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Dear Woodridge Residents,

On behalf of the dedicated police officers and civilian staff of the Woodridge Police Department, I want to thank you for reading our 2018 Annual Report. We believe it takes a joint effort – between the police department and community members – to deter criminal activity and maintain a safe community.

The data shows that crime in Woodridge continues to mostly decline. For example, Part I crimes, which the FBI considers the most severe types of lawbreaking, decreased by 59 percent from 1990 to 2018. We attribute this decrease in Part I crimes due to an increased partnership with residents and the police department. I encourage you to review the public safety statistics on pages 21-22 of this report and to view additional data on the Woodridge Police Department Information Portal available on our website.

We continue to improve the technology and equipment available to provide the professionalism of a top law enforcement agency. In 2018, we started to install WatchGuard dash cameras – this is important to collect evidence and to increase openness. In addition, we began to implement DuJUIS, which is a new records management and computer-aided dispatch system to improve workflow. The previous records system was more than 20 years old.

The Woodridge Police Department takes pride in maintaining and expanding our partnership with the community. To better support officers, we initiated a police chaplains program by collaborating with faith-based organizations. In addition, the Community Outreach Unit expanded the GRIT program to teach the curriculum to more grade levels in Woodridge schools.

Our goal is to continue to build on what we accomplished in 2018. We will continue to monitor trends so we can address our community’s needs and deter criminal activity. We are grateful for the support and encouragement we receive, and we are looking forward to a bright future.

Sincerely,

Brian Cunningham
Chief of Police
Chief of Police
Brian Cunningham

Deputy Chiefs
Tom Stefanson
Kenneth Ostarello

Sergeants
Dennis Brinkman
Anthony Johnson
Raymond Moeller
Jody Porras
Timothy Shannon
Mark Walters

Management Analyst
Jim Hoff

Community Service Officers
Edward Pogson
Michael Moers
Eric Salinas
Jim McCabe

Sworn Officers
Heidi Begy
Gregory Bernard
William Bodnar
David Brockway
Jeffrey Buck
Robert Chrusciel
Thomas Cybulski
Zack Duffield
Stephen Edson
Jonah Gage
Patrice Gonzalez
Marlys Gilbert
James Guerra
Erick Gutierrez
Adriana Hernandez
Thomas Hogan
Jeffrey Johnson
John Kasperski
Brett Kielbasa
Christopher Krawczyk
Adam Kristof
Daniel McIntyre
Robert McKimson
Brian Michels
Daniel Murray
Cornell Owens
Nicholas Panko
Jairo Perez
John Phelps
Michael Piotrowski
Michael Reed
James Rion
Luis Rodriguez
Joseph Saenz
Alec Sander
Matthew Schaefer
Jerald Symonds
Alexander Wagner
Michael Wolfe
Joseph Wolfe

Records Unit
Keith Grabarek
Mary Norris
Jamie Schoeneman
Amy Crylen-Cristiano

Administrative Assistants
Doreen Herman
Pamela Ward

Investigation Aide
Holly Kucharski

Crossing Guards
Maryanne Dinkel
Sandy Dutler
Lenore Hinz
Regina Mugnolo
Thomas O’Keefe
Mary Sammarco
2018 PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

The Honor Guard with the Woodridge VFW during Patriot’s Day on Sept. 11, 2018

Wren Court Community Roll Call

National Coffee with a Cop Day—Oct. 3, 2018

Deputy Chief Ostarello sat in the dunk tank for the annual Open House

Woodridge Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Team

Sgt. Chrusciel (fourth from left) and his Northwestern University Staff & Command Class collected items for a Hurricane Florence relief drive
The mission of the Woodridge Police Department is to provide dedicated, professional service and impartial law enforcement in an active partnership with the citizens of the Village of Woodridge to achieve a higher quality of life for all.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

**ORGANIZATIONAL CHART**

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

The Board of Police Commissioners is a five-member commission appointed by the mayor and Village Board. The commission is responsible for hiring all police officers and promoting police officers to the rank of police sergeant.

Randon Gardley, Chair

Mohan Airan, Commissioner

Robert Martin, Commissioner

Mary Jane Munley, Commissioner

Curtis Nekovar, Commissioner

The commission also conducts all hearings on disciplinary matters through the rank of sergeant and sets all standards relating to hiring and promotion.
Deputy Chief Keith Grabarek retired in January 2018 after nearly 30 years in law enforcement. Soon after, Grabarkey rejoined the police department as Records Unit supervisor. The police department celebrated his career as a police officer with coffee and cake followed by a reception at Bobaks in Seven Bridges. In addition, the police department produced two videos featuring Deputy Chief Grabarek.

The first video highlighted a major case he worked on early in his career involving drugs in the Janes Avenue Corridor. In 1988, prior to that case, there were 1,103 Part I crimes committed in Woodridge. In 2016, the most recent year with full data, there were 483 Part I crimes committed – a decrease of 56 percent from 1988.

The second video featured Deputy Chief Grabarek reflecting on his law enforcement career. Keith started his new role as supervisor in the Records Unit on Monday, Jan. 15, 2018.

Having served as a tactical officer for more than 15 years, Deputy Chief Grabarek prepares to embark on his last patrol before retirement in this still photo from a video recapping his career in law enforcement. Grabarek said he enjoyed creating friendships and solving problems throughout the community during his time as a police officer. “Being able to solve problems is one of the best part of the job.”
**NEW EMPLOYEES**

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<th><strong>Officer Patrice Gonzalez</strong></th>
<th><strong>Officer Nicholas Panko</strong></th>
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<td>was sworn in on Jan. 4, 2018, with the Woodridge Police Department. Previously, Ofc. Gonzalez served as a deputy sheriff with Cook County Corrections where she also received advanced mental health training. Ofc. Gonzalez holds a bachelor’s degree in Psychology from Benedictine University.</td>
<td>was sworn in on Jan. 4, 2018. Prior to his role at the Woodridge Police Department, Ofc. Panko served as a booking officer at the DuPage County Jail. Ofc. Panko holds an associates degree from the College of DuPage.</td>
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**Officer Zack Duffield** was sworn in on Oct. 29, 2018. Ofc. Duffield grew up in Kankakee, Ill. and attended Bishop McNamara High School. He previously was a police office at the Chicago Police Department. He holds a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from Benedictine University in Lisle, Ill.
Police training includes the police academy for new police employees, legal updates, conferences, and seminars. The Woodridge Police Department is a member of the North East Multi-Regional Training, Inc., which provides high quality, cost-effective training programs, criminal justice information, and services at a reduced cost. The Woodridge Police Department offers a diverse and extensive training program for our officers in accordance with our mission to provide dedicated professional service. In 2017, the Woodridge Police Department invested 3,075 total hours in training. In 2018, the number of training hours increased to 4,793—a 56 percent increase from the previous year.

Examples of Select Training Programs Completed in 2018:

- DuPage County School Safety Summit presented by the DuPage Regional Office of Education
- Four officers trained at the police academy
- Qualifications at the shooting range attended by all sworn officers
- CPR, AED, and standard field sobriety recertification for employees
- Asset Forfeiture training regarding changes to the state seizure asset forfeiture statues
- CPR, AED, and standard field sobriety recertification for employees
- Anti-Harassment/Non-Discrimination Training
- Counter-terrorism — Geospatial Intel Workshop
- Field Training Officers updated the Field Training Officer manual training tasks to enhance the program
- Implicit Bias Training with Chief Mitchell Davis (Hazel Crest Police Department)
- Gang Enforcement
- Emergency-Based Spanish

4,793 Total number of training hours in 2018
The Woodridge Police Department further advanced our commitment to having an active partnership with residents by providing new communications tools and outreach initiatives in 2018. The department launched the Frontline Toolkit, started an Autism Recognition program, and revamped the Information Portal. Social media continues to provide a vital means of connecting with the community. In 2018, the department’s Facebook Page likes grew from 2,349 to 3,016—a 28 percent increase.

**Frontline Toolkit Program**

WPD launched the Frontline Toolkit program, which is an interface that the officers and citizens use to accomplish various tasks.

Residents can apply for overnight parking permission and request vacation watches using the online application system. Officers then have real-time information regarding these entries.

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**Community Outreach**

Officer McIntyre conducted a 10-week Citizen’s Police Academy, which included 14 members of the community. The Academy highlighted the various functions of the Police Department, along with the different specialty units with the organization. The program consisted of weekly two hour sessions, including a graduation ceremony.

**Citizen Police Academy Class of ’18**

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**Crime Free Housing Seminars**

The Woodridge Police Department, in conjunction with the Village Community Development Department conducted a “Crime Free Housing” seminars for the property owners and managers of the various multi-family complexes throughout the Village.

The seminars promote a safer community and help provide a higher quality of life for the residents.

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**Open House & National Night Out**

WPD conducted an open house in conjunction with the National Night Out. The open house invited members of the community inside the Police Department to gain a behind the scenes look at how the department operates. The open house is also an opportunity to interact with the Police Officers, as well as other

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Ed Pogson, community service officer, shows Woodridge Park District campers how to collect fingerprints at the Open House.
Autism Recognition Alert Program

Woodridge police officers respond to a wide variety of emergencies. We make every effort to respond using best practices and sound protocols. This program takes a proactive approach to allow family members and caregivers to register people with autism with the Woodridge Police Department. Officers can access this information in a database accessible in a police cruiser and at the Woodridge Police Station.

By taking a proactive approach, our goal is to establish relationships with people on the autism spectrum, their family members, and caregivers. An active partnership will help reduce the anxiety people with autism experience with everyday police encounters and during critical incidents. This program also helps to improve police officer awareness and response to people with autism.

Information Portal Revamp

The Woodridge Police Department Information Portal is an innovative resource that allows users to view police response data and crime information using a dynamic web map.

After consulting with Municipal GIS Partners, the department made the Information Portal mobile device friendly. Most people view the Information Portal on a mobile device, and the new version provides a more user-friendly format for residents to obtain information regarding crime and calls for service within the Village. The revamp also allowed for faster loading times and a better overall user experience.

Cop on a Rooftop

Officer Dan McIntyre spearheaded the Special Olympics “Cop on a Rooftop” which raised $6000 for Special Olympics Illinois (SOILL). The event included members of the Police Department, Village, and Elected Officials.

Presentations & Events Attended

- Woodridge Golden Years Club
- VFW Flag Retirement Ceremony
- Girl Scout “S’more Event” at Camp Greenwood
- Woodridge Public Library summer lunch for kids, sponsored by the Northern Illinois Food Bank
- Woodridge Public Library “Cookies with a cop”
- Woodridge Public Library “Kindness Creates Community”
- McDonald’s “Coffee with a Cop”
- West Suburban Food Pantry car seat education classes
- Chamber 360 – Women in Business

GRIT Curriculum Expands to All District 68 Grade Levels

Officer Bean expanded the current GRIT curriculum to include all grades within District 68. Also, officers delivered several presentations on school safety, including a joint effort with the Bilingual Parent Committee.
DEPARTMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PATROL UNIT

- 95 percent of residents feel safe in their neighborhood according to the Community Needs Survey
- Implemented the Pace Scheduling System, a web-based system that allows for more efficient scheduling solutions
- Hosted multiple Community Roll Calls in various neighborhoods utilizing data-driven locations
- Conducted numerous defensive tactics training sessions attended by all sworn officers
- Held employee training on Uniformed Crime Reporting and report writing
- Engaged in live qualifications at the shooting range attended by all sworn officers, gang enforcement, drugged driver detection, and CPR, AED, and standard field sobriety re-certification for officers
- Participated in active shooter scenarios

Woodridge police officers engaged in active shooter training scenarios. Following the Columbine High School shooting in 1999, law enforcement agencies transitioned from a “hold and wait” approach to a quick action deployment in active shooter scenarios. Realistic training is essential to prepare for an active shooter incident.

DETECTIVE UNIT

- Opened 373 new investigations in 2018
- 102 Conceal Carry Licensing Backgrounds /FOID Audits. (fewer this year it has been turned over to the Tactical Unit
- 54 Sex Offender/VOAY Registrations and updates.
- Eight new officer background checks
- Completed and resolved 55 missing person/runaway incidents
- Attended the following training sessions: Illinois Homicide Investigators Annual Certification Training, IL Criminal Sexual Assault Certification Training, and Cook County State’s Attorney Regional Organized Crime Conference and Training
TRAFFIC UNIT

The Woodridge Police Department received second place (municipalities 35-50 sworn) for our submission in the Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge. The challenge, sponsored by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), allows departments of similar size to compete on their efforts to promote traffic safety and education. Traffic Officer John Phelps was responsible for compiling the information for our submission.

Traffic Officer John Phelps completed the remainder of crash reconstruction schooling at the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety. Since completing his certification, he has become a full member of the Felony Investigation Assistance Team’s, Major Crash Reconstruction Team (MCRT). Woodridge now has three crash investigators working with the team. Traffic Officer John Phelps completed basic truck enforcement and portable scale certification through the Northeast Multi-Regional Training group.

The Traffic Unit facilitated the installation of 110 child safety seats for residents of Woodridge and surrounding communities. In addition, the traffic unit conducted two child safety seat events for residents in conjunction with the Woodridge Jubilee and the statewide “Safety Seat Saturday.”

The Traffic Unit and Patrol participated in several statewide awareness and enforcement campaigns throughout the year.

1. National Speed Awareness Day
2. Illinois Distracted Driving Week
3. Illinois Rail Safety Week
4. Child Passenger Safety Week

Traffic Officer John Phelps became an instructor to teach Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) to WPD personnel. Training standards require a refresher training every 4 years for Police Officers. Traffic Officer John Phelps partnered with Community Unit School District 99 to present for the driver’s education classes at Downers Grove South High School. John instructed the students on traffic safety, safe driving habits, and how to interact with the Police on a traffic stop.

As part of the Community Roll Call program, Traffic Officer John Phelps gave a presentation to the attendees of the St. Scholastica roll call on the WPD traffic unit, and general traffic safety.
**TACTICAL UNIT**

- The Tactical Unit instructed or assisted on numerous department training dates throughout the year: Initial Firearms Training, Monthly Firearms Training, Initial Rifle Training, Use of Force, MEGGITT, Less Lethal (shotgun), Taser, Rapid Deployment, and Citizen’s Police Academy.

- The Woodridge Tactical Unit completed a joint investigation with the Woodridge Detective Unit and Naperville Police Detective Division into an armed robbery suspect. The suspect was observed by officers committing an armed robbery at 3540 Seven Bridges Drive. The suspect was taken into custody following a traffic stop. The subsequent investigation resulted in 2 counts of Aggravated Robbery.

- The Tactical Unit completed an investigation into a subject with a CCL who was believed to be involved in cannabis sales. The Tactical Unit set up surveillance on the subject and observed him perform a drug transaction. The Tactical Unit performed a traffic stop and recovered over 60 grams of cannabis individually packaged for sale, a loaded Glock 26 handgun and a loaded 30 round magazine. The suspect was indicted on Possession of Cannabis with Intent to Deliver (class 3), Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapon (3 counts/ Class 4) and Armed Violence (Class X).

- Tactical Officer McKimson located a suspect wanted out of Texas for Online Solicitation of a Minor. The suspect was arrested and transported to DuPage County Jail for extradition.

- The Tactical Unit continued its participation in a multi-jurisdictional investigation of armed robbery suspects targeting the Chicagoland area. This operation was multi-faceted, extremely time-consuming and culminated in a multi-jurisdictional Search Warrant Service at 3 locations. Numerous items of evidence to include 3 guns and clothing from the robberies were recovered. 2 suspects were taken into custody. The 2 subjects were charged with 2 counts of Armed Robbery each.

**CROSSING GUARDS**

Four crossing guards are assigned to different areas in Woodridge to ensure that school children arrive safely to and from school. Woodridge School District 68 estimates that 532 students walk to and from school over the course of 174 school days. Mary Sammarco is located at Janes and Crabtree. Lenore Hinz is posted at Edgewood School and Woodridge Drive. Tom O’Keefe is stationed at Sipley School and 83rd Street, and Sandy Dutler is at Woodridge Drive and Zurich Lane. Regina Mugnolo is the fill-in crossing guard. On May 7, 2018, Chief Cunningham and Deputy Chief Stefanson visited all the crossing guards and presented them with a challenge coin for Crossing Guard Appreciation Day.

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**Tactical Unit 2018 Activity**

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<td>Assist to Detectives &amp; Patrol</td>
<td>191</td>
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<td>Assist to Other Agencies</td>
<td>64</td>
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<td>Social Media Investigations</td>
<td>177</td>
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<td>Covert Patrols</td>
<td>202</td>
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<td>Drug &amp; Gang Investigations</td>
<td>39</td>
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<td>Surveillances</td>
<td>85</td>
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<td>Total Arrests</td>
<td>71</td>
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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- The biennial update to the Village of Woodridge’s Emergency Operation Plan was completed. FEMA requires that municipalities update their plans every two years to ensure that information is current and all aspects comply with State and Federal standards.

- The Woodridge Police, in conjunction with DuPage County Office of Homeland Security Emergency Management, conducted a full-scale exercise to test the Strategic National Stockpile plan for distribution of pharmaceutical in the event of a biological attack.

- Deputy Chief Tom Stefanson, who is an active member of the DuPage Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT), assisted the Oak Brook Police Department with the incident command structure for their annual McDonald’s shareholder meeting. The meeting is frequently a source of protest and civil disobedience in years past due to the “Fight for 15” movement.

- Sergeant Brinkman updated the Village’s, “Storm Ready Certification” through the National Weather Service. The certification tests the capability for a municipality to respond and recover during periods of dangerous weather. The Village has carried this certification since 2007.

- Deputy Chief Tom Stefanson, along with Sergeant Dennis Brinkman, attended Naperville School District 203’s annual “Emergency and Crisis Response” review. This review outlines the district’s policies and plans with regards to an incident occurring in their facilities and involving their students. The Naperville Bridge School and Abraxas Interventions is under District 203.

- Deputy Chief Tom Stefanson, Deputy Chief Ken Ostarello, and Sergeant Dennis Brinkman attended the “Mass Casualty Response Workshop” sponsored by the College of DuPage Homeland Security Training Institute. The workshop highlighted a multi-discipline response to mass casualty incidents that have occurred throughout the United States and the lessons learned from those events.

- DuPage County Sheriff’s Office in conjunction with the Felony Investigation Assistance Team (FIAT), for which Woodridge has been a member of since the 1970s, has been working on combining all of the specialized assets of each department into one “Shared Services” unit. The new unit will be available to all jurisdictions with the county and will help alleviate the burden to one single department during a major incident. The unit is expected to be fully operational on July 1, 2019.

Since 2007, the National Weather Service certified the Village of Woodridge with its “Storm Ready Certification” to respond and recover to dangerous weather.
RECORDS UNIT
The Records Unit processes all police reports, traffic tickets, felony and misdemeanor charges, parking tickets, court notices, expunctions, subpoenas, as well as FOIA, report and criminal history requests. In 2018, The Records Unit completed a large record scanning project that included scanning 33 years of microfilmed reports into a local database.

Staff also assists residents with police-related questions at the lobby window. In addition, the Records Unit is responsible for maintaining monthly statistical information for the department.

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<td>Reports</td>
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<td>3,793</td>
<td>4,209</td>
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<td>Illinois Vehicle Code Tickets</td>
<td>7,129</td>
<td>5,916</td>
<td>4,512</td>
<td>5,128</td>
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<td>Parking Tickets</td>
<td>5,008</td>
<td>4,140</td>
<td>3,496</td>
<td>4,201</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>15,893</td>
<td>13,849</td>
<td>12,217</td>
<td>13,548</td>
<td>11,841</td>
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The oldest police report in Woodridge is dated January 1, 1966, and is regarding a stray dog. The Records Unit completed a project to scan decades worth of microfilmed reports in 2018.
COMMUNITY SERVICES
The Community Services Unit focuses on non-emergency calls for service that include vehicle lock-outs, code enforcement, as well as animal control functions. Below is a summary of their activity for 2018.

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<td>Stray Animal Calls</td>
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<td>212</td>
<td>246</td>
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<td>Animal Bite Investigations</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>9</td>
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<tr>
<td>Vehicle Lock-Outs</td>
<td>675</td>
<td>590</td>
<td>365</td>
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<td>Parking Tickets</td>
<td>1,588</td>
<td>2,331</td>
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Community service officer Michael Moers (right) with members of the Village of Woodridge Finance Department on #CityHallSelfie Day, August 21, 2018.
2018 DEPARTMENT AWARDS

Commendation Award: An achievement that brings great credit to the Department and involves performance above and beyond that required by the member’s basic assignment

Life Saving Award: Granted for the successful effort in saving a human life that involved exceptional courage or performance.

Officers Bill Bodnar, Erick Gutierrez, Heidy Begy, and Chris Krawczyk received Lifesaving Awards for administering a dose of Narcan and utilizing the AED on a subject who had overdosed.

Officers Joe Wolfe and Jonah Gage received Lifesaving Awards for performing CPR and applying the AED on an unresponsive subject.

Officers Marlys Gilbert, Erick Gutierrez, Patrice Gonzalez, and Dave Brockway were given Lifesaving Awards for performing CPR and applying the AED and Narcan on a subject who was in cardiac arrest.

Sergeant Bob Chrusciel, Officer Alec Sander, and Officer Brian Michels received Commendations and Officers Erick Gutierrez, Adam Kristof, David Brockway, and Matt Schaefer received Letters of Recognition for their parts in an investigation of an armed robbery which led to the identification of a suspect via witness statements, a recovered fingerprint and phone records.

Sergeant Dan Murray and Officers Chris Krawczyk and Mike Piotrowski received Letters of Recognition for their parts in the investigation and surveillance of a subject who had committed an armed robbery at Arbys. When the subject attempted to rob a local dry cleaners, officers apprehended him.

All of these officers exhibited courage by saving a human life during the course of duties.
Officers Matt Schaefer, Chris Krawczyk, and Mike Piotrowski received Letters of Commendations and Officer Brett Kielbasa received a Letter of Recognition for their actions involving a subject who had a valid concealed carry permit and who was involved in local drug sales. The subject was arrested with over 60 grams of cannabis in his possession which was packaged for individual sales. He also had in his possession a loaded handgun and a loaded 30 round magazine.

Officers Heidy Begy, Brett Kielbasa, and Greg Bernard received Letters of Recognition for their actions during a call that originated as a complaint of a suspicious subject parked in a handicapped parking spot. Their follow-up investigation resulted in the arrest of the subject for possession of a stolen motor vehicle. It was also discovered the subject was involved in drug trafficking.

Officers Joe Wolfe, John Kasperski, and Greg Bernard received Commendations for their investigation of a suspicious vehicle which resulted in the discovery of a loaded handgun and a felony charge of possession of a firearm by someone under the age of 18.

Officer Brett Kielbasa received a Commendation for a traffic stop he conducted which resulted in the discovery of a loaded handgun. The subject in possession of the handgun was charged with a felony for aggravated unlawful use of a weapon.

Officer Brett Kielbasa received a Commendation for his investigative work involving a vehicle which was in the parking lot of a closed business. The driver of the vehicle turned out to be wanted in connection with a homicide in Lombard. He was later convicted.

Officer Luis Rodriguez was awarded a Letter of Recognition for a traffic stop he conducted which resulted in a lengthy foot pursuit. He was able to catch up to the subject, who was wanted on a felony warrant for escape, and take him safely into custody.

Sergeant Dan Murray received a Commendation for his extensive work on an investigation of a murder for hire case which had been discovered initially by the television show 48 Hours. His work resulted in a confession by the suspect and murder for hire charges being filed.
EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The Sworn Officer of the Year Award — Officer Greg Bernard

The Woodridge Police Department hired Ofc. Bernard in 2004. Since then, he has served in many roles during his tenure — including patrol officer, DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) Task Force Member, tactical officer and Field Training Officer (FTO). While assigned to the DEA, Ofc. Bernard was instrumental in helping to dismantle several high profile illegal drug networks.

Ofc. Bernard’s peers recently nominated and selected him “Officer of the Year” for 2018 for his commitment to the department and his willingness to mentor new officers. He personifies what one would call “a cops cop”. Ofc. Bernard knows his job, makes good cases, treats people with respect, and shares his knowledge.

Civilian Employee of the Year — Pam Ward, Administrative Assistant

In grateful recognition of unyielding adherence to the highest standards of performance in maintaining, preserving, and protection of the lawful rights of all.

Ward earned the Civilian of the Year Award for her essential role engaging in administrative and financial aspects of the Police Department.
**PART I CRIMES:** Part I crimes include the most severe crimes impacting society (i.e., homicides, thefts, and assaults.) Part I crimes decreased by 9 percent in 2018 compared to 2017. Part I crimes are at the lowest level in a decade, and have decreased significantly from the 1990s. The Woodridge Police Department attributes the decline in Part I crimes due to proactive policing and increased community engagement.

**59 Percent Decrease: 1990 Part I Crimes Compared to 2018**
**PART II CRIMES:** Part II crimes include controlled substance violations, vehicle offenses, vandalism, and are generally less serious than Part I crimes. Part II crimes decreased in 2018 compared to 2017 by 4 percent.
The Police Department’s budget is a part of the Village’s General Fund. The Police Department’s budget consists of several cost centers that include expenditures related to core police functions, such as squad car equipment, training, uniforms, and salaries. In FY2018, Police Department budget was $8,340,111 compared to $8,050,836 in FY2017. The budget increase is largely due to increases in costs related to personnel expenses and vehicle purchases.

The Police Department maintains a vehicle fleet of 33 police cars. All police cars are replaced in accordance with the vehicle replacement schedule in order to ensure the fleet is operating efficiently. Patrol vehicles are purchased as new vehicles. Once they have reached their useful life of three to four years as a patrol car, these vehicles are turned down and used by the Tactical Unit as well as by Department employees for authorized travel to training and meetings.

The Police Department requested the purchase of four 2018 Ford Utility Police Patrol SUV’s to replace existing Vehicles. It replaced one 2015 Ford Utility Police Patrol SUV and two (2014 Chevrolet Tahoes which were all assigned to the patrol division) Also being replaced was one 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe assigned to the Community Service Officers.

These vehicles were all due to be replaced prior to the CY2018 budget, but those purchases were delayed due to their good operating condition and budgetary considerations.