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# ANNUAL REPORT



Police Chief

**Robert Kampwirth**

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## Chief's Message

During 2023 the Police Department went through a transition. In May, Chief Frank Kaminski retired after 14 years of service to Park Ridge. I took over as the Interim Chief in May and eventually was promoted to Chief of Police in September. There has been an ongoing shift of culture in the Police Department and a time for evaluation of current practices and policies. I have served the Park Ridge community for 30 years, and have always valued community partnerships, while continuously looking for positive ways to engage the community to work together with the Police Department to make Park Ridge a better place to live, work, and visit. The Park Ridge Police Department's culture is one of teamwork and collaboration. We are striving to work together as a team both internally within the department as well as externally with the community and other organizations. We will continue to focus on recruitment and retention of employees to make sure that we have and recruit the best employees available.

The Police Department hosted or participated in numerous events throughout the city. Some of these include, Senior Breakfast, Police Memorial Service, National Night Out, Toys for TOTS drive and delivery of some of those toys to children at Lutheran General Hospital, Stuff the Squad events, DEA prescription drug take back, and Honor Guard Presentations including representing the Park Ridge Police Department at Soldier Field before a Chicago Bears game on New Year's Eve.

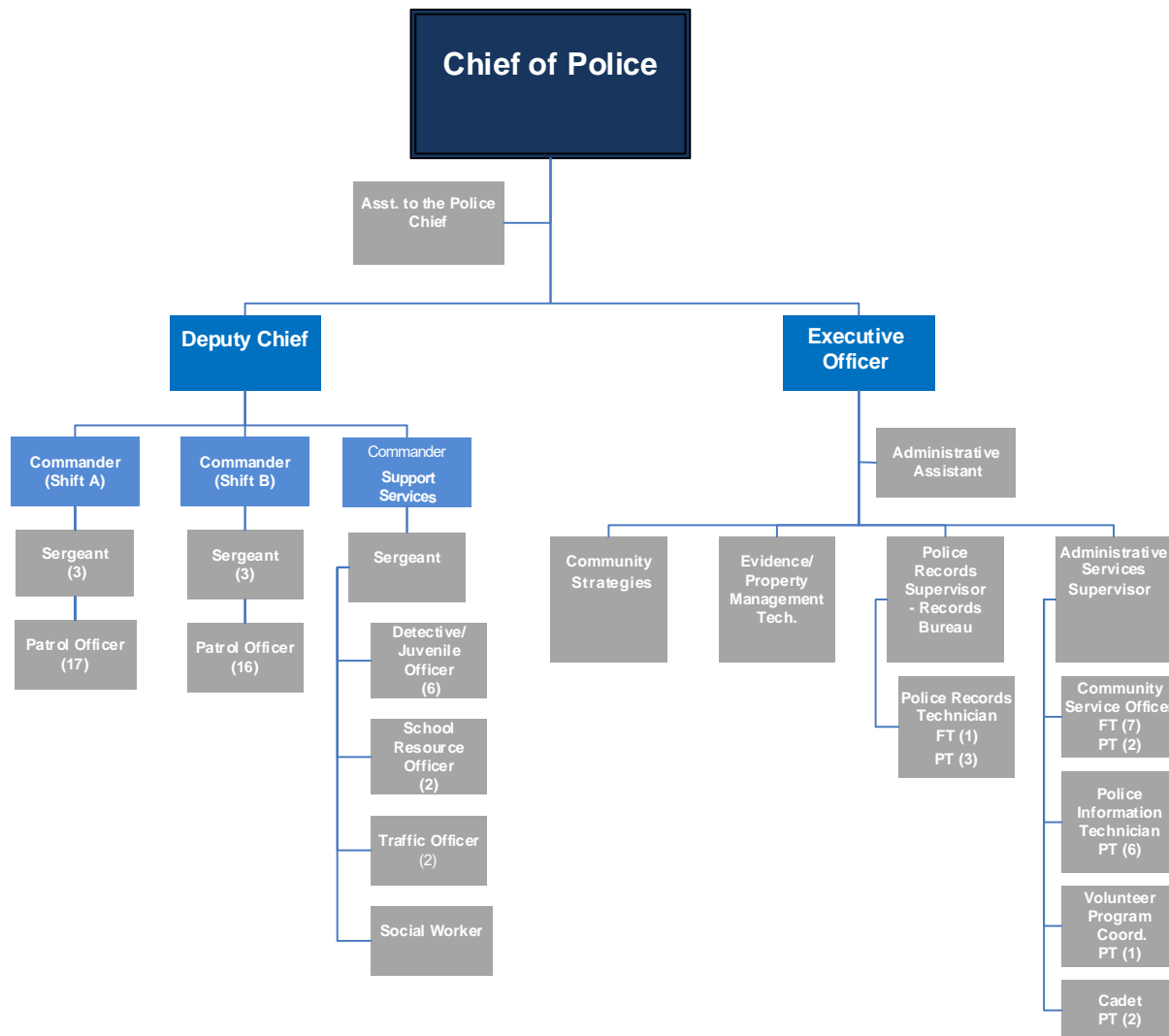
Crime in Park Ridge is always a concern, and we continue to watch regional, state, and national trends. The Park Ridge Police Department works hard to address these concerns and continues to work with the community, and other police departments to address, combat, and solve these crimes. During 2023 the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program that has been utilized by law enforcement agencies to report crime data to the Illinois State Police transitioned to the Federal National Incident Based Reporting System, commonly referred to as NIBRS. This change is explained further in Part 3 – Crime Data in this report. For the year of 2023 it will be difficult to compare the Crime Rate to prior years because the data is not collected in similar form prior to 2023.

There were some goals made for 2023, which included completing the implementation of Lexipol, including all General Orders, training modules and system updates. We have successfully implemented Lexipol and will continue to evaluate this program. We looked at the feasibility of installing street level cameras in targeted areas of Uptown that experience large group gatherings and determined that at this time we believe that additional patrols are more effective. We have assessed the workload for our social worker to determine if additional resources are needed. The results of this are ongoing and further reports on this progress are to follow soon.

I look forward to serving our Community and I am committed to providing a safe community environment for all. We continue to find ways to provide better services to the community, and to provide safety to all of those that are in it. I continue to encourage officers to collaborate with the citizens and strive for more community engagement. Thank you to all the members of the Park Ridge Police Department, both sworn and non-sworn, that uphold our mission each day. We also thank the City Council and our Community for your continued support.

## Part 1 - Department Organizational Chart

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## Part 2 – Department Recognition

### Special Awards



#### Kiwanis Public Safety Awards

On September 21, 2023 officers, staff, volunteers, family, and friends gathered to honor members of the Park Ridge Police Department during the annual Park Ridge Kiwanis Public Safety Awards. The Kiwanis Public Safety Awards celebrates officers, staff, and volunteers that have gone above and beyond the call of duty for the Park Ridge community.

The following staff were recognized:

**Volunteer of the Year 2022 - William Richter**

**Employee of the Year 2022 - Bob Ross**

**Officer of the Year 2022 - Tim McEwen**

#### Major Case Assistance Team (MCAT) Investigator of the year

On February 17, 2023 Detective Tim McEwen received the 2022 Regional Investigator of the Year Award. This award was presented at the MCAT annual luncheon. Detective McEwen was the lead investigator in solving a murder of a Skokie resident who was shot February 8, 2022 on a residential driveway in Park Ridge, where the victim was unknown. His thorough research located an Oak Brook man with reasons for targeting the victim and resulted in first degree murder charges. Detective McEwen was also awarded an Illinois State Senate Certificate of Recognition from Senator Laura Murphy on June 13, 2023.

#### Departmental Commendation - City Council – July 23, 2023

Commander Delfosse, Detective Garcia, Detective Fitzgerald, Officer Czworniak and Officer Leja received a Department Commendation at the July 23<sup>rd</sup> City Council meeting. This Commendation was for their work on a case where the department had two separate incidents of a male offender who approached teenage females and identified himself as a police officer. During both incidents the offender informed them he had to pat them down at which point he proceeded to grab their buttocks and flee the scene. Officers Czworniak and Leja were deployed as decoys on June 29, 2023. Commander Delfosse supervised the operation and Detectives Garcia and Fitzgerald provided surveillance. The offender grabbed Officer Czworniak at which point the officers identified themselves. The offender was pursued on foot and then taken into custody. The offender was eventually charged with two counts of false impersonation of a police officer, two counts of unlawful restraint and two counts of aggravated battery.

#### Chief Kaminski's Retirement

On May 18, 2023, Chief Kaminski retired as the Chief of Police, serving the City of Park Ridge since July 2009. Chief Kaminski, with 49 years of dedicated public service was honored and celebrated by staff, other agencies and community members. All thanked him for his service and dedication and wished him a long, happy, healthy retirement.





### Chief Kampwirth Sworn in as Park Ridge Police Department Chief of Police

On September 8, 2023, Deputy Chief Robert Kampwirth was sworn in as the Chief of Police. Chief Kampwirth with 29 years of service with the Department successfully completed the City's assessment process for this position and was appointed as Chief. Chief Kampwirth is fully committed to upholding the police department's mission and value statement and service to the community.



### Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

This annual event took place on October 13, 2023. Volunteers were honored for their dedication to volunteer service for the city. In 2023, 1,568 hours of service were provided to the city by our volunteers. We truly appreciate their service!

### Commander Ware sworn in as Deputy Chief of Police

On November 16, 2023, Commander Gene Ware was sworn in as the Deputy Chief of Police. Deputy Chief Ware, previously Commander of Support Services has 23 years of service with the Department.

### Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command

On December 1, 2023, Sergeant Faso graduated from this ten-week course. Not only did Sergeant Faso complete the demanding and intense training class, he, was also the class president.

### Certificates of Recognition

A total of 13 letters of Recognition, Department Commendations were awarded in 2023.

### Saved by the Belt

Thirty-four (34) individuals received the Save by the Belt award for wearing their seat belt when involved in an accident. Although minor injury may have occurred, wearing a seatbelt prevented them from sustaining more serious injuries.

### Complimentary Letters From Citizens

In 2023, the Department received approximately 53 complimentary letters to numerous officers and staff members for their hard work and professional efforts. Residents generously sent food and special treats for staff throughout the year.



## Part 3 – Crime Data

### 2023 Transition to NIBRS from UCR

The UCR Program utilized by Illinois law enforcement agencies to report crime data to the Illinois State Police transitioned on January 1, 2021 to the Federal National Incident Based Reporting System, commonly referred to as NIBRS. NIBRS entails the collection of 58 data elements for each of 52 Offense classifications as opposed to the summary of only 10 Part I offenses collected by the UCR program in 2022. The Park Ridge Police Department assisted Clarity, our RMS provider, and achieved certification from NIBRS to start reporting January 1, 2023.

How does this affect our crime numbers? There will be a perception of an increase in crime, as all crime offenses (up to 10) in a single incident will be counted, however it will mostly be a result of a more detailed breakdown of all crimes, rather than the most serious offense. For example, if we have a home invasion, where the homeowner receives an aggravated battery and their vehicle is taken, under the former UCR system, there was a hierarchy rule in place wherein we would report only one crime, the most serious which is the Home Invasion, as a Burglary. Under the NIBRS system, we would report three crimes to include a Burglary, an Aggravated Battery and a Motor Vehicle Theft. It is important to understand that increases to crime numbers are largely in part due to the reporting method rather than an actual change in crime or failing police strategies.

The FBI performed an analysis of the effects of the removal of the Hierarchy Rule under UCR summary reporting and found the following:

- Rape: No effect
- Robbery: Increased 0.6 percent
- Aggravated Assault: Increased 0.6 percent
- Burglary: Increased 1.0 percent
- Larceny: Increased 2.6 percent
- Motor Vehicle Theft: Increased 2.7 percent
- Total SRS Offenses: Increased 2.1 percent
- Incidents that involved multiple offenses: 10.6 percent of all reported incidents

NIBRS implementation provides more meaningful national crime data that will enhance law enforcement's ability to recognize the resources needed to deter crime and allow for the most efficient and effective response to important issues in society today.

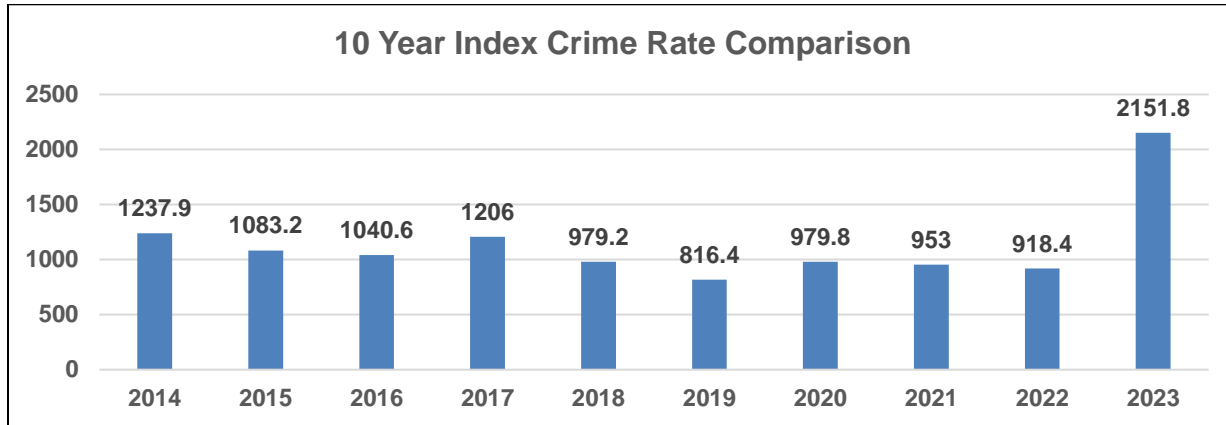
### INDEX CRIME OFFENSE RATE

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:

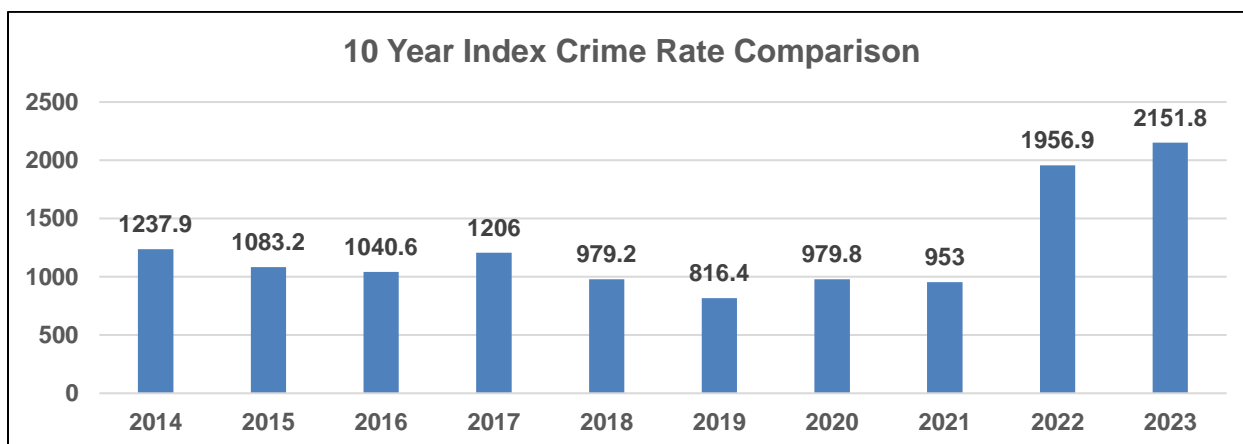
$$\frac{\text{Crime Index Count} \times 100,000}{\text{Jurisdictional Population}^1} = \text{Crime Rate}$$

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

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

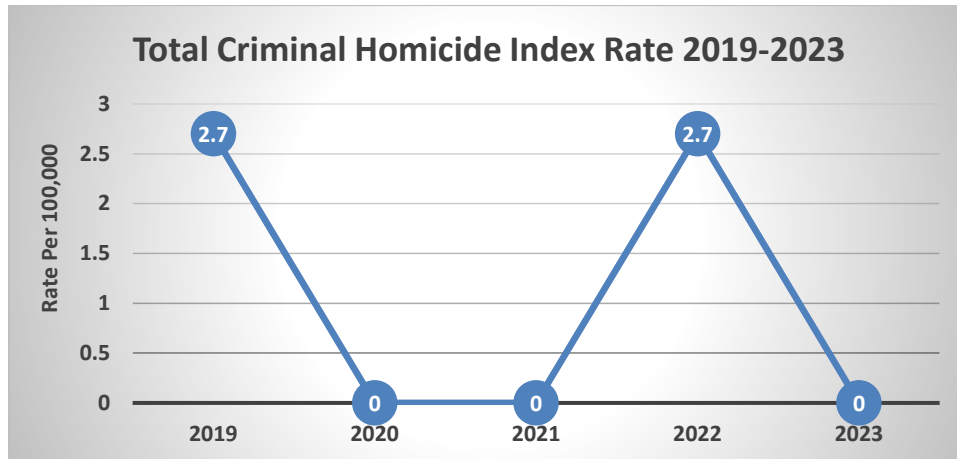


The above comparison appears that the 2023 Index Crime Rate is significantly higher than the 2022 Index Crime rate. Index crimes in previous years were broken down into Violent Crimes and Property Crimes and used the hierarchy rule, reporting only one crime per incident. In 2023, to be NIBRS compliant, Park Ridge reported Group A Offenses, which included all offenses for each incident for Crimes Against Persons, Crimes Against Property and Crimes Against Society. The below chart shows a comparison if 2022 crimes were converted to NIBRS guidelines. The crime rate increased in 2023 by 9.9% from 2022.

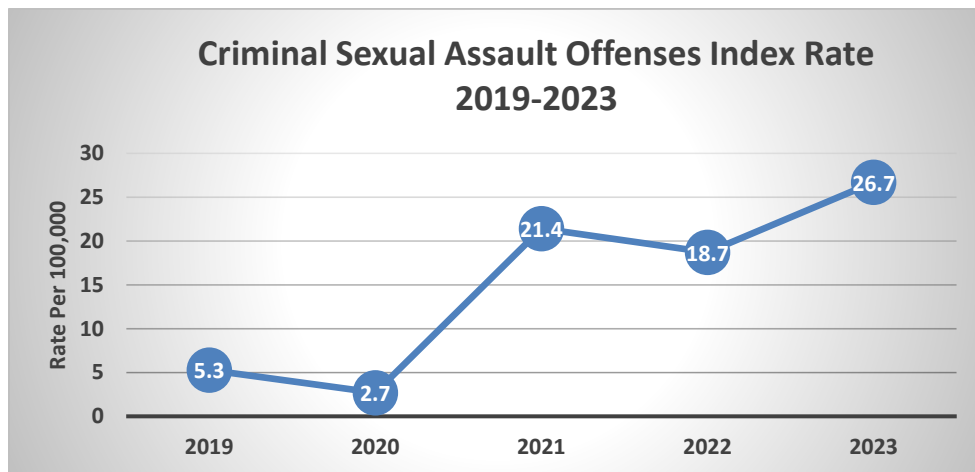


<sup>1</sup> Based on 2020 census data = 37,457

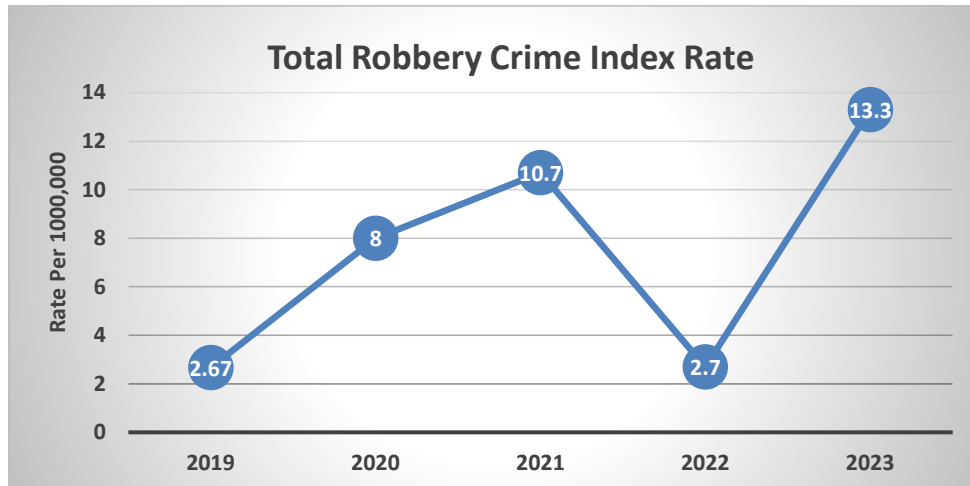




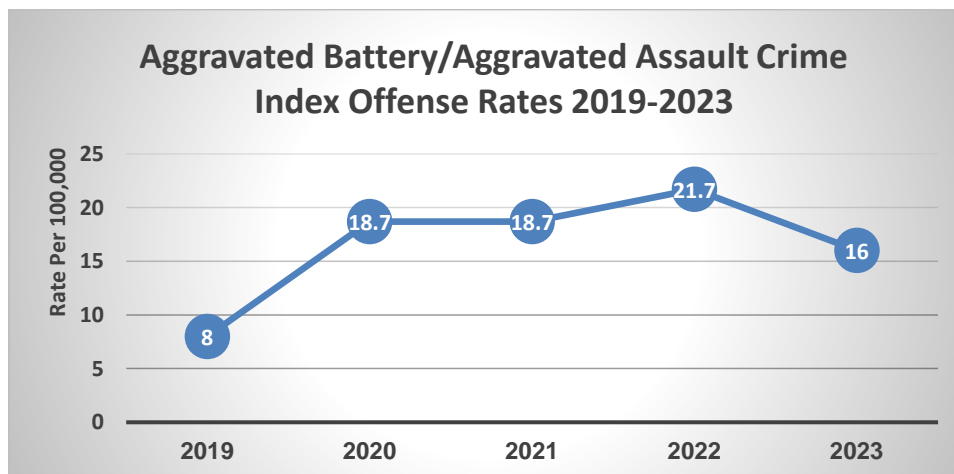
**The Criminal Homicide Index Crime Rate** decreased 100% in 2023 from 2022. There were no Homicides in 2023.



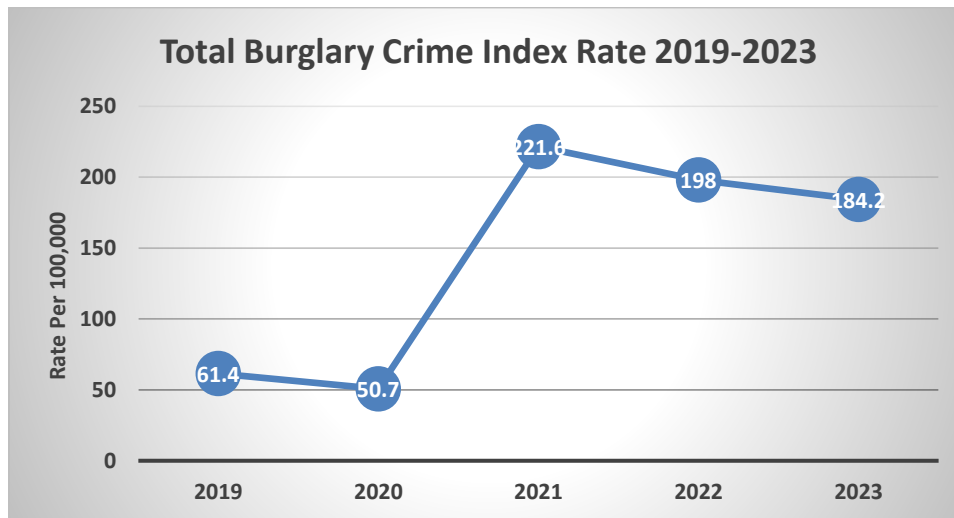
**The Index Crime Offense Rate for Criminal Sexual Assault Crimes** increased 43% in 2023 from 2022 and included ten offenses. **There was a clearance rate of 90% for sex crime offenses in 2023**, with one cleared by arrest, one cleared as non-bonafide, two cleared as unfounded, and five cleared by victims refusing to cooperate and one suspended pending further leads.



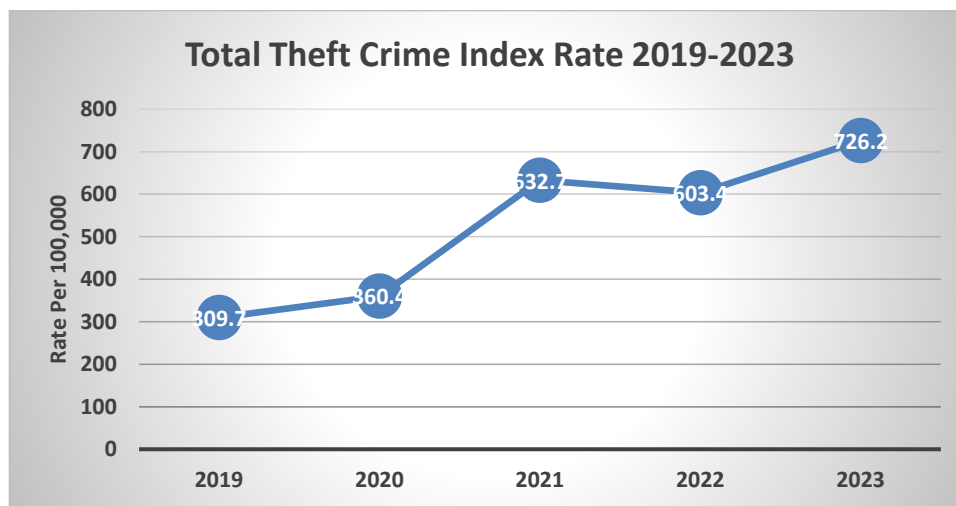
**The Robbery Index Crime Rate** increased in 2023 from 2022. There were five offenses in 2023 compared to one offense in 2022. Of those Robberies, two occurred in Mariano's parking lot, one occurred at Thorton's Gas Station, one occurred at CVS and one occurred to a citizen on the street. **There was a 67% clearance rate for Robbery Crimes in 2023.** One was cleared by arrest, one was cleared due to the victim failing to cooperate, one was closed due to the victim unable to identify the offender(s) and two remain suspended pending further leads.



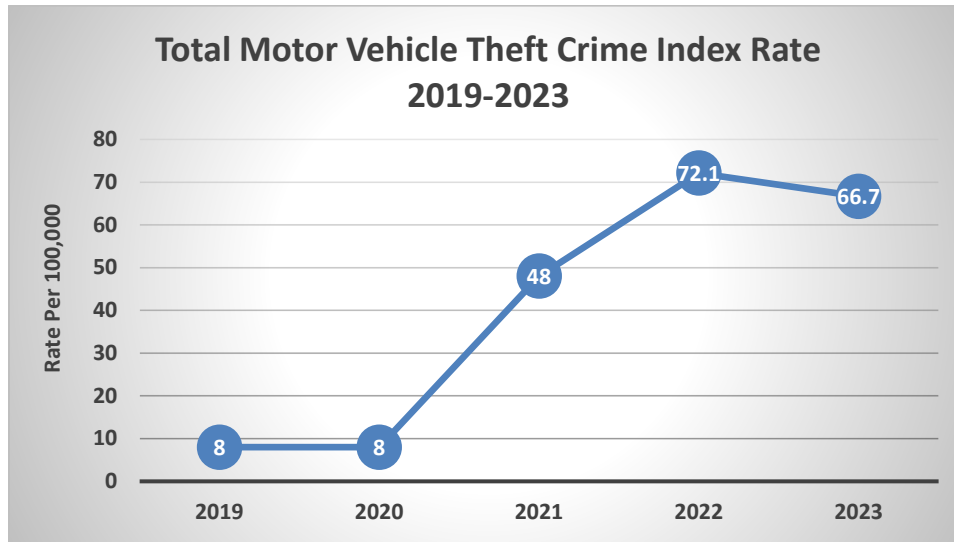
**The Aggravated Battery/Aggravated Assault Crime Index Rate** decreased 26% in 2023 from 2022. There were six offenses in 2023 compared to eight offenses in 2022. There was a 66% clearance rate for Aggravated Battery/Aggravated Assault Crimes in 2023. Of the six offenses, one was cleared by arrest, one was cleared by the victim refusing to cooperate, two were cleared due to mental health, and two are suspended pending further leads.



**The Burglary Crime Index Rate** decreased by 7% in 2023 with 69 burglaries compared to 74 burglaries in 2022. Of the 69 burglaries, 47 were residential and 22 were businesses.



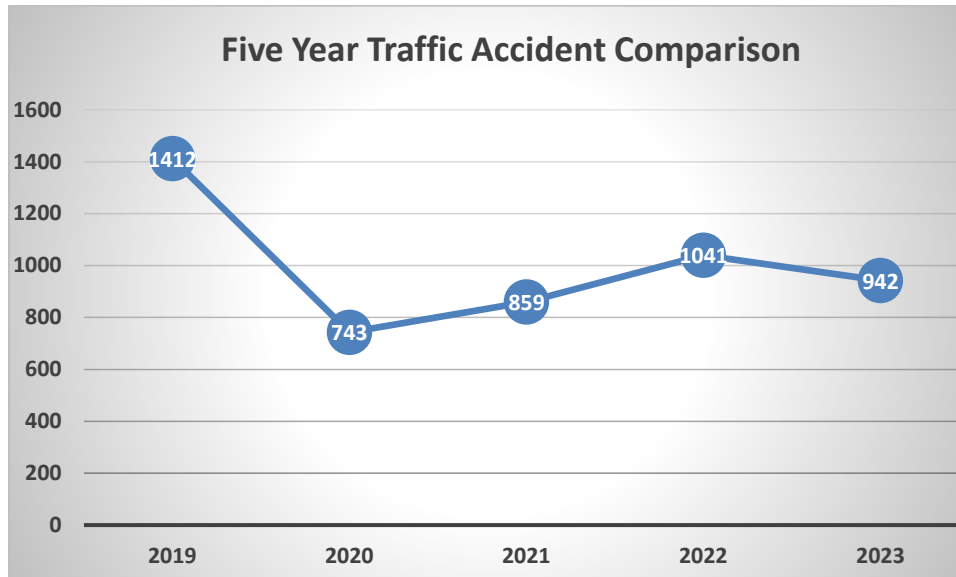
**The Theft Crime Offense Rate** has increased by 20% in 2023 from 2022. There were 273 Theft Crimes reported in 2023 compared to 226 in 2022. The most significant increases were 82 offenses from Burglary to Motor Vehicles and Theft from Motor Vehicles, 37 Theft of Catalytic Converters and 43 Retail Thefts.



**The Motor Vehicle Theft Index Crime Offense** decreased by 7.4% in 2023 with 25 Motor Vehicle Thefts from 27 Motor Vehicle Thefts in 2022. Of the 25 Motor Vehicles stolen, 24 were recovered.



**The Arson Crime Index Rate** increased by 100% in 2023 with 1 Arson from 0 Arsons in 2022. The one Arson that occurred involved two juveniles lighting cottonwood on fire in a resident's backyard. The case has been suspended pending further leads.



**Traffic Accidents** decreased in 2023 by 9% compared to 2022 and they are 33% lower than in 2019.



In 2023 Violent Crime Offenses Against Persons include Homicide, Consensual and Non-Consensual Sex Offenses, Aggravated Assault/Battery, Simple Assault, Intimidation, Kidnapping and Human Trafficking (including attempts). Crimes Against Persons accounted for 20.2% of the Crime Index Total. Crimes Against Property include Robbery, Burglary, Larceny/Theft, Motor Vehicle Theft, Arson, Destruction of Property and Fraud offenses. Crimes Against Property accounted for 78.8% of the Crime Index. Crimes Against Society include Drug violations, Gambling offenses, Pornography and Prostitution offenses, Weapons Law Violations and Animal Cruelty. Crimes Against Society accounted for 1% of the crime index total.

<b>GROUP A OFFENSES</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b># Difference</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Homicide	1	0	-1	100%
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	N/C	N/C
Justifiable Homicide	0	0	N/C	N/C
Non-consensual Sex Offenses:				
Rape	7	8	1	14.29%
Sodomy	0	0	N/C	N/C
Sexual Assault with Object	0	0	N/C	N/C
Fondling	0	1	N/A	N/A
Aggravated Assault/Battery	8	6	-2	-25.00%
Simple Assault	131	120	-11	-8.40%
Intimidation	N/A	27	N/A	N/A
Kidnapping/Abduction/Unlawful Restraint	N/A	1	N/A	N/A
Consensual Sex Offenses:				
Incest	0	0	N/C	N/C
Statutory Rape	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
Human Trafficking, Commercial Sex Acts	0	0	N/C	N/C
Human Trafficking, Involuntary Servitude	0	0	N/C	N/C
<b>Crimes Against Persons Total</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10.88%</b>
<b>Property Crime Offenses</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>#Difference</b>	<b>%Change</b>
Robbery	1	5	4	400.00%
Burglary	74	69	-5	-6.76%
Larceny/Theft	226	272	46	20.35%
Motor Vehicle Theft	27	25	-2	-7.41%
Arson	0	1	1	100%
Destruction of Property	116	149	33	28%
Counterfeiting/Forgery	N/A	2	N/A	N/A
Fraud	133	105	-28	-21%
Embezzlement	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
Extortion/Blackmail	N/A	1	N/A	N/A
Bribery	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
Stolen Property Offenses	N/A	1	N/A	N/A
<b>Crimes Against Property Total</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>10.05%</b>



	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>#</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>%</u> <u>Change</u>
Drug/Narcotic Violations	1	4	3	300.00%
Drug Equipment Violations	7	2	-5	-71.43%
Gambling Offenses	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
Pornography/Obscene Material	N/A	0	N/A	N/A
Prostitution	0	0	N/C	N/C
Weapons Law Violation	1	1	N/C	N/C
Animal Cruelty	N/A	1	N/A	N/A
<b>Crimes Against Society Totals</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-11.11%</b>
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>#</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>%</u> <u>Change</u>
<b>Total Group A Offenses</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>10%</b>

**Index Crime Rate**                      2022      2023  
    1956.9    2151.8  
 \* Based on 2020 census data  
 = 37,457

## Part 4 - Departmental Highlights

### Officer Wellness

Since the implementation of the Safe-T-Act departments will be required to ensure that officers received annual wellness checks. Wellness checks offer an opportunity for officers to discuss coping strategies and solutions to deal with the various stressors of being a first responder. It also allows for officers to be given psychoeducation about individual mental health wellness. The Park Ridge Police Department has implemented annual wellness checks ahead of schedule since the inception of the Safe-T-Act. The department have been offering wellness checks for three years since the Safe-T-Act mandate.

Along with wellness checks the department has implemented a department managed peer support team. One effective strategy for stimulating a culture of wellness within an agency is the development and maintenance of a peer support team. Our peer support team offers confidential peer- to-peer assistance during times of personal or professional crisis. The Park Ridge Police Department is committed to ensuring that its officers are given the tools they need to not only function as effective police officers, but also to maintain their own personal mental health.

### Traffic Enforcement Grant – State of Illinois

The department received approx. \$80,512 for the Traffic Enforcement Grant in 2023 from IDOT. The following type/amount of citations were issued, totaling 2,127 citations.

Speed	322
Seat Belt	743
Cell phone	472
Misc	553
Arrests	37

### Beat Team Leader Program (BTL)

In 2023 BTLs collaborated with Community Strategies, Investigations and Patrol to manage multiple community engagements and issues. BTLs worked to develop information, host community meetings, and coordinate police response to youth complaints around necessary areas. This collaborative effort led to the arrest of youths for varied violations which, ultimately stopped the violations from occurring. BTLs were given the responsibility to maintain communication with the elementary schools so department personnel were aware of ongoing traffic problems, school lock down exercises, and other school events where a positive police presence was appropriate such as Stuff the Squad. BTLs assisted investigations and strategized to locate, arrest, and capture evidence of a child predator impersonating a police officer in the community. This gained a large positive response from the community. BTL Area 4 assisted in creating awareness for stolen vehicles at gas stations and convenience stores by arranging a flyer to be posted, that reminds people to not leave their vehicles unlocked. This year BTLs had their own tent at National Night Out and Taste of Park Ridge.

Unit assignments included:

- Management meetings with Starbucks and other uptown businesses
- Multiple Senior Breakfast appearances
- Multiple Area 3 Juvenile complaints with arrests
- Directed patrols in Uptown for juvenile complaints between Memorial day and August 1
- Directed patrols in Area 3 to monitor youth complaints
- Elementary school lock down drills
- Ongoing neighbor disputes

2024 Goals include:

- Monthly community engagement events
- Have more meetings to brainstorm new ways to engage with the schools and businesses around town
- To increase communication between BTLs and other patrol personnel
- To increase presence in uptown area for youth complaints
- To work with commercial establishments to reduce retail theft risks
- To assist with investigations with ongoing community crimes.
- To work with the new community strategies coordinator
- Start of Action Plans to communicate with patrol on how to handle on going / hot topic issues

### Cadet Program

The Park Ridge Police Cadet Program continues to develop into Police Officers. The Police Department's Cadet Program provides recent high school graduates and new college students with a unique opportunity to experience a profession in law enforcement. Applicants between the age of 18 thru 20 must pass an entry level police officer written exam, interview and power test which are all designed to give them the experience of applying for a police officer position.



The Police Cadet Program provides an opportunity for individuals interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement to obtain valuable work experience in a law enforcement environment. Cadets are given rotating assignments flexible with their college class schedules while working within the Park Ridge Police Department.

The Cadet program may also be able to fulfill the college student's criminal justice internship requirements as a paid internship. Successful candidates upon turning 21 years of age will be eligible for open sworn police officer positions with the Park Ridge Police Department if available. In 2023, Officer Trevor Norberg was the Program's 3<sup>rd</sup> Cadet to advance into a sworn Police Officer position.

### Police Social Worker

For the year 2023, the Police social worker, Geri Silic, provided services to residents on approximately 435 case referrals, assisting over 350 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 155 referrals to assist residents in need of services related to domestic related crimes and concerns such as domestic violence disturbances, domestic battery, harassment and violating orders of protection. The social worker received approximately 32 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 82 residents identified as elderly and in need of assistance. The social worker received approximately 83 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 battery, criminal damage to property, sex crimes, Stalking No Contact Orders, and other violent crimes approximately 32 times. Additionally, the social worker assisted with over 62 client referrals for miscellaneous non-violent calls such as landlord/tenant disputes, neighbor disputes, citizen assist, 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 witness advocacy services to all victims of violent crime, including domestic violence, and acted as an advocate and support for individuals/survivors and their families by providing assistance with the criminal justice system

process, orders of protection education, safety planning, transportation assistance 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, death notification, office visits and home visits, as needed.

In 2023, the social worker continued to lead the Opioid Advisory Group. The group meets approximately 6 times per year and consists of local agencies providing behavioral health and substance misuse treatment to the community. The goal of the group is to share information and education regarding opioid addiction and to build a trusting relationship between persons struggling with addiction and law enforcement. Coordinated annual events include: the National DEA Prescription Drug Take Back event (bi yearly), Park Ridge Health Fair and National Night Out. In 2023, the group distributed lawn signs and presented "One Pill Can Kill: What Parents Need to Know" at the Maine Township building. She coordinated with the Center of Concern to meet with the older adult residents affected by the 2022 condominium fire as a means of ensuring continued community education and linkage to services. She continued to represent Park Ridge social services as a crisis response team member at the Highland Park 4<sup>th</sup> of July Remembrance Walk making herself available to any attendee in need of emotional support on the anniversary of the mass shooting. She continued to collaborate with local agencies, hospitals, and service providers so that networking and professional development attending: Park Ridge Ministerial Association meetings, Cook County Skokie Court Operations Meetings, Multi- Police and Community Human Service meetings. 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 complete an annual CIT review and refresh and is available to offer department trainings on topics related to CIT, domestic violence, and the role of social services in the police department. She is available 24/7 for crisis response and consultation with law enforcement and participates as a member of the Peer Support Team. In November of 2023, she was nominated as President of The Association of Police Social Services. As an executive Board member for over 80 surrounding police social workers from Kane, Will, Cook, DuPage, McHenry and Cook County, she will continue to represent Park Ridge with professionalism and leadership until 2025.

In 2023, she was invited as a returning counselor to participate in the National C.O.P./KID program hosted in Washington D.C during National Police week. Of the 20 counselors who participate in this role, only 4 social workers from Illinois are invited. Being available to offer consistent attendance year after year has maximized her role for this national program by allowing her the ability to support the children of fallen officers and providing them with emotional support, group activities and encouragement to make new friends from across the country who are also in the blue line family.

### Training

In January of 2023 the department hosted its first '*Managing Bias for Law Enforcement*' training session. Surrounding agencies attended and we hope to host more sessions of this training in the future. New officers were appointed to specialty positions such as '*Traffic Crash Reconstructionist, Juvenile Officer, Lead Homicide Investigator and Breath Analysis Operator.*' All were sent to the appropriate training. We continue to certify all available officers in the 40hr Crisis Intervention Team program but only officers with two years on the job are qualified to attend. We implemented an instructor program to get officers trained as instructors in order to teach other personnel, as well as host classes in the future for other agencies.

NEMRT continues to be our primary source for training classes, however, other vendors such as College of DuPage, Northwestern University, Northwest Community Hospital, Calibre Press, Cook County Agencies, U.S. Secret Service, and many others, are utilized to help keep the departments training program current and applicable.

The free online training portal through the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards and Board (ILETSB) continues to be a very helpful tool for officers to keep up to date with their required state mandates. ILETSB has also notified all Illinois law enforcement agencies that sworn officers will need to register for an account through their site in order to track and maintain their own mandate status. ILETSB is also requiring that starting in January 2025 all sworn personnel will need to digitally sign their accounts acknowledging

their mandate status. As of May 2023, all sworn personnel have their own account and will be completing the final phase of this goal in 2024.

The following is a summary of the types of training attended by sworn personnel:

- 40hr Basic Crisis Negotiations
- 40hr Field Training Officer
- 40hr Firearms Instructor Course
- 40hr Instructor Development Course
- 40hr Rifle/Carbine Instructor Course
- Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement
- Breath Analysis for Alcohol Training
- Building Entry and Control Tactics Combined for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing
- Child Abuse Awareness for Patrol Officers
- Death Investigation
- De Escalation and Smarter Policing for Changing Times
- Enforcing Illinois Cannabis Laws
- Enhanced Traffic Enforcement for Patrol
- Evidence Based Interview and Interrogation Course
- Foundational Defensive Tactics Instructor
- Laws of Arrest, Search and Seizure
- MEGGITT/FATS Instructor
- Peer Support
- Proactive Patrol Tactics: Drug & Intelligence Gathering Traffic Stops
- Street Drugs
- Taser Instructor
- Vehicle STOPS: Focus on Officer Safety
- Vortex Optics Training
- Women in Command

The following is a summary of training attended by Supervisors:

- Adaptive Leader: Frontline Leadership for Police Officers
- Being a Present Leader
- Command Leadership Institute
- First Line Supervision
- Illinois Public Employer Labor Relations Association
- Managing and Leading Your Organization
- Police Suicide Prevention and Officer Wellness
- Quota Free Police Productivity System
- Response to the Non Criminal Barricade: Disengagement and Special Relationships
- Staff and Command
- Supervisor Leadership Institute
- Training Manager Specialist
- Understanding the Psychological Dynamics of Active Shooters
- Use of Force Workshop for Sergeants and Lieutenants

NIPAS and MCAT officers attended their regularly scheduled required training as well as motorcycle officers and detectives. In total, personnel attended over five thousand hours of training for the year. We hope to improve upon that number by encouraging personal as well as professional growth by offering more effective opportunities in order to accomplish this goal.

#### Traffic Highlights

Traffic officers participated in these training classes

- Wellness Training
- 12 Police Law Institute
- Managing Bias
- Attendance at the Senior Breakfast

- Lexipol
- Rapid Deployment
- Defensive Tactics
- Juvenile Law Refresher
- Blood Borne Pathogens
- Range Qualifications
- Sexual Harassment
- Hazmat
- LEADS Test
- Handgun Drills
- MEGGITT Simulation
- Firearms Restraining Order Act Awareness
- Cybersecurity
- AR-15 Armorer Class
- Instructor Development Class
- Trauma care instructor class
- Use of Force Instructor
- New dash camera training
- Meggitt Instructor
- Critical Incident
- Firearms Instructor Course
- Taser training
- Red Dot pistol instructor

#### Meetings with Citizens included

- Attended the District 64 Traffic Safety Committee Zoom Meetings
- 41 various speeding complaints were reported
- 14 Stop Sign Complaints Reported
- Numerous driving complaints were reported by school crossing guards
- Parking complaints were reported by school district employees
- Responded to various parking complaints called in by residents
- Residents called in requesting LED Red flashing lights to be placed on top of stop signs
- Children Play Here signs were handed out
- Completed monthly administrative reports and attended internal meetings with supervisors
- Numerous speed and stop sign studies were conducted
- 54 hit and run follow-ups conducted
- Participated in National Night Out
- Several complaints came in about cars not stopping for pedestrians in the crosswalks at Northwest Hwy. and Euclid, Devon and Fairview and Prospect and Summit
- Various traffic complaints were reported about Maine South
- Conducted traffic crash analysis to see if intersections qualified for stop sign placement
- Parking complaints were addressed with residents
- Numerous drag racing and reckless driving complaints were reported
- Miscellaneous traffic complaints were reported
- Fleet meetings

#### Special Enforcements included

- Total Tickets issued by the Traffic Section: 3,103
- Total traffic arrests: 104
- Total warnings: 68

#### Overweight Truck information

- \$22,000.00 in overweight fines were generated
- 41 permits were issued, with \$6120.00 in permit fees generated



Additional miscellaneous tasks included

- Assisted patrol with numerous calls, prisoner watches, transports, crashes, domestics, etc.
- The Intoximeter was calibrated monthly.
- New Pedestrian crosswalk signs were purchased.
- Site security for the Memorial Day Parade
- The No Bike signs were placed in the Uptown area
- Participation in IDOT Grants
- Worked on obtaining 3 quotes for repairing the Overweight truck scale
- Participated in speed awareness day
- Attended the 911 memorial service
- More LED red flashing lights were ordered
- Cadet ride along
- FTO officer training
- PBT's calibrated
- Radar certification
- Traffic meetings
- Worked Taste of Park Ridge
- Worked the range
- Worked the fireworks event
- Assisted AXON with the dashcam install
- Worked Winterfest

RedSpeed Information for 2023

- 3793 violations were approved, 766 violations were rejected, for a total of 4559. The approval rate was 83%.

2023 Social Media

Our social media presence is on a consistent upward trajectory, with notable increases in our follower numbers across Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter (X). This steady growth reflects the expanding reach and engagement of our online community, showcasing the effectiveness of our strategies in connecting with the Park Ridge Community.

Social Media Follower Information

	2022	2023
Facebook Followers	6,817	8,557
Instagram Followers	1,078	1,373
Twitter (X) Followers	1,969	2,580

During 2023, social media posts included:

- Honor Guard Solider Field
- Lost Dogs
- Elf on the Shelf Campaign
- Community Events/Alerts
- Now hiring
- Holiday Posts
- News Releases
- #9PM Routine
- Traffic Alerts

- Scam Alerts
- Ruse Burglary
- Fake merchandise link
- Belle on the Beat
- Officer Appreciation from citizens
- Highlighted the work of CP and CERT
- SMART 911 Promotion
- 988 Promotion
- Kiwanis Public Safety Awards
- New Officers Academy Graduations

#### 2023 Crime Prevention Efforts through Social Media

The Park Ridge Police Department actively engages in crime prevention through social media platforms by sharing timely safety tips and initiatives. Through campaigns like the 9:00 pm routine, gas station safety, and back-to-school safety tips, they empower residents with knowledge and strategies to protect themselves and their community. By leveraging the reach and accessibility of social media, the department fosters a proactive approach to crime prevention, encouraging collaboration between law enforcement and the community to maintain a safe and secure environment for all.



#### 2023 Community Engagement

- PTO Presentations to student families
- Advocate Lutheran General Hospital Parade and Wave for the Children's Hospital Christmas Day & Evening
- Kiwanis and District 64 families in need effort
- Toys for Tots
- Winterfest
- Washington Elementary School "Thankful Week"

- Stuff the Squad Events at Roosevelt School and Carpenter School
- Red Ribbon Week at Carpenter Elementary School which included hanging red ribbons on day 1 with students during arrival and kickball at recess
- DEA Prescription Drug Take Back
- Halloween Trunk or Treats at Centennial Park, Franklin School and Washington School
- Maine South High School Food Drive with Maine Township Food Pantry
- Girl Scout and Boy Scout Troops Station Visits
- Faith and Blue BBQ for Police Department
- Cop on a Rooftop, which raised over \$4,000 for Special Olympics Illinois
- 9/11 Memorial Ceremony at Park Ridge Community Church
- Memorial Day Parade
- Monthly Senior Breakfast
- National Night Out
- Car Shows
- Taste of Park Ridge
- Community Beat Meetings
- Rides to School and lunch with the Chief
- Participated in the Police Memorial Event
- Active Shooter Presentations
- Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
- Grand Opening Ceremonies
- MYCAF/Stroll Snowball event
- One Pill Can Kill campaign
- Polar Plunge
- Outdoor Roll call at Mariano's Park Ridge
- Youth Commission Annual Dodgeball event
- Wounded Warrior Bicycle Ride
- Torch Run for Special Olympics
- Health Commission Health Fair
- Honor Flight to Washington DC
- Back to school event at Franklin School
- Trucktoberfest

- Light the Night (Hodges Park)
- Labor of Love
- Menorah Lighting at the Park Ridge Library

#### Volunteer Support

*The Park Ridge Citizen Corps Council* is a collaboration of City departments and community stakeholders. In 2023, the Citizen Corps Council operated with 54 volunteers for 1600 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 2023. The Park Ridge Citizen Corp Council includes the Park Ridge Citizen Patrol, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and the Parent Patrol.

An estimated savings related to City salaries calculated was as follows: Total year to date hours of 1600 X Volunteer Hourly rate 28.50 = Total annual salaries saved by the City, \$45,600.00.

*The Park Ridge Citizens Patrol* is a not-for-profit, community-based volunteer organization that consists of 23 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 2023, Citizens Patrol provided a total of 900 hours of service.

*The Park Ridge Community Emergency Response Team (PRCERT)* program consists of 29 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 2023, PRCERT provided a total of 700 hours of service.

#### Honor Guard

A goal of the Park Ridge Honor Guard is to present the colors at a sports team event at least once a year. The hope is to represent our police department in a good light and build camaraderie amongst our department members. This past year our Honor Guard team had the honor bestowed upon to present the colors at the last regular season Chicago Bears game, (cover photo). It was a great time, and the weather could not have been more perfect for football, in Chicago, in December. The Bears beat the Falcons 37-17! Mayor Maloney, Park Ridge Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jackie Mathews and other staff and family members were also in attendance to cheer for the Honor Guard and the Bears that day.

In 2023 the honor guard participated in these activities:

- Police Memorial
- Norwegian Day Parade
- Memorial Day Parade
- National Night Out
- September 11<sup>th</sup> Memorial
- New Years Eve Chicago Bears Game

### Park Ridge Police Department Participates in the Polar Plunge as Team Ben

The 2023 Special Olympics Polar Plunge was held in Crystal Lake. The Park Ridge Police Department dedicated this year's plunge to the memory of Officer Ben Peterson who recently lost his battle against cancer.



Throughout his career, Officer Peterson was an advocate for Special Olympics and was the department's coordinator for the annual Polar Plunge. For this year's event, the Park Ridge Police Department's Polar Plunge Team named themselves "Team Ben" and wore specially designed t-shirts in memory of Officer Peterson.



### Outdoor Roll Call

The Department sponsored an outdoor roll call at Mariano's on March 24, 2023 in response to some incidents at Mariano's. Departments from all neighboring communities also participated in a show of support to Mariano's and the community.







Annual Police Memorial, Police Week



Officers in front of City Hall meeting Clark the Chicago Cubs at National Night Out



National Night Out Opening Ceremonies



Cop On Rooftop  
Special Olympics, Illinois



## Part 5 – Professional Standards

### Formal Citizen Complaints

There were none filed in 2023.

### 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 6 of these in 2023. Of these 6, none were sustained.

### Administrative Reviews

There were 37 Administrative Reviews handled in 2023. These investigations relate to issues raised by supervisors or other staff members regarding the conduct of Department members. Examples included tardiness, vehicle accidents and conduct of Department members. Of these 37, 30 were sustained.

### Response to Resistance

An analysis of the Response to Resistance Reports for the year 2023 is as follows:

All Response to Resistance incidents and techniques were within Department and State guidelines. There were 7 separate incidents involving 16 sworn personnel. Officers totaled 19 different techniques. Please note that multiple officers could be involved in one incident and, multiple techniques may be used by each of the officers. There were no serious injuries to officers or offenders.

#### Types of Response to Resistance Reports

Type of Force	
Compliance /Escort Technique	16
TASER displayed/pointed	1
Firearm (Rifle/Duty handgun) displayed	0
Impact Tools (baton)	0
Direct Impact Strikes (hands/feet)	0
Taser Discharge	2
Firearms Discharge	0
Ballistic Shield as blocking device	0
Total	19

## **PART 5 – PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS - CONTINUED**

### **Police Pursuits**

In 2023, there were no police pursuits.

### **Traffic Study data – 2022\***

The following data represents the stops for minority driver in 2022, Illinois statewide:

Benchmark for minority drivers - 47%

Actual minority driver stopped - 54%

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

	<u>Minority Drivers</u>	<u>Caucasian Drivers</u>
Benchmark	32%	68%
Actual Stopped	30%	70%

\* Data is a year behind. 2023 data will not be available until Fall of 2024.

### **Formal Inspections**

There were 58 formal inspections conducted in 2023.

### **Grievances**

There were 1 grievance filed, this grievance was denied.

### **Police Accidents**

There were 7 accidents; 4 not at fault and 3 where officers were at fault. One accident resulted in a police vehicle being totaled.

### **On the Job Injuries**

There were 10 reported injuries. There was 1 injury in February and the officer is still out on injury. 3 reported incidents were not police activity related. 7 reported incidents were related to an arrest or mental health situations. Only one incident reported was where the officer was determined to be at-fault.

### Inspections - 2023

<b>Number</b>	<b>Audit Type</b>
<b>23-1</b>	Annual Driver's License Audit
<b>23-2</b>	Secondary Employment Audit
<b>23-3</b>	Annual Sexual Assault Kit Tracking Report
<b>23-4</b>	Formal Spring Inspection
<b>23-5</b>	2023 Fall Inspection Audit
<b>23-6</b>	Prisoner Lock-up Audit Quarter 1
<b>23-7</b>	Prisoner Lock-up Audit Quarter 2
<b>23-8</b>	Prisoner Lock-up Audit Quarter 3
<b>23-9</b>	Prisoner Lock-up Audit Quarter 4
<b>23-10</b>	Pedestrian Stop Card Audit Quarter 1
<b>23-11</b>	Pedestrian Stop Card Audit Quarter 2
<b>23-12</b>	Pedestrian Stop Card Audit Quarter 3
<b>23-13</b>	Pedestrian Stop Card Audit Quarter 4
<b>23-14</b>	Racial Profiling Audit Quarter 1
<b>23-15</b>	Racial Profiling Audit Quarter 2
<b>23-16</b>	Racial Profiling Audit Quarter 3
<b>23-17</b>	Racial Profiling Audit Quarter 4
<b>23-18</b>	Domestic Violence Report Audit 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>23-19</b>	Domestic Violence Report Audit 2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>23-20</b>	Taser Audit 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>23-21</b>	Taser Audit 2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>23-22</b>	CAD Audit Quarter 1
<b>23-23</b>	CAD Audit Quarter 2
<b>23-24</b>	CAD Audit Quarter 3
<b>23-25</b>	CAD Audit Quarter 4
<b>23-26</b>	Court Call Audit Quarter 1
<b>23-27</b>	Court Call Audit Quarter 2
<b>23-28</b>	Court Call Audit Quarter 3
<b>23-29</b>	Court Call Audit Quarter 4
<b>23-30</b>	Confidential Funds Audit Quarter 1
<b>23-31</b>	Confidential Funds Audit Quarter 2
<b>23-32</b>	Confidential Funds Audit Quarter 3
<b>23-33</b>	Confidential Funds Audit Quarter 4
<b>23-34</b>	2023 Church Fund Audit
<b>23-35</b>	Sick List - Court
<b>23-36</b>	Seizure / Forfeiture Audit 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>23-37</b>	Seizure / Forfeiture Audit 2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>23-38</b>	CIT Audit

<b>23-39</b>	Investigations Case Screening
<b>23-40</b>	Court Performance
<b>23-41</b>	Organizational Chart
<b>23-42</b>	Sex Offender Audit
<b>23-43</b>	Annual Training Records Audit
<b>23-44</b>	Training Program Evaluation
<b>23-45</b>	In car / BWC Video Audits Quarter 1
<b>23-46</b>	In car / BWC Video Audits Quarter 2
<b>23-47</b>	In car / BWC Video Audits Quarter 3
<b>23-48</b>	In car / BWC Video Audits Quarter 4
<b>23-49</b>	Annual Property Audit
<b>23-50</b>	2023 Emergency Operations Plan
<b>23-51</b>	Court Subpoena Audit
<b>23-52</b>	Daily Activity Audit Quarter 1
<b>23-53</b>	Daily Activity Audit Quarter 2
<b>23-54</b>	Daily Activity Audit Quarter 3
<b>23-55</b>	Daily Activity Audit Quarter 4
<b>23-56</b>	Pursuit Audit
<b>23-57</b>	Victim's Rights Form Audit
<b>23-58</b>	Vendor Complaints

## Part 6 – Goals 2024

- Upgrade the Departments Body Worn Cameras and conducted energy devices, (Tasers)
- Continue to enhance communications and outreach programs, (Citizen Police Academy, Coffee with a Cop)
- Evaluate front desk services and position allocation to better meet current and future workforce needs

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## OFFICER BEN PETERSON

ON FEBRUARY 19, 2023 THE DEPARTMENT LOST OFFICER PETERSON  
AFTER A LONG BATTLE WITH CANCER.

BEN SERVED AS A POLICE OFFICER WITH THE PARK RIDGE POLICE  
DEPARTMENT FOR TWENTY YEARS AND HAD RECENTLY RETIRED.

BEN WAS A DEDICATED AND VALUED MEMBER OF OUR PARK RIDGE  
FAMILY. HE WAS ESPECIALLY KNOWN FOR HIS OUTREACH AND  
INTERACTION WITH THE COMMUNITY.  
HE IS GREATLY MISSED.