

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

JUVENILE OPERATIONS



Prepared for the Command Staff
of the Addison Police Department

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

This year, the Juvenile Officer Proficiency Examination was conducted in December of 2016. 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 32.

Commander Moffitt

Sergeant Freeman

Sergeant Bjes (promoted 5/10/16)

Officer Alaimo

Officer Anderson

Officer Avello

Officer Baquero

Officer Bauer

Officer Biles

Officer Brant

Officer Brucal

Officer Chiappetta

Officer Fuentes

Officer Garofalo

Officer Giertz

Officer Glomb

Officer Hostetler

Officer Johnston

Officer Merendino

Officer Oskroba

Officer D. Peterson

Officer J. Peterson

Officer Pope

Officer Porta

Officer Reyes

Officer Riley

Officer Rivera

Officer Shelton

Officer Sobanski

Officer 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 three days, which costs \$425, and no one had attended since 2008. It was also recommended to add Autism Trainer through NEMRT, which is an 8-hour course.

Training:

January

- Sergeant Freeman attended the DuPage Juvenile Officers Association Legal Update meeting.
- Sergeant Bjes and Detective Soto attended the Chapter 705, Act 405: Juvenile Court Act training class.

February

- Officer Giertz attended the 2016 Illinois D.A.R.E. Officers Association President's Meeting.

March

- Officer D. Peterson attended the 40-Hour Crisis Intervention Team training class.

April

- Detective Shelton and Officer D. Peterson attended a School Safety Conference.
- Officers Anderson, J. Peterson, and Riley attended the Juvenile Law Update training class.
- Detectives Biles and Glomb attended the John Reid Interview and Interrogations training class.
- Detective Biles and Glomb attended the John Reid Technique of Investigative Interviewing and Advanced Interrogation Techniques training class.
- Sergeant Freeman attended the Juvenile Law Update training class.

May

- Officer J. Peterson attended the DuPage Juvenile Officers Association meeting.

June

- Officer Brucal attended the Illinois Juvenile Officers Association and Illinois D.A.R.E. Officers Association 2016 Summer Conference.

August

- Detective Shelton attended Basic School Resource Officer training.
- Officers Johnston and Tennyson attended the Interview Children training class.
- Detective Shelton and Officers J. Peterson and Riley attended the Chapter 705, Act 405: Juvenile Court Act training class.

September

- Juvenile Officers attended the NAMI Mental Health training.

October

- Officers Baquero, J. Peterson and Porta, along with Sergeants Bjes and Freeman, attended the DuPage Juvenile Officers Association Fall Conference
- Detective Shelton attended the Juvenile Interrogation and Delinquency Update training class.
- Officer Sobanski attended the 40-Hour Gang Enforcement Skills Program training class.
- Officer Baquero attended the 40-Hour Crisis Intervention Team training class.

December

- Officer Oskroba attended the Child Abuse Awareness training class.
- Annual training was provided for all Juvenile Officers on the new laws for 2017 by ASA Audriana Anderson.

Meetings:

Sergeants Freeman and Gilhooley, along with Deputy Chief Goss and Officer D. Peterson, attended round table discussions with staff at Lutherbrook to collaborate on ideas to reduce the number of missing persons/runaways and other major incidents reported from Lutherbrook.

The annual Juvenile Officers meeting/training was scheduled and conducted in December 2016. ASA Audriana Anderson provided a law update regarding the changing juvenile laws in 2017. Northeast Youth and Family Services (NEDFYS) Executive Director Shannon Hartnett was introduced to the officers. Christal Ireland also gave an update on the Station Adjustment program.

Community Events:

February - Detective Shelton, Officer DiFatta and Sergeant Freeman participated in the Indian Trail Junior High School Kindness Tunnel, as a welcoming for students and faculty arriving on February 19.

March – Juvenile Officers participated as “readers” for classrooms at Stone Elementary School on March 9 and 10.

April – Juvenile Officers participated as “readers” for classrooms at Ardmore Elementary School on April 7.

Officer Oskroba participated in the Michael Lane annual cleanup project by assisting Public Works, Community Development, and Republic Waste with safely having all

vehicles removed from the alley way of Michael Lane and Valerie Lane. He and the others were able to make contact with residents of approximately 50 vehicles to have them relocated.

Juvenile Officers Avello, Oskroba and Reyes assisted with the District 4 Child Safety Seat Inspection event held on Saturday, April 23 at Indian Trail Junior High School. A total of 14 vehicles came to the event and 20 safety seats were installed. They also replaced 12 of the seats with new ones due to the safety seats being expired or in bad condition.

May – On March 15, members of the CERT team, along with Crime Prevention Officers Brucal and Giertz, hand-packed meals specially formulated for malnourished children at the Feed My Starving Children location in Aurora as part of their efforts to give back to the community. The meals are then sent around the world to orphanages, schools and clinics to help break the cycle of poverty. This year, the CERT team packed enough food to feed 70 children for one year!

On May 20, officers participated in Cop on Top at both Dunkin Donuts locations to raise money for Special Olympics.

June - On June 5, officers from Addison and the surrounding suburbs joined the Addison Leg of the Illinois Special Olympics Torch Run to raise money for the Special Olympics athletes.

August – Juvenile Officer Oskroba, along with the Traffic Unit, participated in the Addison Park District's annual Touch A Truck event held at Centennial Park on August 13.

Juvenile Officers Riley and Sobanski, along with other Addison Officers, participated in Tip A Cop at Culvers Restaurant in Addison. Officers helped serve patrons and explained the program, in which a portion of the proceeds go to Special Olympics.

Members of the Addison Police Department joined in the celebration at the end-of-summer picnic bash at the Henry Hyde Resource Center on August 18.

September – Officer Baquero and Crime Prevention Officer Giertz attended the 2016 Western Illinois Law Enforcement and Justice Administration Career Fair that was held on Monday, September 12, 2016 at Western Illinois University. Former Addison Police Explorers and current Western Illinois students, Freshman Bianca Reyes and Junior Kim Gamboa stopped by the booth to support the Department's recruiting efforts.

On September 15, Addison Trail High School hosted its annual career day. The Addison Police Department was represented by Crime Prevention Officer Doug Giertz, along with Police Intern Matt Zareba, and current Addison Police Explorers Michael Gaik and Chris Gorniak. During the event, students were also recruited for Peer Jury and the Police Explorer programs.

On September 19, Officers Reyes and Sobanski gave a Safety Presentation at a day care center in Addison.

Juvenile Officers DiFatta, Oskroba and Reyes assisted with the Child Safety Seat Inspection event held Saturday, September 24. There were 9 vehicles that went to the event and 17 safety seats installed, with two new seats given out to needy families.

October – On October 1st Sergeant Bjes spent the day at Chicago TOPSoccer to speak to a group of parents and their children about Addison’s Premise Alert Program and explain how police officers are trained. Established in 2011, Chicago TOPSoccer brings players with intellectual disabilities and physical impairments together with able-bodied volunteers to learn and play soccer.

Officers Merendino and J. Peterson were scheduled to attend a “bags” tournament at the Kane County Juvenile Detention Center to foster good relations between kids in detention and police officers on October 3. However, due to a sick call, there was a scheduling shortage and officers were not able to attend.

On October 18, Officers Chiappetta and Oskroba, as members of the Traffic Safety Unit and the Community Response Unit, handed out Halloween bag giveaways to the students at Lincoln School. The bags were provided by AAA.

Officer Oskroba took a picture with a little “officer” on Halloween, but took it a step further and showed off our squad cars to him as well.

November - For Giving Tuesday on November 29, the Addison Police Department partnered with AAA Chicago, Illinois State Police, Addison Fire Protection District, Rush-Copley Hospital, Northwestern Medicine and the Emergency Nurses Association to host a car seat giveaway. The car seats were provided free of charge by the Auto Club Group Traffic Safety Foundation. Several residents also came in to have their existing car seats inspected by certified technicians to ensure they were installed properly. Juvenile Officers Brucal, Chiappetta, DiFatta, Oskroba and Reyes participated in the event.

December – On December 2, Juvenile Officers joined in on a breakfast for the Police Department which was hosted by the congregation from the Calvary United Pentecostal Church to show their appreciation for all of the Department’s work in the community.

Commander Moffitt, Detective Shelton, Officers Brucal, Giertz, Sobanski and Tennyson attended the Shop with a Hero held at Wal-Mart on December 17.

Juvenile Officers, along with the Illinois State Police and AAA Insurance, participated in Project Santa at Lincoln Elementary School, where over 400 students received gifts and participated in games.

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 11 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, 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 it could be used as a learning tool. There were several personnel changes regarding 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 no Informal Station Adjustments. Station Adjustments are now closely implemented and monitored with the assistance of Christal Ireland from Social Services, with a class running near the end of 2016.

Juvenile Dispositions

There was a 37% decrease in juvenile arrests, from 328 in 2015 to 207 in 2016:

Charged as an Adult – 0
Criminal Felony Screened – 26
Juvenile Probation or FTA Warrant/Summons – 4
Referred to Juvenile Probation – 4
Direct File to Court – 82
Preliminary Conference – 8
VOA Traffic – 87
VOA Administrative Adjudication – 10
Peer Jury – 11
Formal Station Adjustment – 5
Informal Station Adjustment – 0
Detained at Youth Home – 47
Released to Parents/Guardian or Hospital – 160

Goals for 2016

1. To provide training to all Juvenile Officers in regards to Juvenile Law updates of January 2016.
Status: This goal has been achieved. Training was provided for Juvenile Officers at the annual meeting in January 2016.
2. To implement new Social Services procedures in regards to Community Service/Social Skill building through the Station Adjustment Program due to a change in the person who oversees this function.
Status: This goal has been achieved. Christal Ireland from Northeast DuPage Family and Youth Services (NEDFYS) oversees the Station Adjustment Program with the youth, and implemented new procedures in December 2016 for group meetings.
3. To conduct training for Juvenile Officers in conjunction with the YWCA.
Status: This goal has not been achieved. Several attempts have been made to schedule training with the YWCA, but due to conflicting schedules, it has not yet occurred. This goal will be carried over into 2017.
4. To have new Juvenile Officers attend a Peer Jury Hearing with the Crime Prevention Unit.
Status: This goal is ongoing in an effort to get as many Juvenile Officers to a Peer Jury Hearing as possible, pending manpower.
5. To research the feasibility and implement the entering of juvenile information useful to Juvenile Officers in a database used solely for juvenile information.
Status: This goal is no longer being sought due to time and manpower constraints to achieve it. Juvenile information is searchable in RMS currently and transferring all of that data would prove more work than it is worth. Additionally, with the new CAD/RMS system implementation projected for a couple years away, such a database would allegedly not be needed, as information can be searched in the new CAD/RMS.
6. To have Juvenile Officers foster relationships with Lutherbrook youth in the hopes of lessening the number of juvenile runaways.
Status: This goal is ongoing. Meetings are held regularly with the Police Department and Lutherbrook staff to improve relations in order to best approach the issue of numerous Lutherbrook juvenile runaways.

Goals for 2017

1. To have two additional officers from the midnight shift become certified Juvenile Officers.
2. To conduct training for Juvenile Officers in conjunction with the YWCA.
3. To have Juvenile Officers attend a Peer Jury Hearing with the Crime Prevention Unit.