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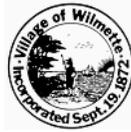
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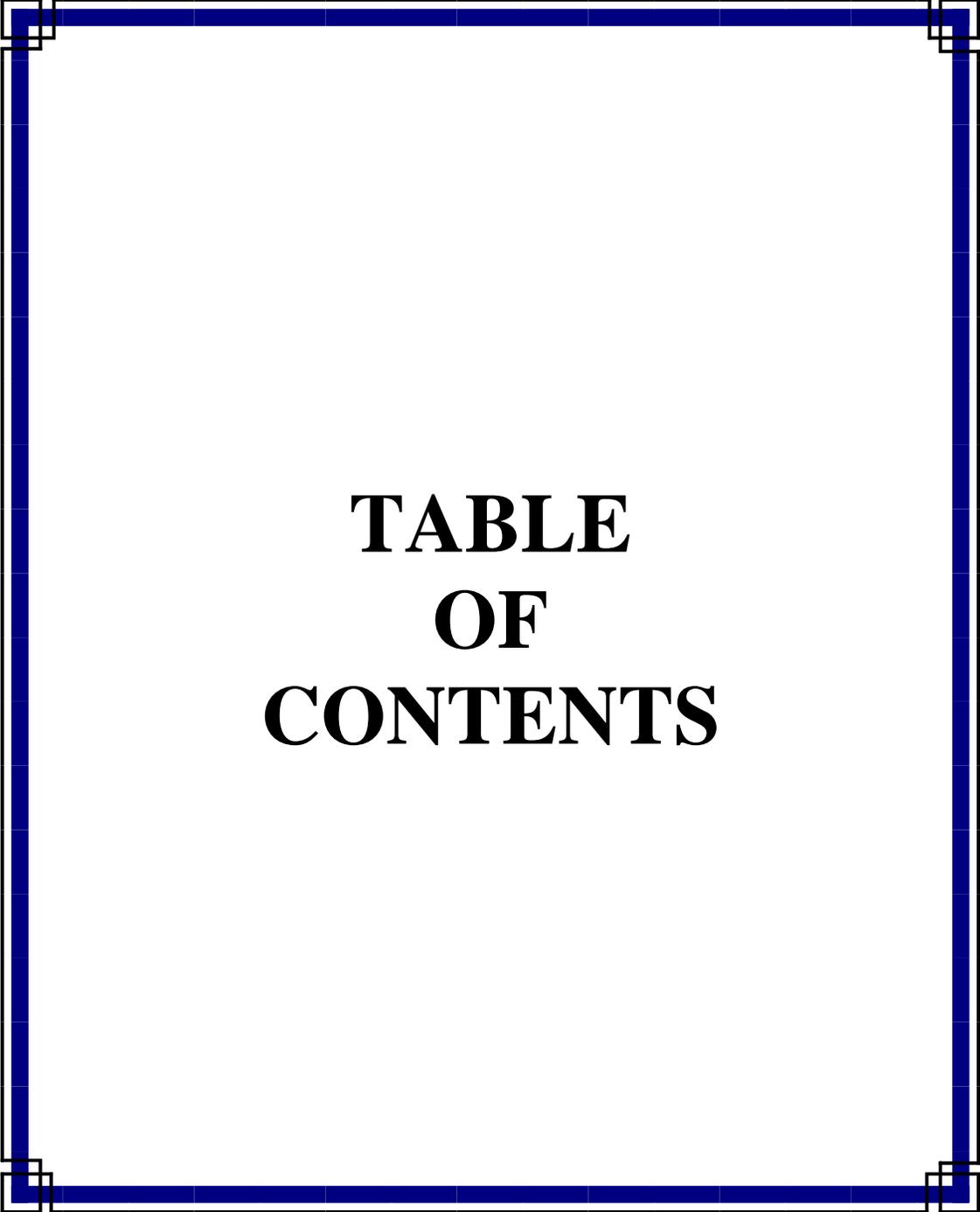
On behalf of the men and women of the Wilmette Police Department it is my pleasure to present the 2004 Annual Report. Our goal in publishing this report is to enhance public awareness of both the public safety challenges in Wilmette and of the resources used to meet those challenges. To do this, the report summarizes crime and accident trends, police programs and personnel highlights from the year.

Noteworthy organizational accomplishments during 2004 include:

- Began collecting race and gender data on each police traffic stop, and reported them to the State as required by statute. Our analysis of the data is included in this report.
- Participated in the new Major Crimes Burglary Task Force, as reported further in this report.
- Completed the reorganization of the Operations Division, which was begun in August 2003, by assigning a fourth investigator and one sergeant to the Detective Bureau. The Special Operations section now includes the community relations officer, four detectives, a sergeant and a commander.
- Purchased and deployed the Village's own speed display trailer. Together with the shared trailer (with Glencoe and Kenilworth), the two trailers provided nearly continuous usage in Wilmette, weather permitting.
- Continued our partnership with the Cook County Judicial Advisory Council on youth programs, funded by a \$52,000 grant.
- Continued the partnership with four north shore municipalities to conduct a feasibility study for building a regional communications center.

We wish to give particular thanks to the Wilmette Transportation Commission, chaired by Alan Swanson, and to the Wilmette Board of Fire and Police Commissioners, chaired by John Levin, for their tireless work in helping to promote traffic safety in Wilmette, and in hiring the best qualified personnel for the Police Department.

George Carpenter
Chief of Police

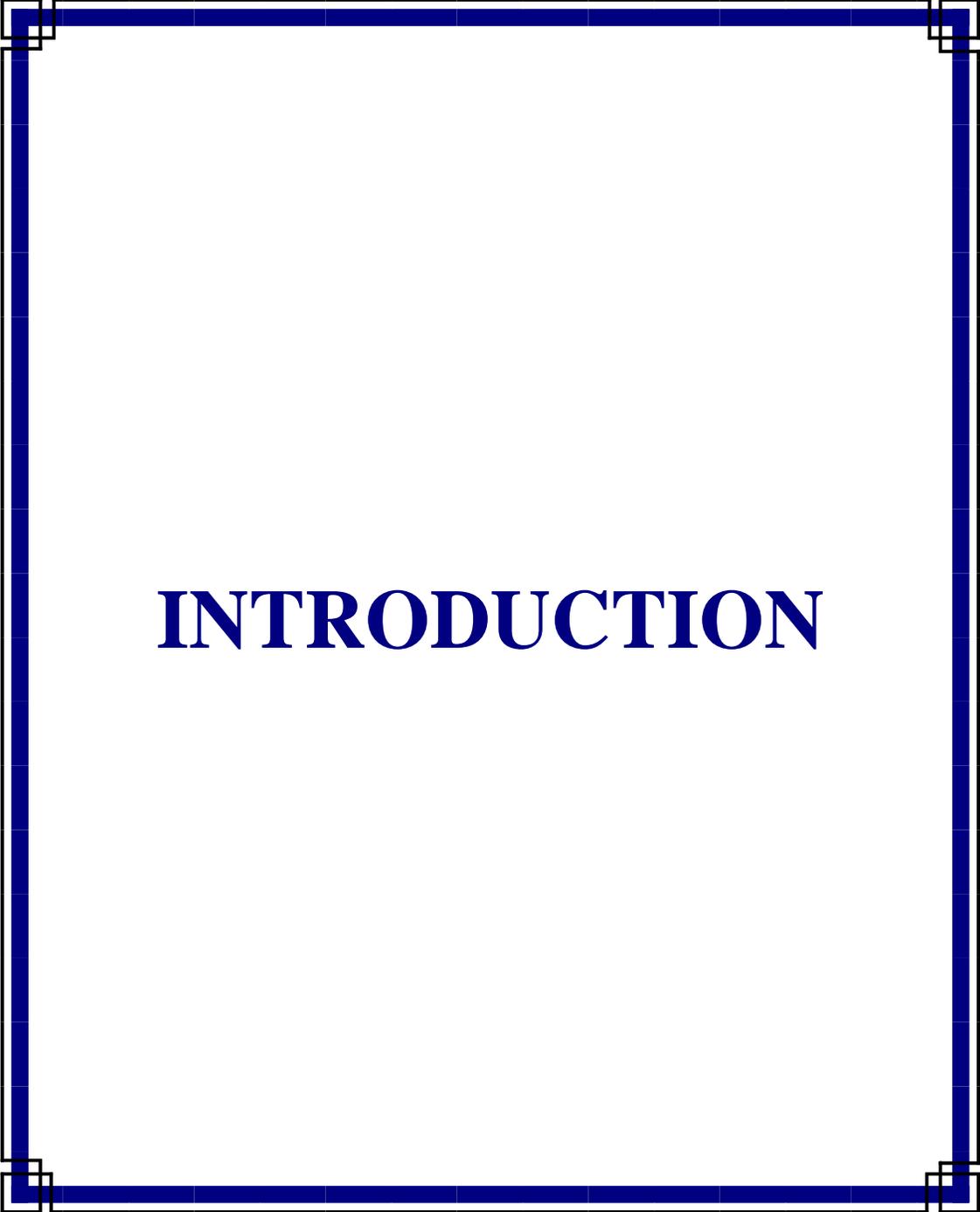


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INTRODUCTION

WILMETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MISSION

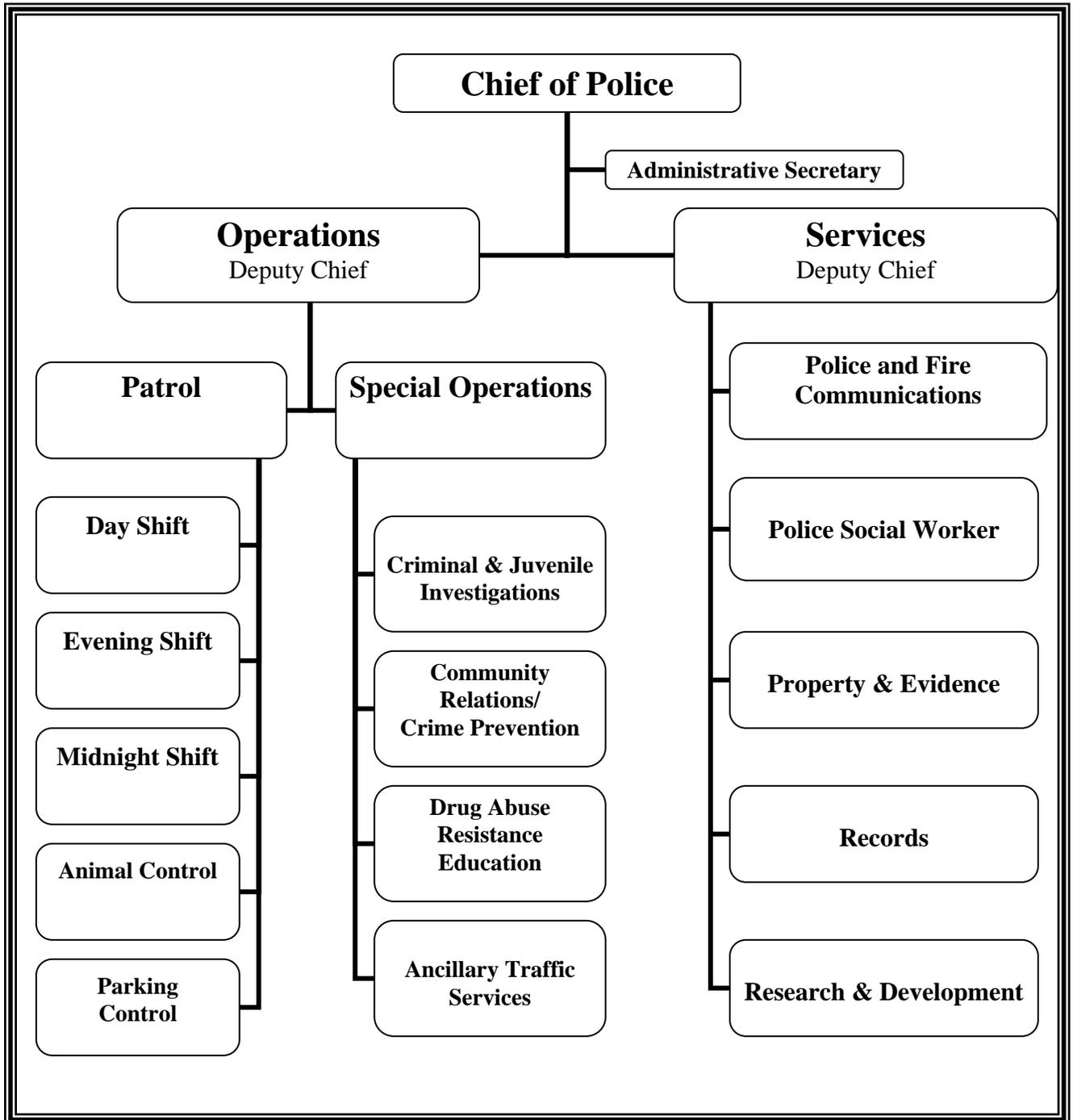
We, the members of the Wilmette Police Department, are dedicated to providing impartial law enforcement, community-oriented services and police protection in our Village, while maintaining the highest ethical and professional standards.

VALUES

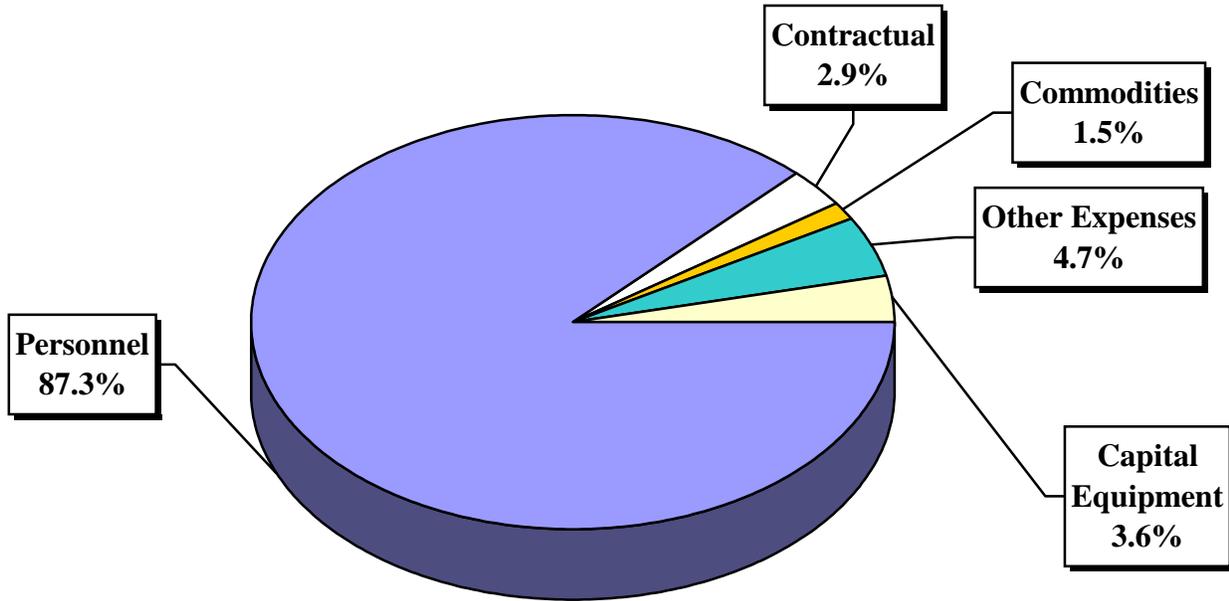
We believe that law enforcement has its foundation in values. To fulfill our mission we are committed to:

- Acknowledging our responsibility and accountability to the citizens of Wilmette, our source of authority;
- Performing our duties within the spirit and to the letter of our laws and the Constitution;
- Remaining sensitive to human needs and treating each person with respect, compassion and dignity;
- Approaching each situation as unique and responding creatively with empathy and the prudent use of discretion;
- Promoting mutual trust between the Department and the citizens and institutions of Wilmette;
- Enhancing the safety and feeling of security for our residents; and
- Fostering a quality work environment that encourages open communication and affords trust, respect and support for each member.

Wilmette Police Department Organizational Chart



**WILMETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT
2004 BUDGET**



EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT
Personnel	\$5,920,470
Capital Equipment	\$243,400
Contractual	\$196,620
Commodities	\$104,350
Other Expenses	\$317,345
Total	\$6,782,185

IN MEMORIAM



Sergeant (Ret.) Marvin (Sandy) Sandhop (right)
with Jerry Van Heltebrake (center) and the late Walter Witt (left)

We miss our good friend, Marvin (Sandy) Sandhop, who passed away on August 21, 2004. Since his retirement in 1980, he has been a regular visitor to 710 Ridge Rd. and kept in close touch with many of his fellow retirees. He promoted high ethical standards and was as friendly a police officer as we have ever known. Always committed to officer safety, we know Sandy now watches over those who follow him, helping to keep Wilmette's finest safe each day.



PERSONNEL

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The Village of Wilmette allocated the Wilmette Police Department 68 positions by budget: 46 police officers, twenty full-time and two part-time civilian employees. During 2004 the department was at its full allotted complement of police officers. The department was understaffed two full-time employees at the end of 2004.

The Wilmette Board of Fire & Police Commissioners has required a college degree for entry level police officers since 1991. At that time, 42% of Wilmette police officers had a 4 year degree. Today, as shown below, 87% have a 4 year degree. The goal of this requirement is to ensure that the police department is reasonably representative of the average education level of Wilmette residents.

Police Officer Education Level

<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Education</u>
46	100%	2 or More Years of College
40	87%	Bachelor Degree or Higher
6	13%	Master Degree
2	4%	Juris Doctorate

Age & Seniority Distribution of Police Officers

<u>Age</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Seniority in Years</u>	<u>Number</u>
21-24	1	1-2	7
25-29	7	3-5	6
30-34	6	6-10	9
35-39	13	11-15	6
40-49	16	16-20	7
50-55	3	21+	11

WILMETTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

2004 PERSONNEL ROSTER

SWORN PERSONNEL

<u>Chief of Police</u>	<u>Deputy Chiefs</u>	<u>Commanders</u>	<u>Sergeants</u>
George Carpenter	Brian King Robert LaMantia	Patrick Collins James Neiweem Kyle Perkins	Matt McConnell Kyle Murphy Martin Paulson Edmund Trage Daniel Walsh Thomas Welter

Police Officers

Lawrence Betz	Landon Girard	Alex Mercado	Nicholas Rizzo
Jessica Black	Diane Grassi	Christopher Morgret	Michael Robinson
Valerie Davis	Jeffrey Hemesath	Jeffrey Newman	Ray Santana
Ronald Drag	Joshua Hornbacher	Roger Ockrim	David Sparks
Thomas Dworak	Daniel Huck	Julie Parisi	Allen Stec
Steven Eder	Kevin Kiddle	Raimond Pavely	Solveig Sullivan
John Falk	Sally Krystal	José Perez	David Sweet
Terrence Fitzpatrick	Stephen Leigh	Dwayne Potthoff	David Tesch
Mark Gamba	Michael McGarry		

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

<u>Administrative Secretary</u>	<u>Data Processing Operators</u>	<u>Telecommunicators</u>
Susan Budd	Joan Stazy – Supervisor Susan Green Joan Miller	Eric Peterson – Supervisor Freddie King Lynda McGarry Paul Miller
<u>Animal Control</u>		Matthew Siegel Christy Tempo Barry Weiner Diana Wight
Joseph Wideman	<u>Parking Control</u>	
<u>Community Service Officers</u>	Cecilia Abernathy Don George	
Ronald Andrews Thomas Manning Ron Testa	<u>Police Social Worker</u>	<u>Part Time Telecommunicators</u>
	Olivia Chui, LCSW	Barbara Cutro Susan Johnson (Temporary) Arlene Walsh (Temporary)

NEW MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT



Parking Control Officer Cecilia Abernathy



Telecommunicator Christy Tempo

Telecommunicator Christy Tempo was hired on March 1st. Christy, a resident of Palatine, grew up in Atlanta, Georgia and was a flight attendant for United Airlines. She comes to the Department with previous experience as a Telecommunicator in Atlanta.

Part-Time **Parking Control Officer Cecilia Abernathy** was hired on May 3rd. Ceil, a resident of Chicago, worked for the Archdiocese of Chicago where she was a Director for Food Service Operations.

PROMOTIONS



**Communications Supervisor
Eric Peterson**



**Sergeant
Kyle Murphy**



**Sergeant
Edmund Trage**

Telecommunicator **Eric Peterson** was promoted on August 30, 2004 to **Communications Supervisor**. Eric has been a Wilmette employee for almost 15 years and is well versed on the quickly changing field of communications. He supervises seven full-time and two part-time telecommunicators.

Officer **Kyle Murphy** was promoted on March 18, 2004 to **Police Sergeant**. Sergeant Murphy has served the Department since 1995 in Patrol and Investigations. He was twice named Police Officer of the Year in 2001 and 2003 while assigned to Investigations.

Officer **Edmund Trage** was promoted on March 18, 2004 to **Police Sergeant**. Sergeant Trage has served the Department since 1991 in Patrol and Investigations. He is an Investigator with the North Regional Major Crimes Task Force and was named the Police Officer of the Year in 1993.

MILITARY ACTIVATIONS

Police Officer **Diane Grassi** was released from active military duty and returned to the Wilmette Police Department on February 5th. Officer Grassi had been called to military duty on February 8, 2003 and was sent to Iraq and Kuwait. She is a Sergeant in the United States Army's Military Police Corp. This was her second call-up since 9/11. Upon her return, the Village Board formally recognized her at a Board meeting.

Police Officer **Chris Morgret** returned from active duty in the U.S. Army Reserves on August 31, 2004. He had been gone since January 23, 2004. His assignment to a Training and Support Division in Northern Illinois allowed him to live at his home in Lindenhurst with his wife and four young children. He served the Army as Captain and an Instructor, traveling to seven states training battalion and brigade level staff in two courses, Military Decision Making Process and Tactical Operations Center Operation.

EMPLOYMENT ANNIVERSARIES

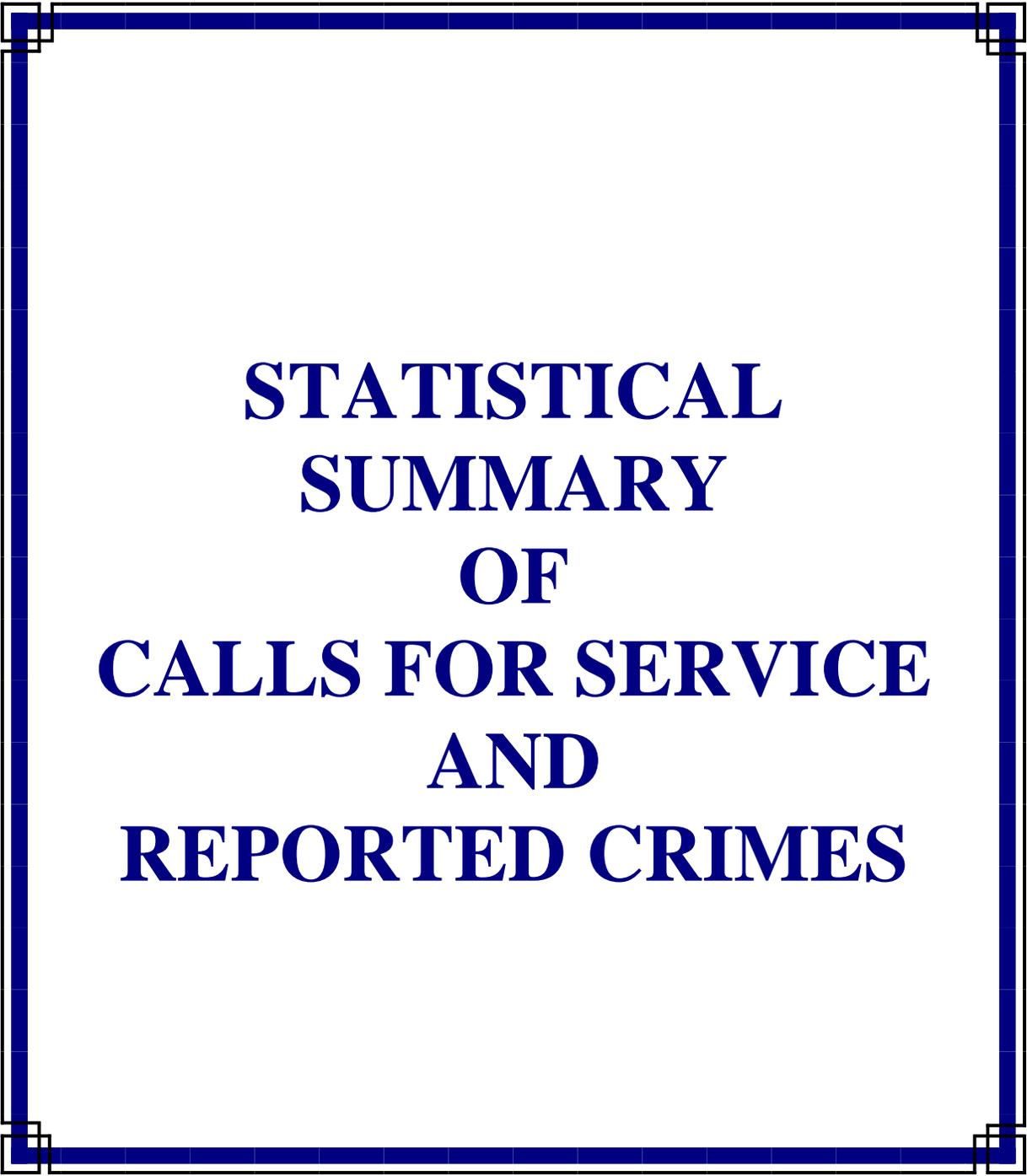
The following employees celebrated employment anniversaries with the Wilmette Police Department during 2004. We would like to thank each one of them for the years they have dedicated to the Village of Wilmette and their outstanding commitment to ethical, professional police service.

Years of Service	Employee
Twenty-Five	Susan Green Thomas Welter
Twenty	Jeffrey Newman Matthew Siegel
Ten	Christopher Morgret Nicholas Rizzo
Five	Jessica Black Alejandro Mercado Ron Testa Diana Wight

DEPARTURES

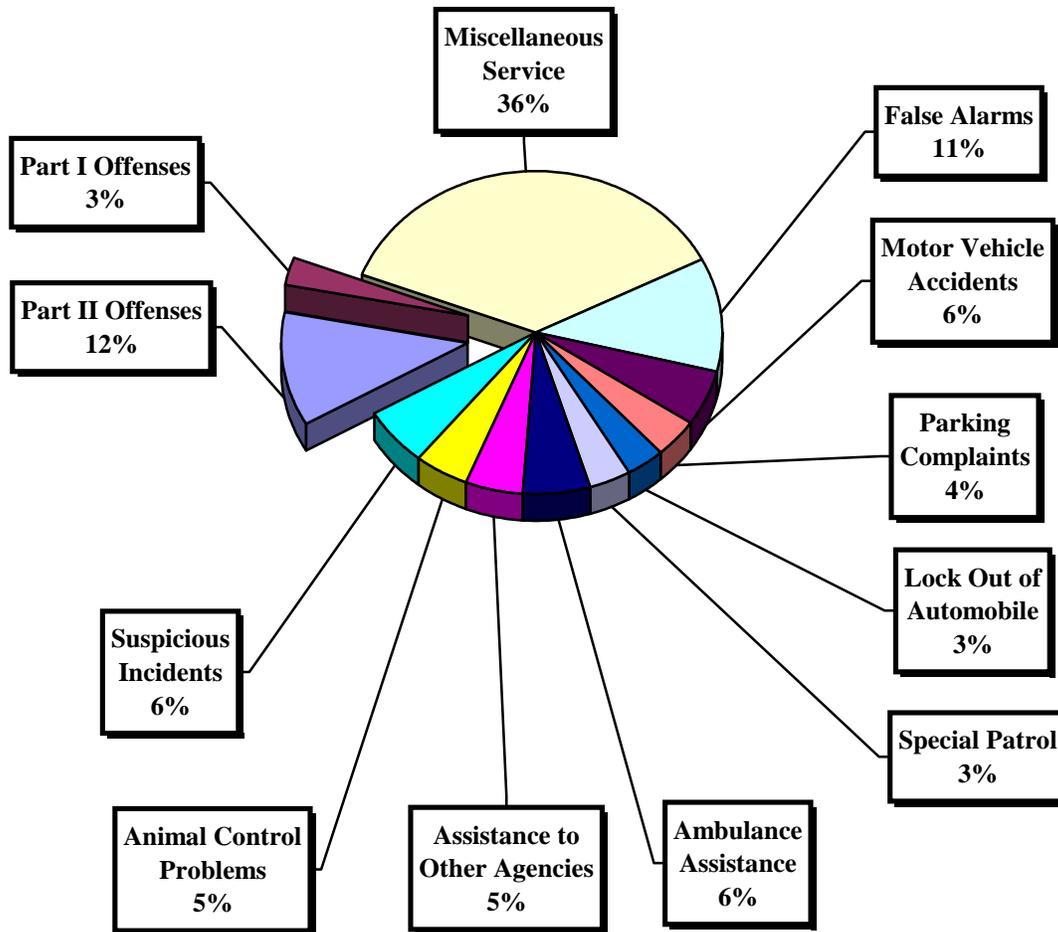
Telecommunicator Christine Kaiser resigned on May 27, 2004 after serving the Department since 1987 to take a civilian position at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Data Processor Irene Quill resigned on December 10, 2004 after serving the Department since 1997 to take a position in the Records Section of the Deerfield Police Department.



**STATISTICAL
SUMMARY
OF
CALLS FOR SERVICE
AND
REPORTED CRIMES**

2004 TOTAL REQUESTS FOR POLICE SERVICE



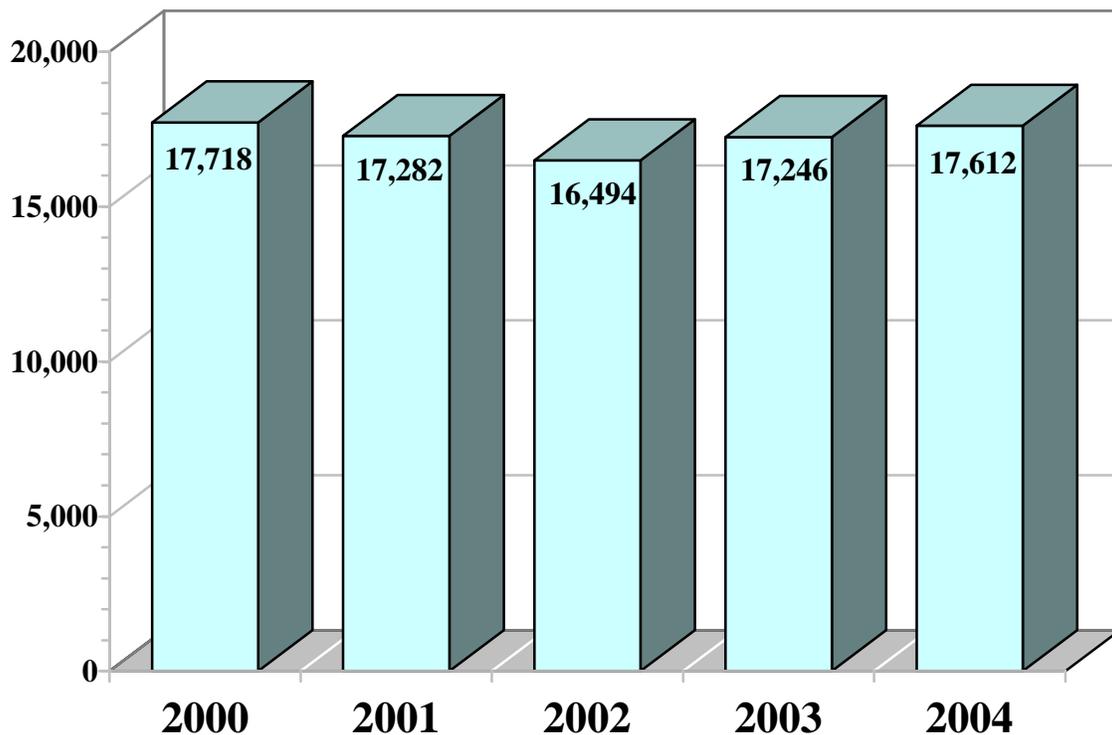
Consistent with the Uniform Crime Reporting System of the Federal Bureau of Identification, Wilmette’s calls for service are divided into three classifications: Part I Offenses, Part II Offenses, and Calls for Police Service. Subsequent pages of this report address each classification separately.

In 2004 there were 17,612 total calls for Police Service* in Wilmette. Of these, 465 calls were for Part I Offenses and 2,010 for Part II Offenses. Nine (9) specific police services are shown separately in the chart above.

* Total requests for police services on pp. 9-10 reflect all calls for police services regardless of disposition. Some of these calls may be later determined to be unfounded, re-classified, or referred to other law enforcement agencies. Beginning on page 11, only those offenses which were “verified” upon investigation are included.

TOTAL REQUESTS FOR POLICE SERVICE

Five-Year Comparison



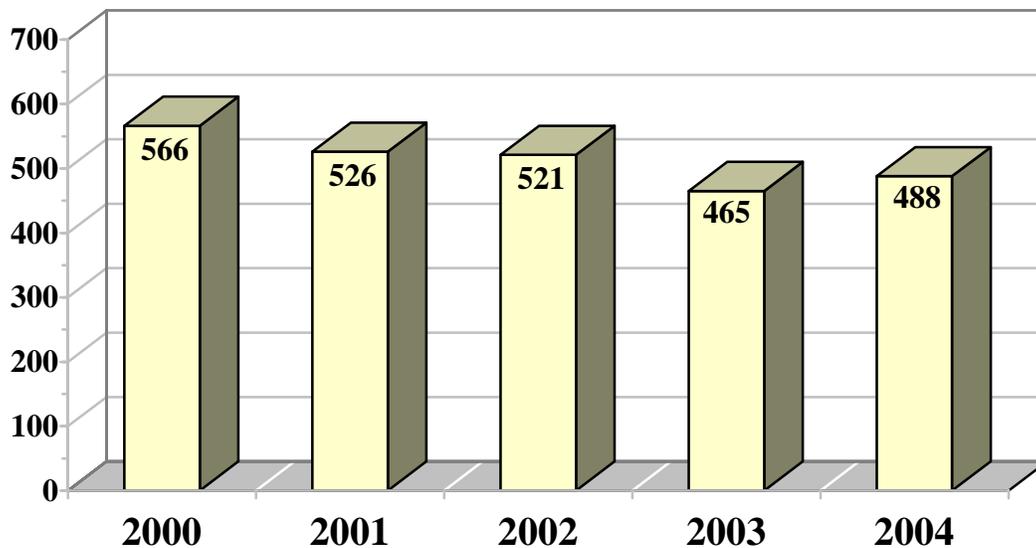
Total Requests for Police Service include all calls for assistance such as criminal complaints, traffic accidents, alarms, arrests and all others as described in this report. These figures do not include minor traffic and parking citations.

Total Requests for Police Service in 2004 increased by approximately 2.1% from 2003.*

*An administrative change made in 2002 excludes some calls for service formerly included in the total number of requests for service. This adjustment resulted in the reduction of approximately 1,000. Notwithstanding this adjustment, there had been a multi-year downward trend in the numbers of calls for service until 2003 when the numbers appear to have stabilized.

PART I OFFENSES

Five-Year Comparison



Part I Offenses as defined by the FBI include: homicide, criminal sexual assault, armed robbery, robbery, aggravated battery, aggravated assault, burglary, burglary to a motor vehicle, theft, motor vehicle theft and arson.

Part I Offenses continue to be low in Wilmette in comparison to most other communities in Illinois and in the United States. The number of Part I Offenses in 2004 is 488, a 4.9% increase from 2003 and is 6.1% lower than the average of the previous four years (519.5).

FIVE YEAR SUMMARY OF PART I OFFENSES

<u>OFFENSES</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Homicide*	0	0	0	1	0
Criminal Sexual Assault	1	1	1	1	3
Robbery	4	3	5	6	5
Aggravated Battery	4	4	1	5	1
Aggravated Assault	1	1	3	2	4
Burglary**	90	88	122	128	109
Burglary to Motor Vehicle	101	76	88	120	129
Theft	271	277	276	241	302
Motor Vehicle Theft	13	12	22	18	12
Arson	3	3	3	4	1
TOTAL	488	465	521	526	566

* The one homicide shown in 2001 was an attempt, which did not result in an actual death.

** Includes commercial, residential and non-residential burglaries. These numbers also include attempt burglaries and home invasions.

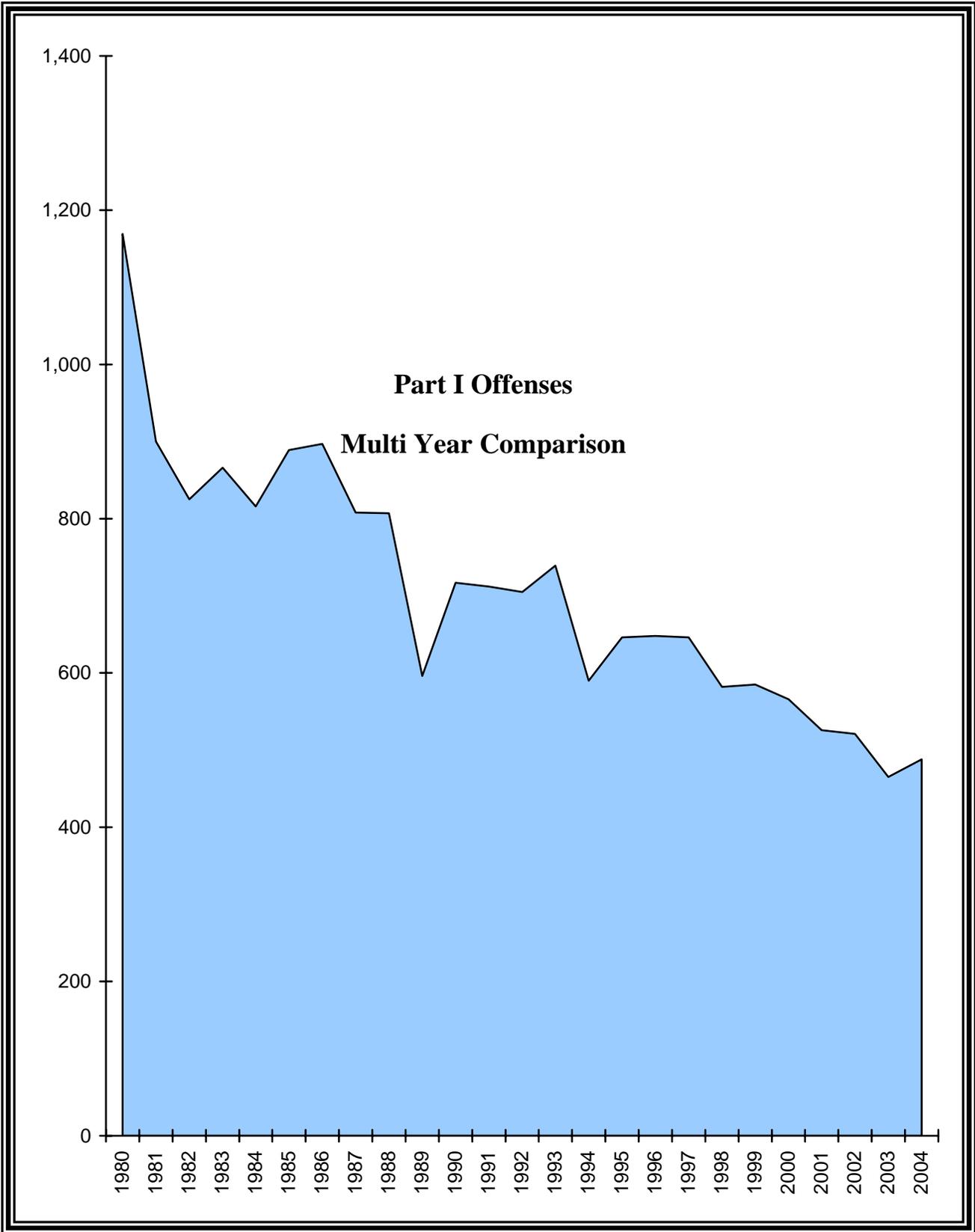
PART I OFFENSES TWENTY YEAR SNAPSHOT

<u>OFFENSES</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1984</u>
Homicide	0	2	1
Criminal Sexual Assault*	1	2	2
Robbery	4	3	5
Aggravated Battery	4	2	2
Aggravated Assault	1	8	1
Burglary**	90	278	281
Burglary to Motor Vehicle	101	83	63
Theft	271	345	480
Motor Vehicle Theft	13	13	30
Arson	3	3	1
TOTALS	488	739	866

This snapshot compares the significant decrease in Part I crimes during the past two decades.

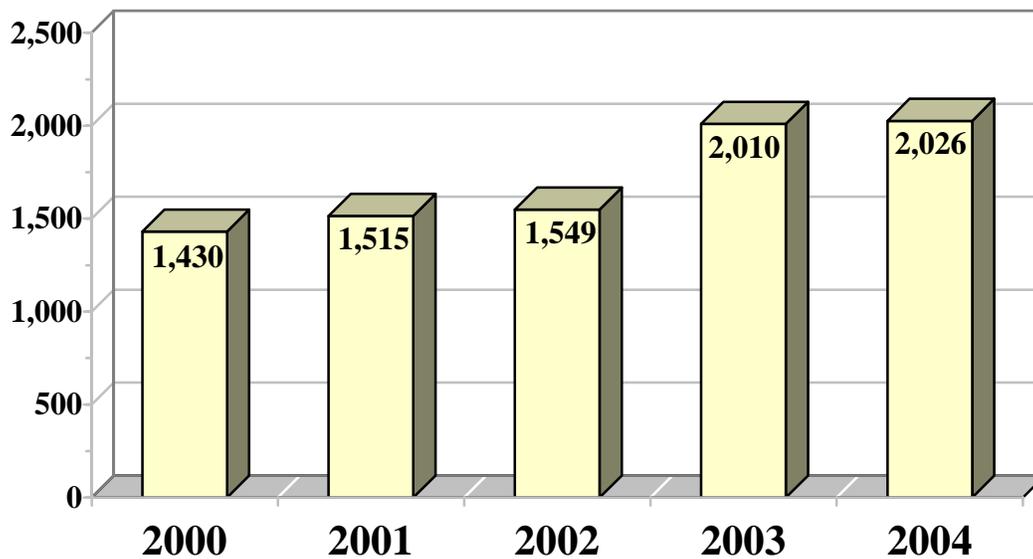
* In 1984 this offense was called Forcible Rape and was considerably more restrictive in definition than the current criminal sexual assault statute.

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PART II OFFENSES

Five-Year Comparison



Part II Offenses as defined by the FBI, include: simple battery, simple assault, theft of services, criminal trespass, vandalism, unlawful use of a weapon, offenses involving children (e.g., minor in possession of alcohol, runaways), serious motor vehicle traffic violations (e.g., driving under the influence), disorderly conduct and other miscellaneous criminal offenses.

The 2,026 Part II Offenses in 2004 represents less than 1% increase over 2003. The number of Part II Offenses was higher than the average of the four previous years (1,626) by approximately 25%. The 2004 numbers, which are consistent with the increase observed in 2003, are affected by the 1,210 motor vehicle traffic arrests and other subsequent Part II violations resulting from the original traffic arrest.

FIVE YEAR SUMMARY OF PART II OFFENSES

<u>OFFENSES</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Simple Battery	66	99	89	74	63
Simple Assault	12	7	8	9	5
Deception	69	76	51	79	102
Other Thefts*	16	18	11	11	11
Criminal Damage/Vandalism	244	286	293	288	247
Weapons Offenses	5	5	4	0	5
Sex Offenses**	4	1	0	10	8
Offenses Involving Children [#]	39	53	25	53	70
Cannabis Violations	54	56	21	35	22
Motor Vehicle Offenses ^{##}	1,210	1,036	662	642	630
Disorderly Conduct	149	166	206	194	169
Miscellaneous Criminal Offenses	158	207	163	120	98
TOTAL	2,026	2,010	1,549	1,515	1,430

* Other thefts include theft of service, theft of mislaid property and possession of stolen property.

** Sex offenses include pandering, sexual exploitation of a child, aggravated criminal sexual abuse, criminal sexual abuse, indecent exposure and child pornography.

Offenses involving children include curfew, runaway juveniles and the sale of tobacco to minors.

Motor vehicle offenses include all misdemeanor traffic arrests such as driving under the influence, driving on a suspended or revoked license, drag racing, fleeing & eluding police, reckless driving, insurance violations and driving without a license.

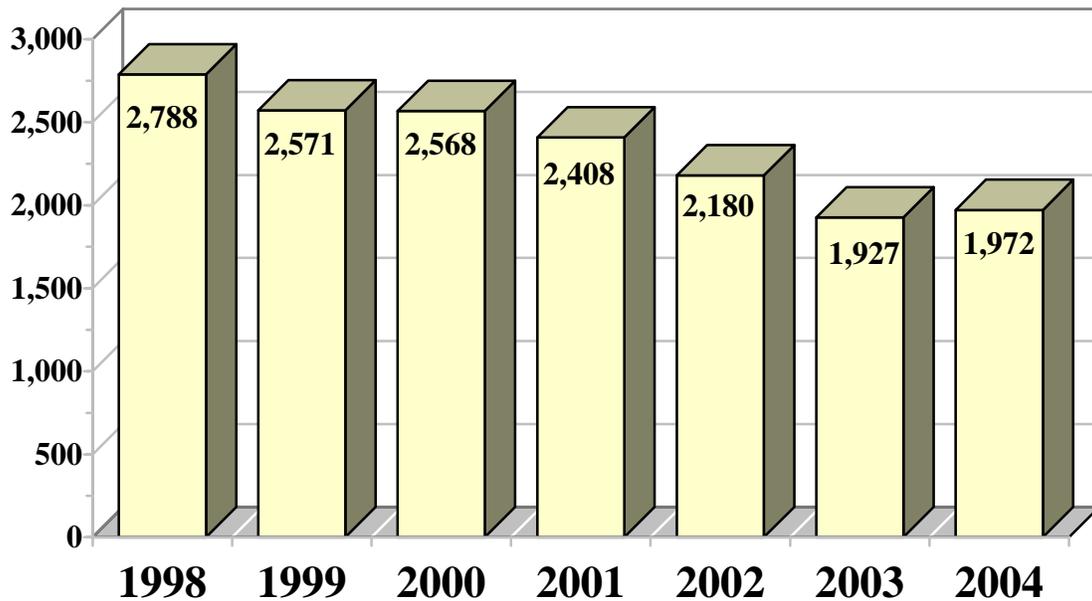
FIVE YEAR SUMMARY OF NON-CRIMINAL SERVICE REQUESTS

NON-CRIMINAL SERVICE

<u>REQUEST</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Abandoned Vehicle	57	63	73	58	51
Aid to Another Department	834	906	925	951	850
Ambulance Assist	1,075	1,125	1,147	1,326	1,283
Animal Problem	837	790	723	672	802
Dispute or Disturbance	201	274	251	167	152
Domestic Trouble	108	97	134	125	113
Driving Complaint	201	191	168	165	212
Field Interview	152	135	115	103	122
Fire Department Call	149	247	65	58	83
Hazardous Roadway	113	111	99	97	110
Juvenile Nuisance Problem	204	214	232	215	179
Lock Out of Automobile	581	523	557	618	636
Lost or Found Property	291	261	280	295	272
Lost License Plates/Driver's License	32	29	21	39	29
Mischief Complaint	72	51	108	77	67
Missing Person	62	46	54	42	63
Motorist Assist	274	307	297	325	404
Noise Complaint	201	194	193	165	204
Open Doors/Window	200	185	242	152	194
Other Ordinance Violation	211	200	184	150	163
Parking Complaint	671	737	599	707	737
Public Accident	31	23	30	44	51
Request for Fingerprint	112	98	118	94	100
Special Patrol	616	643	298	196	158
Safety/Health Hazard	252	329	293	372	390
School Crossing	105	71	63	59	100
Sign/Signal Malfunction	86	130	101	83	76
Suspicious Circumstance	1,045	1,044	1,059	1,282	1,135
Well-Being Check	306	311	258	279	215

FALSE ALARMS

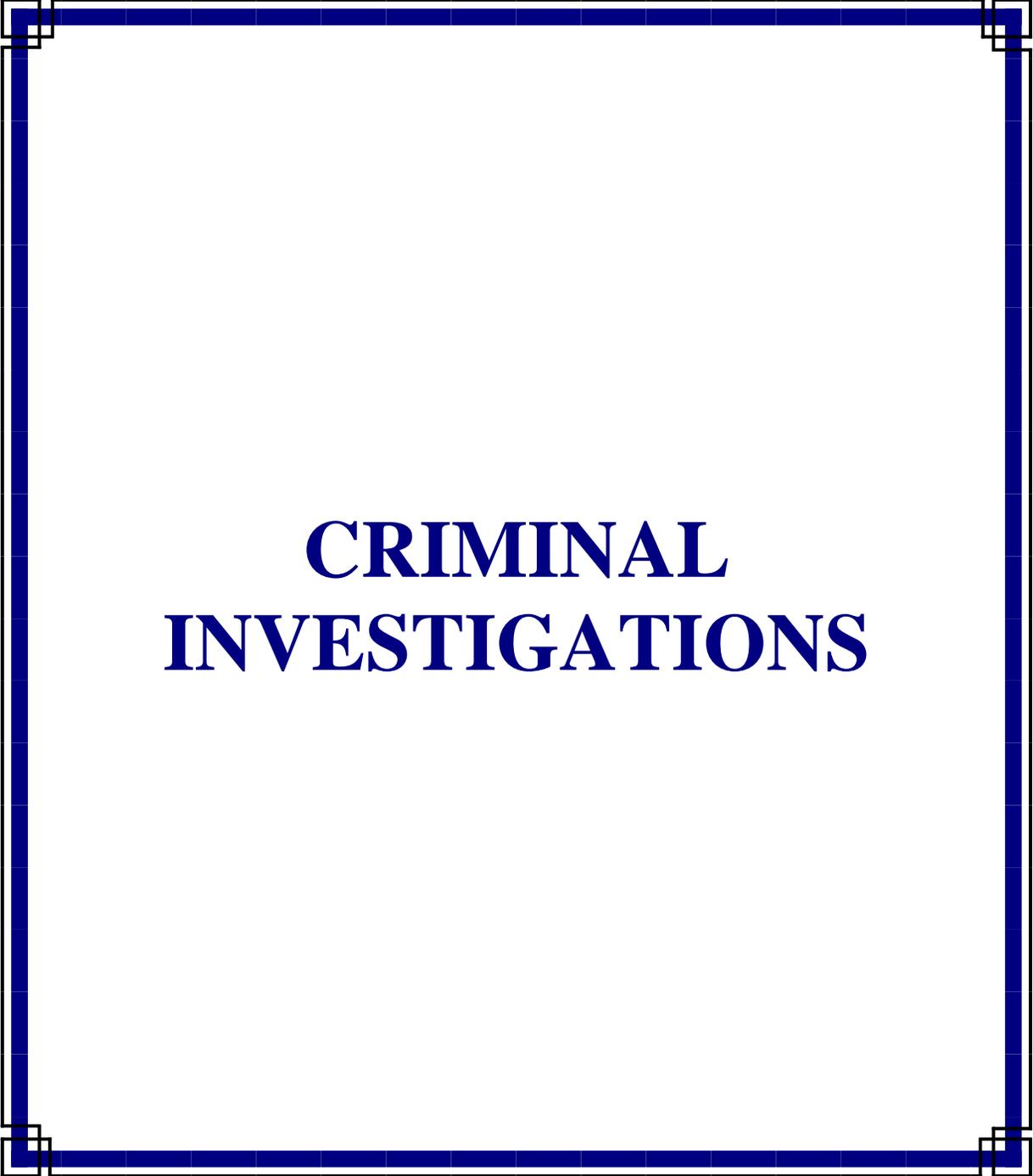
Multi-Year Comparison



In 1998 The Wilmette Village Board of Trustees adopted an ordinance requiring alarm holders to obtain alarm user permits. The above chart shows the steady decline in the number of false alarms since the enactment of the ordinance. The 1,972 false alarms in 2004 is a 2.3% increase from 2003, but a **29% decrease from 1998**, when the ordinance was adopted.

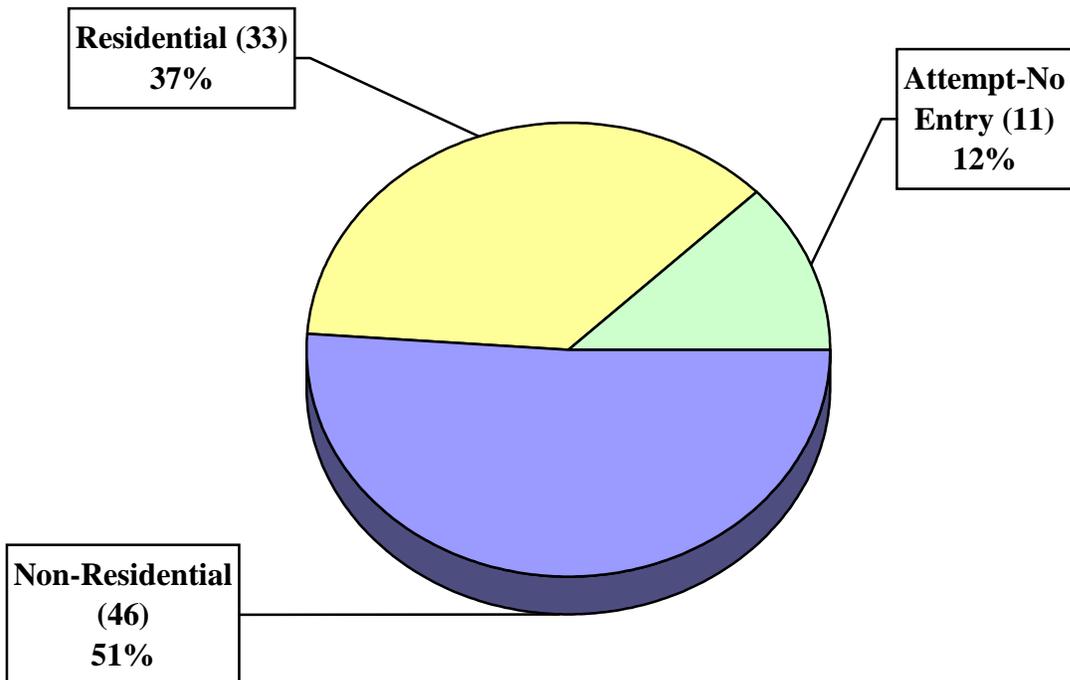
The Police Department has issued over 2,000 registered alarm permits. The permits allow the Department to better identify and assist residents and businesses that experience repeated false alarms due to mechanical malfunction or owner error. Collectively, the permits enable the Department to identify patterns of problems specific to the alarm provider and then to deal directly with alarm companies to ensure the repair or maintenance of defective alarm systems.

Questions regarding the Police Alarm Systems Ordinance (Village Ordinance 5-6) may be directed to Deputy Chief Robert LaMantia, the Village's Alarm Administrator, by telephone at 847-853-7545 or e-mail at lamantiar@wilmette.com.



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

BURGLARIES BY TYPE 2004



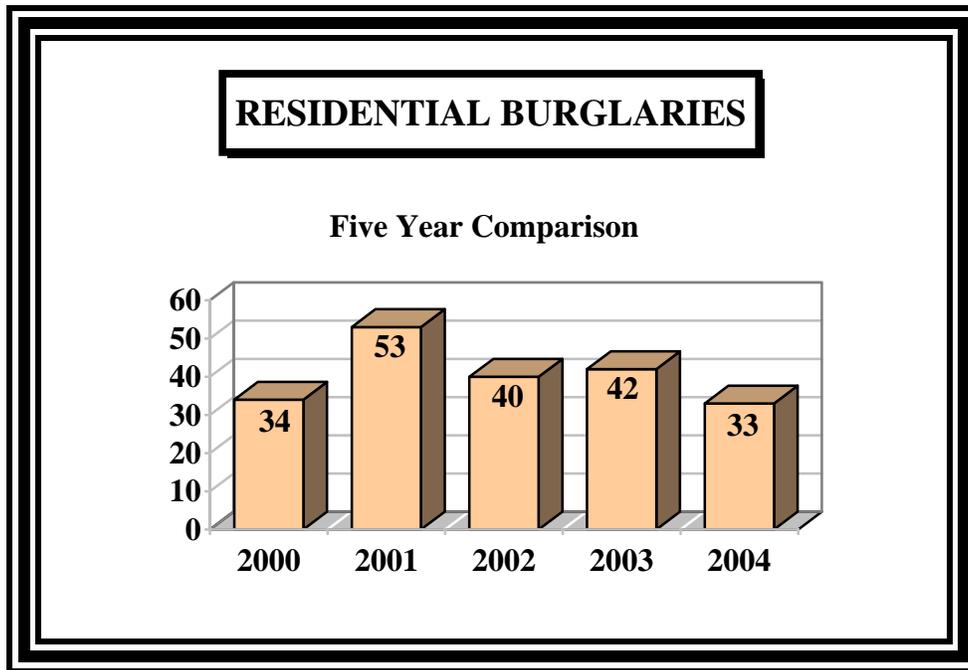
Burglaries are categorized as either residential (those involving a private dwelling or a garage attached to a residence), non-residential (those involving any other type of building such as a business or detached garage) or home invasion*. There was no case of home invasion in Wilmette in 2004.

The charts on the following pages illustrate the substantial fluctuation that can occur from year to year in reported burglaries and the declining trend experienced in Wilmette.

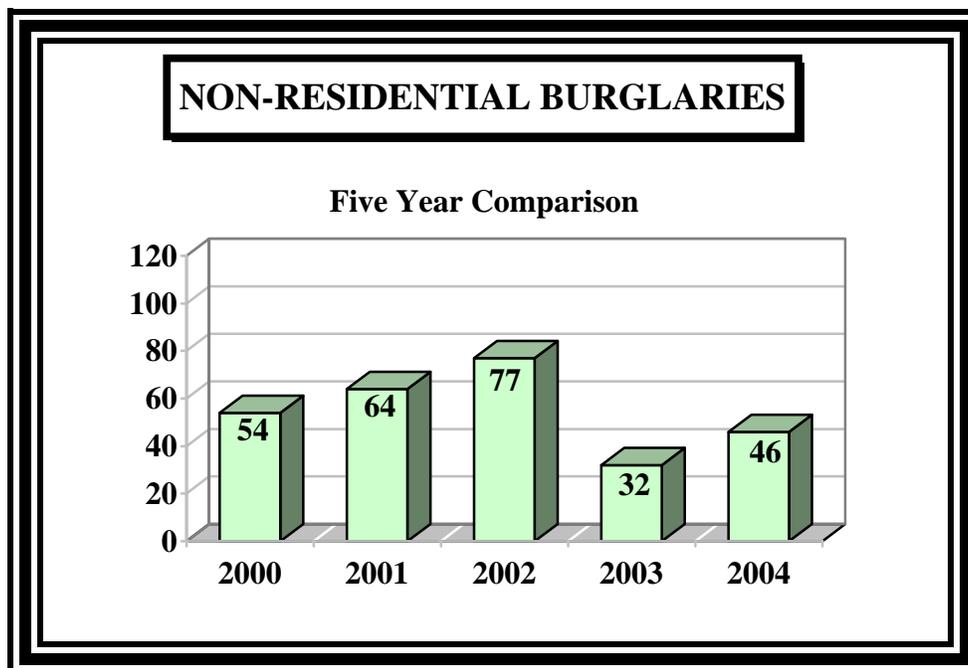
Residents can prevent many of these crimes of opportunity by simply locking their doors and windows. The Police Department continues to promote the concept that locking one's house, garage and car doors is an element of good citizenship. Leaving doors unlocked provides thieves an open invitation to your neighborhood!

*Home Invasion is an offense related to burglary, and requiring the following additional elements:

- The offender knows or has reason to know that one or more persons is present; and
- While armed with a dangerous weapon, uses or threatens the use of force or intentionally causes any injury to any person or persons in the dwelling.



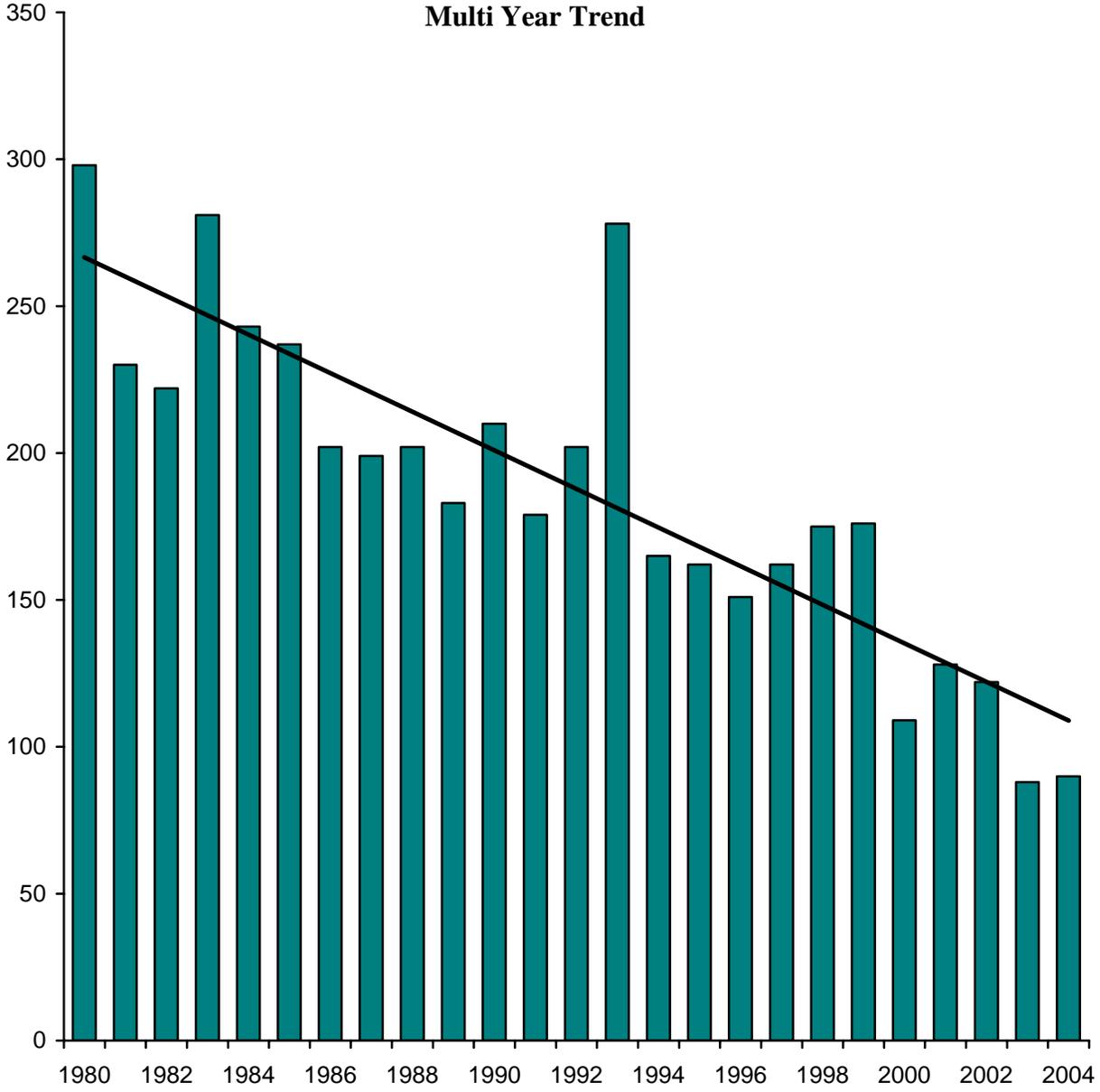
The number of **residential burglaries** in 2004 dropped 21.4% from that of 2003. The number of residential burglaries was approximately 21.9% lower than the average of the previous four years (42.25). Approximately 42.4% of the residential burglaries in 2004 involved no force to gain entry.



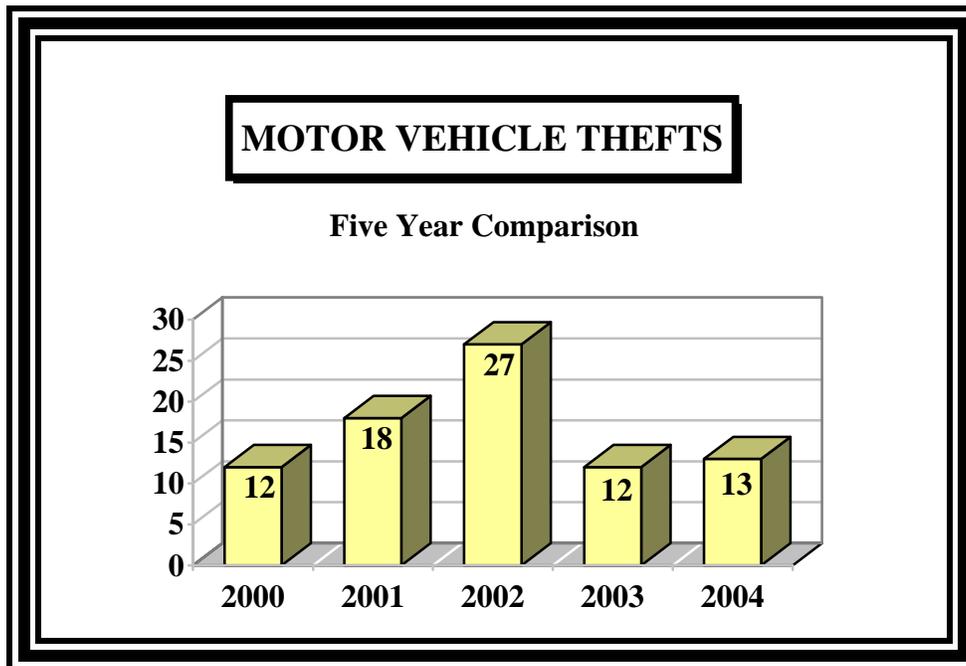
The number of **non-residential burglaries** increased from 32 in 2003 to 46 in 2004. This is still 18.9% below the average for the previous four years (57). Nevertheless, residents can lower these numbers by locking garage doors, as approximately 72% of non-residential burglaries in 2004 involved no force to gain entry.

BURGLARIES

Multi Year Trend



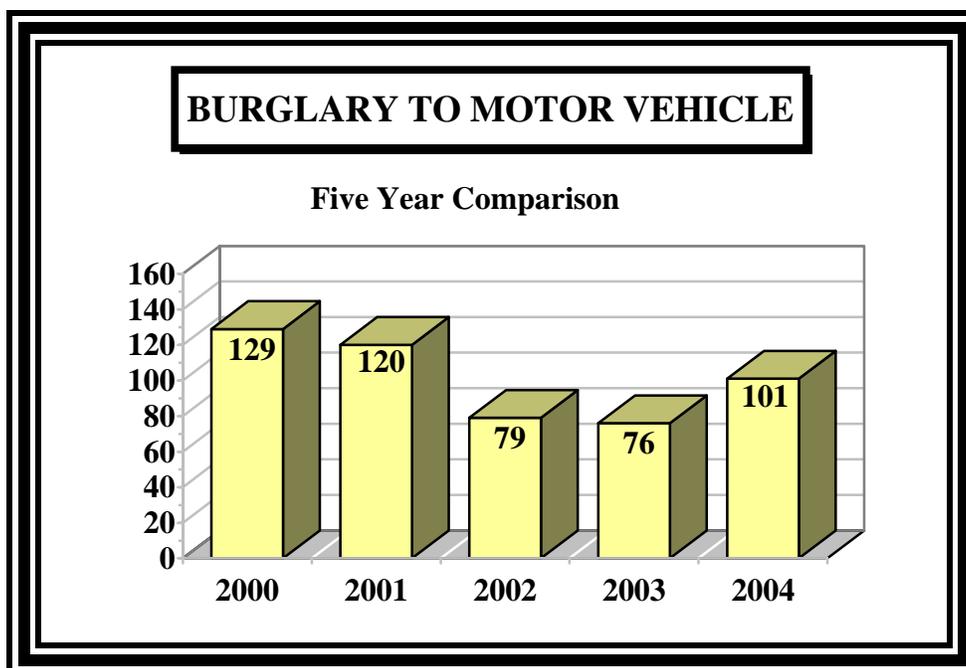
Because burglars target many municipalities in the northern suburbs, the Wilmette Police Detectives continue to collaborate closely with other local police departments to apprehend burglary suspects. Despite the fluctuations, the number of Burglaries in Wilmette has been decreasing steadily since 1980.

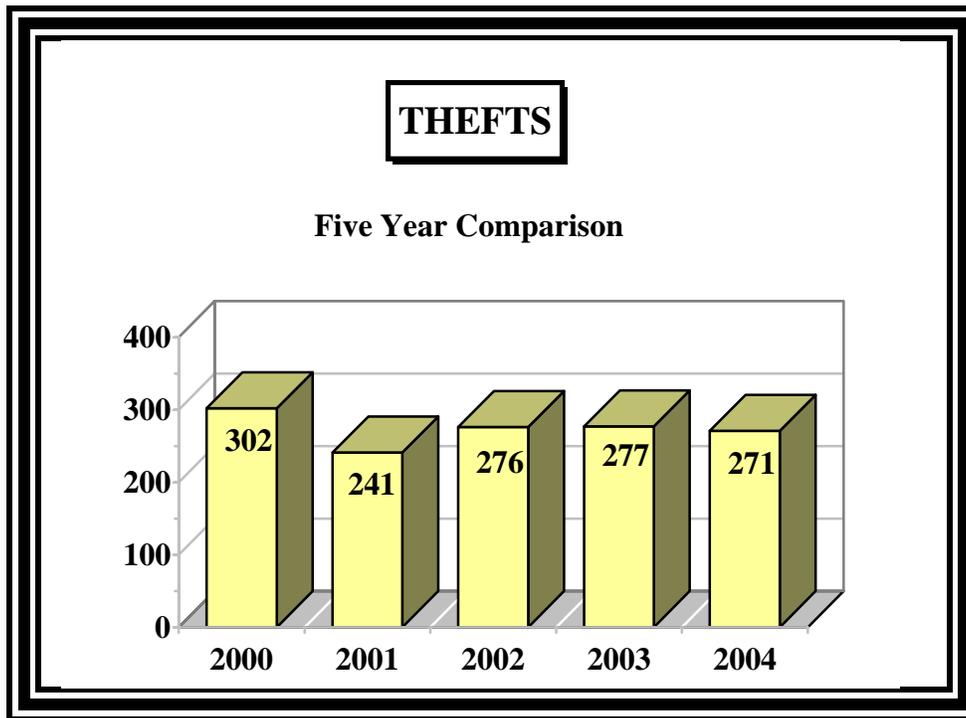


Wilmette's 13 auto thefts in 2004 include two attempts that did not result in the actual theft and is about 23% below the average of the four previous years. Many did not involve any force, having occurred when owners left their vehicles unlocked and with the **keys still in the vehicle**.

Some car owners choose to leave their cars unlocked so that thieves and burglars will not break a car window or gain entry in another forcible manner. But motor vehicle theft and burglary are normally crimes of opportunity. Offenders apprehended continue to tell us that Wilmette is a popular target because residents leave their cars **unlocked**. The "criminal network" shares this information and results in more thieves coming to this community!

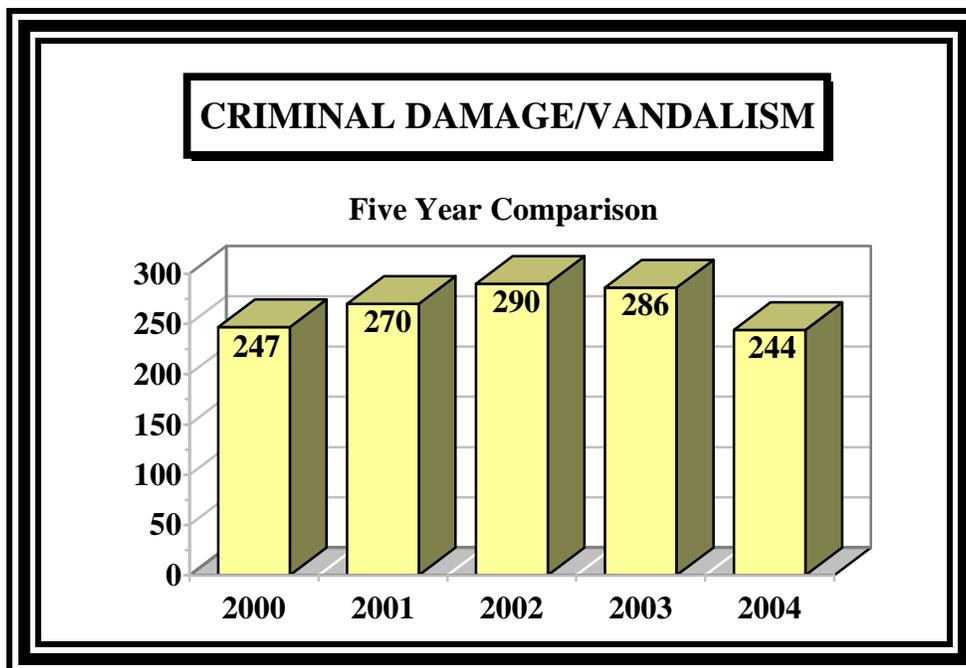
Please lock your car doors at all times.





In 2004 the 271 thefts were approximately equal to the average of the four previous years (274).

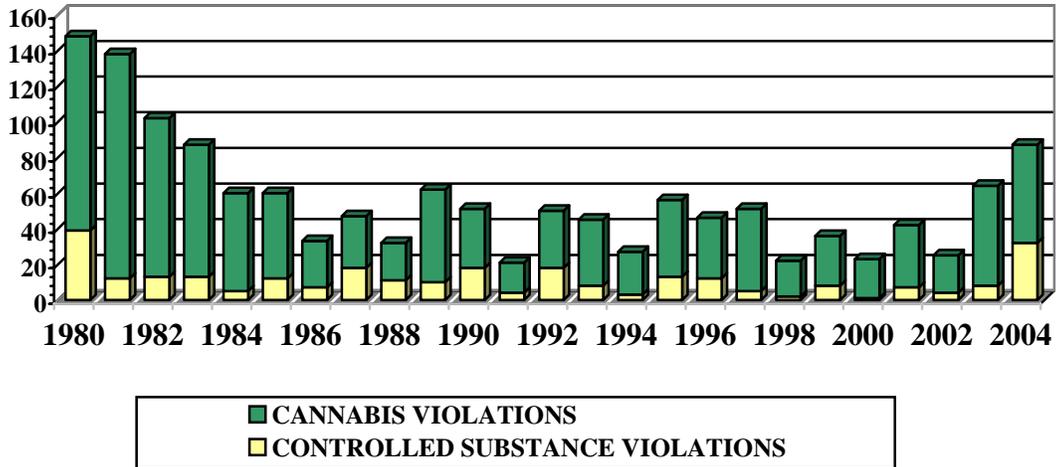
The police wish to remind residents never to leave unattended items in their yards or in front of their homes. Lock unattended bicycles and store them in a secured area.



The 244 incidents of Vandalism, Criminal Damage or Trespass to Property in 2004 decreased by 14.7% from 2003 and were 12% lower than the average of the four previous years (273).

DRUG RELATED OFFENSES

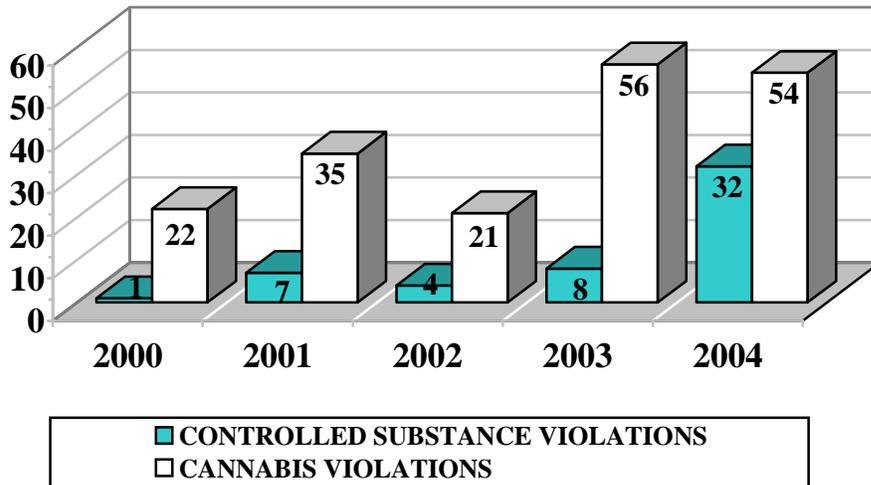
Multi-Year Comparison



Drug related offenses have decreased sharply during the past two decades (above). The level currently experienced in Wilmette is shown in more detail below. The increase in controlled substance arrests during 2004 is a result of the searches following the 1,210 Part II traffic arrests, which remained high in 2004.

DRUG RELATED OFFENSES

Five Year Comparison



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

Every year, the Wilmette Police Department receives hundreds of criminal complaints from the general public. When responding officers are not able to make an immediate arrest, investigators are assigned to conduct a follow-up investigation. The following are several of the significant investigations the Wilmette Police Department conducted in 2004.

Burglary

On April 19th 2004, midnight shift patrol officers stopped three subjects after observing them driving from behind a Wilmette convenience store. Patrol officers and responding evidence technicians and investigators determined the three offenders gained entry to the store with pry bars. All three were charged with burglary and possession of burglary tools.

On May 28th 2004, investigators arrested and charged a 19 year old former Wilmette resident with commercial burglary. The investigation determined that he broke into a Wilmette restaurant on May 17th and stole several hundred dollars.

On December 4, 2004, a Wilmette patrol officer recognized a known career residential burglar walking between homes on the west side of the village. Further investigation and evidence work led to the discovery of a freshly committed burglary, the recovery of the stolen property, and Residential Burglary charges against the offender.

On December 18, 2004, members of the North Regional Burglary Task Force (which includes two Wilmette Police Officers) arrested three career burglars after they were observed committing a burglary at a home in Morton Grove. Investigators recovered proceeds from the Morton Grove burglary, as well as those from a Niles home the offenders burglarized on that same day. All three offenders were charged with multiple counts of Residential Burglary and Possession of Burglary Tools. (See NORTAF Burglary Task Force pg. 28)

Criminal Damage

On March 27th 2004, investigators arrested three 16 year old offenders after they admitted to damaging two cars on the west side of the village. The juveniles smashed all of the windows and slashed tires on the cars. They were also arrested in Skokie for damaging eleven cars.

On June 14, 2004, two Wilmette 18 year old subjects were arrested for damaging five cars in Wilmette and approximately ten vehicles in Evanston with baseball bats. One was charged with felony Criminal Damage to Property, and the other was charged with a misdemeanor.

Theft

In February 2004 detectives set up surveillance cameras and a motion alarm in a Wilmette church. On February 3rd, midnight patrol officers arrested an Evanston resident after he entered an office inside the church and stole church donations. He was charged with five counts of Theft.

On August 23, 2004, after a lengthy investigation involving video surveillance, detectives made an arrest in a series of theft incidents occurring at a Wilmette Park District facility. A juvenile who worked at the concession stand was interviewed by detectives and confessed to stealing money from wallets on five documented occasions as well as a bicycle, pocket knife and a Game Boy. He was petitioned to juvenile court for Theft.

Financial Crimes

On February 27th 2004, Investigators arrested three Chicago residents for Deceptive Practice and Credit Card Theft. The investigation uncovered a credit card skimming ring operating at a Skokie restaurant. The offenders, who were working as waiters, skimmed victims' credit cards into a small computer and created fictitious credit cards with valid numbers. The United States Secret Service took part in the case and continued the case as part of a federal investigation.

Criminal Sexual Assault

On August 20th 2004, Investigators arrested a local registered sex offender and charged him with two counts of Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse after determining he had consensual sexual relations with a 15 year old girl in July 2004. He had been previously arrested and charged in July 2004 with Theft, Criminal Damage to Property, and Being on School Grounds as a Registered Sex Offender.

Domestic Battery

In November 22nd, 2004 an alleged victim reported that he was cut by his ex-wife during a fight. Investigators determined the ex-husband cut himself, called the police, and claimed his ex-wife cut him with a knife. The ex-husband was charged with Filing a False Police Report.



Sergeant Matthew McConnell
Investigative Team Leader



Officer Solveig Sullivan
Forensic Team Leader



Sergeant Edmund Trage
Investigator

NORTH REGIONAL MAJOR CRIMES TASK FORCE

The North Regional Major Crimes Task Force (NORTAF) is a group consisting of investigators and forensic specialists from thirteen local police departments. NORTAF exists to assist member municipalities in the investigation of homicides, non-parental kidnappings and school shootings. Three Wilmette Police Department personnel are assigned to the task force.

2004 ACTIVATION SUMMARY

NORTAF was called out to assist member agencies on seven occasions during 2004.

- On February 2nd, NORTAF responded to Evanston after a 25 year-old man and a 35 year-old man were found deceased in a residence there. Toxicology tests subsequently revealed that the men both died from drug and alcohol intoxication.
- On March 7th, NORTAF investigated the critical shooting of a 24 year-old man in Evanston. The victim survived and NORTAF investigators turned the aggravated battery investigation back over to Evanston Police.
- On July 9th, NORTAF was called to Northbrook after two people were found shot to death at a residence. The investigation revealed the deaths to be the result of a murder-suicide.
- On July 23rd, NORTAF investigated the stabbing death of a 60 year-old Evanston resident. A 40 year-old man was arrested and charged with murder.
- On October 9th, NORTAF investigated the shooting death of a 27 year-old Evanston resident. A 23 year-old man was apprehended in Florida the same week and charged with murder.
- On October 21st, NORTAF responded to Evanston after a newborn infant was found deceased in a hospital laundry room. The infant's mother was eventually identified.
- On December 13th, NORTAF responded to Glenview to investigate the double homicide of a 38 year-old woman and her 60 year-old mother. The estranged husband of the younger victim was arrested and charged with solicitation to commit murder.

NORTAF BURGLARY TASK FORCE

On May 8, 2004 the thirteen NORTAF member agencies formed a Burglary Task Force to address burglary patterns that are affecting multiple member agencies. Two Wilmette Police Department personnel are assigned to the Burglary Task Force.



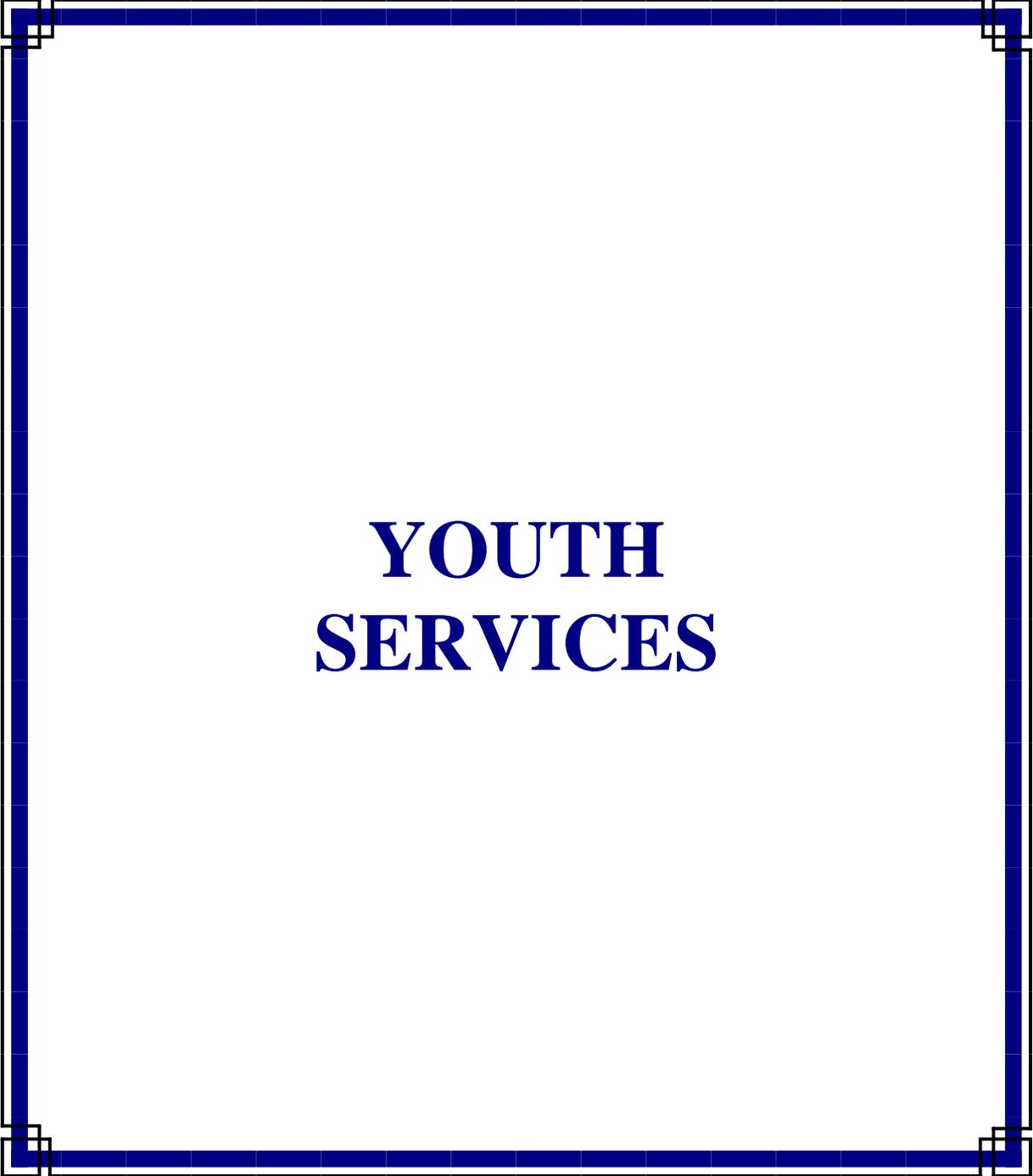
Investigator Michael McGarry
Operations Commander



Officer David Sweet
Investigator

In 2004, the burglary task force was activated on two occasions.

- In mid-October, the task force was activated for an 18-day period. Valuable intelligence was developed to assist in future investigations.
- In mid-December, the task force was activated for a 10-day period. Three Chicago residents were arrested and charged after they were observed in the commission of a residential burglary in Morton Grove. They were also charged with an additional count of residential burglary for an offense in Niles they committed on the same night.



YOUTH SERVICES

YOUTH SERVICES



In cooperation with the Wilmette School District two police officers teach Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.), a national drug and violence prevention education, in every fifth grade classroom.

A recent curriculum change in D.A.R.E. has resulted in a new 10 week program incorporating the same objectives as the earlier 17 week program, but utilizing different learning methods from years past.

D.A.R.E. is designed to provide young students with the skills to resist substance abuse and develop life skills. It is the largest drug and violence prevention program in the world. In order to prevent drug abuse and teach life skills to students, the D.A.R.E. curriculum focuses on the following objectives:

- ◆ Learning to recognize and resist peer pressure to experiment with tobacco, alcohol and other drugs.
- ◆ Enhancing self-esteem.
- ◆ Learning assertiveness techniques.
- ◆ Learning anger management and conflict resolution skills.
- ◆ Developing risk assessment and decision making skills.
- ◆ Building interpersonal and communications skills.
- ◆ Learning about positive alternatives to substance abuse.



Officer Sally Krystal
D.A.R.E. Instructor



Officer Alex Mercado
D.A.R.E. Instructor

YOUTH INVESTIGATIONS

During 2004, the Wilmette Police Department arrested 160 youths, which is a 9.6% increase from the 146 juvenile arrests in 2003 and 27% higher than the average of the four previous years (125.5). (See the table on page 32 for a Five-Year Summary of Juvenile Arrests by Offense). Some of the arrests include multiple offenses. Juvenile offenses are divided into three categories: Alcohol offenses, which refer to arrests for possession or consumption of alcohol; Status offenses, which include curfew and runaway violations; and Criminal offenses, which are violations of state statutes.

PETITIONS TO JUVENILE COURT

In 2004 the Wilmette Police Department filed seven (7) delinquency petitions with the Juvenile Court of Cook County. Several of the youths were charged with multiple criminal offenses resulting in the following 12 charges.

OFFENSE	NUMBER
Residential Burglary	2
Burglary	2
Possession of Stolen Motor Vehicle	2
Theft	2
Criminal Damage to Property	2
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	1
Disorderly Conduct	1



Illinois Police Officer Memorial in Springfield, IL

NEW TRIER TOWNSHIP PEER JURY PROGRAM

The Peer Jury Program was created in 1998 to offer first-time non-violent juvenile offenders an opportunity to avoid a formal petition to the Cook County Juvenile Court. From the very inception of the program, the Wilmette Police Department has been an active partner with Peer Jury in fulfilling its commitment to holding our youth accountable and reducing recidivism.

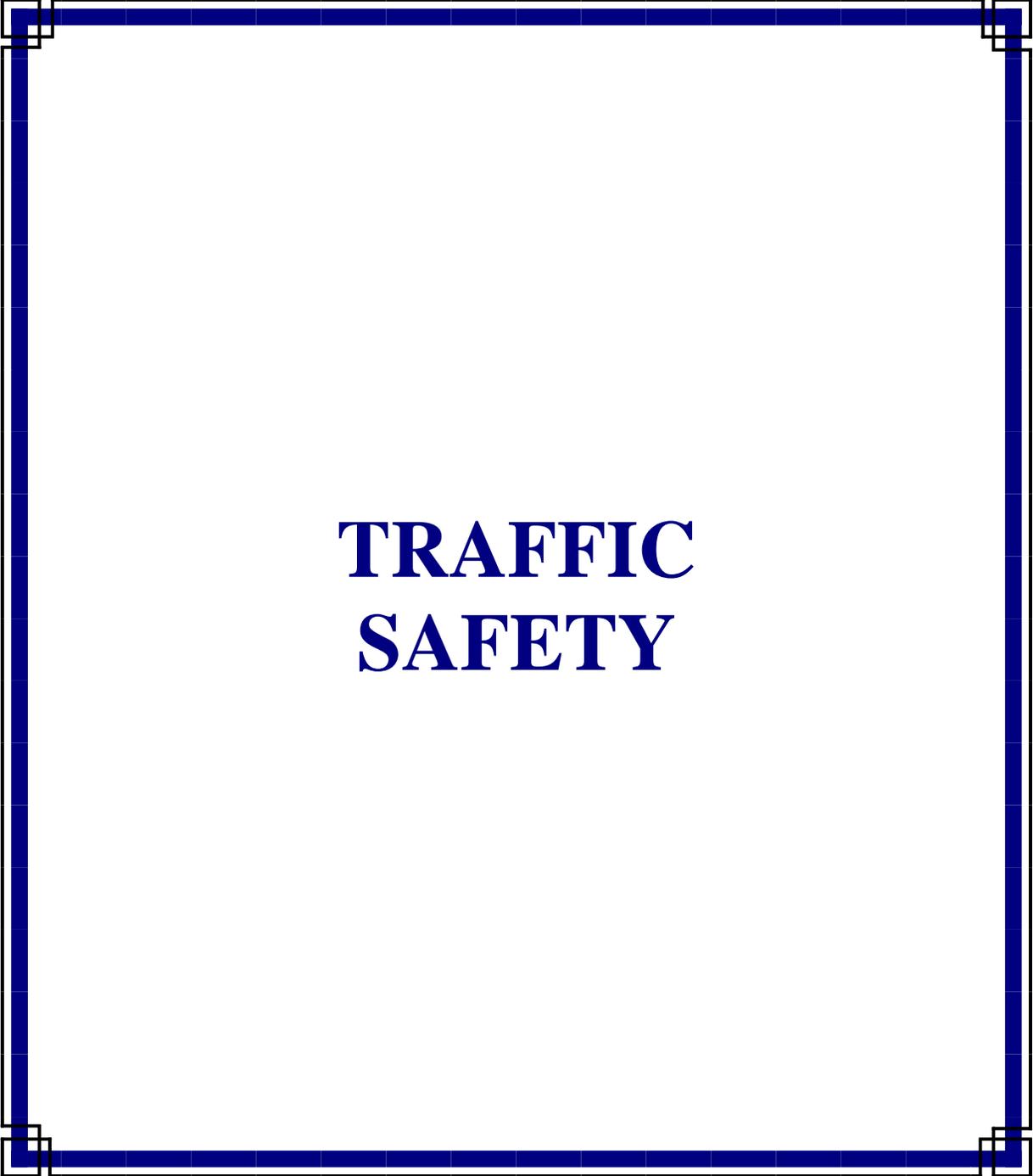
The program is a collaboration of the New Trier Township Board of Trustees, area police departments, private and public high schools, and Township social service agencies. The Peer Jury has a proven history of dramatically reducing repeat offenses in a cost effective manner. Juvenile offenders are required to confront their guilt and serve a sentence that may include community service, writing assignments, and apologizing to parents and victims. During 2004 the Wilmette Police Department submitted 25 cases for various minor offenses (see table below). Fifteen youths completed their sentences, and ten are still in the process of completing them.

WILMETTE PEER JURY REFERRALS – 2004

<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>SENTENCE</u>	<u>COMPLETED</u>
Criminal Damage to Property	15 Hrs. Community Service	YES
Criminal Damage to Property	10 Hrs. Community Service	YES
Criminal Damage to Property	18 Hrs. Community Service	YES
Criminal Damage to Property	30 Hrs. Community Service	In Progress
Criminal Damage to Property	0 Hrs. Community Service	N/A
Criminal Trespass to Vehicle	25 Hrs. Community Service	YES
Criminal Trespass to Vehicle	25 Hrs. Community Service	YES
Criminal Trespass to Vehicle	25 Hrs. Community Service	YES
Criminal Trespass to Vehicle	30 Hrs. Community Service	YES
Criminal Trespass to Property	30 Hrs. Community Service	YES
Criminal Trespass to Property	30 Hrs. Apology Letter	YES
Criminal Trespass to Property	15 Hrs. Apology Letter	YES
Theft	21 Hrs. Apology Letter	YES
Theft	20 Hrs. Apology Letter	YES
Possession of Alcohol	8 Hrs. Community Service	YES
Curfew / Criminal Trespass	5 Hrs. Community Service	YES
Curfew / Criminal Trespass	7 Hrs. Community Service	YES
Burglary to Auto	125 Hrs. Community Service	In Progress
Residential Burglary	50 Hrs. Community Service	In Progress
Residential Burglary	50 Hrs. Community Service	In Progress
Residential Burglary	75 Hrs. Community Service	In Progress
Residential Burglary	40 Hrs. Community Service	In Progress
Residential Burglary	30 Hrs. Community Service	In Progress
Residential Burglary	15 Hrs. Community Service	In Progress
Battery	65 Hrs. Community Service	In Progress

FIVE YEAR SUMMARY OF JUVENILE ARRESTS BY OFFENSE

<u>Offense</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
<u>Alcohol Offenses</u>					
Alcohol Offenses	45	25	19	33	11
<u>Status Offenses</u>					
Curfew	2	17	7	14	17
Runaway	20	2	2	2	7
Total Status Offenses	22	19	9	16	24
<u>Criminal Offenses</u>					
Arson	0	0	0	2	0
Assault	1	0	0	0	0
Battery	7	16	2	5	11
Burglary	8	1	2	0	1
Burglary to Motor Vehicle	1	1	0	4	5
Burglary Tools	2	0	0	0	0
Criminal Damage	18	13	9	8	9
Deception	0	1	2	1	2
Disorderly Conduct	12	7	19	7	19
Drugs	2	7	4	11	6
Kidnapping	0	0	0	0	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	3	0	0	0
Other	2	1	0	0	0
Resisting / Obstructing	2	0	2	0	1
Robbery	0	0	0	0	1
Sex Offenses	0	0	0	3	0
Theft	11	13	9	14	11
Traffic	34	29	12	17	13
Trespass, Non-Residential	3	1	3	1	8
Trespass to Residence	6	2	0	0	12
Trespass to Vehicle	3	5	5	0	0
Weapons	1	1	0	0	2
Total Criminal Offenses	114	102	69	73	102
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>146</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>137</u>



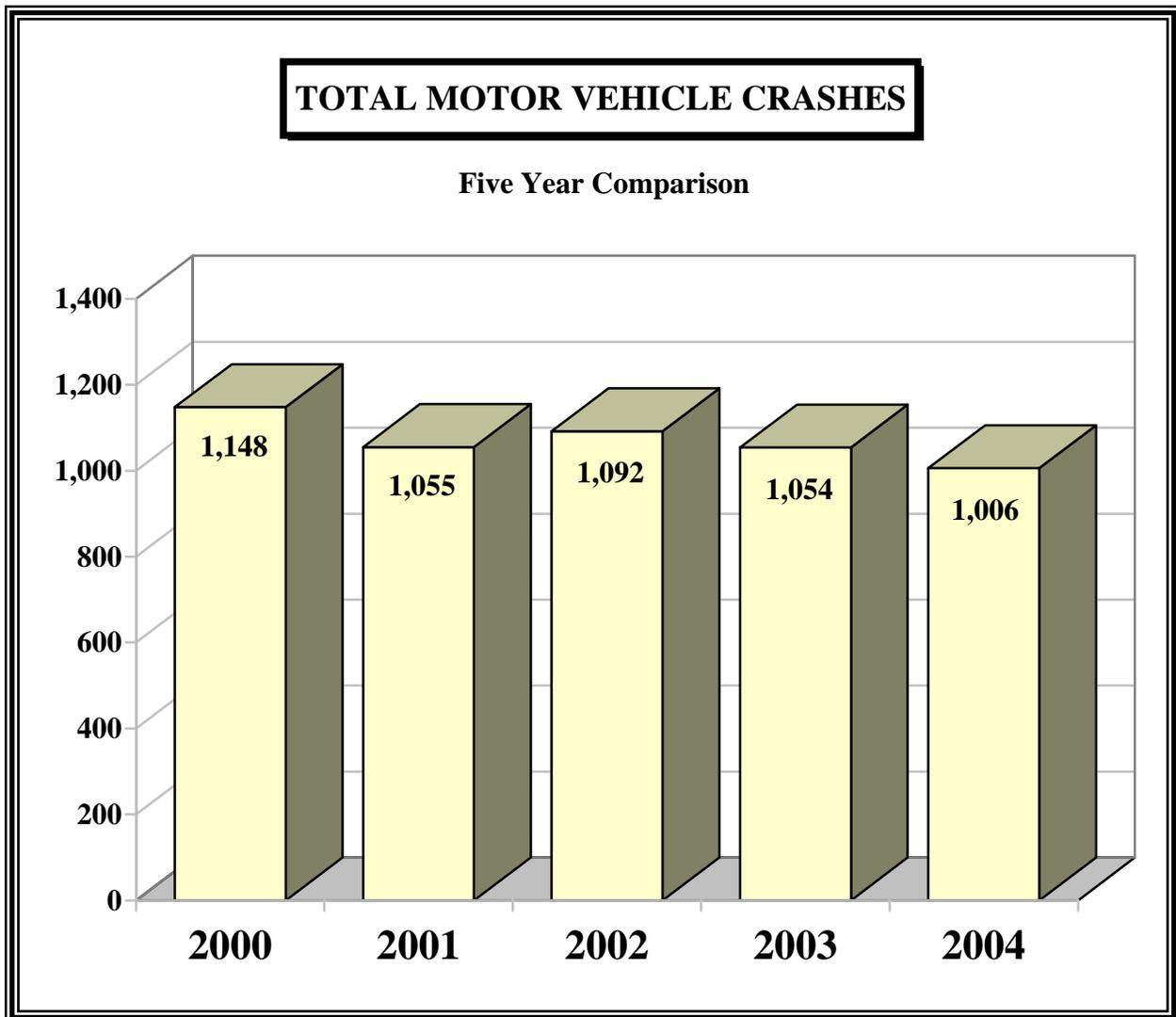
TRAFFIC SAFETY

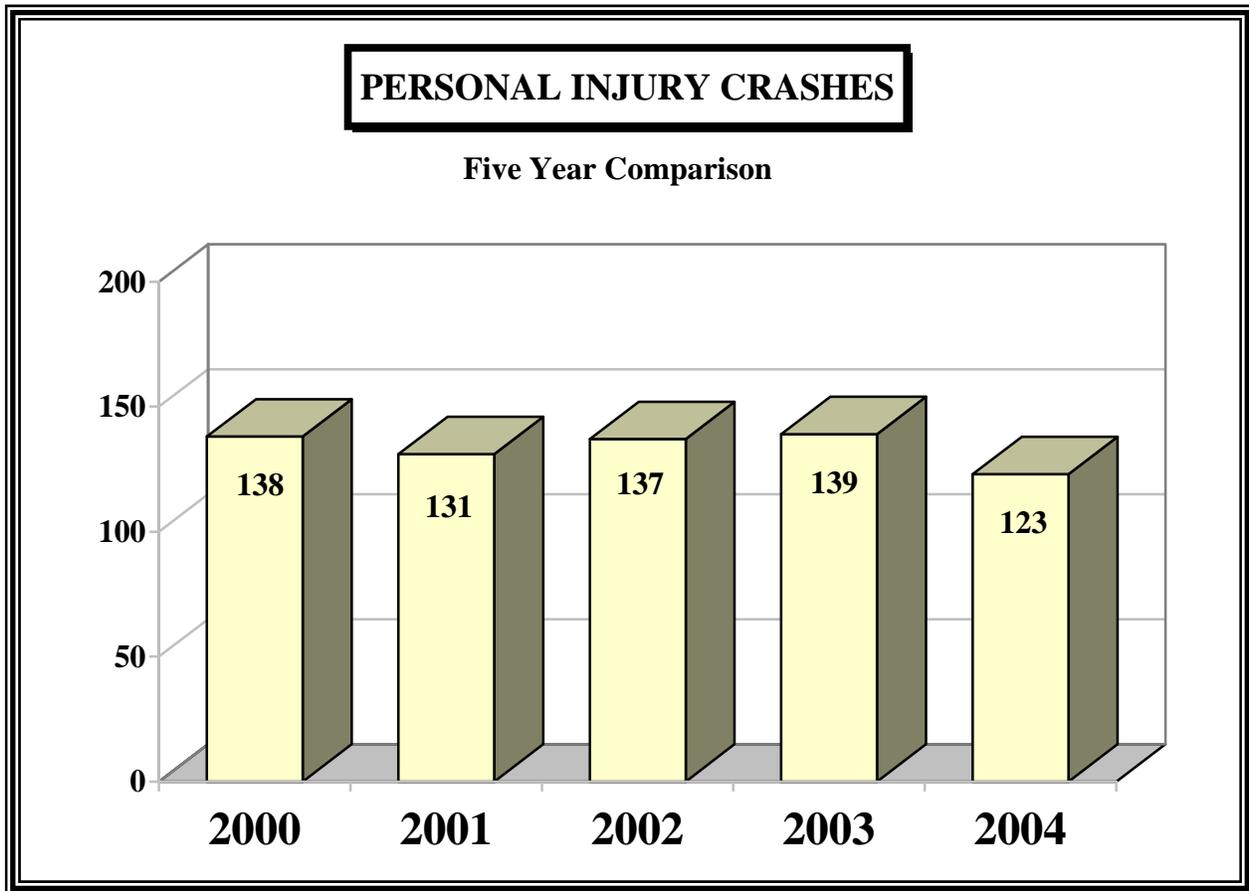
TRAFFIC SAFETY

The three “E”s of increasing traffic safety in Wilmette are Engineering, Education and Enforcement. Members of the Wilmette Police Department work actively with various Village committees, other departments and the Illinois Department of Transportation in an ongoing effort to enhance traffic safety. Problems are identified, and engineering solutions for traffic and parking are found. The Department is in regular dialogue with residents, merchants, and motorists to educate the public on issues relevant to traffic safety. Finally, the Wilmette Police aggressively enforce laws designed to promote traffic safety in Wilmette.

The Wilmette Police Department maintains the following goals for public education and enforcement priorities: DUI enforcement, Speeding in school zones, and high accident locations.

The number of traffic crashes in Wilmette in 2004 decreased by 4.6% from that of 2003. This number is also 7.5% lower than the average number of crashes in the four preceding years. The total number of crashes appears to be declining by approximately 3% per year over the last five years.





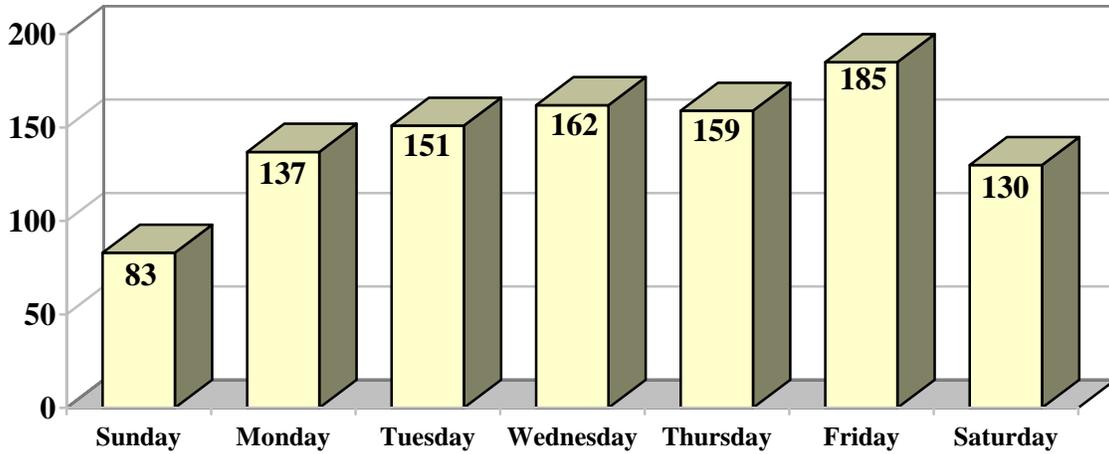
Wilmette experienced 123 personal injury accidents in 2004, which includes two (2) fatal accidents. Personal injury accidents made up 12.5% of Wilmette crashes during the last five years. The single greatest factor in reducing the severity of personal injuries or avoiding them altogether in crashes is properly fastening in all vehicle occupants with safety belts or child safety seats.

Illinois' primary seat belt enforcement law enacted on July 3, 2003 was credited as one of the main reasons why the state experienced its lowest number of traffic deaths since 1943. Preliminary numbers released by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), Illinois experienced 113, or 7.7%, fewer people killed in traffic crashes in 2004 than in 2003. Comparing only the first six months of 2004 with the same period in 2003 prior to the enactment of the law shows a reduction of 63, or 8.7%, in fatalities.

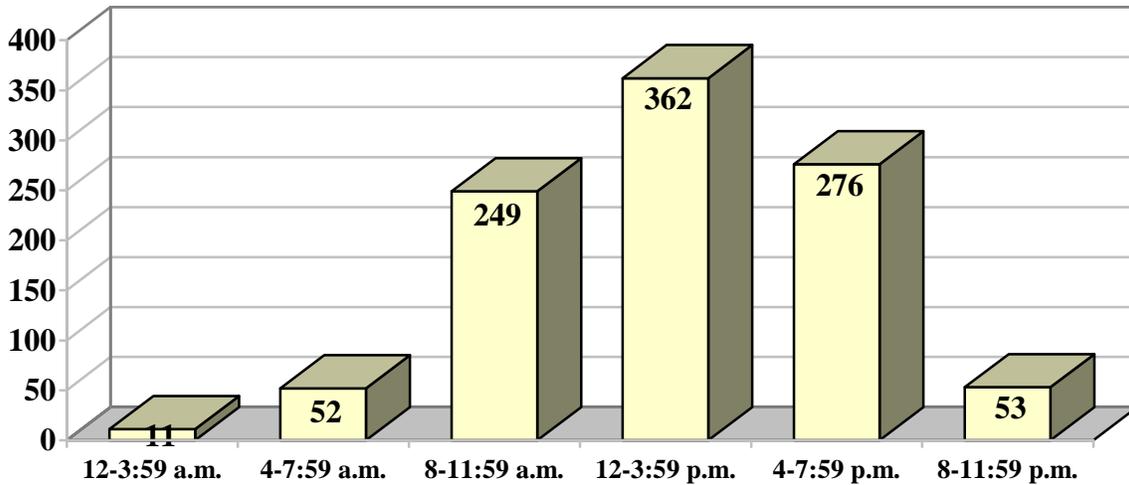
The proper use of seat belts and child safety seats is necessary to reduce injuries and death. On Wilmette roadways during 2004, Wilmette Police Officers observed motorists irresponsibly exposing themselves or their children to potentially fatal collision forces, and issued 299 citations for not wearing safety belts or using child safety seats.

Click it or ticket
It's not about writing tickets.
*It's about **SAVING LIVES.***

2004 Crashes by Day of Week

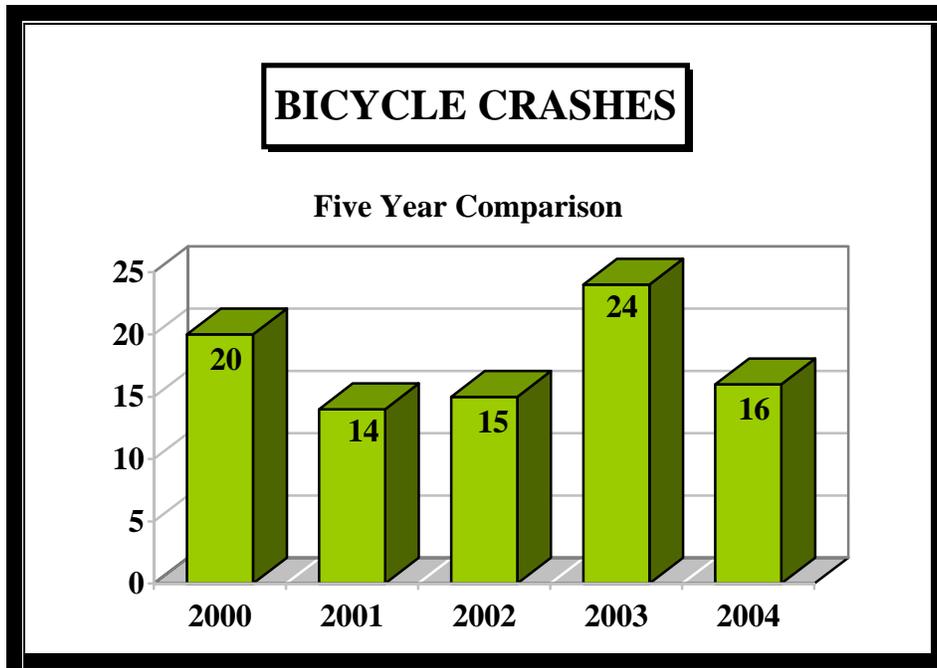


2004 Crashes by Time of Day

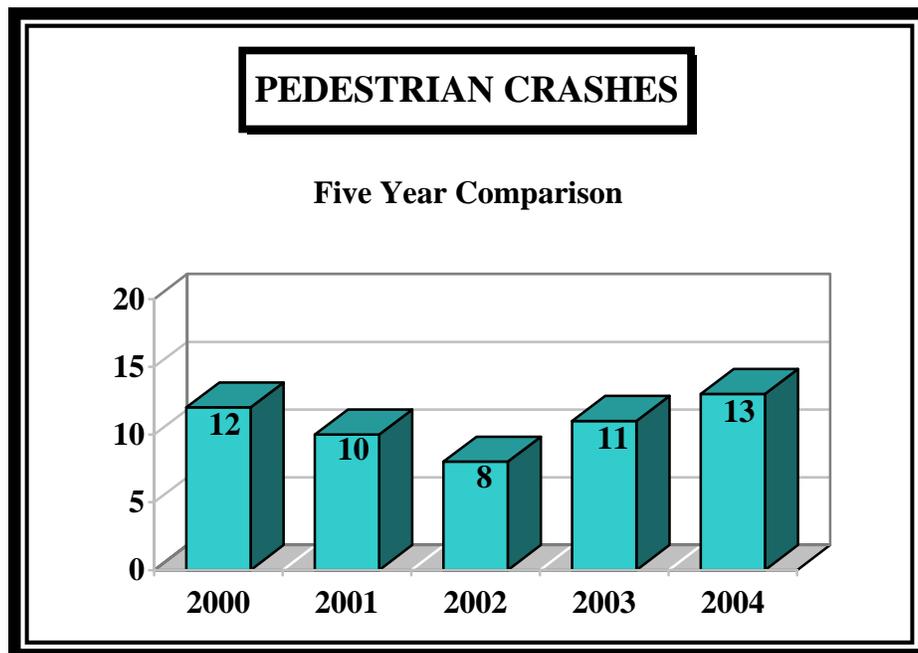


The above charts separate Wilmette's 2004 motor vehicle crashes by day of week and time of day. Higher numbers of crashes occur during weekdays and during daylight hours, which are the days and times with heavier traffic volumes on the roads. The majority of crashes (88.2%) occurred during daylight hours between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

*Four of the crashes reported to the department were not taken into consideration for the Crashes by Time of Day comparison because they occurred at unknown times.



Wilmette Police Officers work closely with the Village-wide Civics & Safety Committee, the Transportation Commission, and the Bicycle Task Force in an effort to reduce the numbers of bicycle crashes. Various officers have made Bicycle Safety Day Presentations at Wilmette elementary schools to teach students about the importance of riding safely and always wearing helmets.



“TOP TEN” CRASH INTERSECTIONS

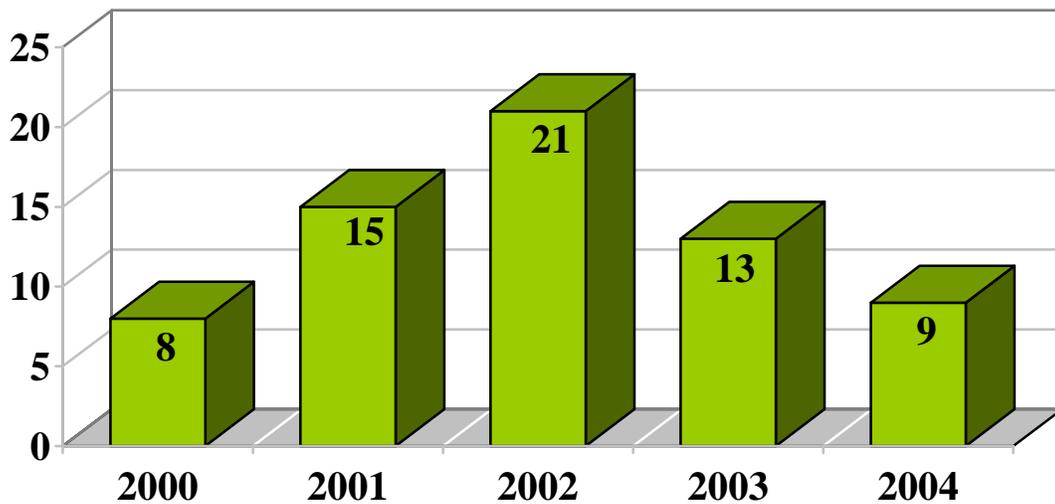
RANKED BY FREQUENCY

2004 Rank	Location	2004	2003
1)	Lake Ave. & Skokie Blvd.	24	19
2)	Lake Ave. & Ridge Rd.	20	23
3)	Sheridan Rd & Lake Ave.	19	7
4)	Skokie Blvd. & Illinois Rd.	14	15
5)	Skokie Blvd. & Glenview Rd.	11	13
6)	Lake Ave. & Green Bay Rd.	9	17
	Lake Ave. & Locust Rd.	9	8
7)	Lake Ave. & Laramie	8	10
	Lake Ave. & Hibbard Rd.	8	8
8)	Wilmette Ave. & Hunter Rd.	7	4
	Wilmette Ave. & Locust Rd.	7	4
9)	Green Bay Rd. & Wilmette Ave.	6	3
	Illinois Rd & Hibbard Rd.	6	3
	Lake Ave. & 15 th Ave.	6	2
	Green Bay Rd. & Oakwood Ave.	6	0
10)	Skokie Blvd. & Old Glenview Rd.	5	6
	Green Bay Rd & Linden Ave.	5	4
	Central Ave. & 5 th Ave.	5	4

The above table lists the “Top Ten” most crash-prone intersections in Wilmette in 2004. Many factors affect these locations: traffic volume, weather conditions, roadway construction, and new commercial development. By drawing attention to the most hazardous intersections in the Village, the Police Department hopes to make drivers more aware of and cautious when driving through these locations.

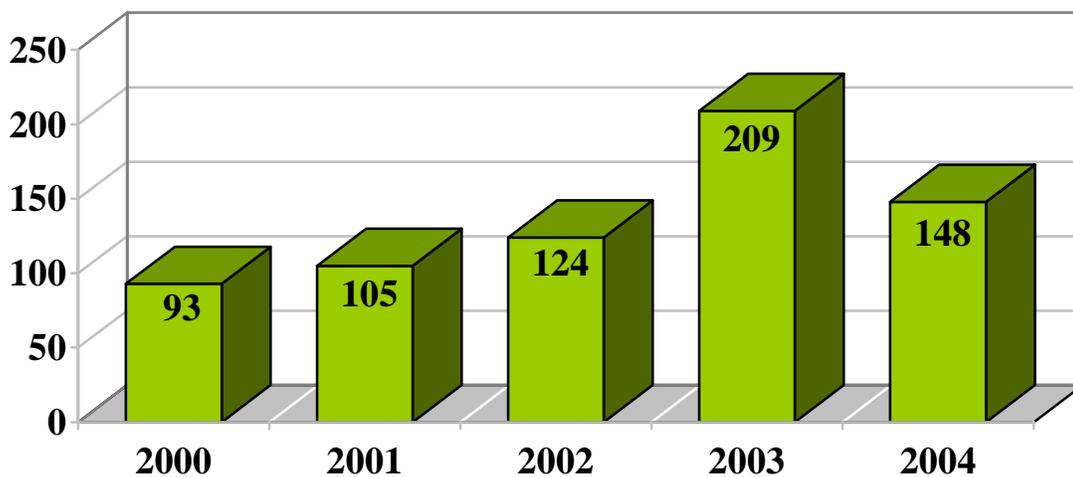
DUI CRASHES

Five Year Comparison



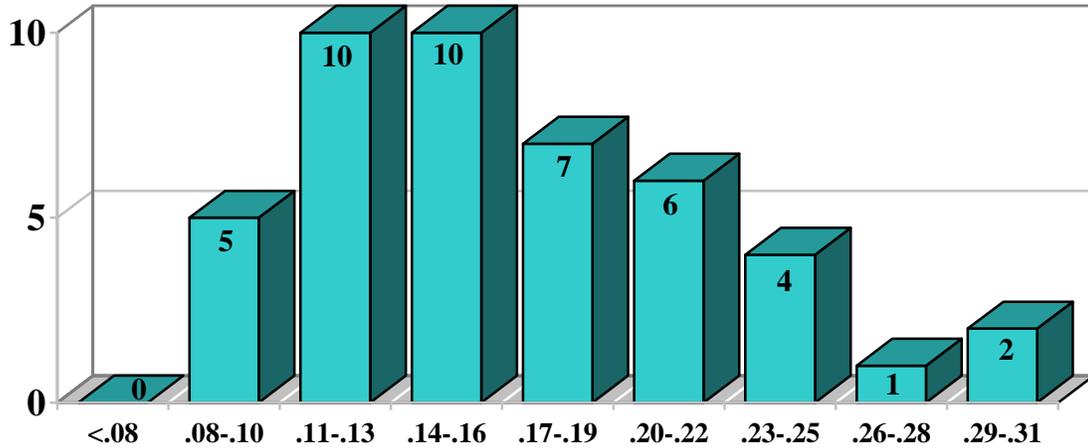
DUI ARRESTS

Five Year Comparison

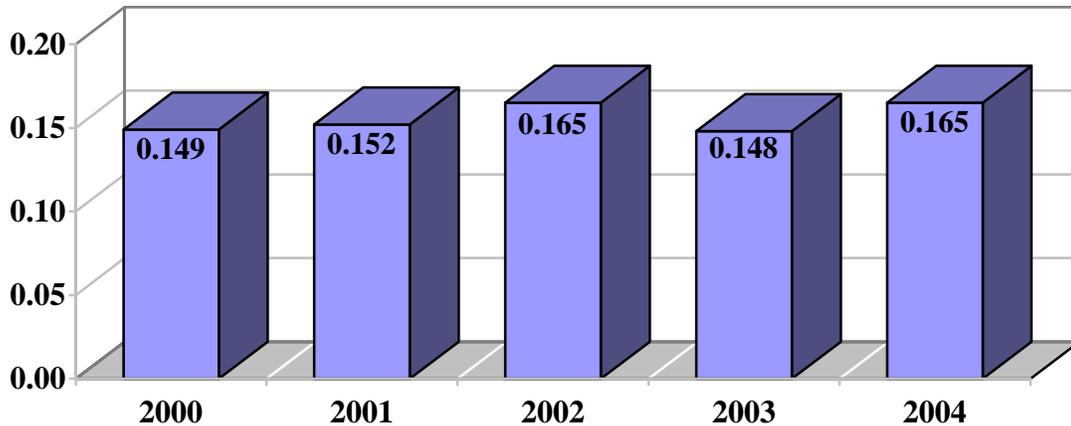


The Wilmette Police Department is committed to taking intoxicated motorists off the roads. In 2004 the Wilmette Police Department made 148 DUI arrests, which is 11% higher than the average of the last four years. During the same period Wilmette's aggressive DUI enforcement has reduced the numbers of DUI crashes to near the levels experienced in 2000.

2004 Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) Wilmette DUI Arrests



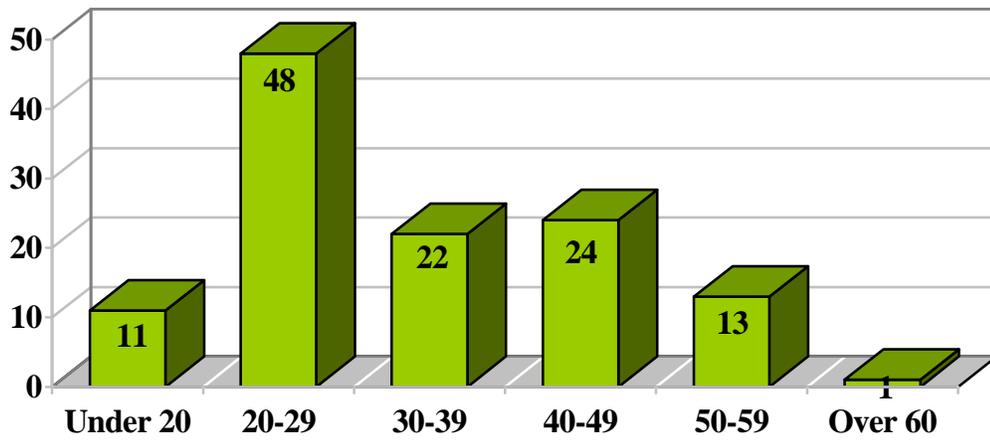
BAC Averages by Year Wilmette DUI Arrests



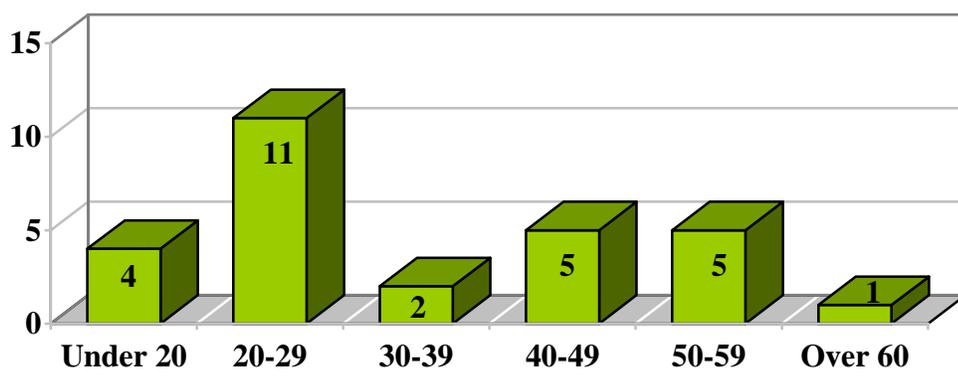
The average Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) of drivers arrested by the Wilmette Police Department in 2004 was .165. The average BAC level of drivers arrested for DUI in Wilmette over the last five years was .156. Both numbers are about twice the legal limit.

DON'T BLOW IT  

2004 Wilmette DUI Arrests by Age Group
Male



2004 Wilmette DUI Arrests by Age Group
Female

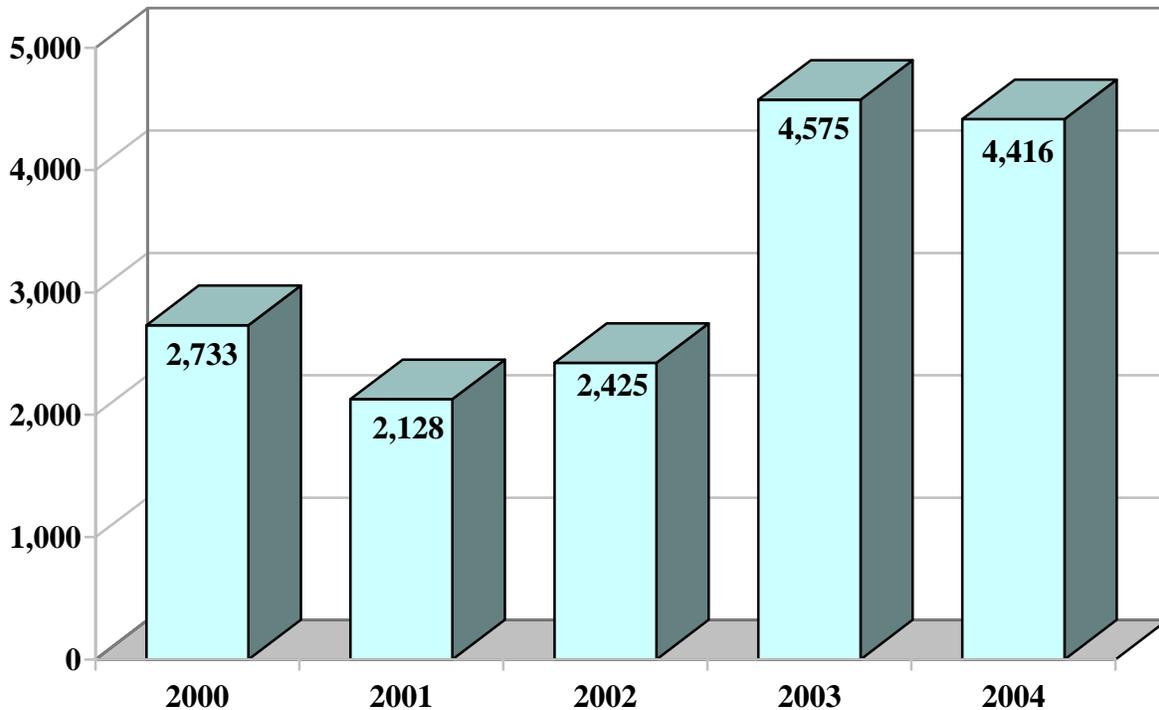


The Wilmette data in the graphs above closely approximate DUI arrest trends occurring nationwide. Males 20-29 years of age have the highest arrest total for any age group and comprise 33% of all DUI arrests made by the Wilmette Police Department during 2004.

DUI is a Class A misdemeanor offense that is punishable by up to a year in jail and a minimum fine of \$500 for the first offense. In addition, the intoxicated motorist risks the suspension of driving privileges, numerous court appearances, expensive legal fees, and possible increases to insurance premium, court ordered substance abuse evaluation, as well as having his or her name appear in the newspaper.

MOVING VIOLATIONS

Five Year Comparison



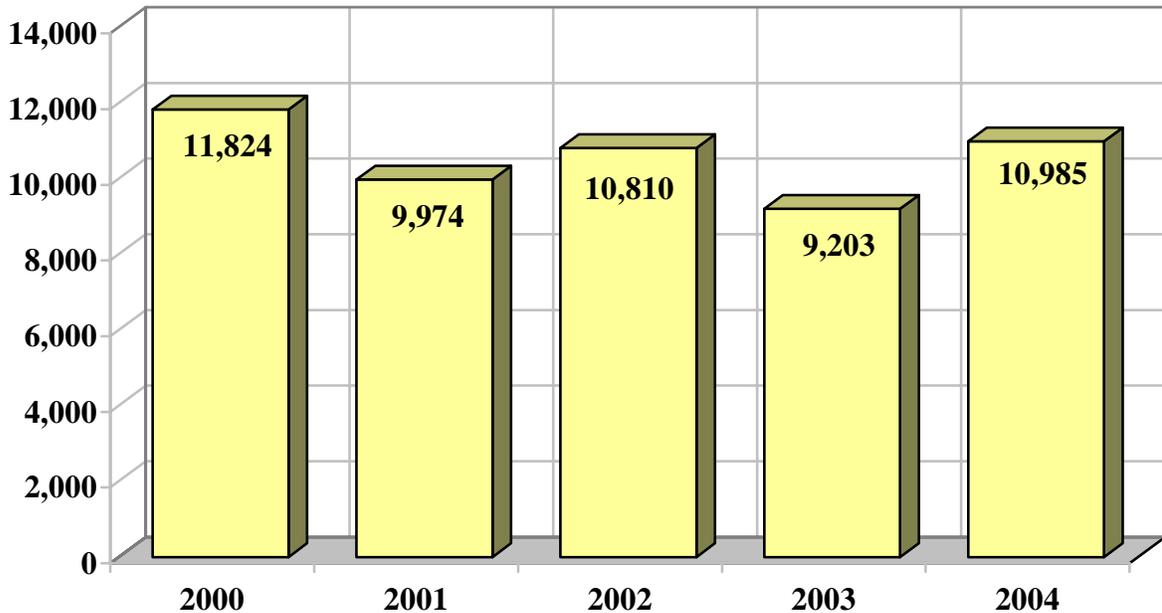
The number of moving violations issued by officers in 2004 was 3.5% lower than the number issued in 2003, but is still 49% above the average for the previous 4 years (2,965).

For the first time since 1998 the Wilmette Police Department reached its fully allotted complement of 46 police officers in July 2004. The return to full staffing in patrol has made a noticeable impact on the traffic enforcement activities of the Department. The flexibility to deploy its personnel has allowed the Department to conduct traffic safety campaigns such as the 2004 Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) on Lake Avenue that received widespread approval from Wilmette residents.

The traffic enforcement philosophy of the Wilmette Police Department will remain focused on maximizing traffic safety at high accident locations, in school zones, and in areas where residents have voiced concerns. High police visibility in problem areas continues to act as a significant deterrent for potential violators.

Parking Violations

Five Year Comparison



<u>OFFENSE</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Restricted Hours/Overtime	4,130	2,843	3,340	3,159	2,351
No Parking Zone	1,396	1,063	1,627	1,669	3,011
No Parking 2AM – 5AM	685	697	1,127	898	914
Gillson Park	563	449	734	699	950
No Village Vehicle License	919	1,166	1,214	638	593
Meter Violations	503	430	499	427	475
Parked on Private Property	89	51	119	189	195
Handicap Parking	86	67	88	98	117
Parked During Snow Removal	647	188	201	6	797

Members of the Wilmette Police Department work closely with residents, merchants, and various Village committees and commissions to improve the parking conditions in Wilmette. The result of this collaboration has been a greater availability of parking for motorists in identified problem areas.



PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

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The new Professional Standards section of the Annual Report opens to public examination the synopses of the processes the Wilmette Police Department uses to maintain high professional and ethical standards. Analyses of several activities that warrant special attention due to the inherent level of accountability to the public, namely bias based policing, motor vehicle pursuits, use of force, and internal affairs investigations, are specifically addressed. The perennial emphasis on the Department's dedication to ongoing training is followed by the recognition of the performance of individual Department members who have especially set themselves apart in 2004 with their dedication to professional standards.

The Wilmette Police Department places its commitment to maintaining the highest professional and ethical standards on the Department's Mission Statement. Standards define the Department's identity and the responsibility toward the public it serves. Standards not only promote consistently high levels of competence and excellence in the way the Department fulfills its mission, but provide accountability to the public that this will be done in an ethical manner. The pursuit of standards provides the Department the impetus to constantly seek ways for improvement in the increasingly complex field of law enforcement.

The Wilmette Police Department sets its standards high from the very beginning by seeking to hire only the most highly qualified candidates, who must successfully complete a rigorous multifaceted testing process and a thorough background check. The new Wilmette Police Officer begins his or her career with intensive ethics training conducted personally by the Chief of Police and the Deputy Chiefs. The officer must successfully complete approximately six months of intensive training and an eighteen month probationary period.

The Wilmette Police Department strives to maintain professional standards through a variety of practices. It provides its members with the highest quality ongoing training to provide them with the knowledge, skills, and abilities to execute the Department's mission. The Department's Awards Board and Internal Affairs exist to reward employees for exemplary performance or take corrective action when performance falls short of the Department's standards. The Department thoroughly investigates every complaint regarding the conduct or performance of its employees to determine the truth and to take appropriate corrective measure.

In 1986, the Wilmette Police Department became the twenty-ninth agency in the United States, Canada, and Barbados to seek and obtain accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA). Accreditation helps the Department to stay current with the constantly evolving field of law enforcement by keeping its policies, procedures, and practices in compliance with internationally accepted business practices in the field. The Department is one of very few agencies that have received five accreditation awards, having continuously maintained its accredited status since 1986 and having earned reaccreditation awards from CALEA in 1991, 1996, 2000, and, 2002. Assessors from CALEA will conduct a four day evaluation of the Wilmette Police Department in August 2005 to determine the Department's compliance with 447 law enforcement standards.

MOTOR VEHICLE PURSUITS

A motor vehicle pursuit is an active attempt by a police officer while operating a motor vehicle, to apprehend a suspect who is also operating a motor vehicle, while the suspect is trying to avoid capture by using high speed driving or other evasive tactics, including, but not limited to, driving off a highway, making a sudden or unexpected movement, or driving on the wrong side of the roadway.

The Wilmette Police Department considers motor vehicle pursuits serious incidents that present an inherent danger to the lives of the public and the peace officers and suspects involved in the pursuits. As a law enforcement agency, the Wilmette Police Department has been entrusted with the responsibility to apprehend crime suspects, but this responsibility is always weighed with another primary law enforcement function: to protect the public against personal injury, death, or property damage.

Wilmette Police Officers are regularly trained on the Department's Motor Vehicle Pursuit policy, which gives clear guidelines on when Wilmette police officers may or may not engage in pursuits and provides strict procedures officers must follow if they are engaged in pursuits. As another safety measure, supervisory personnel have the authority and responsibility to terminate pursuits in response to rapidly developing situations.

As it is with any serious incident, every motor vehicle pursuit involving a Wilmette Police Officer automatically precipitates a multilevel supervisory review to ensure department members have followed all applicable laws and policies.

2004 Pursuit Analysis

The Wilmette Police Department did not have a motor vehicle pursuit in 2004. The Department has very few motor vehicle pursuits as evidenced by the numbers for the last three years.

Year	Number of Pursuits
2004	0
2003	2
2002	3

PERSONNEL COMPLAINTS

The Wilmette Police Department seeks to fulfill its mission while maintaining the highest ethical and professional standards. It accepts personnel complaints in whatever manner they are offered, verbally, in writing, by telephone or e-mail. We thoroughly investigate every complaint to determine the truth about what occurred. The nature of the allegation determines whether it will be a “Formal” or “Informal” Investigation.

Formal Investigations are used for serious allegations of misconduct such as violations of the law, serious ethical misconduct, or unnecessary or excessive use of force.

Informal Investigations are used for less serious misconduct complaints such as slow response, rudeness or failure to take proper police action.

Each internal investigation results in one of six findings:

Sustained: The complaint is substantiated.

Not Sustained: There is insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the allegation. For example, the complaint cannot be substantiated and the officer denies the allegation.

Unfounded: The complaint is false or not factual; the incident did not occur as reported and there was no misconduct.

Exonerated: The incident occurred, but the employee involved acted lawfully and properly.

Misconduct Not Based on Complaint: Substantiated employee misconduct, not alleged in the complaint, but disclosed by the investigation.

Policy or Procedure Failure: The member acted within policy or procedural guidelines, or the issue involved is not covered by existing policy. The situation indicates a need for the review and change of pertinent procedures or the drafting of new guidelines.

Information describing the internal investigation process is available on the Wilmette Police Department’s webpage at www.wilmette.com/police/ and on pamphlets at the Police Station at 710 Ridge Road, Wilmette, IL. Any person wishing to compliment or file a complaint against an employee may do so by contacting Deputy Chief Brian King in person, by telephone at 847-853-7552, or by e-mail at kingb@wilmette.com.

2004 Internal Investigation Summaries

In 2004, the Department received 11 complaints regarding the conduct or performance of its employees. Five of the complaints involved two different counts of misconduct. Each involved one employee of the Department. As a result, the Department investigated 16 separate complaints. One investigation revealed that one of the complaints was against an employee of a different department. None of the complaints involved allegations that would have resulted in a formal investigation defined on page 45.

Internal Investigation Disposition Summaries

	Sustained	Exonerated	Not Sustained	Unfounded	Totals
Rudeness	0	5	2	1	8
Unprofessional Conduct	0	2	0	0	2
Improper Procedure	2	2	0	0	4
Neglect of Duty	0	1	0	0	1
Insensitivity	0	1	0	0	1
Totals	2	11	2	1	16

USE OF FORCE

Wilmette Police Officers are highly trained professionals whose excellent communication skills allow them to deescalate volatile situations and gain voluntary compliance from people that should be taken into custody. Nevertheless, a very small percentage of people refuse to comply with the commands and/or take aggressive action against arresting officers, requiring the use of force to bring the subject under control.

The following Illinois statute governs the use of force by police officers in making arrests.

720 Illinois Compiled Statutes Act 5/Sec. 7-5 Peace officer's use of force in making arrest

(a) A peace officer, or any person whom he has summoned or directed to assist him, need not retreat or desist from efforts to make a lawful arrest because of resistance or threatened resistance to the arrest. He is justified in the use of any force which he reasonably believes to be necessary to effect the arrest and of any force which he reasonably believes to be necessary to defend himself or another from bodily harm while making the arrest. However, he is justified in using force likely to cause death or great bodily harm only when he reasonably believes that such force is necessary to prevent death or great bodily harm to himself or such other person, or when he reasonably believes both that:

- (1) Such force is necessary to prevent the arrest from being defeated by resistance or escape; and
- (2) The person to be arrested has committed or attempted a forcible felony which involves the infliction or threatened infliction of great bodily harm or is attempting to escape by use of a deadly weapon, or otherwise indicates that he will endanger human life or inflict great bodily harm unless arrested without delay.

(b) A peace officer making an arrest pursuant to an invalid warrant is justified in the use of any force which he would be justified in using if the warrant were valid, unless he knows that the warrant is invalid.

Using a variety of methods Wilmette Police officers extensively and intensively train in laws, use of force policies, and defensive tactics to minimize the risk and severity of injuries to themselves and suspects by quickly and effectively bringing the situation under control.

Each incident involving the use of force by a Wilmette police officer initiates an administrative review by several levels of supervisors to ensure both the decision to use force and the level of force used in the situation was reasonable and within the guidelines of Illinois statute and Department policy. An annual and multi year analysis identifies patterns and training needs in an ongoing attempt to maximize officer safety and the quality of police service to all members of society.

2004 Use of Force Review

In 2004, Wilmette Police Officers were involved in twelve (12) incidents involving the use of force in response to resistance or aggression. In five incidents officers used more than one force option to control the subjects, resulting in a total exceeding the number of incidents. One offender received minor facial lacerations, and one officer was treated by paramedics for scratches. The chart below summarizes all twelve incidents during which force was applied.

Date	Time	Original Incident	Resistance/Aggression by Offenders	Location	Force Deployed	# of Officers Present
1/8	9:18 pm	Domestic	Charging Officers	Front Yard	OC/empty hands	3
2/28	12:31 am	DUI/Drugs	Non compliance to Verbal commands	Parking Lot	OC/empty hands	3
4/1	10:46 pm	Traffic Stop	Threatening Behavior	Public Street	Firearm Displayed	2
5/22	3:13 pm	Domestic	Attempting to Flee	Front yard	Empty hands	3
5/24	10:59 pm	Mental Health	Non Compliance to Verbal Commands	Public Street	Empty hands	1
5/26	7:51 am	Mental Health	Non Compliance to Verbal Commands	Bedroom	Empty hands	1
6/10	8:42 pm	Intoxicated and possibly Armed Subject	Non Compliance to Verbal Commands	Public street	Firearm Displayed/ Empty hands	2
7/11	3:43 am	Theft/ Intoxicated Subject	Pulling away	Bedroom	Empty hands	2
9/18	2:47 am	Stolen Auto	None- Control only	Parkway	Firearm Displayed	1
9/18	8:50 pm	Armed Subject	None-control only	Front yard	Carbine Displayed	3
12/4	5:43 pm	Burglary	Fleeing on foot	Front Yard	Firearm Displayed/Hand Controls	2
12/4	9:35 pm	Burglary	Fleeing on foot	Rear Yard	Firearm Displayed/ Suspect tackled	2

Types of Force Applied

Type of Force Used	Number of Applications
Empty Hand Controls	9
Presentation of Firearm	6
Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray	2



The following are excerpts from some of the letters of appreciation the members of the Wilmette Police Department received during 2004.

Officers Jeff Hemesath and Community Service Officer Ron Andrews

We wish to commend and thank you for the excellent infant and child car-seat program offered by the Wilmette Police Dept. We have utilized the services of Officers Hemesath and Andrews. They are efficient, competent, prompt, kind, cheerful and a credit to our department.

Officers Dave Tesch, Raimond Pavely, Michael Robinson, Mark Gamba, Sgt. Ed Trage

My husband and I are very grateful to the Wilmette Police for their prompt and efficient actions when our daughter was missing. That was the scariest night of our lives and we are eternally grateful to all the police who helped us in our hour of need.

Deputy Chief Robert LaMantia, Commander Kyle Perkins, Officer Terry Fitzpatrick

The purpose of this letter is to thank all of you for your time, compassion and understanding regarding the incident I recently reported regarding my son.

Data Processor Records Joan Miller

A gentleman came to the Department to pay a ticket and to compliment Joan Miller. He said that Joan was so professional over the telephone that he had to come to the station in person and pay the ticket. He went on by saying she was equally nice at the window when he spoke with her in person.

Police Social Worker Olivia Chui, Officer Allen Stec, Sergeant Thomas Welter

Please forward my deepest appreciation and gratitude to Ms. Olivia Chui, Officer Stec and Sgt. Thomas Welter. My sister was in need of medical help for addiction and mental health complications. Ms. Olivia Chui treated my sister with professionalism, dignity, and compassion. It is a humbling and heartbreaking process to get people help, especially when it is your own family member. Compassion, commitment, and helping someone “walk the walk” are impossible to teach, but are intrinsic qualities Ms. Olivia Chui, Officer Stec and Sgt. Welter share with those they help on a day to day basis.

Officer Roger Ockrim

On behalf of our block, thank you for giving up your evening to meet with the neighborhood to discuss home security. Your comments were well received by all who attended. I know they appreciated your insightful suggestions. I am impressed and grateful with how well you connect with our residents.

Officer John Falk (Bicycle Patrol)

Just a note to let you know what a great experience my son and I had with your officer. Officer Falk is such a great example of what is right with community policing. My children just love to be caught doing something right! The coupons for helmet wearing is a brilliant idea. I know as the children go back to school this fall they will be looking for Officer Falk and his positive attitude and influence. Keep up the wonderful community presence and keep the force on bikes.

Officer Roger Ockrim

I'm writing to tell you how pleased we were to have Officer Ockrim visit us and give us a security inspection. He was a very well-mannered man and the overall impression he gave us was he was an intelligent, caring, kind, and thoughtful officer.

Officer Jessica Black

We were pleased that you could come to our camp. You did a great job! We liked learning how to be safe and be aware of strangers. We enjoyed seeing the police car and going inside it.

Officer Ron Drag

I want to express my appreciation for Officer Ron Drag's help. I locked myself out of the car. The officer arrived promptly. He was courteous. He worked on the car carefully and patiently until he was able to unlock it.

Officers Diane Grassi and Jeff Newman

My wife was assisted by Officers Diane Grassi and Jeff Newman and was taken to our residence. The two officers were extremely cooperative, sensitive to the situation, thorough in their investigation, and most important: polite and understanding of the situation.

Officer Jeff Hemesath

We wanted to write this letter to thank and commend Officer Jeff Hemesath for the assistance he has provided us in installing four different baby car seats. As our daughter has grown and we have changed cars we have had to put in new seats and have always asked Jeff for assistance. Jeff has always been prompt, courteous and professional. He is as friendly and pleasant as can be, and most importantly he does a great job ensuring the seat is perfectly installed. We do not think a better person than Jeff could have been chosen to represent the Department for this important public safety job.

Officers Julie Parisi, Jose Perez, and Jessica Black

This is just a note to let you know how much we appreciated the efforts of two of your young officers last evening in trying to get one of our members back into her car after she accidentally locked the keys in it . . . in the pouring rain, no less! They were patient and gracious and tenacious and their kindness and professionalism was much appreciated. We'd also like to thank you for the wonderful help of another of your officers on Memorial Day. She assisted one of our members who had fallen. Your officer summoned the paramedics and dispatched our fallen member to Evanston Hospital.

Police Social Worker Olivia Chui and Detective Michael McGarry

I am writing to tell you of the great assistance that Police Social Worker Olivia Chui and Officer Michael McGarry have been to me. Throughout this past year, I have been commanded to appear in the Circuit Court of Cook County many times. These hearings have involved the violation of my Order of Protection. Olivia and Det. McGarry have generously given of their time and expertise to assist me in Court. There were a great help and support to me.

Officer Terry Fitzpatrick

My husband just came home from an incident in Wilmette. He hit a curb near Edens Plaza and his tires were ruined. He was helped by a wonderful young policeman, Terry Fitzpatrick. Terry took care of everything, sat with my husband, called the towing company. He was as good as a son could be to his own parents. We are very lucky to have policemen like Terry Fitzpatrick. He's the best.

Police Department

Thank you for the opportunity to attend your open house. My son enjoys the "mug shots" and hotdogs. As a resident of Wilmette, we are fortunate to have a fine police department with such a responsive and qualified staff.

Parking Control Officer Don George

I wish to commend Officer Don George for his prompt and helpful handling of an Ordinance Violation for which my automobile was incorrectly ticketed. I was directed to Officer George to discuss the problem. This I did and I met with nothing but the most courteous and helpful resolution to the situation by this officer. If Officer George is an example of the caliber of personnel on your police force, you are to be commended for the excellent and prompt service they provide.

Officer John Falk

I am writing to commend the conduct of Officer John Falk. Officer Falk came to our home in response to a concern we had about certain missing property. I would like to commend Officer Falk for his promptness, courtesy, professionalism and understanding in dealing with me and my wife. As residents of Wilmette, we do not feel we could have asked for better service from our police department.

Officer Larry Betz

I wanted to tell you how I appreciated all your help, time and patience in getting myself and two friends home safely by getting the car door open.

Officer Mike Robinson

Thank you for your kind consideration last night. We greatly appreciate your understanding.

Officer Sally Krystal

I just wanted to say thank you for the way you spoke to my son. Your words were very helpful. I'm happy for living in Wilmette and having people like you taking care of us.

Officer Valerie Davis

I am writing in regard to Officer Davis. I was distraught at the horrible accident I had just been involved in and amidst the ambulances, sirens, fire trucks, and gawking passerby; Officer Davis provided tremendous assurance, guidance, and extraordinary compassion. My daughter's school was notified, my parents were called, and even my dog in the back seat was calmed! On a cold, rainy Friday afternoon, Officer Davis and her colleagues displayed the patience, integrity, and genuine concern that is so often brushed aside these days. I would like to thank Officer Davis for expanding the job description of a police officer.

Officer Alex Mercado

We wanted to let you know what a great job Officer Alex Mercado did yesterday in responding to a car accident that our daughter was in. My daughter was very shaken up. What impressed us about him were his communication skills, his attitude and his ability to bring a sense of calm to my daughter. We were both very grateful to Officer Mercado for how he handled the situation and made a very difficult day a bit easier to deal with. He appears to us to be a great asset to the Wilmette Police force.

Records Supervisor Joan Stazy, Officer Jessica Black, and Data Processor Irene Quill

Thank you for being so kind and helpful when I was involved in an accident and had trouble renting a car because I didn't have my license on me.

Officer Diane Grassi

The dogs and I want to thank you for warning us away from the alley last week. You were trying to locate a large black dog on the loose and we all were grateful not to have a meeting with a possibly unfriendly dog. Your action is exactly what I have come to expect from our Police Department in the way of serving and protecting.

Officer Michael McGarry and Police Social Worker Olivia Chui

My family has had a few reasons to call the police for help. We are so very grateful for the help and support of people like Officer Michael McGarry and Olivia Chui. We have been quick to tell our neighbors of their kindness and professionalism.

Officer Stephen Leigh

I would like to take this opportunity to commend the efforts of Officer Stephen Leigh who assisted us with an investigation. A language barrier hampered the Investigators. Officer Leigh came to the department and worked with the investigators translating Korean to English and English to Korean. Through his skillful interview of the victim we were able to determine that the incident was bonafide. Additionally, he was able to provide insight into the Korean culture that enabled the Investigators to pursue leads that they may have never known even existed. The Investigators believe that had it not been for Officer Leigh's capable and professional assistance this case could have remained unsolved. (From a neighboring Police Department)



TRAINING

The Wilmette Police Department uses many sources to ensure necessary basic, advanced, specialized and management training for its personnel. During 2004, the Department provided personnel with 7,112 hours of in-service training. Apart from 440 hours of basic academy training and 800 hours of supervisory training for newly promoted sergeants, the average amount of training was **118 hours per police officer** and **24 hours per civilian employee**.

GOVERNMENTAL	PRIVATE	PROFESSIONAL
Cook County Medical Examiner's Office	American Crime Prevention Institute	American Academy of Bereavement
Department of Homeland Security	American Heart Association	American Society of Industrial Security
Department of Justice	Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO)	Autism Society of America
Federal Bureau of Investigation	Imprimus Forensic Services	Illinois Association of Chief of Police
Illinois Attorney General's Office	Institute of Police Technology and Management	Illinois Association of Police Planners
Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)	Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency	Illinois Mental Health Counselors Association
Illinois Emergency Management Agency	John E. Reid and Associates, Inc.	Illinois Police Accreditation Coalition
Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board (ILETSB)	Josselyn Center	Illinois Public Pension Fund Association
Illinois State Police (ISP)	Midwest Association of Technical Accident Investigators	Illinois Tactical Officers Association (ITOA)
Illinois Terrorism Task Force	National Association of Professional Drivers	Institute for Public Safety Partnerships
North Regional Major Crimes Task Force (NORTAF)	Northern Illinois Police Crime Laboratory	International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)
Northeast Multi-Regional Training (NEMRT)	Northwestern University Center for Public Safety	IACP Training Key
Northern Illinois Police Alarm System	PowerPhone	International Association of Law Enforcement Planners
Regional Institute for Community Policing	Public Agency Training Council	International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association
Suburban Law Enforcement Academy	RAR Communications	Law Enforcement Legal Review
United States Secret Service	Seyfarth & Shaw LLP	Law Enforcement Officers Bulletin



In-Service Training

Basic Training

The first on the agenda for newly hired Wilmette police employees is the Orientation to the Philosophy and Values of the Department conducted by the chief and deputy chiefs. After a period of orientation to the department and the Village of Wilmette, police officers attend one of the State of Illinois certified police academies. The Department has sent officers to the Police Training Institute at the University of Illinois in Champaign, the Illinois State Police Academy, and the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy to receive the required basic police officer instruction, which includes such subjects as human behavior, patrol, investigations, evidence, law, community policing, traffic, tactics, firearms, first aid, CPR, and emergency driving. At the completion of these eleven weeks (440 hours) of academy training the officer must successfully pass the State of Illinois Law Enforcement Officer Certification Examination.

The Wilmette Police Department's Field Training and Evaluation (FTO) Program is the second phase of training for a new Wilmette Police Officer. To accommodate the greatly increased complexities of modern law enforcement and to thoroughly cover the expanded topics and areas of training required, the Department lengthened its Field Training curriculum in 2003 from 11 weeks to 13.

The FTO Program begins with familiarization and observation periods in a non-judgmental atmosphere and gradually transitions into areas where the new officer takes on increased responsibilities. During field training, new officers learn the policies and procedures specific to the Department and are exposed to the wide variety of situations encountered by Wilmette Police Officers. A cadre of three certified Field Training Officers guides each probationary officer through a standard curriculum and fills out daily observation reports to document the progress. The new officer's responsibilities gradually increase until he/she is fully functioning as a solo police officer.

In 2004, two new Wilmette police officers, Landon Girard and José Perez successfully completed the Field Training and Evaluation Program and earned solo officer status.

Advanced and Specialized Training

Wilmette Police Officers receive regular advanced training to increase their knowledge and proficiency. This training includes many diverse fields such as Advanced Accident Investigation, Field Sobriety Testing, Drugged Driver Detection, Child Safety Passenger Restraints, Background Investigations, Interviews and Interrogations, Police and Media Relations, Crimes against the Elderly, and Financial Crimes. Training is also provided to personnel who are taking on specialized assignments such as Evidence Technician, Field Training Officer, Technical Accident Investigation, Traffic Accident Reconstruction, Physical Fitness Instructor, Breath Test Operator, Crime Prevention Officer, Use of Force Instructor, and Firearms Instructor.

Use of Force Training

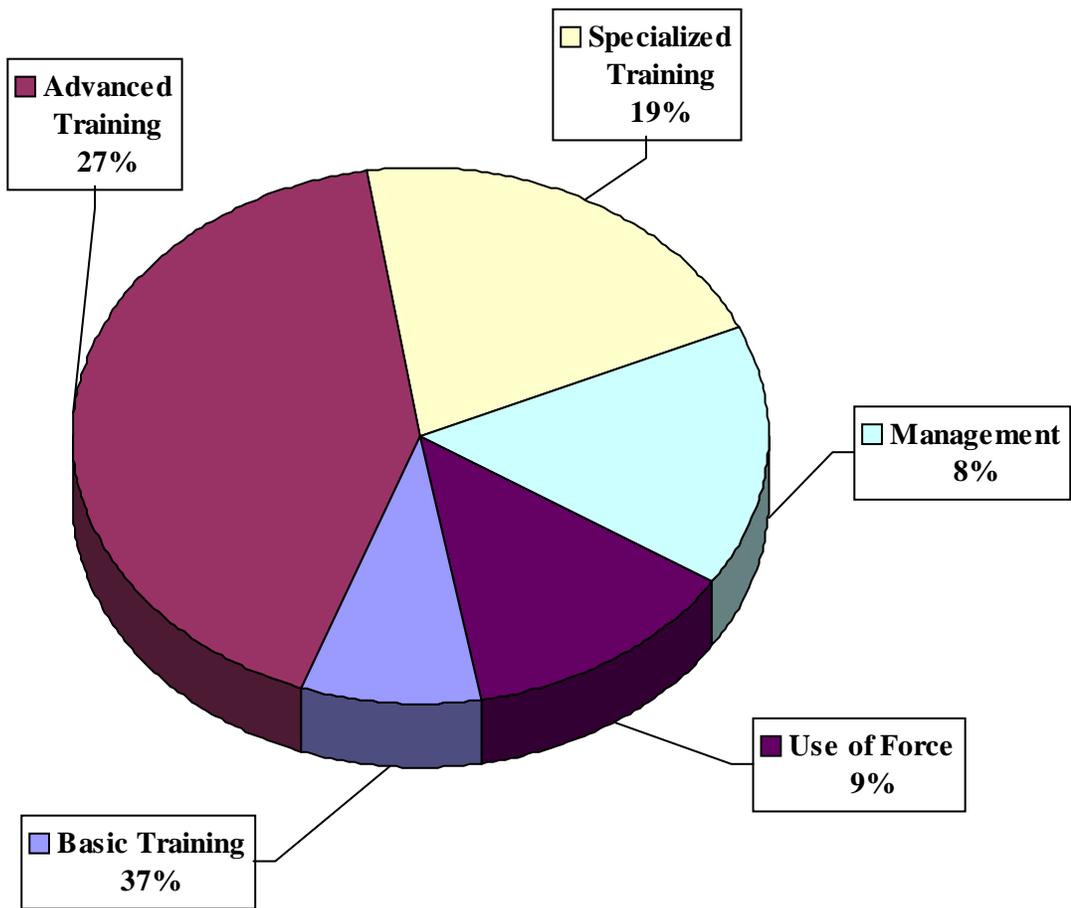
The Wilmette Police Department is dedicated to ensuring that any level of force used by its members is reasonable and appropriate for the situation. Therefore, officers receive extensive ongoing training in the Department's use of force policies and procedures.

Officers receive training on what levels of force are reasonable to the level of resistance or aggression they encounter. In addition to the policies and procedures, officers use scenario-based training such as the computerized Firearms Training Simulator (FATS III) that places officers in rapidly developing situations during which they need to select and apply the level of force reasonable for the circumstance.

Officers are provided with various tactics and weapons for responding to the spectrum of resistance or aggression they may encounter. Every officer must receive regular training, demonstrate proficiency, and qualify with all assigned weapons prior to carrying them on duty.

The Department's use of force training includes instruction in policies and procedures associated with the proper use of firearms, oleoresin capsicum "pepper" spray, police baton and physical control tactics. Firearms training is conducted bimonthly on the Department's indoor range and includes planned courses of fire involving tactics such as low-light shooting, tactical reloading, handgun malfunction drills et cetera. Each officer is required to qualify with all assigned weapons. In addition to handgun qualifications, patrol shift officers completed training with the Colt AR-15 Police Tactical Carbine. Each year the Wilmette Police lease the outdoor range of the Lake County Sheriff's Police Department, where every officer is required to attend sixteen hours of refresher training.

2004 In-Service Training



Roll Call Training

The Wilmette Police Department furthers its overall professionalism and increases the efficiency of service to the community by conducting ongoing roll call training to keep officers up-to-date with new laws, technology, equipment, tactics, policies and procedures.

During 2004, the Department continued using a wide variety of law enforcement media ranging from publications and videos to the internet for its roll call training. Some of the roll-call training topics in 2004 are listed below:

- Abuse of Cold Medicine
- Airsoft BB Guns
- AMBER Alert
- Autism & Law Enforcement
- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Boating Under the Influence
- Bond Court Procedures
- Child Passenger Protection Act
- CHRIS/CABS Refresher Training
- Counter Terrorism Intelligence
- Credit Card Security Features
- Critical Incident Management
- Curfew Ordinance
- Race Data Collection
- Dealing with Mentally Ill Subjects
- Distemper/Leptospirosis
- DUI Refresher Training
- Gift Ban Act
- Glock Weapon Conversion
- Heroin Use in Suburbs
- Homeland Security Advisory System
- Juvenile Petitions
- Knife and Edged Weapon Attacks
- Lineup and Photo Spread Procedure
- Material Safety Data Sheets
- Metra Safe Zone
- New and Amended Law Review
- Involuntary Admission Petition
- Newborn Infant Protection Act
- Non-violent Spousal Argument
- Obtaining Orders of Protection
- Oleoresin Capsicum Spray Recertification
- Safely Searching Arrestees
- Riparian Rights
- Search of Vehicle Incident to Arrest
- Seven Deadly Mistakes Awareness
- Sexual Harassment
- Snow Ban and Winter Precipitation
- Supplemental Restraints
- Surviving the Secondary Device
- Surviving Weapons of Mass Destruction
- Traffic Stop Protocol
- Response to Underage Parties
- Patrolling in the New Era of Terrorism
- Water Plant Layout & Personnel List
- Weapons Pat-Down

2004 POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR



Officer Ray Santana

The Wilmette Police Department Awards Board selects one officer who it believes has made the most significant contribution to the Department during the year and sets him/herself apart as a member to be emulated through dedication, loyalty, and consistently high quality of work.

The department's **2004 Police Officer of the Year** is **Officer Ray Santana**. Officer Santana has developed into an exemplary officer in the two years he has been with the Department. His involvement in several significant 2004 cases demonstrated his dedication and outstanding ability.

In April, Officer Santana established surveillance on a car he saw parked in the alley behind a west side business at about 2:30 a.m. He stopped the car and its occupants as they fled after the business's alarm activated. The three men were known burglars with extensive criminal backgrounds who had been the focus of a burglary task force. One of the men was a suspect in a DuPage County homicide. All three were arrested and charged with Burglary.

In June, Officer Santana was patrolling the east side in response to a pattern of overnight garage burglaries and bicycle thefts when he observed and stopped two men on bicycles in the early morning. The men had in their possession stolen property and burglary tools, and further investigation determined they were responsible for several overnight thefts.

In December, Officer Santana was again concentrating his patrol in the residential areas of his beat in response to a recent pattern of burglaries. He checked the license plate of an unfamiliar vehicle parked on one of the streets with a recent police bulletin that provided information on vehicles used by known burglars. When he discovered the vehicle belonged to a known burglar he notified other officers, and surveillance was established. Over the next several hours, Officer Santana and the other officers located a residential burglary, apprehended the offender after a foot chase, and recovered the stolen property.

Officer Santana consistently demonstrated his initiative and dedication throughout the year. In 2004, he made 302 traffic stops and issued 303 citations. He handled 570 calls, was involved in 152 arrests, made 18 Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol arrests, and was awarded two-(2) Commendations and one-(1) Honorable Mention for his work. Each day Officer Santana comes to work ready to do the job, constantly trying to improve himself and his ability to serve the community. Through his effort, exemplary work ethic, initiative, and dedication he sets himself apart as an officer to be emulated.

2004 CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



Police Social Worker Olivia Chui

The Awards Board chose Police Social Worker **Olivia Chui** as the Department's **2004 Civilian Employee of the Year**. Olivia's knowledge, professionalism, and work ethic make her an exceptional employee. Her dedication and hard work throughout the year significantly benefited the department and positively impacted the community.

In 2004, Olivia took a leadership role with an Asian Student Group at New Trier High School. Through this group she facilitates discussions regarding communication with parents, academic pressure, family and peer relationships, mental health concerns, and issues unique to immigrant families. She also served as a coordinator for volunteers who responded to New Trier High School after one of the students committed suicide in February. This was just one of several difficult events she responded to and assisted with throughout the year.

Olivia took on a training role within the department this year. She arranged for mental health professionals to attend roll calls and speak with officers about interacting and dealing with mentally ill individuals. She coordinated training for newly hired officers about community social services and organized a seminar on Persons Affected with Alzheimer Disease.

Ms. Chui's contributions and work ethic demonstrate her commitment to community service and her compassion for people. Her professionalism, work ethic, caring attitude, and patience are just a few of the qualities that make her an exemplary public servant.

2004 TRAFFIC SAFETY AWARD



Officer John Falk

The Awards Board implemented the new annual **Traffic Safety Award** in 2003 to recognize the employee who has made the most significant contribution to traffic safety by his or her dedication and high quality of work. The 2004 recipient of this award is **Officer John Falk**.

Officer Falk demonstrated his dedication in the area of traffic safety through outstanding work in traffic enforcement and as a bicycle officer throughout the year. John made a total of 533 traffic stops and issued 159 citations for moving violations, 114 compliance citations, and 659 parking citations. He was involved in 163 arrests including 26 arrests for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. Through his own initiative, he conducted various traffic enforcement efforts while assigned to bike patrol.

Besides his outstanding effort in traffic enforcement, John conducted numerous informal talks to bicyclists concerning safety and proper bicycle riding. He participated in several bicycle rallies for young children that were held by different entities and volunteered to participate in 20 hours of informal bicycle safety talks at local schools. These talks were a part of a grant received by the police department for the purpose of enhancing safety skills in school-aged children.

Through John's enforcement efforts and his contribution to bicycle safety he has distinguished himself and demonstrated his commitment to traffic safety.

MARKSMANSHIP AWARD



Officer Stephen Leigh

The recipient of the **2004 Marksmanship Award** is Officer Stephen Leigh, who has been with the Department since 1998. Officer Leigh obtained the highest combined qualification scores with the issued Beretta 96D pistol and the Colt AR-15 police tactical carbine.

COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARD OF MERIT



Commander Patrick Collins, Officer Steven Eder, and Cook County Sheriff Sheehan

On Oct. 20, 2004, **Officer Steven Eder**, a 22 year veteran of the Wilmette Police Department, was awarded the **Cook County Sheriff's Law Enforcement Award of Merit for Outstanding Service and Professionalism** at a ceremony held in Chicago. The Sheriff's Award of Merit recognizes "exceptional officers who consistently perform beyond the call of duty demonstrated by their attitude, work ethic and professionalism, whose commitment to protecting the lives and property of citizens shines through at all times."

CHIEF'S AWARD FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE



Deputy Chief Robert La Mantia

Deputy Chief Robert La Mantia received the Chief's Award for Meritorious Service for his achievement in promoting child and youth safety in Wilmette through community partnerships funded with B.A.D.G.E. grants. **Balanced Approach to Drug and Gang Enforcement** grants are monies received from the Cook County Judicial Advisory Council. He was recognized at the Village Board meeting on Sept. 28th.

TRAFFIC STOP DATA COLLECTION and ANALYSIS

By Chief George Carpenter

INTRODUCTION

An Illinois law took effect on January 1, 2004 requiring every state and local police agency to collect race data on each traffic stop conducted. This data must be reported to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), which is required to report the data to the Illinois General Assembly on July 1, 2005 and each of three succeeding years.

DEPARTMENT POLICY

Biased policing erodes public trust in the Police, clearly alienates large segments of those we are sworn to serve, and violates the constitution and laws of this country. The Wilmette Police are committed to fair treatment and equal protection under the law for all persons at all times without exception. Through written policy, operational practices, training and supervision the Wilmette Police prohibit biased policing in any form. Wilmette uses a multi-faceted strategy to ensure that the organizational culture embraces these positive policing values.

THE BENCHMARK

Much of the data Wilmette collects on traffic stops can be analyzed for “internal consistency.” For example, is the citation/warning rate similar for Caucasians and Minorities? This question can be answered by analyzing Wilmette’s data itself.

For other data, however, a benchmark or comparison point is needed. Establishing this benchmark is inexact at best, and somewhat controversial. Northwestern University’s Center for Public Safety, which is conducting the data analysis for the State of Illinois, has chosen a specific benchmark to use: the race/ethnicity of persons old enough to be licensed drivers in the towns that correspond with the various Court Districts in Cook County.

This type of benchmark is called an “adjusted census” benchmark, because it consists of U.S. census data by race for persons 15 years old and above in each of the municipalities whose criminal court cases are heard in the district court.

The adjusted census benchmark for Court District 2, which includes Wilmette, is

80.4 % Caucasian and 19.6 % minority.

WILMETTE'S DATA

During 2004 the Wilmette Police conducted **5,881** traffic stops. The three tables below summarize data for stops, reasons for the stop, and citations/warnings. The overall percentages of minority and Caucasian drivers stopped in Wilmette during 2004 are virtually identical to the benchmark Northwestern University has selected (Table 1).

Table 1
**2004 Comparison of
Benchmark and Traffic Stops**

	Caucasian	Minority
Benchmark Population	80.4 %	19.6 %
Wilmette Traffic Stops	80.1 %	19.9 %

Table 2 below analyzes the reasons for which Caucasian and minority drivers are stopped. For example, of all the Caucasian drivers that were stopped in Wilmette, 82.2% were stopped for the commission of moving violations.

Table 2
**Reason for the Stop
2004**

	Caucasian	Minority
Moving Violation	82.2%	76.1%
Equipment Violation	6.9%	12.3%
License / Registration	10.9%	11.5%

Note the consistency in Table 3 (next page) from benchmark to traffic stops to tickets to warnings. This tells me there was no apparent adverse impact from the way that Wilmette Officers made traffic enforcement decisions.

Table 3
**Traffic Stops, Citations and Warnings
 2004**

	Caucasian	Minority
Population Benchmark	80.4%	19.6%
Percentage of Traffic Stops	80.1%	19.9%
Percentage of All Citations	80.5%	19.5%
Percentage of All Warnings	79.8%	20.2%

Though not required by law, the Wilmette Police have chosen to analyze driver gender data. This enables us to answer the question, ‘After the traffic stop has been conducted, do Wilmette Police Officers treat men and women similarly or differently when making enforcement decisions?’ Table 4 shows there is only minimal variance.

Table 4
**Outcome of Traffic Stop
 By Race & Gender**

	Caucasian		Minority	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Citations	49.4%	48%	49.4%	44.3%
Warning	50.6%	52%	50.6%	55.7%

Table 5
**Wilmette Residents versus Non-Residents
 2004 Traffic Stop Data**

	Wilmette Residents	Non Residents
Traffic Stops	25%	75%
Reason for Stop		
Moving Violations	81%	81%
Equipment Violations	7%	8%
Registration/License Violations	12%	11%
Outcome of Stop		
Citation Issued	48%	49%
Verbal Warning	52%	51%

The data in Table 5 above show the professional consistency being exercised in traffic stop activity by the Wilmette Police. It is readily apparent that a driver's residency status is irrelevant to either the Officer's reason for the traffic stop, or the outcome of the stop. This is consistent with Wilmette's philosophy and training.

SEARCHES

The majority of Wilmette's searches are categorized as "search incident to arrest". This means that the search of the vehicle is a requirement pursuant to a custodial arrest that is being made. In Wilmette the number of "discretionary" searches, also called consent searches, is so low that they are not statistically significant, as shown in Table 6 (next page). It is discretionary police searches that have traditionally been the concern of minority groups.

Table 6
Number of Consent Searches
2004

Total	Caucasian	Minority
20	13	7

There were 1,172 traffic stops of minority drivers conducted in 2004 by the Wilmette Police. Only seven (7) of those traffic stops resulted in discretionary searches.

CONCLUSIONS

The data in this report show Wilmette Police Officers are engaging in bias-free traffic enforcement.

During the first year of the Illinois traffic stop data collection law, we have learned that interpreting the data we've collected is a complex task. To some extent this complexity allows a reviewer (including ourselves) to project previously held beliefs onto the organization. In other words, we may be seeing what we want to see in the data. In cautioning against this form of interpretation error, we pledge to continue studying the data that we are collecting every day, to report to you our honest understanding and interpretation of the data whatever that may be, and to continuously promote and train Wilmette Police Officers in our policy of prohibiting biased policing in any form.

George E. Carpenter
Chief of Police



**NEW
LEGISLATION**

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The following legislative summary is a partial accounting of the legislative changes of the 93rd General Assembly in 2004. To view the full text of the bills you can visit the web site for the 93rd General Assembly at <http://www.ilga.gov>.

ILLINOIS CRIMINAL CODE

Taping of Homicide Interrogations

Public Act 93-0206 (HB223)

Effective 07/18/05

Requires the electronic recording of custodial interrogations of persons accused in homicide investigations including for reckless homicide. Any unrecorded statement made during a custodial interrogation will be presumed inadmissible by the court.

Unauthorized Taping

720 ILCS 5/26-4

Effective 01/01/05

Provides that it is unlawful for any person to place or cause to be placed a device that makes a video record or transmits a live video in violation of the statute. Provides that it is unlawful for any person to knowingly disseminate a video record or live video that he or she knows to have been made or transmitted in violation of the statute.

Firearms Violations – Municipal Ordinance

720 ILCS 5/24-10 (new)

Effective 11/19/04

Provides that it is an affirmative defense to a violation of a municipal ordinance that prohibits, regulates, or restricts the private ownership of firearms if the individual who is charged with the violation used the firearm in an act of self-defense or defense of another when on his or her land or in his or her abode or fixed place of business.

Cross Burning

720 ILCS 5/12-7.6

Effective 01/01/05

Creates the offense of “Cross Burning” and defines it as burning or causing to be burned a cross with the intent to intimidate another person or group of persons.

Domestic Battery – Subsequent Conviction

720 ILCS 5/12-3.2

Effective 01/01/05

Amends the Criminal Code relating to the offense of Domestic Battery. Provides for an increase in jail time (from 48 to 72 hours) for a second or subsequent offense.

Use of Force

720 ILCS 5/7-1, 7-2 & 7-3

Effective 07/28/04

Amends the Criminal Code with respect to the offense of Use of Force. Prohibits civil suits against those individuals who were using justified force when protecting themselves, others or their dwellings or other property.

ILLINOIS VEHICLE CODE

Leaving Accident Scene

625 ILCS 5/11-401

Effective 01/01/05

Shortens from one hour to one-half hour the time in which a person who has failed to remain at the scene of the accident, or if hospitalized, from one hour to one-half hour of his or her discharge from the hospital that he or she must report the accident at a police station or sheriff's office. Provides that a person who fails to remain at the scene of an accident involving personal injury or death to render aid as required is guilty of a Class 4 felony.

Bumper Height

625 ILCS 5/12-608

Effective 07/09/04

Provides that it is unlawful to operate upon any highway of this State any vehicle with a front bumper height that exceeds 28 inches or a rear bumper height that exceeds 30 inches.

Proof of Insurance

625 ILCS 5/3-405 and 5/3-415

Effective 01/01/05

Provides that an application for registration and for renewal of registration must include the policy number and expiration date of the policy liability insurance coverage for the vehicle.

Temporary Visitor's Driver's License

625 ILCS 5/6-105.1 (new)

Effective 01/01/05

Provides that the Secretary of State may issue a temporary visitor's driver's license to a foreign national who (1) resides in this State, (2) is ineligible to obtain a social security number, and (3) presents to the Secretary documentation authorizing the person's presence in this country.

Bribery to Obtain Driving Privileges

625 ILCS 5/6-103

720 ILCS 5/33-6 (new)

Effective 01/01/05

Provides that a person may not be issued a driver's license or permit who with intent to influence any act related to the issuance of any driver's license or permit, by an employee of the Secretary of State's Office promised or tenders to that person any property or personal advantage which that person is not authorized by law to accept.

Automated Enforcement – Work Zone

626 ILCS 5/11-605.2 (new)

Effective 08/19/04

Provides that the State Police may establish an automated traffic control system for obtaining a photograph or other recorded image of any vehicle violating a traffic law in a construction or maintenance zone. Provides that an automated traffic control system may operate only during those periods when workers are present in a construction or maintenance zone.

PUBLIC INTEREST

Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act

325 ILCS 2/10 et. al.

Effective 07/27/04

Amends the Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act. Includes police stations as places where the child may be “relinquished”. Defines “police station” and the responsibilities of the persons in that station.

Display of Tobacco Act

720 ILCS 675/1 (new)

Effective 01/01/05

Provides that single packs of cigarettes must be sold from behind the counter or in an age restricted area in which minors under 18 years of age are not permitted access and all other tobacco produces must be in the line of sight of the cashier or other employee of the store.

Arsonist Registration Act

20 ILCS 2605/2605-378 (new)

30 ILCS 105/5.625 (new)

Effective 01/01/05

Requires persons who commit various arson type offenses to register with the police for the next 10 years. This is quite similar to the original Sex Offender Registration Act.

Use of Social Security Number

815 ILCS 505/2QQ

Effective 07/01/06

Amends the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act. Makes illegal the public display of an individual’s social security card or number.

New Village Of Wilmette Ordinances

Dogs on Leash

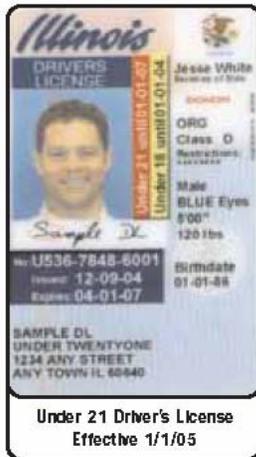
Ordinance 2004-O-3

Effective 06/14/04

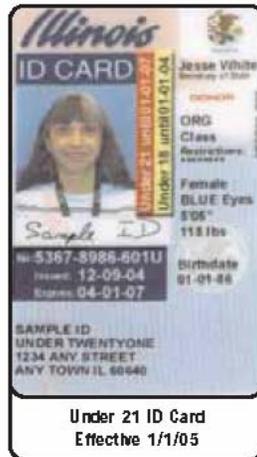
Dogs are allowed in the parks on leash during regular park hours subject to the following rules and regulations:

- (a) The dog must be restrained by a substantial leash not exceeding ten feet and must be in the control of a competent person.
- (b) No person may walk a dog in the parks unless such person possesses and uses a sanitary and practical means for the prompt removal of the dog’s excrement.
- (c) Dogs are not allowed in the following locations:
 - (i) Building Interiors
 - (ii) Tot Lots
 - (iii) Aquatic Center
 - (iv) Swimming & Sailing Beaches
 - (v) Golf Courses
 - (vi) Gillson Park during Park District special events, such as the Independence Day Celebration.

New Illinois Under 21 Driver's License, Identification, and Commercial Driver's License



**Under 21 Driver's License
Effective 1/1/05**



**Under 21 ID Card
Effective 1/1/05**



**Under 21 CDL
Effective 1/1/05**

All Illinois Under 21 driver's licenses, identification cards, and commercial drivers licenses (DLs, IDs, and CDLs) issued after January 1, 2005 will have a significantly changed layout on the card front. The back of the card and the actual text that appears on the card remain the same.

Under 21 DLs, IDs, and CDLs will now be a vertical design with a blue pattern across much of the card's front. The "Under 21 until MO/DAY/YR" and "Under 18 until MO/DAY/YR" text appear in red and yellow bars next to the photo and are more easily readable. The header bar above the photo will be blue and identify the card type. The DL/ID number, issue date and expiration dates will appear in a blue block beneath the signature. The date of birth appears beneath an image of the State Seal. The retro-reflective "Safer State with .08" optical variable device runs through side of the card lengthways, over part of the photo and signature and DL/ID number.

The Under 21 Temporary Visitor Driver's License (a new card issued as of 1/1/05 in accordance with Public Act 93-0752) will look like other under 21 cards but the background color will be green. The header bar above the photo will be green instead of blue and will include the text "Temporary Visitor Drivers License". The bar containing the text "Under 21 until MO/DAY/YEAR is green instead of red. The block containing DL number, issue date and expiration date is green instead of blue. The text "Not Valid for Identification" will appear in red above the name. The expiration date will indicate either 3 years from date of issuance or less if the authorized length of stay in the U.S. is less.

This change was made to make the card more distinctive than it currently is, in order to make it far more difficult if not impossible to alter an existing under 21 card to make it look like a card issued to a person over 21. It is another step being taken by the Secretary of State's Office to prevent underage drinking and to reduce DL/ID fraud.

This action targets what the Secretary of State Police have found to be the most common method used by underage drinkers trying to obtain fake ID. Penalties for making and using fake or unlawfully altered DLs or IDs are significant. Depending on the nature of the offense, it can be a Class A misdemeanor or a Class 4 felony.