



2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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Enclosed within this document are the annual statistics and progress achieved by the Evanston Police Department for the year of 2025. 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 CHIEF SCHENITA STEWART

To the Evanston Community,

Evanston is a community built on care, resilience, and accountability. Every day, the members of the Evanston Police Department work with dedication to serve you with professionalism, fairness, and respect. We recognize that public safety is not achieved by law enforcement alone; it is strengthened through trust, transparency, and meaningful relationships with the people we serve.



I understand that there are moments when concern, frustration, or uncertainty arise. In those times, please know that your voice matters. We are committed to listening, learning, and continuously improving how we serve this community. Our goal is not only to respond to incidents, but to build lasting partnerships that prevent harm and promote well-being.

We will continue to prioritize safety while also honoring the dignity of every individual. That means investing in training, supporting alternative response efforts, and working collaboratively with community members, organizations, and city partners.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve Evanston alongside a team of dedicated professionals and a community that cares deeply about one another. Together, we will continue moving forward with purpose, integrity, and mutual respect.

Thank you for your trust.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Schenita Stewart".

**Chief Schenita Stewart
Evanston Police Department**

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 that department members demonstrate as they enforce the law with dignity, respect, and a sense of self-worth, thereby reducing the incidence of fear or crime.

Values

Alliance: Work cooperatively with the department members, City departments, service agencies, the criminal justice system, and 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, the 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

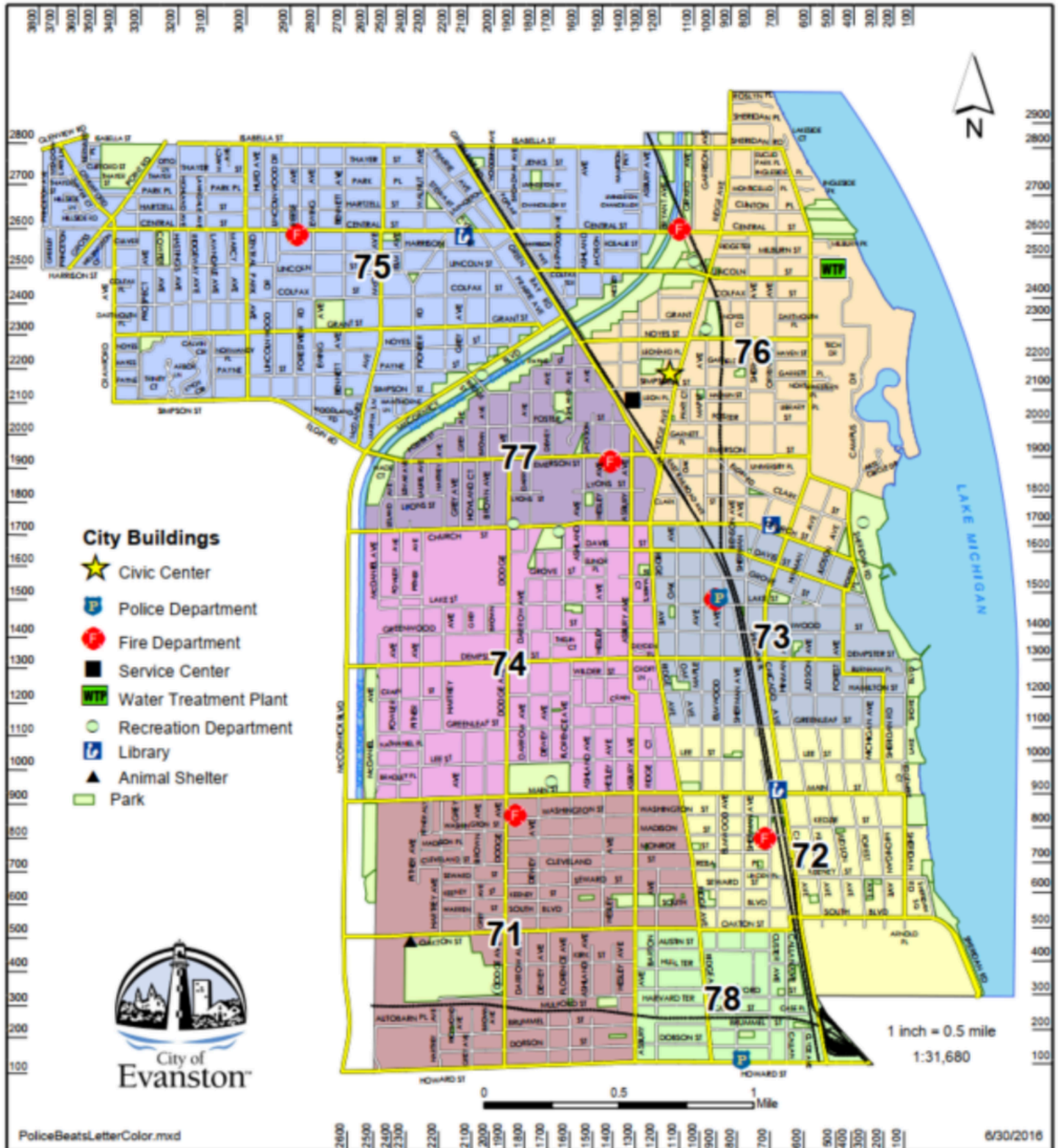
Respect: Members of the department - its greatest asset - will be afforded respectful, fair, and consistent treatment, and their professional career development supported by management

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.

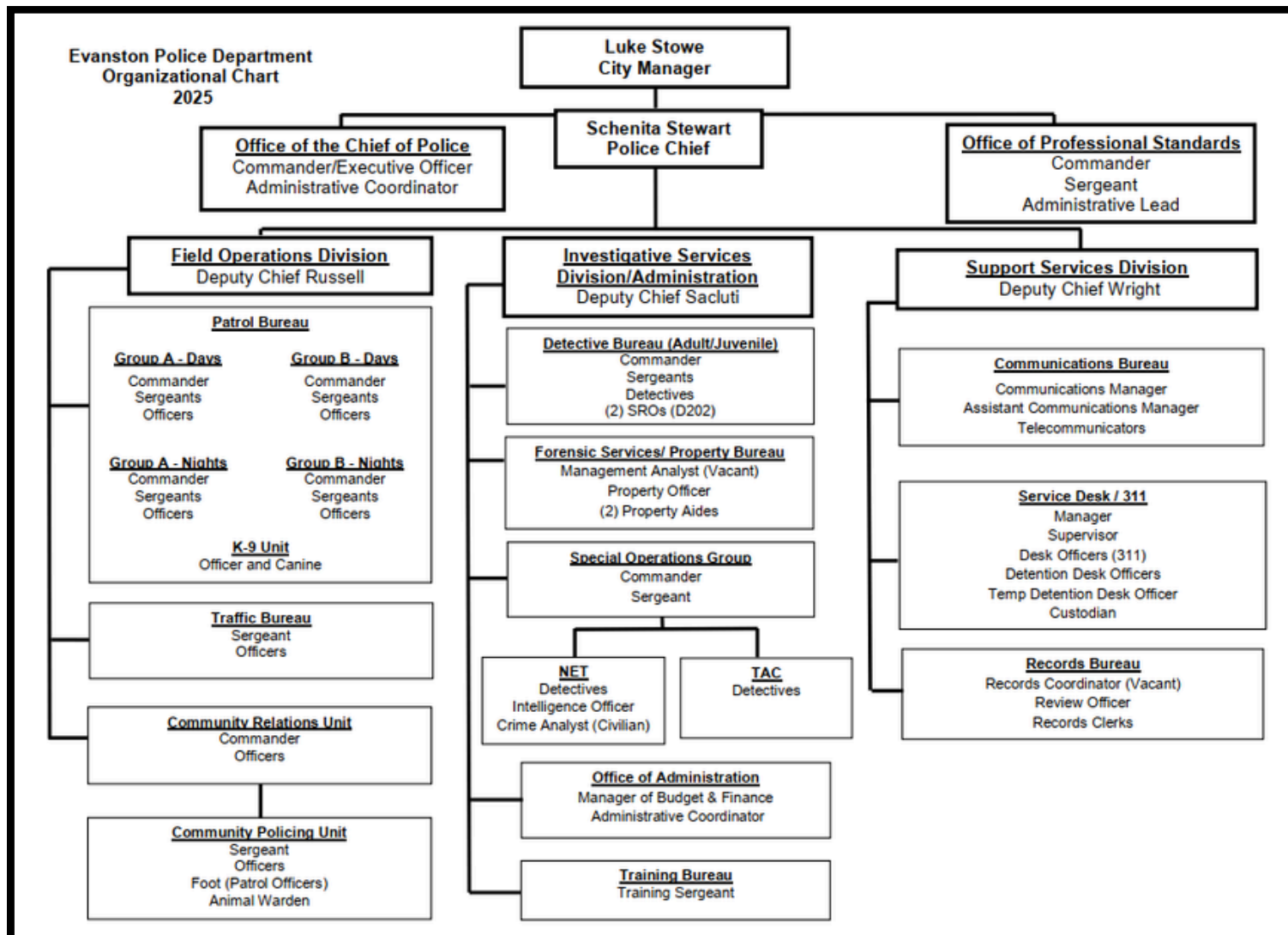
1. We value the life of every person and consider life to be the highest value.
2. All persons should be treated with dignity and respect. This is another foundational value.
3. We reject discrimination toward any person that is based on race, ethnicity, religion, color, nationality, immigrant status, 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.

City of Evanston Police Patrol Beats



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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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 January 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

Group A Offense	2025	2024	% Change	Cleared	% Cleared	% Category	Rate per 100k
Murder	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0
Rape	21	25	-16.00%	4	19.05%	2.60%	28.31
Fondling	14	6	133.33%	1	7.14%	1.73%	18.87
Aggravated Assault	45	41	9.76%	16	35.56%	5.56%	60.66
Simple Assault	538	586	-8.19%	185	34.39%	66.50%	725.28
Intimidation	191	229	-16.59%	41	21.47%	23.61%	257.49
Crimes Against Persons Total	809	892	-9.30%	247	30.53%	21.81%	1090.62
Robbery	18	41	-56.10%	3	16.67%	0.65%	24.27
Burglary	268	335	-20.00%	16	5.97%	9.71%	361.29
Larceny/Theft	1357	1531	-11.37%	110	8.11%	49.17%	1829.38
Motor Vehicle Theft	137	178	-23.03%	4	2.92%	4.96%	184.69
Crimes Against Property Total	2760	3146	-12.27%	204	7.39%	74.39%	3720.78
Drug Violations	81	93	-12.90%	69	85.19%	57.45%	109.2
Weapons Law Violation	31	48	-35.42%	25	80.65%	21.99%	41.79
Crimes Against Society Total	141	166	-15.06%	111	78.72%	3.80%	190.08
Total Group A Offenses	3710	4204	-11.75%	562	15.15%	100%	5001.48

FIREARMS ACTIVITY

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
HANDGUNS					
Incidents Involving Handguns	91	109	137	132	118
Injury Sustained	2	5	5	7	8
Death - Suicide w/handgun	0	1	2	2	3
Murder	0	0	1	1	6
Confiscated	30	44	65	50	51
Turned In	34	20	18	28	23
Found	0	1	1	1	6
Located Through Investigation - Tip	1	0	0	0	0
Stolen	6	10	6	6	6
OTHER FIREARMS					
Death - Suicide w/Firearm	0	0	0	0	0
Incidents Involving Other Firearms	0	3	3	1	0
Other Firearms Turned In or Confiscated	12	12	21	16	12
Other Firearm Found	0	0	0	1	0
Located Through Investigation	1	0	0	0	0
Stolen	1	2	0	0	1
ALL FIREARMS					
Persons Arrested	30	26	44	35	27
BUY BACK					
Handguns	0	0	18	25	25
Other guns (shotguns / rifles)	0	0	28	24	29
Replica guns - Other	0	0	29	51	10

CONGRATULATIONS 2025 RETIREES



TELECOMMUNICATOR EILEEN ALLEN



TELECOMMUNICATOR MICHAEL STONEQUIST



SERGEANT MICHAEL ENDRE



COMMANDER SCOTT SOPHIER



SERGEANT JOSEPH BUSH



OFFICER WILLIE HUNT



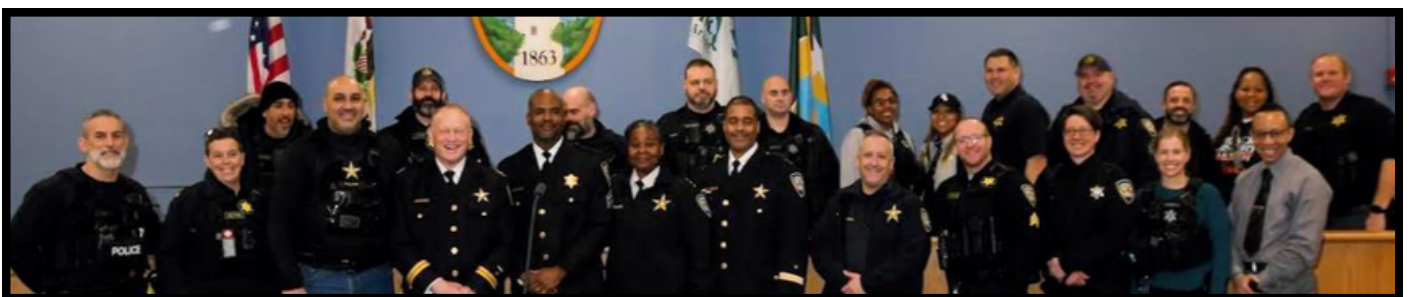
OFFICER TED SCHIENBEIN

2025 PROMOTIONS

SERGEANT AMANDA WRIGHT
JANUARY 27, 2025



SERGEANT MICHAEL CAMERON
FEBRUARY 10, 2025



2025 PROMOTIONS

SERGEANT ENJOLI DALEY
MAY 5, 2025



COMMANDER JEFFREY FAISON
NOVEMBER 3, 2025



SERGEANT REBECCA NIZIOLEK
NOVEMBER 3, 2025



2025 NEW HIRES

February 2025

Jennifer Corins, Property Aide
Property Bureau

March 2025

Aliya Domer, Police Officer
Patrol Bureau

April 2025

Laila Green, Records Input Operator
Records Bureau

June 2025

Daniel Lopez, Telecommunicator
Communications Bureau

Jessica Moss, Telecommunicator
Communications Bureau

October 2025

Ivan Ramirez Morales, Police Officer
Patrol Bureau

Anthony Townsend, Police Officer
Patrol Bureau

Vinay Vellookunnel, Police Officer
Patrol Bureau

Fatima Perera, Detention Desk Officer
Service Desk Bureau

December 2025

Brianna Pettigree, Detention Desk Officer
Service Desk Bureau

2025 AWARDS CEREMONY RECIPIENTS

Award Categories

OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD: Drawn from any rank, the officer of the year is unique in having shown consistent and exemplary support of the Department's Mission and Values, including support of the Department's Police/Community Partnership.

CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD: The Civilian of the Year award is awarded by the Chief of Police to a non-sworn member who has shown a consistent and exemplary high level of work and supports the Department's Mission and Value Statement, including support of the police/community partnership.

VALOR: The highest form of recognition, Valor is awarded for an act of outstanding bravery or heroism.

COMMENDATION: The second highest form of recognition, the Commendation, is awarded for highly creditable or unusual acts in the performance of police duties.

HONORABLE MENTION: An Honorable Mention is awarded for outstanding police work, such as singularly solving a serious crime, or through individual initiative, apprehending a criminal in the act of committing a crime.

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION: A Certificate of Recognition is awarded for an act of service normally unexpected in the course of everyday duties and therefore deserving of recognition because of its special circumstances.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION: This award is a formal letter of appreciation from the Chief of Police.

POLICE SERVICE COMMENDATION: This award is given to members who have demonstrated a special dedication to duty or accomplished something administratively that has brought special credit to the Department or the City of Evanston and deserve the highest honor and recognition.

UNIT CITATION: This award is presented to a bureau or specialty unit in recognition of combined efforts to accomplish the mission and goals of the Department.

SPECIAL CHIEF'S AWARD: These special awards are presented to members of the Department or citizens based on exceptional service or contributions.

PARTNERSHIP AWARD: This award is awarded by the Chief of Police. It is given to members who, through their extraordinary efforts, have made a significant impact on the quality of life in the Community.

OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Detective Matthew Masucci

CIVILIAN OF THE YEAR

Administrative Coordinator Shada Eshoo

CONTINUED

COMMENDATION

Detective Mikhail Geyer
Officer Brian Hicks
Sergeant Daniel Keeler
Officer Vycheslav Leontiev
Officer Marelyn Navarro
Officer Oliver Tanenbaum
Sergeant Christopher Tortorello

HONORABLE MENTION

Officer Juan Alvarado
Officer Heidi Bernhardt
Detective Pedro Carrasco
Detective Dave Cherrey
Detective Nicholas Chipolet
Telecommunicator Richard Clucas
Detective Cesar Galindo
Sergeant Francesca Henderson
Detective Jacqueline Herrera
Officer Brian Hicks
Detention Desk Officer Deborah Hinton
Officer Jacob Jetton-Gonzales
Officer Kyle Jordan
Detective Michael Kane
Officer Phil Lang
Officer Denny Li
Officer Brandon Marx
Officer Cortez Maxwell
Telecommunicator Jesse McPhail
Officer Christopher Moore
Officer William Mrofcza
Officer Rudy Mujica
Officer Juan Navarrete
Officer Marelyn Navarro
Officer Jeremy Nieman
Officer Elizabeth Osorio
Officer Julio Puma
Telecommunicator Trisha Reimers
Officer Jaclyn Roden
Officer Mario Sanchez
Officer Brandon Smith
Officer Oliver Tanenbaum
Telecommunicator Linda Thompson
Officer Deven Tolver
Officer A'Ryan Turner-Norman
Detective Manuel Vasquez
Telecommunicator Braulio Villarreal

CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

Detention Desk Officer Georgina Alexander
Detective Pedro Carrasco
Commander Kenneth Carter
Detective Nicholas Chipolet
Sergeant Michael Endre
Detective Cesar Ruiz Galindo
Officer Rodney Greene
Detective Carl Gustafson
School Resource Officer Willie Hunt
Officer Kevin Jacobs
Detective Michael Kane
Officer Philip Lang
Officer Gerard Leeson
Officer Denny Li
Detective Timothy Messing
Officer Christopher Moore
Officer Juan Navarrete
Detective Adam Pack
Detention Desk Officer Maricela Rodriguez
Detective Daniel Rosenbaum
Officer Mario Sanchez
Officer Michael Scheck
Detective Anthony Sosa
Detective Corrie Svendsen
Telecommunicator Madelyn Travis
Detective Julie Triggs-Redmond
Sergeant Richard Tyson
Officer Mattias Vanderwerf
Detective Manuel Vasquez
Telecommunicator Braulio Villarreal
Detective Amin Virani
Officer Kyle Zurek

Northwestern Police Department

Commander Latori Bartelle

Evanston Fire Department

Battalion Chief Daniel Lynch

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UNIT CITATION

DETECTIVE UNIT

Detective Anthony Beckman
Detective Michael Cameron
Detective Pedro Carrasco
Sergeant Michael Endre
Detective Carl Gustafson
Detective Jacqueline Herrera
Detective Clara Just
Detective Timothy Messing
Detective Rebecca Niziolek
Detective Adam Pack
Detective Anthony Sosa
Detective Corrie Svendsen
Sergeant Richard Tyson
Detective Manuel Vasquez
Detective Amin Virani
Detective Amanda Wright

DETENTION DESK BUREAU

Detention Desk Officer Gina Alexander
Detention Desk Officer Deborah Hinton
311/Service Desk Supervisor Yvette Hopson
Detention Desk Officer Lyndsey Lalonde
Detention Desk Officer Lizvette Mendoza
Detention Desk Officer Edward Ortiz
311/Service Desk Manager Sue Pontarelli
Detention Desk Officer Maricela Rodriguez
Detention Desk Officer Bobby Taylor

SPECIAL OPERATIONS GROUP

Detective David Cherrey
Detective Nicholas Chipolet
Detective Cesar Galindo
Detective Nina Griffith
Detective Benjamin Holliman
Detective Michael Kane
Commander James Pillars III
Detective Daniel Rosenbaum
Detective Richard Shanas
Detective Julie Triggs-Redmond
Sergeant Christopher Tortorello

SPECIAL CHIEF'S AWARD

Officer Nathaniel Basner
Officer Heidi Bernhardt
Detective Pedro Carrasco
Commander Kenneth Carter
Detective Dave Cherrey
Detective Nicholas Chipolet
Officer Justin Conley
Officer Lashawn Cook
Officer Jana Cram
Officer Enjoli Daley
Sergeant Ervin de Leon
Administrative Coordinator Shada Eshoo
Sergeant Jeffrey Faison
Officer Amanda Fernandez
Commander Elizabeth Glynn
Detective Jacqueline Herrera
Officer Kevin Hindes
Officer Adam Howard
Officer Willie Hunt
Officer Nicolas Jones
Officer Kyle Jordan
Sergeant Daniel Keeler
Officer Vyacheslav Leontiev
Administrative Lead Jennifer Levi
Officer Joseph Lopez
Officer Cortez Maxwell
Officer Christopher Moore
Officer Juan Navarrete
Officer Jeremy Nieman
Officer Hoo Park
Commander James Pillars III
Service Desk Manager Sue Pontarelli
Deputy Chief Melissa Sacluti
Officer Ted Schienbein
Records Clerk Tarshanda Shorty
Commander Scott Sophier
Telecommunicator Linda Thompson
Deputy Chief Jody Wright
Officer Kyle Zurek
Sergeant Tosha Wilson
Detective Amanda Wright

Chaplain Team

Reverend, Doctor Chaplain Taurus Scurlock

City Manager's Office

City Manager Luke Stowe

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SPECIAL CHIEF'S AWARD (CONT.)

Human Resources Department

Int. Chief Human Resources Officer Mary Dankwa
Human Resources Generalist Casey Solomon

Parking Enforcement

Parking Enforcement Kerry Serge Deslaurier
Parking Enforcement Ashley Wilson

POLICE SERVICE COMMENDATION

Telecommunicator Jesse McPhail

WILLIAM H. LOGAN COMMUNITY POLICING PARTNERSHIP AWARD

The Family of Chief William H. Logan

FITNESS AWARD

MOST FIT

Officer Dagmara Denslaw

MOST IMPROVED

Detective Timothy Messing

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Telecommunicator Eileen Allen
Telecommunicator Heather Cooper
Officer Nicholas Curran
Officer Dagmara Denslaw
Administrative Coordinator Shada Eshoo
Budget Manager Louis Gergits
Detective Thomas Giese
Telecommunicator Carl Hasten
Officer Brian Hicks
Telecommunicator Jeff Holdren
Animal Warden Perry Kubala
Officer Joseph Lopez
Telecommunicator Jesse McPhail
Officer Daniel Mokos
Officer William Mrofcza
Detective Adam Pack
Officer Daniel Pack
Officer Jonathan Regules
Officer Mario Sanchez

LETTER OF APPRECIATION (CONT.)

Sergeant Richard Shanas
Detective Anthony Sosa
Telecommunicator Michael Stonequist
Telecommunicator Michael Velasquez

Evanston Fire Department

Captain Damien Bazan
Firefighter William Benevuto
Firefighter James Trippi

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Deputy Chief Melissa Sacluti
Detective Nicholas Chipolet
Commander Marla Dukler
Commander Elizabeth Glynn
Telecommunicator Jess McPhail
Commander James Pillars III
Sergeant Amanda Wright

Special Thanks to Sue Pontarelli

**We also acknowledge Mayor Daniel Biss, City
Manager Luke Stowe, and the City Council for
their continued support of our efforts.**

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.

Miscellaneous Investigations—These inquiries involve various concerns and are investigated by the immediate supervisor. The findings and recommendations are then forwarded through the chain of command to the Chief of Police, who reviews the case and makes the final determination. A Letter of Disposition is provided to all complainants. Examples of such investigations may include complaints regarding officer conduct, traffic citations, the handling of service calls, and other general concerns.

Administrative Review—These reviews address complaints made by department members regarding policy or rule violations by fellow members or the department itself. The investigation focuses on assessing compliance with internal regulations and standards. Examples of issues reviewed may include tardiness, failure to appear in court, or not following proper radio procedures.

Response to Resistance—Officers are permitted to use force at a level deemed reasonable and necessary in response to resistance to protect others and/or themselves from bodily harm or to affect the arrest of a person who physically resists. Judgment in these situations is not arbitrary but is guided by state law, departmental policy, national law enforcement standards, and police training. For each response to resistance incident involving force beyond mere restraint, a report is filed for review.

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

Complaint	Pending	Withdrawn	Unresolved(Sol)	Not Sustained	Unfounded	Exonerated	Sustained	Total
Disrespectful Behavior								0
Unprofessional Conduct						3		3
Preventable Vehicle Crash	1						8	9
Failure To Provide Service		1			1			2
Bias Based Harassment		1						1
Failure To Perform A Duty								0
Violation Of Policy/Law/Ord		1						1
Incompetency								0
Total	1	3	0	0	1	3	8	16

Complaint	Pending	Withdrawn	Unresolved (SOL)	Not Sustained	Unfounded	Exonerated	Sustained	Total
Unprofessional Conduct								0
False Arrest								0
Improper Service					1	1		2
Excessive Force								0
Biased-Based Policing						1		1
Violation of Policy/Law/Ord	2					3	3	8
Disrespectful Behavior								0
Total	2	0	0	0	1	5	3	11

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEWS	2025	27	2024	50	2023	58	2022	44	2021	37
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OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

2025 REPONSE TO RESISTANCE

The use of force in response to resistance is only permitted in certain situations dictated by policy and state statute.

TYPE OF FORCE	B/F	B/M	H/F	H/M	W/F	W/M	TOTAL
NON-IMPACT CONTROL TECHNIQUE	5	16	1	1	2	3	28
CHEMICAL WEAPON	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
TASER DEPLOYMENT	0	4	0	1	0	1	6
TASER ACTIVATION/DISPLAY*	1	7	0	4	2	0	14
WEAPONLESS IMPACT TECHNIQUE	1	6	0	0	0	2	9
ALLEGATION OF INJURY	1	3	1	0	2	0	7
IMPACT WEAPONS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DEADLY FORCE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	8	38	2	6	6	6	66

*NOT DEPLOYED, DE-ESCALATING FORCE USED

VEHICLE PURSUITS

There was 1 vehicle pursuit investigated in 2025 and it was WITHIN policy.

FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION

DEPUTY CHIEF DANIEL RUSSELL

COMMUNITY RELATIONS UNIT

The Community Relations Unit (CRU) comprises the Community Policing Unit (CPU) and the Community Engagement & Outreach Unit (CEO), which was established in 2023. These Units work jointly to maintain and improve the relationship between the Evanston Police Department (EPD) and the community we proudly serve.

In 2025, CRU continued its mission of strengthening relationships between EPD and the community through proactive engagement, visibility, and prevention-focused public safety initiatives. CRU Officers served as Department liaisons to residents, schools, businesses, houses of worship, and community organizations, while supporting Patrol Operations by handling calls for service and follow-up.

Throughout the year, CRU maintained a consistent presence across all nine wards by attending ward and block club meetings, conducting business checks, facilitating the Community Policing Academy, assisting with school dismissal and after-school coverage, and deploying Directed Area Patrols (DAP) to priority locations and identified hotspots. A glimpse into CRU's 2025 activities and accomplishments include the following:

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

Directed Area Patrol Deployments	300+
Patrol Assists / Call Involvement	200+
Ward / Block / Community Meetings	80+
Security Surveys Conducted	20+
Trainings Completed or Instructed	25+
Major Public Events Supported	75+
Schools Directly Engaged	15+
Youth Engagement Events	40+
Documented Community Contacts	3,500–4,500 residents
Estimated Youth Contacts	1,200–1,500 participants

FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION

DEPUTY CHIEF DANIEL RUSSELL

COMMUNITY RELATIONS UNIT

2025 KEY INITIATIVES

CAMP KUUMBA

The Evanston Police Department proudly participated in Camp Kuumba 2025, a three-week summer program focused on competition, community, and connection. This year's theme honored Evanston's first responders, past and present, and included **Benoit Nation**, **Galindo Nation**, and **Leoni Nation**. **Stewart Nation**, named after Chief Stewart, took home the championship trophy. EPD's involvement in Camp Kuumba reflects the Department's continued commitment to youth engagement, mentorship, and strong community partnerships.

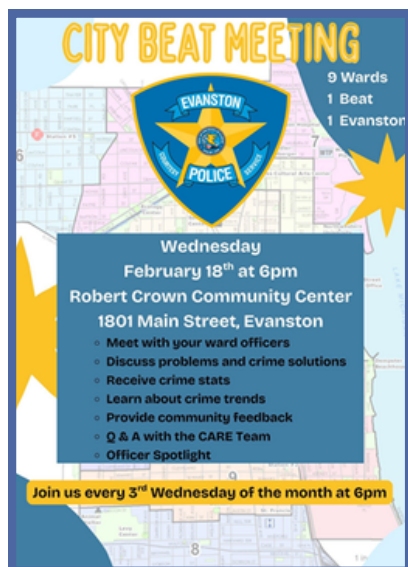


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COMMUNITY RELATIONS UNIT

2025 KEY INITIATIVES

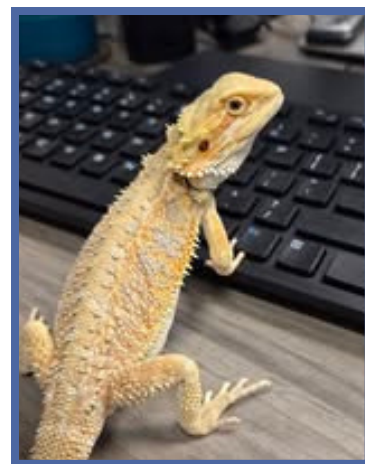


CITY BEAT MEETINGS

CRU assisted in developing and implementing City Beat Meetings to promote transparency, improve understanding of police operations, and encourage shared responsibility for public safety. The initiative facilitated collaborative dialogue between residents and Department personnel.

OFFICER REGGIE - YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AMBASSADOR

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FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION

DEPUTY CHIEF DANIEL RUSSELL

COMMUNITY RELATIONS UNIT

2025 KEY INITIATIVES

MILE FOR KYLE

CRU organized and coordinated a community remembrance event in partnership with Evanston Township High School, honoring Evanston Police Officer and ETHS Alum, Officer Kyle Benoit. Participants walked one mile, and then the ETHS basketball team, along with other youth in the community, held a free-throw contest. The event drew over 200 participants and fostered community healing and connection between residents and officers.



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FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION

DEPUTY CHIEF DANIEL RUSSELL

COMMUNITY RELATIONS UNIT

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- National Night Out
- Jamaica Fest
- Kuumba Olympics
- First Fridays @ Mason Park
- Coffee with a Cop
- Catalytic Converter Marking Event
- Howard Street Clean-Up Initiatives
- Back-to-School Events
- Holiday Outreach Events
- Knowing Your Rights Community Sessions
- Students Without Borders Discussions
- Community Resource & Safety Forums

COLORFUL LEGACIES EVENT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE EVANSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY AND SHOREFRONT LEGACY CENTER



FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS UNIT

COMMUNITY POLICING ACADEMY (CPA)

CRU facilitated two Community Policing Academy sessions in 2025, serving over 40 participants. More than 100 community members attended graduation ceremonies. The program promotes transparency and provides residents with a deeper understanding of policing practices and responsibilities.



EVANSTON YOUTH CHESS CHALLENGE



FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS UNIT

SCHOOL SAFETY & PREVENTION

CRU supported lockdown drills and safety planning at ETHS and multiple District 65 and private school locations, impacting an estimated 2,000–3,000 students and staff. Additional proactive efforts included security surveys and active threat planning for schools, municipal offices, businesses, houses of worship, and private residences. Lockdown drills were conducted at:

- Chute Middle School
- Dawes Elementary School
- Dewey Elementary School
- District 65 School Buildings
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Literary and Fine Arts School
- Evanston Township High School
- Haven Middle School
- Lincoln Elementary School
- Nichols Middle School
- Niles North High School (Skokie)
- Niles West High School (Skokie)
- Orrington Elementary School
- Park School
- Roycemore School
- St. Athanasius School
- Washington Elementary School

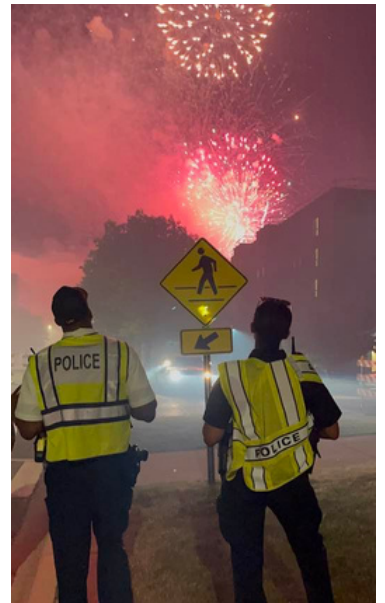
Through sustained neighborhood presence, cross-sector collaboration, and youth-centered engagement, CRU continues to advance prevention-based public safety strategies and relationship-driven policing practices across the City.



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ANIMAL WARDEN

Animal Warden Perry Kubala continues to serve as a valued member of the Community Policing Unit, supporting animal-related enforcement, public education, and community outreach initiatives. Her dedication to humane animal treatment and public safety is evident through her daily patrols of city parks and the lakefront, as well as her response to calls for service and follow-up on animal-related complaints.

Animal Warden Kubala handles all animal-related matters, including public education, ordinance enforcement, and issuing citations when appropriate. She assists sworn personnel with investigations and arrests related to animal cruelty and conducts follow-up on all reported dog-bite incidents.

In 2025, the Evanston Police Department responded to **502** animal-related complaints, **29** animal bite reports, and **4** allegations of animal cruelty. During her duty hours, Animal Warden Kubala served as the primary responder to these calls for service. She also supported two investigations in collaboration with the Detective Bureau that resulted in criminal charges.

Beyond enforcement responsibilities, Animal Warden Kubala plays an active role in community engagement and education efforts, including:

- Neighbor Nights at the Evanston Animal Shelter
- Free Vaccination and Microchip Clinic (Evanston Animal Shelter)
- Trot for Tails
- National Night Out (Evanston Animal Shelter involvement)
- Animal Control Presentation for Seniors (Evanston Animal Shelter)
- Stray Hold and Feral Cat Ordinance community outreach
- Evanston Animal Shelter and Evanston Police Department calendar project



FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION

DEPUTY CHIEF DANIEL RUSSELL

PATROL BUREAU

The Patrol Bureau is committed to ensuring public safety through a wide range of strategic activities and responsibilities. With a strong focus on effective resource management, the Bureau plays a crucial role in crime prevention and improving overall community well-being.

The Bureau is structured into seven beats, allowing for efficient citywide coverage and timely responses to calls for service. Through a proactive approach to deploying personnel and resources, the Bureau remains focused on addressing crime, improving public safety, and responding effectively to community concerns.

Staffed by four Commanders, twelve Sergeants, and sixty-six Officers, the Patrol Bureau carries out a broad spectrum of duties. These include responding to emergency and non-emergency calls for service, enforcing motor vehicle laws, and conducting investigations. These responsibilities highlight the multifaceted nature of Patrol Bureau operations and its ongoing commitment to maintaining public safety and order.

In 2025, the Patrol Bureau responded to more than 25,000 calls for service. It also managed and mitigated complications arising from ICE-related enforcement activity in Evanston, working to maintain public safety, address community concerns, and ensure a coordinated, measured response during these incidents.

By actively engaging with neighborhoods and promptly responding to incidents, the Patrol Bureau plays a critical role in fostering a safe, secure environment. Through proactive policing and community collaboration, the Bureau continues to strengthen public trust and enhance the quality of life for all Evanston residents.

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

25,532	Calls for Service (excluding self-initiated)
9,048	Incident Reports Written
483	Arrests
1,741	Tickets Issued (Traffic & City Ordinance)
1,379	Burglar Alarm Responses

FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION

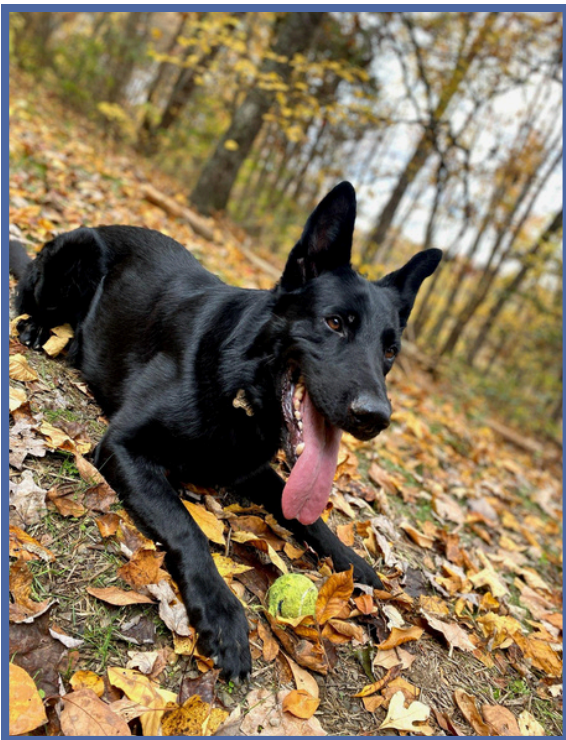
DEPUTY CHIEF DANIEL RUSSELL

K-9 UNIT

The K-9 Team provides invaluable support to both the Patrol and Detective Bureaus. Their involvement in call responses and traffic stops, including vehicle sniffs for narcotics, plays a key role in detecting and preventing drug-related crimes. The team also conducts article searches, assisting in the recovery of evidence for active investigations and in-progress incidents.

The K-9 Team's tracking capabilities are critical in locating and apprehending fleeing or at-large subjects, helping resolve incidents quickly while reducing risk to officers and the public. Their support of the Special Operations Group during high-risk operations and search warrants further enhances officer safety and operational effectiveness.

In addition to enforcement efforts, the K-9 Team actively participates in Community Engagement and Outreach initiatives. Through demonstrations at local events and community programs, the team helps build positive relationships between the department and the community it serves.



FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION

DEPUTY CHIEF DANIEL RUSSELL

TRAFFIC BUREAU

The Traffic Bureau consists of one Sergeant and four officers. While the Bureau serves a variety of functions, its primary mission is to promote traffic safety through education, enforcement, and collaboration with other City departments and community stakeholders.

In 2025, the Traffic Bureau remained focused on reducing dangerous driving behaviors, including speeding, distracted driving, and violations of seatbelt and child safety seat laws. Throughout the year, the Traffic Sergeant fielded over 100 individual traffic-related complaints from residents and elected officials across the City. These concerns were reviewed and shared with Traffic and Patrol personnel through weekly communications to supervisory staff to ensure appropriate follow-up and targeted enforcement.

Traffic officers also play a critical role in special event planning and operations. In addition to maintaining safety and security during City events, the Bureau works to ensure motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians can travel to and from events safely and efficiently. The Traffic Bureau dedicates significant time to coordinating with Command Staff and other Police Department specialty units to support the success of these events.

Recognizing that traffic safety concerns are quality-of-life issues, the Traffic Bureau remains committed to promoting safe roadways for all residents and visitors to Evanston.



FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION

DEPUTY CHIEF DANIEL RUSSELL

TRAFFIC BUREAU

Type of Crash	Total
Pedestrian	41
Pedalcyclist	46
Animal	1
Overtaken	0
Fixed Object	65
Other Object	18
Other Non-Collision	1
Parked vehicle	362
At Least 1 Vehicle Turning	200
Rear Ended	220
Sideswiped - Same Direction	162
Sideswiped - Opposite Direction	16
Head On	12
Angle	196

Roadway Conditions at Time of Crash	2025
Dry	1791
Wet	208
Snow/Slush	54
Ice	20
Sand / Mud / Dirt	4
Other	0
Unknown	50

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES/ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

DEPUTY CHIEF MELISSA SACLUTI

DETECTIVE BUREAU

The Adult and Juvenile Detective Bureaus are supervised by a Commander and four 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.

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.

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

2,629	Assigned Cases
100	Cleared by Arrest
1,115	Cleared - No Prosecution
262	Missing Person Follow Ups
158	Domestic Incidents Investigated

330	Sex Offender Registration (Includes Weekly Registration of Homeless Sex Offenders)
25	Sex Offender Follow Ups
37	Convicted Sex Offenders in Evanston

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES/ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

DEPUTY CHIEF MELISSA SACLUTI FORENSIC SERVICES BUREAU

The Forensic Services Bureau oversees the Property Bureau and the Evidence Technician program. Sergeant Richard Tyson serves as Forensic Services Coordinator.

EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN PROGRAM

During 2025, the following members served as Evidence Technicians:

Todd Burgers	Sgt. Daniel Keeler	Michael Pitsenberger
Jovany Cortes	Ryan Kollar	Gregory Romero
Jana Cram*	Adam Kozlowski	Michael Scheck
Dagmara Denslaw	Gerard Leeson	Oliver Tanenbaum
Amanda Fernandez*	Matthew Masucci	Sgt. Richard Tyson*
Cesar Galindo	Christopher Moore	Mattias Vanderwerf
Carl Gustafson	Susan Morgan	Manuel Vasquez*
Jacqueline Herrera*	Marelyn Navarro	Amin Virani
Jacob Jetton-Gonzales	Elizabeth Osorio	

***Denotes Individuals Assigned to NORTAF**

During the year, evidence technicians responded to 895 (18% decrease over 2024) calls for service involving approximately 1,053 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):

Jana Cram (Forensic Specialist)	Sgt. Richard Tyson (Forensic Specialist)
Amanda Fernandez (Forensic Specialist)	Manuel Vasquez (Forensic Specialist)
Jacqueline Herrera (Forensic Specialist)	

JOINT AGENCIES IN-SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM

Established in 2015 between Evanston and Skokie forensic personnel since then, the program has been expanded to include forensic personnel from the Lincolnwood Police Department. The EPD Forensic Services Bureau takes the lead in developing training topics with input from the other agencies. These one day training sessions are held on a semi-annual basis.

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES/ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

DEPUTY CHIEF MELISSA SACLUTI

INTELLIGENCE UNIT

The Intelligence Unit supports Department operations through intelligence-led policing, analytical support, and investigative intelligence gathering. The Unit is responsible for identifying crime patterns, supporting active investigations, and providing actionable intelligence to command staff and operational personnel.

The Unit is supervised by a Sergeant, who oversees intelligence operations and prioritizes investigative support requests. The Sergeant, Detective, and full-time crime analyst coordinate intelligence activities with patrol, investigations, and other law enforcement partners.

The full-time Crime Analyst is responsible for data analysis, crime trend identification, and intelligence development. The analyst produces regular intelligence bulletins, hotspot analyses, offender linkage assessments, and operational briefings to assist with deployment strategies and investigative/operational decision-making.

This Unit of the police department is tasked with conducting digital forensic examinations, including the acquisition, preservation, and analysis of digital evidence.

The Unit's core functions include: Intelligence-Led Policing Support, Crime Link Analysis, Investigative Intelligence, Digital Forensics, Information Sharing, Threat Assessment and Crime Trend Monitoring.

During significant incidents or crime spikes, the Intelligence Unit may provide real-time analytical support to Command Staff to assist with operational decision-making and targeted enforcement deployments. Deployment briefing occurs once a week, which is led by the Intelligence Unit, and attended by members of the Command Staff.

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

88	Meetings Attended
26	Trainings Attended
91	Bulletins and Disseminated Information
70	Investigation Operations Assistance

12	In-Progress Calls Assistance
16	CPU Assistance
94	Special Projects
69	Outside Agency Assistance

58	Mobile Device Received
39	Mobile Device Extractions
15	CDR/Location Data Analysis
9	Berla Vehicle Analysis

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES/ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

DEPUTY CHIEF MELISSA SACLUTI MARINE UNIT

Marine 21 is the Evanston Fire Department's (EFD) water rescue vessel, which operates on the lakefront during the summer months. EFD staffs the boat, which requires a three person crew to safely operate, during the weekend with a focus on maritime safety. To assist with EFD staffing constraints, EPD Chief Stewart and EFD Chief Polep, developed a program where EPD members would undergo water rescue training to supplement EFD staffing on Marine 21, with EPD operating as the third crew member on the boat.

The initial EPD Marine Unit consisted of nine members to supplement EFD staffing of Marine 21 on weekends and holidays during the summer operational plan. EPD provided a single body for 45 shifts, which operated between the hours of 10am-8pm and assisted EFD on 25 water rescues and water investigations.



INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES/ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

DEPUTY CHIEF MELISSA SACLUTI OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The Office of Administration is responsible for the successful administrative and financial operations of a \$35 million organization employing over 200 employees and providing 24/7 service to 78,000 residents. The Office of Administration successfully processed over 30,000 payroll transactions totaling approximately \$31,000,000 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.

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

30	Departmental Bulletins
40	Personnel Orders
105	Special Orders
67+	Special Details

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES/ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

DEPUTY CHIEF MELISSA SACLUTI
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

2025 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Budget	Actual
\$36.15M	\$36.39M

EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY (ACTUAL)

Category	Amount	Percent of Total Expenditures	Description
Personnel	\$32.30M	88.78%	Salaries, Benefits, Overtime, Payouts
Services & Supplies	\$3.00M	8.23%	Other Services, Supplies, Insurance, Training, Memberships, Janitorial
Fleet	\$1.09M	2.98%	Fleet Maintenance & Replacement
Total Expenditures	\$36.39M	100%	Combined operational expenditures

REVENUE SOURCES (ACTUAL)

Revenue Source	Amount	Percent of Total Revenue
Overtime Reimbursements	\$827K	54.09%
Fees, Fines, & Miscellaneous Revenue	\$437K	28.60%
Special Detail Reimbursements	\$265K	17.31%
Total Revenue	\$1.53M	100%

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES/ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

DEPUTY CHIEF MELISSA SACLUTI

PROPERTY BUREAU

0	Destroyed- Non-Beast Items/Non-Firearms
2,243	Destroyed- Beast Items/Non-Firearms
1	Destroyed by Lab
87	Destroyed Firearms
0	Sent to ISP Seizure Unit
545	Returned to Owner/Owner's Rep.
61	Money Items to City Clerk
4	Released to Attorneys
0	Released to County Bomb Squad
37	Released to Other Police Agencies
21	Released to DEA
6	Released to FBI
0	Released to Secret Service
0	Released to the Medical Examiner's Office
0	Retained for Department Use
66	Donation
6	Return to Finder
141	Transferred Armory
2	Transferred to Records Bureau
57	Transferred to Digital Storage
0	Auctioned through Propertyroom.com

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES/ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

DEPUTY CHIEF MELISSA SACLUTI SPECIAL OPERATIONS GROUP

The Special Operations Group (SOG) is a specialized unit comprised of two teams: the Neighborhood Enforcement Team (NET) and the Tactical Bureau (TAC). SOG's primary mission is to investigate gang, firearm offenses, and narcotics-related crimes in and around the City of Evanston.

Utilizing a multifaceted approach, SOG conducts both short-term and long-term investigations to combat criminal activity effectively. Beyond investigative work, the unit is also responsible for executing high-risk operations and search warrants, playing a critical role in maintaining community safety and security.

In addition, SOG also oversees the Special Response Team (SRT) which is made up of Officers and Investigators from various units throughout the department that receive additional specialized training. This includes quarterly team training, an annual three day warrant services tactics training, and various other specialized certifications. SRT was activated 17 times in 2025 for a variety of operations including warrant services, surveillance missions, public safety missions, and joint operations.

The Special Response Team was also activated for all of the Northwestern Home Football Games, the inaugural Chicago Stars Game at Martin Stadium, and Dillo Day Lakefront Concert. While these preplanned events highlight the abilities of the team, the use of members of SRT on duty for in-progress high risks events and calls for service, increase the safety of Officers and community alike.

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

In 2025, the Special Operations Group (SOG) conducted multiple narcotics investigations in the Maple and Main Street area. A search warrant in the 400 block of Howard Street resulted in the recovery of multiple firearms and a significant quantity of crack cocaine.

A second investigation identified a narcotics distributor operating in the same area who was also linked to an active homicide investigation. Following surveillance and controlled purchases, SOG detectives, with assistance from the Special Response Team (SRT), executed an arrest. The offender was charged with felony narcotics offenses in Evanston and first-degree murder through an outside agency. The investigation originated from activity near 901 Maple Avenue involving exploitation of residents at the Albany Care facility. Both investigations stemmed from community complaints and were linked to violent crime.

SOG also supported a coordinated undercover operation addressing armed robberies targeting individuals online. Detectives, patrol, and SRT identified and apprehended an armed suspect connected to multiple incidents. SRT safely took the suspect into custody and recovered a loaded firearm. Follow-up investigation led to admissions and approval of felony charges, resolving multiple cases and removing a violent offender from the community.

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES/ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

DEPUTY CHIEF MELISSA SACLUTI SPECIAL OPERATIONS GROUP

16	Gang Members Arrested
21	Drug Related Arrests
19	Arrest Warrants Served
52	Total Arrests Effected
6	Residential Search Warrants
9	Cell Phone/Social Media Search Warrants
531	Grams of Cocaine Seized
787	Grams of Cannabis Seized
386	Grams of Heroin/Fentanyl Seized
205	Illegal Pills Seized
1,594	Total Grams of Contraband Seized
26	Firearms Seized **14 from Joint Operations**
\$32,011	US Currency Seized
31	Vehicles Seized
7	Narcotics Tips Investigated
12	Stolen Vehicles Recovered
71	CCL/FOID Investigations

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES/ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

DEPUTY CHIEF MELISSA SACLUTI

TRAINING BUREAU

2025 TRAINING HIGHLIGHTS

Professional development and tactical readiness training completed across sworn and civilian personnel.

16,946.25 TOTAL TRAINING HOURS COMPLETED

Department-wide training conducted to strengthen officer readiness, safety, leadership, and specialized operational response.

CONTROL & ARREST TACTICS

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu-based in-house defensive tactics training focused on improving officer control techniques while reducing injury risk.

MARINE UNIT TRAINING

Members trained and participated in the inaugural EPD Marine Unit selection process to support lakefront rescue operations.
9 members selected

RAPID DEPLOYMENT TRAINING

All members continued active threat and rapid deployment tactical response training through partner school exercises.

MEMBERS ATTENDED

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES ATTENDED

11	Illinois Tactical Officers Association Conference
8	National Police Week
7	Illinois Homicide Investigators Association Annual Conference
6	Illinois Division of International Association for Identification (IDIAI) Conference
5	Illinois Police Officers' Memorial
3	National Asian Peace Officers' Association Conference
3	Champions of Children's Conference
3	NTOA Crisis Negotiator's Conference
3	Active Threat Response Conference
2	International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference
2	Illinois Law Enforcement Administrative Professionals Conference
2	Engage 311 Conference
1	National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives Conference

SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

DEPUTY CHIEF JODY WRIGHT

311/SERVICE DESK BUREAU

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.

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.

311 SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

Activity Type	Total
311 Service Calls	92,113
311 Service Requests	29,203
311 Live Chats	2,326
311 Text Messages	3,647

SERVICE DESK HIGHLIGHTS

Activity Type	Total
Prisoners Processed	570
Prisoners Housed	591
Bail Bonds Processed	6
Reports Taken	90
Calls Received at Service Desk	43,474
Police Alarm Responses	1,400
Civilian Service Desk Officers Hired	8

SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

DEPUTY CHIEF JODY WRIGHT 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.

COMMUNICATIONS BUREAU 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.

COMMUNICATIONS BUREAU VISION

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

Category	Total
9-1-1 Calls Received	41,770
Admin Calls Answered	31,832
Calls Placed	19,902
Police CAD Events	86,514
Police Reports	10,497
Fire/EMS Calls Dispatched	12,422
Text-a-Tips Received	185
Text-to-9-1-1 Received	110
Non-Self-Initiated Police Calls	28,817
Non-Self-Initiated Fire Calls	12,317
CARE Team Calls Dispatched	1,734

Call Type	Total
Ambulance	8,046
Premise Check	2,107
Parking Complaint	2,046
Check Well Being	1,573
Traffic Crash	1,563
Theft	1,345
Burglar Alarm	1,236
Automatic Fire Alarm	1,221
Nuisance Complaint	1,186
Disturbance	1,181
Unwanted Person	845
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SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

DEPUTY CHIEF JODY WRIGHT

RECORDS BUREAU

The Records Bureau is comprised of a Coordinator, a Review Officer and 3 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.

2025 RECORDS ACTIVITY

Activity Type	Total
Ink Fingerprints	153
Live Scan Fingerprints	66
Report Copies Provided	402
Tickets Entered	1,563
Subpoenas Processed	497
Criminal History Checks	1,055
Expungements and Seals	202
FOIA Requests	2,834

2025 ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITY

Activity Type	Total
Towed Vehicles Processed	472
Warrants Processed	14
Incident Reports Reviewed	10,128
Arrest Reports Reviewed	1,089
Contact Cards Entered	180
Phone Calls Handled	1,846
Customer Service Requests	618

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 12 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 activates and responds.

CHAPLAIN TEAM

The Evanston Police Department is served by an interfaith team of chaplains. Both 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. They may also be called on to assist the Department with death notifications, crime victim support, outreach, and critical incidents. Deputy Chief Melissa Sacluti serves as the liaison for the chaplain team at the Department.

DR. REV. SCURLOCK



RABBI MONTROSE



HONOR GUARD

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



NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

ACCREDITATION

The Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP) is a voluntary, multi-year accreditation process that evaluates police departments against established professional standards to improve service delivery, reduce liability, and strengthen community trust. The program uses independent peer assessors to review policies, training, and operations, with the Third Edition incorporating compliance with the Illinois SAFE-T Act.

ILEAP offers two accreditation tiers (Tier 1 with 67 standards and Tier 2 with 180 standards) and includes comprehensive file reviews, on-site assessments, interviews, inspections, and opportunities for public feedback. The Evanston Police Department is Tier 2. Accreditation promotes consistency, professionalism, modern best practices, and accountability, while requiring ongoing compliance through re-accreditation.

Sergeant Daniel Keeler and Commander Elizabeth Glynn led the department's accreditation effort with exceptional precision and coordination. They compiled and submitted over 1,000 compliance documents, aligned departmental policies with accreditation standards, and managed timelines and stakeholder engagement. Their work resulted in successful certification and strengthened the department's professionalism, accountability, and public trust.

2025 CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM OF THE YEAR

The Evanston Police Department has been named the 2025 Illinois Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Department of the Year by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. This statewide honor recognizes EPD's commitment to compassionate, community-centered policing and mental health response. With the majority of our sworn officers certified in the 40-hour CIT program, Evanston is leading the way in de-escalation, crisis response, and collaboration with behavioral health professionals.

NOTABLE HONORS

2025 ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE (ILACP) POLICE CHIEF OF THE YEAR

EVANSTON, IL - The City of Evanston and the Evanston Police Department proudly announce that Police Chief Schenita Stewart has been named the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP) Police Chief of the Year.

Chief Stewart, who has served as Evanston's Chief of Police since October 2022, was selected for her transformative leadership and unwavering commitment to public safety and community trust. Since joining the department, she has championed officer wellness, transparency, and inclusive community engagement, setting a new standard in modern policing.

"Chief Stewart's dedication to excellence has strengthened the department from within while building meaningful relationships across the community," said City Manager Luke Stowe. "Her leadership reflects the highest ideals of public service."

Chief Stewart's resilience and compassion have guided the department gracefully during challenging times. Under her leadership, officers have navigated difficult circumstances with strength and support, fostering a culture of respect, care, and collaboration.

Her impact extends beyond city limits. She is recognized statewide for her innovation, service, and leadership in law enforcement.

The City of Evanston congratulates Chief Stewart on this well-deserved honor and thanks her for her continued service to the Evanston community.



A LEGACY CONTINUES

SERVICE DESK OFFICER TANYA GOWANS

On August 5, 2025, the Evanston Police Department honored the life and legacy of Detention Desk Officer Tanya Gowans with the dedication of a memorial bench outside Department Headquarters. Tanya served the department with unwavering dedication for 27 years, beginning in the Records Division in 1997 and later as a Detention Desk Officer, where she was known for her positivity, resilience, and commitment—including supporting 311 operations during COVID-19. Remembered for her warmth and lasting impact, Tanya's legacy lives on through her family and the many colleagues and community members she inspired.

