

2017 ANNUAL REPORT TRAFFIC SAFETY UNIT



Prepared for the Command Staff of the
Addison Police Department

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The Traffic Safety Unit is part of the Field Services Division. It is a specialty unit that is responsible for the needs of the public within the community, with an overall goal of traffic safety. The Traffic Safety Unit was disbanded in May of 2012 due to manpower issues. Due to the fact there were several traffic-related responsibilities that needed to be addressed, the Traffic Safety Unit was reinstated in August of 2013 on a part-time basis. In November of 2014, the part-time Traffic Safety Unit was disbanded. In August of 2015, the Addison Police Department formed a full-time Traffic Safety Unit with two officers assigned to the Unit.

The Traffic Safety Unit is organized as follows: The direct supervisor of the Unit is the Commander of the Field Services Division. The day-to-day operations are supervised by the Traffic Supervisor. There are two officers assigned to the Unit.

The Addison Police Department has three Traffic Crash Reconstructionists. They are all members of DuCART, and two are members of the FIAT accident reconstruction team.

Traffic Safety Unit Personnel

Supervisor:

The Traffic Unit, which is overseen by Commander Moffitt, is supervised by Sergeant Kotlinski.

Sergeant Dennis Kotlinski #345

Officers:

Officer Anselmo Garcia #370

Officer Steve Oskroba #403

Training

Officers are encouraged to review the NEMRT classes and to put in for any traffic-related classes.

The following training matrix was established for all Traffic officers:

Accident Investigation 1	NUTI	80 Hours
Accident Investigation 2	NUTI	80 Hours
Breath Analysis for Alcohol Testing	NEMRT	80 Hours
Drugged Driving	NEMRT	80 Hours

Testifying in a DUI Trial	NEMRT	80 Hours
Commercial Vehicle Inspection and Enforcement	NEMRT	80 Hours
40-Hour Basic Truck Weight Enforcement	NEMRT	80 Hours
	TOTAL	276 Hours

The following training matrix was established for all Traffic Crash Reconstructionists to complete within three years of their assignment:

Specialized Pedestrian and Hit and Run Investigation	NUTI	40 Hours
Vehicle Dynamics	NUTI	40 Hours
Traffic Accident Reconstructionist 1	NUTI	80 Hours
Traffic Accident Reconstructionist 2	NUTI	40 Hours
Heavy Vehicle Crash Reconstruction	NUTI	40 Hours
Crash Dynamics Retrieval	Vetronix	24 Hours
	Total	264 Hours

Unusual or Significant Events

On January 12, 2017, Officers Garcia did a presentation at the Henry Hide Resource Center on how to obtain a Temporary Visitors Driver's License (TVDL).

From January 17 – January 19, 2017, Officer Oskroba attended the John Reid Advanced Interview and Interrogation training.

On January 19, 2017, Officer Oskroba responded to Bloomingdale for a DuCart callout for a major crash investigation.

From February 3 – February 6, 2017, members of the unit participated in the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) STEP Grant Super Bowl Campaign, resulting in a total of 17 citations written.

From February 6 – February 10, 2017, Officer Oskroba attended Pedestrian/ Bicycle Crash Investigation training.

On February 13, 2017, members of the unit worked at the safety seat technician booth at the Chicago Auto Show to answer questions regarding child seat installations.

From February 14 - February 17, 2017, Officer Garcia attended the John Reid Advanced Interview and Interrogation training.

On February 22, 2017, members of the Traffic Safety Unit attended the annual Illinois Truck Enforcement Conference. Officer Oskroba was also called out to Hanover Park for a DuCart callout for a major crash investigation.

From March 6 - March 9, 2017, members of the Unit participated in a local traffic campaign targeting speeding autos, occupant protection and distracted driving, writing a total 113 citations.

On March 15, 2017, members of the Traffic Safety Unit participated in a joint truck inspection operation with the Illinois State Police and IDOT. A total of 155 commercial vehicles went through the checkpoint with 29 citations being written.

From March 17 – March 20, 2017, members of the Unit participated in the IDOT STEP Grant St. Patrick's Day Campaign, resulting in 70 citations being written.

On April 3, 2017, members of the Traffic Safety Unit conducted a truck overweight by registration detail. A total of six overweight citations were issued, with a total of \$9,860 in fines.

From April 6 and April 7, 2017, Sergeant Kotlinski and Officer Oskroba attended Crime Free Multi-Housing Program training.

On April 13, 2017, members of the Unit were scheduled to work a truck inspection detail with the Illinois State Police and IDOT. The event was canceled due to bad weather.

On April 21, 2017, members of the Unit worked an IDOT ELap Grant Roadside Safety Check Point with the Illinois State Police on Route 83, which resulted in 2 DUIs, 12 drug arrests and 29 citations being written.

On April 27, 2017, members of the Unit assisted Community Development with the Michael Lane Clean-Up.

On April 29, 2017, members of the Unit assisted with the inaugural 5K Color Run at Addison Trail High School.

On May 12, 2017, members of the Unit worked an IDOT ELap Grant Roadside Safety Check Point that resulted in 3 drug arrests and 11 citations being written.

From May 15 – May 30, 2017, members of the Unit participated in the IDOT STEP Grant Memorial Day Campaign, resulting in 192 citations being issued.

On May 29, 2017, members of the Unit participated in the Memorial Day March.

In June, July and August of 2017, the Unit assisted with traffic at the Village Green's Rock N Wheels events.

On June 15, 2017, Officer Garcia attended the annual Westmont Police Squad Car Show.

On June 19, 2017, Officer Oskroba began his 14-week assignment at the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy as a class supervisor.

From June 29 – July 9, 2017, members of the Unit participated in the IDOT STEP Grant Independence Day Campaign, resulting in 1 DUI, 3 drug arrests and 57 citations being issued.

On July 14, 2017, members of the Unit completed an IDOT ELap Grant Roadside Safety Check Point, resulting in 20 citations being issued.

On July 18, 2017, Officer Garcia attended the Palmer Neighborhood Watch meeting.

From July 18 - August 13, 2017, Officer Diaz was temporarily assigned to the Unit during Officer Oskroba's absence.

On August 3, 2017, members of the Unit were called in to investigate a single vehicle fatal motorcycle accident.

On August 5, 2017, members of the Unit participated in the "Touch a Truck" at the Addison Park District.

On August 10, 2017, members of the Unit participated in the end of summer barbeque on Michael Lane at the Henry Hyde Center.

From August 15 - September 10, 2017, Officer Besch was temporarily assigned to the Unit during Officer Oskroba's absence.

On August 19, 2017, Officer Besch and Officer Garcia attended the UPS open house.

From August 16 – August 23, 2017, members of the Unit work on a "Back to School" campaign. Members were present at all schools in the Village to assure that traffic and students arrived to school safely.

From August 21 - September 5, 2017, members of the Unit participated in the IDOT STEP Grant Labor Day Campaign, resulting 1 DUI, 3 drug arrests and 91 citations being issued.

From September 11 – September 24, 2017, Officer Reyes was assigned to the Unit during

Officer Oskroba's absence.

On September 15, 2017, members of the Unit completed an IDOT ELap Grant Roadside Safety Check Point resulting in 1 drug arrest and 12 citations being issued.

On September 21, 2017, Officer Garcia attended Enhanced Traffic Enforcement training.

On September 25, 2017, Officer Garcia attended Marijuana Decriminalization and DUI training.

On September 29, 2017, members of the Unit completed an IDOT ELap Grant Roadside Safety Check Point, resulting in 20 citations being issued.

From September 6 – September 8, 2017, members of the Unit worked on a Back to School Enforcement Campaign as students arrived at school each day. They also focused on distracted driving and truck weight restrictions while school was in session, with 64 citations being issued.

On September 9, 2017, members of the Unit responded to Bensenville to assist DuCart with a major crash investigation.

From September 12 – September 19, 2017, members of the Unit continued their work on "Operation Secure Our Future." With the continued partnership with School District 4 in educating parents and students, the Unit found a reduction of 7.7% in the number of observed seat belt and child safety seat violations.

On September 23, 2017, members of the Unit participated in a National Child Safety Seat Inspection Day.

From October 2 – October 6, 2017, Officer Oskroba attended the IATAI conference.

From October 9 – October 13, 2017, Officer Garcia attended Advanced Truck School.

On October 24, 2017, members of the Unit participated in a Halloween gift bag giveaway at Lincoln School.

On October 27, 2017, Officer Oskroba attended a Hoarding Seminar.

On October 27 – November 1, 2017, members of the Unit participated in the IDOT STEP Grant Halloween Campaign, resulting in 15 citations being issued.

On November 7 and November 8, 2017, Officer Garcia and Officer Oskroba attended the AAA Illinois Drugged Driving Summit and Training.

From November 17 – November 27, 2017, members of the Unit participated in the IDOT STEP Grant Thanksgiving Campaign, resulting in 50 citations being issued.

On November 18, 2017, members of the Unit worked with the Addison Park District on the 5K Turkey Trot.

From November 19 – November 21, 2017, Officer Oskroba attended the 2017 ITOA Training Conference.

From December 4 – December 8, 2017, Officer Oskroba attended Occupant Kinematics for Traffic Crash Reconstructionist.

On December 23, 2017, members of the Unit responded to Clarendon Hills by FIAT for a major crash investigation involving a pedestrian.

From December 16, 2017 – January 4, 2017, members of the Unit participated in the IDOT STEP Grant Christmas/New Year's Eve Grant Campaign, resulting in 2 DUI arrests and 23 citations being issued.

Special Enforcement Operations

Directed Patrols/Follow Ups - The Traffic Safety Unit handled a total of 13 traffic-related complaints and directed patrols for speeding vehicles in residential neighborhoods, stop sign violations, parking issues and engineering issues.

Schools - The Traffic Safety Unit handled all traffic complaints in Addison school zones. These were accomplished by directed patrols at the schools. The Unit also had a directed patrol detail during the first few days of school to educate parents. The Traffic Community Service Officer deployed the radar speed display boxes at those schools located on busy streets to educate drivers on school zone speed limits. The Unit assisted Addison Trail High School, Indian Trail Junior High School and Addison elementary schools by sending violation notice letters to those registered owners of vehicles who were not driving safely in the school zones; for example, passing school buses in the school bus lane and letting children out on Lombard Road.

The Traffic Unit created "Operation Secure Our Future" in the spring of 2015. After receiving numerous complaints regarding students not being properly secured in child safety seats or seat belted, the Traffic Unit began working with the school district on an initiative to increase the usage of child safety seats and seat belts. The program began with a base line count in February 2016, where 34.5 % of vehicles arriving at District 4 schools had some sort of seat belt or child safety seat violation observed. The Traffic Unit first began with providing the School District with educational materials, followed by enforcement action. The Department also hosted several car seat inspections to help educate residents. Follow up counts were done to check on the status of seat belt/car seat use since the inception of the program. The most recent count was conducted in the fall of 2017. It was found that there was 18.2 % decrease in observed violations since June of 2015. The program will continue into 2018.

The Traffic Unit also partnered with AAA Chicago. AAA Chicago provided the Department with “Schools Open” and “Back to School” signs that were placed all over the Village, warning the motoring public that school was back in session.

The Department also received Halloween gift bags that were distributed to students by members of the Traffic Unit prior to school starting.

Child Safety Seats –The Traffic Unit installs child seats for the residents of Addison. This service is done for the safety of the children by making sure they are properly restrained in vehicles. The Traffic Unit installed 98 child seats in 2017. September 23, 2017 was National Child Safety Seat Day. The Unit conducted a Child Safety Seat Check Point at the Village Hall.

Impaired Driving Enforcement - The Unit aggressively enforces driving under the influence laws. The Unit participated in and will continue to participate in the IDOT STEP grant and ELap Roadside Safety Check Point grant programs to deter drinking and driving. The Unit teaches the Department every other year the Standard Field Testing procedures. The Unit is also responsible for compiling DUI statistics on a quarterly basis, as well as calibrating the portable breathalyzers.

High Crash Intersections – The Traffic Unit utilized traffic and patrol officers to target the high crash intersections for additional enforcement. Statistics from prior years are made available in roll call to all patrol officers and supervisors.

Seat Belt/Child Safety Seat Enforcement - The Unit participated in the IDOT STEP grant program with one major component being Seat Belt/Child Safety Seat enforcement. As a part of the grant, the Department must focus on those violations while working the grant.

Citizen Complaints – The Traffic Unit regularly handled citizen complaints of erratic or illegal driving in 2017. Enforcement action included additional patrol, enforcement and use of SMART Trailers.

SMART Trailers – The Department continued to utilize SMART trailers to alert drivers of their speed. The onboard computers are capable of recording data to be analyzed. They were deployed several times in 2017. They are a very visible indicator of police presence.

Warning Letter Notification Deterrence – The Traffic Unit regularly sends written notices to violators brought to its attention by school bus drivers, school officials, crossing guards and citizens. Officers are then sent to the area at a later time to monitor for continued violations for appropriate enforcement action.

Beyond the Stop – The Traffic Unit utilizes the Beyond the Stop incentive, where officers receive a certificate when they stop a vehicle for a minor traffic violation and take the stop farther, resulting in a drug, weapons or felony arrest. A total of 12 certificates were awarded in 2017.

Traffic Stop Data Collection – The Traffic Unit Supervisor works directly with the Records Supervisor and oversees the Department’s Traffic Stop Data Collection Program. The traffic stop data is evaluated on a regular basis, and that information is forwarded to IDOT as required.

Commercial Vehicles/Permits

The Traffic Unit and certified truck officers are responsible for reviewing and issuing Village of Addison overweight/over length/over width commercial vehicle permits. In 2017, 265 permits were issued, with \$17,965 being collected.

The Unit and truck officers enforce the truck laws during their normal patrol duties. In 2017, the Unit had \$16,129 in bond for overweight violations. The Traffic Unit conducts Truck Safety/Overweight Checkpoints in conjunction with IDOT and the Illinois State Police.

Grants

The Department received \$50,993.44 from the IDOT STEP and ELap 2016/2017 traffic grant and \$35,750.00 from the IDOT STEP and ELap 2017/2018 traffic grant. These grants are for equipment, occupant protection enforcement, impaired driving and DUI roadside check points. The 2016/2017 grant ran from October 1, 2016 through September 31, 2017. The 2017/2018 grant will run from October 1, 2017 through September 31, 2018. This annual report accounts for activities that occurred from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, covering both grant periods.

The Super Bowl STEP Grant Enforcement Campaign was dedicated to impaired driving enforcement for a total of 12 hours of manpower, reimbursed through IDOT, with 13 vehicles being stopped for a total of 17 citations being written.

The St. Patrick’s STEP Grant Enforcement Campaign was dedicated to daytime and nighttime occupant protection enforcement and impaired driving for a total of 44 hours of manpower, reimbursed through the IDOT, with 65 vehicles being stopped for a total of 65 citations being written.

The Memorial Day STEP Grant Enforcement Campaign was dedicated to daytime and nighttime occupant protection enforcement and impaired driving for a total of 136 hours of manpower, reimbursed through IDOT, with 180 vehicles being stopped for a total of 164 citations being written with 1 DUI arrest.

The Independence Day STEP Grant Enforcement Campaign was dedicated to daytime and nighttime occupant protection enforcement and impaired driving for a total of 52 hours of manpower, reimbursed through IDOT, with 49 vehicles being stopped for a total of 55 citations

being written with 1 DUI arrest.

The Labor Day STEP Grant Enforcement Campaign was dedicated to daytime and nighttime occupant protection enforcement and impaired driving for a total of 76 hours of manpower, reimbursed through IDOT, with 78 vehicles being stopped for a total of 90 citations being written with 1 DUI arrest.

The Halloween STEP Grant Enforcement Campaign was dedicated to impaired driving enforcement for a total of 12 hours of manpower, reimbursed through IDOT, with 14 vehicles being stopped for a total of 16 citations being written.

The Thanksgiving STEP Grant Enforcement Campaign was dedicated to daytime and nighttime occupant protection enforcement and impaired driving for a total of 36 hours of manpower, reimbursed through IDOT, with 52 vehicles being stopped for a total of 52 citations being written.

The Christmas/New Year STEP Grant Enforcement Campaign was dedicated to impaired driving enforcement for a total of 24 hours of manpower, reimbursed through IDOT, with 19 vehicles being stopped for a total of 23 citations being written with 2 DUI arrests.

The Traffic Unit also completed five ELap Roadside Safety Check Points for a total of 100 hours of manpower reimbursed through IDOT. A total of 3,715 vehicles passed through all roadsides combined with 846 vehicles actually being waved into the check points. A total of 108 citations were issued during the course of all five roadsides.

Equipment

During 2017, the Traffic Unit purchased the following equipment from IDOT ELap Grants Funds:

- Two Guardian speed bumps
- Ten Blauer Hi-Vis Jackets
- Seven Streamlight Strion flashlights
- Streamlight Scene Light
- Panasonic Camera and Flash
- Two Rubbermaid Extendable mobile barriers
- Two Intoximeter Alco-Sensor FSTs

Goals for 2017

Increase manpower to three full-time Traffic Officers.

This goal is still pending based upon available manpower.

Conduct additional portable scale/ truck inspection details with IDOT and the Illinois State Police.

During 2017, the Traffic Safety Unit conducted portable scale/ truck inspection details, as well as a roadside safety check point.

Continue the Traffic Unit's work on "Operation Secure Our Future."

The Traffic Unit continued their partnership with School District 4 to increase the usage of child safety seats. This was done with both enforcement and education. There has been an 18.2% decrease in observed violations since the inception of the program.