

2018
ANNUAL REPORT
JUVENILE OPERATIONS



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of the Addison Police Department

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The Addison Police Department Juvenile Operations Unit is comprised of Juvenile Officers from several different divisions. The Juvenile Operations Unit is supervised by Commander John Moffitt and Sergeant Megan Freeman. The Criminal Investigations Section has 11 Juvenile Officers assigned, one at Addison Trail High School, one at Indian Trail Junior High School and nine as investigators. Two Juvenile Officers are assigned to the Crime Prevention Unit and the remaining Juvenile Officers are assigned to the Field Services Division and the Traffic Safety Unit.

This year, the Juvenile Officer Proficiency Examination was conducted in December of 2018. All listed officers qualified for their specialty pay. The total number of officers to receive specialty pay, including the Juvenile Specialist Commander and Sergeant, was 36.

Commander Moffitt
Sergeant Freeman
Officer Anderson
Officer Avello
Officer Baquero
Officer Bauer
Officer Besch
Detective Biles
Detective Brant
Officer Brucal
Officer Chaidez
Officer Chiappetta
Detective Fuentes
Detective Garofalo
Officer Giertz
Detective Glomb
Officer Hostetler
Officer Johnston

Officer Kazak
Officer Kolodziej
Officer Merendino
Officer Ogundare
Officer Olejarz
Officer Oskroba
Detective Peterson, J.
Detective Pope
Officer Porta
Officer Reyes
Officer Riley
Detective Rivera
Officer Ruffolo
Officer Shelton
Officer Sobanski
Detective Soto
Officer Tennyson
Officer Wadsworth

Training Matrix for Juvenile Officer Specialty:

The Juvenile Officer Career Development Training Track is located in Module 17 of the Addison Police Department Career Track Training plan. After discussion with staff, it was recommended that the Child Abuse Investigation class be removed, as it is a three-day Reid, which costs \$425.00, and no one has attended since 2008. It was also recommended to add Autism Trainer through NEMRT, which is an eight-hour course.

Training:

January

- Officer Baquero and Officer Bauer attended the Chapter 705, Act 405: Juvenile Court Act training class.

March

- Officer Porta and Officer Shelton attended Child Abuse Awareness for Patrol Officers training class.

April

- Officer Merendino attended the Domestic Violence/Crisis Intervention training class.
- Officer Sobanski attended the School Safety Conference.
- Officer Reyes attended the Juvenile Interrogation and Delinquency Update training class.

May

- Officer Anderson and Officer Porta attended the Chapter 705, Act 405: Juvenile Court Act training class.

June

- Officer Brucal and Officer Hostetler attended the Interviewing Children training class.
- Officer Reyes and Officer Sobanski attended the IJOA and IDOA Annual State Conference.

August

- Officer Bauer and Officer Shelton attended the Interviewing Children training class.

September

- Officer Kazak and Officer Ogundare attended the 40-Hour Juvenile Specialist Skills training to become a certified Juvenile Officers.
- Officer Besch and Officer Shelton attended the Chapter 705, Act 405: Juvenile Court Act training class.

October

- Officer Johnson and Officer Reyes, Detective Peterson, along with Sergeant Bjes and Sergeant Freeman attended the DuPage Juvenile Officers Association Fall Conference.

December

- Officer Olejarz attended the Interviewing Children training class.

Meetings:

Sergeant Freeman attended the DuPage Juvenile Officers Association meeting/Legal Update on January 24.

Sergeant Freeman attended the DuPage Juvenile Officers Association meeting on February 28.

Sergeant Freeman attended the DuPage Juvenile Officers Association meeting on March 21.

Sergeant Freeman attended the DuPage Juvenile Officers Association meeting on April 25.

Sergeant Freeman attended the DuPage Juvenile Officers Association meeting on May 23.

Sergeant Freeman attended the DuPage Juvenile Officers Association meeting on September 27.

Sergeant Bjes and Sergeant Freeman, along with Detective Peterson and Officer Johnston and Officer Reyes, attended the DuPage Juvenile Officers Annual Conference on October 24.

Sergeant Freeman attended the DuPage Juvenile Officers Association meeting on November 28.

The annual Juvenile Officers meeting/training was scheduled and conducted in December 2017. Jaclyn Messerges, who runs the Station Adjustment Program through Northeast DuPage Family and Youth Services (NEDFYS), gave information regarding the program and other services they provide.

Community Events:

February – Officer Anderson, Officer Porta and Officer Shelton read to students at Fullerton School as part of the Community Readers event on February 5.

Sergeant Freeman and Officer Bauer participated in the Indian Trail Junior High School Kindness Tunnel, as a welcoming for students and faculty arriving on February 16.

March – Juvenile Officer Giertz, Juvenile Officer Sobanski and Sergeant Freeman attended the NEDSRA vs. First Responders fundraiser basketball game to support the Synergy Jr. Bulls Wheelchair Basketball team to attend the National Tournament in Louisville, KY.

May – Juvenile Officers participated in the 2018 Run to Remember in Chicago on May 5. Numerous others donated money to the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation through the purchase of T-shirts.

October – Juvenile Officer Sergeant Freeman, Officer Brucal, Officer Giertz and Officer Sobanski participated in Coffee with a Cop at both McDonald's locations.

Juvenile Officers Reyes and Juvenile Officer Oskroba, along with the Community Response Unit and Traffic Safety Unit, handed out Halloween bag giveaways to the students at Lark Park School.

Juvenile Officer Commander Moffitt, Officer Giertz, Officer Oskroba and Officer Sobanski participated in School District 4's annual Trunk or Treat.

December – Juvenile Officer Reyes was named Employee of the Year, along with ACDC Dispatcher Williamson, for delivering a baby on a call.

Juvenile Officer Reyes helped Santa pass out presents at NEDSRA's Christmas party. NEDSRA (Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association) is a not-for-profit organization that offers recreational programs and services for adults and children with disabilities in Northeast DuPage County.

Juvenile Officer Giertz and Juvenile Officer Sobanski hosted DARE Open Gym for Lincoln School, Lake Park School, Wesley School and Stone School.

Juvenile Officer Brucal, Juvenile Officer Reyes, Juvenile Officer Sobanski and Juvenile Officer Tennyson attended the Shop with a Hero held at Wal-Mart.

Alternatives to Court Referral:

Peer Jury

Beginning in 2007, the Addison Police Department implemented a Peer Jury program that enhanced the juvenile services provided by the Village of Addison Police Department. This has been a very successful program, and several Juvenile Officers are involved with this program. The Peer Jury program handled 14 cases this year as an alternative to a referral to local or Juvenile Court.

Station Adjustments

There has been substantial progress made in regards to the use of this program which was rarely used. Since 2010, Juvenile Officers routinely receive training on this topic at Departmental juvenile officer meetings. It was collectively decided that, in an effort to reduce juvenile crime and recidivism, this option would be used more often as the Juvenile Officer would have more frequent and positive contact with youth after an offense had been committed and this could be used as a learning tool. There were several

personnel changes in regard to who from NEDFYS would oversee the Station Adjustments, resulting in few juveniles being referred due to the delay in classes created from this transition. Juvenile Officers completed five Formal Station Adjustments and three Informal Station Adjustments. Station Adjustments are implemented and monitored with the assistance of Jaclyn Messerges from Social Services.

Juvenile Dispositions

There was an increase in juvenile arrests, from 149 in 2017 to 222 in 2018:

Direct File to Court – 28 (down from 36 in 2017)

Preliminary Conference with Juvenile Probation – 2 (down from 10 in 2017)

Formal Station Adjustment – 5 (up from 4 in 2017)

Informal Station Adjustment – 3 (up from 0 in 2017)

Peer Jury – 14 (up from 9 in 2017)

Ordinance Arrest – 166 (24 Village of Addison Field Court, 142 Administrative Adjudication), up from 90 (46 Village of Addison Field Court, 44 Administrative Adjudication) in 2017