

2018 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 was disbanded. In August of 2015, the Addison Police Department formed a Traffic Safety Unit with two officers assigned to the Unit.

The Traffic Safety Unit is under the Field Services Division of the Addison Police Department and 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 (2) officers assigned to the Unit.

The Addison Police Department has four (4) Traffic Crash Reconstructionists -- they are all members of DuCART -- and two (2) are members of the FIAT accident reconstruction team.

TRAFFIC SAFETY UNIT PERSONNEL

Supervisors:

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 Trail	NEMRT	80 Hours
Commercial Vehicle Inspection and Enforcement	NEMRT	80 Hours
40 Hour Basic Truck Weight Enforcement	NEMRT	<u>80 Hours</u>
	TOTAL	276 Hours

The following training matrix was established for all Traffic Crash Reconstructionists to complete within three (3) 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	<u>24 Hours</u>
	Total	264 Hours

UNUSUAL OR SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

From January 8 through January 19, 2018, Sergeant Kotlinski attended the Northwestern Center for Public Safety Staff and Command.

On January 13, 2018, Officer Oskroba assisted with the instruction of the Department's Crime Free Multi-Housing class.

On January 19, 2018, Officer Garcia chaperoned an event at the Henry Hyde Resource Center.

On January 29, 2018, Officer Garcia, Officer Oskroba and Sergeant Kotlinski directed traffic for the grand opening of the Addison Consolidated Dispatch Center.

From February 2 through February 5, 2018, members of the Unit participated in the IDOT STEP Grant Super Bowl Campaign, resulting in a total of 25 citations written.

From February 5 through February 16, 2018, Sergeant Kotlinski attended the Northwestern Center for Public Safety Staff and Command.

On February 12 through 16, 2018, Officer Oskroba attended the Event Data Recorder Use in Traffic Reconstruction training.

On February 12, 2018, members of the Unit worked at the Safety Seat Technician booth at the Chicago Auto Show to answer questions regarding child seat installations.

From March 6 through March 9, 2018, members of the Unit participated in a local traffic campaign targeting speeding autos, occupant protection and distracted driving.

From March 5 through March 16, 2018, Sergeant Kotlinski attended the Northwestern Center for Public Safety Staff and Command.

On March 12, 2018, members of the Traffic Safety Unit participated in a wellness fair at Addison Trail High School which focused on distracted and drunk driving.

On March 15, 2018, members of the Traffic Safety Unit participated in Safety Night at Addison Trail High School which focused on occupant protection.

From March 16 through March 19, 2018, members of the Unit participated in the IDOT STEP Grant St. Patrick's Day Campaign, resulting in 54 citations being written.

On March 29, 2018, Officer Garcia and Officer Oskroba attended the 7th Annual ITEA Conference.

From April 2 through April 13, 2018, Sergeant Kotlinski attended the Northwestern Center for Public Safety Staff and Command.

On April 2, 2018, members of the Traffic Safety Unit conducted a truck overweight by registration detail. A total of 8 overweight citations were issued, for a total of \$12,000 in fines.

On April 5, 2018, Officer Oskroba attended the 2018 Child Passenger Safety Technician Skill Builders class.

On April 14, 2018, Officer Oskroba assisted with the instruction of the Department's Crime Free Multi-Housing class.

On April 16 through May 11, 2018, Officer Garcia attended the Vehicle Dynamics, Reconstruction 1 and Reconstruction 2 at Northwestern Center for Public Safety and successfully passed.

From April 16 through April 30, 2018, members of the Unit participated in the IDOT STEP Grant Distracted Driving campaign, resulting in 87 citations being issued.

From April 30 through May 11, 2018, Sergeant Kotlinski attended and successfully graduated from the Northwestern Center for Public Safety Staff and Command.

On May 5, 2018, members of the Unit assisted with the Addison Trail High School 5K Color Run.

From May 14 through May 18, 2018, Sergeant Kotlinski attended the International Crime Scene Investigators Conference in Nashville, Tennessee.

From May 15 through May 30, 2018, members of the Unit participated in the IDOT STEP Grant Memorial Day campaign, resulting in 123 citations being issued.

On May 21, 2018, members of the Unit participated in the Memorial Day March.

In June, July and August of 2018, the Unit assisted with traffic at the Village Greens Rock N Wheels events.

On June 1 and 2, 2018, Officer Oskroba attended the Pedestrian Crash Methodologies Pedestrian Crash Reconstruction training.

On June 1, 2018, members of the Unit completed an IDOT ELap Grant Roadside Safety Check Point with the Illinois State Police, resulting in 48 citations being issued.

On June 1, 2018, members of the Unit completed an IDOT ELap Grant Roadside Safety Check Point, resulting in 17 citations being issued.

From June 20 through July 19, 2018, members of the Unit participated in a directed patrol, targeting Lake Street due to higher than normal traffic crashes.

From June 25 through July 8, 2018, members of the Unit participated in the IDOT STEP Grant Independence Day campaign, resulting in 92 citations being issued.

On July 25, 2018, members of the Unit participated in the Illinois Speed Awareness Day enforcement, resulting in 63 citations being issued.

On August 1, 2018, members of the Unit had a portable scale detail with the Illinois State Police scheduled, but it was cancelled due to weather.

On August 7, 2018, members of the Unit participated in the annual National Night Out.

On August 9, 2018, members of the Unit participated in the end of summer barbeque on Michael Lane at the Henry Hyde Center.

On August 10, 2018, members of the Unit completed an IDOT ELap Grant Roadside Safety Check Point, resulting in 13 citations being issued.

On August 15 through August, 2018, members of the Unit worked on a “Back to School” campaign. Members were present at all schools within the Village to assure that traffic and students arrived to school smoothly.

From August 20 through September 4, 2018, members of the Unit participated in the IDOT STEP Grant Labor Day campaign, resulting 98 citations being issued.

On August 26, 2018, members of the Unit participated in the first annual Shriners Parade.

On September 7, 2018, members of the Unit completed an IDOT ELap Grant Roadside Safety Check Point, resulting in 15 citations being issued.

During the month of September 2018, members of the Unit attended every School District 4 Curriculum Night to educate students and parents about child occupant protection.

On September 20, 2018, members of the Unit participated in a Resource Fair at Indian Trail Junior High School.

On September 29, 2018, members of the Unit participated in a National Child Safety Seat Inspection Day.

On October 10, 2018, members of the Unit participated in the National Walk to School Day.

From October 10 through October 23, 2018, members of the Unit participated in a directed patrol, targeting school zone enforcement and distracted driving.

On October 30, 2018, members of the Unit participated in a Halloween gift bag giveaway at Lake Park School.

On October 26 through November 1, 2018, members of the Unit participated in the IDOT STEP Grant Halloween campaign, resulting in 43 citations being issued.

From November 16 through November 26, 2018, members of the Unit participated in the IDOT STEP Grant Thanksgiving campaign, resulting in 55 citations being issued.

On November 17, 2018, members of the Unit worked the Addison Park District 5K Turkey Trot.

From December 5 through December 22, 2018, members of the Unit participated in a directed patrol, targeting handicap parking and fire lane violations in all commercial areas of town.

From December 17, 2018 through January 2, 2019, members of the Unit participated in the IDOT STEP Grant Christmas/New Year's Eve Grant campaign, resulting in 81 citations being issued.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT/OPERATIONS

Directed Patrols/Follow-Ups - The Traffic Safety Unit handled a total of 20 traffic-related complaints and directed patrols for speeding vehicles in residential neighborhoods and various other traffic complaints.

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 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 the elementary schools by sending violation notice letters to the registered owners of vehicles that were not driving safely in school zones; for example, violations for passing school buses in the school bus lane and letting children out on Lombard Road.

The Traffic Safety 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 belts. The Unit began working with District 4 schools 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 Safety Unit began first with providing the School District with educational materials, followed by enforcement actions. The Department also hosted several car seat inspections to help educate residents. Follow-up counts were done to check the status of seat belt/car seat usage since the inception of the program. This program will be continued into 2019.

The Traffic Safety Unit partnered with AAA Chicago. AAA Chicago provided the Department with "School's Open" and "Back to School" signs, which 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 Safety Unit prior to school starting.

Child Safety Seats –The Traffic Safety Unit installs child seats for the citizens of Addison. This service is done for the safety of the children by making sure they are properly restrained in vehicles. The Traffic Safety installed 76 child seats in 2018. National Child Safety Seat Day was

September 29, 2018; the Unit conducted a Child Safety Seat Check Point at the Village Hall on that day.

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 the Standard Field Testing procedures every other year. 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 Safety 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 Safety Unit regularly handled citizen complaints of erratic or illegal driving in 2018. Enforcement action included additional patrol, enforcement and use of SMART Trailers.

SMART Trailers – The Unit continues to utilize SMART trailers to alert drivers of their speed. The onboard computers are capable of recording data to be analyzed. They were deployed numerous times in 2018. They are a very visible indicator of police presence.

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

Beyond the Stop – The Traffic Safety Unit utilized the Beyond the Stop incentive, where officers receive a certificate when they stop a vehicle for a minor traffic violation and take the stop further, resulting in a drug, weapons or felony arrest. A total of 7 certificates were awarded in 2018.

Traffic Stop Data Collection – The Traffic Unit Supervisor worked directly with the Records Director to oversee the Department's Traffic Stop Data Collection program. The traffic stop data is evaluated on a regular basis and information is forwarded to the Illinois Department of Transportation as required.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLES/PERMITS

The Traffic Safety Unit and certified truck officers are responsible for reviewing and issuing Village of Addison overweight/over length/over width commercial vehicle permits. In 2018, 283 permits were issued and with \$18,949.00 being collected.

The Traffic Safety Unit and truck officers enforce the truck laws during their normal patrol duties. In 2018, the Unit had \$25,279.00 in bond for overweight violations. The Unit conducted Truck Safety/Overweight Checkpoints in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Illinois State Police.

GRANTS

The Department received \$35,750.00 for the IDOT STEP and ELap in 2017/2018 and \$36,612.00 for 2018/2019 traffic grants. These grants are for Equipment, Occupant Protection Enforcement, Impaired Driving and DUI Roadside Check Points. The 2017/2018 grant ran from October 1, 2017 through September 31, 2018. The 2018/2019 grant runs from October 1, 2018 through September 31, 2019. This annual report accounts for activities that occurred from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, covering both grant periods.

The Super Bowl STEP Grant Enforcement Campaign was dedicated to Impaired Driving Enforcement. A total of 12 hours of manpower, reimbursed through the Illinois Department of Transportation, were committed; and 19 vehicles were stopped, with a total of 25 citations written.

The St. Patrick's STEP Grant Enforcement Campaign was dedicated to Daytime and Nighttime Occupant Protection Enforcement and Impaired Driving. A total of 44 hours of manpower, reimbursed through the Illinois Department of Transportation, were committed; and 53 vehicles were stopped, with a total of 54 citations written.

The Distracted Driving Grant Enforcement Campaign was dedicated to Daytime and Nighttime Distracted Driving Enforcement. A total of 64 hours of manpower, reimbursed through the Illinois Department of Transportation, were committed; and 81 vehicles were stopped, with 82 citations written.

The Memorial Day STEP Grant Enforcement Campaign was dedicated to Daytime and Nighttime Occupant Protection Enforcement and Impaired Driving. A total of 76 hours of manpower, reimbursed through the Illinois Department of Transportation, were committed; and 109 vehicles were stopped, with a total of 123 citations written.

The Independence Day STEP Grant Enforcement Campaign was dedicated to Daytime and Nighttime Occupant Protection Enforcement and Impaired Driving. A total of 72 hours of

manpower, reimbursed through the Illinois Department of Transportation, was committed; and 92 vehicles were stopped, with a total of 92 citations written.

The Labor Day STEP Grant Enforcement Campaign was dedicated to Daytime and Nighttime Occupant Protection Enforcement and Impaired Driving. A total of 76 hours of manpower, reimbursed through the Illinois Department of Transportation, were committed; and 82 vehicles were stopped, with a total of 98 citations written.

The Halloween STEP Grant Enforcement Campaign was dedicated to Impaired Driving Enforcement. A total of 28 hours of manpower, reimbursed through the Illinois Department of Transportation, were committed; and 41 vehicles were stopped with a total of 43 citations written.

The Thanksgiving STEP Grant Enforcement Campaign was dedicated to Daytime and Nighttime Occupant Protection Enforcement and Impaired Driving. A total of 44 hours of manpower, reimbursed through the Illinois Department of Transportation, were committed; and 50 vehicles were stopped, with a total of 55 citations written.

The Christmas/New Year STEP Grant Enforcement Campaign was dedicated to Impaired Driving Enforcement. A total of 56 hours of manpower, reimbursed through the Illinois Department of Transportation, were committed; and 68 vehicles were stopped, with a total of 81 citations written.

The Traffic Safety Unit completed 4 ELap Roadside Safety Check Points, with a total of 80 hours of manpower committed, reimbursed through the Illinois Department of Transportation. A total of 4,386 vehicles passed through all roadsides, with 908 vehicles actually being waved into the check points. A total of 93 citations were issued during the course of all four roadsides.

SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

During the 2nd quarter of 2018, the Addison Police Department observed a 30% increase in traffic accidents. During the beginning of the 3rd quarter, a directed patrol was conducted, targeting the higher crash areas. During the 3rd quarter, a 19% reduction in crashes was observed. The detail was deemed successful.

On July 25, the Department participated in a speed awareness program, dedicating almost 60 man hours. The program was deemed successful.

A six-day Fall traffic detail was conducted, once again targeting school zones and distracted driving. 160 traffic stops were conducted during this period. The detail was deemed successful.

A holiday season parking detail, targeting handicap parking and fire lane violations, was conducted between Thanksgiving and Christmas. This detail was deemed successful due to the higher officer presence in Addison shopping areas.

EQUIPMENT

During 2018, the Traffic Safety Unit purchased the following equipment from IDOT ELap Grants Funds:

- Two Mobile Safety Barriers
- Two Intoximeter Alco Sensor FST Portable Breath Testers