

2017 Evidence Technicians Annual Report



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EVIDENCE TECHNCIANS

Personnel

Supervisors

Commander Moffitt is the commander in charge of the Evidence Technician Unit. Sergeant Reda is the lead supervisor, and Sergeant Kotlinski is the back-up supervisor.

Officers

The Addison Police Department Evidence Technician Unit currently has a total of 26 officers. The following are the division assignments of the Evidence Technicians:

Patrol

Day Shift

- Anderson
- Avello
- DiFatta
- Hostetler
- Porta
- Prafke
- Sinkule
- Shelton

Midnight Shift

- Baquero
- Fuentes
- Johnston
- Chaidez
- Riley
- Besch
- Lynch
- Kazak
- Brucal

Traffic

- Garcia
- Oskroba

Detective Division

- Biles
- Brant
- Garofalo
- Markiewicz
- Rivera
- Soto
- Peterson
- Ruffolo

Major Crime Unit

Several Evidence Technicians have been identified as members of the “Major Crime Evidence Unit.” These technicians have shown a high proficiency in their work. They can be assisted by additional Evidence Technicians, if necessary, but they take the lead in the handling of evidence collection and processing at a major scene. The unit has six permanent positions. In 2017, Officer Fuentes and Officer Besch were assigned as alternates.

The following are the members of the Major Crime Unit:

- Anderson
- Avello
- DiFatta
- Hostetler
- Oskroba
- Riley

The Major Crime Unit is on call for incidents where extensive and more detailed evidence work is needed at the scene.

Fire/Arson Investigators

The following personnel are certified Fire/Arson Investigators who work closely with the Addison Fire Department on major or suspicious fires:

- DiFatta

There are several additional basic fire investigators available for assistance and/or to determine if additional expertise is needed. All investigators are notified monthly of training classes they can attend from the DuPage County Fire/Arson Task Force.

The Department is a member of the DuPage County Fire/Arson Task Force. Officer DiFatta was appointed to the team. This has benefited the Department by the additional training and experience he has received. In 2017, Officer DiFatta was called out and responded to one fire.

Training

The Career Track Training Plan is as follows for Evidence Technicians and for the Major Crime Scene Evidence Technicians. Basic photography was added to the training matrix, and bomb recognition was removed.

Evidence Technicians Assigned to Patrol

- Basic Evidence Technician Program
- Death Investigation Seminar
- Developing Latent Fingerprints
- Footwear Impression Workshop
- Arson Investigation: Basic Crime Scene Skills
- Basic Photography

Major Crime Scene Evidence Technician

- Crime Scene Technology 1
- Crime Scene Technology 2
- Crime Scene Technology 3
- Investigative Photography Workshop 1
- Investigative Photography Workshop 2
- Bloodstain Evidence Workshop 1
- Bloodstain Evidence Workshop 2
- Death Investigation
- Shooting and Police Involved
- Shooting Incident Reconstruction

Arson Investigator

- Fire Investigation 1
- Fire Investigation 2
- Fire Investigation 3

In-Service Training

The Evidence Technicians had a mandatory meeting in December 2017. All Technicians were given a written test. The test covered many areas of crime scene processing including crime

scene investigation, evidence collection, evidence processing and photography. The information tested was taken from training and the Department's policies and procedures. All Evidence Technicians passed the written test.

The following were the in-service training sessions which were given for the Evidence Technicians:

- Nikon D3400 training

Outside Training

In 2017, the following Evidence Technicians received outside training:

- 40-hour Basic Evidence Technician – Lynch, Kazak
- Death Investigation – Besch, Ruffolo
- Footwear Print Processing – Besch, Chaidez, Fuentes
- Basic Arson Class – Johnston
- Crime Scene 1 and 2 – Riley

NEW EQUIPMENT

During 2017, the Department bought the following equipment for the Evidence Technicians:

2 Nikon D3400 cameras
2 Nikon Speedlight Flashes

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

There are many incidents that required evidence processing, some as simple as photographing injuries or damage. Others took many hours of processing to collect latent fingerprints, latent footwear impressions, biological and trace evidence. Those scenes included, but were not limited to violent domestics, sexual assaults/abuse, robbery, damage to Village property and residential, commercial, industrial and vehicle burglaries.

Death investigations include homicide, accidental, suicide or natural. There was numerous death investigations processed throughout 2017.

The following incidents are the significant cases that the Evidence Technician Unit investigated:

01/07/17, 1243 hours, Death Investigation (Natural), 665 Briar Hill Lane, Apt. 4, AD17000461

01/09/17, 2250 hours, Assist AFD (Car Fire), 475 S. Grace Street, AD17000629

01/12/17, 1849 hours, Armed Robbery, 1074 N. Rohlwing Road (Game Stop), AD17000826

01/21/17, 0442 hours, Death Investigation, 239 N. Mill Road, Apt. 202, AD170001338

01/21/17, 1837 hours, Death Investigation, 129 S. Villa Avenue, Apt. 1, AD17001438

01/23/17, 2334 hours, Burglary to Motor Vehicle, 339 W. Stone, AD17001575

01/27/17, 0553 hours, Death Investigation, 542 Millins Court, AD17001867

02/24/17, 0644 hours, Assist Addison Fire Department/Heroin Overdose, 1827 W Mulloy Drive, AD17003865

03/28/17, 1101 hours, 45 E. Normandy Drive, Assist Addison Fire Department, AD17006412

04/02/17, 0823 hours, Structure Fire, 1208 Hickory Trail, AD17006742

04/18/17, 1241 hours, Assist Addison Fire Department/Suicide, 710 W. Lake Street, AD17007923

04/18/17, 1830 hours, Death Investigation (Natural), 521 Michigan Court, Apt. B, AD17007947

04/20/17, 1345 hours, Death Investigation, 1436 Royal Drive, AD17008088

04/28/17, 1956 hours, Death Investigation (Heroin Overdose), 843 Heritage Drive, AD17008704

05/04/17, 1113 hours, Death Investigation, 849 Kings Point West, AD170090583

05/06/17, 2110 hours, Assist AFD (Heroin Overdose), 508 Linda Lane, AD17009244

05/07/17, 1855 hours, Arson Task Force Call Out, AD17009304

05/12/17, 0000 hours, Aggravated Battery/Stabbing, 516 Green Oaks Court, AD17009652

05/17/17, 0139 hours, Armed Robbery, 701 E. Lake Street, AD17010123

05/20/17, 0130 hours, Armed Robbery, 1740 W. Army Trail, AD17010390

07/04/17, 1535 hours, Death Investigation, 934 S. Wisconsin Avenue, AD17014134

07/23/17, 1409 hours, Death Investigation (Natural), 140 E. Natoma Avenue, AD17015655

07/23/17, 0336 hours, Armed Robbery, 500 E. Lake Street (Shell Gas Station), AD17015628

07/28/17, 0113 hours, Burglary, 1323 W. Lake Street (Sprint), AD17016039

07/31/17, 1159 hours, Death Investigation, 120 LaLonde Avenue, Apt. 1E, AD17016318

08/13/17, 0905 hours, Auto Accident - Fatality, Fullerton/Rohlwing, AD17017382

08/15/17, 1819 hours, Death Investigation, 520 W. Byron Avenue, AD17017554

08/25/17, 1520 hours, Assist Addison Fire Department (Drug Overdose), 936 S. Addison Road, Second Floor, AD17018275

09/04/17, 0914 hours, Arson, 609 Meadows Boulevard, Apt. 3C, AD17019048

09/07/17, 0659 hours, Death Investigation, 952 Fischer Drive, AD17019259

09/24/17, 1317 hours, Death Investigation (Natural), 125 S. Villa Avenue, Apt. 6, AD17020618

09/28/17, 0136 hours, Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm, 11 Marilyn Terrace, AD17020903

10/23/17, 1420 hours, Death Investigation (Natural), 852 Kings Point West, AD17022796

11/07/17, 0140 hours, Death Investigation/Assist Addison Fire Department, 975 Rohlwing Road, Apt. GB, AD17023839

11/09/17, 0843 hours, Death Investigation, 2106 Concord Lane, AD17023981

11/19/17, 1839 hours, Death Investigation, 837 College Boulevard, Apt. 301, AD17024722

11/26/17, 2117 hours, Reckless Discharge of a Firearm, 409 Wilson Lane, AD17025206

11/25/17, 0130 hours, Aggravated Battery with a Firearm/Attempted Armed Robbery, AD17025123

11/29/17, 0455 hours, Death Investigation, 854 S. Ellsworth Avenue, AD17025372

11/30/17, 1313 hours, Death Investigation (Natural), 701 5th Avenue, AD17025499

12/07/17, 1742 hours, Death Investigation, 1037 Jamey Lane, AD17025260

12/12/17, 1803 hours, Bank Robbery, 1600 W. Lake Street, AD17026433

2017 Goals

Have another Evidence Technician trained in Fire/Arson Investigation.

Due to manpower issues, we were unable to send an officer to training. The goal is ongoing.

Have members of the Major Crime Unit complete the 200 hours of Forensic Science Studies at Northwestern University.

Officers attended Northwestern Crime Scene 1 and Crime Scene 2. The goal is ongoing.

Have an Evidence Technician trained in fingerprint comparison and identification.

Due to training budgetary constraints, this goal will not be achieved.

Increase in-house training for Evidence Technicians.

Officers were trained on the new Nikon D3400 cameras.

Add alternate Evidence Technicians to the Major Crime Evidence Unit.

Two officers were added as alternates to the Major Crime Evidence Unit.