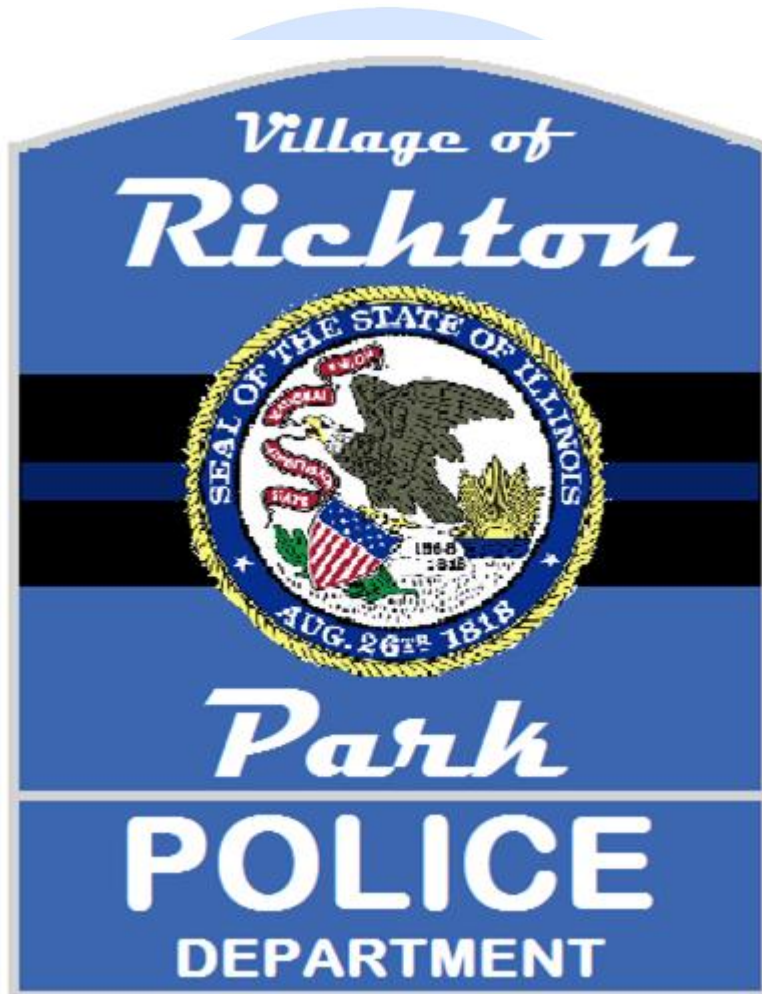




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2017
ANNUAL REPORT



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RIGHTON PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT



The Richton Park Police Department is proud to provide excellence in law enforcement services in collaboration with our Community partners. We embrace the Six Pillars of 21st Century Policing in the performance of our day to day activities. The pillars support our current values and mission statements and include, building trust and legitimacy; policy and oversight; technology and social media; community policing and crime reduction; training and education; and officer wellness and safety. It is with pleasure that I present an overview of the police department's accomplishments during 2017.

Elvia Williams

Chief Elvia Williams

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RICHTON PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Richton Park Police Department to provide professional and ethical law enforcement services, working in cooperation with the community to enhance the quality of life, while preserving a safe environment for all to enjoy.

Adopted November, 2008

VALUES STATEMENT

In achieving the mission, the men and women of the Richton Park Police department value the diversity of our community and are dedicated to the professional and ethical standards we are sworn to uphold. We promote and advocate:

Respect: We respect human life. We hold the preservations of life as our sacred duty. Our value of human life sets our priorities.

Integrity: We recognize that our behavior must reflect honesty, sincerity and accountability through ethical and moral standards. We do not tolerate the abuse of police authority.

Commitment: We are proactive members of our organization and community. We are self-directed and self-motivated. We identify problems, develop and implement solutions to improve our quality of life.

Honor: We honor the principles of the United States Constitution and the laws of Illinois. If the law is to be honored, those who enforce it must first honor it.

Tolerance: We uphold good will, understanding and equal treatment of everyone.

Organization: We are an organization in which each employee embraces integrity as the cornerstone upon which public trust is built.

Nurture: We support training, promote career development and methods that continuously and objectively leads to the evaluation our own performance as well as being receptive to new ideas and constructive change.

Professionalism: We value professionalism by having a clear sense of commitment, perspective and direction.

Accountability: We value the need for effective use of our resources and to provide a spirit of openness in communication with our community. We will be responsible for our actions, willing to admit our mistakes and ensure that our behavior earns the support and trust of all segments of the public.

Responsiveness: We value the opportunity to provide service in a manner that is fair, courteous, responsive and efficient.

Knowledge: We value employees that are professional, knowledgeable, dedicated public servants committed to providing services of the highest quality.

POLICE FUNCTIONS

The Chief of Police is responsible for administering and managing the Richton Park Police Department. There are four divisions in the Police Department as follows:

- Administration Division
- Operations Division
- Investigations Division
- Records Division

ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

The Administration Division is commanded by the Chief of Police whose primary responsibility is to provide general management direction and control for the Administration Division. The Administrative Division consists of Technical and Administrative Services.

OPERATIONS DIVISION

The Operations Division is commanded by the Deputy Chief of Police whose primary responsibility is to provide general management direction and control for that division. The Operations Division consists of Uniformed Patrol and Special Operations, which includes Traffic and Community Service Officers.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

The Investigations Division is commanded by the Deputy Chief of Police whose primary responsibility is to provide general management direction and control for the Investigations Division. The Investigations Division consists of the Investigations Unit, Property/Evidence Inventory, Evidence Technicians and Forensic Services.

RECORDS DIVISION

The Records Division is managed by the Records Commander whose primary responsibility is to provide general management direction and control for the Records Division. The Records Division consists of General Clerical/Records Staff, Parking and Compliance Ticket Services, Alarm Permits & Billing, LEADS Services and Court Services & Liaison.



ADMINISTRATION

CALENDAR YEAR 2017 – POLICE STAFFING

<u>Position</u>	<u>Authorized Strength</u>	<u>Vacancy</u>
<i>Full-time</i>		
Chief of Police	1.....	0
Deputy Police Chief.....	1.....	0
Commander.....	1.....	0
Sergeant.....	5.....	0
Corporal	5.....	0
Police Officer	18.....	3
Records Clerk.....	3.....	0
Community Service Officer.....	1.....	0
Administrative Assistant.....	1.....	0
	36.....	4
<i>Part-time</i>		
Records Clerk.....	6.....	0
Community Service Officer.....	2.....	1
Part-time Police Officer.....	3.....	2
Cumulative Total	47	6

Personnel Actions

During the calendar year 2017, the following personnel actions took place:

Hired

- One Police Officer
- One Part-time Records Clerk

Resignations/Terminations

- Two Records Clerks
- Two Part-time Community Service Officers

Retirement

- One Records Supervisor

Promotions

- Two Corporals
- One Sergeant
- One Commander

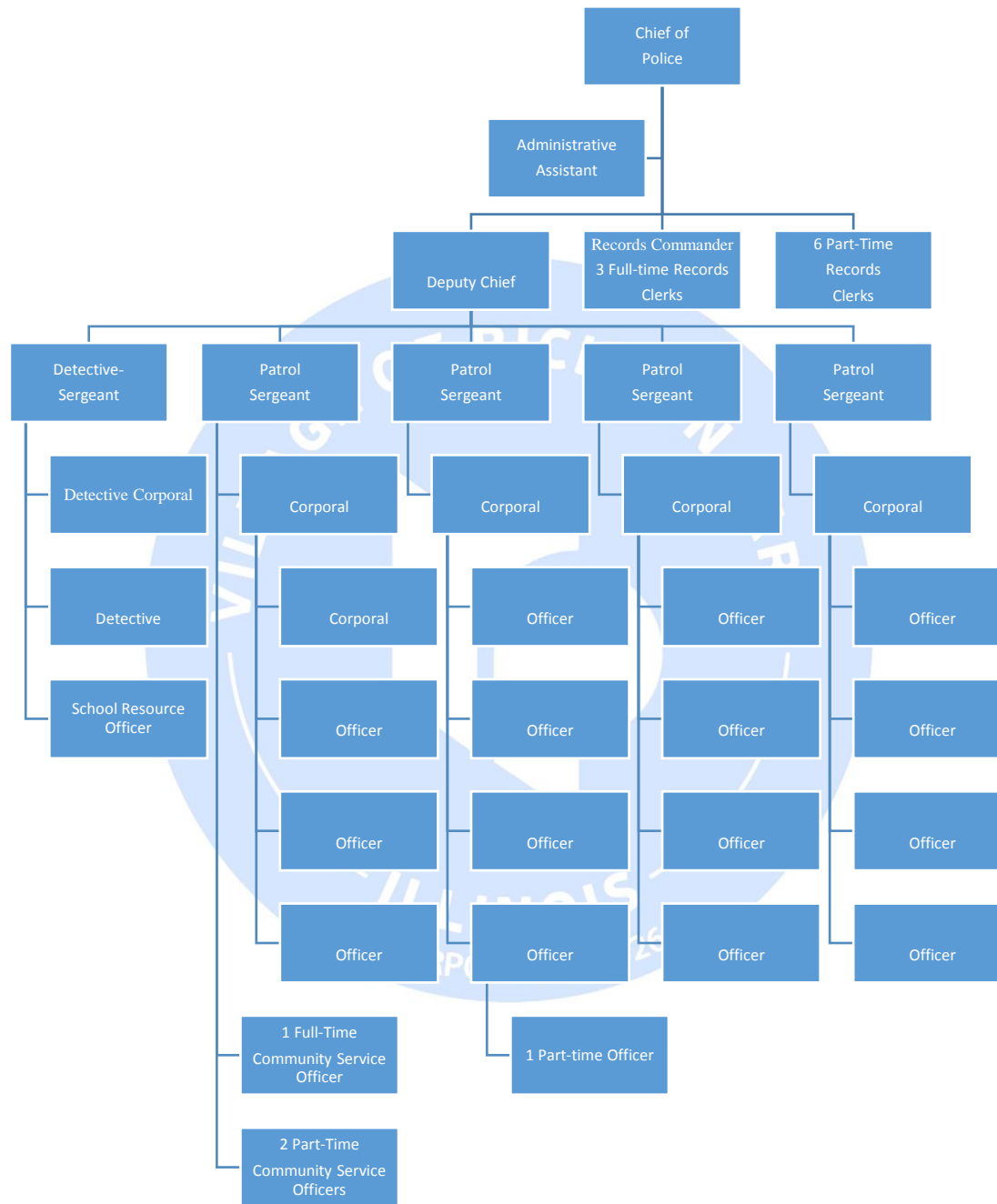


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ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

The Police Chief is responsible for the leadership, management and supervision of the police department. The Administrative Division consists of the Chief of Police and Administrative Assistant. The Deputy Chief of Operations and the Commander report directly to the Police Chief. The Administrative Division handles all administrative processes for the Fire & Police Commission and the Liquor Commission.

In addition to her official Richton Park Police duties, the Police Chief serves as the Chair of the Northeast Multi-Regional Training (NEMRT) Training Committee and serves on the Board of Directors for the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force (SSMCTF), NEMRT and South Suburban Association of Chiefs of Police.



RECORDS DIVISION



The Police Records Division consists of a Commander, three full-time and six part-time records clerks. This division maintains and manages the computerized database of all law enforcement records for the police department. Their duties include the entry and retrieval of police reports and citations, performing statistical analysis of this data and handling dissemination of any requests for copies of reports. The Records Division processes all the departments' police reports, accident reports, parking citations, traffic citations, warning citations, local ordinance citations as well as the entire department's local and state arrest reports.

Additional duties include processing court summonses, arrest documents, preparing the monthly Uniform Crime Reports for the state and federal agencies and other miscellaneous records functions. They handle Freedom of Information Act inquiries along with all alarm permits and alarm billings for false alarms. Records Clerks also are responsible for and conduct our monthly hearings for both parking violations as well as local ordinance violations.

In 2013, the police department began participating in the State of Illinois Comptroller's Local Debt Recovery Program. This program assists local jurisdictions in the collection of debt owed to them from parking and local ordinance violations. The Local Debt Recovery Program provides a mechanism for municipalities, counties and other units of government to bring in much needed revenue without raising taxes or increasing fees. The management of this program is conducted by an additional records clerk and the Deputy Chief of Operations. The Village of Richton Park received \$73,601.82 in collections for calendar year 2017, from the Illinois Comptroller's Local Debt Recovery program.

POLICE OPERATIONS

The Deputy Chief of Operations is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Patrol and Investigations Divisions and reports directly to the Chief of Police. The Deputy Chief manages all major patrol and investigative events, policy and procedure, administrative hearings on impounded vehicles and a host of other operational duties. All patrol and investigations sergeants report directly to the deputy chief.



PATROL DIVISION

Throughout 2017, the Patrol Division continued to perform the daily tasks requested by the citizens of Richton Park and perform related traffic accident investigation and traffic enforcement. The patrol function of the department is the backbone of the agency. This function provides daily contact with residents and non-residents alike, dealing with problems in the community and assisting those in need. Officers handle simple requests such as assisting a stranded motorist to pursuing armed suspects. During the course of the year, unmanned police vehicles were placed at different locations in the Village to deter motorists from speeding or violating stop signs. The cars were placed in areas of citizen concern or where officers felt a need. Due to numerous complaints in various neighborhoods about speed and other safety issues, a number of solutions were devised. Through the use of directed patrols, placement of the speed enforcement trailer and other efforts we were able to slow vehicular traffic down in a number of residential neighborhoods.

The Richton Park Police Department participated in the Illinois Department of Transportation Division of Traffic Safety's 2017 Memorial Day "**Click it or Ticket**" campaign. The campaign's goal is to save lives and prevent severe injuries on Illinois roadways and to achieve a higher percentage of safety belt compliance through aggressive safety belt enforcement. From May 16, 2017 through May 30, 2017, our agency issued a total of 160 citations to motorists for seatbelt and child passenger protection violations.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

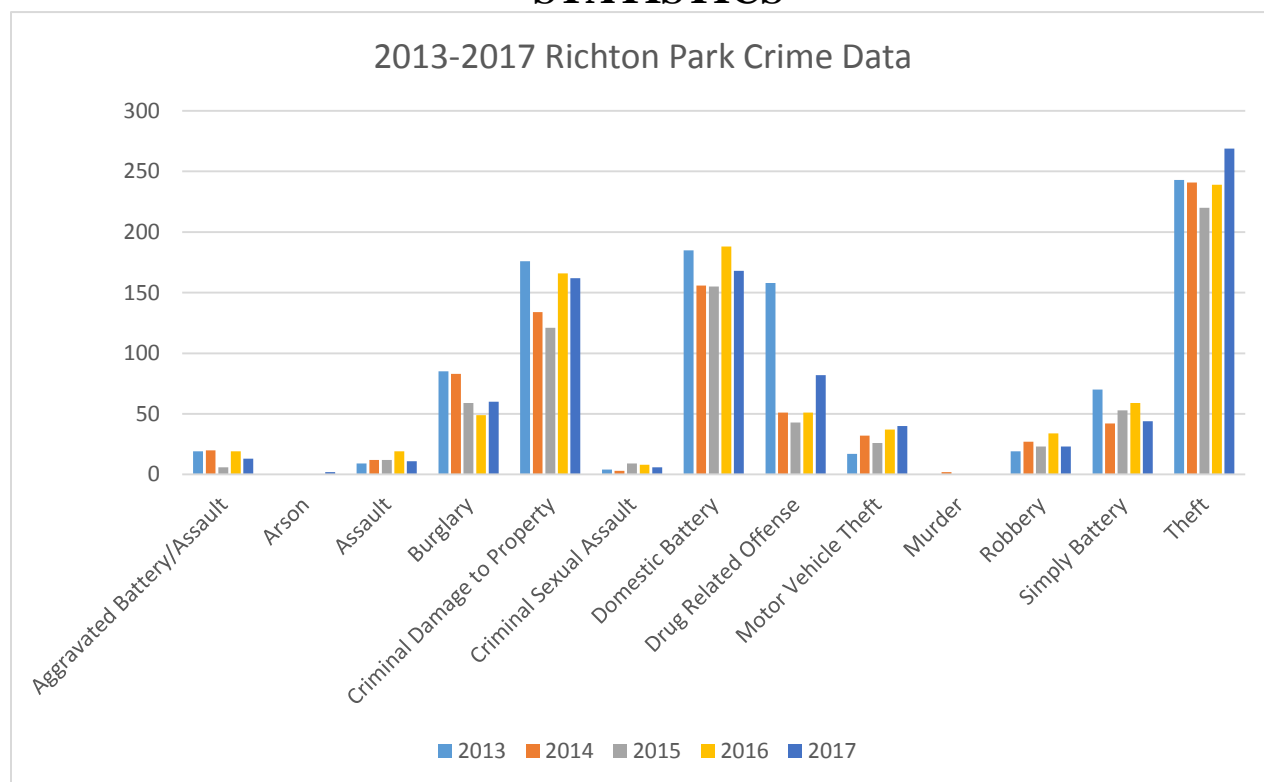
The Community Service Officers (CSOs) handle police and other Village department assignments. There is currently one full-time CSO and three part-time CSOs assigned to the Patrol Division. Their attention to non-criminal police related matters allows sworn Police Officers to handle criminal complaints and tactical operations.

The CSOs are responsible for various tasks of the Patrol Division such as handling daily deliveries for the police and other Village departments, enforcing the Village's local ordinance codes which can cover many areas throughout the community from animal complaints, residential overcrowding and parking issues. The CSOs have been successful in locating and removing abandoned and nuisance automobiles in the residential and business areas of the Village.

The CSOs are also responsible for monitoring domestic animal issues within the Village. Their responsibilities cover the proper care of domestically kept animals. They are provided with equipment that allows them to handle these issues in a safe and humane manner.

The CSOs assist with traffic control situations brought on by weather, crash related incidents or Village special events, along with booting and towing of motor vehicles.

STATISTICS



2017 REPORTED UCR CRIME DATA

Crime Type	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Aggravated Battery/Assault	19	20	6	19	13
Arson	0	0	0	0	2
Assault	9	12	12	19	11
Burglary	85	83	59	49	60
Criminal Damage to Property	176	134	121	166	162
Criminal Sexual Assault	4	3	9	8	6
Domestic Battery	185	156	155	188	168
Drug Related Offense	158	51	43	51	82
Motor Vehicle Theft	17	32	26	37	40
Murder	0	2	0	0	0
Robbery	19	27	23	34	23
Simply Battery	70	42	53	59	44
Theft	243	241	220	239	269
Total	985	803	727	869	880

Below you will find the totals broken down by sex, as it pertains to prisoners that have been detained in the lock-up facility of the Police Department during calendar year 2017.

Adult Lock-up Report: Males – 171 Females – 42 **Total – 213**

TRAFFIC AND OTHER CITATION NUMBERS

COMPLIANCE TICKETS	
Seat Belts	278
Equipment Violations	62
Registration	374
No/Expired <u>DL</u>	17
Other	243
TOTAL:	974
PARKING TICKETS	
Village Sticker	1,522
Metra Lot	338
Fire Lane	37
Handicapped	43
Left Wheel to Curb	25
Snowfall	128
Fire Hydrant	2
Abandoned/Inoperable Vehicles	10
Other Parking	1,263
TOTAL:	3,422
LOCAL ORDINANCE TICKETS	
Curfew	16
Breach of Peace	30
Animals	103
Alcohol Related	5
Possession of Cannabis	86
Park hours	7
Other	78
TOTAL:	325
CITATION TOTALS	
Moving	1,066
Accident Investigations	445
Compliance Tickets	974
Parking Tickets	3,422
Local Ordinance tickets	325
TOTALS:	6,232

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

The Investigations Division consists of three full-time Detectives. Detectives follow-up on reported crimes and cases originally completed by patrol officers that require more in-depth investigative techniques. Cases are funneled to Detectives through various means and can vary from loss of life to theft of property.

DETECTIVE/JUVENILE DIVISION ACTIVITIES 2017

Total Cases Investigated.....351

Total Cases Closed.....279

Total Cases Active72

CLOSED CASES BREAKDOWN

Arrests31

Unfounded.....0

Referred.....4

Administratively Closed188

No Prosecution.....11

Other45

Total279

<u>Arrests</u>		<u>Charges</u>	
Adult	29	Felony	18
		Misdemeanor	11
		TOTAL	29
Juvenile	2	Felony	1
		Misdemeanor	1
TOTAL	31	TOTAL	2

OTHER INVESTIGATIONS

Background Investigations.....33

Internal Investigations.....0

Total33

JUVENILE

Department Contacts.....	139
Formal Station Adjustments	6
Informal Station Adjustments	44
Petitions Filed	16
Court Diversion Cases	0
Local Ordinance Tickets Issued.....	37
Missing.....	36

DRUG ARREST TOTALS

In 2017, the department investigated a number of drug-related incidents which resulted in subjects being arrested and drug related charges being filed.

Possession of Cannabis:
Under 30 grams
Arrests: 37
L/O: 86

Possession of a Controlled Substance:
Arrests: 5

Possession of Cannabis:
Over 30 grams
Arrests: 0

Possession of Drug Paraphernalia:
Arrests: 3

TEAM PROJECTS

Team Galvan: Metra Project

During 2017, our team, along with some members of other teams, performed a total of 1,233 routine patrols which is an increase from 2016 of 290 and an average of 102.75 checks a month. We performed 556 platform checks which is a decrease of 9 from 2016. We spent a total of 492 hours and 46 minutes at the Metra. The time it took to handle calls is not accounted for in this total.

We had 111 calls for service recorded this year which is a decrease of 24 from 2016. Of those 111 calls, eight were criminal in nature. The calls that we received that were criminal in nature decreased by seven from 2016.



There was one incident reported this year that was violent in nature. On March 6th, a commuter reported that he was robbed at gunpoint by two subjects in the parking lot.

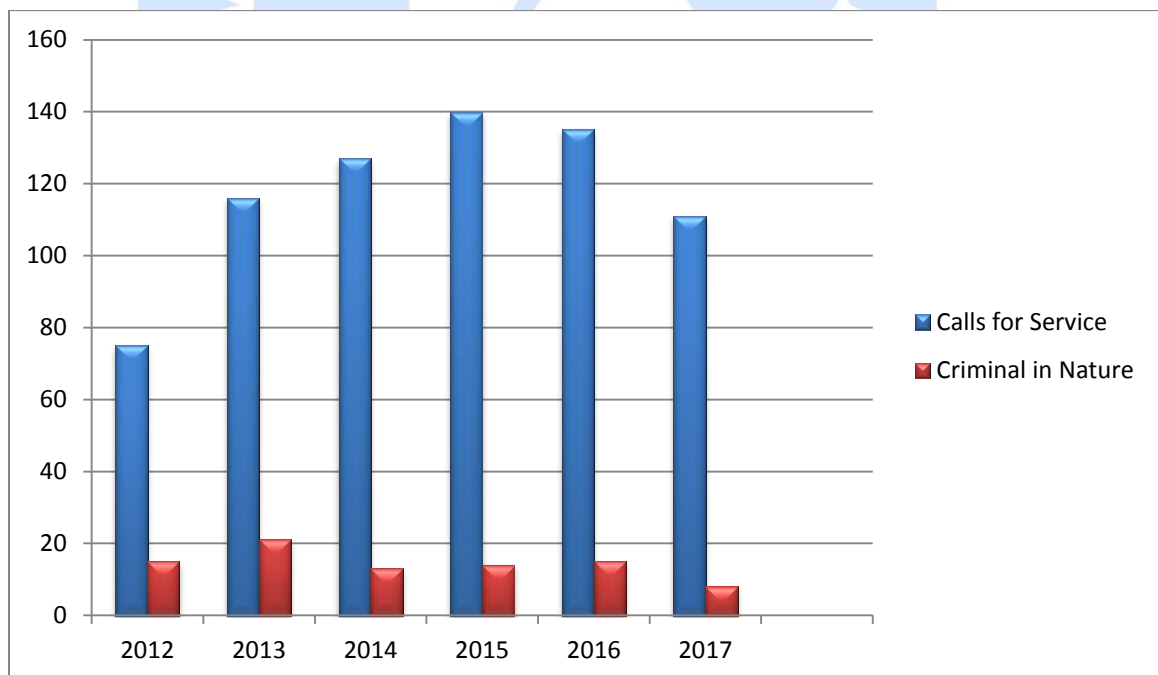
In July, we contacted the Department of Public Works and advised them of dilapidated signs and overgrown brush at the Metra. DPW worked diligently to erect new signs and clean-up the landscaping before the end of the year. The overhead parking signs were also repaired along with a new lighting system.

In November, we began using the Spillman system to become more efficient and bio-friendly to the environment. Now officers record their “Metra” checks and “Platform” checks on the Spillman system versus paper.

We are proud to report that this is the lowest amount of violent crime we have recorded since starting this project in 2012. We are also proud to have worked with DPW to make the area of the Metra modern and aesthetically appealing.

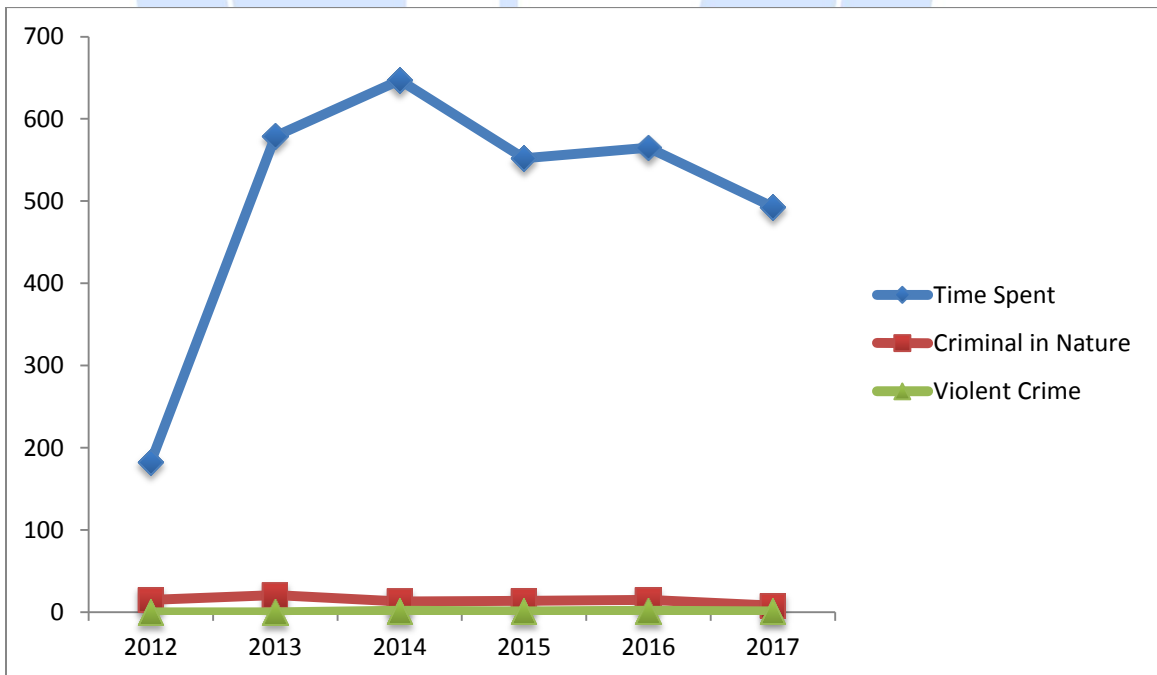
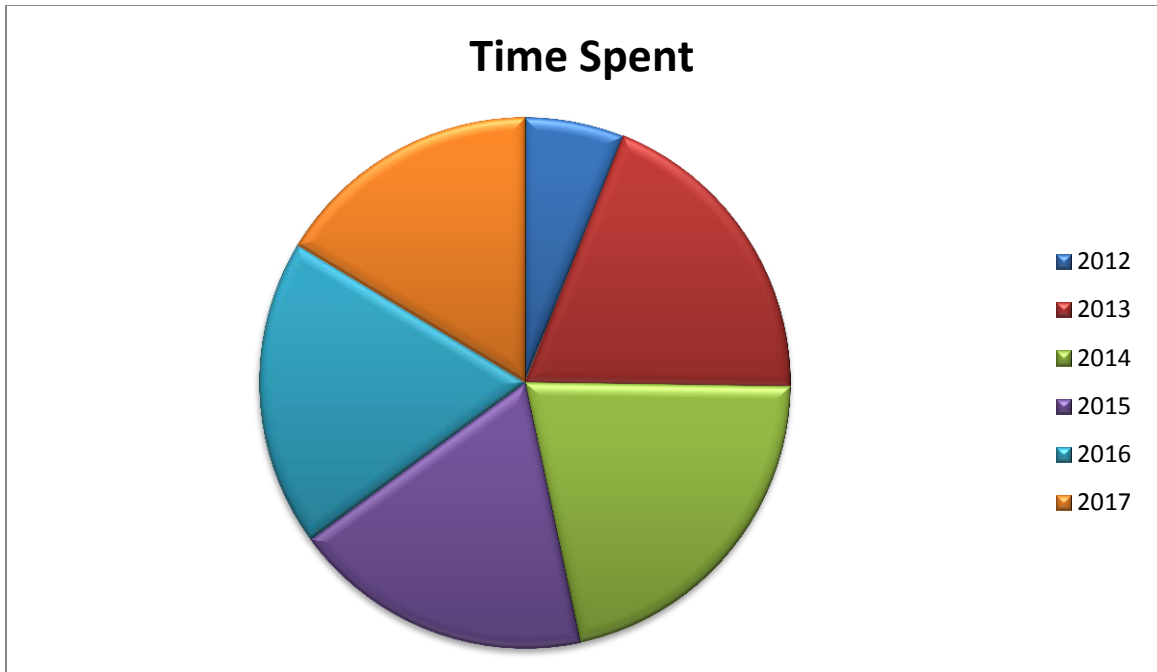
Lollapoolza was held in Chicago from August 2nd to August 5th. We had no incidents during this event.

Metra Calls for Service versus Criminal in Nature



Time Spent at Metra

(Rounded to nearest hour)



Team Miramontes: Vacant Property Monitoring



Team Miramontes identified the lack of monitoring of vacant properties, residences and commercial, within the Village of Richton Park as a problem. These vacant properties are an opportunity for youths to have a place to conduct illegal activities and give burglars access to materials to steal. These vacant property and owners can also be victims of vandals and possible arsons.

The team identified properties that are/were vacant. Once the properties were identified, a list was compiled. The list is used to monitor the vacant properties with building checks. If issues are identified, they are addressed. This list is able to be updated and distributed as needed.

Over the course of the past year the team completed 1,581 checks of identified vacant properties. Fifty-eight incident numbers were created for properties found to be open or accessible. During the year, three incidents were forwarded to the building department for board up or further investigation by their department. Copies of the list were given to the Building Department and Community Development to assist them with code violations and property monitoring. At the year end, the list of identified vacant properties totaled 132.

The community benefited from the increase in visible patrols on their block. We received positive feedback on scene from neighbors of the properties thanking us for the interest in the vacant property. This program promotes positive community policing.

Team Owens: Proactive Enforcement on Juvenile Related Incidents

Team Owens' community project focused on addressing juvenile related issues. The numbers tallied reflect the contacts officers have had with juvenile subjects, both positive and negative, for the 2017 year. The numbers may not accurately reflect all contact officers have had with juvenile subjects, not all department members participated in the collection of this information.

Officer contact was broken down into six different categories: Traffic Citations, Local Ordinance Violations, Petitions, Station Adjustments, Other Action and Parental Responsibility Forms. The results of the contacts are as follows:

Traffic Citation – 9 citations



Local Ordinance – 37 tickets issued

- Breach of Peace – 10
- Retail Theft – 11
- Curfew – 9
- Unlawful Occupancy – 2
- Truancy – 9
- Possession of Cannabis – 3
- Tobacco – 1
- BB Gun – 1

Petitions – 16 arrest with juvenile court petitions

- Aggravated Robbery – 1
- Aggravated Vehicular Hi-Jacking - 1
- Retail Theft - 2
- Domestic Battery - 2
- Motor Vehicle Theft - 1
- Aggravated Assault/UUW - 1
- Residential Burglary - 3
- Criminal Trespass to Vehicle - 1
- Assault -1
- Criminal Trespass - 2
- Disorderly Conduct - 1

Station Adjustments – 6 contacts with no charges filed

Other Action – 44 contacts with juveniles for various non-criminal reasons

Parental Responsibility Forms – 44 issued to parents/guardians.

The juvenile project is designed to encourage police and youth partnership as well as to address community concerns.



Team Rank: Burglary Problem

For the time period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 there were 62 burglaries. This tally counts both residential burglaries and burglaries. August had the most burglaries with 12. There were 24 burglaries to vacant residences. There were 38 residential burglaries. The burglaries were spread out throughout the Village. A vast majority of the burglaries occurred during the day-time hours while residents were at work. In most of the burglaries the only evidence that was collected was fingerprints. Any evidence collected from the scenes was submitted to the Illinois State Police Crime Lab. The Detective Division followed-up on cases by re-canvassing the area, re-interviewing the victims, and searching for additional evidence. Any items that were taken that had serial numbers were entered into LEADS. Three arrests were made, however the offenders were juveniles and Cook County refused to prosecute. There are multiple cases in which either the offender has been identified and a warrant was issued, or the offender needs to be identified.

During this same time period there were 97 burglaries from motor vehicles. July had the most with fifteen. The burglaries from motor vehicles were dispersed evenly throughout the Village. They did, however, happen sporadically in localized locations. In over 95% of the burglaries to motor vehicles, the vehicles were unsecured. As with the burglaries any evidence collected was submitted to the Illinois State Police Crime Lab. The south suburbs saw a huge spike in burglaries from motor vehicle. During the summer months there were three separate crews hitting multiple neighborhoods. Due to the majority of the burglaries occurring to unsecured vehicles the detective division put together a program/flier called “Lock It or Lose It”. Information was distributed to Home Owners Meetings, and put on vehicles during patrol.

There were two firearms taken in total, between the burglaries and burglaries to motor vehicles. The firearms information was put into LEADS.

Information was provided to the community about the burglaries at Home Owner’s Association meetings. Residents were also supplied with information on how to protect their homes and vehicles from being burglarized.

Team Young: Broken Windows

The team concentrated on street signs and lights that need repairs. The team identified 103 lights and 113 signs that need repair. Each location and issue was documented. Each light pole and sign (when available) was marked with blue painter’s tape to ensure that double reporting was not made. The list of lights and signs were forwarded to the Department of Public Works for repair.

Most of these lights were repaired or replaced during the Village’s LED change over. The most important signs were fixed; however, there are numerous ones that still need repair. Public Works has ordered the needed signs and/or poles to make the outstanding repairs.

- Icy/Unsafe roadways
- Defacement of vacant residences
- Graffiti on roadway
- Broken street lights
- Persons in the park after dark

Overall the project has been progressing as planned. We have addressed many quality of life issues in the community and were able to make a positive impact. Through the project we were able to make many positive community contacts, both private and business. By paying closer attention to the neighborhood we were also able to identify criminal activity and take action. This resulted in arrests that both improved the quality of life and the safety of the community. During the warmer months, we will do more park checks and foot patrols.



COMMUNITY POLICING ACTIVITIES

The department expects all of its officers to be involved in Community Policing activities throughout the year. Officers are encouraged to identify community problems and address concerns of residents during the course of their daily activities. Officers make suggestions on traffic problems identified in the community and make suggestions of locations where additional signage is needed. Officers perform foot patrols and make frequent checks at businesses and commercial areas to encourage community interaction. We also incorporate Community Policing activities into the personnel evaluation process. Listed below are examples of the many community policing programs provided in 2017.

ABANDONED & INOPERABLE VEHICLES

The identification of nuisance vehicles which are either abandoned or inoperable, creating an eyesore in the community, is in keeping with the community policing philosophies of the department by identifying community problems and quality of life concerns. Officers routinely assist in this endeavor by identification of abandoned or inoperable vehicles and placing warning tickets and tow notices on vehicles parked on Village streets. The vehicles are then followed up by the Community Service Officers who ticket and tow when appropriate. The department's objective has been compliance.

ALARM CALLS

In 2017, the department responded to a total of 991 alarm calls. The breakdown of those calls is as follows: 779 false residential alarms and 212 false commercial/business alarms. When the department receives a report of an alarm, it is required to send two officers for safety reasons. With dwindling resources it is important that we are mindful of how our resources are used. As a result of the false alarms, \$4,025 was collected for false alarm violations and \$2,200 was paid for new alarm permits. As of December 31, 2017, there were 1,225 total paid alarm permits.

BUSINESS CHECKS

Patrol Officers are required to visit all Village businesses during the course of their regular duties. During the visits the officer interacts with employees and addresses crime related issues. Officers conducted 5,924 business checks

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

The Citizens Police Academy (CPA) is open to area residents and business owners. Classes are held on 10 consecutive Thursdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Matteson and Richton Park Police Departments. The CPA is designed to expose the public to various aspects of law enforcement training and services.



2017 Citizens Police Academy Graduation Swearing-in

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

January, 2017, we recruited youth for the Explorer Program.

January, 2017, we provided instruction to freshman high school students on Cyberbullying, Social Media Abuse and the circulation of pornographic material.

On February 28, 2017, we participated in the South Suburban Special Recreation Association's Police and Special Olympics Basketball game.

March, 2017, conducted a hard lock-down drill at Rich South High School.

March, 2017, attended Huth Middle School Career Fair. On April 22, 2017, we participated with "Community Clean Up."

On May 13, 2017, we participated in "Ride the Sauk" bicycle event.

May 15 through June 4, 2017, we participated with the Memorial Day "Click-it-or-Ticket" campaign sponsored by the Illinois Department of Transportation. Our agency issued a total of 160 citations to motorists for seatbelt and child passenger protection violations.

On May 19, 2017, we participated with "Cop-on-Top" at our local Dunkin Donuts to raise awareness and funds to support the Illinois Special Olympics.

On May 21, 2017, we held our annual Police Recognition & Awards Ceremony at Southland Prep School.

On June 3, 2017, we participated in the Village's "Building Safety Day."

On June 7, 2017, we participated with the "Illinois Torch Run" to raise awareness and funds to support the Illinois Special Olympics.

On July 22, 2017, we participated in the Village's HOA Picnic.

On August 1, 2017, we held the "National Night Out" at Glaeser Park. Local businesses, civic groups, community members and Village of Richton Park employees supported this event by providing monetary and volunteer support. This was one of our most successful and largest events to date.

On August 5, 2017, we participated with Harvest Time Worship community event.

On August 15, 2017, Chief Williams participated as a group facilitator for Robin Kelly's Black Women and Girls "Woke at All Ages" symposium.

On September 7, 2017, we participated in a "Crisis Management & Preparedness" meeting at Rich South High School to discuss the school's emergency plan.

September 21 through November 16, 2017, the Richton Park and Matteson Police Departments sponsored a "Citizen's Police Academy."

On October 10, 2017, we participated in a School District's 227 district-wide crisis planning meeting.

On October 14, 2017, we participated in the Village of Richton Park's "Pizza Challenge" event.

On November 10, 2017 we facilitated a "Rapid Response Drill" at Southland Prep School for School District 162. Federal guidelines have significantly changed regarding how organizations should prepare, train and respond to an active shooter situation.

On November 11, 2017, we participated in the Village's "Veteran's Day Parade."

On November 15, 2017, we conducted an Active Shooter training session for Rich South High School.

On December 18, 2017, we participated in a Security & Preparation meeting at Rich South High School for the "Big Dipper" basketball tournament.

DON'T BE SORRY AND PROJECT STICKER SHOCK

The kickoff Alcohol Awareness Month, the Illinois Liquor Control Commission partnered with a variety of state and local organizations, including the Richton Park Police Department during the month of April to increase public awareness of the dangers of underage drinking. Entitled "Don't Be Sorry" and "Project Sticker Shock", this new educational effort is designed to focus attention on the consequences of underage drinking through statewide participation. Thousands of local law enforcement personnel were out in force in Illinois during the month of April, posting stickers, window decals, posters and signs in liquor establishments to remind communities that providing alcohol to minors is illegal, unhealthy and unacceptable. In our effort, local liquor licensees agreed

to allow our officers to post the stickers, window decals, posters and signs in their establishments and on their packaged goods and to keep the materials predominately posted during the entire month of April as a reminder of the legal consequences of providing alcohol to minors. This program gave us an opportunity to change the perception that providing alcohol to minors is an acceptable practice. The Illinois Liquor Control Commission conducted a compliance check in the Village of Richton Park that resulted in four businesses cited for selling alcohol to an underage minor.

ENHANCED NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The neighborhood watch program was implemented in 2007. It promotes officer and community engagement, participation and problem solving which leads to the discovery and implementation of solutions to community problems, concerns and issues. Officers are assigned to teams. Each team is assigned to specific homeowner associations. Members of the team attend neighborhood watch meetings as well as homeowner association meetings. Officers will address problems, concerns and issues that are unique and specific to each area, subdivision and homeowner association. The officer's enhanced involvement has grown into partnerships with the citizens and the increased participation with the community has thus resulted in facilitating solutions to problems of mutual concern. This program thus far has been extremely successful and has been overwhelmingly accepted by the community. During 2017, officers participated in approximately 100 separate meetings and/or events throughout the Village. It has progressed in such a manner that when an issue or need surfaces, the neighborhood/association member is able to simply contact their particular assigned officer who immediately gets involved and works with the community to resolve or address the particular issue or matter of concern.

FOOD DRIVE

With the active participation of students from Rich Township School Districts #159 and #162, the Richton Park Police Department lead an effort to impress upon the youth of our Village the value of service to community by conducting the fifth annual food drive. The food drive was developed to assist the Rich Township food pantry to meet its growing demand for assistance especially during the holiday season. The food drive kicked off in November and food donations began immediately. The department was able to deliver a truckload of food to the pantry for the holiday season. Through the efforts of local church groups, senior centers and schools assisting and becoming involved, we were able to provide food for needy families located in Rich Township.

The department's ninth annual food drive was again a great success and only made possible through the generous contributions of our Village employees, residents and the fine young men and women of School Districts #159 and #162. Not only did these efforts help to fill our local food pantry, but it raised the consciousness of the children and taught them the true value of altruism.

FOOT PATROLS

During calendar year 2017, officer conducted over 695 foot patrols. Foot patrols are conducted by officers in areas of high pedestrian traffic, large gathering, parks and other public spaces and when requested. Foot patrols are also used for investigative purposes, as a deterrence to crime, and as a part of our community policing initiative. It is important that officers become familiar with the people in their assigned beats as well as the public feeling comfortable interacting with an officer without involving enforcing the law.

KIDS CAN'T BUY 'EM HERE PROGRAM

The department continues to work with a grant through the Illinois Liquor Control Commission for the enforcement of tobacco sales to reduce youth access to tobacco. This program is titled “Kids Can’t Buy’Em Here”; the purpose is to educate the local tobacco retailers not to sell tobacco products to children under the age of 18. The program requires the local police department to conduct three compliance checks during the year. The first round of compliance checks were completed in early winter which only required that a warning be given to the retailer. The second and third checks were conducted in the spring and summer and require that a compliance ticket be issued for a violation. The Village of Richton Park has only six tobacco licenses issued to local retailers. One retail establishment in the Village of Richton Park sold tobacco to our undercover minor during the compliance checks. The business was issued a citation and a fine.

LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPLORER PROGRAM

The Matteson/Richton Explorer Post 10-78 Cadet Program meets monthly. The program provides hands-on experience in the field of law enforcement and the development of leadership skills for youth ages 14-20.

LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN

Since 1986, law enforcement has been supporting Special Olympics Illinois by raising money and awareness through the Law Enforcement Torch Run®. In the last decade, the number of people with intellectual disabilities participating in Special Olympics in Illinois has increased by roughly 25 percent to more than 22,000 athletes in 2017. As Special Olympics Illinois continues to provide opportunities for a growing number of athletes and families, the need for more funding to support those programs grows. This is where more involvement from the law enforcement community becomes crucial. In addition to sports training and competition, the organization offers numerous other programs for athletes and families – all at no cost to the participants! The Richton Park Police Department raised \$10,058 for Special Olympics in 2017.



2017 Richton Park Special Olympics Torch Run

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The Richton Park police department celebrated the 34th Annual National Night Out event at Glaeser Park on August 2, 2017. Over 500 persons attended the event which included prizes, food, games, fireworks and entertainment for young and old. The introduction of National Night Out, “America’s Night Out Against Crime,” in 1984 began an effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. National Night Out program culminates annually, on the first Tuesday of August. The traditional “lights on” campaign and symbolic front porch vigils turned into a celebration across America with various events and activities including, but not limited to, block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from emergency personnel, rallies and marches, exhibits, youth events, safety demonstrations and seminars, in an effort to heighten awareness and enhance community relations.



PREVENTATIVE MEASURES/EFFORTS

Throughout 2017, the Richton Park Police Department has provided a number of programs to local businesses, organizations, schools and residents within the Village of Richton Park. The Richton Park Police Department has built excellent partnerships with our residents as well as businesses. The following crime prevention efforts were provided during 2017:

Alcohol/Tobacco Compliance Checks	Bicycle Patrols
Child Safety Seat Program	Vacation Checks
Community Flyers	Sex Offender Checks
Community Presentations	Citizens Police Academy
Covert & Overt Surveillances	Click it or Ticket Campaign
Home Owner Association Meetings	Police Department Tours
Home Security Inspections	Special Olympics
Identity Theft Prevention	Child I.D. Kits
Police Internship Program	Community Shred Day
Security Surveys	Bicycle Safety

RADAR PROGRAM

The Richton Park Police Department has one radar trailer to assist in its traffic enforcement efforts throughout the year. As speed related complaints are received by the department, one of the techniques/tactics in helping bring awareness to the complaint is the deployment of the speed trailer to the area of concern. This visual reminder to passing motorists acts as a deterrent and makes drivers need to be aware of their speed, especially in residential areas.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

The Richton Park Police Department initiated a liaison position with Richton Township High School District #227, as well as Rich Township School Districts #159 and #162 in order to improve communications and provide service for Richton Park's public school student population. The School Resource Officer position was staffed by Corporal Brian Anderson. His duties require him to act as liaison between school district administrators and the Richton Park Police Department. This includes fostering a free flow of information between the organizations to optimize law enforcement services. The School Resource Officer is also required to respond to calls for police service from individual schools and conduct criminal investigations. Community policing in the school atmosphere is the emphasis of the program. Mediation and conflict resolution, with arrest being the final option, is one goal of this program. The School Resource Officer has a secondary education function such as addressing assemblies and classes about law enforcement topics. This type of deployment requires the officer to provide other functions such as classroom presentations and student crisis referrals. These functions, plus the primary function of law enforcement and maintaining site security combine for a holistic approach of police service to Richton Township public schools.

STOP BULLYING NOW

The police department offers the "Stop Bullying Now" educational program to all Richton Park schools at no cost. The program addresses bullying as an aggressive behavior that is intentional and involves an imbalance of power and strength. Bullying effects peer relationships; the relationships shared by children in the same age range and play an important role in children's development. It offers unique opportunities for self-learning and the implementation of new social skills. Unfortunately, peer relationships may also be detrimental to the child particularly when bullying is

involved. Children experiencing peer relationship difficulties due to bullying are at risk for a variety of future adjustment problems including dropping out of school, delinquency and emotional problems. The program addresses the best practices in bullying prevention and intervention. It is anticipated that through this program, bullying prevention will be woven into the entire school environment and the social norms associated with bullying will change.

VACATION WATCH

Police officers conducted 394 residential home checks through our Vacation Watch Program. When residents plan their vacations, we ask that they not forget to protect their home while away. The Richton Park Police Department provides helpful tips to keep their home safe and secure.

Residents may request a “Vacation Watch” before leaving home for an extended period of time. By registering the home with the Richton Park Police Department, officers will provide extra patrols of the residence while the occupants are away. Notifying us also provides us with a way to contact them if we receive a call about a problem at their home.

DEPARTMENT TRAINING

Training is an essential element to maintaining certification, safety and integrity. We continue to seek the highest level of training that is available, focusing on updating officers' knowledge of their present job tasks as well as preparing them for the future. We encourage department personnel to look beyond their normal duties and seek leadership courses, community policing training and other specialty classes to enhance their abilities and prepare themselves for future assignments and promotions. Police employees received in excess of 2,000 hours of training in 2017.

FIELD TRAINING PROGRAM

The Richton Park Police Department has several officers who have been Field Training Officers (FTOs) throughout their careers. Upon being hired, officers without police experience attend the Law Enforcement Academy for 12 weeks of basic training. After graduation from the police academy, Recruit Officers are required to successfully complete a Field Training Program at the Richton Park Police Department. The Richton Park Police Department uses the San Jose and Sokolove Field Training models to train its new officers. This is typically a twelve week training program that consists of at least 400 hours of training.

Each new Recruit is assigned a primary FTO. As the Recruit completes each week, he/she is given more responsibilities until they are simply being observed with no input from the FTO. The FTO completes Daily Observation Reports (DORs) every shift documenting what the Recruit has done in 31 different categories under multiple areas including knowledge, performance and attitude. The training is comprehensive, intensive and always under direct supervision of an FTO. The Recruit is trained by a minimum of two different FTOs who complete the reports. Each FTO must have positive yearly reviews, be recommended by their Supervising Sergeant and complete a 40-hour State Certified training program prior to starting duty as an FTO. Sergeant James Galvan is the Field Training Coordinator and oversees this program.

The FTO program is an in-depth training experience that turns out professional, productive and well trained Police Officers. Upon successful complete of the FTO program, the officer is assigned to the Patrol Division.

POLICE PARTNERSHIPS

CRISIS CENTER FOR SOUTH SUBURBIA

The Crisis Center for South Suburbia provides a legal advocate one day a week to provide follow-up for all Domestic Violence related incidents which are reported to the department. The advocate comes to the department and provides specific follow-up with the victims listed on the domestic violence reports. Cases are evaluated and referrals made for those cases which may not have had specific criminal behavior prevalent to effectuate an arrest but still show the dynamics of domestic violence exist. The advocate makes contact with the victim to identify patterns of abusive behaviors and to provide them with resources in and around the community. The advocate reports directly to our police department and conducts follow-up services directly from our facility. The Crisis Center for South Suburbia provides legal advocacy in the courts for the victims who reside in Richton Park and provides the victim with assistance in completing orders of protection and explain the legal procedures of the case pending.

For the calendar year 2017, 418 documented domestic related offenses were reported to the Crisis Center for South Suburbia social worker for follow-up.

McDIPPER BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

This holiday basketball tournament is administered by Rich South School; they are also responsible for assigning the security needs for this event. State police and school security guards worked the interior of the building, while Richton Park Police Officers were assigned the exterior. Our responsibility included traffic control and parking. This year's event ran smoothly with very little enforcement activity to report.

S.M.A.R.T.

The Richton Park Police Department also continued its partnership with the Suburban Major Accident Reconstruction Team (S.M.A.R.T.) which is a multi-jurisdictional response team. The Richton Park Police Department has a representative assigned to the team. The team consists of specially trained officers from many south suburban communities whose responsibility is to investigate major motor vehicle crashes.

S.S.E.R.T.

The Richton Park Police Department also continued its partnership with the South Suburban Emergency Response Team (S.S.E.R.T.) which is a multi-jurisdictional specialized unit of highly trained officers whose specialized skills are utilized to assist member agencies in the execution of high risk search warrants, barricaded subjects, hostage situations, etc. The department has two officers assigned to the unit, one as logistics coordinator and the other as a trained special weapons and tactic officer and assigned to the unit's all-purpose response team. The department's full-time Community Service Officer is assigned to S.S.E.R.T. as the unit's logistics coordinator.

S.S.M.C.T.F.

The Richton Park Police Department continues its partnership with the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force (S.S.M.C.T.F.). This is a multi-jurisdictional task force made up of Investigator's from numerous south suburban police departments including the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department, as well as the Illinois State Police. The main focus of this specialized task force is to assist member agencies with the investigation of homicide cases and other major crimes which may occur within their jurisdictions. Since its inception in 1999, the Richton Park Police Department has been a member agency and has two investigators assigned to the task force.



Trustee Brian Coleman, Village Manager Regan Stockstell and President Rick Reinbold at the 2017 SSSRA and Police Basketball game

On behalf of the employees of the Richton Park Police Department, thank you for taking the time to review our policing efforts for the year 2017. We are open to input on how to better serve our community. Please email Chief Williams at ewilliams@richtonpark.org or visit the Village of Richton Park webpage at www.richtonpark.org.



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