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Village of Buffalo Grove Receives Law Enforcement Innovation Award from Lake County Municipal League

Buffalo Grove, Illinois – The Lake County Municipal League recently recognized the Village of Buffalo Grove as a one of the winners of the Law Enforcement Innovation Awards Program.

The yearly awards program recognizes “exceptional, innovative and extraordinary achievement in law enforcement programs” as well as municipal initiatives that provide an overall benefit to the law enforcement profession.

The Buffalo Grove Police Department *Community Relations Unit* received second place and is comprised of two Community Officers for Research and Engagement (P-CORE), one Crime Prevention Officer and a Police Social Worker. It was additionally acknowledged for providing value to the community that could easily be replicated in other municipalities.

“We are extremely proud of the job that our police department does for the Buffalo Grove community,” said Village Manager Dane Bragg. “Engaging with stakeholders as often as possible is part of the core philosophy of all Village departments.”

The purpose of P-CORE is to actively engage with the community to improve relationships through the collection, analyzation and dissemination of data and information at neighborhood meetings, community events, through social media and a variety of other communication channels.

Crime Prevention Officers coordinate the Citizen Police Academy, Junior Citizen Police Academy, facilitate block party requests, and distribute the annual citizen survey.

The Police Social Worker is a licensed clinical practitioner who works within the police department to deliver resources and support to community members impacted by crisis.

All members of the Community Relations Unit are Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) members, allowing them to address a wide array of mental health emergencies.

For more information, contact the Buffalo Grove Police Department at 847-459-2560.