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The Rolling Meadows Police Department - Annual Report

ROLLING MEADOWS POLICE DEPARTMENT
"DEDICATED TO EXCELLENCE"



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A MESSAGE FROM THE ROLLING MEADOWS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dear Rolling Meadows Stakeholder,

The men and women of the Rolling Meadows Police Department, are pleased to present you with our 2016 Annual Report. This report is designed to be a resource for municipal officials, law enforcement professionals, students, libraries, journalists and of course, the people who live and work in this great city. This annual report summarizes programs and accomplishments for 2016. You will see from this report that the Rolling Meadows Police Department continues to provide exceptional policing services and is dedicated to improving the quality of life for all city residents, businesses and visitors.

Policing has become vastly more complex than ever before. These changes require a more sophisticated and responsive policing style, especially at the local municipal level. You will see that the Rolling Meadows Police Department has met this challenge and continues to evolve in preparation to the needs of the future. This report provides you with a glance at our law enforcement practices, social services, internal workings, and accomplishments. It also summarizes the new challenges and responsibilities faced by the department day in and day out.

The Rolling Meadows Police Department is committed to the prevention of crime and in fostering police-citizen partnerships to achieve that end. As stakeholders to this great city, the Rolling Meadows Police Department would like to extend its' appreciation to the citizens, local officials, officers and employees for their continued support of professional law enforcement services within our community. Seven days a week, 24 hours a day, the 70 members of this agency strive to ensure that you have the highest quality policing services possible. This report records their accomplishments and reflects their commitment to this complex work and the overall safety of this great community.

Your support and recognition to the men and women of the Rolling Meadows Police Department for their fine service to the community is truly appreciated.

John Nowacki
Police Chief
Rolling Meadows Police Department

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The Rolling Meadows Police Department

ROLLING MEADOWS POLICE DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT

**OUR MISSION IS TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE
BY MAINTAINING ORDER, PROTECTING LIFE AND PROPERTY,
AND REDUCING THE FEAR OF CRIME**

“We are Dedicated to Excellence”

THROUGH:

Integrity

Pride

Professionalism

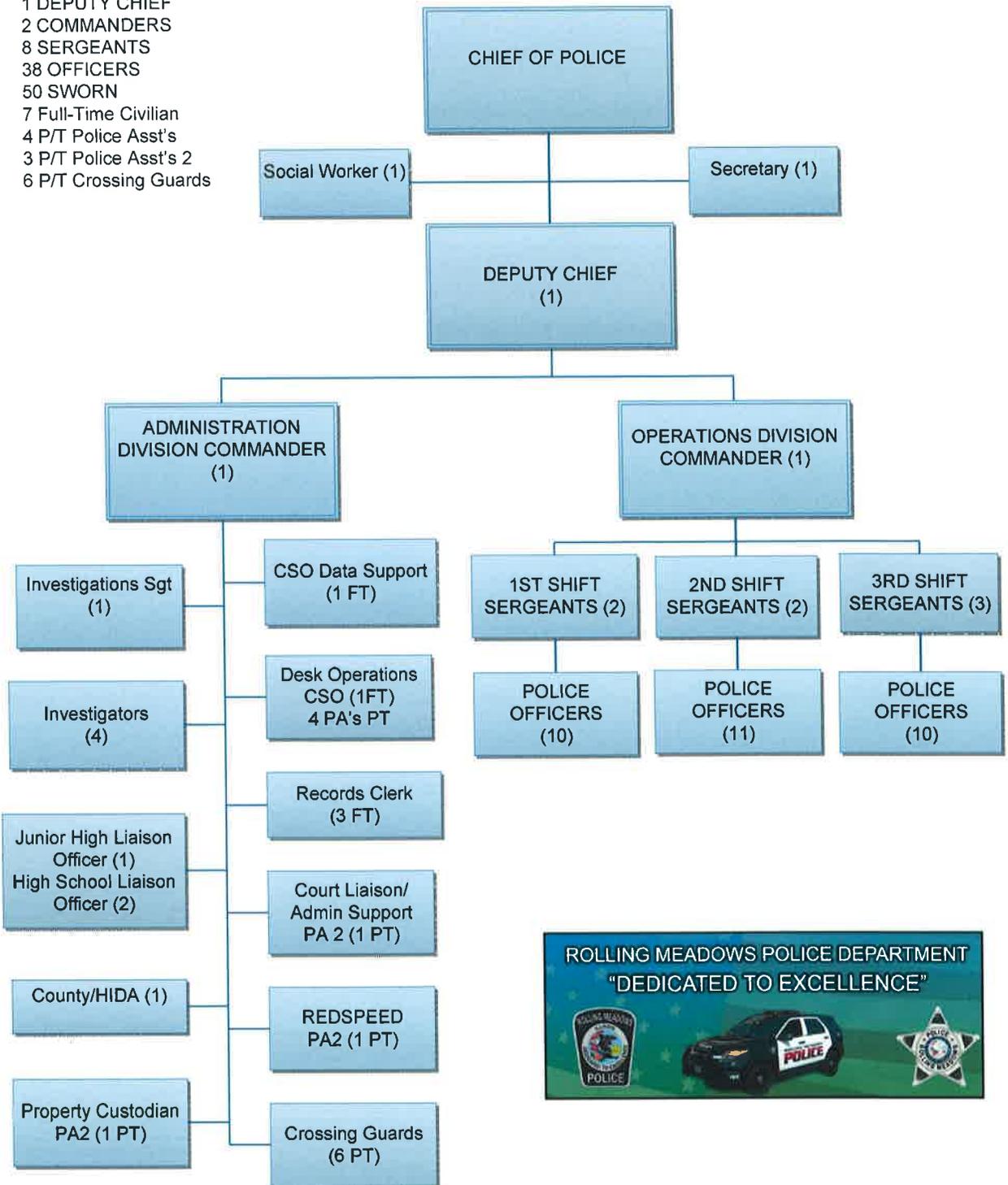
Respect



Rolling Meadows Police Department

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- 1 CHIEF
- 1 DEPUTY CHIEF
- 2 COMMANDERS
- 8 SERGEANTS
- 38 OFFICERS
- 50 SWORN
- 7 Full-Time Civilian
- 4 P/T Police Asst's
- 3 P/T Police Asst's 2
- 6 P/T Crossing Guards



DEPARTMENT ROSTER

COMMISSIONED STAFF

Officer Years of RMPD Service

Administrative Staff

Chief John Nowacki	1
Deputy Chief Bill Arneson	29

Command Staff

Commander John Sircher	24
Commander Thomas Gadomski	27

Supervisory Staff

Sergeant John Freese	32
Sergeant John Manfredi	9
Sergeant Mike Fior	19
Sergeant Michael Spanos	16
Sergeant Daniel Cook	17
Sergeant Matthew Weiglein	14
Sergeant Anthony Peluso	9
Sergeant Sam Mollenhauer	12

Commissioned Officers

Officer Frederick Dubs	38
Officer Joseph Pistorius	31
Officer Donald Eaton	24
Officer Jason Everett	19
Officer Kevin Crocker	19
Officer Brian Barry	18
Officer Michael Courtney	17
Officer Steven Whetstone	16
Officer Marc Stone	15
Officer Andre Brown	14
Officer Jamie Rivera	14
Detective Philip Barrile	14
Officer Ryan McMahan	13
Detective Michael Schoop	13
Officer Ellen Chism	13
Detective Michael Katsenios	13
Officer Brett Bawden	13
Officer Scott McCormack	13
Officer Carlos Saez	10

Administrative Staff

Linda Schendel	11
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Officer Kurt Herman	9
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Detective David Rathbun	8
Officer David Kim	8
Officer Jason Levin	5
Officer David Ellis	5
Officer Christopher Danner	5
Officer Anthony Beals	4
Officer Maxwell Taylor	4
Officer Joshua Ogorek	3
Officer Marcin Magnuszewski	3
Officer Samantha Morgan	3
Officer Christopher Don	3
Officer Thomas Riley	3
Officer Jason Calvaresi	2
Officer Mike Soto	2
Officer Nick Deau	2
Officer Steve Chraca	2
Officer Lisa Dye	2
Officer Geunyoung Pak	1
Officer Nick Kamick	New Hire

TRANSITIONS

Retired Police Officers

Chief David Scanlan	34
Deputy Chief Mark Hogan	28
Officer Andre Brown	14

NON-COMMISSIONED STAFF

Community Service Ofcs. & Police Assts.

Deborah Banach	15
Marina Sullivan	11
Robert Wunnicke, Jr.	11
Anne Irsay	10
Gerald Winterstein	7
Mark Hinds	3
Spencer Much	1
Mark Hinds	3
Jane Wogelius	2
Ellie Nordin	2
Delaney Winterstein	New Hire

Social Services Outreach Specialist

Natalia Mercado	4
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OPERATIONS DIVISION



The Operations Division consist of the Patrol Unit. The Patrol Unit consists of 30 Patrol Officers and is supervised by 7 Sergeants, and managed by 1 Commander. The unit provides 24-hour police service 365 days of the year.

The Patrol Officers are assigned to community policing areas, which include residential and business communities, as well as our local schools. The Patrol Unit Officers take on the role of problem-solvers in addition to

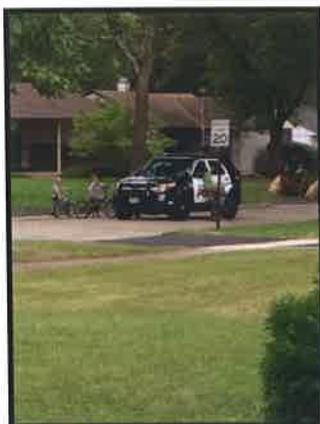
their traditional law enforcement duties. Every Patrol Officer is assigned an area of responsibility and communicate regularly with community representatives. Officers have received specialized training to assist them in effectively resolving issues together with residents and community leaders. Sergeants supervise and mentor officers during day-to-day deployment, calls for service response and case preparation. Several Officers belong to task force organizations such as NIPAS (Northern Police Alarm System) serving in the Emergency Services Team (EST) and Mobile Field Force (Civil Disorder) Units. Department members assigned to the Major Case Assistance Team (MCAT) provide investigative and forensic assistance to all agency members within the multi-jurisdictional organization.

The Patrol Unit responds to all emergency related calls, such as traffic crashes, house and car fires, suspicious persons and vehicles, crimes in-progress calls, burglaries, robberies, assaults, industrial accidents, hazardous materials spills, domestic disturbances, business disputes, neighbor disputes, juvenile problems, crimes against property, etc. These Officers also collaborate with all the schools within Rolling Meadows to provide emergency responses and practice drills.

The Operations Division handled a variety of duties and responsibilities including:

- Domestic violence, domestic disturbance, and family problems calls
- Fingerprinting business, residents, and children for identification
- Home, business, and school security surveys
- Juvenile problems
- Lockouts (auto and home)
- Lost and found (persons and property)
- Mail deliveries (City)
- Report safety problems, e.g., malfunctions of street/traffic lights, water main breaks, downed tree branches, and icy streets
- Traffic activity:
 - ✓ Accident reporting and investigation
 - ✓ Aggressive enforcement of moving violations
 - ✓ "Street of the Week" traffic enforcement program
 - ✓ Analysis of accident data for engineering recommendations
 - ✓ Deter speeding through a Speed Monitoring Trailer
 - ✓ DUI and Zero Tolerance enforcement
 - ✓ Overweight truck enforcement
 - ✓ Parking enforcement (city streets/business contracts)
 - ✓ Preventive/Deterrent Patrol

THE PATROL UNIT



Often referred to as “the backbone of the Department,” the uniformed Patrol Unit provides 24-hour coverage of the City and responds to over **9,500 calls each year**. These calls include the above services plus emergency responses to:

- all traffic crashes with injuries
- all Fire Department calls
- all industrial and commercial injury calls
- all crimes-in-progress calls

Our Patrol Officers pride themselves in knowing the community they serve. They are true problem-solvers, always alert to identify developing issues and then devising appropriate responses to resolve them effectively. These Officers work closely with Detectives, School Resource Officers, Community Services Officers (CSOs), other City departments, citizens, business owners, and organizations to find creative and successful solutions to a variety of problems. The Patrol Unit has adapted methods of delivering service based upon the needs of the community.



TRAFFIC CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT: The Department facilitates the safe movement of motor vehicles and pedestrians through traffic control and enforcement, as well as education. Traffic enforcement has two significant effects. First, traffic enforcement promotes the safety of motorists and pedestrians.

The City's low accident record is attributed to the Department's efforts in promoting traffic safety through traffic law enforcement and education. Another valuable result of traffic enforcement is its deterrent effect on criminal activity. Studies show that the high visibility of the police deters crime; the crime rate in Rolling Meadows is relatively low, which we attribute in part to the Department's high visibility in traffic enforcement.



2016 – TRAFFIC CRASHES

Total number of crashes	724
➤ Property damage crashes	505
➤ Personal injury crashes	89
➤ Private property crashes	113
➤ DUI related	17



In addition to the self-initiated traffic enforcement conducted by our Patrol Officers, the following traffic citations were issued as a direct result from concerns voiced by our residents.

2016 - CITATION ACTIVITY

Total number of tickets:	4241
➤ Parking Citations	2220
➤ Circuit Court Citations	2021

ENFORCEMENT OF DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE: The combination of alcohol/drugs and vehicle usage is extremely dangerous, which has created a public outcry for aggressive enforcement of alcohol related driving laws. This outcry is the result of the public's refusal to tolerate the senseless deaths caused by drunk drivers. In response to this mandate from the public, the Rolling Meadows Police



Department has an aggressive approach to enforce impaired driving laws, including an educational program to prevent drunk driving. DUI enforcement is a challenging aspect of law enforcement. The legal aspects are complex and the arrests themselves frequently place Officers in harm's way.



OVERWEIGHT TRUCK ENFORCEMENT: One overweight truck represents the damage of 80,000 vehicles to our roadways. In order to control this abuse, the Department instituted an overweight truck enforcement program. Along with the standard police equipment, Truck Enforcement Officers are supplied with portable scales for truck enforcement purposes. In addition, it carries special evidence collecting equipment used in the investigation of serious traffic crashes and major crimes.





SPEED MONITORING: To promote traffic safety, we use RADAR trailers designed to monitor vehicle speeds. The trailers display to motorists their vehicle speed and the posted speed limit, in order to increase driver awareness and reduce vehicle speeds. These trailers are set up in areas where Officers and residents have identified speed related problems. Each speed trailer is equipped with a computerized monitoring and recording system, so the Police Department often uses them to conduct traffic surveys to aid in determining a need for traffic control modifications.

ILEAS/NIPAS: The Police Department participates in a number of mutual aid programs in order to provide and receive a cooperative, effective response to any type of incident. As a member of the Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS), the Department is eligible for assistance for general work force requests, hostage and barricaded subject incidents, as well as civil disorder. NIPAS provides the following three types of mutual aid responses:

1. General Mutual Aid Response: NIPAS provides a systematic method of receiving assistance in the face of an emergency. The plan requires predetermined staging areas for responding Officers. An option of ten different levels provides a response of five to fifty uniformed Officers in marked squad cars. The plan is further designed to allow the response of Officers without depleting the staffing levels of responding agencies.



2. Emergency Services Team: Formed in 1987, the Emergency Services Team (EST) is designed to provide a professional, trained response to a variety of high-risk incidents, including hostage or barricaded subject situations, terrorist incidents, disaster situations, high-risk warrant service, and other assignments. While often referred to as a "SWAT team," it is available for a wider variety of assignments than a conventional one. The availability of EST services to a NIPAS community requires the assignment of an Officer to the team with 24-hour availability. The team trains on a monthly basis, which involves practical exercises conducted by professionals in this area of expertise.



3. Mobile Field Force: The Mobile Field Force provides a rapid, organized, and disciplined response to civil disorder, crowd control and other tactical situations. It consists of a platoon of uniformed police Officers led by a Field Force leader.



Generally, it consists of four to eight squads of Officers and may be supplemented by specialized Units, such as EST, K-9, and Aviation. The Mobile Field Force team is available to participating members. Participation requires the assignment of an Officer to the team with 24-hour availability.

MAJOR CASE ASSISTANCE TEAM (MCAT): In any major crime, the first 24-hour period is the most critical time in the investigation as victims' and witnesses' recollections are fresh, as is the evidence. The Major Case Assistance Team is a multi-jurisdictional organization that provides investigative and forensic assistance to member agencies during investigations of various major crimes. MCAT is comprised of experienced Detectives and Evidence Technicians from twenty-two northwest suburban police agencies that pool their equipment, staffing, training, and experience so that they may undertake successfully cases that are complex and involved, such as kidnappings, suspicious deaths, and homicides.



CIVILIAN CROSSING GUARDS: The unsung heroes of the Police Department are its crossing guards. These devoted men and women work part-time whenever the schools are open. They ensure that our community's schoolchildren can cross safely at busy intersections near the schools.



DESK OPERATIONS

The Rolling Meadows Police Department Desk Operations continued to maintain 24-hour coverage with the combination of CSO's, Police Assistants, Crossing Guards, Interns, and Patrol Officers. Desk Officers handle incoming non-emergency calls, walk-in citizen reports, tow releases, records duties, and a variety of other support functions.



INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

MAJOR CASE ACTIVITY

Death Investigations – 8 Death Investigations were conducted by Detectives; two of which were determined to be suicides.

Home Invasion – On June 28, 2016, a home invasion occurred in the 2400 block of Cardinal Drive. Three offenders forced their way into the seventy-five-year-old female victim's home and stole currency, jewelry and other items. Upon leaving the victim's home, the offenders were observed a short distance away by police officers. After a brief pursuit, the offenders were taken into custody. The following subjects have been charged with home invasion for participating in this crime: Sarah L. Wendy, 23, Robert J. Cutler, 31, Vladimir J. Georges, 22, and Justin A. Cortes, 21.

Aggravated Kidnapping – On September 30, 2016, an aggravated kidnapping occurred in the 2400 block of Golf Road. Tony (Corkey) Johnson, 43 and Vinnie Miller, 24, stopped the victim while in the parking lot. Tony Johnson held a knife to the victim's throat and forced her to enter his vehicle. The victim was driven to multiple residences throughout the night and held against her will. The victim ultimately freed herself and notified the police. Tony Johnson and Vinnie Miller have been charged with Aggravated Kidnapping for their involvement in this crime.



Bank Robbery – On September 12, 2016, the BMO Harris Bank located at 1951 S. Plum Grove was robbed. The offender presented a note to the teller demanding money. The offender received the stolen funds and fled the scene. The offender was eventually identified through video images that were presented to the public as Dennis R. Stebbins, 43. Stebbins had been convicted in 1998 for robbing eight banks in the Chicagoland area. Dennis Stebbins was taken into custody and is currently awaiting trial in the federal court system.

Structure Fire – On May 4, 2016, a structure fire occurred in the 2700 block of Rohlwing Road. The fire damage to this single-family residence was extensive and caused the home to be uninhabitable. After an extensive investigation in conjunction with the fire department, the fire was determined to have started when the family dog turned on a stove burner attempting to get a pizza box off of the stove.

MCAT 2016 Yearly Report

In 2016, MCAT was activated a total of thirty (30) times.

MCAT CASE NUMBER	AGENCY	INCIDENT	INV. HOURS	FORENSIC HOURS	SURV. HOURS	STAR HOURS	OID
16-01-0115	Barrington	Murder/Suicide	123.00	140.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16-02-0208	Arlington Heights	Death Investigation	106.50	108.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16-03-0213	South Barrington	Crash Investigation	0.00	0.00	0.00	46.00	0.00
16-04-0220	Norridge	Crash Investigation	0.00	0.00	0.00	36.75	0.00
16-05-0302	Palatine	Crash Investigation	0.00	0.00	0.00	22.25	0.00
16-06-0303	Hoffman Estates	Crash Investigation	0.00	0.00	0.00	28.00	0.00
16-07-0320	Hoffman Estates	Crash Investigation	0.00	0.00	0.00	47.50	0.00
16-08-0403	South Barrington	Crash Investigation	0.00	0.00	0.00	37.00	0.00
16-09-0406	Des Plaines	Investigation	0.00	119.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
16-10-0410	Barrington	Att. Murder	654.50	271.50	18.00	0.00	0.00
16-11-0421	Bartlett	Crash Investigation	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.25	0.00
16-12-0605	Park Ridge	Crash Investigation	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.75	0.00
16-13-0609	Mount Prospect	Crash Investigation	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.25	0.00
16-14-0620	Streamwood	Crash Investigation	0.00	0.00	0.00	26.00	0.00
16-15-0702	Hoffman Estates	Crash Investigation	0.00	0.00	0.00	38.00	0.00
16-16-0711	Bartlett	Death Investigation	263.75	211.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
16-17-0713	Rolling Meadows	Crash Investigation	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00	0.00
16-18-0716	Streamwood	Crash Investigation	0.00	0.00	0.00	12.50	0.00
16-19-0807	Mount Prospect	Crash Investigation	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.00	0.00
16-20-0813	Wheeling/AHPD	Theft Ring	0.00	0.00	346.50	0.00	0.00
16-21-0821	Palatine	Crash Investigation	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.50	0.00
16-22-0823	Streamwood	Crash Investigation	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	0.00
16-23-0906	Bartlett	Crash Investigation	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.25	0.00
16-24-0912	Bartlett	Crash Investigation	0.00	0.00	0.00	27.00	0.00
16-25-0913	Bartlett	OID	0.00	44.50	0.00	0.00	280.50
16-26-0918	Palatine	Crash Investigation	0.00	0.00	0.00	19.00	0.00
16-27-1013	Hoffman Estates	Death Investigation	11.00	96.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
16-28-1016	Schaumburg	Crash Investigation	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.25	0.00
16-29-1121	South Barrington	Crash Investigation	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.50	0.00
12-30-1204	Wheeling	Crash Investigation	0.00	0.00	0.00	31.75	0.00
TOTAL			1158.75	991.00	364.50	573.50	280.50

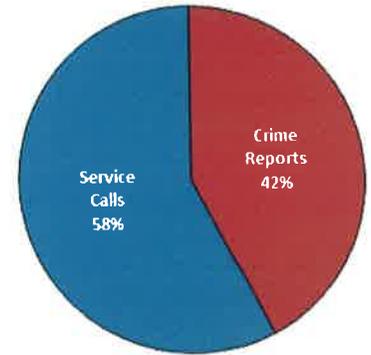
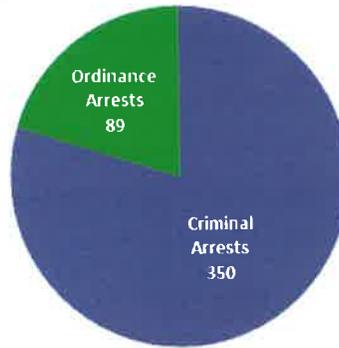
*A total of 3,368.25 man hours were expended by MCAT in 2016.

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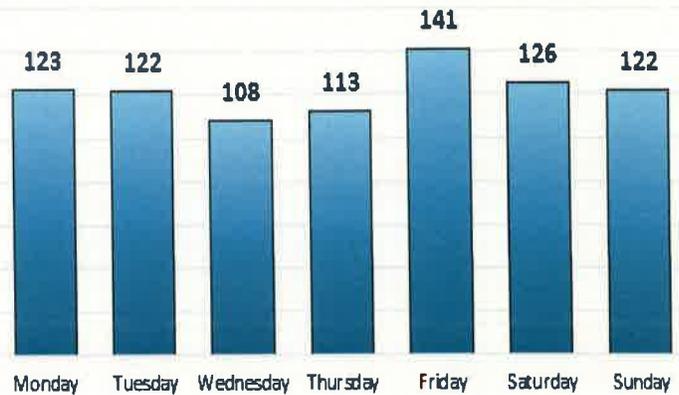


2016 Statistical Crime Report

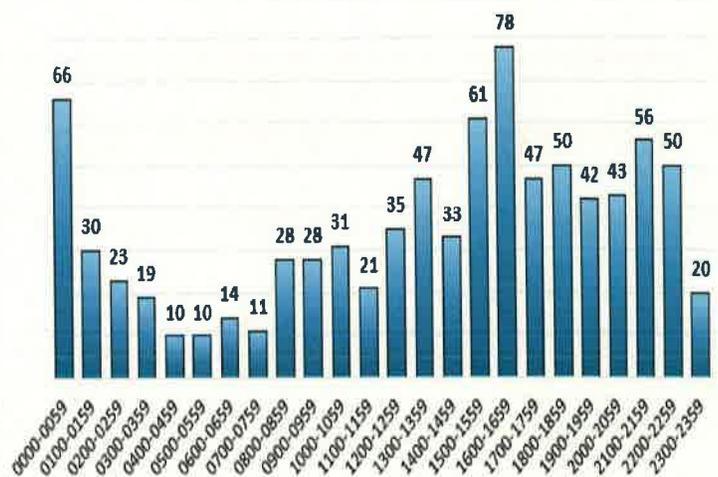
Offense	2016
Armed Robbery	2
Strong Armed Robbery	1
Battery	23
Reckless Conduct	0
Domestic Battery	47
Aggravated Assault	2
Simple Assault	3
Criminal Sexual Abuse/Assault	5
Residential Burglary/Attempt	13
Home Invasion	1
Burglary From Motor Vehicle	35
Burglary to Motor Vehicle/Parts-Access	3
Theft of Labor	6
Theft of Lost/Mislaid Property	9
Identity Theft	18
Theft	72
Retail Theft	72
Motor Vehicle Theft/Attempts	4
Recovered Property	6
Recovered Stolen Auto	2
Deceptive Practices	27
Credit Card Fraud	17
Criminal Damage to Property/Vehicle	92
Criminal Trespass to Property/Vehicle	27
Prostitution	0
Sex Offenses	1
UUW	2
Air Rifles	0
Reckless Discharge of Firearm	1
Contributing Delinquency of Juvenile	0
Endangering Life/Health of Child	0
Curfew	0
Truancy	10
Runaway	0
Sales of Tobacco Products to Minor	2
Possession Cannabis 10-30 Grams	2
Possession Cannabis 30 Grams or Less	12
Manufacture/Delivery/Possession with Int	0
Possession Controlled Substances	12
Sale or Delivery of Drug Paraphernalia	1
Possession of Drug Equipment	5
Liquor Control Act Violation	0
Illegal Consumption of Alcohol by Minor	6
Disorderly Conduct	17
Harassment/Threat by Telephone	31
Harassment by Electronics	4
Vagrancy	1
Obstructing Justice/Resisting	8
Intimidation	0
Mob Action	1
Unlawful Visitation Interference	0
Domestic Dispute	25
Violation of Orders of Protection	11
Violation Child Murderer-Violent Offender F	0
Sex Offender Registration Violation	3
Warrant	25
Driving under Influence - Alcohol/Drugs	57
Reckless Driving	3
Hit and Run	15
Registration Violations	2
No Drivers License	38
Suspended/Revoked Drivers License	70
Flee or Attempt to Elude Peace Officer	2
Hate Crime	0
Unlawful Possession Ammunition	1
TOTAL	855



2016 Crime Reports Day of Week



2016 Crime Reports Time of Day

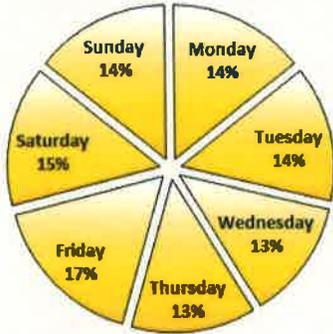


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2014-2016 Statistical Crime Report



2016 Crime Reports Day of Week



2015 Crime Reports Day of Week

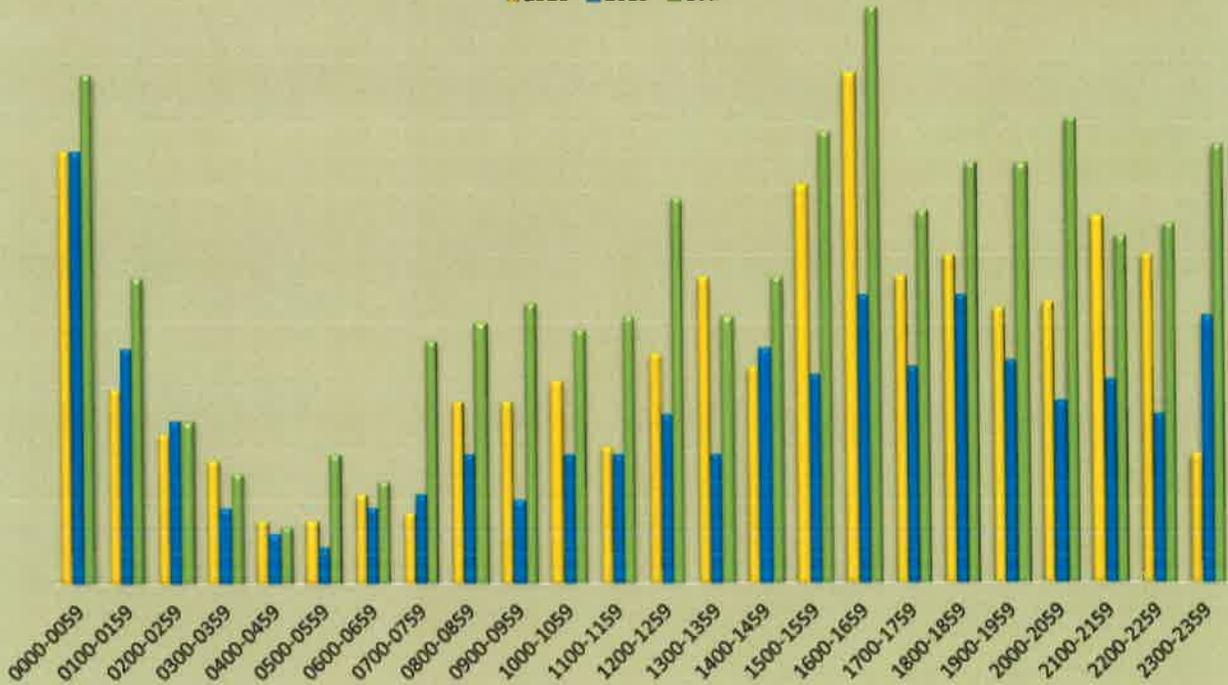


2014 Crime Reports Day of Week



2014-2016 Crime Reports Time of Day

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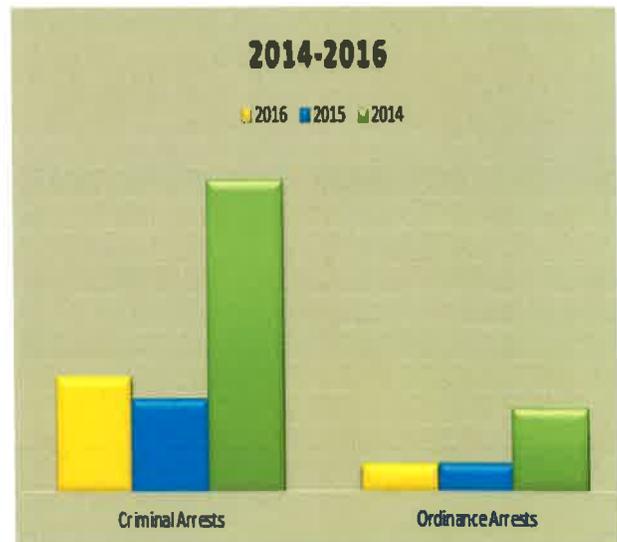
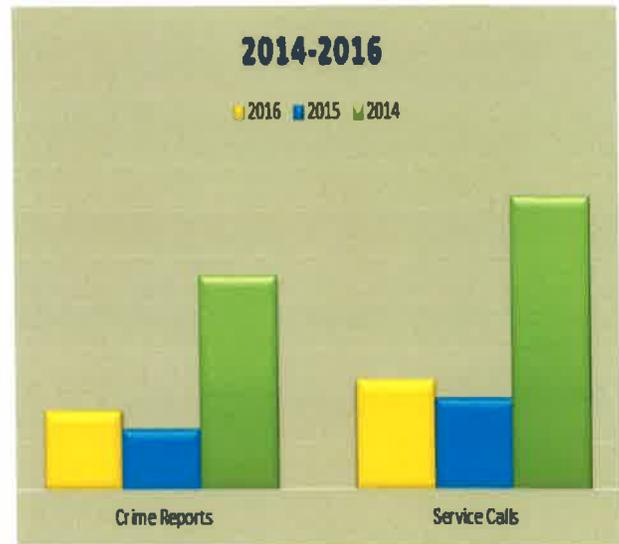


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2014-2016 Statistical Crime Report



Offense	2016	2015	2014
Armed Robbery	2	0	4
Strong Armed Robbery	1	0	0
Battery	23	15	43
Reckless Conduct	0	0	1
Domestic Battery	47	9	60
Aggravated Assault	2	1	3
Simple Assault	3	1	5
Criminal Sexual Abuse/Assault	5	3	8
Residential Burglary/Attempt	13	12	29
Home Invasion	1	0	1
Burglary From Motor Vehicle	35	14	68
Burglary to Motor Vehicle/Parts-Access	3	0	0
Theft of Labor	6	0	0
Theft of Lost/Mislaidd Property	9	0	0
Identity Theft	18	19	21
Theft	72	51	126
Retail Theft	72	17	62
Motor Vehicle Theft/Attempts	4	6	10
Recovered Property	6	6	10
Recovered Stolen Auto	2	0	0
Deceptive Practices	27	14	40
Credit Card Fraud	17	13	19
Criminal Damage to Property/Vehicle	92	90	104
Criminal Trespass to Property/Vehicle	27	61	71
Prostitution	0	0	1
Sex Offenses	1	0	1
UUW	2	2	5
Air Rifles	0	0	1
Reckless Discharge of Firearm	1	0	0
Contributing Delinquency of Juvenile	0	0	2
Endangering Life/Health of Child	0	1	2
Curfew	0	0	1
Truancy	10	3	5
Runaway	0	0	1
Sales of Tobacco Products to Minor	2	0	2
Possession Cannabis 10-30 Grams	2	0	0
Possession Cannabis 30 Grams or Less	12	5	21
Manufacture/Delivery/Possession with Int	0	1	2
Possession Controlled Substances	12	5	6
Sale or Delivery of Drug Paraphernalia	1	0	0
Possession of Drug Equipment	5	4	11
Liquor Control Act Violation	0	0	2
Illegal Consumption of Alcohol by Minor	6	3	25
Disorderly Conduct	17	9	21
Harassment/Threat by Telephone	31	29	26
Harassment by Electronics	4	5	6
Vagrancy	1	0	1
Obstructing Justice/Resisting	8	8	8
Intimidation	0	1	1
Mob Action	1	0	1
Unlawful Visitation Interference	0	0	1
Domestic Dispute	25	14	27
Violation of Orders of Protection	11	12	10
Violation Chid Murderer-Violent Offender F	0	1	0
Sex Offender Registration Violation	3	1	0
Warrant	25	34	19
Driving under Influence - Alcohol/Drugs	57	58	55
Reckless Driving	3	2	3
Hit and Run	15	9	9
Registration Violations	2	1	9
No Drivers License	38	49	91
Suspended/Revoked Drivers License	70	63	103
Flee or Attempt to Elude Peace Officer	2	0	2
Hate Crime	0	1	0
Unlawful Possession Ammunition	1	1	0
TOTAL	855	654	1,166



EQUIPMENT AND FLEET

A Police Package vehicle is specifically designed and built to be used by law enforcement officers and it includes special components for the engine, transmission, wheels, brakes, tires, cooling system, electrical system, suspension, seating, interior controls, and many other parts of the car. These modifications



improve safety, durability, and performance. The current design of our marked squad vehicles showcases a high visibility black and white primary design with red, black, and white reflective lettering. With the popular and competent Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor going out of production after 2011, we began replacing older vehicles with Ford's new Police Interceptor Utility (left) this year. These more fuel efficient SUVs come standard with a capable V6 engine and all-wheel-drive, which improves handling, traction, and control in all weather conditions as well as in emergency driving situations.

Officers assigned to the uniformed Patrol Unit perform numerous duties and functions, and the patrol car has become their "office on wheels." We outfit these vehicles with the latest technology and highest quality equipment available to law enforcement to support the Officers in their mission. This includes laptop computers on which officers can communicate and receive calls for service from our Emergency Dispatch Center, make various inquiries, write reports, and complete citations. All patrol vehicles are equipped



with speed radar units, lethal- and less-than-lethal support tools, crash investigation equipment, first-aid kits, fire extinguishers, high-visibility traffic vests, and traffic flares. Each patrol vehicle is equipped with an in-car video/audio recording system, personnel protective equipment, and prisoner safety barriers. Beyond the standard police automobile, our agency employs special vehicles for

particular duties. A full-size four-wheel-drive Chevy Tahoe (below left) is outfitted with tools to aid in the investigation of serious crashes and major crime scenes. Our Mobile Command Unit (below center) is used as command post at all major events, police actions, and crime scenes. Our military-spec Humvee (below right) was acquired to be employed during major snowfalls, floods, and other natural or manmade disasters.



ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

The Administrative Division's mission is to provide technical support and resources to the Operations Division through a variety of means. The members of this Division are responsible for numerous tasks, which includes:

- Preparing and monitoring the Department budget
- Training all sworn and civilian Police employees
- Working with the Board of Fire and Police Commission regarding Police personnel issues (hiring, promoting, etc.)
- Coordinating of mutual aid agreements with other agencies
- Preparing and maintaining policies and procedures
- Managing and maintaining Police Records
- All community programs (safety, education, prevention)
- Desk Operations

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



Over the decades, the Rolling Meadows Police Department reached out to the residents and merchants from our Crime Prevention, Public Relations Divisions, and Community Involvement Units of years past. Over the last few years, the Patrol Unit Officers have taken on the role of problem-solvers in addition to their traditional law enforcement duties. They have helped to maintain the Department's strong relationship with the business community, residents, and local schools.

Every Patrol Officer has an area of responsibility and they communicate regularly with representatives of each to share information. Representatives include multi-family community managers, business owners and managers, homeowners' association board members, park district staff, and school principals and security staff. A handful of Officers have received special training in a program called Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). This program's basic premise is that the proper design and the effective use of a physical environment may lead to a reduction in the incidence and fear of crime, thereby improving the quality of life for those who utilize it.





In addition to the collaborative effort shared by the officers mentioned above, The Rolling Meadows Police Department also has Officer Carlos Saez who is dedicated full time to Crime Free Multi Housing, Crime Prevention, Community Involvement and Community Relations.

Crime free Multi Housing: The purpose of this program is to keep criminal and other nuisance activity away from residential properties by working with community leaders and property owners/managers.

Crime prevention: Crime prevention is a pattern of attitudes and behaviors directed at reducing the threat of crime and enhancing the sense of safety and security. Crime prevention also positively influences quality of life in our society and develops environments where crime cannot flourish.

Community Relations/Community Involvement:

The Community relations/involvement officer attends speaking engagements, provides safety information to the community, coordinates community events, develops and maintains communication between our residents and the department, arranges neighborhood meetings, creates law enforcement alerts and acts as the citizen's liaison in numerous matters.



Officer Saez has numerous tasks which include but are not limited to the following:

- Create and update crime free seminar presentations and present contents in a 4-hour seminar to all property owners and agents.
- Manage crime free database which includes data entry and monitoring of all attendees of the crime free seminars.
- Manage Trespass Program which includes data entry, creation of program procedures and transfer of information into the Crime free database.
- Manage reciprocity training requests for prior seminar attendance at other jurisdictions.
- Monitor both criminal and nuisance activity at residential, hotel and motel properties with a focus on residential properties.
- Serve notifications to property and owners and managers relating to incidents that occur on their properties and make recommendations to alter or eliminate behavior.

- Meet monthly with property owners to address concerns and issues.
- Inspect properties for quality of life issues such as abandoned vehicles, vehicles in disrepair and safety/security concerns.
- Assists in family Services Day (yearly event).
- Assists in summer camps designed to educate the youth of our community.
- Participates in Wellness fairs.
- Coordinates the public safety car show.
- Assists/coordinates the annual Bike the Night event.
- Assists/coordinates the national Night Out event.
- Attends Crimestoppers meetings
- Assists/coordinates the annual Christmas Shop with a Cop event.

Furthermore, Officer Saez is very active and involved with assisting the senior citizens of our community. He has identified areas of crime that seniors are most vulnerable too and has reached out to them to educate and inform them regarding the following issues:

- Fraud and identity theft
- Personal safety
- Financial exploitation
- Victimization prevention
- Diversion and ruse prevention

Also, Officer Saez is the coordinator and creator of the senior TRIAD meetings.

In this program, the managers are given training and advice on how to avoid potential problem tenants, how to identify and address developing problems, and how to evict problem tenants legally using civil law rather than criminal law.

In addition, a CPTED evaluation is performed on the property along with suggestions on how to improve safety and deter crime. Lastly, a safety social is hosted by the managers and Police Officer in an effort to provide information to residents, to demonstrate the good relationship the Department has with management and residents, and to provide a point of contact for questions and concerns.

Finally, the Crime Free Officer and Social Outreach Specialist corroborate closely with all Stakeholders regarding community issues such as: Domestic and Community Violence and other social issues in order to better serve the needs of the residents of Rolling Meadows.

SOCIAL SERVICES



The Social Services Outreach Program is a professionally staffed section of the Rolling Meadows Police Department. It is our goal to enhance the quality of life through empowerment, coordination of resources, and promotions of education and health among all residents of the City of Rolling Meadows. Our outreach program is coordinated and maintained by outreach specialist Natalia Mercado.

Services Offered by the Police Social Services Outreach Specialist Natalia Mercado are as follows:

Crisis Intervention: Emergency care aimed at assisting individuals in a variety of crisis situations that may occur within the City of Rolling Meadows.

Court Advocacy: Assistance is provided to victims of crimes. The social outreach specialist is a trained advocate available to provide advocacy and support related to the court system and the prosecution process, and appraising them of their rights.

Community Education: Weekly discussions are offered to citizens of the City of Rolling Meadows that pertain to educational and community concerns. This is especially important in the Latino community, who have voiced their concern for the improvement of the relationship between police and ethnic minority residents.

Child Abuse and Neglect: Development and implementation of prevention for child abuse and neglect through: raising awareness among the community, partnership with outside resources who specialize in prevention and intervention amongst child abuse and neglect.

Crime Prevention: Education based approach utilizing public awareness to reduce the crime risk within the City of Rolling Meadows.

Crime Victim Compensation: Making sure that eligible crime victims are connected with the compensation that the Attorney General reserves for victims of crime and their families for expenses accrued as a result of a violent crime.

Domestic Violence: Intervention services including: Obtaining orders of protection, referral for emergency safe housing, legal advocacy, transportation to court and shelter/safe place when needed.

Emergency Assistance: Immediate assistance is provided for families and individuals in crisis situations of varying nature. Some financial assistance is also available through outside emergency funds that Ms. Mercado can assist residents in applying for.

Referrals to Supportive Services: Provides assistance, advocacy, and available information to specialized organizations.

Senior Citizen Issues: Referrals are properly made to local organizations that specialize in providing assistance to older adults. Natalia contributes to the Rolling Meadows Senior Newsletter in a section titled: Rolling Meadows Police Department—Social Services Corner

Short-Term Counseling: Crisis Intervention based counseling services are provided to individuals in a crisis situation.



In addition to the above mentioned duties and services which help define our Police Social Services Outreach Program, Ms. Mercado has coordinated and initiated many extremely important tasks. Specifically, they are as follows:

- Ms. Mercado has outreached to over 150 domestic violence victims, assisted with both civil and criminal orders of protection, and has connected them with emergency and transitional housing, as well as other basic needs such as food, medical care, and clothing.
- Ms. Mercado assisted with planning and organizing our department's first Shop-with-a-Rolling Meadows-Cop event. In collaboration with Meijer, over 20 police officers and staff volunteered their time to outreach to over 80 children this past holiday season.
- Our Police Social Service Outreach Specialist offered over free 500 counseling hours via the student internship program that she launched and managed.
- Ms. Mercado is an approved Salvation Army volunteer and can directly apply for emergency financial assistance to families and individuals in need of a one-time help with paying rent or utility bills. This year alone, she prevented homelessness, and electricity shut-offs for over 20 women, children, elderly, and persons struggling with illnesses.

- Ms. Mercado established and met weekly with a group of community members of the East Park and Coach Light community for “coffee hour”, where they discussed issues related to crime prevention in their community. The group has evolved and are now in the process of establishing a Community Block Watch program in their community, with the goal of enhancing police and community relationships via building trust and accountability.



- Our Police Social Services Outreach Specialist assisted the detectives’ bureau with the criminal investigation of sexual crimes against children. She also provided both legal and court advocacy and support. She has explained the criminal justice system, attended court dates and medical exams, and connected the non-offending parents with necessary counseling and social service resources to facilitate their healing.

- Ms. Mercado has fostered and maintained communication with the Department of Children and Family Services, as well as Adult Protective Services. In 2016, she made over 20 reports to the child abuse and neglect hotline as well as reported elder abuse to adult protective services.

- Our Police Social Services Outreach Specialist has maintained collaborative relationships with the WINGS Shelter/Safe House, and has used their free emergency housing services and counseling services for over 50 women.

- Ms. Mercado planned and executed two youth summer camps this past year; East Park and Woodfield Crossing. She also fundraised for the program and formed partnerships with the community for sponsors. Our summer camps outreached over 100 children in 2016.



- Our Police Social Services Outreach Specialist took steps to preserve and strengthen our Police Department’s relationships with various church, schools, and agency directors via engaging in meetings with key leaders and establishing my presence in the social service professional arena. She belongs to the Northwest Alliance against Domestic Violence with Representative Michelle Mussman, to the Third District Domestic Violence Court Committee with Judge Greenblatt and Judge Betar; and attends meetings and events in the professional community on a monthly basis.

- Ms. Mercado has been responsible for implementing the Heroin Amnesty/Second Chance program. She has also been in charge of maintaining records and making connections with the professional community and the public regarding the program. She has been connecting with service providers, meeting with potential program participants, screening them for appropriateness, and making necessary referrals for them to receive treatment.



- Our Police Social Services Outreach Specialist has planned and executed 2 Health and Wellness Fairs for the East Park and Woodfield Crossing Community, where the residents of Rolling Meadows have been able to receive free flu shots, as well as information about physical and mental health resources, as well as domestic violence and child sexual abuse information in both English and Spanish.

- Ms. Mercado organized an outreach event for the Latino community around Mother's Day and made it a community resource fair with participants from the various social service, health, education, and legal services offering information and ways to access resources.

- In response to the needs of the Spanish-speaking residents, Ms. Mercado hosted a series of monthly meetings with an immigration attorney who offered free consultations to the residents of Rolling Meadows. The same attorney also hosted an immigration workshop regarding immigrant issues as well as pathways to citizenship.



SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS



As part of an agreement with the School Districts, the Department assigns a Patrol Officer to the grammar and junior high schools (Officer Mike Courtney, pictured left) and a Detective to the Rolling Meadows High School (Detective Scott McCormack, pictured right). It is their job to build a strong rapport with the students and to make themselves available each school day to the student body. Both



Officers and Detectives constantly work with the principals and staff at the schools to ensure that students and staff alike have a safe and secure learning environment. Part of the School Resource Officers' function is to provide counseling and education services to students including gang and drug awareness; in addition, they will take law enforcement actions whenever necessary and appropriate.



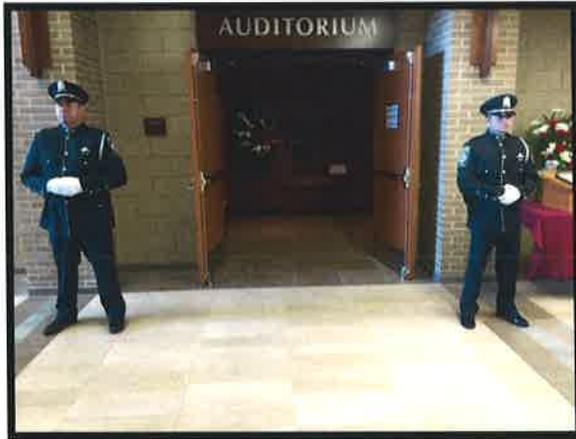
HOMELAND SECURITY



Some communities and law enforcement agencies face a significantly greater terrorist threat than others do. Moreover, while most communities may not have a terrorist act, the potential is always there. It is incumbent that law enforcement agencies establish a level of planning and actions that address a proactive response to terrorism. A comprehensive approach to incident management, applicable at all jurisdictional levels and across functional disciplines has been created through the City of Rolling Meadows Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). The Police Department is responsible for reviewing applicable portions of the EOP that deal with Police operations and terrorism. The Department of homeland Security has also participated in our NNO event and has supplied our department with temporary equipment needs as requested.

POLICE HONOR GUARD

In 2016, our agency's Honor Guard trained in ceremonial duties such as parades, funeral details, and the presentation of our national colors. Presentations this past year included our Memorial Day remembrance & Northrop Grumman's America Day and standing at another member's fallen officer's memorial.



BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners (BFPC) of the City of Rolling Meadows, consists of three members (each appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the City Council) derives its authority from the Illinois Municipal Code (Board of Fire and Police Commissioners Act), Illinois Compiled Statutes ((Illinois Compiled Statutes, Ch. 65, Sections 5/10-2.1-5 through 65 ILCS 5/10-2.1-6.3 inclusive) and from City of Rolling Meadows Ordinances.

The responsibilities of the BFPC are as follows:

- To recruit, select and appoint qualified candidates to fill vacancies for original appointment of Police Officer and Firefighter/Paramedic.
- To determine testing and selection processes that allow qualified employees to participate in the promotional process for the position of Sergeant in the Police Department.
- To conduct disciplinary hearings or appeals of disciplinary action in the Fire and Police Department.

The current Commission is comprised of Ted Loesch, Tom Callard and Dave Walter.



POLICE TRAINING



Employee training is considered one of the most important responsibilities in a law enforcement agency. Police agencies are held legally accountable for the actions of their personnel and are responsible for providing initial and remedial training. Police training serves three general purposes:

- It results in greater effectiveness, preparedness, and productivity
- It fosters cooperation and unity of purpose
- It reduces liability exposure to the Officers, the Department, and the City

The training program of the Rolling Meadows Police Department addresses the needs of the agency and the community. It is directed toward the Department's mission, values, goals, and objectives. It is designed to enhance the professional development of our personnel through the integration of academic and technical training along with preparing officers for succession in the ranks. Consequently, proper and timely training reduces exposure of the Department and the City to civil and criminal liability. Throughout the entire career of a Rolling Meadows Police Officer, training is offered to develop skills, enhance officer safety, and protect our citizens.



One of the goals of the Rolling Meadows Police Department is to provide training for our officers that are current, applicable, and diverse. Among the ways we accomplish this is to provide reviews of policy, case law, local ordinances, and state and federal statute, much of this is performed as daily and monthly training bulletins in which officers review a written scenario and then choose the correct response. Another form of training that we

provide is in-service training in which the trainers are either contracted certified individuals or our officers with advanced training and/or certifications. They conduct classroom sessions on topics such as medical tactics for patrol, rapid response to active shooters, and school violence response.

In addition, officers attend various types of training at off-site locations provided by North East Multi-Regional Training (NEMRT), which is one of seventeen Mobile Teams of the Illinois ASSIST Program. In 2016, every officer attended at least 8 hours of training including, but limited to the following courses:

- Basic Training/Peace Officer Certification
- Death Investigations
- Criminal Related Interviewing
- Defensive Tactics
- Dealing with Returning Veterans and Issues
- Gun Violence and Gun Laws
- Basic Crisis Negotiations
- Rapid Deployment
- Business Writing for Results
- Hazardous Materials Awareness
- Law Enforcement Response to School Violence
- Field Training Officer certification
- Anti-gang Strategies for Patrol Officers
- National Symposium on Child Abuse
- Tactical Response to Terror Incidents
- Basic Truck Weight Enforcement
- Basic Gang Enforcement Skills
- ILEETA conference
- Medical Tactics for Law Enforcement
- Immigration, Seniors and Disabled Abuse, and Domestic Violence
- Advanced Criminal Investigations
- Advanced Homicide Investigations
- Advanced Hostage Rescue
- Animal Crime Investigations
- Ethics
- Digital Evidence Processing
- Crime Free Multi-Housing
- Blood Stain Pattern Evidence Analysis for Crime Scene Reconstruction
- TASER certification and recert
- Generational Crossroads
- Creating Community in Violent Times
- Police Tactical Driving
- Illinois Victim Assistance
- Forensic Training
- Breath Operator Certification
- Canine Training
- NIPAS Field Force Training
- Gang Enforcement Officer
- Juvenile Specialist
- Computer Aided Dispatch
- Domestic Terrorism
- Gypsy & Traveler Crimes
- Labor Relations
- LEADS Certification
- Arson Investigation
- Autism Training
- Basic Cyber Terrorism
- Basic Medical Response for Disasters & Terrorist Attacks
- CSO Training
- Electronic Surveillance Certification
- Intro to Evidence Collection, Packaging, & Submission
- Manual Breeching
- Mental Health First Aid
- Street Survival
- Firearms Training Simulator
- Digital Evidence Processing
- Forensic Pathology for Death, Homicide, & Criminal Investigations
- Honor Guard Training
- NIMS Certifications

- Illinois Tactical Officers Association Conference
- Illinois Juvenile Officers Association Conference
- Police Staff & Command
- Officer Down: Tactical Response Techniques
- Social Networking Investigations (MySpace, Facebook, Twitter)
- Firearms Instructor
- FOIA Issues
- Cyber Bullying
- Laws of Arrest, Search & Seizure
- Crash Investigations
- Suicide Awareness and Prevention
- Sikh Temple Shooting Overview
- Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Course
- Evidence Technician Certification
- Active Shooter Awareness
- Combat Mindset for Patrol
- Homeland Security Update
- Advanced Tactical Firearms Training
- Grievance Issues for Police Executives
- Organized Crime Task Force Training
- Advanced Vehicle Stops
- Fire & Arson Fatality Fire Scene Investigations
- Investigating Domestic Violence
- Lock-Up Arrest & Control
- Preventing & Resolving Sexual Harassment in the Workplace
- NIPAS: Unstable Platform Sniper Course

- Autism Recognition, Response & Risk Management
- Leadership Skills for Street Supervisors
- Incident Command
- WMD Basic Training



SPECIAL OLYMPICS TORCH RUN

This year, members of the Rolling Meadows Police Department once again participated in the annual Special Olympics Torch Run to help raise funds and to build awareness.



COFFEE WITH A COP

Coffee with a Cop provides a “face” for both the officer and the citizen to get to know each other and form a working trust by understanding the mutual goals they both have, a better community for all of us. Coffee with a Cop provides “distraction free” time with an officer, no pending radio calls or cell phones going off, just good communication over a cup of coffee that was provided FREE to anyone who wished to have casual conversation with us.



COMMUNITY BIKE RIDE

On Saturday, July 30, 2016, The Rolling Meadows Police Department and approximately 150 community riders took to the trails and participated in a community ride through the various parks within Rolling Meadows. The community bike ride was held as an event leading up to National Night Out. Hosted by the police department, free bike helmets were handed out prior to the ride and upon completion, participants were treated to ice cream.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

National Night Out (NNO) is an annual event meant to improve Police-Community relations. The event is held on the first Tuesday in August throughout the United States. The event is coordinated by the National Association of Town Watch. National Night Out started in 1983 and has grown annually. Rolling Meadows first participated in NNO 2013 and has participated every year since. On Tuesday, August 1st 2016, the Rolling Meadows Police Department joined more than 16,000 other communities from all over the United States to celebrate National Night Out, America's Night Out Against Crime. The event promoted involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie.

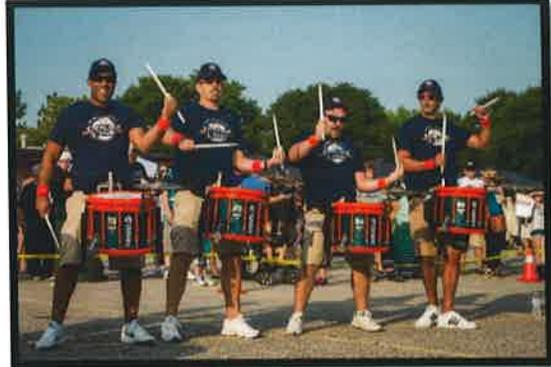
Through the Police Department's encouragement and promotion, residents came out and showed their community spirit while at the same time networked with members of the police department. The Chicago Blackhawk's Jim Cornelison opened the night by singing the National Anthem to all attendees and participants.



The Rolling Meadows Park District along with members of the Rolling Meadows business community supported the Police Department's National Night Out event by sponsoring entertainment which included the Jesse White Tumblers, Staley Da Bear and Skates, the Chicago Bear Drum line and even fireworks. The Rolling Meadow's Fire Department, Public Works and local businesses all participated and helped make National Night Out a true community-wide success.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE -BACK

Rolling Meadow's Police Host Free Prescription Drug 'Take- Back' Event



On April 30th, 2016, The Rolling Meadows Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration hosted a National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day event where people could drop off medications and safely dispose of old and unused prescription medications. This is the 11th such event held since its inception in 2010. Citizens turned in more unused prescriptions at this event than at any other event in the past. A total of 4,264 state, local and tribal law enforcement partners collected over 893,498 pounds of unwanted medicines (approximately 447 tons). That is 57 tons greater than the previous high set in spring of 2014. Illinois collected 24 tons alone with 228 participating agencies at 263

collection sites. The take-back program was conducted at 5,359 sites spread throughout the 50 states.

The National Prescription Drug Take-Back addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Many Americans are not aware that medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. The majority of prescription drug abusers report that they get their drugs from friends and family. Commonly abused prescription drugs are opioid painkillers that accounted for a very large number of overdoses. 8 of 10 heroin users surveyed indicated they began by abusing prescription drugs and eventually moved to heroin when they could no longer obtain or afford those painkillers. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are at alarming rates, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. In addition, many Americans do not know how to properly dispose of their unused medicine, often flushing them down the toilet or throwing them away – both potential safety and health hazards.



Through 11 completed campaigns that date back to 2010, 6,418,519 pounds (3,209 tons) have subsequently been collected and safely disposed.



SECOND CHANCE-HEROIN AMNESTY PROGRAM

Rolling Meadows Police officers are in a unique position to offer help to those who need it by partnering with a local heroin intervention program. The Rolling Meadows Police Department has adopted a "Second Chance" policy, effective



October 1, 2015, to address the needs of any Rolling Meadows resident who comes into the Rolling Meadows Police Department requesting help with their opiate addiction.

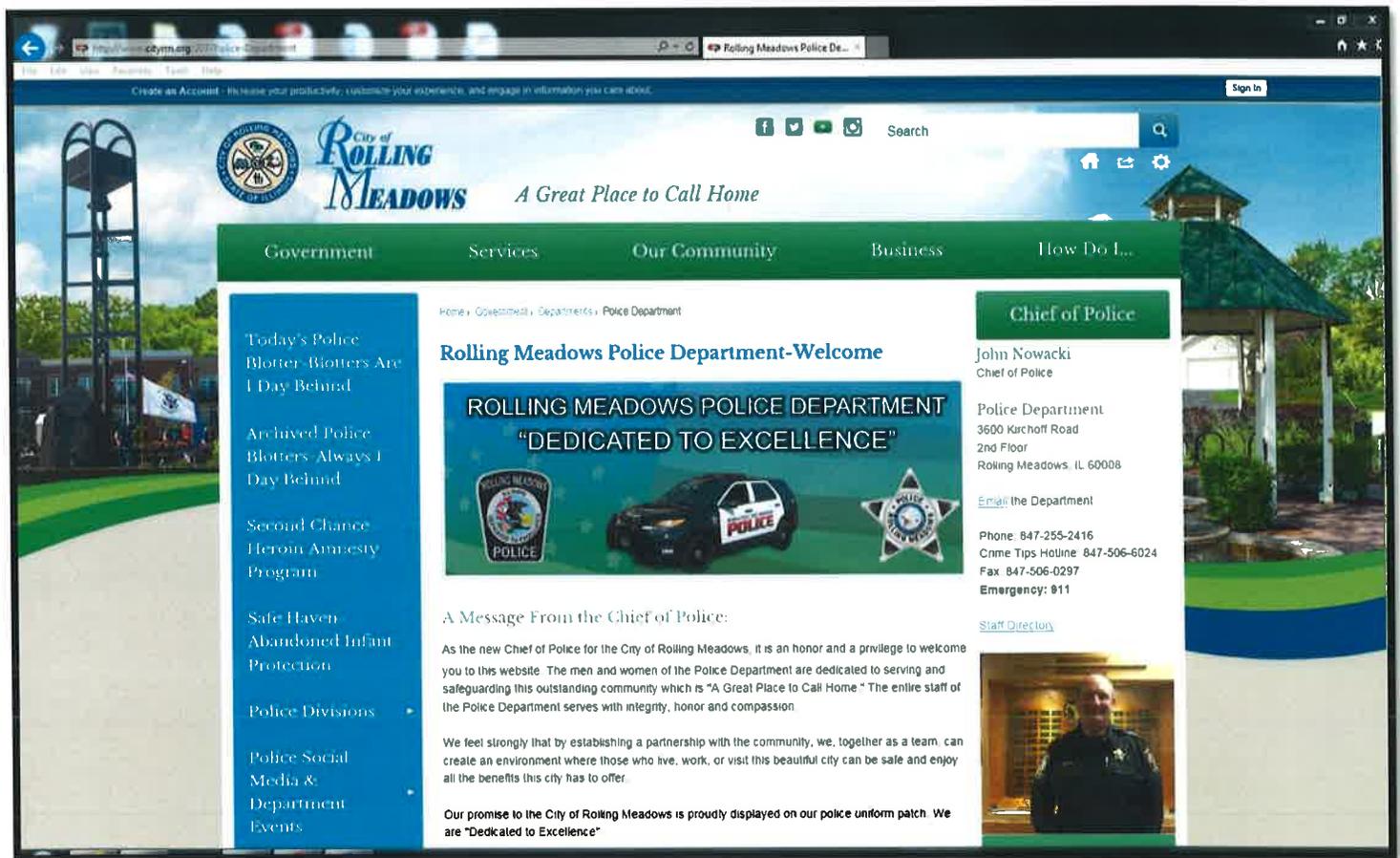
The program was advertised through media and social media outlets announcing the ability for heroin users, who are residents of the City of Rolling Meadows that are seeking recovery to come to the police station and turn in their heroin and paraphernalia to receive free treatment without any legal ramifications. Participants must be 18 years or older, unless an exception is approved by the department outreach worker, Chief of Police and juveniles guardian.

Participant's drugs and or paraphernalia will be disposed of accordingly through departmental disposal policy.

Once an individual comes forward and seeks assistance through the second chance program, they are introduced to Natalia Mercado who is the Rolling Meadows Police Department's Social Services Outreach Specialist. She conducts an interview with the person in need and makes certain that the appropriate resources are secured based on each individual case.

POLICE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE

The Rolling Meadows Police Department maintains its portion of the city's website in effort to continue the excellent communication that we have had with our residents and visitors alike and continue to have. The police department's website is an informative tool for the user with a FAQ section which addresses common questions that are usually asked of us along with informative links. The police department also created forms for visitors to be able to download as well as created online forms to file a police report that met certain criteria. In turn we have also updated our site with the latest police blotters, crime prevention information. In addition, more information on crime free multi housing can be found on the attached [link](#) or you can register online for a class. The site also has information on our social services programs. Anyone can visit our site by going to www.cityrm.org and clicking the police department link under the "Government" tab, or one can simply go to <http://www.cityrm.org/207/Police-Department> which is the direct link to the police department's website page. Below is a picture of the homepage of the police department's website.



SOCIAL MEDIA

The police department continues to be informative with our residents and visitors using social media. We strive to find a way to keep the citizens of Rolling Meadows and its visitors informed of department and City events or emergencies, and to also engage the residents with this form of technology. We continue to show our residents and visitors a more approachable side of the police department and what we strive to accomplish in the community using our social media program and continued involvement within the community we use social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram to accomplish this goal. Due to the fact that the majority of the population has a smart phone or similar device always with them, we also created an app through MyPD that allows a user to contact the police department and view our social media accounts on their smart phone or similar devices.

By accomplishing this goal through social media and the MyPD app, the police department wished to be able to disseminate the following information quickly and efficiently to keep the public informed:

- Road closures
- Emergency incidents
- Weather alerts
- Amber alerts
- Community warnings
- Police wanted assistance
- Community events

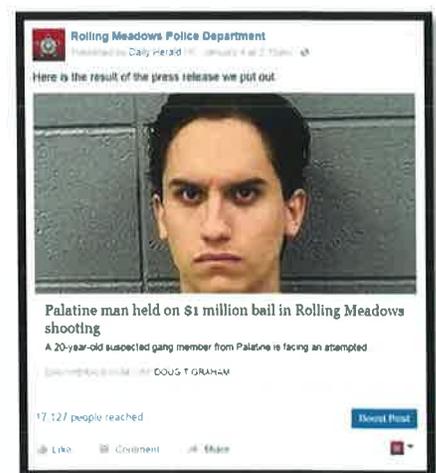
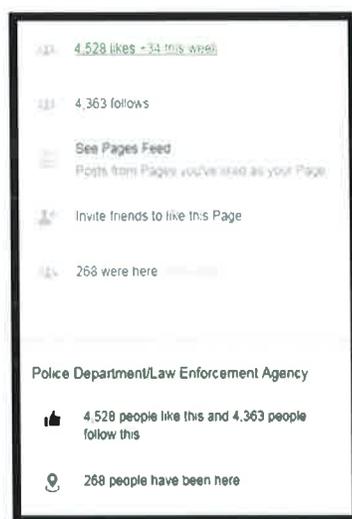
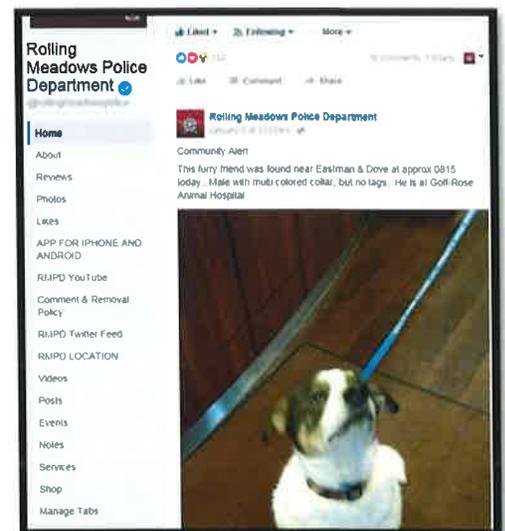
The police department continues to be successful in the use of the social media accounts that we maintain. By using these accounts and keeping our residents and visitors updated on events within the city and police department we have found that the use of social media tools is effective and a great way to communicate to our residents when they seek information quickly. In the Final Report of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing it is stated "They should also address issues surrounding the use of new and social media, encouraging the use of social media as a means of community interaction and relationship building, which can result in stronger law enforcement." We believe that we have met this goal of the President's Report with our social media program. In order to avoid fraud and let a user know that they are on the actual department social media account, the Police Department has all our social media accounts verified. The user will know they are on the department's social media sites of Twitter and Facebook by seeing the checkmarks next to the department name.

As part of our commitment to the residents to engage in these social media platforms the police department has also joined Nextdoor.com which is essentially a virtual neighborhood watch. Only Rolling Meadows residents can join Nextdoor by confirming their residence. The police department feels that this tool allows neighbors to speak to each other through social media and is a great way to send specific targeted information to certain neighborhoods. For example, if there is a rash of car burglaries in a certain neighborhood using the Nextdoor platform allows the residents in this neighborhood to learn of this information and they are encouraged to call the police or share any information they might have about this situation by sending photos, videos, or a simple message.

The Police Department Social Media Accounts are as follows:

- Facebook- www.facebook.com/rollingmeadowspolice
- Twitter- [@meadowspolice](https://twitter.com/meadowspolice)
- YouTube- www.youtube.com/user/rollingmeadowspolice
- Instagram- [@RMPD](https://www.instagram.com/RMPD)
- Nextdoor- <https://nextdoor.com/city/feed/>
- Residents to join Nextdoor- https://nextdoor.com/choose_address/?i=rjbkgrfvjyvdegbuspea

This is a screen shot of the Police Department's Facebook Page including likes and followers. Also notice the blue checkmark indicating this is a verified Facebook Page and belongs to the Rolling Meadows Police. The page is also used to communicate lost animals, community events, department news, and press releases just to name a few...



The police department also continues to promote events that encourage community and police partnerships such as our Community Bike Ride, Block Party, Family Days, Community Bike Ride, and National Night Out, just to name a few.

This year we participated in our first Shop with a Cop event and assisted a local food shelter with a food drive. We also held a Coffee with the Chief and joined this event with the National Drug Take Back day. Here are some photos of these events which shows our continued commitment to community involvement.

The police department also continued to get residents involved with their city pride by showing off their holiday spirit and decorated homes. We again sought donations from our local businesses that wished to be involved with our contest. Papa Saverio's Pizza and Walmart were more than happy to donate prizes to the top winners of this contest. We have found great success by interacting with the residents and continue to receive positive comments with this social media program. Here are this year's winners:



In conjunction with using the Facebook Page, we also utilize a Twitter and YouTube channel so residents and visitors can view videos from National Night Out or other videos that are beneficial. The police department utilizes the Twitter account to tweet live traffic incidents or other community alerts that need to be addressed immediately. Also, the Twitter account will "tweet" messages from our Facebook Page so the account is always posting information

Here are screen shots of the department's Twitter account and YouTube channel:



MY PD APP

In keeping with our commitment to keep residents informed and in constant contact with the department literally at their fingertips, the department purchased an app that is 100 % free to use for all, does not cost anything to download, and will never cost anything to a subscriber.

The app is downloaded via the user's app store. Knowing most our citizens utilizes a smart phone device through Apple or Android, we wanted our residents and visitors to be informed at all times by communicating through this app.

The following screen shot depicts the department's smartphone app which is called MyPD. This app allows all users to instantly access the department's Facebook page, Twitter feed, and YouTube channel all from the users smartphone device. With the use of the MyPD APP a user can also contact the police department as well as submit anonymous crime tips and file a police report meeting certain criteria online thereby streamlining the users process. A video was created to show the user how to access the app through the MyPD app store and how to install it which is located on the YouTube channel and the department's Facebook Page.



Since 2013, Sgt. John Manfredi has been assigned to Social Media duties and is responsible for this along with the police department's portion of the website. Sgt. Manfredi is always looking for different ways to engage our residents through social media and has developed a strong following of individuals through the police department's Facebook Page, which is consistently engaging residents about department and city events.

The police department is constantly looking for different social media and community opportunities to keep the citizens and visitors of Rolling Meadows informed and at times entertained and is consistently researching other social media options and opportunities to implement for users.

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*John Nowacki
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