



2012 ANNUAL REPORT

ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

VISION STATEMENT

A City free from crime and public disorder

MISSION STATEMENT

The members of the Rockford Police Department are committed to reducing crime and enhancing the quality of life through an active partnership with our community.

VALUES

INTEGRITY: We are committed to be ethical, honest, and sincere in all relationships.

RESPECT: We serve our citizens and team members in an open, courteous, and respectful manner.

PROFESSIONALISM: We ensure the proper, lawful, and unbiased application of police powers.

SERVICE: We are dedicated, responsive and accountable to each other and the community we serve. Service is exemplified through innovative teamwork aimed at problem-solving, creativity, and community policing initiatives such as district policing.

COURAGE: We recognize the dangers inherent in our profession and are willing to place the safety of others above that of our own. We readily confront all challenges with the mind-set of never giving up.

The Rockford Police Department is an accredited law enforcement agency and meets the high standards of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA)

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

Dear Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens:

I am pleased to present you with the Rockford Police Department's 2012 Annual Report. This publication outlines our accomplishments and statistics for the year. The economic challenges that faced city law enforcement are reflected herein. Through this, my staff continues to remain focused and serve our community with the highest level of service.

In 2012, we continued the transformation into geographic policing, and appointed a Commander of the Geographic Policing/Police Pilot District II. We continued educating our officers and encouraging promotional opportunities by offering enhanced leadership training.

Additional officers were assigned to the Field Services Bureau with the appointment of new police officers in January and September. We continue to increase our strength by using a multi-agency collaboration approach in various operations. We implemented the Police Explorer's Post by hosting an orientation session for prospective Explorers who are interested in a career in Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement.

We continue to move forward to building a stronger community-based department which serves and protects the citizens of the City of Rockford.

Sincerely,

Chief Chet Epperson

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Chief of Police

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STAFFING

COMMAND STAFF
Chief
Deputy Chiefs
Assistant Deputy Chief
Lieutenants
SWORN
Sergeants
Investigators
Patrol Officers
NON-SWORN POSITION TITLE
Records Supervisor
Crime Analyst
Financial Analyst
Fiscal Services Specialist
Information Systems Specialist
Information Systems Technician
Senior Administrative Assistant
Administrative Assistant
Evidence and Property Technician
Outreach Consultant (part time)
Police Technician
Senior Clerk
Data Entry Operator
Asset Seizure Analyst
Citizen Reporting Assistant (Part Time)



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INTRODUCTION TO THE ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Welcome to the Rockford Police Department 2012 Annual Report. We hope you find it insightful and informative.

In keeping with our community policing philosophy, this report has been designed to extend the Department's range for providing information to the citizens of Rockford.

In 2012, the Rockford Police Department was authorized: 285 Sworn Officers and 36 civilian personnel. The Department was also staffed by as many as 30 volunteers.

CHIEF OF POLICE: is responsible for the direction and guidance of all components of the Department through the use of written and oral orders, policies, and directives, in addition to all the various components of the Department.

Chaplain Division: is a support unit of the Rockford Police Department that consists of the Head Chaplain, a Personal Services Officer, an Administrative Assistant, and 32 volunteer Duty Chaplains. The unit handled many documented calls for services in 2012. Police Chaplains regularly assist with:

- Death /accident notifications
- Bereavement Counseling
- Family Disturbances
- Suicide Attempts
- Lonely and Despondent Persons
- Spiritual Problems
- Major Fires
- Liaison with Community Clergy
- Community Crisis Response Team
- Liaison with other Community Helping Agencies
- People who have basic crisis needs such as: food, shelter, transportation, etc.



In addition to the above, our Chaplains regularly assist active and retired Police and Fire personnel when difficulties or tragedies arise in their personal lives and with special occasions such as promotions, retirements, weddings, visitations and funerals.

Our Head Chaplain, Duty Chaplains, Personal Services Officer, and Office Administrator rotate on call 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year. Someone is always available to handle whatever crisis arises. Our Duty Chaplains are the backbone of our program, and at least one of them is on duty each day of the month to handle whatever situation arises.

In 2012 Father Kenneth Stachyra completed his first full year as our Head Chaplain, and at year end, our Personal Services Officer, Billy Wilson, fully retired. Our office is still staffed on a part-time basis with a combination of volunteer Chaplains and an Office Assistant. Together, we make every effort to continue to provide any needed Chaplain services.

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Our Teddy Bear program supplies teddy bears which emergency personnel can give out to children, elderly, and disabled individuals in crisis situations. These bears help bring calm and comfort, and allow Police Officers, Fire Fighters, and Chaplains to get their work accomplished more quickly and efficiently. Each year the Gold Wing Road Riders - Chapter L motorcycle group has a fund raiser for us, and the proceeds help provide these teddy bears.

Many have supported our program throughout the year in a variety of ways and our heartfelt thanks goes out to them. Our Duty Chaplains serve faithfully on a volunteer basis and give of their time, talents and resources to help those who are hurting and in crisis in our community. Their tireless and often behind-the-scenes efforts are an example of God's love and encouragement to all. Additionally, we are thankful for the support from the Police and Fire Chiefs and the rank and file of both Departments. We have been truly honored by their help and encouragement throughout this past year. Lastly we would like to thank those who have supported us financially. Without that monetary support much of what we do would not be possible. Through you, God has blessed us so we can bless those in need.



OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS:

One of the most important methods implemented by the Rockford Police Department that honors our commitment to achieving excellence as an organization is by adhering to a high level of professionalism, while carrying out our duties in an objective manner. The Rockford Police Department Office of Professional Standards is responsible for ensuring that we remain true to our Mission, Vision and Values, so that the trust and cooperation of the public we serve is not strengthened.

The Office of Professional Standards processes citizen complaints as well as citizen compliments and maintains a record of each. The Office of Professional Standards oversees the internal investigations into alleged violations of Department personnel and procedures. All investigations are conducted objectively and every effort is made to complete them in a timely manner. The Office of Professional Standards also is responsible for reviewing the use of physical force by our officers and motorized pursuits to verify that Illinois state law and department directives are complied with.

How to report your experience with the Rockford Police Department :

Compliments:

We invite you to report commendable actions or performance by the Rockford Police Department. As a citizen, you can contact the Chief of Police or direct your comments to the supervisor of any sworn officer or civilian employee. Please let us know why their actions deserve recognition so we can be sure to acknowledge them appropriately.

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Complaints

We also value your feedback if Rockford Police Department employees have disappointed you. It is our policy to investigate all allegations of misconduct by employees to determine exactly what happened and to respond appropriately. If you have a complaint, we ask that you first address it to the employee's supervisor, who may be able to resolve it for you. If you wish to sign a formal complaint, you may contact the Office of Professional Standards.

Illinois Law (50 ILCS 725/3.8b) requires that anyone filing a formal complaint against a sworn police officer must support it with a sworn affidavit. We take complaints seriously and thoroughly investigate all reports. You can fill out a form online at www.rockfordil.gov or contact us by phone or e-mail.

Contacts:

◆ Rockford Police Department

◆ Field Services Bureau, Patrol Division

P: 815-987-5824 – 24 hours/day, 7 days/week

◆ Administration Division

P: 815-987-5839 – Mon - Fri, 8 am - 5 pm

◆ Office of Professional Standards

P: 815-967-6910 – Mon - Fri, 8 am - 5 pm

E-mail: ops@rockfordil.gov



Training Unit: Responsible for providing all members of the Department, including officers and civilian support staff, with training that is rooted in national best practices and contemporary educational instructional techniques. The education that department members receive enhances their ability to interact with members of the community as well as assists them in increasing officer safety and awareness and formulating community policing strategies and solving problems. The Training Unit oversees all formal Department training, whether delivered by instructors assigned to the Training Unit, Department adjunct instructors, or expert instructors from around the nation.

The Training Unit also oversees all Department weapon systems and is responsible for the firearms training program. The Training Unit inspects and maintains all weapons on an annual basis and conducts mandatory firearm qualifications with all sworn personnel quarterly.

The Training Unit ensures mandatory instruction to all personnel as well as offers elected courses to sworn officers. Department members average 25 to 30 hours of training a year.

The Training Unit works closely with the Northern Illinois Training Advisory Board, Academies throughout Illinois, Northwestern University Center for Public Safety, and the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board.

2012 Training Courses:

Training in 2012 included the following courses:

- ◆ Basic Dignitary Protection
- ◆ Basic Youth Officer
- ◆ Breath Alcohol Operator
- ◆ Ceasefire Training
- ◆ Community Oriented Policing and Problem Solving
- ◆ CPR
- ◆ Crisis Intervention Training (40 hours)
- ◆ Cues and Clues to Non-verbal Communication
- ◆ Current Trends in Drug Abuse
- ◆ Field Training Officer
- ◆ Illinois Criminal Code Update
- ◆ Critical Response to Critical Incidents
- ◆ Critical Stress Debriefing
- ◆ Cultural Competency
- ◆ Custody Death Training
- ◆ Gang Combat Dynamics
- ◆ Lead Homicide Investigator
- ◆ Leadership Development
- ◆ Media Relations
- ◆ Memory and Listening Skills
- ◆ Death Investigations
- ◆ Excited Delirium Instructor
- ◆ Ethics
- ◆ Executive Development Workshop
- ◆ Defensive Driving
- ◆ Hazardous Materials
- ◆ Investigative LEADS Training
- ◆ Search and Seizure
- ◆ Simulator Use of Force Training
- ◆ Tactical Field Interviewing
- ◆ Tactical Pistol and Rifle Operator
- ◆ Rapid Medical Response
- ◆ Report Writing
- ◆ Supervision of Police Personnel

Armament Section: Responsible for performing inspections, maintenance, repairs, and alterations to all duty and off-duty Department authorized weapons, as well as all Department owned specialized weapons.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BUREAU:**

The Administrative Services Bureau serves as an extension of the Chief of Police, managing the administrative functions of Department. Administrative staff functions assigned to this bureau are as follows:

Accreditation Section: Responsible for the development of departmental written directives, as well as ensuring compliance with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). In the spring of 2013, Chief Epperson accepted the re-accreditation award from CALEA at the conference in North Charleston, South Carolina. This award serves as a symbol of the Rockford Police Department's commitment in achieving excellence in all levels of police services.

Evidence and Property Unit: Responsible for the custody, control, transportation, sale, and destruction of all evidence and property coming into the possession of the Department.

Fiscal Services Section: Responsible for purchases, accounts payable, accounts receivable, disbursement and replenishment of

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petty cash, and the issuance of uniforms and equipment. Fiscal Services also monitors the budget, researches various police and office products, prepares bid specifications and oversees contracts with vendors.

Payroll Section: Responsible to maintain the official record of all work schedules, records the use, payment, and administration of overtime, documents hours worked, and accumulation/usage of holiday, vacation, and sick time.

Records Center Division: Responsible for acting as the central repository for incident, arrest, traffic records, and offense crime data, after reviewing such data for completeness and accuracy. Duties include entry of data into the records management system as well as dissemination of the data to Department personnel or any other person or entity having a lawful and legal right to the data.



Crime Analysis Section: Responsible for utilizing crime analysis data to assist operational and administrative personnel with planning and deployment of resources in order to prevent, reduce, and suppress criminal activities.

Information Services Section: Responsible for the installation, maintenance and repair of the Department's computer hardware and software and internal website development. Duties include anticipating future computer needs of the Department and developing plans to meet those needs.

Recruiting Section: The Recruiting Section will serve as an extension of the Chief of Police managing the recruiting functions of the Department. Recruiting functions assigned to this section shall include attracting, seeking out and recruiting prospective candidates for employment with the Department. Duties include advising candidates as they move through the application and employment process. This section also coordinates the application and testing process and acts as the Department's liaison with the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners.

The Recruiting Unit successfully added five new qualified officers to its ranks of the Rockford Police Department, in the year 2012. The five new officers were selected out of 617 total applicants. At the end of November, the Recruiting Unit began another hiring cycle where 706 applicants applied and 15 new officers were hired the beginning of 2013.

FIELD SERVICES BUREAU:

Serves as an extension of the Chief of Police managing the patrol and crime prevention functions of the Department. Other functions assigned to this bureau are as follows:

Field Services Commander: Responsible for overseeing and supervising the following field services functions.

Community Services Unit: Responsible for support of the patrol function by working closely with citizens, businesses, and neighborhood groups in reducing or eliminating recurring crime and/or quality of life issues

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affecting neighborhoods and the community. The supervisor of the Community Services Unit shall act as the coordinator for the Citizens Assisting Police (CAPS) program.

The Citizens Assisting Police (CAP) Program began in May of 2010. We started the program with fifteen volunteers. We currently have 31 active volunteers who dedicate their time on a daily basis to assist the officers, staff and citizens of Rockford. The Rockford Police Department recognized that volunteers can be an important and valuable part of our law enforcement agency. Volunteers help to increase police responsiveness, service delivery, and information input, and they provide new program opportunities. In addition, volunteers can bring new skills and expertise to the job and prompt new enthusiasm.



It is the policy of this police department to use qualified volunteers for specified tasks and duties that can create efficiencies for the department and improve services to the community. Volunteers are intended to supplement and support, rather than supplant, sworn officers and civilian personnel.

In 2012, the CAP members began to engage the community at numerous special events, with and without sworn officer supervision. CAP volunteers have donated over 5,200 hours of service. The Independent Sector calculates the dollar value of a volunteer hour by state. The most recent values available are from 2010, which shows Illinois value of \$22.77. Based on the hours the CAP volunteers have donated in 2012, the Rockford Police have realized a cost benefit of over \$118,000.00. In comparison, in 2011 CAP volunteers donated 2,282 hours, equal to a cost benefit of over \$51,000.00. In 2010 CAP volunteers donated 1,282 hours, equal to over \$29,000.00. Since the inception of the program, the Rockford Police Department will realize a benefit of over \$196,000.00.

Two of our most active volunteers are Alice Nichols with over 883 donated hours and Dyanna Chandler with over 839 donated hours.

In 2012 we brought Joe Owen on as the Civilian Coordinator of the CAP Program. Joe has assisted in the management of the volunteers and coordination of the activities. Joe and Lt. Patrick Hoey attended volunteer training programs, one of which introduced us to VIMS (Volunteers Integrated Management System). This is a web-based management system that allows us to log the volunteer's time and assign volunteer activities. This system has allowed us to communicate with volunteers and track events and hours.

In 2012, the CAP program obtained two vehicles (Seized Chevrolet Suburban and a former ISB Chevrolet Lumina). The volunteers have designed a logo they would like to see placed on the vehicles so they can be recognized when they are volunteering in the community. For the first time, the CAP volunteers ventured outside of the PSB without direct sworn officer supervision. Two of the volunteers did a survey of abandoned properties in the four focus areas of the City. In doing so, they identified 228 properties.

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The CAP volunteers attended numerous community events:

- ◆ Police Memorial Booth at Cherry Vale Mall
- ◆ Youth Police Academies
- ◆ Safer Streets Cops on the Block
- ◆ National Night Out
- ◆ On the Waterfront
- ◆ Northwest and Southeast Side Neighborhood Meetings
- ◆ Midtown Lutheran Parish Celebration
- ◆ Tour de North End
- ◆ Palmwood Neighborhood Association Ice Cream Social
- ◆ Law Enforcement Torch Run Fundraisers
- ◆ Car Show

The volunteers were recently trained how to perform vacation checks and use of radio equipment. A policy on vacation checks is being finalized, and we hope to start this program this winter. The volunteers continued to do a majority of their work at the PSB. These duties include:

- ◆ Administration Reception
- ◆ Patrol Activity Sheet data-entry
- ◆ Traffic Ticket data-entry
- ◆ Fingerprint card data-entry
- ◆ Evening fingerprint front desk duty
- ◆ Community Services Assistance
- ◆ Citizen's Police Academy
- ◆ Sorting materials
- ◆ Meeting preparation
- ◆ Mailings



Another new program this year was the telephoning of crime victims. The Investigative Services Bureau created a system where certain reports that lacked solvability factors were flagged for the CAP volunteers to telephone the victim. The victim was told that their report was reviewed, but at this time no follow up would occur based on lack of evidence. The crime victims were encouraged to call back if new information was developed. ISB Commander Lt. Mark Welsh reported that he has received several positive comments from victims regarding this program. By the end of September, 706 victims received calls from our CAP volunteers.

The Department received two Letters of Commendations for CAP volunteers from sworn officers. The first was a letter from Detective John Eissens who wished to recognize the service of volunteers Myron Welsh, Gary Myers and Kathe Meyers. Starting in May of 2012 Det. Eissens was transferred to the Gang Unit and was responsible for graffiti investigations. At this time, the City's Hansen system had a two year backlog of data entry. Det. Eissens taught Myron, Gary and Kathe how to identify the various types of graffiti. During the course of this work, Myron Welsh identified that approximately 15% of the reported graffiti used the "Tag" "DIENO." Gary and Kathe printed all the photos of the tag "DIENO." In September, Det. Eissens was able to identify the person spray painting this tag and an arrest was made.

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Det. Eissens estimates this person was responsible for more than \$100,000 worth of damage in the City of Rockford.

This summer Alice Nichols learned that Officer Boettcher was planning a Policemen's Ball. Alice asked Officer Boettcher how she could help. She was told that he needed to locate door prizes and items for a silent auction. Alice took it upon herself to drive to many businesses and made personal contacts seeking donations for the Ball, which was raising money for the Carrie Lynn



Center. Officer Boettcher submitted a letter of gratitude, thanking Alice for her time and commitment in making the Policemen's Ball a success.

The CAP volunteers attended training this year in CPR and defensive driving. Training Unit Supervisor Sgt. Dalke utilized the volunteers in training of our officers. The volunteers participated in roll playing for traffic stops, domestic situations and building searches. The volunteers gained a great deal of appreciation of the difficulties involved in police work and the vast array of talents our officers possess.

The volunteers advised during most of the public events they represented the Department, they were asked about recruiting for Police Officers. Recruiter Investigator Matthew Krantz provided handouts and information on recruiting and the volunteers found this information helpful and now feel very informed on what it takes to be a Rockford Police Officer.

Field Services Support Supervisor: Responsible for supporting the patrol function with inspection, maintenance, repairs and supplying of vehicles, radios and equipment, as well as scheduling for special events requiring hirebacks of officers, the planning and providing police services, particularly security and traffic control for special events occurring in the City of Rockford (e.g. 4th of July Event).

Central Reporting Unit: Responsible for Front Desk and Deferred Police Response (DPR) functions. Front Desk duties include providing information or referrals to citizens calling or visiting the Public Safety Building (PSB) and controlling visitor access to the second and third floors of the PSB. DPR duties include completing walk-in traffic crash reports as well as investigating and completing reports of non-emergency criminal complaints and other calls for service, via telephone. Supervision of this unit will require scheduling staff, reviewing and approving police reports, reviewing calls for service to identify patterns and trends and prioritize responses to these calls.

The Central Reporting Unit Assistants are civilian Police employees who provide a valuable service to the Department and the City of Rockford. These dedicated members are part-time employees that work in a high stress, fast pace environment.

In 2012, the seven part-time employees have written 5,328 Police Reports or 11.1% of all Rockford Police Reports. These reports are part of the Department's Deferred Police Response.

These reports are primarily property crimes or general information for Police, but they do deal

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with a large number of family related crimes. They have completed 797 Motor Capture Reporting (Traffic Crash) reports.

The CRU Assistants, on a weekly basis, field up to 100 telephone calls from people all over the City and Country who seek information from the Rockford Police Department. They assist up to 60 people a week who come to the Public Safety Building's Front Desk seeking information or police assistance. The CRU Assistants also register up to 25 registered sex offenders per week.

Those coming to the Police Department's Front Desk are victims of crimes which can include domestic violence, theft, identity theft, criminal sexual abuse, child custody disputes, to name a few. These CRU employees assist people suffering from mental illness and substance abuse. The CRU assistants are familiar with criminal law and functions of the criminal and civil court system. They make referrals to other government and social service agencies in the area.

The CRU Assistants can be the only Rockford Police representative the public may ever meet or speak to so good quality customer service is essential. They are a huge part of the "face" of the Rockford Police Department, and the positive impact they make with the public can pay dividends in the City's motto of "Excellence Everywhere."

Patrol Relief: Responsible for providing temporary command supervision relief to all patrol shifts.

Patrol Shift: Responsible for providing timely emergency and non-emergency police services within the City of Rockford. The Department utilizes four shifts: Day Shift (daytime hours), Cover Shift (late morning to evening hours), Afternoon Shift (late afternoon to late evening hours) and Night Shift (late evening to early morning hours) to provide 24 hour coverage. Services may include investigations of criminal complaints, non-criminal calls for service and community care-taking functions.

K-9 Unit: Responsible for providing the Department with the specialty assignments involving the use of trained dogs and handlers in the areas of building, vehicle and article searches, and tracking of individuals as well as supplementing the three patrol shifts. The Department currently has three canines and handler officers:

- ◆ Two drug detection/suspect apprehension canines. These patrol canines are cross trained in drug detection and suspect apprehension.
- ◆ One explosive detection canine specifically trained in detecting explosives and explosive making materials. This canine may be called upon to respond to any location throughout the Rock River Valley.

M3 Streets Team Unit: Responsible for supporting the patrol and detective functions in unmarked vehicles by targeting high crime areas within the city and emphasis on areas of repeated citizen complaints of criminal activity. Duties also include responding to and backing up uniformed officers of the three patrol shifts.

School Liaison Unit: Responsible for assigning and staffing officers for initial and follow-up investigations of criminal incidents occurring on Rockford School District property with an



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emphasis on fostering the flow of information between the two organizations. Duties include security, conflict resolution, mediation, education and community policing.

In 1998, the Rockford Police Department initiated a liaison position with Rockford School District #205 in order to improve communications and provide service for Rockford's public schools student population. This position is staffed by a Sergeant and reports to the Deputy Chief of Support Services. The duties of the School Liaison Unit Supervisor consist of the supervision of officers assigned to the unit and to be a liaison between Rockford Public School District 205 administrators and the Rockford Police Department. This includes fostering a free flow of information between the two organizations to optimize law enforcement services. In 2012, the School Liaison Unit



consisted of 12 Officers and one Sergeant. They were tasked to meet the law enforcement needs of over 27,000 students and employees of the Rockford Public Schools.

◆ High School Liaison Program:

The Rockford School District has four high schools staffed with a full time police officer from the School Liaison Unit. This type of deployment reflects the "School Resource Officer" approach where the liaison officers are relied upon to provide other

functions like classroom presentations and student crisis referrals. Their primary function is that of law enforcement and maintaining site security.

◆ Elementary/ Middle School Liaison Program:

The Elementary/ Middle School Liaison Program includes responding to calls for police service from individual elementary schools/middle schools and conducting criminal investigations. Community policing in the school atmosphere is the emphasis of the elementary security program. Officers use mediation and conflict resolution with the last option being arrest. In the schools, officers have a secondary education function such as addressing assemblies, and classes about law enforcement topics.

◆ Rockford Youth Police Academies:

Officers also partnered with the Winnebago County Sheriff's Police, Rockford Park District Police, Loves Park Police, Winnebago County Corrections and States Attorneys Office to conduct a Youth Police Academy at Kennedy Middle School and at Patriot's Gateway. The program targeted children age 13 – 17 from all areas of the city.

Each Youth Police Academy lasted five days, with the children attending from 1pm until 8pm with police officers, civilians and juvenile probation officers mentoring the program.

The participants took part in hands on activities like crime scene investigation techniques, alcohol and drug awareness education, character and team building activities. They also took part in a guided tour of the Public Safety Building, Winnebago County Criminal Justice Center and

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Winnebago County Courthouse. The tour provided them with a first hand look at where the police work and also educated them on the criminal justice system process from arrest to incarceration to trial. The ultimate goals of the program were to have the children interact on a more casual level with police officers, foster better relationships and introduce the participants to various aspects of police work. The event was a great success.

The School Liaison Unit keeps arrest statistics for offenses committed in Rockford District 205 schools. The majority of arrests are separated in three generalized categories: Violent Offenses, Possession of Illegal Substances, and Weapon Offenses. Violent offenses include assault, battery, and mob action related arrests. Possession or delivery of illegal substance offenses include marijuana, alcohol, and tobacco related arrests on school grounds. Weapon offenses include the possession of, or the intended use of any weapon defined as illegal on school property by Illinois State Statutes. The majority of weapon offenses normally consist of possession of knives on school property.

2011-2012 SCHOOL ARRESTS

- *Violent Offenses - 215
- *Illegal Substance Offenses - 156
- *Weapon Offenses - 26
- *Total Arrests (includes all other categories) - 643



Traffic Unit: Responsible for the investigation and enforcement of traffic related incidents within the City of Rockford including traffic crash investigations and reconstruction, DUI enforcement, directed enforcement efforts, and other traffic-related enforcement and service responses.

The Traffic Unit consists of one Lieutenant and twelve investigators. Of the twelve investigators, four work the DUI Task Force and one is assigned as the Hit and Run crash Investigator.

During the year of 2012, the Traffic Unit investigated 12 fatal traffic crashes. Members of the Major Accident Reconstruction Team along with other traffic investigators are responsible to investigate these crashes. The Rockford Police Department Traffic Unit has five certified Fatal Accident Reconstructionist. One Reconstructionist is certified at the national level with an ACTAR (Accreditation Commission For Traffic Accident Reconstruction) certification. The unit has two court recognized expert witnesses in the area of crash reconstruction.

The Department as a whole investigated 4,845 traffic crashes in 2012. That is a reduction of 388 crashes from 2011: there were 5,233 crashes reported in 2011. Of the 4,845 crashes in 2012, 1,218 crashes were hit and run accidents.

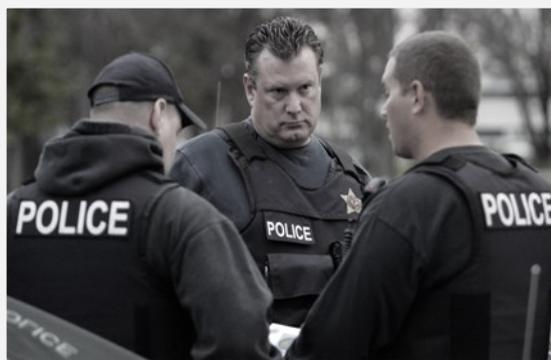
The Traffic Unit deployed two motorcycles. The motorcycles improved the Traffic Unit's effectiveness and efficiency.

The DUI Task Force cited a total of 542 impaired drivers. These impaired drivers were both alcohol and/or drug impaired individuals.

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This year the Traffic Unit teamed with other area law enforcement agencies fueled by a grant funded by federal traffic funds through IDOT's Division of Traffic Safety. This grant afforded the Traffic Unit the ability to conduct extra enforcement zones, saturation patrols, and roadside safety checks. During these efforts, DUI, speeding, disobeying traffic control devices and seat belt usage was stressed.

For the fifth year in a row the Rockford Police Traffic Unit took first place in the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) Top Cops award for the highest number of DUI arrests among municipal departments in the State of Illinois with 686 DUI arrests in 2012. Investigator Rose Mathews was awarded the top honor as number one in the State with 181 DUI arrests in 2012.



In 2012, the Rockford Police Department won the Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge for municipal departments out of 251 departments or offices and over which placed the department in the Championship level competing against all other winners. In 2012 the Rockford Police Traffic Unit placed third at the championship level. The Unit also won third place at the National Level for the National Law Enforcement Challenge.

This award-winning unit continues to be committed to reducing deaths, injuries, and property loss through effective and efficient traffic enforcement strategies.

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU:: Serves as an extension of the Chief of Police managing the investigation and follow-up of criminal incidents. This Bureau serves as the Department's liaison with the State's Attorneys Office as well as with other federal, state and local investigative agencies in the detection, investigation and prosecution of criminal activity.

The goals of the ISB include decreasing the crime rate and increasing the investigative solve rate in the City of Rockford. These goals are accomplished in many ways. First, timely investigative follow up on criminal cases. Second, using all resources available to conduct follow up investigations. Third, collaboration with other agencies to assist with investigative follow up. The ISB works closely with the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department, Loves Park Police Department, Illinois State Police, Stateline Area Narcotics Team, (SLANT) Federal Bureau of Investigation, Drug Enforcement Administration, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Illinois Department of Corrections. Fourth, focus on high risk offenders including individuals on parole and probation.

The ISB continues to use advanced technology in order to effectively and efficiently respond to the needs of the citizens of Rockford. The ISB recently received a portable device capable of downloading information from portable computers and cellular telephones.

In late 2011, the ISB began to have police volunteers from the departments Citizens Assisting Police (CAP) program contact crime victims and relay information regarding the status of their cases. Since the inception of the program, nearly one thousand citizens have been contacted.

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The ISB consists of the following 8 units:

- Burglary Unit: Responsible for conducting investigations of all commercial, residential, and vehicle burglaries.
- Crimes Against Person Unit: Responsible to conduct investigations of crimes against persons including murder and armed robbery.
- Domestic Violence Unit: Responsible for reviewing and investigating complaints of domestic battery, domestic violence, domestic trouble and order of protection violations. This unit serves as the Department's liaison with the State's Attorneys Office as well as all court and social service agencies dealing with domestic related crime issues.
- Gang Crimes Unit: Responsible for conducting investigations related to gang involved crimes. Serves as the Department's liaison with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) for the purpose of tracing every firearm recovered by the Department.
- General Case Unit: Responsible for conducting investigations of a wide variety including property crimes, thefts, computer, and internet crimes, financial and stolen identity crimes.
- Identification Unit: Responsible for the documentation and processing of physical evidence at crime scenes, as well as other forensic related tasks required by the Department.
- Rockford Narcotics Unit: Responsible for narcotics related investigations of individuals and criminal enterprises. This unit also serves as a liaison with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies conducting investigations of narcotics related crime.
- Youth/Sex Crimes Unit: Responsible to conduct investigations of crimes involving victims or suspects under the age of seventeen (17) years, all sex offenses regardless of age, auto theft, and missing person incidents.

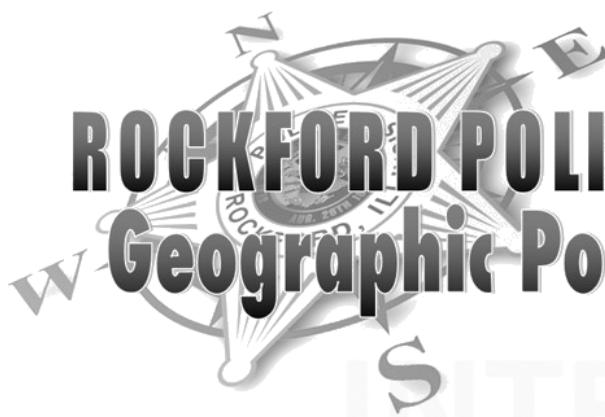
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ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT Geographic Policing Initiative

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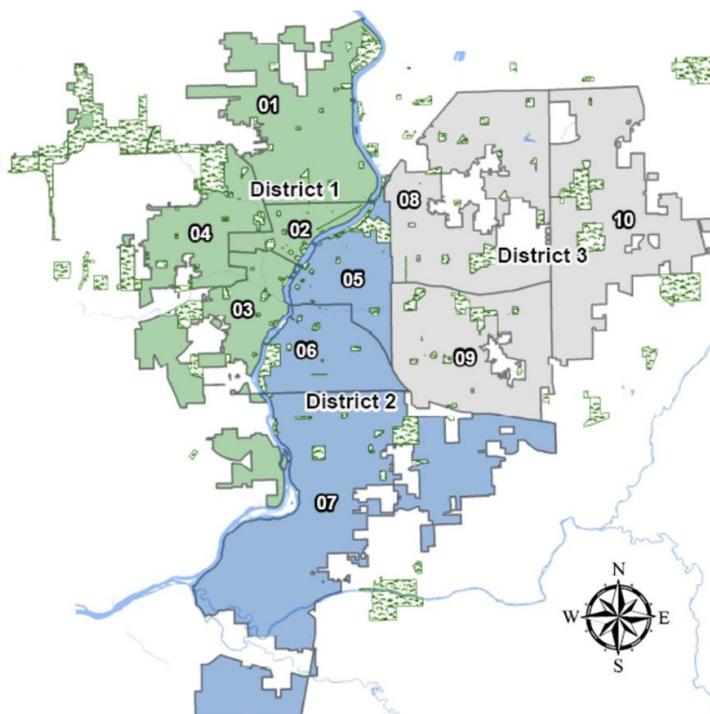


**ASSISTANT DEPUTY CHIEF
DOUGLAS PANN**

Geographic policing in Rockford took a significant step forward in 2012 with the promotion of Douglas Pann to the rank of Assistant Deputy Chief. A.D.C. Pann began the task of leading the geographic policing initiative into it's next phase on December 16, 2012. The Department continued to develop the geo-policing philosophy through the Compstat process by stressing



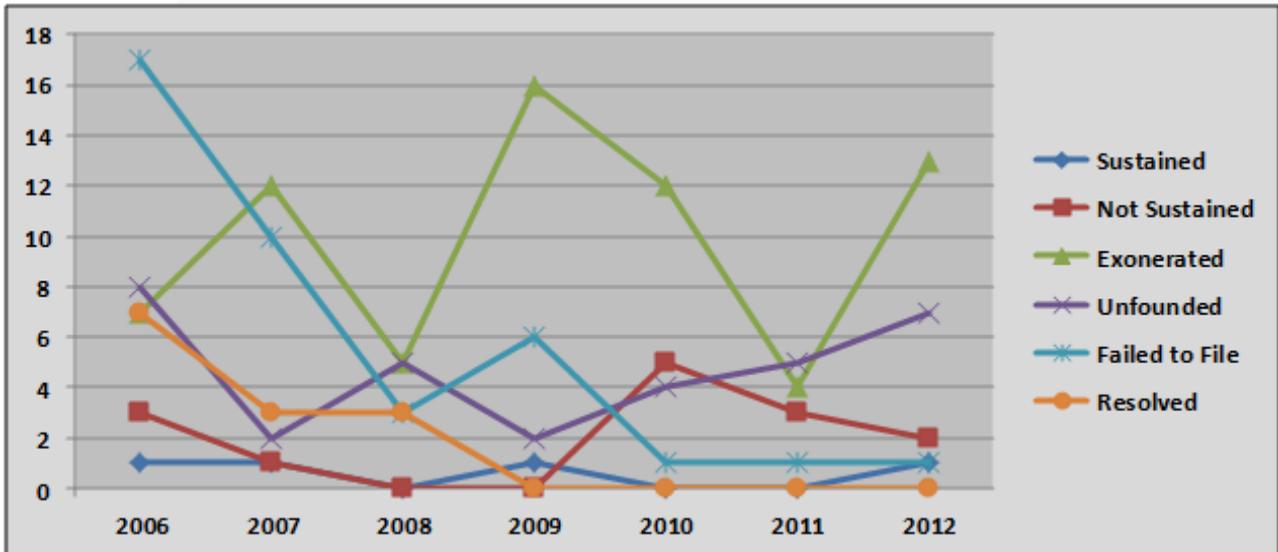
the importance of responsibility and accountability on officers, supervisors, and commanders for geographic areas of the city. The Department is learning to engage community stakeholders in the problem solving process and are working to build relationships with the community, other city departments, and outside organizations. The Rockford Police Department also identified potential locations and began working with architects to develop build-out plans that support community engagement as well as internal organizational transformation. Efforts to further the geographic policing initiative will continue to make great strides under ADC Pann's command in 2013.



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USE OF FORCE STATISTICS



- ◆ **Sustained** - Allegation proven
- **Not Sustained** - Insufficient evidence exists to clearly prove allegation
- ▲ **Exonerated** - Allegation facts were justified
- ✕ **Unfounded** - Allegation facts did not occur or officer was not involved
- ✱ **Failed to File** - Complainant did not follow through on initial complaint
- **Resolved** - Incident handled without a formal investigation

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Sustained	1	1	0	1	0	0	1
Not Sustained	3	1	0	0	5	3	2
Exonerated	7	12	5	16	12	4	13
Unfounded	8	2	5	2	4	5	7
Failed to File	17	10	3	6	1	1	1
Resolved	7	3	3	0	0	0	0
Total	43	29	16	25	22	13	24

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Offenses for

January 1 - December 31 for 2007-2012

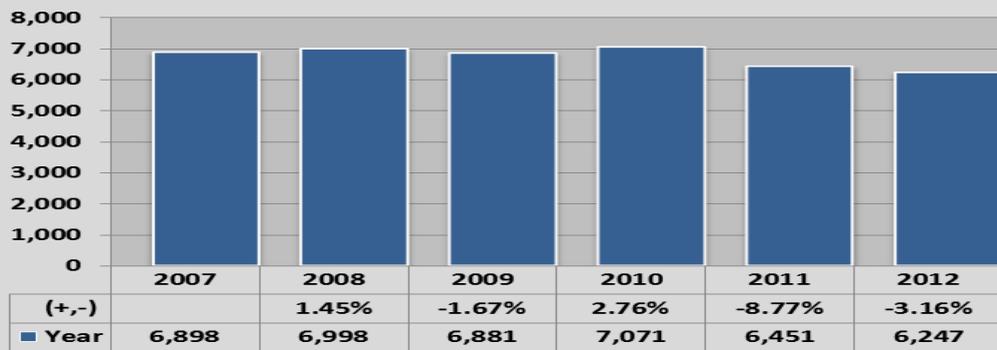
Code	Offense Description	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	% Change '11-'12
Group A								
09A	Murder & Nonnegligent Manslaughter	19	23	24	21	21	11	-47.6%
09B	Negligent Manslaughter	2	0	1	1	0	2	NC
09C	Justifiable Homicide	0	0	0	0	0	0	NC
100	Kidnapping/Abduction/Unlawful Restraint	52	54	47	54	44	58	31.8%
11A	Forcible Rape	113	139	116	118	119	137	15.1%
11B	Forcible Sodomy	11	15	10	23	23	14	-39.1%
11C	Sexual Assault With an Object	1	0	0	2	1	0	-100.0%
11D	Forcible Fondling	84	91	73	95	111	76	-31.5%
120	Robbery	666	606	623	513	581	520	-10.5%
13A	Aggravated Assault	1,452	1,553	1,383	1,734	1,474	1,509	2.4%
13B	Simple Assault	4,544	4,404	4,481	4,328	4,016	3,848	-4.2%
13C	Intimidation	620	719	746	695	642	592	-7.8%
200	Arson	87	58	39	89	72	73	1.4%
210	Extortion/Blackmail	3	2	2	4	5	5	0.0%
220	Burglary/Breaking & Entering	2,543	2,902	2,516	2,424	1,888	2,261	19.8%
23A	Pocket-Picking	2	4	1	1	4	4	0.0%
23B	Purse-Snatching	1	2	1	0	1	2	100.0%
23C	Shoplifting	1,061	1,191	1,225	869	1,021	1,182	15.8%
23D	Theft From Building	2	4	0	6	3	4	33.3%
23E	Theft From Coin-Operated Machine or Device	11	7	12	4	5	4	-20.0%
23F	Theft from Motor Vehicle	1,320	1,338	1,335	1,101	987	1,082	9.6%
23G	Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories	568	426	282	204	179	210	17.3%
23H	All Other Larceny	3,337	3,559	3,067	3,022	2,786	2,698	-3.2%
240	Motor Vehicle Theft	708	789	476	460	508	396	-22.0%
250	Counterfeiting/Forgery	494	396	338	240	196	168	-14.3%
26A	False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	219	261	192	176	168	145	-13.7%
26B	Credit Card/ Automatic Teller Machine Fraud	196	196	301	277	250	207	-17.2%
26C	Impersonation	201	283	264	172	173	143	-17.3%
26D	Welfare Fraud	0	0	0	0	0	0	NC
26E	Wire Fraud	3	5	2	0	5	1	-80.0%
270	Embezzlement	9	1	3	1	0	1	NC
280	Stolen Property Offenses	92	66	49	53	59	78	32.2%
290	Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	7,293	6,786	5,922	5,362	4,729	4,739	0.2%
35A	Drug/Narcotic Violations	1,579	1,154	1,095	953	934	898	-3.9%
35B	Drug Equipment Violations	612	344	357	335	345	365	5.8%
36A	Incest	0	0	0	0	0	0	NC
36B	Statutory Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	NC
370	Pornography/Obscene Material	8	14	8	7	7	6	-14.3%
39A	Betting/Wagering	0	0	0	0	0	0	NC
39B	Operating/Promoting/Assisting Gambling	5	2	3	2	2	2	0.0%
39C	Gambling Equipment Violations	0	0	0	0	1	0	-100.0%
39D	Sports Tampering	0	0	0	0	0	0	NC
40A	Prostitution	102	74	56	49	6	44	633.3%
40B	Assisting or Promoting Prostitution	17	11	12	94	34	11	-67.6%
510	Bribery	0	0	0	0	0	0	NC
520	Weapon Law Violations	694	591	509	609	569	600	5.4%
Total Group A Offenses		28,731	28,070	25,571	24,098	21,969	22,096	0.6%

In NIBRS reporting, up to 10 of the most serious offenses can be reported per incident. Each code will be reported once even though there may be more than one victim per offense.

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Total Group A Offenses



Group A Crimes Against Person



Group A Crimes Against Property



Group A Crimes Against Society

MILESTONES



Promotion to Assistant Deputy Chief: December 11, 2012:

Douglas Pann



Promotion to Lieutenants December 11, 2012:

John Pozzi

Steve Perry

John Hoeksema



Promotion to Sergeants:

January 3, 2012

Benjamin Boeke

Darin Spades

Joe Givens

John Hoeksema

December 11, 2012

Daniel Watton

Eric McClain

Timothy Speltz

Harold Combs

David Lee

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MILESTONES



Promotion to Investigators:

Timothy Speltz	January 3, 2012
Brad Larson	March 4, 2012
Michael Schissel	March 4, 2012
Juan Tapia	March 4, 2012
Cynthia Smith	March 4, 2012
Vince Kelly	April 15, 2012

Retirements

Barbara Hardin	March 16, 2012
DiAnn Krigbaum	April 2, 2012
Paula Berglund	May 1, 2012
Frank Ingardona	May 9, 2012
Michael Booker	June 15, 2012
John Hoshaw	November 9, 2012
Steven Tomasino	November 13, 2012
Christina Haske-Whisenand	November 13, 2012
Michael Holman	December 8, 2012

In Memory of:

John Keenan	December 28, 2012
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FOCUS ON CRIME PREVENTION

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PROTECT YOUR VEHICLE

- Don't leave your car running unattended - Vehicles are commonly stolen at convenience stores, gas stations, ATM's, etc. Many vehicles are also stolen on cold mornings when the owner leaves the vehicle running to warm up.
- Lock your car and take your keys - One out of every five vehicles stolen had the keys in it, and almost half of all vehicles stolen were left unlocked.
- Don't hide a second set of keys in your car - Extra keys can easily be found if a thief takes time to look.
- Roll up your windows - Always roll up your windows and lock the car, even if it is parked in front of your home.
- Park in high foot traffic, well-lighted areas - This is a deterrent to would-be thieves, and thieves do not like witnesses and often prefer unattended, unlit parking lots.
- Hide your valuables - Don't make your car a more desirable target for thieves by leaving valuables in plain sight.
- Consider VIN etching - Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) can easily be etched on windows, doors, fenders and other car parts. This makes it difficult for a thief to market your stolen car parts.

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