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Village Board Police Public Safety Committee

Westmont Village Hall - 31 West Quincy Street

Meeting Minutes - January 25, 2024

Draft to be Approved - April 18, 2024

I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Trustee Simonovich called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

II. **ROLL CALL**

<p><u>Committee</u> Trustee Simonovich (Chair) Mayor Gunter Trustee Liddle Trustee Guzzo Trustee Barker Trustee Nero Trustee Brady</p> <p><u>Visitors</u> Padilla Family F&P Commissioner Kovanda F&P Commissioner Qualizza F&P Commissioner Mulhearn</p>	<p><u>Staff</u> Village Manager May Assistant Village Manager Parker Chief Public Safety Officer Gunther Deputy Chief Thompson Fire Chief Riley Public Works Director Ries Government Services Director Mielcarski CDD Director Hennerfeind HR Director Brainerd Sgt. Padilla Sgt. Weibler Sgt. Rainaldi Police Department Detectives Division Staff Communications Director McIntyre Assistant to Police Chief Olsson</p>
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III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None

V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - October 19, 2023 Police Public Safety Committee meeting minutes were approved by Motion Trustee Liddle made and seconded by Trustee Barker.

VI. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None

VII. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Police Department 2023 Employee of the Year Award**

Chief Gunther presented the Employee of the Year Award to Detective

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Sergeant Rolando Padilla for his outstanding contributions to the department and the Village of Westmont community in 2023.

2. 2023 Annual Report

Chief Gunther presented the annual report highlighting accomplishments, challenges and events that impacted the department in 2023:

1. Staffing

Chief Gunther discussed the challenges of hiring qualified staff and staff retention, which is experienced by all surrounding agencies. With a budgeted sworn staff of 41, there are currently 8 vacancies. The organizational structure is mostly unchanged except for the Records Division. Chief Gunther discussed the current tenure of staff, which is expected to turn over in the next few years due to retirements. There are 3 candidates in the background process, with 8 spots reserved for the academy starting in May. Mayor Gunter asked how many were on the eligibility list. Chief Gunther responded that there were 38 on the list, which has now been exhausted. He added that Carol Stream Police Department had 185 applicants, but Glendale Heights only had 15 applicants. There has been a lot of staff movement among the different agencies in DuPage County. Mayor Gunter asked why there were so many more applicants in Carol Stream. Chief Gunther will follow up with Carol Stream Village Manager Holmer. Chief Gunther stated that there were a total of 4 patrol officers that transferred to another agency in DuPage County primarily due to required overtime and perceived lack of opportunity in the department. Chief Gunther explained that the other agency has a much larger department with 180 sworn officers. He added that in the past few years, officers in the Tier 1 pension retired with 20 years of service prior to turning 50 years old, which is the new trend of law enforcement retirements. Chief Gunther discussed the retirements and new hires in 2023.

2. Budget vs Actual Operating expenses

Chief Gunther reported on the operating expenses comparing budget to actuals from FY 2012-13 to the current fiscal year. Though the overall operating actual expenses have remained steadily below budget, the overtime costs have exceeded the current year budget due to the staff shortage. He discussed the possibility of increasing the budgeted staffing levels for sworn officers in order to offset staff attrition.

3. Grant funding offset state mandated programs

Almost \$300,000 of Federal and State grants were received, which partially offset the state mandated cost of the implementation of the BWC system. The grants were also used for license plate readers (LPR), the new drone program, speed sign monitors for side street patrol, a utility vehicle

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used for community events, and officer safety gear.

4. Patrol Division statistics

Chief Gunther discussed the transition of fleet vehicles from Ford to Dodge. He highlighted Patrol Division statistics related to calls for service, citations, accident reports, and arrests for 2023 which were similar to the prior year.

5. Launch of Drone program

Chief Gunther discussed the “Drones as First Responders Act” that was passed in 2023 utilizing drones for law enforcement and public safety. As mentioned, grant funds were used to partially fund the purchase of five drones. Recorded flights are available to the public for transparency. Signs are posted when drones are launched.

6. Side street patrol

Chief Gunther discussed tracking and reporting on side street patrols. Traffic stops and violators ticketed more than doubled in 2023 from the previous year. Speeding and stop sign violations comprise the majority of the violations. DUI arrests showed a decrease in 2023 from prior years.

7. Investigations Division statistics

Chief Gunther presented the number of assigned and closed cases, arrests, and search warrants that were completed. Trustee Simonovich asked how the statistics compared to the prior year. Sgt. Padilla responded that the assigned and closed cases were about the same from year to year. However the number of arrests doubled from 29 in 2022 to 58 in 2023.

Chief Gunther discussed Detective Jeremy Durst’s role as the Juvenile Detective and School Resource Officer as the liaison to the Westmont Community School District 201, Maercker School District 60, and Holy Trinity Catholic School. He also works with the Human Resource department for the workplace violence training within the village.

Notable cases from 2023 were listed from both Patrol Officers and Detectives, many of which involve fleeing officers. Trustee Barker asked if there is a standard guideline for pursuing suspected offenders. Chief Gunther responded that each agency implements their own pursuit policy. The Westmont Police Department has a pursuit policy, and the action taken depends on the situation. Trustee Barker asked if the action changes outside of Westmont. Chief Gunther responded that the officer still needs to apply the home agency’s policy regardless of the location. Trustee Barker asked about the communication between agencies. Chief Gunther explained that all the officers have their own radios and are tuned in to other agencies’

frequencies. Networks of LPRs are also used to identify suspects as they move through different towns. Trustee Barker stated that he likes the cameras for public safety and law enforcement. Chief Gunther added that the village's insurance company would like to implement a standardized pursuit policy for the agencies they cover.

Trustee Simonovich commented on one of the notable cases related to domestic violence that there seemed to be an increase in domestic violence and suicide cases, not in Westmont, but in surrounding areas. She asked if these types of cases occur seasonally or if there are other risk factors that can predict the increase in the number of these cases. Chief Gunther responded that many factors could trigger these types of cases such as holidays and seasonal affective disorders. The Health Department has more statistics on incidents related to mental health disorders.

8. Records Division and Crime Statistics

Chief Gunther discussed that the number of DCFS, local records checks, FOIA requests and case transmittals to DuPage County and local prosecutors that were submitted were similar to the prior year. He added that new rules related to BWC footage increased effort required to redact video or audio that were not pertinent to the case.

The National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) was used to track multiple categories of crime statistics. Different states have different definitions of crimes. The statistics showed reduction in rape, aggravated assault, theft, and arson from 2022. There was an increase in robbery, burglary, and motor vehicle theft from the prior year. Trustee Barker asked if it would be possible to clearly define that the statistics reported represent allegations of crimes, but not necessarily the outcome of the crime. Chief Gunther stated that the numbers reported are from the initial report and do not reflect the results of the complete investigative process. However, a clarifying statement can be made for future reports. Trustee Simonovich added that parsing the data of a case to fit into specific categories is complicated.

Trustee Nero asked to clarify a robbery versus burglary. Chief Gunther defined a robbery as a crime against a person, whereas a burglary is a crime against property. Trustee Nero asked if there was a particular area in town where the burglaries are occurring since the numbers show an increase from the prior year. Chief Gunther explained that vehicle burglaries are included in the statistics, which occurred in multiple areas in the village. Trustee Simonovich commented that despite increases in some categories, there was a significant decrease in the overall total crimes that were reported from 2022 to 2023, thanks to the efforts of the Westmont Police Department.

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9. Mutual Aid activity

Chief Gunther summarized the department's participation in mutual aid with the M.E.R.I.T. task force in 2023 which totalled 150.50 hours.

10. Training Division, SAFE-T Act Compliance, Tracking Use of Force, Vehicle Pursuits and Compliments & Complaints

Chief Gunther listed some of the state mandated training that the department attended which was over 5,000 hours in 2023.

Some of the SAFE-T Act Compliance mandates include mental health screenings and BWC implementation. The department completed all of the state mandates that were required in 2023. The Pretrial Fairness Act went into effect in 2023. It is too early to gauge the effectiveness of the legislation at this time.

The Frontline software that was recently implemented tracks use of force and vehicle pursuit incidents. The program allows the department to run specific inquiries on these incidents to access information quickly and flag any issues. Chief Gunther summarized the 26 use of force incidents which were all found to be justified by policy. There were 3 vehicle pursuit incidents, of which 2 were justified by policy and 1 required corrective action.

The Frontline software also tracks all officer compliments and complaints from the public which is available on the village's website. In 2023, the department received 16 compliments and 10 complaints. The department's senior staff reviews all compliments and complaints. The complaints were investigated and were unfounded, exonerated or not sustained. BWC footage was used to investigate the complaints. Trustee Nero asked if the department followed up with the complainants. Chief Gunther replied that the department contacted the complainants and explained the situation. Chief Gunther gave some examples of the compliments received.

11. Community outreach programs

Chief Gunther discussed several community outreach events such as the Special Olympics Illinois fundraisers coordinated by Sgt. Michael Weibler collected over \$46,000, which was a department record. The next Special Olympics golf outing is scheduled for September 13, 2024. The other successful events and programs were National Night Out at Ty Warner Park, Squad Car Night, Citizens' and Junior Citizens' Police Academies, and social media posts, which increased in followers.

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Chief Gunther listed the department's 2023 goals that were established last year and provided the status of each goal. The 2024 goals include:

- increasing staffing to a sustainable level,
- conduct eligibility lists for new hires, lateral hires, and sergeant testing,
- Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP) re-accreditation,
- building improvements,
- transition fleet from Ford to Dodge,
- standardize crime scene processing,
- enhance opportunities to participate in mutual aid,
- transition fiscal year cycle,
- interdepartmental training with the Public Works and Fire Departments including the National Incident Management Systems (NIMS).

Chief Gunther discussed his new role as Chief Public Safety Officer working with Fire Chief Riley and Public Works Director Ries. He concluded that he appreciates the support of the Board of Trustees, Mayor Gunter, and Village Manager May.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS - Agenda adjusted

- A.** Trustee Barker inquired about the status of the 63rd & Cass incident that started on January 18, 2024. Chief Riley provided an update on the hazmat situation which has been mitigated. He stated that the incident is still under investigation and the village is working with multiple EPA organizations that were onsite as part of the investigation.

- B.** Mayor Gunter asked if there were any issues or anticipated issues with the influx of people flowing through the Westmont train stops en route to Chicago, especially when the convention is held in Chicago. Chief Gunther replied that there is a mutual aid process and open lines of communication between the department, Mobile Field Force, ILEAS and the county. The department is aware and prepared to address the potential influx of people anticipated for both the Chicago and Milwaukee conventions.

IX. REPORTS

A. Committee Chair

Chair Simonovich - no report

B. Department Director

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Chief Gunther - no additional report

C. Division Reports

1. Administration

➤ ILEAP Re-Accreditation

Sgt. Weibler discussed the upcoming ILEAP re-accreditation. The last re-accreditation was done in July 2019. A mock assessment will be done by Illinois Law Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP) and ILEAP assessors in February. The mock assessment at the Tier 2 level involves reviewing the administration, operation, personnel, and training policies and evaluating the evidence room to ensure compliance with standards established by the state. The results of the mock assessment will be used to prepare for the actual assessment scheduled in May. During the actual assessment by official ILEAP assessors, a public hearing will be held to collect any public comments, perform the reviews, and determine if the department meets all the standards for Tier 2 re-accreditation.

2. Patrol - no report

3. Investigations - no report

X. ADJOURN - Approved by Motion Trustee Liddle made and seconded by Trustee Nero at 5:56 p.m. (next meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2024)

2023 Annual Report



MISSION STATEMENT OF THE WESTMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT



We, the members of the Westmont Police Department, are dedicated to providing high quality service through problem solving strategies, innovation, creativity, and adaptability to a changing diverse community. We are committed to nurturing a partnership with the community, through the utilization of community policing strategies, to improve the quality of life and promote a safe, secure environment in which to live and work.

*We accomplish our goals with **PROFESSIONALISM, COMMITMENT, AND LOYALTY** to our community. We, as integral members of the team, strive for excellence with **FIDELITY, HONOR and SERVICE** to our community.*

A Message from the Chief...



As the Chief Public Safety Officer, I am honored and humbled to serve alongside the men and women of the Westmont Police Department. We have a dedicated group of sworn officers, civilian employees and volunteers committed to safeguarding the lives and property of the Westmont community. Their passion for providing world class community policing to the citizens that live, work and visit our village has continually resulted in Westmont being one of Illinois' safest communities.

Our Police Department, in partnership with the citizens of Westmont, recognizes the changing needs of our community and law enforcement's role in addressing those needs. With the many challenges that face law enforcement today, I am extremely proud of our ability to adapt and remain steadfast in our commitment to providing the best possible police services to our village.

2023 Employee of the Year

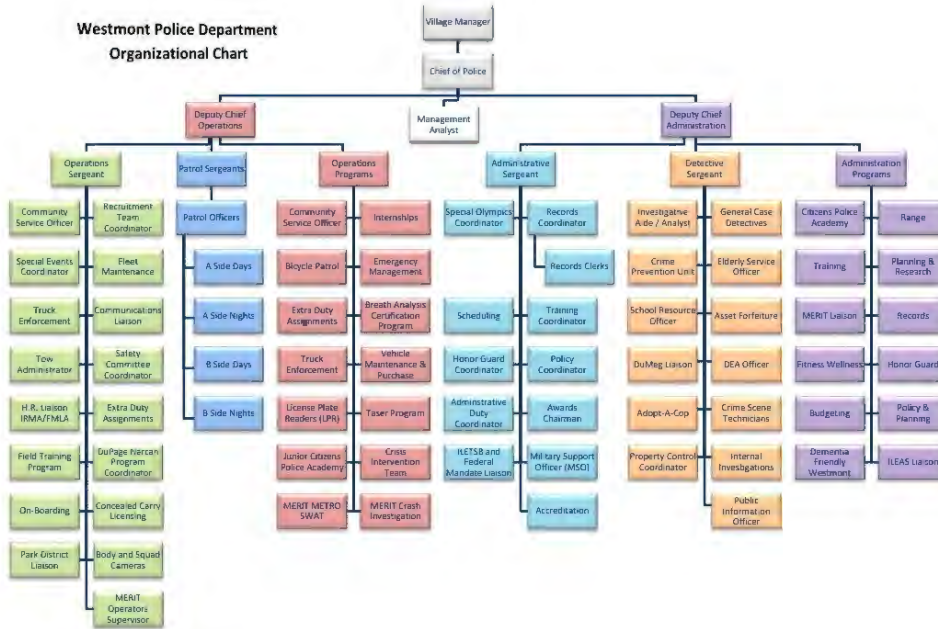
- Detective Sergeant
 - Range Officer
 - Field training Officer
 - Defensive Tactics Instructor
 - Taser Instructor
 - Public Information Officer
 - Honor Guard
 - Bicycle Officer
- ILANG Staff Sergeant
 - Combat tour in Iraq (2003-04)



"Sgt. Padilla is a shining example of what it means to be a Leader. Sgt. Padilla has been a tough but fair supervisor and leads his personnel by example. Sgt. Padilla is a trainer in several different aspects of Law Enforcement and helps mold our newer Police Officers."
(Quote from nomination)

Det/Sgt. Rolando Padilla

**Westmont Police Department
Organizational Chart**



Budgeted Strength
41 - Full-Time Sworn
6 - Full-Time Civilian

Revised and Effective: January 2024

Staff By Tenure

25 + Years of Service

1988 - Lois Kolumbar, Records Clerk
1997 - Jim Gunther, Chief Public Safety Officer
1998 - John Majeski, Patrol Officer
1998 - Thomas Kozielski, Patrol Officer
1998 - Timothy Radtke, Sergeant

20 - 24 Years of Service

2000 - Anthony Rainaldi, Sergeant
2000 - David Newton, Detective
2001 - Brian Gruen, Deputy Chief
2001 - Michael Weibler, Sergeant
2002 - Sean Ryan, Sergeant
2002 - Stephen Thompson, Deputy Chief
2003 - David Hamblin, Patrol Officer

15 - 19 Years of Service

2004 - Jeffrey Borgardt, Sergeant
2005 - Douglas Mantooth, Sergeant
2005 - Scott Bukovic, Sergeant
2008 - Rolando Padilla, Sergeant

10 - 14 Years of Service

2009 - Kristina Dominguez, Sergeant
2011 - Rosanne Terry, Comm Service Ofc.
2013 - Ruth Olsson, Assistant to the Chief

5 - 9 Years of Service

2014 - Angela Whitehead, Admin Assist II
2015 - Alexander Bennett, Patrol Officer
2015 - Tari Bregman, Records Clerk
2015 - Tyler Sage, Detective
2015 - Kamil Broda, Patrol Officer
2016 - Jonathan Longini, Patrol Officer
2016 - Hugo Pacheco, Detective
2017 - Samuel Salvato, Patrol Officer
2018 - Jeremy Durst, Detective
2018 - Robert Arndt, Patrol Officer
2018 - Timothy Collins, Detective

0 - 4 Years of Service

2019 - Natalie Michalek, Records Clerk
2021 - Thomas Swoboda, Patrol Officer
2021 - Hunter Vincent, Patrol Officer
2021 - Eric Vinyard, Patrol Officer
2022 - Lorraine Riley, Patrol Officer
2022 - Jacob Vinci, Patrol Officer
2022 - Alissa Mendez, Patrol Officer
2023 - Jakob Eisenbeis, Patrol Officer
2023 - Glen Blaylock, Patrol Officer
2023 - Bret Boyle, Patrol Officer
2024 - 8 Vacancies

Sworn Officer Headcount



Retirement

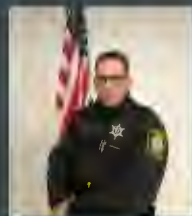


Jason Gritzenbach - Patrol Officer

New Officers



Jakob Eisenbeis
Patrol Officer

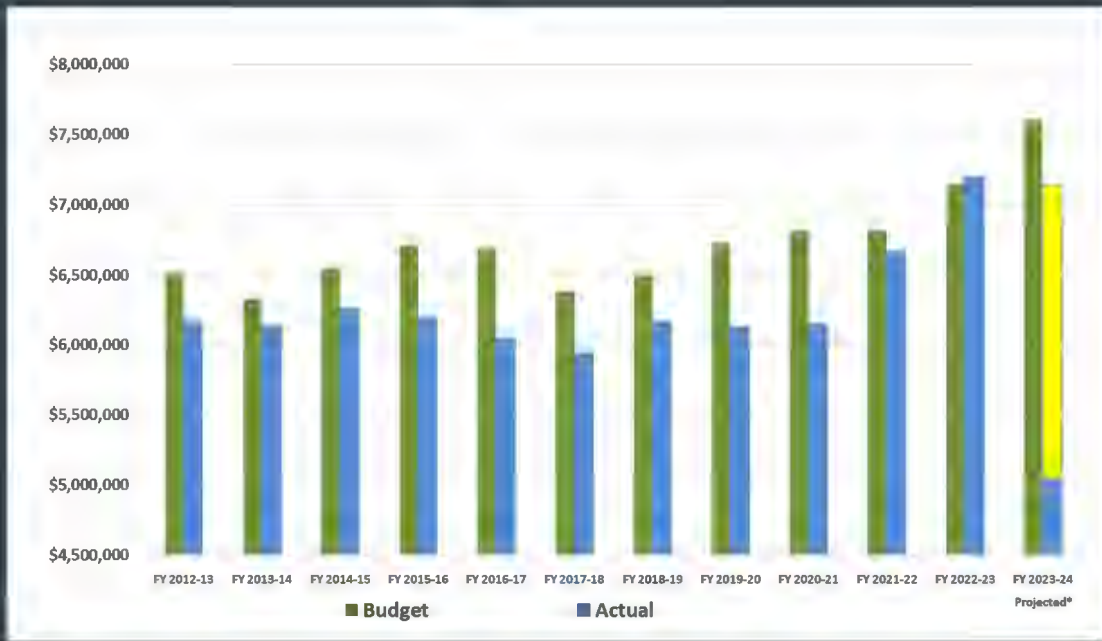


Glen Blaylock
Patrol Officer



Bret Boyle
Patrol Officer

Operating Budget vs. Actual



Overtime Expenses & Sworn Officers



Grant Funding and Expenditures

Grant Program Funds Received

Federal grant	\$44,000
State grant	\$250,000

EXPENSE TYPE	AMOUNT
LPR Cameras (YR 1 & 2)	\$44,000.00
Axon Fleet (YR 1 & 2)	\$59,927.30
Axon Fleet Wiring Kit	\$ 2,227.75
Axon Fleet Remount Kit	\$ 133.00
Axon VR Headsets (YR 1)	\$19,270.81
Axon Live Stream BWC	\$ 7,207.80
Drone Program	\$44,735.41
Digital Media Storage	\$35,631.91
Speed Signal / Monitor	\$ 6,954.39
Speed Sign Update	\$ 3,000.00
Ambitec Rifle Plates	\$ 1,754.97
Ballistic Plates	\$ 3,850.00
Polaris UTV	\$52,304.19



Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is the largest component of the Department and provides the community with professional police service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Patrol Officers are first responders who provide proactive patrol, enforce state and local statutes, conduct the enforcement of traffic laws, and take reports for a variety of reasons. In addition, Patrol Officers deter and investigate criminal activity and solve problems in a collaborative effort with the community.

Patrol Statistics - Highlights

- Calls For Service - 22,330
- Report Generating Incidents - 1,868
- Parking Citations - 3,079
- Traffic Stops - 8,123
- Traffic Citations - 3,656
- Accident Reports - 734
- Arrests - 558



Drone program

Five Total Drones in the fleet,
All DJI Products, consisting
of:

- (1) M30 Matrice
- (1) Mavic 3 Enterprise
- (2) Mavic Minis
- (1) Avata



“Drones as First
Responders Act”

<https://app.airdata.com/u/vwpcd>



Side Street Patrol

The Police Department puts an emphasis on conducting extensive patrols of side streets. These patrols ensure the safety of our citizens and their property in residential areas. Specifically, a number of complaints are received regarding traffic enforcement in these areas, and as a result, we compile statistical data in order to answer them.

- **721 - Traffic Stops** (306 in 2022)
 - 522 Traffic Stops for Speed or Stop Sign Violations
 - 44% Resident vs 56% Non-Resident
- **243 - Violators Ticketed** (102 in 2022)
 - 34% of Violators Ticketed
 - 37% Resident vs 63% Non-Resident
 - 31 Speeding
 - 40 Disobeying a Stop Sign

Driving Under the Influence (DUI)

The Police Department also puts an emphasis on DUI enforcement. Getting impaired drivers off the road is imperative to keeping our community roadways safe.

- 41 total DUI arrests in 2023
 - 5 drug-related
 - **6 involved a traffic accident** (21 in 2022)
 - 73 total DUI arrests in 2022
 - 68 total DUI arrests in 2021
 - 52 total DUI arrests in 2020

Investigations Division

Assigned Cases: 224

Closed Cases: 109

Arrests: 58

Search Warrants: 22

Vehicle: 6

Cell Phone: 8

Residence: 3

Other (Property, Docs, DNA): 5



The Investigations Division is tasked with a variety of responsibilities; the primary function being to provide investigative support into criminal activity to the Patrol Division. Reported incidents were carefully screened by Detective Sergeant Rolando Padilla to determine those cases that require additional follow-up which would typically over-task the Patrol Division's resources. Case assignments to detectives often include cases requiring multiple interviews, out-of-town follow-ups, crime scene work, surveillance activities, obtaining search warrants, serving subpoenas, and assisting outside law enforcement agencies to name a few of the duties.

School Resource Officer (SRO)

The Investigations Division includes Detective Jeremy Durst who serves as the police department liaison to Westmont Community School District 201 and Maercker School District 60 and Holy Trinity Catholic School.

School Safety Plan

Detective Jeremy Durst has served as the School Resource Officer and Juvenile Detective for the past three years. Detective Durst is responsible for the school safety plan which is essentially the phases of emergency management. The safety plans are for all the school districts in Westmont. At the beginning of each school year, a walk-thru with the schools and the Fire department is conducted to evaluate and assess school safety procedures. Recommendations from the DuPage Regional Board of Education/Safety Committee are discussed with District 201 Safety Board semi annually. The emergency response plan has been standardized throughout DuPage County schools with standardized language for schools and standardized response to different threat scenarios. Mandatory safety drills are performed throughout the year which are supervised by law enforcement with the Fire department having mapping programs of the schools on their phones. Law enforcement conducts mandatory full scale active threat scenario based training with fire departments, Emergency Management Systems, and the school districts which have been beneficial for communication between the different agencies. In addition, there are mutual aid agreements with Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) and MERIT to assist with emergency response situations. Components of the recovery plan were identified.

Notable Cases



Westmont Man Charged with Fleeing from Police/Agg. DUI

May 31, 2023

DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin and Westmont Chief of Police James Gunther announced that bond was set yesterday afternoon for a Westmont man accused of fleeing from police. Brock Vidito, 21 (d.o.b. 9/8/2001) of the 4100 block of Park Street, appeared at a bond hearing yesterday where Judge Brian Telander set bond at \$250,000 with 10% to apply. Vidito is charged with one count of Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding a Police Officer (Class 4 Felony), one count of Aggravated DUI (Class 4 Felony) and multiple Misdemeanor and petty traffic offenses.

Westmont Man Charged with UJW

July 11, 2023

At approximately 10:12 PM, Westmont Police Officers were dispatched to the 100 block of North Cass Avenue for a report of possible gunshots and a male wearing dark clothing running from the area. Within minutes, officers located a male, later identified as Daniel C. Mainz, who matched the description near Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Shell casings were recovered in an alley in the 100 block of North Cass Avenue and a handgun was later recovered in the 0-100 block of East Dallas Street.

Mainz, male, age 18, of 1012 Ashford Lane, Westmont, was taken into custody and subsequently charged with one felony count of unlawful use of a weapon. He was transported to the DuPage County Sheriff's Office to await a bond hearing.

Chicago Man Charged with Fleeing Police

October 3, 2023

DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin and Westmont Chief of Police Jim Gunther announced today that Judge Joshua Dieden released with conditions a Westmont man accused of crashing his car into an occupied home while attempting to elude police. Ronald Neal, 20 (d.o.b. 3/6/2003) of the 0-100 block of E. 56th Street, appeared at his First Appearance Court hearing this morning charged with one count of Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding, a Class 4 Felony.

Aurora Man Charged with Attempt First Degree Murder of His Estranged Wife

November 21, 2023

DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin and Westmont Chief of Police Jim Gunther announced today Judge Joshua Dieden granted the State's motion to deny pre-trial release for an Aurora man charged with attempting to murder his estranged wife following an attack early Sunday morning. Marco Renegado Evidente, 35 (d.o.b. 8/25/1988) of the 800 block of Terrace Lake Drive, appeared in First Appearance Court this morning charged with one count of Attempt Murder (Class X Felony), two counts of Aggravated Battery (Class 3 Felony) and Misdemeanor counts of Violation of an Order of Protection, Domestic Battery and Endangering the Health or Life of a Child.

Records Division

The Records Division is responsible for a multitude of duties performed on a daily basis. They ensure the safekeeping of police documents, perform quality checks on police reports and complete data entry in a timely and accurate fashion for thousands of accidents and tickets each year. Additionally, the Records Division submits all required crime statistics and reports to the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC), the Illinois State Police (ISP), the DuPage County State's Attorney Office and other agencies. Records Clerks are responsible for responding to the majority of Department Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. They complete background check requests from the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), the Military and other individuals submitting requests. The division facilitates the completion of all expungement and seal orders sent to the police department, as well as all automatic expungements required by statute.

- 85 - DCFS requests
- 380 - Local records checks
- 334 - Freedom of Information requests
- 224 - Closed cases submitted to DuPage County via TechShare
- 28 - Misdemeanor DUI cases transmitted to a local prosecutor

Crime Statistics

Beginning January 2023, we report all IUCR required Crime Statistics to NIBRS (National Incident Reporting System) on a monthly basis, in accordance with Illinois Uniform Crime Reporting (I-UCR), Chapter 20 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, 2630/8, consistent with national regulations governed by the FBI. Group A (Crimes against persons/property) Offenses are used to report all incidents committed within a law enforcement agency's jurisdiction to the NIBRS, whereas Group B (Arrest Only Data) Offenses are used only to report arrest data. **The numbers reported are from the initial report and do not reflect the results of the complete investigative process.**

	2020	2021	2022	2023
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0
Rape	10	13	11	8
Robbery	3	7	5	7
Aggravated Assault	18	18	11	10
Burglary	40	20	32	41
Theft	420	360	270	189
Motor Vehicle Theft	19	27	27	30
Arson	2	2	1	0
Total	512	452	326	285

Mutual Aid

The Westmont Police Department firmly believes assistance between law enforcement agencies is crucial to maintaining the high level of service we provide to our citizens. As members of the Metropolitan Emergency Response and Investigative Team (MERIT), we participate in a county-wide task force charged with leading investigations into serious crimes, critical incidents, and other law enforcement functions. Several members of the department contribute to the task force on different components, namely SWAT, IMAT, Major Crimes Unit (MCU), Public Integrity Team (PIT), and Major Crash Reconstruction Team (MCRT). The department also has members on the DuPage County Arson Task and the ILEAS Mobile Field Force (MFF).

- MERIT MCU
 - ◆ 7 Activations
 - ◆ 65 Total Hours
- MERIT FIU
 - ◆ 7 Activations
 - ◆ 51.5 Total Hours
- MERIT SWAT
 - ◆ 9 Activations
 - ◆ 30 Total Hours
- MERIT MCRT
 - ◆ 2 Activations
 - ◆ 4 Total Hours
- MFF - ILEAS Region 4N
 - ◆ 0 Activations
 - ◆ 0 Total Hours
- DuPage Arson Task Force
 - ◆ 0 Activation
 - ◆ 0 Total Hours

Total Mutual Aid Hours: 150.5



Training Division

Our Police Department strives to provide Officers with the highest level of training. The department continues to implement new in-house training programs to ensure our Officers are up to date on all tactical skills, and also utilizes internal and online resources to maintain all necessary certifications in order to stay current on law updates. Below are some of the areas in which Officers undergo extensive training.


- Crime Scene Processing
- Defensive Tactics including Gracie Jiu-Jitsu
- DUI Detection and Investigation
- Firearms Proficiency
- Mental Health Awareness / Crisis Intervention
- Rapid Deployment
- Active Shooter
- Supervisor Leadership
- Traffic Crash Investigation
- Use Of Force
- State Mandates

Staff attended over 5,000 hours of training (online and in-person) in 2023

SAFE-T Act Compliance

Mandated training

- Mental health screenings for officers
- Body cameras
- Pretrial Fairness Act



Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board
JB Pittsbar, Governor
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In-Service Training Mandates – Effective July 1, 2022

ANNUALLY (no minimum hours assigned to annual mandates)

- Crisis intervention training
- Emergency medical response training and certification
- Law updates
- Officer wellness and mental health
- Firearms Restraining Order Act (Certificate Required)
- Firearms Qualification

Every 3 Years (36-hours of training - minimum)

- Sexual Assault/Trauma informed response (all police officers)
- Constitutional and proper use of law enforcement authority
- Cultural competency (including implicit bias along with ethnic & racial diversity training)
- Civil rights
- Human rights
- Procedural justice
- Reporting child abuse and neglect
- Sexual Assault/Abuse Investigator Training (for those who investigate sexual assault crimes)
- Use of Force - At least 12 hours of hands-on, scenario-based role-playing.
 - At least 6-hours of instruction on use of force techniques, including the use of de-escalation techniques to prevent or reduce the need for force whenever safe and feasible or when force must be used, to use force that is objectively reasonable, necessary, and proportional under the totality of the circumstances; and to ensure appropriate supervision and accountability
 - At least 6-hours of training focused on high-risk traffic stops
 - Specific training on officer safety techniques, including cover, concealment, and time
 - Specific training on the law concerning stops, searches and use of force under the Fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution

(No scenario-based hours can be done in any of the aforementioned areas of education & training under Use of Force and are not specific to the 'R' & 'C' areas only)

Every 5 Years (no minimum hours assigned)

- Psychology of Domestic Violence

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Use of Force and Pursuit Driving

Use of Force and Pursuit Driving are tracked through Frontline. The command staff is able to create an incident using the software, upload any reports and video, and offer a recommendation through the chain of command workflow. The program allows the department to run specific inquiries on these incidents in an effort to access information quickly and flag any possible issues.

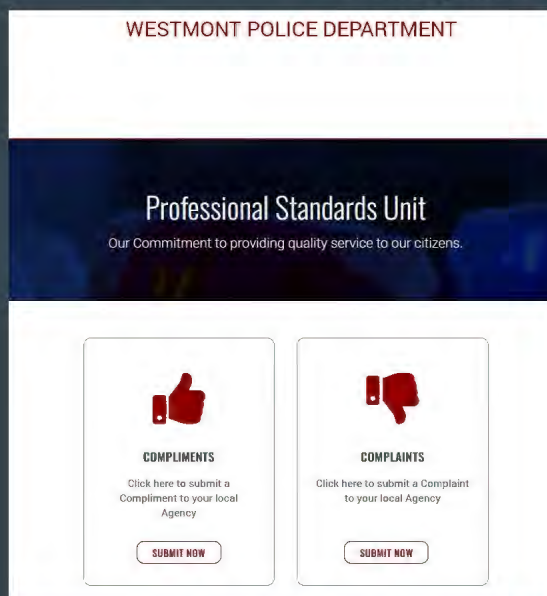
Twenty-six (26) Use of Force Incidents:

- Eight (8) weaponless hand-to-hand control techniques that have little or no chance of producing injuries
- Four (4) display of Taser
- Seventeen (17) display of firearm
- No reported injuries
- All investigated and found to be justified by policy

Three (3) Vehicle Pursuits:

- Three (3) vehicles fled from traffic stops
- All terminated voluntarily by officer
- 1 (one) traffic accident with injuries
- Two (2) found to be in accordance with policy
- One (1) required corrective action

Compliments and Complaints



Compliments and complaints are tracked through Frontline. This feature not only gives the police department command staff the ability to record and track compliments and complaints, but also allows the public the ability to submit either one online. All complaints and compliments are recorded in one cloud-based database as opposed to several different files.

Last year, the department received 16 compliments and 10 complaints from external sources. The complaints were investigated and were unfounded, exonerated or not sustained.

[Compliments and Complaints](#)

Compliments

"She said that Ofc. Hamblin is a "wonderful man, compassionate, and thoughtful."

"My brother from MO was trying to call me and he could not get thru! My phones were Not working! Officer Longini came over and we both worked with Xfinity to get my phone's landline to work. Success! I appreciate everything you have done!"

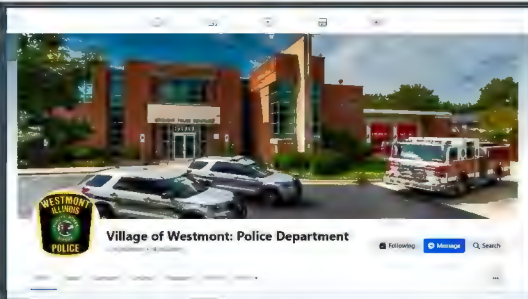
"Officer Arndt was kind, courteous, and professional. I appreciate that he was looking out for my best interests."

Community Outreach

The Law Enforcement Torch Run is the largest year-round fundraising initiative benefiting Special Olympics Illinois. The Torch Run has two goals – to raise money and gain awareness for the athletes participating in Special Olympics Illinois.

2023 Total \$46,625.05





January 2019 - 676

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National Night Out

The Westmont Police Department hosted our annual National Night Out on August 1, 2023. This year's event was held at TY Park. Several hundred guests enjoyed food provided by the Westmont Lions Club, information from over 20 various community groups and vendors, drone demonstrations and had access to activities like the bounce house and face painting.



Squad Car Night

Squad Car Night was hosted on June 8, 2023 in conjunction with Westmont Cruisin Nights. Over 100 officers and 75 squad cars and emergency vehicles participated which culminated in a lights and sirens parade to end the festivities.



Citizens' Police Academy

The Citizens' Police Academy (CPA) provides an opportunity for citizens who live or work in the Village of Westmont to become acquainted with how the police department operates on a day-to-day basis. At the end of the program, participants will have a better understanding of police procedures, equipment, responsibilities, demands, and the laws governing the actions of police officers.

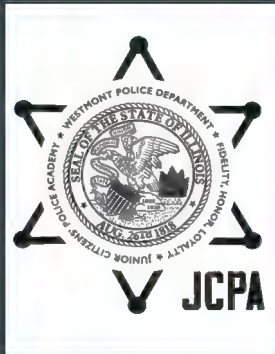
In 2023, the CPA had 11 participants. Participants had the opportunity to meet and interact with the Chief of Public Safety, Command Staff, Police Officers and Civilian Personnel. There was lecture, open discussions, multimedia, practical demonstrations, real life scenarios and hands-on learning experiences which included the following topics:

- Tour of police facility
- Basic police equipment
- Special Weapons & Tactics (SWAT)
- Traffic stops (mock)
- Traffic laws
- Investigations
- Crime Scene Investigation
- Patrol / daily tasks
- Firearms
- Crime Prevention
- Community Policing



Junior Citizens' Police Academy

The Junior Citizens' Police Academy (JCPA) is a free, educational, informative and fun program, where young adults can meet police officers and learn about their job. The mission of the program is to increase community interaction, understanding and communication between the Westmont Police Department and our young citizens of the community.



The 2023 JCPA had 13 participants. The participants had the opportunity to participate in the following activities:

- Department Tour
- Traffic Stop Night
- SWAT Demonstration
- 911 System
- Drug Awareness
- Crime Scene Investigation
- Internet Safety



2023 Goals in review

- Final implementation of Axon body-worn camera and squad car cameras - **Completed**
- Reach full staffing by hiring one officer - ***Perpetual**
- Conduct Probationary Police Testing to establish a new eligibility list - **Completed** and **exhausted**
- Remodel and update code requirements in department locker rooms - **Completed**
- Implement a drone program to comply with Drones as First Responders Act - **Completed**
- Continue to train staff on SAFE-T Act mandates - **Completed** and **Perpetual**
- Finalize implementation of License Plate Recognition (LPR) camera system - **Completed**
- Conduct a mock ILEAP assessment to prepare for 2024 reaccreditation - **Completed**
- Implement technology enhancements to improve productivity and public transparency - **Completed** and **Perpetual**

2024 Goals

- Increase staffing to a sustainable level for effective operations
- Conduct Eligibility and Promotional testing
- Achieve ILEAP re-accreditation for 2024-2028
- Building Improvements including 1st floor break room and evidence room floor
- Complete the transition from Ford to Dodge fleet
- Standardize crime scene processing through additional training
- Enhance opportunities by assigning an officer to DuMeg & MERIT Drone Team when manpower permits
- Transition from fiscal to calendar budget cycles
- Interdepartmental training with fire and public works departments including the National Incident Management System (NIMS)