

The Park Ridge Police Department
Chief Frank Kaminski

2020 ANNUAL REPORT



The Park Ridge Police Department serving by honoring our oath to the Community through Professionalism, Respect, Pride, and Dedication



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Chief's Message

2020 was a year that we will never forget!

COVID-19 dominated the Department's activities in 2020. Our overall goal was to continue to provide essential services while ensuring the safety of staff. Social distancing, handwashing, mask wearing and area cleaning became the norm. An alternative scheduling system was implemented along with a differentiated call response system. Overall, our staff remained safe during COVID-19.

The tragic George Floyd incident in Minneapolis triggered a national debate on policing. The Department responded to local protests in a professional and respectful manner ensuring the right to peacefully protest. The Department addressed the "8 Can't Wait" campaign through a Task Force established by Mayor Maloney. We continued to demonstrate to the community that we are committed to following the best practices in policing.

In February 2020, the City committed to move from West Suburban Consolidated Dispatch to the Cook County Sheriff's Dispatch center after a cost benefit analysis was conducted. A considerable amount of staff time was devoted to putting in place a smooth and orderly transfer of the communication functions. The transfer is scheduled for February 2021.

Overall crime (Part I and II offenses) was down (1.2%) as compared to 2019. However, Part I crimes were up 20%, seeing increases in Sex Crimes, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, and Theft. This increase seems to follow the national trends occurring as a result of COVID-19.

Even though most of our activities were curtailed by COVID-19, we were able to provide some community engagement by providing "drive by" celebrations for birthdays and graduations. In addition, we were able to participate in a "Santa Parade" throughout Park Ridge with the Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce.

Officer Emery Taylor who had been serving overseas in Afghanistan returned home, completing his deployment.

2020 has been a challenging year for staff. I am grateful for all the dedication and commitment our staff has provided to our community.

Also, a special thank you to all the families, businesses, community groups and individuals who dropped off food and treats for the Department during the pandemic. It was greatly appreciated!

Frank Kaminski

Part I
Department Staff & Organizational Chart



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Daniel Kearns

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Gary Lynch

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Bart Marczyk

Jon Moehrlin

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Cassie Stutman
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Tom Wilson
Leslie Wolf

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Perry Fisher - 1st Church of Christ Scientist

Fr. Piotr Gnoinski - St. Paul of the Cross Church

Rev. Carol Hill – Park Ridge Community Church

Rev. Matt Hoffmann - St. Andrews

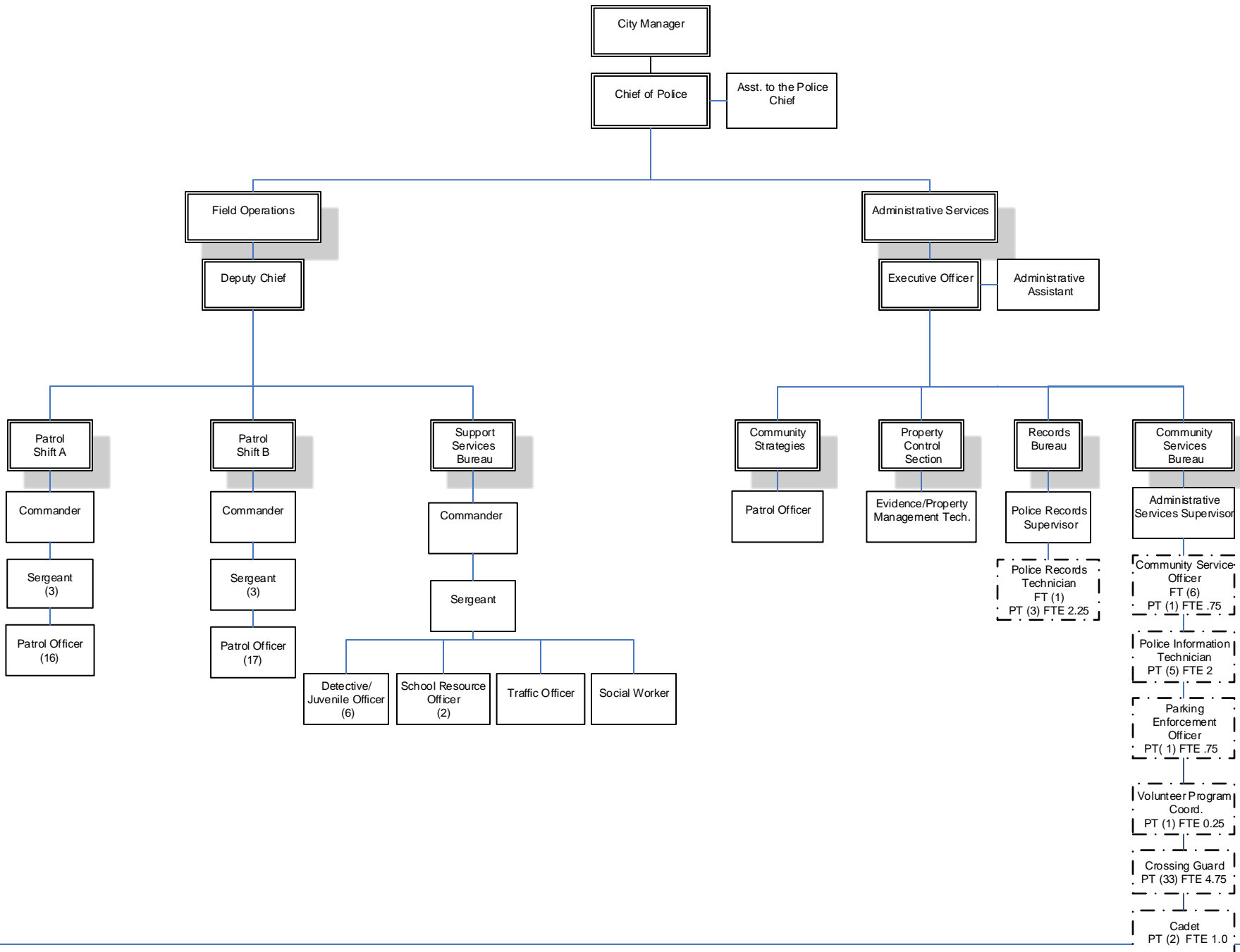
Rev. Dick Johnson - St. Luke's Lutheran Church

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Bishop Floyd Kortenhof

Fr. James Wallace - St. Juliana

Park Ridge Police Department



Part II
Departmental Recognition

Departmental Recognition

Special Awards

Police Officer of the Year 2019

Each year the department forms a committee to nominate an Officer of the Year. *Officer Jeffrey*



Waddell was chosen to receive the **Officer of the Year Award** for 2019. Officer Waddell was selected for the outstanding job he did following up with what was thought to be a suspicious circumstance on the drive way of a residence. As a result of his instinct and persistence to locate the owner, a murder scene was discovered. Officer Waddell remained calm, called for additional help, isolated the suspect and placed him under arrest. Ultimately, his work on this case led to a murder charge. The committee especially noted that this case unfolded this way because Officer Waddell self-initiated it. Officer Waddell showed true dedication, and set an example for all Park Ridge Police Officers to follow.

Employee of the Year 2019

Records Tech Krista Wroblewski was awarded the **Employee of the Year Award for 2019**, for always being willing to lend a hand to anyone that comes into the Department, her enthusiastic personality and willingness to take on new tasks and handle them efficiently. Her attention to detail, specifically dates was noted as a true benefit to her job and coworkers. She was instrumental in Records bureau's projects. Additionally, she supported others and the Department wholeheartedly throughout the year with events such as participating in 5k's in our community and surrounding communities.



Volunteer of the Year 2019

Ray Rasane was awarded the **Volunteer of the Year Award for 2019** for his dedication to the community and his continued efforts to look for ways to provide volunteer help to the City. He has been a member of the Park Ridge Citizens Patrol for over a decade. He also has worked many special events in addition to regular patrol. He has a great attitude and performs duties the best way possible. He helped develop forms for activity tracking and kept statistical data related to Citizen Patrol activities. He also helped with the testing of new radios. We are thankful for his dedication to community and providing volunteer help to the City of Park Ridge.



Certificates of Recognition

During 2020, twenty-two, (22) employees received Letters of Recognition, Department Commendations, and Life Saving Awards.

Department of Defense Award

In March of 2020 the Department was recognized by the Department of Defense for our efforts in supporting Officer Taylor during his deployment. The Department was awarded the Patriotic Employee Award at the March 2, 2020 City Council meeting. Chief Kaminski, Commander Ryan, Commander Kampwirth, Sergeant Faso and members of Officer Taylor's family were present to accept the award.

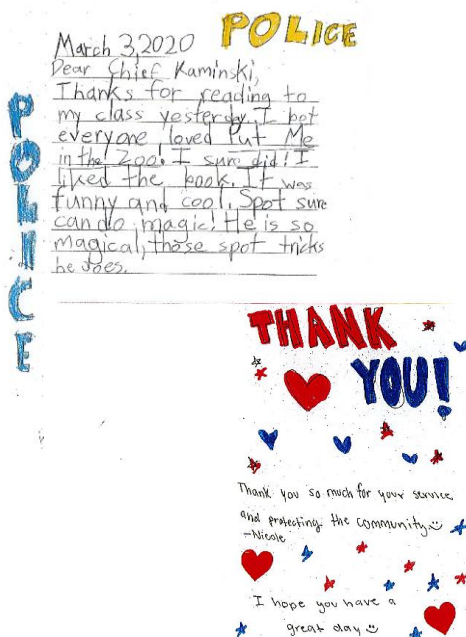


Saved By the Belt Award

Twenty-eight (28) individuals received the Saved by the Belt award for wearing their seat belt when involved in an accident. Although minor injury may have occurred, wearing a seat belt prevented them from sustaining more serious injuries.

Complimentary Letters From Citizens

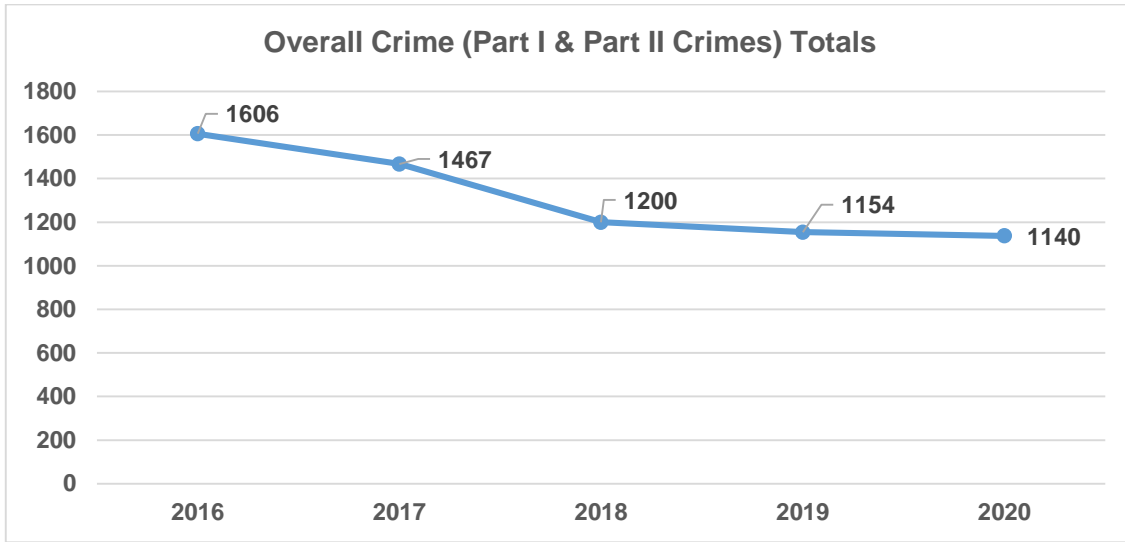
Over the past twelve months, the department has received 103 complimentary letters to numerous officers for their hard work and professional efforts.



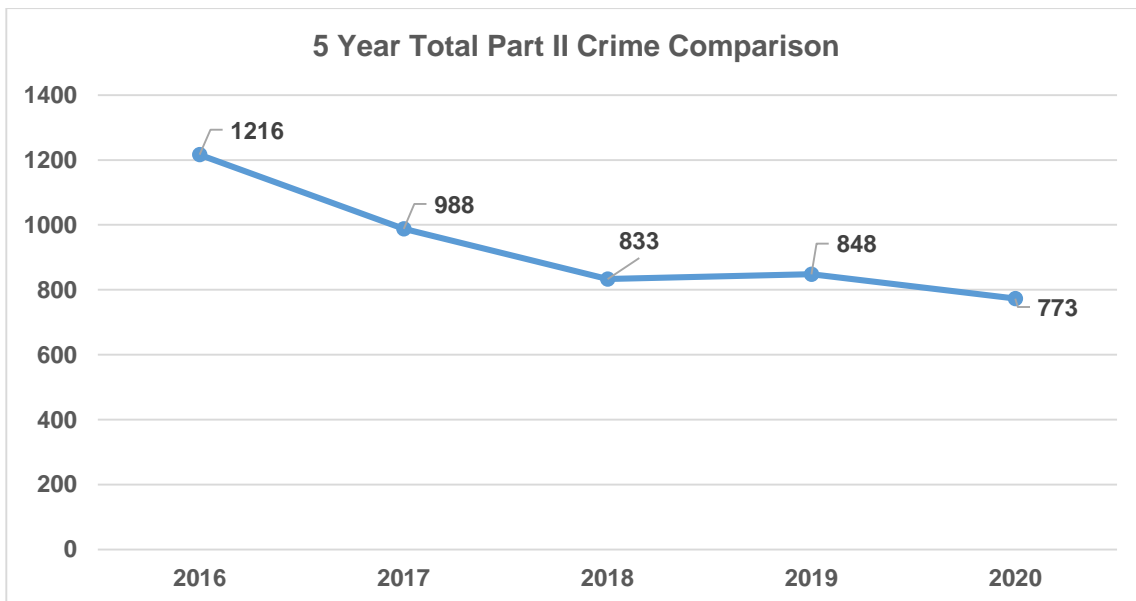
Part III
Crime Data

PARK RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME OFFENSE/ARREST COMPARISON 2019 vs 2020

The Park Ridge Crime Offense/Arrest Comparison report is an annual summary and comparison of all Index Crimes, or Part I crimes, and a select group of Part II crimes, as well as a variety of other traffic related department activity. For reporting purposes, criminal offenses are divided into two major groups: Part I offenses and Part II offenses. Part I crimes are collectively known as Index Crimes and are separated into two subgroups, Violent Crimes Against Persons and Crimes Against Property. Part II offenses are less severe crimes, but account for the majority of criminal offenses reported.



Overall crime totals represent the total number of both Part I and Part II crimes reported to have occurred during a given year. Overall crime is the lowest it has been in five years, with a 1.2% decline since 2019, and is 29.01% lower than it was five years ago.



Part II Crime totals decreased by 8.8% since 2019, and they are 36.4% lower than five years ago.

**PARK RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CRIME OFFENSE/ARREST COMPARISON
2019 vs 2020**

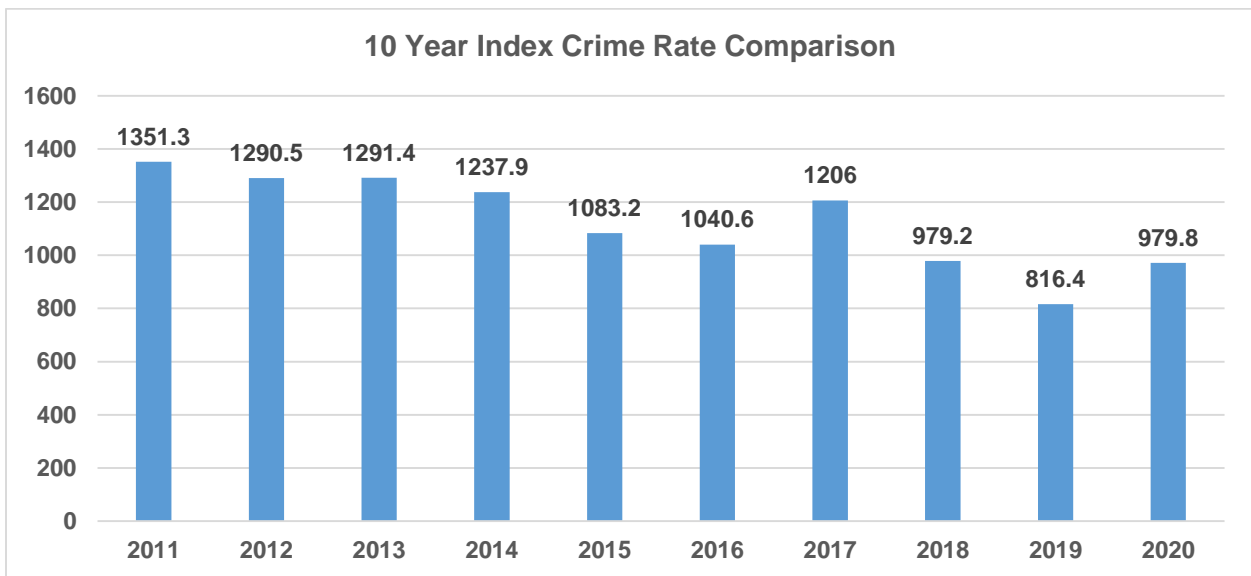
INDEX CRIME OFFENSE RATE

The **Index crime rate** indicates the prevalence of crime occurring across a given population. It is generally defined as the total number of index crimes per 100,000 inhabitants and is calculated as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Crime Index Count} \times 100,000}{\text{Jurisdictional Population}^*} = \text{Crime Rate}$$

The **percentage change** indicates the increase or decrease of the volume of data represented.

$$\frac{\text{Current Figure} - \text{Previous Figure}}{\text{Previous Figure}} \times 100 = \text{Percentage Change}$$



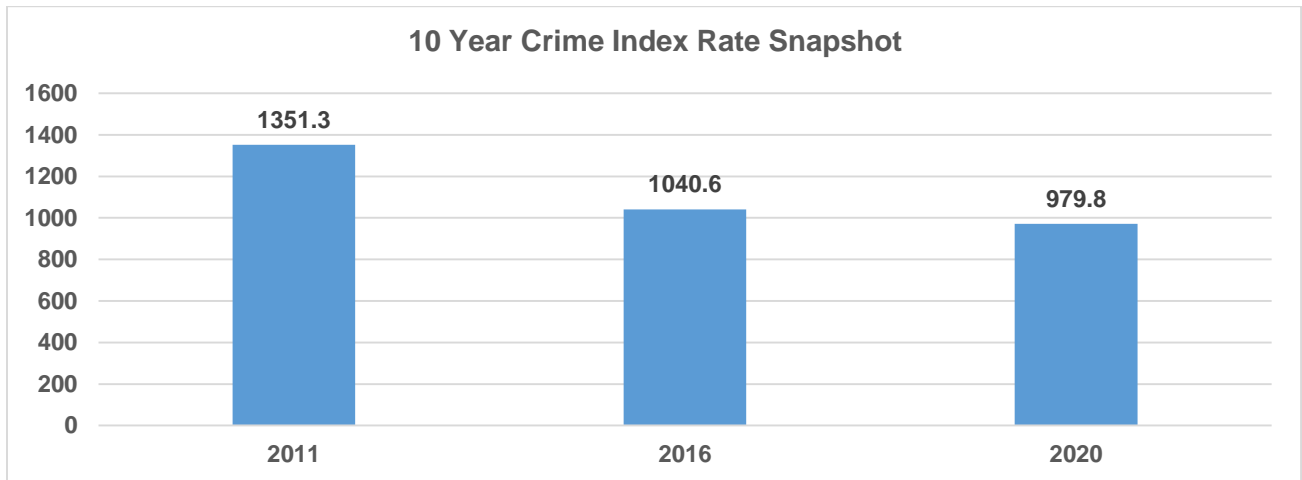
The above comparison indicates the 2020 Index Crime Rate is higher than the 2019 Index Crime Rate by 20%, but 27.5% lower than ten years ago. Index Crimes are broken down into Violent Crimes and Property Crimes. There was a 72.7% increase in overall Violent Crimes (19 offenses compared to 11 offenses in 2019), with a 125% increase in Aggravated Assault/Battery. There was a 17.9% increase in overall Property Crimes, with the most significant rise in Burglaries (63 in 2020 compare to 37 in 2019).

The Crime Rate in 2020 is 5.8% lower than it was in 2016, five years ago, and 27.5% lower than 2011, ten years ago.

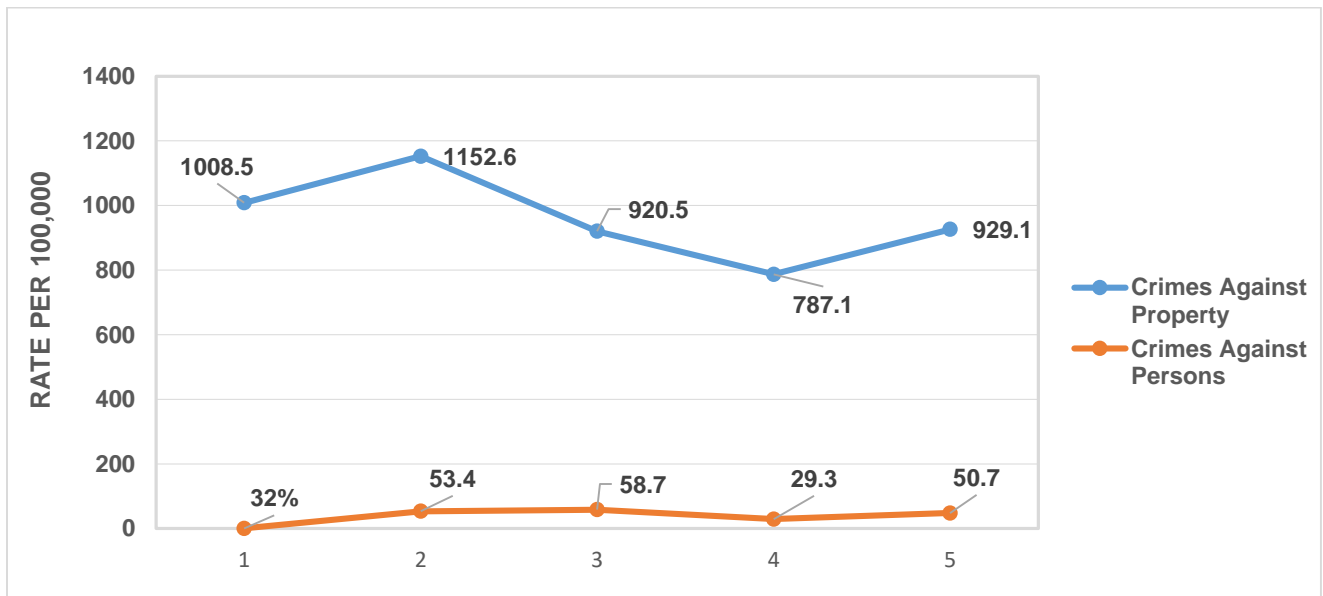
*2020 based on 2020 census data = 37,457

*2016-2019 based on 2010 census data 37,480

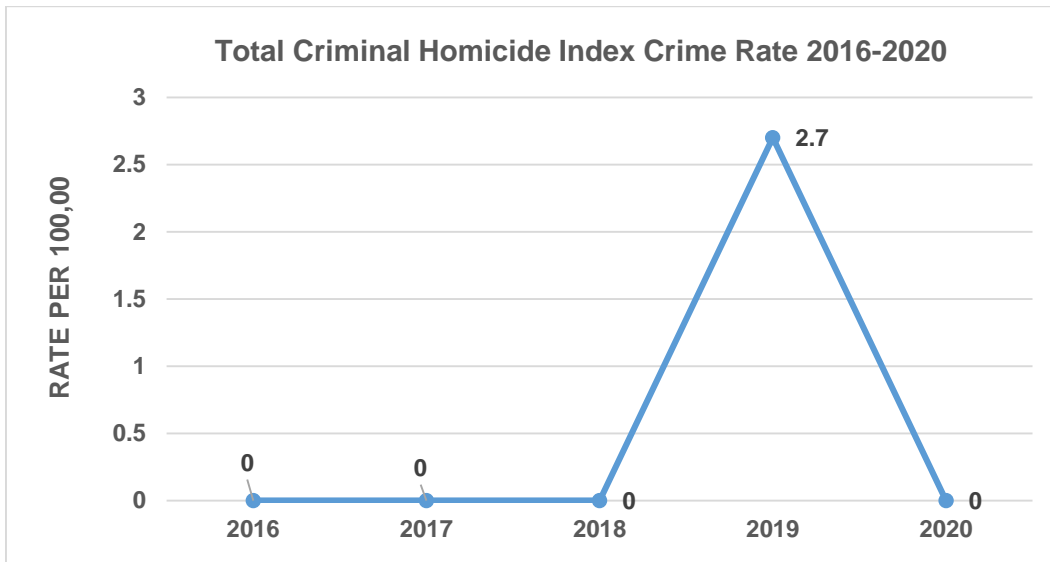
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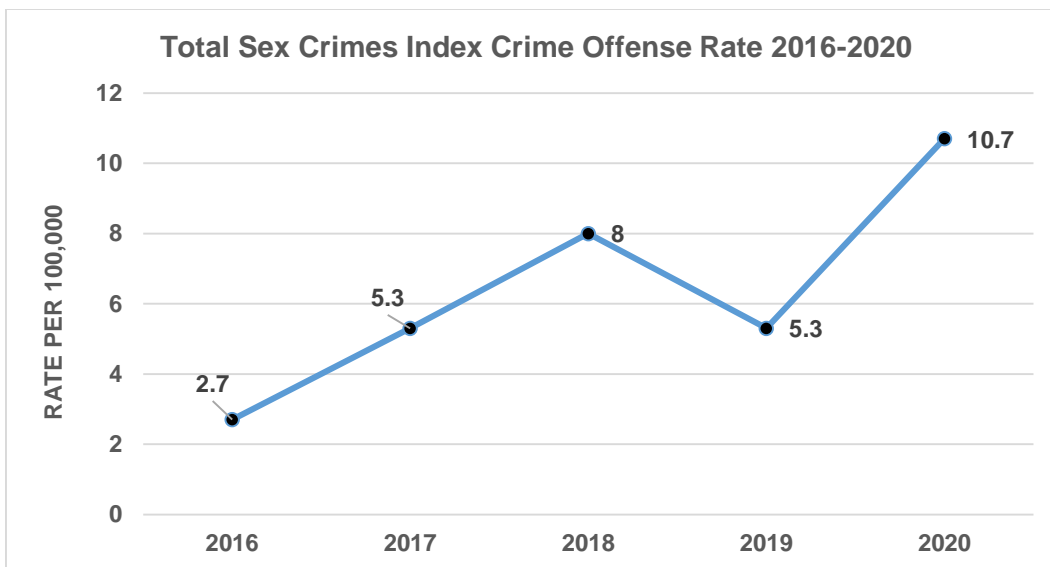
Violent Crime Offenses include Criminal Homicide, Sex Crimes, Robbery and Aggravated Assault/Battery (including attempts). Violent crime offenses, or Crimes against Persons, accounted for 5.2% of the crime index total. Property offenses include burglary, Theft (including Burglary from a Motor Vehicle), Motor Vehicle Theft and Arson. Property Crime Offenses, or Crimes against Property, accounted for more than 94.8% of the crime index total in 2020.



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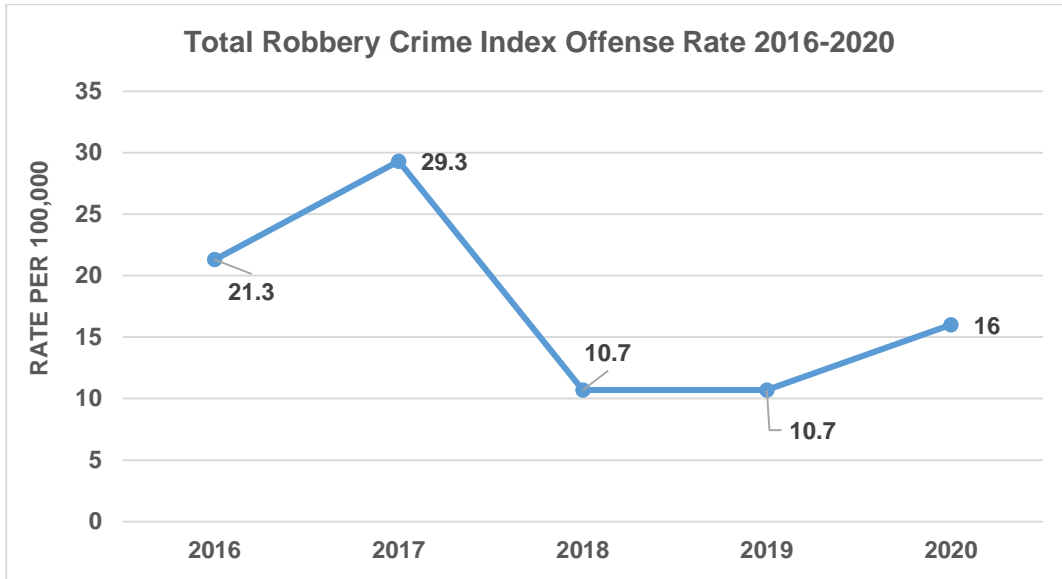


The Criminal Homicide Index Crime Offense Rate decreased 100% in 2020 with no homicides.

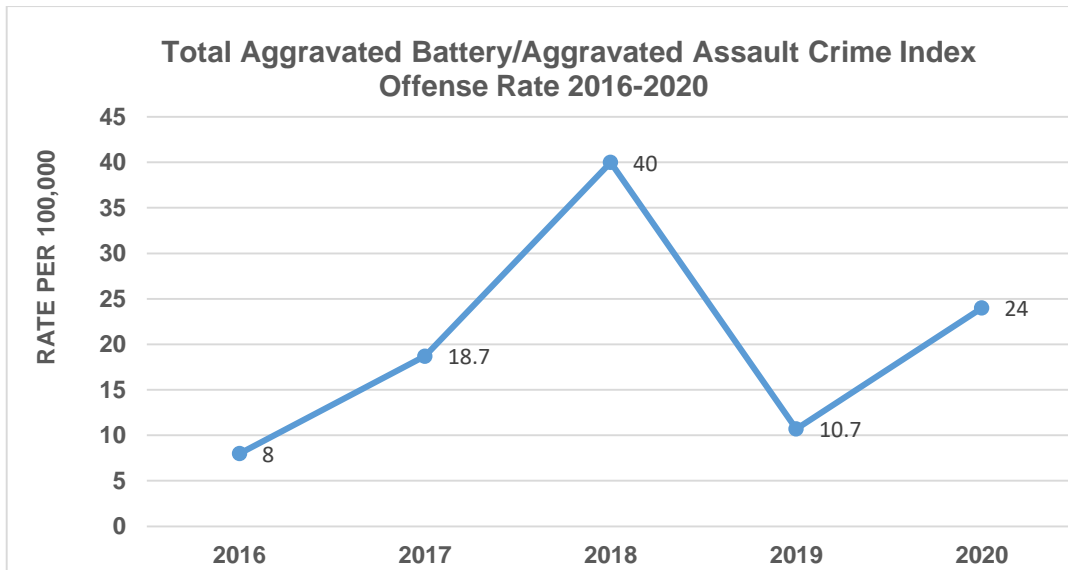


The Index Crime Offense Rate for Sex Crimes increased 100% in 2020 from 2019 and included four offenses. ***There was a clearance rate of 100% for sex crimes offenses in 2020***, with one cleared due to an uncooperative victim, one prosecution declined, and two cleared by exceptional means.

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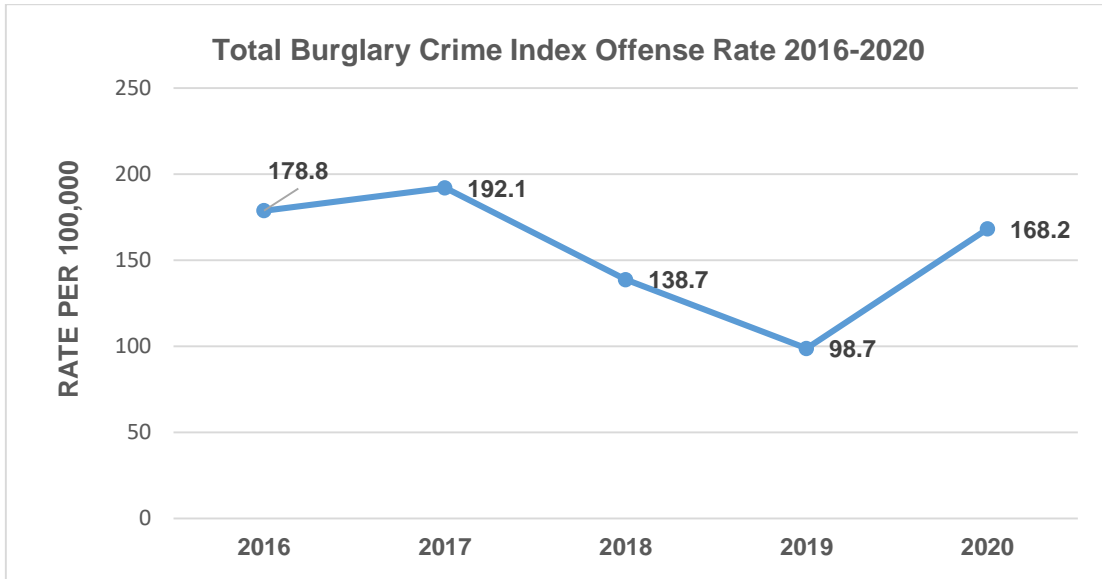


The Robbery Index Crime Rate increased 50% from 2019 to 2020. There were six offenses in 2020, an increase from four offenses in 2019. **Of the total Robberies in 2020, there was a clearance rate of 33.3%** with one case cleared due an uncooperative victim, one cleared by exceptional means, while four are suspended pending further leads. There were four commercial robberies, (Thorton's, Mariano's (2x), Solari & Huntington), one resulting from an alleged drug transaction and one Lyft Driver was robbed.

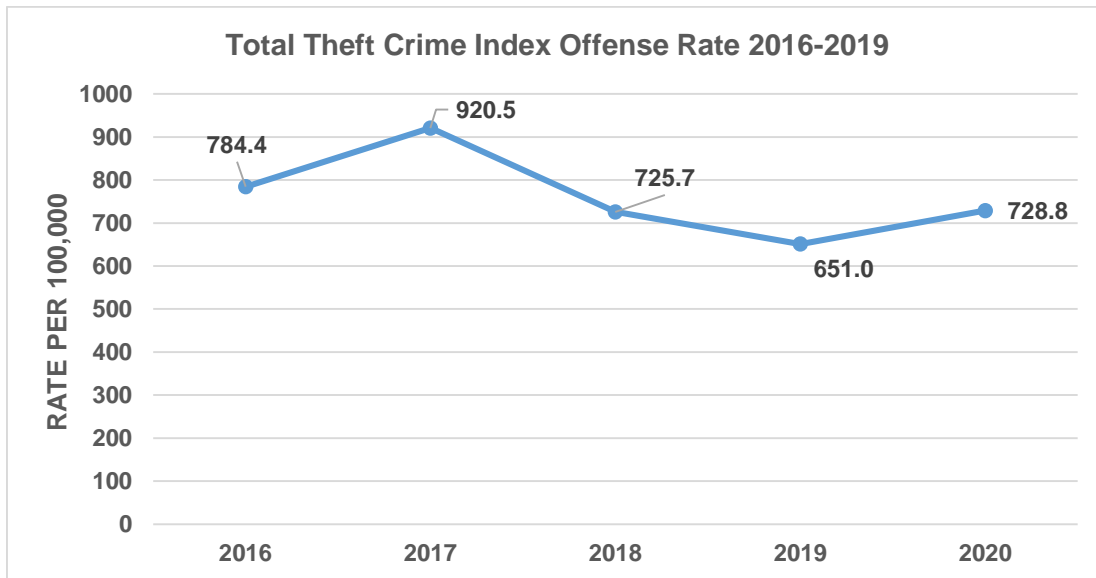


The Index Crime Offense Rate for Aggravated Battery/Aggravated Assault crimes increased 125% from four offenses in 2019 to nine offenses in 2020. **There was a clearance rate of 66.7% for Aggravated Assault/Battery crimes in 2020**, with four cleared by arrests, two cleared by exceptionally means and three remain open pending further leads. Five Aggravated Batteries resulted from domestic disputes, one road rage incident, one from a landlord/tenant civil dispute, one victim was battered in front of his home and one may have resulted during an alleged drug transaction.

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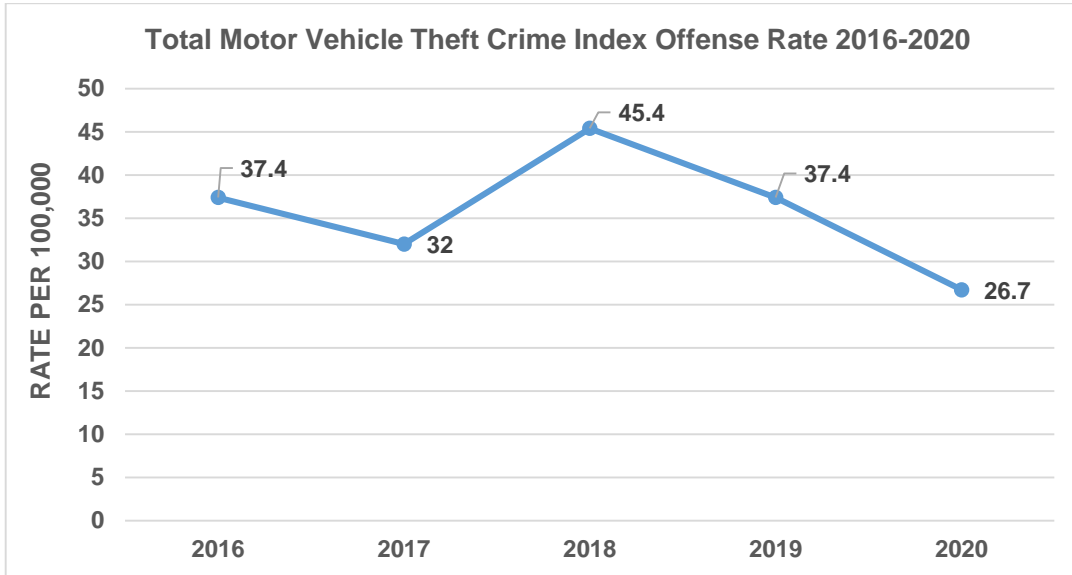


The Burglary Index Crime Offense Rate has increased by 75% in 2020 from 2019. It is 5.9% lower than it was five years ago in 2016. **Of the total Burglary crimes in 2020, there was an 11.1% clearance rate**, with five cleared by arrest, two cleared by exceptional means and fifty-six suspended pending further leads. The 63 burglaries occurred at 9 business, 7 detached garages, 3 sheds/storage units, 9 ruse burglaries, 31 residential burglaries and 4 attempted burglaries.



The Theft Index Crime Rate has increased by 11.4% in 2020 from 2019. It has decreased by 7.1% since 2016. **Of the total Theft crimes in 2020, there was a 20.9% clearance rate** with thirty-seven cleared by arrest, twenty cleared by exceptional means and two hundred sixteen are pending further leads.

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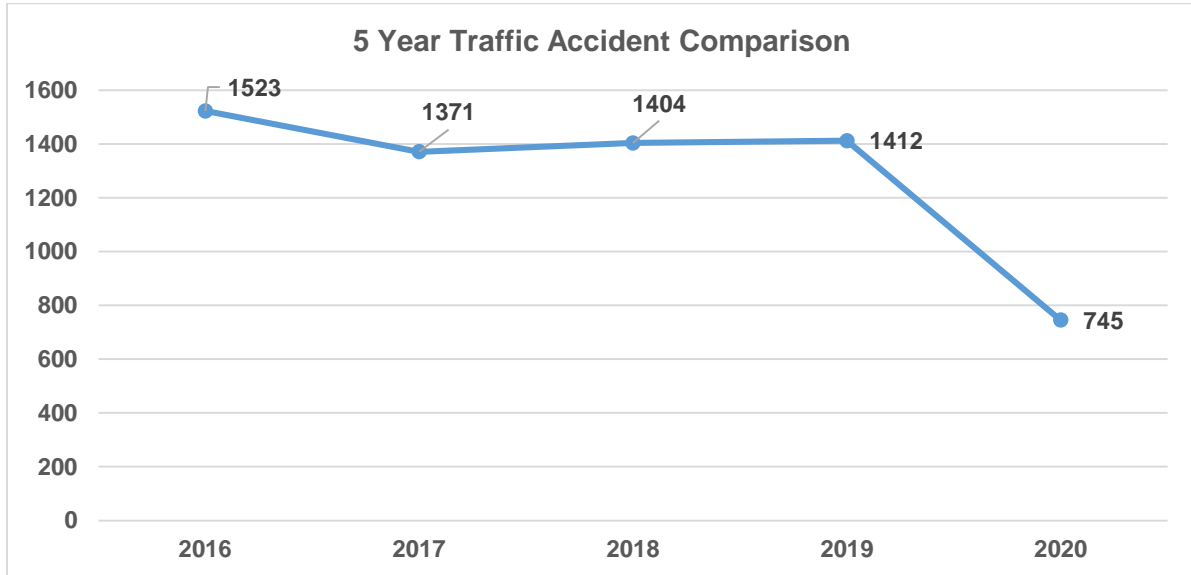


The Motor Vehicle Theft Index Crime Offense decreased by 28.6% in 2020 from 2019. **Of the total Motor Vehicle Thefts, there was a 40% clearance rate** with three cleared by arrest, one exceptionally cleared and six pending further leads.



The Arson Index Crime Offense Rate increased in 2020 as a result of two offenses. Two portable toilets were damaged at two parks. Both cases are pending further leads.

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Traffic Accidents have decreased 47.2% in 2020 compared to 2019 and they are 51.1% lower than in 2016.

**PARK RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CRIME OFFENSE/ARREST COMPARISON
2019 vs 2020**

OFFENSES	2019	2020	# Difference	% Change
Homicide	1	0	-1	-100.00%
Sex Crimes	2	4	2	100.00%
Robbery	4	6	2	50.00%
Aggravated Assault/Battery	4	9	5	125.00%
<i>subtotal</i>	11	19	8	72.73%
Property Crime Offenses	2019	2020		
Burglary	36	63	27	75.00%
Theft	245	273	28	11.43%
Motor Vehicle Theft	14	10	-4	-28.57%
Arson	0	2	2	200.00%
<i>subtotal</i>	295	348	53	17.97%
Crime Index Offense Totals	306	367	61	19.93%
Violent Crime Offense Totals	11	19	8	72.73%
Property Crime Offense Totals	295	348	53	17.97%
Violent Crime Arrests	2019	2020	# Difference	% Change
Criminal Homicide	1	0	-1	-100.00%
Sex Crimes	1	0	-1	-100.00%
Robbery	0	0	0	N/C
Aggravated Assault/Battery	3	6	3	100.00%
<i>subtotal</i>	5	6	1	20.00%
Property Crime Arrests	2019	2020	# Difference	% Change
Burglary	0	5	5	100.00%
Theft	34	37	3	8.82%
Motor Vehicle Theft	7	2	-5	-71.43%
Arson	0	0	0	N/C
<i>subtotal</i>	41	44	3	7.32%
	2019	2020	# Difference	% Change
Crime Index Arrest Totals	46	50	4	8.00%
Violent Crime Arrest Totals	5	6	1	20.00%
Property Crime Arrest Totals	41	44	3	7.32%
Drug Crime Arrests	2019	2020	# Difference	% Change
Cannabis Control Act	3	2	-1	-33.33%
Controlled Substances Act	1	3	2	200.00%
Hypodermic Syringes & Needles Act	0	0	0	N/C
Violations of Drug Paraphernalia Act	2	1	-1	-50.00%
Violations of Methamphetamine Act	0	2	2	100%
Drug Crime Arrest Totals	6	8	2	33.33%

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Part II Crimes	2019	2020	# Difference	% Change
Assault/Battery (Misdemeanor)	53	48	-5	-9.43%
Criminal Damage/Graffiti/Trespass to Property	131	220	89	67.94%
Deceptive Practices/Fraud/Forgery	180	146	-34	-18.89%
Disorderly Conduct	49	28	-21	-42.86%
Domestic Battery	49	36	-13	-26.53%
Domestic Disputes	140	126	-14	-10.00%
DUI	23	21	-2	-8.70%
Harassment/Threats	55	40	-15	-27.27%
Possession of Electronic Smoking/Vaping	35	6	-29	-82.86%
Reckless Conduct	20	2	-18	-90.00%
Sex Offender Registration	32	14	-18	-56.25%
Visitation Interference/Custody Disputes	26	16	-10	-38.46%
Village Ordinance Violation	13	26	13	100.00%
Order of Protection Service	7	9	2	28.57%
Violation of Order of Protection/No Contact	25	27	2	8.00%
Warrants	8	7	-1	-12.50%
Weapon Offenses	2	1	-1	-50.00%
Total Part II Crimes	848	773	-75	-8.84%
Total Part II Crime Arrests	305	173	-138	-43.28%
Service/Activity Calls	2019	2020	# Difference	% Change
Abandoned Autos	40	35	-15	-12.50%
Animal Calls	48	31	-17	-35.42%
Crash Reports	1412	745	-667	-47.24%
Death Investigation	58	52	-6	-10.34%
Information for Police	418	526	108	25.84%
Lost/Found/Missing Property	132	98	-34	-25.76%
Mental Health Calls	83	60	-23	-27.71%
Offenses Involving Children	25	16	9	-36.00%
Public Fall	22	18	-4	-18.18%
Public Service	48	43	-5	-10.42%
Pulled in Error	68	54	-14	-20.59%
Service to Other Agencies	24	13	-11	-45.83%
Solicitor Complaints	2	38	36	1800.00%
Suicides	3	2	-1	-33.33%
Suicide Attempts	4	2	-2	-50.00%
Suspicious Activity	36	27	-9	-25.00%
Vehicle Immobilization	6	0	-6	-100.00%
Total Services/Activity	2429	1760	-669	-27.54%

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Annual Totals	2019	2020	# Difference	% Change
Part I Crime Offenses	306	367	61	19.93%
Part I Crime Arrests	46	50	4	8.70%
Part II Crime Offenses	848	773	-75	-8.84%
Part II Crime Arrests	305	173	-132	-43.28%
Total Criminal Arrests	351	223	-128	-36.47%
Total Criminal Offenses	1154	1140	-14	-1.21%
Index Crime Rate	816.4	979.8	163.4	979.80%
* Based on 2020 census data = 37,457				
**2019 Based on 2010 census data = 37,480				

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National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS)

Implemented to improve the overall quality of crime data collected by law enforcement, NIBRS captures details on each single crime incident—as well as on separate offenses within the same incident—including information on victims, known offenders, relationships between victims and offenders, arrestees, and property involved in crimes.

Unlike data reported through the UCR Program’s traditional Summary Reporting System (SRS)—an aggregate monthly tally of crimes—NIBRS goes much deeper because of its ability to provide circumstances and context for crimes like location, time of day, and whether the incident was cleared.

As recommended by professional law enforcement organizations, the FBI has made nationwide implementation of NIBRS a top priority because NIBRS can provide more useful statistics to promote constructive discussion, measured planning, and informed policing. To increase participation, the UCR Program is partnering with the Bureau of Justice Statistics on the National Crime Statistics Exchange, working with advocacy groups to emphasize the importance of NIBRS data, and transitioned the UCR Program to a NIBRS-only data collection, as of Jan. 1, 2021. In addition, the UCR Program has made resources available to help agencies address the cost of transitioning, as well as the potential perception that an agency has higher crime levels when NIBRS actually establishes a new baseline that more precisely captures reported crime in a community.

When used to its full potential, NIBRS identifies, with precision, when and where crime takes place, what form it takes, and the characteristics of its victims and perpetrators. Armed with such information, law enforcement can better define the resources it needs to fight crime, as well as use those resources in the most efficient and effective manner. NIBRS:

- **Provides greater specificity in reporting offenses.** Not only does NIBRS look at all of the offenses within an incident, but it also looks at many more offenses than the traditional SRS does. NIBRS collects data for 52 offenses, plus 10 additional offenses for which only arrests are reported. SRS counts limited data for 10 offenses and 20 additional crimes for which only arrests are reported.
- **Collects more detailed information**, including incident date and time, whether reported offenses were attempted or completed, expanded victim types, relationships of victims to offenders and offenses, demographic details, location data, property descriptions, drug types and quantities, the offender’s suspected use of drugs or alcohol, the involvement of gang activity, and whether a computer was used in the commission of the crime.
- **Helps give context to specific crime problems** such as drug/narcotics and sex offenses, as well as issues like animal cruelty, identity theft, and computer hacking.
- **Provides greater analytic flexibility.** Through NIBRS, data users can see many more facets of crime, as well as relationships and connections among these facets, than SRS provides.

Part IV
Departmental Highlights

Departmental Highlights

2020 Pandemic

In March 2020, no one ever thought our Country would be affected by a worldwide pandemic. The Governor issued a Statewide lockdown requiring everyone to shelter in place unless you were an essential worker. The Department developed a comprehensive response to the pandemic. The overall goal for the Department was to keep our staff safe while providing essential services. The Department's plan included the following:

- Requiring all staff to social distance, wearing mask when appropriate, wash hands, and conduct temperature screenings.
- Maintained adequate protective equipment for staff – gloves, masks, personal sanitizing wipes, etc.
- Implemented a modified response protocol to calls for service.
- Secured our work spaces by limiting access.
- Established a regular cleaning/sanitizing regime throughout the Department and in vehicles using foggers, ultra-violet lights and basic cleaning.
- Mandated mask wearing while in the building and while in direct contact with the public.
- Between March and June an alternative work scheduling system was implemented in order to protect staff and allow for a reserve contingent to be available.
- Staff attended regular briefings with the State Police, other departments and other area partners.
- Staff played a role in making sure there was compliance to Statewide mandates. There were no arrests or citations issued by the Department.
- All gatherings were cancelled- Police Memorial, Taste of Park Ridge, Parades, July 3rd Celebration, Block Parties, National Night Out, September 11 Memorial, Winterfest. However, the Department did initiate a Birthday Drive By Program from March through June. As a result, the Department conducted 70 Drive By events. In addition, the Department helped with the Drive By graduations for District 207 and District 64.
- Staff held virtual briefings in order to maintain oversight of our responses.
- Attended national-wide virtual conferences on the pandemic response.
- Established a City policy for handling employees that test positive for the virus. Approximately eleven staff members tested positive (7 sworn and 4 civilian). None were hospitalized and were able to return to work. Three staff members were quarantined as a result of contact with someone who tested positive.

As we ended 2020, many of these steps have remained in place. Staff is preparing for the vaccine distribution in 2021.

Nation-Wide Protest – George Floyd Incident

In May of 2020, the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis triggered a national upheaval and calls for police reform. The Department handled four protests in Park Ridge. All were peaceful and were handled professionally without any incidents.

However, as part of our mutual aid agreements, staff assisted other Departments throughout the area during these protests.

8 Can't wait Campaign

As a result of the police reform efforts, many citizens wanted to know about the use of force guidelines in their communities. A campaign called "8 Can't Wait" called on elected officials to review their Police Department's use of force guidelines in relation to 8 requirements. Mayor Maloney accepted this challenge and created a Mayor's Task Force of 11 citizens to review the Department's Use of Force practices in light of the 8 Can't Wait recommendations. The Task Force met with Department staff during a virtual conference, chaired by Alderman Melidosian. After a four hour review, the Task Force concluded that not only did the Department address the "8 Can't Wait" recommendations, it also went well beyond them.

10 Shared Principles

On October 5, 2020 the City Council approved a resolution regarding the 10 Shared Principles: "regarding the relationship between law enforcement and the communities and people they serve in Illinois". The Principles have been adopted by nearly 200 police agencies statewide.

Cook County Police Dispatch

In February of 2020, the Department made a presentation to the City Council, requesting Council to approve a move from West Suburban Consolidated Dispatch to Cook County Police Dispatch. A comprehensive analysis was conducted by staff that determined it would be a cost effective move. Council approved this request. A one year withdrawal notification was required by West Suburban Consolidated Dispatch. The transfer to Cook County Dispatch is scheduled for February 16, 2021. The new agreement will include a new CAD and RMS system as well as equipment.

Student Resource Officer (SRO) Agreement

The SRO Agreement was renewed with School District 207 to provide police officers at both Maine East and Maine South high schools. Officer Carlos Panizo was assigned as the new SRO at Maine South.

Chaplains

Reverend Carol Hill, Pastor, Park Ridge Community Church, was sworn in as a Police Chaplain in October of 2020. Chaplain Hill is a wonderful addition to the Chaplain team.



Marijuana Legalization

On January 1, 2020, recreational marijuana was approved in Illinois. Due to the pandemic, it was difficult to access the impact of this new law.

Traffic Enforcement Grant – State of Illinois

The Department received a \$57,024 Traffic Enforcement Grant from IDOT to concentrate on speeding, seat belt use and cell phone violations. The IDOT grant will run from November 2020-October 2021.

Joint Terrorism Task Force

The Department was invited to join the Joint Terrorism task Force sponsored by the FBI. Individuals who participate in this Task Force are required to go through a special security clearance with the FBI. Chief Kaminski, Deputy Chief Mellema and Sergeant Anderson were all approved to participate.

Beat Team Leader Program

In 2020 the Beat Team Leader (BTL) program welcomed Officer Lynch to Area 4 and Officer Burke to Area 2. BTLs conducted Coffee with Cops and Senior Breakfast in January and February. As COVID-19 precautions began in March of 2020, in person interaction ceased. BTLs produced videos for a series of "On the Beat" in an attempt to engage the public and commercial establishments with the goal of acknowledging businesses and their safe COVID practices once Illinois entered Phase 4.

Unit assignments included:

- 17 neighbor Disputes
- 2 vacant residences
- 22 non-criminal citizen complaints
- 10 appearances
- 2 Senior Breakfast events (suspended due to COVID-19)
- 2 Coffee with a Cop events (suspended due to COVID-19)

Cadet Program

The cadet program was formalized in 2019. Derek Farley was appointed as the Department's first Police Cadet in 2019 and the Department appointed Ray Noffz as a Cadet in January 2020. Staff continues to feel that the program has worked very well. Cadet Farley will be the first Cadet to successfully test, interview and be selected for a full time Police Officer position. Cadet Farley is currently enrolled in the March 2021 Suburban Law Enforcement Academy's training class.

Crisis Intervention Training (CIT)

2020 CIT responses remained comparable to 2019, with 107 incidents. Many of the incidents responded to were volatile, and through the application of CIT skills officers were able to resolve the incidents without injury to the people in crisis and the Officers. Staff continues to embrace and use CIT communication skills in conjunction with other techniques and significant time on scene to safely resolve crises. Post incident follow-up by the Department's Social Worker and other professional service providers is done to reduce future crisis situations. All sworn staff participated in a CIT refresher evaluation with our Social Worker, as well as ongoing training in CIT.

HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area)

In 2020, the Department assigned officer continued to work on the County's HIDTA task force. This group works on major drug investigations throughout the County. This work continued in 2020, but was also impacted, (slowed) by COVID-19.

Team Building

The Department finalized and adopted this new mission and value statement in February of 2020:
"The Park Ridge Police Department serving by honoring our oath to the Community through Professionalism, Respect, Pride, and Dedication."

Police Social Worker

For the year 2020, the social worker provided services to residents on over 500 case referrals, assisting over 360 residents and their families. Cases were referred to the social worker by the Police Department, Fire Department, other city departments, outside agencies and self-initiated walk-in residents seeking assistance.

The social worker received approximately 190 referrals to assist residents in need of services related to domestic violence, including disturbances, orders of protection, domestic battery and violating orders of protection. The social worker received approximately 55 cases related to the needs of juveniles such as those struggling with mental health needs, child abuse/neglect concerns, family issues, delinquency or substance abuse. She assisted approximately 90 residents identified as elderly and in need of assistance. The social worker received approximately 100 referrals to assist residents with mental health and or substance abuse calls for service. She assisted with referrals related to residents or victims of violent crime such as assault, battery, criminal damage to property and other violent crimes approximately 20 times. Additionally, the social worker assisted with over 50 client referrals for miscellaneous non-violent calls such as landlord/tenant disputes, neighbor disputes, sudden loss, indigent and other community referrals that were not crime related.

The social worker, who is also an Illinois Violent Crime advocate, provided victim advocacy services to all victims of violent crime, including domestic violence, and acted as an advocate and supported for individuals/survivors and their families by providing assistance with the criminal justice system process, orders of protection, safety planning, transportation and all other advocate responsibilities as identified and required by the Illinois Attorney General's office. Services also included crisis response, information and referrals, follow up calls, office visits and home visits, as needed

In 2020, the social worker developed and implemented the Red Envelope Program with both the participation and support of the police and fire departments. She developed, with law enforcement and Center of Concern, the Senior Visiting Program and continues to lead the Park Ridge Opioid Advisory Group which developed a resource brochure and continued to meet throughout the pandemic to host a webinar titled: Opioid Misuse and the Pandemic. This webinar was attended by over 150 participants. She was invited by the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts to participate in the Illinois Mental Health Task Force Virtual Summit as a panel expert discussing Strategies for Mental Health and Law Enforcement Collaboration to Prevent Justice Involvement. This opportunity allowed her to further discuss the Department of Justice publication on the Park Ridge Police department and their follow up to CIT with an audience of over 300 attendees.

She continued to collaborate with local agencies, hospitals and service providers so that networking and professional development continued during the unprecedented times of COVID-19. She maintains the Park Ridge Police Church funds and oversees the distribution of emergency assistance along with the administrative and financial responsibilities of managing the account.

She continues to remain a member of the Association of Police Social Workers and has been accepted to the FBI program ELEVATE scheduled to begin in September of 2021. She continues to participate as a counselor for the COP program hosted in Washington D.C during National Police week supporting children who have lost a family member in the line of duty.

“Stuff the Squad”

Staff worked with the Carpenter School PTA to successfully hold a “Stuff the Squad” event for the St. Paul of the Cross Food Pantry. Food was dropped off at Carpenter School, Police Staff filled the squads and made a delivery to the Food Pantry.



Toys for Tots

Staff worked with Carpenter School PTO to collect over 700 toys. A special thank you goes to a Carpenter PTO member for all her work collecting the toys. The Park Ridge Police Explorers also held a toy drop off on Saturday, December 5th and received a great response from the community. As a result of these efforts, the Department collected more toys than in years past.



Citizens Corps Council

The Park Ridge Citizen Corps Council is a collaboration of City departments and community stakeholders. In 2020, the Citizen Corps Council operated with 79 volunteers for 1354* service hours volunteered to the City of Park Ridge. Citizen Corps Council programs were deployed during every event and critical incident within the City of Park Ridge in 2020. The volunteers were limited for safety reasons due to the pandemic.

*Total YTD Hours (1354) X Volunteer Hourly rate 24.69 = Total annual salaries saved by the City, \$33,430.00.

Citizens Patrol

The Park Ridge Citizens Patrol is a not-for-profit, community based volunteer organization that consists of 32 active members. Started in 1979, the original goal of the group was to aid in crime prevention by patrolling the community for the purpose of observing and reporting suspicious activity and potentially dangerous situations. This goal was expanded over the years and the group now also helps to maintain the safety and security of our city by supporting other city organizations with their events, as needed, in the form of traffic and crowd control.



Members of the Citizens Patrol donate their time by patrolling the community during evening hours, assisting during storms, railroad crossing problems, floods, power outages, automobile accidents, crime scenes and other catastrophic events. In addition, the Citizens Patrol continues to assist and support the Park Ridge Police Department and the City with activities and events. In 2020, Citizens Patrol provided a total of 711 hours of service.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

The Park Ridge Community Emergency Response Team (PRCERT) program consists of 36 volunteers with specialized training in traffic control, severe weather assessment, disaster response and assessment skills, fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. PRCERT participates in specialized groups/units including: the Com Ed Joint Operations Center (Com Ed JOC), an Illinois Search and Rescue Council (ISARC) certified Search and Rescue (SAR) unit, and a Trailer Deployment Group to deploy the trailer.



In 2020, PRCERT responded to activation for weather standby, provided mutual aid assistance to other towns and townships for Search and Rescue for missing persons and evidence, and launched a successful Community Outreach Program for Emergency Preparedness. PRCERT continues to hold annual membership classes. In 2020, PRCERT provided a total of 475 hours of service.

Parent Patrol

In 2020, the Parent Patrol Program volunteers were not active due to the pandemic. In its ten years of operations, the program continues to develop and adjust to the needs of the community, while affirming its commitment to discouraging/preventing underage drinking all the while building a stronger relationship between the Park Ridge Police Department and the community it serves.

Volunteer Appreciation

In February 2020, the annual volunteer appreciation dinner was held in February to show appreciation for all our volunteers. Alderman Melidosian was the keynote speaker, recognition awards were handed out.

Traffic Highlights

Park Ridge currently has one traffic officer focusing attention to traffic related issues within the City of Park Ridge. Summary 2020 activity included:

Meetings/Citizen Contacts

- Fielding driving complaints that came in from school crossing guards.
- Responding to numerous emails and phone calls that were received from District 64 school staff regarding parking, and traffic Issues at the schools.
- Conducting crash data analyses to see if intersection qualify for stop sign installation.
- Conducted traffic studies to determine vehicular speed, volume and violations.
- Completing administrative reports.
- Addressing numerous parking complaints from residents.

In 2020, 39 various speeding complaints were reported, 20 stop sign complaints were reported, 5 school bus stop arm complaints were reported, 4 reckless driving complaints were reported, 10 speed trailer requests came in and 8 school zone complaints came in.

Totals tickets issued by the Traffic section at selective enforcements, including miscellaneous tickets totaled: 1149 issued, and 3 warnings. Total selective enforcement tickets issued by Patrol totaled 51 issued and 112 warnings.

In 2020, \$62,690.00 in overweight fines were generated and 74 overweight permits were issued, with \$9,130 is permit fees being generated.

RedSpeed violations totaled 1917 approved, 113 rejected, totaling 2029. The approval rating was 94%. It should be noted that the RedSpeed camera was taken out of service for several months due to construction being done on Northwest Hwy.

Social Media

During 2020 we once again continued to increase our engagement with the community through social media. We continue to utilize several social media platforms including Facebook, You Tube, Twitter and Nixle. Due to COVID-19 the Police Departments use of social media was a necessity. This became a crucial way to communicate. Beat Team Leaders created "On the Beat" segments with important safety information and featured local businesses. This also gave Beat Team Leaders an opportunity to be creative and engage with the community via social media.

Training

Training for Illinois law enforcement officials took a big hit in 2020. In part, due to Public Act 100 – 0987 “The Criminal and Traffic Assessment Act” being enacted and then COVID hitting in early spring of 2020. Due to this new act being passed, NEMRT, our largest and most comprehensive training facility, lost the majority of its funding in the beginning of 2020. This meant that only state mandated classes such as CIT were being offered and then COVID hit. Between these two major occurrences, NEMRT and all other training resources were brought to a halt, including all academy classes and supervisory and command staff training. The affected recruit we had in the academy at the time was reassigned to “attend” academy training via online structured modules at the department and was eventually able to successfully graduate. Training classes that required in-person learning such as supervisory and command staff training have tentatively been rescheduled for 2021. Other classes that could be held online were. Some of these included:

- Anti-Racism
- Assessing and Supporting Suicidal Clients
- Connecting Leaders
- Crisis and Homeless Intervention Strategies
- Cultural Competence and Elder Abuse
- Cumulative Trauma: The Covert Enemy of First Responders
- Ethics and Cultural Competency
- Hiding on the Internet
- ICAC: Intro to osTriage Program
- Mental Health and Trauma Readiness
- Law Enforcement Action in Democracy
- Opioid Crisis and the Pandemic
- Peer to Peer case Studies
- Police Supervisory Liability
- Preventing Law Enforcement Suicide
- Responding with Resilience
- Screening for Psychosis in Adolescents
- SRO Basics and Beyond
- Wellness during Catastrophic Crises and Pandemics

A few in-person classes that were able to be held included:

- 8hr Trauma Informed Response to Sexual Assault
- 16hr Sexual Assault Investigator
- 40hr Basic Evidence Technician
- 40hr Crisis Intervention
- Advance Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement
- Alice Instructor Training
- Annual First Responder Wellness and Crisis Intervention Conference
- Annual International Association of Forensic and Security Metrology
- Command Leadership Institute Training
- Complex Healing for Patients and Families
- CyberTips
- Elderly Service Officer Training
- Enforcing Illinois Cannabis Laws
- Forensic Team Response to Large Scale Active Shooting Incident
- Illinois Public Pension Fund Association Regional Seminar
- Implementing the New Marijuana Law
- Integrated Response Conference
- Leadership Lessons
- Managing the Training Function
- Medical and Recreational Cannabis Update
- MCAT Surveillance

- Police Suicide Awareness
- Tactical Pistol and Rifle Training

While the pandemic and fiscal restraints of 2020 caused major adjustments to be made everywhere, the training vendors and instructors of the Park Ridge Police Department responded immediately to the crisis by seeking alternative measures in order to make sure that all standards were continually met. Without the personnel and limited resources that were still available, law enforcement training would have been non-existent for 2020, however, as we look forward to moving ahead, the goal of the Park Ridge Police Department is to continue to keep training all officers, new and experienced, as much as possible and with a wide array of training. We look forward to the possibilities that the future will bring and will always work to embrace the positive changes that come with it.

Police Explorer Post

The Police Explorer program is affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America and teaches youth between the ages of 14 and 20 skills related to law enforcement. The Explorers do not have police powers. Explorers participated in training/meeting sessions on defensive tactics, DUI enforcement, criminology, traffic stops, juvenile law, investigations procedures, community policing, rapid deployment and traffic control. Park Ridge Explorers have been deployed to assist police in community events such as National Night Out, Farmer's Market and Winterfest in the past. They also play an important role in assisting the Department with traffic control, crowd control and presentation assistance at the Taste of Park Ridge, July 3rd Fireworks, parades and races. In 2020, due to COVID-19 all Special Events were cancelled. In 2020 the Explorers met virtually.

2020 Special Events

Due to COVID-19 most special events were cancelled. In the months of January and February, prior to COVID-19 restrictions, the Department was able to participate in these events:

- Youth Commission's annual Dodge Ball event
- Annual Polar Bear Plunge for Special Olympics
- Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
- Reading to Students at Washington School



The Department stayed connected with the community by helping out with drive-by celebrations, such as birthdays, District 64, Maine East and Maine South graduation parades. The Department looks forward to assisting in special events in the new future.

Law Enforcement Special Olympics

The Department continued its commitment to Law Enforcement Special Olympics and participated in the Polar Plunge. Our efforts raised over \$10,000 for Special Olympics. Due to COVID-19 there were no additional events.

National Night Out

National Night Out was cancelled due to COVID-19.

Police Records Bureau

2020 was the year of change for the Records Department. The staff said goodbye to a long time Records Supervisor and welcomed in a new supervisor along with two new part time Records Clerks. The staff continued executing several years of mandated automatic juvenile expungements and became compliant with the mandated civil cannabis auto-expungements as of January 1, 2021. Other accomplishments include moving from reporting to the Illinois Uniformed Crime Reporting to reporting to the FBI through NIBRS. This created new report writing standards. Records staff assisted patrol officers with the transition. Unfortunately, 2020 was the year of social distancing, so the Records Staff were not allowed to plan the usual department wide holiday luncheon.

Staff Support

The Police Department continued to support our staff member who was deployed in Afghanistan. Officer Taylor returned home on April 12, 2020. The Department and City gave him a social distancing welcome home. Once again, **Thank you for your Service Officer Taylor!**

Part V
Professional Standards

Professional Standards

Formal Citizen Complaints

There was one filed in 2020 that was not sustained.

Citizen Inquiries

Citizen Inquiries are investigations into an incident requested by a citizen who does not wish to file a formal complaint. These are allegations of a less serious nature. The department handled five of these in 2020. Of these five, 2 were sustained.

Administrative Reviews

There were nineteen Administrative Reviews handled in 2020. These investigations relate to issues raised by supervisors or other staff members regarding the conduct of department members. Examples include missed court dates, tardiness, performance issues, etc. Of these nineteen, eleven were sustained resulting in corrective action.

Response to Resistance

An analysis of the Response to Resistance Reports for the year 2020 is as follows:

All Response to Resistance incidents and techniques were within Department and State guidelines.

There were 26 separately reported incidents. Each incident may have several officers involved. In addition, an officer may have used several techniques. As a result, the 26 incidents resulted in 44 resistance reports which totaled 48 different techniques.

The majority of reports filed were for compliance/escort technique, and pointing or displaying of a firearm/Taser. There were four Taser discharges. None of the incidents involved the use of deadly force. There were no injuries to officers or offenders.

Types of Response to Resistance Reports

Type of Force	
Display of Firearms	7
Use of Firearms	0
Baton	0
O.C. Spray	0
Compliance Technique or Escort	30
Display of Taser	6
Use of Taser	4
Impact tool used	0
Other	1
Total	48

Police Pursuits

During 2020 there were none.

Traffic Study Data – 2019*

The following data represents the stops for minority drivers in 2019, Illinois statewide:

Benchmark for minority drivers - 35.14%

Actual minority drivers stopped - 49.63%

	<u>Minority Drivers</u>	<u>Caucasian Drivers</u>
Benchmark	28.28%	71.72%
Actual Stopped	24.56%	75.44%

The percentage of minority drivers stopped in Park Ridge is below the established benchmark.

* Data is a year behind. 2020 data will not be available until Fall of 2021.

Formal Inspections

There were 77 formal inspections conducted in 2020.

Number	Audit Type
20-1	Annual DL Audit
20-2	Secondary Employment Audit
20-3	Court Audit
20-4	Pedestrian Stop Card Audit
20-5	Informant Fund Audit
20-6	Racial Profiling Data Audit
20-7	Prisoner Lock-up Sheet Audit
20-8	Body Worn Camera Audit
20-9	Domestic Violence Report Audit
20-10	Victim's Right Audit
20-11	CAD Audits
20-12	Video Camera Audit
20-13	Property Room Audit
20-14	Spring Inspection
20-15	Annual Sexual Assault Kit – Tracking Report
20-16	Pedestrian Stop Card Audit
20-17	Court Audit
20-18	Daily Activity Audit
20-19	Foot Patrol Audit
20-20	Prisoner Lock-up Sheet Audit
20-21	Domestic Violence Report Audit
20-22	Informant Fund Audit
20-23	Racial Profiling Data Audit
20-24	Property Room Audit
20-25	Seized Property Audit
20-26	Court Audit
20-27	Pedestrian Stop Card
20-28	Foot Patrol Audit
20-29	Racial Profiling Audit
20-30	Body Worn Camera Audit
20-31	Body Worn Camera Audit
20-32	Video Audit
20-33	Daily Activity Audit

20-34	Informant Fund Audit
20-35	Prisoner Lock-up Sheet Audit
20-36	Domestic Violence Report Audit
20-37	Property Room Audit
20-38	Video Audit
20-39	CAD Audit
20-40	CAD Audit
20-41	Fall Inspection
20-42	Annual Independent Evidence and Property Audit
20-43	Seized Property Audit
20-44	Informant Fund Audit
20-45	Sex Offender Audit
20-46	Investigative Case Screening
20-47	Municipal/Traffic Court Performance
20-48	Criminal Court Performance
20-49	Court Audit
20-50	Court Sick Call Audit
20-51	Sex Offender Registration Act
20-52	Investigation Case Screening Act
20-53	Beat Team Leader Annual Report
20-54	Court Subpoena
20-55	Pedestrian Stop Card Audit
20-56	Pursuit Audit
20-57	Emergency Preparedness Annual Audit
20-58	Church Fund
20-59	Prisoner Lock-up Sheet
20-60	Domestic Violence Report Audit
20-61	Annual GPS Audit
20-62	Patrol Equipment Inventory
20-63	CAD Audit
20-64	Racial Profiling Audit
20-65	Organizational Chart
20-66	Posted Material
20-67	Purchasing Procedures
20-68	Personnel Evaluations
20-69	Taser Audits
20-70	Certifications – Radars and PBT
20-71	Training
20-72	Adjudication Hearing Audit
20-73	Body Worn Camera Audit
20-74	Ticket Control Audit
20-75	CIT Response Data
20-76	Vendor Audit
20-77	Armory Audit

Grievances

There were none filed in 2020.

Police Involved Automobile Accidents

There were six accidents involving City vehicles. Officers were at fault in two of these accidents and corrective action was taken. Five of these accidents were minor in nature.

On the Job Injuries

There were 12 reported injuries. 3 were related to possible COVID-19 exposure, none of these 3 experienced symptoms. Two were non-duty related. The other 7 were minor injuries.

Summary of officer activity is as follows:

Handling Prisoners	3
COVID-19 Exposure	3
Processing Evidence	1
Slip	2
Debris hit Officer	1
Non Duty Related	2
Total	12

Part VI
Goals 2021

Goals – 2021

- Complete Project 7 (Sally Port) of the Police Department's Master Plan
- Complete the transition to Cook County Dispatch (February 2021)
- Complete the re-accreditation process for the Department
- Implement and evaluate aspects of the Police Reform Act
- Conduct a campaign for the implementation/rollout of the RAVE System