



Plainfield Police Department
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Annual Report

2023

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Department Values



Mission Statement

In Partnership with the Community, We are Committed to Serve and Protect, Promote Safety and Enhance Quality of Life.

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Village of Plainfield

The Village is centered around the historic downtown, which is a vibrant, pedestrian-focused destination for shopping, dining, and entertainment. The National Park Service has named Plainfield's Downtown Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places. This prestigious honor makes Plainfield's downtown one of only fifteen downtowns in the State of Illinois on the National Register. Each year, the downtown is home to a number of special events including Plainfield Fest, classic car nights, movies and concerts.

Plainfield is also home to the Lake Renwick Heron Rookery, numerous historic landmarks, a wonderful park and trail system, and the DuPage River, which provides numerous outdoor recreational opportunities.

At the crossroads of the historic Lincoln Highway and Route 66, Plainfield continues to build upon its already rich history, and the Village Government is well-positioned to accommodate growth and welcomes new commercial and industrial development to help parallel the success of its residential expansion.



The Village of Plainfield is a prosperous and bustling Village, located 35 miles southwest of Chicago, with a population of approximately 44,762 residents. Easily accessible, the Village is close to several interstates and state highways, making it an excellent place to live, own a business, or simply spend the day.





Letter from the Chief

I am honored to present to you the 2023 Annual Report of the Plainfield Police Department. As your Police Chief, it is my privilege to provide insight into the dedicated efforts of our department in serving and protecting our community. Over the past year, the men and women of the Plainfield Police Department have continued to uphold our commitment to excellence in law enforcement. Our officers remained steadfast in their duty to safeguard the welfare of our residents.

The Plainfield Police Department is a nationally accredited organization through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). We will always strive to maintain our high professional standards. One of our primary objectives has been to enhance positive relationships with the people we serve. As a department whose mission is to set the standard for integrity and excellence, we also strive for transparency and honesty in all our efforts. All persons are treated with courtesy and respect. We pledge to provide the highest quality professional police services in partnership with our community. Our members are entrusted to consistently seek and find ways to positively promote, preserve, and deliver a feeling of safety and security while providing service and problem resolution for all persons within the Village of Plainfield.

Our commitment to professionalism and integrity remains unwavering. We hold ourselves to the highest standards of conduct and ethics, ensuring that every interaction with the public is guided by fairness, impartiality, and respect. We remain committed to following the Plainfield Police Department's Three-Point Vision: Fulfilling the Mission, Training to Excellence, and Developing Future Leaders.

As we move into 2024, our focus will remain on providing extraordinary police service to the community while protecting life and property. We are committed to serving you with honor, courage, and integrity. On behalf of the entire Plainfield Police Department, we close by saying that we are honored to serve and be part of this wonderful community.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Miller
Chief of Police





Executive Division

The Office of the Chief plays a pivotal role in overseeing various functions within the department. Under the guidance of the Chief of Police, who leads the Chain of Command, the office ensures that departmental tasks are executed in alignment with established policies, within budgetary constraints, and to the satisfaction of the Village Board of Trustees. This leadership ensures operational efficiency, compliance, and accountability throughout the organization.



The Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police, Jenny Janis, provides administrative support to the Chief of Police and staff. Jenny is responsible for coordinating department presentations, annual reports, strategic plans, compiling the annual budget and maintaining personnel and internal affairs files. Additionally, Jenny coordinates the preparation and execution of all department events including the annual awards ceremony and monthly meetings, and schedules facility maintenance visits. Furthermore, Jenny undertakes the vital responsibility of supervising and coordinating building and facility updates, ensuring that the infrastructure consistently meets the evolving needs of the department while prioritizing the comfort and functionality essential for optimal productivity.

Jenny supervises a team of two Custodians responsible for upholding the cleanliness standards of the expansive 71,000 square-foot facility. Notably, Noli Manejero, one of the Custodians under her purview, was honored with the prestigious Civilian of the Year Award in 2023, a testament to his exceptional dedication and performance.



Department Members by Tenure

25

1 Sworn Officer

25+ years of service
with the department

20

**15 Sworn Officers
1 Civilian Personnel**

20-24 years of service
with the department

15

**15 Sworn Officers
5 Civilian Personnel**

15-19 years of service
with the department

10

**4 Sworn Officers
1 Civilian Personnel**

10-14 years of service
with the department

5

**6 Sworn Officers
7 Civilian Personnel**

5-9 years of service
with the department

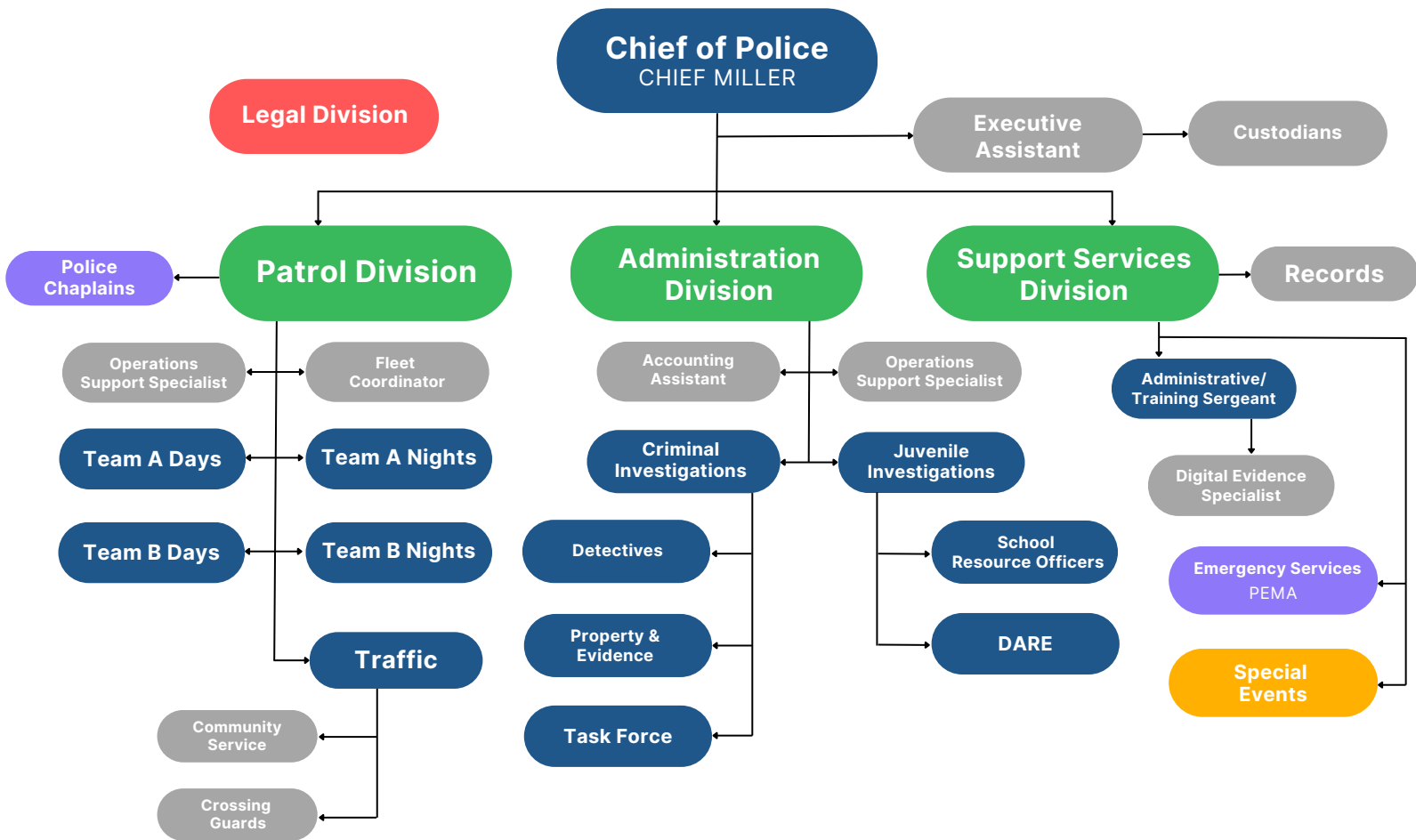
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**21 Sworn Officers
11 Civilian Personnel**

0-4 years of service
with the department



Organizational Chart



63 Full-Time Sworn

16 Full-Time Civilian

12 Part-Time Civilian

*As of 1/1/2024



Special Olympics



\$20,445

In 2023, the Plainfield Police Department raised \$20,445 for Special Olympics through fundraising events such as Cop on a Rooftop, Special Olympics Torch Run, and the Armored Truck Pull.





New Officers

The Plainfield Police Department proudly welcomed seven new officers to its ranks in 2023, embodying a commitment to service, integrity, and community partnership. As we continue our mission to ensure the safety and well-being of Plainfield residents, we are strengthened by the dedication and expertise of our newest members. Together, we strive to uphold the highest standards of professionalism while fostering trust and collaboration within our community.



Officer Connor Wells

Transitioning from his role as a dedicated Community Service Officer, Officer Wells, a lifelong Plainfield resident, eagerly embarks on the next phase of his career journey as a Police Officer. His deep-rooted connection to the community fuels his enthusiasm for serving and safeguarding the Village.

Officer Karen Turner

Officer Turner brings her invaluable experience from seven years of service in the United States Navy to the Village of Plainfield. With enthusiasm, she embraces her new role, eager to dedicate her skills and commitment to ensuring the safety and welfare of the community she proudly serves.



New Officers

Officer Ryan Donnell

Officer Donnell, a native of Plainfield and proud alumnus of Plainfield Central High School, joins our team, reflecting our commitment to fostering local talent. Following his collegiate soccer career at St. Ambrose, Officer Donnell eagerly returns to serve the community where he spent his formative years, embracing this opportunity with enthusiasm.

Officer Dylan Gorski

Newly appointed to our department, Officer Gorski, hailing from Providence Catholic and Dayton University, adds vigor to our team. Apart from his sporting endeavors, he delves into history, citing U.S. Army Major Richard Winters as a source of inspiration. Officer Gorski looks forward to bringing his diverse interests to his role as a new officer.

Officer Dennis Meyer

Officer Meyer joins our force after serving seven years with the Yorkville Police Department and two years with the Chicago Aviation Police Department. An ardent outdoorsman, Officer Meyer finds solace in hunting and fishing during his leisure hours, adding depth to his character as he embarks on this new chapter of service.



New Officers

Officer Jack D’Arcy

Jack D’Arcy, a lifelong Plainfield resident and alumnus of Plainfield Central High School, joined the Plainfield Police Department in 2023. Thrilled to contribute to his hometown, Officer D’Arcy eagerly embraces the opportunity to give back to the community where he was raised.

VILLAGE OF PLAINFIELD



Officer Joe Skalnik

Officer Skalnik, a lifelong resident and graduate of Plainfield Central High School, returns for his second tenure as a Village of Plainfield employee. Before assuming his role as a Police Officer, Officer Skalnik served as a Community Service Officer for multiple years. We are delighted to welcome Officer Skalnik back to the team, as he brings his valuable experience and dedication to serving the community he grew up in.



Retirees



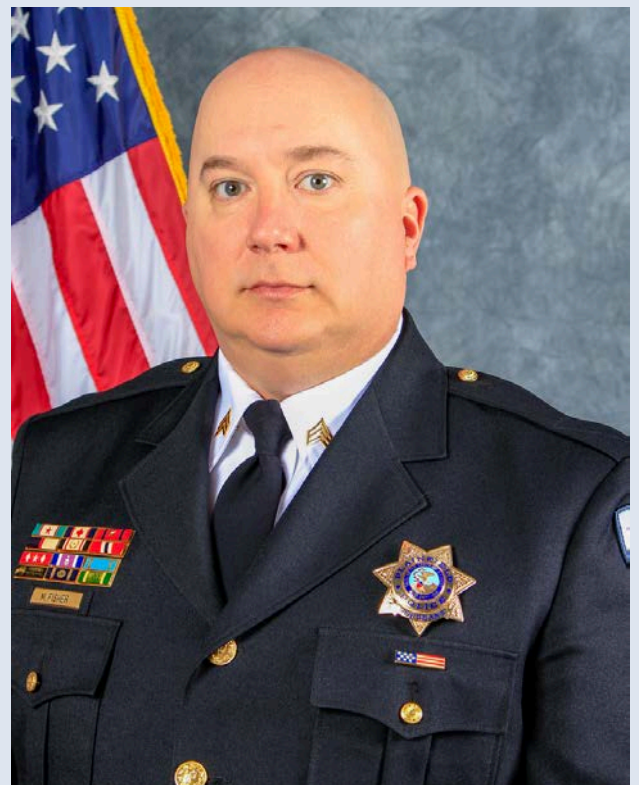
Commander Ken Ruggles

During the late 1990s, Commander Ruggles served in both patrol and traffic roles, eventually becoming the primary accident reconstructionist for the police department—a position he held for over 20 years. Promoted to Sergeant in 2001, he supervised the Patrol Division until becoming a Commander in October 2007. As a Commander, Ken Ruggles initially led the Patrol Division, later transitioning to oversee special events and PEMA within the Support Services Division. Concluding his career as Commander of the Administration Division, Commander Ruggles also briefly served as interim Chief of Police. Additionally, he played a pivotal role as an original member and supervisor on the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) Mobile Field Force. He retired on May 12, 2023, after 29 years of dedicated service.

Sergeant Mike Fisher

Sergeant Fisher commenced his career in the Patrol Division before assuming the pioneering role of the first G.R.E.A.T. Officer in Plainfield schools. He later served as a Detective before his promotion to Sergeant in 2002.

Sergeant Fisher primarily supervised the Patrol Division, guiding numerous officers throughout their careers. Additionally, Sergeant Fisher dedicated time as a range instructor and range master. He retired from the Plainfield Police Department on June 4, 2023, after nearly 29 years of service.





Retirees

Officer Tracy Caliendo

Officer Tracy Caliendo was sworn in as a Police Officer with the Village of Plainfield on October 3, 1996.

Throughout her 26-year career, Officer Caliendo served primarily in the Patrol Division, where she held collateral positions including, but not limited to field training officer, evidence technician, bicycle officer, and hostage negotiator with the Will County Special Operation Group. Most notably, Officer Caliendo served as the police department's K9 Officer, with her partner Kody, from 2013 until 2020. Lastly, Officer Caliendo also served as the Officer-In-Charge at various points during her career.



Sergeant Jennifer Powers

Sergeant Jennifer Powers was sworn in as a Police Officer with the Village of Plainfield on April 4, 2003. On October 8, 2007, she was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Sergeant Powers served as a Patrol Sergeant until February 2011 when she assumed leadership of the Records Unit.

In 2014, she received recognition as the department's Supervisor of the Year, overseeing both the Records Unit and managing the department's CALEA accreditation program. Throughout her tenure as Administrative Sergeant, she proved to be an invaluable resource, consistently exceeding expectations in new project integration, CALEA management, and streamlining data management processes.



Retirees



Officer Steve Kaus

Officer Kaus was sworn in as a Police Officer with the Village of Plainfield on October 1, 1998.

Throughout his 25-year career, Officer Kaus served primarily in the Patrol Division, where he held roles as a Detective, bicycle officer, field training officer, and evidence technician. Notably, Officer Kaus completed Northwestern University's 200-hour series on criminal forensic investigative techniques, establishing himself as one of the most knowledgeable Evidence Technicians in the area. He was always willing to share his expertise with fellow officers. Intelligent and dependable, Officer Kaus will be greatly missed.

Officer Shane Housh

Officer Michael (Shane) Housh was sworn in as a Police Officer with the Village of Plainfield on April 4, 2003.

Throughout his 20-year career, Officer Housh served primarily in the Patrol Division, where he held collateral positions including, but not limited to the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) Mobile Field Force, motorcycle officer, field training officer, and bicycle officer. Officer Housh also held specialty positions as a Traffic Officer and a Park Officer during his tenure with the police department. Lastly, Officer Housh also served as the Officer-In-Charge at various points during his career.

Highly personable and knowledgeable, Officer Housh will be greatly missed.





Officer of the Year

Sergeant Luke Ostreko

Sergeant Luke Ostreko is the recipient of the Plainfield Police Department's 2023 Officer of the Year. This award recognizes officers whose service to both the department and the village is exceptional and professional. The men and women of the police department nominate officers they consider worthy of the highest degree of recognition.

Sergeant Ostreko was hired as a Police Officer by the Village of Plainfield on January 1, 2007. He was assigned to his current role as the Administrative Sergeant in May of 2023. Sergeant Ostreko has been with the Village of Plainfield for 17 years. Throughout his tenure in Plainfield, Sergeant Ostreko has served in various roles, including Patrol Officer, School Resource Officer, Patrol Sergeant, and his current position as Administrative Sergeant. As an officer, he also served as the President of the Metropolitan Alliance of Police union and had a tremendous working relationship with management throughout those years.

During 2023, the department underwent significant transformations, leading to individuals assuming new roles and tasks. Sergeant Ostreko emerged as a key figure in navigating and embracing these changes, willingly taking on additional responsibilities without complaint. Whether managing the transition to DACRA, implementing the body worn cameras, or overseeing the accreditation process, he demonstrated exceptional proficiency in handling each challenge effortlessly. His ability to execute tasks with minimal guidance is remarkable, consistently delivering finished products that surpass everyone's expectations.

In closing, Sergeant Ostreko is an exemplary employee who always goes above and beyond what is expected from him. He is a true asset to the department and continues to enhance the image of the Plainfield Police Department in the most favorable manner.





Civilian of the Year

Custodian Noli Manejero

Custodian Noli Manejero is the 2023 recipient of the Plainfield Police Department's Civilian of the Year. The men and women of the Plainfield Police Department nominate the civilian employees they consider worthy of this recognition. This award recognizes the civilian employee whose service to both the village and the police department is exceptional.

Noli's dedication, as a custodian extends beyond routine cleanliness; it significantly enhances the overall work environment. His meticulous attention to detail ensures not only a spotless space but also one that fosters a positive and productive atmosphere for all.

Going beyond the scope of traditional custodial duties, Noli's exceptional work ethic is evident in every task he undertakes. His friendly demeanor and willingness to assist others make him an indispensable part of the team, always approachable, ready to lend a helping hand, or offer a kind word. Moreover, Noli brings an infectious positivity to the department with his warm and welcoming smile. He takes pride in going above and beyond, not only in custodial work but also in assembling furniture, undertaking general maintenance tasks, and showcasing his talents in maintaining floors. These efforts collectively contribute to transforming the workplace into a space that exudes pride and professionalism.

Congratulations, Noli, on earning the well-deserved title of Civilian of the Year. Your hard work, positivity, and unwavering dedication do not go unnoticed, and the Plainfield Police Department is grateful for the invaluable contributions made to the team every day.

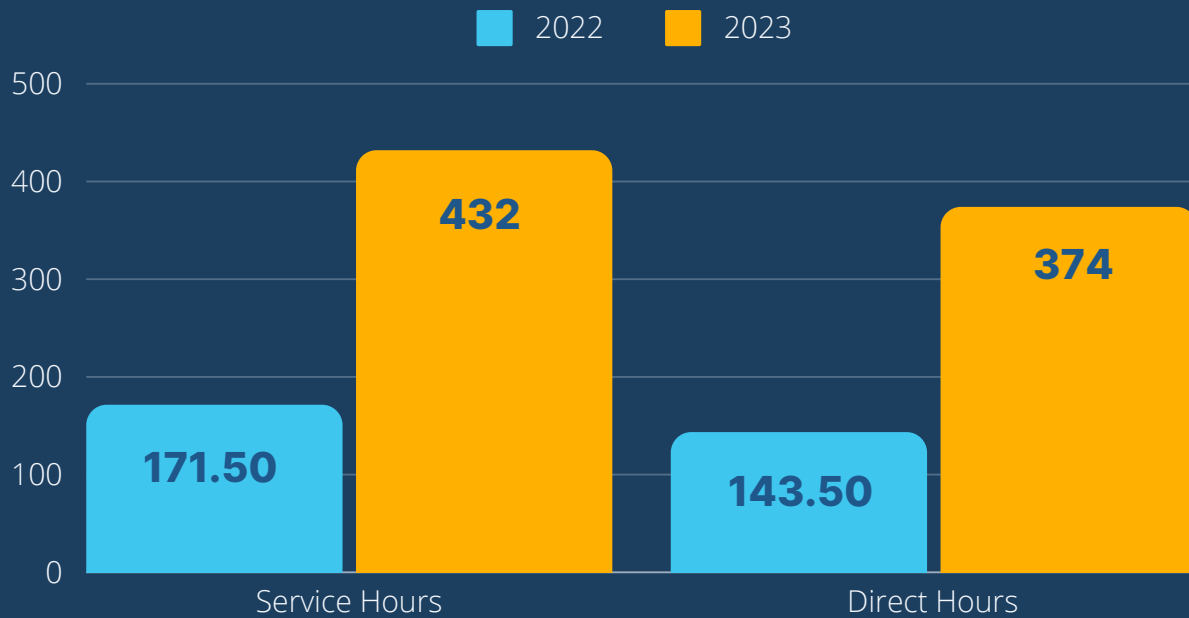


Association for Individual Development (AID)

The Plainfield Police Department contracted with the Association for Individual Development (AID) in July of 2022.

AID is a nonprofit, community based organization that serves over 5,700 individuals with developmental, behavioral and crisis needs across Kane, Kendall, DeKalb, DuPage, Will, McHenry and suburban Cook County communities. AID is a United Way partner agency and is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF).

Service Hours and Direct Hours



82

**TOTAL CASES
IN 2023**

Katrina Weber, our dedicated AID Social Worker, provides valuable on-site support two days a week. Additionally, our department benefits from AID's round-the-clock call-out services. Katrina's presence and the accessibility of AID services ensure comprehensive support for our community's needs.

Note: 2022 data is from July 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.



Specialty Units

The Plainfield Police Department assigns officers to two distinct multi-jurisdictional SWAT teams. Two officers from Plainfield are designated to the Joliet Police Department’s Special Operations Squad (SOS), while another two officers are part of the Kendall County Special Response Team (SRT). Presently, one of the Plainfield officers within Joliet SOS serves as the Team Leader, overseeing operational planning during responses. Additionally, in 2023, Plainfield expanded its contribution by assigning an officer as a negotiator to Joliet Police Department’s Special Operations Squad Negotiation Team.

Both of these teams are capable of responding to high-risk incidents not only within the Village of Plainfield but also across the surrounding areas where the teams operate. Examples of incidents these teams handle include barricaded subjects, armed standoffs, high-risk arrest or search warrants, hostage situations, and dignitary protection. Over the past year, Plainfield has utilized these teams as a tactical asset for special events.

The participation of Plainfield Police Department members in these two teams augments the Village’s resources for managing critical incidents that may occur.

Joliet Police Department’s Special Operations Squad (SOS) - 2023 Calls

01	Armed barricaded subject in Joliet	16	Provided a tactical component during 16 special events, including the Plainfield Homecoming Parade, Irish Parade, and Wadea al-Fyoume Vigil.
09	High risk search warrant in Joliet		

Kendall County Special Response Team (SRT) - 2023 Calls

06	High-risk search warrants were conducted in Montgomery, Oswego, and Plano	07	Provided a tactical component during 7 special events to include events in Oswego and Yorkville
01	High-risk buy bust operation for Kendall County CPAT		



Specialty Units

Officers assigned to specialized teams demonstrate versatility by undertaking tactical duties within the police department, even without the full activation of their teams, particularly during notable events such as the Plainfield Fireworks and the Harvest 5K. Additionally, some officers are part of the Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS), enhancing our department's capabilities and readiness for various scenarios, ensuring the safety and security of our community during such events.

In 2023, the department's contingent of three officers assigned to ILEAS responded to three incidents. They provided support to Romeoville in the search for an offender who shot an officer, assisted Tinley Park during a planned demonstration at a Jason Aldean Concert, and aided Joliet in managing the Mexican Day Parade protest and street takeover.





Legal Division

The Legal Division was under the management of the department's Legal Counsel, Joan Meyers, until her appointment to the Office of Associate Judge of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in September of 2023. Hired in January of 2024, the division is now overseen by Legal Counsel, William Lite. Apart from representing the department on legal matters, such as FOIA requests, criminal expungements, and labor and employment issues, the Legal Counsel leads the Village's local prosecutions, assisted by Associate Prosecutor Debra Abbott. Legal Assistant Michelle Mendoza is responsible for managing the Legal Division's administrative tasks.

The Village conducts prosecutions at the Village's Branch Court, situated at the Plainfield Law Enforcement Center, and at the Will County Courthouse. In 2023, Ms. Meyers and Ms. Abbott handled over 675 cases monthly on behalf of the Village. The cases heard at the Village's Branch Court range from petty traffic offenses to violations of the Village's Code of Ordinances, encompassing charges for disorderly conduct, battery, assault, possession of cannabis under ten grams, possession of drug paraphernalia, underage consumption, criminal trespass to property, criminal damage to property, and damage to Village property. Misdemeanor traffic offenses, including DUI, driving while license suspended, driving while license revoked, aggravated speeding, and reckless driving, are prosecuted at the Will County Courthouse.

With support from the Legal Assistant, the Legal Division also handles the preparation of court files, coordinates Officers' schedules for court appearances, notifies witnesses for court proceedings, processes subpoenas and other requests for information, and manages citations, complaints, and bond procedures with the Will and Kendall County Circuit Court Clerk's Offices, among other court-related duties. Additionally, the Legal Division keeps Officers informed of new laws and provides relevant training to assist them in their day-to-day duties.

Furthermore, the Legal Division oversees the Village's Administrative Adjudication hearings, including those related to vehicle impoundment and the Village's Red-Light Camera Automated Enforcement program. In 2023, the Village continued its vehicle impoundment efforts for public safety violations as outlined in the village's impound ordinance. The impound and storage fees collected in the calendar year 2023 amounted to approximately \$28,365, covering various violations of the vehicle code in addition to other offenses.

The Village's Red-Light Camera Automated Enforcement program continues to be part of the Village's traffic safety program. The automated red-light cameras located in the Village of Plainfield have been successful in increasing traffic safety, by reducing red-light running violations and crash incidents. In calendar year 2023, the Village continued the operation of its Red-Light Camera Automated Enforcement program at the intersection of IL Rt 59 and 135th Street. Fines paid as a result of the Red-Light Camera Enforcement program were \$383,706, while expenses for the program were \$101,462.48.





Administration Division

The Administration Division plays a crucial role in advancing the mission of the Plainfield Police Department through its focus on criminal investigations, evidence collection and processing, and provision of police services to schools and youth within the Village of Plainfield's jurisdiction. Personnel within this division are highly trained specialists in their respective roles, offering expertise and services beyond standard patrol duties.

Commander Kevin McQuaid provides policy level guidance and budgetary oversight for the Division. He is assisted by Operations Support Specialist AnnaMarie Flood. AnnaMarie supports all three divisions, but specifically the Administration. Her duties include administrative tasks for the Criminal and Juvenile Investigations Units, grant funding coordination, processing of special event permits and various other administrative functions.

Cheri Pistilli, Accounting Assistant, processes all department invoices and receivables. She also analyzes monthly department accounting reports to maintain expenditure controls and coordinates drug forfeiture funds for reporting requirements.

Under the supervision of Detective Sergeant Ron Mikos, the Criminal Investigations and Property/Evidence Units carry out their duties. Detectives diligently investigate criminal cases, assisting in identifying perpetrators and providing support for prosecutions. Crime Scene Investigators, supervised by Sergeant Amanda Felgenhauer, collect and process physical evidence, which is then submitted to crime labs by Property Custodian Tim Beam for analysis and storage. Beam is responsible for maintaining all evidence, as well as seized and found property, until cases are resolved or rightful owners claim their property.



The Juvenile Investigations Unit delivers police services to students, faculty, and visitors within facilities of Plainfield School District #202 and Oswego School District #308, situated within the Village's boundaries. School Resource Officers (SROs) collaborate closely with school faculty and staff to investigate crimes and uphold a secure school environment. Each SRO possesses extensive training in juvenile law matters. The D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program offers 5th-grade students lessons aimed at fostering positive decision-making and steering clear of involvement with drugs, alcohol, and violence. A Juvenile Detective is tasked with conducting follow-up investigations concerning runaway juveniles, non-violent offenses involving identified juvenile offenders, and other related incidents.



Criminal Investigations Unit

Detective Sergeant Ron Mikos oversees both the Criminal Investigations Unit and the Property/Evidence Unit. The Criminal Investigations Unit consists of four general detectives responsible for investigating various person and property crimes. Additionally, two detectives within the unit hold specialized roles: one collaborates with the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) at the Regional Computer Forensic Laboratory (RCFL) as a Digital Forensic Investigator, while the other works with the Illinois State Police as a Narcotics Investigator within the Will County Cooperative Police Assistance Team (WCPAT). These detectives, partnering with federal and state agencies, receive portions of seized funds and partial wage reimbursements as part of their assignments.

This Unit plays a crucial role in providing investigative support to the Patrol Division. Detective Sergeant Mikos meticulously screens reported incidents to identify cases needing further follow-up, which could strain the resources of the Patrol Division. Detectives are assigned cases involving multiple interviews, out-of-town follow-ups, crime scene work, surveillance, obtaining search warrants, serving subpoenas, and assisting other law enforcement agencies, among other duties.



**Detective
Sergeant Ron
Mikos**



**Detective
Chris Allen**



**Detective
Chris Marshall**



**Detective
Cody Columbus**



**Detective
Zach Bayless**



**Detective
Mike Boling**



Evidence Response Team (ERT)

In 2023, The Plainfield Police Department formed an Evidence Response Team (ERT). The team, which is lead by Sergeant Amanda Felgenhauer, is comprised of officers within the Patrol and Administration Divisions who serve as Crime Scene Investigators (CSI). The CSIs receive advance training and skills in the identification, collection, and processing of physical, biological and digital evidence.



Property Custodian



In 2023, the Plainfield Police Department acquired roughly 1,393 pieces of property tied to crimes or violations. Tim Beam manages the secure storage of all evidence and property held at the department, following strict accreditation policies to safeguard their integrity. This role is crucial in maintaining the chain of custody for evidentiary items essential for criminal cases. Tim meticulously documents any movement of items using the Beast Evidence Maintenance System. Additionally, he oversees inventorying impounded vehicles, supplying court materials, processing crime scenes, managing asset forfeiture/seizures, and handling property disposal.

Tim recently marked his fifth year of dedicated service with the Village.



Juvenile Investigations Unit

This year, the unit within the Plainfield Police Department previously known as the School Resource Officer Unit is now recognized as the Juvenile Investigations Unit. The unit comprises one Sergeant, five SROs, two D.A.R.E. Officers, and one Juvenile Detective. Its primary responsibility is handling all calls related to the schools within the village. Plainfield School District 202, the 5th largest in Illinois, encompasses eight elementary schools, four middle schools, and three high schools. Additionally, within District 202 are the Administration Building, Bonnie McBeth and Ina Brixey Learning Centers, and the Plainfield Academy. Furthermore, the Village hosts an elementary school and a middle school from Oswego School District 308, the 7th largest in Illinois. Private institutions like Parkland Preparatory Academy, Menta Academy, and St. Mary Immaculate, a Catholic K-8 parish school, bring the total to 22 schools within the Village of Plainfield.

The School Resource Officer (SRO) Program functions as a school-based, community policing initiative with specially trained officers aiming to foster positive relationships among officers, students, staff, and parents. All officers in the Juvenile Investigations Unit hold certification from the Illinois State Training and Standards Board as School Resource Officers. They are self-motivated individuals with several years of police experience and adeptness in engaging with the public and youth, following the SRO triad model of Mentor, Educator, and Law Enforcement Officer.



Juvenile Investigations Unit

The unit assigns one SRO to each high school, one to Plainfield Academy, a middle school SRO to cover all four middle schools in District 202, and one Juvenile Detective to substitute for an absent SRO or cover other designated schools as required. The Juvenile Detective also responds to Parkland Preparatory Academy and Menta Academy as needed and spends one day a week at Oswego's Middle School, Murphy Jr. High School. When not attending to school-related matters, the Juvenile Detective handles cases involving juvenile offenders. SROs assist school administrations in investigating criminal activities within schools and contribute to maintaining a safe and secure learning environment. They not only address criminal incidents but also deliver various classroom presentations on topics like driver's education, street law, government, and health. SROs also oversee the 44 law enforcement-conducted lockdown drills at all village schools.

Plainfield Police D.A.R.E. Officers are responsible for elementary schools in the village, conducting 37 D.A.R.E. classes weekly across nine elementary schools, with a total of 790 students participating in the program.

The Juvenile Investigations Unit is overseen by Sergeant Mulacek who fills in at schools when an SRO or Juvenile Detective is unavailable. Additionally, Sergeant Mulacek serves on the Plainfield and Oswego School District Safety and Threat Assessment Committees, as well as the Will County Regional Office of Education Safety Task Force.



Community Outreach



Neighborhood Scoops remained focused on larger parks that serve multiple neighborhoods. The police department scooped 75 gallons of ice cream over the summer. In 2023, the police department collaborated with the Plainfield Library, combining two Scoops events with Plainfield Library Story Walks.



Community Outreach

In 2023, the Plainfield Police Department partnered with McDonald's and Culver's to host Lunch with the Law events, held twice a month at different locations from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Officers arranged tables to interact with community members during their lunch and snack breaks. Additionally, these gatherings doubled as fundraising occasions for the Department's D.A.R.E. program, as the participating restaurants pledged to contribute a portion of their sales during the specified hours to support the D.A.R.E. Program.



Community Outreach

National Night Out

National Night Out was hosted at Settlers' Park, marking a significant village celebration aimed at fostering closer ties between law enforcement and the community on August 1, 2023. This year, the event boasted 36 vendors, contributing to its success. Highlights included music by School of Rock, food generously provided by our local Target, a touch-a-truck event, a Taekwondo demonstration, the Special Olympics MRAP pull, and a meet and greet with the Plainfield Police Department Mascot, Copper. As the night drew to a close, approximately 3,000 people attended to revel in the festivities.





Community Outreach

Shop with a Cop

Our annual Shop with a Cop Event was held on December 21, 2023, at the Plainfield Target, bringing Christmas cheer to 42 less fortunate students from Plainfield School District 202 and Oswego School District 308. Target generously provided wrapping paper and snacks during the event. Detective Allen, known as the Grinch, brought extra smiles to all attendees. Fundraising for this year's event also included the annual 8th grade boys' Shop With a Cop Basketball Tournament, dubbed the Rumble on Ridge, held at Murphy Jr. High School. The 12-team tournament involved every middle school in Plainfield and Oswego School Districts. The Thompson Tigers from Thompson Jr. High School in Oswego emerged as winners, claiming the traveling shopping cart trophy, and approximately \$9,000 was raised for Shop With A Cop.





Patrol Division

The Plainfield Police Department's Patrol Division is the backbone of law enforcement in the community, responsible for maintaining public safety, responding to emergencies, and enforcing laws. The division operates with four shifts, ensuring continuous coverage to meet the community's needs. Additionally, specialized units within the division include Community Service Officers, who facilitate non-emergency calls and engage in community outreach; the Traffic Unit, dedicated to enforcing traffic laws and investigating accidents; Crossing Guards, ensuring pedestrian safety, especially for school children; and volunteer Chaplains, providing emotional and spiritual support during crises.

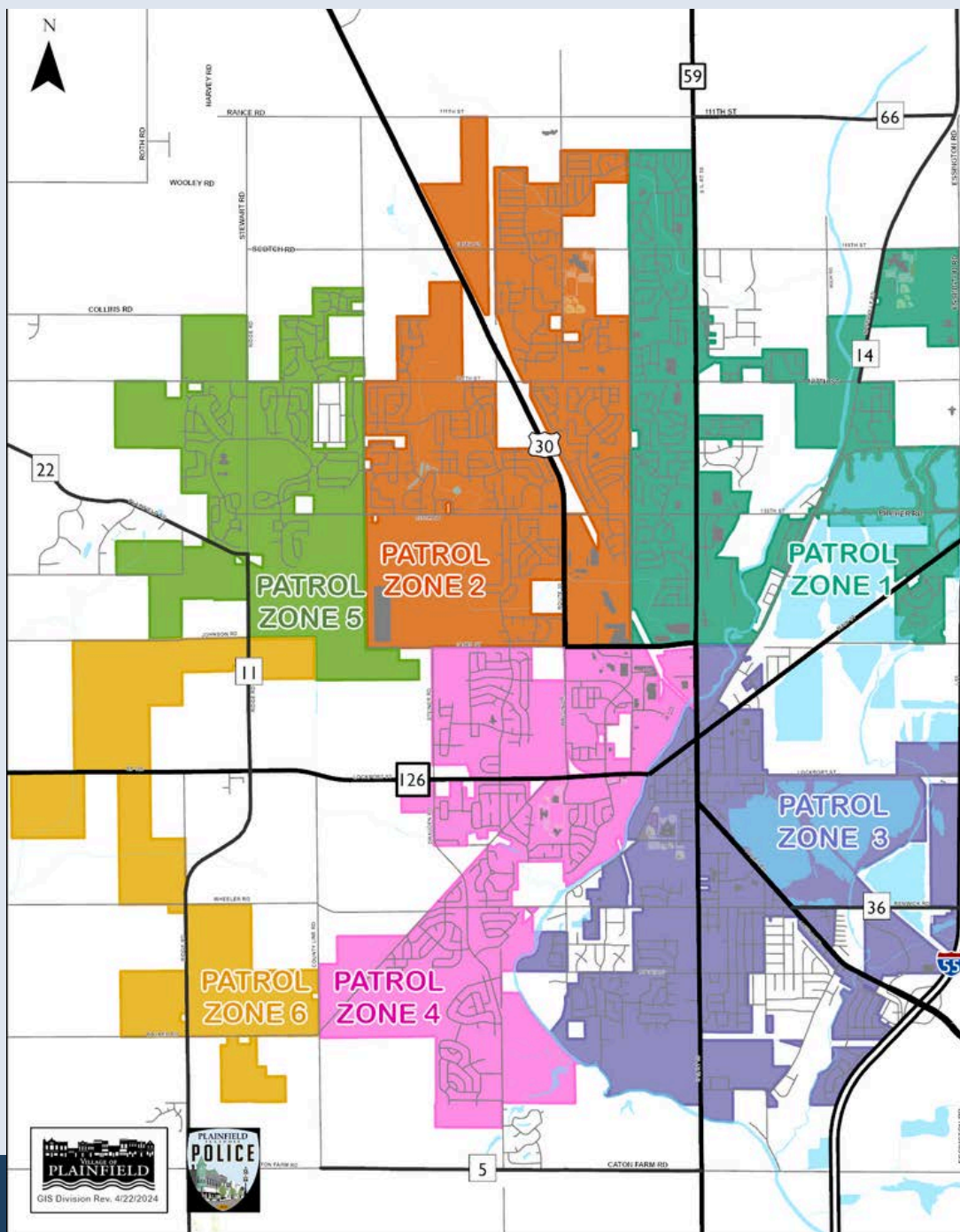
Each shift and specialized unit operate under the supervision of experienced Sergeants, ensuring the efficient coordination of resources and adherence to departmental policies. Together, these units and shifts work tirelessly to uphold the safety and security of Plainfield's residents.





Patrol Division

Patrol Officers are assigned to geographical areas of responsibility, referred to as "zones." This helps preserve and protect the security and safety of persons and property by reducing the response times of Officers, and allows Officers to become familiar with all facets of their assigned "zone."

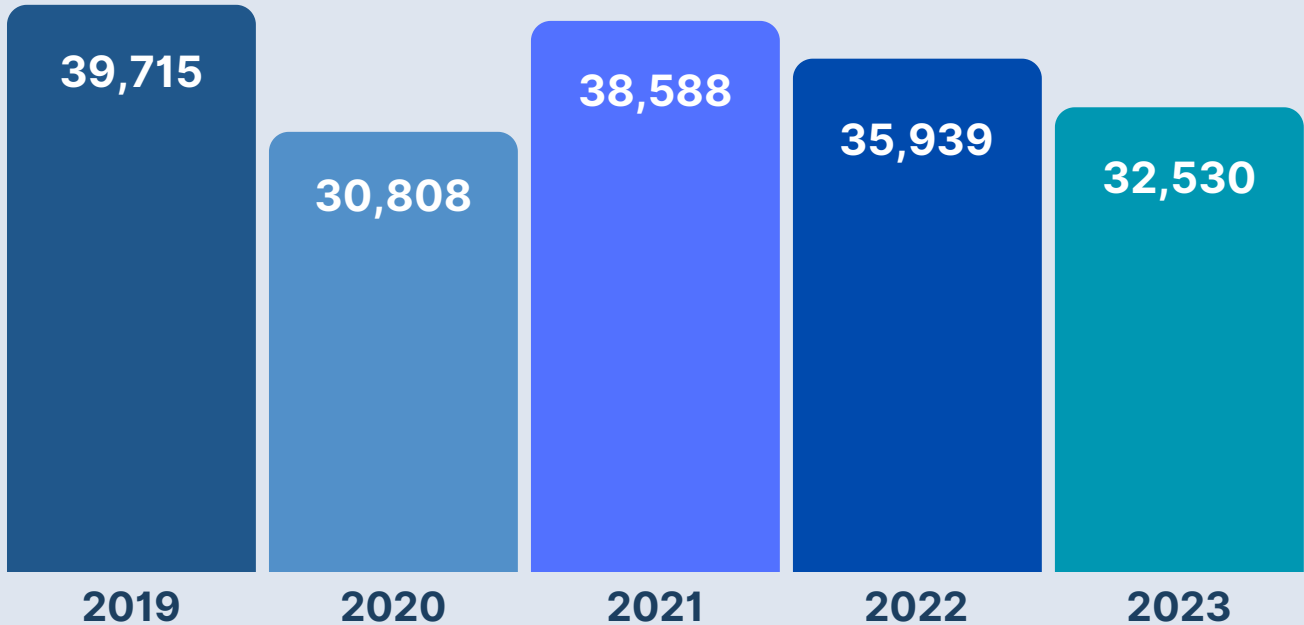




PPD Calls For Service

32,530

IN 2023, PPD OFFICERS RESPONDED TO 32,530 CALLS FOR SERVICE





Patrol Division

Patrol Sergeant Promotions

On May 1, 2023, the Plainfield Police Department proudly announced the promotion of three dedicated and exemplary Officers to the rank of Sergeant: Sergeant Ryan Sester, Sergeant Amanda Felgenhauer, and Sergeant Dino Dabezic. Each Sergeant brings a unique skill set and knowledge base to their new shifts, helping the Patrol Division carry out its mission.



As these three step into their new roles as Sergeant, they will be integral to leading the Patrol Division, ensuring that the highest standards of safety, service, and professionalism are maintained. Their promotions are a testament to their hard work and the trust placed in them by their colleagues and the community they serve.

The Plainfield Police Department looks forward to the continued excellence and innovative leadership that Sergeants R. Sester, Felgenhauer, and Dabezic will bring to their new roles. Their promotions signify a strong and promising future for the department, dedicated to protecting and serving the Plainfield community with honor and integrity.



Patrol Division

In 2023, the Patrol Division provided specialized training to a range of officers, designating them as additional Officers in Charge (OIC) to enhance leadership skills within the team. This initiative underscores the department's commitment to excellence and developing future leaders through internal training. While the Patrol Division aims to always have a Sergeant on duty, manpower limitations currently prevent this. When a Sergeant is not on duty, the OIC supervises the shift. Taught by Sergeants and members of the Command Staff, the OIC training course was a crucial step in ensuring our OICs are properly trained to execute the mission of the Police Department.

Officers in Charge (OIC) play a pivotal role within the police department, acting as the linchpin between the rank-and-file officers and higher command. They are responsible for overseeing daily operations, making critical decisions in the field, and ensuring that all protocols and procedures are meticulously followed. OICs also mentor junior officers, providing guidance and support to cultivate the next generation of law enforcement leaders.

The comprehensive training program for new OICs is designed to enhance their leadership capabilities, focusing on strategic decision-making, effective communication, and crisis management. By equipping these officers with advanced skills, the Plainfield Police Department aims to elevate the standards of safety, service, and professionalism within the Patrol Division.

This training initiative is a testament to the department's proactive approach to law enforcement, emphasizing continuous improvement and professional development. The new OICs will be instrumental in driving positive change, ensuring that the community receives the highest level of service and protection.





Patrol Division

In August 2023, the Plainfield Police Department launched its annual Back-to-School initiative, where all sworn officers warmly welcomed parents and students back to school. Standing at school entrances, Officers provided encouragement and support, fostering a positive and safe environment for the new academic year. This initiative embodies the department's commitment to community policing, building trust, and promoting positive interactions within the community, ensuring students feel supported and empowered as they return to school.

The Patrol Division covers a wide array of essential services to ensure community safety and well-being, including responding to crimes in progress, quality of life issues, emergency and non-emergency calls, crashes, and alarm calls. They conduct vacation house checks, complete mental health reports for the State of Illinois, address parking issues and issue tickets, enforce DUI laws, provide extra patrols, and visit block parties. When not responding to calls, Officers patrol school zones, monitor high-traffic complaint areas, patrol neighborhoods, and engage with the community. This comprehensive approach maintains a vigilant presence, enhances community relations, and upholds the highest standards of public safety and service. Below are some examples of services performed by Officers in 2023:



58 DUI ARRESTS

248 MENTAL HEALTH REPORTS

654 PARKING RELATED CITATIONS

410 VACATION HOUSE CHECKS

1,103 ALARM CALL RESPONSES



Patrol Division

Officer Wellness

The Plainfield Police Department's Patrol Division has implemented a robust Officer Wellness Initiative aimed at promoting both physical and mental well-being among its officers. As part of this initiative, officers are encouraged to prioritize regular workouts and engage in physical activities to maintain their fitness levels and manage stress effectively. Additionally, officers are provided with opportunities to meet regularly with mental health professionals to address any emotional or psychological challenges they may encounter on the job. By prioritizing both physical fitness and mental health, the department aims to support its officers in maintaining overall well-being, resilience, and readiness to serve the community effectively.



Body Worn Cameras

In August 2023, the Plainfield Police Department took a significant step forward in enhancing transparency and accountability by implementing body-worn cameras. This pivotal technology is now utilized by the Patrol Division on the streets, providing an additional layer of oversight and documentation to law enforcement interactions. With body-worn cameras in place, officers can ensure the integrity of their actions while fostering greater trust and confidence within the community they serve.

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Traffic Unit

The Traffic Unit plays a crucial role in ensuring road safety by enforcing traffic laws, investigating accidents, and managing traffic flow. Officers in this unit undergo specialized training in accident reconstruction, DUI enforcement, and traffic control techniques. They work to prevent accidents, reduce congestion, and educate the public on safe driving practices through enforcement initiatives and community outreach programs.

1,018

In 2023, there were a total of 1,018 roadway crashes within the Village of Plainfield.

3,292

In 2023, Traffic Unit Officers issued 3,292 citations, which accounted for 55% of all citations issued by the department.

↓ **20%** Roadway Crashes

↓ **16%** Private Property Crashes

↑ **60%** Injury Crashes





Fleet Maintenance

Patrol Operations serve as the foundation of our department, safeguarding community safety day in and day out. Yet, without Melanie Silunas's meticulous oversight as our Fleet Maintenance Coordinator, the effectiveness of our fleet would be in jeopardy. Melanie's diligent work ensures that our vehicles remain in prime condition, ready for swift deployment whenever the need arises.

In her role, Melanie is entrusted with managing all aspects of vehicle maintenance within the department. From routine upkeep to coordinating the integration of new vehicles, her attention to detail is unparalleled. Additionally, Melanie orchestrates the careful removal of equipment from retired vehicles, allowing us to repurpose serviceable items and realize cost savings. Thanks to Melanie's dedication, our department operates with enhanced efficiency and readiness, bolstering our ability to serve the community effectively.



\$114,191

COST OF MAINTENANCE

532,589

MILES DRIVEN

52,495

GALLONS OF GASOLINE

10.13

AVERAGE MILES PER GALLON



Community Service Officers

Community Service Officers (CSOs) with the Plainfield Police Department fulfill a diverse array of vital roles, including handling animal calls, managing school crossings, providing fingerprinting services, controlling traffic, conducting neighborhood checks, and more. They serve as liaisons between law enforcement and the community, offering assistance and support in various situations. Whether ensuring the safety of schoolchildren, assisting with lost pets, or enhancing neighborhood security, CSOs exemplify dedication to public service and contribute significantly to fostering a safe and harmonious community environment.



Crossing Guards



Crossing guards with the Plainfield Police Department are integral to community safety, particularly in busy intersections and school zones. Dedicated to safeguarding pedestrians, especially children, they ensure smooth traffic flow while emphasizing adherence to safety protocols. Through their vigilant presence and guidance, they contribute significantly to creating a secure environment for residents. Their commitment to public safety exemplifies the department's mission to protect and serve the community with diligence and care.



Explorer Program

The Plainfield Police Department Explorer Program offers adolescents aged fourteen to twenty an opportunity to explore a career in law enforcement. Participants receive bi-weekly training sessions covering various aspects of policing, including teamwork, handcuffing, traffic procedures, weapons safety, and more. Beyond career insights, the program fosters leadership, public speaking, and confidence skills. Led by Senior Advisor Sergeant Colin Mulacek and Associate Advisor Officer Abigail Olson, the Explorer Post seeks to replenish its ranks after losing members to college. Despite challenges, the Explorers remain active in community events like Neighborhood Scoops, National Night Out, and Cruise Night, and also took part in the MRAP Pull.





Chaplain Program

The Plainfield Police Department's Volunteer Chaplain Program embodies a crucial support system for officers and civilians alike. With Chaplains Bill Beagle, Tammy Roach, and Richard Wisdom at its helm, the program offers a compassionate touch during times of crisis. They provide invaluable spiritual guidance, emotional solace, and practical assistance, bridging the gap between law enforcement and the community. Their unwavering commitment fosters trust, understanding, and cooperation, reinforcing the department's dedication to serving and protecting Plainfield. Through their selfless service, they embody the department's ethos of compassion, integrity, and unity, enriching the lives of those they encounter.



**Chaplain
Bill Beagle**



**Chaplain
Tammy Roach**



**Chaplain
Dick Wisdom**



Support Services

Encompassing most of the department's non-sworn personnel, the Support Services Division is comprised of the Records Unit, Accreditation, special event planning, department training oversight, and the Plainfield Emergency Management Agency (PEMA).

First certified as an accredited agency in 2010, the Plainfield Police Department utilizes the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) to develop and maintain the best policies and procedures related to policy development, content, and training.





Special Events

One of the best ways to enhance the relationship between the community and the Plainfield Police Department is through special events. In 2023, the Village of Plainfield remained committed in providing the community with the ability to interact with officers throughout the year during these events.

Paddy Day Mile Run

A one-mile run in and around the downtown area prior to the Irish Parade, organized by DNA Active Lifestyle Outfitters. This event kicks off our special event season, getting it 'off and running!'



Plainfield Irish Parade

A longstanding tradition of the Village of Plainfield, this parade, organized by the Village Preservation Association, celebrated its 19th year. The parade begins and ends at Plainfield Central High School, traveling in and around the downtown area.



Memorial Day Parade

This parade, organized by the Plainfield American Legion Post, honors those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country. The parade begins at Ira Jones Middle School and concludes at Settlers' Park, where a ceremony wraps up the event.





Special Events

Juneteenth Celebration

The inaugural 'Juneteenth Celebration' in Plainfield was held in Settlers' Park in June. This event allowed participants to reflect on the historical injustices and challenges faced by African Americans and embodies the triumphant celebration of freedom, the unbreakable bonds of unity, and the perpetual pursuit of equality and justice.



St. Mary Immaculate Block Party

A fun family-friendly event held at St. Mary Immaculate Parish in June brings the community together with music, food, and games for all ages.



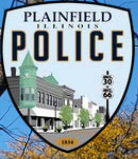
Cruise Nights

Held every Tuesday in the summer from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm, this event is organized by the Plainfield Shorewood Area Chamber of Commerce and showcases collector vehicles in downtown Plainfield.



Concerts & Movies in the Park

Every summer, the Village of Plainfield hosts several family-friendly events, including 'Movies in the Park' on Friday evenings and 'Concerts in the Park' on Thursday evenings, both held at the Richard A. Rock Amphitheatre in Settlers' Park.



Special Events



Spooktacular

The Plainfield Shorewood Area Chamber of Commerce hosts another community event, uniting residents along Lockport Street for a traditional Halloween trick-or-treating experience.



Harvest 5k/10k Race

The longest running 5k race within Plainfield, this event takes place around the Village Green in Downtown Plainfield and is organized by the Plainfield Shorewood Area Chamber of Commerce. This year was the 25th anniversary of the race and had the winning participant at 6:11 for the "Kidz Miler," 18:06 for the 5k, and 34:31 for the 10k.



Homecoming Parade

The longest-running 5k race in Plainfield, this event takes place around the Village Green in downtown Plainfield and is organized by the Plainfield Shorewood Area Chamber of Commerce. This year marked the 25th anniversary of the race, with the winning times being 6:11 for the 'Kidz Miler,' 18:06 for the 5k, and 34:31 for the 10k.



Training Highlights

Our Police Department is committed to providing Officers with top-tier training. We have Officers skilled in various roles including Bicycle Officers, Crime Scene Investigators, Defensive Tactics Training Instructors, and more. We consistently introduce new in-house training programs to keep our Officers updated on tactical skills. Additionally, we utilize internal, off-site and online resources to maintain their certifications and stay abreast of law updates.



✓ Officer In Charge (OIC)

✓ Firearms

✓ Rapid Deployment

✓ Body Worn Cameras

✓ Officer Involved Shooter

✓ Officer Resiliency

✓ Mental Health Awareness

✓ Crime Scene Investigations

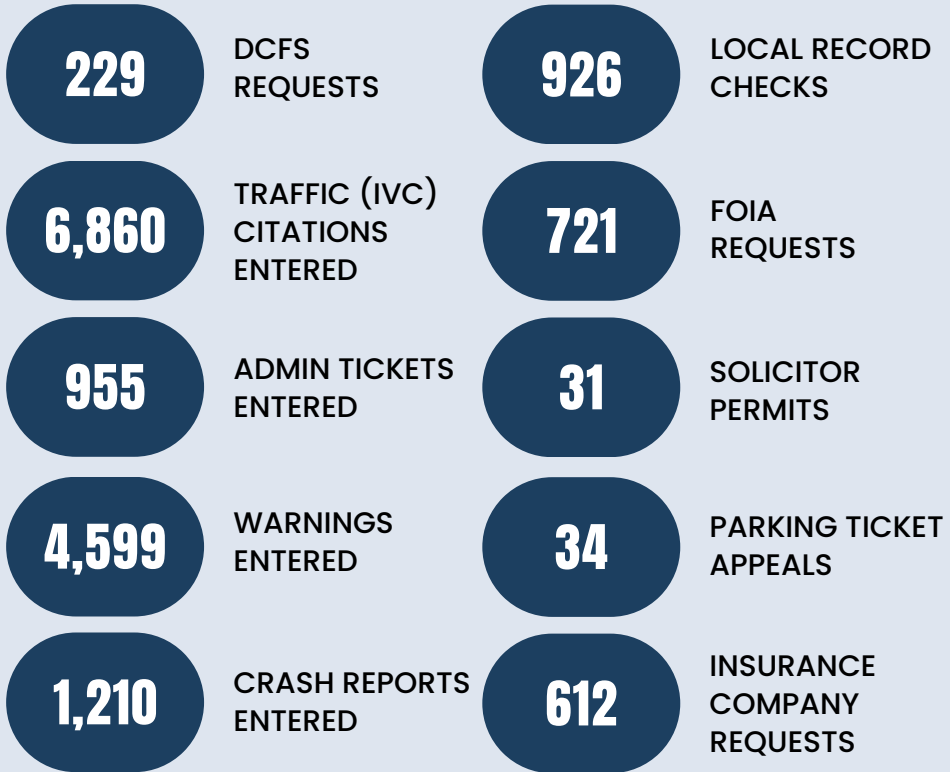


Records Unit

At the core of every issued ticket, warning, crash report, police report, and criminal investigation lies the indispensable contribution of the records unit. Tasked with inputting, reporting, storing, maintaining, releasing, expunging, and disposing of documents, this unit holds a pivotal position within the Police Department.

Comprising solely civilian personnel, the Records Unit consists of one supervisor, three full-time employees, and one part-time employee. Together, they not only fulfill these essential duties but also serve as the initial point of contact for all walk-in or called-in interactions with the police department.

In 2023, the total payments processed by the records unit front desk amounted to approximately \$186,244.





Plainfield Emergency Management Agency

The Plainfield Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) is a volunteer-driven organization operating under the auspices of the police department. Its primary objective is to strategize for, react to, and aid in the recuperation from significant emergencies or calamities that could affect the residents and infrastructure of the Village of Plainfield.



Structured within the Police Department, PEMA relies on the commitment of volunteers. In 2023 alone, these dedicated individuals collectively contributed over 3,878 hours of service to the Village of Plainfield, showcasing their unwavering dedication to community safety and well-being.

3,878

HOURS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE

157

HOURS DEDICATED TO THE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

28

EMERGENCY CALLOUTS

24

VOLUNTEER PEMA MEMBERS



Plainfield Emergency Management Agency



The Governor's Hometown Award in Illinois is a prestigious recognition program that highlights outstanding community projects across the state, celebrating their impact on improving local quality of life. Each year, numerous initiatives from various municipalities and community groups are considered for this honor. These projects encompass a wide range of endeavors, from environmental conservation to social services, infrastructure enhancements, and beyond.

In 2023, the Plainfield Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) emerged as a top finalist for the Governor's Hometown Award. Their project exemplified dedication and innovation in emergency preparedness and response, showcasing the vital role local agencies play in safeguarding their communities. PEMA's efforts demonstrated effective collaboration, proactive planning, and community engagement, all of which are key criteria for consideration in the award selection process.

By being recognized as a finalist, PEMA's initiative underscored the importance of emergency management in enhancing community resilience and ensuring the well-being of residents. Their commendable work not only contributed to the safety and security of Plainfield but also served as a model for other municipalities facing similar challenges.

Overall, the Governor's Hometown Award not only honors exemplary projects like PEMA's but also inspires communities statewide to continue striving for excellence in addressing local needs and fostering a stronger sense of unity and preparedness.



Statistics

Yearly Zone Incident Comparison Report

*Total incidents include all CAD-created incidents; all service calls, traffic stops, information calls, etc.

ZONE	2021	2022	2023
PCW	8,079	1,619	797
ZONE 1	7,255	8,386	7,628
ZONE 2	5,236	5,653	5,081
ZONE 3	10,309	12,478	11,286
ZONE 4	6,244	6,514	6,079
ZONE 5	1,402	1,231	1,626
ZONE 6	63	58	33
TOTAL*	38,588	35,939	32,530





Statistics

Internal Affairs

The Plainfield Police Department is extremely cognizant of providing ethical and unbiased service, and we treat any citizen complaint very seriously. We pride ourselves on fully investigating any issues to a conclusion and recognizing officers for a job well done.

EXTERNAL	2021	2022	2023
CITIZEN COMPLAINT	7	5	3
SUSTAINED	-	1	1
NOT SUSTAINED	1	-	1
UNFOUNDED	6	2	1
EXONERATED	-	2	-
INTERNAL	2021	2022	2023
DIRECTED COMPLAINT	7	10	7
SUSTAINED	7	8	10
NOT SUSTAINED	1	-	-
UNFOUNDED	-	1	-
EXONERATED	4	1	1
POLICY/PROCEDURE EVALUATION	2	1	-

**Directed complaints may have multiple personnel dispositions.*

Discipline

	2021	2022	2023
SUSPENSION	3	1	3
DEMOTION	-	-	-
RESIGN IN LIEU OF TERMINATION	-	-	-
TERMINATION	-	-	-



Crime Statistics

NIBRS Group A Category Yearly Comparison

Following the FBI's recommendation, the Police Department's data adheres to the standards set by the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). The FBI has prioritized the nationwide adoption of NIBRS among law enforcement agencies, aiming to gather more insightful statistics, fostering constructive dialogue, strategic planning, and informed policing practices.

	2022	2023
CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS	245	204
CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY	613	594
CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY	90	83

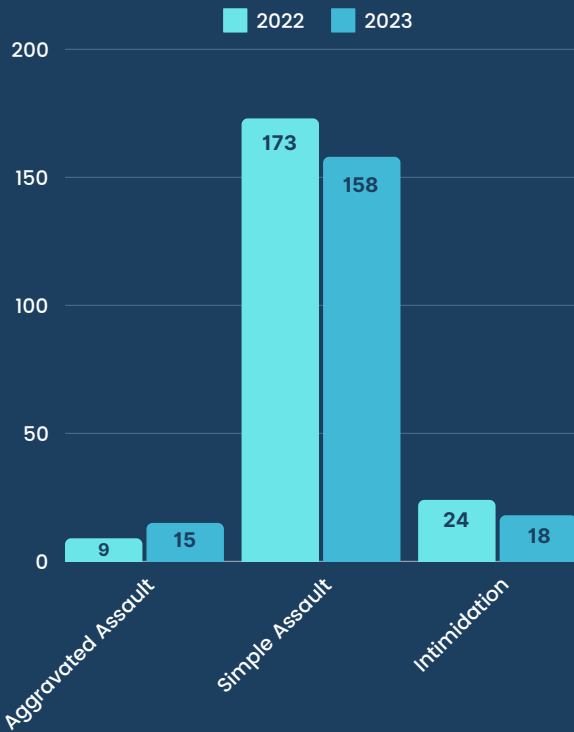




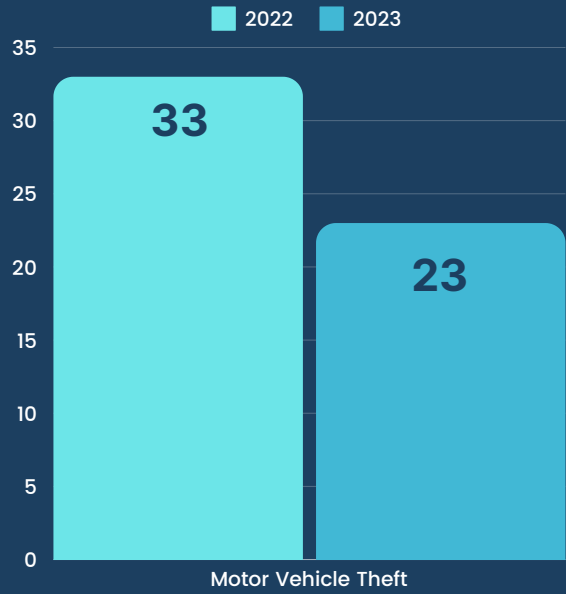
Crime Statistics

NIBRS Group A Offense Highlights Annual Comparison

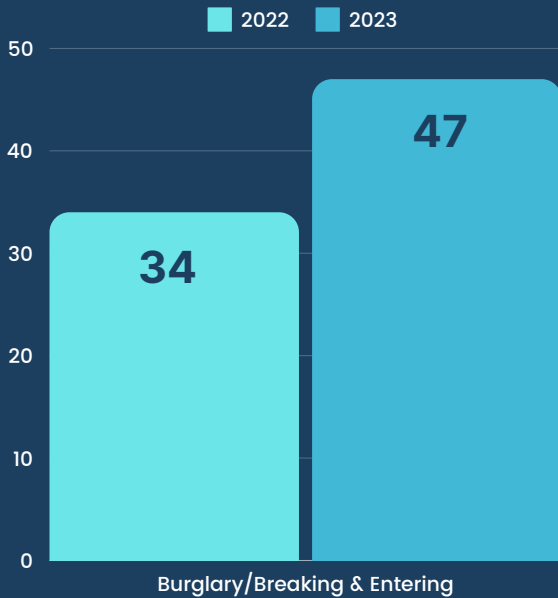
Assault Offenses



Motor Vehicle Theft



Burglary



Larceny/Theft

