

# POLICE WHEELING



## 2019 Annual Report



*125<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition*



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# CHIEF'S MESSAGE



It is my honor to represent the officers and staff of the Wheeling Police Department in presenting this annual report for 2019. The men and women of our department work tirelessly to provide excellent service and help to keep our community safe. This report provides an overview of the functions and activities of our department and highlights a variety of our accomplishments. We continue to make the citizens of Wheeling our largest asset and partner.

In 2019, the Wheeling Police Department was awarded Gold Standard Accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). CALEA awarded the Wheeling Police Department National Accreditation in the Law Enforcement Program following a multi-year self-assessment phase and a meticulous site-based assessment of community engagement, policy, procedures, equipment, and facilities by CALEA assessors. I was honored to represent the Wheeling Police Department at the CALEA conference in Covington, Kentucky, where the commission reviewed its findings and determined our accreditation status. This event was particularly special in that the Wheeling Police Department earned its ninth award of national accreditation, as well as two additional award designations: the Accreditation with Excellence Award and the Meritorious Award. The Wheeling Police Department was first accredited in 1990.

Our department is staffed by 60 sworn officers who are assigned to Patrol, Traffic, Criminal Investigations, the high school and Crime Prevention. In addition, we have four community service officers, 19 dispatchers who work in the 24-hour Communications Center, and nine civilian personnel.

We are committed to providing our residents with the best police service possible, with an emphasis on community outreach and relationships. With the implementation of our social media presence at the end of 2019, we doubled down on our commitment to finding innovative ways to reach the community with our crime prevention message.

I am confident that the Wheeling Police Department will continue to be professional and dedicated as we continue to address the needs of our outstanding community.

James J. Dunne, Chief of Police

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# Board of Trustees & Village Manager



The Wheeling Board of Trustees is the legislative branch of Government which creates all Village policy administered by the Village Manager. The Board of Trustees, along with the Village President, serve as the corporate authorities for the village.

*Pictured above from left to right:*

Mary Krueger, Trustee

**Patrick Horcher, Village President**

Elaine Simpson, Village Clerk

Mary Papantos, Trustee

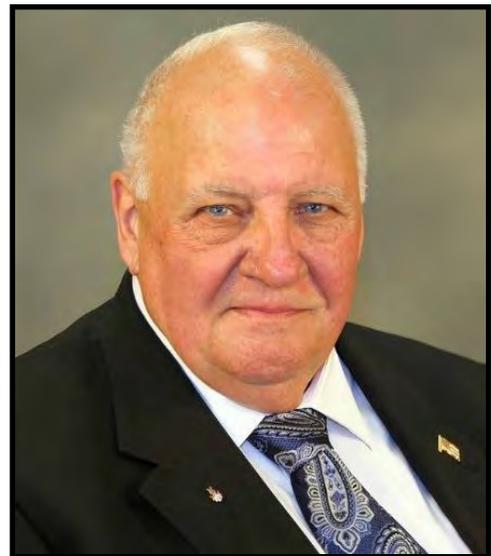
Ray Lang, Trustee

Dave Vogel, Trustee

**Jon Sfondilis, Village Manager**

Joe Vito, Trustee

Jim Ruffatto, Trustee



*In Memoriam*

Ken Brady

Trustee 2005-2019

# Mission Statement

The mission of the Wheeling Police Department is to improve the quality of life for the citizens of the Village of Wheeling by the provision of the highest quality of police services.

The department will maintain respect for human rights; will promote mutual respect and courtesy, and work to build strong, effective, mutually beneficial police/community partnerships.

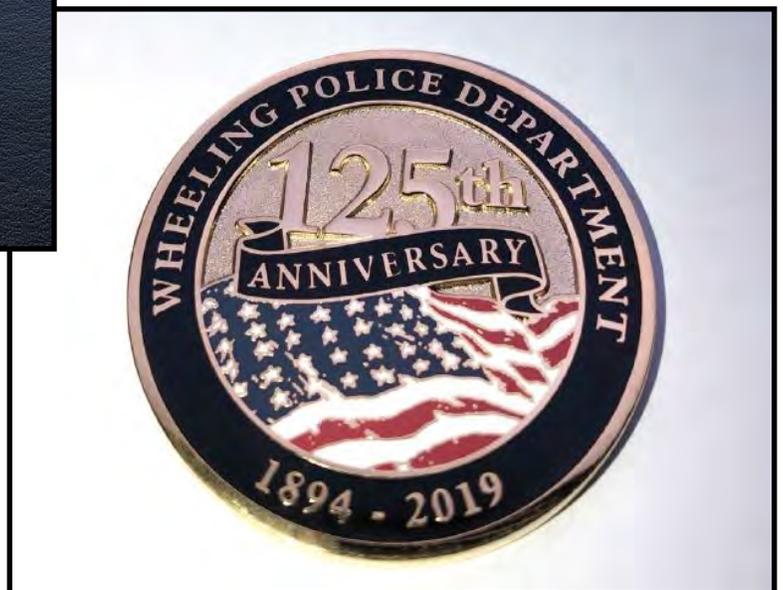
## Organizational Values

**Partnership** - We are committed to working on partnerships with the community and with each other to identify and resolve issue which impact public safety.

**Encouragement** - We encourage participation and input from all levels of our organization and all individuals and groups in the Village.

**Integrity** - We are committed to nurturing the public trust by holding ourselves accountable to the highest standards of professionalism and ethics.

**Dedication** - We dedicate ourselves to professional law enforcement service through open systems of communication, community partnerships, improved department management, enhanced operational procedures, and the utilization of problem solving methods and strategies.



# Department Goals & Accomplishments

## 2019 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The department successfully recruited and welcomed seven new police officers who completed or are currently attending the now 14-week basic law enforcement police academy. The academy program was increased by two weeks to meet basic and necessary mandates to address evolving demands placed on law enforcement. The basic academy now includes relevant topics like crisis intervention and applies diverse training experiences and innovative training strategies to prepare recruits to be highly qualified officers.

Through a cost sharing agreement with two outside agencies, the department implemented a NG-911 capable telephone system and established a resilient and redundant structure that is both flexible and capable of increased capacity to handle community growth, future consolidation strategies, and disaster recovery situations. In addition, the department implemented an upgraded Computerized Automated Dispatch (CAD) system that provided the 9-1-1 Communications Center with a more efficient CAD system enhancing dispatch capabilities and allowed networking capabilities with neighboring communications centers.

## 2019 OBJECTIVE/GOALS

***IDENTIFIED GOAL: To provide Officers the opportunity to receive emotional and tangible support through times of personal or professional crisis and to help anticipate, identify, and address potential difficulties.***

Adopt the concepts of peer support and fully embrace the model for all sworn officers.

Subscribe to the formal peer support initiative offered through the *We never walk alone* nationwide peer support and mental health professional network offered by and for law enforcement officers in the communities we serve.

Identify, train, and commit two or more Peer Support Officers to the *We never walk alone* nationwide peer support and mental health professional network.

***IDENTIFIED GOAL: Increasing our Social Media presence within the Police Department.***

Increase overall awareness of the public through select use of social media including issuing warnings and sharing real-time information that protects the public.

Promote activities, events, and gatherings through social media where the community and the police department share the common goal of engagement with one another by highlighting all that the Village and police department have to offer.

Produce and publish crime prevention videos and informational media designed to forewarn residents of criminal activity or trending crime opportunities.

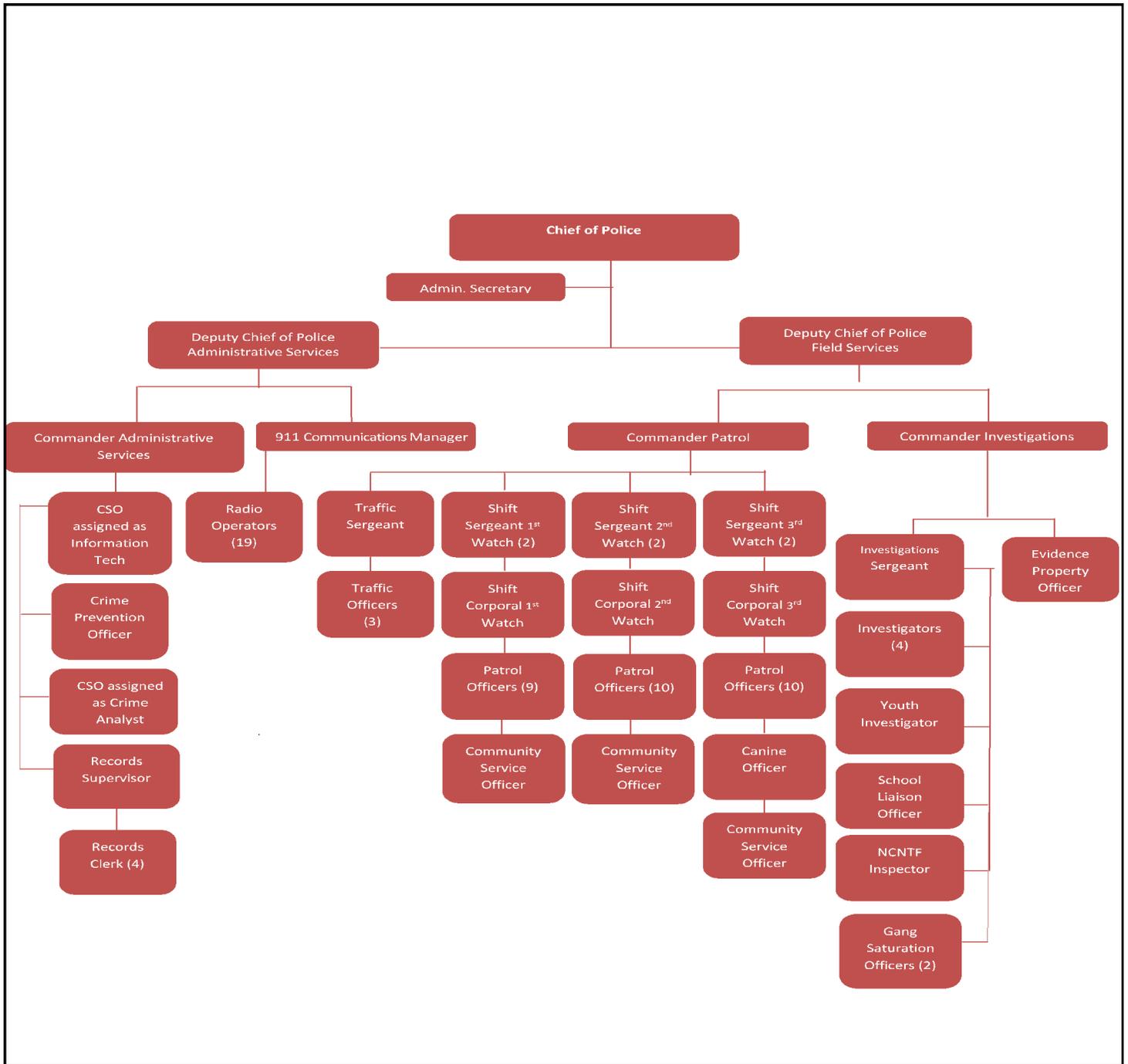
***IDENTIFIED GOAL: Implement a new Safe Communities initiative to assist and revitalize the crime-free multi housing program.***

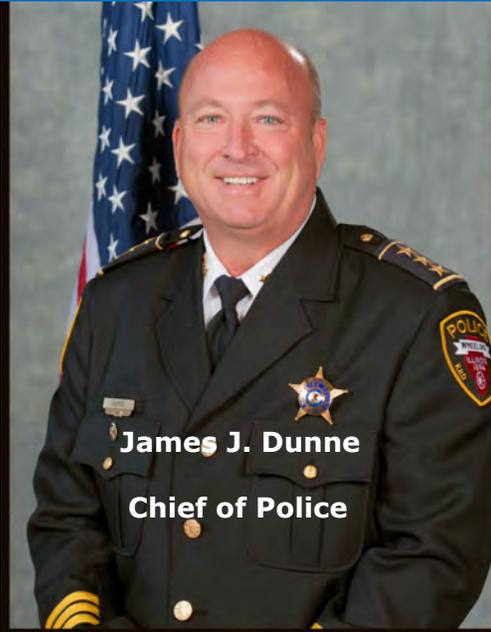
Create, troubleshoot and launch a new rental database that accommodates the needs of both the Police Department and the Village of Wheeling that fully supports the Wheeling Safe Communities initiative.

Work in unison with the Village of Wheeling department of Community Development to make certain that all Wheeling landlords are kept abreast of any updates or changes to the program.

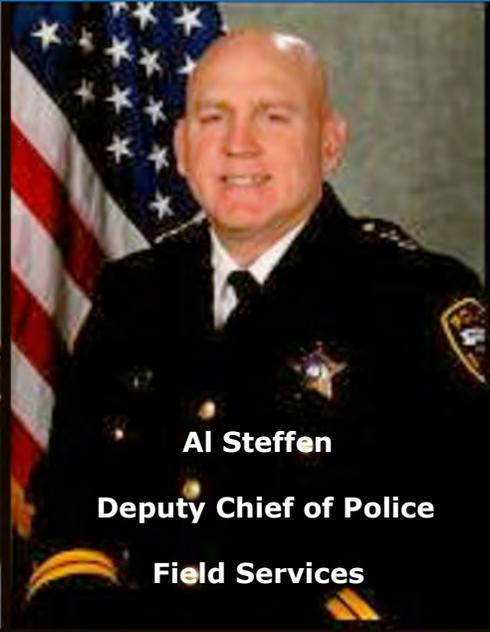
# 2019

## Chain of Command





**James J. Dunne**  
Chief of Police



**Al Steffen**  
Deputy Chief of Police  
Field Services



**Joseph Licari**  
Deputy Chief of Police  
Administrative Services

# 2019 Command Staff



**Joseph Kopecky**  
Commander  
Field Services



**Michael Conway**  
Commander  
Administrative Services



**Rocella Rodgers**  
911 Center Manager

## **COMMAND STAFF**

James J. Dunne, *Chief of Police*

Al Steffen, *Deputy Chief of Police, Field Services*

Joseph Licari, *Deputy Chief of Police, Administrative Services*

Michael Conway, *Commander, Administrative Division*

Joseph Kopecky, *Commander, Field Division*

Mike Stone, *Administrative Assistant/Administrative Service Officer*

Rocella Rodgers, *Communications Manager*

## **SERGEANTS**

John Abbio

Michael Bieschke

James Borchardt

James Elwart

Paul Hardt

Chris Higham

Troy Musolf

Chris Rogers

## **CORPORALS**

Dennis Bulanda

Jeremy Hoffman

Richard Giltner

## OFFICERS

Adam Sherman	Jordan Hudak
Andrew Teichen	Jowmar Ubalde
Angela Kaehler	Kevin Smith
Bernie Conboy	Joseph Dawson
Bret Potter	Joseph Rundo
Brittany Vore	Joseph Werderitch
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Conor Hanley	Laura Joschko
Dane Eimer	Lukasz Czapl
Dante Perez	Matthew Lee
Daniel Pawlus	Michael Munoz
Derrick Bernabei	Phil Kim
Devin Ladesic	Preston Robertson
Dorann Swanson	Rick Richardson
Douglas Kaiser	Robert Czopek
Ian Frey	Shane Mauer
Ian Hybert	Steve Komin
Ignacio Garcia	Steven Camporese
Ignacio Oropeza-Hernandez	Thomas Pinedo
James Theberge	Tyler Courtney

## SERVICES/RECORDS/VOLUNTEERS

Margaret Cooper, *Records Clerk*  
Carole Lanciloti, *Citizen Volunteer*  
Christina Lascola, *Records Clerk*  
Kristina Maldonado, *Records Clerk*  
Patricia Maziarka, *Citizen Volunteer*  
Veronica Salazar, *Crime Analyst*  
Shirlee Surges, *Records Clerk*  
Jacek Trzebunia, *Information Technology*  
Katherine Whitehead, *Records Supervisor*

## COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

Michael Burns  
Andrew Merrill  
Anthony Reyes  
Peter Rodgers

## COMMUNICATIONS

Javier Alanis  
Andrew Calin  
Matthew Diamond  
Eugene Gamez  
Marcia Gerould  
Charles Hasselmann  
Katelyn Hernandez  
Tina Hoffman  
Dawn Hyken  
Michael Kelly

Meghan Marren  
Megan Mayfield  
Debra Mette  
Nadine Mogan  
Sandro Palomares  
Marco Ramirez  
Tina Shufflebarger  
Maria Vasquez  
James Vonesh

## RETIREMENTS

Deputy Chief Todd Wolff,  
31 years of service.



# The Wheeling 9-1-1 Center

At the 9-1-1 Center, where emergency calls are answered for Des Plaines and Wheeling, police dispatchers answer the phones, including 9-1-1, 10-digit emergency calls non-emergency, administrative lines and Text to 9-1-1. The Communications Division strives to manage all requests efficiently and accurately in a manner that leaves the public and emergency responders confident in the performance of the Center.

## 2019 Division Goals:

Goal: Implement Quality Assurance Program developed in 2019 – *Achieved*

Objective: Establish clear expectations as well as a standardized method of evaluation and accountability for call taking and dispatch performance.

Goal: Implement a CAD system upgrade – *Achieved*

Objective: Provide Center an efficient computer aided dispatch system that is compatible with Next Generation 9-1-1 and is capable of being networked with RED Center.

Goal: Implement NG9-1-1 capable phone system - *Achieved*

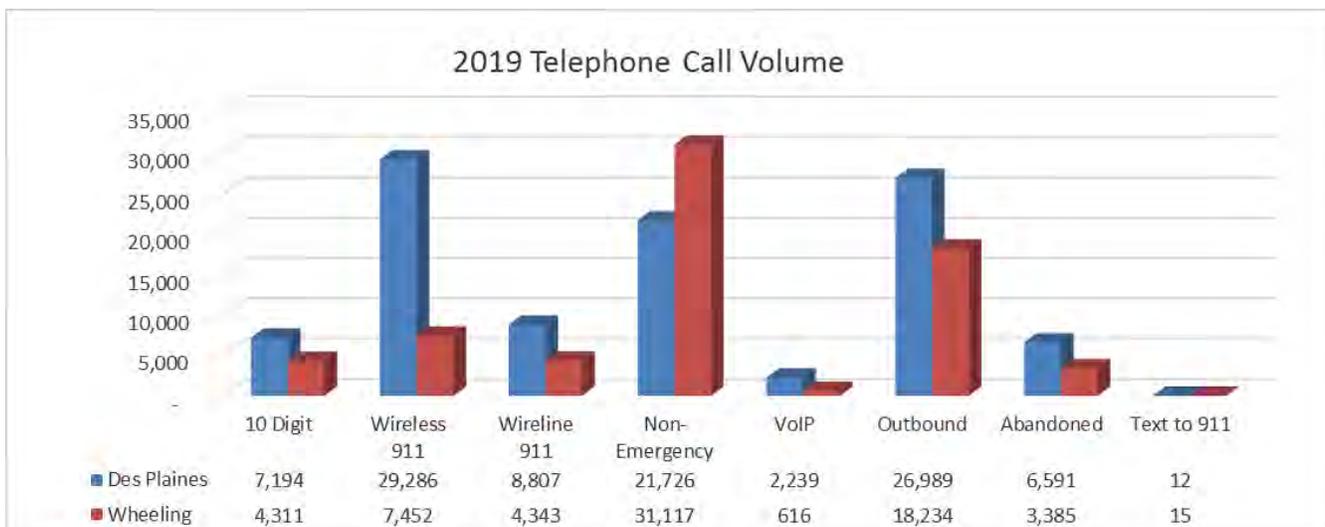
Objective: Establish resilient and redundant phone system that is easily scalable with the flexibility and capacity to handle community growth, consolidation strategies and disaster recovery situations.

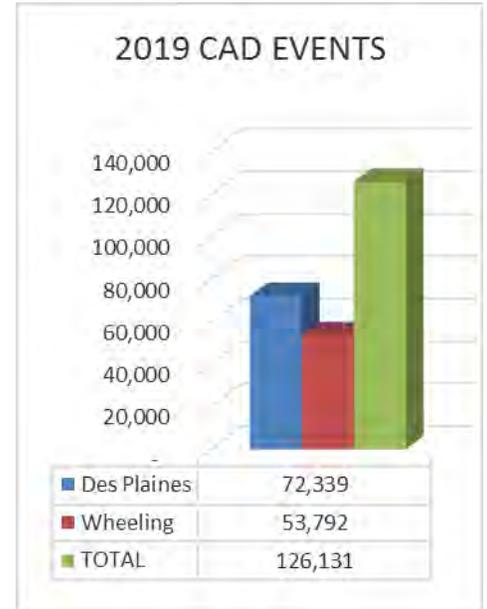
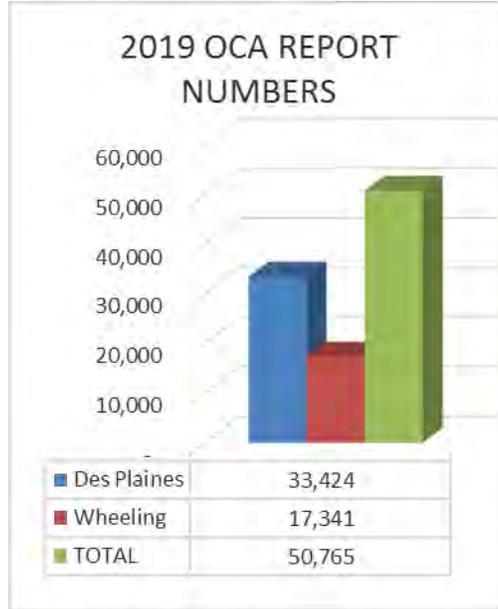
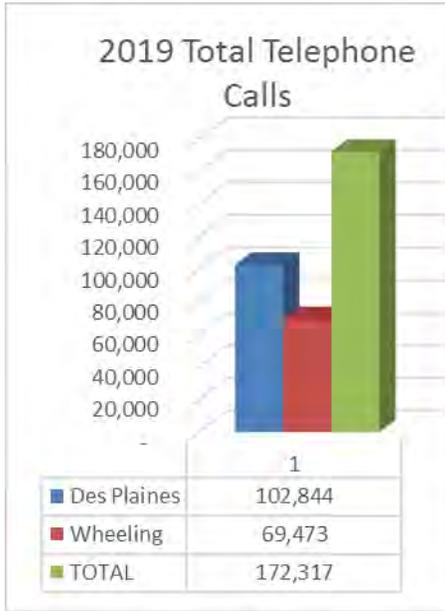
## Efficiency:

NENA Standard for 9-1-1 Call Answering is that 90% of all calls (during busiest hour) should be answered within 10 seconds, 95% of all calls should be answered within 20 seconds.

The Center continues to raise its efficiency. In 2019, we achieved a .54 percentage of improvement; exceeding the NENA Call Answering standard with a 98.76% average of calls answered within 10 seconds. This is the third consecutive year where we have improved efficiency with a 1.3% overall cumulative change since 2017.

While the Center has experienced a slight 3.7% decrease in the volume of calls dispatched, there was a 2.09% increase in overall phone activity.





Infrastructure improvement:

A Next Generation 9-1-1 Regional phone system linked with The Village of Northbrook and the Regional Emergency Dispatch Center was installed. This solution is a multi-site environment. It is scalable with the flexibility and capacity to handle community growth, consolidation strategies and disaster recovery situations. This system provides the Center with the resiliency and redundancy the Village needs to meet advancing standards within the 9-1-1 industry.

Rapid SOS

A state of the art Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system was installed. This software platform **enhances the Center's ability to quickly and accurately process calls for service. The system** also provides the capability to integrate with the CAD software already in use at the Regional Emergency Dispatch Center.

Operations:

Launched a public education initiative; staff participated in National Night Out and conducted six presentations on 9-1-1 **which included both the Wheeling Citizen's Police Academy and schools** within the Village of Wheeling and the City of Des Plaines.

Published seven Operational Directives to establish performance expectations and further define the **telecommunicator's role in supporting the agencies we serve.**

Upgraded StarCom21 radio software to most recent version; completed at no cost.



Training:

Completed a total of 1,161 hours of continuing education which included 34 hours of CAD and phone training.

## State/Federal Audits:

A Law Enforcement Agency Data System (LEADS) Agency Audit was conducted. The audit determined that our agency was out of compliance in one area. All necessary steps were taken to correct against any future oversights.

LEADS statistics: 350 entries, 100 cancellations, and one voided record were completed for the Wheeling Police Department. The Des Plaines Police Department manages their LEADS records in-house.

## 2020 Division Goals:

Goal: Realign Division Operational Directives

Objective: Align Directives to current best practices and training standards.

Goal: Refine the NG911 Phone and CAD system

Objective: Assess and address any concerns in the recently implemented technology in order to achieve the best performance.

Goal: Develop a Continuity of Operation Plan

Objective: Establish a document which provides the necessary guidance to organize and direct the Center's response to an emergency situation.



# The Administrative Services Division

Administrative Services is staffed by nine full-time employees who perform five different functions: Law Enforcement Accreditation, Records, Training, Crime Prevention, and Information Technology. Commander Michael Conway heads the Administrative Services Division.

**Law Enforcement Accreditation** - The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) was formed in 1979 to establish a body of standards designed to:

- Increase agency capabilities to prevent/control crime.
- Increase agency effectiveness and efficiency in the delivery of law enforcement services.
- Increase cooperation and coordination with other law enforcement agencies and with other agencies of the criminal justice system.
- Increase citizen and employee confidence in the goals, objectives, policies, and practices of the agency.

## **Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA®)**

The Wheeling Police Department is committed to providing professional and ethical police services to our residents and visitors. We have a strong commitment to working with our community—including businesses and other organizations—to create a safe environment to live, work, and shop. The Wheeling Police Department is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), which indicates that we adhere to the highest standards in public safety. In 2019 CALEA awarded the Police Department national accreditation in the law enforcement program following a multi-year self-assessment phase and a meticulous site-based assessment of community engagement, policy, procedures, equipment, and facilities by CALEA assessors. In November 2019, the Department earned its ninth award of national accreditation, as well as two additional award designations: the Accreditation with Excellence Award and the Meritorious Award. The Wheeling Police Department was first accredited in 1990.

**Records** - The Records Unit is responsible for performing a variety of detailed report preparation, record keeping, distribution, and public contact duties. The Records Unit is tasked with the administration and maintenance of all department records. All criminal histories, arrest records, police reports, traffic citations, and statistical data are maintained within this division.

**Recruiting-** The Village of Wheeling is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate in the hiring of its employees. The police department strives to recruit qualified applicants and candidates who represent the **diversity of our community**. **The department's objectives continue to be the recruitment of well-qualified applicants while focusing on female and minority applicants who are under-represented and actively recruit the most highly qualified applicants.** In 2019 the department successfully recruited, hired, and trained seven new police officers.

**Crime Prevention-** No citizen is unaffected by Crime. Our personal safety is at risk, as well as the ever present risk of crime affecting public and private property. Quality of life suffers as the fear of crime increases. **The Wheeling Police Department Crime Prevention Unit's main task is to create partnerships within the Community in an effort to reduce the fear of crime, and thus improve each Wheeling resident's quality of life.** Through many of these partnerships, the public is educated on the latest crime trends, and provided information on how to prevent these crimes. By breaking down the barriers that separate law enforcement from the public, we hope to open the lines of communication that are critical to keeping the crime rate as low as possible. Our biggest annual event is National Night Out, which attracts thousands of people and offers a great time for all with food, music, swimming and a Public Safety Vehicle Show. Meanwhile, real relationships are forged in smaller venues like our monthly Crime Watch Meetings that take place at the Wheeling Police Department. The unit began formulating a crime free multi-housing program called Wheeling Safe Communities which was unveiled in 2019. The program will go a long way towards making Wheeling an even safer place to live.

**Training** – This year we continued with unfunded training mandates brought on by new state legislation and the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. The mandates include mandatory training on Legal Updates, Constitution Law and Proper Use of Law Enforcement Authority, Procedural Justice, Civil Rights, Human Rights, and Cultural Competency. The department successfully met all training mandates well before imposed deadlines, complying with all mandated Federal, State, and CALEA requirements.

Numerous department members have received advanced specialized training in a wide variety of programs, enabling the department to conduct in-house training in the most cost effective means. These training officers have voluntarily taken on additional roles and responsibilities to make our department the best it can be. In-house training topics include Use of Force and Defensive Tactics. The Use of Force training includes classroom and scenario training to comply with mandated state of Illinois training requirements. Officers also qualify annually with firearms and complete law updates in the form of online training through the Police Law Institute (PLI). PLI in 2019 included:

- Illinois Cannabis Laws
- Crisis Intervention Team training, Mental Health Awareness and Response, De-Escalation
- Domestic Violence
- Illinois Supreme Court Decisions
- United States Supreme Court Decisions
- Racial Profiling, Implicit Bias and Cultural Competency
- Use of Force, Qualified Immunity
- Line Ups, Show Ups and Forensic Hypnosis
- Property Crimes
- Legal Basis of Search & Seizure
- Juvenile Interrogation
- Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act

Officers continue to receive training throughout their careers, keeping up with the latest trends and technological advancements in law enforcement. The department is a member of the North East Multi-Regional Training (NEMRT) which provides access to specialized training. Advanced training includes; bike patrol, breath analysis operator, evidence technician classes, investigator classes, juvenile officer, law updates, traffic enforcement, passenger restraint systems, and officer wellness.

## 2019 Total Training Hours

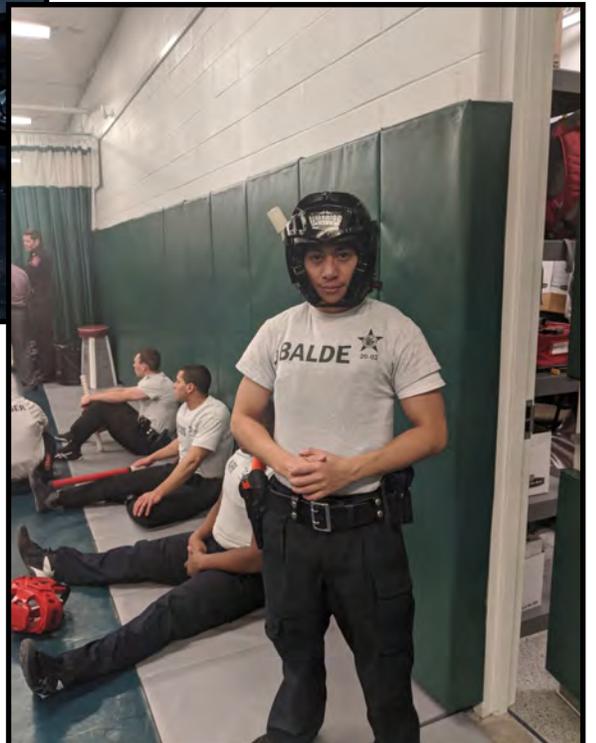


*Recruit Officer Czopek performs a traffic stop while at the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA)*



*Recruit Officers perform a felony traffic stop while attending the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA)*

*Recruit Officer Ubalde prepares for his defensive tactics practical scenario while attending the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA)*



## 2019 Analysis of Administrative Reviews



## MEMORANDUM

To: Chief James J. Dunne, #100

From: Deputy Chief Joseph Licari #91, Administrative Services Division

Date: January 13, 2020

Subject: Analysis of Administrative reviews for 2019

Number	Complainant	Date	Disposition	Action
19-01	Unprofessional behavior	02/05/2019	Sustained	Letter of Reprimand
19-02	Conduct toward superior and subordinate officers & associates	02/11/2019	NA	Resigned Prior to Disposition
19-03	Use of Force	04/03/2019	Unfounded	None
19-04	Insubordination	04/25/2019	Sustained	Formal reprimand
19-05	Insubordination	08/12/2019	Sustained	Letter of Reprimand
19-06	Failure to report for duty	09/23/2019	Sustained	Letter of Reprimand
19-07	Operating vehicles & Unsatisfactory performance	11/01/2019	Sustained	Operating vehicles (1 day suspension); Unsatisfactory performance (4 day suspension)
19-08	Failure to report for duty	11/11/2019	Sustained	3 day suspension
19-09	Unauthorized Dissemination of Classified/Confidential material	12/09/2019	Sustained	Formal reprimand

Above is the annual statistical summary of internal affairs investigations conducted in 2019 pursuant to Standard Operating Procedure A-8 and CALEA Standard 26.2.5 (formerly CALEA Standard 52.1.5). The report is included on the Village of Wheeling Website at [www.wheelingil.gov](http://www.wheelingil.gov) which is available to the public and all department employees.



Officer Swanson, Officer Oropeza-Hernandez, Officer Kim and Officer Joschko presenting at two different City Colleges of Chicago events in 2019.

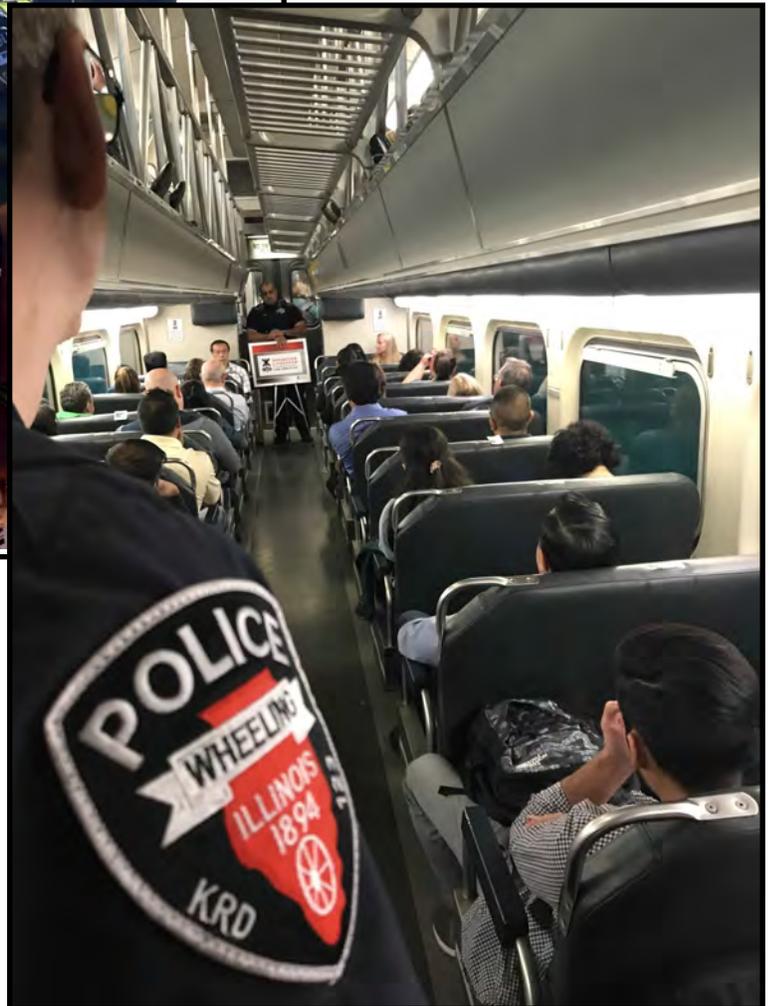


**Citizen's Patrol** -This program is composed of Wheeling residents who have graduated from the Wheeling Police Department Citizens Police Academy. The members or volunteers donate their time performing community service to supplement the police department as "extra eyes and ears" in the community. In addition to monthly patrols, volunteers assist with traffic direction and pedestrian control at special events.



# RAIL SAFETY WEEK

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*Officer Laverd and Officer Deol of the Prospect Heights Police Department partnered with Metra officials during Rail Safety Week to promote safety in and around trains.*

## The Investigations Division

The Wheeling Police Department Investigations Division is responsible for completing a variety of functions **within the department**. **The Division's primary function is to conduct follow-up investigations** on selected offenses reported to the Department. Reports initially completed by the Patrol Division are reviewed by the Investigations Sergeant to identify those cases that require additional follow-up by the Investigations Division. The Investigations Sergeant takes into account the seriousness of the criminal offense, potential suspects and evidence before assigning the case to an Investigator. In addition to working on criminal cases, Investigators also perform background investigations on all civilian and police applicants who are being considered for employment with the Village.

During 2019, the Wheeling Police Department Criminal Investigations Division consisted of 11 employees. There is one Commander, one Sergeant, four Detectives, one School Resource Officer, one officer assigned to the North Central Narcotics Task Force, two Gang Enforcement Officers, and one Evidence Custodian. The Division is managed by Commander Kopecky and supervised on a day-to-day basis by Detective Sergeant Musolf. The Detectives work 10 hours shifts with fixed days off on a Monday through Friday schedule. Detectives are scheduled to work the day shift and the afternoon shift. A Detective from the unit is on call 24 hrs. a day / 7 days a week to ensure constant coverage.

In 2019, the division investigated 540 incidents and cleared 145 cases by arrest.

- (2%) **Suspended**: When all leads have been thoroughly investigated but the case has not yet been closed it will remain open/suspended pending new leads.
- (52%) **Closed**: Often times cases are closed when no investigation is required or all investigative efforts have come to a logical conclusion.
- (27%) **Arrest**: An adult has been arrested (or a juvenile petitioned, cited, or station adjusted), charged or has been released without charges for the offense reported.
- (10%) **Closed Exceptionally**: Exceptional clearances are reports in which an offender has been identified and the elements of a crime have been met to charge the person; however, the offender will not be prosecuted by the Wheeling Police Department.
- (5%) **Unfounded**: Your investigation determines the case to be false or baseless, in that, there are no facts to substantiate the allegation in the report.

In 2019, the following additions were made to the Investigations Division:

The Investigations Division was trained and now has access to the Carfax for Police database. The database allows detectives to search vehicles by Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), vehicle registration, and partial vehicle registrations.

**North Central Narcotics Task Force (NCNTF)** - The North Central Narcotics Task Force (NCNTF) is a multi-jurisdictional law enforcement task force comprised of officers from surrounding police agencies. The NCNTF often works with other drug task forces, Metropolitan Enforcement Groups (MEG), and with law enforcement officers from federal, state, county, and municipal agencies from around the state to combat illicit drugs, gangs, and weapons in our communities. The Wheeling Police Department continues to staff a full-time position/officer with the North Central Narcotics Task Force .

**Major Case Assistance Team (MCAT)-** Major Case Assistance Team (MCAT) is a multi-jurisdictional organization that provides investigative, forensic, and surveillance to member agencies during investigations of homicides, attempted homicides, serial sexual assault investigations, officer involved deaths, and other major crimes.

The MCAT Serious Traffic Accident Reconstruction (STAR) Team is activated for serious traffic crashes involving death or crashes where death is imminent.

MCAT is presently composed of 25 police agencies from the northwest suburbs of Chicago. The team itself is composed of experienced investigators, forensic technicians, surveillance officers, and certified accident reconstructionists assigned from the member departments.

In 2019, MCAT had 24 overall activations. Of those 24 activations, Wheeling had 3 activations (2 STAR and 1 Homicide).

**School Resource Officer Program-** Officer Robertson is assigned to Wheeling High School as the School Resource Officer. Officer Robertson helps to build a rapport between the Wheeling Police Department and the students. In addition to safeguarding the halls during the school day, he also gives informational presentations to students, parents, and faculty. In 2019, 68 case reports were filed at the high school.

**Evidence/Property** - One civilian (Evidence / Property Officer), staffs the Evidence Room. The position of Evidence / Property Officer is a specialized position appointed by the Chief of Police. The Evidence / Property Officer is responsible for the receipt, recording, custody, security and disposition of all lost property, evidence and contraband coming within the custody of the Wheeling Police Department. It is the policy of the Wheeling Police Department to strictly inventory all property which comes into the department's control to protect the integrity of the Wheeling Police Department.

In 2019, 1,941 different pieces of property were submitted into evidence under 797 different cases.

Additionally, items submitted to the Northern Illinois Regional Crime Laboratory (N.I.R.C.L.) totaled 133, items transferred to other agencies totaled 13, items destroyed by a destruction order totaled 1408, and items returned to the owner totaled 211.

**Evidence Technicians-** The Wheeling Police Department has 28 active Evidence Technicians consisting of 25 Police Officers and 3 civilian Community Service Officers. Evidence Technicians (E.T.) are specially trained to respond to calls for service which involve the need to identify, document, collect and preserve physical evidence. The technicians use photography, videotape, and diagrams to document the conditions that are present on these specific types of calls for service. Crime scene processing is very technical and must be done properly to ensure the successful investigation and prosecution of the offender. Physical evidence is often crucial to the successful apprehension and prosecution of persons responsible for criminal acts. As science progresses, chemical fingerprint processing, microscopic analysis, and DNA testing are areas of evidence collection concerns which have created the need for more specific knowledge and training for police officers conducting investigations. **E.T.'s are not only responsible for collecting evidence but also ensuring that it is packaged correctly so that when it is sent to the Northeastern Illinois Regional Crime Laboratory for further analysis, it has been preserved properly and safely.**

New E.T.'s are required to complete comprehensive formal training to become state certified in this position. E.T.'s are enrolled in continuing education classes as they become available in order to stay up to date with current technological advancements in the industry. Many of these classes are offered through Northwestern University.

Total E.T. jobs: 154

Crime Scenes: 50

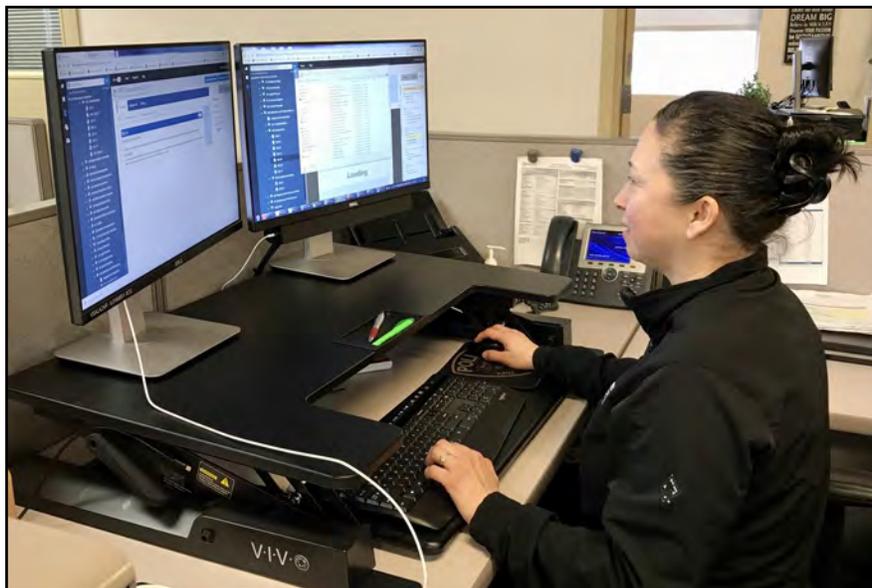
Photos only: 94

Scenes w/fingerprints: 18

AFIS quality: 8

**Crime Analyst** - The Crime Analyst is responsible for the dissemination of daily, weekly and monthly crime bulletins. The Crime Analyst compiles intelligence information based on crime trends and patterns and disburses this information to different units within the Wheeling Police Department to combat crime more effectively and efficiently. The Crime Analyst uses the following databases and sources to compile the information sent out to officers: Incident and Arrest reports, Central Square, Crystal Reports, CAD Logs, Property Crime Microsoft Excel spread sheets, Intelligence reports as submitted by Wheeling Police Department or received from other agencies, L.E.A.D.S., N.C.I.C. and those reports as available from M.O.C.I.C. (Mid-States Organized Crime Information Center), S.T.I.C. (State Terrorism and Intelligence Center), L.E.E.P – Law Enforcement Enterprise Portal), as they apply. The purpose of this analysis is to detect and report any Methods of Operation (M.O.) and recognized patterns of activity to anticipate trends of selected crimes identified.

Since 2016, once every month, the Crime Analyst works out of CPIC (Crime Prevention and Information Center) in Chicago. CPIC enables local, state, and tribal governments to gather, process, analyze, and share information and intelligence relating to all crimes and hazards while protecting civil liberties and privacy interests of persons throughout the intelligence process. CPIC is under the command of the Chicago Police Department's Deployment Operations section, located in the Public Safety Headquarters building. The CPD, FBI, US Department of Homeland Security, and the Illinois State Police staff CPIC at all times. Personnel from numerous other law enforcement agencies, including suburban police departments, work in the CPIC on a rotational basis.



# The Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is the largest division of the Wheeling Police Department and is a 24/7 operation. The Patrol Division is responsible for responding to both emergency and non-emergency calls for service within the jurisdictional limits of the Village of Wheeling.

Consistent with the department’s mission statement, Patrol Officers are responsible for the protection of life and property, maintaining peace, order and safety for all, conducting preliminary investigations, and enforcing the Illinois Criminal Code, traffic laws and village ordinances. The Wheeling Police Department encourages Patrol Officers to act as problem solvers, and to take a proactive approach rather than reactive approach to interaction with the community.

The Patrol Division consists of three different shifts:

**Midnight Shift**

11:00 p.m. to 7:30 a.m.

**Day Shift**

7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Afternoon Shift**

3:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

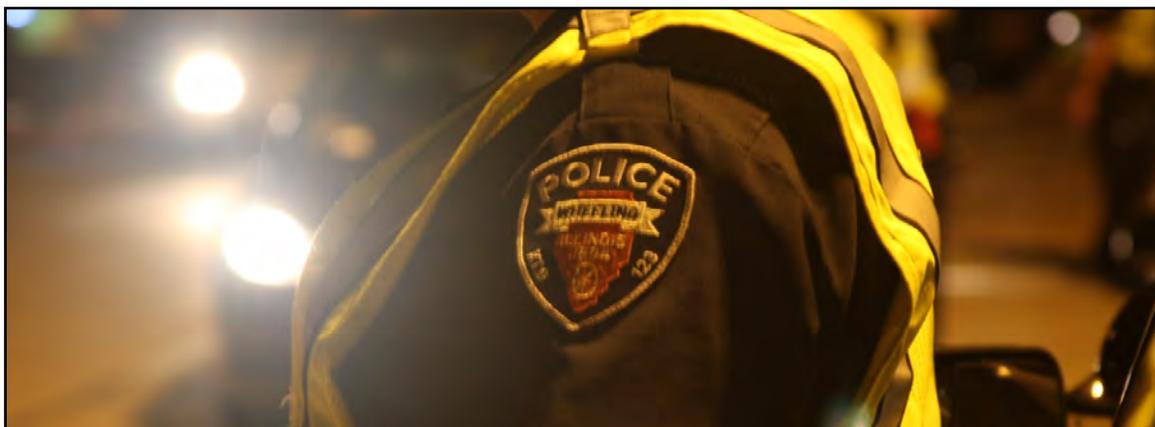
In 2019, The Wheeling Police Department Patrol Division responded to myriad calls for service involving criminal offenses, traffic accidents, disturbances, traffic complaints, extra watches and other types of incidents. The three Shifts first

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Year	Calls for Service	Annual Change
2015	41,453*	
2016	35,550*	-16.6 %
2017	39,854*	+12 %
2018	17,421	-56%
2019	17,695	+1.57 %

\*The calls for service in previous years were much higher due to the fact that the data included traffic stops, general service calls, and 911 CAD center Events. Beginning in 2018, calls for service totals only include Part 1 Offenses, Part 2 Offenses, Traffic Crashes, and Police Service only.

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CRASH  
REPORTS  
1,288

ARRESTS  
1,140

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REQUESTS  
558

CITATIONS  
26,731

FIELD/ARREST  
REPORTS  
6,013

SUBPOENAS  
537

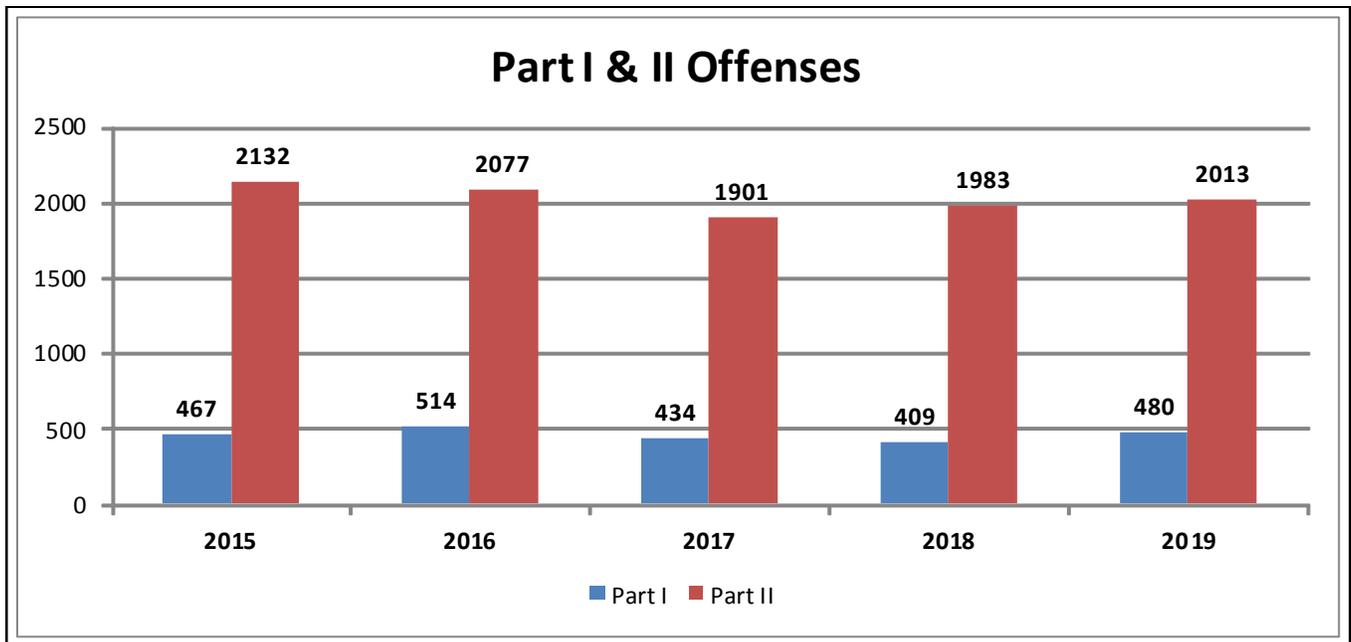
CALLS  
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17,695

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**Crime Statistics –** In 2019, the Wheeling Police Department responded to a vast array of calls for service including criminal offenses, traffic crashes, disturbances, traffic complaints, extra watches and other incidents. A Patrol Officer is often the first responder on the majority of these types of calls for service.

The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program divides offenses into two groups, Part I and Part II Offenses. Each month the Wheeling Police Department submits information on the number of Part I and Part II offenses to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Illinois State Police (ISP).

Part I Offenses are considered the more serious crimes and are divided between violent and property crimes. Part II Offenses are all other criminal offenses that are not classified as Part I Offenses.



<u>OFFENSES</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Homicide	0	1	0
Reckless Homicide	0	1	0
Criminal Sexual Assault	12	19	14
Robbery	4	1	6
Aggravated Battery	6	6	13
Aggravated Assault	11	13	16
Burglary	40	51	45
Burglary to Motor Vehicle	44	50	87
Theft	343	254	241
Motor Vehicle Theft	19	13	12
Arson	1	0	0
<b>Total Part I Crimes</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>434</b>
Involuntary Manslaughter	1	0	0
Battery	263	249	268
Assault	6	13	5
Deceptive Practices	118	135	194
Criminal Damage & Trespass to Property	160	179	234
Deadly Weapons	7	6	10
Sex Offenses	16	25	21
Offenses Involving Children	27	35	30
Cannabis Control Act Violation	166	137	71
Controlled Substance Act Violation	6	10	18
Drug Paraphernalia Act Violation	12	4	6
Liquor Control Act Violation	17	22	17
Intoxicating Compounds	1	0	0
Motor Vehicle Offenses	672	602	527
Disorderly Conduct	122	139	109
Interference with Public Officials	6	6	8
Intimidation	1	1	2
Visitation Interference / Kidnapping	2	4	5
Violation of Criminal Registry Laws	0	0	2
Other Offenses	410	416	374
<b>Total Part II Crimes</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>1983</b>	<b>1901</b>
Service to Other Agencies	2409	1457	1788
Public Service	7034	5250	3446
Public Complaints	5236	4493	4603
Lost/Found/Missing	85	297	184
Mental Health Calls	86	84	11
Suicides	6	3	7
Suicides Attempts	16	4	5
Death Investigation	42	41	16
Miscellaneous Department Activities	3826	3077	2937
911 Center CAD	7555	8013	4239
Other Service Calls	1344	1370	1531
Invalidate OCA's	29	111	103
<b>Total Services/ Activity</b>	<b>27668</b>	<b>24200</b>	<b>18870</b>



**ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING**



**CANINE UNIT**

The Canine Unit is under the supervision of Sergeant Michael Bieschke. The unit is in compliance with both the statutory requirements of the State of Illinois, and the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Board.

Officer Kanches and his partner Riggs completed the below activity in 2019:

- 185 calls for service
- 148 Vehicle Related Searches with 42 seizures
- 13 Public Relations Events
- 10 Tracks with two successful locates
- 8 Assists to Patrol and investigations
- 5 School Searches
- 1 Article Search with a recovery

This year the Canine Unit completed two separate narcotic certifications through:

- The Illinois Law Enforcement Training Board (MTU)
- NAPWDA (North American Police Working Dog Association)

In addition, the unit completed three separate patrol certifications through:

- The Chicago Police Department Canine Unit
- NAPWDA (North American Police Working Dog Association)
- TOPs canine training center

The Canine Unit strives for success and looks forward to the challenges of the 2020 calendar year.



## **MUTUAL AID**

Mutual aid, in organizational theory, is a voluntary reciprocal exchange of resources and services for mutual benefit of those involved. Wheeling is fortunate to house within it's geographical boundaries two prongs of the Mutual Aid spear: MABAS and Cook County Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM).



Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) of Illinois serves local fire agencies, MABAS Divisions, State of Illinois departments, and Cook County UASI-DHSEM by providing a systems-based resource allocation and distribution network of robust traditional and nontraditional fire-EMS-rescue and special operations teams for emergency and sustained response within and outside of the State of Illinois. Accomplishment of the services requires cooperation, standardization, reliability, partnering, brokering and ongoing communication and compliance with customer specification and expectations. Customer trust and reliance on the MABAS system is built upon personal relationships, credibility, and ongoing customer support.

Cook County Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) was developed **to enhance the safety and security of Cook County by working to prevent, protect against, mitigate the effects of, respond to and recover from all incidents, both man-made and natural, through a whole community, all hazards approach.** DHSEM works for the more than five million residents of the second largest county in the United States. Cook County is vulnerable to many hazards from extreme weather to terrorist attacks. We have a fundamental responsibility to do all we can to ensure the safety of our community.

MABAS and DHSEM have become partner agencies and together design and establish capability based systems to serve the high density, urban areas of the county and state.

## **TASK FORCES**

The Wheeling Police Department are members of The Northern Illinois Police Alarm Service (N.I.P.A.S.) Emergency Services Team (EST/SWAT), N.I.P.A.S. Mobile Field Force (MFF), and M.C.A.T. M.C.A.T. is subdivided into the major case assistance team and S.T.A.R. (Serious Traffic Accident Reconstruction). MCAT has a broader purview, and provides investigative, forensic, surveillance, and accident-reconstruction assistance to member agencies during investigations of homicides, kidnappings, serious and fatal traffic accidents, and other major incidents. Officer Ladesic is the Wheeling Representative on the Mobile Field Force, while Officer Bernabei is the department representative on N.I.P.A.S. EST/SWAT. Officers Richardson and Rossi represented the department on the STAR Team.



## **COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS**

The Patrol Division is supplemented by three full-time Community Service Officers (CSOs): Michael Burns, Anthony Reyes, and Andy Merrill. CSO's are tasked with parking enforcement, ordinance enforcement, traffic direction, and animal calls.

Additionally, all three CSO's have been cross trained to fulfill the duties of Evidence Technician. CSO Burns has also been assigned as the court officer and assists with the Evidence Property Room.

## **TRAFFIC UNIT**

Keeping our roads safe for all of Wheeling's residents and commuters is a vital part of the Wheeling Police Department Patrol Division. Sergeant James Elwart oversees the traffic unit that is composed of Officers Rick Richardson and Officer Ian Hybert. These individuals take great pride in providing professional, effect traffic enforcement through public education and strategic enforcement. These traffic services continue to positively impact the safety of those that live and/or work in our community.

# WHEELING TRAFFIC UNIT

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The Traffic Unit is putting all the pieces together with investigating complicated collisions that typically involve personal injuries. These individuals of our Traffic Unit are highly trained specialized members of our department. The Traffic Unit is designed to supplement the Patrol Division by dedicating these officers to full time traffic enforcement.



*Officers investigate a personal injury traffic crash on McHenry Rd .*

*Traffic Officers participate in the Chicago Auto Show educating the public about child restraint systems.*



Routine Traffic Enforcement is the shared responsibility of the Patrol Division and the Traffic Unit. The Traffic Unit officers receive additional training in traffic crash investigation through Northwestern University's Center for Public Safety (NUCPS). In 2019, Officer Richardson attended training at NUCPS and successfully completed Accident Investigation II and Vehicle Dynamics.

The Wheeling Police Department is a member agency of the Major Case Assistance Team / Serious Traffic Accident Reconstruction (MCAT/STAR) organization. The Team consists of the multi-jurisdictional approach to major case and crash investigation. MCAT/STAR, with 25 member agencies, is able to bring to the table a myriad of personnel, technology, and equipment.

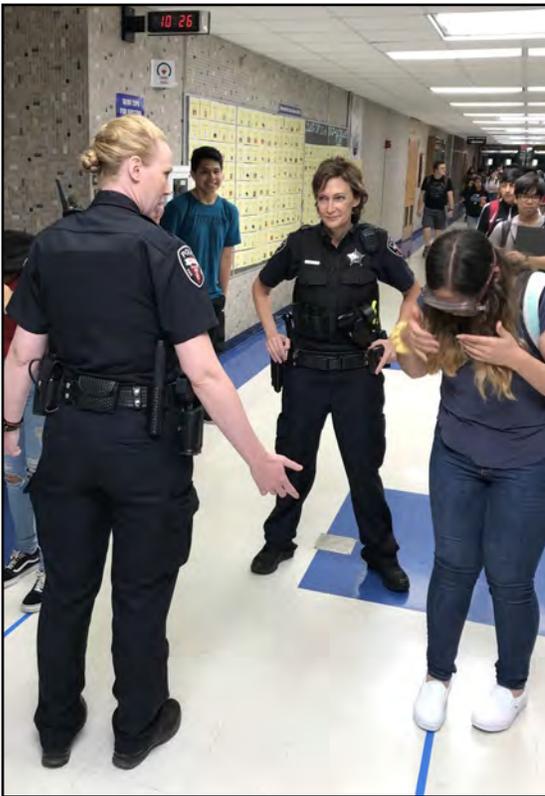
In 2019, members of the Wheeling Police Department responded to four STAR unit callouts for serious or fatal traffic crashes.

During 2019, the Traffic Unit conducted selective traffic enforcement in the Village of Wheeling and also identified areas for the Patrol Division to concentrate traffic enforcement efforts toward. These areas of enforcement are based on data compiled from crash statistics, Illinois Department of Transportation, citizen complaints, and traffic studies that identify times and days when traffic activity is increased.

The Traffic unit also coordinated and utilized Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grants, Occupant Restraint/Safety Belt Compliance Zones, Speed Enforcement Zones, School Zone Enforcement, Rail Crossing Enforcement, DUI Interdiction and public education to target traffic safety problems. The Traffic Unit's goal of reducing crashes on public roadways in the Village of Wheeling contributed to lowering the number of traffic crashes to 1,136. This is a decrease of 10 traffic crashes from 2018 in which crashes were at 1,146. The Traffic Unit has also initiated the deployment of three speed monitoring displays, known as speed shields, in the Village to remind drivers of their speed and to slow down.

As stated above the Traffic Unit participated in the STEP campaign which is sponsored by the Illinois Department of Transportation. The campaigns were conducted during Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas/New Year's, Super Bowl, St. Patrick's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day.

The STEP Grant focuses on impaired driving, distracted driving, and seat belt compliance. The STEP Grant awarded to the Village of Wheeling was in the amount of \$73,704.00 plus an additional \$13,024.00 for distracted driving enforcement.



The Traffic Unit is also responsible for traffic safety education in numerous areas where presentations are given to both adult and student audiences. The Officers of the Traffic Unit conducted Pre-Prom DUI Awareness classes at Wheeling High School Traffic and DUI Education for the Citizens Police Academy, in addition to conducting numerous Child Passenger Safety Seat inspections.



*School Resource Officer (SRO) Robertson, assisted by traffic and patrol officers, participate in pre-prom activities including demonstrating Fatal Vision goggles at Wheeling High School.*

**Traffic Enforcement Overview**

There are approximately 40,000 traffic related deaths each year in the United States, while Illinois usually can expect approximately 1,000 traffic related deaths each year.

The Wheeling Police Department understands the value of a proactive approach to traffic safety. Increased traffic safety efforts directly correlate to a reduction in traffic injuries and fatalities.

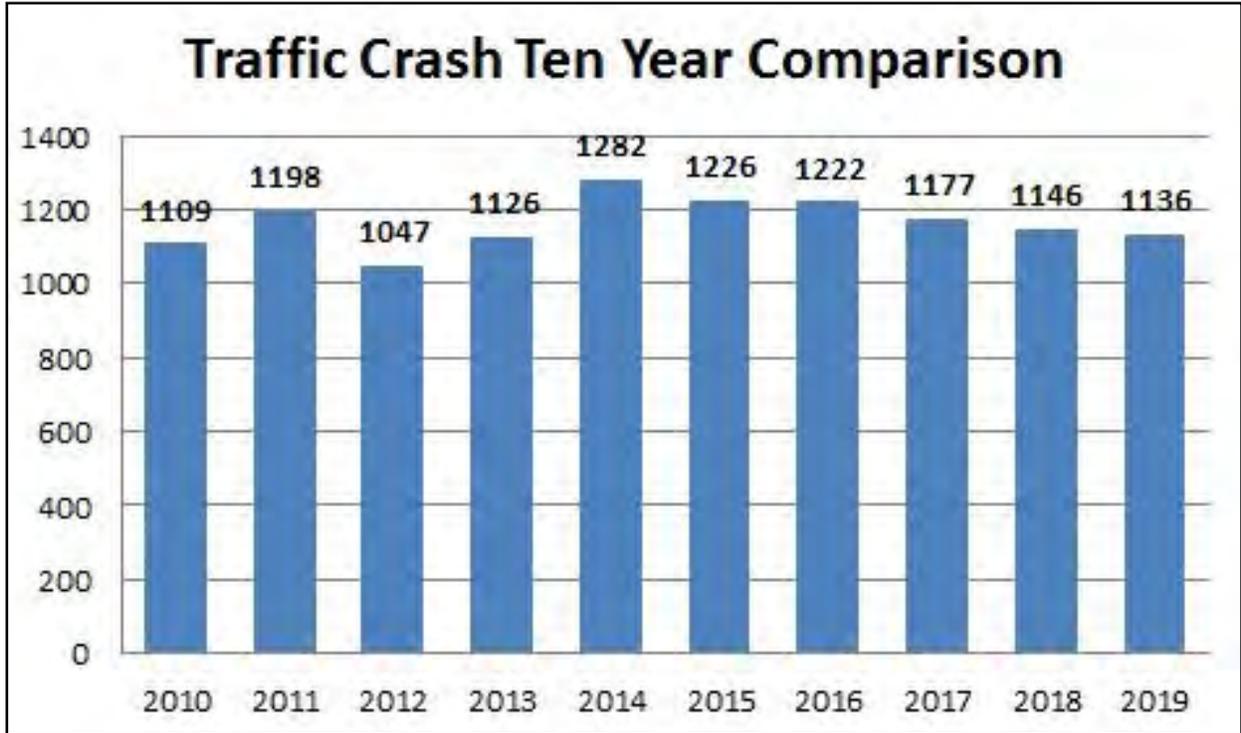
The tables below illustrate efforts made in all areas of traffic enforcement, and include data on the number of accidents that took place in 2019.

ACTIVITY	2018	2019	DIFFERENCE	% CHANGE
DUI ARRESTS	105	77	-28	-27%
TRAFFIC ARRESTS	485	490	+5	+1%
TRAFFIC STOPS	18,483	18,650	+167	+1%
TRAFFIC CITATIONS	5,827	6,158	+331	+6%
COMPLIANCE CITATIONS	5,204	4,947	-257	-5%
WRITTEN WARNINGS	9,826	9,782	-44	-1%
PARKING CITATIONS	4,419	5,053	+1084	+25%
VERBAL WARNINGS	354	337	-17	-5%



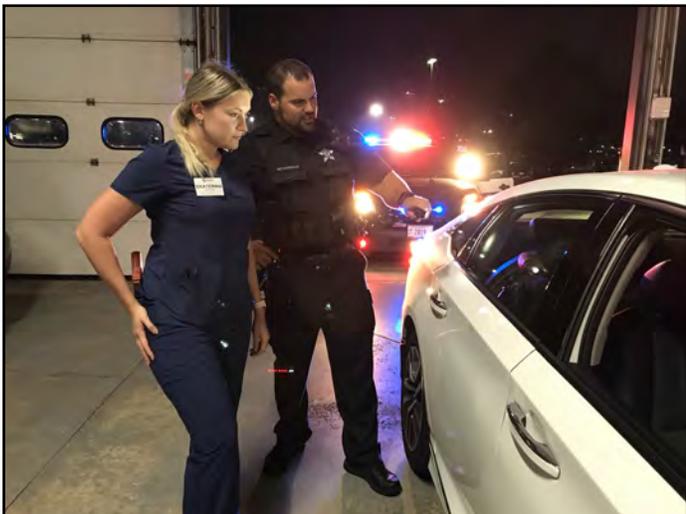
CRASH TYPE	2018	2019	DIFFERENCE	% CHANGE
FATAL TRAFFIC CRASHES	3	1	-2	-67%
PERSONAL INJURY CRASHES	207	185	-22	-11%
PROPERTY DAMAGE CRASHES	936	950	+14	+2%
MUNICIPAL VEHICLE CRASHES	11	12	+1	+9%
HIT AND RUN CRASHES	152	173	+21	+14%

The chart below shows traffic Crash totals during the last 10 years. It is recommended the traffic programs and public education continue both at the Patrol and Traffic Unit levels. This is reinforced by the fact that the number of total crashes in Wheeling in 2019 is still extremely low when viewed as part of the historical crash record that is shown in bar graph form below.



The Traffic Unit’s ultimate goal is to reduce traffic crashes and related injuries and to educate the public on pertinent traffic issues. When assessing the success or failure of the Department as a whole in meeting its traffic goals, the combination of education and enforcement has allowed the Traffic Unit and the Police Department to meet those goals in keeping the number of traffic crashes at low levels, and improving the public’s awareness of our programs.

The Traffic Unit operated most of 2019 with one Sergeant and two Police Officers but is expected to be staffed with one Sergeant and three officers in 2020 pending successful training of four new probationary officers.



*Traffic Officer Richardson conducts the Traffic & DUI portion of the Citizens Police Academy.*

### Evaluation Of Selective Traffic Activities

The Traffic Unit identifies the causative factors in traffic crashes and then develops and implements strategies to decrease the number of crashes and the injuries sustained due to those crashes. By using crash statistics, traffic study results and citizen complaint information, the Traffic Unit is turning data and analysis into real results, identifying "hot spots" for the Patrol Division to concentrate on.

The Traffic Division will also coordinate and utilize STEP Grants, Occupant Restraint / Safety Belt Compliance, Speed Zone Enforcement, School Zone Enforcement, DUI interdiction, and public education to target these areas identified as traffic problems.

## Selective Traffic Enforcement Locations *Traffic Enforcement Unit* September 1 - 30, 2019

### BEAT 1

<b>Location</b>	<b>Violation</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Cause</b>
Lake Cook Rd	Speed/Following too closely/Distracted driving	Any/All	High crash freq.
Milwaukee Av	Speed/Distracted driving	Any/All	High crash freq.
Strong Av/9 <sup>th</sup> St	Stop sign violations	Morning/Evening rush hours	Citizen complaints
Strong Av/Milwaukee Av	Parking violations	Morning rush hour	Citizen complaints

### BEAT 2

<b>Location</b>	<b>Violation</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Cause</b>
Dundee Rd	Speed/Failure to yield/Following too closely/Median violations	Any/All	High crash freq.
Milwaukee Av	Speed/Failure to yield/Following too closely	Any/All	High crash freq.
Wolf Rd	No trucks/combinations 3 or more axles	Any/all	Citizen complaints
221 S. Wolf Rd	School zone speed	Morning/afternoon	School complaints
Wille Av between Center Av and Highland Av	Parking violations	Morning/afternoon	School/citizen complaints
Palwaukee Dr	Illegal truck/trailer parking	Any/all	Citizen complaints
East Manchester Dr	Speed	Morning/evening rush hour	Citizen complaints
Hintz Rd	Speed/Failure to yield	Any/all	High crash freq.

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# Wheeling Police Department

## Traffic Awards

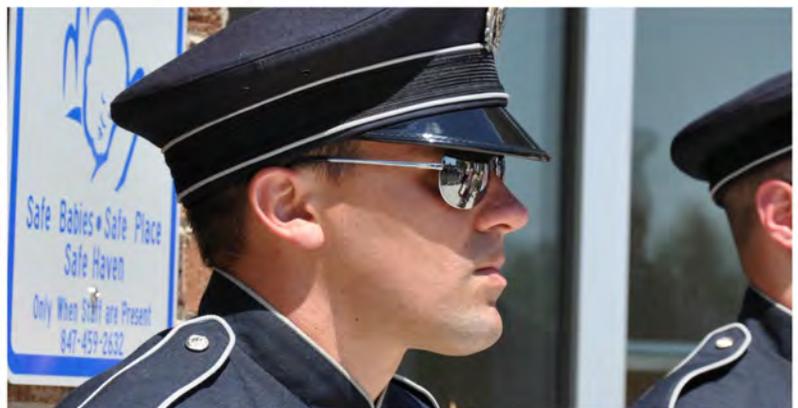
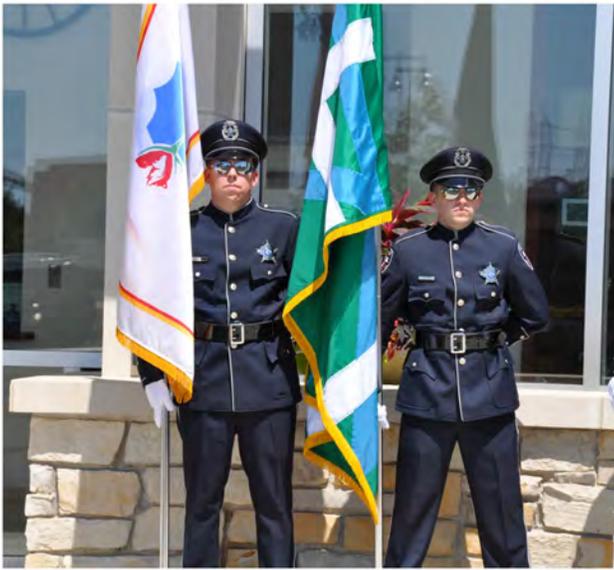
<b>OFFICER</b>	<b>AWARD</b>
Officer Richardson *130	Traffic Officer of the Year
<b>OFFICER</b>	<b>QUARTERLY TRAFFIC OFFICER AWARDS</b>
Corporal Bulanda *131	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter – Traffic Enforcement
Officer Dawson *146	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter – Traffic Enforcement
Officer Hanley *111	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter – Traffic Enforcement
Officer Hybert *127	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter – Traffic Enforcement
<b>OFFICER</b>	<b>AWARD</b>
Corporal Bulanda *131	Speed Enforcement Officer of the Year
<b>OFFICER</b>	<b>AWARD</b>
Officer Richardson*130	D.U.I. Enforcement Officer
<b>OFFICER</b>	<b>AWARD</b>
Officer Dawson*146	Occupant Restraint Officer
<b>OFFICER</b>	<b>AWARD</b>
Officer Richardson*130	Distracted Driving Officer
<b>OFFICER</b>	<b>AWARD</b>
Officer Richardson *130	AAIM DUI Enforcement (12)

**The Wheeling Police Department Honor Guard-** Every 57 hours, a law enforcement officer is killed in the line of duty and on average 150 Law Enforcement Officers are killed each year.

The Wheeling Police Department Honor Guard was established in 2007 to represent the Wheeling Police Department and its officers and families at community events, award ceremonies, the Illinois State Police Officers Memorial ceremony, and to attend funerals for officers killed in the line of duty.

While all police officers have a dress uniform, the Wheeling Police Honor Guard has a distinctive uniform that sets it apart from other department members. This is by design to signify the commitment that its members make to fulfill the honor guard's mission.

During 2019, Sergeant Kopecky was promoted to Investigations Commander and he retired from the Honor Guard. Officer Potter was chosen and has since been appointed to fill that vacancy. At year's end, the Honor Guard was composed of: Sergeant Troy Musolf, Sergeant James Borchardt, Corporal Dennis Bulanda, Officer Carl Messina, Officer Phil Kim, Officer Steve Komin, Officer Brett Potter, and Officer Andy Teichen.



# SPECIAL EVENTS



**CarFit Program-** CarFit is a community-based educational program that promotes continued safe driving and mobility among older drivers by focusing attention on safety, comfort and fit. The program is designed to help older drivers find out how well they currently fit their personal vehicle, to highlight actions they can take to improve their fit, and to promote conversations about driver safety and community mobility. A proper fit in one's personal vehicle can greatly increase not only the driver's safety but also the safety of others.





125TH ANNIVERSARY  
PARADE





WPD  
Arrests  
Cancer  
at  
McDonald's!





Officer Laverd and Commander Conway meet with representatives of Carniceria Jimenez to collect food donations gathered in an annual Wheeling Police Arrest Hunger food drive.



United States Marines personnel gladly accepting our donation for the USMC annual Toys for Tots campaign.



# RIDE TO SCHOOL IN A WHEELING POLICE CAR!

# FREE!



Thank you for supporting the Helping Hands Committee of Wheeling!

Certificate holder is entitled to one (1) FREE ride to school in a Wheeling Police Car. Wheeling Police will arrive at your home and personally chauffeur you to school, in style!



Please call the Crime Prevention Unit at 847-459-2645 to schedule your ride!

*Officer Laverd stands with "Win a Ride to School in a Police Car" winner Ricky and his parents.*

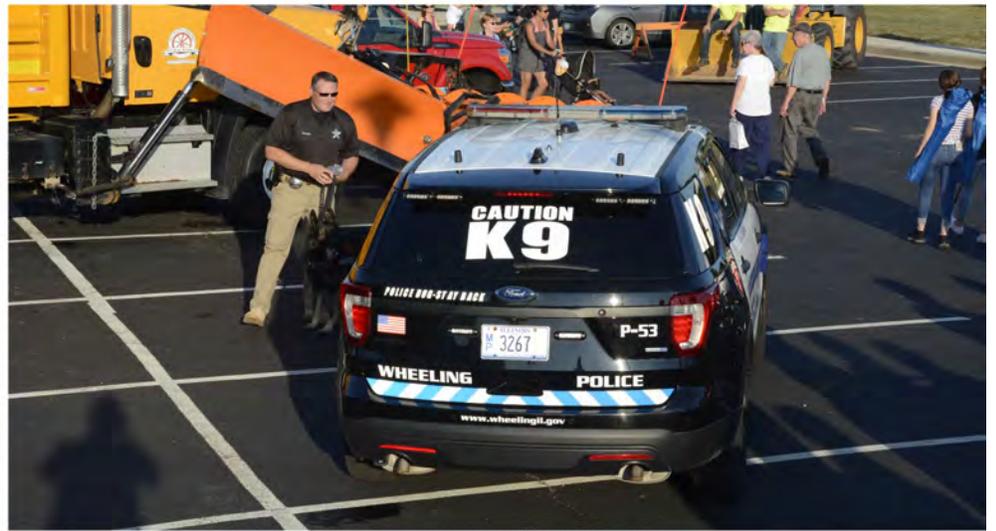
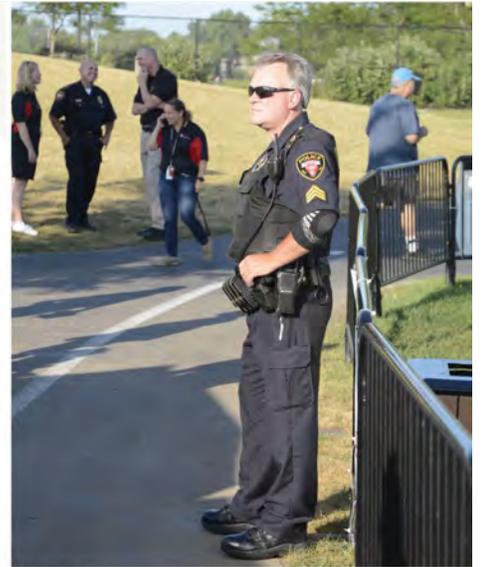


# Shop with a Cop





# National Night Out



# GETTING OUT THERE!



# *A Police Officer's Prayer*

Lord, I ask for courage-  
Courage to face and conquer my own fears...  
Courage to take me where others will not go.

I ask for strength-  
Strength of body to protect others...  
Strength of spirit to lead others.

I ask for dedication-  
Dedication to my job to do it well...  
Dedication to my community to keep it safe.

Give me Lord, concern-  
For all those who trust me...  
And compassion for those who need me...  
And, please, Lord, through it all, be at my side.

-author unknown

