

# Swansea Police Department



## 2015 Annual Report



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Dear Swansea Community Member,

As the Chief of Police I am proud to present the 2015 Swansea Police Department Report. I was sworn in as the Chief of Police on June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 after Chief Michael Arnold retired after thirty years of service.

It was quickly obvious to me throughout the years the Village of Swansea hired exceptional Police Officers and leaders. Through the challenges of modern day policing in 2015, and current national events, each and every one of the Swansea Police Officers stepped up to do everything they could to personally and professionally change the national narrative that was being written. Within only a few months the Officers developed a Citizens Academy, Police and Fire Youth Academy, Explorer Post, Bicycle Patrol, Sex Offender and Parole Compliance Checks, Participation in the Drug Tactical Unit, Increased Compliance and Enforcement of Village Ordinances Related to Derelict/Abandoned Vehicles and much, much more quality of life activities. They accomplished all of the proactive programs while remaining responsive to the needs of the community and engaging them through foot patrols and personal contacts.

I am confident we have some of the best and brightest people working in this agency. They are committed to providing excellence in policing and setting new standards in best police practices. They have improved the quality of life in our neighborhoods, schools and streets while combating crime. They understand and implement crime prevention and community policing strategies in every aspect of their duties.

I thank you for your support of the people of the Swansea Police Department. Please take the time to learn more about YOUR Swansea Police Department and review what we have accomplished as a team. This report highlights many of their achievements and aspects which makes it one of the finest agencies in the nation.

We will continue to **Protect and Serve** all of you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steve Johnson', written over a horizontal line.

Steven G. Johnson  
Chief of Police

# Departmental Personnel

## Patrolman

## Start Date

Chief Steven G. Johnson	6/18/2015
Deputy Chief Craig S. Coughlin	8/28/1992
Sgt. Scott A. Lieb	8/16/1995
Sgt. Matthew T. Blomberg	1/8/1999
Sgt. Jason M. Frank	7/25/2005
Sgt. Keith E. Howard	9/17/2007
Det. Peter A. Wszalek	9/9/2004
Det. Daniel T. Lipe	8/18/2008
Officer Cheryl M. Venorsky	1/2/1996
Officer John W. Sury	3/11/1996
Officer Eric A. Rohn	6/7/2000
Officer Paul L. Brault	9/6/2002
Officer Jason C. Tutterow	1/6/2005
Officer Paul J. Wuller	1/6/2005
Officer Andrew C. Hewitt	1/22/2013
Officer Matt R. Lindley	11/18/2013
Officer Nicholas D. VanWaes	9/22/2014
Officer Daniel M. Voelker	9/22/2014
Officer Breana M. Kemper-Damm	9/25/2014
Officer Justin E. Schutzbach	1/12/2015

## Telecommunicators

Supervisor Michele K. Russell	9/3/2013
TC Darlene M. McGill	10/14/2003
TC Brittany D. Rizzi	8/31/2011
TC Ashley J. Radford	4/30/2012
TC Suzanne E. Funk	4/22/2013
TC Jeramy A. Radliff	9/26/2015
TC Bailey E. Feather (part time)	10/26/2015



**VILLAGE OF SWANSEA**

**Mayor**  
Ken Mueller

**Trustees**  
Matt Lanter  
Brian McGuire  
Brian Wells  
Katherine Ruocco  
Marilyn Neumeyer  
Stephen Pulley

**Administrator**  
Lisa Powers

**Clerk**  
Lauren O'Neill

**Treasurer**  
Mike Leopold

## Officer of the Year



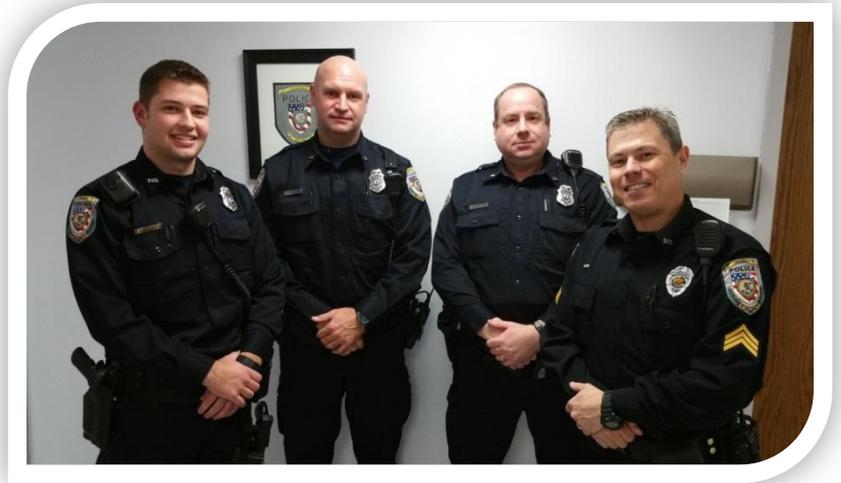
Officer Andrew Hewitt worked on a shift that was short-handed the entire year. Officer Hewitt filled in as the shift supervisor for his squad every night the sergeant was out. While working short-handed this year Officer Hewitt led the department for both arrests and calls. Officer Hewitt was also responsible for thirty-eight felony arrests, which is more than one third of the felony arrests for the entire

department. He made twenty-one DUI arrests. On top of all of this, Officer Hewitt was one of the three Officers that responded to the call of the boy and mother that were stabbed. Officer Hewitt is one of the three Officers whose actions and quick thinking helped to save the boy's life and lead to the quick arrest of the suspect.

## Patrol Squad One

During the year 2015, my shift consisted of Officers Brault, Wuller, Voelker and I. It was a very busy year for all of us, but I would just like to mention a few memorable moments for me. In February, a male fell through the ice on the lake in Centennial Park. Officers Brault and Wuller responded immediately and, with the help of Detective Wszalek, were able to rescue this subject from the icy waters. During the summer, our department received a call about a domestic battery in progress. Before Officers arrived, the suspect fled the scene on foot. Officers were able to secure a perimeter and Officer Brault located the suspect hiding in a business close to the scene. In late December, Officer Voelker stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. Officer Voelker subsequently arrested the driver for outstanding warrants and for not having a driver's license. A loaded firearm and drug paraphernalia were subsequently found during a search of the driver's vehicle.

This is just a small sampling of the amazing work these Officers did on a daily basis. Despite these individual accomplishments, Officers Brault, Wuller, and Voelker were very humble about their day-to-day activities and how much they truly affected the lives of Swansea citizens on a daily basis. These Officers never accepted individual credit, and continually praised the efforts of other Officers on their shift. They embodied the ideals of teamwork. I want to thank each of them for being true professionals day in and day out. It was my honor to work with them.



- - *Sgt. Scott Lieb*

## **Patrol Squad Two**

Squad Two day shift began the year with Officers Venorsky, Tutterow, and Lindley under my supervision. The squad was extremely professional, self-motivated, and dependable. The squad finished the year making 42% of the department arrests, and handling 31% of the calls for service.

Because of his tireless drug enforcement efforts and large number of drug arrests, an Officer from the shift received an assignment with the St. Clair County Drug Tactical Unit in September. Due to the high volume of calls for service and other activity associated with day shift, Officer VanWaes volunteered to transition from a night shift to my squad. Officer VanWaes fit right in and the squad did not miss a beat. They continued their reputation for professionalism and high productivity.

During the year, Squad Two was instrumental in developing and fostering the relationships with the High Mount School District students and staff as well as the Wolf Branch School District students and staff. The officers are constantly seen high-fiving or fist-bumping students or shaking hands with staff members. In addition, squad

members were diligent and steadfast in their commitment to the numerous foot patrols and directed patrols throughout the Village.

Squad Two Officers volunteered numerous hours to assist with the 1st Annual Youth Academy during the summer and participated in the 1st Annual Pumps & Pistols Charity Kickball event. Officers Venorsky, Tutterow, and I volunteered for the newly formed Bike Patrol Unit and had the wonderful opportunity to interact with the citizens of the Village as well as the general public in a much more personal and approachable manner.

Officer Venorsky made significant strides in enforcement efforts relating to derelict vehicles and nuisance violations. Officer Tutterow continued his impeccable recordkeeping and processing of evidence. Officer VanWaes continued a full court press on drug enforcement and criminal patrol. His efforts directly led to the apprehension of two juveniles responsible for stealing packages from residences during the holiday season. Squad Two was instrumental in facilitating the first mock bank

robbery training exercise for staff of one of the financial institutions in the Village.



Due to the hard work and intrinsic motivation of my squad mates, I was able to focus my efforts and institute an Active Shooter training program at both High Mount School and Wolf Branch School. In addition, I was able to develop and implement an Internship program to foster future law enforcement

Officers and a ride-along program

to allow civilians a front seat to policing in today's society.

In summary, the Officers of Squad Two were highly motivated and productive in regards to criminal deterrence and apprehension as well as providing exemplary service to our community!

- - *Sgt. Matt Blomberg*

## Patrol Squad Three

Squad #3 handled a total of 3,309 incidents in 2015. Officer Hewitt did an exceptional job as he made the most felony arrests, tied the department for most misdemeanor arrests, had the most DUI arrests, led the department in traffic stops, and also handled the most calls. Officer Schutzbach joined the Swansea Police Department and began solo patrol in July. Officer Schutzbach also stayed busy as he led the department in calls handled per shift. In addition, Officer Schutzbach has inquired about becoming a Crisis Intervention Team officer in 2016 where he will acquire the knowledge and skills to effectively handle crisis situations.

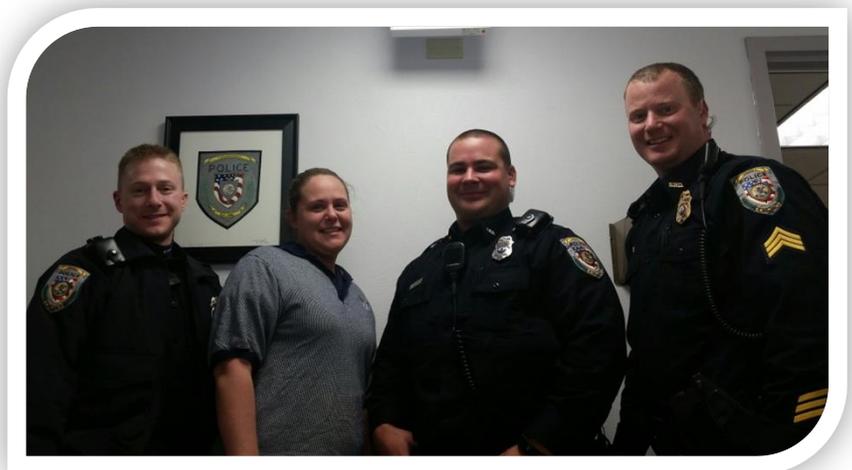
On 04-08-15 we responded to BP Amoco in reference to an Armed Robbery. Approximately three minutes, later, the armed suspect was located a few blocks away. The suspect was taken into custody and charged with Armed Robbery.

On 08-29-15, we were dispatched to the Marcella Drive Apartment complex in reference to a fight in progress. Once there it was discovered a young juvenile male and his mother had been stabbed numerous times. The mother eventually succumbed to her wounds. A few hours later the suspect, who barricaded himself inside the apartment, exited the apartment and was arrested without incident. The suspect was charged with First Degree Murder, Attempted Murder and Aggravated Battery.

On 10-07-15, we responded to the 200 block of Brackett Street. While enroute, Officers were advised a male victim had been stabbed. Upon arrival, Officers located the suspect approximately 20' from the victim. The knife used during the stabbing was also located near the suspect. The suspect was charged with Attempted Murder and Aggravated Battery with a Deadly Weapon.

In my opinion, squad #3 did a fantastic job in 2015.

- - *Sgt. Jason Frank*



## Patrol Squad Four



Squad 4 works the 6pm to 6am nightshift. At the beginning of 2015 Squad 4 consisted of Sergeant Howard, Officer Sury, and Officer Rohn. After completing her required field training program, Officer Kemper-Damm joined the Squad and became a valued member. Squad 4 conducted 20% of the traffic stops in the department for the year, but handled 39% of the total calls for service resulting in criminal activity. There were several significant calls for service handled by Squad 4 in 2015.

The significant calls that stand out in my mind were three armed robberies at gas stations, a burglary at a business where multiple firearms were taken, and dealing with a naked drug induced male that was covered in blood fighting with Officers. It was a busy but productive year. The Officers on this squad are the true definition of what it means to be a team.

- - *Sgt. Keith Howard*

## Criminal Investigations Unit

The Criminal Investigations Unit is comprised of two Detectives and a supervisor. Detective Pete Wszalek, Detective Dan Lipe and Deputy Chief Craig Coughlin make up the unit. They are responsible for follow-up investigations generally initiated by the patrol unit. While a majority of their cases are considered after the fact, they still respond to crimes in progress



to provide patrol with extra manpower and resources.

Their duties include locating and interviewing suspects, victims, witnesses and compiling a comprehensive/ factual case that is prosecutable in the judicial system. Once the case is charged, their duties do not necessarily end. They may be required to testify for the cases they have worked sometimes weeks or even months later.

Due to the size of the unit, the detectives are very versatile in the types of cases they investigate which include both adult and juvenile suspects. They have received specialize training to hone their investigative skills. They are active members in the Major Case Squad, have been members of the Child Death Investigative Unit, and are preparing to join a cybercrimes unit in the near future.

In 2015 the efforts put forth by this small dynamic unit resulted in 107 criminal charges being filed, along with charges in the Village's only homicide this year. Their cases have taken them as far away as Oklahoma which resulted in the suspect being expedited back to St. Clair County. They participated in 5 Major Case call outs with charges being filed in 3 of those cases.



- - *Deputy Chief Craig Coughlin*

## 911 Telecommunications

2015 was an eventful year for our telecommunicators. In total, Swansea Police Telecommunicators handled 17,824 calls, of which many were 911 calls. Some of the more critical calls the Telecommunicators handled this year were: 1 Homicide, 2 Armed Robberies, 1 Accidental Drowning, and 1 Ice rescue. Our Telecommunicator's ability to react quickly and efficiently saved several lives during these calls. During these calls the Telecommunicator's skills in problem solving and multi-tasking were crucial in



maintaining the safety of the citizens, Officers and Firemen on scene. In several of these calls, the Telecommunicator sent extra resources to the scene prior to them being requested by the Officers. Their quick thinking and ability to multi-task in the midst of a high stress situation was incredible and commendable.

This year our 911 system was upgraded to Next Generation 911. Next Generation 911 system has the capability of Smart 911. This gives the public the ability to create a personal profile of medical and emergency contact information that is attached to their phone number. Along with Smart 911, ProQA was installed on the Next Generation 911 Systems. ProQA is primarily used for incoming medical calls on 911. ProQA is a system that provides immediate protocol for the specific call that is coming in. Our Telecommunicators are now trained and certified to use the Next Generation 911 including Smart 911 and ProQA.

In addition to managing day to day communications in our communications center they volunteer their time for community functions. This past year, some of our Telecommunicators volunteered with the Youth Academy, Police Department Tours, and Adopt a Family Program.

- - *911 Supervisor Michele Russell*

## **Drug Tactical Unit**

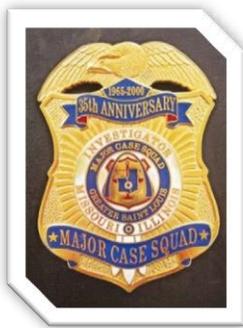
This summary is based on the St. Clair County Drug Tactical Unit (DTU) in the Village of Swansea during the months of August-December. The following numbers are also a total of the productivity of DTU for the year. The numbers are not exact due to ongoing investigations in the Village, as well as ongoing investigations in the county. Most of these cases had a direct impact on narcotics related offenses that occur in and around the Village of Swansea. DTU handled approximately 250 total cases, involving 363 offenders.



- Swansea Police Department personnel handled approximately 10 cases resulting in 6 misdemeanor or felony arrests in the four months.
- Many of the cases in the village were developed by DTU Investigators.
- DTU executed a search warrant resulting in over 600g of powder cocaine, 45g of crack cocaine, over 800g of cannabis, and \$11,696.00 in U.S. Currency.

The Drug Tactical Unit has played a significant role in decreasing narcotic offenses in the Village of Swansea, as well as, the surrounding cities. A collective effort of DTU Investigators has made an important impact for the participating agencies' villages/cities and for St. Clair County as a whole. As most law enforcement personnel know, not all narcotic related offenses begin and end in the same town. The ability to have 7 DTU Investigators conduct investigations full time is a major asset to decrease crime in the Village of Swansea.

## **Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis**



The Swansea Police Department has three active members in MCS. The MCS primary function is to investigate homicides. The MCS has been in existence since 1965, and has had an 86% clearance rate in the cases it investigates. In Illinois, the MCS covers the following counties St. Clair, Madison, Monroe, Bond, Jersey and Clinton. When activated, they will generally have 15 to 20 Detectives on scene within three hours of a homicide being discovered. In 2015, there were seven activations in Illinois.

Detectives from the Swansea Police Department responded to five of the seven activations. Swansea had one homicide in 2015, however due to the training and experience of our own Detectives, an activation of the squad was not required to bring about criminal charges in the case.

- - *Deputy Chief Craig Coughlin*

## **Police & Fire Youth Academy**

Recently, there has been a lot of negative publicity nationwide about Police Officers. To reinforce the professionalism and dedication of Swansea Police Officers and to demonstrate our love for the community in which we serve, the Swansea Police Department teamed up with the Fire Department and decided to host a youth police and fire academy. The academy ran from August 10th through August 12th, and was comprised of forty children ranging in age from eight to fourteen years of age. During the three day academy, these children got to experience many things. The following were highlights of the academy:

- How to process a crime scene
- K-9 demonstration
- Dangers of drugs speech from a prison warden
- SWAT Team demonstration
- Car fire
- Accident scene extrication by fire department/Abbott Ambulance/ARCH Helicopter
- Simunition Firearm Exercise
- St. Clair County Jail Tour
- Speech by the Swansea Fire Department dive team
- Speech by St. Clair County State's Attorney Brendan Kelly

In addition to this, the youth academy stressed the importance of patriotism to our country by starting each day with a flag-raising ceremony and the Pledge of Allegiance. The academy concluded with a community service project and a flag disposal ceremony presided over by veterans who so selflessly served their country.

All of the camp attendees seemed to have a great time, all the while learning the importance of team-building, patriotism, and volunteerism. Still to this day, children come up to tell me and other members of the Police Department how much they loved the academy and can't wait until next year's academy.

None of this would have been possible, however, without the many volunteers from the Police Department, the Fire Department, and many of their spouses. In addition to that, the academy was funded by donations from many generous businesses and individuals who

believe in Swansea and appreciate the work of its public servants.



In summary, I would just like to say I used to think about how blessed our citizens were to have such a professional Police Department, but over the years, I have come to realize I am the one who is blessed to have been given the opportunity to work for a community comprised of citizens who truly care and appreciate their police force. For that, I will always be thankful.

- - *Sgt. Scott Lieb*

## **Citizen's Academy**



2015 marked the first ever Swansea Police Department Citizen's Academy. Twenty-one citizens that either live or work inside the village attended the six week academy. The academy met one night a week, for approximately two and a half hours each night.

The citizens received information on personal protection, home protection, drug education, scenario/video based tactical decision making, crime scene analysis, traffic stops, information

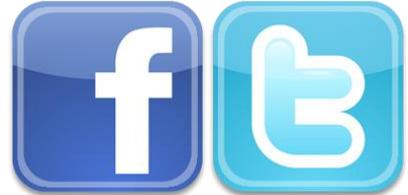
from St. Clair County State's Attorney and the United States Attorney, Officer involved shootings, a special response team (SRT) demonstration, and a K-9 demonstration.

All of the citizens were required to ride along with a Patrol Officer for four hours during the six weeks; most thought this was the best part of the academy. At the graduation the citizens learned about Tasers, witnessing a live demonstration, and spoke with retired Belleville Police Sergeant John Brough. All of the citizens thoroughly enjoyed the fast paced realistic training, and many were sad when it was over. The Swansea Police Department is looking forward to next year's academy.

- - *Sgt. Keith Howard*

## Social Media

I was given the opportunity to arrange and create a department Facebook page. My goal was to be able to reach out to the community and utilize social media. Through our Facebook page, we have been able to work with the community in reuniting lost animals. Also, we've been able to provide tips and reminders to help citizens protect themselves. Lastly, Facebook has been a great tool when asking the public for help in identifying suspects in open cases. The public can now send messages to us without having to leave their homes. **Overall our department has reached 1,486,460 people** through 150 posts made by our page.



- - *Detective Dan Lipe*

## Bike Patrol Officers

In October 2015, the Swansea Police Department established the first Bike Patrol Unit in the history of the department. Numerous people, businesses, and organizations donated time, money, and equipment in order to make the program a reality. On October 14th and 28th, eight Officers completed their initial bike familiarization and safety training through the exceptional instruction of Matt Jetter from The Bike Surgeon in Shiloh, IL. Uniforms arrived in November and the Bike Patrol program was off and cycling shortly thereafter. The Unit provides the Department with more personalized and accessible service and security for the Metro Bike Trail, Mel Price Park, Schranz Park, and neighborhood patrols. The following officers have been assigned to the Bike Patrol Unit:



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

Despite the dropping temperatures, Bike Patrol Officers conducted numerous random patrols throughout November and December. Occasional patrols will continue throughout the winter as long as the weather cooperates. Once spring arrives, the Unit will be out on regular patrols.

- - *Sgt. Matt Blomberg*

## **Code Enforcement**

One of the thankless jobs of law enforcement is the investigation of nuisance complaints/ordinance violations. To most people, this does not seem important. What most people do not realize, however, is the accumulation of debris, derelict and abandoned vehicles, and areas of high weeds take a toll on a community. Left unchecked, these types of issues can quickly turn a visually attractive community into a blighted area. These investigations are time-intensive, and often require patience and persistence on the part of the Officer to resolve these situations without judicial intervention.

The Swansea Police Department had 156 documented incidents of nuisance complaints in 2015. Of these complaints, 64 were for high weeds/debris and 94 were for derelict/abandoned vehicles. Throughout the year, Officer Venorsky and I worked tirelessly to resolve these issues. Only 3 incidents went unresolved, which resulted in citations being issued.

- - *Sgt. Scott Lieb*

## Active Shooter Training



Sergeants Howard and Blomberg conducted Active Shooter training with the entire Wolf Branch School District staff on August 13th, 2015. The training included the 4E Training program developed by Tier One Tactical Solutions from St. Louis, MO. The principles of the program include: Educate, Evade, Escape, and Engage. Staff members received classroom instruction as well as scenario-based training in a 4-hour training period. Extensive discussion with school district administration resulted in significant changes and updates to the Wolf Branch Crisis Plan prior to the training.

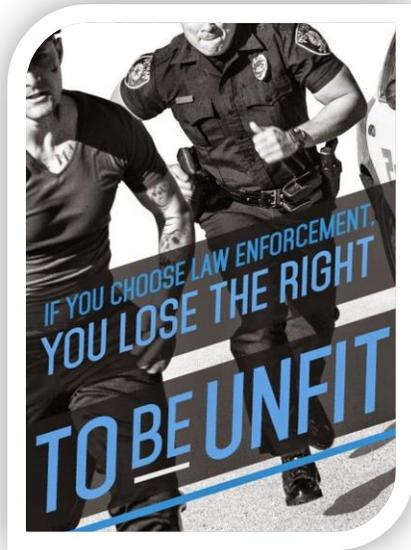
On December 7th, Sergeants Howard and Blomberg presented an introduction to the 4E program to the teaching, administration, and custodial staffs at High Mount School. The training consisted of a PowerPoint presentation followed by basic scenarios. Discussions and recommendations to update the High Mount Crisis Plan are in progress.

On December 29th and 30th, Sgt. Blomberg, St. Clair County Sheriff's Department Lt. Kurt Eversman, and Belleville Police Department Officer Phil Koch conducted Active Shooter training for Swansea PD Officers, St. Clair County Deputies, and Belleville PD officers at High Mount School. The training simulated a multi-agency response to an active shooter event at the school. Officers were issued Simunitions weapons for force-on-force training and instructed on tactical movements, communications, and threat assessment/elimination.

Active Shooter training will continue to grow in February 2016 when Sgt. Blomberg will conduct the first workplace violence instruction program at Rosewood Care Center. The training will be based on the 4E principles. Yearly trainings with High Mount School and Wolf Branch School shall continue.

- - *Sgt. Matt Blomberg*

## Departmental Training



The Swansea Police Department believes continued training for Officers is of paramount concern. In 2015 Officers in the Department took part in a broad range of training that reaches far beyond the minimum requirements required by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. In 2015, officers completed **1,445 hours** of documented training. The following is a list of the classes Officers attended:

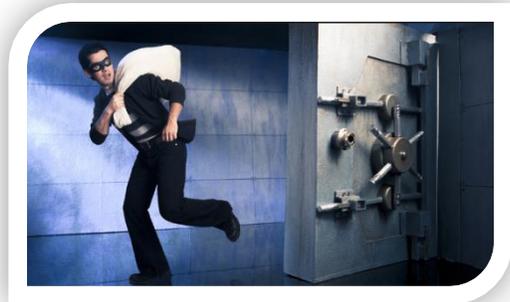
*Winning Extreme Encounters from Street to Court, Quota-Free Police Productivity System, Police Driving Responsibility, Annual East/West Executive Development Training, Character-Driven Supervisor Training, Bicycle Safety and Familiarization Training, Freedom of Information Act, Policing in a Diverse Community, Illinois Vehicle Code Update, Electronic Taping & Statements of Confessions, Basic DUI Refresher, Current Trends in Drug Abuse, Catch a Liar-Psychological Narrative Analysis, Street Crimes, Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers, 2015 Executive Summit Series, Executive Round Table, Major Case-Complex Homicide & Homicide Crime, Media/PIO Training Program, Gateway Law Enforcement Executive Development, Winning Back your Community, The Co-Production of Public Safety and Public Order, Police Chaplain Informational Training, Open Meetings Act, Breath Alcohol Testing, Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement, Advanced Vehicle Contraband Concealment, Simunitions Instructor & Safety, Glock Pistol Armorer Course, Child Sex Abuse for Patrol, Women in Law Enforcement-Balancing the Act of Life, Defensive Driving Update, Project 16, Juvenile Diversion Training, Vehicle Reclamation, Sex Offender Registration & Community Notification, Walking the Narrow Road of Leadership, Criminal Law/Break Questions, Implementing the New Police Reform, Gang Combat Dynamics, Basic Investigator Course, Investigation of Criminal Sexual Assault Cases, 99 Signs of Danger, Online, Telephone & Computer Investigation Resources, Criminal Procedure for Detectives and Patrol Officers, Search & Seizures, Basic Juvenile Officer Course, Alert Level II Active Shooter, Performance Under Extreme Stress, Basic Patrol Rifle, Advanced Patrol Rifle, Juvenile Law Update, St. Clair County Juvenile Crisis Intervention Team Training, Criminal Minds Understanding the Violent Predator, Standardized Field Sobriety Testing, Drug Bust: Making a Drug Case, Dealing with the Problem Employee, Field Training Officer, Annual Taser Training/Certification, Firearms Qualification.*

The majority of the training received was from the Southwestern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission. However, Officers also attended training from the St. Louis County Police Academy and Midwest Counterdrug Training Center. Several training classes were also conducted by Swansea Officers who are certified to instruct specific disciplines.

- - *Sgt. Keith Howard*

## **Bank Security/Mock Robbery**

On November 13, 2015, Chief Johnson, Deputy Chief Coughlin, and Sgt. Blomberg met with management for 1st Clover Leaf Bank to review and evaluate bank protocols relating to current security and safety measures. As a result of that meeting, management requested a mock robbery drill to test their protocols and staff response to a robbery event. Sgt. Blomberg was tasked with organizing and coordinating the event.



On December 11, 2015, several members of the Swansea Police Department conducted the mock robbery event, which consisted of a lone suspect who inferred a handgun and produced a note demanding cash from the teller. The focus of the drill was to evaluate employee response and observation to ensure employee safety while increasing the likelihood of suspect apprehension. Multiple Officers served as safety Officers during the exercise to ensure staff and civilian safety. Members of the St. Clair County Drug Tactical Unit as well as a Special Agent with the FBI assisted with the drill.

The bank staff responded to the simulated event appropriately, followed their protocols effectively, and provided excellent information to responding officers. At the conclusion of the event, Officers debriefed the scenario with the bank personnel and provided insightful comments and recommendations.

The Police Department continues to foster a working relationship with the financial institutions within the Village to provide the necessary support to promote increased security and safety measures associated with their facilities.

- - *Sgt. Matt Blomberg*

## Code Red

In July of 2015, the Village of Swansea implemented the **CODE RED** notification system.

A description of Code Red and a link to enroll in the system are located on the Village of Swansea's website. Code Red gives the citizens the ability to be notified of important or emergency information via

home telephone, cell phone, e-mail or text message. This system also has the capability to page Firefighters and Police Officers in the event of a radio failure. Since the launch of Code Red, several alerts have been sent out by the telecommunicator on duty. Since July of 2015, alerts have been sent out for the following: 3 road closures, 1 water main break, 1 home invasion, 1 notification concerning multiple vehicle burglaries and 1 notification of radio failure to the Fire Department.

- - *911 Supervisor Michele Russell*

**CODE RED**  
Keeping citizens informed.  
The best way to protect your home, business and loved ones. Choose and Enroll. For the best user experience, please ensure you are using a mobile device.

COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION ENROLLMENT  
Village of Swansea, IL

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**

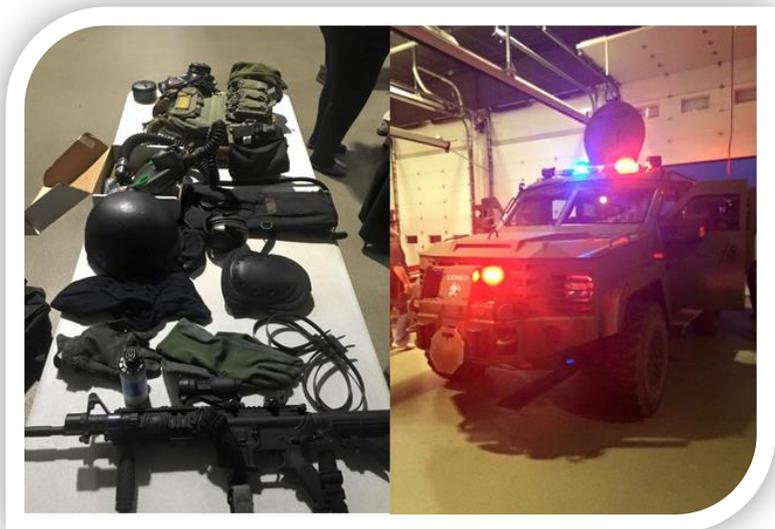
**Get alerts via home phone, cellphone, text messages, email and TTY for the hearing impaired.**

**FOR SWANSEA RESIDENTS OR BUSINESS OWNERS IT IS FREE...**

**SIGN UP AT:**  
<http://ecnetwork.com/community-notification>

## St. Clair County Regional Special Response Team

Sgt. Blomberg is currently assigned to the St. Clair County Regional Special Response Team (SRT) where he serves as an Assistant Team Leader. 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 firearms proficiency, tactical operations and communications, less lethal munitions, hostage response training, search warrant service and execution, defensive tactics, response to barricaded subjects, and proficient use of surveillance robots and the Bearcat Armored Vehicle. SRT works closely with the St. Clair County Drug Tactical Unit in response to search warrants associated with narcotics and other drug investigations. SRT conducted the following missions in 2015:

- 01-28-2015 Alorton Search Warrant
- 02-12-2015 Belleville Search Warrant
- 03-23-2015 Belleville Search Warrant
- 03-27-2015 Collinsville Search Warrant
- 04-01-2015 Cahokia Search Warrant
- 04-13-2015 Cahokia High Risk Arrest Warrant
- 05-08-2015 Centreville Search Warrant
- 05-13-2015 Belleville Search Warrant
- 07-03-2015 Lebanon Barricaded Subject
- 07-08-2015 Cahokia Search Warrant
- 07-16-2015 Cahokia Search Warrant
- 08-29-2015 Swansea Barricaded Homicide Suspect
- 11-14-2015 Summerfield Armed Barricaded Subject

- - *Sgt. Matt Blomberg*

## Evidence

The Swansea Police Department has one evidence officer, Jason Tutterow. He is responsible for the 6,515 items that have been logged into evidence over the past years of which, 4,214 of those items are DVDs/Cds. The evidence vault has gone from one room in 1994 to three rooms today. In 2015, we had over 1,951 items logged in as evidence.



The oldest item in the vault is a round of ammunition from 1989. A couple of other different or unique items contained in the vault are, a hand sickle, bolt action rifle, sword and a water manifold to name a few. The evidence vault is inventoried on an annual basis and quality control is of paramount importance. Redundant systems ensure the security and accuracy of every item of evidence.

- - *Deputy Chief Craig Coughlin*

## **Computer Voice Stress Analyzer (CVSA)**

The Swansea Police Department is fortunate to have Officer Paul Wuller trained in the operation of a CVSA. There are only 32 agencies in Illinois that have a CVSA. A CVSA is a truth verification system. A CVSA device consists of a microphone plugged into a computer which is then used to analyze a person's response to a question. The computer will display a voice pattern as the person speaks. The voice pattern will be evaluated using a scoring system which is interpreted by the examiner. There are no known countermeasures to cause inconclusive results. An examiner must receive extensive training prior to being certified with a CVSA, and must recertify every 2 years. In 2015 the CVSA was used on seven different cases, one case may require several examinations with the CVSA. The following is a breakdown of the cases that the CVSA was used on ; 4 Swansea Police Department, 1 Major Case, 1 St. Clair County Sheriff's Department and 1 joint operation with FBI, Fairview Heights Police Department and the Swansea Police Department.

- - *Deputy Chief Craig Coughlin*

## **Silver Detail**

In November and December of 2015 the Swansea Police Department assigned additional Officers to patrol the business district areas exclusively during the holiday shopping season. The Officers maintained low profiles during the detail through the utilization of undercover police vehicles. Their job was to proactively protect citizens coming and going from the business districts. This allowed Patrol Officers to provide more patrols in the residential areas. There were no significant service calls in the business district during the detail.

- - *Deputy Chief Craig Coughlin*

## **New Technology**

In 2015 the Swansea Department was able to upgrade several pieces of equipment while at the same time replacing several items that out lived their useful life. One of our most significant purchases, and long overdue, was the purchase of a new recording system which is utilized in the recording of witnesses, victims and suspects

statements. The current system had been placed since 1994, when the station was built. The new system will allow Officers to record for hours continuously without having to stop to replace DVDs while at the same time affording them the opportunity to start and stop the recording at the location of the interview. Other items acquired this year are as follows; 3 new squad cars, 2 radar units, 4 video recording cameras, a laptop computer, 2 patrol bicycles (donated) and 18 various types of office chairs. The chairs were acquired through a government surplus program with little or no cost to the Village.



- - *Deputy Chief Craig Coughlin*

## **Certificate of Excellence Award**



2015 marks the first year in which Officers were eligible to receive this award. The Certificate of Excellence is awarded by the Chief of Police. It recognizes Officers who have distinguish themselves through exemplary services and a dedication to the profession. This year, the recipients of the Certificate of Excellence award goes to the following Officers.

Det. Peter Wszalek Jr.  
 Det. Daniel Lipe  
 Sgt. Scott Lieb  
 D.C. Craig Coughlin

Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child Investigation

Ptl. Justin Schutzbach  
 Ptl. Andrew Hewitt

Homicide/ Critical Care Investigation

Disp. Suzanne Funk  
Sgt. Jason Frank

Ptl. Andrew Hewitt                      Felony Traffic Stop/ Weapons

Ptl. John Sury                              Combative Subject  
Ptl. Breana Kemper-Damm  
Ptl. Eric Rohn  
Sgt. Keith Howard

Sgt. Scott Lieb                              Director of the Swansea Police and Fire Youth Academy  
Sgt. Keith Howard                          Director of the Swansea Police Academy  
Sgt. Matthew Blomberg                      Active Shooter Training, Swansea Bike Patrol Unit

Life Saving Award is recognition given by the Southwestern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission and the Southern Illinois Police Chief's Association. In 2015 the Swansea Police Department had several Officers who were recipients of the award. Their names and actions are as follows.

Ptl. Paul Brault                              Ice Rescue  
Det. Peter Wszalek Jr.  
Ptl. Paul Wuller

Ptl. Justin Schutzbach                      Homicide/ Critical Care Investigation  
Ptl. Andrew Hewitt  
Sgt. Jason Frank

Telecommunicator's Award is recognition given by the Southwestern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission and the Southern Illinois Police Chief's Association. In 2015 Telecommunicator Suzanne Funk was a recipient of the award for her outstanding performance in the managing of a homicide/ critical incident that occurred on August 29, 2015. Funk's extraordinary effort is a credit to the telecommunications profession.



- - *Deputy Chief Craig Coughlin*

## **Index Crimes**

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

<b>Index Crime Offenses</b>									
<b>Criminal Homicide</b>	<b>Rape</b>	<b>Robbery</b>	<b>Aggravated Assault/Battery</b>	<b>Burglary</b>	<b>Theft</b>	<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	<b>Arson</b>	<b>Human Trafficking Commercial Sex Acts</b>	<b>Human Trafficking Involuntary Servitude</b>
1	1	3	7	40	214	15	0	0	0

<b>Index Crime Arrests</b>									
<b>Criminal Homicide</b>	<b>Rape</b>	<b>Robbery</b>	<b>Aggravated Assault/Battery</b>	<b>Burglary</b>	<b>Theft</b>	<b>Motor Vehicle Theft</b>	<b>Arson</b>	<b>Human Trafficking Commercial Sex Acts</b>	<b>Human Trafficking Involuntary Servitude</b>
1	1	2	8	5	26	0	0	0	0

<b>Drug Crime Arrests</b>				
<b>Violations of Cannabis Control Act</b>	<b>Violations of Controlled Substances Act</b>	<b>Violations of the Hypodermic Syringes &amp; Needles Act</b>	<b>Violations of the Drug Paraphernalia Act</b>	<b>Violations of the Methamphetamine Act</b>
24	5	2	22	0



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

## Statistics for 2015

Incident	Total Reported
9-1-1 Cellular Hang Up	1,609
9-1-1 Open Line	224
911 Cellular Transfer	921
911 Hang Up	180
Accidental Death-Firearms	1
Alarm Business	344
Alarm Residential	418
All Other Offenses	2
Animal Cruelty	5
Bank Escort	5
Banned 1324 N Illinois	3
CHASI Intervention	4
Child Visitation Exchange	25
Debris in Roadway	32
Elder Abuse/Neglect	2
Fire - Test Page	50
Generator Run	15
Generator Test	35
Intoxicated Pedestrian	43
Missing Persons	5
Sex Off Fail Reg New Add	1
Sex Off Fail to Register	5
Sex Off Other Violation	1
Standby	63
Suicide Threat	18
Suspicion Drug Activity	28
Suspicious Odor	5
Unl. Acqu. Controlled Sub	5
Unwanted Subject	168
Well Being Check	173
Accident Dest/Property	9
Accident Involving Death	1
Accident Involving Injury	15
Accident Leave Scene	39
Accident Non-Injury	298

Accident Private Property	7
Accident-Pol. Depart. Veh	1
Bicycle Accident N/I	1
Armed Robbery	3
Robbery	0
Informational Assistance	273
Other Support Services	2
Sex Off Compliance Check	20
Sex Offender Registration	57
Agg Battery Of A Child	1
Agg. Domestic Battery	8
Aggravated Battery	5
Aggravated Assault	4
Burglar Alarm	19
Vehicular Hijacking	1
Animal Complaints	64
Barking Dogs	35
Dead Animal	2
Dog At Large	151
Dog Bite Occupational	1
Dog Bite-Home	3
Dog Bite-Other	3
Dog Bite-Public	4
Dog Leash Law	2
Found Animal	9
Ordinance Violations	4
Other Animal Complaints	1
Ambulance	865
Ambulance Transfer	15
Assist Ambulance	1
Emergency Aid Services	8
Person Down-Sick/Injured	1
Fire	95
Fire - Alarm Inspection	6
Fire - CO Detector	23
Fire - Inspection	1
Fire - Mutual Aid	141
Fire - Odor of Gas	14
Fire Alarm	63
Rescue	1

Juvenile Supervision	1
Violent Offender Registration	2
Warrant-Summons-Subpoenas	3
Building Check (Called)	26
Building Check -Initiated	800
Business Check	79
Vacant House Check	1
Child Custody Issues	24
Other Community Services	1
Public Relations/Other	1
Warrant Other Agency	203
Disturbance	185
Domestic Trouble	205
Fights, Riots, Brawls	34
Neighborhood Trouble	34
Suspicious Activity	326
Foot Patrol	905
Investigative Services	97
Recovered Stolen Property	1
Lock Out	65
Found Articles	49
Found Bicycle	2
Lost Articles	13
Lost Drivers Lic./Plates	1
Mental Cases-Other	11
Other Mental Case	1
Miss. Person-Adult Female	6
Miss. Person-Juv./Male	8
Miss. Persons-Juv/Female	15
Miss. Persons-Adult/Male	4
Motorists Assist	82
Abandoned Autos	39
Dumping Garbage-Priv.Prop	8
Dumping Garbage-City-Town	3
Illegal Burning	56
Littering	2
Nuisance - Debris	16
Nuisance - Derelict MV	73
Nuisance Not Weeds	8
Nuisance Weeds	45

Skate Boarder Complaint	2
Handicapped Parking Viol	4
Illegal Parking	12
Parking In Fire Lane	2
Parking Problems	54
Parking Warning Tickets	3
Accident-Non-Traffic Oth	1
Children Play. In Street	1
Loitering	7
Loud Noise Complaints	135
Mini-Bike/ATV Complaints	6
Other Public Complaints	6
Panhandling	9
Repossessions	2
Scooter Complaints	1
Solicitor Complaints	54
Assist Other Agencies	176
Assistance Rendered Civil	24
Citizen Assist	92
Escorts	52
Family Service	3
Fingerprinting	38
Motorist Assist/Officer Initiated	133
Notifications	24
Other Government Agency	1
Other Public Service	9
Other Traffic-Related Service	8
Peace Keeper	1
Traffic Control	8
Death- Accidental	1
Death-Natural Causes	4
Suicide Att-By Drugs	4
Suicide Att-By Hanging	1
Suicide Att.-By Cutting	5
Suicide Attempts-Other	3
Suicide-By Cutting	1
Domestic Violence	2
Poss. Of Burglary Tools	2
Probation Viol.	1
Recover Property Only	1

Viol. Of Order Of Protect	33
Suspicious Auto	261
Suspicious Noise	13
Suspicious Person	128
All Other Traffic	2
Child Restraint Violation	33
Defective Rear Window	1
Defective Windshield	9
Disobey Traffic Control	18
Driving in Wrong Lane	4
Driving W/O Lights	11
Dui : Drugs	4
Dui: Alcohol	38
Expired Registration	199
Fail To Notify Sos/Addr	3
Fail To Report Accident	5
Fail To Yield Em Vehicle	5
Fail Yield @ Intersection	7
Fail. To Yield-Private Rd	2
Fail. To Yield-Turning	25
Fail. To Yield/Stop Sign	1
Failure To Reduce Speed	57
Failure To Signal	19
Following Too Close	2
Imp Use: Registration	3
Imp. Display Registration	20
Improper Backing	1
Improper Lane Usage	40
Improper Light/One Head.	2
Improper Parking Roadway	5
Improper Passing	6
Improper Turn	4
Improper U-Turn	2
No DI On Person	4
No Front Reg Plate	18
No Rear Reg Plate	1
No Rear Reg. Light	2
No Registration	10
No Taillights	1
Obstructed Front View	2

Obstructed Window	1
Operate Uninsured Mot Veh	386
Other Equipment Violation	5
Other Moving Violations	2
Other Non-Moving Viol.	1
Other Traffic Offenses	12
Pass. School Bus/Load-Unl	1
Pedestrian Check	52
Pedestrian Violations	2
Permit Unauth Driver	1
Reckless Driving	122
Speeding-Paced	3
Speeding-Radar	339
Speeding-School Zone Viol	8
Traffic Sign Violations	54
Traffic Signal Violations	33
Using Electronic Device 12 610.2	28
Verbal Warning	2,095
Stalking	2
Viol No Contact Order	5
Interfere W/Reprt Dom Vio	2
Obstructing Justice	14
Reist/Obstr/Disarm Office	11
Disorderly Conduct	83
False Fire Alarms	1
False Police Report	2
Fireworks	27
Harass by Electronic Devi	29
Harassment By Phone	30
Telephone Threat	10
Vagrancy	1
Public Works	31
Traffic Signals Out	2
Wire Down	1
Assist (Backup)	81
Extra Patrol-Business	22
Extra Patrol-Residence	7
Foot Patrol-One Man Mark. Veh	399
Foot Patrol-Two Man Mark Veh	1
Foot Patrol-Unmarked Vehicle	9

Agg Fleeing & Eluding	2
Attempting To Elude	2
Driv & Passen Safety Belt	58
False Auto Ins Card	2
Hit & Run Accident	22
Illegal Trans : Alcohol	20
No Valid Driver's Lic	65
Operation Mv Reg Sus/Revo	8
Poss Fraudulent DL	1
Revoke/Susp/Cancel Reg	33
Susp/Revoked Dr. Lic	308
Liquor License	3
Unlawful Consump By Minor	3
Unlwfliq Poss Minors	1
Inspections/Cars, Bicycle	2
Poss Drug Paraphernalia	29
Possession : Hypodermic	2
Delivery/Poss Int To Del	2
Poss: Cont. Substance	7
Un Poss Prescription Form406.2(a)(1)	1
Cannabis Plant	2
Poss. Cannabis	30
Poss. Cannabis >30 Grams	1
Child Abuse	7
Child Neglect	1
Runaway: Juvenile	8
Agg. Crim. Sexual Abuse	1
Child Pornography	20
Criminal Sexual Abuse	2
Patronizing Prostitute	1
Sex Relations W/I Family	2
Sexual Exploitation Child	4
Agg Discharge of Firearm	2
Agg Unl Use Weapon/Firearm	8
Felon Poss Weapon/Firearm	1
FOID Revocation	2
No Foid Card	1
Reckless Discharge Firearm	1
Unauth Poss/Storage Wpns	1
Unl Poss Firearms & Ammo	3

Unlawful Poss Of Weapon	5
Crim. Damage State Prop	1
Crim. Trespass To Land	151
Crim. Trespass To Vehicle	15
Crim.Tresp.State Sup.Land	46
Criminal Damage Property	160
Criminal Defacement	2
Criminal Trespass Res.	19
Credit Card Fraud	21
Deceptive Practices	53
False Identification	2
Forgery	22
Identity Theft	200
Theft Of Labor/Services	6
Theft: Lost/Mislaid Prop	11
Murder-First Degree	1
Criminal Sexual Assault	1
Agg. Battery: Handgun	1
Agg. Battery: Grt Harm	1
Agg. Battery: Knife	1
Battery	40
Domestic Battery	102
Assault	13
Burglary	20
Home Invasion	2
Residential Burglary	20
Burglary From Motor Veh	63
Retail Theft	61
Theft From Motor Vehicle	9
Theft Over \$500	37
Theft Under \$500	88
Automobile Theft	15
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>17,822</b>

# Community Relations



## 2015 Departmental Retirees

Thank you for your faithful and committed service to the Police Department and the Citizens of Swansea.



Chief Mike Arnold

30 Years



Sgt. Greg Woolery

28 Years

## **In Remembrance of...**

### **In Remembrance of Officer Catherine “Katy” A. Stein**

**May 3, 1958  
to  
May 14, 2013**



Officer Catherine Stein passed away on May 14, 2013 with friends and family at her side.

Stein was a member of the Swansea Police Department since January of 1997. She was a graduate of the Southwestern Illinois Police Academy. During her time with the Police Department she served as a Patrol Officer and later as a school resource officer for the High Mount and Wolf Branch School Districts. Her unequivocal dedication to the children and community can still be felt today. The Department mourns the loss of Our Beloved Sister.



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