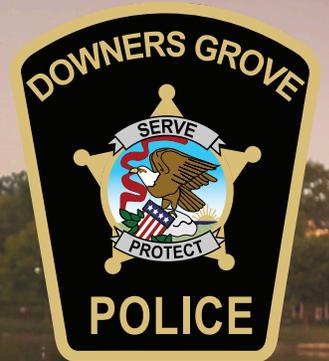




# POLICE DEPARTMENT 2018 ANNUAL REPORT







# MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



On behalf of the Downers Grove Police Department, it is my privilege to present the 2018 Annual Report. This document provides an overview of each component within the police department, along with a summary of our achievements in the past year.

The Downers Grove Police Department is a nationally accredited organization through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). In 2018, the Downers Grove Police Department was awarded *Accreditation with Excellence*, along with a Meritorious Award for achieving fifteen consecutive years of CALEA accreditation. This distinction was only possible through the hard work of our dedicated staff.

The 2018 Annual Report highlights many effective partnerships between the Village of Downers Grove and agencies at all levels of government. The Police Department partners with the Department of Justice, Illinois State Police, DuPage County, DuPage municipalities, and community organizations to provide exceptional and efficient law enforcement services. Here are just a few examples of our innovative approach to shared services:

- In 2018, the Village of Downers Grove launched the Downers Grove Regional Peer Jury Program to provide law enforcement partners with restorative justice alternatives for youth offenders.
- The Police Department participates in the DuPage County Health Department's lifesaving Narcan program.
- The Police Department assigns officers to County, State, and Federal task forces to ensure the Village has access to critical law enforcement resources to effectively respond to any public safety emergency that impacts the Village of Downers Grove.
- The Village of Downers Grove is participating in the County-wide consolidation of 9-1-1 computer-aided dispatching (CAD) and records management services (RMS), known as the DuPage Justice Information System. This multi-year project is scheduled to launch in mid-2019.
- By partnering with local schools and businesses, the Police Department reaches thousands of people each year with important lessons on childhood safety, household safety, crimes against the elderly, workplace violence, and traffic safety.

Please visit the summary of our Commendations program on page 28, where you will find many examples of our valued employees' commitment to serve and protect the Village of Downers Grove. I would like to thank the staff of the Downers Grove Police Department for their exemplary performance throughout 2018.

Shanon Gillette  
Chief of Police





# 2018 POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFFING



*Pictured from left to right:  
Deputy Chief James McGreal  
Chief Shanon Gillette  
Deputy Chief Michael DeVries.*

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Shanon Gillette

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## *Our Mission*

We, the members of the Downers Grove Police Department are committed to preserving safety and enhancing quality of life in our community.

We provide service with understanding, response with compassion, and law enforcement with vision.

We do so with honor, courage, and integrity; never losing sight of the respect and pride we have for one another and those we serve.

*Honor*

*Courage*



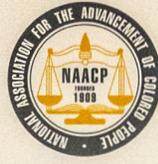
*Integrity*

*Respect*

*Pride*

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**Adoption of Shared Principles by  
Downers Grove Police Department**

**WHEREAS**, on March 22, 2018, the NAACP Illinois State Conference and the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police agreed to 10 Shared Principles designed to build trust between law enforcement and communities of color, and

WHEREAS, the two statewide associations vowed “by mutual affirmation to work together and stand together in our communities and at the state level to implement these values and principles, and to replace mistrust with mutual trust wherever, whenever, and however we can.”

**NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that the Downers Grove, Illinois, Police Department adopts these same Ten Shared Principles as their own, and thereby adds its name to the historic agreement between the Illinois NAACP and the ILACP. These are the Ten Shared Principles:

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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

8-24-2018

Date

*Shanon L. Gillette*

Shanon Gillette, Chief of Police

In 2018, the Downers Grove Police Department joined law enforcement agencies across Illinois to publicly adopt a set of shared principles designed to build trust between law enforcement and racially diverse communities.

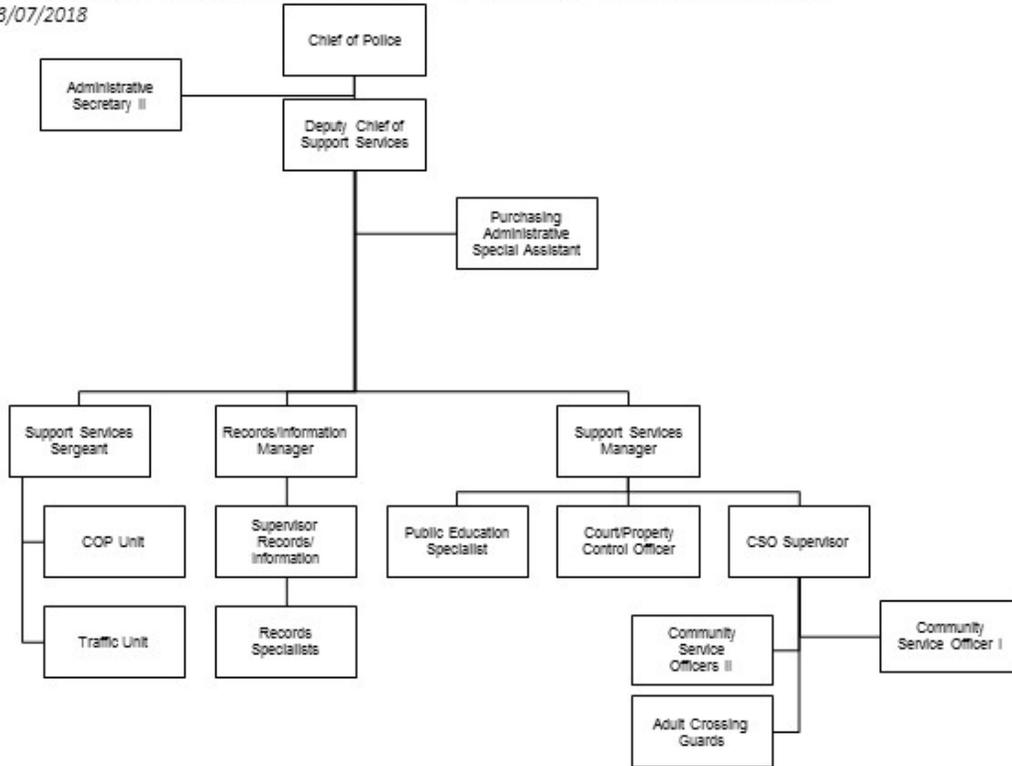
The shared principles were developed in partnership between the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police and NAACP Illinois State Conference.

The Downers Grove Police Department respects diversity and protects the rights of all who live, work, and visit the Village of Downers Grove.



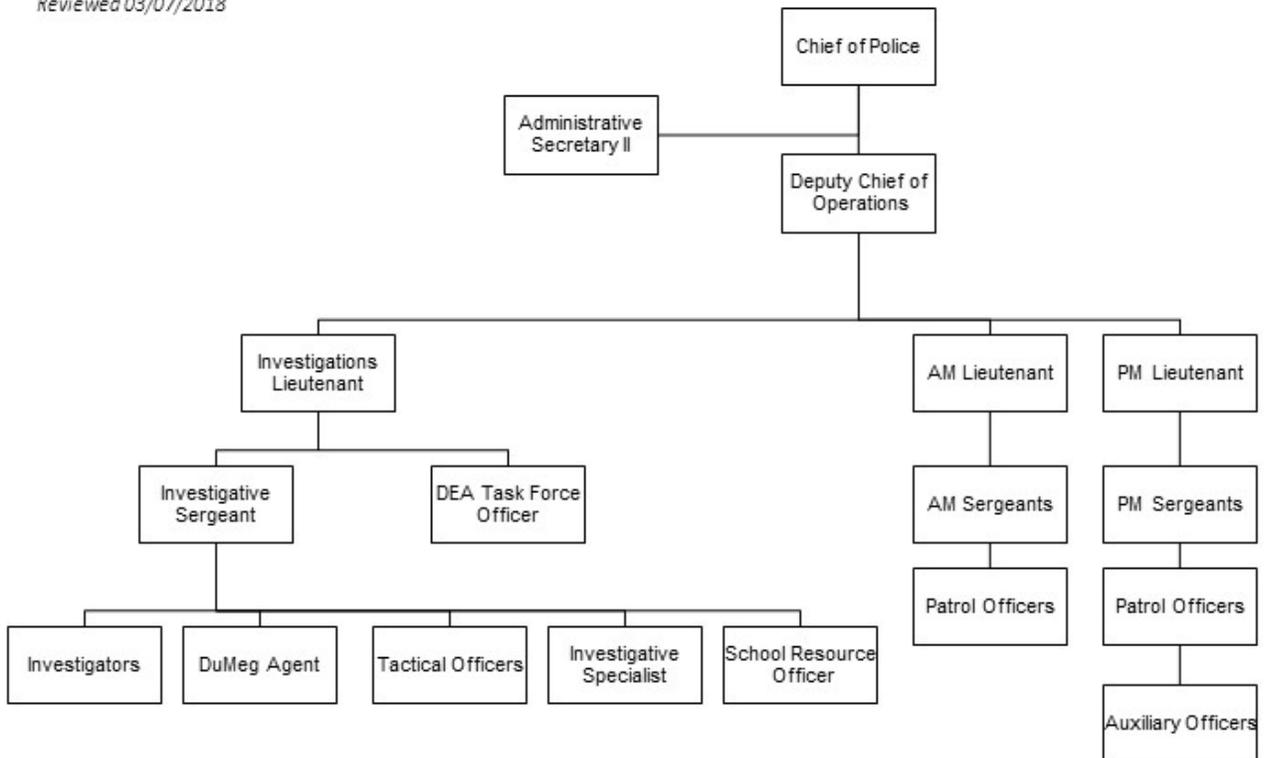
# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART – ADMINISTRATION

Reviewed 03/07/2018



# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART – OPERATIONS

Reviewed 03/07/2018



# PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division is the largest component within the Police Department and is comprised of two Lieutenants, eight Sergeants, and 39 patrol officers. The Patrol Division responds to emergency and non-emergency calls for service, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

## 2018 Highlights

The Patrol Division:

- Completed 4,238 incident reports
- Handled 1,657 traffic crashes
- Issued 6,243 traffic citations
- Issued 7,315 warning citations
- Responded to 20,656 calls for service

- Officers completed 5,836 Premise Checks at schools, businesses, train depots, parks, and various downtown locations.
- The Patrol Division conducted 4 D.U.I. saturation patrols.
- The Patrol Division made 121 D.U.I. arrests in 2018.
- Officers conducted 7 traffic safety saturation patrols focusing on speeding, distracted driving, and seat belt violations.
- Officers proactively enforced the overnight parking ordinance on the streets of the Village. The department issued 1601 overnight parking citations in 2018.
- Officers logged 16,065 hours of neighborhood patrol.
- Patrol sergeants conducted in-house training on critical issues, including graduated driver's license laws, domestic violence response, alarm response, high-risk traffic stop techniques, Narcan administration, drug trends, and officer safety.



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# DUI ENFORCEMENT

The Downers Grove Police Department is committed to removing impaired drivers from the roadway. DUI detection and enforcement is a highly specialized skill that requires extensive training.

## 2018 Highlights

- Officers made 121 arrests for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs (DUI) in 2018.
- The department averaged approximately 10 DUI arrests each month.
- The top two months for arrests were September and October, with 15 arrests each.
- Throughout 2018, the Downers Grove Police Department sponsored four DUI campaigns in conjunction with major holidays. These ran in March, July, August and November. During these campaigns, officers focused on distracted driving and impaired driving throughout the Village.

2018 DUI Arrests by Month	
Month	Total
Janaury	10
February	7
March	8
April	5
May	10
June	6
July	14
August	9
September	15
October	15
November	10
December	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>121</b>



# DUPAGE NARCAN PROGRAM

Since 2014, the Downers Grove Police Department has collaborated with the DuPage County Health Department, DuPage County Coroner, DuPage County Sheriff, State's Attorney, and Chiefs of Police to train police officers in the administration of the lifesaving drug, naloxone; also known as Narcan. All Downers Grove police officers are equipped with naloxone and are specially trained to administer the nasal spray in the event of an opioid overdose. The DuPage Narcan Program provides lifesaving resources to first responders and the communities they serve.



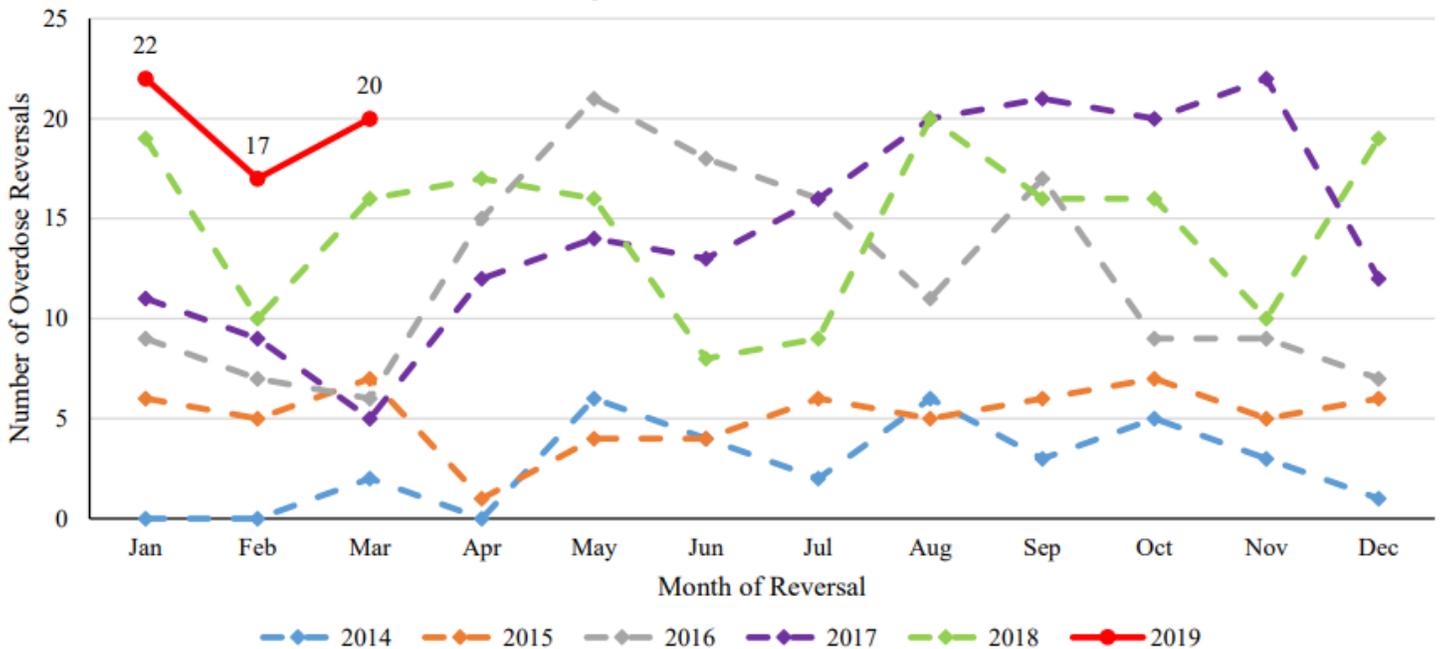
## 2018 Highlights

- Six Downers Grove police officers are certified Narcan trainers.
- All police department personnel received annual Narcan administration training in 2018.
- Each officer is equipped with two doses of Narcan.
- Downers Grove officers had five Narcan saves in 2018.
- Police officers throughout DuPage County have had over 314 Narcan saves since 2014.

For more information regarding the DuPage Narcan Program, visit <http://www.dupagehealth.org/EPR/annual-reports>

County-wide success of Narcan program.

**DuPage Narcan Program (DNP) Opioid\* Overdose Reversals (n = 649)**  
January 1, 2014 - March 31, 2019



\*The term "opioid" includes heroin, fentanyl, prescription opioids, and other natural or synthetic opioids, whether obtained legally or illicitly. Source: DuPage Narcan Program (DNP). Data were accessed 4/11/2019.



# INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The Investigations Unit consisted of 14 employees in 2018, including six detectives, one Tactical Officer, two School Resource Officers, one officer assigned to the Illinois State Police DuPage Metropolitan Enforcement Group (DUMEG), one officer assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force, and one Investigative Aide. The Unit is managed by the Lieutenant of Investigations and supervised by the Detective Sergeant.

## 2018 Highlights

- In 2018, detectives investigated 214 incidents and cleared 59 cases by arrest.
- Detectives were called out after normal work hours on Downers Grove priority cases 35 times.
- Detectives assisted the Felony Investigative Assistance Team (FIAT) Major Crimes Task Force and the DuPage Arson Task Force five times.
- The Investigations Unit completed 21 employment background investigations during 2018.
- The Investigative Aide completed 45 licensing background checks on behalf of the Village. This included 31 liquor licenses, 12 massage licenses, and two mobile food vendor licenses.
- The Investigations Unit continued to contribute manpower to the FIAT Computer Forensics Unit (CFU). Detectives Rob Bylls and Steve Klett both became certified mobile forensic examiners. Additionally, Detective Bylls is a Certified Forensic Computer Examiner through the International Association of Computer Investigative Specialists (IACIS). In 2018, our examiners conducted a forensic analysis of 62 electronic devices.
- The Investigations Unit continued its cybercrime initiative in conjunction with the Illinois Attorney General's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force. The Unit staffs four ICAC trained investigators to investigate complaints of child exploitation.



*Investigations Unit*



*Detective Team*

# JUVENILE INVESTIGATIONS

The Juvenile Investigations team is a component of the Investigations Unit. Two investigators are assigned as primary juvenile detectives and are responsible for matters involving juveniles within the police department. The juvenile detectives investigate criminal activities involving youth, child abuse allegations, and complaints of juveniles in crisis. In 2018, the juvenile detectives assisted in the redevelopment of the Peer Jury System and are the department's liaison to the DuPage County Juvenile Court and Probation Department. Much of the juvenile detectives' work involves ongoing contact with juveniles and their families to provide assistance, information, and referrals for additional services.



*Swearing in of the Peer Jury with DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin.*

## 2018 Highlights

- Detectives administered 16 station adjustments. A station adjustment is the first level in the consequence chain for a minor violation requiring police intervention. Investigators coordinate with the juvenile's parents to ensure conditions of the station adjustment are implemented at home.
- Detectives administered 24 Direct Filings/Preliminary Conferences. A preliminary conference is a proceeding held with the minor and his or her parents in order to determine if diversion from the juvenile court process would be appropriate. Various aspects of the juvenile's life are evaluated, including the home environment, school performance, peers, drug and alcohol usage. The Probation Officer may recommend a probation adjustment and may make referrals for family and/or individual counseling, drug and alcohol counseling, or other youth advocacy resources.
- Detectives filed two Delinquency Petitions. Delinquency petitions are utilized for the most serious offenses and for repeat offenders. Juvenile offenders and their parents are required to appear before the Juvenile Court to have their case adjudicated. Dispositions include court supervision, probation, or incarceration. High-risk offenders could be placed in the Kane County Juvenile Justice Center in St. Charles, IL, pending their court hearing.
- Detectives issued 49 Village Ordinance Violations.

# TACTICAL UNIT (TAC OFFICERS)

The Tactical (TAC) Unit is a component of the Downers Grove Police Department Investigations Unit. The TAC Unit was established in 1992 and consists of two police officers with special training in the areas of narcotic investigations and gang crimes. The TAC Unit responds directly to recurring criminal concerns and specific crime patterns. The Unit interacts extensively with the DuPage Metropolitan Enforcement Group (DuMEG), Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), and other local Tactical Units.

## 2018 Highlights

- The Tac Unit investigated 57 cases, and made 70 arrests
- Conducted five search warrants, and seized drug proceeds, including \$1603 in United States Currency and two vehicles
- The TAC Unit also delivered presentations on drug trends, awareness, and identification to various community groups.

# DUPAGE METROPOLITAN ENFORCEMENT GROUP(DUMEG)

The Downers Grove Police Department has partnered with the Illinois State Police multi-jurisdictional drug enforcement unit, known as the DuPage Metropolitan Enforcement Group (DUMEG), since 2002. One Downers Grove officer is assigned to DUMEG to investigate drug trafficking in DuPage County. DUMEG cases are initiated from information provided by the Downers Grove Police Department and other DuPage County police departments. The DUMEG agent works closely with the Police Department's TAC Unit and provides valuable resources and support to the Downers Grove Police Department.

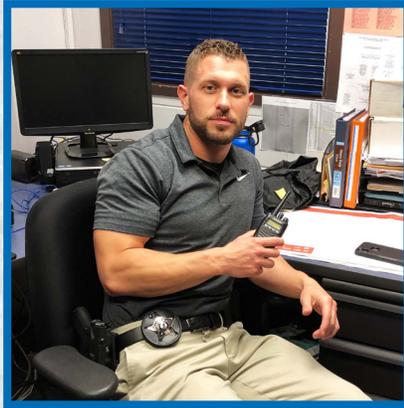
## 2018 Highlights

- DUMEG initiated over 292 investigations, which resulted in drug seizures with a total street value of \$3.1 million dollars.
- DUMEG made 163 arrests in 2018.
- The following is a summary of the amounts of some of the drugs seized by DUMEG in 2018:
  - \* 84,343.86 grams of cannabis
  - \* 2,217.28 grams of cocaine
  - \* 6,461.7 grams of heroin

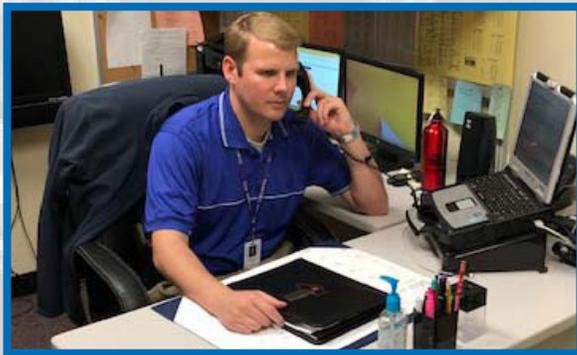


# SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM

Community High School District 99 and the Downers Grove Police Department have had a successful School Resource Officer program for over 40 years. One officer is assigned to each of the district's two high schools. Downers Grove police officers and district educators work together to maintain a safe educational environment.



*Downers Grove South High School  
Resource Officer Kevin Chapin.*



*Downers Grove North High School  
Resource Officer Jon Lyerly.*

## 2018 Highlights

- The School Resource Officers are responsible for most criminal investigations and complaints that take place within the school. In 2018, 72 case reports were filed at both schools.
- School Resource Officers provided classroom presentations on public safety, criminal justice, and driver safety.
- School Resource Officers provided a law enforcement presence during the school day and at various school activities, including sporting events, school dances, and other functions.
- The School Resource Officers' duties also include coordinating liquor sale compliance checks for the Liquor Commission. In 2018, the SRO's conducted checks at all licensed liquor establishments within the Village to educate, deter, and prevent the sale of liquor to minors.

**Community**  
HIGH SCHOOL District 99



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# DEA TASK FORCE OFFICER

The Downers Grove Police Department has partnered with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) since 2012. The DEA Task Force Officer is a Downers Grove police officer who is assigned to a joint DEA/FBI drug enforcement group. The Village of Downers Grove partners with the DEA to provide manpower for long term investigations of organized crime and drug trafficking that impact local communities. In return, the Village of Downers Grove has access to essential resources to combat drug trafficking in and around Downers Grove.

## 2018 Highlights

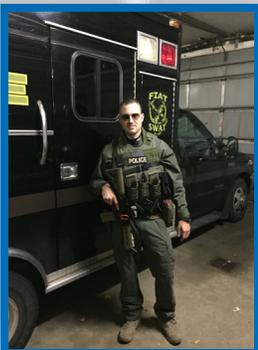
- The Downers Grove Task Force Officer participated in numerous long term investigations involving federal and state narcotics trafficking violations. These investigations involve Chicago area narcotics traffickers, often times working with larger drug distributions both inside and outside the U.S.
- The DEA Task Force Officer was also frequently involved with several investigations in cooperation with DuMEG and other local police departments. This position also provides our department with access to the DEA for many narcotics training opportunities and experience in investigating large scale drug investigations.

# FELONY INVESTIGATIVE ASSISTANCE TEAM (FIAT)

The Downers Grove Police Department is a member of the Felony Investigative Assistance Team (FIAT). The Felony Investigative Assistance Team is a multi-jurisdictional police task force comprised of 16 law enforcement agencies. The task force protects approximately 300,000 residents in those jurisdictions. FIAT began in the 1970's after several police departments identified the need to share resources for major investigations.

## 2018 Highlights

- The Downers Grove Police Department's Detective Sergeant served as Commander of the Major Crimes Unit, along with three detectives that participated in task force operations. Two investigators serve on the FIAT Computer Forensics Unit as certified forensic examiners.
- A Downers Grove patrol sergeant served as Commander of the SWAT Team, along with two officers that served as operators.
- The Downers Grove Police Department contributed manpower to the Major Crash Reconstruction Team.



# EVIDENCE TECHNICIANS

The Evidence Unit is staffed by six officers who perform regular law enforcement duties while also serving as evidence technicians. Evidence technicians are specially trained to respond to major crime scenes in order to identify, document, collect and preserve physical evidence. Crime scene processing is very technical and must be done properly to ensure the successful investigation and prosecution of the offender.

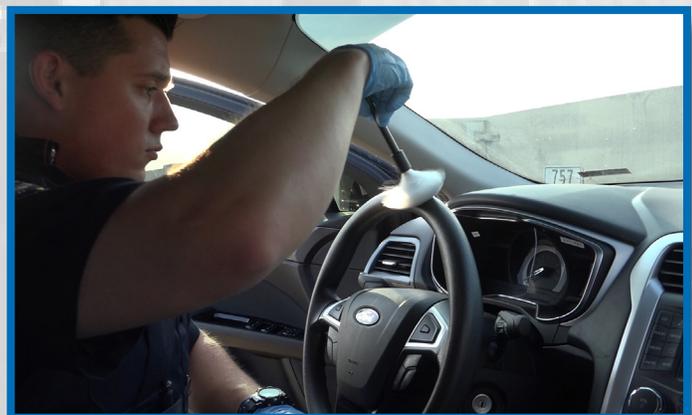
## 2018 Highlights

### The Evidence Technician Unit:

- Provided over 300 hours of Evidence Technician services
- Added three certified Evidence Technicians to the Unit
- Attended 176 hours of training in numerous areas of crime scene processing, including basic evidence training and death investigations
- Enhanced the technology and equipment by acquiring a fuming chamber for processing fingerprints, three tents for protection of outdoor crime scenes, and two new cameras.



*Boy Scouts looking for clues.*

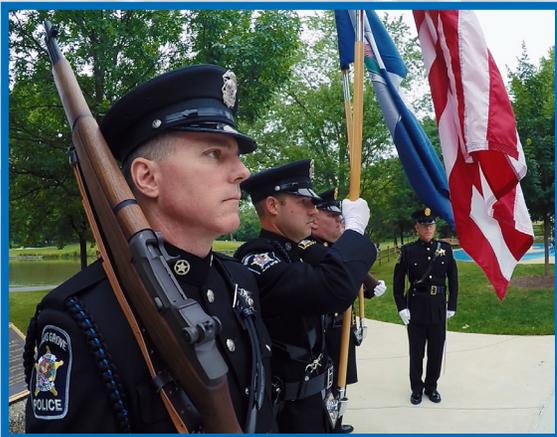


# HONOR GUARD

The Downers Grove Police Honor Guard has proudly represented the Village of Downers Grove since its inception in 2010. The team consists of two sergeants and seven officers. The Honor Guard's primary function is to honor the law enforcement profession and pay tribute to fallen officers. The Honor Guard has attended services for the National Law Enforcement week in Washington D.C. and has posted colors for various conferences and ceremonies.

## 2018 Highlights

- The Honor Guard attended the Richard J. Barth Memorial service, honoring the only Downers Grove police officer to die in the line of duty.
- The Unit represented the Village of Downers Grove at various funerals for fallen officers in Illinois.



*Left to right: Lt. Paul Lichamer, Sgt. James Edwards, Officer Tom Powers, Officer Scott Beck, Officer Brian Mitera, Officer Jim Minett and Officer John Yocum.*



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# VOLUNTEER CHAPLAIN PROGRAM

June of 2018 marked 15 years of operation for the Downers Grove Police Department's Volunteer Chaplain Program. The chaplains are on call 24-7 to provide emotional and spiritual support for the public and police officers in times of crisis. The Downers Grove Police Chaplains play a vital role in the organization and this program's success can be attributed to the dedication and commitment of Chaplains Kimberly Borzým, Susan Linden, Paul Newey, Al Agurkis, and William Kupisch.

## 2018 Highlights:

- The Downers Grove Police Chaplains were called to assist officers with death notifications and/or grief counseling on numerous occasions.
- The chaplains provide support and counseling to department personnel and members of the public.
- The chaplains delivered the invocation and benediction at the Richard J. Barth Ceremony in May, 2018.
- The chaplains are active members of the International Association of Police Chaplains (IAPC) and meet quarterly to discuss training issues and other department support functions.



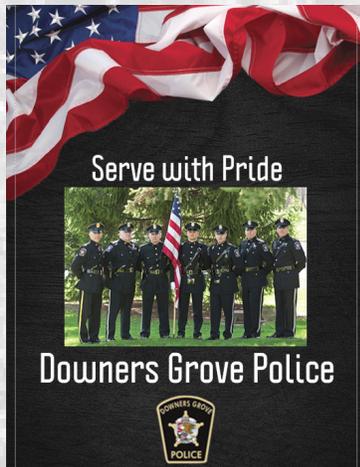
*Left to right: Sgt. James Edwards, Police Chief Shanon Gillette, Kim Borzým, Susan Linden, Will Kupisch, Paul Newey and Al Agurkis.*

# RECRUITMENT TEAM

In 2018, the Downers Grove Recruitment Team consisted of three Sergeants and five officers. The team has received special training in effective recruitment strategies. The team attends job fairs at colleges and universities throughout the State to attract highly qualified police officer applicants.

If you are interested in an exciting and rewarding career as a Downers Grove police officer, email your questions to [recruitment@downers.us](mailto:recruitment@downers.us).

More information can be found at <http://www.downers.us/govt/job-openings/police-recruitment>.



## 2018 Highlights

- The Recruitment Team attended career fairs at Joliet Junior College and Western Illinois University.
- The team partnered with the Village Communications Department to produce a comprehensive recruitment video and update the recruitment brochure.
- The Recruitment Team conducted panel interviews of over 180 police officer applicants.
- The team partnered with the Village Information Technology Department to update the Police Department recruitment webpage.

# AUXILIARY UNIT

The Downers Grove all-volunteer Auxiliary Officers Unit augments the effectiveness and capabilities of the Police Department. The primary function of an Auxiliary Officer is to assist the Police Department by providing manpower during special events that require enhanced traffic control or pedestrian assistance. Auxiliary officers are civilian volunteers who undergo a thorough background investigation to work with the Police Department.

## 2018 Highlights

- The Auxiliary Unit assisted with over 70 special events, including the Friday Night Car Shows, Bonfield Express 5k, and July 4th activities.
- Twelve Auxiliary officers donated over 720 hours of service to the Village of Downers Grove in 2018.



# ACCREDITATION

The Downers Grove Police Department is a nationally accredited agency through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. The voluntary accreditation requires agencies to demonstrate adherence to “best practices” in the law enforcement profession. The goal of this rigorous process is to provide the highest quality law enforcement services to the Downers Grove community. The Downers Grove Police Department was the first law enforcement agency to be awarded CALEA accreditation in DuPage County.

## 2018 Highlights

- The Downers Grove Police Department was awarded Accreditation with Excellence at the 2018 CALEA conference.
- The Department received the Meritorious Award for achieving 15 consecutive years of CALEA accreditation, a new milestone for the agency.



# TRAFFIC UNIT

Officers of the Traffic Unit focused their enforcement efforts in high-traffic crash areas and in residential areas that were identified by citizens as a safety concern due to recurring traffic violations.



## 2018 Highlights

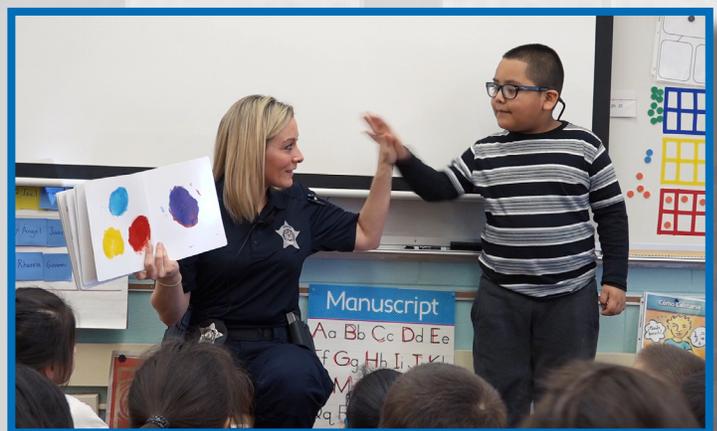
- The Traffic Unit issued 1,084 Illinois Vehicle Code citations and made 25 traffic-related arrests.
- Traffic officers participated in eight distracted driver initiatives in school zones, two seat belt details, and two speed/seatbelt details. They also assisted the Patrol Division with additional traffic details related to DUI, speed, distracted driving, handicapped placard enforcement, and seatbelts.
- The Traffic Unit hosted an informational booth at the Downers Grove North Wellness Days to educate teenagers about the dangers of distracted driving and driving under the influence of alcohol.

# COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING (COP)

The Community Oriented Policing Unit has been committed to building strong community partnerships and improving quality of life in the Village of Downers Grove for 25 years.

## 2018 Highlights

- Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Program: The Crisis Intervention Team follows up on mental health-related incidents and connects people in crisis with service-based resources in and around the Downers Grove community.
- Conducted 52 Domestic Violence follow-ups to ensure abuse victims received the appropriate services; maintained a partnership with Family Shelter Services.
- Assisted Investigations with case follow-ups and special operations, including warrant services and human trafficking interdiction.
- Assisted the Public Education Specialist with Passport to Safety, Kids Camp 911, Safety Town, and Wellness Days at the high schools.
- Conducted annual compliance checks at every business licensed to sell tobacco within the Village.
- Conducted public education presentations at Downers Grove Middle Schools covering various aspects of law enforcement.



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# TRAINING

The Downers Grove Police Department is committed to providing quality training to all personnel. Effective training reduces liability, improves officer safety, and enhances skills. Well-trained employees provide exceptional service to the community. Our officers are required to hold many certifications, be aware of legal updates, and be proficient in a variety of tactics.

The Downers Grove Police Department has many talented officers who are certified instructors in many different specialties. These officers are used as instructors for in-house training programs. *North East Multi-Regional Training (NEMRT)* is an accredited training center, which offers a variety of classes throughout the year, each tailored to improve the police profession. Additional classes are provided by *Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety*, and the *Suburban Law Enforcement Academy*.

The Department strives to provide our officers with the highest quality training necessary to perform their duties to the best of their ability.

## 2018 Highlights:

- Police Department staff received 8,127.50 hours of training.
- The Police Department trained three new police officers.
- Eight officers obtained Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) certification.
- In-house instructors conducted training for active shooters, defensive driving, firearm qualifications and familiarization, Mental Health awareness, AED/CPR certification, Taser, Narcan, DUI enforcement.



# WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES



Officer Derek North



Daisy Cabrera  
Records Specialist



Officer Corey White



Officer Alessia Marocco



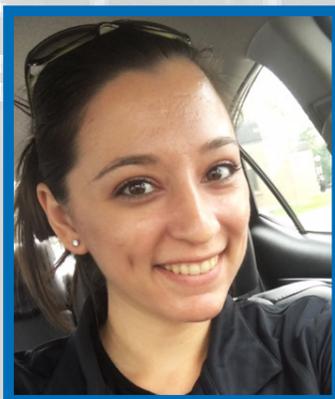
Officer Erin DeVries



Officer Ryan Harter



Zarine Erdman  
Training Coordinator



Jyssica Allgaier  
Case Report Specialist



Karina Espana Sandoval  
Records Management Analyst



Officer Nick Calandra

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# PUBLIC EDUCATION

The Downers Grove Police Department Crime Prevention Unit works closely with many organizations and civic groups in our community. It is our mission to provide a full complement of safety training and crime prevention programs for children in our school system, business owners/operators, and residents.

The Crime Prevention Unit partnered with the following organizations in 2018:

YMCA

Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts

Downers Grove Downtown Management Corporation

Downers Grove Fire Department

Downers Grove Jr. Woman's Club

Downers Grove Public Library

Downers Grove Park District

Downers Grove School Districts #58 and #99

First United Methodist Church

Good Samaritan Hospital

Midwestern University

First Student Bus Company

Marquette Manor School

St. Joseph School

SALT Council (D.G. Township)

SEASPAR

St. Mary's School

Chicago AAA Motor Club

Downers Grove Bike Club

DuPage Medical Group

Good Shepherd School



## 2018 CRIME PREVENTION/SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

The Downers Grove Police Department Crime Prevention Unit offers a wide variety of crime prevention/safety education programs to adults in our community. The programs are offered at no cost to community groups, residents, or business owners/operators, with a goal of effective crime prevention through education.

Name of Program	Program Description	Number Attending
<b>Home and Business Security Check</b>	Provide recommendations including inspecting doors, locks, and windows for security.	29
<b>Distracted Driving</b>	Crime Prevention Unit presented to students enrolled in Driver's Education at Downers Grove North and South High School. Discussed distracted driving, police protocol on traffic stops, and general safe driving strategies.	90
<b>Personal Safety</b>	Presented a personal safety program and addressed question that residents had about safety in the Village of Downers Grove	40
<b>Defensive Driving</b>	Program presented to Public Works employees driving Village vehicles.	50
<b>Scams and Cons</b>	The DG Police Department, Fire Department and Office of Emergency Management developed a three-prong program for senior citizens. The police department segment of the program describes the common scams that are occurring in our community and provided tips on how to avoid being victimized.	100
<b>Workplace Violence</b>	Educate employees about the dangers of workplace violence and developing a plan.	75
<b>Prescription Drug Disposal Program</b>	This free service is provided to DG residents; prescription drugs may be dropped off at the police department for disposal. <i>(program discontinued Sept 1, 2018)</i>	36
<b>Home Alone for Multiples</b>	Met with parents of multiples (twins, triplets, etc.) to discuss preparing children to stay home alone and assisted with safety recommendations.	30

## 2018 SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

The Crime Prevention Unit has developed a safety education curriculum that is offered to all Downers Grove schools each year. In addition to the classroom presentation, handout materials are sent home to parents. Parental reinforcement ensures the child understands the material as well as the parent's specific thoughts on the topic. In 2018, Crime Prevention Specialist Stacy Blaskovich worked very closely with the schools to continue to provide relevant and dynamic programs to the children of Downers Grove.

Name of Program	Program Description	Number Attending
<b>Officer Patti Program</b>	<p>Program is designed for small children focusing on safety in cars, bikes, parking lots, stores, pre-school, kindergarten and Safety Town.</p> 	723
<b>Operation Lifesaver</b>	Railroad safety for 6th graders & Lincoln Center Preschool.	452
<b>Bully Busters</b>	Defines "bullying behavior" and provides tools for the victims of bullying - 4th grade students.	387
<b>Officer Friendly</b>	Program explains the job of a police officer, their uniform, and equipment to children - variety of age groups & Safety Town.	160
<b>Stranger Danger</b>	Teaches children how to stay safe around strangers. pre-school, kindergarten, & Safety Town.	531
<b>Bicycle Safety</b>	Teaches the rules for riding bikes safely to 4th grade students.	293
<b>Home Alone</b>	Provides children that stay home alone with safety recommendations - 5th grade students.	459
<b>Student Safety Patrol</b>	Program is for members of the school safety patrol - 5th & 6th grade students.	237
<b>Community Wellness Day Indian Trail School</b>	The program helps students with "How to Solve a Crime." Students are given clues to help COP and Crime Prevention solve a burglary.	40
<b>Unity in the Community</b>	A Bullying Program designed to be age-appropriate for 2nd graders.	347

## 2018 CRIME PREVENTION SPECIAL EVENTS – PROJECTS

The Downers Grove Police Department Crime Prevention Unit participates in a wide variety of community events throughout the year. Most of these activities are the result of many close partnerships with groups and other agencies in the community such as the Park District, business owners/operators, Boy Scout & Girl Scout troops, and others.

Name of Program/Project	Description	Number Attending
<b>Police Department Tours</b>	Boy & Girl Scout troops and other citizens schedule tours of the police department.	335
<b>Safety Town</b>	Weeklong program for 5 & 6 year-old children addressing a variety of safety issues.	160
<b>Community Shredding Day</b>	This event is open to DG residents to shred personal documents.	468
<b>Passport to Safety</b>	Community Safety Day held with DGFDD, Park District and Good Samaritan Hospital and many community safety organizations.	400
<b>North High Wellness Days</b>	Students visit the Police Department display that includes a driving simulator focusing on cell phone usage while driving.	2000
<b>Night at the Firehouse</b>	The Crime Prevention Unit participates in this event providing the kids with Halloween glow bracelets that have safety tips for trick-or-treating.	400
<b>District 58 - Orientation</b>	The Crime Prevention Unit attended the new teacher orientation luncheon for District 58. The unit discusses the <i>Be Smart, Be Safe</i> Safety Education Programs that are available to school aged students throughout the year.	45
<b>Kids Safety Day (sponsored by Home Depot)</b>	Kids are given Halloween glow bracelets that have safety tips for trick-or-treating.	100
<b>Breakfast with the Chief</b>	This program is donated to the Downers Grove Junior Women's Club for their silent auction fundraiser.	5

### 2018 Summary:

- 430 adults participated in Crime Prevention Programs
- 3,629 children participated in Safety Education Programs
- 3,913 citizens participated in a DGPD Special Event

**Grand Total: 7,972 participants.**



# POLICE RECORDS

The Police Records Unit is responsible for processing all police-related records and providing customer service at the front desk. The Records staff responds to Freedom of Information Act requests, processes judicial expungement orders, oversees the parking ticket enforcement system, and performs data entry of all police reports, arrests, traffic accidents, and citations.

## 2018 by the numbers:

- 4,086 incident reports
- 1,657 traffic accident reports
- 772 adult arrests
- 251 juvenile arrests
- 112 Arrest Warrants
- 13,558 traffic citations and written warnings
- 846 parking citations
- 970 parking citation payments



*Left to right: Barb Martin, Rima Petrutis, Jyssica Allgaier, Joanne Masek, Katrina Espana-Sandoval, Daisy Cabrera and Brian Dusza.*

# COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

The Downers Grove Police Department currently has three Community Service Officers (CSO). CSOs provide support to the Patrol Division and conduct municipal parking enforcement. The CSO Unit also supports the Public Education Specialist, manages abandoned vehicles, and administers the overweight truck permitting process.

## 2018 Highlights

- The CSO Unit responded to 2,741 calls for service.
- Completed 26 traffic crash reports.
- Conducted “Operation Lifesaver” presentations to area grade schools, educating over 450 students on the importance of railroad safety.
- Participated in emergency lockdown drills at various schools throughout the Village.
- Implemented an enhanced truck permitting process; issued 413 overweight truck permits.
- Processed 93 abandoned/unclaimed vehicle.
- Conducted 547 school crossings.
- Fingerprinted 143 individuals.
- Installed over 29 child passenger safety seats.
- Completed 385 vacation house checks.
- Issued 7,021 parking tickets.



*Left to right: CSO Dave Burns, CSO Tony Lilly, and CSO Supervisor Chris Fisher.*

# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Police Department's Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator assists the Village Emergency Management Coordinator with various aspects of emergency preparedness throughout the Downers Grove community. Support Services Manager Bill Budds serves as the Police Department Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator.

## 2018 Highlights

- The Support Services Manager attends the DuPage County Local Emergency Management Coordinators quarterly meetings.
- The Emergency Management team participates in specialized training classes hosted by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency.
- In October 2018, the Village of Downers Grove's Emergency Management Team participated in the Illinois EMS Region 8 Healthcare/Hospitals Trauma Tabletop Exercise at Elmhurst Edward Hospital.
- The Support Services Manager conducted armed intruder presentations at several businesses in Downers Grove.
- The Support Services Manager serves on the safety committees of both Downers Grove School District 58 and Community High School District 99, to provide training and guidance to both districts and private schools regarding school safety procedures.



*Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator  
Bill Budds.*



*Emergency Management Coordinator Jennifer Rizzo.*

# EVIDENCE/PROPERTY CONTROL

Property Control Officer Mary Wennerstrom is responsible for maintaining all property and evidence that is collected by the Police Department. Property Control Officer Wennerstrom maintains its documented chain of custody, including where each item is stored, when evidence is signed out for review, sent to the lab, transferred to another agency, returned to the owner, destroyed, or auctioned. The Property Control Officer also attempts to locate and the rightful owner to return lost or recovered property.

## 2018 Highlights

- Maintained an inventory of over 3,647 items
- Prepared 227 items for submission to the forensic laboratory
- Destroyed 3,696 items and 71 weapons
- Initiated the return of 373 items
- Auctioned 47 items



# ADULT SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

The Downers Grove Police Department is responsible for hiring, training and maintaining the Adult School Crossing Guard Program. Eighteen Adult School Crossing Guards are assigned to designated locations throughout the school walking routes to ensure the safety of the students walking to and from school. Our team of crossing guards proudly represent over 130 years of collective service to the Village.



# 2018 COMMENDATIONS PROGRAM

## LIFE SAVING AWARD

This is an award granted to any individual for taking actions that resulted in the saving or sustaining of a life of another person, even though the lifesaving efforts did not require putting themselves in personal danger.

**Officer Steven Meder** April 27, 2018 - for quick and decisive actions taken in an incident with an unconscious subject that resulted in the saving of the person's life.

**Officer Jon Guzman** May 5, 2018 - for quick and decisive actions taken in a medical case which resulted in saving the person's life.

## AWARD OF MERIT

This is an award granted to any individual for an outstanding accomplishment or acts that, by its nature, results in preventing a serious crime or apprehending a person who committed a serious crime.

**Sergeant Jeremy Thayer, Detective Scott Beck, Detective Robert Bylls, Detective Randall Cappelen, Detective Andrew Barczak, Detective Amanda McLaughlin, Detective James Minett and Officer Stephen Klett** - In recognition of your outstanding accomplishment in surveilling a subject resulting in the arrest of a sexual predator. August 2017

**Stephen Crotty** - In recognition of your outstanding accomplishment assisting officers in a criminal investigation resulting in the felony retail theft arrest of three individuals. December 2017

## DUI CAREER ENFORCEMENT AWARD

This is an award granted to any sworn police officer for superior performance and commitment in the area of DUI enforcement.

**Officer John Yocum** - In recognition of achieving 50 career DUI arrests.

**Officer Scott von Almen** - In recognition of achieving 200 career DUI arrests.

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

This is an award granted to any individual for superior performance or accomplishment, which reflects credit upon him/herself and the Department as a whole.

**Officer Henry "Nicholas" Bieker and Officer Jay Johnson** - In recognition of superior performance and actions taken during a Unlawful Use of Weapon incident. April 29, 2018

**Juan Reynoso** - In recognition of superior performance and actions taken during a Motor Vehicle Theft incident. February 21, 2018



## CHIEF'S ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This is an award granted to employees or citizens, who have exhibited exceptional professional skill and/or conduct during a coordinated action, or who have displayed consistent excellence in carrying out the department's mission.

**Officer Scott von Almen** - In recognition of your exceptional professionalism displaying excellence when assisting Yorkville Police with a DUI Fatal Accident. December 2017

**Officer Brian Johnstone, Officer Jennifer Rosario, Records Specialist Lisa Jenkins, Case Report Specialist Joanne Masek** - In recognition of your exceptional professionalism displaying excellence when working on the Juvenile Expungement Project. September 2017

**Deputy Chief James McGreal, Sergeant Jason Fortin, Officer Jennifer Rosario, Records Manager Tracy Adams, Records Supervisor Mary Nelson, Case Report Specialist Joanne Masek, Records Specialist Brian Dusza and Records Specialist Lisa Jenkins** - In recognition of your exceptional professionalism displaying excellence when working as part of the Warrant Audit Team. 2017

**Chaplain Sue Linden** - In recognition of your exceptional professionalism serving as a Downers Grove Police Chaplain for over seven years.

## COMMENDATORY CERTIFICATE

This is an award given to citizens or employees for performance which brings credit upon themselves and the Downers Grove Police Department.

**Investigative Aide Magdalin Murray** - In recognition of your performance assisting detectives in a criminal investigation resulting in the arrest of a Sexual Predator. August 2017

**Sergeant Jeremy Thayer** - In recognition of your performance coordinating police coverage for Lombard Police Department after the loss of a fellow detective. January 2018

**Officer Robert Jacobs** - In recognition of your performance in a Theft of Packages incident resulting in a misdemeanor arrest. January 2018

**Sergeant Paul Lichamer, Officer John Yocum, Officer Scott von Almen, Officer Carissa Smith, Officer Jeffrey Canfield, Officer Craig Widlacki, Officer Steven Meder and Officer Jonathan Guzman** In recognition of your performance in a Man with a Gun incident resulting in a felony arrest. January 2018

## COMMENDATORY CERTIFICATE (con't)

**Officer Robert Jacobs, Officer Menglin “Mike” Xu, Officer Mengqi “Kevin” Xu, Officer Brian Mitera, Officer Stephen McDermott, Sergeant Todd Rountree, Officer Jonathan Guzman, Officer Cody Stults, Officer Eric Servatius, Officer Steven Miller, Officer Stephen Klett, Officer Kevin Chapin, Officer Samantha Glynn, Officer Scott von Almen, Officer Anton Kucaba, Officer Daniel Montanari, Officer Carissa Smith, Officer John Yocum, and Officer Richard Romani**

In recognition of your performance when working as part of the Warrant Audit Team. 2017

**Officer Jay Johnson and Officer Jeffrey Mertz**

In recognition of your performance when assisting the DuPage County Sheriff with a motor vehicle accident where the driver was experiencing a medical issue

**Chaplains Al Agurkis, Kim Borzým, William Kupisch and Paul Newey**

In recognition of your continued commitment and dedication to the Downers Grove Police Chaplain Program.

**Officer James Hartleb, Officer Nicholas Linklater, Officer John Yocum and Sergeant Jason Fortin**

In recognition of your performance and assistance in cleaning up the old Commendation files.

**Officer Jeffrey Canfield** - For quick & decisive actions taken during an incident with an unconscious subject, in which providing lifesaving measures resulted in saving the person's life. May 5, 2018

**Officer Jon Guzman** - For quick & decisive actions taken during an incident with an unconscious subject, in which providing lifesaving measures resulted in saving the person's life September 20, 2018

**Officer James Stark** - For quick & decisive actions taken during an incident with an unconscious subject, in which providing lifesaving measures resulted in saving the person's life November 7, 2018





# BARTH MEMORIAL



The Richard J. Barth memorial plaque is displayed in the lobby of the Downers Grove Police Department. It is dedicated to Officer Barth, who was killed in the line of duty. *“A caring professional who made the ultimate sacrifice for the people and community he held most dear. His dedication will be remembered by his colleagues and the community he served.”*

This memorial was presented May 16, 1987, by the officials, citizens and law enforcement personnel of the Village of Downers Grove in remembrance of Officer Richard J. Barth (February 25, 1949 – March 18, 1974).

In a cooperative effort between the Downers Grove Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #73, the Village of Downers Grove, and the Downers Grove Park District, the Richard J. Barth Memorial was dedicated at Barth Pond (Patriot’s Park) on May 20, 1998, to honor the only Downers Grove officer to be killed in the line of duty.

On March 18, 1974, Officer Richard J. Barth responded to a call of two suspicious youths carrying a paper bag into what is now known as Hoopers Hollow Park. As Officer Barth approached the youths he was not aware that they had just committed a residential burglary in the area and were viewing the proceeds. When Officer Barth requested identification, one of the youths, Paul Fontani, fatally shot him. Paul Fontani pled guilty to murder and served 29 years in prison. He was paroled in 2003.

Officer Barth’s name is permanently engraved on the National Law Enforcement Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C., *(see photo below)* alongside over 20,000 officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty since 1791.

To coincide with National Police Week, First Presbyterian Church hosted the annual Richard J. Barth Memorial Service on May 17, 2018. The Downers Grove Police Department will forever honor the sacrifice of Officer Richard J. Barth, his dedication to duty, and his service to the Village of Downers Grove.



*Chief Shanon Gillette visits Officer Barth’s memorial inscription at the National Law Enforcement Memorial Wall, Washington, D.C.*



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