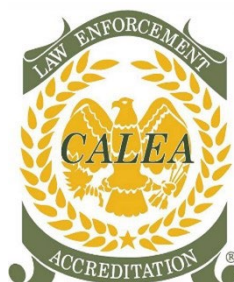


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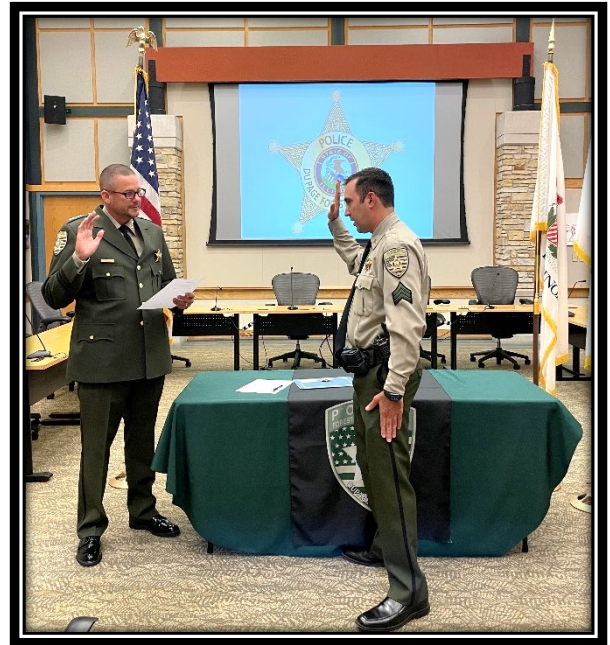


OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Kyle Hallett

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

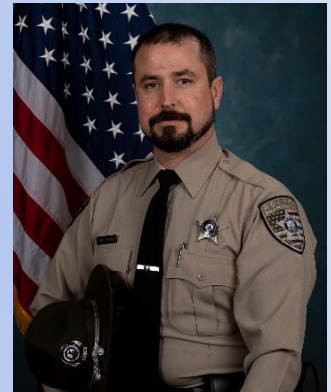
Sergeant John Alipour



Years of Service



Officer Nathan Waldo
5 Years of Service



Sgt. Joe Capece, Officer Kyle Hallett & Officer Jon Pellegrino
10 Years of Service

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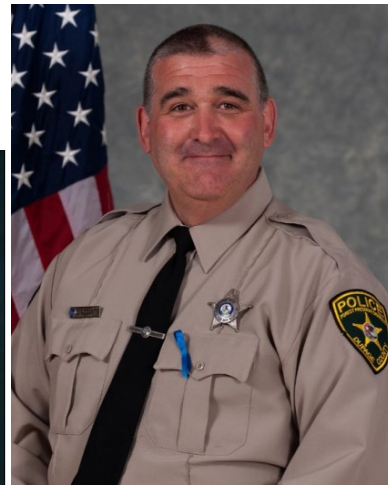
NEW HIRES

Joseph Del Rio, Tyler Redeker & Kyle Mars



RETIREMENTS

Officer Laura Michael, Officer Brian Philips, Officer Lou Addante & Staff Assistant Debbie Norton

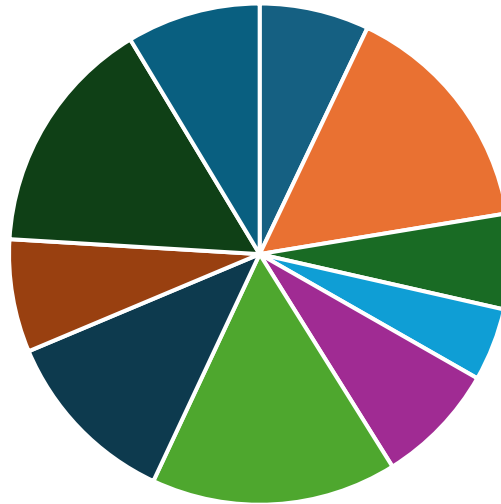




CALLS FOR SERVICE

While officers document all calls for service including foot patrol and community contacts, they respond to and initiate many calls for service that result in citations, warnings and reports taken.

2023 Top 10 Calls for Service



- ANIMAL CALL
- ASSIST OTHER PD
- FISHING VIOLATION
- LIQUOR VIOLATION
- ORDINANCE VIOLATION
- PARKING COMPLAINT
- PERMIT VIOLATION
- SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT
- TRAFFIC STOP
- TRESPASSING - HOURS

Calls For Service	Total
ANIMAL CALL	236
ASSIST OTHER PD	511
FISHING VIOLATION	205
LIQUOR VIOLATION	157
ORDINANCE VIOLATION	262
PARKING COMPLAINT	529
PERMIT VIOLATION	390
SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT	243
TRAFFIC STOP	514
TRESPASSING - HOURS	288

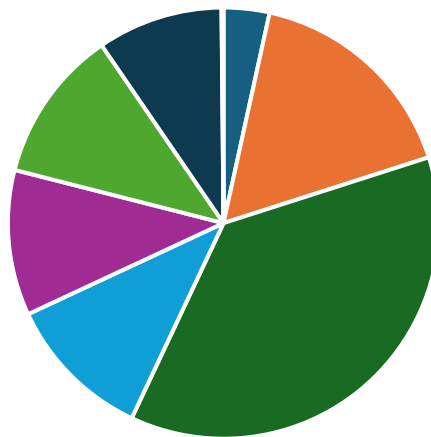
Total Calls for Service: 36,102



CITATIONS

Officers are responsible for the enforcement of Illinois criminal and traffic violations as well as local District ordinances. For most violations, officers have the discretion on their level of enforcement. Administrative citations are the lowest level of enforcement which requires a fine, but still allow the individual to provide proof of compliance for the opportunity to have their citation dismissed.

2023 Citation Type Totals



- DISMISSED ADMIN CITATIONS
- ORDINANCE CITATIONS
- ORDINANCE WARNINGS
- PARKING CITATIONS
- PARKING WARNINGS
- TRAFFIC CITATIONS
- TRAFFIC WARNINGS
- UNIFORM CONSERVATION CITATIONS

Citation Type	Total
DISMISSED ADMIN CITATIONS	92
ORDINANCE CITATIONS	445
ORDINANCE WARNINGS	989
PARKING CITATIONS	296
PARKING WARNINGS	292
TRAFFIC CITATIONS	307
TRAFFIC WARNINGS	252
UNIFORM CONSERVATION CITATIONS	4

Total Citations Issued: 1,699

Total Fees Collected from Administrative Citations: \$31,405



INCIDENTS

Officers respond to a variety of calls which require written reports. These reports provide information including arrests, crimes against persons and property, evidence, and injuries.

2023 Top 10 Incident Reports



- All Other Traffic Offenses
- Ambulance Assist
- Animal Call
- Burglary - Motor Vehicle
- Criminal Damage/Defacement of Property
- Driving While Driver's License is Suspended or Revoked
- Found Property - Not Stolen
- Operation of Uninsured Vehicle
- Operation of Vehicle When Registration Suspended for Noninsurance
- Ordinance Violation

Incident	Total
All Other Traffic Offenses	21
Ambulance Assist	57
Animal Call	23
Burglary - Motor Vehicle	43
Criminal Damage/Defacement of Property	52
Driving While Driver's License is Suspended or Revoked	22
Found Property - Not Stolen	16
Operation of Uninsured Vehicle	21
Operation of Vehicle When Registration Suspended for Noninsurance	21
Ordinance Violation	28

Total Number of Incidents Requiring Reports: 477



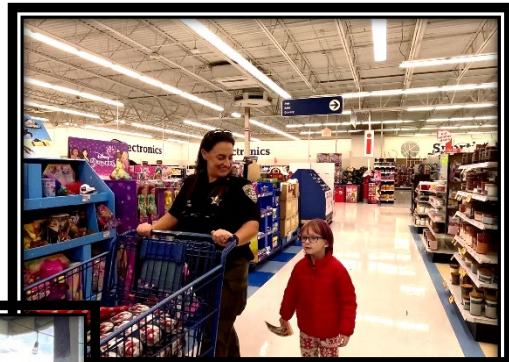
JUVENILE ACTIVITY REPORT

In 2023, Forest Preserve District officers reported contact with 16 juveniles for specific incidents required by policy. The 16 contacts resulted in officers issuing 12 warnings, six citations and three station adjustments; several juveniles were involved in incidents with multiple violations. The juveniles contacted were suspects of a variety of criminal related, General Use Ordinance and/or State "Status" violations. The number of contacts with juveniles made by the department's officers in 2023 (16) was a decrease from the number of contacts made in 2022 (24).

There was one incident where a juvenile was the victim of a crime within the forest preserve jurisdiction in 2023. This incident was for a complaint for disorderly conduct, where the investigation was unable to determine the aggressor and no charges were filed. The department was involved in several incidents involving missing juveniles. However, all were assists to other agencies where we did not locate the juvenile within the Forest Preserve District.

No incidents involved juveniles and serious drug charges. There were eight contacts involving juveniles and cannabis. This was a slight increase from 2022 (6). The number of juveniles contacted for possession of alcohol was (6), a slight increase from 2022 (5).

Officers were able to attend several programs aimed at youth in 2023, including National Night Out, Adaptive Recreation Adventure Day, the District's Archery Open House, and Fall Festival. The department hosted three "Cops & Bobbers" events, which brought many juveniles to fish alongside our officers. The department intends on continuing its participation in annual events as well as furthering the promotion of the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County and the Law Enforcement Department through other programs in schools and other organizations.



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INVESTIGATIONS

Serious crimes require personnel who have received additional training to handle both the investigation and the interviewing of suspects, victims, and juveniles. The department currently has three detectives who are certified as a Lead Investigator through the State of Illinois.

1st Quarter (January - March)

Date/Time	Lead Investigator	Case Type	Incident Number	Incident title	Clearance Name
01/04/2023 18:40	Alipour	PROPERTY CRIME	FPPC2300004	THEFT	CLR - REFERRED TO OTHER JURISDICTION
01/11/2023 12:45	Hallett	PROPERTY CRIME	FPPC2300007	BURGLARY - MOTOR VEHICLE	CLR - CLOSED
02/11/2023 12:40	Hallett	GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS	FPPC2300033	DEATH INVESTIGATION	CLR - ADMINISTRATIVELY CLEARED
02/18/2023 10:54	Alipour	GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS	FPPC2300031	SIMPLE BATTERY	CLR - CLEARED BY ADULT ARREST
03/24/2023 21:50	Hallett	GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS	FPPC2300076	DEATH INVESTIGATION	CLR - ADMINISTRATIVELY CLEARED
03/29/2023 8:47	Alipour	PROPERTY CRIME	FPPC2300080	ARSON / CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	CLR - CLOSED

2nd Quarter (April - June)

Date/Time	Lead Investigator	Case Type	Incident Number	Incident title	Clearance Name
04/20/2023 8:52	Hallett	PROPERTY CRIME	FPPC2300111	BURGLARY - MOTOR VEHICLE	CLR - CLOSED
04/24/2023 11:00	Alipour	GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS	FPPC2300120	ORDINANCE VIOLATION	CLR - CLOSED
04/25/2023 7:00	Alipour	SEX INVESTIGATIONS	FPPC2300122	DELAYED SEXUAL ASSAULT	CLR - UNFOUNDED
05/01/2023 12:00	Hallett	GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS	FPPC2300132	DEATH INVESTIGATION	CLR - ADMINISTRATIVELY CLEARED
05/09/2023 17:00	Alipour	PROPERTY CRIME	FPPC2300092	THEFT	CLR - REFERRED TO OTHER JURISDICTION
05/24/2023 14:45	Alipour	PROPERTY CRIME	FPPC2300170	BURGLARY - MOTOR VEHICLE	CLR - CLOSED
05/27/2023 12:00	Alipour	PROPERTY CRIME	FPPC2300180	BURGLARY - MOTOR VEHICLE	CLR - CLOSED
06/07/2023 9:30	Alipour	PROPERTY CRIME	FPPC2300211	CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO GOVERNMENT PROPERTY	CLR - CLEARED BY JUVENILE ARREST
06/10/2023 13:21	Hallett	PROPERTY CRIME	FPPC2300145	CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	CLR - CLOSED
06/10/2023 13:33	Hallett	PROPERTY CRIME	FPPC2300205	BURGLARY - MOTOR VEHICLE	CLR - CLOSED
06/10/2023 13:40	Hallett	PROPERTY CRIME	FPPC2300208	BURGLARY - MOTOR VEHICLE	CLR - CLOSED
06/19/2023 8:10	Alipour	GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS	FPPC2300210	FOUND PROPERTY	CLR - CLOSED
06/26/2023 12:00	Hallett	PROPERTY CRIME	FPPC2300247	BURGLARY	CLR - CLEARED BY ADULT ARREST

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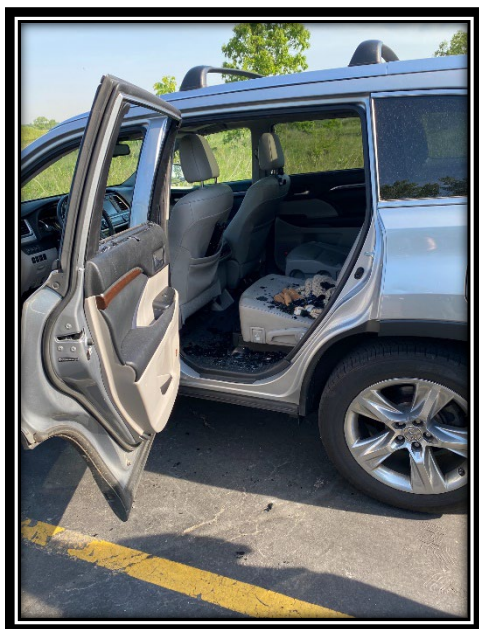


3rd Quarter (July - September)

Date/Time	Lead Investigator	Case Type	Incident Number	Incident title	Clearance Name
07/18/2023 8:27	Alipour	SEX INVESTIGATIONS	FPPC2300291	PUBLIC INDECENCY	CLR - CLOSED
07/20/2023 0:00	Hallett	GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS	FPPC2300300	DEATH INVESTIGATION-OTHER/UNKNOWN	CLR - ADMINISTRATIVELY CLEARED
08/19/2023 11:56	Hallett	GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS	FPPC2300348	BURGLARY - MOTOR VEHICLE	CLR - CLOSED
09/01/2023 6:43	Alipour	PROPERTY CRIME	FPPC2300372	BURGLARY	CLR - CLOSED
09/01/2023 6:46	Alipour	PROPERTY CRIME	FPPC2300373	BURGLARY	CLR - CLOSED
09/01/2023 9:36	Spittgerber	PROPERTY CRIME	FPPC2300326	BURGLARY - MOTOR VEHICLE	CLR - CLOSED
09/01/2023 9:40	Alipour	PROPERTY CRIME	FPPC2300327	BURGLARY - MOTOR VEHICLE	CLR - CLOSED
09/01/2023 15:18	Spittgerber	PROPERTY CRIME	FPPC2300332	CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO VEHICLE	CLR - CLOSED
09/02/2023 14:05	Alipour	PROPERTY CRIME	FPPC2300337	BURGLARY	CLR - CLOSED
09/02/2023 14:11	Hallett	PROPERTY CRIME	FPPC2300354	BURGLARY	CLR - CLOSED

4th Quarter (October - December)

Date/Time	Lead Investigator	Case Type	Incident Number	Incident title	Clearance Name
10/16/2023 7:54	Alipour	PROPERTY CRIME	FPPC2300433	BURGLARY - MOTOR VEHICLE	CLR - CLOSED
11/03/2023 19:45	Hallett	SEX INVESTIGATIONS	FPPC2300457	SEX ASSAULT DELAYED	EXC - PROSECUTION DECLINED
11/12/2023 12:00	Spittgerber	PROPERTY CRIME	FPPC2300467	BURGLARY - MOTOR VEHICLE	CLR - CLOSED
11/12/2023 12:00	Alipour	PROPERTY CRIME	FPPC2300466	BURGLARY - MOTOR VEHICLE	EXC - PROSECUTION DECLINED
11/12/2023 12:00	Spittgerber	PROPERTY CRIME	FPPC2300464	BURGLARY - MOTOR VEHICLE	CLR - CLOSED
11/15/2023 12:00	Spittgerber	PROPERTY CRIME	FPPC2300472	BURGLARY	CLR - CLOSED
11/19/2023 17:00	Hallett	PROPERTY CRIME	FPPC2300476	BURGLARY - MOTOR VEHICLE	CLR - CLOSED
11/27/2023 15:00	Hallett	PROPERTY CRIME	FPPC2300481	BURGLARY - MOTOR VEHICLE	CLR - CLOSED
12/09/2023 14:00	Alipour	PROPERTY CRIME	FPPC2300487	BURGLARY - MOTOR VEHICLE	CLR - CLOSED





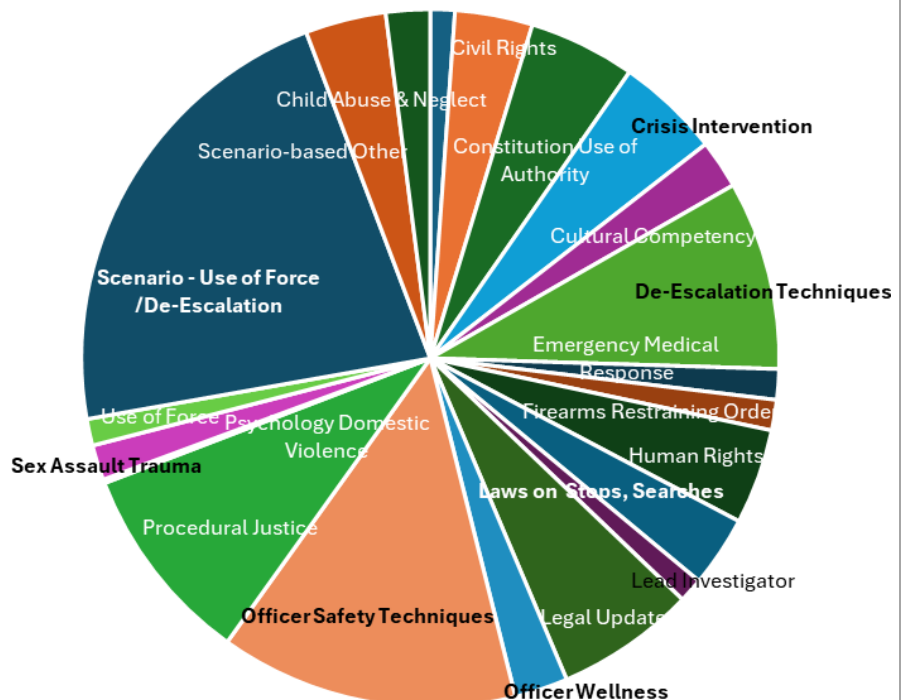
TRAINING

In 2023, the department provided over 4000 hours of training to its personnel. The department provides a variety of training to its sworn personnel including, Body Worn Camera, Defensive Tactics, Firearms, Leadership, officer specialties (Drone, Investigator, Field Training Officer), as well as training to meet all Illinois State Mandated requirement. Training is provided through in-house classroom, Northeast Multi-Regional Training (N.E.M.R.T.) training locations, online or through various conferences.

Newly hired officers who are not yet certified by the State of Illinois attend the 16-week Suburban Law Enforcement Academy in Glen Ellyn. The department provides all newly hired officers with field training for a minimum of 12 weeks. Lateral hires may get released earlier depending on knowledge and abilities.

As part of their role in public safety, officers respond to individuals in various types of crises. To assist with this, officers receive annual state mandated training including a five-hour mental health awareness course. All Sergeants and several officers are also certified members of the Crisis Intervention Team. In 2023, officers responded to 17 calls for service involving someone needing crisis intervention. Several of our officers received awards for their assistance in these incidents.

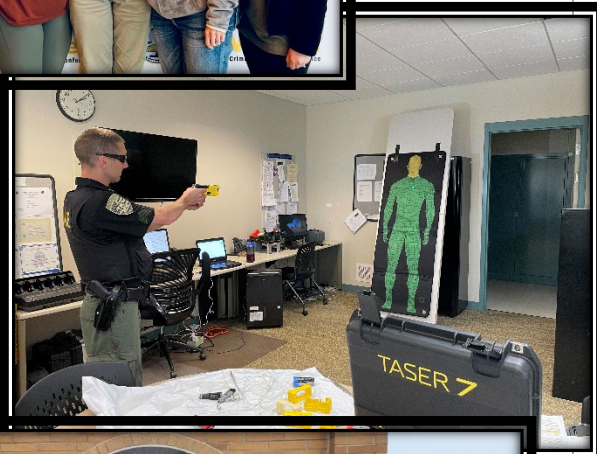
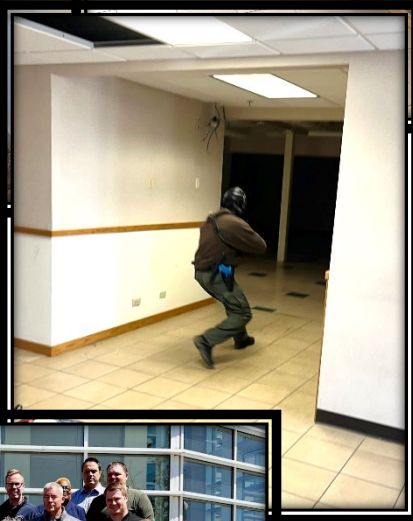
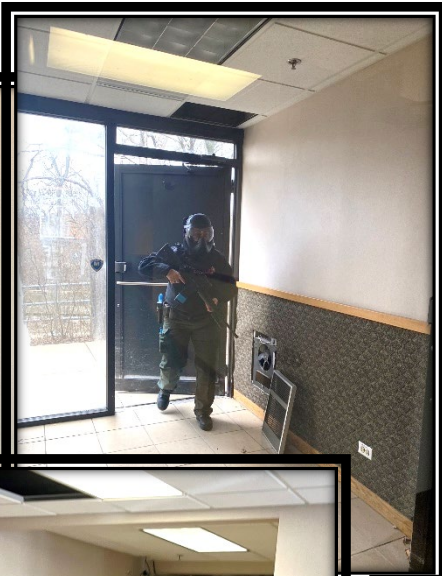
STATE MANDATES	TOTAL HRS
Child Abuse & Neglect	16
Civil Rights	51
Constitution Use of Authority	70
Crisis Intervention	68
Cultural Competency	32
De-Escalation Techniques	124
Emergency Medical Response	20
Firearms Restraining Order	20
Human Rights	62.5
Laws on Stops, Searches	46.5
Lead Investigator	16
Legal Updates	91.5
Officer Wellness	35
Officer Safety Techniques	195.5
Procedural Justice	131.5
Psychology Domestic Violence	2.5
Sex Assault Trauma	23
Use of Force	17.5
Scenario - Use of Force /De-Escalation	311.5
Scenario-based Other	53
Scenario - High Risk Traffic Stops	29



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TRAINING PHOTOS





BIASED BASED POLICING ANALYSIS

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS

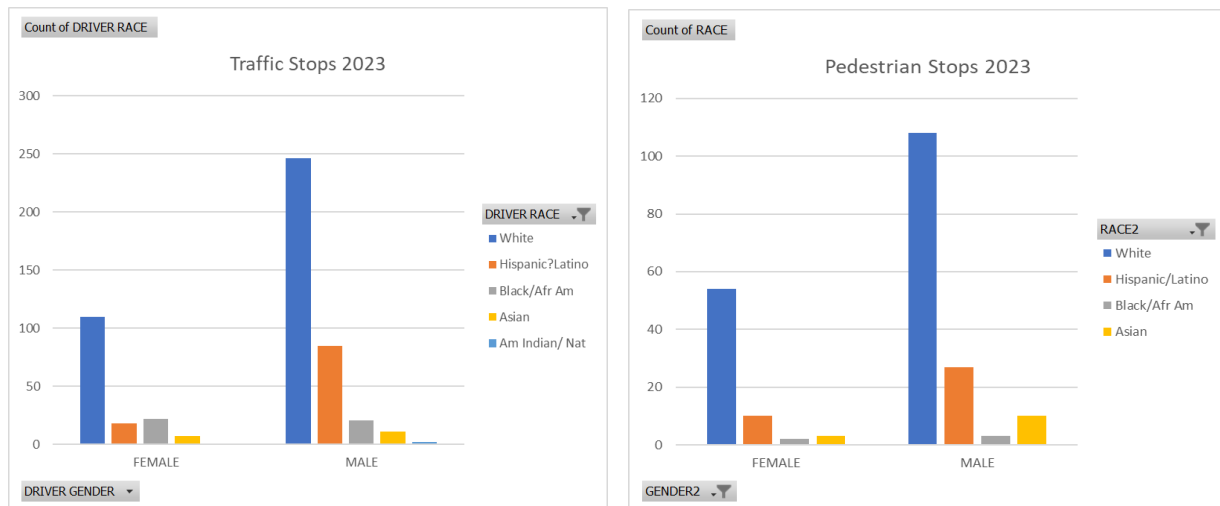
In 2023, there were no citizen complaints that implied racial profiling during a permit compliance check.

TRAINING

Ethnic and Cultural Awareness classes, including legal aspects, are provided to our officers through N.E.M.R.T. Additional training is provided at the basic recruit training academy, SLEA, the department’s field training program, and at roll calls and in-house training. Additional training may also be required of any officer with sustained discrimination complaints filed against him/her.

POLICING DATA FOR 2023

There were an estimated six million visitors to DuPage County Forest Preserves in 2023. Of that, 522 traffic stops were performed by DuPage County Forest Preserve officers and 217 pedestrian stops, which met the standard for IL data compilation (frisks, searches, summons, or arrests).



The introduction of registration cameras (FLOCK) increased the number of contacts by officers for arrestable traffic offenses and consequential searches significantly compared to previous years. In total, these stops still only account for approximately 0.01% of visitors. The breakdown of traffic and pedestrian stops includes contact disposition as well as searches conducted by ethnicity and gender are attached. We did not have any asset seizures or forfeitures in 2023.

SUMMARY

After reviewing the statistical information provided by IDOT, there is no obvious pattern which would suggest traffic stops or pedestrian stops are based on racial profiling. We did not have any asset seizures or forfeitures in 2023.



ENCROACHMENTS

The Forest Preserve District of DuPage County is committed to preserving and protecting our natural resources. As part of our ongoing efforts, we monitor and address encroachments on forest preserve lands. This report provides an overview of the Encroachment Program's activities for 2023.

The Encroachment Program successfully reclaimed 6.2 acres of land that had been encroached upon. There were two seasonal inspectors with the help of two officers throughout the 2023 season. Together they completed 883 inspections and 196 re-inspections of which 87% were still in compliance. The majority of violations involved mowing and gardens.



In addition to reclamation efforts, the district actively enforces regulations to prevent further encroachments.

Year	Number of Citations
2021	6
2022	9
2023	11



DRONE

Our department currently has seven licensed drone pilots, of which three are also pilots for the Metropolitan Emergency Response and Investigations Team (MERIT) task force. In 2023, there was a total of over 35 hours of flight time between the seven pilots. Pilots are trained throughout the year to enhance pilot skills and increase familiarity with equipment and deployment tactics. There were 14 training deployments and two large scale training exercises with multiple police agencies from within DuPage County. The first was a daytime training at Greene Valley Forest Preserve in September and the second was a nighttime training at St. James Farm in October.



Two new DJI AIR 3 drones were acquired in 2023 and will allow for a faster initial drone response time as one will always be deployed with a drone pilot. Additional equipment acquired in 2023 included an ego generator, additional batteries, a Hoodman sunshade to assist pilots in viewing the screen in bright conditions, and omni bucket stands. The bucket stands will be utilized for drone practice and were built for an Eagle Scout project.

Notable deployments in 2023 included:

- 8/2: Safety Saturday Event at the DuPage County Fairgrounds. Drone demonstration for the public.
- 10/7 and 10/8: Event overwatch for the Danada Fall Festival. Utilized the drone for observing traffic flow and to determine if officers were needed in other areas of the event.
- 10/19: Assist Naperville Police in locating a missing person.
- 10/29: Search for a missing person at Cricket Creek Forest Preserve.
- 12/23: Assist Illinois State Police in the search for wanted aggravated unlawful use of weapon subjects who fled from a traffic crash.

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TRAIL WATCH

Trail Watch had over 100 active members in 2023. This volunteer group walks and bikes trails and areas within the Forest Preserve District with the purpose of answering questions, educating the public, and to inform Law Enforcement and other Forest Preserve District employees of issues they encounter. This is a county-wide program, and volunteers have the ability to choose when and where they patrol. Volunteers also assist with events and parking when needed.

Contact was made with the public in 72% of these shifts. Trail Watch helps address trail issues such as downed trees and educates the public on forest preserve ordinances.

A lot of volunteers choose to also collect trash they come across. This assists staff in keeping the preserves clean.



7. Did You Encounter Any Of The Following?

[More Details](#)

Answered Questions	150
Contacted Law Enforcement	2
Dog Off Leash	48
Litter	212
Provided Directions	60
Trail Issue	16
Wildlife Observation	134
None	275
Other	76

Preserves Patrolled

Blackwell/McKee Marsh	101
Churchill Woods	3
Cricket Creek	8
Danada	62
Fullersburg Woods	57
Greene Valley	72
Hawk Hollow	8
Herrick Lake	148
Hidden Lake	22
Mallard Lake	9
McDowell Grove	78
Oldfield Oaks	10
Springbrook Prairie	20
St. James Farm	67
Timber Ridge/Kline Creek Farm	10
Warrenville Grove	11
Waterfall Glen	49
West DuPage Woods/ Elsen's Hill	14



USE OF FORCE

During 2023, there were no incidents involving or requiring an officer to use force.

Table 1 - Use of Force

TYPE OF FORCE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Physical Response		1		1	
Chemical Response					
Impact Response					
Deadly Response					
Total Incidents	0	1	0	1	0

Looking at the data from the last five years (Table 1), there is no apparent pattern of trend that would suggest a concern. The low frequency of incidents where use of force is used by this department is due to several different factors. One, we are involved in recreational based policing. So, while we may incur all the same types of incidents as other police departments, we do not see them in the same frequency. Most of our six million patrons engage in passive recreation and do not typically participate in activities which would require our sworn personnel to deploy use of force. Secondly, our officers are provided with training in de-escalation techniques and are equipped with good communication skills. This allows the officer to diffuse a potentially problematic situation – an important skill when your backup may be several minutes away.

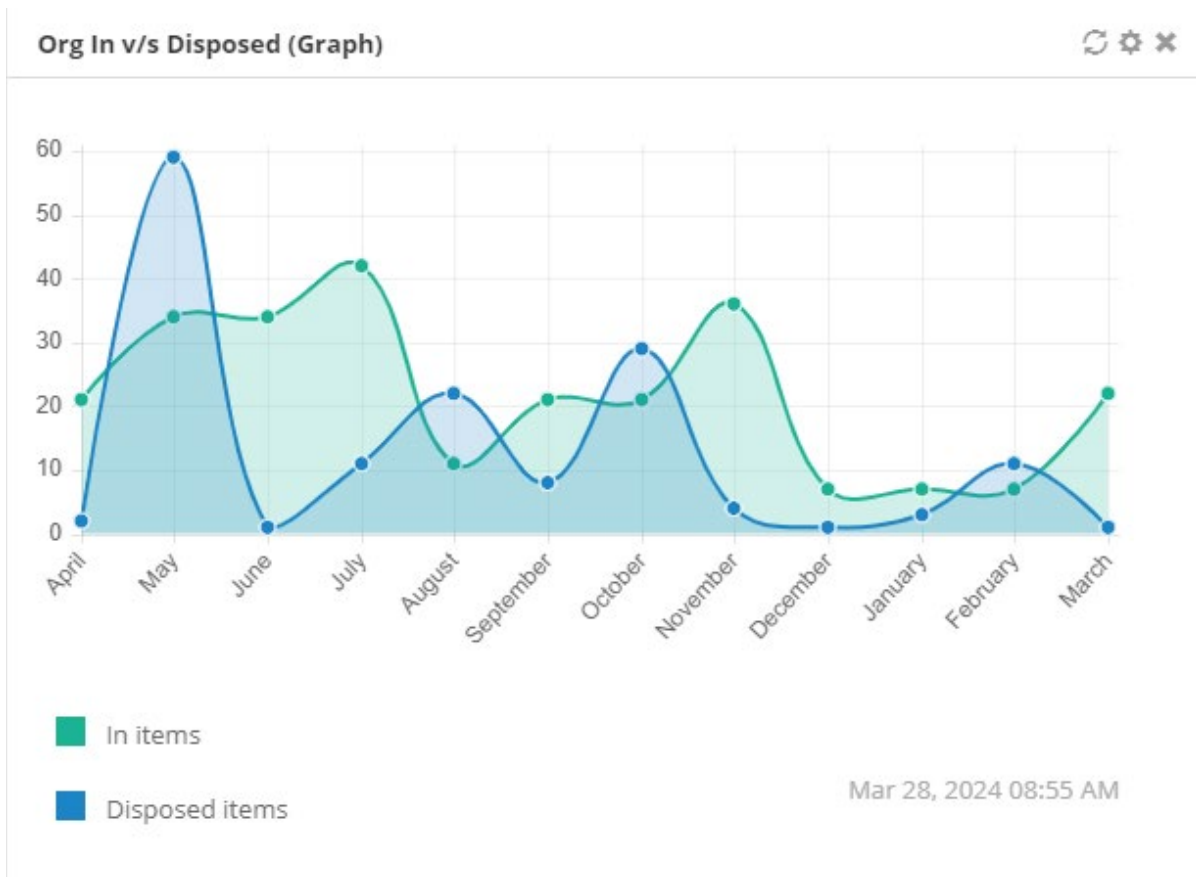
We continue to look at department training needs along with state requirements. A continued department goal has been the addition of electronic controlled weapons, or Tasers, as a less than lethal option. In late 2023, a purchase contract was completed with Axon for the Taser 10. Our department sworn personnel will receive training from our two internal taser instructors with implementation of the Taser 10 in 2024.



PROPERTY CONTROL

The Police Records/Evidence Specialist maintains any property, or items of value, which have been brought into the department as found property, contraband, safekeeping until the owner can retrieve them, or items confiscated as evidence. Items considered evidence must be handled in a clearly defined manner to protect the integrity of the evidence and to maintain a chain of custody. The chain of custody is an essential element to all criminal cases. Therefore, evidence and items of significant value are maintained in the secured evidence room of the department.

In 2023 there were 49 items of value for evidence of a crime or ordinance violation. These items, or exhibits, included: drugs, firearms and ammunition, fingerprints, photographs, vehicles, written statements, etc. There were 160 items turned into property control as found items, contraband, or safekeeping. There were also 119 items disposed of according to State and Federal laws.





COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Our department launched a new community engagement program in 2023. While the department has been engaging with the community for many years, having designated individuals developing and participating in a variety of activities increases the opportunities for our community and the department to learn from each other.

The department participates in the following activities:

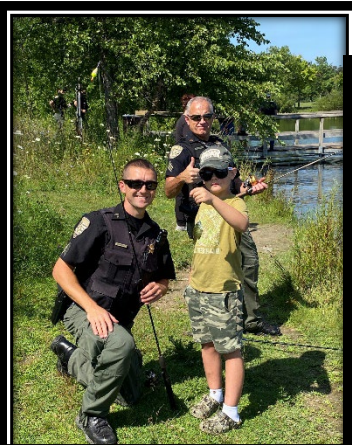
- Adaptive Recreation Adventure Day – St. James Farm
- Archery Open House – Blackwell
- Coffee with a Cop – Blackwell
- Cops & Bobbers – Herrick Lake, Pratts Wayne Woods, Wood Dale Grove
- Cop on a Rooftop – Special Olympics Wheaton
- Just for Kids Fishing Derby – Blackwell
- National Night Out – West Chicago
- Recruitment Fairs – Various
- Safety Saturday – DuPage County Fairgrounds
- Shop with a Cop – Various
- Special Needs Outdoor Education Day – St. James Farm
- Touch a Truck – Various



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PHOTOS



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DEPARTMENT PHOTOS

