



HANOVER PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT 2025 ANNUAL REPORT



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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



**TO: Village President Rod Craig
Elected Officials of the Village of Hanover Park
Village Manager Courtney Sage
Officers and Civilians of the Hanover Park Police Department
All Citizens of the Village of Hanover Park**

To our elected officials, residents, business community, and all those connected to Hanover Park, I am pleased to present to you the Hanover Park Police Department's 2025 Annual Report. This report provides a comprehensive overview of the police department's programs, highlights, and accomplishments throughout the year.

I could not be prouder to report that the Village once again recorded an all-time record low Part I crime total, with 175 crimes reported. This represented a 10% decline from last year, which was also an all-time record low total. As indicated in the charts on page 13 and 14, double digit declines were recorded for violent and property crime in the Village. I would like to thank our Elected Officials, other Village staff, and community stakeholders for their unwavering support in our mission to keep Hanover Park safe.

Additionally, we received first place in the Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge competition for municipalities of 51-65 sworn officers. This competitive award program evaluates police departments for their traffic safety public education, officer training, enforcement, and problem-solving efforts. Overall traffic crashes in the Village held steady with recent historic lows, with a small 3% increase.

In terms of transparency, I am very pleased to report that out of over 44,500 calls for service in 2025, the department only received two complaints against officers from outside sources, and two from within that were initiated by supervisors. Further, our officers used force only 25 times, representing only .056% of total calls for service. These are tremendous results and the community can rely upon this to rest assured that our officers are serving them in a professional and capable manner on a daily basis.

We also held our second Citizens' Police Academy class, led by Lt. Gordon Hendry. The 10-week program ran from September through November and participants had the opportunity to learn more about all aspects of the department, participate in scenario-based hands-on training exercises, gain insight into law enforcement tactics, procedures, equipment, and policing strategies, and interact directly with our officers, civilian employees, and command staff. We are excited to offer this program again later in 2026.

Lastly, we remained committed to our community outreach strategy and held a very successful COPS Day Picnic, Cops and Cones event at Green Valley Golf Range, Cop on a Rooftop at Dunkin' to raise funds for Special Olympics Illinois, and our Shop with a Cop program to provide holiday gifts to children in need within our Village. We hope to see you at these events as we move further into 2026! Please remember to like and follow Hanover Park PD and the Village of Hanover Park on Facebook to stay informed.

Thank you for your interest in our Annual Report and Stay Safe!

Chief Andrew Johnson

MISSION STATEMENT

HANOVER PARK POLICE MISSION

The mission of the Hanover Park Police Department is to provide quality law enforcement services, maintain and improve community livability by working with all citizens to preserve life, maintain human rights, protect property, and promote individual responsibility, community commitment and involvement.

HANOVER PARK POLICE VISION

The Hanover Park Police Department will be an elite police agency based on its dedication to the safety and security of the people of Hanover Park through the use of innovative and proactive policing strategies.

This will be accomplished by fostering a partnership with the community while maintaining a commitment to national accreditation and the responsible management of the department's resources.

The department will combine the principles of intelligence driven policing with a community policing approach as a cutting edge policing style to control crime. This will be achieved through the department's integrity, professionalism and commitment to our community and employees.



DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION



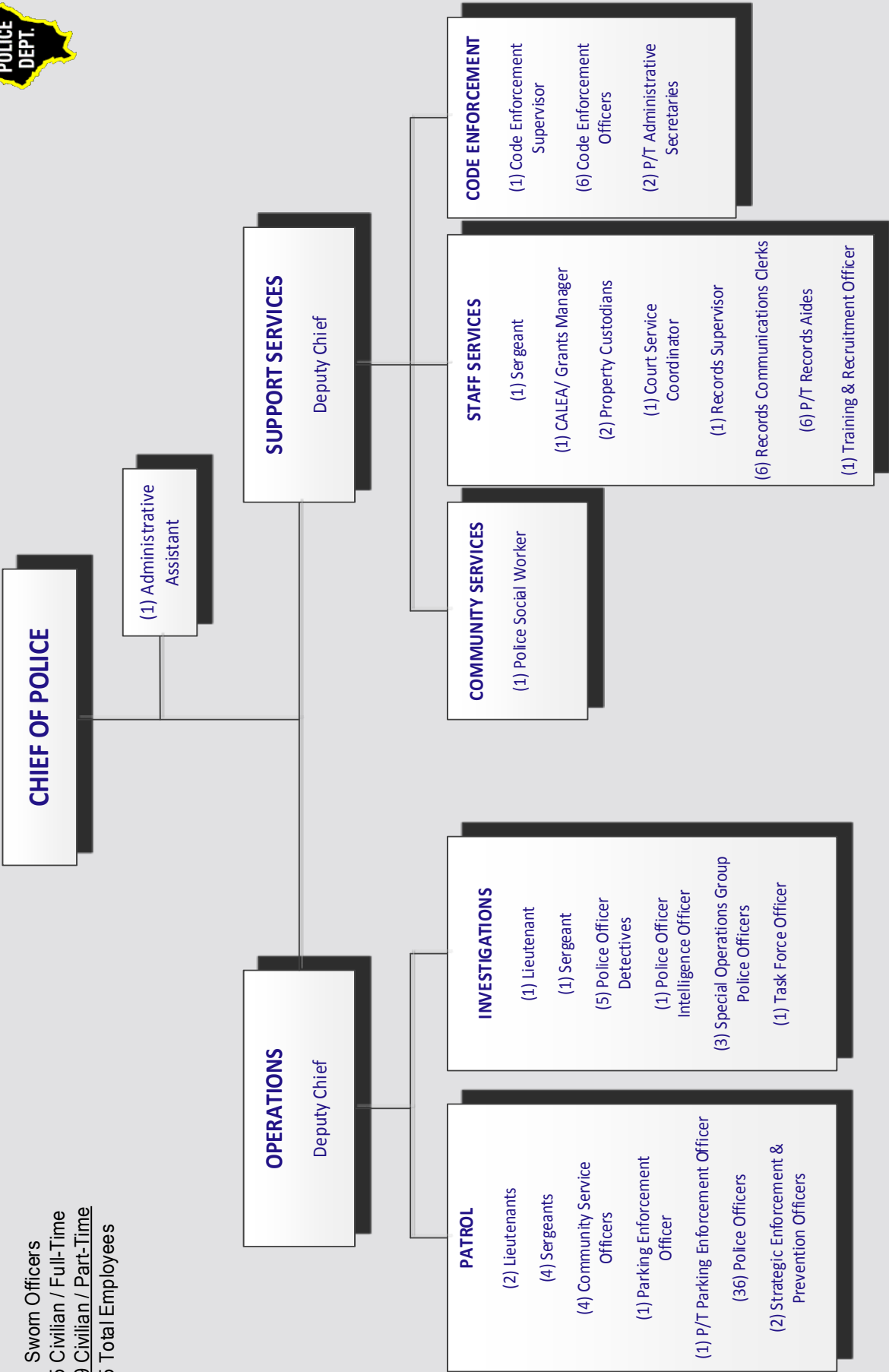
VILLAGE OF HANOVER PARK

Police Department

Table of Organization



61 Sworn Officers
25 Civilian / Full-Time
9 Civilian / Part-Time
95 Total Employees



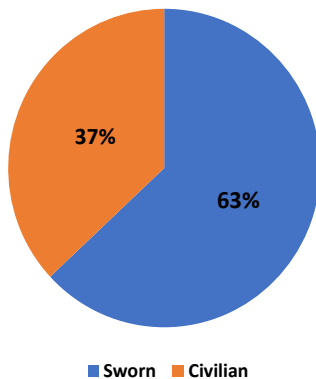
DEPARTMENT DEMOGRAPHICS

In 2025, the Hanover Park Police Department had an authorized strength of 95 employees which includes 61 sworn officers and 34 civilians. At the time of the data collection, the department had 92 employees and three vacant positions.

EMPLOYEE TYPE

The department's employee type consisted of 58 sworn officers with three vacant positions (63%) and 34 civilians (37%).

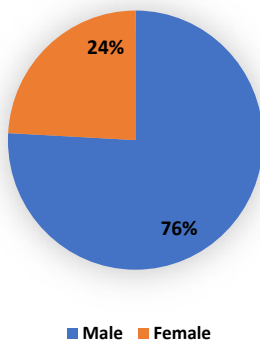
EMPLOYEE TYPE



GENDER DEMOGRAPHICS

The police department employs 56 males which comprises 61% of the total employees while 36 females comprise 39% of the total employees. Sworn employees comprise 63% of the total employees of which 44 are males (76%) and 14 are females (24%). The civilian employees comprise 37% of the total employees and consist of 12 males (35%) and 22 females (65%).

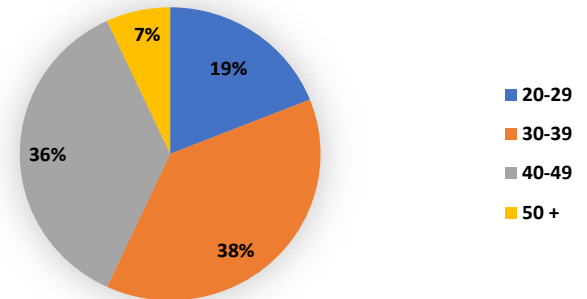
SWORN GENDER DEMOGRAPHICS



AGE DEMOGRAPHICS

The age demographics are separated by sworn and civilian. The sworn employees consist of 19% between the ages of 20-29, 38% between the ages of 30-39, 36% between the ages of 40-49 and 7% are over the age of 50. The civilian employees consist of 15% between the ages of 20-29, 17% between the ages of 30-39, 6% between the ages of 40-49 and 62% over the age of 50.

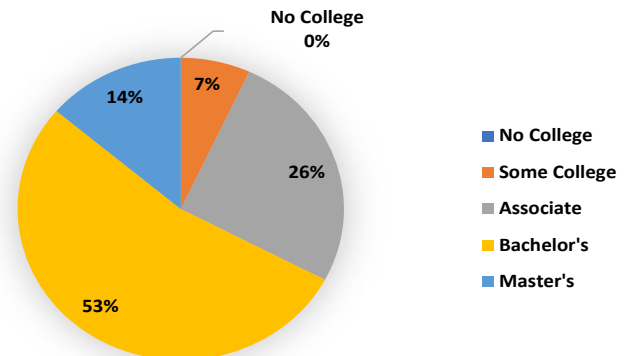
SWORN AGE DEMOGRAPHICS



EDUCATION DEMOGRAPHICS

The education demographics of the department are separated by sworn and civilian personnel. The five categories examined include: Master's Degree, Bachelor's Degree, Associate Degree, Some College and No College. Some College is defined as any college credit earned but no degree attained regardless of program. Of the 58 sworn employees, 14% have master's degrees, 53% have bachelor's degrees, 26% have associate degrees, 7% have some college, and 0% have no college. Of the 34 civilian employees, 15% have master's degrees, 47% have bachelor's degrees, 14% have associate degrees, 12% have some college, and 12% have no college.

SWORN PERSONNEL EDUCATION



PERSONNEL CORNER: APPOINTMENTS & RETIREMENTS

IN 2025, THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES WERE APPOINTED:

POLICE



Radule Bojovic
Police Officer

Taylor Wolf
Police Officer

CODE ENFORCEMENT



Cassandra Arreola
Code Enforcement Officer

Myles Greenberg
Code Enforcement Officer

RECORDS



Mason McGraw
Police Records Aide

Christopher Harrison
Police Records Aide

PERSONNEL CORNER: APPOINTMENTS & RETIREMENTS

IN 2025, THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEE RETIRED:

POLICE



IN 2025, THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEE WAS PROMOTED:

POLICE

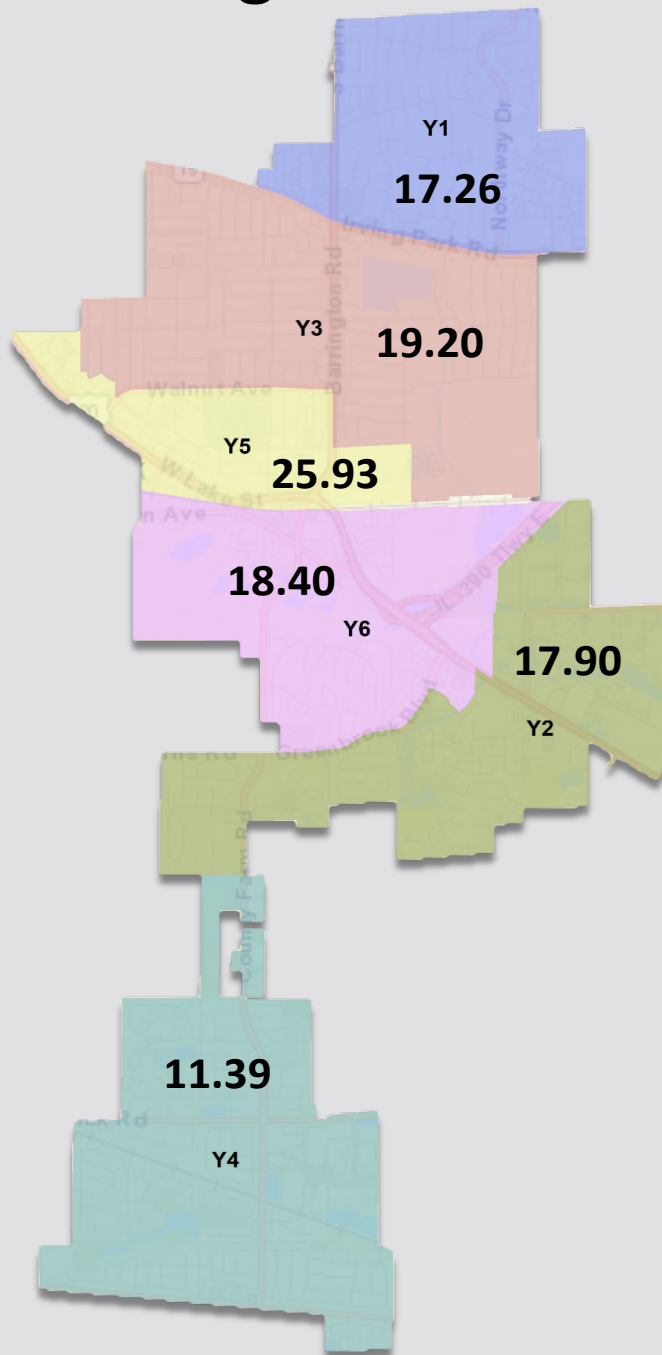


2025 CALLS FOR SERVICE

DuPage Public Safety Communications (DuComm) provides dispatching services for the Hanover Park Police Department. DuComm is an intergovernmental agency which provides public safety communications to 45 police and fire agencies located throughout DuPage County. DuComm receives residents requests for police, fire and EMS via 9-1-1 phone lines.

In 2025, the Hanover Park Police Department received 44,522 total calls for service. The Village of Hanover Park is broken down into six (6) beats. The map below reflects the daily average calls for service broken down by each beat for the entire year of 2025. Calls for service include 911 and officer initiated calls. The police department is located in beat 5, so all walk-in and station reports are included in this area.

Daily Average Calls For Service



KEY CRIME FIGURES



CRIME IN 2025

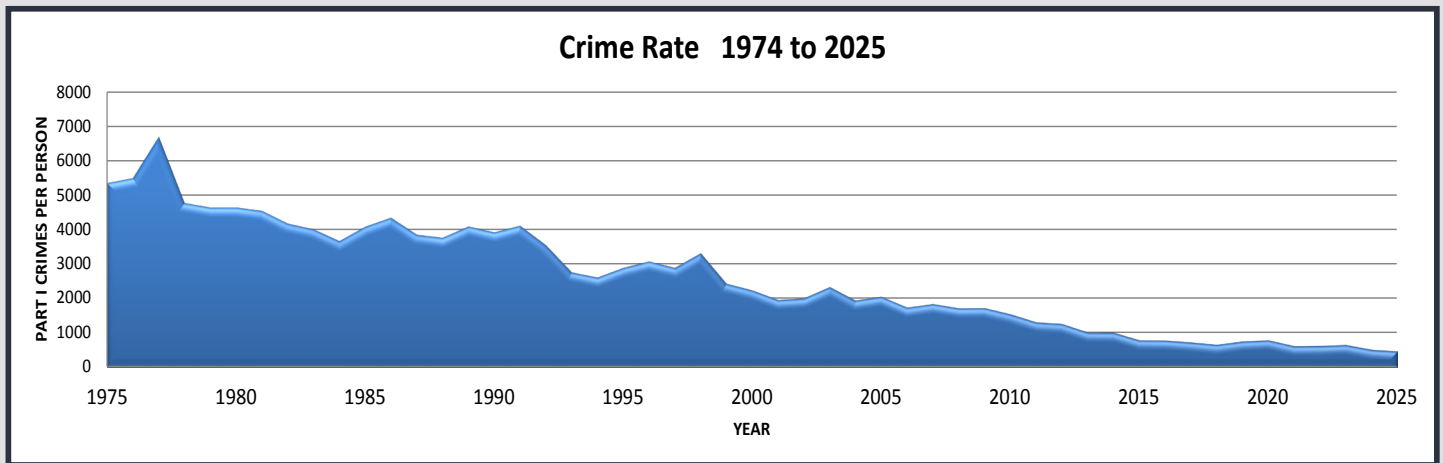
2025 recorded the lowest number of Part I Crime since 1974, when the village began tracking these crimes. In 2025 Part I Crime showed a decrease of 10% from 2024. See Figure 1.

PART I CRIME

Part I crimes are the ten categories used as a basis for the Village's crime rate, a product of crime numbers and population. An analysis of the Part I crimes was completed, which compared 2025 versus 2024. The analysis shows that, with respect to Part I crimes, a decrease occurred in 2025 versus 2024. Categories contributing to this decrease were: Criminal Sexual Assault (20% decrease or 1 fewer incident), Robbery (38% decrease or 3 fewer incidents), Aggravated Assault/Aggravated Battery (29% decrease or 7 fewer incidents), Theft (2% decrease or 3 fewer incidents), and Motor Vehicle Theft (35% decrease or 6 fewer incidents). One category showed an increase: Burglary (5% increase or 1 more incident).

PART II CRIME

Part II Crime includes incidents that are reported by citizens and crimes officers observe and against which they take enforcement. Part II Crime includes all other crimes that are not reported in the Part I category. Part II Crime decreased by 3% from 2,565 crimes in 2024 to 2,477 crimes in 2025. Part II Crime categories that substantially contributed to this decrease were: Battery (22% decrease or 45 fewer incidents), Deceptive Practice/ Forgery/Fraud (40% decrease or 56 fewer incidents), and Controlled Substances Act (41% or 17 fewer incidents).

Figure 1**Figure 2**

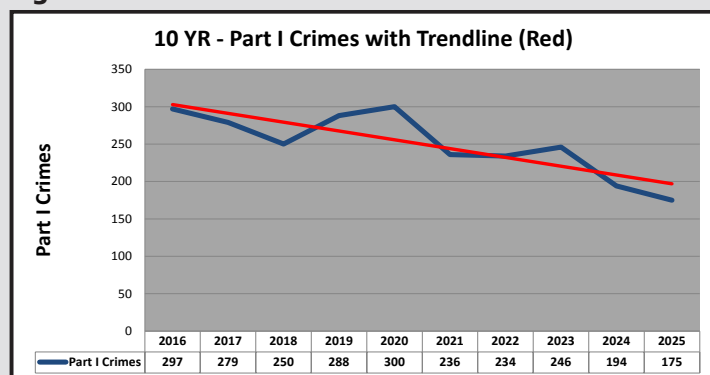
PART I CRIMES	2025	2024	(+/-)	%
Murder	0	0	0	*
Criminal Sexual Assault	4	5	-1	-20%
Robbery	5	8	-3	-38%
Agg. Assault/Agg. Battery	17	24	-7	-29%
Burglary	20	19	1	5%
Theft	118	121	-3	-2%
Motor Vehicle Theft	11	17	-6	-35%
Arson	0	0	0	*
Human Trafficking - Sex Acts	0	0	0	*
Human Trafficking - Inv. Servitude	0	0	0	*
TOTAL	175	194	-19	-10%

CRIME RATE

The crime rate, which is calculated based on the Village's overall population, decreased. In 2025, Hanover Park's Part I Crime Rate was 467 crimes per 100,000 persons which was a 10% decrease over 2024.

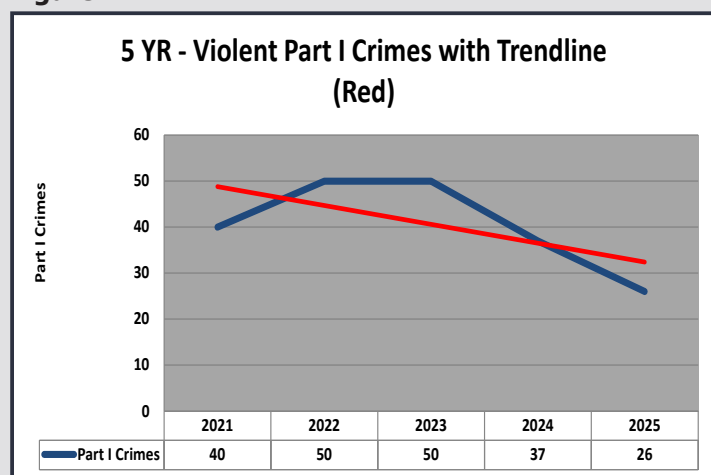
In the last 10 years, Part I Crime has been reduced over this period by 40% or 315 fewer crimes. See Figure 3 for Part I Crime totals over the last ten years.

Figure 3



Part I Crime can be separated into two categories: violent crimes & property crimes. Violent crimes include Murder, Criminal Sexual Assault, Robbery, Aggravated Assault/Aggravated Battery, Human Trafficking - Sex Acts, & Human Trafficking - Involuntary Servitude. In 2025, violent Part I Crime showed a decrease of 30% from 2024. See Figure 4 for additional details.

Figure 4



NATIONAL INCIDENT-BASED REPORTING SYSTEM

The National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) is a comprehensive crime reporting system that provides detailed insights into various criminal activities. NIBRS collects data on each single incident and arrest within 23 offense categories made up of 52 specific crimes called Group A offenses. In addition to the Group A offenses, there are 7 Group B offense categories for which only arrest data are reported.

In 2023, in an effort to align itself with the nationwide shift in crime data collection, the Hanover Park Police Department transitioned from Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system to NIBRS. Although the transition may initially depict higher levels of reported crime due to NIBRS's enhanced reporting specificity, the adoption of this new system is anticipated to yield more insightful statistics, strategic planning, and informed policing practices.

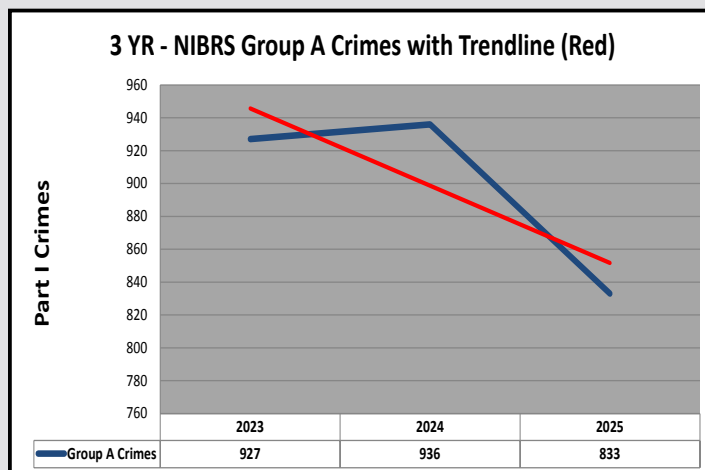
GROUP A OFFENSES

Group A offenses represent a comprehensive array of criminal activities and are the primary focus of NIBRS data collection. These offenses are categorized into crimes against persons, crimes against property and crimes against society:

- **Crimes Against Persons:** This category includes assault, homicide, human trafficking, kidnapping/abduction, and sex offenses.
- **Crimes Against Property:** Offenses within this category include arson, bribery, burglary, counterfeiting/forgery, destruction of property, embezzlement, fraud, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, robbery, and stolen property.
- **Crimes Against Society:** This category encompasses animal cruelty, drug/narcotic offenses, gambling offenses, prostitution, and weapon law violations.

Group A offenses are considered more serious or significant in nature and often involve direct harm to individuals, property, or society. Due to their severity and impact, detailed data on Group A offenses are crucial for understanding crime patterns, allocating resources, and developing effective law enforcement strategies. In 2025, the village recorded the lowest number of Group A crimes since tracking began in 2023. A total of 833 incidents were reported in 2025, representing an 11% decrease compared to 936 incidents in 2024 (see Figure 5).

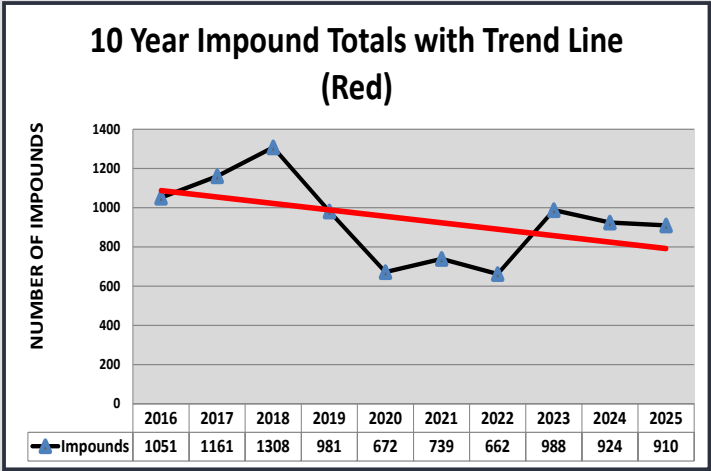
Figure 5



IMPOUNDS

The vehicle impound program started in February 2004. In 2025, 910 vehicles were impounded. This represented a 2% decrease in impounded vehicles in 2025 compared to 2024. Figure 6 illustrates the number of impounds that have occurred over the previous 10 years (2016-2025).

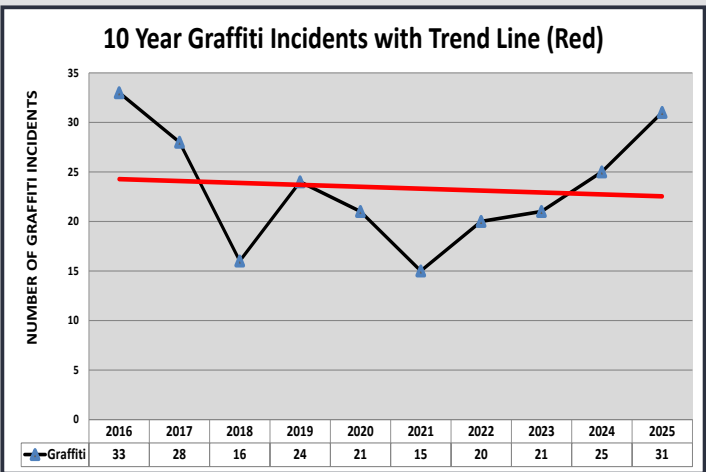
Figure 6



CRIMINAL DEFACEMENT

In 2025, 31 Criminal Defacement incidents were reported which was an increase of 24% or 6 more incidents from 2024. There were 10 gang-related graffiti incidents in 2025 and 10 incidents in 2024. Figure 7 illustrates the number of criminal defacement incidents that have occurred over the last 10 years (2016-2025).

Figure 7



INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS

It is the policy of the Hanover Park Police Department to investigate all complaints against its employees, regardless of the source. The public may file complaints in person at the Police Department, and pamphlets explaining the procedure are available in the lobby. All complaints are documented and the Police Department follows specific procedures for investigating these complaints. After complaints are investigated, they are closed with one of seven dispositions. The potential dispositions are:

- A. Sustained - the allegation is substantiated.
- B. No Conclusion - the allegation is not substantiated and there is insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the allegation.
- C. Unfounded - the allegation is false or not factual, no misconduct, the incident did not occur or did not involve the employee named.
- D. Exonerated - the incident occurred but the employee involved acted lawfully and properly.
- E. Misconduct Not Based On Complaint - substantiated employee misconduct not alleged in the complaint but disclosed by the investigation.
- F. Violation of Policy, Procedure or Proper Action - minor violations generally unintentional or due to lack of training.
- G. Policy or Procedure Failure - the member acted within policy or procedural guidelines or the issue involved is not covered by existing directives. The situation indicates a need for the review and change of pertinent procedures or the drafting of new guidelines.

The department conducted four internal reviews in the calendar year 2025. All four investigations were informal in nature. Two of the complaints were initiated internally by a supervisor against an employee, and the other two came from outside citizen complaints. One of the outside complaints was against one employee, while the other involved two employees.

The first informal investigation was found to be sustained and resulted in a written warning and refresher training based on policy violations. The second informal investigation was found sustained and resulted in a two-day suspension based on policy violations. The third informal investigation was also found sustained and resulted in another two-day suspension based on policy violations. The fourth informal investigation, which came from an external source against two sworn officers, was deemed unfounded with no action taken.

It is noted that one of the complaints was related to bias-based policing, but it was closed as unfounded with no wrongdoing by the employees involved. The four internal reviews conducted in 2025 represent the same number of reviews that took place in 2024. In analyzing the incidents, there does not appear to be any patterns of behavior or practice that led to the investigations. Each appears to be an isolated incident.

The table below illustrates the breakdown of investigations conducted in 2025.

<i>DISPOSITION</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
Sustained	3
No Conclusion	0
Unfounded	1
Exonerated	0
Misconduct Not Based on Complaint	0
Violation of Policy, Procedure, or Proper Action	0
Policy or Procedure Failure	0

RESPONSE TO RESISTANCE SUMMARY

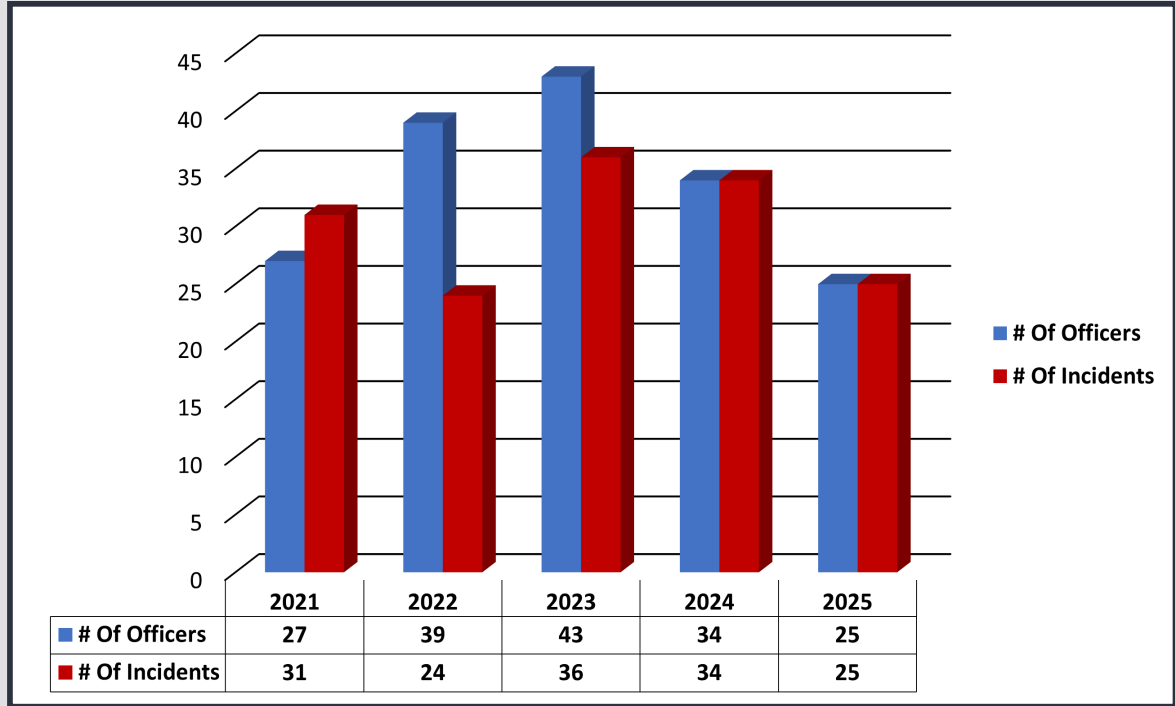
As a standard practice, response to resistance incidents (Use of Force) are reviewed by the supervisors of the Hanover Park Police Department. In 2025, Hanover Park Police Officers responded to 44,522 calls for service. The calls for service can be categorized as 911 calls and officer-initiated calls. Of those 44,522 calls for service, 1,529 individuals were arrested and or taken into custody by Hanover Park Police Officers.

Of those 1,529 individuals arrested by Hanover Park Police Officers, force was used on 27 individuals or 1.8%. Additionally of the 44,522 calls for service that Hanover Park Police Officers responded to, force was used 0.056% of the time (less than one percent).

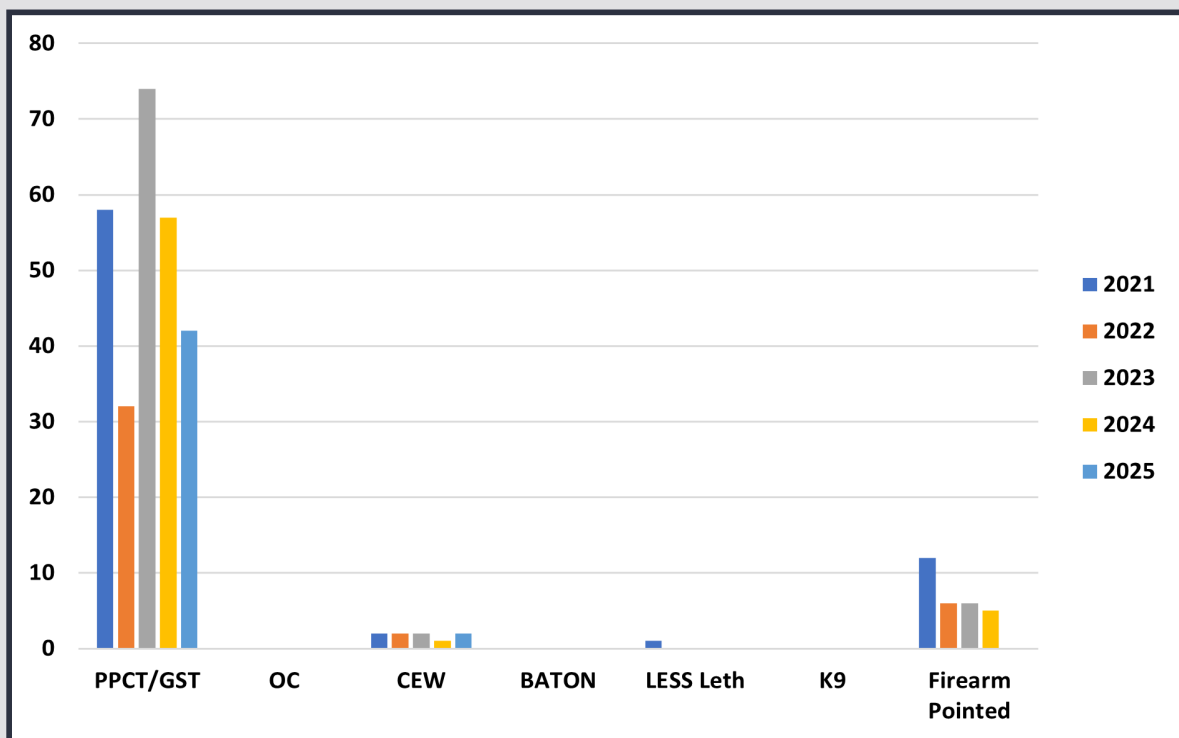
YEAR	CALLS FOR SERVICE	USE OF FORCE INCIDENTS	% CALL FORCE USED	# OF OFFICERS USING FORCE
2021	40,992	31	0.076%	27
2022	40,644	24	0.059%	39
2023	43,152	36	0.083%	43
2024	44,411	34	0.077%	34
2025	44,522	25	0.056%	25

YEAR	INCIDENTS	OFFICERS INVOLVED
2021	31	27
2022	24	39
2023	36	43
2024	34	44
2025	25	25

RESPONSE TO RESISTANCE SUMMARY CONT.



The graph below illustrates the number of incidents when a particular level of force was used in 2025. As in previous years, the most common form of force used was weaponless control tactics (PPCT/GST) such as take-downs, pressure points, and joint locks. No lethal firearms were discharged by police officers during a use of force incident in 2025.



WELLNESS PROGRAM



The Hanover Park Police Department maintains an employee wellness program focusing on initiatives to improve the mental/emotional, physical, and financial wellness of all its personnel. 2025 was an active year for the department's wellness offerings.

In January 2025, the department rolled out access to an online regional peer support directory. Each department employee has access to the online platform, allowing them to review available peer support officers at area municipalities and contact them if needed. The platform also provides various wellness informational resources. As part of partnering with the platform, the department was required to train several employees as peer support officers to be added to the regional database. A total of seven employees were certified as peer support officers in 2025.

In April 2025, the department partnered with a local chiropractic office. The office provided four hours of block training to all personnel, covering general health and chiropractic health guidelines. Through this partnership, numerous employees were introduced to voluntary ongoing chiropractic care and its benefits relative to the demands of law enforcement lifestyles.

September 2025 was an active wellness month within the department. An outside vendor specializing in law enforcement wellness provided four hours of block training to all personnel regarding emotional resiliency. A pension workshop was also provided for all sworn personnel to ensure a clear understanding of their pension benefits. All sworn personnel conducted an annual wellness check-in, per the recommendations outlined by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training & Standards Board (ILETSB). Finally, the department hosted the 100 Club of Illinois for two voluntary presentations covering wellness and family support.

The department continues to offer access to a financial wellness platform for all personnel, offering various training videos and budget-friendly tools for personnel to utilize. The department also maintains one officer as a certified personal trainer, with one additional officer completing self-paced study to also become a certified personal trainer.

CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY



The second annual Hanover Park Police Department Citizen Police Academy was held from September through November 2025. The program is an innovative community policing initiative aimed at building stronger connections between officers and residents. It offers an opportunity for Hanover Park residents to gain valuable insight into the daily operations, procedures, and challenges faced by our dedicated law enforcement professionals.

The Citizen Police Academy is an immersive 10-week program designed to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of law enforcement practices, protocols, and principles. Throughout the academy, participants engaged in a series of interactive sessions, discussions, and hands-on activities led by experienced members of the Hanover Park Police Department.

During the course of the academy, participants had the opportunity to:

- Learn about the various divisions within the Hanover Park Police Department, including Patrol, Investigations, the K-9 Unit, the Drone unit, community policing, and more.
- Gain insight into law enforcement tactics, procedures, and decision-making processes.
- Participate in scenario-based training exercises to better understand the complexities of police work.
- Explore topics such as use-of-force, crisis intervention, and crime prevention strategies.
- Interact directly with Hanover Park police officers and command staff, fostering open dialogue and mutual understanding.

INVESTIGATIONS



The Investigations Division in 2025 was supervised by a Lieutenant and Sergeant, and it was comprised of five detectives, two SOG officers, one detective assigned to a federal task force, and one crime analyst officer. The main function of the Investigations Division is to conduct investigations involving major crimes and long-term or complex technical cases. The division also conducts background investigations for potential new employees. Major cases include, but are not limited to, homicides, sexual assaults, robberies, aggravated assault/battery, and burglaries.

In 2025, the division investigated 15 sexual assaults, 6 robberies, 5 aggravated assaults/batteries, 16 burglaries, 73 thefts, 10 motor vehicle thefts, and 178 other criminal and non-criminal incidents.

NOTABLE CASES INVESTIGATED IN 2025:

On January 4, 2025, detectives investigated an armed robbery in the 2000 block of Irving Park Road. Three males were robbed at gunpoint while standing outside a business. The offender, wearing all black clothing and a mask, took the victims' wallets and fled southbound on East Avenue. The offender was never identified, and all victims were from out of state. The case is closed.

On January 12, 2025, detectives investigated an attempted robbery in the 1600 block of Tanglewood Avenue. The complainant stated he was sitting in the passenger seat of his vehicle when a male subject wearing a ski mask opened the driver-side door and demanded his belongings while implying he had a gun. The complainant handed the subject his cellphone, which the subject did not take. The subject then fled on foot toward Briarwood Avenue. The complainant declined to pursue criminal charges. Due to the complainant's refusal to prosecute, the case is closed.

On May 24, 2025, detectives investigated a burglary at 1600 Hunter Road. An exterior door was cut open, allowing entry into a fire pump control room. Wires, including fiber-optic cable lines, were cut. No suspects were located inside the business, and nothing was determined to be missing. A stolen box truck was used during the burglary and was later located at a nearby business. The investigation revealed a burglary crew from Ecuador committing warehouse burglaries across the country. The suspects were ultimately arrested in Pennsylvania and charged by the FBI. The case was closed due to insufficient evidence to pursue further investigative leads.

INVESTIGATIONS CONT.

On June 27, 2025, detectives investigated a bank robbery in the 1500 block of Irving Park Road. The complainant stated he was servicing an ATM when a vehicle pulled up and two masked males ran up and began pulling on the ATM's cash drawers. The males obtained an unknown amount of \$20 bills before fleeing on Barrington Road. The vehicle was located several days later and processed. All three individuals, including the driver, were identified. One subject was later arrested in Texas and extradited to Illinois, where he was charged with robbery. Another subject is incarcerated for bank robbery in South Carolina. The third subject was arrested in Texas. The case is closed.

On October 3, 2025, detectives investigated an armed robbery in the 1700 block of Tower Drive. The complainant stated he was approached by three male subjects while walking home. One subject displayed a handgun and took the complainant's cell phone, cash, and shoes. The complainant returned home to call 911 but declined to go to the police department to speak with detectives. The investigation is closed due to the victim being uncooperative.

On October 23, 2025, detectives investigated an aggravated discharge of a firearm in the 2400 block of Leslie Lane. The complainant stated he was shot in the foot by the front-seat passenger of a silver Nissan Sentra while walking home. Flock cameras were checked, which identified the registered owner of the vehicle. Video surveillance captured the incident and three occupants in the vehicle. Evidence technician duties were conducted, and several shell casings were collected. The complainant positively identified all three occupants. One suspect was arrested the following morning, and the vehicle was located. The Cook County State's Attorney's Office was contacted, and a juvenile was charged as an adult with attempted murder, aggravated battery with a firearm, aggravated battery causing bodily harm, and reckless discharge of a firearm. The other two occupants have also been arrested and charged with attempted murder. The case is closed.

In 2025 the Hanover Park Police Department issued three complimentary Ring doorbell cameras to its residents.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS GROUP

In 2025, the Hanover Park Special Operations Group consisted of Ofc. Christina Petrou and Ofc. Luis Rivas. The primary goals of SOG include gang suppression, gang crime investigations, narcotics investigations, and other specialized assignments. The unit worked with neighboring agencies, Federal agencies such as the ATF and HSI, and the HSI BEST task force to share intelligence on gang and drug-related crimes throughout the suburbs.

Additionally, SOG officers supplemented detectives by assisting with general investigative casework and background investigations.

The unit recovered: 1,064.02 grams of narcotics (cannabis and various controlled substances).

SOG also initiated the seizure of 2 vehicles.



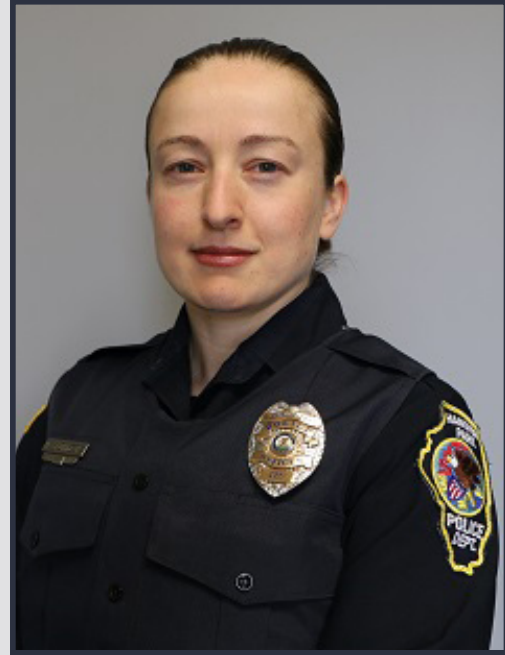
INTELLIGENCE & CRIME ANALYSIS UNIT

In 2025, the Intelligence & Crime Analysis Unit was staffed by Officer Mariola Skonieczna who is an active member of several intelligence and crime analysis organizations. Officer Skonieczna serves as vice president of the International Association of Law Enforcement Intelligence Analysts - Land of Lincoln Chapter.

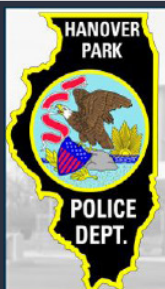
Major duties of the Intelligence & Crime Analysis Unit include the analysis of crime trends, patterns, and series; the mapping of crime locations; and using the data gleaned from the aforementioned analysis in an attempt to forecast when and where the crime will occur again. This information is used to direct police resources and address crime related problems as they occur.

The Intelligence & Crime Analysis Unit reviews federal, state and local intelligence information and then disseminates that intelligence to police personnel which can include information pertinent to officer safety, criminal activity, terrorism or other related activity. This unit is also responsible for creating monthly departmental activity reports, the department's annual report, compiling a monthly public crime report, coordinating the department's video surveillance operations and managing the surveillance equipment.

Officer Skonieczna conducts forensic digital analysis of cellular devices and, in 2025, attended multiple courses at the National Computer Forensic Institute (NCFI) in Hoover, Alabama. As criminals increasingly use digital platforms for illicit activities, law enforcement must be trained to handle cases involving a range of electronic devices.



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INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN

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HANOVER PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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CANINE UNIT



Officer Brian Wiebe and K-9 “Echo” were assigned to the Team D night shift for the first four months of 2025, prior to Echo’s retirement. Ofc. Wiebe was then selected to continue as the department’s K-9 handler and was paired with “Doc,” the department’s new K-9. Ofc. Wiebe and Doc completed an eight-week academy where they underwent a variety of bonding and tactical training activities. Ofc. Wiebe and “Doc” graduated in June 2025. Both “Echo” and “Doc” are trained in narcotics searches and sniffs, building and article searches, obedience, cadaver searches, vehicle and handler protection, and offender apprehension. Ofc. Wiebe and “Echo” completed over 44.5 hours of training during 2025, which was conducted at various locations and in the field. Ofc. Wiebe and “Doc” completed over 493 hours of training during 2025, including their intensive academy and street-level training. Ofc. Wiebe and “Doc” completed and passed their ILETSB Annual Drug Certification and their Canine Unit Patrol Certification. The Canine Unit assisted patrol more than 48 times during 2025. This number reflects the transition from “Echo” to “Doc” and is inclusive of the multi-month training academy.

SOME OF THE NOTABLE CASES INVESTIGATED IN 2025:

On July 4, 2025, the K-9 Unit assisted on perimeter after a subject attacked another individual with a weapon. The K-9 remained attentive as subjects were called out of the residence and assisted officers in clearing the residence. Officers located the offender hiding inside of a cabinet and he was taken into custody.

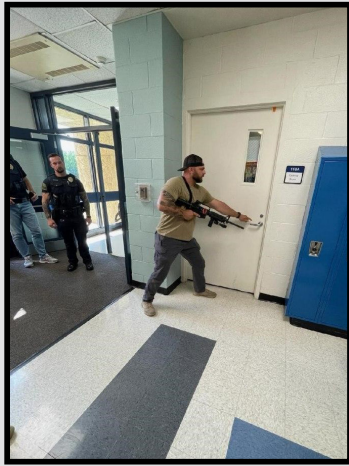
On July 9, 2025, the K-9 tracked an offender with multiple arrest warrants who fled on foot from officers. The K-9 tracked to an apartment building in the 2300 block of Glendale Terrace. Officers checked the apartment building and located the offender in the laundry room.

On September 7, 2025, the K-9 Unit assisted the Streamwood PD with a track for a missing homicidal subject who had fled from a behavioral center prior to intake. The K-9 conducted a track and located the individual’s hospital bracelet. K9 continued and once in the area of a large garden at Buttitta and East Avenue, the subject was located hiding nearby. The subject was called out and transported to the hospital without further incident.

2025 K9 Stats

TRACK/ SEARCH	ARRESTS	ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES	DEMOS	STREET TRAINING	AMOUNT SEIZED
46	14	25	2	12	\$ 5,652.00

TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT



The Hanover Park Training Unit is a comprehensive system designed to facilitate the growth of an employee's job knowledge and continued development throughout their career.

The training coordinator is responsible for developing and administering various training programs within the department. The Hanover Park Police Department also has a training committee that provides oversight to the training coordinator to ensure that training is valuable and appropriate. The committee is committed to providing high-quality and appropriate training programs and continuing education courses so that department personnel can continue to deliver exceptional police service within the community.

A newly hired police officer must attend and complete a 16-week basic police academy. The Department formalized a three-week in-house training program covering building searches, traffic enforcement, and vehicle operations, along with instruction in department systems and technology, use-of-force and weapons training, life-saving skills, and tactical response techniques. This change reduces the amount of classroom instruction that had previously occurred during field training. By streamlining these topics, the Department ensures that new officers gain more hands-on experience during their 14-week field training program, which follows the in-house training.

Once police officers complete their initial training, they then receive advanced training related to the specialty positions to which they are assigned. These specialty positions include, but are not limited to, detective, firearms instructor, major crash investigator, gang and drug crime investigator, crime prevention, community policing, defensive tactics instructor and K-9 officer. In 2025, police department personnel completed 11,208 hours of training, including in-person classroom training, online training assignments, and external training courses.

To provide additional insight into the Department's training program, a training video highlighting officer development, instruction, and hands-on exercises is available for viewing [here](#).

STRATEGIC ENFORCEMENT & PREVENTION



The Strategic Enforcement & Prevention Unit is responsible for traffic enforcement & crime prevention. The Unit was supervised by Lt. Matt McDonnell and staffed by two police officers and two parking enforcement officers. The Unit is responsible for overseeing the impound program, red light camera enforcement, parking enforcement, liquor law compliance, neighborhood watch and community events. In 2025, Police Officers Amy Alonzo and Kevin Pini, along with Parking Enforcement Officers Tom Cortese and Ted Pini were assigned to the Unit.

ADMINISTRATIVE TOWS/IMPOUNDS:

In 2025, there were 910 administrative tows. There were two 24-hour hearings with two vehicles being released. One vehicle was released to the owner through the administrative hearing and 112 vehicles have been junked.

RED LIGHT ENFORCEMENT:

The red-light camera program at Barrington Rd./County Farm Rd. and Lake St. entered its 16th year in 2025, resuming operation after a temporary disconnection from February 2023 to June 2025 for IDOT traffic signal improvements. A total of 791 violations were reviewed, resulting in 685 approved citations. Two citations were contested, and both were upheld at hearing.

ALCOHOL/TOBACCO COMPLIANCE CHECKS:

The SEP unit enforces compliance checks at Hanover Park establishments that sell tobacco and alcohol. These checks are conducted twice per year to ensure license holders comply with laws prohibiting the sale of tobacco and alcohol to minors. In addition to conducting compliance checks, the Hanover Park Police Department educates tobacco and alcohol retailers about minimum-age requirements and emphasizes the importance of verifying customer age.

In 2025, the police department conducted two alcohol compliance checks, with all businesses found to be in compliance and no violations issued.

The Village also receives funding through the state's Tobacco Enforcement Program Grant to offset costs related to preventing tobacco sales to minors. As part of this grant, the department conducts three annual compliance checks. In 2025, these checks resulted in no violations as all businesses were found to be in compliance.

ANNUAL TRAFFIC CRASH EVALUATION:

Excluding crashes on private property, there were 679 traffic crashes reported in 2025. This is an increase of 3.03% when compared to 2024 totals.

CHILD SAFETY SEAT INSTALLATION

SEP Unit conducts child seat installations according to manufacturer's direction and a removal and re-installation procedure is demonstrated to the parent/guardian. SEP will also check for manufacturer's recall and product updates on the car seat. There were 13 child safety seat installations conducted in 2025.

On September 25, 2025, Ofc. Pini assisted the Roselle Police Department at a 4-hour Safety Seat Saturday event at the Roselle Park District. The event, held in partnership with the Hanover Park Police Department, resulted in 14 car seat installations, including one donated to a family in need.

SCHOOL CROSSINGS/ CROSSING GUARDS

The school crossing guards received their annual training at the beginning of the school year through the village contracted vendor Andy Frain and all were in attendance. School zones were observed and monitored for the first two weeks of the new school year by the patrol division. The SEP unit creates a detailed school opening plan that is disseminated among patrol teams. The report positions officers at specific schools during the morning drop off and the afternoon pickup.

STRATEGIC ENFORCEMENT & PREVENTION CONT.

The scheduling increases officer visibility during the crucial first two weeks of school and allows for education and enforcement where needed. The Police Department maintains (8) eight crossing guard posts at the following locations:

- Anne Fox Elementary School: (1) Parkview Dr & Brookside Dr
- Einstein Elementary School: (2) Laurie Ln & Kensington Ln
- Hanover Highlands Elementary School: (1) Cypress Ave & Highland Ln
- Horizon Elementary School: (2) Greenbrook Blvd & Barrington Rd
- Laurel Hill Elementary School: (1) Laurel Ave & Church St
- Ontarioville Elementary School: (1) Center Ave & Maple Ave

COLLECTIONS/VEHICLE IMMOBILIZATION (BARNACLE):

In 2025, the police department successfully immobilized 68 vehicles; 46 of the vehicles were immobilized utilizing the Barnacle and 22 were towed as a means of immobilization.

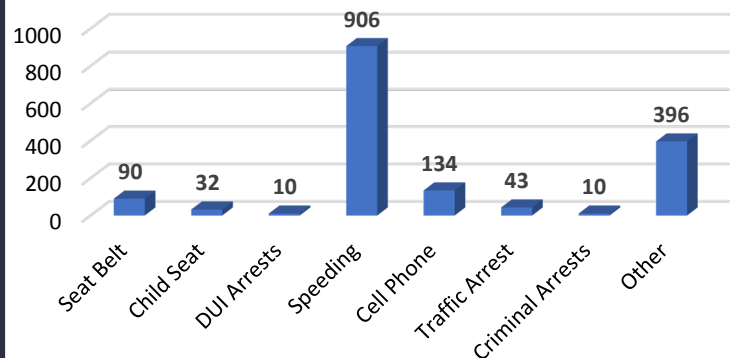
SCHOOL HARD LOCK-DOWN/ACTIVE SHOOTER DRILLS:

The SEP unit is involved with school hard lock-down drills which are conducted no later than 90 days after the first day of each school year. The program addresses an active threat or an active shooter within the school building. Hanover Park has District 54 (which consists of Albert Einstein Elementary, Anne Fox Elementary, and Hanover Highlands Elementary) District 20 (consists of Early childhood Center, Greenbrook Elementary, and Springwood Jr. High), District 93 (consists of Elsie C. Johnson Elementary), U-46 (consists of Horizon Elementary, Laurel Hill Elementary, Ontarioville Elementary, and Parkwood Elementary), and two private schools (consisting of Al Huda Academy and Greenbrook Montessori School) within its boundaries. The SEP unit is in communication with each of the school's administrative staff to schedule a hard lock-down drill. On a voluntary basis, the schools may request an active shooter presentation for staff but is not mandated by the state. The SEP unit conducted 12 hard lock-down drills with a hard lock-down drill record of completion.

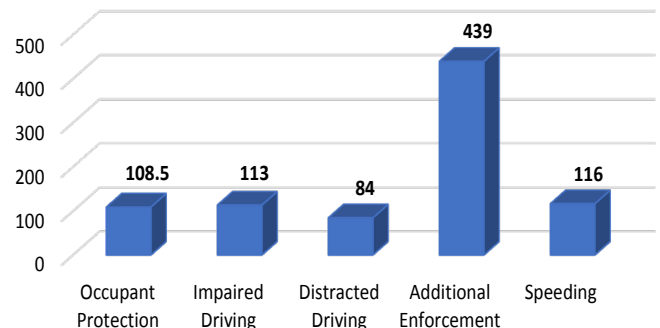
SUSTAINED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP GRANT):

In 2025, the Hanover Park Police Department participated in the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) grant during fiscal year 2025 and 2026. The STEP program focuses on High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) on specific times and dates of the year with a focus on state and national mobilizations. The enforcement efforts are designed to reduce fatalities and serious injuries at some of the deadliest times of the year for vehicle travel. There are six required campaigns for this program as well as optional campaigns and/or additional traffic safety enforcement. The grant enabled us to hire back additional officers to focus on impaired driving (113-hours), occupant protection (108.5-hours), distracted driving enforcement (84-hours), speeding (116-hours), and additional traffic enforcement (439-hours). The charts below illustrate the number of patrol hours, tickets issued, and arrests made during these grant campaigns.

**2025: Fiscal Year 2025 & Fiscal Year 2026
Enforcement Action Taken**



**2025: Fiscal Year 2025 & Fiscal Year 2026
Additional Manpower Allocation**



CODE ENFORCEMENT



The Code Enforcement Unit had a successful year in 2025, addressing new issues while working with residents to gain compliance. Code officers conducted rental inspections as well as addressing property maintenance issues in their assigned areas. Code Enforcement continued to successfully accomplish both tasks despite the challenges of employee turnover. Two code officers were hired in 2025. Additionally, Code Enforcement identified three properties that had significant fines based on property maintenance violations. Code Enforcement obtained liens on the properties. Two of the properties paid off the liens prior to being sold. Code Enforcement continued educational efforts by offering training via Facebook. A program was implemented focusing on the requirements of the Rental Property Program. Code Enforcement participated in the Citizen Police Academy, where residents were informed about the various responsibilities of the unit and how it contributes to making Hanover Park a safer community.

The Code Enforcement Unit inspected and licensed 1,308 apartments during the Multi-Unit Rental Residential Inspection (MURRI) program. An additional 1,277 Single-Unit Rental Residential inspections (SURRI) were completed. A total of 757 SURRI properties were licensed in 2025, which is a 5% increase from the previous year. Code officers continued to use precautions during rental inspections to limit exposure to illness. Several inspections were rescheduled as a result.

Code Enforcement officers investigated noncompliant rental properties using internet listings, public records, water billing accounts, and HOA rental records. During the year, 41 rental landlords were cited and referred to Local Adjudication for failure to obtain a rental license.

The Crime Free Multi-Housing program was added to the licensing process for all rental properties in 2013. Compliance rates have remained high; in 2025, 28 tickets were issued to landlords who were not certified in Crime Free Housing. Monthly landlord training was offered for initial certifications. Recertifications are obtained via online training. In 2025, 100 new certificates were issued to landlords or their agents. An additional 165 landlords were recertified in Crime Free Housing via the online program.

Code Enforcement officers investigated 2,050 Curb Appeal (property maintenance violation) cases. This is an 11% increase in cases from 2024. Code Enforcement continued to work with residents to achieve compliance by granting extensions, referring to outside resources, or entering into compliance agreements.

Code Enforcement officers identified 1,530 tall grass and weed abatement cases in 2025. In 2024, 1,578 cases were investigated, which was a 3% decrease. More importantly, Code Enforcement achieved a 93% compliance rate on all the weed/grass cases initiated. Code Enforcement had 102 mowing cuts ordered in 2025.

When compliance on property maintenance issues was not achieved, Code Enforcement took appropriate enforcement action. A total of 709 property maintenance citations were issued. This was a 43% increase from 2024. Code Enforcement elected to file all violations into Local Adjudication. A total of 232 cases were referred to Local Adjudication, resulting in fines and fees totaling \$104,708. Total fines decreased by 23%.

CODE ENFORCEMENT CONT.

Three overcrowding complaints were investigated during the year. All cases were closed based on insufficient evidence.

In 2018, the Village of Hanover Park passed an ordinance requiring that all foreclosed properties be licensed. A benefit of the program is mandating financial institutions to provide contact information for an individual responsible for safety and maintenance issues relating to the property. The Hera management company was contracted by the Village to identify, track, and collect fees for qualifying properties. In December 2025, 102 properties were registered. Hera continues to be committed to assisting Code Enforcement in gaining code compliance for properties in foreclosure.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Tricia Rossi, LCSW, is the Police Department's licensed clinical social worker. She provides crisis intervention, short-term counseling, information and referrals to residents of the community.

STATISTICS

In 2025, the Social Services Unit responded to 910 cases and logged 38 clinical hours.

CRIME VICTIM SERVICES

Tricia is an advocate for survivors of crime in Hanover Park and provides crisis intervention services to survivors and their families. Tricia responds to the scenes of incidents to provide support and comfort to the survivors, staying with the families to guide them through the police investigation. She then provides case management services to ensure that the families receive appropriate information and referrals and continue to receive assistance in the aftermath of the incident. Tricia accompanies crime victims to court to provide support when needed. Tricia helps crime victims apply for the Attorney General's Crime Victim Compensation Program. Tricia processes applications for U-visas, an immigration benefit available for victims of crime. Tricia collaborates with many social service agencies to ensure ongoing treatment for those affected by crime, sudden death, or natural disaster. This year, Tricia responded to the scene of a suicide, provided support and guidance to the family members, and worked with them on resources for shelter, housing, and burial assistance. She also worked with a victim of a shooting by connecting them with the Crime Victim's Compensation Program, working with the school to arrange transportation for the children from their safe house, and providing resources for relocation funding.

YOUTH SERVICES

Tricia provides home visits, counseling, and referral services as part of the Hanover Park Police Department's Safe Home Program, an early intervention strategy designed to identify and prevent gang involvement. Tricia also provides counseling services to juveniles who are on Station Adjustment through the Hanover Park Police Department. Tricia has assisted Mayor Craig with the expansion of the Kids at Hope initiative, acted as the chairperson for the Kids at Hope Coalition, and executed the annual Community Health & Resource Fair.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Tricia is involved with the community and stays connected with the agencies that serve our residents. Tricia serves on the committees of various community projects, such as the DuPage Prevention Leadership Team and the Communities for Positive Youth Development Committee. Tricia serves on the Village's Special Events Committee and was involved with the planning and execution of the Village's Movie in the Park series. Tricia helped plan the Hanover Park Police Department's COPS Day Picnic, including a resource fair



SOCIAL WORKER TRICIA ROSSI

where families could learn about the programs and services available to them in the community. Tricia partnered with the Kenneth Young Center to host a table in the Police Department's lobby and distribute literature about substance abuse treatment during National Drug Takeback Day. Tricia attended School District 20's Parent Day and spoke about services and events offered by the Police Department. Tricia partnered with the Hanover Park Lions Club to identify families for their holiday food and gift basket program. Tricia assists the Fire Department with families that are struggling with medical issues in the home and provides resources and referrals. Tricia collaborated with Oak Street Health to host a presentation for the public in the Police Department's Community Room about mental health and self-care for seniors and scams and identity theft targeting seniors. Tricia creates presentations related to social services issues that are shown at the quarterly ART meetings.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

Tricia is committed to protecting the rights of survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault and to educating others about these issues. Tricia tracks all domestic violence arrests, contacts victims by phone to offer assistance with counseling and orders of protection, and provides information about court procedures. Tricia planned activities for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. She drafted a proclamation for the Village Board to have October 2025 declared Domestic Violence Awareness Month. She attends the domestic violence stakeholders' meetings at the Rolling Meadows Courthouse. Tricia attended training on Katrina's Law sponsored by the Kane County State's Attorney's Office. Tricia invited the Community Crisis Center and Family Shelter Service to roll call to provide officers with information about their services and a refresher about helping victims seek orders of protection in court.

SOCIAL SERVICES CONT.

MENTAL HEALTH

Tricia understands the growing mental health crisis in our country. Tricia provides short-term counseling to residents of Hanover Park who have been referred by a police officer. Tricia attended meetings of the Illinois Mental Health Task Force, which is working to establish the 988 system. Tricia attends training to keep up with changes and updates in the field, such as a webinar about mental health advanced directives presented by the Illinois Courts. Tricia accompanied Adult Protective Services to the home of a disabled resident for a well-being check. The resident suffered a mental health crisis, and Tricia wrote an involuntary petition for a mental health examination and accompanied the resident to the hospital.

Tricia attends quarterly roll-call meetings and provides information and training about matters related to the social services field. Tricia worked along with the department's Wellness Committee to have the 100 Club of Illinois present a training to our first responders and their families entitled "Fortifying the Foundation."

THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

The Hanover Park Police Department understands the seriousness of the opioid epidemic in our country. Tricia serves on the DuPage County Prevention Leadership Team to address the effect of drugs on our youth. Tricia has been trained through the DuPage Narcan Program to coach substance users and their families in the use of the life-saving drug and has expanded her outreach by making home visits to anyone who was administered Narcan by a police officer. Tricia also manages the DuPage Overdose Reversal and Narcan Administration Reporting program and manages the on-hand stock of Narcan. Tricia gave a presentation on how to recognize an opioid overdose and use Narcan to all officers during block training.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Tricia provides education and training to the officers of the Hanover Park Police Department. Tricia trained the entire police department on best practices for dealing with mentally ill persons. She arranges for critical incident stress debriefings for personnel following a traumatic incident. Tricia serves on the Department's Wellness Committee and schedules yearly officer wellness checks. Tricia arranges for the Northern Illinois Critical Incident Stress Management (NICISM) team to come to the Department for debriefings for police, fire, and dispatch personnel following critical incidents. Tricia attended Police Suicide Prevention and Wellness training sponsored by the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation and attended the 100 Club of Illinois Wellness Convention in order to stay updated on trends in officer wellness.

ACCREDITATION & GRANTS

AGM Zelinka manages the department's accreditation process while also searching for grants for which the department or the Village would be eligible. In 2025, the Hanover Park Police Department successfully passed Year 1 virtual CALEA review in December 2025. CALEA Accreditation is based on a 4-year compliance with policy and procedures. The Accreditation Manager obtained 7 certificates of detailed Accreditation training during the annual CALEA conference held in Little Rock, AR, August 6-7-8, 2025.



In 2025, department personnel applied for and were awarded 8 grants worth a combined total of \$109,552.87.

FY2025 BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP (BVP) GRANT from the U.S. DOJ, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

Amount: \$6,845.50

Summary: Pays half the cost for the purchase of 20 ballistic vests.

FY2025 ILETSB BODY-WORN CAMERA AND DATA STORAGE GRANT from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training & Standards Board.

Award: \$6,976.53

Summary: Pays for costs associated with the digital data storage of body-worn video and other applicable data storage.

FY2025 IDOT SUSTAINED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP) GRANT from the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Award: \$81,709.56

Summary: Funding allows the police department to conduct special enforcement for DUI and safety belt mobilizations, as well as funding for additional DUI, occupant protection, speeding enforcement, and a month-long distracted driving campaign.

FY2025 TOBACCO ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (TEP) GRANT from the Illinois Department of Human Services.

Amount: \$3,944.00

Summary: Pays for costs associated with retail tobacco stings 3 times per year with retailer educational material being distributed prior to the stings being conducted.

FY2025 IRMA HEALTH & WELLNESS GRANT from the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency.

Amount: \$1,700.00

Summary: Pays for partial costs related to mandated wellness checks for sworn police officers.

FY2025 IRMA FLEET SAFETY TRAINING & EQUIPMENT from the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency.

Amount: \$2,377.32

Summary: Pays for partial costs related to safe driving software installed in squad cars.

FY2025 IRMA RE-ACCREDITATION GRANT from the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency.

Amount: \$3,500.00

Summary: Pays for partial costs related to quadrennial CALEA re-accreditation fees.

FY2025 ILETSB OFFICER RECRUITMENT & RETENTION GRANT from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training & Standards Board.

Amount: \$2,499.96

Summary: Pays for costs associated with officer participation and banner displays for recruitment events.

HONOR GUARD

The Hanover Park Police Department Honor Guard Unit consists of two (2) sergeants and five (5) officers that serve as official representatives of the Police Department for formal ceremonies, parades, memorial services, funerals and other special occasions.

The Honor Guard Unit and/or a member of the Honor Guard unit attended seven (7) events in 2025. The events consisted of wakes and funerals for fallen officers including retired Hanover Park Police Officer Jorge Martinez.

In 2025, the Department's Honor Guard participated in the following events:

- The funeral for retired Hanover Park Police Officer Jorge Martinez.
- The funeral for Wheeling Commander James Borchardt.
- The wake for Shorewood Police Officer Jeff Calafos.
- The wake for Chicago Police Officer Krystal Rivera.
- The wake and funeral for Elgin Police Sergeant Rich Free.
- The services for Park Forest Detective Tim Jones.



CRISIS RESOLUTION TEAM

The Hanover Park Crisis Resolution Team (CRT) consists of 13 members and is commanded by a lieutenant. CRT members receive monthly specialized training on warrant service, team movements, and advanced weapons. This team is used most often for the execution of high risk search warrants that may involve armed individuals or present a significant threat to law enforcement.

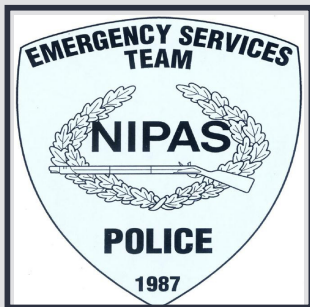
In 2025, the team participated in 96 hours of scheduled training which included room entries, search warrant executions, alternate shooting platforms, shield work, outdoor range shooting, rapid deployment, pistol and rifle marksmanship, officer rescue and low light shooting.



TASK FORCES



The Hanover Park Police Department has several officers assigned as departmental representatives on task forces and teams for both Cook and DuPage counties. These officers provide supplemental manpower, training, expertise, and equipment to assist with major criminal investigations and incidents. By being a member of these task forces or groups, the Hanover Park Police Department is allowed to pool manpower and public safety resources with surrounding agencies in the event of a large scale crime or event that would overwhelm the resources and abilities of a single agency.



MAJOR CASE ASSISTANCE TEAM (MCAT)

The Major Case Assistance Team is a multi-jurisdictional organization that provides investigative and forensic assistance to Cook County member agencies during investigations of homicides, kidnappings, and other major crimes. The Hanover Park Police Department has six officers assigned to MCAT. In 2025, officers responded to 18 MCAT activations in other jurisdictions which included homicide, surveillance, and other types of major investigations.



METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE & INVESTIGATION TEAM (MERIT)

The Metropolitan Emergency Response & Investigation Team is a multi-jurisdictional organization that provides investigative and forensic assistance to DuPage County member agencies during investigations of homicides, major crashes, kidnappings, and other major crimes. The Hanover Park Police Department has five officers assigned to the task force. In 2025, officers responded to nine (9) MERIT activations in other jurisdictions which included homicide, fatal crashes, drone operation, and other types of major investigations.



ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT ALARM SYSTEM (ILEAS)

The Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System is a statewide police mutual aid system consisting of over 700 member agencies. ILEAS activations can be made in the event of a large scale event or public safety matter which would necessitate additional manpower and resources. In 2025, the Hanover Park Police Department responded to seven (7) ILEAS activations.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS POLICE ALARM SYSTEM (NIPAS)

The Northern Illinois Police Alarm System is a police mutual aid system consisting of over 100 agencies. NIPAS is comprised of an Emergency Services Team (EST) and a Mobile Field Force Team (MFFT).

The Emergency Services Team is a specially trained tactical team which can be deployed in the event of a hostage/barricade event, a high-risk search warrant service, a search and rescue mission or other high risk tactical situation. The Hanover Park Police Department currently has one officer assigned to the NIPAS EST team.

The Mobile Field Force Team consists of officers specially trained to handle civil disturbances, union conflicts, public demonstrations and other events involving large or disorderly crowds. The Hanover Park Police Department has one officer assigned to the MFFT and that officer responded to eight (8) activations in 2025.



TRAFFIC SAFETY CHALLENGE



The Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge (ITSC) is a friendly competition between law enforcement agencies of similar size and type. The Challenge targets three major traffic safety priorities: occupant protection, speeding, and impaired driving. It recognizes agencies for the approach and effectiveness of their overall highway safety programs. Agencies are evaluated not just for enforcement initiatives, but for innovative problem solving in their communities, using public information activities, and creating departmental policies that support their traffic enforcement campaign efforts. Winning programs effectively combine many different strategies to reduce crashes and injuries in their jurisdictions.

On August 15, 2025, the Hanover Park Police Department received first place in the Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge Awards for calendar year 2024 in the Municipal 51-65 category, as well as the Judges' Award. The department won a Laser Technology TruSpeed S LIDAR valued at \$1,500.

COP ON A ROOFTOP



On May 16, 2025, officers climbed to the rooftop of the Dunkin' located at 7450 Barrington Rd. for the 22nd annual Cop on a Rooftop event. This was the first time the department has participated in this event since 2019. From 5 AM to noon, volunteers from the police department collected donations and rallied support for Special Olympics Illinois. On June 15, 2025, in partnership with the Streamwood Police Department, officers laced up their running shoes and took part in a three-mile leg of the Law Enforcement Torch Run. This year, the Hanover Park Police Department was able to raise over \$3,000 between both events. We couldn't have done it without the support of the community.

COPS DAY PICNIC



On July 18, 2025, the police department hosted its 27th annual COPS Day Picnic at the Park District grounds. The event was well-attended and continues to grow each year. The picnic started at 5:00 PM and concluded at 8:30 PM. Following the picnic and its various activities, the evening wrapped up with a screening of the movie *Dogman* in the park.

The SEP Unit, in collaboration with the Social Services Unit, successfully organized what is being recognized as the largest COPS Day Picnic to date. The event featured an array of attractions, including free food and drinks served by the police department's Command Staff and the Hanover Park Lions Club. Attendees enjoyed a variety of activities, such as a video gaming bus, a petting zoo, face painting, raffles, and music provided by a DJ.

The picnic hosted over 50 non-profit and social service organizations, as well as representatives from more than 25 law enforcement, medical, and first responder agencies. A highlight of the day was a demonstration by Officer Wiebe and his K-9 partner, Doc, which captivated the crowd and remains a favorite moment of the event.

We received positive feedback from our community regarding the event and look forward to continuing this tradition.

COPS & CONES



On July 16, 2025, the police department's third-quarter ART meeting was held at Green Valley Golf Range, located at 26W101 Lake Street in Hanover Park. The theme of the ART meeting was "Cops and Cones" and was shared via the department's social media outlets weeks prior to the event. This was an opportunity for residents of Hanover Park to meet some of our officers, learn about the department's ART program, voice any concerns, ask questions, tour one of our squad cars, and enjoy a free ice cream cone. We discussed the vision of the Area Response Team program and introduced residents to their respective ART officers and how to contact them, the services provided by the Hanover Park Social Services Department, and major incidents and crime statistics for the year to date. The meeting was a success with approximately 50 participants, and we plan to continue and expand upon the event in the future. We would like to thank Green Valley Golf Range for hosting the event with us and graciously donating the ice cream.

SHOP WITH A COP



In December 2025, the Hanover Park Police Department proudly participated in the annual Shop with a Cop program, a longstanding community initiative designed to strengthen relationships between law enforcement and local families while spreading holiday cheer to children in need.

Despite challenging winter conditions, the event was a resounding success. The Department partnered with the Roselle Police Department, the Roselle Fire Department, the Itasca Police Department, the Wayne (IL) Police Department, and the Roselle Volunteers in Police Service (VIPs) to deliver a memorable experience for participating children.

Fourteen children from Hanover Park were paired one-on-one with police officers for a day that included a holiday shopping experience, a shared meal, and a special visit from Santa Claus. Children were able to select gifts for themselves and their families, reinforcing the spirit of giving and inclusion. Prior to returning home, each child also received winter clothing provided by Maddie's Mitten March, helping to ensure they were prepared for the winter season.

The success of Shop with a Cop is made possible through strong community partnerships and generous support from local organizations. The Department extends its sincere appreciation to the Roselle Police Foundation, Meijer-Bloomingtondale, The Home Depot-Elk Grove Village, Hanover Township, Diversify Itasca, Electri-Flex, and the many additional sponsors and volunteers whose contributions made this program possible.

Shop with a Cop continues to be one of the Department's most valued annual community engagement events. It reflects the Hanover Park Police Department's ongoing commitment to community policing, positive youth engagement, and meaningful partnerships that strengthen trust between law enforcement and the community it serves.

FOOD FOR FINES

In 2025, the Police Department once again participated in the Food for Fines initiative from December 14th to December 31st. The department accepted donations in lieu of parking ticket fines for any citations issued during that period. For this program, 10 canned food items were accepted in place of the fine for any \$50 parking citation. By participating in Food for Fines, individuals can eliminate their fines and help others in need. A total of 188 parking tickets were paid with food items, and a total of 2,116 food items were donated. The Hanover Park Township Food Pantry serves 600 to 900 residents each month and was the recipient of the majority of the donations. Due to the increased participation in the program, the department also donated 400 cans to Partners For Our Community.



CATALYTIC CONVERTER THEFT PREVENTION EVENT



On October 8, 2025, the Hanover Park Police Department and the Bartlett Police Department partnered with Midas in Hanover Park for the annual catalytic converter theft prevention event. A catalytic converter is a bulbous piece of equipment containing a honeycomb structure that filters fumes. Inside the converter are several different metals that help reduce car emissions, including platinum, palladium, and rhodium. In recent years, efforts by car manufacturers to improve vehicle emissions have led to a higher demand for the metals.

In order to prevent the theft of catalytic converters, Midas technicians applied a brightly colored, high-temperature paint to the catalytic converters, making it harder for thieves to resell them and more likely that they or their buyers could be caught. This was a free event which was advertised on Facebook and Instagram, as well as the Ring Neighborhood Portal. Midas technicians serviced 25 vehicles.

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