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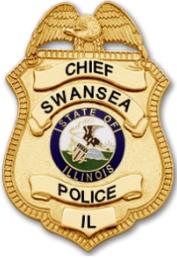
2023 Annual Report Annual



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Dear Swansea Community Member,

2023 was an eventful year for the Swansea Police Department. There have been many changes, which you will read about in the following pages. I am extremely proud of the hard work your officers do every shift for this community and our region. Their care and compassion for their fellow human being and their vigilance while serving and protecting this community are inspiring and greatly appreciated.

This year brought some new faces to your police department. Officers Derrick Acheampong and Derek Schackmann joined us after serving with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department. We also added Officer Clayton Proffitt, who previously served with the Freeburg Police Department. These additions were a result of an officer vacancy and some promotions that occurred throughout the year.

In a much-needed move, our agency created a Detective Sergeant position to oversee the Investigations Unit and reduce some of the extensive supervisory responsibilities on Deputy Chief Howard. Sgt. Gary Reuter was selected for the position. We had two promotions during the year. Officers Braxton Kociemba and Erin Huff were promoted to patrol sergeants. Lastly, we also had the pleasure of welcoming part-time Civilian Police Aides Arielle Stallworth and John Lynch. We are excited to add them to our fantastic CPA staff, who provide invaluable assistance to our officers and the public!

Over the year, we established 3 very important and useful programs to help the police department serve our community. We now offer a secured collection receptacle in our lobby for safe prescription medication disposal. However, sharps, aerosols, and liquids are prohibited. Under the leadership of Sgt. Breanna Kemper-Damm, the police department instituted a Special Needs Locator Program to assist officers with helping community members with cognitive disorders. The third program is a surveillance camera registration program in which citizens and businesses can register their camera systems with the police department to assist with service calls and investigations on an as-needed basis. These programs are strictly voluntary and are intended to better serve our community.

We thank the community for its continued support of our officers and our mission. We are committed to serving and protecting you to the very best of our abilities!

Chief Blomberg

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, a 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.

Departmental Personnel

Patrol Officer

Chief Matthew T. Blomberg
 Deputy Chief Keith E. Howard
 Sgt. Peter A. Wszalek
 Sgt. Breanna M. Kemper-Damm
 Sgt. Braxton Kociemba
 Sgt. Erin Huff
 Det. Sgt. Gary W. Reuter
 Det. Jason M. Frank
 Det. Alex G. Wilken
 Officer Eric A. Rohn
 Officer Paul J. Wuller
 Officer Jason C. Tutterow
 Officer Andrew C. Hewitt
 Officer Matt R. Lindley
 Officer Daniel M. Voelker
 Officer Justin E. Schutzbach
 Officer Darrell D. Dunn
 Officer Seth Belford
 Officer Marquis Jones
 Officer Claire Dappen
 Officer Derrick Acheampong
 Officer Clayton Proffitt
 Officer Derek Schackmann

Start Date

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Civilian Personnel

Supervisor Ashley J. Robbins
 CPA Danyel J. Bagby
 CPA Nickolas Thouvenot
 CPA Hannah Bielke
 CPA Myesha Fisher
 CPA Arielle Stallworth
 CPA John Lynch

04/30/2012
 06/21/2017
 09/05/2018
 09/12/2022
 11/07/2022
 08/01/2023
 10/31/2023

VILLAGE OF SWANSEA

Mayor
Mike Leopold

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

Administrator
Ben Schloesser

Clerk
Tyler Thompson

Treasurer
John Walter

Awards

Officer Seth Belford received the Swansea Police Officer of the Year Award for 2023. Nominations for the award were submitted to a selection committee comprised of 2 officers, 2 sergeants, and Deputy Chief Howard. After deliberations, the committee selected Officer Belford for the award. During the year, Officer Belford exemplified what an officer of the year represents. He was extremely proactive in criminal enforcement while handling his service calls and investigations with professionalism, commitment, and thoroughness. His efforts last year resulted in him earning an ACE Award for Aggressive Criminal Enforcement efforts. In September, Officer Belford received a Chief's Commendation for his efforts in locating and apprehending a suspect who fled from a fatality vehicle crash in Belleville. Officer Belford's keen situational awareness and dedication to serving and protecting our community were instrumental in bringing some justice and closure to this incident. In addition to his patrol duties, Officer Belford served as the Officer in Charge for his squad on numerous occasions throughout the year. Congratulations Officer Belford and well-deserved!



Deputy Chief Keith Howard received the Southwestern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission/Southern Illinois Police Chiefs' Association Blue Light Award and a Chief's Commendation for his significant efforts and contributions to the advancement of the Swansea Police Department. DC Howard secured grant funding and established our Drone Program, incorporated multiple Automated License Plate Recognition cameras within the Village, and consolidated multiple public property surveillance systems into a single source operational and management system. In addition, DC Howard manages our fleet procurement and maintenance program while supervising our patrol and investigations units. DC Howard's hard work, dedication, and leadership are invaluable to our organization.

Officer Matt Lindley again received an Aggressive Criminal Enforcement (ACE) Award in 2023. The objectives for the program 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 64 self-initiated felony arrests.



- **Chief Matt Blomberg**

Patrol Division

Patrol Squad One

In 2023, Patrol Squad #1 consisted of Officers Matthew Lindley, Daniel Voelker, Justin Schutzbach, and myself, Sgt. Breanna Kemper-Damm.

Officer Lindley completed his 10th year of service with our department. Officer Lindley continued dedication to traffic enforcement, which yielded the recovery of numerous firearms and drug-related arrests. Officer Lindley worked tirelessly to combat the ever-increasing number of firearms-related and drug-trafficking offenses. His commitment and work ethic are truly inspiring.



Pictured L to R: Officer Schackmann, Sgt. Kemper-Damm, Officers Lindley, Schutzbach, Voelker

Officer Voelker remained on Squad 1 with several years of experience with our agency. I quickly learned how Officer Voelker's calm demeanor and his effective communication with our citizens would prove to be an asset for significant calls for service. Officer Voelker is committed to providing reassurance and quality service to the public. He goes above and beyond the call of duty. It was during these unique calls for service that I had the opportunity to see Officer Voelker do his amazing work.

Officer Schutzbach came to Squad 1 from the night shift with several years of experience with our agency. Officer Schutzbach brought with him years of tactical experience, which proved beneficial and was appreciated when serving warrants conducted on our shift. Most recently, Officer Schutzbach was certified as a Field Training Officer. He is currently training our most recent new hire, Officer Schackmann, who transferred to our agency from the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department with approximately 2 years of experience.

Officers Lindley, Voelker, and Schutzbach serve the Village of Swansea with great pride. The services they provide in their profession are incalculable. They are assets to the team, the community, and this department. I can always count on Officers Lindley, Voelker, and Schutzbach to bring their positive attitudes each day, which they carry out with them into the community.

I was fortunate to spend this past year with these officers. During this time, we enhanced our collaboration by utilizing each officer's area of expertise. When it came time to collaborate on a significant call for service, it was amazing to see the teamwork, which led to many successful outcomes. I am looking forward to the opportunity to work alongside this amazing crew next year too!

- **Sgt. Breanna Kemper-Damm**

Patrol Squad Two



Pictured L to R: Officers Wuller, Tutterow, Rohn, Acheampong, Sgt. Wszalek

In 2023, Squad #2 was originally comprised 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 is the most senior patrolman with over 22 years of service to the Swansea Police Department. Officer Rohn continues to provide the department and residents of Swansea with top-level patrol service. Officer Rohn spends a lot of his time filling in for the sergeant as an Officer-in-Charge. Officer Rohn is well known for his ability to lead from the front.

Officer Wuller has been with the Swansea Police Department for over 18 years. Officer Wuller consistently provides knowledge, experience, and calmness in extreme situations. Officer Wuller is an asset on every call for service.

Over the summer, Officer Tutterow, who was assigned as the School Resource Officer (SRO), assisted Squad #2 as a patrolman. Officer Tutterow was a valued member, bringing along his knowledge and familiarity with the local children. Officer Tutterow also has 18 years of experience.

In August, Squad #2 welcomed Officer Derrick Acheampong. Officer Acheampong joined the Swansea Police Department after starting his career with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department. Officer Acheampong is quickly ingraining himself in the local community and becoming a shining star with a bright future in this department.

Both Officer Rohn and Officer Wuller serve as Field Training Officers (FTOs). Officer Rohn and Officer Wuller have provided informative and compassionate leadership to all the new officers when they join our department. The mentorship each provides is unmatched and indispensable.

The members of Squad #2 continue to serve professionally and purposely on behalf of the residents of Swansea.

- **Sgt. Pete Wszalek**

Patrol Squad Three



Pictured L to R: Officers Jones & Belford, Sgt. Kociemba, Officer Dappen

Squad 3 works night shift from 6 pm until 6 am. This squad consisted of Officers Seth Belford, Marquis Jones, and Claire Dappen, as well as myself, Sergeant Braxton Kociemba.

This shift started the year with Sergeant Gary Reuter; however, he was promoted to Detective Sergeant in August and moved to investigations. In addition, Officer Jones, a member of the Illinois Army National Guard, was activated and deployed for the year. Thus, Officer Jones was not present during this time. Patrol Squad 3 includes some of the youngest officers in the department, with the average officer age being 28 years old.

Despite Officer Jones' absence, Patrol Squad 3 continued to take on all regular and self-initiated patrol duties. Officers responded and handled numerous calls for services throughout the year and have been very proactive with traffic enforcement. Several of which led to felony arrests.

Despite having a young staff and short an officer, these officers remained unwavering in their commitment and dedication to community service. Throughout the year, Patrol Squad 3 professionally and effectively conducted their duties and worked very hard as a team. They continue to grow as officers and it has been a privilege to be a part of this squad and an honor to serve as their supervisor.

- Sgt. Braxton Kociemba

Patrol Squad Four

During 2023, Squad #4 included several different officers and supervisors but ended the year with Officer Darrell Dunn, Officer Clayton Proffitt, and myself, Sergeant Erin Huff.

In 2023, Officer Dunn completed his second year of service with the Swanssea Police Department, but ten years total in policing. Officer Proffitt was new to the team in 2023, starting in April, but completing his eighth year as a law enforcement officer.



Pictured L to R: Officer Dunn, Sgt. Huff, & Officer Proffitt

Officer Dunn brought a multitude of experience from other departments, which led to him being a well-rounded and versatile officer. Officer Dunn has shown throughout the year his dedication to traffic enforcement, making nearly thirty self-initiated arrests based on traffic stops alone. In addition, Officer Dunn has participated in several different IDOT grants, further indicating his willingness to keep the streets of Swansea safe. Officer Dunn has participated in several community-oriented events in 2023, including volunteering at the Rotary Club's annual 5k run, representing SPD at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville's Criminal Justice Club, and recruiting at SIUE's job fair.

Like Officer Dunn, Officer Proffitt came to Swansea with experience from several different agencies. Officer Proffitt made over fifty arrests, most of which were self-initiated. In addition to his commitment to enforcing the law, Officer Proffitt organized and participated in several community events in 2023. Officer Proffitt participated, organized, and coordinated the Illinois Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run and Schnuck's T-Shirt Days. Most notably, while coordinating the Special Olympics fundraisers this year, Officer Proffitt's dedication to the cause netted \$4,000.00 being donated to the organization. Officer Proffitt also participated in the 2023 Lighted Christmas Parade organized by the Swansea Fire Department.

During 2023, Officers Dunn and Proffitt completed several different training courses. Officer Dunn completed the Juvenile Officer Certification and Officer Proffitt completed the Breath Analysis Operator course, Advanced Rifle course, and the Emergency Medical Response course.

In the short time that Squad #4 has been together, Officers Dunn and Proffitt have shown over and over again their ability and willingness to go above and beyond. Their dedication to self-improvement, proactive service, and policing our community as well as the department is evident in every shift they work. I am both proud and thankful to have them on my team and I look forward to seeing what they can accomplish in 2024!

- **Sgt. Erin Huff**

Criminal Investigations Unit



The Criminal Investigations Unit is comprised of two detectives and a Detective Sergeant. Additionally, the Swansea Police Department has one investigator assigned to the St. Clair County Drug Tactical Unit (DTU). In 2023, Detectives

Frank, Wilken, our DTU investigator, and Det. Sgt. Reuter had 354 new cases assigned to them in addition to their ongoing investigations. Although



Pictured L to R: Det. Wilken, Det. Sgt. Reuter, & Det. Frank

many cases were ongoing or pending new leads, the detectives efficiently and effectively cleared a large number of the cases through 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
- Child Death Investigation Task Force

Detective Frank has 18 years of experience and Detective Wilken has 7 years of experience. Our DTU Investigator has 10 years of experience and just completed his fourth year assigned with the Drug Tactical Unit and will return to patrol at the start of the 2024 schedule. We will be assigning new officer to the Drug Tactical Unit to replace this position.

During 2023, Detective Frank, a member of the United States Secret Service Cyber Crimes Task Force, assisted multiple other agencies with investigations and completed the following data extractions for our department and others in the area:

- Swansea PD data extractions- 35
- Other Agencies data extractions- 22

Detective Wilken is our certified Computer Voice Stress Analyzer (CVSA) Examiner. Detective Wilken has assisted in several department and partner investigations utilizing this tool.

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 are 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 Village are fortunate to have such exemplary officers in this Unit.

- **Det. Sgt. Gary Reuter**

Drug Tactical Unit

During 2023, the St. Clair County Drug Tactical Unit handled over 350 cases involving nearly 400 suspects. Approximately \$450,000 worth of drugs, illegal firearms, and illicit money was seized.

DTU adopted 64 cases involving 72 suspects from the Swansea Police Department alone. Several of those cases led to broader investigations, allowing DTU Investigators to identify several narcotics dealers and areas where the sales were being conducted within St. Clair County. The vast

majority of these cases were initiated by Swansea Patrol Officers conducting proactive and self-initiating criminal investigations.

DTU Investigators assisted the DEA with an investigation that led to the identification of a residence in Swansea in which over 1000 grams of cocaine was located. The suspect involved was taken into custody and is awaiting a federal indictment.



During surveillance operations, DTU Investigators and Swansea Patrol Officers were able to identify a residence that was being frequented by several known drug users and dealers. That residence had caused an increase in calls to service in the area because of those individuals. Multiple arrests were made, and criminal activity has since drastically decreased in the area.

- 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 area. There are currently eight counties in 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 Madison County Sheriff's Department and East Alton Police Department
- March Belleville Police Department
- July St. Clair County Sheriff's Department

- November Collinsville Police Department

- **Det. Sgt. Gary Reuter**

School Resource Officer

The conclusion of 2023 marked the end of Officer Jason Tutterow’s tour of duty as our School Resource Officer. While in his assignment, SRO Tutterow displayed amazing care and commitment to the youth and staff in our schools. During this past year, he again managed and directed our annual youth summer camp. He also oversaw the police and fire departments’ efforts with the High Mount School Christmas Gift Donation program. Officer Tutterow returns to patrol in 2024 and we thank him for his service as our School Resource Officer.



- **Chief Matt Blomberg**

Civilian Police Aides



Pictured L to R: Arielle Stallworth, John Lynch

The Swansea Civilian Police Aide Department had an outstanding 2023 year. We added a new full-time CPA, Hannah Bielke. Hannah moved from part-time to full-time status in August. Hannah’s position was created to assist the Civilian Administrative Supervisor, Ashley Robbins, with her daily duties. Our other full-time CPA, Nickolas Thouvenot, took over evidence supervisory duties in 2023 and made huge strides in evidence disposals, purges, and property reclamations. He also implemented evidence barcoding, a way to more accurately track our evidence and property intakes. We hired two new CPAs, Arielle Stallworth and John Lynch. Both

Arielle and John recently graduated from SIUE and are fantastic additions to the team. Furthermore, we have CPA Danyel Bagby who has been an asset to the SPD since the position was created in 2017. We

also have a CPA designated for expungements and records checks, Myesha Fisher. Each CPA has specific daily duties and special assignments and works in coordination with the team and SPD’s mission.

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

Youth Academy

This year's Swansea Police and Fire Youth Academy was our 8th academy and it continued to be a successful and rewarding endeavor.

The Youth Academy was held June 5-7. During the three-day academy, participants learned several aspects of the duties of first responders including police, fire, and EMS responses, techniques, and procedures. They learned how to work together through team-building exercises and by observing several demonstrations.



Some of the activities included this year were:

- Crime scene processing
- U.S. Secret Service presentation
- Simunitions and gun safety instruction
- CPR, first aid, Stop the Bleed, and stroke awareness
- FD response to a simulated car fire
- FD vehicle extrication
- Abbott Ambulance demonstration
- ARCH air transport demonstration
- Police K9 and therapy dog demonstrations and meet and greet (Including Swansea's own Hamilton!)
- Flag etiquette, folding, and retirement instructed by members of Scott Air Force Base
- St. Clair County Tactical Response Team equipment demonstration
- St. Clair County Jail tour
- And, of course, KICKBALL!



The Youth Academy is a wonderful, rewarding experience for the volunteers and we hope the campers. We would like to thank our sponsors once again for their tremendous support:

FCB Bank
Classic Towing & Auto Body
Ray's Automotive
Muttley & Me
Rotary Club of Swansea
Trustee Jeff Parker
Trustee Marilyn Neumeyer

Trustee Cary Lewis
Swansea FD Civic Association
Swansea FD Ladies' Auxiliary

- **Ofc. Jason Tutterow**

Evidence

In 2023, CPA Nickolas Thouvenot, who has been with the department for over five years, was shifted from full-time CPA to full-time evidence custodian. As evidence custodian CPA Thouvenot is responsible for the day-to-day operations and management of the property room; including receiving, cataloging, and storing all incoming evidence and property. CPA Thouvenot is also tasked with identifying and purging items no longer needed as well as transporting evidence to/from the Illinois State Police Crime Lab. Officer Tutterow completed his 10th year as the property room supervisor ensuring standards and protocols are met.

The forthcoming expansion of the property room will greatly improve our storage capacity and efficiency once the final portion of the Police Department comes to fruition sometime in 2024. Additionally, the Swansea Police Department is transitioning to a new evidence/property inventory system using a barcoding system integrated into our Records Management System for improved reporting and accountability. This will ensure the integrity of the inventory and streamline processing. In 2023, the property room took in 497 new items.

The Swansea Police Department continues to recognize the importance of evidence storage and handling and will continue to strive for excellence as we upgrade, update, and advance our capabilities into the future.

- **Ofc. Jason Tutterow**

New Equipment

In 2023, the Swansea Police Department purchased 3 new squad cars to replace aging vehicles in the fleet. With the previous year's purchase of ballistic equipment, Village Street Supervisor David Seger constructed a specialized custom trunk organization system for the equipment. The result was significant cost savings versus the purchasing of a commercial system at market price. Thank you, Mr. Seger!

We completed our transition to the new Taser 7 less lethal weapon as our last few remaining Tasers were nearing the end of their service life and were being discontinued by the manufacturer.

In March, the department received a grant from Hero Fund USA to purchase a drone to be used by the police department. The Swansea Police Department purchased a DJI Matrice 30T drone. The

police department has 4 Federal Aviation Administration Part 107 certified drone operators. This technology helps locate missing persons, photograph serious traffic crash scenes, or locate violent individuals. More specific information regarding operating procedures and laws regarding drone operation by law enforcement can be located on our website under the drone program tab. While relatively new, the police department used the drone in several missions this year, proving to be a very valuable asset.



In May, the department received a grant for a UTV through the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity with support and assistance from Illinois State Representative Jay Hoffman, State Senator Christopher Belt, and Capstone Consulting Solutions President Chris Stone. The vehicle will allow our department and first responders to provide service and protection in our parks and along the Metro trails throughout the Village. Thank you to all who made this project a reality!

During the year, the Swansea Police Department collaborated with the Belleville and Fairview Heights Police Departments to establish a system of automated license plate recognition cameras along our borders. These systems assist with traffic crash investigations as well as criminal investigations of stolen vehicles, fleeing vehicles, theft cases, and more.

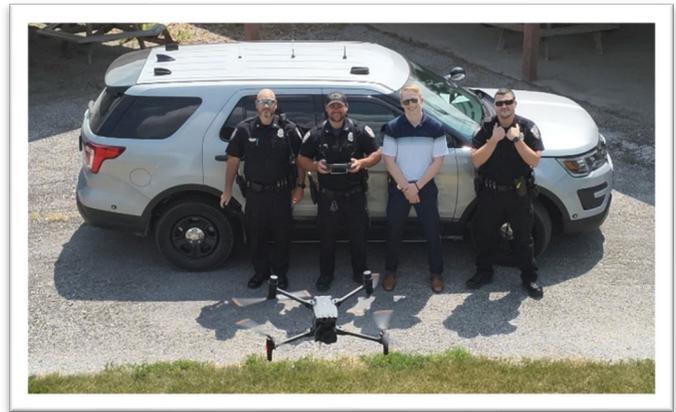


A special thank you to Russell Simon for his generous donation of office furniture and equipment to the Police Department. With the donation, we were able to provide our Investigations Unit with new workstations and a Promethean Smartboard to conduct videoconferencing with the State's Attorney's office. We received two commercial copy machines for clerical work as well as two commercial-grade treadmills for our officer wellness program. Lastly, we also received significant electronic equipment to assist with our technology storage needs. Thank you Mr. Simon for your extremely generous donations!

- **Chief Matt Blomberg**

Drone Team

The Swansea Police Department recently adopted a drone program to enhance response capabilities to a variety of incidents and events. With the assistance of Hero Fund USA, Inc. we were able to purchase a DJI M30T drone. This drone will provide cutting-edge traffic collision and crime-scene evidence documentation methods. The new addition will also assist in search and rescue operations of missing persons as well as many other strictly controlled law enforcement applications. The department has four FAA Part 107 Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drone) operators: Deputy Chief Keith Howard, Officer Justin Schutzbach, Detective Alex Wilken, and Officer Seth Belford.



For further information regarding our drone program please visit our website for frequently asked questions:

<https://www.swanseail.org/2352/Drone-Program>

We would like to thank Hero Fund USA, Inc. for their contribution in obtaining this state-of-the-art technology that will not only help the citizens of Swansea, but many local communities as well.

- **DC Keith Howard**

Departmental Training



The Swansea Police Department believes that continued training for officers is paramount. In 2023, 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 (Including the SAFE-T Act), recommendations from the Illinois Chiefs of Police Association, and recommendations from the International Association of Chiefs of Police. This year, officers continued with more online training to maximize the training each officer receives annually. This year, training decreased by quite a large amount due to a shift in meeting state requirements and having patrol shortages throughout the year.

The Swansea Police Department fully complies with the minimum standards determined by the State of Illinois. In 2023, officers completed **1,352.85 hours** of documented training. The average training time per officer equated to 58.82 hours per officer. The officers attended fifty-nine different classes throughout the year. The following is a list of classes officers attended:

MILO Range UOF 1-2 Officers, ILETSB Mandatory Firearms Waiver, Basic Breath Alcohol Testing, Law for Police Waiver, LTFA Initial, Rescue Task Force, Firearms Restraining Order Act Awareness, Officer Stress Management, Emergency Medical Response-Refresher, Basic Patrol Rifle, Advanced Patrol Rifle, Emergency Medical Response, Juvenile Officer Certification, High Risk Operations, Basic Narcotics Investigators Training, Mental Health Awareness, The Street Smart Cop/Pro-active Patrol Tactics, Taser 7 Energy Weapons, Human Trafficking Seminar by Truckers Against Trafficking, Acute Stress & Human Performance Awareness, Active Shooter Incident Management Basic, School Safety and Violent Event Incident Management, Best Practices for the Implementation of the Pre-Trial Fairness Act, Leading Before-During-and After the Crisis, Laws of Arrest-Refresher, Animal Fighting Awareness and Humane Response, Advanced Mobile Device Examiner Program, Constitutional Authority, Virtual Currency 101, Mass Communication Using Traditional and Social Media Strategies, ILACP-Understanding the 8 Levels of Supervisory Engagement, A Review of the Use of Force Laws, Collaborative Culture, Trust, Transparency & Reliability in LE, ILACP-2023 Legal Updates, ILACP-Investigating & Prosecuting Violent Crime in Federal Court, ILACP-Recruit, Develop & Retain the Next Generation of Officers, Responding to a Mass Shooting with Five Officers Down, Trauma Informed Response to Sexual Assault/Abuse, First Line Supervisor, Juvenile Law and Processing, 1st Responder Health, Wellness & Fitness, ILETSB-CIT-1 Day Refresher (Advanced), Women in Command, Child Maltreatment and Child Sexual Abuse, ICS 300 Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents, ICS 400 Advanced ICS for Command and General Staff, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Refresher, High Risk Vehicles Stops: Train the Trainer, Major Case Squad Retainer, Abolition of Cash Bail Law, Call Detail Records & Geolocation Analysis of Mobile Phones, Active Threat Response, Taser Annual Operator Update, School Safety Officer Training, Detective Boot Camp, Sexual Assault Investigator Training Day 1, Sexual Assault Investigator Training Day 2, Sexual Deviant Killers, and Vehicle Reclamation.

Most of the training 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 certified to instruct several of the above specific disciplines taught the remainder of the classes. Clearly, 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.

- DC Keith Howard

Active Shooter Training

SPD trainers and personnel provided guidance and instruction to our school districts in responding to active violence incidents. SFD personnel assisted as safety officers during the exercises. Under the direction of School Resource Officer Tutterow, the staff conducted several instructional presentations and drills at our schools in compliance with the 4E Response Program from TierOne Tactical Solutions:

September

High Mount School
Wolf Branch School

Information relating to the 4E program can be found at:

<https://www.tieronetacticalsolutions.com/>

- **Chief Matt Blomberg**

Charitable Efforts



2023 saw Officer Clayton Proffitt spearhead department efforts to support the Illinois Special Olympics through fundraising efforts like the Law Enforcement Torch Run and the Polar Plunge. A special thank you to our partners at Schnucks for allowing us to raise donations at their Swansea location. We are appreciative of Officer Proffitt's leadership and commitment to this worthy cause!





In 2023, Swansea PD also made a large donation of new games, toys, stuffed animals, clothes, and blankets to Moms On a Mission to help them support local families in need. Thank you to all who helped in this effort!

Internship Program

The Swansea Police Department continues to partner with multiple institutions of higher learning to provide college interns with the opportunity to experience the everyday work life of police officers. In cooperation with their college or university, students spend significant time with all police department personnel learning about law enforcement and the criminal justice system. Interns have the opportunity to ride with patrol officers, observe detectives work cases, learn from drug investigators, accompany the School Resource Officer in our schools, and attend training and operations with the St. Clair County Special Response Team.



- **Chief 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 2023, the Swansea Police Department Facebook page generated the following:

Total posts: 125
Reach: 1,023,971

Engagement: 177,582
Reactions: 21,041
Comments: 4,838
Shares: 3,591
Followers: 14,000+

We want to thank every one of our followers for their input and the success of our social media page and all the connections made within it.



Follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/swanseapolice/>.



Swansea PD also has Instagram. Follow us at:
<https://www.instagram.com/swanseapoliceillinois/>



Swansea PD can be found on Twitter. Follow us at @SwanseaPDIL

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Website and Police Blotter

The Swansea Police Department maintains a link on the Village website to our daily blotter containing calls for service and officer activity. 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. The blotter can be found at: <https://www.swanseail.org/2255/Police-Blotter>.

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

Hyper-Reach

In 2023, the Village of Swansea changed our community notification program. The Swansea Police and



Fire Departments now use the program, Hyper-Reach. The Hyper-Reach program replaced the former Code Red System.

This program is utilized to alert residents and visitors of weather-related incidents, community alerts, and emergency notifications. To register for the Hyper-Reach system please go to https://signup.hyper-reach.com/hyper_reach/sign_up_page_2/?id=111144.

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Swansea Cultural Working Group

The Swansea Police Cultural Working Group continues its mission of bringing law enforcement executives and diversified members of the community to strengthen existing relationships and forge strong new ones.

This group of police, government, and community members meet every few months to facilitate professional conversations relating to relevant topics associated with community policing and events, legislative issues and concerns, policy review, and partnership building.

This amazing group of people donates their time to provide the Swansea Police Department with invaluable insight and advice as to how this agency can best serve our community's needs and surpass their expectations. The members include High Mount School Superintendent Dr. Beth Horner, Wolf Branch School Superintendent Dr. Nicole Sanderson, Village Trustee Cary Lewis V, business owner Brandon Crisp, current Deputy Chief Keith Howard, Village Administrator Ben Schloesser, Mayor Michael Leopold, Swansea Police Commissioner Anthony Byrd, and our newest member, Pastor Fowler from Life Church. Thank you to our members for their contributions to this important group!

- **Chief Matt Blomberg**

Index Crimes

Index crimes are those crimes that must be reported to the FBI. There are specific guidelines on 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.

Information on crime reporting to the FBI can be found at the following link:

<https://bjs.ojp.gov/national-incident-based-reporting-system-nibrs>

Group A Offense Report

Beginning Date: 01/01/2023

Ending Date: 12/31/2023

Agency: SWANSEA

Offense	Reported in 2023	Reported in 2022	Percent Change	Offenses Cleared	Percent Cleared	Percent Of Category	Rate Per 100,000*
Murder	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Justifiable Homicide	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Non-consensual Sex							
Rape	1	1	0.00%	0	0.00%	1.30%	7.44
Sodomy	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Sexual Assault with Fondling	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Aggravated Assault	1	2	-50.00%	0	0.00%	1.30%	7.44
Simple Assault	9	13	-30.77%	7	77.78%	11.69%	67
Intimidation	63	62	1.61%	26	41.27%	81.82%	469.03
Kidnapping/Abduction	3	3	0.00%	2	66.67%	3.90%	22.33
Consensual Sex	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Incest	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Statutory Rape	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Human Trafficking,	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Human Trafficking,	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Crimes Against	77	81	-4.94%	35	45.45%	18.92%	573.26
Robbery	4	0	NA	3	75.00%	1.58%	29.78
Burglary/Breaking & Larceny/Theft Offenses	11	28	-60.71%	2	18.18%	4.35%	81.89
Motor Vehicle Theft	110	129	-14.73%	42	38.18%	43.48%	818.94
Arson	28	29	-3.45%	4	14.29%	11.07%	208.46
Destruction Of Property	1	1	0.00%	1	100.00%	0.40%	7.44
Counterfeiting/Forgery	43	38	13.16%	8	18.60%	17.00%	320.13
Fraud Offense	2	1	100.00%	1	50.00%	0.79%	14.89
Embezzlement	54	54	0.00%	5	9.26%	21.34%	402.03
Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Bribery	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Stolen Property	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Crimes Against	253	280	-9.64%	66	26.09%	62.16%	1883.56
Drug/Narcotic	51	72	-29.17%	46	90.20%	66.23%	379.69
Drug Equipment	8	17	-52.94%	8	100.00%	10.39%	59.56
Gambling Offenses	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Pornography/Obscene	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Prostitution	0	0	NA	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Weapons Law Violation	1	0	NA	1	100.00%	1.30%	7.44
Animal Cruelty	17	29	-41.38%	16	94.12%	22.08%	126.56
Crimes Against	77	118	-34.75%	71	92.21%	18.92%	573.26
Total Group "A"	407	479	-15.03%	172	42.26%	100%	3030.08

Note: The Rate per 100,000 will be 'NA' when the Adjusted Population Base is Zero.

Statewide Crime Profile

* Adjusted population base: 13,432

2023 Crime in Illinois

Offense Summary Report

2023 Offense Status Summary	
Class	Total Reported
911 HANG UP	378
ADANDONED VHEICLE	46
ACCIDENT INVOLVING PEDESTRIAN	1
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	3
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT/UUW	1
AGGRAVATED BATTERY	4
AGGRAVATED CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT	2
AGGRAVATED CRUELTY/CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	1
AGGRAVATED DOMESTIC BATTERY	5
ALARM	576
ANIMAL ABUSE	3
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	156
ARMED ROBBERY	1
ARSON	1
ASSAULT	6
ASSIST AGENCY	505
ASSIST AGENCY/INVESTIGATIVE STOP	1
ASSIST AGENCY/WELL BEING CHECK	1
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	39
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE/WARRANT	3
BATTERY	23
BURGLARY	4
BURGLARY - MOTOR VEHICLE	1
CHILD ABUSE	7
CHILD CUSTODY PROBLMES	76
CHILD LEFT UNATTENDED	13
CHILD PORNOGRPAHY	2
CITIZEN ASSIST	621
CITIZEN ASSIST/WARRANT	1
CIVIL MATTER	47
CIVIL MATTER/WARRANT	1
CODE ENFORCEMENT	27
COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY	5

CRIMINAL DAMAGE	2
CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	41
CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO VEHICLE	22
CRIMIAL SEXUAL ABUSE	2
CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT	4
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	54
CRIMINAL TRESPASS TO VEHICLE	11
CRIMINAL TRESPASS/OBSTRUCTING	1
CRIMINAL TRESPASS/WARRANT	1
DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	8
DAMAGE TO VEHICLE	5
DEBRIS IN THE ROADWAY	67
DECEASED PERSON	20
DIRECTED PATROL	3717
DIRT BIKE COMPLAINT	14
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	15
DISTURBANCE	213
DISTURBANCE/WARRANT	2
DOG AT LARGE	179
DOG BITE	2
DOMESTIC BATTERY	55
DOMESTIC BATTERY/AGG UUW	1
DOMESTIC BATTERY/RESISTING/POSS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	1
DOMESTIC BATTERY/WARRANT	1
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	63
DOMESTIC DISURBANCE/WARRANT	1
DRUG ACTIVITY	3
DUI	3
EMS CALL	1511
ESCORT	52
EXTRA PATROL	16
FIGHT	1
FINGERPRINTING	2
FIRE	29
FIRE/ALARM	137
FIRE/ASSIST	55
FIRE/INVESTIGATION	22
FIRE/VEHICLE	2
FIREWORKS	45

FOLLOW UP	597
FOOT PATROL	7399
FOUND ARTICLES	96
FRAUD	93
HARASSMENT	66
HIT AND RUN	56
HIT AND RUN/SUSPENDED	1
HOME INVASION	1
IDENTITY THEFT	14
ILLEGAL BURN	33
ILLEGAL DUMPING	9
ILLEGAL PARKING	50
INDECENT EXPOSURE	10
INVESTIGATIVE STOP	36
INVESTIGATIVE STOP/ASSIST AGENCY	1
INVESTIGATIVE STOP/POSS STOLEN VEHICLE	1
INVESTIGATIVE STOP/SUSPENDED	6
INVESTIGATIVE STOP/SUSPENDED/WARRANT	2
INVESTIGATIVE STOP/WARRANT	3
JUVENILE PROBLEM	71
LOST ARTICLES	22
MAJOR CASE	6
MENTAL SUBJECT	74
MENTAL SUBJECT/WARRANT	1
MISSING PERSON	26
MOTORIST ASSIST	184
MOTORIST ASSIST/DUI	1
MOTORIST ASSIST/NO VALID DL	1
NEIGHBOR DISPUTE	42
NOISE COMPLAINT	101
OPEN DOOR	52
OVERDOSE	4
PANHANDLER	30
PEDESTRIAN CHECK	26
PEDESTRIAN CHECK/POSS CONT SUBSTANCE/WARRANT	1
PEDESTRIAN CHECK/POSS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	1
PEDESTRIAN CHECK/WARRANT	4
PEDESTRIAN CHECK/WARRANT/POSS METH	2
PEDESTRIAN IN THE ROADWAY	42

POLICE UNIT MAINTENANCE	18
PUBLIC WORKS	44
RECKLESS DRIVER	138
RECKLESS DRIVER/NO VALID DL	1
RECKLESS DRIVER/TRAFFIC STOP	1
RECKLESS DRIVER/WARRANT	1
RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY	10
RETAIL THEFT	82
RETAIL THEFT/CRIMINAL TRESPASS	1
RETAIL THEFT/RESISTING/WARRANT	1
RETAIL THEFT/WARRANT	5
ROAD RAGE	12
ROBBERY	3
RUNAWAY JUVENILE	5
SEX OFFENDER COMPLIANCE CHECK	5
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION	84
SEXUAL ABUSE	1
SEXUAL ASSAULT	5
SHOTS FIRE	13
SOLICITOR COMPLAINT	76
SPECIAL DETAIL	153
STAND BY	131
STOLEN BICYCLE	2
STOLEN VEHICLE	37
SUBJECT WITH WEAPONS	1
SUICIDAL SUBJECT	28
SUICIDE	1
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	316
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY/POSS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	1
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY/WARRANT	1
SUSPICIOUS DEATH	1
SUSPICIOUS NOISE	8
SUSPICIOUS NOISE/WARRANT	1
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	232
SUSPICIOUS PERSON/FRUAD/OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE	1
SUSPICIOUS PERSON/POSS METH	2
SUSPICIOUS PERSON/RESISTING	1
SUSPICIOUS PERSON/WARRANT	2
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	177

SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE/DUI	1
TEST	21
THEFT	84
THREATS	42
THREATS/UUW	1
TRAFFIC CRASH	372
TRAFFIC CRASH/DUI	2
TRAFFIC CRASH/NO VALID DL	1
TRAFFIC CRASH/REVOKED	1
TRAFFIC CRASH/SUSPENDED	2
TRAFFIC CRASH/WARRANT	1
TRAFFIC DETAIL	2
TRAFFIC STOP	4447
TRAFFIC STOP/AGG DUI	2
TRAFFIC STOP/AGG FLEEING AND ELUDING	1
TRAFFIC STOP/AGG FLEEING/AGG BATTERY	1
TRAFFIC STOP/AGG FLEEING/POSS CANNABIS	1
TRAFFIC STOP/AGG UUW	1
TRAFFIC STOP/AGG UUW/DUI/WARRANT	1
TRAFFIC STOP/AGG UUW/SUSPENDED	1
TRAFFIC STOP/AGG UUW/WARRANT	1
TRAFFIC STOP/ARMED VIOLENCE/WARRANT	1
TRAFFIC STOP/DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	2
TRAFFIC STOP/DUI	11
TRAFFIC STOP/DUI/OBSTRUCTION/UUW	1
TRAFFIC STOP/DUI/POSS CONT SUBSTANCE	1
TRAFFIC STOP/DUI/WARRANT	1
TRAFFIC STOP/FELON POSS FIREARM	1
TRAFFIC STOP/FELON POSS FIREARM/WARRANT	1
TRAFFIC STOP/FLEEING AND ELUDING	9
TRAFFIC STOP/FRAUD	1
TRAFFIC STOP/NO VALID DL	64
TRAFFIC STOP/NO VALID/FELON POSS FIREARM	1
TRAFFIC STOP/NO VALID POSS CANNABIS	1
TRAFFIC STOP/NO VALID/UUW	2
TRAFFIC STOP/NO VALID/WARRANT	11
TRAFFIC STOP/POSS CANNABIS	5
TRAFFIC STOP/POSS CANNABIS WITH INTENT	1
TRAFFIC STOP/POSS CANNABIS/WARRANT	1

TRAFFIC STOP/POSS CONT SUBSTANCE	4
TRAFFIC STOP/POSS CONT SUBSTANCE/AGG FLEEING	1
TRAFFIC STOP/POSS CONT SUBSTANCE/AGG UUW	1
TRAFFIC STOP/POSS CONT SUBSTANCE/FLEEING	1
TRAFFIC STOP/POSS CONT SUBSTANCE/SUSPENDED/WARRANT	1
TRAFFIC STOP/POSS CONT SUBSTANCE/WARRANT	6
TRAFFIC STOP/POSS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	7
TRAFFIC STOP/POSS FIREARM/POSS METH	1
TRAFFIC STOP/POSS METH	5
TRAFFIC STOP/POSS METH/WARRANT	5
TRAFFIC STOP/POSS STOLEN PLATE	1
TRAFFIC STOP/REVOKED	30
TRAFFIC STOP/REVOKED/POSS CONT SUBSTANCE	1
TRAFFIC STOP/REVOKED/WARRANT	8
TRAFFIC STOP/STOLEN FIREARM/POSS CONT SUBSTANCE	1
TRAFFIC STOP/SUSPENDED	140
TRAFFIC STOP/SUSPENDED/OBSTRUCTING	1
TRAFFIC STOP/SUSPENDED/POSS CANNABIS	2
TRAFFIC STOP/SUSPENDED/POSS CONT SUBSTANCE	1
TRAFFIC STOP/SUSPENDED/POSS METH	1
TRAFFIC STOP/SUSPENDED/UPCS/UUW	1
TRAFFIC STOP/SUSPENDED/UUW	2
TRAFFIC STOP/SUSPENDED/WARRANT	32
TRAFFIC STOP/UNLAWFUL POSS AMMO	1
TRAFFIC STOP/UUW	5
TRAFFIC STOP/UUW/DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	1
TRAFFIC STOP/UUW/POSS STOLEN FIREARM/WARRANT	1
TRAFFIC STOP/WARRANT	86
TRAINING	3
TRESPASS	21
UNWANTED SUBJECT	301
UNWANTED SUBJECT/CRIMINAL TRESPASS	1
UNWANTED SUBJECT/RETAIL THEFT/WARRANT	1
UNWANTED SUBJECT/WARRANT	13
VACATION CHECK	103
VEHICLE BURGLARY	40
VEHICLE FIRE/DUI	1
VEHICLE LOCKOUT	172

VIOLATION OF ORDER OR PROTECTION	37
VIOLENT OFFENDER REGISTRAION	3
VOID	160
WARRANT ARREST	4
WARRANT ARREST/POSS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	1
WELL BEING CHECK	347
WELL BEING CHECK/WARRANT	1
WIRES DOWN	23
Total	26388

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