayes



Officer Anderson receives his SWAT pin at award ceremony

High-Risk Apprehension, High-Risk Warrant Service, Dignitary Protection, Civil Disturbances, Disaster Assistance, Terrorist Incidents, Special Assignments.

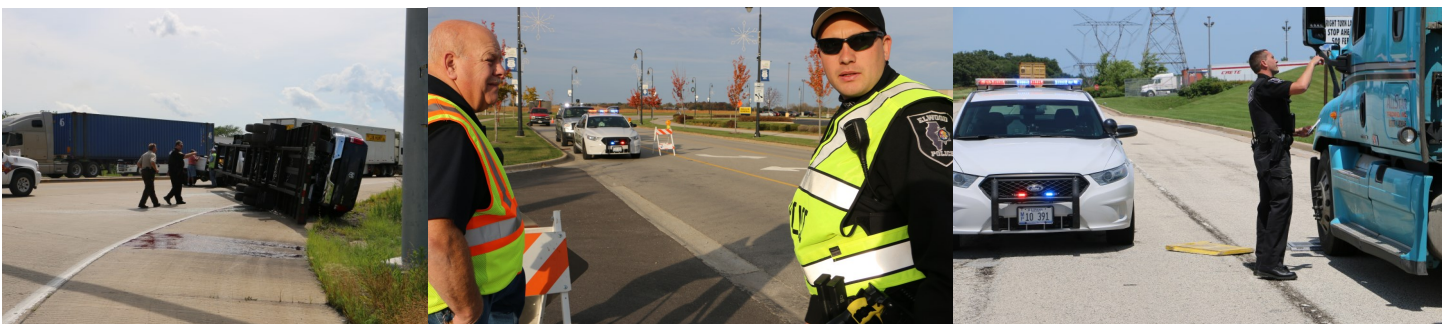
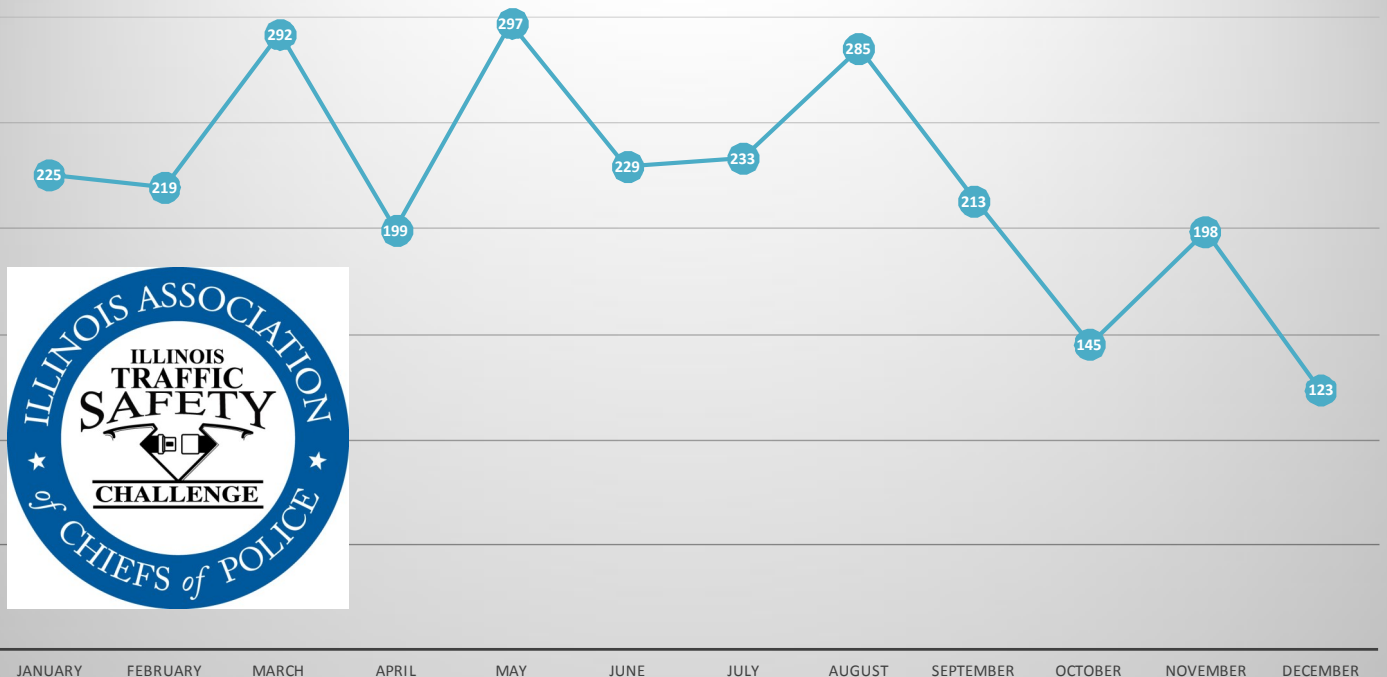
Traffic Enforcement

Traffic Enforcement is an important duty of patrol officers at the department. Special enforcement periods and campaigns have been designed to improve the safety of all residents and motorists traveling through the village. Elwood police officers are committed to improving the efficiency and safety of passenger vehicles and truck transportation in addition to pedestrian and bicycle safety. Officers wrote a total of **2,658** traffic citations in 2016.

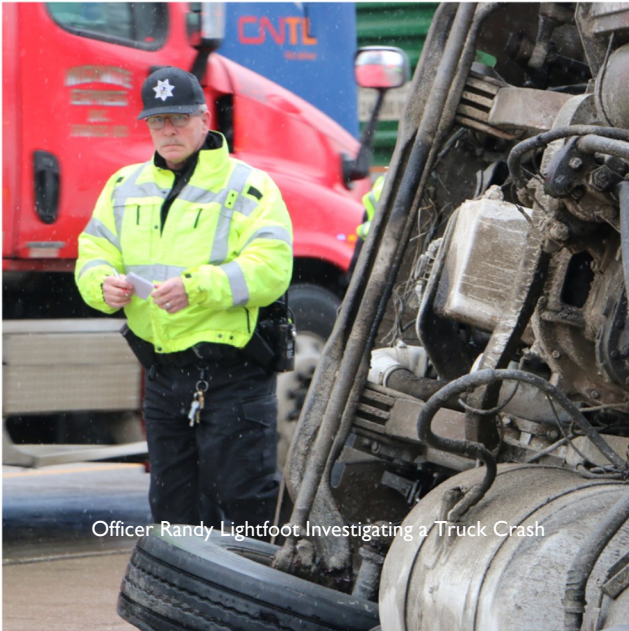


Officer Ken Jaburek directs traffic

Total Citations Issued By Month



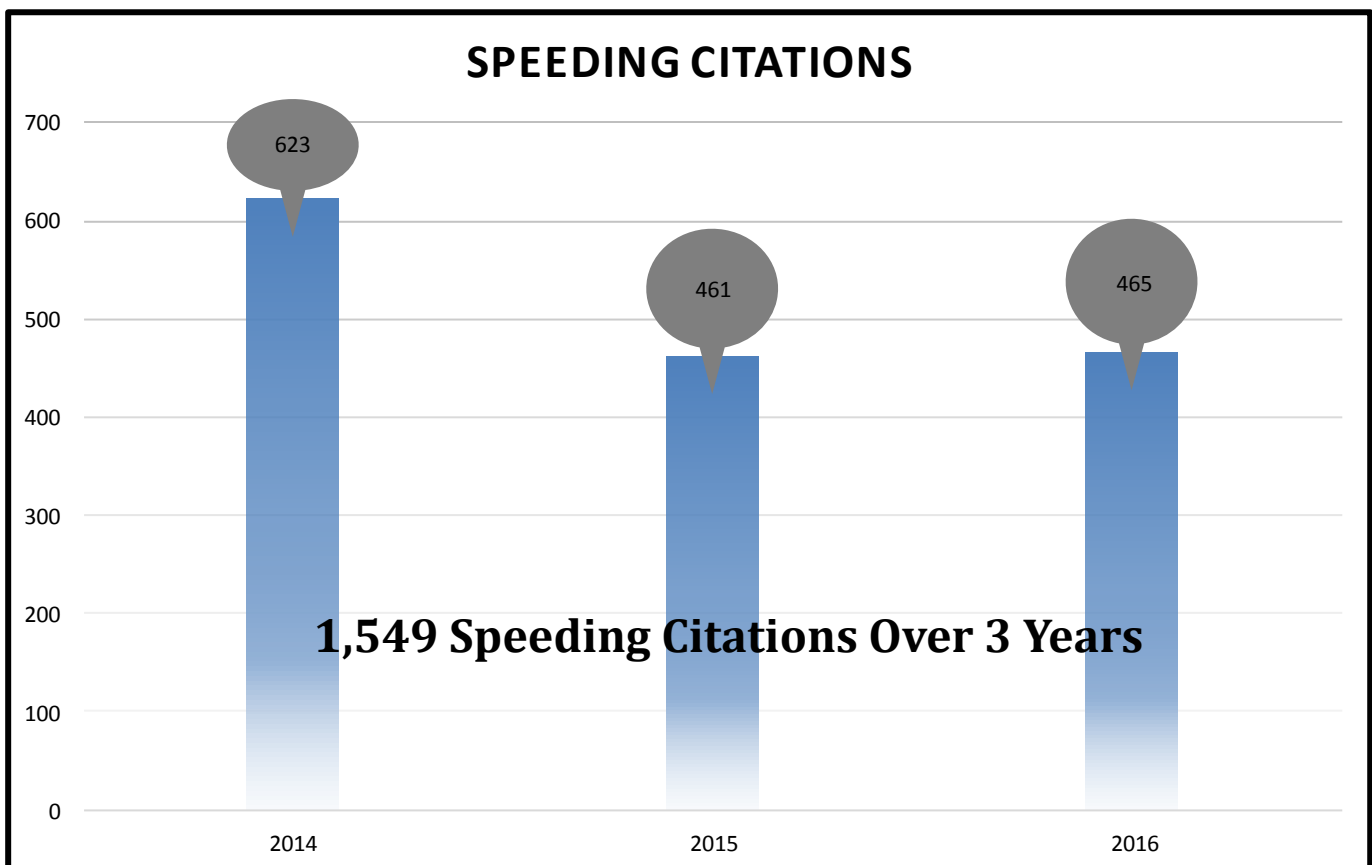
Traffic Enforcement



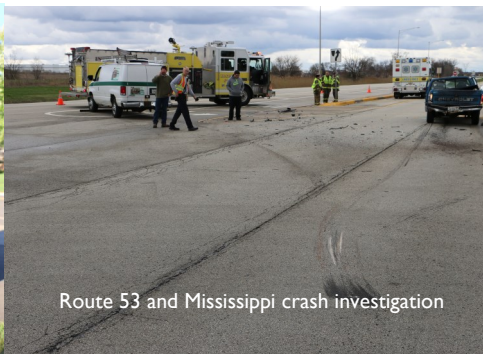
Officer Randy Lightfoot Investigating a Truck Crash

Our enforcement efforts are data-driven and focus on the main factors that lead to personal injury accidents and fatalities, such as not using seat belts, impairment, speeding, and distracted driving. Officers also focus on the dangers posed by the aggressive and reckless driving behaviors of operators of large commercial trucks. Each and every day Elwood Police Officers maintain traffic enforcement duties as their top priority. It shall be the policy of this department and a priority to focus its enforcement efforts through vigorous enforcement of three major traffic safety categories; Speeding, Impaired Driving (DUI) and Occupant Protection. Officers conduct special enforcement activities

designed to improve the safety of all residents and motorists traveling through the village.

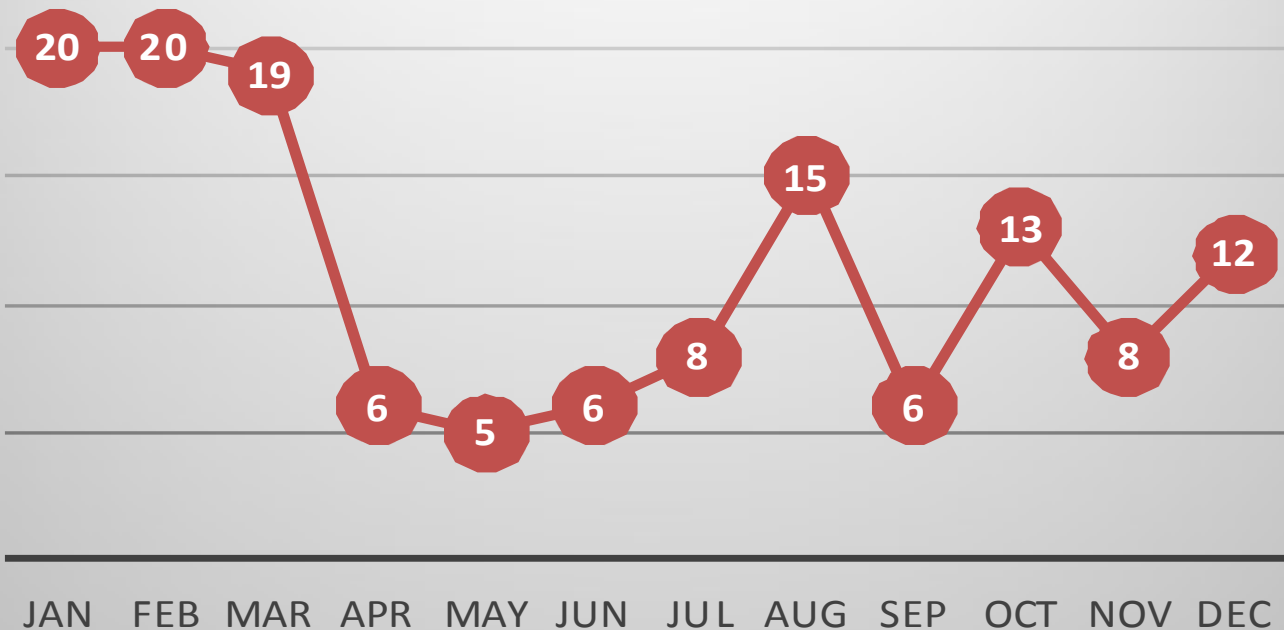


Traffic Enforcement



During 2016 officers responded to **138** traffic accidents. As first responders our primary priority is to assist the injured in the interest of preserving life. We work closely with the Elwood Fire Protection District to ensure quick medical response, and to provide safeguards at the accident scene. Additionally officers conduct an accident investigation and complete the Illinois Department of Transportation Crash Report. Crash data submitted to IDOT is an essential tool used for reducing serious injury and fatal crashes.

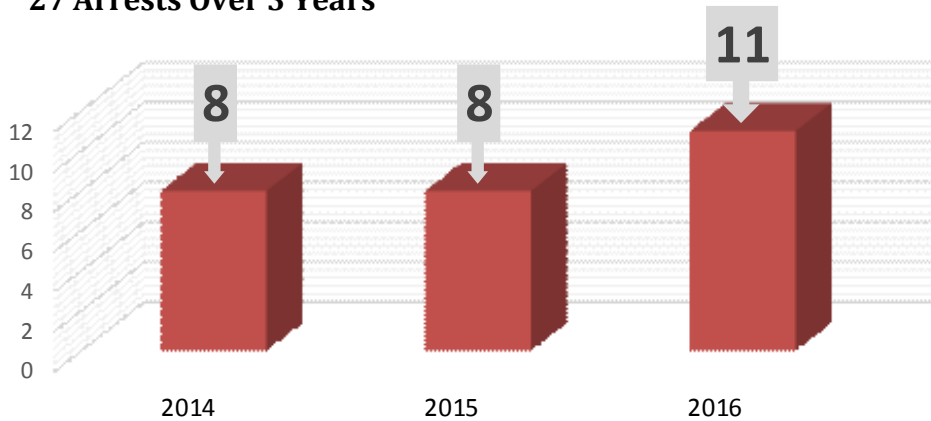
Crash Investigations 2016



Traffic Enforcement

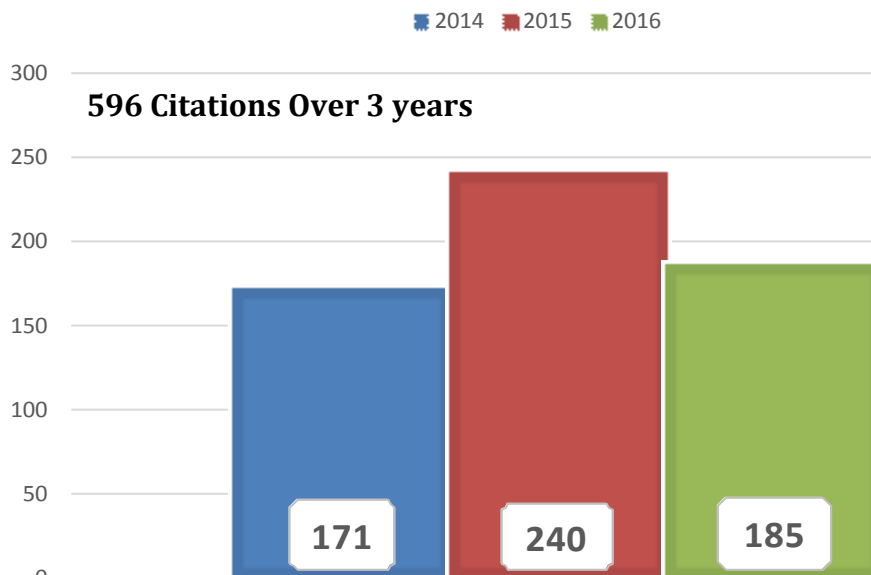
DUI ARRESTS

27 Arrests Over 3 Years



SEAT BELT CITATIONS

596 Citations Over 3 years

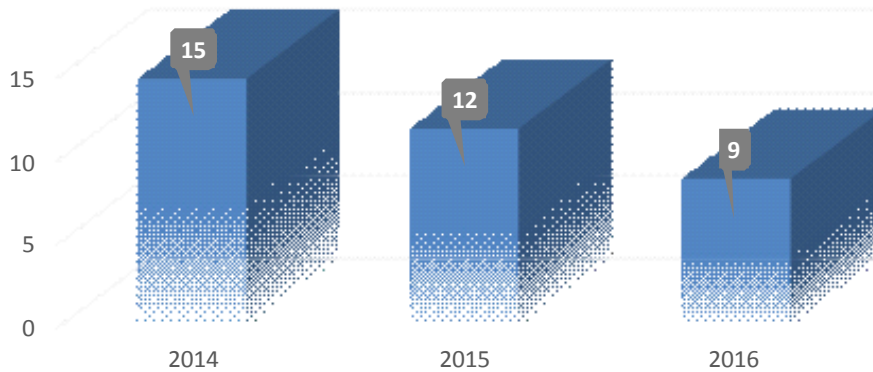


Traffic law enforcement is an integral part of the police function. In addition to being a deterrent to potential violators, there is a strong relationship between traffic enforcement and crime prevention. Traffic enforcement on the part of a police department helps to establish a reputation for vigilance. There can be a correlation between a police department's traffic enforcement efforts and the incidence of crime in a community. The Elwood Police Department places a priority on its enforcement of three major traffic safety categories; Speeding, Impaired Driving (DUI) and Occupant Protection/Seat Belts.



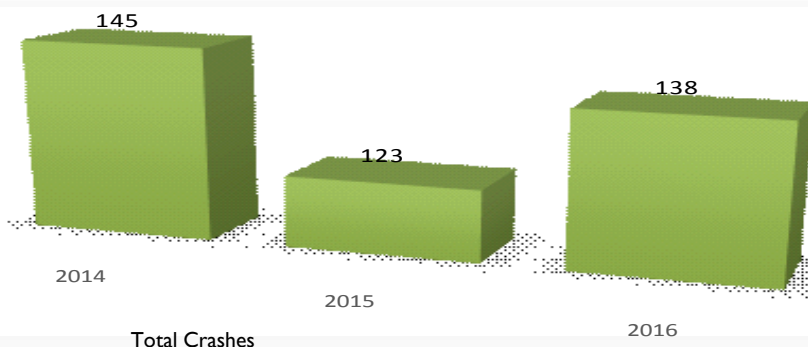
Traffic Enforcement

TOTAL INJURY CRASHES

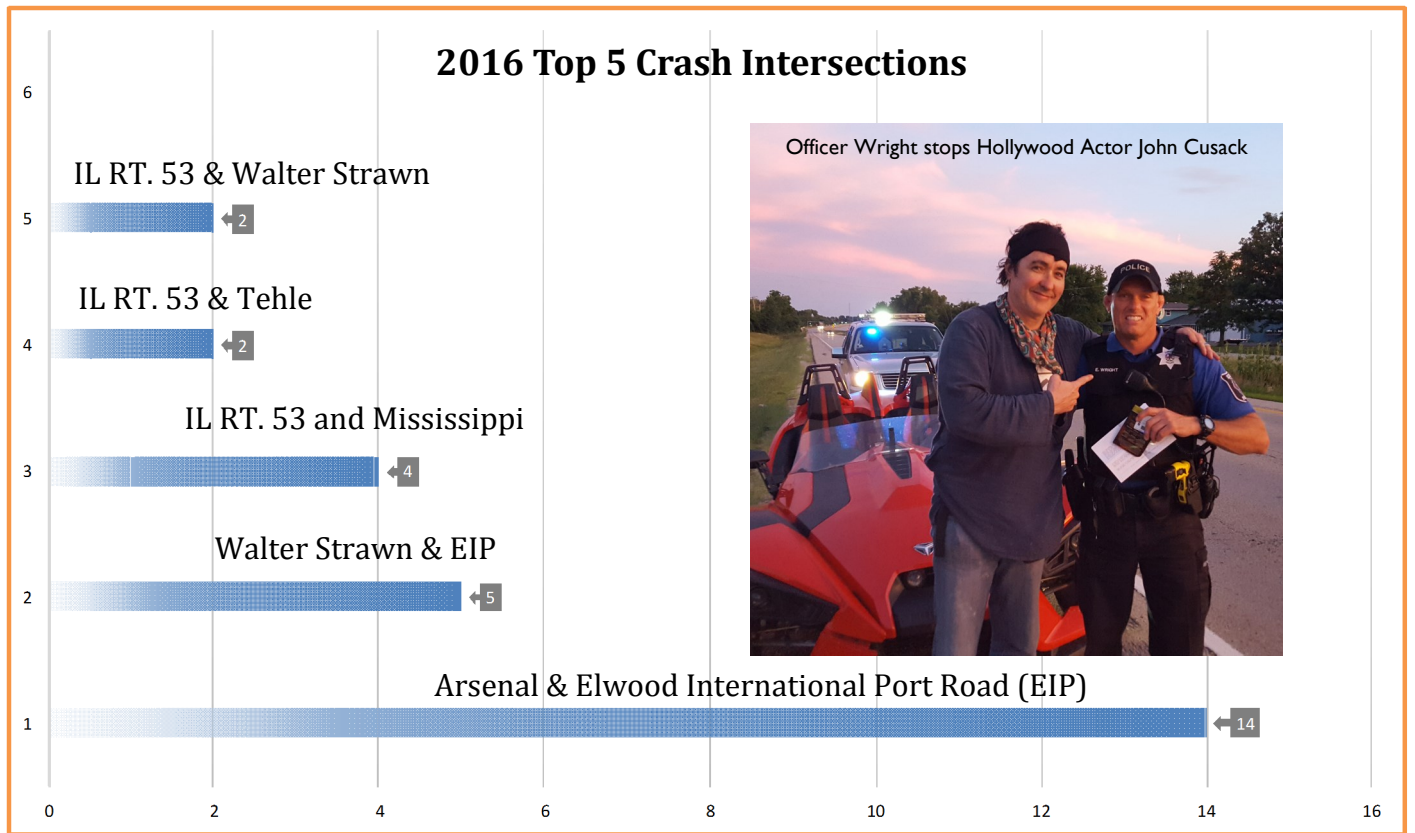


The Village of Elwood is home to the largest inland intermodal port in North America. A 2015 traffic study conducted by IDOT and one by the Village of Elwood, determined 12,000 vehicles per day now travel through the intermodal park. The vast majority are commercial motor vehicles traveling through the local system of roadways operated by the village. The intermodal rail yard is operated by the BNSF. A second inland port rail yard operated by the UP opened in 2010 within the City of Joliet. Both rail yards continue to expand and as a result traffic grows exponentially. Therefore the volume of crashes is disproportionally higher for a village with a population of only 2,300. The relative steady total of crashes over the past three years does not take into account the proportional increase in traffic volume. It is more remarkable the injury crashes have decreased 40% over the past three years.

- ⇒ **Injury Crashes Decreased By 40% Over 3 years**
- ⇒ **57% of all crashes involved a Semi-truck**
- ⇒ **56% of all crashes occurred on Private Property**



Traffic Enforcement



The Elwood Police Department completed an annual analysis from all crash data compiled throughout the year. This data is further broken down to the top five crash intersections. A review of the crashes by month, day, time, reported injuries, seat belt usage, and types of vehicles involved, was completed.

The department closely conducted the analysis with the Director of Engineering for the village, to identify where education, enforcement, or roadway improvements were needed to improve traffic safety. At the start of 2016 the most dangerous intersection was identified as Arsenal Road and Elwood International Port Road.

This intersection had the highest number of injury crashes and the highest volume of truck traffic.

The information was used to target enforcement, education, and infrastructure improvements to reduce one of the top accident intersections in the Village of Elwood by -12.5%, from 16 crashes in 2015 to 14 crashes in 2016.

We also worked with IDOT to change the jurisdictional control of Arsenal Road from Will County to IDOT control. The change will allow for future improved safety initiatives at EIP and Arsenal intersection. Of the 14 crashes reported at the intersection of EIP and Arsenal, 12 involved CMV traffic. Although this intersection falls within the jurisdiction of the Village of Elwood, the Will County Sheriff maintains a daily truck enforcement detail of (4) deputies at this location.

Criminal Investigations

Case #	Investigation Period	Investigation Type	Case Status
15-476	3 months	Forgery / Organizer, Continuing a Criminal Enterprise	Began Investigation on November 5 th , 2015. On January 26 th , 2016, Mr. Benson and Mr. Woodward were arrested and charged with a class X felony and three class 2 felonies for forging hundreds of thousands of dollars in business payroll checks through multiple states. Matter is still pending trial.
15-527	4 months	Forgery of approximately \$130,000 of Village Overweight Permits	Case pending review from States Attorney seeking possible restitution of \$130,000.00 to Village.
16-0072	2 weeks	Aggravated Fleeing	Insufficient evidence for criminal prosecution; case closed.
16-509	2 months	Aggravated Discharge of Firearm	Reluctant/uncooperative victims, insufficient evidence for criminal prosecution; case closed.
16-559	1 month	Animal Cruelty	Reluctant/uncooperative victims, insufficient evidence for criminal prosecution; case closed.
16-664	2 weeks	Burglary / Theft over	Exceptional clearance; victim refused to prosecute.
16-688	4 months - case still open	Attempt Burglary, Criminal Damage to Property; Walmart	Pending investigation; case still open.

Officer James Hartley serves as the department investigator with responsibility to conduct follow-up investigations of reported crimes (i.e. murder, robbery, burglary, fraud, cargo theft, etc.). These investigations consist of interviewing suspects, victims, and witnesses; analyzing information for validity, reliability, and accuracy; and compiling a comprehensive and factual case file to be presented in court.

The departments Evidence/Property Section is staffed by Officer Nick Adams. As the Evidence Custodian he must receive, store and release evidence and property in compliance with Department policy and procedure and applicable laws. Officer Adams must inventory each item received,

assign a storage location, and record the location in the Department Evidence Property records system. As such he must ensure all property is adequately identified. He must also maintain the Evidence/Property records system reflecting the status of all property held by the Department including final court disposition.



Special Events



2nd Annual National Night Out , August 2, 2016



Special Events



26th Annual Elwood Community Days, September 10, 2016

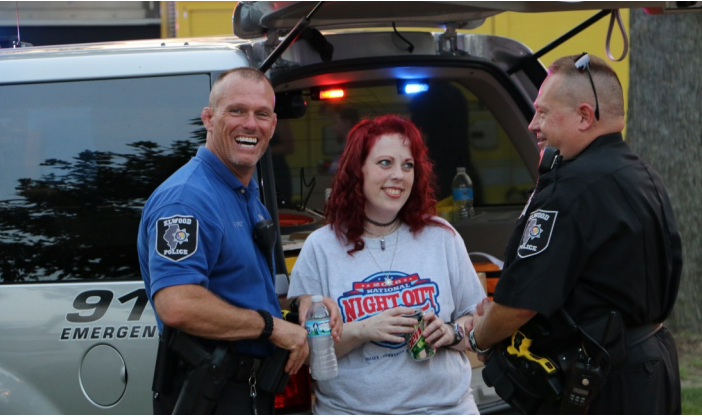


Special Events



Halloween at Village Hall







The knowledge to protect.



The ability to serve.

NON-EMERGENCY (DISPATCH) 815-423-5411