

2024
Annual Report
Yorkville Police Department

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YORKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Dear Mayor Purcell,

As 2024 has come to a close, I am proud to reflect on a year of significant progress and accomplishment for the Yorkville Police Department. This year has been marked by staffing changes, advancements in accreditation and training, technology upgrades, and a measurable decrease in crime across the City.

Like many police agencies nationwide, we have faced challenges with recruitment and retention. While we remained fully staffed for the majority of the year and currently, we did lose two officers to other agencies this year. Additionally, the City Council increased our authorized staffing level from 33 to 34 sworn officers. Previously, we conducted officer testing every two years; however, due to both the volume and quality of candidates, we have shifted to annual testing for the patrol officer position.

In 2024, we signed a contract with the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police to pursue Tier 2 accreditation. This process typically takes two years, we are hoping to go through our on-site assessment the first quarter of 2025 receiving full Tier 2 accreditation by April of 2025. To meet the required standards, we have focused on updating policies and training staff to comply with the Safety, Accountability, Fairness, and Equity Today Act (Safe-T Act). This dedication resulted a significant increase in training hours compared to 2023, with a total of 7,457 hours completed this year.

Keeping pace with advancements in law enforcement technology has been a top priority. Thanks to a generous private donation, we established a cutting-edge information center that has already been utilized countywide for criminal investigations. Looking ahead, this technology will be further enhanced in 2025 with the addition of a full-time crime analyst position.

In 2023, the Yorkville Police Department transitioned to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) for crime and incident data tracking, replacing the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system as mandated by the federal government. NIBRS provides a more comprehensive overview by categorizing crimes against persons, property, and society. I am pleased to report a decrease in our crime rate index, from 521 in 2023 to 439 in 2024.

The Yorkville Police Department is a value-driven organization, guided by core principles of impartiality, accountability, and transparency. We recognize that effective policing depends on the confidence and support of our community. As we move into 2025, we remain steadfast in our commitment to providing extraordinary police service while protecting life and property.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to the men and women of the Yorkville Police Department for their unwavering dedication and professionalism. I also extend my heartfelt thanks to you, Mayor Purcell, and the entire Yorkville City Council for your leadership, guidance, and support. Your focus on "community" enables us to serve with care and protect with confidence.

Sincerely,

James H. Jensen
Chief of Police

DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Yorkville Police Department is to work in partnership with the community to protect life and property, assist neighborhoods with solving their problems and enhance the quality of life in our city.

STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL VALUES

To fulfill its Mission, the Yorkville Police Department places high value on the following principles:

Community Awareness

Excellent Customer Satisfaction

Ethical Conduct

Honesty and Integrity

Innovation

Public Relations Self-Directed Work

Teamwork and Organizational Pride

Tolerance of Dissenting or Differing Views

Moral Work and Personal Habits

Public Confidence

Productive Dialogue with the Public

Mental and Physical Alertness of Officers

~Honesty & Integrity / Community Policing / Professionalism~

YORKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

2024 Department GOAL

2024 Organizational Goal: *Establish Consistent Expectations and Standards Across All Shifts*

Goal 1: Foster Teamwork and Collaboration

Objective 1.1: Team members will demonstrate respect for one another and work collaboratively to enhance team effectiveness.

Objective 1.2: Eliminate apathy toward teammate needs and ensure prompt availability for calls and maintenance of zone integrity.

Goal 2: Enhance Community Engagement and Problem-Solving

Objective 2.1: Conduct extra patrols at locations identified in emails, vacation house checks, and supervisor directives, documenting efforts via the Z-Ticket feature.

Objective 2.2: Perform proactive school and business walkthroughs to increase familiarity with facilities and people while building positive community relationships.

Objective 2.3: Improve communication of community problems across shifts through in-person updates or email for coordinated police responses.

Goal 3: Ensure Thorough Investigations and Timely Reporting

Objective 3.1: Conduct comprehensive on-scene and follow-up investigations, completing all reports prior to the end of shift unless approved by a supervisor.

Objective 3.2: Initiate CAD notes for incidents not requiring a case report, documenting the call's nature and disposition.

Objective 3.3: Package, submit, and enter evidence into New World immediately upon returning to the station, unless a supervisor authorizes temporary storage.

Objective 3.4: Limit telephone-only handling of calls for service; prioritize in-person officer responses whenever requested.

Goal 4: Strengthen Intelligence Collection Through Field Contacts

Objective 4.1: Initiate and document field contacts to build an intelligence database, identify behavioral patterns, and gather investigative leads.

Objective 4.2: Conduct interviews with arrestees to obtain actionable intelligence and forward information to the investigative division and Shift Sergeants.

Goal 5: Improve Roadway Safety and IVC Compliance

Objective 5.1: Enforce Illinois Vehicle Code and Yorkville Ordinances with a focus on school zones, residential speed zones, and directed patrol areas.

Objective 5.2: Conduct an average of at least three (3) traffic stops per shift worked, meeting monthly expectations based on shifts worked.

Objective 5.3: Deploy weekly directed patrol assignments to focus enforcement efforts where most needed.

Goal 6: Prioritize Officer Activity and Accountability

Objective 6.1: Require Patrol Sergeants to complete daily Officer Activity Reports summarizing each team member's productivity and activities.

Goal 7: Focus on DUI Enforcement and Business Patrols

Objective 7.1: Emphasize traffic enforcement efforts on detecting and addressing motorists driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Objective 7.2: Conduct overnight extra patrols at closed businesses, prioritizing those at higher risk of being targeted.

Goal 8: Ensure School Zone Safety

Objective 8.1: Perform daily extra patrols at schools, targeting speeding and cell phone use in school zones with appropriate enforcement action.

YORKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT (cont.)

2024 Department GOAL

Objective 8.2: Monitor school crossings and bus loading/unloading zones daily for safety violations.

Goal 9: Maximize Effective Use of Time and Resources

Objective 9.1: Immediately deploy officers to the field upon completion of roll call and minimize unallocated time within the police department.

Objective 9.2: Ensure officers handle calls for service within their assigned zones and avoid unavailability without supervisor permission.

Performance Monitoring and Review Process

To ensure the successful implementation and sustainability of these goals and objectives, the following review processes will be conducted on a regular basis:

Daily Review

Shift Sergeants will review progress and compliance using the Daily Tracking Log.

Monthly Review

Command staff will conduct a Monthly Report Review to assess overall performance and goal achievement.

Weekly Command Meetings

Goals, progress, and performance metrics will be discussed and evaluated during weekly Command meetings.

Monthly Sergeants Meetings

Monthly Sergeants meetings will include a review and discussion of team performance, challenges, and progress toward meeting established goals.

This structured review process ensures accountability, provides timely feedback, and allows for adjustments to enhance effectiveness and performance.

Annual Goal Update

The 2024 departmental goal was an all-encompassing challenge for our agency to develop a rhythm of excellence in daily operations. Each objective outlined in all nine subcategories were objectives that have been longstanding for Yorkville Police Department, however, our goal for progress this year was to standardize the daily work function of our agency to provide consistent, quantifiable, expectations across the board. The results of 2024 proved that our men and women accepted the challenge and finished with outstanding effort.

Some highlights of note to celebrate the exceptional efforts of our officers:

By the Numbers	Officer Activity
385	Individual School Patrols Completed
85	Vacation Homes Checked
1,207	Individual Business Checks Completed
59%	Increase in total officer-initiated enforcement contacts from previous year
60%	Increase in traffic stops for stop sign and stop light violations from previous year
97%	Increase in traffic stops for speed violations through the City from previous year
155%	Increase in traffic stops for distracted driving / cell phone violations from previous year
3,500+	Hours of directed patrol efforts in areas of traffic concern throughout the City

It will always be the goal of our agency to work in partnership with our community to ensure the safety of our residents and visitors. Through the performance monitoring and review process implemented in 2024 we were able to work towards a collective goal across all groups within the department. We completed 2024 with **100%** of our officers meeting the expectations set for the year. We celebrate the hard work of our officers and look forward to continuing into the new year.

Mayor

John Purcell

City Administrator

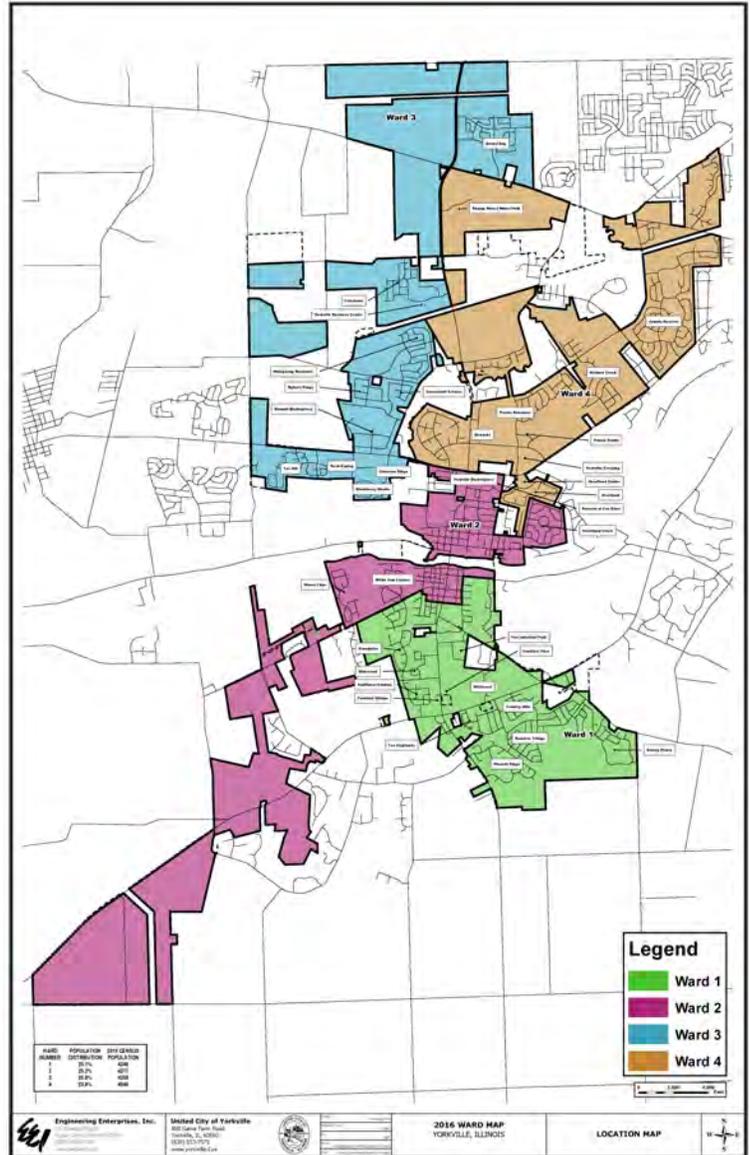
Bart Olson

Alderman

Dan Transier	Ward 1
Ken Koch	Ward 1
Craig Soling	Ward 2
Arden Joe Plocher	Ward 2
Chris Funkhouser	Ward 3
Matt Marek	Ward 3
Seaver Tarulis	Ward 4
Rusty Corneils	Ward 4



Yorkville Alderman Ward Map



Department Distribution

<i>Full Time Sworn</i>	
Chief of Police	1
Deputy Chief	2
Patrol Commander	1
Patrol Sergeant	4
Detective Sergeant	1
Detective	2
CPAT/CIT	2
School Resource Officer	1
Patrol Officer	20
TOTAL Full Time Sworn	34
<i>Full Time Records Civilian</i>	
Records Supervisor	1
Records Clerk	2
TOTAL Full Time Records	3
<i>Part Time Civilian</i>	
Records Clerk	2
Training Coordinator	1
Evidence Custodian	1
Community Service Officer	3
TOTAL Part-Time Civilian	7
TOTAL Police Department Staff	44

Department AUTHORIZED Full-Time Sworn: 34



2024 Elected City Officials



Mayor John Purcell

Ward 1 Aldermen



Daniel Transier



Ken Koch



Craig Soling



Arden Joe Plocher

Ward 2 Aldermen

Ward 3 Aldermen



Matt Marek



Chris Funkhouser

Ward 4 Aldermen



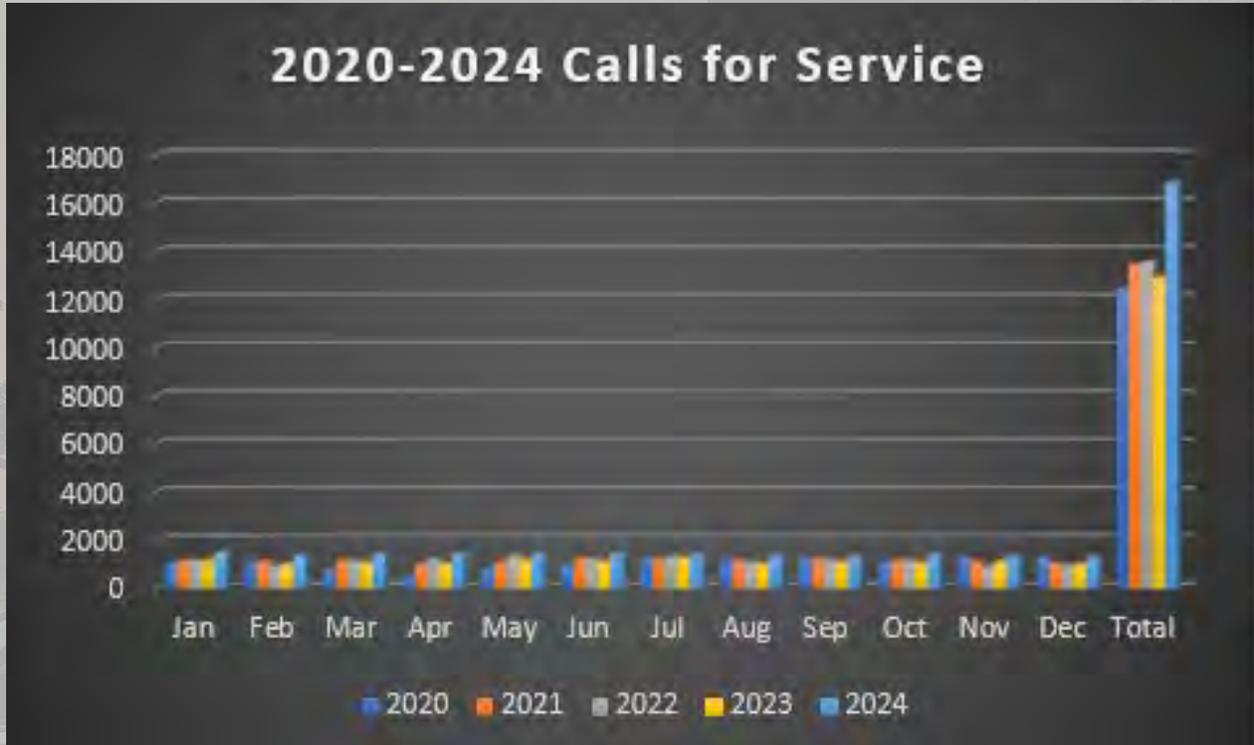
Rusty Corneils



Seaver Tarulis

2020—2024 Calls for Service

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2020	1050	1084	770	496	842	953	1216	1189	1228	1107	1238	1276	12,449
2021	1156	1102	1129	977	1068	1224	1228	1118	1190	1116	1101	1041	13,450
2022	1131	930	1149	1198	1344	1191	1346	1082	1176	1149	915	927	13,538
2023	1145	994	1061	1018	1164	1082	1229	1017	1066	1048	1097	980	12,901
2024	1495	1371	1423	1467	1446	1457	1423	1380	1344	1430	1326	1291	16,853



~"Evil is powerless if the good are unafraid." —President Ronald Reagan ~



ADMINISTRATION

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The Administration of the Yorkville Police Department is comprised of the Chief of Police the Field Operations Deputy Chief, Support Services Deputy Chief and the Field Operations Commander. While divisional workloads and responsibilities vary all Administration are responsible for:

- **Budget Planning, Development and Implementation**
- **Department Goal Development & Visionary Planning**
- **Personnel/Resource Allocation**
- **Professional Standards/Complaint Inquires**
- **Response to Resistance**



**Chief of Police
James H. Jensen**



**Support Services Deputy
Chief
Ray Mikolasek**



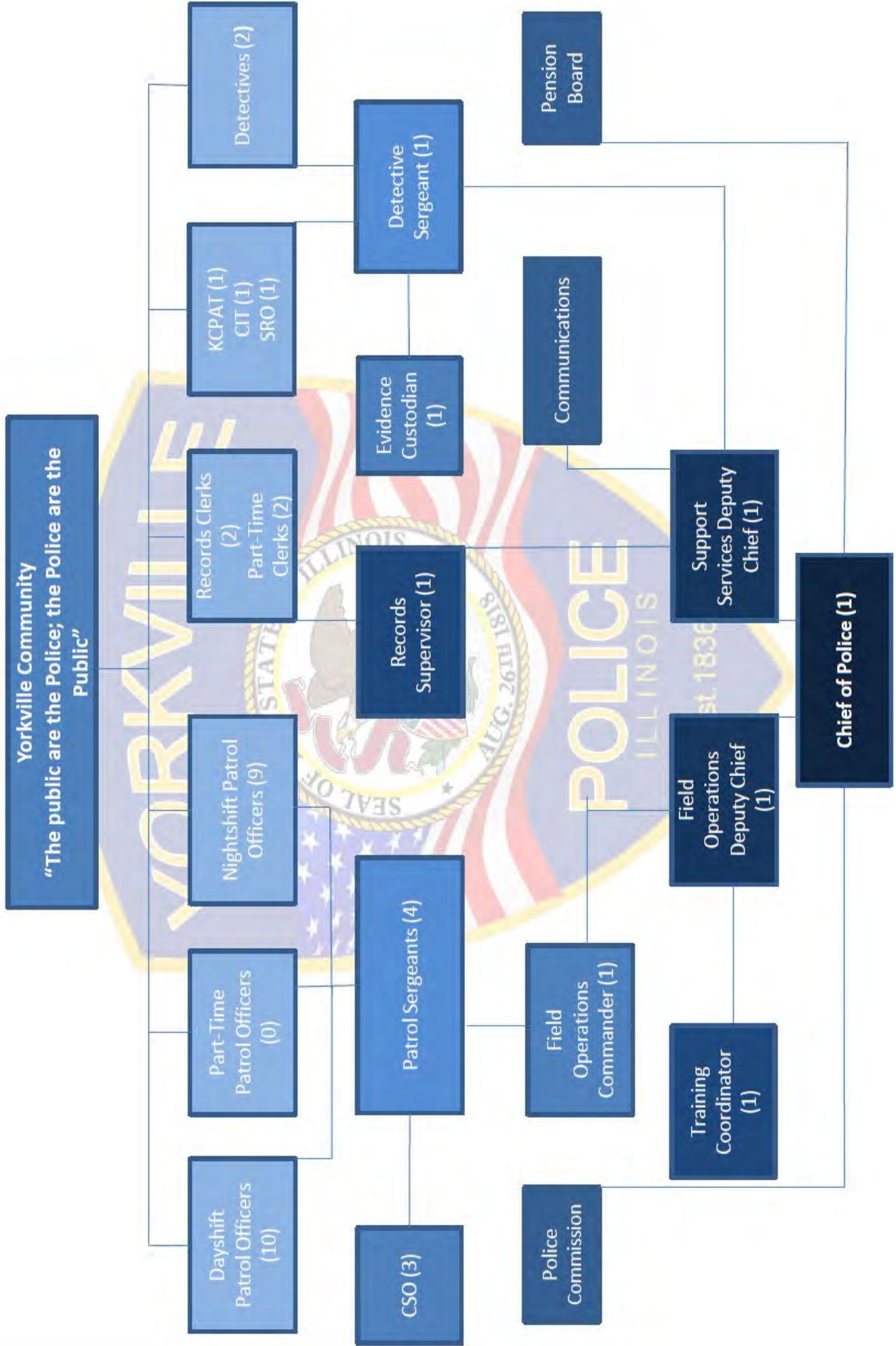
**Patrol Commander
Pat McMahon**



**Field Operations Deputy
Chief
Garrett Carlyle**

Yorkville Police Department

Organizational Chart 2024



2024 New Employees



Officer **Cameron Bonner**, date of hire 30 April 2024. Officer Bonner is from the Minooka area and a graduate of Minooka High School. He attended Illinois State University where he earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. His first job in law enforcement was at North Central College where he served as a civilian campus safety officer. Officer Bonner received his basic police training from May to August at the Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center. Upon successful completion of the department's field training program Officer Bonner was released to solo patrol in January 2025.



Officer **Andrew Camis**, date of hire 1 September 2024. Officer Camis is from the Aurora area and is a graduate of Waubensee Community College with an associate degree in Law Enforcement. From 2022 to 2024, Officer Camis was a Community Service Officer with the Yorkville Police Department. During that time he was also employed by the City of Yorkville Parks and Recreation Department. Upon completion of his basic police training at the Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center in December 2024, Officer Camis will begin his 16 week field training program.



Officer **Jack Wade**, date of hire 4 November 2024. Officer Wade is an Oswego native and graduate of Oswego High School. He attended Illinois State University where he graduated with a degree in business. Officer Wade ultimately found his calling, not in business, but in serving others as a police officer. Officer Wade began his academy training at the Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center on 5 January 2025. Following his graduation in April 2025, he will begin his field training.



2024 New Employees



Officer **Sam Tickel**, date of hire 31 December 2024. Officer Tickel is from Bristol and is a graduate of Aurora Christian High School. He holds a bachelor's degree in Sports Management from Aurora University. Prior to becoming a police officer, Officer Tickel was an avid baseball player and also provided baseball training to local youth. Officer Tickel will receive his basic police training at the Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center from January to April 2025.

Community Service Officer **Tyler Madsen**, date of hire 6 February 2024. CSO Madsen is a Yorkville native and graduate of Yorkville High School. While in high school he participated in the Illinois Valley Vocational Center's law enforcement program. In addition to his normal duties as a CSO, Madsen has undertaken the added responsibility of training our new CSO's as well. CSO Madsen is currently studying Criminal Justice at Waubensee Community College and is pursuing a career in law enforcement.



Community Service Officer **Naily Vargas**, date of hire 14 August 2024. CSO Vargas is a Plano native and a 2024 graduate of Plano High School. Like CSO Madsen, she also participated in the law enforcement program at IVVC where she held a leadership role. She too is pursuing a career a law enforcement and is currently attending Aurora University where she is majoring in psychology. CSO Vargas is pursuing a career in law enforcement.

Community Service Officer **Natalia Perez**, date of hire 29 October 2024. CSO Perez is a 2024 graduate of Yorkville High School. In spring 2024, CSO Perez participated in an internship with the Yorkville Police Department and also participated in the department's alcohol/tobacco compliance checks. CSO Perez is currently studying Criminal Justice at Waubensee Community College and is also pursuing a career in law enforcement.



2024 New Employees



Records Clerk Crystal Bieritz started with our department on April 15th, 2024. Prior to working with us at the Yorkville Police department, Crystal worked as a paraprofessional in the Oswego and Yorkville School district.



Records Clerk Kendall Harris started with our department on May 20th, 2024. Prior to working with us at the Yorkville Police Department, Kendall worked at Heartland Bank and Trust as a Senior Relationship banker.

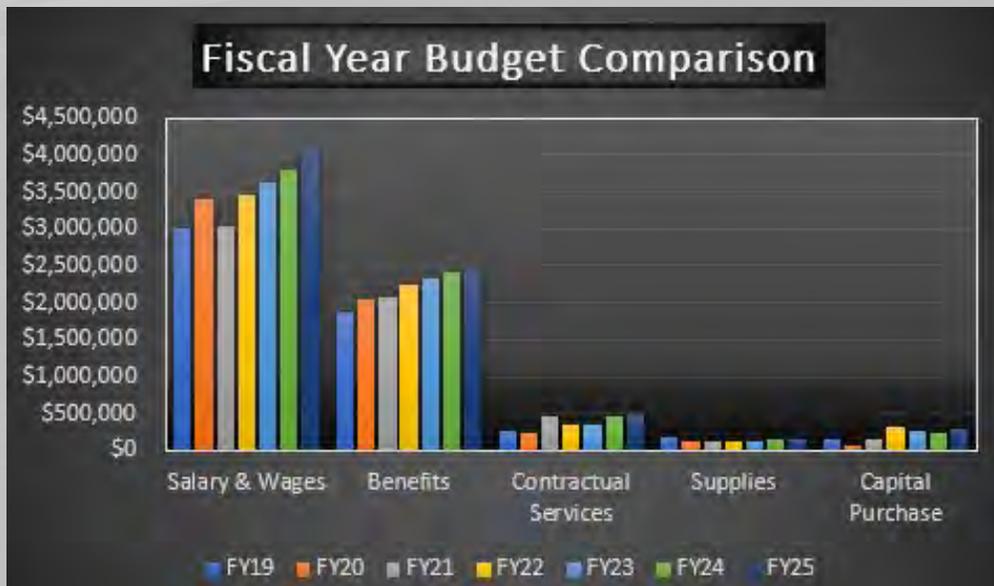


2024 Budget

The United City of Yorkville utilizes a fiscal year budget beginning May 1st of each year and ending on April 30th of the following year. The police department budget is broken down into five (5) different categories to include Personnel Services-Salaries, Personnel Services-Benefits, Contractual Services, Supplies and Capital Purchases. The chart below provides a detailed explanation of expenditures by fiscal year.

Budget Category	Amount	% Budget
Personnel Services: Salary & Wages	\$4,116,345	55.0%
Personnel Services: Benefits	\$2,439,414	32.6%
Contractual Services	\$484,774	6.6%
Supplies	\$152,120	2.0%
Capital Purchases	\$288,350	3.8%
TOTAL	\$7,481,003	100%

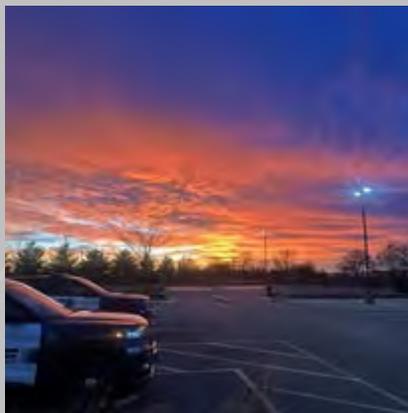
Budget Category	FY2020 Actual	FY2021 Actual	FY2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Adopted	FY 2025 Adopted
Personnel Services: Salary & Wages	\$3,410,082	\$3,027,146	\$3,363,402	\$3,485,307	\$3,800,222	\$4,116,345
Personnel Services: Benefits	\$2,037,600	\$2,065,536	\$2,189,861	\$2,250,876	\$2,409,292	\$2,439,414
Contractual Services	\$248,963	\$477,185	\$316,253	\$278,651	\$468,331	\$484,774
Supplies	\$117,129	\$116,549	\$139,414	\$162,205	\$155,600	\$152,120
Capital Purchases	\$63,991	\$158,559	\$120,725	\$386,662	\$246,750	\$288,350
Total	\$5,877,765	\$5,844,975	\$6,129,655	\$6,563,701	\$7,080,195	\$7,481,003



2024 Department Roster (Serving Since)

Chief James Jensen	2019	Officer Cory Shepherd	2019
Deputy Chief Ray Mikolasek	2004	Officer Cali Caruso	2021
Deputy Chief Garrett Carlyle	2007	Officer Mariesa Shapiama	2021
Commander Patrick McMahon	2004	Officer Kevin Warren	2021
Sergeant Sam Stroup	2000	Officer Peyton Heiser	2022
Sergeant John Hunter	2008	Officer Jake Schwartz	2023
Sergeant Chris Hayes	2008	Officer Leo Reyes	2023
Sergeant Matt Nelson	2012	Officer Alex Wrobel	2023
Sergeant Robbie Hart	2003	Officer Cameron Bonner	2024
Officer Jeff Johnson	2002	Officer Andrew Camis	2024
Officer Robbie Hart	2003	Officer Jack Wade	2024
Officer Timothy Kolowski	2006	Officer Sam Tickel	2024
Officer Ryan Goldsmith	2006	Records Supervisor Kirsten Balog	2011
Officer Matthew Ketchmark	2007	Records Clerk Crystal Bieritz	2024
Officer Roman Soebbing	2011	Records Clerk Kendall Harris	2024
Officer Sara Gerlach	2011		
Officer Kyle Davis	2013	PT Evid. Custodian Chuck Davis	2012
Officer Chris Kuehlem	2014	PT Rec. Clerk Maggie Garcia	2019
Officer Joshua Opp	2019	PT Rec. Clerk Tracy Darnell	2022
Officer Kyle Borowski	2019	PT Training Coord. Amy Densberger	2023
Officer Ryan Fisher	2019		
Officer Nicholas Mertes	2019	CSO Tyler Madsen	2024
Officer CPAT	2019	CSO Naily Vargas	2024
Officer Luke Swanson	2019	CSO Natalia Perez	2024

*****Authorized Staffing Level (Established and Set by City Council): 34 Sworn Officers*****



~ The greatest good is what we do for one another.—Mother Teresa

Hours Worked

Year	Total Personnel (Sworn & Civilian)	Total Regular Hours Worked	Benefit Hours Used	Compensatory Time Earned	Total Overtime Hours	Overtime Hours Reimbursed
2020	40	51,146	10,115	2,675	861	480
2021	41	64,636	11,771	3,399	987	516
2022	41	66,462	12,809	3,359	935	431
2023	41	66,409	12,808	3,935	1,369	426
2024	44	67,466.75	13,155	2,962.06	1,099.50	448.5

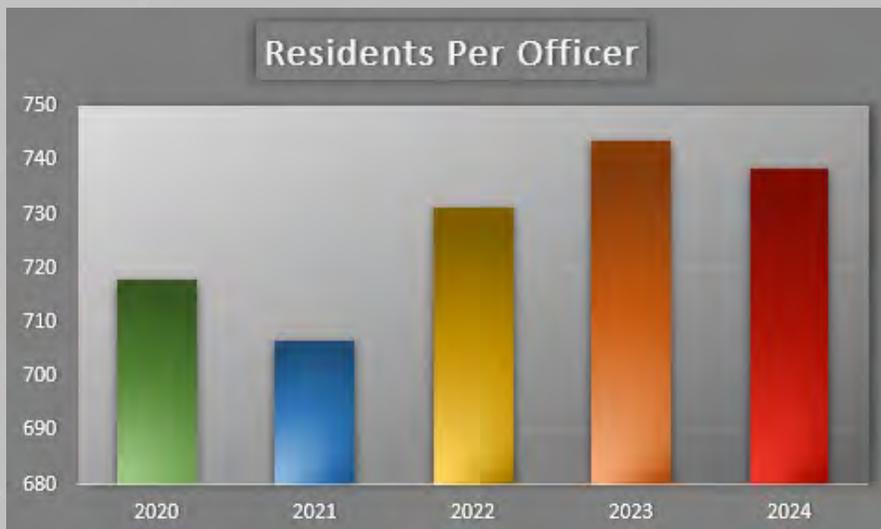
2020 Population: 21,533
Sworn Officers: 30
2020: 1 Officer per 717.77 Residents

2021 Population: 22,611
Sworn Officers: 32
2021: 1 Officer per 706.59 Residents

2022 Population: 23,397
Sworn Officers: 32
2022: 1 Officer per 731.16 Residents

2023 Population: 24,536
Sworn Officers: 33
2023: 1 Officer per 743.52 Residents

2024 Population: 25,103
Sworn Officers: 34
2024: 1 Officer per 738.32 Residents



2024 PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS REPORT

It is the policy of the Yorkville Police Department to receive and investigate all complaints, including anonymous complaints related to internal discipline in a manner that will assure the community of prompt corrective action when department members conduct themselves improperly and to protect the police department and its members from unwarranted criticism pursuant to the discharge of their duties.

In 2024, the department investigated zero (0) formal internal investigation and two (2) informal public complaints (Complaint Inquiries). The findings of each investigation are included below:

COMPLAINT SOURCE		SEX OF COMPLAINANT	
Citizen Complaint	2	Male	1
Police Agency Complaint	0	Female	1
TOTAL	2	TOTAL	2

RACE OF COMPLAINANT		DISPOSITION OF CASES	
African American	0	Exonerated	0
Asian/Pacific Islander	0	Misconduct Not Based on Original Complaint	0
Caucasian	0	Not Sustained	0
Hispanic	1	Policy Failure	0
Native American/Alaskan	0	Sustained	0
Other	1	Unfounded	2
Police Agency Complaint	0	Resignation Before Investigation Completed	0
TOTAL	2	TOTAL	2

AGE OF COMPLAINANT		DISCIPLINARY ACTION	
Under 18	0	Counseling	0
18 – 25	0	Oral Reprimand	0
26 – 35	0	Written Reprimand	0
36 – 45	2	Suspension	0
46 and Over	0	Separation from Service	0
Police Agency Complaint	0	Training	0
Unknown	0	Resignation	0
		Performance Improvement Plan	0
TOTAL	2	TOTAL	0

Definitions of Dispositions

Exonerated: The act(s) alleged did occur, but the act(s) are justified, lawful and proper.

Misconduct Not Based on Original Complaint: The investigation revealed that the acts of misconduct that occurred were not contained or alleged in the original complaint.

Not Sustained: The investigation failed to discover sufficient evidence to clearly prove or disprove the allegations made in the complaint.

Policy Failure: The investigation revealed the alleged acts did occur; however, the member was acting in accordance with department policy.

Sustained: The investigation disclosed there is sufficient evidence to clearly prove the allegations made in the complaint.

Unfounded: The investigation indicates the act(s) alleged did not occur or that it failed to involve members of the Department.



SUPPORT SERVICES

SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION



The Support Services Division of the Yorkville Police Department provides operational support for the Police Department to include Criminal Investigations (Narcotics, Criminal Intelligence, School Resource Officers), Records, School Crossing Guards, and Property and Evidence Control. The Support Services Division is commanded by Deputy Chief Ray Mikolasek.

The Investigations Unit currently consists of one Supervisor, Detective Sergeant Matt Nelson, and two detectives, Detective Matthew Ketchmark and Detective Jeffrey Johnson. Assigned to the unit is a School Resource Officer, Officer Ryan Goldsmith. The Investigations Unit is tasked with the investigation of criminal offenses such as homicide, robbery, burglary,

sex crimes and financial crimes. Additionally, the unit conducts investigations of missing persons, death investigations, background investigations, and alcohol/tobacco compliance investigations. The detectives also oversee the police department's Sex Offender / Violent Offender registration program and the collection of revoked Firearm Owners Identification (FOID) cards and Concealed Carry Licenses (CCL).

Our Narcotics Officer and Criminal Intelligence Team Officer are part of a county wide cooperative task force made up of sworn officers from the Kendall County Sheriff's Office, Oswego Police Department, Plano Police Department, Sandwich Police Department, Montgomery Police Department and the Illinois State Police.

Investigations

- Criminal cases received: 158 (101 Adult, 57 Juvenile)
- Criminal cases closed: 195 (118 Adult, 77 Juvenile) (Includes open cases from previous years)
- Arrests: 88 (27 Adult, 61 Juvenile)
- Individual Charges: 104 total counts
- Total cases assigned: 614 (Includes criminal and non-criminal cases for adults and juveniles)
- Sex offender contacts: 35
- FOID/CCL cards seized/returned to Illinois State Police: 32
- Background investigations conducted: 315 (city employment, police applicants, liquor licenses, and solicitors)



~ "No man can hope to find out the truth without investigation" - George F. Richards ~

Noteworthy Investigations..

- ◆ From August of 2023 through January of 2024, Detective Johnson conducted an investigation into a series of burglary to motor vehicles that occurred during the early morning hours of August 1st, 2023. On 01/17/2024, Detective Johnson was able to secure two arrest warrants for two juvenile males (15 counts each). Both juveniles were charged with multiple counts of Burglary to Motor Vehicle and Criminal Trespass to Vehicle.
- ◆ In February of 2024, Detective Johnson was notified that an adult offender of a 2022 criminal sexual assault investigation, was possibly contacting the minor victim through a social media application. Detective Johnson began investigating that claim and through diligent work, he was able to confirm that the suspect was in fact contacting the victim via social media, violating his pretrial bond conditions. An arrest warrant was issued for the suspect on 04/29/2024 and he was subsequently taken into custody by the Elburn Police Department without issue that same day. The original criminal sexual case is still pending in court.
- ◆ On 03/07/2024, Detective Johnson was able to secure an arrest warrant for Felony Retail Theft and Burglary against Felicia Ozun. This arrest warrant stemmed from an investigation that began in December of 2023. Through the investigation, Detective Johnson was able to determine that Ozun had stolen over \$8,000.00 worth of merchandise from a local business. Ozun was accompanied by another person, but charges against that person were not approved. Ozun was later taken into custody by another agency in another state.
- ◆ On April 25th, Detective Ketchmark was able to secure arrest warrants for Frederick C. Dutton III and Casandra York for retail theft. This investigation began in December of 2023 when Dutton and York entered a local business and stole over \$900.00 worth of security cameras for sale within the business. Detective Ketchmark was able to identify both suspects and to obtain warrants for their arrests. Both Dutton and York were later found to be in custody in Georgia on unrelated crimes.
- ◆ In May of 2024, the Detective Unit assisted Patrol Units responding to a report of human remains located on the 200 block of Park Street. After the initial investigation was completed, it was discovered that the remains were in-fact human and that in the 1800's there was a cemetery located in that area. The Detective Unit proceeded to assist the Kendall County Coroner's Office, and the Illinois State Police with the recovery and processing of the human remains. The remains were later identified as Lucy M. Crater of historic Bristol. Ms. Crater was born around July of 1828 and died on September 3rd, 1848.
- ◆ On June 26th and June 27th, the Investigations Unit was involved in a multi-jurisdictional investigation involving the Illinois State Police and the Kendall County Sheriff's Office, focused on Human Trafficking. As a result of that joint investigation, three adult men were arrested and charged for offenses involving soliciting a juvenile and traveling to meet a minor. One adult male was also listed as a suspect and an investigation continued into his actions.
- ◆ In April of 2024, Detective Ketchmark began an investigation after the Investigations Unit received an alert from the National Center of Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) regarding an unknown citizen possessing child pornography. Through his diligent work, Detective Ketchmark was able to identify the suspect as being a minor male living in Yorkville. On June 25th, 2024, Detective Ketchmark received notice that the minor male had been charged with Child Pornography. The Investigations Unit was assisted by the Illinois Attorney General's Office, Kendall County CPAT, and the Plano Police Department.
- ◆ On June 18th, Detective Ketchmark received an arrest warrant for Ekaterina Sanders of Yorkville, for felony Criminal Damage to Property and Reckless Discharge of a Firearm, stemming from an incident that occurred in February of 2024.



~ "Impossible is just an opinion." Paulo Coelho ~

Noteworthy Investigations..

- ◆ On August 5th, 2024, Detective Johnson was able to secure an arrest warrant for Joseph Scioli for Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse and Aggravated Battery from an incident stemming from June of 2024. During that investigation, it was found that Scioli allegedly inappropriately touched a female juvenile, unbeknownst to the victim, in a public place. A good Samaritan came forward and reported the incident to the staff of the facility where it occurred. After an extensive investigation, the female victim and her family, along with the suspect, was identified and Scioli was subsequently charged. Shortly after the issuance of the warrant, Scioli turned himself into the Kendall County Sheriff's Office.
- ◆ On September 13th, 2024, Detective Johnson was able to secure an arrest warrant for Marcus Counts for Armed Robbery (Class X) and Robbery (Class 2) for a robbery that occurred on December 30th of 2023 in the 900 block of N. Bridge Street. This incident occurred at a local business during the morning hours. At that time, a masked man entered the store, holding a firearm, and robbed the store. This warrant was issued after months of follow up work and interviews regarding this incident. Counts remains wanted at this time.
- ◆ On September 19th, 2024, SRO Goldsmith, with the assistance of the Yorkville Freshman Academy staff, was able to identify a juvenile male student who handwrote a threat to shoot the school on the wall in a bathroom. The student was subsequently charged with felony disorderly conduct and transported to the Kane County Juvenile Justice Center. The Yorkville Police Department, along with the Yorkville School District, take all threats of harm to students and schools seriously.
- ◆ On December 12th, 2024, Detective Johnson secured an arrest warrant for Albert G. Pintoy for Traveling to Meet a Minor (1 count). Pintoy was the other suspect that was developed during the multi-jurisdictional Human Trafficking investigation involving the Illinois State Police and the Kendall County Sheriff's Office in June of 2024. Pintoy's arrest stemmed from that incident. Pintoy was taken into custody at his home in Plainfield, Illinois.
- ◆ On December 19th, 2024, the Investigations Unit took Trevor J. Minogue into custody stemming from an active criminal sexual abuse investigation. That case was reported to the police department on December 12th, 2024, and allegedly occurred in August of 2024. Minogue, who was a substitute teacher for the Yorkville School District, was accused of meeting and engaging in a sexual conduct with a juvenile. While investigating that case, investigators made contact with Minogue via a third-party website while posing to be a minor. Minogue ultimately agreed to meet investigators (thinking he was meeting a minor) in order to engage in a sexual act. Minogue was taken into custody at the meeting location and ultimately charged with Traveling to Meet a Minor (2 counts), Indecent Solicitation of a Minor (2 counts), and Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse (2 counts). Minogue remains in custody and the investigation is ongoing.



Property and Evidence Control

The responsibility of the Evidence Custodian is to maintain a management system for every type of property in the custody of the Yorkville Police Department. This includes, but is not limited to, articles of evidence related to a criminal offense, found or recovered property and items held for safekeeping. This system must seamlessly track every article of evidence, from the time the item is collected until the time the article is destroyed, returned or otherwise disposed of. What occurs between the collection of evidence and the disposal of the same piece of evidence varies. Depending what the item of evidence is, it may be processed for DNA or fingerprints by a Yorkville Police Department Evidence Technician. Often, an article of evidence is transferred to the Illinois State Police crime lab for DNA or fingerprint analyzing and identification. The crime lab also assists with evidence from drug, DUI and sexual assault investigation. Regardless of the type of case the evidence or property is associated with, each article of property is tracked by barcode so its whereabouts are always known.



During 2024, we entered 725 pieces of property into evidence. During that same time period, 263 articles of property were released from the police department's custody. Such property is generally destroyed or returned to its owner. Property may be released for a variety of reasons, including but not limited to, resolution of a criminal case, expiration of the statute of limitations and the identification and locating of an item's owner.



Sex Offender/Violent Offender Registrations



The registration and compliance of person required to register as a sex offender, violent offender against youth and/or a murderer is overseen by the Yorkville Police Department Investigations Unit. At the close of 2024, the Yorkville Police Department had a total of 12 registrants, 8 of which are currently sex offenders and 4 are violent offenders against youth registrants.

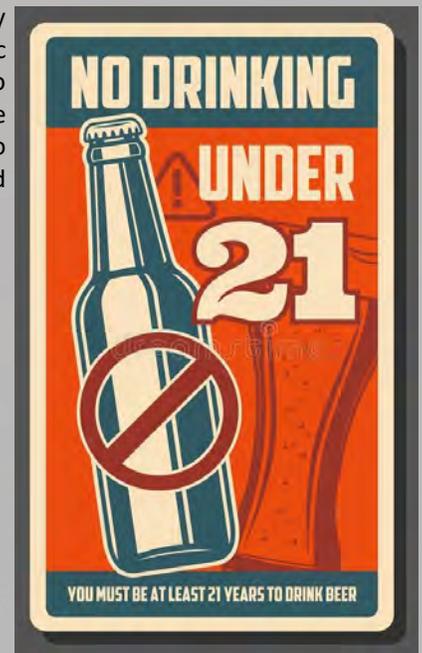
During 2024, Detectives had 35 contacts with Sex Offender / VOAY registrants. This includes routine contacts where registrants need to change certain information pertaining to their registration and their required annual/quarterly registration and random checks at their homes to ensure compliance.

- ◆ On July 22nd, 2024, the Investigation's Unit participated in an early morning, count-wide, compliance check of registered sex offenders and violent offenders. Detectives visited each registrant at their home and verified that their information of record was up to date. Of the twelve registrants, no violations were found.
- ◆ Detectives met with each of the registered sex offenders on Halloween, and passed out hanging placards, that reminded them that they are not allowed to participate in Trick-or-treating events. No issues were reported with any of the registered sex offenders living in the City of Yorkville during Trick-or-treating.

Alcohol and Tobacco Compliance Checks

This year detectives conducted alcohol and tobacco compliance checks at every business in Yorkville which possesses a license to sell liquor and tobacco. During these checks, a decoy under 21 years of age enters the establishment and attempts to purchase an alcoholic beverage or tobacco product. Should the employee sell the alcoholic beverage or tobacco product, a police officer cites the business and employee under local ordinance. Of the businesses which possess a liquor license and were checked in 2024, three sold alcohol to the underage person. Of the businesses which possess a tobacco license and were checked in 2024, one sold tobacco to the underage person.

Year	# of Businesses Checked	# of Alcohol Violations
2020	16*	3
2021	41	9
2022	48	10
2023	48	3
2024	46	3



*Number of businesses checked in 2020 lower due to the Covid-19 restaurant closures in 2020

KENDALL COUNTY MAJOR CRIMES TASK FORCE



The Kendall County Major Crimes Task Force is an elite group of investigators and forensic technicians who serve the residents of Yorkville, and Kendall County as a whole, in the investigation of complex, violent crimes. The task force is designed to assist any agency in Kendall County with the investigation of an incident for which they may not have the manpower, resources, or technical expertise to handle themselves.

The task force is divided into two operational branches: investigative and forensic. The investigative branch provides assistance with conducting interviews, preparing and executing search warrants, and intelligence gathering. The forensic branch provides assistance with the identification, documentation, collection and preservation of evidence.

The task force is comprised of officers from the Kendall County Sheriff's Office, Minooka Police Department, Montgomery Police Department, Oswego Police Department, Plano Police Department, Plainfield Police Department and Yorkville Police Department. Each officer's membership on the task force is voluntary, and appointment to the task force requires the officer to possess certain training, experience and skills. The Yorkville Police Department currently has six officers assigned to the Kendall County Major Crimes Task Force.

On 27 September 2024, the task force's Forensic Team assisted the Plano Police Department with the investigation of a homicide that occurred on Pratt Court in Plano.

Task Force Members attended the three-day Illinois Homicide Investigators Association Conference in Itasca in October. Here, they were afforded the opportunity to attend seminars and workshops relevant to death investigations. Additionally, the task force's forensic team hosted training in January, July and October.

In 2024, Commander Pat McMahon served as commander of the taskforce. He led the charge in recruiting ten new members: eight investigators and two forensic technicians. Commander McMahon was also able to revise the operational procedures and paperwork of the taskforce, ensuring a solid foundation for future growth.

Additional Yorkville officers on the task force include Detective Sergeant M. Nelson, Sergeant C. Hayes, Detective M. Ketchmark, SRO R. Goldsmith and Officer R. Fisher.

Records

The Records Division is overseen by Records Supervisor Kirsten Balog. It is made up of two Full-time employees Crystal Bieritz and Kendall Harris and two Part-time employees Maggie Garcia and Tracy Darnell. The duties of The Records Division is to maintain all Police Reports, Citations, Public Records Requests through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), City Ordinance Files, Vehicle Impounds, Background Checks, Expungements, Subpoenas, entry of photographic and video evidence, complete requests for copies of evidence and reports for the State's Attorney's office, and assist the public by directing their concerns to the proper police personnel.



Crash Type	Crash Totals
Fatality	3
Personal Injury	79
Private Property	124
Property Damage	406
TOTAL	612



Type Of Data Completed	Data Entry Totals
FOIA Requests	378
Administrative Tows	50
Lockouts	269
Mandatory Citations	62
Non-Mandatory Citations	120

Records

2024 brought on a new challenge in Records as our two previous clerks, Natalie Cyko and Nicole Collum ventured onto a new endeavor. We started Summer of 2024 by hiring and training two new clerks, Crystal Bieritz and Kendall Harris almost simultaneously. Crystal and Kendall have been rockstars and both being quick learners made this a seamless transition. Along with the day to day training of Crystal and Kendall, the Records Division as a whole had the opportunity to partake in multiple FOIA trainings (some specific to the Body Worn Camera Act), NIBRS training (incident based reporting), Defensive driving Tactics training, and Maintaining Police Records Training.

Supplemental Reports Reviewed

YEAR	TOTAL
2020	1,068
2021	1,345
2022	950
2023	1,066
2024	779

Arrests Reviewed

Prior to merging into
New World RMS:

414

Reports Reviewed

Prior to merging into
New World RMS:

2,233

Items of evidence copied for the
State's Attorney's Office

Media Requests

Entered into
Evidence (Photos,
Squad Videos,
Interviews & 911
calls):

836

Items of Evidence Sent to SAO



School Resource Officer Program

As the School Resource Officer (SRO), Officer Ryan Goldsmith is responsible to each of the schools in Yorkville School District 115. This responsibility is not just as a law enforcement officer but also as a mentor, mediator, and teacher.

On three occasions in 2024 SRO Goldsmith taught driver's education classes at the Yorkville High School. SRO Goldsmith's instruction includes a PowerPoint presentation includes statistics and up-to-date information from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) with special focus on young motorists. In addition to providing information and firsthand knowledge about traffic safety, SRO Goldsmith also explains to students how to conduct themselves in the event they are involved in a crash or stopped for a traffic violation. While either scenario can be overwhelming or even frightening, Officer Goldsmith provides valuable information to help students navigate such an eventuality. He also does interactive activities with the students such as divided attention tasks and addressing tunnel vision. Additionally, he allows students to wear the police department's "Fatal Vision" goggles. These are goggles with special lenses that distort the wearer's vision, depth perception and balance. The goggles allow students a safe, controlled manner to experience the dangers of drinking and driving.



SRO Goldsmith attended the National School Resource Officer Conference held in Phoenix, Arizona in July of 2024. This conference provides Student Resource Officers nationwide with valuable training, resources to assist them with their duties at their assigned positions, and current trends regarding School Resource Officers.

In 2024, SRO Goldsmith continued his participation with LEAD Youth. LEAD Youth, which stands for Law Enforcement Engaging in Activities Developing Youth, is an "initiative of local police departments with the Fox Valley Family YMCA designed to cultivate positive relationships and interactions between police officers and the children in the communities they serve." SRO Goldsmith participates in activity days, which consist of education, career planning, and forensics. On June 25th, SRO Goldsmith organized and hosted classes at the Yorkville Police Department. Each class provided area children with opportunities to learn about law enforcement activities, such as crime scene sketching and management, evidence processing, and polygraphs. Each class ended with having lunch with officers and a fun afternoon of bowling!

In addition to his duties as an SRO, SRO Goldsmith regularly attends meeting with the Kendall County Juvenile Justice Center. These meetings are attended by different facets of the juvenile justice system in Kendall County and is designed to approve relationships with the youth of Kendall County.

SRO Arrests made in 2024	TOTAL
Battery	31
Agg. Battery	1
Drugs	19
Tobacco	1
Possession/Consumption of Alcohol	2
Unauthorized possession or storage of weapons	0
Disorderly Conduct	2

Community Service Officer Program

Community Service Officers (CSO's) are part-time, civilian employees that assist the community in non-criminal matters. CSO's typically handle calls such as: vehicle lockouts, parking complaints, private property traffic crashes, animal complaints and traffic control. CSO's are also present at all city events. Much like the Internship Program, the CSO Program provides the individual CSO with real world experience in the field of law enforcement where they adhere to the same values and have the same expectations as full time sworn officers. In 2024, three new CSO's joined the department:

CSO Tyler Madsen

CSO Naily Vargas

CSO Natalia Perez

On 1 September 2024, CSO Andrew Camis was sworn in as a full time Yorkville police officer. Officer Camis becomes our third CSO to be hired as a Yorkville police officer since the program began in 2019. (Insert Picture?)

2024 Highlights

- Total Calls: 1,040
- Private Property Crashes: 32
- Solicitor Complaints: 10
- Lost/Found Property: 28
- Lockouts: 72
- General Motorist Assists: 92
- Fingerprinting: 59
- Animal Complaints: 72
- Parking Complaints (including self initiated): 372



CSO Tyler Madsen and CSO Natalia Perez at 'Shop with a cop'



CSO Naily Vargas and CSO Natalia Perez

Vehicle Data

2024 completed our transition to the entire patrol fleet being all-wheel drive Ford Explorers for daily operations. Three new Explorers replaced the remaining sedans left in patrol rotation. Our current fleet remains at 23 vehicles and we were additionally able to utilize grant funding to purchase an enclosed trailer for various departmental uses. This trailer allows our staff to quickly transport and deploy equipment for community events and training. Looking forward to 2025 we anticipate two additional Ford Explorers to help begin transitioning our support services fleet from sedans to more capable vehicles.

Vehicle Usage	Monthly Miles	Gallons of Gasoline	Monthly Fuel Costs	Maintenance	Cost Per Mile
January	24,024	2,341.62	\$6,845.93	\$ 3,550.53	\$ 0.43
February	21,846	1,978.37	\$ 6,248.35	\$ 4,079.71	\$ 0.47
March	25,440	2,031.50	\$ 7,067.98	\$ 2,591.56	\$ 0.38
April	34,181	2,217.17	\$ 8,387.08	\$ 6,537.10	\$ 0.44
May	23,895	1,891.33	\$ 7,137.48	\$ 938.27	\$ 0.12
June	21,656	1,801.84	\$ 6,520.97	\$ 2,583.38	\$ 0.42
July	22,600	2,019.16	\$ 7,691.93	\$ 6,610.39	\$ 0.63
August	29,163	1,887.00	\$ 6,685.64	\$ 2,886.65	\$ 0.33
September	22,454	2,250.08	\$ 7,540.39	\$ 5,251.55	\$ 0.57
October	24,100	2,077.96	\$ 6,770.38	\$ 3,039.30	\$ 0.41
November	22,508	1,950.12	\$ 6,048.51	\$ 2,591.45	\$ 0.38
December	21,076	2,080.17	\$ 6,360.31	\$ 862.87	\$ 0.34
Total	292,943	24,526.32	\$ 83,304.95	\$ 41,522.76	\$ 0.43

Fleet Breakdown	Patrol	Patrol Supervisor	Investigations	CSO	Command	Training
Division	10	2	4	2	4	1

Year to Year Comparison

Year	Miles	Gallons of Gasoline	Fuel Costs	Maintenance	Cost Per Mile
2024 Total	292,943	24,526.32	\$83,304.95	\$41,522.76	\$0.43
2023 Total	237,891	21,907.07	\$ 78,434.73	\$ 29,052.89	\$ 0.46
2022 Total	243,953	22,984.72	\$ 89,314.87	\$ 37,797.32	\$ 0.52
2021 Total	242,251	23,152.29	\$ 63,562.77	\$ 30,048.61	\$ 0.39
2020 Total	269,879	26,834.27	\$ 50,957.15	\$ 33,275.57	\$ 0.31



FIELD OPERATIONS

FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION

The Field Operations Division is the largest component of the Yorkville Police Department. The division consists of Four (4) patrol shifts that work 12-hour shifts from 5:30AM to 5:30PM and 5:30PM to 5:30AM. Each patrol shift is supervised by a sergeant, or an officer-in-charge in the absence of a sergeant. Yorkville Patrol Officers respond to emergency and non-emergency calls for service 24-hours a day. Patrol officers are responsible for conducting preliminary investigations, peace keeping, enforcement of city ordinances, and enforcement of traffic and criminal laws. Patrol officers also perform secondary duties as Field Training Officers, in-house training instructors, evidence technicians, ILEAS Mobile Field Force, Kendall County Special Response Team, and senior service liaisons. Yorkville Patrol Officers carry out these functions with an emphasis on community problem solving and community partnerships.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Calls for Service	13,626	12,449	13,450	13,538	12,901	16,853
Patrol Arrests	391	335	424	343	390	302
DUI Arrests	19	39	34	38	39	41
Traffic Crashes (includes Private Property)	657	489	565	595	551	612
Traffic Citations Issued	601	795	818	777	913	782
Traffic Warnings Issued	3,886	5,310	5,230	4,399	4,407	7,690
Local Ordinance Citations Issued	295	131	206	141	158	132

Traffic Crash Data

	Total 2019	Total 2020	Total 2021	Total 2022	Total 2023	Total 2024
Accident / Property Damage	615	433	315	384	367	406
Accident / Personal Injury	42	54	115	125	67	79
Accident / Fatal	0	2	2	0	4	3
Total	657	489	432	509	438	488

~ "There are no traffic jams on the extra mile." - Zig Ziglar ~

Crime Rate Explanation

In 2023, the Yorkville Police Department converted to a new system of tracking and reporting crime and incident data to the State of Illinois. The Yorkville Police Department moved from Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) as mandated by the federal government.

What is NIBRS?

NIBRS is an incident-based reporting system used to collect and report data on crimes. Data is collected on every incident and arrest in the offense category known as "Group A". Group A consists of 52 offenses grouped into 24 crime categories. NIBRS collects detailed data on all offenses that occur within an incident. Data that is collected include victim and offender demographics and relationships; date, time, location and circumstances of the incident; weapons used; nature of victim injuries; stolen or damaged property; and whether or not an arrest occurred during each incident. This reporting allows for more detailed, high-quality data to provide a more complete and accurate view of crime.

How is NIBRS different from UCR?

UCR used a hierarchy rule in which only the most serious offense that occurred within an incident counted towards the crime rate. NIBRS, however, counts up to 10 offenses per incident. For example, if a robbery and a motor vehicle theft occurred during an incident, UCR would only collect data on the robbery, whereas NIBRS would collect data on both offenses. NIBRS also counts the number of victims, rather than the number of incidents in many crime categories. NIBRS provides further detail as it counts attempted crimes in addition to completed crimes. Lastly, UCR consisted of two crime categories; Crimes Against Persons (e.g. murder, sex offenses, assault) and Crimes Against Property (e.g theft, arson, burglary). NIBRS added a third category for Crimes Against Society which includes offenses such as drugs and animal cruelty.

How does this affect the crime rate?

As explained above, NIBRS collects more data than UCR collected. Therefore, the Crime Index number will be larger number than before, however the formula (see formula below) will remain the same:

$$\frac{\text{Crime Index} * 100,000}{\text{Jurisdiction Population}} = \text{Crime Rate}$$

What does this mean? The crime rate using NIBRS data cannot accurately be compared to past reported crime rates that utilized UCR data. Although the Yorkville Police Department did not officially convert to NIBRS for reporting purposes until 2023, we did collect data in both UCR and NIBRS forms for the year 2022. Therefore, we are able to show both the 2022 and 2023 crime rates for comparison purposes. The chart below illustrates the crime rate for the United City of Yorkville. The Crime rate is not only a valuable tool for comparison with other populations but allows for analysis to identify unusual fluctuations in crime trends.

Description	2022	2023	2024
Crime Index	417	521	439
Population	23,397	24,536	25,103
Crime Rate	1,782	2,123	1,749

Crime by the Numbers

Offense Summary (NIBRS)

	Group A Offense Classification	2022	2023	2024
Crimes Against Persons	Assault Offenses	138	201	178
	Homicide Offenses	0	0	0
	Human Trafficking Offenses	0	0	0
	Kidnapping/Abduction	0	1	0
	Sex Offenses	19	15	23
	Total	157	217	201
Crimes Against Property	Arson	2	0	0
	Bribery	0	0	1
	Burglary/Breaking and Entering	5	15	20
	Counterfeiting/Forgery	7	6	19
	Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	53	48	48
	Embezzlement	0	0	0
	Extortion/Blackmail	0	0	1
	Fraud Offenses	68	69	54
	Larceny/Theft Offenses	97	121	79
	Motor Vehicle Theft	4	10	1
	Robbery	4	2	0
	Stolen Property Offenses	0	0	1
Total	240	271	224	
Crimes Against Society	Animal Cruelty	0	0	0
	Drug/Narcotic Offenses	9	15	5
	Gambling Offenses	0	0	0
	Pornography/Obscene Material	8	7	7
	Prostitution Offenses	0	0	0
	Weapons Law Violations	3	9	2
	Total	20	31	14
Total Crimes		417	519	439



Field Training Program

The Field Training Program is responsible for the training of new officers. Every officer, regardless of prior law enforcement experience, is required to successfully complete the Field Training Program before advancing to solo patrol. Officers with law enforcement experience, who have successfully completed the police academy, undergo a minimum of six weeks of field training. Officers without prior law enforcement experience undergo sixteen weeks of field training following their successful completion of the police academy. The Field Training Program is designed to build upon the training the officer received in the police academy. The program is structured to provide each officer training in every facet of the job and the opportunity to implement his/her training on calls for service and traffic stops. Although the training program seems long, each recruit is provided an immense amount of information on topics including, but not limited to:

- **Constitutional Law,**
- **Department Policies/Procedures,**
- **Crisis Intervention,**
- **Traffic Enforcement, Domestic Violence,**
- **Financial Crimes,**
- **Firearms Proficiency,**
- **State Laws,**
- **Local Ordinances**
- **Calls for service.**

The Field Training Program is currently supervised by Sergeant Chris Hayes. We are currently in the process closing out several officer from the COPFTO program. After Officers are released from the Field Training Program, they have a continued Field Training Officer they are assigned to who will set down with them once every month to make sure they are continuing to have assistance and a support system in place if they have other questions that come up during a regular tour of duty. The assigned Field Training Officer will complete what is called a “Scaffold Check Ride” once a month until the probationary officer has completed their probation. The probationary Officer is required to complete a Patrol Activity Log while in probation. Once the probationary period is over, they can stop completing these Patrol Activity Logs and are released. This year we were privileged to welcome Officer Bonner and Officer Wade as Police Officer’s with the Yorkville Police Department. They will be completing our 20-week Field Training Program which has a total of 5 steps. The first two weeks are administrative weeks so the recruit can complete several certifications before they can start on the street. Some of these include pistol and rifle qualification, taser certification, less lethal shotgun and a few others. After the complete the administrative weeks, they will move to Step 1 through Step 5 when they will be on their own and assigned a Field Training Officer that can mentor and help guide them through there probationary period.

“Confidence comes from discipline and training.” — **Robert Kiyosaki**

Field Training Program

Officer Cameron Bonner

Cameron Bonner was sworn in on April 30, 2024 then started police academy on May 5th, 2024 and graduated police academy on August 26th 2024. Officer Bonner graduated from Minooka Community High School in 2016. Officer Bonner attended Joliet Junior College and obtained his Associates in Law Enforcement and then moved on to Illinois State University. At ISU Officer Bonner earned his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Sciences. Officer Bonner started his 20-week field training program on August 26th and is scheduled to complete his training on January 9th of 2025. Officer Bonner will be assigned FTO officer when he gets assigned to his permanent shift. This FTO will help guide Officer Bonner as questions arise throughout his time on patrol.

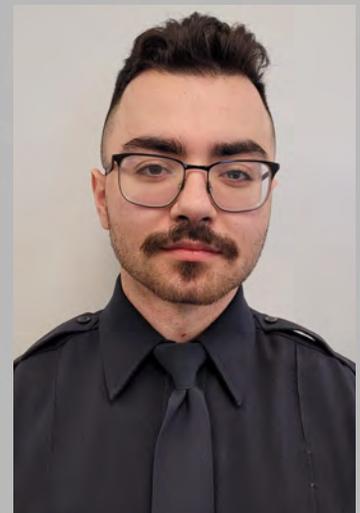


Officer Andrew Camis

Andrew Camis helped close out our 2024 Field Training Program on a high note by entering the 16 week program in late December. As a former Community Service Officer with our agency we expect Officer Camis to fly through field training and look forward to his successful completion in early 2025.

Officer Wrobel and Officer Reyes

Officer Wrobel and Officer Reyes finished their probationary period in 2024. Both Officers will continue to work hard and attend monthly training and other classes to further their careers. They have come a long way and we are proud to have them as members of the Yorkville Police Department.

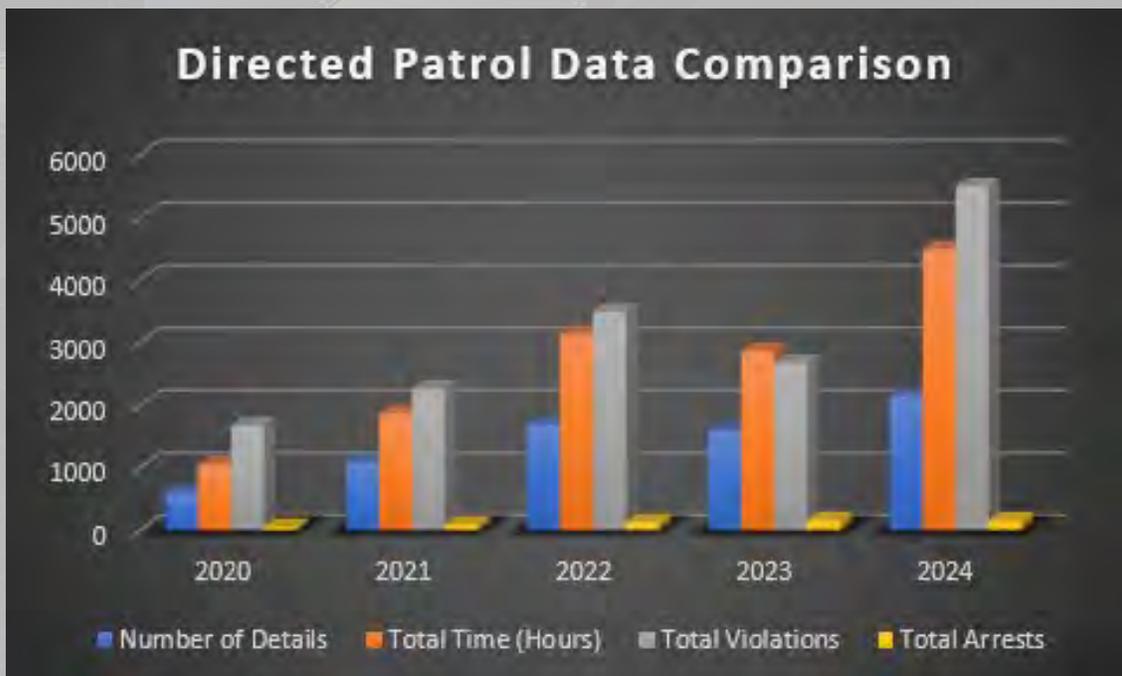


Traffic Concerns and Enforcement Information

Directed Patrol

During the **Year 2024**, a total of **11 Directed Patrols** were completed by members of the Yorkville Police Department. Directed Patrols are a result of complaints received and substantiated based off the following criteria: monitoring traffic, traffic count studies or speed studies.

Location	Number of Details	Total Time (Hours)	Total Violations	Total Arrests
Bristol Ridge Road	72	60.9	79	2
Center Parkway	85	82.75	135	3
Downtown*	26	44.33	87	1
E. Van Emmon St	75	64.65	114	3
McHugh Road	59	39.32	85	3
Route 126	53	43.67	41	1
Route 34	620	1,230.64	2,082	67
Route 47*	49	73.82	125	5
Route 47 (Including Downtown)*	535	1,007.61	1,335	41
Route 71	403	591.31	815	22
W Fox Street	172	250.09	601	7
Total	2,149	4,489.09	5,499	155



Traffic Concerns and Enforcement Information

In the **Year of 2024**, the Yorkville Police Department had received traffic concerns for various locations in town. These concerns were established through both citizen concerns and areas of concern for the department. All citizen concerns were tracked for potential issues. In some cases to verify that the concerns needed to be further addressed, (5) five years of crash data was researched. In addition, these locations were further researched by utilizing the department’s speed signs. These speed signs were able to collect traffic data related to traffic counts, speed data, and various times of day of violations. In addition, the department also relied upon its partnership with EEI.

Traffic Concerns

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Concerns</u>	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Stop Sign</u>	<u>Parking</u>	<u>Disobey Traffic Control Device</u>	<u>Abandoned Auto</u>	<u>Cell Phone</u>	<u>Other</u>
2020	16	12	2	0	0	0	0	2
**2021	36	20	4	0	2	0	0	10
**2022	50	33	3	5	0	2	1	6
2023	64	38	8	4	0	0	0	14
2024	37	14	7	5	1	1	0	7

PORTABLE SPEED SIGN / SPEED TRAILER DEPLOYMENT

The below chart outlines the locations of the portable speed signs and trailer deployments. These locations come from citizen complaints regarding speeding on roadways.

<u>Dates of Deployment</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Type of Concern</u>	<u>Additional</u>
January 2024	Western L.	Speed	N/A
January / February 2024	Center / Colton	Stop Sign	N/A
February	Windett Ridge	Speed	Follow Up
February / March	Bristol Ridge	Speed	Follow Up
April	Park	Speed/Stop Sign	N/A
May	Kennedy	Speed	N/A
June	Caledonia	Speed	N/A
June	Pensacola	Speed	N/A
July	Galena	Speed	N/A
August / September	Walsh Dr	Speed / Stop Sign	N/A
September	Matlock	Speed	N/A
September / October	Center Pkwy	Speed / Stop Sign	Follow Up
September / October	Bristol Ridge	Speed	Follow Up
October	Downtown	Speed	N/A
November	Heartland	Speed	N/A
November / December	W Fox	Speed	Follow Up
December	Downtown	Speed	Follow Up

“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then, is not an act, but a habit.” — Aristotle

Traffic Concerns and Enforcement Information

PORTABLE SPEED SIGN RESULTS

The following are the results of our speed studies conducted throughout the United City of Yorkville.

Speed Sign Location	Dates	Speed Limit	Average Speed	85th %	Max Speeds	11-15 mph	16+ mph	Daily Avg.	Total Vehicles	Focused Times
Western /High Ridge Lane	01-05-24 to 01-16-24	30	15.34	18.6	36-40 x1	0	0	92	1,106	N/A
Center/Colton East Bound	01-05-24 to 01-16-24	30	15.77	19.73	36-40 x5	0	0	279	3,355	N/A
Center/ Colton West Bound	01-05-24 to 01-16-24	30	13.93	15.87	26-30 x1	0	0	43	527	N/A
Colton/Center North Bound	01-18-24 to 02-02-24	30	14.89	17.42	31-36 x3	0	0	68	1,227	N/A
Colton/Center South Bound	01-18-24 to 02-02-24	30	16.45	19.78	36-40 x2	0	0	92	1,658	N/A
Windett Ridge/ Coach EB	02-06-24 to 02-22-24	30	26.03	30.79	46-50 x2	17	2	491	8,364	N/A
Windett Ridge/ Coach WB	02-06-24 to 02-22-24	30	20.43	28.3	64-65 x1	24	10	851	14,843	N/A
Bristol Ridge/ Linden NB	02-26-24 to 03-10-24	40	40.97	46.01	76-80 x1	745	151	2,051	28,725	PM 1200-1800
Bristol Ridge / Linden SB	02-26-24 to 3-10-24	40	39.37	45.34	86-90 x1	914	197	2,759	38,627	AM 0700-1100 PM 1200-1800
Park St/ Bristol WB	04-11-24 to 04-25-24	30	18.31	24.3	46-50 x2	8	2	433	6,504	N/A
Park/ Freemont EB	04-11-24 to 04-25-24	30	18.29	23.74	46-50 x1	2	1	521	7,824	N/A
Kennedy/Prairie Meadow WB	05-05-24 to 05-22-24	45	39.96	45.91	81-85 x3	122	40	2,558	46,049	N/A
Kennedy Autumn Creek EB	05-05-24 to 05-21-24	45	41.16	47.01	86-90 x2	318	93	3,962	67,369	N/A
Caledonia/Ryan NB	06-02-24 to 06-15-24	30	17.89	23.98	41-45 x10	10	0	619	8,668	N/A
Caledonia/ Boombah SB	6-17-24 to 6-30-24	30	14.7	16.97	31-35 x1	0	0	98	1,375	N/A
Pensacola/ Biscayne WB	06-02-24 to 06-15-24	30	15.42	17.31	26-30 x20	0	0	22	320	N/A
Pensacola/ Pleasant EB	06-17-24 to 06-30-24	30	17.06	21.38	31-35 x5	0	0	285	3,997	N/A
Galena/ Rosenwinkel EB	07-05-24 to 07-20-24	55	51.68	57.76	96-100 x5	760	253	5,097	81,562	AM 0700-1100 PM 1200-1800
Galena/ Rosenwinkel WB	07-05-24 to 07-20-24	55	51.7	58.97	96-100 x1	954	294	4,156	66,506	AM 0800-1100 PM 1200-2000
Walsh Dr/ Sunflower NB	08-19-24 to 09-01-24	30	24.1	27.72	41-45 x1	1	0	398	5,581	N/A
Walsh Dr/ Walsh Ct SB	08-19-24 to 09-01-24	30	23.72	29.41	41-45 x5	5	0	856	11,986	N/A
Matlock/Anna Maria NB	09-03-24 to 9-11-24	30	22.17	26.63	36-40 x3	0	0	227	2,044	N/A

Traffic Concerns and Enforcement Information

PORTABLE SPEED SIGN RESULTS (cont.)

The following are the results of our speed studies conducted throughout the United City of Yorkville.

Speed Sign Location	Dates	Speed Limit	Average Speed	85th %	Max Speeds	11-15 mph	16+ mph	Daily Avg.	Total Vehicles	Focused Times
Matlock/Anna Maria NB (Cont.)	09-16-24 to 09-20-24	30	22.57	26.95	36-40 x8	0	0	198	990	N/A
Matlock/Anna Maria SB	09-05-24 to 09-20-24	30	17.85	21.96	36-40 x1	0	0	263	4,735	N/A
Center Pkwy/ W Kendall NB	09-25-24 to 10-06-24	30	24.83	33.75	56-60 x2	412	60	2,428	33,994	AM 0700 PM 1200-1700
Center Pkwy/ W Kendall SB	10-07-24 to 10-20-24	30	30.8	35.98	56-60 x1	284	39	1,167	16,345	AM 0700-0900 PM 1200-1700
Bristol Ridge/ Linden NB	09-23-24 to 10-06-24	40	38.83	45.04	76-80 x1	642	179	2,224	31,145	AM 0700-1100 PM 1200-1800
Bristol Ridge/ Linden SB	10-07-24 to 10-20-24	40	36.61	44.9	96-100 x1	812	177	2,828	39,595	AM 0500-1100 PM 1200-1700
Route 47/ Hydraulic NB	10-21-24 to 11-03-24	30	29.19	37.67	76-80 x1	8,257	1,794	9,771	136,804	AM 0400-1100 PM 1200-2200
Route 47/ Hydraulic SB	10-21-24 to 11-03-24	35	29.28	36.27	66-70 x1	762*	139	9,332	130,660	AM 0500-0900
Heartland/ Mistwood WB	11-04-24 to 11-20-24	30	21.95	28.18	46-50 x3	21	3	657	11,172	N/A
Heartland/ Homestead EB	11-04-24 to 11-20-24	30	19.65	25.56	41-45 x6	6	0	843	11,809	N/A
Fox/Morgan WB	11-21-24 to 12-13-24	30	31.34	37.48	66-70 x1	2,122	270	2,413	48,276	AM 0800-1100 PM 1200-1900
Fox/Morgan EB	11-21-24 to 12-13-24	35	33.9	39.46	66-70 x4	978*	337	1,550	35,651	AM 0500-1100 PM 1200-1900
Route 47/ Hydraulic NB	12-13-24 to 12-31-24	30	29.4	37.7	96-100 x1	9,887	1,773	8,553	162,507	AM 0400-1100 PM 1200-2200
Route 47/ Hydraulic SB	12-13-24 to 12-31-24	35	29.46	36.05	66-70 x4	799*	164	8,142	154,703	AM 0400-1100 PM 1200-2200

Note: *SB Route 47 north of Hydraulic speed reduces from 35 mph to 30mph: Vehicles 41-45mph Oct/Nov 4,949 & Dec 5,427

** EB Fox e/o White Oak reduces speed from 35 to 30mph: Vehicles 41-45mph 31,24

"85th Percentile Speed (mph) – The 85th percentile speed is the speed at or below which 85 percent of the drivers travel on a road segment. Motorists traveling above the 85th percentile speed are considered to be exceeding the safe and reasonable speed for road and traffic conditions." (Illinois Department of Transportation)

Traffic Concerns and Enforcement Information

ADDITIONAL MONITORED LOCATIONS

During the **Year 2024** a total of **11 Monitored Areas**, which were areas that have not been confirmed at the time to be Directed Patrol Locations which were completed by Community Service Officers (CSO), as well as Yorkville Police Officers, for tentative Directed Patrol Locations. Additionally, when there are no new locations, CSOs assist by monitoring established Directed Patrol Locations.

Location	Year	Total Time (Hours)	Number of Details	Concern	Citations	Warnings	Courtesy Notice
Caledonia/Ryan	2024	1.5	3	Stop Sign	0	0	0
*Center Pkwy	2024	6.75	9	Speed/Stop Sign	See Below	See Below	5
Colton/Center	2024	1	2	Stop Sign	0	0	0
E Galena	2024	11.73	24	Speed	2	6	0
Grande/Freedom	2024	5.25	8	Stop Sign	0	2	4
Kennedy	2024	3	3	Speed	0	5	0
Park	2024	3	4	Speed/Stop Sign	0	0	1
Pensacola/Biscayne	2024	0.5	1	Speed	0	0	0
Rosenwinkel/Bristol Bay	2024	2.92	6	Stop Sign	0	0	3
Shadow Wood/Pinewood	2024	4	7	Stop Sign	0	0	2
Walsh/Greenbriar	2024	2.25	1	Stop Sign	0	0	0
Total	2024	41.9	68	N/A	2	13	15

* Center Pkwy is a Directed Patrol Location



Traffic Concerns and Enforcement Information



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2024 ANNUAL Response to Resistance

In 2024, the Yorkville Police Department was involved in or responded to 16,853 incidents and made 390 custodial arrests. The Yorkville Police Department investigated two (2) Response to Resistance cases, in which 2 arrests were made. All Response to Resistance incidents were deemed to be in compliance with Yorkville Police Department Policy and Illinois State Statute. For the purposes of reporting, the Yorkville Police Department considers the pointing of any lethal or less lethal weapon system at another person as a Response to Resistance, even though physical force may not have been used. Each Response to Resistance goes through a thorough review process to include the Shift Sergeant, Defensive Tactics/Firearms Instructor, Field Operations Deputy Chief and the Chief of Police. The purpose of this review is to make sure that the Officers involved in the Response to Resistance are following department policy.

Year	Response to Resistance Incidents	Response to Resistance Arrests	Total Incidents	Total Custodial Arrests	Percentage of Total Incidents without Response to Resistance	Percentage of Total Incidents WITH a Custodial Arrest
2020	8	3	12,449	401	99.94%	3.22%
2021	9	7	13,450	502	99.93%	3.73%
2022	5	5	13,538	421	99.96%	3.11%
2023	9	7	12,901	500	98.20%	3.89%
2024	2	2	16,853	390	99.5%	2.31%

Year	Incident Type	# of Incidents
2024	Disorderly Conduct	1
	Domestic Violence	1
TOTAL CASES		2

Response to Resistance – DAY OF WEEK		
Year	Day of Week	# of Incidents
2024	Sunday	1
	Monday	0
	Tuesday	0
	Wednesday	0
	Thursday	1
	Friday	0
	Saturday	0
Total Cases		2

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Response to Resistance (cont.)

<i>Response to Resistance: Substance Abuse & Emotional Disturbance</i>							
Year	No Substance Abuse or Emotionally Disturbed	Alcohol Influence Only	Drug Influence Only	Emotionally Disturbed Only	Combination Alcohol & Drug Only	Combination of Substance and Emotionally Disturbed	TOTAL CASES
2020	1	0	1	5	1	0	8
2021	4	3	0	0	0	2	9
2022	2	2	0	1	0	0	5
2023	1	0	0	2	6	0	9
2024	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
TOTALS	9	6	1	8	7	2	33

<i>Response to Resistance: Additional</i>						
Year	Suspect Injuries	Officer Injuries	Deadly Force	Assist to Other Agency	Received Medical Treatment	Received Mental Health Evaluation
2020	3	3	0	1	3	4
2021	5	2	1	2	2	2
2022	2	1	0	1	1	1
2023	3	3	0	0	3	3
2024	1	1	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	14	10	1	4	9	10

<i>Response to Resistance: Weapon Fired / Pointing of Weapon Only</i>					
Year	Handgun	Rifle	LL Shotgun	Taser	Bola-Wrap
2020	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/3	0/0
2021	1/2	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/0
2022	0/1	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
2023	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/2	0/0
2024	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	N/A

<i>Response to Resistance: By Race</i>						
Year	White	African American	Hispanic	Asian / Pacific Islander	Native American	TOTAL CASES
2020	7	1	0	0	0	8
2021	7	1	1	0	0	9
2022	3	1	1	0	0	5
2023	6	1	2	0	0	9
2024	0	2	0	0	0	2
Totals	23	6	4	0	0	33

2024 ANNUAL Response to Resistance

<i>Response to Resistance: By Age</i>							
Year	13-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+	TOTAL CASES
2020	2	3	2	1	0	0	8
2021	0	3	3	0	2	1	9
2022	1	0	3	1	0	0	5
2023	1	2	4	2	0	0	9
2024	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Totals	5	8	13	4	2	1	33

<i>Response to Resistance: By Gender</i>			
Year	Male	Female	TOTAL CASES
2020	3	5	8
2021	9	0	9
2022	4	1	5
2023	9	0	9
2024	2	0	2
Totals	27	6	33



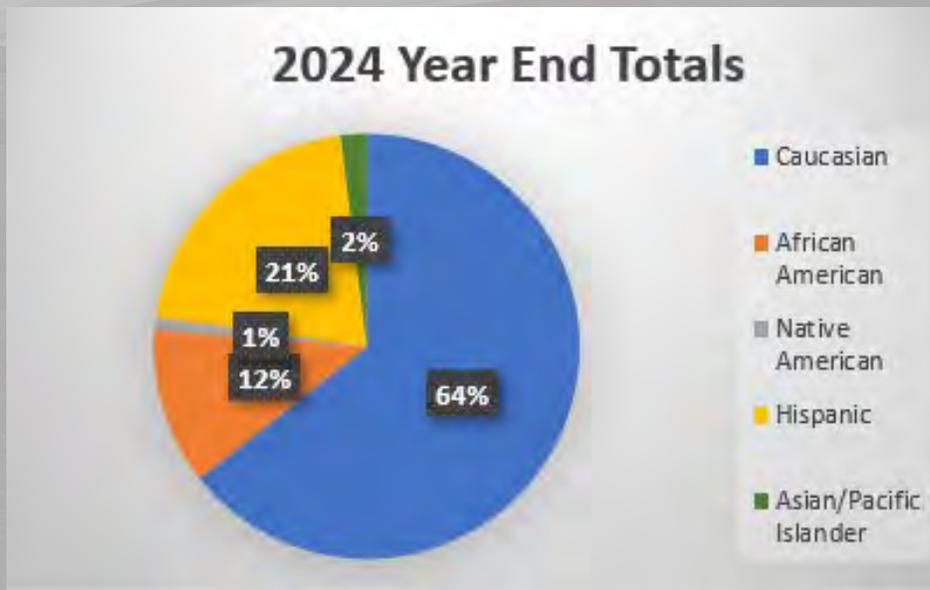
Bias Based Policing

In addition to monthly reviews, the Department analyzes the compiled data annually for anomalies and/or the possibility of bias in traffic stops. Officer averages are compared to departmental averages and the population for each category. In 2024, the Yorkville Police Department conducted 6,963 total traffic stops. Of these traffic stops we found that 35% of drivers stopped were from Yorkville. We compare our data to both our City demographics and the demographics that are reported by the Yorkville Community Unit School District 115. Given that just over one-third of traffic stops and crashes involve Yorkville residents, we believe that our motoring public is more closely tied to the school district demographics since the students that go to the schools in our City and their families often drive in and through the City, attending school functions. Departmental totals indicate traffic stops are in line with the school district population.

The statistical test known as “Epsilon” or percent-difference test is our basis for the 15% difference. According to Dr. Michael Hazlett of Western Illinois University:

The 20 percent above the expected percent of normal non-white stops was based upon a statistical test known as “Epsilon” or percent-difference test. This test is described in some detail in an online tutorial of SPSS (the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences) where 10 percent is notable, and 20 percent is considered significant. The source is: Nan Chico, Linda Fiddler, Laura Hecht, Edward E. Nelson, Elizabeth Ness Nelson, and James Ross; 2002, SPSS Text, On-line version of SPSS for Windows 11.0: A Basic Tutorial <http://www.ssrc.org/book/print/24>.”

# Stops	Name	Caucasian	African American	Native American	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander
N/A	22/23 School Dist. In Yorkville	66%	8%	1%	16%	2%
N/A	City of Yorkville Population	75%	6%	0%	13%	4%
3721	2021 PD Total	62%	13%	0%	22%	2%
4206	2022 PD Total	66%	12%	0%	19%	2%
3521	2023 PD Total	66%	14%	0%	18%	2%
6963	2024 PD Total	65%	12%	1%	21%	2%



Crisis Intervention Team (C.I.T.)

Crisis Intervention training equips Yorkville Officers with skills and tactics to have a greater chance to defuse tense mental health situations safely and peacefully. Crisis assistance has continued to be championed by our officers in 2024. A great testimony of the program is that since the implementation of crisis intervention techniques, **only three (3) out of three hundred and seventy-seven (377) mental health calls for service resulted in a response to resistance from our officers.** We pride ourselves in promoting compassion and dignity for all our citizens, especially those who struggle with mental health concerns. We look forward to continuing to grow our Crisis Intervention Program into the future.

We were able to add three (3) additional officers to the Crisis Intervention team through certified forty (40) hour crisis intervention training. This brings the department total to 24 certified crisis intervention officers out of the 34 sworn officers on staff. Currently we are proud to say each patrol shift along with each division within the department has multiple C.I.T. officers serving on a daily basis.

	Total 2021	Total 2022	Total 2023	Total 2024
Mental Health/Crisis Intervention Calls	134	101	85	57
Response to Resistance reference CIT Call	0	1	2	0

In-House Victim Services

2024 was the second year Yorkville Police were able to partner with an on-site social worker in the department on a part time basis. We were excited to continue the service of providing our citizens with resources beyond traditional police services that are tailored to individual circumstances. These cases encompassed our CIT calls for service as well as those impacted by death, domestic violence, and sexual assault.

In July of this year we welcomed Jenny Ugalde from the Kendall County Health Department. Jenny is a licensed clinical social worker with years of experience in municipal social work. This year Jenny performed a shared services position, assisting Yorkville Police Department alongside Plano Police Department, Kendall County Sheriff’s Office, and Oswego Police Department.



In-House Social Services	Totals
Cases	27
Clients	38
Case Follow-Ups	54
Direct Hours	41

Types of Cases	
Death	Domestic Violence
Domestic Disputes	Veterans Assistance
Supplement (Follow Up)	Disability Assistance
General (Assistance)	Homelessness
Mental Health	Substance Abuse
Elder Assistance	Crime Victim Assistance

“The key to success is to start before you are ready.” — Marie Forleo

Training

Comprehensive Training Initiatives

In 2024, the Yorkville Police Department focused on advancing the skills and readiness of its personnel through a wide range of training opportunities. These efforts ensured all sworn personnel met or exceeded state-mandated requirements while staying prepared for evolving challenges in law enforcement. Training programs were offered in various formats, including roll call training, in-house workshops, online training modules, and regional seminars. Specialized facilities, such as our indoor and outdoor gun ranges, enhanced the quality of our tactical and firearms training programs.



Specialized Equipment and Training Enhancements

This year, we acquired grant-funded **Taser 10s** and completed instructor training for their use. Additionally, the department implemented training on newly acquired **PepperBall weapons** to provide officers with another non-lethal force option.

Our new grant-funded **VirTra simulator** has been integrated into training sessions, offering immersive, scenario-based experiences that improve decision-making under stress. VirTra's police training simulator will help prepare officers for real-life incidents with immersive and intense scenarios that provide an in-depth look into human performance. The demands on law enforcement to make critical decisions in tense, uncertain, and rapidly evolving situations require split second decisions. VirTra's training system allows scenarios to unfold based on the instructor, trainee, or team's decisions. Officers practice crisis intervention, building empathy, and clear communication through a variety of situations. Some of the simulator scenarios include (but is not limited to):

- Active Threat
- Autism Awareness
- De-Escalation
- Domestic Violence
- Duty to Intervene
- High Risk Entry / High Risk Vehicle Stops
- Hostage Situations
- Mental Illness / Suicidal Subject
- Suspicious Subjects

Real life events are rarely simple, but VirTra's complex training system will allow each scenario to unfold based on the decisions made by the trainee while inside the simulation. This ability allows a team's resilience and accuracy to be tested repeatedly with consistent training throughout. The instructors will have the ability to pause the scenario mid-scene if necessary, to review the officer's performance. These scenarios are designed to teach critical concepts such as: officer presence, communication skills, verbal and non-verbal cues, de-escalation, less lethal, use of force and more. We are very excited to bring this level of training to the Yorkville Police Department.

Training

Instructor Development

Two officers were certified as **EVOC (Emergency Vehicle Operations Course) instructors**, and EVOC training was successfully conducted this year. Additionally, two of our instructors attended the state-of-the-art **ICAT (Integrating Communications, Assessment, and Tactics) training facility** in Decatur, Illinois, to further develop de-escalation and tactical communication skills.

Host Site Approval

The Yorkville Police Department was approved as a host site for **NEMRT (North East Multi-Regional Training)**, bringing high-quality local training opportunities to the region.

Mandated and Continuous Training

Monthly **CourtSmart lessons** were conducted, providing officers with updates on courtroom procedures and legal developments. Additionally, officers completed **ILETSB online training** to satisfy the mandates of the **SAFE-T Act**, ensuring compliance with the latest legislative requirements.

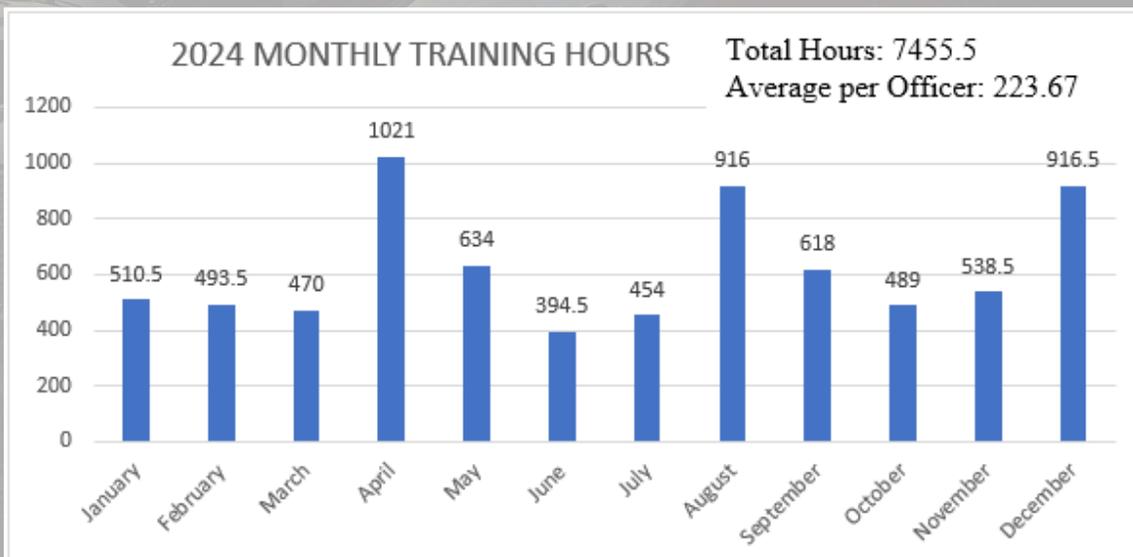
In-House Training Highlights

In-house training sessions addressed a range of critical law enforcement topics, emphasizing both tactical preparedness and officer well-being. Notable courses offered included:

- Officer Wellness / Injury Prevention / Healthy Lifestyle Nutrition
- De-Escalation
- Firearms Training and Annual Qualifications
- Rapid Response
- PepperBall
- Defensive Tactics
- High-Risk Traffic Stops
- EVOC (Emergency Vehicle Operations Course)
- VirTra Simulation Training

Training Hours

Our officers logged **over six thousand training hours**, underscoring the department's commitment to professional development. Monthly totals are as follows:



These training efforts exemplify the Yorkville Police Department's dedication to operational excellence, public safety, and the professional development of its personnel.

Training



"Learning is the only thing the mind never exhausts, never fears, and never regrets."

— Leonardo Da Vinci

Unmanned Aerial Systems Program

Our Unmanned Aerial Systems Program completed it's second year at the department. The program is designed to enhance the department's mission of protecting lives and property when other means and resources are not available or less effective. Our pilots are trained to utilize drone operations to locate missing persons, locate fleeing suspects, obtain crime scene and traffic crash scene photography, as well as a variety of other tasks.

Legislative changes in 2023 opened the doors to new operational drone use, the most relevant being crowd safety monitoring for festivals and large public gatherings. We were able to utilize drone operations at several city sponsored events. The drone use during 4th of July festivities was especially useful to further ensure the safety of our guests as well as monitor for outside threats and assist with traffic flow from an aerial vantage point.

We added two new pilots to the program, and have at least one certified pilot on each of our patrol shifts. We had sixteen (16) drone deployments in 2024. **Six (6) deployments were to assist neighboring agencies with various calls for service. These neighboring agencies have their own drone programs, however, the immediate availability from Yorkville continues to prove valuable and allowed us to assist beyond the borders of our city.**

2024 Drone Deployment Incident
* Notes Assistance to Other Agency
Fleeing Suspect *
Missing Adult – Mental Health Crisis
Investigation – Crime Scene Evidence
Investigation – Traffic Crash Evidence
Fleeing Suspect – Domestic Battery
Investigation – Crime Scene Evidence
Missing Juvenile
Missing Juvenile
“Swatting” Call – False Call for Service *
Loose Cattle in Roadway *
Missing Juvenile
Missing Juvenile *
4 th of July Festival Security
Fleeing Suspect *
Investigation – Traffic Crash Evidence
Missing Adult – Mental Health Crisis *



COMMUNITY

Who let the Dogs Out??



Sweet Eli!

Yorkville Police Department's Therapy dog



MEMORABLE COMMUNITY POLICING MOMENTS

The Yorkville Police Department participated in the Polar Plunge, and the Torch Run to benefit Special Olympics Illinois in 2024.

We would like to thank the men and women, along with family and friends of the YPD who helped participate in these events. A special thank you to Officer Roman Soebbing who helped coordinate many of these events!



MEMORABLE COMMUNITY POLICING MOMENTS IN 2024



Biz Boo was amazing this Year! The nice warm day brought out the crowd. We love to see all the fun costumes every year. We couldn't do it without the generous donation from Wrigley.



MEMORABLE COMMUNITY POLICING MOMENTS IN 2024



We love meeting everyone that is a part of our wonderful community!



2024 Pies with Police



Another successful year of Delivering Pies to our local Senior homes. Always such a fun time getting to talk with the residents.



Shop with a Cop 2024



Shop with a Cop 2024



Shop with a Cop 2024



EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Complementary Letters

Chief James Jensen
Deputy Chief Ray Mikolasek
Deputy Chief Garrett Carlyle
Commander Pat McMahon
Sergeant Matt Nelson
Sergeant Robbie Hart
Sergeant Chris Hayes
Sergeant John Hunter
Sergeant Sam Stroup
Officer tim Kolowski
Officer Cali Caruso
Officer Kyle Davis
Officer Ryan Fisher
Officer Ryan Goldsmith
Officer Sara Gerlach
Officer Josh Opp
Detective Jeff Johnson
Detective Matt Ketchmark
Officer Chris Kuehlem
Officer Jacob Schwartz
Officer Peyton Heiser
Officer Roman Soebbing
Officer Luke Swanson
Officer Mariesa Shapiama
Officer Kevin Warren
Records Clerk Maggie Garcia
CSO Andrew Camis
CSO Tyler Madsen
Yorkville Police Department

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Investigator of the Year (Respect for Law Banquet)



Detective Matt Nelson



EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Life Saving Awards



Sergeant Chris Hayes



Detective Jeff Johnson



Officer Ryan Goldsmith



Officer Chris Kuehlem



Officer Joshua Opp



Officer Peyton Heiser

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

AAIM Award



Officer Peyton Heiser



Officer Mariesa Shapiama



Officer Corey Shepherd

Northwestern Center for Public Safety Staff and Command



**Deputy Chief
Garrett Carlyle**

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Distinguished Service Award



Officer Kevin Warren



Officer Alex Wrobel

Merit Award



Officer Nicholas Mertes

5 Year Service Awards

Officer Ryan Fisher
Officer Sean Enk
Officer Kyle Borowski
Officer Cory Shepherd
Officer Nick Mertes
Officer Luke Swanson
Records Clerk Maggie Garcia
Chief Jim Jensen

10 Year Service Awards

Officer Chris Kuehlem

20 Year Service Awards



Deputy Chief Ray Mikolasek

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Aurora University—Masters Degree in Public Administration



Sergeant Sam Stroup

L.E.A.D. Series Award



Deputy Chief

Ray Mikolasek

COMMUNITY COMMENTS



The officers had great conversations with the kids and were also great at coloring 😊! My kids had a blast!



“Wow! So incredible to hear such nice words from a citizen. In the times we are living in where the police are often treated poorly it's great to hear the praise for the good you all do. God bless you!”



“Be safe Officers. Thanks for all you do!”

“I'm proud of our Yorkville Police Department for protecting our city while we're sleep thank you for what you do be safe. 💙💙💙”



Thank You from Chief James Jensen

This report would not be possible without the support and assistance from Patrol Operations Deputy Chief Garrett Carlyle and Commander Pat McMahon and Support Services Deputy Chief Ray Mikolasek. I also wanted to give a special shout out to Records Supervisor Kirsten Balog for her time, effort, and most of all PATIENCE on this report.

THANK YOU!

