

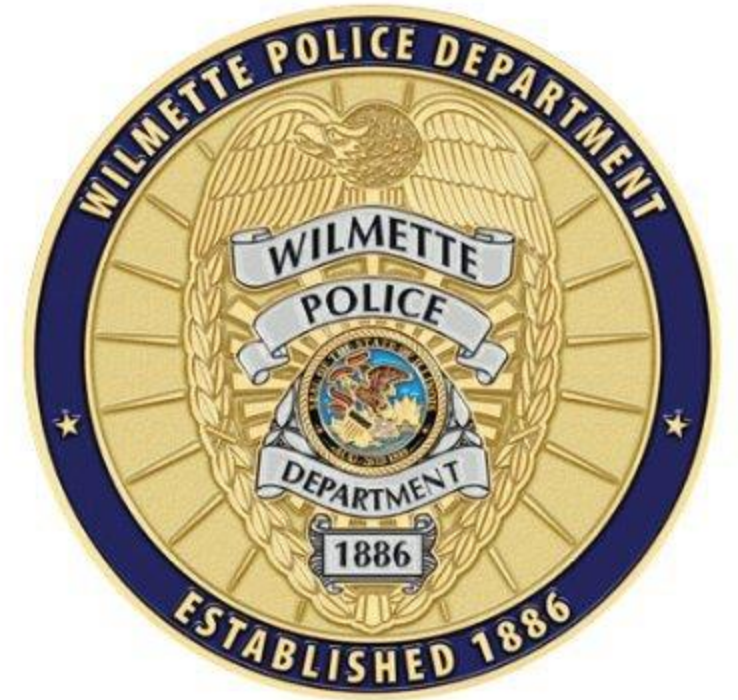


Firearm Safety Programs

JULY 26, 2022

Presentation Overview

- Review of prior firearm safety discussions and Village actions
- Review of Village's existing firearm safety programs
- Review of public education efforts



Firearm Safety Discussions

Public Safety Committee

- *2019 Review*

- Analysis of federal and state laws and case law surrounding firearm regulations
- Determination that there are federal and state limitations on municipal regulation of firearms
- Investigated the prohibition of concealed carry firearms in liquor establishments
 - *Village Board adopted restrictions*
- Request to proactively promote Village firearm safety programs

- *2022 Update*

- No significant changes in federal or state laws or court rulings allowing municipal regulation of firearms
- Request to continue the proactive promotion of Village firearm safety programs

Gun Safety Regulations

- **State of Illinois**

- 2013 – passed the Firearm Concealed Carry Act, which pre-empted local regulation of firearms including licensing, training, purchasing/sale, possession, etc.
- Provided municipalities with 10-days to pass their own assault weapon regulations; did not include ability to regulate handguns

- **Cook County**

- 2013 – Updated regulations prohibiting the possession and sale of assault weapons and extended magazines within the County
- The assault weapons ban applies in Wilmette as the Village did not opt out
- The Village will notify the Sheriff's Office if assault weapons are encountered
- Wilmette Police have not encountered an assault weapon in the community during the course of any crime or police investigation since 1995

Concealed Carry Ordinance

- In 2019, Village adopted an ordinance prohibiting concealed carry of firearms in establishments which have a liquor license
- Signage must be posted indicating firearms are prohibited on the property
 - *Signage also available to non-liquor license businesses when requested*
 - *Signage will also be included in the 2023 business registration process*
- Prohibition impacts 41 establishments



State law also prohibits concealed firearms in certain public locations, such as schools, government buildings, etc.

Firearm Safety Programs

Firearm Disposal Program

Temporary Safe Storage of Firearms

Project Child Safe

Clear & Present Danger Reporting

Concealed Carry Review

Firearm Revocation Process

Domestic Bond Screening Process

Firearm Restraining Order Act

No Concealed Carry Allowed Stickers

Wilmette Firearm Disposal Program



- Residents can turn in unwanted firearms and/or ammunition at any time
- Firearms brought to Northeastern Illinois Regional Police Crime Laboratory (NIRCL) for destruction
- 2008 – 2021 Program Statistics
 - 152 firearms/ammunition turned in
 - 21 occasions in 2021
 - Majority of firearms operational at the time

Wilmette Temporary Storage Program

- Residents may temporarily store firearms at Police station at no cost
- Recommended when special circumstances exist in a home to ensure safety
- Program Statistics
 - Program was utilized on 6 occasions in 2021



Project Child Safe

- Project Child Safe is a public safety campaign aimed at educating parents and families on gun safety and promoting safe storage practices
- For ~20 years, Police Department has provided child safety locks to gun owners at no cost
- 2012 State law requires gun sellers to provide lock at time of sale



Gun locks



Secured gun

Reporting and Review Programs

CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER

- Police and schools may report individuals deemed to pose a clear and present danger
- Reports used by State in granting a FOID card
- Goal is to protect public by denying persons lawful access to weapons
- Recent updates to administrative rules through Illinois State Police



Illinois State Police
Clear and Present Danger Request

CONCEALED CARRY REVIEW

- Local law enforcement may object to issuance of a concealed carry license
- Based upon a reasonable suspicion that applicant is a danger to themselves or others, or is a threat to public safety



Firearm Revocation Program

Firearms Revocation Process

- Illinois State Police (ISP) provides notice of FOID revocations to local jurisdictions
- This notification allows better compliance with the law

Domestic Bond Screening

- Police provides County a screening form for persons arrested under Domestic Violence Act
- Under specific conditions arrestee must turn over firearms

Firearms Restraining Order Act

- State law effective January 1, 2019
- Family and household members may petition the Court to remove a person's access to firearms
- Based on evidence that an individual is a danger to themselves or others

Public Education Programs

CURRENT PROGRAMS

- Facility security surveys and emergency preparedness planning
 - Includes information about weapon detection and concealed carry laws
- Partnership with schools to conduct child safety talks
- Educational campaigns during June which is Firearm Violence Awareness Month
- Smart911 – Emergency notification system

PROGRAM EXPANSION

- Village will expand communication efforts on a consistent basis
 - *Website* – Banner to clearly direct people to resources
 - *Brochure* – Develop a single handout that can be shared with public and community partners
 - *Newsletter* – Dedication of full page in Fall *Communicator* for firearms safety
 - *E-News & Social Media* – More frequent firearm safety messaging
 - *Community Partners* - Consistent messaging with other local governments, businesses, etc.



Village Next Steps

- Continue to monitor Federal and State legislation regarding firearms
 - **Illinois General Assembly HB5522 – Proposed Assault Weapons Ban**
 - Would make it unlawful to deliver, sell, or purchase or cause to be delivered, sold, or purchased or cause to be possessed by another, an assault weapon, assault weapon attachment, .50 caliber rifle, or .50 caliber cartridge.
 - Would make it unlawful for any person to knowingly possess an assault weapon, .50 caliber rifle, or .50 caliber cartridge 300 days after the effective date of the amendatory Act, except possession of weapons registered with the Illinois State Police in the time provided.
 - Would prohibit delivery, sale, purchase or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices
- Comments received by the Village have been and will continue to be forwarded to State legislators
- Implementation of updates to the public education campaign

Questions?
