

# Darien Police Department

## Annual Report

2022



The mission of the Darien Police Department is that of service and safety. The Darien Police Department takes our oath to uphold the law and serve our community seriously. The means by which safety is ensured and service provided may be achieved by different methods including prevention, intervention and suppression strategies. Prevention, intervention and suppression strategic decisions must be moral, ethical and within constitutional law.

Our philosophical approach is to resolve problems and provide service that is accomplished by a variety of means of which enforcement, arrests and ticketing, is only one of many options. We are a data driven agency, whereby we analyze problems and come up with a more permanent fix by working with the community not for the community – a partnership.

## **MISSION**

The police department can categorize our work into three main functions, crime, crashes and concerns. Crime and safety is an obvious police function. We do our best to analyze crime and place manpower where and when it is most effective, matching calls for service and crime with staffing. We undertake various strategies to keep crime as low as possible. Crashes too are an obvious police function. Driver safety is an important aspect of the duties we perform. Concerns may not be as obvious a police function, but probably the most time consuming police activities. Concerns include many matters such as homelessness, mental health, medical assistance, suspicious activities and many more.

For the most part the measurement of crime hasn't changed since the inception of Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) during the 1930s. However, for a long period of time there has been talk, and limited implementation of, a new crime reporting system called National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS). For us we're starting to report crime using NIBRS January 1, 2023. However, to show change over time, we've included 2021 and 2020 crime data in this report using NIBRS reporting rules to show comparison over time.

NIBRS breaks crime down into two groups, Group A which includes crimes against property, person and society and Group B which are other crimes and incidents. NIBRS counts more crime types than UCR did and NIBRS counts all criminal acts that occur in a single incident where UCR counted the most serious of the criminal acts. For example, an offender forced entry into a house, sexually assaulted and killed the homeowner under UCR rules we would only report the murder. Under NIBRS we would report the murder, rape and burglary. NIBRS may be a better system in that there is more transparency in what occurs in our community by counting all crime incidents as well as all criminal acts that occur in a single incident.

Please remember the change is going to give the appearance of an increase in crime. An increase in crime may or may not be an accurate perception due to two distinctly different methods of counting crime. The question that must be asked is, whether crime is up or down because the frequency of crimes being committed are increasing or decreasing or is crime up or down because we are no longer counting crime in the same manner.

Because previous years (2019 and before) were not coded with NIBRS codes it will be nearly impossible without great effort to compare longer time frames as we did with UCR where we looked back five, ten or twenty plus years.

**Person Crime**

The amount of crimes against persons increased in 2022 as compared to 2021 by 0.9%. There were 117 reported crimes against persons in 2022 up from 116 in 2021 or 1 more crime.

| <b><u>NIBRS</u></b>                       | <b><u>Category</u></b>      | <b><u>2022</u></b> | <b><u>2021</u></b> | <b><u>2020</u></b> | <b><u>1 Year Change</u></b> | <b><u>2 Year Change</u></b> |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 9   | Murder                      | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0.0%                        | 0.0%                        |
| 11  | Sexual Assault (Forcible)   | 5                  | 11                 | 9                  | -54.5%                      | -44.4%                      |
| 36  | Sex Offenses (Non-Forcible) | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0.0%                        | 0.0%                        |
| 13  | Assaults                    | 112                | 104                | 90                 | 7.7%                        | 24.4%                       |
| 64  | Human Trafficking           | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0.0%                        | 0.0%                        |
| 100                                       | Kidnapping                  | 0                  | 1                  | 1                  | -100.0%                     | -100.0%                     |
| <b><i>Total Crimes Against Person</i></b> |                             | <b>117</b>         | <b>116</b>         | <b>100</b>         | <b>0.9%</b>                 | <b>17.0%</b>                |

One of the five sexual assault incidents was cleared exceptionally. Cleared exceptionally means that sufficient probable cause for an arrest was established and the offender was clearly identified, but matters outside the control of law enforcement an arrest could not be made. No arrests were made in the sexual assault incidents.

A battery is when someone is physically harmed an assault is when a person is in reasonable apprehension of receiving a battery. The term assaults, here, is inclusive of assaults and batteries. Assaults were cleared by exception 18 times and by an arrest 44 times for 62 clearances. In total there were 63 person crime cases cleared or 53.8% clearance rate.

**Property Crime**

Property crime saw 7.0% decrease in crime. A good thing to report, however, this was driven by a significant decrease in fraud cases. In prior years when reporting crime using UCR rules we did not report fraud.

Darien residents witnessed an 11.5% decrease in burglary whether residential or commercial and a 53.3% decrease in vehicle theft. Those two categories of property crime are reported by the same rules whether UCR or NIBRS.

The sub-category of property crime that is driving property crime to increase is theft which is up 189%. However, if we used UCR reporting rules we would have reported 154 thefts in 2022 and 163 in 2021.

Another item to note utilizing NIBRS reporting rules robbery is now a property crime where under UCR reporting rules it was a crime against person. A robbery requires force or a threat of force, it can be armed, unarmed, or weapon implied. It certainly appears that it is more appropriate that

robbery be listed as a crime against person, however, we are reporting following NIBRS reporting rules.

| <b><u>NIBRS</u></b>          | <b><u>Category</u></b> | <b><u>2022</u></b> | <b><u>2021</u></b> | <b><u>2020</u></b> | <b><u>1 Year Change</u></b> | <b><u>2 Year Change</u></b> |
|------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 120                          | Robbery                | 0                  | 3                  | 4                  | -100.0%                     | -100.0%                     |
| 200                          | Arson                  | 1                  | 0                  | 2                  | 0.0%                        | -50.0%                      |
| 210                          | Extortion              | 0                  | 2                  | 6                  | -100.0%                     | -100.0%                     |
| 220                          | Burglary               | 23                 | 26                 | 30                 | -11.5%                      | -23.3%                      |
| 23                           | Theft                  | 214                | 74                 | 179                | 189.2%                      | 19.6%                       |
| 240                          | Vehicle Theft          | 7                  | 15                 | 8                  | -53.3%                      | -12.5%                      |
| 250                          | Forgery                | 8                  | 10                 | 3                  | -20.0%                      | 166.7%                      |
| 26                           | Fraud                  | 145                | 318                | 423                | -54.4%                      | -65.7%                      |
| 270                          | Embezzlement           | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0.0%                        | 0.0%                        |
| 280                          | Stolen Property        | 5                  | 0                  | 3                  | 0.0%                        | 66.7%                       |
| 290                          | Criminal Damage        | 61                 | 51                 | 50                 | 19.6%                       | 22.0%                       |
| 510                          | Bribery                | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0.0%                        | 0.0%                        |
| <b><i>Total Property</i></b> |                        | <b>464</b>         | <b>499</b>         | <b>708</b>         | <b>-7.0%</b>                | <b>-34.5%</b>               |

An arrest was made for the crime of arson. Two of the burglaries resulted in an arrest. Of the 214 thefts 10 were cleared exceptionally and 72 were cleared by arrest. No arrests were made for any of the seven vehicle thefts or the forgeries. Arrests were made in two fraud cases and eleven were cleared by exception. Of the five stolen property cases arrests were made in two of them and one was cleared exceptionally. Six criminal damage to property cases were cleared by an arrest and two cleared exceptionally. A total of 109 cases out of 464 were cleared giving us a property crime clearance rate of 23.5%.

### **Societal Crime**

A new category of crime being counted under NIBRS reporting rules is societal crime. Frequently the term “victimless” crime is used. However, in 2022 drugs killed well over 100,000 people nationwide. According to the Center for Disease Control and other authorities drug overdoses are on the increase. In DuPage County there were over 40 drug overdose deaths and 277 overdoses. In Darien there were no overdose deaths, but we responded to 7 drug overdose situations.

| <b><u>NIBRS</u></b>          | <b><u>Category</u></b> | <b><u>2022</u></b> | <b><u>2021</u></b> | <b><u>2020</u></b> | <b><u>1 Year Change</u></b> | <b><u>2 Year Change</u></b> |
|------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 35                           | Drug                   | 60                 | 102                | 64                 | -41.2%                      | -6.3%                       |
| 370                          | Pornography            | 2                  | 9                  | 4                  | -77.8%                      | -50.0%                      |
| 39                           | Gambling               | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0.0%                        | 0.0%                        |
| 40                           | Prostitution           | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0.0%                        | 0.0%                        |
| 520                          | Weapons                | 12                 | 6                  | 10                 | 100.0%                      | 20.0%                       |
| 720                          | Animal Cruelty         | 0                  | 0                  | 0                  | 0.0%                        | 0.0%                        |
| <b><i>Total Societal</i></b> |                        | <b>74</b>          | <b>117</b>         | <b>78</b>          | <b>-36.8%</b>               | <b>-5.1%</b>                |

Of the 60 drug cases 52 ended with the offender being arrested and one case was cleared exceptionally. No arrests were made in either of the pornography cases. Eight of the weapon related cases an arrest was made and one case was cleared exceptionally.

**Total Person, Property & Societal Crime**

Adding together crimes against person, property crimes and societal crime shows Darien decreased crime by 10.5% or 77 fewer crimes.

|                                      | <b>2022</b> | <b>2021</b> | <b>2020</b> | <b><u>1 Year Change</u></b> | <b><u>2 Year Change</u></b> |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b><i>Total Group A Offenses</i></b> | 655         | 732         | 886         | -10.5%                      | -26.1%                      |

**Other Crime**

Another change from UCR to NIBRS includes a category of Group B offenses. Below are those types of incidents NIBRS considers as Group B. Some of these incidents had been reported previously as part 2 crimes under UCR reporting rules, now those crimes and other incidents are included in NIBRS Group B cases.

| <b>NIBRS</b>                         | <b>Category</b>               | <b>2022</b> | <b>2021</b> | <b>2020</b> | <b><u>1 Year Change</u></b> | <b><u>2 Year Change</u></b> |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 90A                                  | Bad Checks                    | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0.0%                        | 0.0%                        |
| 90B                                  | Curfew                        | 1           | 0           | 0           | 0.0%                        | 0.0%                        |
| 90C                                  | Disorderly Conduct            | 41          | 46          | 39          | -10.9%                      | 5.1%                        |
| 90D                                  | DUI                           | 67          | 80          | 53          | -16.3%                      | 26.4%                       |
| 90F                                  | Family Offenses (Non-Violent) | 106         | 66          | 83          | 60.6%                       | 27.7%                       |
| 90G                                  | Liquor Law Violation          | 9           | 7           | 5           | 28.6%                       | 80.0%                       |
| 90H                                  | Peeping Tom                   | 0           | 0           | 0           | 0.0%                        | 0.0%                        |
| 90I                                  | MRAI                          | 1           | 1           | 3           | 0.0%                        | -66.7%                      |
| 90J                                  | Trespass                      | 14          | 18          | 21          | -22.2%                      | -33.3%                      |
| 90Z                                  | All Other Crimes              | 207         | 251         | 122         | -17.5%                      | 69.7%                       |
| <b><i>Total Group B Offenses</i></b> |                               | 446         | 469         | 326         | -4.9%                       | 36.8%                       |

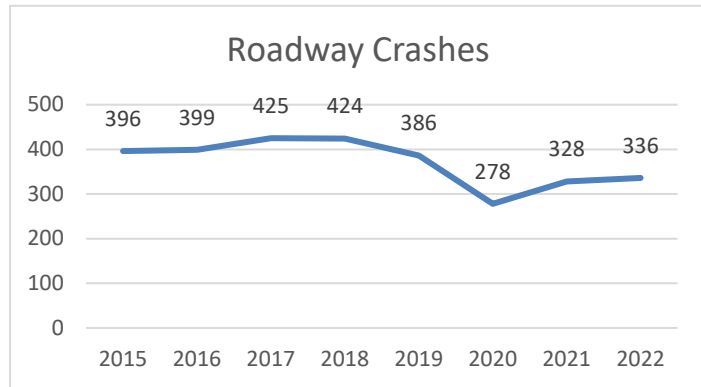
**All NIBRS Incidents**

To look at both Group A and B items that are tracked through NIBRS there is a 8.3% decrease in the amount of reported activity or 100 fewer reported incidents between 2021 and 2022.

| <b>NIBRS</b>                  | <b>Category</b> | <b>2022</b> | <b>2021</b> | <b>2020</b> | <b><u>1 Year Change</u></b> | <b><u>2 Year Change</u></b> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b><i>Total All Crime</i></b> |                 | 1101        | 1201        | 1212        | -8.3%                       | -9.2%                       |

## Traffic Crashes

The safety of the driving public is important aspect to the Darien community. To determine the safety of the driving public the measure used is the frequency of crashes on public right-of-ways. Darien saw a 2.4% increase in accidents, or 8 more crashes, on the public way in 2022 compared to 2021.



There were no fatal crashes in 2022 and injury crashes are down 13% or 7 fewer than 2021. Total property damage only crashes increased compared to last year by 5.5% or 15 more crashes than occurred in 2021. Crashes due to impaired driving decreased 28.6% or two less.

|                         | <u>YTD</u><br><u>2022</u> | <u>YTD</u><br><u>2021</u> | <u>YTD</u><br><u>2017</u> | <u>1 Year</u><br><u>Change</u> | <u>5 Year</u><br><u>Change</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Private Property</b> | 142                       | 168                       | 224                       | -15.5%                         | -36.6%                         |
| Hit & Run               | 26                        | 39                        | 53                        | -33.3%                         | -50.9%                         |
| <b>Public Way</b>       |                           |                           |                           |                                |                                |
| No Injuries             | 289                       | 274                       | 349                       | 5.5%                           | -17.2%                         |
| Injury                  | 47                        | 54                        | 75                        | -13.0%                         | -37.3%                         |
| Fatal                   | 0                         | 0                         | 1                         | 0.0%                           | -100.0%                        |
| <b>Total Public Way</b> | <b>336</b>                | <b>328</b>                | <b>425</b>                | <b>2.4%</b>                    | <b>-20.9%</b>                  |
| Fatalities              | 0                         | 0                         | 0                         | 0.0%                           | 0.0%                           |
| Hit & Run               | 34                        | 30                        | 24                        | 13.3%                          | 41.7%                          |
| DUI                     | 5                         | 7                         | 8                         | -28.6%                         | -37.5%                         |

The top crash locations did not change much. Most of the crash locations from the prior year are on the list but maybe in a slightly different order.

|                      |                          |    |
|----------------------|--------------------------|----|
| Cass Avenue          | 75 <sup>th</sup> Street  | 47 |
| Cass Avenue          | Plainfield Road          | 23 |
| Lemont Road          | 87 <sup>th</sup> Street  | 23 |
| Plainfield Road      | 75 <sup>th</sup> Street  | 23 |
| Lemont Road          | I-55                     | 16 |
| Lemont Road          | 83 <sup>rd</sup> Street  | 12 |
| Clarendon Hills Road | 67 <sup>th</sup> Street  | 12 |
| Cass Avenue          | 71 <sup>st</sup> Street  | 8  |
| Cass Avenue          | Hinswood Drive           | 8  |
| Plainfield Road      | Clarendon Hills Road     | 8  |
| Lemont Road          | Cheese Road              | 6  |
| Lemont Road          | 103 <sup>rd</sup> Street | 6  |
| Cass Avenue          | S Frontage Road          | 5  |
| Cass Avenue          | N Frontage Road          | 5  |
| Lemont Road          | Woodmere Drive           | 4  |
| Lyman Avenue         | 75 <sup>th</sup> Street  | 4  |
| Plainfield Road      | Tennessee Avenue         | 3  |
| Plainfield Road      | Manning Road             | 3  |
| Plainfield Road      | High Road                | 3  |

Roadways with higher collision rates regardless of cross street are:

|                         |    |
|-------------------------|----|
| Cass Avenue             | 71 |
| Lemont Road             | 66 |
| Plainfield Road         | 65 |
| 75 <sup>th</sup> Street | 31 |
| Clarendon Hills Road    | 17 |
| North Frontage Road     | 17 |
| 87 <sup>th</sup> Street | 10 |

**Traffic Enforcement**

Officers continue to try to making Darien streets safe. To that end officers made 7,739 traffic stops in 2022 compared to 7027 in 2021 a 10.1% increase. Officers wrote 6,860 traffic citations in those 7,739 traffic stops in 2022.

Of the 6,860 citations issued in 2022 3,825 were moving violations. The violation types were:

| <u>Violation Type</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>2021</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Speeding              | 2656        | 3711        |
| Registration          | 1373        | 1005        |
| Equipment             | 853         | 1398        |
| Traffic Control       | 552         | 766         |
| Insurance             | 418         | 384         |
| License               | 305         | 405         |
| Lane                  | 235         | 305         |
| Turning               | 197         | 211         |
| Miscellaneous         | 153         | 134         |
| Yield                 | 79          | 85          |
| Cannabis              | 39          | 84          |

**Concerns**

We track citizen concerns on various issues. See below chart for the locations residents informed us about regarding a situation and how we responded.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Subject</u> | <u>Location</u>                         | <u>Frequency</u> | <u>Stops</u> | <u>Tickets</u> | <u>Warnings</u> |
|-------------|----------------|---|------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 12/28/22    | Speeding       | Cass Ave & 75th St                      | 10               | 0            | 0              | 0               |
| 12/09/22    | Speeding       | Cass Ave & 75th St                      | 6                | 2            | 1              | 1               |
| 10/21/22    | Speeding       | Oldfield Rd. N. Frontage to Washington  | 34               | 29           | 23             | 13              |
| 10/07/22    | School Bus     | Woodland & N. Frontage Rd.              | 9                | 0            | 0              | 0               |
| 10/03/22    | Speeding       | 67th St. - Cass to Clarendon Hills Rd   | 112              | 53           | 37             | 36              |
| 09/14/22    | Speeding       | 68th St. - Cass to Clarendon Hills Rd   | 35               | 13           | 5              | 0               |
| 09/01/22    | Speeding       | Regency Grove & Adams St                | 7                | 0            | 0              | 0               |
| 08/30/22    | Speeding       | 3000 Block of Beller                    | 16               | 8            | 2              | 8               |
| 08/08/22    | Speeding       | Williams - 75th & Plainfield Rd         | 10               | 14           | 4              | 11              |
| 06/29/22    | Speeding       | Oldfield Rd - N. Frontage to Washington | 51               | 54           | 41             | 29              |
| 06/09/22    | Speeding       | 68th St. - Cass to Clarendon Hills Rd   | 74               | 45           | 20             | 47              |
| 05/24/22    | Speeding       | Williams - 75th & Plainfield Rd         | 21               | 17           | 4              | 16              |
| 05/12/22    | Speeding       | 68th St. - Cass to Clarendon Hills Rd   | 13               | 6            | 3              | 5               |

The police department continues trying to keep crime down by being proactive. Activities such as vacation house watches. We checked on 267 homes 1,550 times while the owners were out of town. Additionally, officers continue to make school visits and monitor Community Park.

Secured in the lobby of the police department is a vault where members of the public may turn in drugs they no longer need. There were 189 pounds of pills deposited in 2022 down from 298 pounds in 2021. Packaging, vials, etc. are not allowed. Drugs are placed into plastic bags and deposited in the vault. Each day the vault is emptied and the drugs turned over to an agency who destroys the drugs in an eco-friendly manner. Getting drugs off the street hopefully will play a part in the decrease in the number of overdoses.

The police department responded to or were involved in 70 mental health incidents. Citizen assist were 121. We encourage the public to call when they see a suspicious person, vehicle, or incident. The police department responded to 107 such incidents.

## **COMMUNITY-ORIENTED POLICING**

Officers and support staff are involved in the community in various activities totaling hundreds of hours. Many of those hours are voluntary – unpaid.

- Westmont Squad Car Night was attended by Officer Jen Dollins and CSO Bill Whitesides in June.
- Safety Village occurred on June 15th, 22nd, 29th and July 13<sup>th</sup> with morning and afternoon sessions. Officers Pastick, Somogye and Oplawski participated interacting with numerous children teaching a total of eight classes. The officers spent about 1 ½ hours in each class discussing topics with 20 to 30 kids per class.
- National Night Out was held on August 2<sup>nd</sup> several officers and supervisors participated including Dollins, Kosieniak, Dlugopolski, Servin, Cachro, Rumick, Milazzo, Lorek, Somogye, Simek, Norton, Thomas, Jump, Kano, Hruby and Kraus. Approximately 200 people participated in the event. Darien officers had an opportunity to have conversations and interact with the public during this event.
- Cop on Top occurred on August 19<sup>th</sup> at the Dunkin Donuts at Cass and Plainfield. Those participating included: Parris, Dollins, Rundell, Milazzo, Pastick, Kosieniak, Servin, Dlugopolski, Lorek, Jump, Giza, Stutte, Simek, Skweres, Norton and Thomas. Over \$3,500 was donated for Special Olympics. Officers had positive interactions with the public.
- Cruisin on Cass at the Q Bar parking lot had a number of officers and CSO Whiteside attend police night on June 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Coffee with a Cop occurred at McDonald's on October 5<sup>th</sup> for two hours. In attendance were: Kosieniak, Cachro, Lorek, Glomb, Keough, Oplawski and Dollins. McDonald's was very gracious in offering a space, plus free coffee and pastries for attendees. Unfortunately like many prior years this event was poorly attended.
- Movember occurs during the month of November and raised \$1,150 for men's health. Participants were: Cachro, Glomb, Jump, Kano, Keough, Kosieniak, Liss, Lorek, Milazzo,



Norton, O'Brien, Oplawski, Parris, Pastick, Rumick, Rundell, Servin, Simek, Skweres, Somogye and Yeo.

For 2023 we plan on more outreach activities through both in-person meetings and social media. The library agreed to host a discussion on various topics once a month starting in the fall of 2023. We had two neighborhood meetings and hope to have more of them. Neighborhood meetings allow for neighbors to ask any question of the police. We do give a short presentation on crime, but the meetings are designed to be community driven.

We have increased the number of people following the police department on Twitter and other social media platforms. We hope to get a public service message out once a month and continue notifying the public about issues that occur, such as road closures.

## HONOR

We continue to conduct our due diligence to hire the personnel with high moral and ethical character. Officer candidates must pass a rigorous hiring process that includes: application, orientation, physical fitness test, written test, structured oral interview, polygraph examination, psychological examination, background investigation, medical examination and drug test. Once hired the officer must attend and pass a fourteen week basic academy, sixteen week intensive field training and evaluation program and one year of probation. We are confident that we have done our best to hire people with strong values and principles. Once hired we train personnel to a high level of competence and continue to train personnel. We are dedicated to insure personnel are very competent in the handling of police and service duties.

### Employee Recognition

There were 28 letters of appreciation / thanks from citizens to our officers.

The following personnel earned a lifesaving award in 2022:

|                            |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Auxiliary Operator Bucholz | Attempted Suicide |
| Officer Kano               | Cardiac Arrest    |
| Officer Jairala            | Cardiac Arrest    |
| Officer Milazzo            | Overdose          |
| Officer Nelson             | Drowning          |
| Officer Nelson             | Overdose          |
| Officer Noga               | Overdose          |
| Officer Servin             | Overdose          |

Officers Somogye and Oplawski earned letters of commendation for their actions in response to, and the arrest of, the active shooter that occurred at the Weather Tech facility on June 26<sup>th</sup>.

Officers Hruby, Noga, Nelson, Jump and Jairala earned recognition from the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) for their exceptional DUI enforcement efforts.

## **Employee Discipline**

We want to make sure we are honorable and continually earn the public's respect and trust as we respect and trust the public. Therefore we do not shy away from investigating complaints against personnel. We have well trained and strictly vetted officers who understand and live by their oath of office and oath of honor which states,

On my honor, I will never betray my integrity, my character or the public trust. I will always have the courage to hold myself and others accountable for our actions. I will always maintain the highest ethical standards and uphold the values of my community, and the agency I serve.

From January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, Darien Police Department received over 14,000 calls for service. Amongst these incidents, officers made over 7,739 traffic stops and engaged in over 450 arrests.

Darien Police Department received six citizen generated complaints in 2022. Of those complaints, five were policy violations and one was for conduct. Each of these complaints were thoroughly investigated.

- Two incidents officers were exonerated (alleged acts occurred but were justified).
- Two incidents were unfounded (the alleged act did not occur).
- One incident was unsubstantiated (cannot prove or disprove the allegation based on a preponderance of evidence).
- One incident was sustained (alleged act occurred and was not within policy). The officer received an oral reprimand.

The Darien Police Department has continued the use of a formal administrative review procedure for use of force incidents, pursuits, deployment of stop sticks and other unusual occurrences. Stop sticks are a tool to flatten a fleeing vehicle's tires to force it to stop prior to the car causing injury to others. A sergeant whom was not directly involved in the incident is tasked with reviewing the incident to determine whether the officer's actions were within department policy and state laws. These investigations are deemed to be "in compliance" or "not in compliance" by the investigating supervisor. When an incident is deemed to be not in compliance a performance complaint investigation is conducted.

## **Vehicle Pursuits**

There were two instances in 2022 where a total of seven officers were involved in a pursuit in some manner. After a review of the incidents, two officers were found to be in violation of department policy and a performance complaint was drafted and investigated.

## **Use of Force**

Last year there were 19 incidents where 43 officers deemed it necessary to use force during the course of their duties. Each incident and the actions of the officers involved were reviewed by an uninvolved supervisor. In all 19 instances the officer's actions were found to be in compliance with policy and law. Under the SAFE-T Act new requirements were added, (1) Duty to Render Aid, (2) Duty to Report and (3) Duty to Intervene. In all cases officers were in compliance with

the new requirements. Requirements that the Darien Police Department held as policy before the law was enacted.

Officers used verbalization skills and empty hand control in all the incidents. Six times an officer had to deploy his/her firearm to gain compliance. The reason for using force included: making an arrest, prevent an escape, defending oneself and prevent a violent crime.

Officers responded to over 14,000 calls for service and made 450 arrests utilized force in 19 situations for the year 2022.

## **PERSONNEL**

### **Retirements**

Sergeant William (Bill) Greenberg retired after 25 years of dedicated service to the Darien community.

Community Service Operator Dave Wiggins retired from the police department.

### **Promotions**

Officer Geoff Kosieniak was promoted to sergeant and is assigned to Shift 2 leading Squad A.

### **New Hires**

We had no new hires in 2022.

### **Assignments**

Officers Pastick & Rumick were added to our team of Field Training Officers.

### **Transfers**

Officer Matt Rundell completed his service as the School Resource Officer and transferred back to patrol. Officer Simon Versis was selected as the School Resource Officer and started at Hinsdale South High School in June.

Detective Rick Hellmann completed his assignment as a detective and was transferred to patrol. Patrol Officer Rich Stutte was transferred from patrol operations to the investigations division to replace Officer Hellmann.

## **ORGANIZATION**

### **Generally**

Our patrol division provides complete police coverage throughout the city all throughout the year.

We continue to have an investigative division that includes, detectives, a School Resource Officer (SRO) and an officer assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). The detective unit investigates criminal offenses, fatal / near fatal accidents, missing persons as well as other issues.

Our SRO is not in the school to arrest offenders, though he can, most of his day is spent on positive interactions with students.

### **Drug Enforcement Task Force**

The officer assigned to the DEA task force has done a great job being involved in major drug cases in and around the DuPage County area making numerous arrests, taking large amounts of drugs off the streets and seizing \$153,048 in cash drug dealers would have profited from their illegal activities.

### **Canine Unit**

In 2022, the Darien Canine Unit responded to a total of 94 calls for service. Of the 94 calls for service, 37 were generated within Darien. The Canine Team was responsible for:

- Cannabis                      24 Alerts      26.4 Kilograms Seized
- Methamphetamine        5 Alerts      2.4 Kilograms Seized
- Heroin                        2 Alerts     109.0 Grams Seized
- Cocaine                      1 Alert      1.7 Kilograms Seized
- Drug Paraphernalia                      5 Items Seized
- Guns Recovered                            6 Seized
- People Searches                            3 Recovered

The team assisted numerous agencies including, Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), Metropolitan Emergency Response and Investigations Team (MERIT), Illinois State Police (ISP), Woodridge, Elmhurst, Lisle, Westmont, DuPage Metropolitan Enforcement Group (DuMEG), Wheaton, DuPage County Sheriff Office (DCSO), Downers Grove, Lombard and Aurora. The case from Aurora was locating a murder suspect.

### **Juvenile Matters**

The Peer Jury program, an alternative to juvenile court, is for first time offenders who committed a non-serious offense. High school juniors are selected for a two year term to participate as jurors in the program. We utilized Peer Jury once in 2022.

Numerous officers are trained as juvenile specialists to help underage persons are led away from crime and issues that would harm them.

### **DuMEG Partnership**

There are numerous functions and attempts to curtail the ills of narcotics through enforcement, education and seizing of funds that were gained through illegal operations.

DuMEG conducted 357 cases with 203 arrests seizing 53 weapons, and numerous drug items. None of the operations were within Darien.

### **MERIT**

The Darien Police Department is a partner with the Metropolitan Emergency Response and Investigations Team (MERIT). We used MERIT on three occasions in 2022. They included

utilizing the Drone Team twice, once for a crash and once for a missing person search. The Major Crash Reconstruction Team was used once.

**Evidence**

An audit of guns, money and drugs was conducted. The audit showed all items were properly logged and accounted for with no discrepancies. At the conclusion of the audit 22 firearms were turned over to a company that pulverizes firearms scheduled for destruction. The company video records the destruction of these weapons and is sent to our department which is retained as evidence of the destruction of these firearms.

Once again the department used the drug incinerator that was purchased in 2018 to destroy numerous drug items. In 2022 property managers burned or otherwise destroyed 205 items. Drug burns are conducted per department policy which includes the requirement of multiple property room officers in attendance during the destruction of any items. All property officers in attendance sign off on a paper copy documenting each item destroyed and they then update all items in the evidence database.

There were 1,060 pieces of evidence collected in 2022 of which 148 items sent to the lab for analysis.

**9-1-1 Services**

DuCOMM continues to be a great partner managing calls for service. Merging 9-1-1 centers was required by state statute, but it was also good financially and operationally. Police chiefs, for the most part, remained in charge of governance. DuCOMM receives funding from the Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB). This helps defray a significant portion of the cost to operate the 9-1-1 center.

DuCOMM managed 6,284 citizen generated calls for service. A citizen generated call when a member of the public calls into DuCOMM whether dialing a 10 digit number or 9-1-1. DuCOMM operators managed 7,739 officer initiated calls for service. An officer initiated call for service can be created by an officer calling DuCOMM from his portable radio or creating a call for service utilizing the computer in his/her squad car. Officer Initiated calls for service are proactive situations where officers are trying to accomplish goals of problem reduction.

|                           | Citizen Generated CFS |             |             | 1 Year %      | 2 Year %       |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|
|                           | 2022                  | 2021        | 2020        | Change        | Change         |
| Shift 1 (6:00am - 6:00pm) | 3869                  | 4074        | 4263        | -5.03%        | -9.24%         |
| Shift 2 (6:00pm - 6:00am) | 2415                  | 2516        | 2448        | -4.01%        | -1.35%         |
| <b>Shift Total</b>        | <b>6284</b>           | <b>6590</b> | <b>6711</b> | <b>-4.64%</b> | <b>-14.70%</b> |

|                           | Officer Initiated CFS |             |             | 1 Year %       | 2 Year %       |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|
|                           | 2022                  | 2021        | 2020        | Change         | Change         |
| Shift 1 (6:00am - 6:00pm) | 3564                  | 4092        | 3992        | -12.90%        | -10.72%        |
| Shift 2 (6:00pm - 6:00am) | 4175                  | 4981        | 3640        | -16.18%        | 14.70%         |
| <b>Shift Total</b>        | <b>7739</b>           | <b>9073</b> | <b>7632</b> | <b>-14.70%</b> | <b>-14.70%</b> |

### **Training**

In our 2021 annual report we announced that in 2022 Darien was going to implement a 40 hour continuing education program. That program was in fact implemented and the Darien Police Department held five sessions, eight hours each in 2022. Topics included CPR/AED training, Law Updates, Firearms, Defensive Tactics, Sexual Harassment, Rescue Task Force / Active Shooter, Resiliency for Police, and Taser. Many of these topics are required certifications and others are mandated from the SAFE-T Act.

In addition to the new 40 hour continuing education program, there were a total of 2,873 training hours completed by officers attending 568 training courses.

### **Building & Grounds**

After several years of addressing issues with the building no major changes occurred in 2022.

### **Equipment & Technology**

No major equipment or technology advances were made in 2022.