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Enclosed within this document are the annual statistics and progress achieved by the Evanston Police Department for the year of 2023. Transparency and cooperative effort with the citizens of Evanston, whom we serve, are paramount for a successful municipal law enforcement organization.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Dear Residents of Evanston,

I am honored to present the 2023 Evanston Police Department Annual Report. Throughout the past year, our department has remained steadfast in our commitment to serving and protecting the Evanston community. In the face of national challenges within the law enforcement profession, we have persevered, driven by a collective dedication to excellence and a desire to continually improve.

Last year, our primary focus was on enhancing the quality of service we provide to our community. We recognized the need for growth and development within our department and made significant strides towards achieving that goal. Despite the challenges we faced, I am proud to say that the Evanston Police Department has emerged stronger, more resilient, and more determined than ever before.

Central to our efforts is our commitment to recruiting and retaining the very best candidates. We are not simply looking to fill positions; we are seeking individuals who embody the values of honesty, integrity, professionalism, and community policing. By investing in our recruitment efforts, we are ensuring that our department is staffed with individuals who are dedicated to serving with excellence and compassion.

As we move forward, I am confident that our collaborative efforts with city leaders and community members will continue to strengthen public safety, trust, accountability, and transparency. Together, we will build a safer, more inclusive Evanston for all residents.

I encourage you to take the time to review the 2023 Annual Report, as it provides valuable insights into our department's achievements, challenges, and goals achieved. Your feedback is incredibly important to us, and I welcome any comments or thoughts you may have.

Sincerely,



Schenita Stewart
Chief of Police

LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE OF ETHICS

As a law enforcement officer, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind, to safeguard lives and property, to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder, and to respect the constitutional rights of all men to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others.

Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department.

Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature, or that is confided to me in my official capacity, will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities, or friendships to influence my decisions.

With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence, and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of the police service,

I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession—law enforcement.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Evanston Police Department is to enhance Evanston's quality of life through service to and protection of all who live and work within the City. The Department fulfills its mission through the honor, integrity, and teamwork department members demonstrate as they enforce the law with dignity, respect and a sense of self-worth, thereby reducing the incidence and fear of crime.

Values

Alliance

Work cooperatively with the department members, City departments, service agencies, the criminal justice system, the community

Problem-solving

Use problem-solving methods to reduce the incidence and fear of crime and to improve managerial and operational strategies

Accountability

Promote among department employees, other law enforcement agencies, and the community and its government, responsible use of resources, strategies, and outcomes

Service

Provide supportive, professional service to the community and employees, without discrimination and in the spirit of mutual respect and courtesy

Respect

Members of the department - its greatest asset - will be afforded respectful, fair and consistent treatment, their professional career-development supported by management

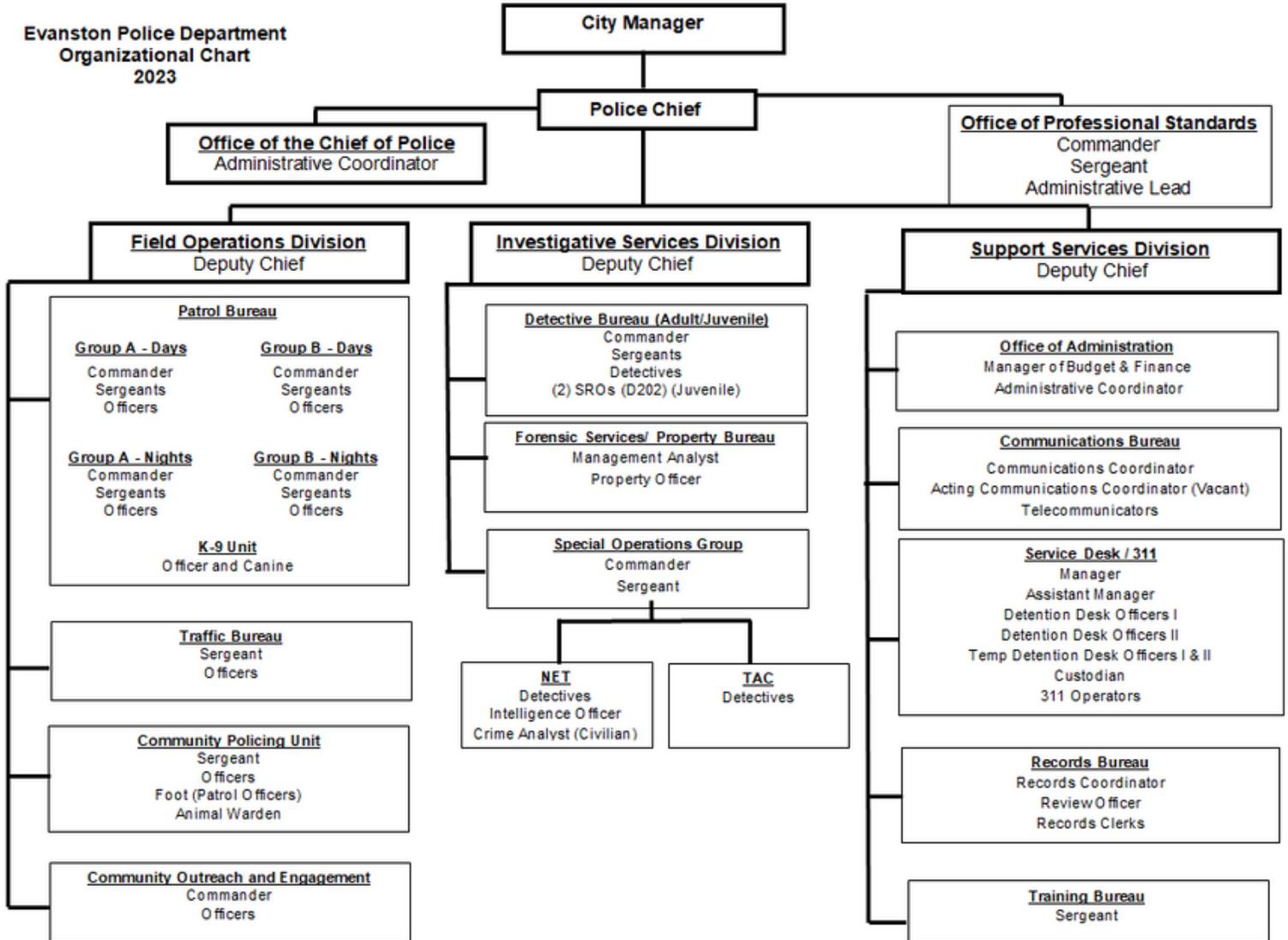
10 SHARED PRINCIPLES

The Evanston Police Department embraces and affirms the 10 Shared Principles adopted in 2018 by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police and the Illinois NAACP State Conference regarding the relationship between law enforcement and the communities and people we serve. We commit to implement these values and principles and to replace mistrust with mutual trust wherever, whenever, and however we can.

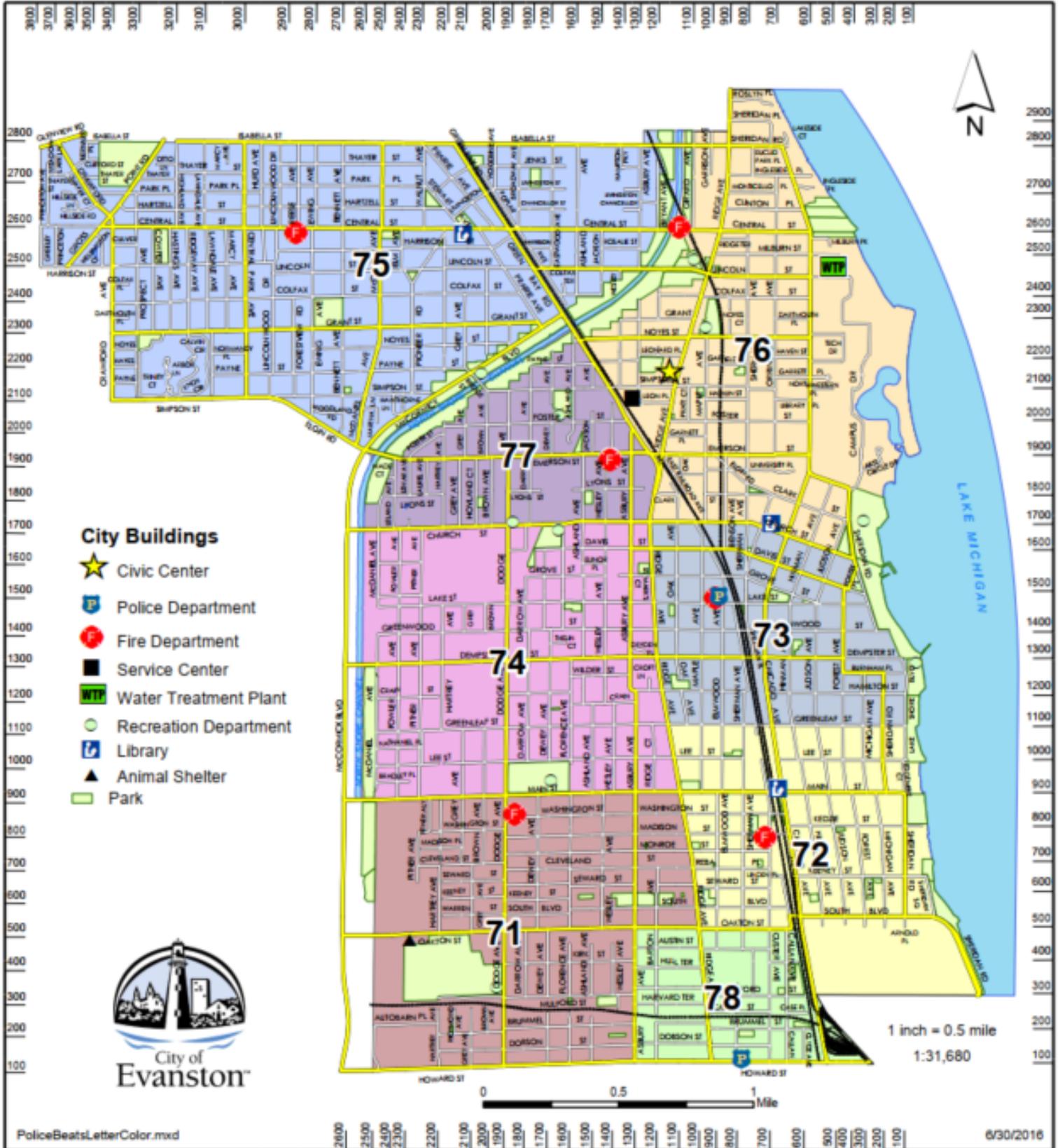
1. We value the life of every person and consider life to be the highest value.
2. All persons should be treated with dignity and respect. This is another foundational value.
3. We reject discrimination toward any person that is based on race, ethnicity, religion, color, nationality, immigrant status, sexual orientation, gender, disability, or familial status.
4. We endorse the six pillars in the report of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing. The first pillar is to build and rebuild trust through procedural justice, transparency, accountability, and honest recognition of past and present obstacles.
5. We endorse the four pillars of procedural justice, which are fairness, voice (i.e., an opportunity for citizens and police to believe they are heard), transparency, and impartiality.
6. We endorse the values inherent in community policing, which includes community partnerships involving law enforcement, engagement of police officers with residents outside of interaction specific to enforcement of laws, and problem-solving that is collaborative, not one-sided.
7. We believe that developing strong ongoing relationships between law enforcement and communities of color at the leadership level and street level will be the keys to diminishing and eliminating racial tension.
8. We believe that law enforcement and community leaders have a mutual responsibility to encourage all citizens to gain a better understanding and knowledge of the law to assist them in their interactions with law enforcement officers.
9. We support diversity in police departments and in the law enforcement profession. Law enforcement and communities have a mutual responsibility and should work together to make a concerted effort to recruit diverse police departments.
10. We believe de-escalation training should be required to ensure the safety of community members and officers. We endorse using de-escalation tactics to reduce the potential for confrontations that endanger law enforcement officers and community members; and the principle that human life should be taken only as a last resort.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Evanston Police Department
Organizational Chart
2023



City of Evanston Police Patrol Beats



This map is provided "as is" without warranties of any kind. See www.cityofevanston.org/mapdisclaimers.html for more information.

NATIONAL INCIDENT BASED REPORTING SYSTEM

Implemented to improve the overall quality of crime data collected by law enforcement, NIBRS captures details on each single crime incident—as well as on separate offenses within the same incident—including information on victims, known offenders, relationships between victims and offenders, arrestees, and property involved in crimes.

Unlike data reported through the UCR Program’s traditional Summary Reporting System (SRS)—an aggregate monthly tally of crimes—NIBRS goes much deeper because of its ability to provide circumstances and context for crimes like location, time of day, and whether the incident was cleared.

As recommended by professional law enforcement organizations, the FBI has made nationwide implementation of NIBRS a top priority because NIBRS can provide more useful statistics to promote constructive discussion, measured planning, and informed policing. To increase participation, the UCR Program is partnering with the Bureau of Justice Statistics on the National Crime Statistics Exchange, working with advocacy groups to emphasize the importance of NIBRS data, and transitioned the UCR Program to a NIBRS-only data collection, as of Jan. 1, 2021. In addition, the UCR Program has made resources available to help agencies address the cost of transitioning, as well as the potential perception that an agency has higher crime levels when NIBRS actually establishes a new baseline that more precisely captures reported crime in a community.



NATIONAL INCIDENT BASED REPORTING SYSTEM

Offense	Reported in 2023	Reported in 2022	Percent Change	Offenses Cleared	Percent Cleared	Percent Of Category	Rate Per 100,000*
Murder	1	2	-50.00%	1	100.00%	0.11%	1.35
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Justifiable Homicide	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Non-consensual Sex Offenses:							
Rape	22	22	0.00%	5	22.73%	2.49%	29.71
Sodomy	0	2	-100.00%	0	0.00%	0.00%	0
Sexual Assault with Object	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Fondling	1	5	-80.00%	0	0.00%	0.11%	1.35
Aggravated Assault	43	27	59.26%	27	62.79%	4.86%	58.07
Simple Assault	604	614	-1.63%	266	44.04%	68.25%	815.7
Intimidation	209	194	7.73%	70	33.49%	23.62%	282.28
Kidnapping/Abduction	5	8	-37.50%	1	20.00%	0.56%	6.75
Consensual Sex Offenses:							
Incest	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Statutory Rape	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Crimes Against Persons Total	885	874	1.26%	370	41.81%	19.99%	1195.19
Robbery	63	75	-16.00%	14	22.22%	1.83%	85.08
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	261	269	-2.97%	11	4.21%	7.59%	352.48
Larceny/Theft Offenses	1,788	1,450	23.31%	95	5.31%	51.99%	2,414.68
Motor Vehicle Theft	292	149	95.97%	13	4.45%	8.49%	394.34
Arson	4	10	-60.00%	0	0.00%	0.12%	5.4
Destruction Of Property	570	574	-0.70%	48	8.42%	16.57%	769.78
Counterfeiting/Forgery	11	10	10.00%	1	9.09%	0.32%	14.86
Fraud Offense	446	469	-4.90%	11	2.47%	12.97%	602.32
Embezzlement	1	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.03%	1.35
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Bribery	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Stolen Property Offenses	3	0	NA	2	66.67%	0.09%	4.05
Crimes Against Property Total	3,439	3,006	14.4%	195	5.67%	77.68%	4,644.35
Drug/Narcotic Violations	47	33	42.42%	41	87.23%	45.63%	63.47
Drug Equipment Violations	5	5	0.00%	4	80.00%	4.85%	6.75
Gambling Offenses	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Pornography/Obscene Material	0	5	-100.00%	0	0.00%	0.00%	0
Prostitution	0	1	-100.00%	0	0.00%	0.00%	0
Weapons Law Violation	51	37	37.84%	36	70.59%	49.51%	68.88
Animal Cruelty	0	2	-100.00%	0	0.00%	0.00%	0
Crimes Against Society Total	103	83	24.1%	81	78.64%	2.33%	139.1
Total Group "A" Offenses	4,427	3,963	11.71%	646	14.59%	100%	3,978.64

Note: The Rate per 100,000 will be 'NA' when the Adjusted Population Base is Zero.

FIREARM STATISTICS

<u>HANDGUNS</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
INCIDENTS INVOLVING HANDGUNS	137	132	118	82	80
INJURY SUSTAINED	5	7	8	6	8
SUICIDE W/HANDGUN	2	2	3	0	3
MURDER W/HANDGUNS	1	1	6	3	1
CONFISCATED	65	50	51	34	41
TURNED IN	18	28	23	16	38
FOUND	1	1	6	6	0
LOCATED THROUGH INVESTIGATION - TIP	0	0	0	0	0
STOLEN	6	6	6	0	4
<u>OTHER FIREARMS</u>					
DEATH - SUICIDE W/FIREARM	0	0	0	0	0
INCIDENTS INVOLVING OTHER FIREARMS	3	1	0	4	1
TURNED IN OR CONFISCATED	21	16	12	18	29
FOUND	0	1	0	5	0
LOCATED THROUGH INVESTIGATION	0	0	0	0	0
STOLEN	0	0	1	0	0
<u>PERSONS ARRESTED FOR UJW</u>	45	35	27	29	22
<u>GUN BUYBACK</u>					
HANDGUNS	18	24	25	20	7
OTHER GUNS (SHOTGUNS/RIFLES)	28	24	29	4	11
REPLICA GUNS	29	51	10	2	1



COREY MCCRAY



ANNA OSTAP



DANIEL CAPESIUS

**2023
RETIREEES**



KYLE BENOIT



TIMOTHY SULLIVAN



LOYCE SPELLS



TANYA NOBLE

***NOT PICTURED: KYLE WIDEMAN**



THOMAS CURTIN

HAPPY RETIREMENT TO OUR EPD CHAPLAINS!

**ELDER
PHILLIP BENTLEY**

**“As You Reach
This Time in Your Life,
May You Find
Joy in
Remembering
Past Success and
Happiness in Pursuing
New Hopes and Plans”**

**ELDER
RODNEY GREENE**

**REVEREND STEVE
DURHAM**

**REVEREND EVANGELINE
FEATHERSON**

**RABBI
DOV KLEIN**

**FATHER BOB
OLDERSHAW**



2023 AWARD RECIPIENTS

COMMENDATION

OFFICER JUAN ALVARADO
OFFICER NICHOLAS CHIPOLET
OFFICER VINCENT CRIDER
OFFICER TODOROCHÉ GINCHEVSKI
OFFICER JACOB JETTON-GONZALEZ
OFFICER RYAN KOLLAR
OFFICER DAGMARA KOSTE
OFFICER DANIEL PACK
SERGEANT SOPHIA SYED

HONORABLE MENTION

OFFICER HEIDI BERNHARDT
DETECTIVE ANTHONY BECKMAN
SERGEANT KEN CARTER
OFFICER DAVID CHERREY
OFFICER AMANDA FERNANDEZ
OFFICER CESAR GALINDO
DETECTIVE NINA GRIFFITH
OFFICER JACKIE HERRERA
SERVICE DESK OFFICER DEBORAH HINTON
DETECTIVE BENJAMIN HOLLIMAN
OFFICER RANDOM JOHNSON
OFFICER MICHAEL KANE
OFFICER RYAN KOLLAR
OFFICER ADAM KOZLOWSKI
OFFICER MICHAEL MANGAS
OFFICER JOSEPH LOPEZ
OFFICER GREGORY ROMERO
DETECTIVE DAN ROSENBAUM
DETECTIVE RICHARD SHANAS
SERGEANT SCOTT SOPHIER
DETECTIVE KYLE WIDEMAN
OFFICER MANUEL VASQUEZ
DETECTIVE AMIN VIRANI

CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION

OFFICER GRACE CARMICHAEL
OFFICER NICHOLAS CHIPOLET
TELECOMMUNICATOR ANGELA COKER
TELECOMMUNICATOR HEATHER COOPER
OFFICER JOVANY CORTEZ
TELECOMMUNICATOR CARL HASTEN
TELECOMMUNICATOR JEFF HOLDREN
OFFICER ADAM KOZLOWSKI
OFFICER MATTHEW MASUCCI
DETECTIVE ADAM PACK
OFFICER DANIEL PACK
TELECOMMUNICATOR DENNISE OROZCO
TELECOMMUNICATOR LINDA THOMPSON
SERGEANT CHRISTOPHER TORTORELLO

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

TELECOMMUNICATOR DANIEL CAPESIUS
OFFICER DAVID CHERREY
TELECOMMUNICATOR ANGELA COKER
OFFICER AMANDA FERNANDEZ
TELECOMMUNICATOR JEFF HOLDREN
TELECOMMUNICATOR JESSE MCPHAIL
OFFICER RUDY MUJICA
DETECTIVE ANTHONY SOSA
OFFICER JULIE TRIGGS-REDMOND
DETECTIVE DAN ROSENBAUM
TELECOMMUNICATOR MICHAEL VELASQUEZ

PARTNERSHIP AWARD

DR. REVEREND TAURUS SCURLOCK
EVANSTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - SOL ANDERSON
CAROLYN MURRAY

UNIT CITATION

GUN BUYBACK EVENT

COMMUNITY POLICING UNIT

OFFICER OTHA BROOKS
OFFICER ENJOLI DALEY
OFFICER CESAR GALINDO
OFFICER ADAM HOWARD
OFFICER MICHAEL JONES
OFFICER COREY MCCRAY
OFFICER BRIAN RUST
SERGEANT CHELSEA BROWN

SPECIAL OPERATIONS GROUP

DETECTIVE MIKHAIL GEYER
DETECTIVE BENJAMIN HOLLIMAN
DETECTIVE RICHARD SHANAS
DETECTIVE KYLE WIDEMAN
SERGEANT KEN CARTER

DETAIL

OFFICER HEIDI BERNHARDT
DETECTIVE PEDRO CARRASCO
OFFICER DAVID CHERREY
OFFICER LASHAWN COOK
OFFICER TODOROCHÉ GINCHEVSKI
OFFICER CARL GUSTAFSON
SERGEANT SCOTT SOPHIER
CATALINA DELAROSA
SARAH JONES
SUSAN MORGAN
MIKE WASOWICZ

UNIT CITATION - CON'T

COMMUNITY POLICING UNIT

OFFICER OTHA BROOKS
OFFICER ENJOLI DALEY
OFFICER CESAR GALINDO
OFFICER ADAM HOWARD
OFFICER MICHAEL JONES
OFFICER COREY MCCRAY
OFFICER BRIAN RUST
SERGEANT CHELSEA BROWN

SPECIAL CHIEF'S AWARD

SERGEANT CHELSEA BROWN
OFFICER JACLYN RODEN
SERGEANT SCOTT SOPHIER
SHADA ESHOO
LOUIS GERGITTS
OFFICER MATTHEW BULINSKI - NUPD
SERGEANT HOO KEUN PARK - NUPD
SERGEANT SANGHOON LEE - NUPD
TED GIDD - NU
DAVID JANIS - NU
ROLF NEIGENFIND - NU
MARK ROYCE
JOSEPH MATHEW, MSW - DCFS

OFFICER OF THE YEAR

OFFICER NICHOLAS CHIPOLET

RECOGNITION FOR UNUSUAL/SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

TELECOMMUNICATOR EILEEN ALLEN
TELECOMMUNICATOR RICHARD CLUCAS
TELECOMMUNICATOR CARL HASTEN
TELECOMMUNICATOR LINDA THOMPSON

FITNESS AWARD

MOST FIT - DETECTIVE DAN ROSENBAUM
MOST IMPROVED - SERGEANT DAN KEELER

EXPERT SHOOTER

TOP SHOT CITATION

OFFICER BRANDON MARX - 493
COMMANDER JAMES PILLARS III - 482
OFFICER NATHANIEL BASNER - 473
OFFICER JUSTIN CONLEY - 473
OFFICER TODOROCHÉ GINCHEVSKI - 473
SERGEANT ERVIN DELEON - 465



OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

The members of the Office of Professional Standards (OPS) report directly to the Chief of Police. OPS provides two separate functions: internal inspections and internal investigation. The inspection component evaluates the quality of the Department operations, ensuring that the agency's goals are being pursued and that control is maintained throughout the Department. This component also performs audits of personnel sick time usage to identify potential abusers, completes audits of the records of various cash funds kept in the Department, and performs other audits and studies as directed by the Chief of Police.

The internal investigations component investigates allegations of misconduct made against the Department or its employees by citizens or other employees of the Department/City.

INVESTIGATION TYPES

Complaint Register—Complaint registers are allegations of misconduct against the Department and/or its members. All misconduct allegations are thoroughly investigated and properly adjudicated in order to maintain public confidence and departmental integrity. The results of the investigation are reviewed by supervisors and recommendations are submitted to the Chief of Police. The Chief makes the final determination based on the recommendations. A Letter of Disposition is sent to all complainants. Examples may include excessive force, illegal search, etc.

Departmental Inquiry—Department Inquiries are investigated by the immediate supervisor. The results and recommendations are submitted to the Chief of Police through the chain-of-command. The Chief makes the final determination after reviewing the case and recommendations. A Letter of Disposition is sent to all complainants. Examples may include letter of complaint, traffic citation, the manner in which a call was handled, officer attitude, etc.

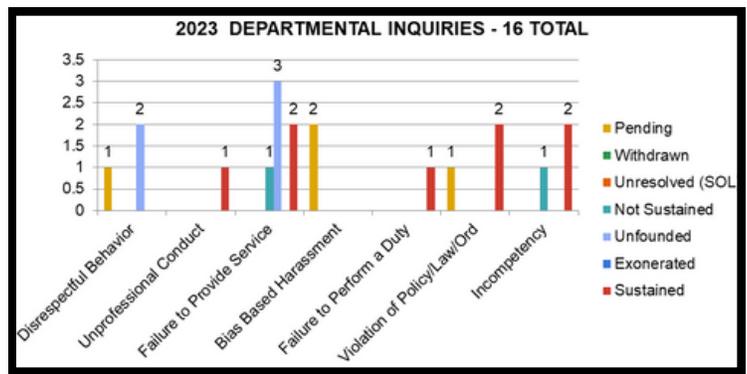
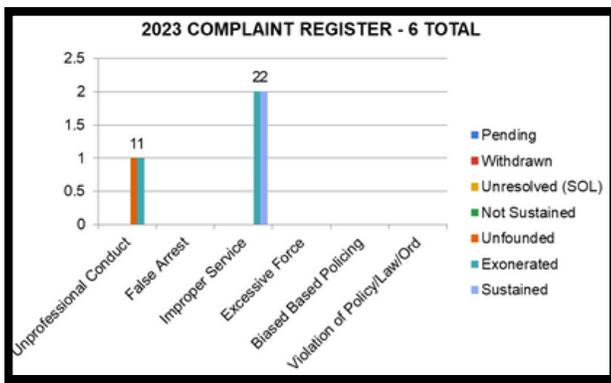
Administrative Review—Rule violation complaints made by department members regarding another member and/or the department. Examples may include late for work, missed court, failure to follow radio procedures, etc.

Use of Force—Officers are permitted to use force at a level deemed reasonable and necessary to protect others and/or themselves from bodily harm or to affect the arrest of a person who physically resists. Judgment in these matters is not arbitrary, but governed by state law, departmental policy, national law enforcement standards, and police training. A report is filed for review for each incident that involves force beyond mere restraint.

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

2023 COMPLAINT REGISTER - 6 TOTAL

COMPLAINT	PENDING	WITHDRAWN	UNRESOLVED (SOL)	NOT SUSTAINED	UNFOUNDED	EXONERATED	SUSTAINED	TOTAL
UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
FALSE ARREST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IMPROPER SERVICE	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4
EXCESSIVE FORCE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BIAS BASED HARASSMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VIOLATION OF POLICY/LAW/ORD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	6



2023 DEPARTMENTAL INQUIRIES - 16 TOTAL

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DEPARTMENTAL INQUIRIES IS GREATER THAN THE NUMBER OF INVESTIGATIONS BECAUSE MORE THAN ONE TYPE OF COMPLAINT COULD BE USED IN A SINGLE EVENT

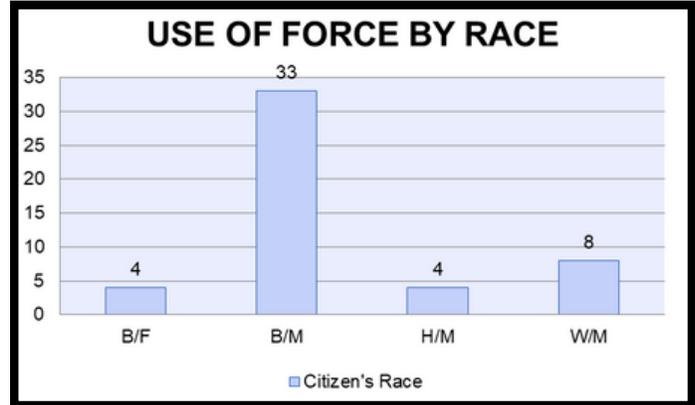
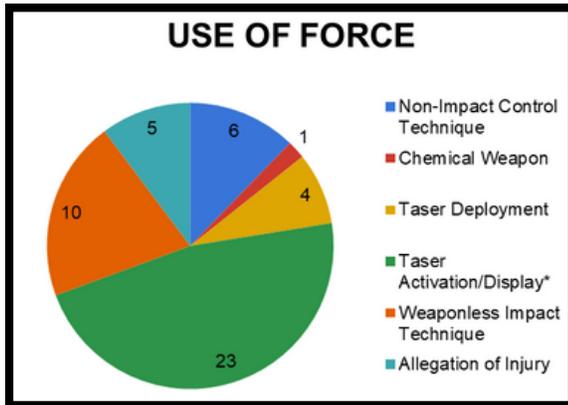
COMPLAINT	PENDING	WITHDRAWN	UNRESOLVED (SOL)	NOT SUSTAINED	UNFOUNDED	EXONERATED	SUSTAINED	TOTAL
DISRESPECTFUL BEHAVIOR	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
PREVENTABLE VEHICLE CRASH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FAILURE TO PROVIDE SERVICE	0	0	0	1	3	0	2	6
BIAS BASED HARASSMENT	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
FAILURE TO PERFORM A DUTY	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
VIOLATION OF POLICY/LAW/ORD	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	3
INCOMPETENCY	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	3
TOTAL	4	0	0	2	5	0	8	18

<u>ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEWS</u>	<u>2023</u>	58	<u>2022</u>	44	<u>2021</u>	37	<u>2020</u>	37	<u>2019</u>	59
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OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

USE OF FORCE

A Use of Force incident may result in multiple applications of force. The total number of Use of Force incidents is less than the number of Types of Force.



USE OF FORCE BY RACE/SEX

TYPE OF FORCE	B/F	B/M	H/F	H/M	W/F	W/M	TOTAL
Non-Impact Control Technique	1	3	0	1	0	1	6
Chemical Weapon	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Taser Deployment	0	3	0	0	0	1	4
Taser Activation/Display*	0	17	0	2	0	4	23
Weaponless Impact Technique	1	7	0	1	0	1	10
Impact Weapons	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deadly Force	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Allegation of Injury	1	3	0	0	0	1	5
Total Types of Force by Race	4	33	0	4	0	8	49

*NOT DEPLOYED, DE-ESCALATING FORCE USED

VEHICLE PURSUITS

THERE WERE 6 VEHICLE PURSUITS INVESTIGATED WITH 4 DEEMED OUTSIDE OF POLICY.

	USE OF FORCE INVESTIGATIONS
2023	44
2022	38
2021	32
2020	33
2019	35

FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION

DEPUTY CHIEF WRIGHT

COMMUNITY RELATIONS UNIT

The Community Relations Unit (CRU) launched on April 3, 2023, aiming to foster trust between law enforcement and the community through a solutions-based approach. Composed of a Commander and three Community Relations Officers, the unit began deployment across Evanston, focusing on prevention, intervention, enforcement, reentry, and support. Its creation serves as a conduit for building a stronger police-community partnership and enhancing trust.

COMMUNITY POLICING UNIT

The Community Policing Unit (CPU) is composed of five Community Policing Unit Officers who routinely engage with stakeholders on solving long-term and short-term issues within the City. Foot patrol is a main objective of the unit along with bike patrol in the warmer months. The unit is headed by a Sergeant who directly supervises the efforts of the officers to maximize their effectiveness in dealing with quality of life issues, crime-related issues, assisting the public, and organizing community groups within the City.

CPU Officers serve as a community policing mechanism by making personal contact with area residents, businesses, schools, and houses of worship. Additionally, CPU members facilitate many of the Police Department's community engagement programs such as the Community Police Academy (CPA), and also work as Department liaisons between community groups and organizations.

Many of the meetings and community functions are held in-person or virtually. The Community Policing Unit has adapted to the wider use of virtual meetings post-pandemic, and continues to provide a service-oriented approach to all stakeholders. A snapshot of CPUs 2023 activities include the following:

- Conducted over 1,200 directed area patrols and foot patrols of identified deployment locations.
- Addressed over 100 case related follow-ups for quality of life issues such as neighbor disputes, landlord/tenant problems, homelessness issues, panhandler complaints, nuisances, and disorderly conduct related issues.
- Completed over 24 security training events including premise security surveys and lockdown drill training with city government, business, education, and houses of worship stakeholders.
- Attended neighborhood and aldermanic ward meetings for all nine Evanston wards.
- Assisted Patrol Operations with daily and long-term operational needs.
- City-wide task force involvement for problem properties and homelessness.
- Expanded community partnerships with local social service agencies and joined the Community Resources Coalition group.
- Coordinated and participated in crime prevention and community engagement initiatives including catalytic converter marking events, steering wheel lock giveaways, Coffee with a Cop, National Night Out, pop-up tent community engagement events, lakefront & beach bicycle patrols, Trunk or Treat, holiday toy drive & giveaway, etc.

FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION

DEPUTY CHIEF WRIGHT

COMMUNITY RELATIONS UNIT

ANIMAL WARDEN

The Animal Warden responds to calls for stray animals and handles requests and complaints involving domestic and wild animals (including birds and reptiles). The Animal Warden assists community members with all animal related problems, issues citations for violations of animal control ordinances, assists Patrol when an arrest is made and animals must be removed from the scene, follows-up on dog bites and animal abuse complaints, patrols the beaches and parks for ordinance violations, assists with hoarding situations, and offers education to the public. The Animal Warden responds to 3-1-1 requests in addition to daily calls for service dispatched through the Evanston 9-1-1 Communications Center.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

Two School Resource Officers (SRO) have been working closely with Evanston Township High School to address issues that may arise concerning the safety of students in the learning environment. They ensure that all school staff, students, and visitors are safe. Additionally, the SROs focus on crime prevention and reducing violence through positive interactions, relationship building, and partnership with the school's restorative justice team.

The SRO's provide a positive presence within and around the school during school hours and after school events. They work to build lifelong relationships with the students and members of the ETHS community.

116	CASES ASSIGNED	13	ARRESTS MADE
82	CASES CLOSED	1	UNFOUNDED CASES

COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

ETHS TITLE IX

Several members of the department were invited to participate in the Evanston Township High school 50 year celebration of Title IX. The members were all previously student athletes, and alumni of ETHS.



FAAM

Members of the department participate in the Fellowship of African American Men (FAAM) Basketball program. Sergeant Tosha Wilson and Officer Corey McCray (retired) served as coaches for many years working with youth in the community mentoring and coaching.

ETHS AVIATION FAIR

The EPD Drone Team was on hand at ETHS Aviation Fair to showcase the drone program, and give students a view of how aviation plays a role in law enforcement.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

SPECIAL OLYMPICS TORCH RUN & COP ON A ROOFTOP

EPD has maintained a long standing relationship with Special Olympics Illinois. Officers Grace Carmichael and Heidi Bernhardt have coordinated both the Cop on a Rooftop and The Torch Run to raise money and support our local athletes.



COP ON A ROOFTOP
Friday, May 19, 2023
at Dunkin
1900 Dempster St.
6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Working with community partners such as Trilogy Behavioral Health, City of Evanston Parks & Recreation, Peer Services, and the YWCA, hosted several internal and external info sessions and community connection events. Working with community partners allows EPD the opportunity to strengthen relationships, and highlight the outstanding work that is consistently by multiple local organizations.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

COMMUNITY POLICE ACADEMY

Annually, EPD hosts the Community Police Academy (CPA) twice a year. The program was rebranded in 2023 from Citizen Police Academy to Community Police Academy to ensure a more inclusive title. In the spring of 2023 the first Spanish speaking class, Academia de Policia Comunitaria, was facilitated by Officer Galindo and Officer Herrera. The fall session of CPA was facilitated by Officer Daley and Officer Schienbein.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

EVANSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT RECRUITMENT

The EPD Recruitment Team worked to produce a recruitment video and hosted a variety of in-house recruitment informational sessions. The video was completely scripted, filmed, and produced by members of the department.



Building Bridges Through Community Collaboration
Evanston Police Department

Evanston Police Department, IL: Building Bridges Through Community Collaboration



EDUCATIONAL VIDEO SERIES

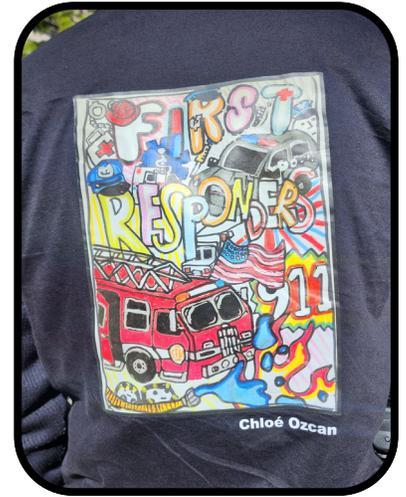
In response to an increase in traffic-related incidents, members of EPD worked to create an educational video to bring awareness and information to the public about traffic safety. The video was completely produced in-house by EPD staff.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

ART CONTEST

EPD hosted its first youth focused Art Contest. The winners met Chief Stewart and were celebrated publicly. The T-shirt Design Winner had their original artwork placed on a t-shirt and was acknowledged at the First Responders Open House.



TRUNK OR TREAT

The City of Evanston hosted its annual Trunk or Treat event at Robert Crown Community Center. Members of the Community Engagement and Outreach Unit along with members of 311 were on hand with a decorated squad car and tons of treats.



COCOA & CANDY CANES TOY GIVEAWAY

This annual event is made possible through toy donations from the community. Community Police Academy Class 55 collected toys as part of their class service project. The toys were then given away to local youth at our Annual Cocoa and Candy Canes Toy Giveaway.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

2023's National Night Out was a major event hosted in partnership between EPD and the Parks and Recreation Department. The event was held on Evanston's beautiful lakefront. The event included resource tables with local community partners, food trucks, free food, and giveaways. Members of EPD provided free fresh beignets and enjoyed the night with the community.



FOSTER SENIOR CLUB

EPD actively fosters a strong bond with the Foster Senior Club, comprising numerous seniors from Evanston. Whether engaging in bingo sessions or organizing festive occasions, EPD consistently ensures a meaningful connection with club members.



CHIEF LOGAN STREET NAMING

In June of 2023, McDaniel Street was named in honor of former Evanston Police Department Chief of Police William Logan. Chief Logan was the department's first Black Chief and was heavily involved in the community. Members of the department serves as Honor Guard and speakers for the event.



Pictured from left to right: (Commander Ken Carter, Officer Justin Conley, Officer Corey McCray, Officer Loyce Spells)

FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION

DEPUTY CHIEF WRIGHT

PATROL BUREAU

The Patrol Bureau is dedicated to ensuring public safety through a variety of activities and responsibilities. With a clear commitment to allocating resources effectively, the Bureau plays a crucial role in addressing crime and enhancing the quality of life in the community. Organizing the division into 7 beats allows for efficient coverage and response to calls for service across the city. Maintaining a commitment to allocating proper resources demonstrates a proactive approach to addressing crime and community concerns.

With 2 Commanders, 12 Sergeants, and 64 Officers, the division handles various tasks, ranging from responding to emergencies to addressing quality of life issues. The diverse responsibilities outlined, from responding to calls for service to enforcing motor vehicle laws and conducting investigations, highlight the multifaceted nature of police work.

By actively engaging with neighborhoods and responding promptly to incidents, the Patrol Division plays a crucial role in fostering a safer environment for everyone in Evanston.



2023 HIGHLIGHTS

CALLS FOR SERVICE (EXCLUDING SELF-INITIATED)	28,272
INCIDENT REPORTS WRITTEN	9,713
ARRESTS	687
TICKETS ISSUED (TRAFFIC AND CITY ORDINANCES)	1,591
INVESTIGATIVE STOPS	133
BURGLAR ALARM RESPONSES	1,251

FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION

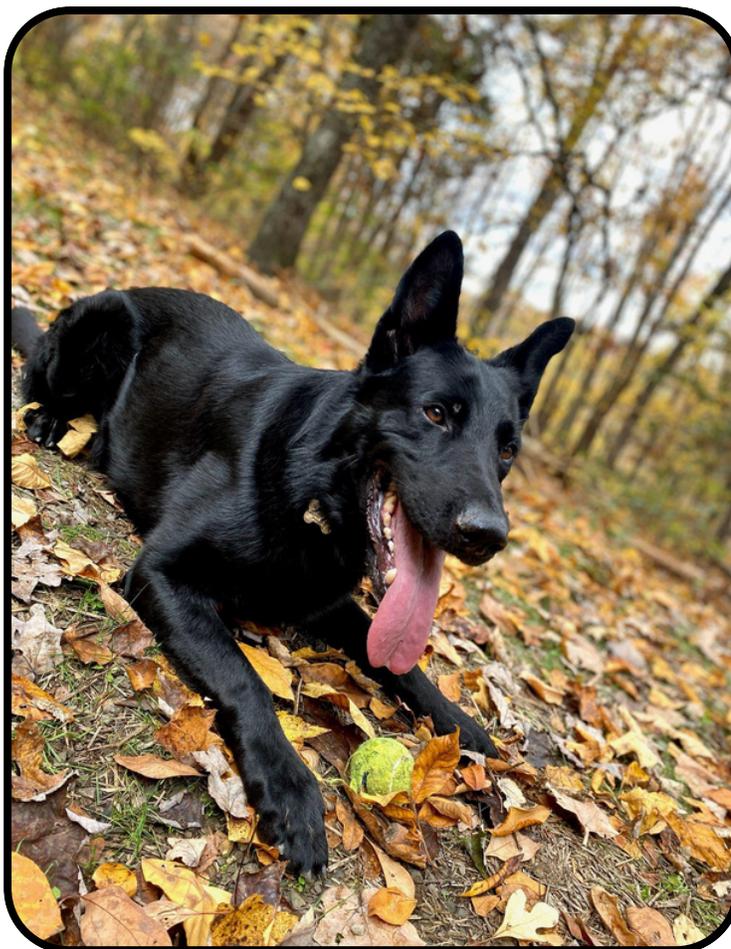
DEPUTY CHIEF WRIGHT

K9 UNIT

The K9 team's contributions to both the Patrol and Detective Bureaus are invaluable. Their involvement in call responses and traffic stops, particularly with vehicle sniffs for narcotics, helps in detecting and preventing drug-related crimes. Additionally, their expertise in conducting article searches aids in gathering evidence for criminal investigations and in-progress crimes.

The K9 team's ability to track fleeing or at-large subjects is instrumental in apprehending suspects swiftly and safely, reducing the risk to both law enforcement officers and the public. Their assistance to the Special Operations group during high-risk operations and search warrants enhances the effectiveness and safety of these critical law enforcement activities.

Beyond enforcement operations, the K9 team's involvement in Community Engagement & Outreach initiatives, such as demonstrations at local events helps foster positive relationships between the department and the community.



FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION

DEPUTY CHIEF WRIGHT

TRAFFIC BUREAU

Traffic Bureau operations include a Sergeant and four officers. This is an increase of one officer from 2022. While the Traffic Bureau serves many functions, their primary responsibility is to advocate for traffic safety through education, enforcement, and partnerships with other Evanston city departments and community stakeholders.

In 2023, the Traffic Bureau remained steadfast in their goal of reducing dangerous driving behaviors including speeding, distracted driving, and seatbelt/child safety seat enforcement. The Traffic Sergeant fielded 112 individual complaints from all areas of the City from community members and elected officials during the year. The complaints were then disseminated to Traffic and Patrol officers by way of weekly communications to Police Department supervisory staff.

Traffic officers play an integral role in special events management. While safety and security is of the utmost importance during City events, the ability for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians to safely and efficiently get to and from these events is also essential. The Traffic Bureau spends countless hours planning these events in partnership with Command Staff and other Police Department specialty units to ensure success.

The Evanston Police Department knows that traffic safety issues are quality of life issues. The Department was humbled that US Transportation Pete Buttigieg briefly mentioned the City of Evanston during remarks about ‘robust complete streets programs and anti-speeding efforts’ in a January 2023 speech to the US Conference of Mayors. The Traffic Bureau will continuously strive to promote safety for all residents and visitors to the City.

2023

HIGHLIGHTS



2,159	TOTAL CITATIONS ISSUED	482	ABANDONED VEHICLE INVESTIGATIONS
674	SPEEDING CITATIONS	9	FUNERAL ESCORTS
458	DISTRACTED DRIVING CITATIONS	16	TRAFFIC CONTROL FOR SPECIAL EVENTS
365	CRASH INVESTIGATIONS	85	ARRESTS
99	HIT-AND-RUN FOLLOW-UPS	6	ENFORCEMENT CAMPAIGNS

FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION

DEPUTY CHIEF WRIGHT

TRAFFIC BUREAU

CITYWIDE CRASH DATA

TYPE OF CRASH	2023	2022	2021
PEDESTRIAN	70	48	38
PEDAL CYCLIST	67	56	50
ANIMAL	3	3	4
OVERTURNED	2	3	5
FIXED OBJECT	110	94	110
OTHER OBJECT	24	24	28
OTHER NON-COLLISION	11	2	1
PARKED VEHICLE	421	396	433
AT LEAST 1 VEHICLE TURNING	198	179	165
REAR-ENDED	223	233	192
SIDSWIPED-SAME DIRECTION	162	168	119
SIDSWIPED-OPPOSITE DIRECTION	19	18	20
HEAD-ON	9	11	15
ANGLED	185	148	149



ROAD CONDITIONS	2023	2022	2021
DRY	1,181	1,079	994
WET	234	175	158
SNOW/SLUSH	28	40	88
ICE	6	10	6
SAND/MUD/DIRT	3	2	2
OTHER	3	4	3
UNKNOWN	77	107	98

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

DEPUTY CHIEF RUSSELL

DETECTIVE BUREAU

The Adult and Juvenile Detective Bureaus are supervised by a Commander and three Sergeants, who report to the Deputy Chief of the Investigative Services Division. Detective Bureau investigations may involve adults or juveniles as victims or offenders. It is the policy of the Evanston Police Department to investigate crimes thoroughly and with due diligence, and evaluate and prepare criminal cases for appropriate clearance or submission to a prosecutor. The Juvenile Court Act provides the framework and spirit for handling juveniles fairly and competently during the performance of duties and responsibilities. Detectives possess a wide array of specialties, training and certifications, which include homicide investigations, juvenile matters, sex offenses, forensic services, domestic violence related incidents, financial crimes, and sex offender/violent offender registrations.

The Evanston Police Department is committed to deterring, preventing, and reducing domestic violence through vigorous enforcement. We recognize domestic violence as a serious crime against society and are dedicated to taking appropriate enforcement actions, providing assistance to victims, and conducting thorough investigations.

ASSIGNED CASES	1,873
CLEARED BY ARREST	125
CLEARED - NO PROSECUTION	339
MISSING PERSONS FOLLOW-UPS	353
DOMESTIC INCIDENTS INVESTIGATED	147

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION

Persons required to register as Sex Offenders are persons who have been charged with an offense listed in the Illinois Compiled Statutes 730ILCS5150/2(b) and 730ILCS5150/2(c) when such charge results in 1 of the following: (a) a conviction, (b) a finding of not guilty by reason of insanity, or (c) a finding not resulting in an acquittal.

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION (INCLUDES WEEKLY REGISTRATION OF HOMELESS SEX OFFENDERS)	234
SEX OFFENDER FOLLOW-UPS	28
CONVICTED SEX OFFENDERS IN EVANSTON	19

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

DEPUTY CHIEF RUSSELL

FORENSIC SERVICES BUREAU

The Forensic Services Bureau oversees the Property Bureau and the Evidence Technician program. Mr. Michael Wasowicz serves as Management Analyst/Forensic Services.

EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN PROGRAM

During 2023, the following members served as Evidence Technicians:

Heidi Bernhardt*	Jacob Jetton-Gonzales	Tim Messing
Todd Burgers	Sgt. Daniel Keeler	Juan Navarrete
Grace Carmichael	Ryan Kollar	Susan Morgan
Jovany Cortes	Dagmara Denslaw	Gregory Romero
Jana Cram	Adam Kozlowski	Michael Scheck
Amanda Fernandez*	Gerard Leeson	Sgt. Richard Tyson
Rodney Greene	Michael Mangas	Manuel Vasquez
Carl Gustafson	Matthew Masucci	Amin Virani
Jaqueline Herrera*	Corey McCray	

*Denotes Individuals Assigned to NORTAF

Officers Jovany Cortes, Rodney Greene and Juan Navarrete were added to the Evidence Technician program during 2023.

During the year, evidence technicians responded to 1,244 (7% increase over 2022) calls for service involving approximately 1,609 hours of evidence work. These figures do not include work done during homicide incidents with NORTAF involvement.

NORTAF PARTICIPATION

The following evidence personnel are assigned to the Forensic Specialist Unit of the North Regional Major Crimes Task Force (NORTAF):

Heidi Bernhardt (Forensic Specialist)
Amanda Fernandez (Forensic Specialist)
Jaqueline Herrera (Forensic Specialist)

SUSPECT IDENTIFICATIONS | ET WORK AT SCENES

During 2023 the following identifications of suspects were made through Evidence Technician work at scenes.

3 AFIS Fingerprint Correlations from Lab Submissions
8 CODIS DNA Correlations from Lab Submissions*

*Does not include sexual assault kits analyzed from sex assault investigations.

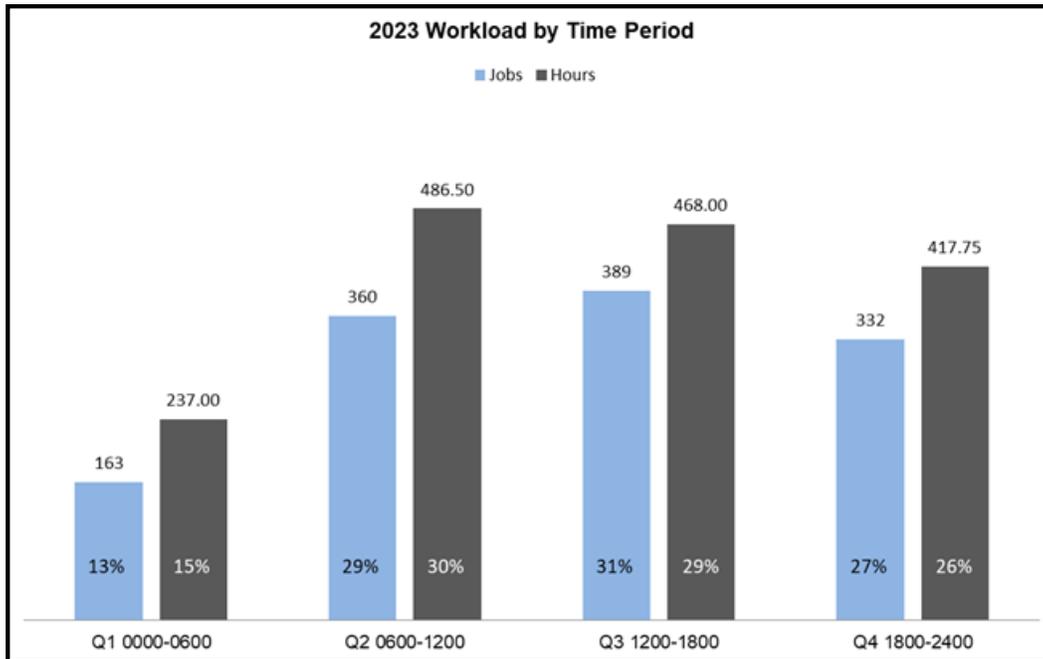
JOINT AGENCIES IN-SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM

Since its establishment in 2015, the program initially involving forensic personnel from Evanston and Skokie has grown to include those from the Lincolnwood Police Department. Led by the EPD Forensic Services Bureau, these semi-annual, one-day training sessions are developed collaboratively with input from all participating agencies.

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

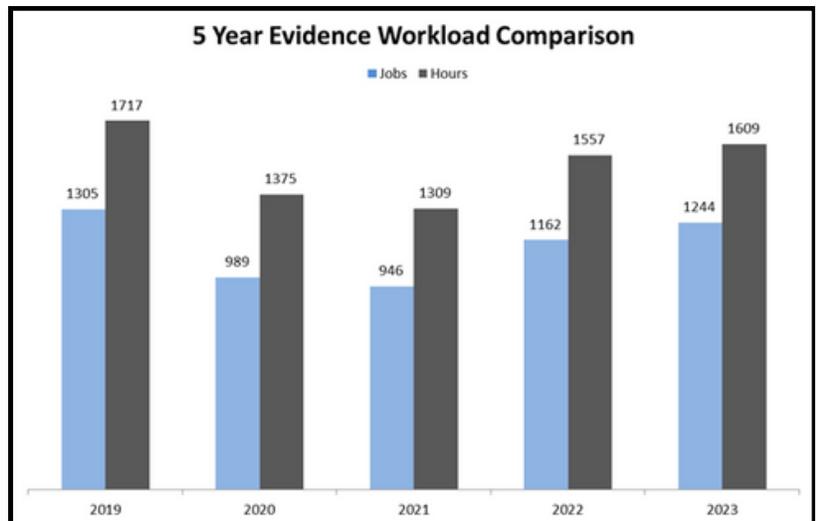
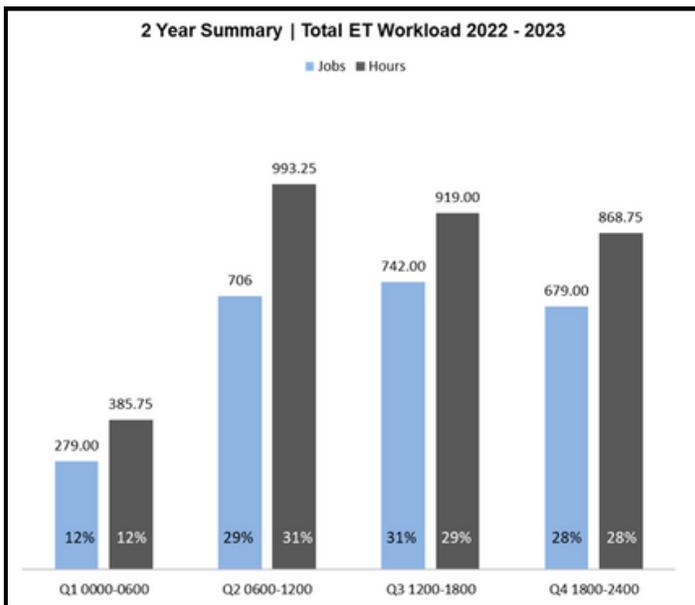
DEPUTY CHIEF RUSSELL FORENSIC SERVICES BUREAU

EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN WORKLOAD BY TIME PERIOD*



*Since 2022, with the change to 12 hour shifts, ET work volume was tracked by ¼ day time periods to make the workload figures more representative of the time of day involved.

EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN WORKLOAD BY SHIFT



Due to the change to 12 hour shifts, both a 2-year and 5-year comparison of shift workload are included in this report. However, historical data has generally shown that the workload by time of day is relatively consistent year to year.

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

DEPUTY CHIEF RUSSELL

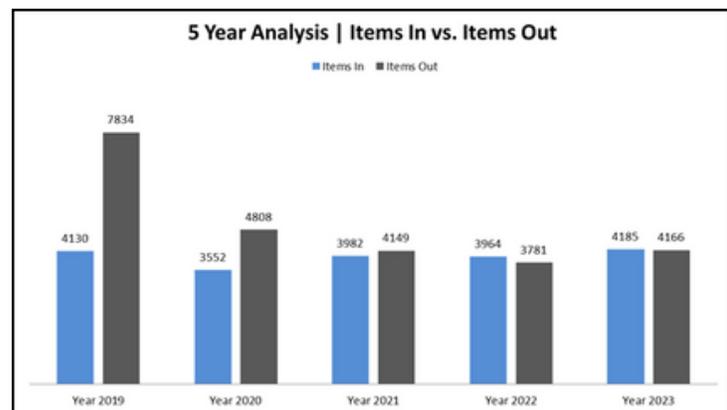
FORENSIC SERVICES BUREAU

During 2023, the Property Bureau took in 4,185 items of property and disposed/purged 4,166 items (8,351 total transactions)*. Items coming in compared to 2022 increased by 5%, and items purged increased by 10.5%. Items removed from storage broke down as follows:

DESTROYED - NON-BEAST ITEMS/NON-FIREARMS	0
DESTROYED BEAST ITEMS – NON-FIREARMS	3,034
DESTROYED BY LAB	1
DESTROYED FIREARMS	226
SENT TO ISP SEIZURE UNIT	0
RETURNED TO OWNER / OWNER'S REP.	507
MONEY ITEMS TO CITY CLERK	37
RELEASED TO ATTORNEYS	26
RELEASED TO COUNTY BOMB SQUAD	0
RELEASED TO OTHER POLICE AGENCIES	14
RELEASED TO DEA	1
RELEASED TO FBI	1
RELEASED TO SECRET SERVICE	0
RELEASED TO MEDICAL EXAMINER'S OFFICE	2
RETAINED FOR DEPARTMENT USE	1
DONATION	61
RETURNED TO FINDER	0
TRANSFERRED TO ARMORY	160**
TRANSFERRED TO RECORDS BUREAU	1
TRANSFERRED TO DIGITAL STORAGE	20
AUCTIONED THROUGH PROPERTYROOM.COM	74

PROPERTY FLOW

SNAPSHOT



*THESE TRANSACTIONS ONLY INCLUDE ITEMS COMING IN FOR THE FIRST TIME AND GOING OUT FOR FINAL DISPOSITION. ITEMS TRANSFERRED TO AND RECEIVED BACK FROM THE CRIME LAB AND OTHERS ARE NOT INCLUDED.

**DURING 2021, A PROJECT WAS UNDERTAKEN TO INCLUDE ARMORY SUPPLIES IN THE BEAST DATABASE FOR SECURITY AND TRACKING PURPOSES. THE NUMBER HERE PRIMARILY REPRESENTS TRANSFERS OF ARMORY SUPPLIES FROM SECURE STORAGE TO ARMORY USE. IDEALLY, TO PRESERVE STORAGE SPACE, ANNUAL PROPERTY DISPOSALS SHOULD EQUAL OR EXCEED ANNUAL INTAKE. DURING THE FIVE YEAR PERIOD, PURGES EXCEEDED INTAKES BY 4,925 ITEMS.

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

DEPUTY CHIEF RUSSELL

FORENSIC SERVICES BUREAU

PROPERTY OFFICER

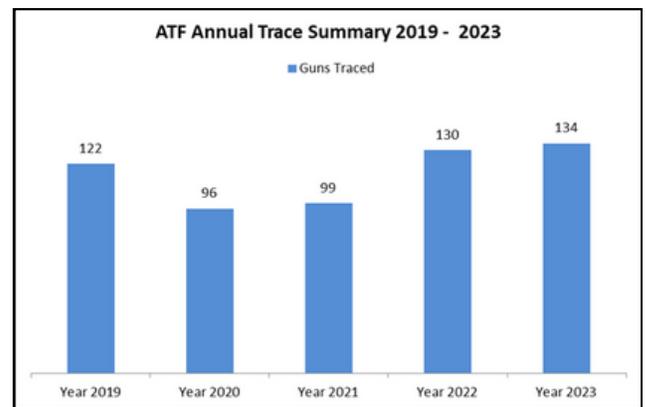
Ms. Susan Morgan continues to operate as the Property Bureau Property Officer as well as a latent print examiner.

SUBPOENA/FOIA FULFILLMENT

The Property Bureau completed 613 subpoena requests representing a 32% increase over 2022. Two FOIA service requests were handled in 2023.

ATF E-TRACE SUBMISSIONS

A total of 153 firearms were taken in by the department in 2023 compared to 144 collected in 2022. EPD members inventorying these weapons are responsible for completing the ATF online e-Trace submissions. Not all firearms are traced, generally due to missing or incomplete serial numbers. The Property Bureau acts as the clearinghouse for ATF completed ATF traces disseminating the trace information to the appropriate EPD personnel.



SEX ASSAULT KIT SUBMISSION AUDIT

In 2017 a requirement was added under the state's Sexual Assault Evidence Submission Act (725 ILCS 202) requiring all law enforcement agencies in Illinois to conduct an annual inventory of all sexual assault cases in their custody and provide written notice of the findings to the State's Attorney's Office with jurisdiction.

Though not required until 2016, the EPD property office has been conducting lab submission audits of sex assault evidence since 2012. 2017 was the first year written summaries were required to be filed with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. This required report was completed and filed with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office on 7/17/2023, with the status of 258 stored sex assault kits covering a time span of 1988 - 2023 documented.

For 2023 there was 100% compliance with state required lab submission for this type of evidence.

OTHER PROPERTY BUREAU ACTIVITIES

46 Trips to Crime Lab / 295 Items Submitted

1 Homicide Case with Inventoried Evidence

- Dissemination of lab reports and ATF traces to officers and investigators
- Downloading of evidence photos to secure storage
- Archiving of lab reports and evidence photos to Laserfiche
- Submission of lab reports, ATF traces and evidence photos to Evidence.com
- Inventory, maintenance and distribution of certain uniform items
- Inventory and distribution of armory ammunition

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

DEPUTY CHIEF RUSSELL

SPECIAL OPERATIONS GROUP

The Special Operations Group (SOG) is comprised of investigators assigned to the Neighborhood Enforcement Team (NET), Tactical Bureau (TAC), 2 Intelligence Officers and 1 Crime Analyst.

The Neighborhood Enforcement Team's primary responsibility is to address drug and gang activities that negatively impact the community. They use a multifaceted approach incorporating short and long-term investigative tactics. The Tactical Unit's primary responsibility is to address an array of criminal activities. They are a versatile unit which focuses on current or frequent crime patterns/trends.

The Intelligence Officers and the Crime Analyst work in collaboration gathering criminal intelligence and data from multiple sources internally and externally. They are responsible for the quantitative analysis of that data for developing insight on crime patterns, which supports operations and deployment strategies.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS GROUP UNIT

24	GANG MEMBERS ARRESTED
21	DRUG-RELATED ARRESTS
9	RESIDENTIAL SEARCH WARRANTS
1	SEARCH WARRANTS (CELL PHONE, SOCIAL MEDIA)
126.09	GRAMS OF COCAINE SEIZED
811.90	GRAMS OF CANNABIS SEIZED
80.17	GRAMS OF HEROIN SEIZED
84	ILLEGAL PILLS SEIZED (TABLETS)
1018.16	TOTAL CONTRABAND SEIZED INGRAMS
9	FIREARMS SEIZED
60	ARRESTS EFFECTED - 42 FELONIES/18 MISDEMEANORS
18	WARRANTS EXECUTED - 14 FELONIES/4 MISDEMEANORS
6	TIPS OF ILLEGAL SALES OF NARCOTICS INVESTIGATED

CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT

84	MEETINGS
32	TRAININGS ATTENDED
86	BULLETINS DISSEMINATED
76	INVESTIGATIVE OPERATIONS ASSISTANCE
14	IN PROGRESS RESPONSE
46	COMMUNITY POLICING UNIT ASSISTANCE
138	SPECIAL PROJECTS
15	ORIGINAL REPORTS
67	OUTSIDE AGENCY ASSISTANCE
5	ARRESTS
61	MOBILE DEVICES SEIZED
26	MOBILE DEVICE EXTRACTIONS
6	GEOTIME CASES

SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

DEPUTY CHIEF SACLUTI

311/SERVICE DESK

Evanston 311 is the heart of all City services. 311 is staffed with 6 customer service representatives. 311 assists with improving both internal and external City services, as well as, ensuring that City services and information are accessible to all residents.

128,334	311 SERVICE CALLS
34,340	311 SERVICE REQUESTS
2,713	311 LIVE CHATS
2,173	311 TEXTS



The 9 Service Desk Officers are responsible for handling thousands of phone calls per month, walk-in customers, writing police reports, and all jail/prisoner responsibilities.



509	PRISONERS PROCESSED
574	PRISONERS HOUSED
158	BAIL BONDS PROCESSED
133	REPORTS TAKEN
45,576	CALLS RECEIVED AT SERVICE DESK
1,251	POLICE ALARM RESPONSES
3	CIVILIAN SERVICE DESK OFFICERS HIRED

SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

DEPUTY CHIEF SACLUTI

COMMUNICATIONS BUREAU

The Communications Bureau plays an integral part in serving the Evanston community’s public safety needs. The bureau is staffed by 16 Telecommunicators with over 260 years of combined experience. The Telecommunicators are supervised by a Communications Manager and Assistant Communications Manager.

The Communications Bureau handles incoming 9-1-1 calls, dispatches emergency and routine calls for service for the Police and Fire Departments, and maintains important public safety infrastructure, databases, and information.

MISSION STATEMENT

We aspire to provide professional, compassionate, and effective responses to the emergent needs of the Evanston community. We aspire to be respectful, empathetic, and supportive of our callers, co-workers, and fellow First Responders. We aspire to provide the highest level of public service and achieve the highest level of public confidence.

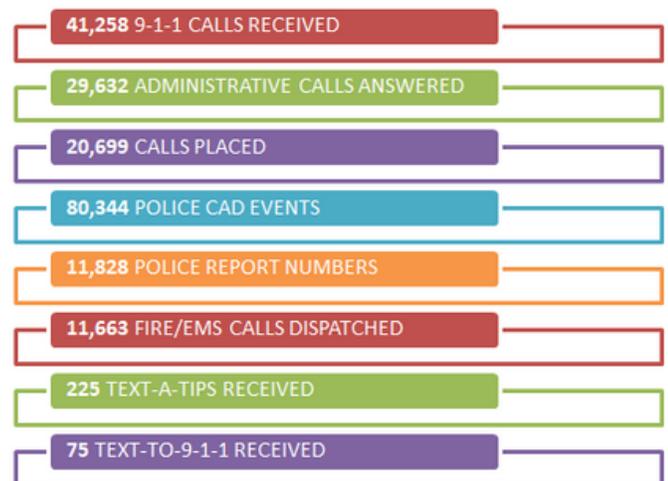
VISION

To support our public safety partners and serve the Evanston community in the most effective, efficient, and personable manner possible.



IN 2023 THERE WERE A TOTAL OF

195,724
SERVICE EVENTS



SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

DEPUTY CHIEF SACLUTI

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Office of Administration is responsible for the successful administrative and financial operations of a \$30 million organization employing over 200 employees and providing 24/7 service to 75,000 residents. The Office of Administration successfully processed over 30,000 payroll transactions totaling \$20,900,000 in 26 pay periods.

The Office of Administration provides a constant flow and integration of multi-directional information and data to ensure the efficient and effective performance of the EPD. It coordinates and manages functions including accounts payable, accounts receivable, budgeting, finance, personnel, payroll, purchasing, and staff orders for the Department.

The Office of Administration consists of the Manager of Budget and Finance and an Administrative Coordinator. The Office of Administration provides critical support for the department to meet the City Council goal of improving Community/Police relations.

2023 HIGHLIGHTS

35	DEPARTMENTAL BULLETINS ISSUED
30	PERSONNEL ORDERS ISSUED
95	SPECIAL ORDERS ISSUED
7	TRAINING BULLETINS ISSUED
93+	SPECIAL DETAILS

TRAINING

- **12,962** TOTAL TRAINING HOURS COMPLETED
- **DEPARTMENT WIDE** ILETSB CERTIFIED IN-HOUSE TRAINING
 - TASER 7 DE-ESCALATION TRAINING
 - EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE TRAINING
 - QUARTERLY FIREARMS TRAINING PROGRAM
- **131** MEMBERS ATTENDED POLICE WELLNESS VISITS
- **3** MEMBERS ATTENDED THE NEW BLUE PROJECT COHORT IN LONDON
- **9** MEMBERS ATTENDED ILLINOIS HOMICIDE INVESTIGATOR'S CONFERENCE
- **26** MEMBERS OF SOG AND PATROL ASSIGNED TO THE NEWLY CREATED WARRANT SERVICES TEAM
- **2** MEMBERS ATTENDED THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE CONFERENCE
- **1** MEMBER ATTENDED THE ILLINOIS CRISIS INTERVENTION CONFERENCE

SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

DEPUTY CHIEF SACLUTI

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

DISTRIBUTION OF DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY

EXPENDITURES	2023 BUDGET	% of BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	% OF ACTUAL
Personnel				
Salaries	\$ 19,369,961	66.30%	\$ 21,479,408	66.71%
Benefits	\$ 4,443,912	15.21%	\$ 4,273,206	13.27%
Overtime	\$ 1,566,349	5.36%	\$ 2,029,570	6.30%
Payouts	\$ 1,156,803	3.96%	\$ 1,285,968	3.99%
Personnel Total	\$ 26,537,025	90.84%	\$ 29,068,153	90.28%
Services and Supplies				
Body Worn Camera Program	\$ 500,000	1.71%	\$ 469,409	1.46%
Janitorial Services	\$ 59,600	0.20%	\$ 94,503	0.29%
Liability Insurance	\$ 367,500	1.26%	\$ 367,500	1.14%
Memberships	\$ 116,388	0.40%	\$ 124,569	0.39%
Other Services and Supplies	\$ 581,990	1.99%	\$ 1,054,971	3.28%
Training	\$ 161,594	0.55%	\$ 128,539	0.40%
Services and Supplies Total	\$ 1,787,072	6.12%	\$ 2,239,491	6.96%
Fleet Maintenance and Replacement				
Fleet Maintenance and Replacement	\$ 890,000	3.05%	\$ 890,004	2.76%
Fleet Maintenance and Replacement Total	\$ 890,000	3.05%	\$ 890,004	2.76%
Grand Total	\$ 29,214,097	100.00%	\$ 32,197,647	100.00%

DISTRIBUTION OF DEPARTMENT REVENUES BY CATEGORY

EXPENDITURES	2023 BUDGET	% of BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	% OF ACTUAL
Revenues				
Overtime Reimbursements	\$ 540,000	47.16%	\$ 526,200	42.05%
Fees, Fines, and Misc. Revenue	\$ 248,000	21.66%	\$ 396,126	31.66%
Special Details Reimbursements	\$ 357,000	31.18%	\$ 271,805	21.72%
Grant Revenue	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 57,237	4.57%
Revenues Total	\$ 1,145,000	100.00%	\$ 1,251,369	100.00%
Grand Total	\$ 1,145,000	100.00%	\$ 1,251,369	100.00%

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DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENDITURES BY OPERATING UNIT

OPERATING UNITS	2023 BUDGET	% of BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	% OF ACTUAL
2205 - POLICE ADMINISTRATION				
Salaries	\$ 415,847	1.42%	\$ 316,371	0.98%
Benefits	\$ 344,918	1.18%	\$ 322,657	1.00%
Body Worn Camera Program	\$ 500,000	1.71%	\$ 469,409	1.46%
Fleet Maintenance and Replacement	\$ 890,000	3.05%	\$ 890,004	2.76%
Liability Insurance	\$ 367,500	1.26%	\$ 367,500	1.14%
Memberships	\$ 116,388	0.40%	\$ 124,329	0.39%
Overtime	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 802	0.00%
Payouts	\$ 1,156,803	3.96%	\$ 292,507	0.91%
Other Services and Supplies	\$ 60,420	0.21%	\$ 97,726	0.30%
Training	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 485	0.00%
2205 - POLICE ADMINISTRATION Total	\$ 3,851,876	13.18%	\$ 2,881,789	8.95%
2210 - PATROL OPERATIONS				
Salaries	\$ 9,464,769	32.40%	\$ 11,718,892	36.40%
Benefits	\$ 1,790,012	6.13%	\$ 1,804,321	5.60%
Overtime	\$ 1,287,298	4.41%	\$ 1,236,667	3.84%
Payouts	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 602,041	1.87%
Other Services and Supplies	\$ 82,047	0.28%	\$ 232,248	0.72%
2210 - PATROL OPERATIONS Total	\$ 12,624,126	43.21%	\$ 15,594,169	48.43%
2215 - CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION				
Salaries	\$ 1,595,668	5.46%	\$ 1,596,040	4.96%
Benefits	\$ 258,989	0.89%	\$ 224,086	0.70%
Overtime	\$ 34,301	0.12%	\$ 117,192	0.36%
Payouts	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 73,546	0.23%
Other Services and Supplies	\$ 5,100	0.02%	\$ 2,283	0.01%
2215 - CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION Total	\$ 1,894,058	6.48%	\$ 2,013,147	6.25%
2230 - JUVENILE BUREAU				
Salaries	\$ 638,837	2.19%	\$ 350,159	1.09%
Benefits	\$ 151,476	0.52%	\$ 71,489	0.22%
Overtime	\$ 41,646	0.14%	\$ 12,353	0.04%
Payouts	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 24,595	0.08%
Other Services and Supplies	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 500	0.00%
2230 - JUVENILE BUREAU Total	\$ 831,959	2.85%	\$ 459,095	1.43%
2235 - SCHOOL LIAISON				
Salaries	\$ 429,398	1.47%	\$ 536,735	1.67%
Benefits	\$ 94,634	0.32%	\$ 103,072	0.32%
Overtime	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 57,606	0.18%
Payouts	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 9,322	0.03%
2235 - SCHOOL LIAISON Total	\$ 524,031	1.79%	\$ 706,734	2.19%
2240 - POLICE RECORDS				
Salaries	\$ 293,779	1.01%	\$ 360,538	1.12%
Benefits	\$ 96,004	0.33%	\$ 115,261	0.36%
Overtime	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 33,011	0.10%
Other Services and Supplies	\$ 1,878	0.01%	\$ -	0.00%
2240 - POLICE RECORDS Total	\$ 391,661	1.34%	\$ 508,810	1.58%

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2245 - COMMUNICATIONS				
Salaries	\$ 1,043,392	3.57%	\$ 1,252,594	3.89%
Benefits	\$ 299,747	1.03%	\$ 343,556	1.07%
Overtime	\$ 17,364	0.06%	\$ 98,510	0.31%
Payouts	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 7,286	0.02%
Other Services and Supplies	\$ 400	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%
2245 - COMMUNICATIONS Total	\$ 1,360,902	4.66%	\$ 1,701,946	5.29%
2250 - SERVICE DESK				
Salaries	\$ 955,802	3.27%	\$ 1,115,799	3.47%
Benefits	\$ 306,912	1.05%	\$ 323,574	1.00%
Overtime	\$ 31,593	0.11%	\$ 50,888	0.16%
Payouts	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 22,997	0.07%
Other Services and Supplies	\$ 13,562	0.05%	\$ 2,910	0.01%
2250 - SERVICE DESK Total	\$ 1,307,869	4.48%	\$ 1,516,168	4.71%
2251 - 311 CENTER				
Salaries	\$ 424,534	1.45%	\$ 517,723	1.61%
Benefits	\$ 178,389	0.61%	\$ 205,132	0.64%
Overtime	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 20,457	0.06%
Payouts	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 781	0.00%
Other Services and Supplies	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 5,874	0.02%
Training	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 3,135	0.01%
2251 - 311 CENTER Total	\$ 602,922	2.06%	\$ 753,102	2.34%
2255 - OFFICE-PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS				
Salaries	\$ 325,499	1.11%	\$ 379,213	1.18%
Benefits	\$ 71,793	0.25%	\$ 82,900	0.26%
Overtime	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 39,454	0.12%
Payouts	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 51,137	0.16%
Other Services and Supplies	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 1,391	0.00%
2255 - OFFICE-PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS Total	\$ 397,292	1.36%	\$ 554,095	1.72%
2260 - OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION				
Salaries	\$ 370,845	1.27%	\$ 407,193	1.26%
Benefits	\$ 73,653	0.25%	\$ 80,642	0.25%
Memberships	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 240	0.00%
Overtime	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 17,269	0.05%
Other Services and Supplies	\$ 88,133	0.30%	\$ 231,788	0.72%
Training	\$ 161,594	0.55%	\$ 124,920	0.39%
2260 - OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION Total	\$ 694,225	2.38%	\$ 862,052	2.68%
2265 - NEIGHBORHOOD ENFORCEMENT TEAM				
Salaries	\$ 1,337,579	4.58%	\$ 1,296,666	4.03%
Benefits	\$ 286,541	0.98%	\$ 242,972	0.75%
Overtime	\$ 115,425	0.40%	\$ 181,941	0.57%
Payouts	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 111,623	0.35%
Other Services and Supplies	\$ 160,000	0.55%	\$ 79,366	0.25%
2265 - NEIGHBORHOOD ENFORCEMENT TEAM Total	\$ 1,899,545	6.50%	\$ 1,912,568	5.94%

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2270 - TRAFFIC BUREAU				
Salaries	\$ 541,780	1.85%	\$ 273,176	0.85%
Benefits	\$ 125,431	0.43%	\$ 57,806	0.18%
Overtime	\$ 12,025	0.04%	\$ 63,216	0.20%
Payouts	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 11,211	0.03%
Other Services and Supplies	\$ 24,900	0.09%	\$ 183,521	0.57%
2270 - TRAFFIC BUREAU Total	\$ 704,135	2.41%	\$ 588,930	1.83%
2275 - COMMUNITY STRATEGIC BUREAU				
Salaries	\$ 97,107	0.33%	\$ 107,823	0.33%
Benefits	\$ 34,270	0.12%	\$ 37,124	0.12%
Overtime	\$ 3,256	0.01%	\$ 11,535	0.04%
2275 - COMMUNITY STRATEGIC BUREAU Total	\$ 134,633	0.46%	\$ 156,482	0.49%
2280 - ANIMAL CONTROL				
Salaries	\$ 66,757	0.23%	\$ 38,845	0.12%
Benefits	\$ 15,871	0.05%	\$ 8,528	0.03%
Janitorial Services	\$ 1,600	0.01%	\$ 566	0.00%
Overtime	\$ 543	0.00%	\$ -	0.00%
Other Services and Supplies	\$ 105,500	0.36%	\$ 162,566	0.50%
2280 - ANIMAL CONTROL Total	\$ 190,270	0.65%	\$ 210,505	0.65%
2285 - COMMUNITY POLICING				
Salaries	\$ 1,133,288	3.88%	\$ 1,017,243	3.16%
Benefits	\$ 241,253	0.83%	\$ 194,663	0.60%
Overtime	\$ 22,898	0.08%	\$ 87,878	0.27%
Payouts	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 78,922	0.25%
Other Services and Supplies	\$ 7,450	0.03%	\$ 10,393	0.03%
2285 - COMMUNITY POLICING Total	\$ 1,404,889	4.81%	\$ 1,389,098	4.31%
2291 - PROPERTY BUREAU				
Salaries	\$ 174,556	0.60%	\$ 194,372	0.60%
Benefits	\$ 52,097	0.18%	\$ 55,425	0.17%
Overtime	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 792	0.00%
Other Services and Supplies	\$ 26,000	0.09%	\$ 18,926	0.06%
2291 - PROPERTY BUREAU Total	\$ 252,653	0.86%	\$ 269,515	0.84%
2295 - BUILDING MANAGEMENT				
Salaries	\$ 60,525	0.21%	\$ 26	0.00%
Benefits	\$ 21,924	0.08%	\$ -	0.00%
Janitorial Services	\$ 58,000	0.20%	\$ 93,937	0.29%
Other Services and Supplies	\$ 6,600	0.02%	\$ 25,479	0.08%
2295 - BUILDING MANAGEMENT Total	\$ 147,050	0.50%	\$ 119,442	0.37%
Grand Total	\$ 29,214,097	100.00%	\$ 32,197,647	100.00%

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RECORDS BUREAU

The Records Bureau is comprised of a Coordinator, a Review Officer and 1.5 Full-time Equivalent (FTE) Clerks. As the central repository of all police records, the Bureau is responsible for all Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests related to the police, subpoenas, and police report review.

2023 HIGHLIGHTS

314	INK FINGERPRINTS
79	LIVE SCAN FINGERPRINTS
895	REPORT COPIES PROVIDED
1,544	TICKETS ENTERED
1,755	SUBPOENAS PROCESSED
1,240	CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECKS
176	EXPUNGEMENTS AND SEALS
1,644	FOIA REQUESTS

680	TOWED VEHICLE PROCESSING
21	WARRANTS PROCESSED
10,970	INCIDENT REPORTS REVIEWED
906	ARREST REPORTS REVIEWED
171	CONTACT CARDS ENTERED
2,522	PHONE CALLS HANDLED
823	CUSTOMER SERVICE REQUESTS

CHAPLAIN TEAM

The Evanston Police Department is served by an interfaith team of chaplains. All volunteer members of the team are experienced clergy who serve congregations in Evanston or live in Evanston while serving in clerical roles nearby.

Police chaplains provide emotional, moral, and spiritual support to officers, staff, and their families. Police chaplains may also be called on to assist the police department with death notifications, crime victim support, outreach, and critical incidents.

Deputy Chief Melissa Sacluti serves as the liaison for the chaplain team with the police department.



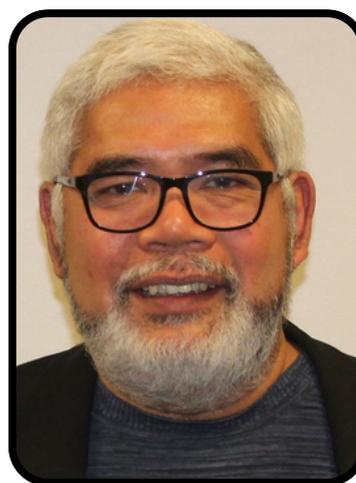
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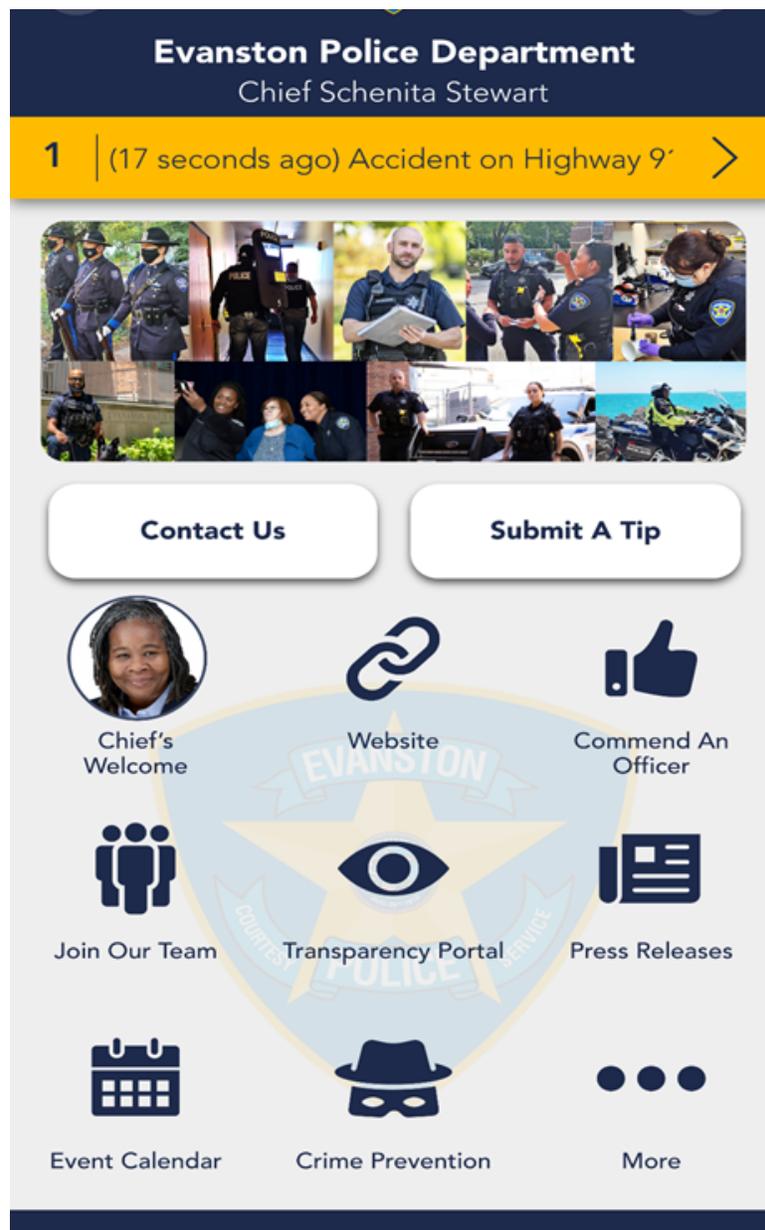


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EPD MOBILE APP

The Evanston Police Department is excited to announce the release of a custom smartphone application. This app will serve as an innovative way for the police department to connect with Evanston residents and visitors, providing information quickly and efficiently to anyone with a smartphone.

The app was developed by ThePoliceApp.com, a brand of OCV, LLC, which specializes in mobile app development for police departments and public safety organizations across the country. This app offers quick access to items of public interest and is easy to use. The Evanston Police Department app is available to download for free in the App Store and Google Play by searching “Evanston Police Department, IL”.



HONOR GUARD



The Evanston Police Department Honor Guard is made up of department members who volunteer for the assignment. The team represents EPD at events that range from the City of Evanston's 4th of July parade to the memorials for Line of Duty Deaths of members from other agencies. The members have also performed ceremonial duties at Chicago Cubs games, the Illinois Police Memorial Ceremony, memorial services for retired EPD members, and events that honor local veterans.



NORTHERN ILLINOIS POLICE ALARM SYSTEM

The Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (**NIPAS**) represents a joint venture of suburban municipal police departments in the Chicago metropolitan area. Fifteen police agencies created NIPAS in 1983 to ensure effective police mutual aid in times of natural disasters. From these humble beginnings, the system has grown to include law enforcement agencies of over 100 cities, villages, and towns in five counties. A governing board consisting entirely of police chiefs directs NIPAS and approves its annual budget, which serves as the basis for all NIPAS expenditures. Member agencies pay a set annual fee to participate, thus providing both the staff and the finances needed to manage the system.

In the fall of 1987, NIPAS expanded its mission by creating a special tactical squad known as the Emergency Services Team. Member agencies can deploy the Emergency Services Team for hostage/barricade incidents, high-risk warrant service, major crime scene searches, search and rescue missions, dignitary protection, and similar tactical incidents. The NIPAS Mobile Field Force was created in the Spring of 1994 to maximize the effectiveness of initial response efforts by police when a major civil disturbance occurs. Civil disturbances, union conflicts, public demonstrations, and other events involving large or disorderly crowds require skillful response by police agencies. Both teams follow the original principles of NIPAS ... Agencies pooling their resources to provide the best service possible for their communities, the retention of local control, and cost savings through the sharing of specialized equipment.

NORTH MAJOR CRIMES REGIONAL CRIMES TASK FORCE

The North Major Crimes Regional Crimes Task Force (**NORTAF**) consists of 13 local partner agencies. The task force is activated upon request from one of the partner agencies and members respond and participate exclusively on the investigation until a reasonable conclusion of the case. NORTAF is comprised of three units: Major Crimes, Major Crash Assistance Team, and Burglary Task Force.

Major Crimes serves to support member agencies with investigating major crimes including homicides, non-parental kidnappings, and Officer Involved Deaths. Evidence collection and processing are functions of Major Crimes.

The Major Crash Assistance Team serves to support member agencies with crash reconstruction of traffic crashes that involve serious injury or death. The Major Crash Assistance Team also performs reconstruction for Officer Involved Death Crashes.

The Burglary Task Force serves to support member agencies with the surveillance and investigation of known burglary patterns and suspects. When the communities of member agencies are targeted by organized burglary offenders, the Burglary Task Force responds.

TRANSPARENCY HUB

Not long ago, the Evanston Police Department proactively launched its Transparency Hub in an effort to openly communicate with the community and increase trust. Under the leadership of new Police Chief Schenita Stewart, 2023 saw us roll out a revamped version of the site.

The Transparency Hub still serves to share important information and data related to department policies and operations, crime, demographics, communication opportunities and much more. A more intuitive layout as well as a reorganization of its offerings strives to make site navigation and resource browsing more effective at achieving the goals of building trust and legitimacy.

Please continue to use the hub or visit it for the first time if you're first learning of it. There are several ways to initiate dialogue with the Department and we encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities to communicate and learn about the Evanston Police Department.

The hub page can be found at <https://police-transparency-evanston.hub.arcgis.com/>

Welcome to the Evanston Police Department's Transparency Hub

The Evanston Police Department is committed to meaningful communication and collaboration with the community we so proudly serve. Trust and transparency are cornerstones of a strong partnership with our community.

We are confident that the Transparency Hub is one of many steps in the right direction. The purpose of this Hub is to share important information and data related to department policies and operations, demographics, crime, and public engagement to increase understanding, enhance public safety, and build trust.

Please join us in these efforts. We encourage you to explore this site and utilize the feedback features to share your ideas and suggestions. Ongoing communication is a crucial component to effectively serving our community. Thank you for visiting the Hub.

-Chief Schenita Stewart





Evanston Police Dept. News Release

Saturday, April 29, 2023 | [View in browser](#)

Evanston Man Charged in Lakefront Homicide



EVANSTON, IL - On April 12, 2023 at approximately 8:10 p.m. Evanston Police responded to the 1800 block of Sheridan Road, Clark Street Beach, for a call of shots fired. When officers arrived they located three gunshot victims. One of the victims, Jacquis Irby, was deceased. The other two victims, both 15 year-old male residents of Skokie, survived their injuries.

Detectives from the Evanston Police Department and North Regional Violent Crimes Task Force arrived on scene to investigate. The initial investigation revealed there were two small groups of people in a verbal altercation outside the entry to Clark Street Beach. The altercation escalated with at least one offender firing a handgun into the group containing the victims. After the shooting, the offenders immediately fled the area.

On April 28, 2023 Evanston Police arrested Jalen Murray in connection with Irby's murder. The investigation revealed that Murray had fired a gun during the altercation that resulted in Irby's death. The Cook County State's Attorneys Office reviewed the investigation and approved felony charges for first degree murder and attempt first degree murder.

The investigation into Irby's murder remains active and on-going. If you believe you have information about this investigation, please contact the Evanston Police Detective Bureau at 847-866-5040 or Text-A-Tip to CRIMES (274637) and then start your message with EPDTIP.

Offender

Murray, Jalen male 20 years of age

1800 block of Fowler Avenue, Evanston, IL

Charges

- 1 felony count of First Degree Murder
- 2 felony counts of Attempt First Degree Murder

Court Information

Murray was scheduled to appear in bond court today at 26th Street and California.



Evanston Police Dept. News Release

Thursday, June 1, 2023 | [View in browser](#)

Evanston Police Charge a Second Offender in Lakefront Homicide



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On May 30, 2023 Evanston Police arrested Tacorey Magitt in connection with Irby's murder. The investigation revealed that Magitt had fired a gun during the altercation that resulted in Irby's death. The Cook County State's Attorney's Office reviewed the investigation and approved felony charges for first degree murder and attempt first degree murder.

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Offender

Magitt, Tacorey male 19 years of age

7200 block of North Damen Ave. Chicago, IL

Charges

- 1 felony count of First Degree Murder
- 2 felony counts of Attempt First Degree Murder

Court Information

Magitt is scheduled to appear in bond court today at the Skokie Courthouse.



Sunday, May 21, 2023 | [View in browser](#)

Chicago Man Charged with Attempted Kidnapping, Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding



EVANSTON, IL - On May 20, 2023, at approximately 9:45 a.m. an Evanston Police Officer was on patrol in the area of the 600 block of University Place when he was flagged down by a woman stating that a subject had just attempted to push her into his vehicle.

The victim told the officer that she was walking in the 600 block of University Place when she was approached by the offender. The offender attempted to push her into his vehicle. She was able to escape and the offender fled. The victim provided a description of the offender and his vehicle, which was put out via a radio flash.

Two Evanston Police Officers were in the area and spotted a Ford Escape matching the description of the offender's vehicle. The Ford was south bound on Chicago Avenue at Clark Street. The officers attempted to stop the Ford, but it did not stop. The Ford and its driver led police on a low speed chase south on Chicago Avenue to South Boulevard before stopping.

Once the Ford was stopped officers were able to take the driver and sole occupant, James Saye, into custody without incident. Saye matched the description of the offender and was identified by the victim. Saye was transported to the Evanston Police Department for further investigation. There were no injuries or traffic crashes as a result of the pursuit.

Evanston Police Detectives investigated. The investigation included reviewing surveillance footage that captured the incident. Saye did not make a statement. Saye was the only offender and police are not seeking additional suspects.

Detectives reviewed the investigation with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. The State's Attorney's Office approved felony charges for attempted kidnapping and aggravated fleeing and eluding.

The victim is an adult female Evanston resident with no affiliation to Northwestern University. She did not sustain any significant physical injuries.

Offender

Saye, James 28 year-old male

6100 block of North Seeley Ave. Chicago, IL

Charges

- 1 felony charge of Attempted Kidnapping
- 1 felony charge of Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding
- several traffic citations

Court Information

Saye is schedule to appear in bond court on May 22 at the Skokie Courthouse.



