

# ELWOOD POLICE

THE ANNUAL REPORT

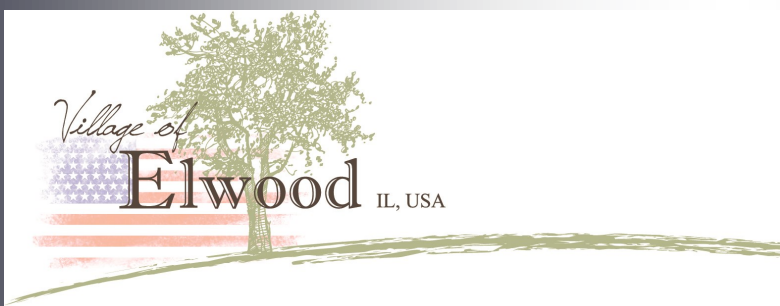
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Sergeant James Hartley presents Officer Ed Wright the DUI enforcement award

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Mayor Jenco welcomes newly appointed board trustee Mary Lopez

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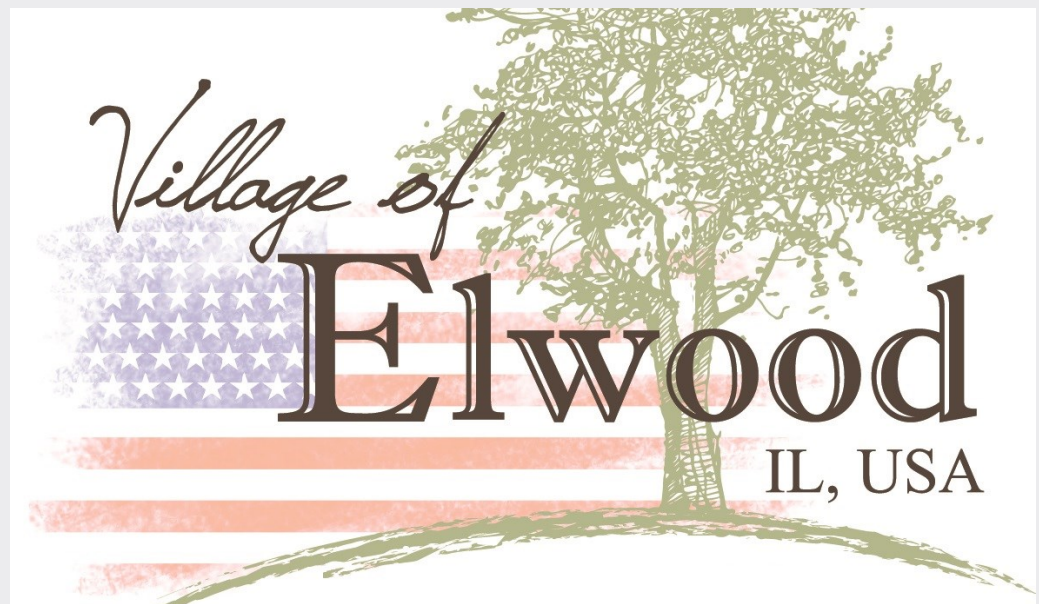
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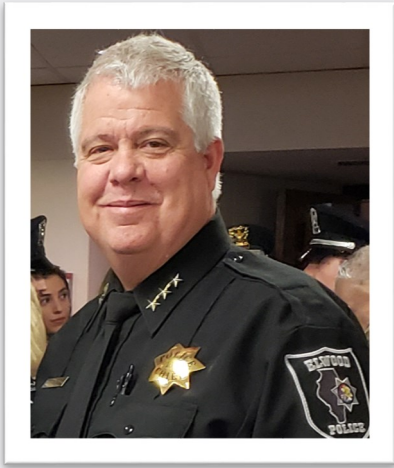
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Julie Friebele



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## INTRODUCTION

### Dear Residents, Business Owners, and Visitors:

I am pleased to provide to you the annual report of the Elwood Police Department. Looking back on 2018, it was an exciting year for the 13 men and women of the police department. This report provides a summary of the activity and accomplishments during the past year. On behalf of our members I would like to acknowledge our sincere appreciation for the significant resources dedicated to the Elwood Police Department by the Village President and Board of Trustees.

I hope you find this report both informational and educational as it is our desire to communicate to our residents the level of commitment and reliability they receive from the members of their police department. We continue to work towards providing enhanced specialized training for the employees that serve our community. The men and women of the Elwood Police Department are extremely dedicated in providing the best service possible to our residents and those citizens who travel through our town.

The dedicated public servants of the Elwood Police Department are proud to preserve and safeguard a community with one of the lowest crime rates in all of Will County. We remain passionately committed to our community policing philosophy and believe that problem solving is the preferred method to strengthen our partnership with the community.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or any other member of the department. We look forward to enduring community collaboration as we continue our advancement to excellence in community service.

Fred W. Hayes

Chief of Police



In Springfield, IL Chief Hayes participates in a televised interview for the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police.



Chief Hayes completes firearms qualification



Officer Nick Adams takes a suspect into custody



Officers Ed Wright and Nick Adams receive orders  
from Sergeant Andrew Anderson

The knowledge  
to protect.  
The ability to serve.



Sergeant James Hartley places a suspect in custody



## 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.



Sergeant James Hartley with Elwood School student

## 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.



Officer Ed Wright and K9 Sam



Officer Ethan Anderson with Sergeant Andrew Anderson



# It Takes Teamwork to Keep A Village Safe



Officer Ed Wright with K9 Sam.



Officer Ken Jaburek speaks with local residents.

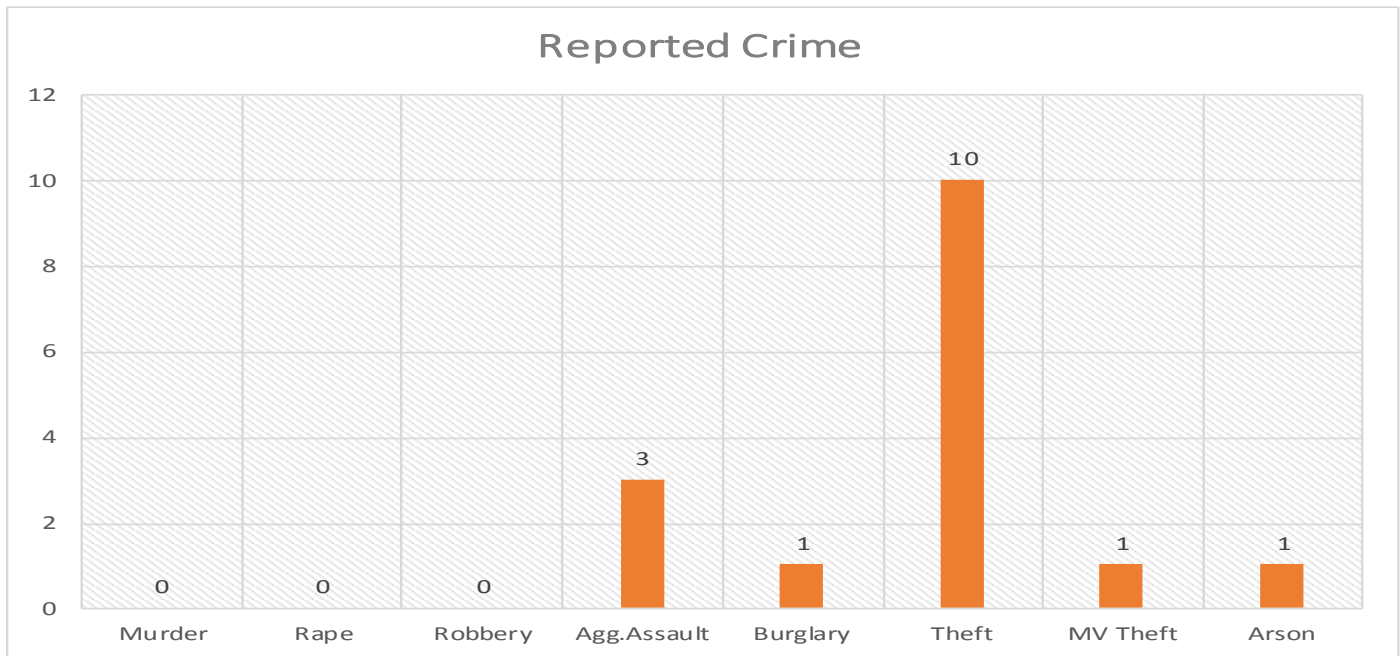
Elwood Officers make plans to protect a peaceful protest in town with mutual aid partners.





# Elwood Crime Remains Low in 2018

by ISP Uniform Crime Report



The above crime statistics graph represents all reported crime in the Village of Elwood for 2018. During 2018 Elwood received 16 reports of crime compared to 27 for 2017 which reflects a continued decrease in all reported crime when compared to the past five years. The department responded to only one report of Burglary which usually involves forced entry. Theft continues to be the lead crime category.

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, 1. Violent Crimes Against People 2. 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).

A sizeable portion of the reported thefts occurred within the intermodal industrial park. The department investigated several major cargo thefts from the warehouse distribution centers. These large value thefts require extensive criminal investigative skills.



Sergeant James Hartley listens intently

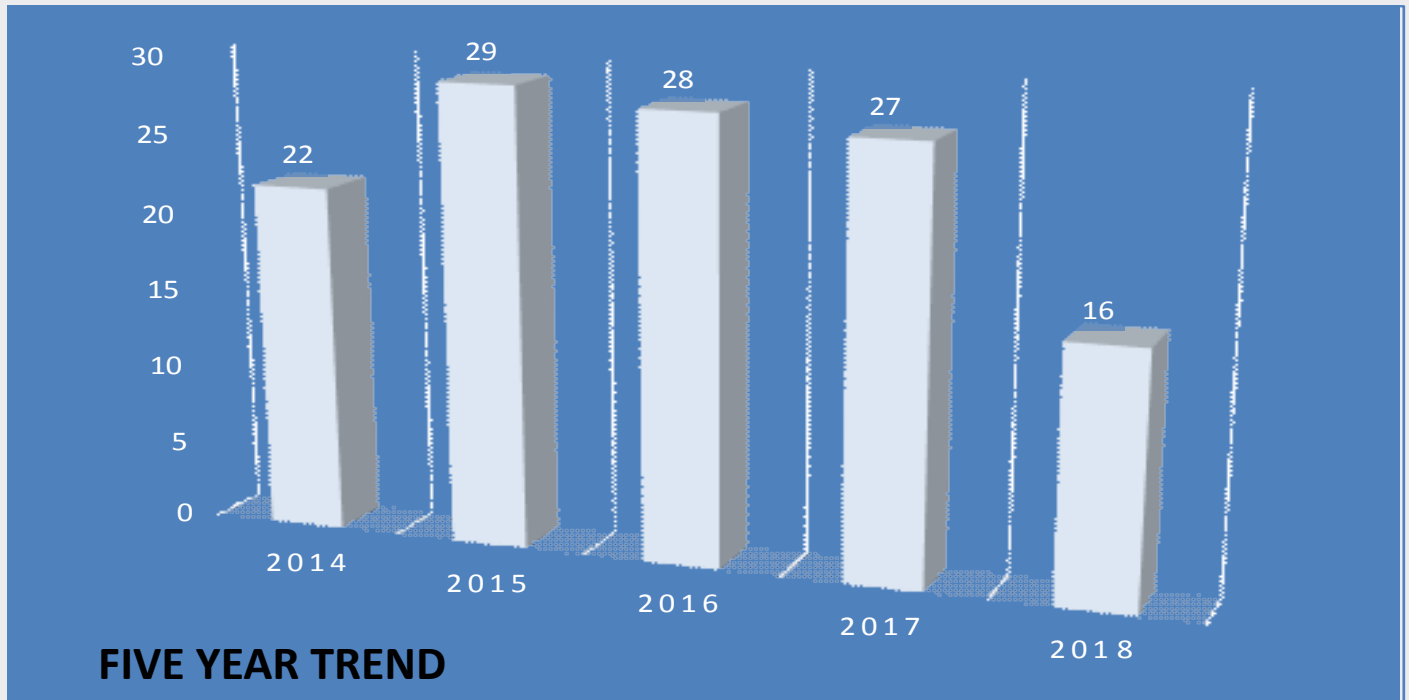


Cub Scouts visit with Officer Nick Adams and Sergeant Hartley

# Crime Statistics

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by ISP Uniform Crime Report



Every year the Elwood Police Department submits crime data to the Illinois State Police. The data they collect is on specific crimes and they are as follows: Murder, Criminal Sexual Assault, Robbery, Aggravated Assault and Battery, Burglary, Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft, and Arson.

The eight crime types are considered serious crimes or Part 1 Crimes as defined by the International Association of Chiefs of Police Committee on Uniform Crime Reports. The total raw number of these aforementioned crimes is called the Total Crime Index.. Originally developed by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), the Illinois Uniform Crime Reporting (I-UCR) Program was implemented on January 1, 1972. The Illinois State Police was given the responsibility to act as the central repository

for crime statistics. Reporting crime statistics is mandated by Chapter 20 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, 2630/8.

Reporting agencies submit data on a monthly basis to the I-UCR Program. Participating jurisdictions include villages, municipalities, counties, colleges, universities, park districts, railroads, forest preserves, hospitals, and other miscellaneous agencies throughout Illinois.

When comparing the crime statistics of one agency to those of another, many factors should be taken into consideration before drawing conclusions. Geographic and demographic factors specific to each jurisdiction must be considered and applied if one is going to make an accurate and complete assessment of crime in that jurisdiction.



Officer Ed Wright and K9 Sam check lockers



Sergeant James Hartley gives instructions to BNSF Police Officers





Officer Nick Adams works the memorial day event at ALNC

# Significant Accomplishments 2018

by Elwood Police Department

During the past year the Department continued to make significant progress towards achieving organizational excellence. Several of those are highlighted below and on the next page.

## Administration:

- Awarded 1st Place receiving statewide recognition for traffic Safety Enforcement from Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP) IDOT Traffic Safety Challenge
- Awarded Special Recognition from IDOT in Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement
- Gained from Department of Homeland Security, ILEAS Mobile Field Force and Special Response Team, salary reimbursement of \$5,656
- Awarded IPRF safety grant of \$7,600 for Taser 7 upgrade program
- Consolidated village wide IT services with Integrated IT Services Contract
- Obtained the first ever IDOT traffic enforcement safety grants totaling over \$25,000
- Obtained the first ever federal bulletproof vest grant from DOJ BVP of \$5,000
- Collaborated with Elwood School Superintendent and submitted grant application for the Illinois Safe Route to School (SRTS) IDOT grant
- Completed the purchase and installation of 6 Mobile Data Computers with Panasonic CF33
- Completed the accusation and deployment of the WatchGuard In-Car Video System, with 6 systems greatly enhancing citizen and officer safety, improving evidence collection, reducing liability, and improving officer accountability
- Launched ONLINE Citizen Reporting with Frontline software program
- Completed modernizing project of Evidence Storage unit with Department of Justice DEA approved Wirecrafter storage cube



Officer Randy Lightfoot directing traffic for the Elwood Community Days parade



Officer Ken Janurek at Elwood Days

# Significant Accomplishments 2018

by Elwood Police Department



Officer Tony Lohmar pours Officer Ed Wright a glass of OJ.

## Operations:

- Conducted over 192 Commercial Motor Vehicle scale weighs at weigh station resulting in the collection of \$100,071 in potential fines
- Mississippi and Lincoln enforcement campaign resulting in 102 hours of patrol with 107 citations and 28 warnings
- In response to nationwide school violence provided ALICE (Active Shooter Training) program to Elwood Consolidated School District 203 staff and faculty
- Achieved outstanding community support with successful planning and organizing of the 4th Annual National Night Out Event
- Issued 3,494 citations of which 541 were Speeding and 180 Seat belt violations
- Improved traffic safety through Enforcement and Education initiative by participating in 5 IDOT Holiday Enforcement Campaigns with 383 citations issued and 44 Media Educational Postings
- Obtained equipment grant from IDOT of \$2,203 for LIDAR speed radar purchase
- Awarded BNSF Public Safety grant of \$5,000 for K9 Unit supplies and accessories

## Personnel:

- Recruitment of two new police officers successfully hiring Officer Ethan Anderson and Officer Nichols Vandal
- Awarded Commendations to Sergeant Anderson, Sergeant Hartley, and Officer Lohmar for outstanding acts of bravery for arresting armed subject who had taken hostages in the Village of Channahon
- Officer Ed Wright and Officer Andrew Anderson received recognition for exceptional DUI enforcement from Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM)

## Training:

- Conducted 1781 hours of training, an average of 178.6 hours per officer an increase of 71% over previous year
- Continued Department-wide 40-hour State certification in Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training improving police response to persons with mental illness
- Officer Anthony Lohmar graduation from Basic SWAT training
- Attended the 7th Annual Illinois Truck Enforcement Association Conference
- Officer Ethan Anderson completion and graduation from the Cook County Sheriffs Police Academy



# Significant Accomplishments 2018

by Elwood Police Department



Officer Tony Lohmar



Sergeant James Hartley with his parents



Officers Randy Lightfoot and Jennifer Kickert



Officer Nick Adams



Officers Ed Wright, Ethan Anderson,  
and Jennifer Kickert



Officer Ed Wright and K9 Sam



Sergeant Andrew Anderson with Officers Tony Lohmar and Ken Jaburek



# Training Accomplishments 2018

by Elwood Police Department

In 2018 members of the Elwood Police Department participated in 1,781 hours of training, an average of 178.6 hours per officer, which represented a 71% increase in the amount of training from the previous year. A total of 485 training hours were received by officers in the category of traffic safety enforcement including Accident Investigations, DUI Enforcement, Commercial Truck Enforcement, and Child Seat Safety. Officers attended the following courses:

Medical Marijuana & Marijuana DUI Arrests

Lead Homicide Investigator Course

Domestic Violence Crisis Intervention

Illinois Juvenile Court Act Update

Constitutional Law Update for Police

Street Evidence Tech 1

National Child Passenger Safety Tech

DWI Detection & Standard Field Sobriety Testing

Criminal Related Interviewing

Acting Patrol Officer in Charge

Explosive Recognition Security Planning

Crisis Intervention Team Training (CIT)

Training our police officers with the tools, skills, and options they need to successfully accomplish their jobs...

Interviewing and Interrogation

Close Quarter Handgun Skills: Level 1

Patrol Rifle Qualification and Training

Use of Force Workshop for Patrol

Mobile Field Force training

DUI Standard Field Sobriety Testing (SFST)

Legal Hot Topics, Search & Seizure

Breath Analysis Instrument Operator Course

Supervision of Police Personnel (SPP)

Safe Schools and Healthy Students

Constitutional Law Update for Police

Laser Shot Training

Child Safety Seat

Life Star Helicopter

Landing Training

Shooting Skills for the Woman Officer

UCR Reporting Program

Law Records Management System Reporting

Law Enforcement Suicide Prevention

Active Shooter Scenario Training

Advanced Truck Enforcement

Practical Homicide Investigation

Pistol and Patrol Rifle Training Course

Addressing the Mental Health Call

Mental Preparation for Combat

Taser Re-certification Training

Sex Crimes Investigation

Taser Instructor Course

AR-15/M-16/M-4 Armorer Class



Sergeant James Hartley under the direction of  
Wilmington Officer Pat Kerr



Officers Tony Lohmar and Ed Wright



# Elwood Welcomes Police K9 Sam



Mayor Jenco, Village Clerk Julie Friebele and Board of Trustees give the "Oath of Office" to K9 Sam

At the village board meeting February 8, 2018 Mayor Doug Jenco and the Board of Trustees welcomed the newest member of the Elwood Police Department "Sam." Police canine "Sam" is a 20-month-old German Shepard and Belgian Malinois mix who weighs in at a health 78 pounds. Canine "Sam" is partnered with his new handler Officer Ed Wright an 11-year veteran of the Elwood Police Department.

Officer Wright and his new partner attended 6 weeks of intensive training at the Shallow Creek Kennels in Sharpsville, Pennsylvania. During their training Officer Wright and his K9 completed over 300 hours of instruction which included 256 drug exercises, 196 simulated narcotics discoveries, 12 tracking exercises, and 54 apprehension drills. As graduates of the program Officer Wright's new canine team meets the standards and requirements of the North American Police Work

Dog Association.

Sam is a Narcotics Detection and Patrol Police Service Dog who meets the minimum certification requirements under Illinois Law 50 ILCS 705/10.12 of the Police Training Act. Illinois law requires on an annual basis, local law enforcement agencies must submit the narcotics detection canine to an annual compliance course offered through the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB) or an approved police academy.

At the Village Board meeting, Village Clerk Julie Friebele administered the "Oath of Office" to police canine Sam. The Elwood Police canine team is now ready to make our community safer. As we are aware, the Will County area is experiencing an epidemic of unprecedented proportions with heroin-related drug overdose deaths. The sale of illegal narcotics has dramati-

cally increased in recent years with the rise in popularity across our country. No community, big or small, is immune from the plague of this illicit drug and Will County has broken several records in the past decade due to heroin-related deaths. Will County States Attorney Jim Glasgow along with the Elwood Police Department believe the addition of a K-9 program with a dog trained to detect the presence of illegal narcotics, will empower the Police Department with the necessary tools to identify potential dealers and help remove heroin and other dangerous drugs from our streets.

Will County States Attorney James Glasgow has agreed to fund the purchase and training of K9 "Sam" for the Police Department. The States Attorney will allocate drug-asset forfeiture funds, which is money seized by police in illicit drug arrests and prosecutions.

# Criminal Investigation Cases 2018

by Elwood Police Department

<b><i>Case</i></b>	<b><i>Crime</i></b>	<b><i>Assigned Investigator</i></b>	<b><i>Status</i></b>
18-0001 1/1/18	Criminal Sexual Abuse	Lightfoot DCFS	Suspended DCFS / ASA
18-0029 1/18/18	Invasion of Privacy / Civil	Lightfoot	Admin Closed
18-0046	Sexual Exploitation of a child	Lightfoot DCFS	OPEN
18-0065 2/6/18	Fraud / ID Theft	Hartley III (Primary) Lightfoot	Admin Closed No Leads
18-0099 2/24/18	Domestic Battery	Lohmar Lightfoot	Closed by Warrant
18-0116 3/7/18	BMV	Wright	Admin Closed No Leads
18-0120 4/11/18	Harassment / Agg. Assault	Lightfoot (Primary) Hartley	Closed by Arrest
18-0119 3/9/18	Domestic Trouble Child Welfare	Lightfoot (Primary) Hartley	Referred to DCFS
18-133 3/17/18	Battery x2	Matichak Lightfoot (Primary)	Admin Closed
18-157 4/11/18	Fraud / Theft Under	Lightfoot	Admin Closed
18-181	Criminal trespass vehicle	Lightfoot	Admin Closed
18-209 4/24/18	Theft - over	Lightfoot	Admin Closed
18-144 4/1/18	Motor Vehicle Theft	Lightfoot (primary) Lohmar	Admin Closed
18-275 6/9/18	Juvenile Crisis	Lightfoot	Admin Closed
18-278 6/8/18	Theft - over	Lightfoot / Anderson	Search warrant executed, over \$100.000.00 seized
18-471 10/2/18	Criminal Sexual Assault	Lightfoot	Admin Closed
18-511 10/3/18	Theft- Over	Lightfoot	Open Tied into Case 18-278



# Criminal Investigation Cases 2018

by Elwood Police Department

It is the policy of this Department to promptly and thoroughly investigate all reported crimes, complaints, and other incidents requiring police service. Patrol officers will conduct preliminary investigations on all dispatched, self-initiated and supervisor-assigned calls. The patrol officer initially assigned to an incident will conduct the preliminary investigation and complete the Offense/Incident Report unless otherwise directed by a supervisor .

Elwood Officers can also serve 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. Inventory each item received, assign a storage location, and record the location in the Department Evidence/Property records system. Ensure all property is adequately identified. Maintain the Evidence/Property records system reflecting the status of all property held by the Department including final disposition.



Officer Randy Lightfoot takes a suspect into custody





Sergeant Anderson, Officer Lohmar, Sergeant Hartley (from left to right)

Protecting  
Our Kids,  
Families,  
and Homes



## Courageous Elwood Cops

On July 8, 2018 at 2:10 A.M. Sergeant Andrew Anderson with Sergeant James Hartley and Officer Anthony Lohmar responded to a call for assistance by Channahon Police officers at 22965 S. Kent Road, Channahon, IL for a suicidal subject with a gun. Officers were informed at least one gunshot had been fired and two women and two children were inside the home.

As soon as Elwood Police Officers arrived on the scene the two female adults and two small children were safely evacuated from the home. During the evacuation the suspect exited the rear of the residence where he fired a second gunshot as Sergeant Anderson and Officer Lohmar approached him.

The emotionally disturbed subject continued to hold the gun in his hand and repeatedly refused officer commands to drop the weapon. The subject then released the magazine from the Colt .45 caliber semi-automatic handgun, he then racked the slide back ejecting a round to the ground.

Sergeant Anderson, Sergeant Hartley, and Officer Lohmar were presented with a deadly force confrontation and had to repeatedly order the offender to drop the firearm before he eventually did so, at great peril to themselves. The subject was taken into custody without further incident and a subsequent search of the residence revealed a black handled Ruger .357

revolver and two 7 round magazines for a .45 caliber handgun. He was charged with Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Felon and Reckless Discharge of a Firearm. The actions by these Elwood Police Officers during this critical incident demonstrated remarkable bravery, courage and dedication to duty. They played a vital role in bringing a seriously dangerous situation to a peaceful conclusion. The Elwood Police Department Commendation was given to all three officers. A commendation is awarded to a Department member for exceptional performance in the line of duty, an outstanding act, or achievement that brings credit to the Police Department. They are clearly most deserving of this recognition.



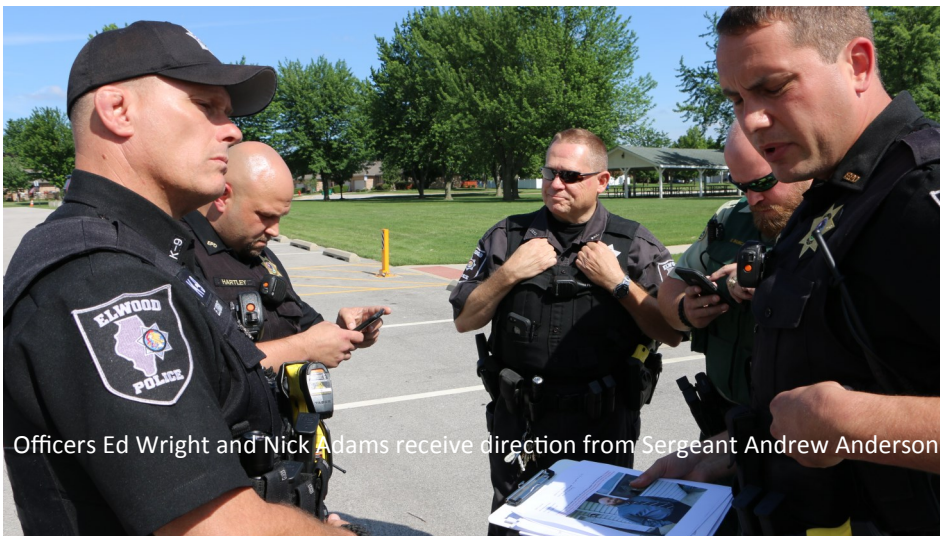
# Calls For Service Summary

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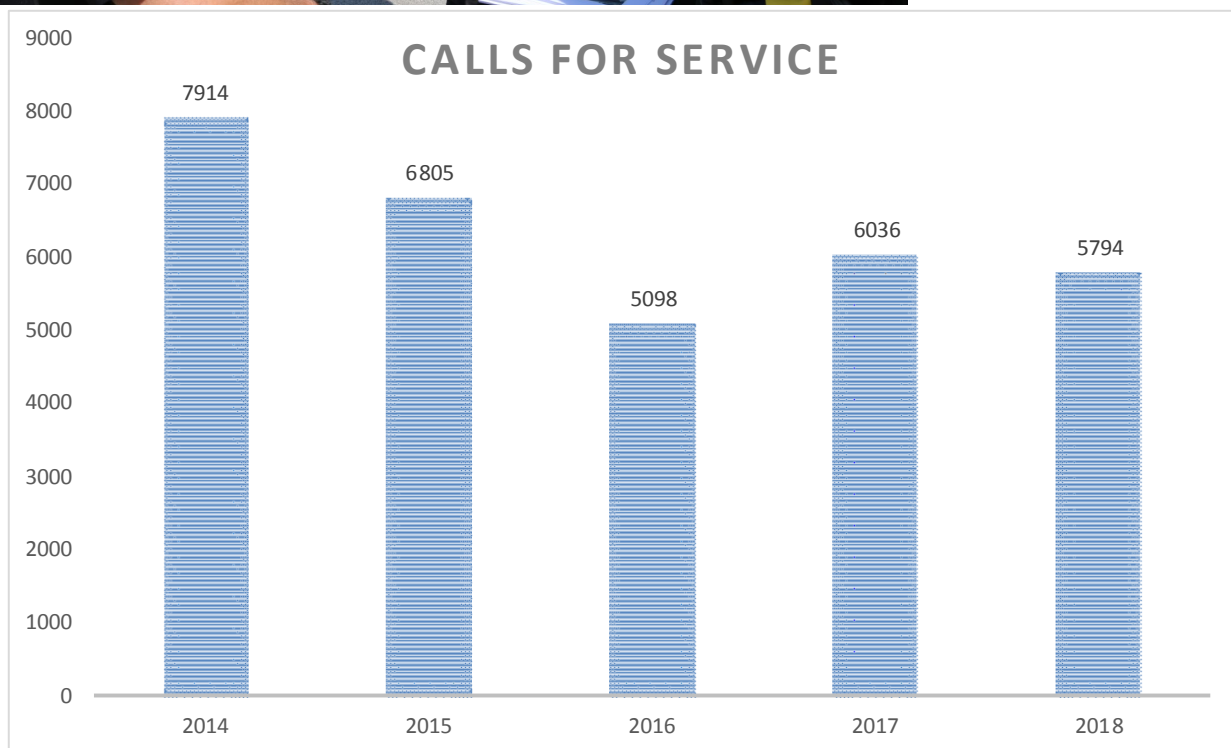
Every time a citizen or resident requests the Police Department to respond to their home to take a police report or meet with an officer, a Call For Service (CFS) is generated. A CFS is also created for police officer self-initiated activity. CFS's encompass a wide variety of activity that includes some of the following:

911 Calls	Assist Fire and E.M.S.
Criminal Reports	Assist other Police Departments
Accidents	Child Safety Seat Inspections
Traffic Stops	House or Building Checks
Loud Noise Complaints	Park Patrols

2018 marked a slight decrease in the amount of calls involving a police response. For the past two years the total amount of Calls For Service remained at relatively the same volume. Overall Elwood police officers responded to 5,794 incidents in 2018, resulting in a 4% decrease over the previous year. The total demand amounted to police responding to approximately 16 calls per day. They include every ticket written, accidents, suspicious vehicle complaints, domestic disputes, worker disturbances, and even barking dog calls.



Officers Ed Wright and Nick Adams receive direction from Sergeant Andrew Anderson





# Special Events 2018 by Elwood Police Department



Elwood Community Days August 24, 2018



Sergeant Hartley with Officer Anderson



Officers Ken Jaburek, Jennifer Kickert, and Ethan Anderson



Sergeant James Hartley



Officer Ken Jaburek



# Special Events 2018

by Elwood Police Department



Sergeant Anderson at Abraham Lincoln Cemetery



Memorial Day at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery



Officer Lohmar working with Sergeant Hartley





# Elwood Rookies Hit the Streets

## Officer Ethan Anderson

Mayor Jenco and the Board of Trustees continue to make public safety a top priority for village residents by ensuring that the police department is properly staffed. At their April 4th regular board meeting the Mayor and Board approved the hiring of a new patrol officer to fill the vacancy created from a previous resignation. Officer Ethan Anderson officially began his duties on Tuesday, May 29th after being sworn in by Village Clerk Julie Friebele.

Mr. Anderson is 23 years old, and until recently was a resident of Murrieta, California where he attended Vista Murrieta High School. Ethan then went on to attend Mount San Jacinto Community College in California. He and his wife Rayna, along with their 1-year old daughter Ella, now live in Morris, IL.

Ethan previously worked for the Riverside County Sheriff's Department in Banning, California as a Corrections Deputy. While serving in the capacity of a Corrections Deputy, he was responsible for upholding laws and rules of the jail to ensure the safety and security of the facility, while handling combative and gang related individuals. He was also a Team Leader for both the Emergency Response Team and the Fire Team at the corrections facility.

Officer Anderson completed 520 hours of basic police training at the Cook County Sheriff's Police Training Academy located at Triton College, River Grove, IL. Recognized by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board, this cost-effective 12-week program provides a diverse training experience and innovative training strategies to prepare recruits to be high quality officers.



Village Clerk Julie Friebele gives the "Oath of Office" to Officer Ethan Anderson

## Officer Nick Vandal

Mayor Jenco and the Board of Trustees appoint Nicholas Vandal as a police officer to the Elwood Police Department. Mr. Vandal is 30-years-old and resides right here in Elwood, Illinois with his wife Carlee. He previously worked as a full-time police officer for the Lyons Police Department and recently graduated from the Chicago Police Academy.

Mr. Vandal has an Associate's degree in Justice Administration from Hawaii Pacific University and served 8 years in the United States Navy as a submarine weapons instructor before he was honorably discharged.

Officer Vandal complies with all state laws requiring certification standards and meets the standards required by the Village Code of Ordinances. He is of good character and has successfully passed an oral interview, polygraph examination, psychological as-

essment, and a thorough background investigation. With his appointment as a probationary police officer he will now undergo an intensive 12 week Field Training Program. Officer Vandal originally hails from the east coast and is a diehard lifelong New England Patriots fan. He is a welcomed addition to the police department and we are excited to have him on our team.

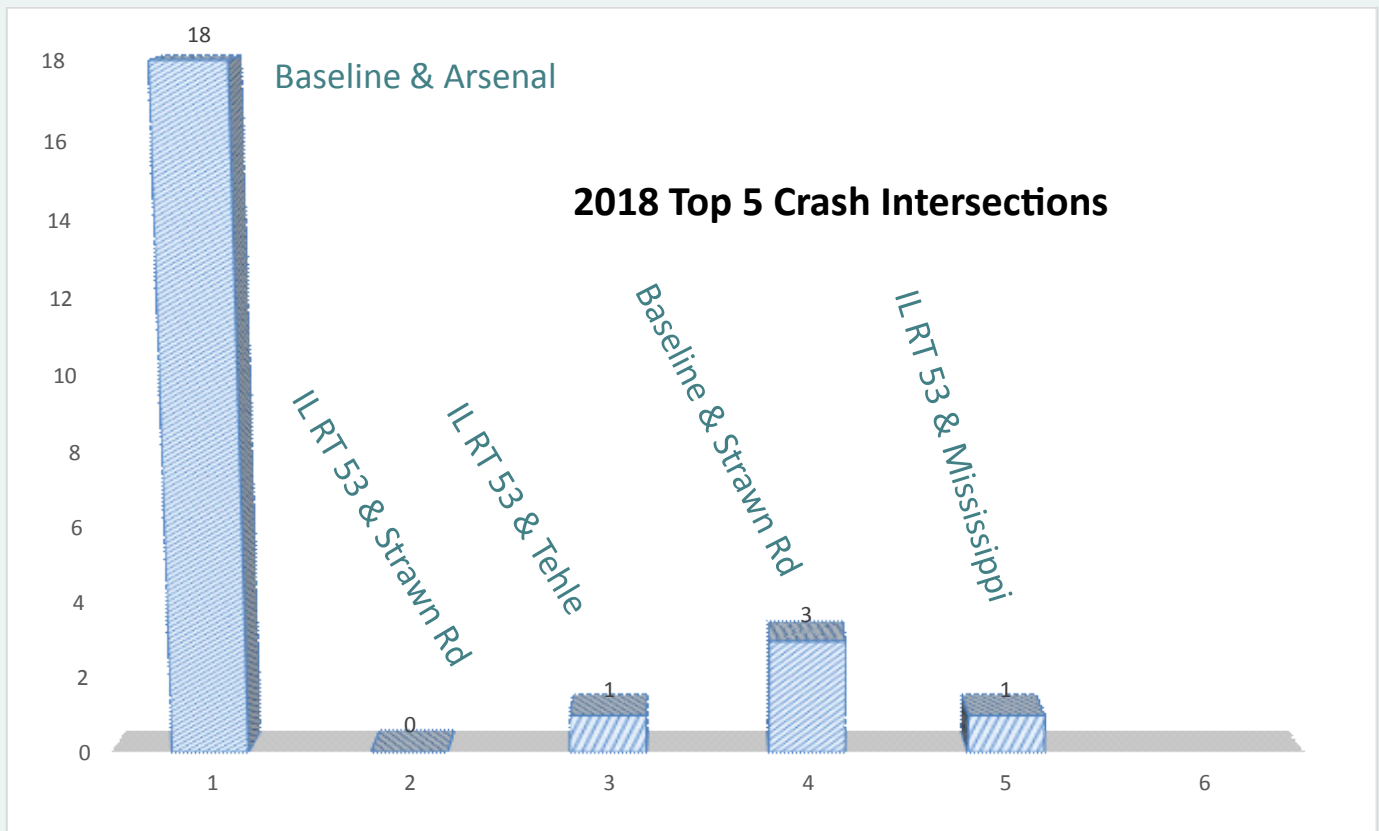


Mayor Doug Jenco welcomes Officer Nick Vandal

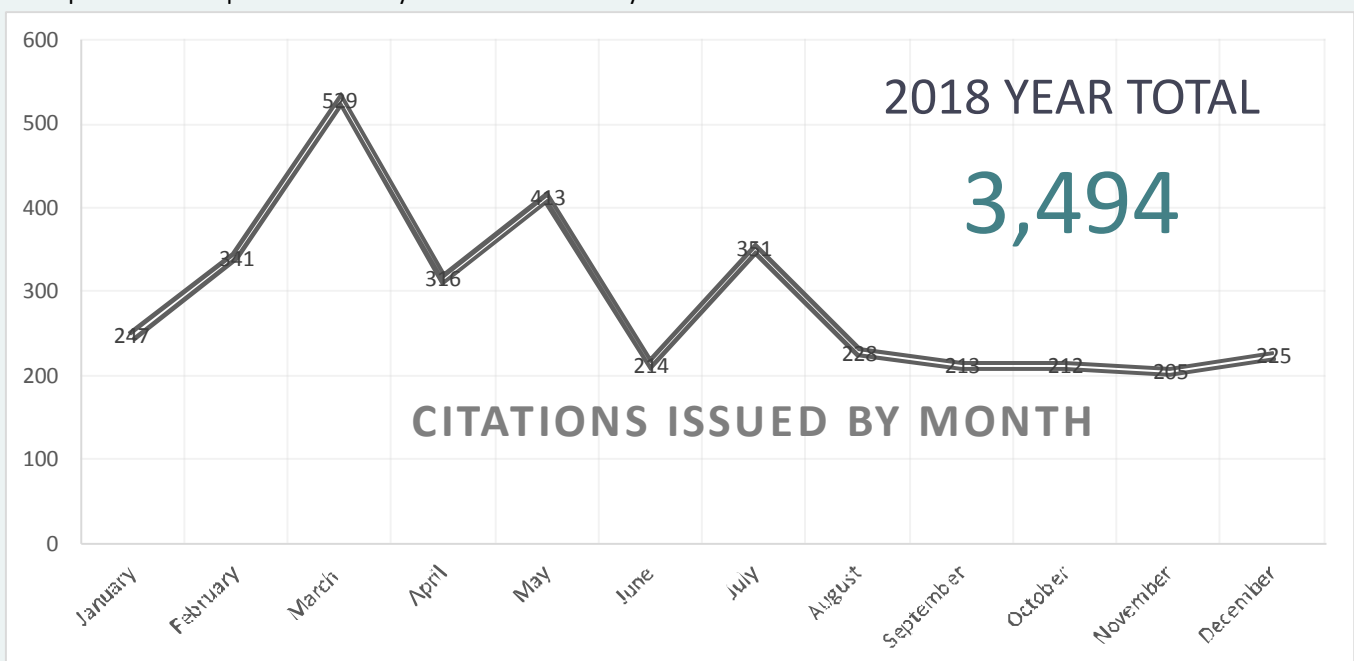


# Traffic Enforcement Activity

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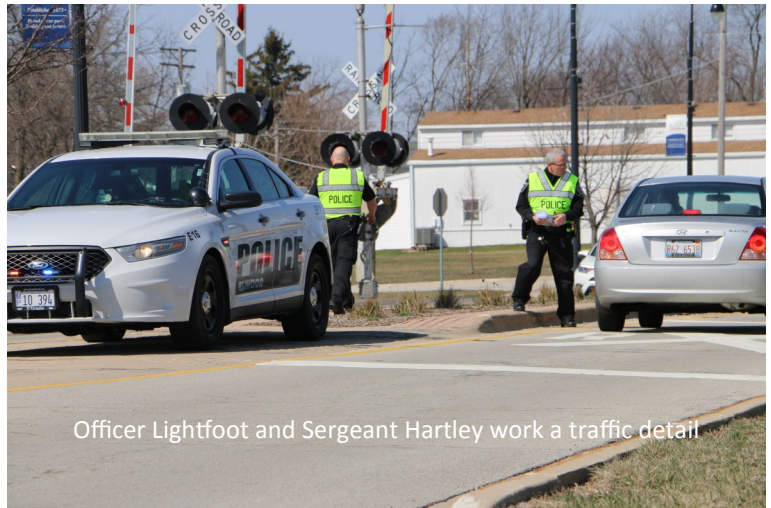
The Elwood Police Department completed an annual traffic safety analysis from all crash data compiled throughout the year. This data is further broken down to the top five crash intersections. A review of the crashes by month, day, time, reported injuries, seat belt usage, and types of vehicles involved, 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. The information is being used to plan several roadway projects for FY2019-20.



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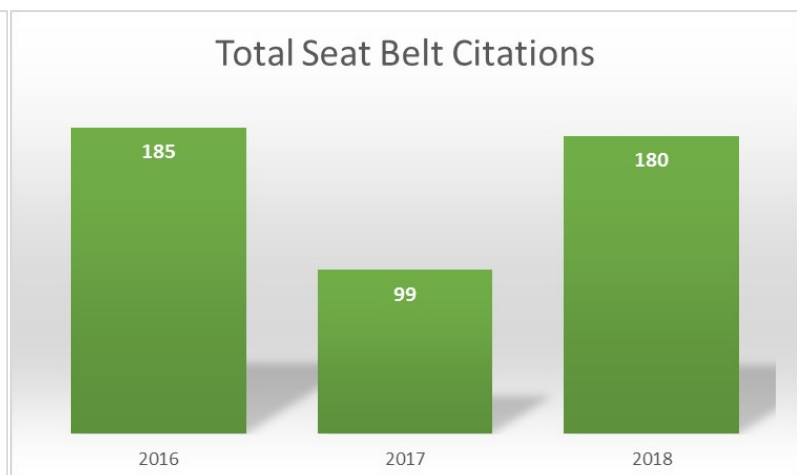
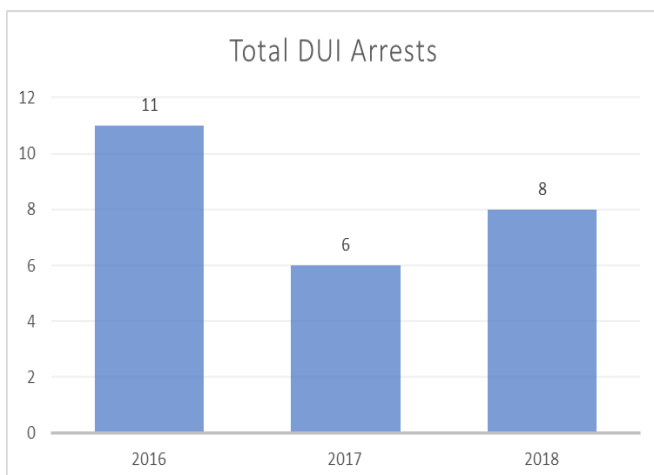
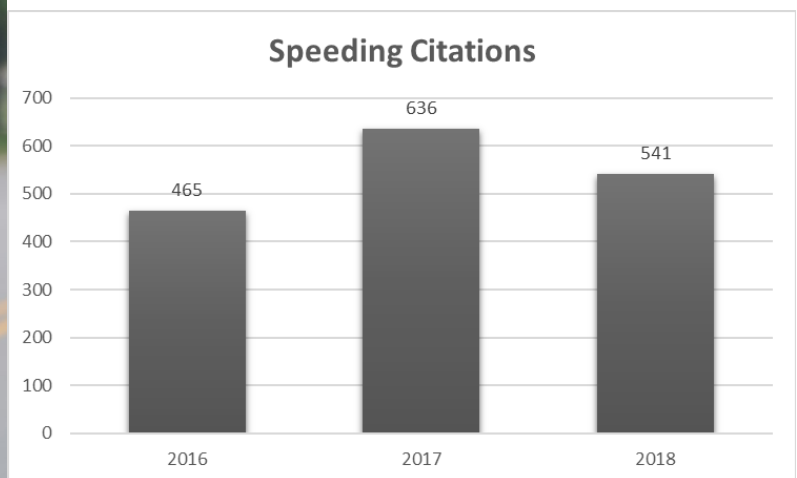
Traffic law enforcement is an integral part of the police function. In addition to being a deterrent to potential violators, there is a strong relationship between traffic enforcement and crime prevention. Traffic enforcement on the part of a police department helps to establish a reputation for vigilance.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



Officer Lightfoot and Sergeant Hartley work a traffic detail



Officer Randy Lightfoot directs traffic





# Traffic Enforcement Activity



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. Elwood officers are committed to improving the efficiency and safety of passenger vehicles and truck transportation in addition to pedestrian and bicycle safety.

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.



Sergeant Andrew Anderson looks for suspicious activity



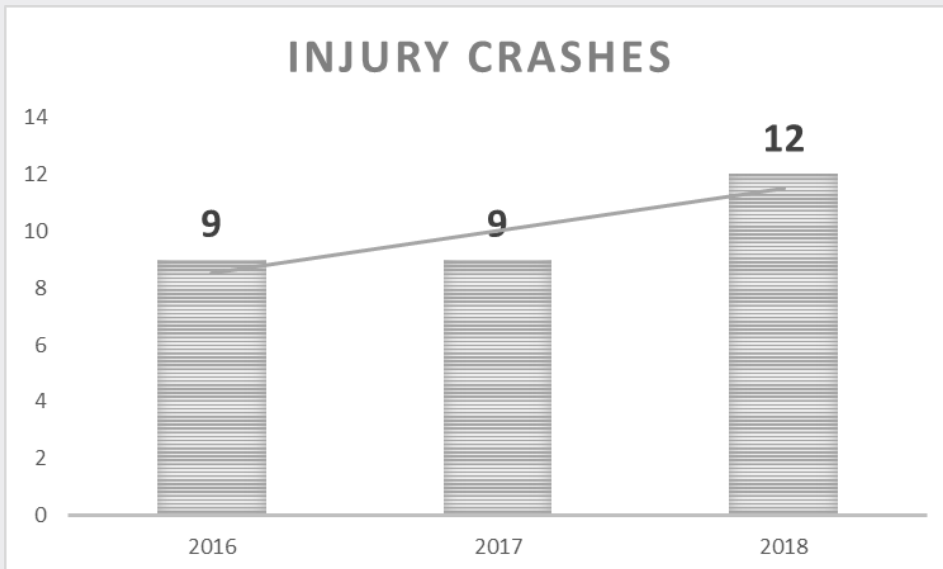
Officer Ken Jaburek directs truck traffic



Traffic Safety Awards given to EPD

# Traffic Enforcement Activity

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It is the policy of this Department to enforce traffic laws at a level sufficient to ensure the safe and expeditious movement of traffic. Violations will be controlled through preventive measures and proactive enforcement. The heavy commercial vehicle traffic in the area associated with the Largest Inland Intermodal Port in North America presents unique challenges for traffic enforcement.

Elwood Officers issued a total of 3494 citations in 2018. Police Officers are expected to strictly enforce commercial vehicle traffic laws which include violations of the provisions in Chapter 15 of the Illinois Vehicle Code concerning Size, Weight, and Load Permits.



Officer Nick Adams meeting people at NNO



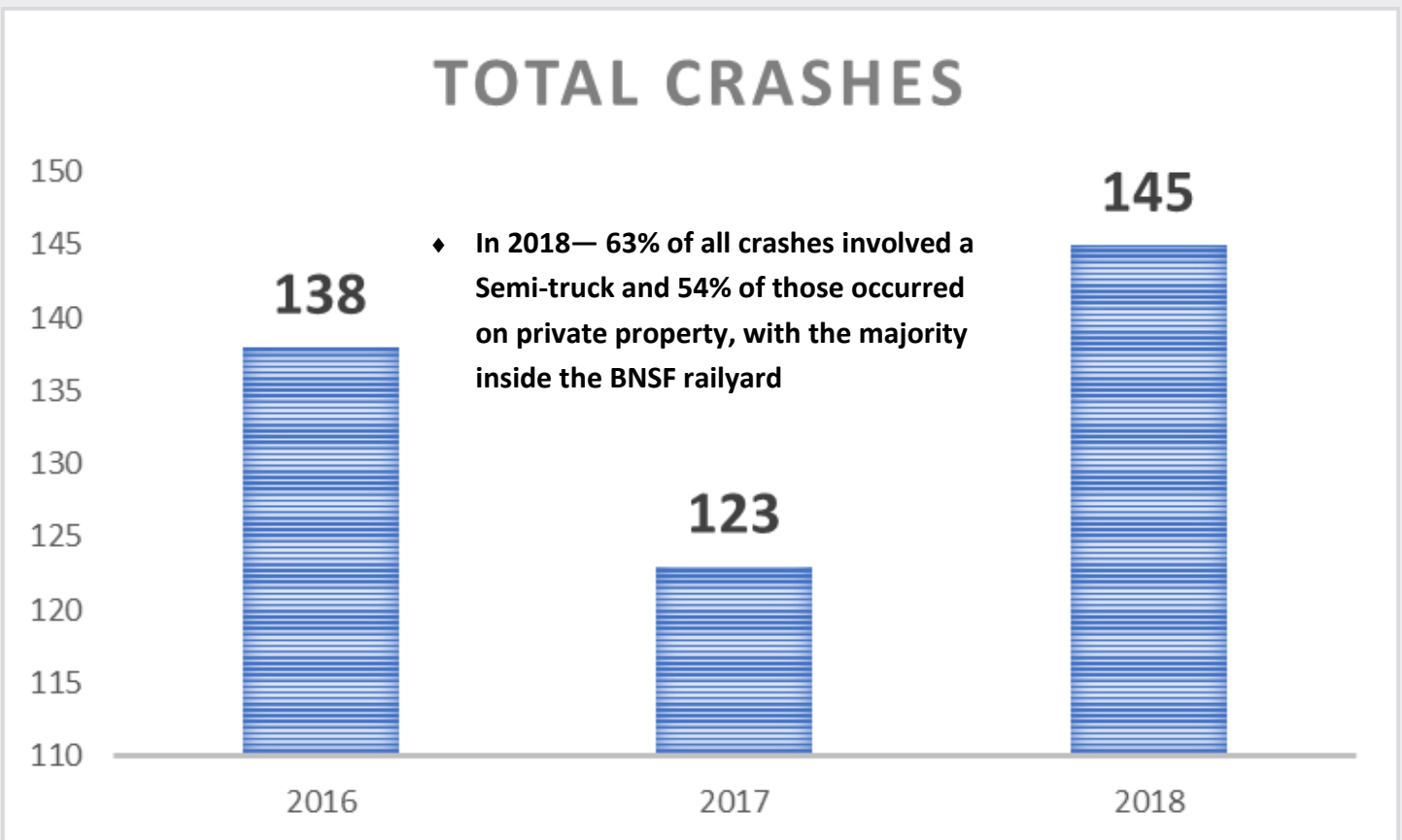
EIP and Arsenal road crash scene 7-7-18

- ♦ Injury crashes Increased by 33% over last year
- ♦ November had the most crashes with 23
- ♦ Most accidents involved a vehicle turning or striking a fixed object



# Traffic Enforcement Activity

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**43% of all accidents occurred on private property**



# Elwood Police Receive Top State Award for Traffic Safety



Officer Ed Wright and Tony Lohmar at awards presentation

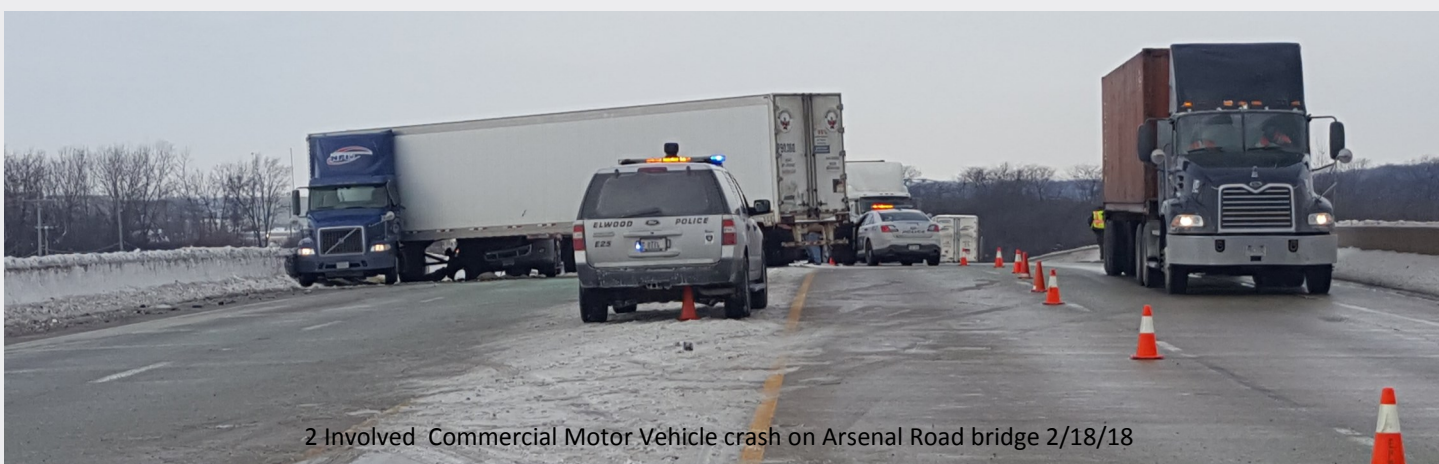


State Award for Truck Enforcement

On August 15, 2018 the Elwood Police Department finished First Place in the Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge for Municipalities with 1-10 full-time officers. The Department also received Special Recognition for its outstanding Commercial Motor Vehicle traffic safety enforcement. 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 **2017-2018 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," said Chief Fred Hayes. "Our 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." NHTSA studies show aggressive and consistent traffic enforcement, coupled with educational efforts, offer the greatest chance of reducing the incidence of traffic crashes, injuries and fatalities.

## In 2018— 91 crashes involved a semi-truck



2 Involved Commercial Motor Vehicle crash on Arsenal Road bridge 2/18/18



# 4th Annual National Night Out by Elwood Police Department

National Night Out (NNO) is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods a safer, better place to live. The annual event enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement and fosters a true sense of community. Participation in this unique crime prevention event sponsored by the Department of Justice, Community Oriented Policing (COPS), public education and outreach has been very successful in the Village of Elwood.







Elwood School visits with EPD



Officers Ken Jaburek and Nick Admas speak with WESCOM 911 dispatchers

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Officer Ed Wright



Officer Tony  
Lohmar



Officer Ethan  
Anderson







