

# Skokie Police Department Annual Report 2010



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# Village of Skokie

February 1, 2011

Mayor George Van Dusen  
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Dear Mayor Van Dusen and Manager Rigoni:

On behalf of the men and women of the Skokie Police Department, I am pleased to provide you with our Annual Report for 2010. We have designed this report to be a resource for municipal officials, law enforcement professionals, students, libraries, journalists, and of course the people who live and work in the Village of Skokie.

I am pleased to inform you that reported crime decreased by one percent last year, representing the third consecutive year of decline. Decreases were realized in the categories of homicide, burglary, theft, burglary/theft to motor vehicles and criminal damage. In contrast, the Department's service call workload inched higher (1%) last year, and is now more than 12 percent higher than the average workload experienced over the past ten years.

Every year there are significant personnel changes experienced within the Department. Last year was no exception, as evidenced by the retirement of Deputy Chief Russell Van, Commander Michael Ruth, Commander Carl Bock, Sergeant Thomas Crowley, and Officers Walter Trentadue, Jerry Axel, and Alan Oshita. Deputy Chief Van started at the Department in February of 1972, was promoted to Sergeant in 1979, and became a Lieutenant in 1988. He was appointed to Deputy Chief of Administrative Services in 1998, where he served until his retirement on May 14, 2010. Commander Ruth joined our Department in 1981 and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 1993. He was appointed to Commander in 2001, where he worked as a Watch Commander until his retirement.

Commander Bock began his career with the Department in 1980 and was promoted to Sergeant in 1997. He attained the rank of Lieutenant in 2001, serving as both the Investigations and Tactical Intervention Unit Commander before retiring from the Department after 30 years of dedicated service. Sergeant Crowley was with the Department for 34 years before he retired in September 2010. Officer Axel was assigned to the Patrol Division during his 30 years of service, and Officer Trentadue retired after 32 years, working in both the Patrol and Crime Prevention Divisions. After 35 years of service working in the Patrol Division, Officer Oshita retired in December 2010. These individuals have been integral members of the Skokie Police Department family. Their dedication and commitment to the Department and the residents of Skokie will be missed.

The Department hired five new Officers during 2010. Officers Sean Gibson, Benni Jonsson, John Oakley, Ryan Rafferty, and Garren Zerfass joined our Department in September. I hope that these fine Officers remain a part of the Skokie Police Department family for years to come.

The Skokie Police Department remains committed to excellence. I would like to extend my personal appreciation to our citizens, local officials, and the employees of the Skokie Police Department for their continued support of professional police services within our community.

Sincerely,

Barry P. Silverberg  
Chief of Police

# **2010 Skokie Police Department** **Annual Report**

## **Executive Summary**



After more than five years of planning, design and construction, the new Skokie Police Department Headquarters was officially dedicated on October 3, 2010. The grand opening of the new, state-of-the-art facility was attended by the Mayor, Village trustees and numerous dignitaries, as well as more than 1,600 residents. Tours of the 80,000 square foot building were provided over the course of several hours to the steady stream of citizens, and included a large, static vehicle display. The building was very well-received by the general public, and much appreciated by Department employees who took occupancy of the building on October 18, 2010.

The new headquarters facility, which is located at 7300 Niles Center Road, was designed on the premise of several fundamental goals: (1) to be warm and welcoming to the public; (2) to be functional and operationally efficient for the employees; (3) to comply with both the letter and the spirit of all applicable codes, ordinances and laws; (4) to integrate as much natural light as possible into the building; and (5) to design a “green” building that is highly energy efficient and resource-friendly. The structure has met or exceeded those goals, and the Department has applied to the U.S. Green Building Council for certification under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program. While official review and notification regarding the Department’s LEED application is not expected to be completed until the Spring of 2011, the Department has already been awarded grants from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Development, and funding from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation as confirmation of its significant efforts to maximize energy efficient design.

The Police Department is also pleased to report that offenses inched lower by one percent during 2010. This decrease marks the third consecutive year of decline, and returns the annual crime rate to a level consistent with the average number of offenses experienced in Skokie over the past decade. In contrast, the Department's service call workload actually rose by one percent last year. These services, which would consist of non-criminal events such as disturbance calls, calls for suspicious persons, alarms, traffic crashes and traffic enforcement, last year exceeded the 10-year average by more than 12 percent.

While it is important to remain cognizant of overall crime trends within the community and beyond, it is often equally beneficial to identify and assess the component parts of those trends. Examination of these statistical sub-plots provides invaluable feedback and perspective, permitting Police Department command staff to more efficiently deploy personnel and resources to meet the needs of the community. Consistent with that premise, much of the remainder of this Annual Report will focus on individual offense patterns and Police Department program initiatives.

Although service calls increased by one percent compared to 2009, the overall crime rate actually fell by a similar margin (-1%). Contributing to this slight decline were reductions in the offenses of homicide (-100%), burglary (-4%), theft (-4%), burglary/theft to motor vehicles (-20%) and criminal damage (-9%). While any decline in crime is noteworthy, the Skokie Police Department is of the philosophy that even one crime is one crime too many. Consequently, the Department remains ever-vigilant in its efforts to maintain the downward trend realized for these offenses, and to counteract the upward trends experienced in other crime categories.

Whether trending higher or lower from the previous year, certain offenses are often of particular interest to the media and the public. Robbery and Burglary are two common examples, and will therefore be provided with additional discussion. While five additional robberies (+9%) were reported last year, this increase is attributable to an increase in unarmed and aggravated robberies. Armed robberies, in contrast, actually fell by 19 incidents (50%) to a level 21 percent lower than the 10-year average. Further, many armed robberies typically involve convenience stores, gas stations, banks and other businesses.

Burglary is another offense of note for residents. During 2010, the total number of burglaries reported in Skokie fell by 16 incidents or four percent, marking the third consecutive year of decline. While the number of successful burglaries to residences was up almost four percent, the number of successful burglaries to non-residential structures decreased by 43 percent. Home invasions also declined from nine incidents in 2009 to five last year. These statistics might have proven even better were it not for an organized burglary ring of gang members that were found to be victimizing Skokie properties in January, 2010. Investigators and Tactical Mission Team members worked diligently in response to this abnormal spike in offenses, and subsequently conducted searches of the offenders' homes. Proceeds from numerous burglaries in Skokie and other communities were recovered, and 23 suspects believed responsible for over 30 Skokie burglaries were identified.

*It is the mission of the Skokie Police Department to proactively and professionally deliver law enforcement services to the people of Skokie in order to enhance the quality of life through the preservation of peace and order. As illustrated by the programs, initiatives and individual efforts described throughout the remainder of this report, the men and women of this Department remain steadfast in their dedication and commitment to this mission.*

## **SKOKIE POLICE DEPARTMENT** **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Skokie Village Code identifies the responsibilities of the Skokie Police Department as the protection of life and property, the protection of individual rights, the enforcement of ordinances and regulations, and the preservation of peace, order, and safety. With the values delineated in Village Code as a mandate, *it is the mission of the Skokie Police Department to proactively and professionally deliver law enforcement services to the people of Skokie in order to enhance the quality of life through the preservation of peace and order.*

This overriding Mission commits the Skokie Police Department in general and each of its members individually to the fundamental tenet of “service to the community.” It requires an understanding of, and genuine belief in, the values, goals and objectives collectively represented by this Mission. Further, the Mission serves as the foundation upon which all actions, organizational directives and operational decisions shall be based.

By acknowledging responsibility to the citizens of Skokie as the Department’s true source of authority; by performing duties within both the spirit and the letter of the law; by treating each person with dignity and respect while remaining sensitive to their unique needs, the Skokie Police Department can strive to approach if not fulfill its Mission. Accordingly, progress made toward achievement of its Mission will be measured in terms of the Department’s day-to-day ability to:

- Prevent and repress crime;
- Detect criminal activity and apprehend offenders;
- Protect life and property;
- Facilitate the safe movement of people and vehicles;
- Assist those in danger, those in need of assistance, and those who cannot care for themselves;
- Protect individual constitutional rights;
- Resolve conflict threatening to life and property; and to
- Promote and preserve a feeling of safety and security in the community.



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**2010 ORGANIZATIONAL**  
**COMPONENT SUMMARIES**

## Office of the Chief

### *Office of the Chief*

The Office of the Chief consists of the Chief of Police, senior management team, and support staff. The role of this office is to provide leadership, direction and vision to the Department in the fulfillment of its overall mission. The Department is led by **Chief Barry P. Silverberg**, who has served as Chief of Police since 2005. **Field Operations** is led by **Deputy Chief Anthony Scarpelli**. Since the retirement of **Deputy Chief Russell Van** after 38 years of dedicated service, **Administrative Services has been** directed by **Commander Michael Pechter**. Deputy Chief Van was the Deputy Chief of Administrative Services for 12 years before retiring. **Assistant to the Chief Dane Smith** continues to serve as budget director, planner, and coordinator of the Department's grant and accreditation initiatives. Providing critical support services are **Administrative Secretary Marcy Hagio** and **Secretary Susan Kendall**.



## Field Operations

### *Patrol Division*



The largest single component within the Skokie Police Department is the Patrol Division. The Patrol Division is responsible for responding to both emergency and non-emergency calls for service from the public, handling special assignments, and proactively addressing community concerns. Consistent with the Department's mission, Patrol Officers are responsible for protection of life and property, maintaining peace, order and safety for all, conducting preliminary investigations, and enforcing the Illinois Criminal Code, traffic laws and Village

Ordinances. The Skokie Police Department encourages Patrol Officers to act as problem solvers, and to take a "we-active" rather than reactive approach to interaction with the community. During 2010, Patrol Officers responded to over 38,000 total calls for service involving criminal offenses, traffic crashes, alarm activations, disturbances, traffic complaints, and other miscellaneous events.

The Patrol Division is divided into three watches, or shifts, in order to provide continuous 24-hour police service. Each Watch is supervised by a Commander and several Sergeants. The number of Officers allocated to each shift is fluid, and is based upon historical and anticipated activity levels. Further, the Village is divided into four zones, with zone staffing tailored to meet the needs of that particular area. The Department supplements traditional patrol units with Officers trained to perform ancillary functions such as that of Evidence Technician, Field Training Officer, Canine Officer, Tactical Mission Team Officer and Traffic Unit Officer. Additional duty assignments also include the Tactical Intervention Unit Officer, Truck Enforcement Officer, Bicycle Patrol Officer, Breath Analysis Officer, Firearms Instructor, and School Resource Officer.

Four Community Service Officers (CSO's) assist the Patrol Division with important tasks including parking enforcement, abandoned vehicles, private-property crash reporting, traffic control and staffing the front desk. **CSO's Brenda Miura, Eric McCune, Dan Simons and Jeffrey Stapleton** served capably in this capacity during 2010.

**Investigations**



During the past year, the Investigations Division consisted of 20 sworn and civilian employees. After 30 years of dedicated service with the Department, including nine years leading the Investigations Division, **Commander Carl Bock** retired during 2010. Since his retirement in May, the Division has been headed by **Sergeant Kevin Baltazar** with day-to-day supervision provided by **Sergeant Paul Weinman**. The Investigations Division is responsible for follow-up investigation of all crimes reported to the Police Department.

Utilizing their experience and established solvability factors, Division Supervisors reviewed almost 5,200 reports in 2010 to identify cases to be designated for further action. In order to increase the likelihood of solving each crime, cases are assigned to one of 11 detectives, each of whom has been extensively trained in the investigation of specific crimes.

Crime Type	Detective
<b>Violent Crimes</b>	<b>Detective Jesse Barnes Detective Ronald Glad Detective Michael Liebau Detective Mario Valenti</b>
<b>Burglaries</b>	<b>Detective Patrick Johnston Detective Will Zahn</b>
<b>Financial Crimes</b>	<b>Detective Nicholas Senese Detective Alex Vincic</b>
<b>Auto Thefts/Auto Burglaries</b>	<b>Detective Jose Mendez</b>
<b>Juvenile-Related Crimes</b>	<b>Detective Jesse Barnes Detective John Long</b>
<b>Crimes Against the Elderly</b>	<b>Detective Glenn Wattenbarger</b>

All Detectives are cross-trained in each specialty and are capable of investigating any type of crime that might occur.

Also assigned to the Investigation Division are four School Resource Officers: **Officer Terrance Alexander** assigned to Old Orchard Junior High; **Officer Frank Czajka** assigned to Niles North High School; **Officer Raphael DeLorm** assigned to Niles West High School; and **Officer Elizabeth Ronderos** assigned to Lincoln Junior High.

**Community Service Officer Ingrid Anderson** serves as the Court Liaison and Crime Analysis Officer in the Investigations Division. CSO Anderson is responsible for all court-related scheduling, attendance and liaison with the various court agencies.

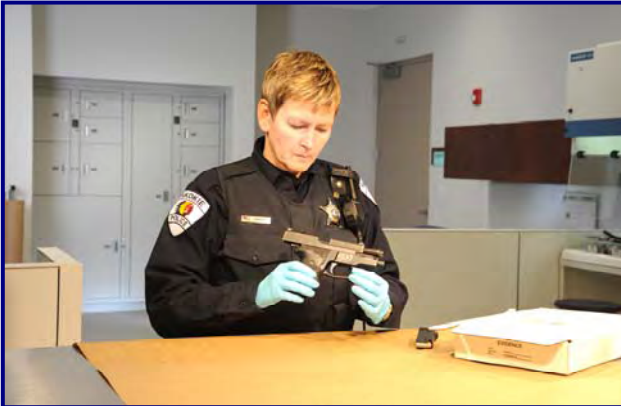


***Victim/Witness Assistance Program***

**Ms. Julie Kim** acts as the Department Social Worker, and is responsible for crisis intervention, assessment, short-term counseling, court advocacy, and referral of victims and witnesses to appropriate services. She also serves as a liaison with other community agencies providing support services such as the Association of Police Social Workers and the Niles Township Community Crisis Response Team. Data presented below represents new cases referred to the Police Department Social Worker for services during 2010.

Type of Case	2009	2010
Domestic Violence	415	330
Sexual Assault/Abuse	1	1
Neighbor Disputes	5	2
Missing Persons/Runaway	10	0
Suicide (including Attempts)	3	2
Homicide	1	0
Child Abuse/Neglect	25	33
Mental Health	16	22
Elder Abuse/Neglect	9	7
Miscellaneous	9	9
Domestic Disturbances/General Family	130	120
Stalking/No Contact Orders	N/A	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>547</b>

***Evidence Technician Program***



The Skokie Police Department’s Evidence Technician Program is coordinated by **Sergeant Daniel O’Brien**. Evidence technicians trained in crime and accident scene processing are assigned to each of the three watches in order to provide 24-hour per day coverage. The Unit collectively received 712 hours of training and conducted 668 follow-up investigations last year. The following 18 Officers were qualified as Evidence Technicians during 2010:

**Officer Dale Anderson**  
**Officer Jason Dewey**  
**Officer Michael Hartnett**  
**Officer Janet Jones**  
**Officer Nicholas Larson**  
**Officer Alan Marks**  
**Officer Steven Nelson**  
**Officer Melissa Russell**  
**Officer Kert Siemiawski**

**Officer Michael Blanco**  
**Officer Stephany Gonzalez**  
**Officer Michael Jaworski**  
**Officer Frank Keener**  
**Officer Jose Leos**  
**Officer Licarion Mendoza**  
**Officer Robert Roque**  
**Officer Mary Santana-Escobedo**  
**Officer Michael Wasowicz**

### ***Tactical Intervention Unit***

The mission of the Skokie Police Department's Tactical Intervention Unit (TIU) is to rapidly respond with specially trained and equipped personnel to incidents such as hostage situations and barricaded subjects, to execute high-risk warrants and to provide VIP protection. The TIU is organized into an Entry Team, Containment Team, Hostage Negotiation Team and a Command Team.

The TIU consists of Department members who have volunteered to serve on the Unit and have survived a rigorous selection process. Team members must also pass an annual fitness test, and are required to attend monthly training and readiness exercises. Led by **Commander Brian Baker**, the Tactical Intervention Unit included the following members during 2010:



**Sergeant Paul Weinman**  
**Detective Jesse Barnes**  
**Officer Timothy Gramins**  
**Officer Michael Kane**  
**Officer Sergio Marino (EMT)**  
**Officer Licarion Mendoza (EMT)**  
**Detective Nicholas Senese**  
**Detective Mario Valenti**  
**Detective Will Zahn**

**Sergeant Thomas Wojdyla**  
**Detective Ronald Glad**  
**Officer Kristopher Iwanski**  
**Officer Kevin Kruswicki**  
**Detective Jose Mendez**  
**Firefighter Dennis Selzer**  
**Officer Eric Swaback**  
**Officer Tommy Walker**

### **TIU Negotiators**

**Sergeant Terence Shiel**  
**Officer Mark Cianchetti**  
**Detective Michael Liebau**

**Officer Michael Cremins**  
**Officer Jason Dewey**



While the teams serve on an as-needed basis, they nevertheless maintain a state of readiness through monthly training and readiness exercises, equipment inspections, weapons qualifications, use-of-force training utilizing both simunitions and live fire drills, and practice call-ups. During 2010, training included extensive firearms training and scenario-based exercises utilizing role players. The team also participated in field training exercises hosted by the Illinois Tactical Officers Association, and attended formal training at the FBI SWAT School.

### ***Tactical Mission Team***

In direct response to recurring criminal concerns and specific crime patterns, the Skokie Police Department maintains a Tactical Mission Team to more effectively control and suppress criminal activities and trends as they are identified. The Tactical Mission Team, consisting of a Sergeant and four Police Officers, works flexible hours and operates in uniform or plainclothes, as necessary, to meet its stated objectives. By coordinating its efforts internally with the Patrol and Investigations Divisions, and externally with agencies such as the DEA, U.S. Customs, FBI, Cook County Sheriff's Police, and the citizens of Skokie, the Tactical Mission Team has positioned itself to consistently make a significant impact on crime.

**Sergeant Robert Libit** leads the Tactical Mission Team, consisting last year of **Officers Peter Chmiel, Mitchell Smaller, Baldo Bello, and Michael Blanco**. Together the team made 80 arrests, often working in conjunction with the Investigations and Patrol Divisions. Additional Tactical Mission Team achievements include the cumulative seizure of almost 18,500 grams of cannabis and over 145 grams of cocaine, in addition to various other illegal narcotics. Over \$27,500 in currency was also seized, and 15 illegally possessed firearms were recovered as the Team worked to suppress gang activity and gather valuable criminal intelligence information.

The Tactical Mission Team also collaborated with the Investigations Division on several successful sting operations during 2010, terminating several crime patterns that were being experienced. One of these operations resulted in the arrests of several subjects responsible for numerous burglaries in Skokie, Evanston, Chicago and Morton Grove.

### ***Traffic Unit***

For the past several years, **Sergeant David Pawlak** has led the Department's Traffic Unit which during 2010 included **Officers Robert Olkowski, Jeff Groberski, Eric Swaback, and John Moersfelder**.



The Traffic Unit is dedicated to developing effective strategies to address the causative factors and resultant injuries in traffic crashes, to improving methods of enforcement operations, and in-depth investigation of hit-and-run crashes, and assisting with fatal crash investigations. The Unit is also responsible for addressing and resolving traffic-related citizen concerns in a timely fashion, and acting as a liaison with citizen groups and other governmental agencies. Routine traffic enforcement is a shared responsibility integrated into the daily patrol duties of all Watch personnel.

During 2010, the Unit worked to maintain the number of public roadway crashes at low levels through selective enforcement at specific locations determined to experience the highest volume of crashes. Toward these efforts, Traffic Unit Officers made close to 5,700 contacts with motorists, an average of 474 per month. Special assignments and projects in cooperation with the Investigations Division further contributed to the overall reduction in traffic contacts. Traffic public way crashes totaled 2,618 in 2010, down more than five percent from 2009.

The Unit fully participated in several campaigns sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) such as Child Passenger Safety Week, Click It or Ticket Mobilization, National Stop on Red Week, and the “You Drink and Drive, You Lose” campaign. The Unit also conducted numerous occupant protection enforcement zones and speed enforcement zones throughout Skokie. Focus continues to be on Driving Under the Influence violations, truck violations and traffic safety near schools. As a result, the Traffic Unit conducted several school safety enforcement zones which were well-received by both parents and school administrators.

### ***Police K-9 Unit***

The Department’s K-9 Unit is in the 14<sup>th</sup> year of operation. During 2010, **Officer Jeffrey Groberski** continued in his assignment as the Department’s K-9 handler, with **Sergeant David Pawlak** providing oversight as the K-9 Unit Coordinator. Last year, the K-9 Officer and his seven-year-old K-9 partner, **Dino**, received 423 hours of position-specific training in order to maintain peak proficiency in obedience, handler protection, tracking, search techniques, crowd control and narcotics detection. Officer Groberski and Dino are also assigned to the Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS) Mobile Field Force and the Tactical Intervention Unit.

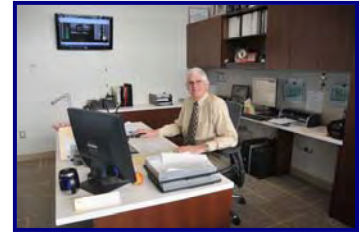
At its inception, the K-9 Unit’s goals were established to search for and apprehend criminal suspects, track missing persons, and further community interaction. During 2010, these goals continued to serve as a blueprint for the Unit’s operations. Of the 160 situations in which K-9 Unit services were required, 78 were narcotics-related, resulting in 68 positive narcotics indications or seizures. Thirty-six incidents involved tracking or searching locations for missing persons and suspects of crimes such as theft, weapons violations, residential and non-residential burglaries, aggravated batteries, armed and strong-armed robberies, and subjects wanted on arrest warrants. The K-9 Unit also provided assistance to numerous law enforcement agencies and made presentations to school, community and law enforcement groups. In addition, during 2010, the K-9 assisted in the confiscation of almost \$17,000 in U.S. Currency.



## Administrative Services

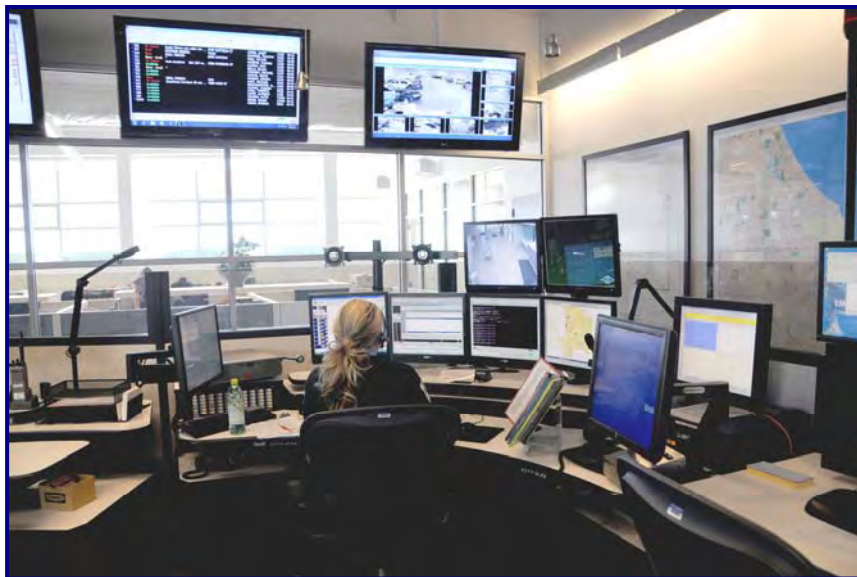
### *Communications*

Managed by **Communications Coordinator Roger N. Wilson**, the Communications Center has an authorized strength of 18 persons. Communications personnel are assigned to one of three shifts to ensure 24/7 coverage. Each shift has a Supervisor and an Officer in Charge.



During calendar year 2010, the Center received 221,952 telephone calls, including 37,700 E-911 calls. Of the almost 222,000 calls received, 38,535 calls resulted in dispatch for police service, 2,968 for fire services, and 4,809 calls for emergency medical services. The remaining 175,640 calls were for requests for information or non-emergency police or fire services. Staffing the Communications Center during 2010 were:

**Communications Supervisor John Barkhoo**  
**Communications Supervisor Theresa Coronado**  
**Communications Supervisor Mate Setka**



**and Communications Operators:**

**Carmen Anderson**  
**Jan Lieberman**  
(OIC\*, LEADS Coord.)  
**Rick Roggetz (OIC)**

**Katie Cronan**  
**Brandi Martel**  
**Jeffrey Potnick**  
**Tina Szorc**  
**Sue Wolff (OIC)**

**Nitoshia Ford**  
**Diana Pagnotta**  
**Maura Ridge**  
**Donna Szymanski**

- OIC stands for Officer in Charge, a designation given to Communications Operators who serve as lead operators in the absence of a shift Supervisor.

**Identification and Property Custody  
Officer Kert Siemiawski and  
Community Service Officer Laura  
Werner** are responsible for the

Department's identification and property custody functions. During 2010, they accepted 2,576 pieces of property into custody, returned 289 items to their rightful owners, and coordinated the destruction of 3,291 items that remained unclaimed or were no longer required as evidence. In order to facilitate the final disposition of property, numerous items were also processed through a property auction service, resulting in almost \$2,800 in revenue. Evidentiary items from 335 cases, including 13 involving DNA evidence, were submitted for analysis to Illinois State Crime Laboratories.



**Records**

As the repository for all documented calls for service, the Records Unit processes and archives all reports of criminal, non-criminal, traffic and parking activity handled by the Police Department. The Records Unit also processes expungement orders and fulfills subpoenas to the courts. During calendar year 2010, over 100,000 documents ranging from parking citations to arrest reports were processed and archived by the Unit.



Supervised by **Mr. Kerry Okada**, the Records Unit includes:

**Records Clerk Betty McGee  
Records Clerk Susan Anderson  
Records Clerk Rita Minx  
Records Clerk Kimberly Cawley  
Records Clerk Loretta Mohip**

In addition to its traditional responsibilities, the Records Unit provides support to the Village Finance Department with regard to false alarm billing, parking citations and the Village towing ordinance. The ordinance is intended to curb individuals from driving under the influence, driving on a suspended or revoked license, or driving without having been issued a license. During 2010, the Records Unit collected over \$161,000 from the towing ordinance and created over 140 case files for individuals requesting an administrative hearing to appeal the towing fine. The Records Unit also works with an independent website, DocView, which allows citizens, insurance companies and law offices access to purchase traffic crash reports online for a nominal fee.

### ***Crime Prevention and Community Relations***

The Crime Prevention/Community Relations Unit remained active in its efforts to disseminate information to the public regarding personal safety and the prevention of crime. The following Officers served in the Unit during 2010:



**Officer Joe Marzigliano  
Officer Tammy Jacobsen  
Officer Steven Odeshoo**

Presented in the following text is a synopsis of several Crime Prevention and Community Relations Unit activities during 2010. Additional programs coordinated by the Crime Prevention/Community Relations Unit (TRIAD Program, Project S.A.F.E., Explorers) are discussed in the “Program and Special Assignment” section of this report.

- **Presentations and Special Events** – Groups meeting within the Village of Skokie, including business associations, youth groups and senior organizations, are provided the opportunity to have an Officer speak to them on crime prevention topics of interest. Last year, presentations were made on topics ranging from personal safety and general crime prevention to identity theft, bank robbery and gang awareness.
- **Security Surveys** – Security surveys and consultations were conducted at 56 residences, eight religious institutions and eight businesses during 2010. The surveys included house and business alarms, locking systems, lighting and parking issues. The Unit also routinely answers questions from prospective residents and businesses regarding safety, crime, and school facilities.
- **Neighborhood Watch** – Now in its 28<sup>th</sup> year, **Officer Joe Marzigliano** manages the Neighborhood Watch Program which includes 181 active blocks (approximately 4,100 households). Eighteen new blocks were added to the program during 2010 as the Department continues to emphasize the important role the community plays in crime prevention. Neighborhood Watch meetings were conducted for new and potential participants, and four meetings were devoted to existing Neighborhood Watch Captains. At these meetings, residents were provided with information regarding current crime trends and crime prevention tips. Quarterly Neighborhood Watch Bulletins were also disseminated to each of the participating households.

- **Community Alerts** – Community Alerts are informational alerts that target a specific crime in relation to a specific area or type of business. Alerts are available to the target audience directly through the Village’s website, allowing for the dissemination of information regarding criminal activity and trends to citizens with greater speed than traditional hard-copy distribution. A total of 227 Community Alerts were disseminated last year to areas experiencing a specific crime trend or pattern. By distributing useful, timely information, Neighborhood Watch groups are kept aware of problems and are encouraged to take safety precautions in order to avoid becoming crime victims.

- **Nixle Messaging System** – As part of its ongoing efforts to continually improve the communication and timely distribution of information to the community, during 2010 the Department initiated participation in a web-based community messaging system called Nixle. The Nixle messaging system allows the Police Department to now send up-to-date information and messages to the public via email and/or text messages to those registered to receive this service. Nixle was utilized in several emergency situations during 2010, including to inform the public of serious traffic crashes and detour information, and to broadcast the description of a bank robbery suspect within minutes of the crime. Registration to receive Nixle alerts is available at the Village website: [www.skokie.org](http://www.skokie.org), or at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com).



- **School Safety** – Skokie Police Department School Safety Programs are presented to children in pre-school through eighth grade. Last year, classes were taught incorporating the following topics: stranger danger, home alone, self-esteem building, decision making skills, good touch/bad touch and school bus safety.
- **School Lockdown and Evacuation Drills** – Revisions to state law in response to recent events highlight the necessity of precautionary planning in the event of an emergency. In cooperation with the Skokie Fire Department and school districts within Skokie, the Skokie Police Department participated in practical evacuation and lockdown drills. Insight into individualized emergency preparedness plans for each school is offered by public safety personnel.

- **Crossing Guards** - Crossing Guards play an integral role in our community, working diligently to ensure the safe passage and security of our children as they walk to school. The Skokie Police Department, in an effort to provide for the pedestrian safety of the children of the community, maintains a complement of school crossing guards. With the assistance of **Crossing Guard Coordinator Anita Ehmke, Officer Steve Odesho** ensures the staffing of 23 crossing locations in support of the 15 participating schools. These locations are staffed by 23 permanent Crossing Guards, and 12 substitute Crossing Guards.



## *Training*



The coordination of training programs and career development opportunities for Department employees is the responsibility of **Sergeant Michael Krupnik**. The Unit is assisted by **Secretary Chela Huss**. Skokie Police Department personnel received a total of 16,522 hours of training during 2010. These training totals include in-service and roll-call training, career development programs and management-level courses.

Five recruit Officers were hired and received expanded basic training during 2010. Providing expert instruction in the expanded basic and field training phases of the process were **Officers Adam Orozco, Mark Cianchetti, Denise Franklin, Tim Gramins, Jeff Groberski, Tammy Jacobsen, Patrick Johnston, John Kilcullen, John Long, Jose Mendez, Sam Rannochio, Melissa Russell, Kert Siemiawski and Eric Swaback**. **Sergeant Michael Healy, Sergeant David Pawlak, Community Service Officer Laura Werner, Youth Outreach Coordinator Annmarie Benuzzi and Social Worker Julie Kim** also provided expert training in 2010.

Quarterly in-service training was provided to all sworn personnel on a variety of diverse topics, including annual review and recertification in response to resistance, oleoresin capsicum (OC) spray, impact weapons and control tactics, CPR, ethnic and cultural awareness, and orientation to the new police facility. Training regarding response to resistance policies, defensive tactics, and proficiency testing for impact weapons and OC spray was conducted by certified **Defensive Tactics Instructors Sergeant Paul Weinman and Officers Jose Mendez, Mark Cianchetti, Peter Chmiel, and Adam Orozco**.



Roll-call training included 58 individual Training Bulletins and International Association of Chiefs of Police Training Keys. The following topics were included in training during 2010:

- Legal Update of New Criminal and Traffic Laws
- Pursuits
- Roadblocks
- Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System
- (ILEAS) Mutual Aid Procedures
- Translation Services
- Freedom of Information Act
- Ethical Conduct and Harassment
- Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA)
- Hazardous Homes
- Automated Red Light Cameras
- Nixle Community Messaging
- Cultural Diversity

Management, supervisory training and advanced training for evidence technicians were also provided to Department Supervisors and evidence technicians at the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety, the Northern Illinois Public Safety Training Academy (NIPSTA) and the NorthEast Multi-Regional Training Board (NEMRT).

## **VirTra**

The new Police Department Headquarters includes a state-of-the-art virtual firearms training system, among the first of its kind in the State of Illinois. The 300-degree, multi-screen, video-based firearm training system displays realistic, anxiety-producing mock scenarios in high-definition across surrounding screens, effectively simulating life and death situations in which a deadly response to resistance might be warranted.

The VirTra 300-HD is currently being used by the Department of Defense, U.S. Marshals, Department of Homeland Security, and many state and local law enforcement agencies across the country.

Trainees, surrounded by the video displays, are forced to make critical, split-second decisions using a simulated weapon to shoot at targets moving across and within screens during the exercises.



A grant from the Department of Homeland Security's Buffer Zone Protection Program fully funded this simulator.

## ***Internal Affairs***

Eighteen internal investigations and reviews were conducted in 2010, compared to 21 from 2009. Only two investigations were initiated by external complaints, while 16 originated as internal complaints. Each internal investigation is required by policy to result in a conclusion of fact; i.e., a finding. The Skokie Police Department uses the following findings to categorize completed internal investigations:

- **Unfounded Complaint** – The investigation indicates that the act or acts alleged did not occur or did not involve Department personnel.
- **Proper Conduct** – The investigation finds that the act or acts did occur, but were indeed justified, lawful, and proper.
- **Improper Conduct** – (1) The investigation discloses sufficient evidence to clearly prove the allegations made in the complaint, or (2) the investigation fails to prove the original complaint, but discovers evidence of misconduct not a part of the original complaint.
- **Not Sustained** – The information available is inadequate to either prove or disprove the allegations made in the complaint.
- **Policy Failure** – Investigation reveals that the alleged acts did occur; however, the member/employee was acting in accordance with established Departmental Policy.

The 18 investigations conducted in 2010 involved 24 allegations of wrongdoing on the part of 24 Officers. Of the allegations, 18 resulted in a determination of improper conduct. Disciplinary action was taken in each of these cases. The remaining cases were closed, with two classified as proper conduct or unfounded, and four in a finding of insufficient evidence. Further, because no distinct patterns or trends were apparent, no additional Department-wide training was required.

### *Management Information Services*



**Officer Steve Sieghart** serves as the Police Department's Management Information System Specialist. Information management has assumed a pivotal role in the efficient operation of law enforcement agencies over the past 20 years as technological resources and informational demands continue to evolve. In order to ensure that the Police Department is abreast of these changes, Officer Sieghart is responsible for implementation, administration, and maintenance of all computer systems, including desktop, laptop, and mobile data computer hardware and software applications. **Officer John Kilcullen**

supports MIS with oversight of issues of automated field and traffic crash reporting, and is often temporarily reassigned from patrol duties to assist Officer Sieghart in the completion of large-scale projects.

During calendar year 2010, Officers Sieghart and Kilcullen were instrumental in the transfer, installation and integration of existing computer hardware and software from the previous police facility to the new Skokie Police Department Headquarters. The latest state-of-the-art technologies were incorporated into the new facility, including: a new and upgraded Communication Center, new security systems, closed-circuit television cameras and an enhanced detention facility. Officers Sieghart and Kilcullen were charged with merging the new and existing systems to operate efficiently and effectively without disrupting overall police operations during the transition.

Additionally, these Officers have been integral participants during the initial planning stages for an upgrade and transition to a new records management system to be completed during the next eighteen months.

**2010 PROGRAM AND SPECIAL  
ASSIGNMENT SUMMARIES**

## 2010 Program and Special Assignment Summary

### *New Police Facility*



During 2010, significant time and effort was devoted to the final design and construction stages of the new Police facility located at 7300 Niles Center Road. On October 3, 2010, a grand opening was held for the public, and on October 18, 2010, the Police Department was able to move into its new headquarters.

From its inception, a Police Facility Executive Planning Committee provided oversight to and coordination of the

critical aspects of the project, utilizing the considerable expertise of many existing Village staff members. The Committee consisted of **Village Manager Albert J. Rigoni, Police Chief Barry Silverberg, Police Department Project Coordinators Dane Smith and Michael Pechter, Fire Chief Ralph Czerwinski, Deputy Director of Community Development Wayne Hanson (ret.), and Purchasing Agent Michael Aleksic.** Riley Construction Company served as the Village's Construction Manager At Risk, joining Sente Rubel Bosman and Lee Architects (SRBL) as key members on the Executive Planning Committee.

For the past several years, **Project Coordinators Dane Smith and Michael Pechter** worked closely with the construction and architectural teams and consultants, facilitating the timely completion of this complex undertaking. Together, the team successfully transformed the innovative ideas received from Department and Village staff into well-conceived, well-executed realities for the new building. These collective efforts resulted in a highly efficient and effective floor plan for the state-of-the-art facility. Further, as employees acclimate to their new surroundings, the invaluable contribution of each and every individual who provided their time and expertise to the project has become increasingly evident.



### ***School Resource Officer***

The Skokie Police Department first implemented a School Resource Officer (SRO) program at Niles West High School in August of 1999. Similar programs were subsequently created at Niles North, Lincoln Junior High and Old Orchard Junior High. This ongoing program represents cooperative partnerships between the Skokie Police Department, the Village of Skokie and local school districts.



A primary goal of the School Resource Officer program is to bridge the gap between the Police Department and the school community, allowing a coordinated and proactive approach to school and youth-related crime issues including truancy, runaways, and drug and alcohol resistance. During the school year, School Resource Officers (SRO's) **Raphael DeLorm, Terrance Alexander, Elizabeth Ronderos, and Frank Czajka** (pictured above, from left to right), worked toward this goal by conducting numerous classroom, staff and parent presentations, freshman and transfer student orientations, and by attending literally hundreds of staff, parent and community meetings. The SRO's also worked closely with school administration to reduce the incidence of cases involving battery, dangerous weapons, disorderly conduct, drugs, truancy and other violations by providing counseling and instruction.

Staff and student evaluations of the program indicate that the program continues to be very well received. The ongoing success of the program is ensured through daily interaction between the School Resource Officers and the student populations, effectively developing the type of working relationships that can only be developed in a team atmosphere. Collectively, the SRO's made 65 juvenile and eight adult arrests, and issued 63 local ordinance violation citations.

### ***North Regional Major Crimes Task Force***

The Skokie Police Department continued to participate in the North Regional Major Crimes Task Force (NORTAF) during 2010. The Task Force exists to assist member agencies with the investigation of homicides and non-parental kidnappings. At present, 13 area law enforcement agencies pool designated personnel and equipment resources in order to minimize potentially critical financial and logistical hardships such an investigation can have on the host community. Participating agencies include Evanston, Glencoe, Glenview, Kenilworth, Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Niles, Northbrook, Northfield, **Skokie**, Wheeling, Wilmette and Winnetka. NORTAF was activated 12 times during calendar year 2010.

Each Officer assigned to the Task Force serves in a specific capacity. Representing the Skokie Police Department during 2010 were **Investigators Patrick Johnston and Ron Glad**.



In response to increased criminal activity on the part of professional burglars and organized burglary rings in member communities, a Burglary Task Force was also formed by NORTAF agencies during 2004. As part of its ongoing efforts to mitigate this concern shared by Skokie and all other NORCOM communities, the Skokie Police Department continues to maintain a leadership role in this Task Force with a commitment of two Officers. During 2010, **Sergeant Paul Weinman** served as the Commander of the Burglary Task Force, and **Detective Will Zahn** participated as an Investigator. The Task Force was activated six times last year, resulting in the apprehension of suspects including several groups of burglars committing ruse-entry style residential burglaries and home repair frauds targeting elderly homeowners in the area. The Burglary Task Force resulted in 20 arrests and cleared 28 cases in 2010.

### ***Niles Township Youth Coalition***

The Niles Township Youth Coalition continues to meet on a monthly basis in order to ensure a free exchange of information on youth- and gang-related activities in the Skokie area. Excellent, proactive partnerships have been developed between the schools, park district, Village of Skokie, and local family/youth counseling services. There is a consensus among Coalition participants that positive and proactive alternatives to gang involvement require a comprehensive approach involving coordinated activities, early intervention strategies, and follow-up for youth and families in need of assistance. As such, the overall goal of the Coalition is to ensure a continuum of care, up to and including community service and juvenile detention.

### ***Peer Jury***

The “Peer Jury” program is a community-alternatives approach to the prosecution and court supervision of certain first-time, non-violent juvenile offenders. **Detective John Long** and volunteer coordinators enlist peer jurors and community placement agencies in an effort to provide a continuum of supervised community service for offenders. The peer jurors for 2010, ranging in age from 14 to 17, were from Niles North, Niles West and Evanston Township High Schools, the Ida Crown Jewish Academy and North Ridge Preparatory School. Offenders who are found guilty complete dispositions such as writing a paper acknowledging their understanding of what they have done wrong, writing a letter of apology to the victim, or performing community service.



During 2010, 22 juveniles were diverted from the Juvenile Criminal Justice System and appeared before the Peer Jury for such offenses as theft, retail theft, battery, criminal damage, disorderly conduct, possession of cannabis, and harassment by telephone. Only one of these cases was referred to Juvenile court for non-completion. As part of the program, community service was performed at the following agencies: the Village of Skokie Department of Human Services, the Skokie Public Library, the Skokie Park District, the Maine-Niles Township Association of Special Recreation and the Lieberman Senior Assisted Living Center. Twenty-six juveniles were referred to the Shoplifting Prevention Program at the Response Center in Skokie. The Response Center is a not-for-profit counseling, educational and resource center serving adolescents (age 12 to 21) and their families. A program of the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago, Response Center is administered by Jewish Child and Family Services.

### ***Youth Outreach Program***

The “Youth Outreach Program” is a collaboration of the Skokie Police Department, Village of Skokie, Circuit Court, schools, social service and not-for-profit agencies working together in the interest of youths and their families. The program primarily addresses first-time offenders ages 9 to 20 ticketed for violating Village ordinances, including those prohibiting curfew, truancy, minor in possession of alcohol or tobacco, disorderly conduct, vandalism, trespassing, possession or discharge of fireworks, and possession of less than 2.5 grams of cannabis. The program offers early intervention to juveniles and young adults, and provides the courts with options for dealing with these offenders. In fact, there is a monthly Youthful Offender Court Call that works in conjunction with the program. Youth must appear with their parent or guardian at this special court call that allows judges increased time to discuss the offense with the offender, and focus on remedies that will best serve the child, his family and the community as a whole.

During 2010, a total of 416 youths were ticketed and required to appear at the Youthful Offender Court Call. A majority of these youth were ordered to obtain individual or family assessments or counseling, alcohol or drug evaluations and/or submit to drug tests. Others were ordered to attend educational programs offered on topics such as alcohol and drugs, anger management, tobacco/nicotine addiction or fire safety and prevention. A smaller number were required to perform community service. The opportunity to agree to be placed in a residential treatment facility for substance abuse was provided as needed.



**Annmarie Benuzzi**, who has served as the Youth Outreach Coordinator (YOC) since the program's inception, is charged with the development and ongoing management of the program. In the performance of her duties, the YOC must establish and perpetuate solid working relationships with social service agencies and community service sites, maintain comprehensive computer and court files, and communicate court orders. In addition, it is the Coordinator's responsibility to meet with youth violators and their parents to coordinate appropriate placements and oversee compliance.

Early intervention and prevention remain the focus of the Youth Outreach Program. Primary goals include holding youth offenders accountable for their actions, reducing the incidence of repeat offenses, diverting youth offenders from further court action, and making social service programs readily available. During 2010, the YOC participated in outreach efforts to inform families of the various local ordinances and social services available in the community. She also initiated the process of amending the possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia local ordinance, and researched potential additional services to add to the program. Through the support received from the Village of Skokie, the Skokie Police Department, the courts, the schools, and social service agencies, the program continues to meet the needs of at-risk youth, their families and the community.

### ***Bicycle Patrol***

The Bicycle Patrol Unit, consisting of a Supervisor and 12 Officers, marked its thirteenth year of operation during 2010. **Sergeant Terence Shiel** led the Unit, which included **Bicycle Officers Stephen Bush, Michael Cremins, Michael Hart, Kristopher Iwanski, Michael Kane, and Kevin Kruswicki**, as well as **Officers John Moersfelder, Steven Odeshoo, Mary Santana-Escobedo, Kert Siemiawski and Tommy Walker**. **Officer Walter Trentadue** participated for a portion of the season before retiring from the Department. Each has received required training in police bicycle operations.



The Bicycle Patrol Unit continued to function as an overtime-only assignment in order to supplement normal staffing levels. Members of the Unit are generally assigned to patrol the parks, shopping centers, school grounds, and other areas best suited for non-motorized patrol.

During these patrols, a primary objective is to engage in positive interaction with citizens, and especially with youth of the community. Consistent with this fundamental goal, the Bicycle Patrol Unit also participates in the Village's BackLot Bash, Fourth of July Parade and fireworks display, the Skokie Bicycle Rodeo Day, Festival of Cultures, block parties and other community functions.

During 2010, the Bicycle Patrol Unit continued to be integral to the Department-wide effort to reduce the fear of crime and victimization within parks and other areas where groups of unsupervised youth tend to congregate. As incidents occurred in the parks and surrounding areas, the Unit was able to modify its patrol tactics, as necessary. Members of the Unit conducted 142 S.T.R.O.L.L.'s (walk and talks), and interacted with an estimated 1,570 Skokie residents, including almost 350 students at Skokie schools.

Program feedback from participating Officers, other Departmental units and from the community at large has consistently been very positive. As a result of the community's ongoing appreciation of this non-traditional, interactive and effective approach to policing, it is hoped that the program will again be operational during the summer months of 2011.

### ***Honor Guard***

The Skokie Police Department Honor Guard was formed in 2010 to serve as the "guardians of the colors" by displaying and escorting the national flag, the Illinois state flag and the Village of Skokie flag on ceremonial occasions. The Honor Guard provides services for dedications, inaugurations, funeral services, memorial services and awards ceremonies. It is comprised of both male and female Officers who volunteer their time and devote many hours training to perfect their performance.



Current members of the Color Guard are (pictured above, from left to right) **Officers Baldo Bello, Timothy Gramins, Tommy Walker, John Kilcullen, Marilyn Torres, Michael Hart, Terrance Alexander, Damon Nikolopoulos** and **Kevin Kruswicki** (not pictured).

### ***Triad Program***

**Officer Tammy Jacobsen** continued to serve as the Department's liaison to the Triad Program during 2010. This ongoing program is intended to facilitate effective lines of communication with senior citizens of the community. This was accomplished through quarterly meetings which provided interested groups a forum for ongoing dialogue regarding the delivery of law enforcement services, community involvement, victimization, and other pertinent topics. Speakers from the Police Department's Traffic Unit and Investigations Division, Skokie Fire Department and members of the Cook County Sheriff's Office made presentations to the group last year.



### ***Project S.A.F.E.***



Project S.A.F.E. (Safety Awareness for Everyone) was adopted during the 2002-2003 school year to replace the traditional Drug Awareness and Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program. Project S.A.F.E. has been offered to young students ever since. During 2010, the program was administered primarily by **Officers Tammy Jacobsen and Steve Odeshoo.**

In collaboration with representatives of various Skokie Schools, this student education program was found to be more flexible and adaptive in meeting the needs of local individual schools. The curriculum, tailored specifically to meet the needs of Skokie school children, has been expanded to include topics such as internet safety, respecting diversity, and non-violent strategies for dealing with anger. The program includes two lessons at each grade level, and was provided to children from kindergarten through fifth grade in nine different schools. Last year, 349 individual S.A.F.E. classes were taught.

### ***Volunteer Program***

The Volunteer Program last year included participants from the Citizen Police Academy Alumni and Skokie Police Explorer Post #300. Collectively, more than 850 hours of assistance were provided at numerous Village of Skokie events throughout the year, including the Backlot Bash, the Festival of Cultures, Fourth of July Parade and fireworks display, Bicycle Safety Rodeo, and Breast Cancer Walk-a-Thon and the grand opening of the new Skokie Police Department Headquarters. Volunteers also routinely assisted the Department in miscellaneous filing and document shredding efforts. Coordination of the Volunteer Program initiative rests with personnel assigned to the Crime Prevention/Community Relations Unit: **Officers Joe Marzigliano, Steve Odeshoo, and Tammy Jacobsen.**

### ***Explorer Post #300***

Skokie Police Department Explorer Post #300 is an introductory program providing first-hand experience to Skokie's youth interested in a law enforcement, criminal justice or public service career. The program is open to young men and women from 14 to 21 years of age. Meetings are held twice a month, and include orientation to the K-9 Unit, evidence collecting, accident investigation, traffic stops and TIU Team operations. The Explorers provided over 750 hours of volunteer assistance toward the success of numerous community events in Skokie last year. **Officers**



**Tammy Jacobsen and Patrick Panizo** served as advisors to **Explorer Post #300**, and were assisted by **Community Service Officer Dan Simons.**

### ***Anti-Graffiti Program***

The Police Department has spearheaded an effective Village-wide anti-graffiti campaign since the mid-1990's. During 2010, 171 incidents of graffiti were reported, a 28 percent drop from the prior year. Of these incidents, 81 were classified as criminal damage, 51 were tagging, and 39 were considered to be gang-related. Follow-up for each incident was made by partnering with the Village's Building and Public Works Department.

### ***NIPAS Mobile Field Force***

The Skokie Police Department is a long-standing member of the Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS), a joint venture of 95 suburban municipal police departments from five counties. Created in 1983, NIPAS serves to ensure effective mutual aid in times of natural disasters, unusual occurrences and special events. NIPAS covers 682 square miles and a population of over 2.1 million.



NIPAS member agencies may also elect to participate in two additional NIPAS programs: a special tactical squad known as the Emergency Services Team (EST); and a special crowd-control team known as the Mobile Field Force (MFF). **Commander Brian Baker, Sergeant Terence Shiel and Officer Robert Olkowski** are assigned to the EST and **Officer Mitchell Smaller and K-9 Officer Jeff Groberski** are assigned to the MFF. The Department joined the EST several years ago in order to enhance the ability to respond to both large-scale incidents and incidents that may last an extended period of time. There are 65 agencies and 87 Officers in the EST. The MFF consists of 90 Officers from 69 member agencies.

As members of the MFF and EST, the Officers are required to participate in monthly training that includes certification with specialized equipment, instruction in squad-based tactics and team tactical maneuvers. This training prepares MFF and EST personnel to respond to unruly crowds, apprehend multiple offenders, manage and resolve hostage/ barricade incidents, perform high-risk warrant services, conduct major crime scene searches, apprehend multiple offenders, as necessary, and conduct search and rescue missions.

Skokie Officers on NIPAS EST were activated 24 times during 2010 and placed on standby three times.

### ***Accreditation***

Accreditation is a process through which law enforcement agencies voluntarily seek to demonstrate their continued ability to meet or exceed approximately 450 nationally recognized standards. These standards, which were established by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), were designed to:



- Increase agency abilities to prevent and control crime;
- Increase agency effectiveness and efficiency;
- Increase communication with other elements of the criminal justice system; and
- Increase the confidence in both citizens and employees in the goals, practices, and procedures of the agency.

The Skokie Police Department, first nationally accredited in 1988, was among the first 100 agencies in the country to earn this prestigious status. In the summer of 2010, the Department was again evaluated for reaccredited status. During this onsite assessment, the Department was found to be in compliance with 100 percent of the applicable mandatory standards. No files required file maintenance, and no applied discretions were required. As a result of this flawless report, the Commission not only granted the Department reaccredited status, but deemed it to be both “Meritorious” and a “Flagship Agency.” The meritorious distinction derives from the Department being accredited for more than 15 consecutive years. The designation of “Flagship Agency,” however, was awarded not only on the quality of the onsite assessment, but on the merits of the agency, the professionalism of its personnel, and the innovation of its programs. This is CALEA’s most prestigious award, and places Skokie among the top 10 percent of accredited agencies worldwide.

The Department has been successfully reaccredited six times since 1988. **Mr. Dane Smith** has served as the Department’s Accreditation Manager since 1992.

### ***Police Chaplain Program***

The Skokie Police Department has had a Police Chaplain Program since the mid-1980’s. **Father Bernard White** and **Rabbi Moshe Wolf** are currently available to meet the pastoral needs of Police Department personnel and their families, especially in crisis situations.

While the Chaplains will visit sick or injured personnel at home or in the hospital, they also officiate at liturgical and ceremonial occasions, and assist personnel in death or serious injury next-of-kin notifications. Both Father White and Rabbi Wolf maintain a close relationship with Department personnel through regular visits to the Police facility, attendance at roll calls, and other personal contacts.



**2010 STATISTICAL SUMMARY**

## **Statistical Statement**

The presentation of statistical information in this report includes comparisons utilizing multi-year data. Meaningful analysis of crime, service and activity data requires examination of data from two or more years, and must take into consideration factors such as population fluctuations, type of offense, offense frequency and extraordinary events.

Individuals or groups who have questions regarding this report or the statistical information contained herein are invited to contact the Police Department's Administrative Services Supervisor, Sergeant Michael Krupnik, by telephone at (847) 982-5900 or by email at: [Michael.Krupnik@Skokie.org](mailto:Michael.Krupnik@Skokie.org).

**2010 CALENDAR YEAR  
SUMMARY HIGHLIGHTS**

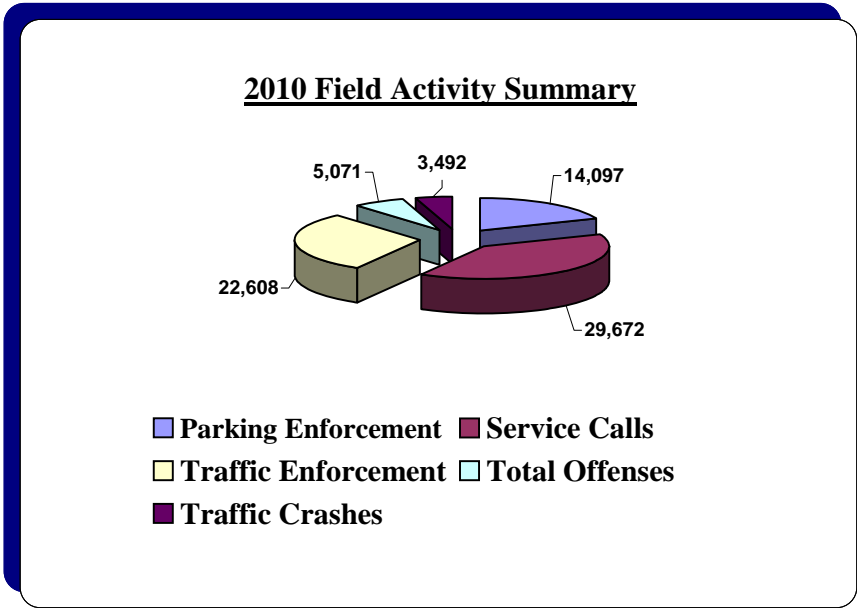
	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>5-Year Average</b>	<b>10-Year Average</b>
<b>ALL OFFENSES</b>	<b>5,107</b>	<b>5,071</b>	<b>5,037</b>	<b>5,090</b>
<b>SELECTED OFFENSES</b>				
Homicide	2	0	1.0	0.7
Sex Offenses	42	41	34	33
Robbery	58	63	45	41
Aggravated Assault/Battery	80	93	80	75
Burglary	382	366	351	356
Theft	1,020	977	990	1,086
Motor Vehicle Theft	74	78	88	109
Burglary/Theft to Motor Vehicle	481	384	493	475
Simple Assault/Battery	617	634	572	540
Criminal Damage	712	648	851	905
Narcotics	271	295	234	192
Disorderly Conduct	383	458	402	407
<b>PUBLIC ROADWAY CRASH EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>2,764</b>	<b>2,618</b>	<b>2,931</b>	<b>2,763</b>
<b>TOTAL TRAFFIC CONTACTS</b>	<b>26,302</b>	<b>22,608</b>	<b>26,022</b>	<b>23,205</b>
<b>ALARM CALLS</b>	<b>2,726</b>	<b>2,817</b>	<b>3,003</b>	<b>3,598</b>
<b>SERVICE CALL WORKLOAD</b>	<b>29,499</b>	<b>29,672</b>	<b>27,480</b>	<b>26,376</b>

## Field Activity Summary

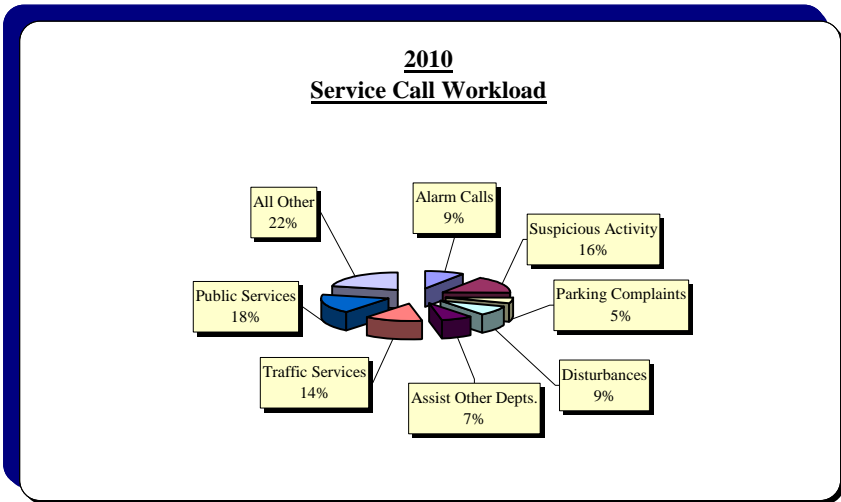
The activities of the Field Operations Division for calendar year 2010 are depicted in the pie chart presented at right. The chart represents the number of incidents and events handled by Skokie Police Department personnel. It does not reflect the amount of time required for each activity.

As indicated in the chart, there were 29,672 service calls performed during 2010. This represents an

increase of less than one percent from 2009 levels. The total number of criminal offenses reported declined by 36 calls, or less than one percent, while the public roadway traffic crashes decreased by over nine percent.



### *Service Call Workload*



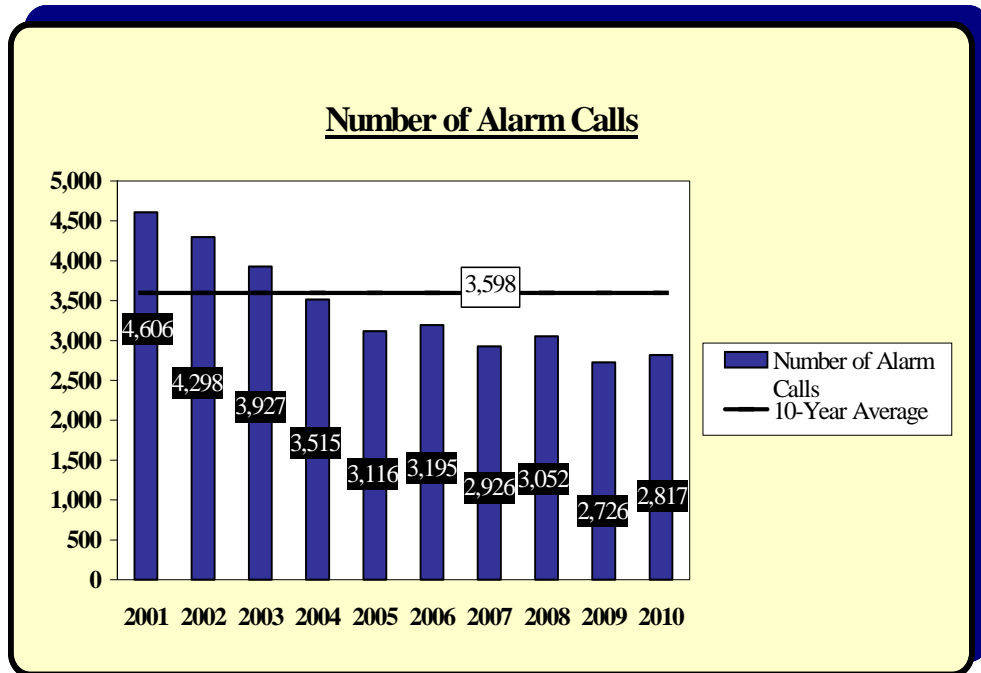
Police response to incidents that are not criminal in nature are classified as "service calls." The pie chart presented at left contains a breakdown of all service calls to which Skokie Police Department personnel responded during 2010. The 29,672 service calls performed last year represents an increase of less than one percent over the previous year, yet remains eight percent higher than the average service call workload

experienced during the previous five years and almost 13 percent higher than the average experienced during the previous ten years.

It is important to note that neither "Traffic Services" nor "Parking Complaints" contain statistics related to citations issued for traffic or parking-related violations. Data regarding citations is presented in the Traffic Overview section.

***Alarms***

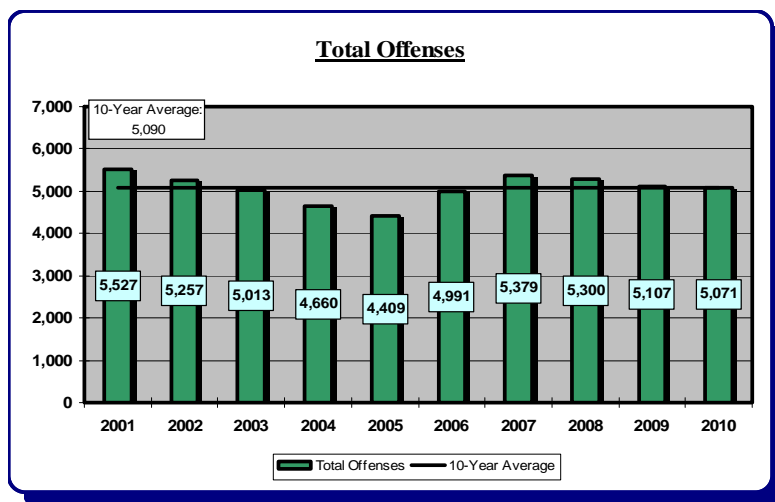
Alarm calls are disproportionately high compared to other service-related categories, comprising over nine percent of the Department's total service call workload last year. The 2,817 alarm calls received represent an increase of three percent compared to 2009, yet remains fully six percent lower than the five-year average, and 22 percent lower than the 10-year average. The trend in alarm calls is depicted in the following graph:



## Criminal Offense Overview

### ***Total Offenses***

As evidenced by the data presented at right, the overall crime rate for the Village of Skokie decreased by approximately one percent in 2010, marking the third consecutive year of decline. The 5,071 incidents reported last year are less than the average number (5,090) reported annually over the past 10 years.

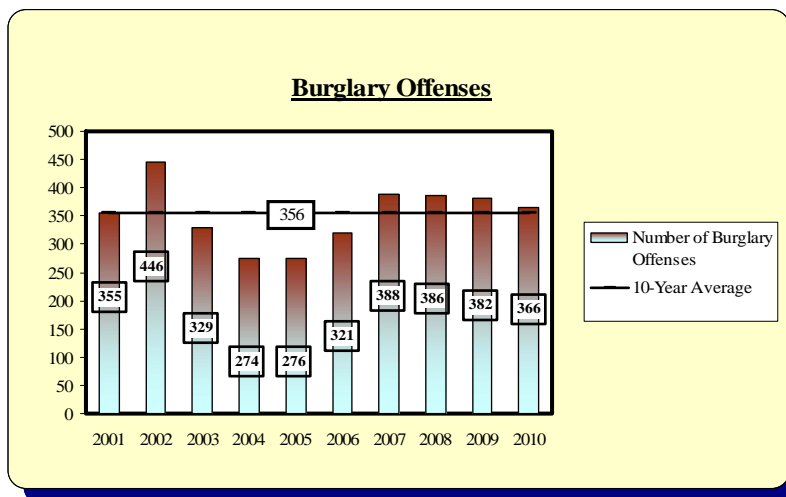


Total offenses can be further broken down into "Part A" and "Part B" offenses, in accordance with Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) standards. Part A offenses consist of more serious crimes such as homicide, sex offenses, robbery, burglary, arson and others. Part B offenses are comprised by less serious crimes, and include offense categories such as criminal trespass, disorderly conduct, youth status offenses and liquor violations. During 2010, the Village of Skokie experienced 4,094 Part A offenses, 56 fewer than reported in 2009 and 79 incidents less than the 10-year average. Despite dropping for the third straight year, however, Part B crimes remained seven percent higher than typically experienced over the past ten years.

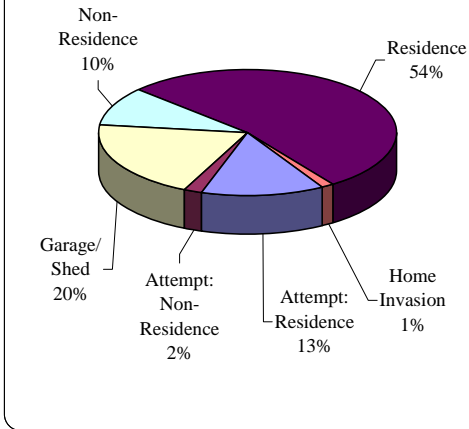
### ***Burglary***

After declining in 2004 and 2005 to levels not experienced in over 20 years, burglary returned to more statistically normal levels in 2007 before inching lower in each of the past three years. The 366 burglaries reported during 2010 represent a decrease of sixteen incidents compared to calendar year 2009. Nevertheless, reported burglaries remain slightly higher (+3%) than the average number experienced over the past decade.

The increase in burglaries, however, has not been limited to Skokie. Rather, over the past three years, burglary has been an issue affecting many surrounding communities. In response to this widespread concern, the NORTAF Burglary Task Force led by Sergeant Paul Weinman was activated on six occasions during 2010. Five of the six activations specifically targeted residential burglary patterns affecting NORTAF communities. These efforts resulted in 14 arrests and the clearance of 25 area burglaries.



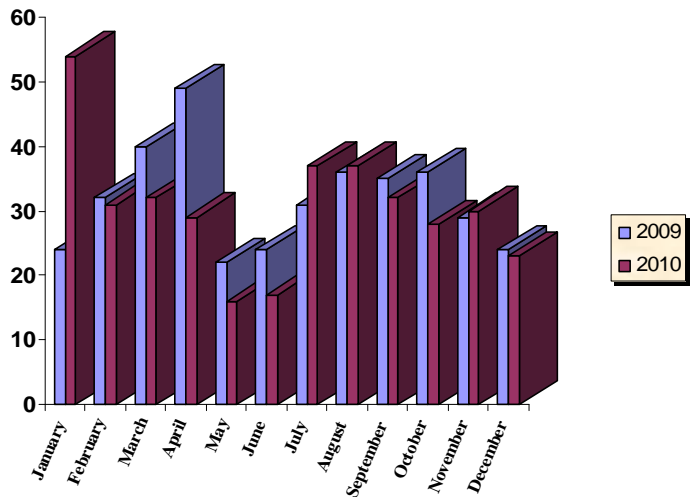
**2010  
Burglary By Target**



When examining trends and patterns involving the offense of burglary, a breakdown by the type of structure targeted is often of interest. For example, whereas burglary to businesses and other non-residential structures accounted for 31 percent of all burglaries as recently as 2006, they represented only 10 percent of those experienced last year. Similarly, burglaries to garages and sheds inched down to 20 percent of the total experienced in the Village during 2010. Offsetting this drop in burglaries to non-residential structures, garages and sheds has been a slight rise in burglaries to residences. The overall increase in burglary offenses following the historic lows achieved in 2004 and 2005 is largely attributable to this shift in the type of structure targeted by criminals. While residential burglaries remain less than nine percent higher than the 10-year running average, burglaries targeting commercial and other non-residential structures nevertheless remain 49 percent lower than that same benchmark.

Analysis of the seasonality of crime can be revealing. Last year, burglary uncharacteristically spiked during January. In direct response to this atypical event, Skokie Police Department Investigators and members of its Tactical Mission Team worked diligently to identify patterns, trends and ultimately, suspects. Their prompt collaboration led to the execution of search warrants on the homes of members of an organized burglary ring, and the recovery of proceeds from numerous burglaries from Skokie and other communities. Twenty-three suspects believed to be responsible for 30 burglaries were arrested.

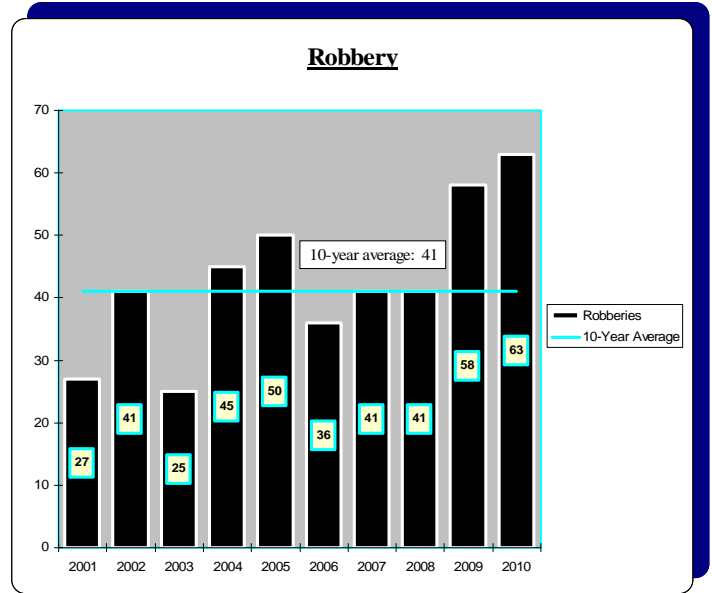
**Burglary Offenses By Month of Occurrence**



Excluding this statistical anomaly, the incidence of burglary in the Village of Skokie generally peaks with the onset of good weather during April, and again rises during the summer months of July, August and September. The spring and mid-summer spikes coincide directly with the increased likelihood for people to leave doors, windows, garages and sheds open during nice weather and the multitude of homes left vacant during lengthy family vacations.

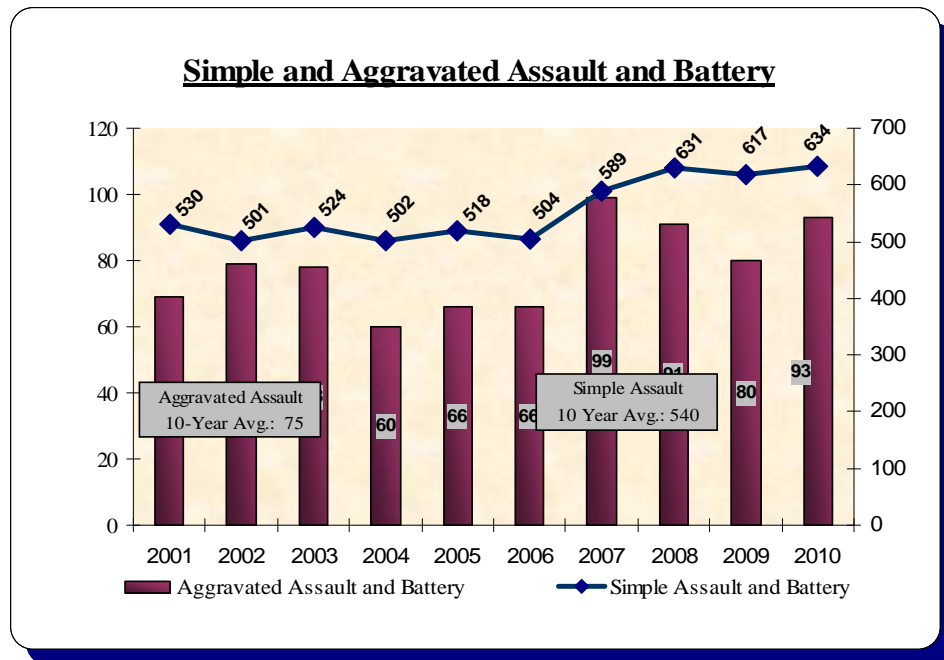
**Robbery**

The number of robberies reported last year rose by five incidents compared to 2009. This increase is directly attributable to an increase in strong-armed (no weapon) and aggravated robberies rather than armed robberies. In fact, armed robberies fell by 19 incidents (50%), to a level fully 21 percent lower than the 10-year average.



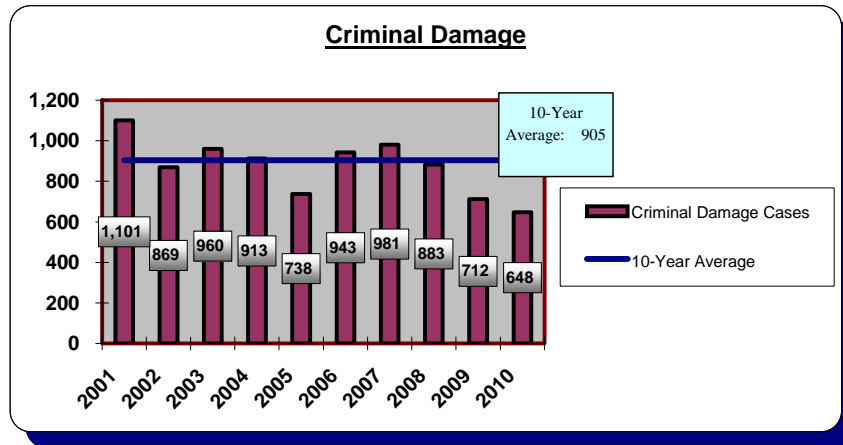
**Assault and Battery Offenses**

As depicted by the columnar data presented below, the number of aggravated assault and aggravated battery cases rose for the first time in three years after spiking during 2007. Further, of the 37 aggravated assaults reported in 2009, fully 81 percent were cleared through arrest or investigation. Seventy-nine percent of the aggravated battery cases were also cleared by either arrest or investigation.



Of the additional 13 aggravated incidents experienced during 2010, six were domestic in nature. Unfortunately, domestic violence is not something that is considered preventable through traditional law enforcement practices. Nevertheless, the victims in these and other domestic-related crimes were referred to the Department social worker for follow-up contacts and referrals.

## Criminal Damage



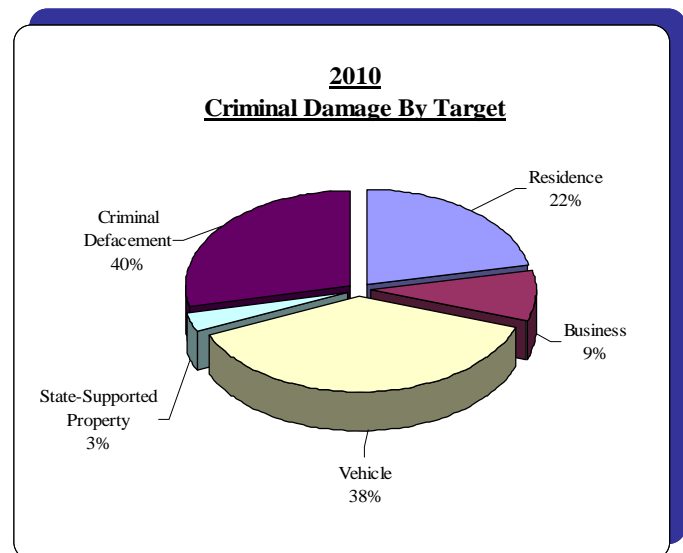
The Police Department has spearheaded a Village-wide graffiti abatement and removal program for the past 17 years. With the assistance and cooperation of several Village departments and State agencies, the benefits of this program have been consistently realized. Indeed, only once has the level of criminal damage exceeded the number experienced in 1994, when the program was first implemented. After declining by nine percent last year, the number of criminal damage cases reported during 2010 is at a level not experienced in more than 25 years, and remains more than 28 percent below the average number experienced over the past decade.

Reports of criminal damage are determined to fall into one of five major categories:

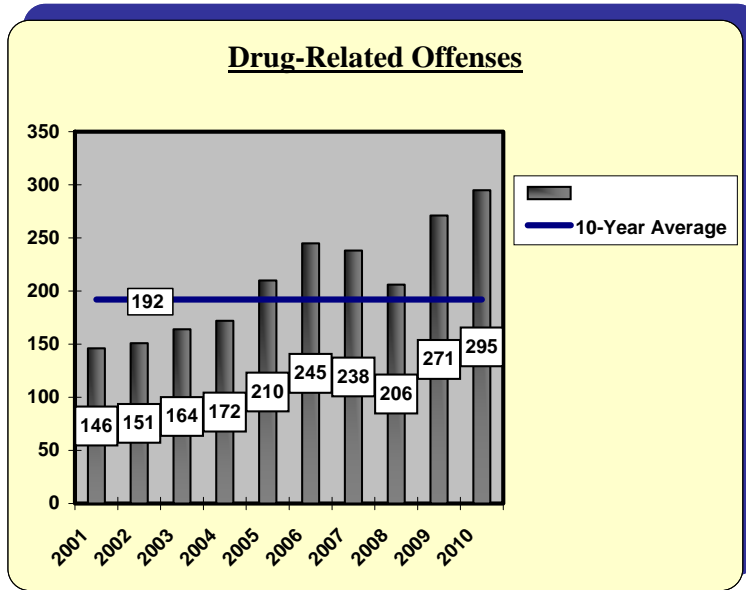
- Criminal Damage to Vehicle
- Criminal Damage to Residence
- Criminal Damage to Business/Commercial Structure
- Criminal Damage to State Supported Property
- Criminal Defacement

A breakdown of criminal damage occurring in 2010 by the type of property targeted is included in the graph presented at right.

The most prominent form of criminal damage last year was tagging and other forms of criminal defacement (40%). Second in frequency was criminal damage to automobiles, trucks, and other vehicles, which accounted for another 38 percent of these offenses during 2010. Following criminal damage to vehicles in frequency was damage to residences (22%), businesses (9%) and state supported property (3%). Damage to state supported property includes damage to schools, parks, and Village property.



### Drug-Related Offenses

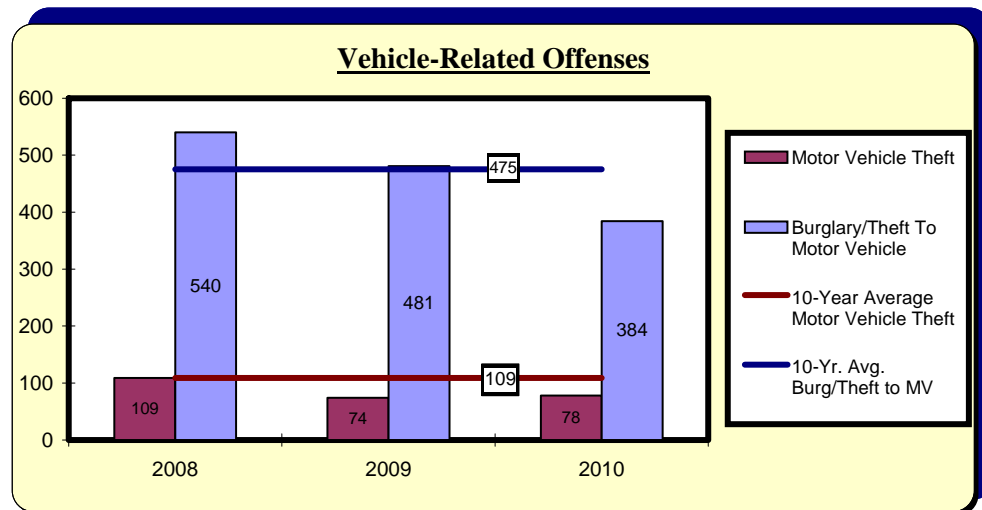


After declining during 2007 and 2008, the detection last year of drug-related crimes continued the upward trend generally experienced since 2000. Given that narcotic-related offenses are generally “arrest driven,” i.e., not typically reported by the public but result instead from heightened enforcement by the Police Department, it is not surprising that this upward trend coincides directly with the implementation of the Department’s Tactical Mission Team. As described in previous text, the Tactical Mission Team is a problem-oriented team that focuses its efforts on emerging crime trends, and

especially those that are gang or narcotics/drug related. It also reflects the Department’s continuing emphasis on youth activities in and around parks, and an ever-growing awareness throughout the community of the dangers of drugs and drug-related activities.

### Vehicle-Related Offenses

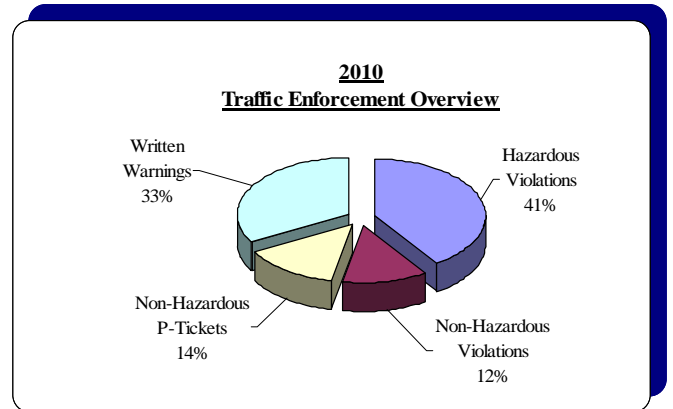
Analysis of vehicle-related offenses for 2010 yielded an increase of four motor vehicle thefts (+5%) compared to 2009. Despite this slight increase, motor vehicle theft remains 28 percent lower than experienced annually over the past ten years. After a 20 percent decline last year, the incidence of burglary/theft to motor vehicles is also 19 percent lower than the 10-year average.



The preceding section has primarily focused upon criminal offenses. In the following section, the Department’s traffic enforcement efforts for 2010 will be presented and examined.

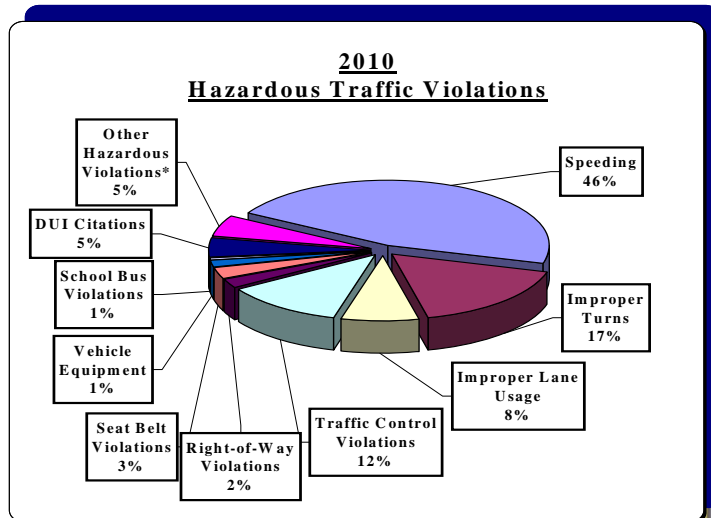
## Traffic Enforcement Overview

The Skokie Police Department made 22,608 traffic enforcement-related contacts during 2010. The 22,608 contacts falls roughly two and one-half percent below the average number of contacts made annually over the past decade.



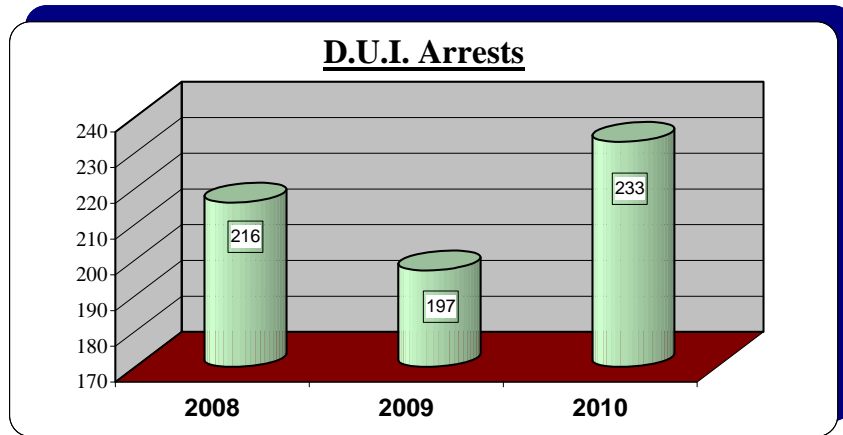
### *Hazardous Traffic Violations*

“Hazardous Traffic Violations” are those violations most likely to contribute to or cause a traffic crash. In their collective efforts to reduce traffic crashes within the Village of Skokie, Department personnel diligently enforce traffic laws. Presented in the table below is a breakdown of hazardous traffic violation citations issued during calendar year 2010. Speeding (46%) was overwhelmingly the most common violation cited, followed by improper turns (17%), traffic control violations (12%), and improper lane usage (8%). As evidenced in this and subsequent graphs, the reduction of speeding and impaired drivers from public roadways was a primary focus of Police Department traffic enforcement efforts during 2010.



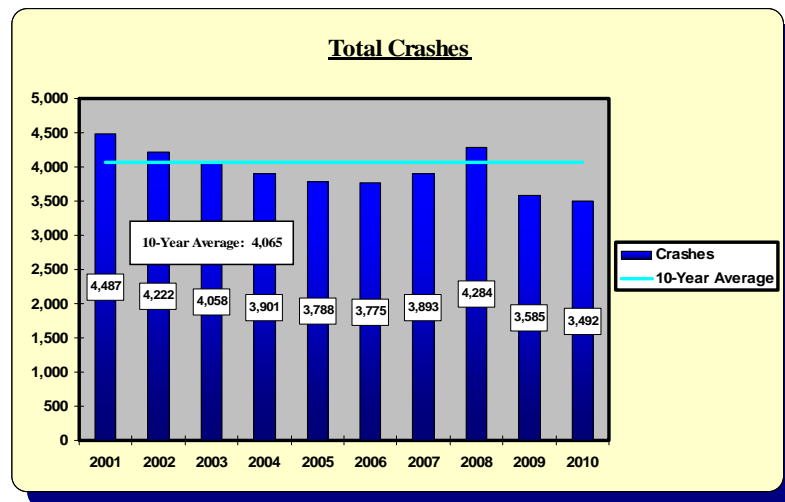
### *Driving Under The Influence*

During 2010, citations for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs were issued to 233 impaired motorists. This represents an increase of 36 arrests, or 19 percent, from 2009 totals. For the third consecutive year, **Officer Steven Nelson** led the Department in DUI enforcement with 33 arrests in 2010.

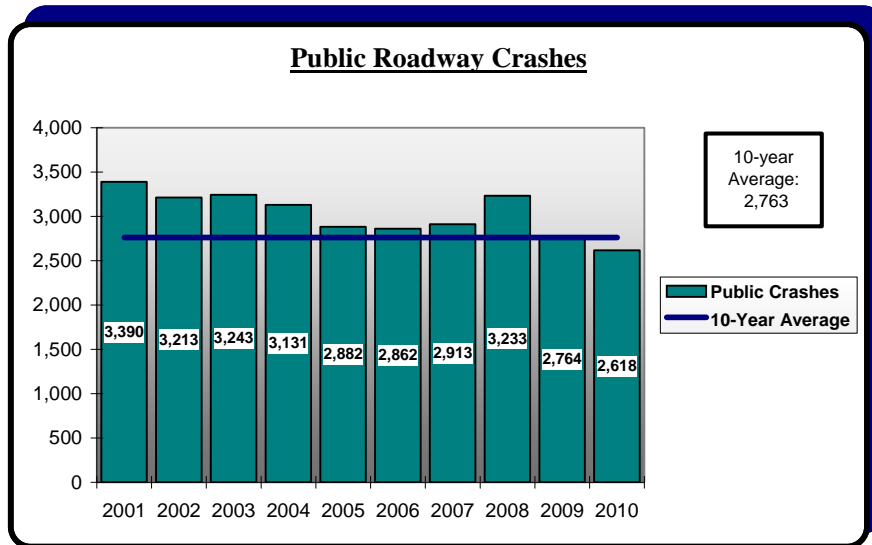


### *Traffic Crashes*

The total number of motor vehicle crashes in the Village of Skokie, consisting of both public roadway and private property crashes, reached an historical high in calendar year 2000. After declining for six consecutive years hence, the incidence of traffic crashes again spiked during 2008, before returning in 2009 to the generally downward trend experienced over the past decade. Traffic crashes were again reduced during 2010 (-2.5%), lowering the incidence of traffic crashes to a level not experienced in more than 25 years. Further, the 3,492 crashes occurring last year are more than 14 percent lower than the 10-year average.



Traffic education, diligent traffic enforcement and increased use of speed calming and monitoring devices are some of the methods employed by the Police Department to improve public roadway safety for vehicles and pedestrians alike. As a result of these combined strategies, the statistics for public roadway crashes have mirrored the trend achieved for all traffic crashes. As evidence, the number of crashes occurring on public roadways fell by five percent, continuing the downward trend achieved throughout the decade. Further, public roadway traffic crashes have reached a level five percent lower than the 10-year average, and almost 11 percent lower than average experienced over the past five years.

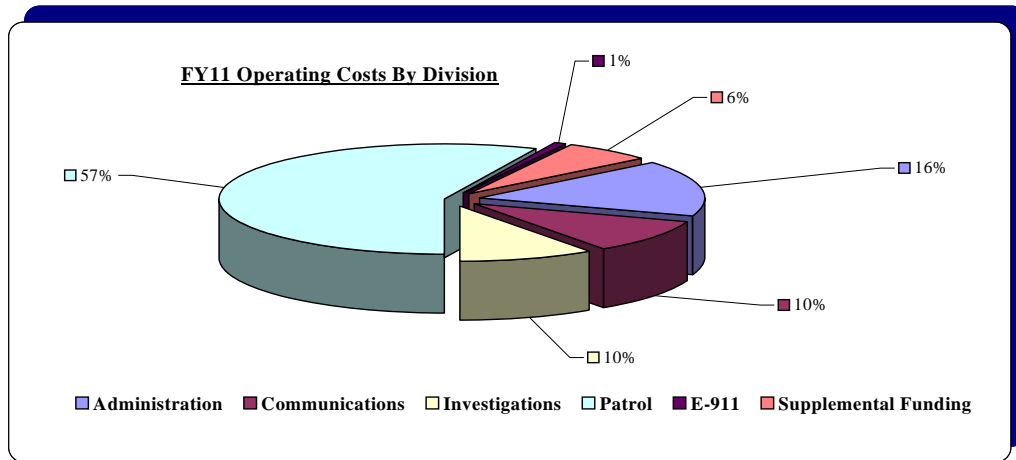


The Department's activities, in terms of response to criminal offenses, non-criminal calls for service, and traffic enforcement have been illustrated throughout the previous section. These activities, as well as the new and ongoing programs described herein, are funded through the Department's annual budget. A fundamental analysis of the Department's operating budget is presented in the following section.

**2010 BUDGET ANALYSIS**

### ***Operating Costs***

The total operating budget for the Skokie Police Department for fiscal year 2011, which includes the period May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011, is \$13,164,744.

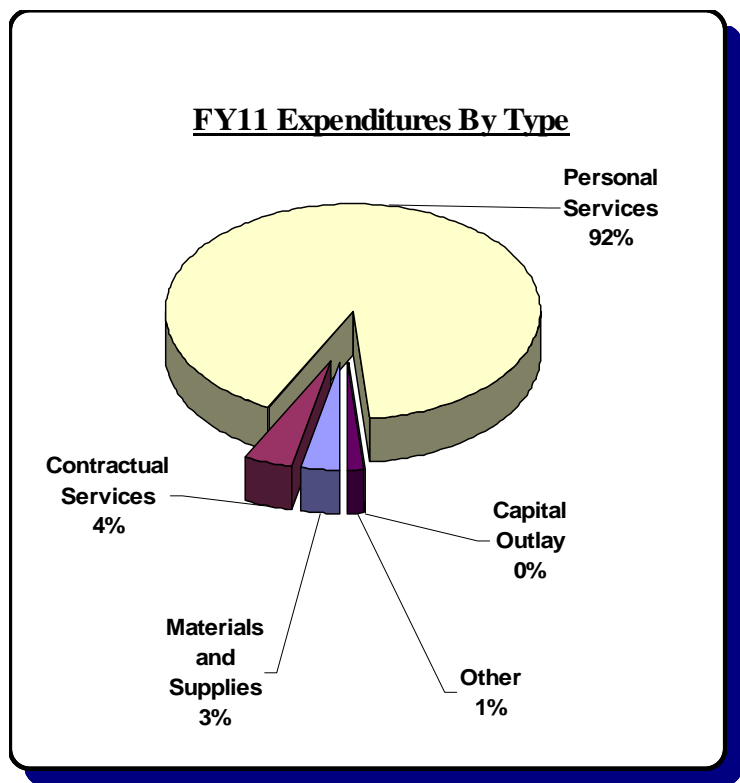


As may be expected, the Patrol Division requires the largest budget in order to fund day-to-day operations. This is entirely due to the disproportionate number of personnel assigned to this division compared to the remainder of the Department. In fact, Patrol Division expenditures comprise fully 57 percent of the entire Police Department budget.

Administrative Services (16%), the Investigations Division (10%) and the Communications Division (10%) require significantly smaller budgets. The Supplemental Funding budget, which comprises six percent of the Department’s budget, represents expenditures for which full or partial reimbursement is anticipated through grants, fees, asset forfeiture or through intergovernmental agreement.

### ***Expenditures By Type***

As illustrated in the chart, the largest single operating expense remains personnel costs (92%). This figure is generally consistent with previous years. Contractual services consume an additional four percent of the Department’s annual operating budget, while materials and supplies represent three percent of all expenditures.



**DEPARTMENT RECOGNITION**

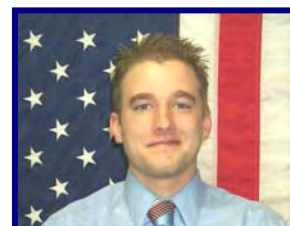
**New to the**  
**Skokie Police Department Family**  
**2010**



**Sean Gibson**



**Benni Jonsson**



**John Oakley**



**Ryan Rafferty**



**Garren Zerfass**

## Retirements

Deputy Chief Russell Van  
Commander Carl Bock  
Commander Michael Ruth  
Sergeant Thomas Crowley  
Officer Jerry Axel  
Officer Alan Oshita  
Officer Walter Trentadue

## Service Anniversaries

### 5 Years

Officer Ervin Garcia  
Officer Steven Nelson  
Officer Robert Roque  
Communications Supervisor John Barkhoo  
Communications Operator Maura Ridge  
Community Service Officer Eric McCune

### 10 Years

Officer Jesse Barnes	Officer Kevin Kruswicki
Officer Peter Chmiel	Officer Sergio Marino
Officer Michael Cremins	Officer Adam Orozco
Officer Jason Dewey	Officer Elizabeth Ronderos
Officer Jeffrey Groberski	Officer Marilyn Torres
Officer Thomas Hanson	Officer Tommy Walker
Officer Tammy Jacobsen	

### 15 Years

Officer Timothy Gramins  
Officer Janet Jones  
Officer Gerald Klamerus  
Officer Mario Valenti

### 20 Years

Sergeant Terence Shiel

### 25 Years

Sergeant Michael Krupnik

### 30 Years

Commander Carl Bock  
Officer Jerry Axel

### 35 Years

Sergeant Micahel Maher  
Officer Alan Oshita

## 2010 Department Awards

*Given in recognition of the exemplary work performed by these employees,  
and for the credit those actions have brought to  
the Skokie Police Department.*

### Letters of Commendation

**Letters of Commendation** were awarded for a burglary investigation that led to the successful arrest of three subjects and cleared two burglaries in Skokie, two in Lincolnwood, three in Park Ridge, one in Elmwood Park and at least two in Chicago.

**Sergeant Robert Libit**

**Sergeant Paul Weinman**

**Officer Baldo Bello**

**Officer Peter Chmiel**

**Officer Kevin Kruswicki**

**Officer Jose Mendez**

**Officer Victor Paez**

**Officer Mitchell Smaller**

**Officer Will Zahn**

**The Skokie Police Department proudly recognizes  
the following Officers for outstanding performance  
in traffic law enforcement and commitment to  
community service in 2010:**

#### Traffic Unit

**Speed Enforcement:**

**Occupant Protection:**

**DUI Enforcement:**

**All Selected Offenses:**

**Officer Eric Swaback**

**Officer John Moersfelder**

**Officer Jeffrey Groberski**

**Officer John Moersfelder**

**Officer Robert Olkowski**

#### Patrol Division

**Officer Martin Kramarz**

**Officer Jason Dewey**

**Officer Steven Nelson**

**Officer Martin Kramarz**

### Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists Award

**Recognized for their outstanding achievements in the  
enforcement of drunk driving laws.**

**Officer Baldo Bello**

**Officer Steven Nelson**

**Officer Demosthenes Nikolopoulos**

### Illinois Department of Transportation Speed Enforcement Award

**Presented to the following Officer in recognition of his efforts  
contributing to highway traffic safety:**

**Officer Robert Olkowski**

## *We Get Mail*

**Officer Joseph Marzigliano:** "...what a wonderful job Officer Joseph Marzigliano did when he met with our staff for a presentation on Personal Safety and Crime Prevention. He was friendly, knowledgeable and delivered the information enthusiastically. The group was comfortable asking questions and sharing information with Officer Marzigliano. Thank you for offering these programs and Officer Marzigliano to the Skokie Community.

**Officer Stephany Gonzalez:** "The neighbor's garage had a fire and part of the fence caught on fire as a result. Officer Gonzalez remembered that a senior citizen lived at the address and made sure she was awakened and ensured her safety. In addition, she used her cell phone to call a family member to let them know she was safe. Thank Officer Gonzalez for her help. I felt as if she was a family member watching over her."

**Officer Sergio Marino:** "I wanted to compliment Officer Marino for the way he handled the traffic accident my son was involved in. He was calming, understanding, and very thorough. He took the time to explain what was going on and understood what a parent goes through at the scene of an accident."



**Officer Veronica Cabrera:** "Last weekend my daughter was involved in a car accident in Skokie. Officer Cabrera interacted with our daughter in a way that was calming and compassionate. As a result my daughter was able to calm herself quickly. Please extend our collective appreciation to Officer Cabrera for the high degree of professionalism and expertise she demonstrated."

**Officer Eric Duerig:** "When my alternator died at a traffic light on McCormick I was aided by Officer Duerig who was thoughtful of my well-being and safety while we waited for a tow. He was considerate and helpful beyond the call of duty."

**Officer Vanessa Urian:** "After my car was hit and not operable, Officer Urian drove me home and followed me on the walk and stairs to ensure that I was okay. I wish to let you know you have an excellent Officer."

**Officer Martin Kramarz:** "I was impressed with Officer Kramarz's handling of a recent incident regarding my wife's missing wallet. My observations of Officer Kramarz indicated a high level of professionalism. He had a good attitude, communication skills, and exhibited thoroughness and persistence."

**Officer Walter Trentadue:** "This Officer was kindly, considerate, helpful, and knowledgeable during an accident. I commend him highly. He is another reason for finding Skokie a fine place to live."

# Skokie Police Department Roster – 2010

*Taking Pride in Our Work*

## SWORN PERSONNEL

### Chief of Police

Barry P. Silverberg

### Deputy Chiefs

Anthony F. Scarpelli  
Russell Van

### Commanders

Brian Baker  
Carl Bock  
Alfredo Lopez  
Michael Pechter  
Michael Ruth

### Sergeants

Scott Anderson  
Kevin Baltazar  
Frederick Brehmer  
Thomas Crowley

Michael Healy  
Michael Krupnik  
Robert Libit  
Michael Maher

Daniel O'Brien  
David Pawlak  
Terence Shiel  
Paul Weinman

Richard Wolfer  
Thomas Wojdyla

### Police Officers

Terrance Alexander  
Dale Anderson  
Jerry Axel  
Jesse Barnes  
Baldo Bello  
Michael Blanco  
Donn Breitenreiter  
Steven Bush  
Kevin Butchin  
Veronica Cabrera  
Carmen Castro  
Mynor Chang  
Peter Chmiel  
Mark Cianchetti  
Michael Cremins  
Frank Czajka  
Raphael DeLorm  
Jason Dewey  
Anna Divita  
Eric Duerig  
Michael Erwin  
Denise Franklin  
Frank Gall  
Ervin Garcia

Sean Gibson  
Ronald Glad  
Stephany Gonzalez  
Timothy Gramins  
Jeffrey Groberski  
Thomas Hanson  
Michael Hart  
Michael Hartnett  
Afrim Imeri  
Kristopher Iwanski  
Tammy Jacobsen  
Michael Jaworski  
Patrick Johnston  
Janet Jones  
Benni Jonsson  
Michael Kane  
Frank Keener  
John Kilcullen  
Gerald Klamerus  
Katarzyna Koziol  
Martin Kramarz  
Tomasz Krozel  
Kevin Kruswicki  
Nicholas Larson

Andrew Lehmann  
Jose Leos  
Michael Liebau  
John Long  
Sergio Marino  
Alan Marks  
Joseph Marzigliano  
Jose Mendez  
John Mendoza  
John Moersfelder  
Kevin Moore  
Steven Nelson  
Damen Nikolopoulos  
John Oakley  
Steven Odeshoo  
Robert Olkowski  
Adam Orozco  
Alan Oshita  
Victor Paez  
Patrick Panizo  
Vincent Pszczolkowski  
Ryan Rafferty  
Samuel Rannocho  
Brian Roe

Richard Roggetz  
Elizabeth Ronderos  
Robert Roque  
Melissa Russell  
Mary Santana-Escobedo  
Nicholas Senese  
Brandi Shelton  
Terence Shiel  
Steven Sieghart  
Kert Siemiawski  
Mitchell Smaller  
Eric Swaback  
Marilyn Torres  
Walter Trentadue  
Vanessa Urian  
Mario Valenti  
Alex Vincic  
Tommy Walker  
Michael Wasowicz  
Glenn Wattenbarger  
Edward Zahn  
Garren Zeffass

**CIVILIAN PERSONNEL**

**Assistant to the Chief**

Dane Smith

**Administrative Secretary**

Marcy Hagio

**Secretaries**

Chela Huss  
Susan Kendall

**Community Service Officers**

Ingrid Anderson  
Eric McCune  
Brenda Miura

Daniel Simons  
Jeffrey Stapleton  
Laura Werner

**Communications Coordinator**

Roger Wilson

**Telecommunicators**

Carmen Anderson  
John Barkhoo  
Theresa Coronado  
Katie Cronan  
Nitoshia Ford

Jan Lieberman  
Brandi Martel  
Diana Pagnotta  
Jeffrey Potnick  
Maura Ridge

Richard Roggetz  
Mate Setka  
Tina Szorc  
Donna Szymanski  
Sue Wolff

**Field Services Coordinator**

Scott MacLauchlin

**Records Supervisor**

Kerry Okada

**Records**

Susan Anderson  
Kimberly Cawley  
Betty McGee

Rita Minx  
Loretta Mohip

**Police Social Worker**

Julie Kim

**Youth Outreach Coordinator**

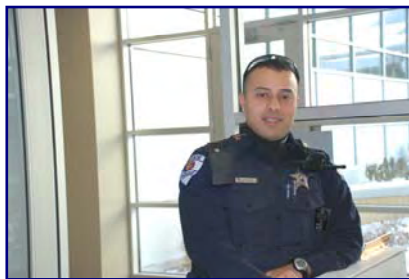
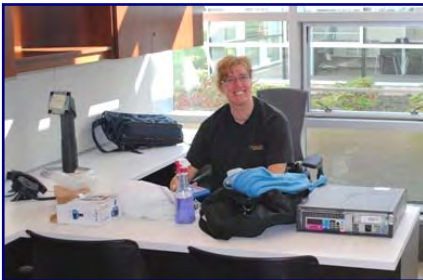
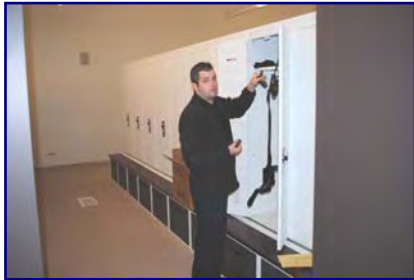
Annamarie Benuzzi

**Crossing Guard Coordinator**

Anita Ehmke

**SKOKIE POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**PHOTO GALLERY**

# WELCOME TO OUR NEW POLICE FACILITY





SKOKIE POLICE DEPARTMENT

FUNCTIONAL ORGANIZATION CHART

2010

CHIEF OF POLICE

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

- \* Clerical Support
- \* Personnel Management

- \* Accreditation
- \* Budgeting
- \* Grants
- \* Planning
- \* Research
- \* Special Projects

FIELD OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

SPECIAL OPERATIONS

- \* Traffic Unit
- \* Tactical Mission Team
- \* K-9 Unit

PATROL

- \* Preventive Patrol
- \* Criminal Enf.
- \* Preliminary Inv.
- \* Traffic Crash Inv.
- \* Fleet/Equip. Mgmt.
- \* Evidence Collection
- \* Bicycle Patrol

INVESTIGATIONS

- \* Criminal Investigation
  - Adult
  - Youth
  - Vice/Organized Crime
- \* Criminal Intelligence
- \* Victim-Witness Assistance
- \* Background Investigation
- \* School Resource Ofr. Program
- \* Court Liaison
- \* Crime Analysis

COMMUNICATIONS

- \* Dispatch/E911
- \* Alarm Panel
- \* Incident Control
- \* Security Monitoring
- \* Telephones
- \* CAD Coordination
- \* LEADS/NCIC

FIELD SERVICES

- \* Purchasing
- \* Facility Management
- \* Agency Property Ctrl.
- \* Forms Management

RECORDS

- \* Uniform Crime Rpt.
- \* Records Mgmt.
- \* Computer Data Coord.
- \* Report Review

CRIME PREV./COMM. REL.

- \* Crime Prevention
- \* School Liaison
- \* S.A.F.E. Program
- \* Special Projects
- \* Special Duty Details
- \* Media Relations
- \* Recruiting
- \* Identification Services
  - Property Custody

TRAINING

- \* Recruits
- \* In-Service
- \* Specialized
- \* Career Develop.
- \* Range/Weapons
- \* Defensive Tactics

MGMT. INFO. SERV.

- \* Hardware/Software Maint.
- \* Procurement
- \* MIS Planning

The creation of the Skokie Police Department Annual Report represents the collective efforts of many individual employees. In recognition of their invaluable contributions, I would like to extend my special thanks to **Secretary Susan Kendall** and **Administrative Secretary Marcy Hagio** for their editing and production assistance, to **Support Systems Specialist Connie Markoutsas** for her technical expertise, and to **Officer Kert Siemiawski** and **Community Service Officer Laura Werner**, for capturing many of the Skokie Police Department's 2010 activities through their camera lenses. Your assistance is sincerely appreciated!

Dane M. Smith  
Assistant to the Chief

