

2021 Annual Report



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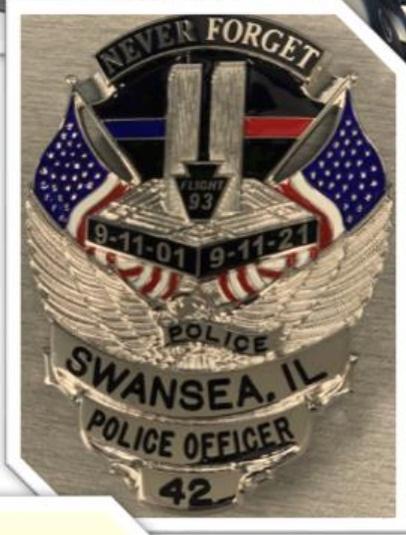


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Dear Swansea Community Member,

All members of the Swansea Police Department played a part in submitting to you this 2021 Year End Report. It is with great honor we present to you the amazing work the men and women of this department have performed in 2021. All members worked through the second year of the COVID19 world-wide pandemic. Because of the nature of our critical work we did not have time off or the ability to work from home. Officers responded to multiple calls for service every day and civilian police aides conducted the critical jobs of supporting the mission.

State-wide police reform laws passed by the state legislation changed many aspects of law enforcement. Community groups, some legislatures and law enforcement worked hard to also get two trailer bills passed to clarify and improve the laws. Law enforcement recognizes the critical mission and the need for updated laws, training and support in 21st Century policing which reinforces professionalism in a thoughtful and productive method.

We are especially proud of several new Officers we hired from the St. Louis area. They successfully completed the law enforcement transition course to Illinois and have been doing a great job undertaking professional law enforcement in Swansea. On a sad note, retired, long-time Swansea Police Officer, Terry Schmidt passed away. A great number of Swansea residents knew Officer Schmidt because of him being active in the community and being a visible element of the department. He has left behind a strong legacy of being the best of the best. Rest in Peace Officer Schmidt.



We look forward to carrying on our philosophy of integrity, teamwork, leadership and service in every decision we make. The strong support of our community and Village leadership has enabled us to always serve and protect.

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 Matthew T. Blomberg	01/08/1999
Sgt. Keith E. Howard	09/17/2007
Sgt. Peter A. Wszalek	09/09/2004
Sgt. John W. Sury	03/11/1996
Sgt. Breanna M. Kemper-Damm	09/25/2014
Det. Gary W. Reuter	10/11/2016
Det. Jason M. Frank	07/25/2005
Officer Eric A. Rohn	06/07/2000
Officer Paul L. Brault	09/06/2002
Officer Paul J. Wuller	01/06/2005
Officer Jason C. Tutterow	01/06/2005
Officer Andrew C. Hewitt	01/22/2013
Officer Matt R. Lindley	11/18/2013
Officer Daniel M. Voelker	09/22/2014
Officer Justin E. Schutzbach	01/12/2015
Officer Alex G. Wilken	02/21/2018
Officer Braxton C. Kociemba	02/18/2020
Officer Erin M. Huff	09/08/2020
Officer Jonathan M. Williams	09/14/2021
Officer Darrell D. Dunn	09/14/2021

Civilian Personnel

Supervisor Ashley J. Robbins	04/30/2012
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 Anais Becker	08/27/2021
CPA Logan Laut	11/22/2021



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VILLAGE OF SWANSEA

Mayor

Mike Leopold

Trustees

Matt Lanter
Cary Lewis V
Brian McGuire
Rocky McDonald
Marilyn Neumeyer
Jeff Parker

Administrator

Ben Schloesser

Clerk

Tyler Thompson

Treasurer

John Walter

Awards

Officer Matt Lindley received the Swansea Police Officer of the Year Award for 2021. Officer Lindley is exceptionally proactive with his police patrols in that he made over 40 felony arrests, took 15 illegal guns off the street while having a great ability to effectively handle any and all calls for service. He did his job so well he was nominated for and completed Field Training Officer School and now trains younger officers. He embodies the department's Vision Statement: To set the standard in law enforcement through leadership, innovation, and commitment to excellence in everything we do. Not only is he tough on violent criminals but he knows how to communicate effectively with everyone and turn bad situations into good ones. He is known for his caring style of law enforcement.

Civilian Police Aide Monica Allen received the Chief's Commendation of Certificate of Excellence. CPA Allen has such a quiet, calm presence but she is also a self-starter and has a work ethic second to none. Monica is typically the first to volunteer for special events in the community. Monica knows what is expected of her each shift and works diligently to complete her work. Everything she does she does with care and efficiency. Numerous citizens needing help have commented about her ability to make them feel important and the extra help, above and beyond, she offered. She truly cares about everyone.

Swansea Police Officer Erin Huff received the Chief's Commendation of Certificate of Lifesaving. Officer Huff responded to a citizen in active labor. Officer Huff was the first to arrive on scene and she assisted in the delivery of a healthy baby boy. During the situation, given her knowledge and expertise in nursing, Officer Huff noticed the mother had a significant prolapse. Officer Huff made the necessary adjustments to ensure both baby and mom were healthy.

Swansea Police Detective Gary Reuter received the Chief's Commendation of Certificate of Excellence. Detective Gary Reuter worked numerous Major Case Squad call outs, first to volunteer to help out short patrol shifts, great stats on IDOT grants and, all the while, available to everyone to offer help and expertise on case investigations. Det. Reuter has turned into the "go to" detective on Major Case Squad murder investigations. His work ethic was instrumental in obtaining criminal charges for lengthy investigations related to a home invasion and separate carjacking.

Swansea Police Officers Matt Lindley and Andrew Hewitt both received the Aggressive Criminal Enforcement Award (ACE). The objectives are to increase criminal apprehension and improve traffic safety. Officers are encouraged to use traffic enforcement methods to stop traffic violators and "look beyond the ticket" to detect felonies and other significant crimes and infractions in progress. The program is based on self-initiated activity focused on felony arrests, fugitive apprehension, firearms, drug offenses and recovery of stolen vehicles. Officer Lindley made 40 self-initiated felony arrests and Officer Hewitt had 20 self-initiated felony arrests.

- **Chief Steve Johnson**



Patrol Division

Patrol Squad One

Squad 1 works the 6am to 6pm dayshift. The 2021 Officers of Squad 1 were Officer Paul Brault, Officer Daniel Voelker, Officer Alex Wilken, and Sergeant Keith Howard. For Officer Wilken this year was a transition from nightshift to dayshift. Officer Brault is one of the more senior officers in the police department, completing his 19th year of service this year. Officer Voelker completed his seventh year with the department, while Officer Wilken completed his third year. Officer Voelker was selected to become one of the department's Field Training Officers this year and he was selected to become one of the departmental firearms instructors. Both of these duties are extra 'jobs' in the department which require quite a bit of work other officers are not tasked with.

2021 was an odd year as we are still dealing with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Even so, this squad performed admirably in the current conditions by providing quality police service to the community on a daily basis. These officers make my job as a supervisor quite easy and rewarding.

- **Sgt. Keith Howard**

Patrol Squad Two

In 2021, Squad #2 was made up of Officer Eric Rohn, Officer Paul Wuller and Sergeant Peter Wszalek Jr. Squad #2 worked the day shift from 6 am to 6 pm on assigned days.

Officer Rohn has been with the Swansea Police Department for over 20 years now. Officer Rohn continues to provide the department and residents of Swansea with top level patrol.

Officer Wuller has been with the Swansea Police Department for over 15 years. Officer Wuller's knowledge, experience and calmness in extreme situations was a great help to his squad.

The members of Squad #2 purposely and professionally served the residents of Swansea and continue to do so.

- **Sgt. Pete Wszalek**

Patrol Squad Three

Patrol Squad Three consisted of Officers Matt Lindley, Justin Schutzbach, and Braxton Kociemba. Mid-year, Officer Kociemba was transferred to Patrol Squad 4 to assist overall manning within the Department.

All Officers responded to multiple calls for service throughout the year. In addition to calls for service, Officers conducted 733 traffic stops. Some of these traffic stops resulted in additional criminal charges.

Officer Lindley led Patrol Squad 3 with 41 self-initiated felony arrests. Officer Lindley's active policing resulted in many illegal firearms and narcotics recovered.

- **Sgt. John Sury**

Patrol Squad Four

In 2021, patrol squad 4 consisted of Officers Braxton Kociemba, Erin Huff, and myself, Sgt. Breanna Kemper-Damm. However, it wasn't until August when Officer Kociemba officially joined our squad. Despite the fact we were one of the "younger" squads with less years of combined experience and we were short an officer, one would not have known it based on the stellar work of my fellow officers.

Officer Kociemba came to our squad with several years of law enforcement experience. Even though I only spent a short time with Officer Kociemba, I quickly realized how versatile he was in

handling his calls for service. On more than one occasion he was dispatched to an active, suicidal subject call. In those cases, he was able to calmly assess and handle the situation, resulting in compliance from the individuals and more times than not a volunteer transport to the hospital for treatment.

Officer Huff also came to our squad with law enforcement experience from a neighboring agency. I quickly realized how Officer Huff's prior nursing experience would greatly impact our squad. In particular, Officer Huff was dispatched to a call for service in which a female was in active labor. Thanks to Officer Huff's prior experience in the medical field, she delivered a healthy, baby boy.

Officer Kociemba and Officer Huff serve the Village of Swansea with pride. They have amazing communication skills and always go above and beyond the call of duty. They are constantly working together as a team, to reach the common goal of bettering our community. I am so lucky to have had the opportunity to work with them and I look forward to seeing how they progress throughout their careers.

- **Sgt. Kemper-Damm**

School Resource Officer

I started as the Swansea School Resource Officer (SRO) in January of 2021. I have never been in an SRO position and I was looking forward to the new opportunities. In the past, I volunteered as a Cub Master with the Cub-Scouts for 7 years and recently stepped down from that position. I found myself missing the interaction with the youth and the chance to positively influence the future of this country. When the position came up as SRO, I applied for it, and the experience is beyond fulfilling!

Training related to the SRO position took up a lot of my time the first half of 2021. From January through August, I spent more than 106 hours on various training. This 106+ hours is in addition to the usual and ongoing training I participated in through the police department. Throughout this time, I remained in the schools getting to know faculty and students for both High Mount and Wolf Branch School Districts. I also got the chance to meet the students and staff of Elite Scholars STEAM Academy (ESSA), which is new to Swansea as of fall of 2021.

In keeping with my primary mission, to help assure a safe learning environment for all students, I spend time in both High Mount and Wolf Branch school districts every day to provide physical safety and deterrence. In order to foster positive relations between the students and myself, I ensure I am seen frequently and I interact with the students during class changes, recess, and lunch, as well as at after school events. I ensure the students know that I am here to talk to them at any time and I have been approached by multiple students already for advice and assistance. I talk with teachers daily to help develop responses for troubled students, and I have worked closely with school administration and faculty as needed on other projects, such as the Swansea Police and Fire Department's annual adopt a family holiday program.

I developed multiple age appropriate presentations that were provided to grades 3 through 8 including: stranger awareness, cyberbullying, conflict resolution and escalation avoidance, internet and social media safety, sexting, and drug awareness. I also interacted with the younger students from pre-K to 2 in class by reading and talking about things like stranger awareness, why there are police, and following the rules. I provided instruction in intruder safety and response to the staff and students at all three school districts and I have more presentations I plan to develop in the near future.

- **SRO Jason Tutterow**

Bike Patrol Officers

In 2021, the Swansea Police Department Bicycle Patrol Unit had limited opportunity to hit the trails and neighborhoods. The ongoing pandemic coupled with staffing issues kept officers primarily patrolling in squad cars. The following officers were involved with the Bicycle Patrol Unit in 2021:



Chief Steve Johnson

Deputy Chief Matthew Blomberg – Program Director

Sgt. Breanna Kemper-Damm

Ptl. Jason Tutterow

- **DC Matt Blomberg**

Civilian Police Aides

Big changes took place in the Civilian Police Aide Department in 2021. Our only full-time CPA/Evidence Technician left to pursue her passion in Law Enforcement at a neighboring agency. We were fortunate enough to hire from within the department to fill that position seamlessly. The CPAs handled 3,221 non-emergency calls, 2,566 walk-ins, and reviewed 3,105 reports. The civilian staff is comprised of the following:

Lesnia Gonzales-Lesnia filled the role of our full-time Evidence Technician. In addition, Lesnia maintains the police blotter portion of the Village website in addition to other roles and duties assigned. Monica Allen- Monica maintains all booking photograph catalogs, in addition to maintaining our domestic violence packets for officers in addition to normal CPA duties.



Danyel Bagby- Danyel maintains our vehicle impoundment records. She also reconciles and audits our department fuel logs and usages. Nick Thouvenot- Nick has recently learned how to manage and maintain our expungement records, along with helping with technology at the PD. Anais Becker- Anais upholds our in-house warrant logs, in addition to traffic crash reporting to the St. Clair County Highway Department. Logan Laut- Logan was our latest addition in 2021 to the CPA family. Logan is still in training but will soon be supporting our master name file as well as keeping vehicle maintenance a priority.

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

Evidence

2021 saw the departure of our Evidence Vault Manager, Sarah Alvarez, as she started her Law Enforcement career as a police officer with another local agency. Lesnia Gonzales transitioned to full-time Civilian Police Aide and immediately ran with her new duties. Under the direction of Officer Tutterow, CPA Gonzales is now responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Evidence/Property room, which consists of taking items to and from the Metro East State Police Crime Lab, receiving, cataloging, storing, and purging all evidence and property obtained by the department while maintaining its chain of custody and integrity.

In 2021, over 1,160 items were logged into the Evidence/Property room. Some of the items included: Guns and ammunition, multiple different kinds of drugs, drug paraphernalia, tasers, alcohol, and over 550 CDs and DVDs of photographs and interviews just to name a few. The amount of digital evidence physically entered into the vault reduced significantly this year as the department transitioned to a cloud-based digital evidence storage system. This new system reduced the time officers spent downloading and/or copying digital material and streamlined our digital evidence processing.

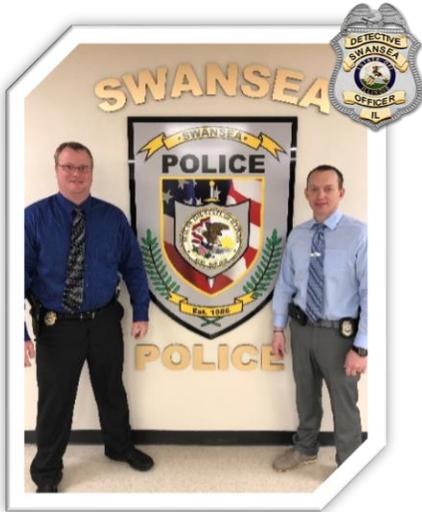
Every year, the Swansea Police Department donates any unclaimed property and bicycles as well as property with no owners to the Shelter Shop in Belleville. Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, donations were withheld pending the rescission of pandemic regulations and a return to normal operating procedures.

- **DC Matt Blomberg**



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 investigator assigned to the St. Clair County Drug Tactical Unit. In 2021, Detectives Frank, Reuter, and DTU Investigator Hewitt had 287 new cases assigned to them in addition to their ongoing investigations. 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.



Swansea PD detectives are active members of the following task forces:

- The Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis
 - The Illinois Crimes Against Children Task Force
 - National Center for Missing & Exploited Children Task Force
 - The United States Secret Service Cyber Crimes Investigation Task Force
 - The St. Clair County Drug Tactical Unit
- The Child Death Investigation Task Force

Detective Frank has 16 years of experience and Detective Reuter has 14 years of experience. Investigator Hewitt has 8 years of experience and just completed his second year assigned with the Drug Tactical Unit.

During 2021, Detective Frank, a member of the United States Secret Service Cyber Crimes Task Force, assisted the USSS with the following investigations:

July	Madison County Sheriff's Office
July	Fairview Heights PD
November	Madison County Sheriff's Office

The Investigations Unit continues to provide superior work and professionalism within our community and this region. The dedication and empathy with which they perform their duties is inspiring and admirable. As crime has evolved and become more complex, our detectives continue to learn new skills and techniques to remain at the forefront of criminal investigations. This department and the Village are fortunate to have such exemplary officers in this Unit.

- **DC Matt Blomberg**

Drug Tactical Unit

During 2021, the Swansea Police Department had 60 cases adopted by the St. Clair County Drug Tactical Unit. The cases involved various levels of firearms and narcotics offenses. Many of the investigations led to the identification of additional suspects and the issuance of more charges. The vast majority of the cases that were initiated by Swansea Officers came from proactive police enforcement.

Notable Swansea Investigation:
During the course of 2021, an ongoing investigation was conducted at a residence in the 1100 block of Caseyville Avenue. The residence was under heavy suspicion for ongoing drug activity. Numerous drug arrests were made on individuals for drug possession and drug deliveries. A court order was granted to evict the occupants of the residence. Deputies from the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department, Investigators with the St. Clair County Drug Tactical Unit, Officers from the Swansea Police Department, and Swansea Code Enforcement responded to the residence. The residence was ultimately condemned.



- Undercover Investigator

Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis

The Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis became operational in 1965 and serves both the Missouri and Illinois 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 80% clearance rate and has



been nationally and internationally recognized by the FBI National Academy and the International Homicide Investigators' Association. Swansea detectives assisted with the following investigations:

January	St. Clair County Sheriff's Office
February	Madison County Sheriff's Office
March	City of Madison
May	Madison County Sheriff's Office
June	Granite City
September	St. Clair County Sheriff's Office
October	Sauget
December	City of Madison

Additionally, a Swansea detective assisted with two Child Death Investigations:

May	Cahokia Heights
May	East St. Louis

- **DC Matt Blomberg**

St. Clair County Regional Special Response Team

Officer Schutzbach is assigned to the St. Clair County Regional Special Response Team (SRT) where he serves 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.

SRT conducted the following missions in 2021:

- 1/12/21 Cahokia, IL- Search Warrant
- 3/31/21 Bellville, IL- Search Warrant
- 5/06/21 Belleville, IL- Search Warrant
- 5/12/21 Caseyville, IL- Search Warrant
- 9/08/21 Millstadt, IL- Arrest Warrant

- **DC Matt Blomberg**

New Equipment

As technology improves, the department continues to provide our officers with the best tools to complete our mission as safely and efficiently as possible.

In 2021, the Swansea Police Department purchased two new hybrid Ford Police Interceptor SUVs to replace two aging units. The cost savings associated with the improved fuel efficiency from these vehicles has proven to justify the initial increased cost for the hybrid vehicles. Upon entering service, these vehicles were equipped with the new Axon in-car recording systems, which the department has been transitioning to over the past two years.



The biggest and most exciting equipment news for 2021 related to the purchase and implementation of our Body Worn Camera program. The agency purchased 23 body worn cameras from Axon to equip each officer with state of the art technology to protect the officers and the public while performing our duties. The equipment fits seamlessly into our digital evidence management program as well as our in car recording systems. The State of Illinois passed legislation requiring the implementation of body cameras

by law enforcement over the next several years. Based on the legislation's timeline, this department was required to do so by January 2025. However, with the department's recommendation and the full support of the Village Board, our agency implemented this program well ahead of the requirement deadline.



Additionally, the department replaced seven aging Taser X26 units with the newest version, the Taser 7. Axon is phasing out the older units thus making the X26s obsolete very soon.

Lastly, both detectives received new laptops to replace outdated versions to increase their efficiency and access to essential programs and tools while away from the station or on special assignments.

The Swansea Police Department remains committed to providing our officers with the best equipment to complete to serve our community to the best of our abilities.

- **DC Matt Blomberg**

Departmental Training

The Swansea Police Department believes that continued training for officers is of paramount importance. In 2021 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 Chiefs of Police. In fact, this year officers continued with more online training to maximize the amount of training each officer receives annually. This year training slightly increased, but was still lower than normal as the COVID-19 pandemic is still effecting in person learning. The Swansea Police Department is fully compliant with the minimum standards determined by the State of Illinois. In 2021, officers completed **1,791.25 hours** of documented training, which was 123.55 more hours than in 2020. Due to the pandemic and lack of funding from the State of Illinois, it is still quite astonishing the amount of training officers still received. The average training time per officer comes out to over 85 hours per officer. The officers attended just over seventy-five different classes throughout the year. The following is a list of classes officers attended:



Use of Force: Policy of Tactics, Policing Demonstrations, Protest, and Civil Unrest, OSHA Hazardous Materials Awareness Refresher, Campus Emergencies Prevention, Response, and Recovery, 2021 Criminal Justice Reform Act by Don Hayes, Qualified Immunity: How it works and what it means for police, Taser X26P Energy Weapons, Advanced Leadership for a “Police Reform” Era, Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Refresher Training, LTFA Initial, Abbreviated Mandatory Firearms Training, Law for Police Waiver, Tactical Combat Causality Care for Police, Officer Stress Management, Child Abuse and Neglect, Skimmer Hunter Course, Human Trafficking by Truckers Against Trafficking, Digital Evidence Investigation Curriculum, 40 Hour Crisis Intervention Team Training, An Introduction to IPv6, IDEOA Training Conference, Helping Law Enforcement Officers Overcome, Police Mid-Management Role in the 21st Century, 2021 ILEETA Conference, Understanding Digital Footprints, Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events: Train the Trainer, A Review of Use of Force with a Firearm, Missing Persons-Amber Alert and Silver Search Alert Training, Laws of Arrest-Refresher, Ethics, Civil Rights and Civil Liabilities Refresher, Police and Minority Relations, Law Enforcement Safety and Wellness, Safe T Act and HB 3223

SA 5, Realistic De-Escalation Instructor Course, Standardized Field Sobriety Testing, Taser 7 Energy Weapon, Winning the Battle: The Pain Behind the Badge, Trauma Informed Response to Sexual Assault/Abuse Refresher, 2021 CIT Conference, When Mental Health Hits Home, Women in Command, Peer Support by Western Illinois University, ICS 300, ICS 400, Basic Patrol Rifle, Advanced Patrol Rifle, Juvenile Officer Training Course, Basic Breath Alcohol Testing, Illinois and Federal Firearms Law, 44 Hour Firearms Instructor Course, Tactical Field Interviewing, Field Training Officer (FTO), Designing, Developing, and Delivering Effective Training, Gangs, Crimes in Progress, Human Trafficking, Patrol Procedures, Understanding the Eight Levels of Supervisory Engagement, Science for Criminal Justice Professionals, Strategic Communication for Effective Leadership, First Line Supervisor (Zoom), Advanced 911 Homicide Calls-Is the Caller the Killer?, Duty to Intervene: Legal Obligation & Training Solutions, Legally Justified: But Was It Avoidable, Finding the Leader in You, Illinois Homicide Investigators Association 2021 Conference, De-Escalation, Intervention & Force Mitigation, Implicit Bias: Understanding its Impact on Actions & Decisions, ILETSB School Resource Officer Training by Sullivan, Successfully Interacting with People with Autism, ILSROA Annual Conference, 4E Instructor Course, Adolescent Mental Health Training for SRO's and Educators, Mental Health Awareness, Criminal Interviewing Made Easy-Crime 1,2,3, and Enforcing Illinois Cannabis Laws 2021.

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. Your Swansea Officers volunteer to attend much of this training to ensure the highest quality of service to the community.

- Sgt. Keith Howard

Active Shooter Training

The Swansea PD training cadre increased this year as School Resource Officer Tutterow and Officer Voelker obtained their trainer certifications. They join Deputy Chief Blomberg, Sgt. Howard and Officer Rohn as certified trainers to provide this important training to any interested schools, community organizations, and businesses 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.

- Statutorily required Active Shooter training (105 ILCS 128/20) returned to traditional in person training in 2021. High Mount School and Wolf Branch School were joined by our newest educational facility, Elite Scholars STEAM Academy, in receiving this invaluable training and instruction.

- In August, prior to the opening of Elite Scholars STEAM Academy, Chief Johnson and Deputy Chief Blomberg conducted a safety assessment of their facility and provided some recommendations for administration to consider.
- In September, Officer Tutterow and Deputy Chief Blomberg provided new employee introduction to the Active Shooter Response program at Wolf Branch School. In October, multiple members of the police department proctored a simulated armed intruder incident at the middle school. Officer Tutterow and Wolf Branch Security Officer Eversman subsequently conducted age appropriate training with the elementary students.
- In October, Officer Tutterow provided instruction to new employees at High Mount School. A week later, he conducted an intruder drill with the students and staff at the facility.
- In November, Officer Tutterow provided training to the staff and students at Elite Scholars School Academy with a drill conducted shortly thereafter.
- All three schools performed extremely well during the drills. The police department and our school administrations remain committed to providing this essential, life-saving training.

- **DC Matt Blomberg**

Internship Program

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the Swansea Police Department was able to resume our Internship program with the establishment of numerous health and safety protocols. We hosted a very intelligent and enthusiastic student from Western Illinois University. The student was a criminal justice major on track to pursue a Master’s degree. Our intern spent 360 hours with our agency experiencing all aspects of our profession and departmental responsibilities while also completing assignments for WIU. The Swansea Police Department values the opportunity to work so closely with our future law enforcement professionals. Thank you to our 2021 intern and we wish you the very best in your future criminal justice career!

- **DC Matt Blomberg**

Social Media

Swansea PD uses Facebook as a primary source for social media interactions with the community. SPD has an amazing social media following as well as fantastic support from our citizens and surrounding communities. Facebook is a great way to inform the community about upcoming events, BOLOs, arrests, important information, lost/found animals, CodeRed alerts and other information necessary for the well-being of the village.



In 2021, the Swansea Police Department made a total of 166 posts. Of those posts, there were 29,426 reactions. 4,655 comments were made to those posts and 10,701 times those posts were shared by our

followers. We had over 2 million people interact with our posts. We want to thank each and every one of our followers for their input and the success of our social media page and all the connections made within it.

Feel free to join us at <https://www.facebook.com/swanseapolice/>.

Website and Police Blotter

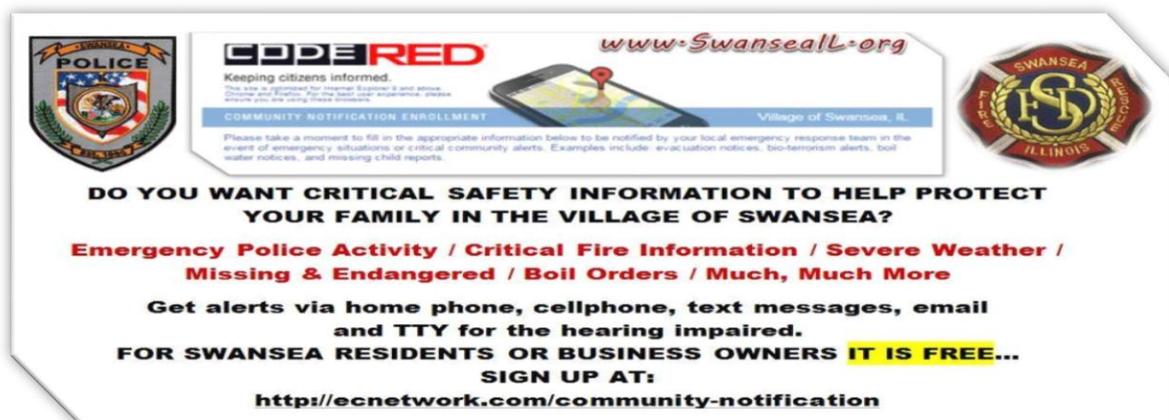
The Swansea Police Department Website was updated as well as the Swansea Police Blotter. The Swansea Police Blotter allows citizens to access and view a daily blotter of calls for service to which police officers responded. To protect victims of crimes, no exact addresses are used. The purpose of the Swansea Police Blotter is to better inform our citizens of what is occurring in their neighborhoods.

Code Red

The Swansea Police Department employed the Code Red system a total of 5 times in 2021. Emergency Code Reds alerted citizens of a suspicious person, a gas leak and emergency winter weather. Less urgent Code Reds were used to alert citizens of local community police and fire events.

- 02/14/2021: Snowfall-Village Wide-4,091 notifications
- 03/03/2021: Suspicious Person-Lake Lorraine Subdivision-922 notifications
- 04/15/2021: Gas Leak-Village Wide-4,170 notifications
- 07/28/2021: Community BBQ-Mel Price and surrounding area-728 notifications
- 11/18/2021: Lighted Christmas Parade-Village Wide-4,120 notifications

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



The graphic is a promotional banner for the Code Red community notification system. It features the Swansea Police Department logo on the left and the Swansea Fire Department logo on the right. The central text reads: "www.SwanseaIL.org", "Keeping citizens informed.", "COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION ENROLLMENT", "Please take a moment to fill in the appropriate information below to be notified by your local emergency response team in the event of emergency situations or critical community alerts. Examples include: evacuation notices, bio-terrorism alerts, boil water notices, and missing child reports.", "DO YOU WANT CRITICAL SAFETY INFORMATION TO HELP PROTECT YOUR FAMILY IN THE VILLAGE OF SWANSEA?", "Emergency Police Activity / Critical Fire Information / Severe Weather / Missing & Endangered / Boil Orders / Much, Much More", "Get alerts via home phone, cellphone, text messages, email and TTY for the hearing impaired.", "FOR SWANSEA RESIDENTS OR BUSINESS OWNERS IT IS FREE...", "SIGN UP AT:", "http://ecnetwork.com/community-notification".

Swansea Cultural Working Group



The Swansea Police Cultural Working Group meets at Fletcher's Restaurant to discuss many aspects of law enforcement and community.

This group of police, government and community members meet every few months to facilitate professional conversations about hiring police officers who are representative of their communities, the new police reform law and trailer bill, use of force policies and procedures, mental health calls for service, qualified immunity realities, and current events. As a team we came up with the plan of having monthly Community Engagement Events in Swansea neighborhoods.



Thank you to this special group of people who truly care about the Swansea community: (L to R) Deputy Chief Matt Blomberg; Swansea Police Commissioner, NAACP Representative and Reverend Ran Fogs, Swansea Trustee Cary Lewis V, Mayor Mike Leopold, Business Owner Brandon Crisp, Chief Steve Johnson, Pastor Monty Weatherall, and Teacher Kendrick Bell.



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.



Crime Statistic Comparison									
	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Assault/ Battery	Res. Burglary	Veh. Burglary	Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Domestic Battery
2020	0	10	2	14	16	27	164	18	44
2021	0	10	0	16	7	35	134	20	37
+/-	-	-	-2	+2	-9	+8	-30	+2	-7

Statistics for 2021

Offense	Total Reported
911 HANG UP	419
911 HANG UP/DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	1
911 HANG UP/WARRANT	2
ABANDONED VEHICLE	42
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	2
AGGRAVATED BATTERY	1
AGGRAVATED CRIMINAL SEXUAL ABUSE	1
AGGRAVATED CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT	1
AGGRAVATED DOMESTIC BATTERY	3
AGGRAVATED DOMESTIC BATTERY/WARRANT	1
ALARM	569
ALARM/WARRANT	1
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	112
ASSAULT	2
ASSIST AGENCY	523
ASSIST AGENCY/INVESTIGATIVE STOP	1
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	32

ATTEMPT TO LOCATE/WARRANT	2
ATTEMPTED THEFT	1
BARKING DOG	22
BATTERY	17
BURGLARY	3
BUSINESS CHECK	1
CHECK RESIDENCE	4
CHILD ABUSE	4
CHILD CUSTODY EXCHANGE	1
CHILD CUSTODY PROBLEMS	43
CHILD LEFT UNATTENDED	5
CITIZEN ASSIST	352
CITIZEN COMPLAINT	1
CIVIL MATTER	36
CODE ENFORCEMENT	2
COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY	4
CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	34
CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY/THEFT/WARRANT	1
CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO VEHICLE	22
CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO VEHICLE/THEFT	1
CRIMINAL SEXUAL ABUSE	1
CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT	7
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	33
CRIMINAL TRESPASS TO VEHICLE	9
CRIMINAL TRESPASS/AGG. ASSAULT	1
CRIMINAL TRESPASS/WARRANT	1
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	10
DAMAGE TO VEHICLE	4
DEBRIS IN ROADWAY	53
DECEASED PERSON	2
DECEPTIVE PRACTICE	5
DIRECTED PATROL	3351
DIRT BIKE COMPLAINT	6
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	40
DISTURBANCE	205
DISTURBANCE/CRIMINAL TRESPASS	1
DISTURBANCE/UUW	1
DISTURBANCE/WARRANT	4
DOG AT LARGE	108

DOG AT LARGE/DOG BITE	1
DOG BITE	5
DOMESTIC BATTERY	32
DOMESTIC BATTERY/AGGRAVATED BATTERY	1
DOMESTIC BATTERY/VIOLATION OF ORDER OF PROTECTION	1
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	98
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE/DUI	1
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE/UNL POSS OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	1
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE/WARRANT	2
DRUG ACTIVITY	1
DUI	1
DUI/WARRANT	1
EMS CALL	1307
EMS CALL/OVERDOSE	2
ESCORT	54
EXTERNAL SERVICE REQUEST	11
EXTRA PATROL	18
FIGHT	1
FIGHT/BATTERY	1
FINGERPRINTING	7
FIRE	17
FIRE/ALARM	111
FIRE/ANIMAL RESCUE	2
FIRE/BRUSH	6
FIRE/CHIMNEY	1
FIRE/GAS	6
FIRE/GAS SMELL	6
FIRE/INVESTIGATION	30
FIRE/RESCUE	4
FIRE/SERVICE	1
FIRE/SMOKE	3
FIRE/STILL	4
FIRE/STRUCTURE	8
FIRE/VEHICLE	2
FIRE/WIRES DOWN	3
FIRE/TRANSFORMER	1
FIRE/TRASH	1
FIRE/VEHICLE	4
FIRE/WIRES DOWN	7

FIREWORKS	71
FOLLOW UP	569
FOLLOW UP/WARRANT	1
FOOT PATROL	4469
FOOT PATROL/WARRANT	1
FORGERY	5
FOUND ARTICLES	80
FOUND DOG	2
FRAUD	69
HARASSMENT	72
HIT AND RUN	50
HIT AND RUN/DUI	1
HOME INVASION	1
IDENTITY THEFT	82
ILLEGAL BURN	27
ILLEGAL DUMPING	13
ILLEGAL PARKING	52
INDECENT EXPOSURE	3
INDECENT EXPOSURE/WARRANT	1
INFORMATION ONLY	44
INFORMATIONAL ASSISTANCE	2
INVESTIGATIVE STOP	29
INVESTIGATIVE STOP/AGG UUW	1
INVESTIGATIVE STOP/NO VALID DL	4
INVESTIGATIVE STOP/POSS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	1
INVESTIGATIVE STOP/REVOKED	1
INVESTIGATIVE STOP/SUSPENDED	10
INVESTIGATIVE STOP/SUSPENDED/WARRANT	1
INVESTIGATIVE STOP/UNL POSS METH/WARRANT	1
INVESTIGATIVE STOP/UUW	1
INVESTIGATIVE STOP/WARRANT	5
INVESTIGATIVE STOP/WARRANT/SUSPENDED	1
JUVENILE PROBLEM	62
LOST ARTICLES	19
LOST MUSIC	67
LOUD NOISE COMPLAINT	17
MAJOR CARE	13
MENTAL SUBJECT	33
MENTAL SUBJECT/WARRANT	1

MISSING PERSON	28
MOTORIST ASSIST	203
NEIGHBOR DISPUTE	45
NEIGHBORHOOD TROUBLE	3
NOISE DISTURBANCE	21
NOTIFICATION	4
OPEN DOOR	38
ORDINANCE VIOLATION	6
OVERDOSE	2
PARENTAL ABDUCTION	1
PEDESTRIAN CHECK	6
PEDESTRIAN CHECK/POSS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	1
PEDESTRIAN CHECK/WARRANT	2
PEDESTRIAN IN THE ROADWAY	47
PEDESTRIAN IN THE ROADWAY/POSS OF METH/WARRANT	1
PEDESTRIAN UNDER THE INFLUENCE	1
POLICE UNIT MAINTENANCE	3
PUBLIC WORKS	16
RANGE	6
RECKLESS DRIVER	155
RECKLESS DRIVER/DUI	2
RECKLESS DRIVER/DUI/SUSPENDED	1
RECKLESS DRIVER/WARRANT	1
RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY	7
RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY/DISSEMINATION	1
RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY/UUW	1
RETAIL THEFT	61
RETAIL THEFT/CRIMINAL TRESPASS	1
RETAIL THEFT/POSS METH/POSS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	1
RETAIL THEFT/WARRANT	3
ROAD OBSTRUCTION	3
RETAIL THEFT	88
ROAD RAGE	11
RUNAWAY JUVENILE	11
RUNAWAY JUVENILE/DOMESTIC BATTERY	1
SEX OFFENDER COMPLIANCE CHECK	10
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION	120
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION VIOLATION	1
SEXUAL ABUSE	4

SEXUAL ASSAULT	7
SEX OFFENDER COMPLIANCE CHECK	7
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION	159
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION VIOLATION	2
SEXUAL ABUSE	3
SEXUAL ASSAULT	15
SHOTS FIRED	19
SOLICITOR COMPLAINT	20
SPECIAL DETAIL	146
SRT	3
STAND BY	106
STAND BY/WARRANT	2
STOLEN VEHICLE	32
SUBJECT DOWN	3
SUBJECT WITH WEAPONS	1
SUICIDAL SUBJECT	25
SUICIDE	2
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	301
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY/WARRANT	2
SUSPICIOUS DEATH	1
SUSPICIOUS NOISE	27
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	184
SUSPICIOUS NOISE	27
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	184
SUSPICIOUS PERSON/FORGERY/THEFT/OBSTRUCT ID	1
SUSPICIOUS PERSON/POSS METH/WARRANT	1
SUSPICIOUS PERSON/REVOKED	1
SUSPICIOUS PERSON/WARRANT	3
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	203
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE/AGG DUI	1
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE/DUI	2
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE/POSS OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	1
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE/RECOVERED STOLEN VEHICLE	1
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE/REVOKED	1
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE/TRAFFIC STOP	1
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE/UUW	1
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE/UUW/UNLAWFUL POSS CANNABIS	1
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE/WARRANT	1
THEFT	75

THEFT/SUSPENDED	1
THEFT/WARRANT	1
THREATS	50
TRAFFIC CRASH	353
TRAFFIC CRASH/DUI	8
TRAFFIC CRASH/FAIL TO REPORT/LEAVE SCENE	1
TRAFFIC CRASH/SUSPENDED	2
TRAFFIC CRASH/SUSPENDED/WARRANT	1
TRAFFIC CRASH/WARRANT	2
TRAFFIC DETAIL	5
TRAFFIC STOP	3446
TRAFFIC STOP/ SUSPENDED/WARRANT	1
TRAFFIC STOP/AGG DUI	1
TRAFFIC STOP/AGG FLEEING AND ELUDING	1
TRAFFIC STOP/AGG UNLAWFUL USE OF WEAPON	1
TRAFFIC STOP/AGG U UW	3
TRAFFIC STOP/AGG U UW/POSS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	1
TRAFFIC STOP/AGG U UW/REVOKED	1
TRAFFIC STOP/AGG U UW/STOLEN FIREARM	1
TRAFFIC STOP/AGG U UW/UNLAWFUL POSS CANNABIS	1
TRAFFIC STOP/AGG U UW/WARRANT	1
TRAFFIC STOP/AGGRAVATED DUI	2
TRAFFIC STOP/AGGRAVATED REVOKED	1
TRAFFIC STOP/ARMED VIOLENCE/FELON POSS FIREARM	1
TRAFFIC STOP/DUI	20
TRAFFIC STOP/DUI/FLEEING	1
TRAFFIC STOP/DUI/U UW	2
TRAFFIC STOP/DUI/WARRANT/NO VALID DL	1
TRAFFIC STOP/FELON POSS FIREARM	1
TRAFFIC STOP/FLEEING AND ELUDING	15
TRAFFIC STOP/INTENT TO DELIVER CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	1
TRAFFIC STOP/INTENT TO DELIVER CONTR. SUBSTANCE	1
TRAFFIC STOP/NO VALID DL	94
TRAFFIC STOP/NO VALID DL/WARRANT	8
TRAFFIC STOP/OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE/UNLAWFUL POSS CANNABIS	1
TRAFFIC STOP/POSS CANNABIS	4
TRAFFIC STOP/POSS CANNABIS/RESISTING	1
TRAFFIC STOP/POSS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	11
TRAFFIC STOP/POSS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE/NO VALID DL	1

TRAFFIC STOP/POSS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE/WARRANT	2
TRAFFIC STOP/POSS DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	2
TRAFFIC STOP/POSS METH/SUSPENDED	1
TRAFFIC STOP/POSS METH/WARRANT	1
TRAFFIC STOP/POSS METHAMPHETAMINE	6
TRAFFIC STOP/POSS METHAMPHETAMINE/POSS CANNABIS/UUW	1
TRAFFIC STOP/POSS METHAMPHETAMINE/WARRANT	1
TRAFFIC STOP/RESISTING/POSS DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	1
TRAFFIC STOP/RESISTING/UUW	1
TRAFFIC STOP/REVOKED	35
TRAFFIC STOP/REVOKED/AGG FLEEING AND ELUDING	1
TRAFFIC STOP/REVOKED/DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	1
TRAFFIC STOP/REVOKED/FLEEING AND ELUDING	2
TRAFFIC STOP/REVOKED/OBSTRUCTING IDENTIFICATION	1
TRAFFIC STOP/REVOKED/WARRANT	7
TRAFFIC STOP/REVOKED/WARRANT/POSS METHAMPHETAMINE	1
TRAFFIC STOP/SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION VIOLATION	1
TRAFFIC STOP/SUSPENDED	182
TRAFFIC STOP/SUSPENDED REGISTRATION	1
TRAFFIC STOP/SUSPENDED/FLEEING AND ELUDING	1
TRAFFIC STOP/SUSPENDED/OBSTRUCT ID	2
TRAFFIC STOP/SUSPENDED/OBSTRUCT ID/WARRANT	1
TRAFFIC STOP/SUSPENDED/OBSTRUCTING ID/WARRANT	1
TRAFFIC STOP/SUSPENDED/POSS CONTROL SUBSTANCE	1
TRAFFIC STOP/SUSPENDED/POSS DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	1
TRAFFIC STOP/SUSPENDED/SEX OFFENDER FAIL TO REGISTER	1
TRAFFIC STOP/SUSPENDED/UNLAWFUL POSS CONT. SUBSTANCE/WARRANT	1
TRAFFIC STOP/SUSPENDED/UUW	1
TRAFFIC STOP/SUSPENDED/WARRANT	22
TRAFFIC STOP/SUSPENDED/WARRANT/POSS CONT. SUBSTANCE	1
TRAFFIC STOP/UUW	3
TRAFFIC STOP/WARRANT	31
TRAFFIC STOP/WARRANT/AGG UUW	1
TRAFFIC STOP/WARRANT/POSS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	1
TRAFFIC STOP/WARRANT/POSS METHAMPHETAMINE	1
TRAFFIC STOP/WARRANT/UUW	1
TRAINING	4
TRESPASS	3
UNATTENDED DEATH	2

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF STOLEN VEHICLE	1
UNLAWFUL USE OF DEBIT CARD	2
UNWANTED SUBJECT	256
UNWANTED SUBJECT/POSS DRUG PARAPHERNALIA/WARRANT	1
UNWANTED SUBJECT/WARRANT	4
VACATION CHECK	323
VEHICLE BURGLARY	35
VEHICLE LOCKOUT	181
VIOLATION OF BAIL BOND	1
VIOLATION OF ORDER OF PROTECTION	16
VIOLATION OF SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION	3
VIOLENT OFFENDER REGISTRATION	1
VOID	169
WARRANT ARREST	9
WARRANT ARREST/POSS METHAMPHETAMINE	2
WARRANT CHECK	7
WELL BEING CHECK	315
WELL BEING CHECK/DUI	2
WELL BEING CHECK/DUI/WARRANT/UPCS	1
WELL BEING CHECK/POSSESSION CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	1
WELL BEING CHECK/WARRANT	3
<u>WIRES DOWN</u>	<u>6</u>

TOTAL **21,481**

Swansea Police Department Remembers the Illinois Police Officers who died in the Line of Duty in 2021.



Sergeant Marlene Roberta Rittmanic
Bradley Police Department, IL
EOW: Thursday, December 30, 2021
Cause of Death: Gunfire



Deputy Sheriff Sean Riley
Wayne County Sheriff's Office, IL
EOW: Wednesday, December 29, 2021
Cause of Death: Gunfire



Police Officer Tyler Timmins
Pontoon Beach Police Department, IL
EOW: Tuesday, October 26, 2021
Cause of Death: Gunfire



Police Officer Ella Grace French
Chicago Police Department, IL
EOW: Saturday, August 7, 2021
Cause of Death: Gunfire



Police Officer Brian Russell Pierce, Jr.
Brooklyn Police Department, IL
EOW: Wednesday, August 4, 2021
Cause of Death: Vehicular assault



Our Vision, Mission, and Core Values

To set the standard in law enforcement through leadership, innovation, and commitment to excellence in everything we do.



“Serve as a guardian with honor and protect with vigilance.”

We shall carry out the vision and mission statements, while utilizing the following core values as our guiding principles.

INTEGRITY

We shall demonstrate the courage to do what is right, putting honesty, sense of duty, and sound moral principles at the forefront of our decision making.

TEAMWORK

We shall be extremely committed and highly motivated to combine our energy and expertise to achieve excellence through collaborative partnerships.

SERVICE

We shall demonstrate dignity and respect for all regardless of circumstance, model conduct beyond reproach, and exemplify the utmost standards of personal appearance.

LEADERSHIP

We shall inspire, empower, develop, and support one another and citizens to reach our fullest potential, both individually and organizationally, in order to achieve strategic community goals.

ACCOUNTABILITY

We shall individually and organizationally demonstrate the ownership necessary for achieving desired results by making sound personal choices through empowerment.