

2019 Annual Report



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- ❖ **Integrity**
 - ❖ **Teamwork**
 - ❖ **Service**
 - ❖ **Leadership**
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Dear Swansea Community Member,

The year 2019 was a challenging year for law enforcement but I believe fully we held up to our standards of Integrity, Teamwork, Service and Leadership. This is evidenced by the large community support we are so lucky to have. We believe in building partnerships with the community and working together to solve problems and improve quality of life.

We believe strongly on not resting on our success but instead continually trying to improve. We frequently “prove the negative” by administrative oversight, polling citizens, double checking all critical work, professionally investigating complaints to see what we can do better and by hiring quality people who truly care about community.

We are honored and proud to SERVE all of you. We take that oath of service earnestly.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steven G. Johnson".

Steven G. Johnson
Chief of Police

Departmental Personnel

Patrol officer

	Start Date
Chief Steven G. Johnson	06/18/2015
Deputy Chief Craig S. Coughlin	08/28/1992
Sgt. Scott A. Lieb	08/16/1995
Sgt. Matthew T. Blomberg	01/08/1999
Sgt. Jason M. Frank	07/25/2005
Sgt. Keith E. Howard	09/17/2007
Det. Peter A. Wszalek	09/09/2004
Officer Cheryl M. Venorsky	01/02/1996
Officer John W. Sury	03/11/1996
Officer Eric A. Rohn	06/07/2000
Officer Paul L. Brault	09/06/2002
Officer Jason C. Tutterow	01/06/2005
Officer Paul J. Wuller	01/06/2005
Officer Andrew C. Hewitt	01/22/2013
Officer Matt R. Lindley	11/18/2013
Officer Nicholas D. VanWaes	09/22/2014
Officer Daniel M. Voelker	09/22/2014
Officer Breanna M. Kemper-Damm	09/25/2014
Officer Justin E. Schutzbach	01/12/2015
Officer Gary W. Reuter	10/11/2016
Officer Alex G. Wilken	02/21/2018

Civilian Personnel

Supervisor Ashley J. Robbins	04/30/2012
CPA Sarah A. Alvarez	06/21/2017
CPA Monica E. Allen	06/21/2017
CPA Danyel J. Bagby	06/21/2017
CPA Lesnia J. Gonzales	10/17/2017
CPA Nickolas Thouvenot	09/05/2018
CPA Tracey A. Mahoney	07/16/2019



- ❖ Integrity
- ❖ Teamwork
- ❖ Service
- ❖ Leadership

VILLAGE OF SWANSEA

Mayor
Mike Leopold

Trustees
Matt Lanter
Brian McGuire
Brian Wells
Rocky McDonald
Marilyn Neumeyer
Jeff Parker

Administrator
Ben Schloesser

Clerk
Lauren O'Neill

Treasurer
John Walter

Officer of the Year

In 2019 Officer Breanna Kemper-Damm worked the entire year on a short handed night squad. Every night Officer Kemper-Damm went to work she knew she was going to be short staffed. Also in 2019, Officer Kemper-Damm stepped up to serve as the supervisor every night her Sergeant was off work. This allowed Officer Kemper-Damm to show her ability to not only perform as a great police officer, but also her abilities as a leader and supervisor.

In 2019, Officer Kemper-Damm was the reporting officer for a very unusual and difficult type of domestic problem call. Thanks to the professional way Officer Kemper-Damm handled this call charges were brought against the estranged husband. This proved to be a very unique and difficult call. Officer Kemper-Damm, along with other officers and detectives, put in hours of difficult work. The result of the work of the officers helped to possibly save the lives of the woman and her two children.

Officer Kemper-Damm handled a sexual assault call in 2019. During this specific sexual assault call Officer Kemper-Damm was not the primary officer. This did not stop Officer Kemper-Damm from stepping up to speak with a very scared female victim to help ease the victim's fears. We watched as Officer Kemper-Damm was able to talk to the victim, take the time to make a connection with the victim, and show the victim someone was there for her. Officer Kemper-Damm's hard work and caring work ethic helped to lead to a conviction in this case.

Throughout 2019, Officer Kemper-Damm continued to always handle every call with the same care, compassion, and professionalism that someone could wish for. In fact, in Officer Kemper-Damm's entire career she has treated every person and every call with the same care as the two calls previously mentioned.

Officer Kemper-Damm is an amazing, hard working officer that gives 100 percent in every call. We are honored to work alongside Officer Kemper-Damm. The Swansea Police department is very lucky to have her as a part of our family.



Patrol Division

Patrol Squad One

For the year 2019, Patrol Squad One consisted of Officers Paul Brault, Jason Tutterow, Nicholas VanWaes, and myself, Sgt. Scott Lieb. As a “veteran” squad, we possess around 60 years of combined law enforcement experience and are honored to provide our skills to the residents of Swansea. There is not enough time to write about all of the exceptional things our squad has done this year. Instead, I will tell you a little bit about each officer.

Officer Brault is an exceptional officer who prides himself in neighborhood and community patrol. He spends a majority of his time patrolling the neighborhoods of Swansea and is truly in tune with what is going on in each neighborhood. In addition to his normal patrol duties, Officer Brault is a former Emergency Medical Technician, and utilizes his impressive medical skills as the department’s CPR and AED instructor. Officer Brault was also instrumental in getting all Swansea Officers certified in the use of NARCAN, a drug that reverses the effects of heroin and certain controlled substances. Finally, Officer Brault is our shift’s C.I.T. (crisis intervention) officer. This officer has been educated about how to evaluate and assist individuals afflicted with psychiatric and psychological conditions.

Officer Tutterow is a veteran officer who takes great pride and satisfaction in the work he does every day to assist the residents of Swansea. In addition to his normal patrol duties, Officer Tutterow is the department’s evidence control officer. As such, he is responsible for the intake, preservation of, and destruction of evidence as dictated by the court system. This is a major job for one officer to accomplish, but Officer Tutterow has embraced the position and takes this job very seriously. He has even developed a computerized system that streamlines his responsibilities. When he does have a break from his evidence officer responsibilities, Officer Tutterow likes to engage in bike patrol, as he is also one of the department’s bicycle patrol officers. You will obviously not see him on his bike during the winter months, but you will probably see him in the neighborhoods during warmer weather.

Officer VanWaes is the youngest member of our squad. As such, he is one of the most proactive and energetic members of the Swansea Police Department. Not only is he one of the top performers of the department, Officer VanWaes is the Swansea Police Department’s K-9 handler. Officer VanWaes’ K-9 partner, Leo, is state certified in drug detection and fugitive apprehension/tracking. Together, they assist with many local, state, and federal investigations. Officer VanWaes and his partner, Leo, have also been involved in many of our department’s drug seizures and forfeitures. Officer VanWaes has a bright future ahead of him. He truly is an asset to our department and the citizens of Swansea.

As for me, I have been an officer for the village of Swansea for almost 25 years, serving in a supervisory capacity for about the last 12 or 13 years. During my time here, I have been privileged to work with, and learn from some of the best officers in the industry. As you can see from above, I am very lucky to have such a talented, skillful, and professional group of officers working with me. They truly make my job enjoyable. I am proud to be part of this great team.

- **Sgt. Scott Lieb**

Patrol Squad Two

In 2019, I had the honor of working with Officers Rohn, Wuller, and Hewitt.

Officer Rohn transitioned to the dayshift after numerous years working nights. He brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to our squad from his 19 years of service with our agency. In addition to his patrol duties, Officer Rohn has taken prominent roles in our Active Shooter Response and Field Training Programs. As the senior officer on the shift, Officer Rohn was instrumental in helping run the shift in my absence.

Officer Wuller completed his second year on Squad Two. He continues to assist the Investigations Unit as well as other agencies as a Certified Voice Stress Analyzer. He is also one of our Lead Field Training Officers. Officer Wuller has 14 years of experience with our agency.

Officer Hewitt also transitioned to day shift from working many years on nights. He was Officer of the Year in 2015 and continues to be one of the most proactive officers within our agency. He routinely makes the most traffic and criminal arrests, which has earned him an assignment with the St. Clair County Drug Tactical Unit in 2020. Congratulations Officer Hewitt and good luck in your new assignment!

Squad Two continued to exemplify teamwork and professionalism throughout the year. Their hard work and dedication truly made a positive impact on this department and Village.

As 2019 ends, my time as shift supervisor ends. Sgt. Lieb will become the next supervisor of this shift as I have been promoted to the next Deputy Chief of Police. I would like to thank my squad mates and all my colleagues over the years for shaping my career and preparing me for my new role. I look forward to the challenges ahead and serving all of you as your Deputy Chief!

- **Sgt. Matt Blomberg**

Patrol Squad Three

Patrol Squad #3 was comprised of Officer John Sury, Officer Daniel Voelker, Officer Justin Schutzbach and Sergeant Peter Wszalek Jr.

Officer Sury brought a wealth of experience to the squad with over 23 years of service. Officer Sury's dependability and knowledge is leading to his promotion to sergeant in early 2020. The leadership that Officer Sury will offer his new squad will be second to none.

Officer Voelker is as reliable as they come. Throughout the year, Officer Voelker regularly led the squad in traffic stops. Officer Voelker jumped at the opportunity to handle calls for service, and ensured during each call he exuded the concern and empathy desired by a responding officer. Officer Voelker continues to grow throughout his career and undoubtedly has a bright future.

Officer Schutzbach's consistency and competence showed through in each incident he handled. Officer Schutzbach ensured he was always striving to provide an unmatched level of service on each call he responded to. Officer Schutzbach was the Swansea Police Department's representative with the St. Clair County Regional Special Response Team. Officer Schutzbach's willingness to dedicate many hours to training ensure he is ready to handle all situations that face him.

With this being my first year in a leadership role, at times I found myself in new and challenging positions. Lucky for me, I had Officer Sury to lean on. His was always available to lend a suggestion or offer timely advice. Officers Voelker and Schutzbach constantly showed their willingness to go the extra mile to ensure the village and its residents were properly cared for, without needing to be micromanaged.

- **Sgt. Peter Wszalek, Jr.**

Patrol Squad Four

Squad 4 works the 6pm to 6am nightshift. The Officers of Squad 4 were Officer Breanna Kemper-Damm, Officer Alex Wilken, and Sergeant Keith Howard. Squad 4 was the assigned short-staffed night shift with only two assigned officers; all other patrol shifts have three assigned officers. Officer Kemper-Damm completed her fifth year with the department this year. Officer Wilken completed his probationary phase with the department during this year. 2019 was an extremely busy year for the squad and there were many busy nights throughout the year and many incidents stand out to me. As a squad, we handled many significant incidents ranging from back-to-back armed robberies, armed suicidal subjects, traffic pursuits, and an unlawful discharging of a firearm. It was a year full of first time experiences, but we all grew and learned this year. This squad defines the word team and made my job as a supervisor very rewarding in many ways.



- **Sgt. Keith Howard**

School Resource Officer

Since the inception of the School Resource Officer program in November of 2016 it has been quite successful. I am in my third year as school resource officer. My duties continue to consist of servicing both High Mount School and Wolf Branch School. I work closely with both schools administration. I continue to maintain before and after school safety at cross walks before and after school.

Since Wolf Branch Middle School and Elementary merged this has allowed me to provide my services to two schools at once. I am able to see Pre-K through 8th grade students all in one school. I handle physical safety during school; as well as, at after school events. In addition, I teach necessary topics such as internet safety, cyberbullying and hazards of abusing social media when issues arise. I conduct truancy checks for at risk students. I have conducted several investigations that could



have possibly required criminal referral, but I have used restorative justice methods to keep young juveniles out of the criminal justice system.

High Mount School consists of latch Key to 8th grade students in one facility. I have a dedicated office next to the principal's office. I am in daily contact with the administration. The principal and I conduct frequent disciplinary meeting with students. I maintain an advisory role unless criminal action is necessary. I continue to teach 8th grade Academic Advisory classes on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The topics range from basic self-care, leadership skill to youth mental health, multi-cultural diversity to preparing for college and job placement. I organize my holiday party at sky zone for my 8th grade students during the Christmas season to reward them for their hard work and participation in the Academic Advisory class. I maintain daily office hours where I see behavioral disorder students twice a day. I also conduct truancy compliance checks. I maintain physical security during school hours; as well as, after school events. I plan to develop an additional Academic Advisory class for lower grades.

I teach school intruder/violence classes at both schools for every class from latchkey to 8th grade. I teach every class to their mental/emotional level of learning. All students are prepared along the 4E's method of training.

All Superintendents, Principals and Teachers have my personal cell phone number to contact me with any issues. I am looking forward to continuing my successful relationship with both schools.

- **SRO Cheryl Venorsky**

Bike Patrol Officers

In 2019, the Swansea Police Department continued its Bicycle Patrol Unit with random, unscheduled patrols of the numerous parks in the Village, the Metro Bike Trail, as well as the surrounding areas. The following officers were involved with the Bicycle Patrol Unit in 2019:



Chief Steve Johnson
Deputy Chief Craig Coughlin
Sgt. Matthew Blomberg - Program Director
Ptl. Cheryl Venorsky
Ptl. Jason Tutterow
Ptl. Breanna Kemper-Damm
Ptl. Justin Schutzbach

- **Sgt. Matt Blomberg**

Code Enforcement

Code enforcement is not an “exciting” area of law enforcement and you sure are not going to see anything related to code enforcement on the TV show, COPS. With that being said, however, code enforcement is a very important component of law enforcement. Left unchecked, high weeds, derelict vehicles, and the accumulation of debris, trash, rubble, and garbage reduces property values and causes blighted areas. These types of areas are breeding grounds for criminal activity.

- **Sgt. Scott Lieb**

Civilian Police Aides

2019 was another exciting year for the Civilian Police Aides. We had a couple new additions to the team.

We have a wonderful team of Civilians here and we are looking forward to the exciting adventure of 2020.

- **Civilian Administrative Supervisor, Ashley J. Robbins**



Evidence

The Swansea Police Department has two employees working in the property room. Civilian Police Aid Alvarez is responsible for the day-to-day duties, including the 11,117 items of property currently being stored, while also working as the department’s only full time CPA. In addition to his regular patrol duties, Officer Tutterow works as the property room supervisor to ensuring standards and protocol are maintained.



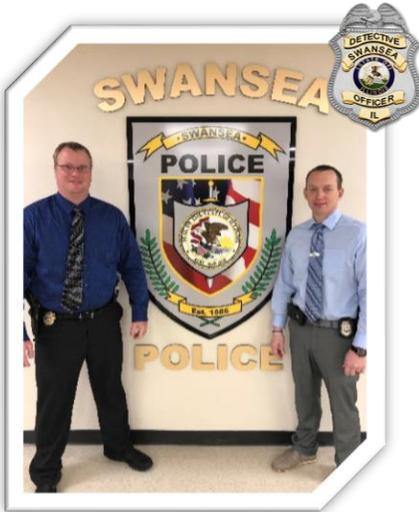
In 2019 CPA Alvarez logged 1,391 items into the property room including: Guns and ammunition, alcohol and drugs of all types, a sword, a zero-turn riding lawn mower, military grade armor, a “Lime” electric rental scooter, and over 900 CDs and DVDs.

This year, because of the remodeling of the police department and the increase in the number of items being stored, the storage area for the property room was expanded effectively doubling its footprint on the main floor. Additionally, there are plans to expand the basement storage space in the future.

- **Evidence Officer Jason Tutterow**

Criminal Investigations Unit

The Criminal Investigations Unit is comprised of two detectives reporting to the Deputy Chief of Police. Additionally, the Swansea Police Department has one detective assigned to the Drug Tactical Unit. In 2019, Detective Frank, Detective Reuter, and DTU Investigator Lindley had over 400 cases assigned to them. Although many cases were ongoing or pending new leads, the detectives efficiently and effectively cleared a large number of the cases through incredible hard work and diligence.



The detectives at Swansea PD also serve in a number of task forces to include:

- The Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis
- The Illinois Crimes Against Children Task Force
- The United States Secret Service Cyber Crimes Investigation Task Force
- The St. Clair County Drug Tactical Unit

Detective Frank returned to Investigations from the Patrol Unit in 2019. He has 14 years of police experience. Detective Reuter completed his second year in Investigations and has 12 years of police experience. Detective Lindley completed 4 years assigned with the Drug Tactical Unit and will return to the Patrol Unit in 2020. He has 6 years of police experience.

I am incredibly proud to be associated with these fine detectives. The hard work, dedication and integrity with which they perform their duties is inspiring and so very much appreciated!

- **Sgt. Matt Blomberg**

Drug Tactical Unit

During the 2019 year, the St. Clair County Drug Tactical Unit (DTU) investigated 27 cases in the village of Swansea. The cases DTU investigated originated in numerous ways including Swansea arrests, citizen informants, or other arrests in the St. Clair County area that resulted in a Swansea resident becoming the target of an investigation. DTU also assisted the following federal agencies with individuals in Swansea: United States Marshals Service (USMS), Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

The following are the different cases that I handled in DTU from the Village:

- Unlawful Possession Methamphetamine
- Unlawful Possession Methamphetamine (ecstasy)
- Unlawful Possession Controlled Substance (heroin/fentanyl)
- Unlawful Possession Controlled Substance (pills)
- Unlawful Possession Controlled Substance (crack cocaine)
- Unlawful Possession Controlled Substance (cocaine)
- Felony Retail Theft with UPCS
- Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding with UPCS (crack cocaine)
- Unlawful Possession of a Stolen Firearm
- Unlawful Possession of Firearm
- Unlawful Possession of Cannabis with Intent to Deliver



DTU executed (1) search warrant in the village of Swansea during the calendar year. The residence had become a very well known narcotics residence in the village and in St. Clair County. The female selling was taken into custody for a couple Unlawful Deliveries of Methamphetamine from the residence. The female is currently still in St. Clair County Jail for additional narcotics cases. One of the individual's living at the residence was a registered sex offender with the village who was taken into custody for Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine. The residence was condemned by the Swansea Code Enforcement upon completion of the Search Warrant.

Most of the (27) arrests in the village came from the proactive policing of our patrol unit. These arrests allowed myself and DTU to either charge the individuals or attempt to have them become confidential informants for DTU. One such proactive arrest is what led to the confidential informant who purchased from the target for our search warrant.

The village had another residence that was suspected of narcotic activity. DTU, the Swansea Police Department, and the St. Clair County Special Response Team executed a search warrant on the residence in 2018 for Unlawful Deliveries of Methamphetamine. The female suspect of the search warrant was still living at the residence with an extremely well known burglar throughout the metro east. With the assistance of the St. Clair County Probation Department, DTU conducted a knock and talk with the female resident. DTU was able to locate a bag of methamphetamine inside of the female's purse. During questioning, the female admitted to burglarizing multiple locations with the male suspect. The female became a cooperating witness for the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department and was able to get at least (15) cases close for burglaries in unincorporated St. Clair County, Belleville, O'Fallon, and Clinton County, Illinois.

DTU members also assisted on a standoff recently on 17th St. where a juvenile had stabbed a family member multiple times. DTU was able to quickly respond and assist the Swansea Police Department in deescalating the situation while getting multiple assets to the location if needed.

As most law enforcement officers can tell you, narcotics activity is not limited by city/village limits. Narcotics dealers conduct their activity throughout an area and Swansea is not immune from this. Although Swansea is not a high crime/high drug-using hotbed, Swansea greatly benefits from having (6-7) investigators at its disposal to handle any narcotics problems the village has. The Police Department also benefits in having an additional (6-7) highly trained investigators being able to assist with any serious problems in the village at a moments notice. Like it or not, the village is a great place to live, which also brings in narcotics dealers who also enjoy the comforts of our great town.

I cannot express how much I greatly benefited being in DTU. I learned an extremely large amount about narcotics and other violent crime. It also allowed me to quickly learn the narcotics users in our area and become extremely familiar with them. I benefited from having multiple proactive officers wanting the narcotics information in our town; as well as, the information and appearances of the narcotics.

- **Undercover Investigator**

Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis



The Major Case Squad became operational in 1965. The Squad's geographical boundaries extend into Illinois and Missouri, serving the greater St. Louis metropolitan area. There are currently eight counties from Illinois participating in this highly skilled and successful unit. Those counties include Madison, St. Clair, Monroe, Jersey, Macoupin, Bond, Randolph, and Clinton. The MCS investigates the most heinous crimes, primarily homicides, but will activate for other serious crimes. An activation will typically saturate an investigation with 15-20 detectives within the first 24 hours. The MCS boasts an impressive clearance rate of 80%, and has been both nationally and internationally recognized by the FBI National Academy and the International Homicide Investigators' Association.

There were eight activations in 2019 and Swansea detectives assisted with the following:

- March Edwardsville
- April Madison City
- September St. Clair County
- December Bethalto
- December Edwardsville

- **Sgt. Matt Blomberg**

St. Clair County Regional Special Response Team

Officer Schutzbach was assigned to the St. Clair County Regional Special Response Team (SRT) for 2019, where he served as an operator. The Special Response Team is a part-time tactical team comprised of officers from the Belleville Police Department, St. Clair County Sheriff's Department, Millstadt Police Department, and the Swansea Police Department. The Team conducts semi-monthly training in the following areas:

- Firearms proficiency and less lethal munitions
- Tactical operations and communications
- Hostage response training
- Search warrant service and execution
- Defensive tactics
- Response to barricaded subjects
- Proficient use of surveillance robots and the Bearcat Armored Vehicle

SRT works closely with the St. Clair County Drug Tactical Unit (DTU) in response to search warrants associated with narcotics and other drug investigations. Additionally, SRT provides mutual aid assistance to the Region 8 ILEAS Teams.

2019 SRT missions involving Swansea personnel were:

- February Belleville Search Warrant
- August Belleville Armed/Barricaded
- Cahokia Search Warrant
- East St. Louis Assist ISP SWAT
- September Washington Park Search Warrant
- East St. Louis Search Warrant
- October East St. Louis Assist ISP SWAT

- **Sgt. Matt Blomberg**

New Equipment

In 2019, the Swansea Police Department purchased one new Ford Police Interceptor SUV. Phase One of the building renovation has been completed to include new administrative offices, Investigations offices, a report writing room, training room, and break room. Due to mandated changes in technology, the department purchased new desktops and new mobile data computers in conjunction with new computer servers to meet software and hardware requirements.

During the year, the department replaced six portable radios and requisitioned a new LIDAR speed detection unit. Additionally, we have been outfitting every squad car with a ballistic helmet and vest and rapid-deploy ballistic shield in the event of an active shooter situation.

The Swansea Police Department remains committed to providing our officers with the best equipment to complete their duties as safely and efficiently as possible.

- **Sgt. Matt Blomberg**

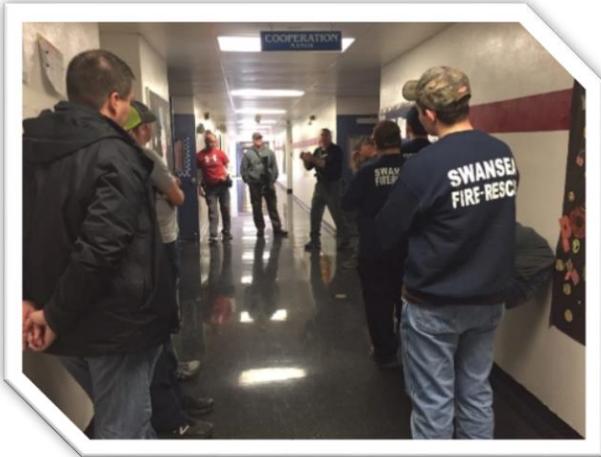
Departmental Training

The Swansea Police Department believes that continued training for officers is of paramount importance. In 2019 officers in the department took part in a variety of training that far exceeds the minimum statutory requirements required by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board, Illinois Law, and recommendations from the International Association of Chief's of Police. In fact, this year officers transitioned into more online training to maximize the amount of training each officer receives annually. This year training increased substantially, mostly in the online

training area, due to state mandates in training to comply with the Police Reform Act. The Swansea Police Department is fully compliant with the minimum standards determined by the State of Illinois. In 2019, officers completed **1,861 hours** of documented training, which was 414.75 more hours than 2018. The officers attended well over one hundred different classes throughout the year. The following is a list of classes officers attended:

Active Shooter Rescue Task Force, Less than Full Access LEADS Certification, Southern Illinois Criminal Justice Summit, Domestic Violence, Trauma Informed Response to Sexual Assault/Abuse, CPR/AED/NALAXONE Training, Mental Health Awareness, Sandy Hook School Shooting Case Study, Fire Extinguisher Education & Awareness Program, Hazmat Awareness Refresher, Taser X26P Recertification, Stop the Bleed, Winning Back Your Community-Improving Public Relations, Live Well Lead Well, Legislative updates for Law Enforcement Officers, A Theoretical Application to Interview and Interrogation, Major Case Squad Retainer, Stalking, Interview and Interrogation, Human Trafficking, Fundamentals of Investigations, Digital Threat Assessment, Advanced Digital Threat Assessment, Cell Phone Investigations, Bulletproof-Policing in Today's Society, Talk Tactics: Verbal De-Escalation and





Compliance, Defensive Driving, Detainee Prisoner Transport Procedures for LE, Marijuana-Impaired DUI: Using Research to Prove Cases, Foundations for Strategic Awareness, Handcuffing Refresher, Human Factors Research Group, Review of Epinephrine Auto-Injector Use, International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association Annual Conference, Glock Armorer, ASP Tactical Handcuff Instructor, Sabre LE OC Instructor, Springfield 1911 Armorer, A Review of Use of Force with a

Firearm, Cultural Competency, Illinois Human Rights Act, Constitutional Authority, Opioid Overdose Response, Axon Academy Taser 7 Instructor, Stalking: When Obsession Goes Too Far, Responding to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Victims, Peer Support, Resiliency and Suicide Prevention, When Mental Illness Hits Home, Profiling Teen Killers, School Shooters, and Mass Murders, Sexting, Cyberbullying and Digital Evidence Recovery, Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) User Certification, Basic Patrol Rifle, Advanced Patrol Rifle, Best and Current Law Enforcement Response to Domestic's, Breath Alcohol Testing, Principle Centered Leadership, Juvenile Law Analysis and Update-Expungement, Breath Alcohol Re-Certification, K-9 Certification, Canine Team Narcotics Detection Test, Bloodstain Evidence Workshop, Law Enforcement, Preparation and Response to School Violence, Legal Tips for Police Officers, Developing High Quality Emergency Operations Plans for K-12, Dealing with Variant Behavior, Counter Terrorism Awareness, Homeland Security Orientation, Fundamentals of Report Writing, Police Citizen Relations, Gangs, Crimes in Progress, Booking Process and Procedures, Downstate Conference on Child Abuse, Research Methods for Criminal Justice Practitioner, Motor Vehicle Theft, Vehicle Stops and Occupant Control, Case Preparation and Court Room Testimony, Collision Investigations, Relationships 101: How to Treat Others in the Workplace, Preventing Sexual and Workplace Harassment and Hostile Work Environments, Identifying Violent Juveniles, Responding to School Drug Impairment Calls, Death Investigations for 1st Responders, Proactive Patrol Tactics, Police Juvenile Officer Course, Current Trends in Drug Abuse, Sex Offenders-The Evil Among Us, Enforcing Illinois Cannabis Laws, and Law Enforcement Training Cases of the Month (October 2018 - September 2019).

The vast majority of the training received was from the Southwestern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission, MTU #14. Some of the training was conducted at conferences and online by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board Executive Institute or the Southwestern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission. Swansea officers who are certified to instruct several of the above specific disciplines taught the remainder of the classes. As you

can clearly see, Swansea Officers are training in a multitude of areas and we will never settle for the minimum standards set by the State of Illinois.

- **Sgt. Keith Howard**

Active Shooter Training

Active Shooter training continued in 2019 with numerous trainings throughout the year. The Swansea PD training cadre of Sgts. Blomberg and Howard and Officers Rohn and VanWaes conducted the following trainings:

- January High Mount School, New Employees
- March Holland Construction, Employees
- August Wolf Branch High School, New Employees
- High Mount School, Staff
- September Wolf Branch School, Students and Staff
- November High Mount School, Students and Staff
- CliftonLarsenAllen, Employees

In addition, SRO Venorsky has worked extensively with both High Mount School and Wolf Branch School students and staff throughout the year training for these situations.

New legislation enacted January 1, 2019 requires all schools to conduct active shooter drills with students present within the first 90 days of the start of the school year. Details of the law can be found in Illinois legislation 105 ILCS 128/20 in response to Public Act 100-0996.

The four certified 4E instructors at the police department remain committed to providing this valuable training to any interested businesses, organizations, or groups within the Village at no cost. Potential assistance outside of the Village is contingent upon permission from the local jurisdiction in conjunction with authorization from Swansea PD administration.

- **Sgt. Matt Blomberg**

Internship Program

The Swansea Police Department continued its internship program in collaboration with criminal justice programs at local colleges and universities. The goal of the program is to foster the interest and further the education of future law enforcement officers.

Upon recommendation by their school and successful completion of a background investigation, we carefully selected our intern to participate in the program. The department hosted one intern from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville during 2019 totaling 144 hours

of instruction. The intern experienced all aspects of the job duties of officers at the department: patrol, investigations, telecommunications, K-9, drug investigation, school resource officer, and SWAT.

The intern had the opportunity to experience police work firsthand in continuance of the Swansea Police Department's dedication to community caretaking as well as the furtherance of the intern's education in the practical application of legal and ethical standards within the field of law enforcement. I am happy to report a local police department hired our intern shortly after her college graduation!

- **Sgt. Matt Blomberg**

Police & Fire Youth Academy

The 5th annual Swansea Police and Fire Youth Academy was held June 3rd through June 5th of 2019. This year, there were a total of 35 youth camp participants. Over the course of the three-day period, participants got to observe several aspects of the Police/Fire/EMS system, and learn how they work together. Below is a sampling of the exciting activities experienced by the camp participants:

- Crime scene processing activities
- Traffic stops
- Simulation weapons activities
- CPR exercises
- Car fire
- Vehicle extrication
- Abbott Ambulance demonstration
- ARCH air transport demonstration
- Police K9 demonstration
- Scott Air Force Base Honor Guard demonstration/presentation
- St. Clair County Tactical Response Team demonstration
- Other activities focusing on team-building, leadership, and citizenship



Based on my personal observations and the feedback I have received, it seems as though everyone had a great time. I owe the success of this program to all of the police officers, firefighters, EMS workers, adult volunteers, and sponsors who gave freely of their time, talents, and financial support. Without all of these people, this academy would not have been possible.

- **Sgt. Scott Lieb**

Citizen's Academy

2019 marked the 4th Annual Swansea Police Department Citizen's Academy. Twenty citizens that either live or work inside the village attended the six-week long academy. The academy met one night a week, for approximately two and a half to three hours each night. The citizens received information on drug education, scenario/video based tactical decision-making using the MILO Range Simulator, crime scene analysis, traffic stops, information from the United States Attorney's office, information from the St. Clair County States Attorney James Gomric, and officer-involved shootings. They also enjoyed a special response team (SRT) demonstration, K-9 demonstration, St. Clair County Jail guided tour, as well as interactions with several distinguished guest speakers.



All of the citizens were required to ride along with a patrol officer for four hours during the six weeks; most thought this was the absolute **BEST** part of the academy. At the graduation the citizens learned about Taser's, witnessing two live demonstrations from brave volunteers, and spoke with retired Belleville Police Sergeant John Brough who was injured in the line of duty. All of the citizens enjoyed the fast-paced realistic training, and many wished it were longer than six weeks. The Swansea Police Department is looking forward to next year's academy.

- **Sgt. Keith Howard**

Explorer Post #1138

The Swansea Police Department Explorer Post #1138 was established in January 2016, with the assistance of the Boy Scouts of America. The ultimate goal of the program is to provide each explorer with effective skills necessary to be successful in any profession they shall choose. The foundation for the program includes leadership development, teamwork, responsibility, cooperation, effective communication, and a willingness to engage, learn, and actively participate.



Throughout the year, the explorers participated in several classroom and scenario based activities. The explorers also provided service to the community through participation in the following community activities:

- 2019 Swansea Police and Fire Youth Academy
- 2019 Wolf Branch PTC Color Walk/Run
- 2019 Citizen's Police Academy
- Swansea Fire Department Lighted Christmas Parade
- Swansea Santa's House
- Police Vehicle Detailing/Maintenance
- Swansea Police Bike Patrol Program
- Swansea Police Ride-Along Program

- **SRO Cheryl Venorsky, Officer Breanna Kemper-Damm**

Social Media

The Swansea Police Facebook page has been a great information and investigational tool in 2019. Our department utilizes Facebook as our primary social media platform. This year the Swansea Police Department posted several messages regarding safety tips, arrests, Code Reds, lost/found animals and general informational posts.

In 2019, the Swansea Police Department posted a total of 144 posts. Those posts resulted in 4,821 comments, 18,215 shares, and 31,047 clicks. Thanks for helping the SPD share what is important to us throughout the year! Feel free to join us at <https://www.facebook.com/swanseapolice/>.



Website and Police Blotter

The Swansea Police Department Website was updated and the Swansea Police Blotter. The Swansea Police Blotter allows citizens to access and view a daily blotter of calls for service to

which police officers responded. To protect victims of crimes, no exact addresses are used. The purpose of the Swansea Police Blotter is to better inform our citizens of what is occurring in their neighborhoods.

Code Red

The Swansea Police used the Code Red program a total of 12 times in 2019. The majority of the Code Red Alerts were for informational purposes; however, we did use Code Red to alert citizens to boil orders, water main breaks, weather alerts, and “be on the lookout” messages in reference to criminal activity.



- 01/11/2019: Winter Weather Alert-Village Wide-3,986 notifications
- 01/26/2019: Criminal Damage- Huntwood to Bettina-395 notifications
- 03/24/2019: Phone Line Issue-Village Wide- 4,032 notifications
- 04/26/2019: Color Run-Huntwood to Beau Gon-1,449 notifications
- 08/27/2019: Suspicious Vehicle-Village Wide-3,880 notifications
- 08/28/2019: Boil Order-Village Wide-3,934 notifications
- 09/04/2019: Scam-Village Wide-3,934 notifications
- 09/17/2019: Water Main Break-Village Wide-3,934 notifications
- 12/16/2019: Cancelled Board Meeting-Village Wide-3,934 notifications
- 12/20/2019: Phone Line Issue-Village Wide-3,934 notifications
- 12/21/19: Phone Fixed-Village Wide-3,934 notifications
- 12/23/2019: Phone Line Issue-Village Wide-3,934 notifications

- **Civilian Administrative Supervisor, Ashley J. Robbins**

Certificate of Excellence Award

The "Certificate of Excellence" is awarded by the Chief of Police to police and citizens who exemplify good citizenship and character through their actions. The recipients this year are as follows:

Investigator Matt Lindley	Award of Excellence
Sergeant Keith Howard	Award of Excellence
Detective Gary Reuter	Combat Cross Actions
Officer Andrew Hewitt	Combat Cross Actions
Officer Paul Brault	Lifesaving
Officer Paul Brault	Lifesaving (2 nd save)
Officer Paul Wuller	Award of Excellence
Officer Eric Rohn	Award of Excellence
Sergeant Matt Blomberg	Award of Excellence
Officer Andrew Hewitt	Award of Excellence
Larry Kania	Certificate of Excellence
Joe Kern	Certificate of Excellence
Dave Seger	Certificate of Excellence
Dave Huhman	Certificate of Excellence

- **Deputy Chief Craig Coughlin**

Index Crimes



Index crimes are those crimes that must be reported to the FBI. There are specific guidelines how they are to be reported and what category of crime falls under a section. The FBI uses them to identify nationwide patterns of crimes.

<u>Index Crime Offenses</u>										
	Criminal Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault/Battery	Burglary	Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson	Human Trafficking Commercial Sex Acts	Human Trafficking Involuntary Servitude
2018	1	2	4	7	38	145	9	2	0	0
2019	0	7	6	7	27	174	15	1	0	0
+/-	-1	+5	+2	0	-11	+29	+6	-1	0	0

<u>Index Crime Arrests</u>										
	Criminal Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault/Battery	Burglary	Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson	Human Trafficking Commercial Sex Acts	Human Trafficking Involuntary Servitude
2018	1	0	1	3	7	26	3	2	0	0
2019	0	3	4	5	7	34	3	1	0	0
+/-	-1	+3	+3	+2	0	+8	0	-1	0	0

<u>Drug Crime Arrests</u>					
	Violations of Cannabis Control Act	Violations of Controlled Substances Act	Violations of the Hypodermic Syringes & Needles Act	Violations of the Drug Paraphernalia Act	Violations of the Methamphetamine Act
2018	11	16	5	9	9
2019	1	14	4	6	8
+/-	-10	-2	-1	-3	-1

Statistics for 2019

Offense	Total Reported
911 HANG UP	329
ABANDONED VEHICLE	63
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	3
AGGRAVATED BATTERY	2
AGGRAVATED BATTERY-VICTIM 60+	1
AGGRAVATED DISCHARGE OF A WEAPON	1
AGGRAVATED DOMESTIC BATTERY	1
ALARM	763
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	195
ARMED ROBBERY	4
ARMED ROBBERY-ARMED W/ FIREARM	1
ASSAULT	3
ASSIST AGENCY	594
ASSIST AGENCY/STOLEN VEHICLE/ATTEMPTED HOMICIDE	1
ASSIST AGENCY/WARRANT ARREST	1
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	28
ATTEMPTED ARSON	1
ATTEMPTED BURGLARY TO MOTOR VEHICLE	1
ATV COMPLAINT	2
BARKING DOG	9
BATTERY	24
BURGLARY	8
BUSINESS CHECK	19
CHECK RESIDENCE	12
CHILD ABDUCTION	1
CHILD ABUSE	4
CHILD CUSTODY PROBLEMS	48
CHILD FOUND/WARRANT ARREST	1
CHILD LEFT UNATTENDED	7
CHILD PORNOGRAPHY	1
CHILD VISITATION EXCHANGE	1
CHILD VISITATION VIOLATION	1
CITIZEN ASSIST	368
CITIZEN COMPLAINT	1
CIVIL ASSISTANCE	7
CIVIL ASSISTANCE RENDERED	1
CIVIL MATTER	28

CODE ENFORCEMENT	14
COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY	11
COURT	5
CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	86
CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO VEHICLE	20
CRIMINAL SEXUAL ABUSE	1
CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT	2
CRIMINAL TRESPASS TO MOTOR VEHICLE	1
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	60
CRIMINAL TRESPASS TO MOTOR VEHICLE	3
CRIMINAL TRESPASS TO RESIDENCE	2
CRIMINAL TRESPASS TO VEHICLE	18
CYBER BULLYING	1
DEBRIS IN THE ROADWAY	76
DECEPTIVE PRACTICE	11
DERELICT VEHICLE	5
DIRECTED PATROL	2341
DIRT BIKE COMPLAINT	5
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	61
DISTURBANCE	208
DISTURBANCE/DUI	2
DISTURBANCE/WARRANT	3
DOG AT LARGE	160
DOG BITE	3
DOMESTIC BATTERY	57
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	113
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE/WARRANT	1
DRUG TAKE BACK	1
DUI	5
ELDERLY ABUSE	4
EMS CALL	1317
EMS CALL/DUI	1
ESCORT	58
EXPLORER MEETING	1
EXTERNAL SERVICE REQUEST	8
EXTRA PATROL	11
EXTRA PATROL REQUEST	1
FIGHT IN PROGRESS	1
FINGERPRINTING	33
FIRE	11
FIRE/ALARM	130

FIRE/ANIMAL RESCUE	1
FIRE/ASSIST	2
FIRE/BRUSH	1
FIRE/BURN	1
FIRE/DUMPSTER	1
FIRE/GAS LEAK	1
FIRE/GAS ODOR	1
FIRE/GAS SMELL	7
FIRE/GAS SPILL	5
FIRE/HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS	1
FIRE/ILLEGAL BURN	1
FIRE/INVESTIGATION	24
FIRE/RESCUE ANIMAL	1
FIRE/RESCUE EXTRICATION	1
FIRE/SERVICE	2
FIRE/SMOKE	8
FIRE/SMOKE SMELL	1
FIRE/STRUCTURE	6
FIRE/VEHICLE	2
FIRE/WIRES DOWN	11
FIREWORKS	51
FIREWORKS COMPLAINT	1
FOLLOW UP	698
FOOT PATROL	4029
FORGERY	3
FOUND ARTICLES	106
FOUND DOG	3
FOUND PROPERTY	3
FRAUD	62
HARASSMENT	59
HARASSMENT BY ELECTRONIC DEVICE	1
HIT AND RUN	53
HIT AND RUN/DUI/SUSPENDED	1
HOUSING VIOLATION	1
IDENTITY THEFT	17
ILLEGAL BURN	46
ILLEGAL DUMPING	17
ILLEGAL PARKING	102
INDECENT EXPOSURE	1
INFORMATION ONLY	208
INFORMATIONAL ASSISTANCE	8

INFORMATIONAL ONLY/WARRANT	1
INVESTIGATION	1
INVESTIGATIVE STOP	62
INVESTIGATIVE STOP/NO VALID DL	2
INVESTIGATIVE STOP/REVOKED	6
INVESTIGATIVE STOP/SUSPENDED	47
INVESTIGATIVE STOP/SUSPENDED/WARRANT	6
INVESTIGATIVE STOP/WARRANT	18
INVESTIGATIVE STOP/WARRANT/SUSPENDED	1
JUVENILE PROBLEM	82
JUVENILE TRANSPORT	1
LIQUOR SALES VIOLATION	4
LOITERING	1
LOST ARTICLES	28
LOST DOG	1
LOUD MUSIC	57
LOUD NOISE	8
LOUD NOISE COMPLAINT	51
MAJOR CASE	9
MENTAL SUBJECT	34
MISSING PERSON	47
MOTORIST ASISST	1
MOTORIST ASSIST	244
MOTORIST ASSIST/WARRANT/SUSPENDED	1
NEIGHBORHOOD DISPUTE	1
NEIGHBORHOOD TROUBLE	35
NOISE COMPLAINT	6
NOISE DISTURBANCE	28
NOTIFICATION	4
OPEN DOOR	35
ORDINANCE VIOLATION	6
PANHANDLER	27
PANHANDLER/WARRANT	1
PARENTAL ABDUCTION	1
PEDESTRIAN CHECK	11
PEDESTRIAN CHECK/WARRANT	1
PEDESTRIAN STOP	1
PRISONER TRANSPORT	5
PUBLIC INDECENCY	1
PUBLIC WORKS	30
RANGE	4

RECKLESS DRIVER	133
RECKLESS DRIVER/DUI	1
RECOVERED STOLEN VEHICLE	3
RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY	17
RETAIL THEFT	81
ROBBERY	3
RUNAWAY JUVENILE	21
SEX OFFENDER COMPLIANCE CHECK	29
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION	153
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION VIOLATION	2
SEXUAL ASSAULT	6
SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A CHILD	1
SHOTS FIRED	3
SILVER DETAIL	1
SOLICITOR COMPLAINT	62
SPECIAL DETAIL	62
SRT	7
SRT CALLOUT	1
STAND BY	137
STAND BY/WARRANT	1
STOLEN BICYCLE	2
STOLEN FIREARM	1
STOLEN VEHICLE	20
SUBJECT DOWN	1
SUBJECT WITH WEAPONS	1
SUICIDAL SUBJECT	43
SUICIDE	1
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	345
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY/WARRANT	2
SUSPICIOUS NOISE	25
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	280
SUSPICIOUS PERSON/WARRANT	4
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	164
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE/DUI	1
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE/WARRANT	1
TELEPHONE HARASSMENT	6
THEFT	128
THEFT/WARRANT ARREST	1
THREATS	37
TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	2
TRAFFIC CRASH	464

TRAFFIC CRASH/DUI	2
TRAFFIC CRASH/SUSPENDED	2
TRAFFIC CRASH/WARRANT	1
TRAFFIC DETAIL	31
TRAFFIC STOP	1874
TRAFFIC STOP/DUI	15
TRAFFIC STOP/DUI/SUSPENDED	2
TRAFFIC STOP/EXPIRED/POSS OF DRUG PARA	1
TRAFFIC STOP/NO VALID DL	4
TRAFFIC STOP/POSS METHAMPHETAMINE	2
TRAFFIC STOP/POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	1
TRAFFIC STOP/REVOKED	6
TRAFFIC STOP/SUSPENDED	71
TRAFFIC STOP/SUSPENDED/WARRANT	17
TRAFFIC STOP/WARRANT	23
TRAFFIC STOP/WARRANT/SUSPENDED	1
TRAINING	21
TRAINING/CRIMINAL DAMAGE	1
TRANSPORT	6
UNATTENDED CHILD	1
UNATTENDED DEATH	1
UNLAWFUL USE OF CREDIT CARD	2
UNLAWFUL USE OF DEBIT CARD	2
UNLAWFUL VISITATION INTERFERENCE	1
UNWANTED SUBJECT	181
UNWANTED SUBJECT/WARRANT	2
VACATION CHECK	151
VEHICLE BURGLARY	19
VEHICLE LOCKOUT	222
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	3
VIOLATION OF ORDER OF PROTECTION	30
VIOLATION OF ORDER OF PROTETION	1
VIOLENT OFFENDER REGISTRATION	1
VOID	104
WARRANT ARREST	27
WARRANT CHECK	28
WELL BEING CHECK	310
WELL BEING CHECK/DUI	1
WIRES DOWN	1
Total	1,926

Swansea Police Department Remembers the Illinois Police Officers who died in the Line of Duty in 2019.



Trooper Nicholas J. Hopkins
Illinois State Police, IL
EOW: Friday, August 23, 2019
Cause of Death: Gunfire



Deputy Sheriff Troy P. Chisum
Fulton County Sheriff's Office, IL
EOW: Tuesday, June 25, 2019
Cause of Death: Gunfire



Trooper Gerald Wayne Ellis
Illinois State Police, IL
EOW: Saturday, March 30, 2019
Cause of Death: Automobile crash



Trooper Brooke Jones-Story
Illinois State Police, IL
EOW: Thursday, March 28, 2019
Cause of Death: Struck by vehicle



Deputy Sheriff Jacob Howard Keltner
McHenry County Sheriff's Office, IL
EOW: Thursday, March 7, 2019
Cause of Death: Gunfire



Trooper Christopher Lambert
Illinois State Police, IL
EOW: Saturday, January 12, 2019
Cause of Death: Vehicular assault



- ❖ Integrity
- ❖ Teamwork
- ❖ Service
- ❖ Leadership

