



BURR RIDGE POLICE
CHIEF JOHN MADDEN

2022 **ANNUAL** REPORT



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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

On behalf of the men and women of the Burr Ridge Police Department, it is my pleasure to present the Burr Ridge Police Department Annual Report for 2022. This report will provide information on police department personnel, calls for service data, crime data, analytical data relating to police operations, and special programs.

Overall, the incidents of Property Crimes (Theft, Burglary, and Vehicle Theft) have risen to 127 from 62 in 2021, with most increases involving vehicle burglaries and vehicle thefts. Violent Crime in 2022 decreased 33% to four incidents down from six incidents in 2021. Increases in property crime occurring in the Village are attributed to criminal groups as highlighted on pages 11 & 12 of this report. Our Patrol Officers and Detectives are working jointly with law enforcement in northern Illinois municipalities who are experiencing crimes involving the same groups.



Personnel changes in the Burr Ridge Police Department included the promotion of a Deputy Chief, the promotion of a Sergeant, the appointment of a new Police Officer, and the appointment of a Community Service Officer. In July 2022, Sergeant Ryan Husarik was promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief and Officer Kristopher Garcia was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Deputy Chief Husarik's appointment increased the number of Deputy Chiefs to two in the Department's organizational structure. Officer Nicole Copp was appointed on March 23, 2022, and graduated from the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy (SLEA) at the College of DuPage. Samantha Temes was appointed to the civilian position of Community Service Officer on November 7, 2022.

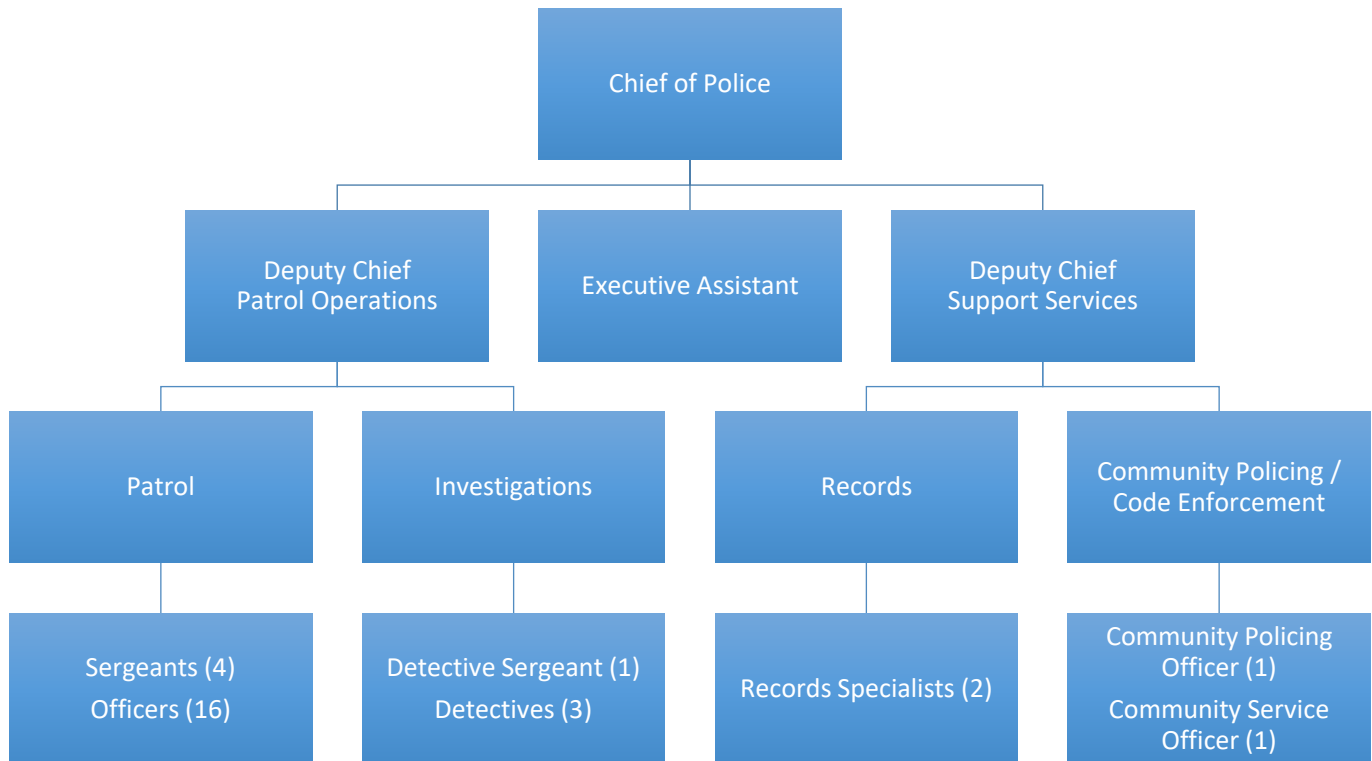
The Burr Ridge Police Department's commitment to professional law enforcement continues with our work maintaining national accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). Through the effort of police administrative staff, Department policies are reviewed annually and kept up to date with best practices and changes in the law. Law enforcement accreditation is an ongoing process that requires our Department to demonstrate we maintain and follow our policies and procedures. The inspection / review process includes an annual, off-site inspection of 25% of our policies for years one through three, culminating in year four with an on-site inspection by CALEA Assessors. We are currently working toward our 6th CALEA Advanced Accreditation Award, scheduled for July 2024.

I would like to thank Mayor Gary Grasso, the Village Board of Trustees, and Village Administrator Evan Walter for all of the support and confidence they continue to provide the Burr Ridge Police Department. I would also like to thank the men and women of the Burr Ridge Police Department. Their continued display of commitment is an example to all and illustrate why this Department and our profession is the most honorable.

The Village of Burr Ridge is a very special place, and I am honored to be your police chief.

Chief John W. Madden Jr.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



EMPLOYEE YEARS OF SERVICE

John Madden	Chief of Police	33	Matthew Overton	Patrol Officer	8
Thomas McNabb	Patrol Officer	25	Cindy Pavelchik	Executive Assistant	8
Marc Loftus	Deputy Chief	24	Timothy Lesniak	Patrol Officer	7
David Allen	Patrol Sergeant	23	Kyle Jarolimek	Patrol Officer	6
Robert Wirth	Patrol Officer	21	Thomas Hoster	Detective	6
Michael Cervenka	Detective	20	Magali Correa-Garcia	Records Specialist	3
John Helms	Patrol Sergeant	20	Travis Madler	Patrol Officer	2
Michael Firnsin	Patrol Sergeant	18	Patrick O'Kelly	Patrol Officer	2
Louis Moravecek	Patrol Officer	17	Robert Dumitru	Patrol Officer	2
Ryan Husarik	Deputy Chief	17	Mary Murphy	Patrol Officer	2
Robert Wisch	Detective Sergeant	16	Joseph Mondala	Patrol Officer	1
Brian Gutierrez	Patrol Officer	15	Arthur Wilson	Records Specialist	1
Kristopher Garcia	Patrol Sergeant	13	Mark Strappazon	Patrol Officer	1
Lukas Weeks	Patrol Officer	10	Nicole Copp	Patrol Officer	1
Brandon Valentino	Patrol Officer	10	Samantha Temes	Community Service	1

COMMAND STAFF



Deputy Chief Marc Loftus has been with the Village of Burr Ridge Police Department since 1998. He was appointed Deputy Chief in 2013.



Deputy Chief Ryan Husarik has been with the Village of Burr Ridge Police Department since 2005. He was appointed Deputy Chief in 2022.

SUPERVISORY STAFF



Sergeant David Allen



Sergeant Michael Firnsin



Sergeant Robert Wisch



Sergeant John Helms



Sergeant Kristopher Garcia

NEW HIRES



Officer Nicole Copp

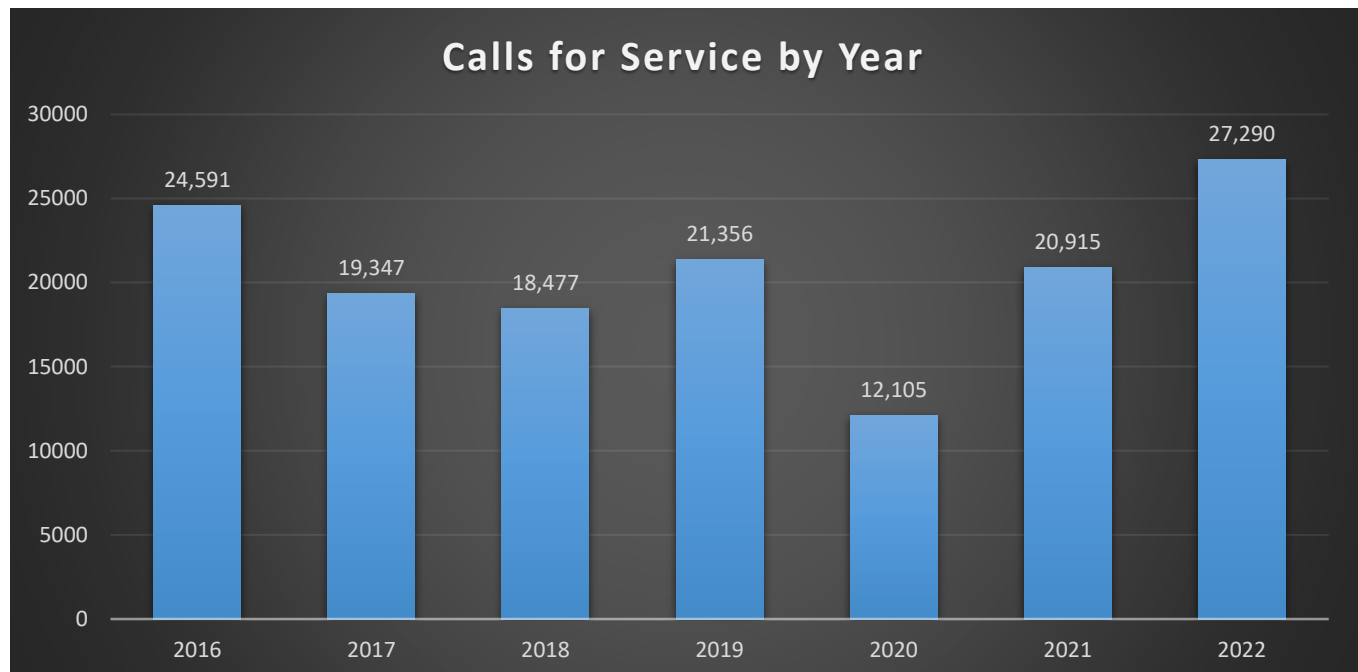


Community Service Officer Samantha Temes

CALLS FOR SERVICE

The Burr Ridge Police Department responds to a wide variety of service calls; from animal complaints, or helping someone unlock their car, to crimes in progress.

In 2022, the Department responded to 27,290 calls for service. The following chart shows the Department's calls for service history over the past seven years:

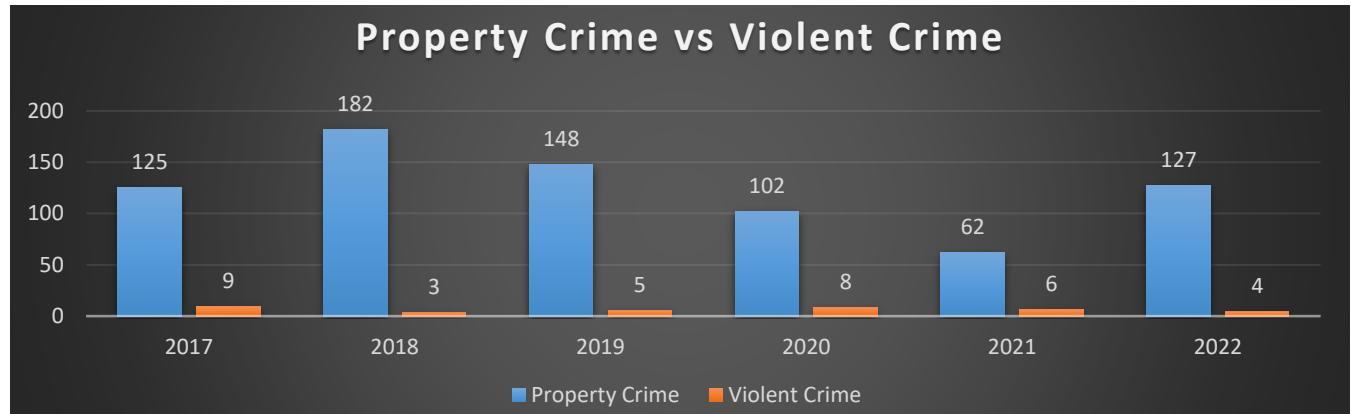


The decrease in calls for service in 2020 was attributable to the COVID-19 global pandemic. As the pandemic restrictions loosened, calls for service increased.

CRIME REPORTS – PROPERTY CRIME

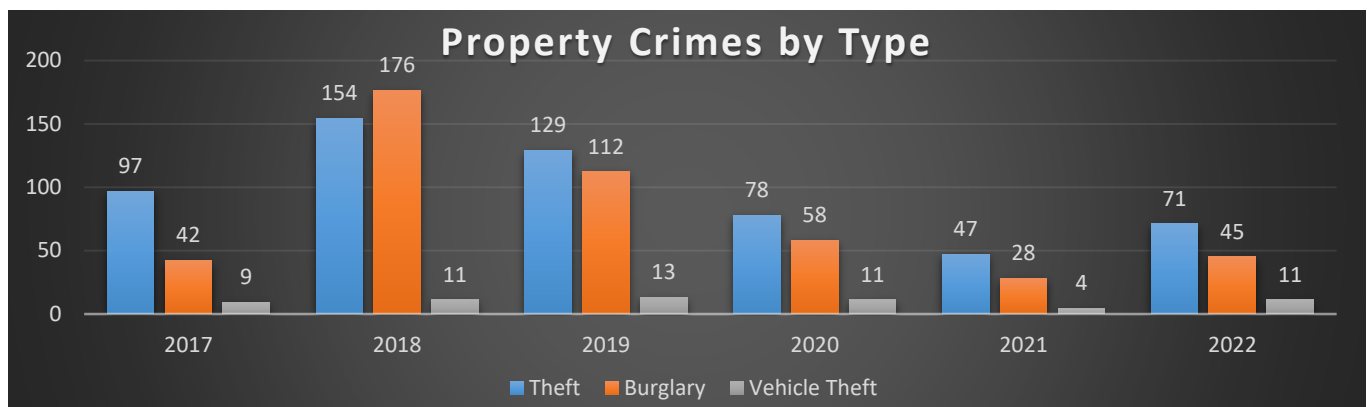
TYPES OF CRIME

This report summarizes reported crime in the Village of Burr Ridge for the years 2017 – 2022. The reported crime is divided into violent crime and property crime as collected by the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting Program.



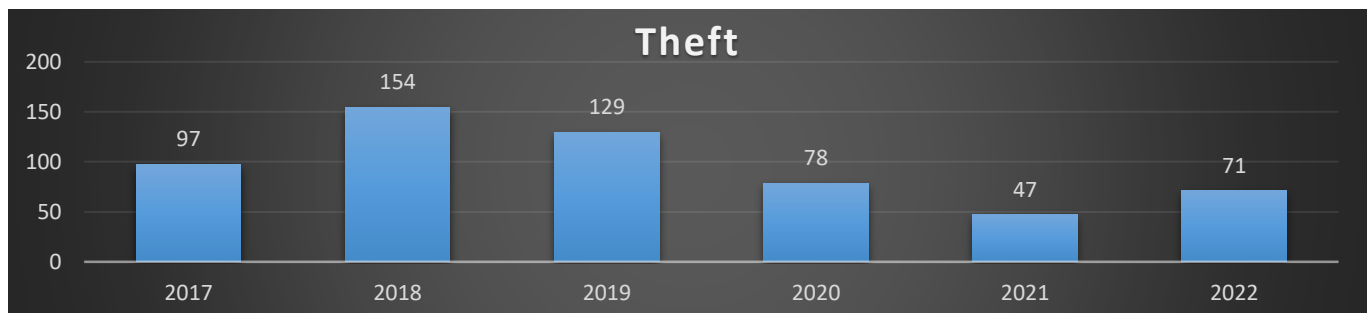
PROPERTY CRIME DETAILS

Property crime includes the offenses of burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. The crime of arson was omitted from this report, as the last instance was in 2008. Although overall property crime increased from 2021 to 2022, it was below the 6-year average.



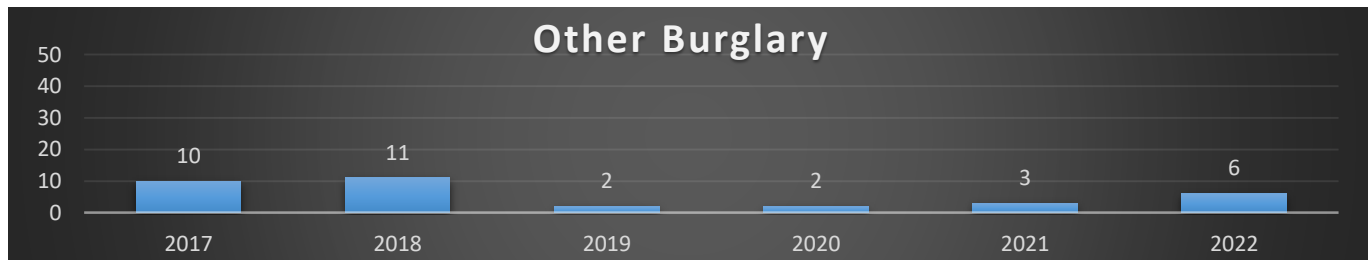
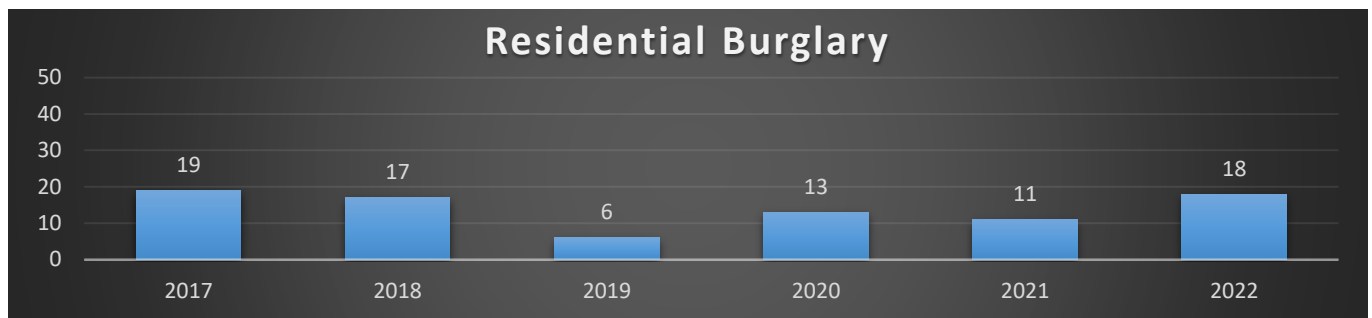
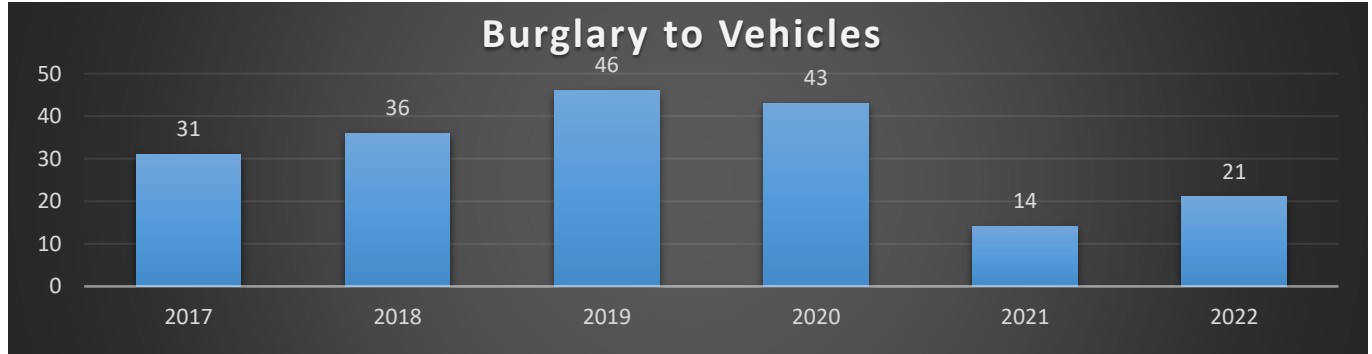
PROPERTY CRIME: THEFT

Examples are thefts of bicycles, thefts of motor vehicle parts and accessories, shoplifting, pocket-picking, or the stealing of any property or article that is not taken by force, violence, or fraud.



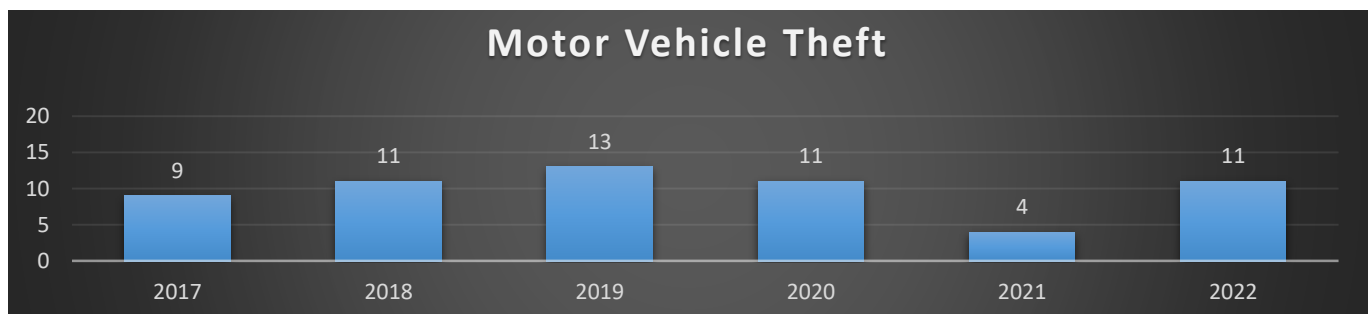
PROPERTY CRIME: BURGLARY

The FBI defines burglary as the unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or theft. Statistics on burglaries to vehicles are also included here for additional information. Residential burglaries and burglaries to vehicles are often related. We took several reports where the offender entered an unlocked vehicle in a driveway (burglary to vehicle) and used a garage door opener to enter an attached garage (residential burglary). Other burglaries include thefts from construction trailers and commercial businesses.



PROPERTY CRIME: MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

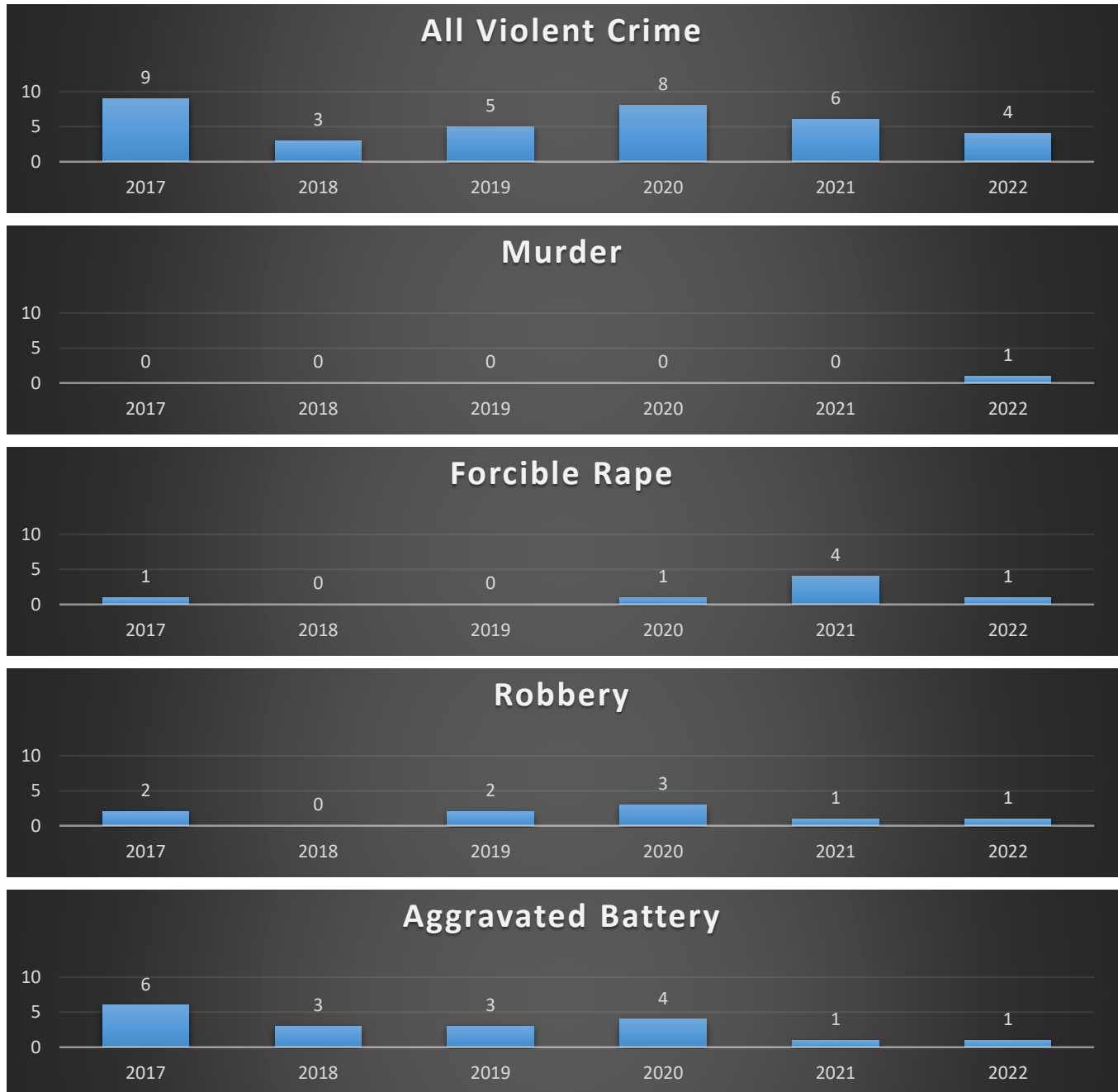
Incidents of Motor Vehicle Theft increased from 2021 to 2022. Once again, in every instance of Motor Vehicle Theft in 2022, the car was unlocked with the key fob left inside. Police personnel continue to engage in various forms of community crime prevention education to reduce crime in Burr Ridge. The addition of Flock Safety License Plate Recognition (LPR) Cameras has helped to detect and deter motor vehicle thefts throughout the Village. The Village plans to deploy 20 more cameras in 2023.



CRIME REPORTS – VIOLENT CRIME

VIOLENT CRIME DETAILS

Violent crime, as defined by the FBI Uniform Crime Report (UCR), includes the offenses of murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault (battery). Overall incidents continue to be very low.



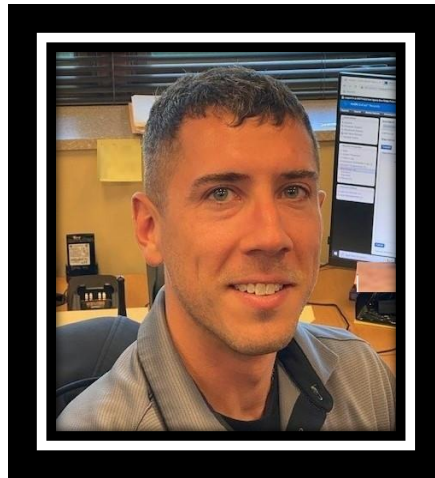
INVESTIGATIONS

COMPOSITION

The Burr Ridge Police Department Investigations Division is comprised of three employees; Detective Sergeant Robert Wisch, who is responsible for receiving, evaluating, and assigning cases for follow-up investigations, and two detectives (officer rank), responsible for the follow-up investigations of crimes that occurred in Burr Ridge. Detective Michael Cervenka was assigned to investigations in May 2020. Detective Thomas Hoster was assigned to the investigations division in August 2021.



Detective Sergeant Robert Wisch



Detective Thomas Hoster



Detective Michael Cervenka

SIGNIFICANT CASES

The Detectives investigated three fatal vehicle crashes, one of which was a fatal hit and run resulting in the death of a juvenile male pedestrian. The Detectives were able to identify the driver and locate the vehicle at Northern Illinois University. The offender was arrested and charged with several felonies.

The Detectives also investigated a Murder/Suicide in March of 2022. In this case a disgruntled employee entered his workplace with a gun and shot his supervisor, killing him. The offender then entered an adjacent business where he shot and wounded an employee. The suspect fled the area on foot. A perimeter was established and the suspect was discovered to be hiding in a nearby warehouse. As police closed in, the suspect took his own life. This incident accounted for two of the four violent crimes reported in 2022 (murder and aggravated battery).

RETAIL CRIME

Organized retail theft has dropped significantly, which can be attributed to increased patrols, proactive parking enforcement, and working cooperation between the Detectives and store management to deter thieves.

BURGLARY TO MOTOR VEHICLE / MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

Chicago Street-gang members continue to target affluent suburban neighborhoods for vehicle thefts and burglaries. A manufacturing defect in Kia and Hyundai vehicles, which allows the vehicle to be started without a key, has been discovered and exploited by these groups. In response, the Investigations Bureau contacted the car companies and were sent over 100 steering wheel locks. These locks are available for free for Kia and Hyundai vehicle owners.

In a specific case, the Investigations Bureau identified a car burglar who was acting alone to support a drug habit. This suspect would enter unlocked vehicles at night, steal credit cards and then use the credit cards at local retail

establishments. This suspect was apprehended, a search warrant was executed at his family home in Orland Park, and his vehicle was seized.

Itinerant Crime Groups

The Investigations Bureau focuses a significant portion of its efforts on gathering intelligence on traveling criminal groups. Historically, suburbs like Burr Ridge have been attractive to these criminal organizations. The Investigations Bureau has a strong culture of networking and information sharing. This is critical when investigating traveling groups, because they are highly mobile and extremely organized. The detectives have developed and maintained sources of information, networked with other investigators across the United States, and identified signatures in criminal method of operation, which differentiates these groups.

American Criminal Travelers

The traditional crimes of these groups have included home repair fraud and ruse entry burglary. In the last 5 years, it is believed a small, but growing, subset has likely become addicted to opioids. This has caused a transition in burglary methods from tricking elderly residents to a more aggressive approach of forcing their way into homes. These forced-entry burglaries often include pillowcases being stolen to carry away jewelry and other valuables. The detectives are incredibly knowledgeable on criminal families/crews in the area and are in regular contact with other local expert detectives. Detective Cervenka has started an intelligence file on Chicagoland Criminal Travelers which includes recent mugshots, known vehicles, places of residence, and familial information.

The Investigations Bureau has conducted several surveillance operations on these groups, which has resulted in the arrest of multiple recidivist burglars.

South American Theft Group (SATG)

The South American Theft Group is a newly discovered group affecting Burr Ridge. In 2014, the USA added Chile to the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) Visa program, which allows travelers to come to the US without a visa. The ESTA system doesn't determine the traveler's admissibility. Instead, US Customs and Border Protection Officers determine admissibility upon the traveler's arrival. International criminals are exploiting this process to enter the US to conduct criminal activity. Criminals from El Salvador and Colombia are also known to be a part of this group. Some media outlets have labeled this "Crime Tourism." Before traveling here, this group was highly operational in California. There they would target high value homes, often in gated subdivisions or backing up to forests and golf courses. They would often force entry to a master bedroom window or glass sliding door. They are known to stack patio furniture to gain access to a 2nd floor window or balcony and have used cellular signal jammers to stop a cellular-based alarm system from transmitting a signal to the alarm company. Cash and jewelry are commonly stolen, while electronics are usually left behind. They will take safes and often crack them at the scene or nearby. On several occasions, they purchased new tools for the specific crime and left the tools behind.

In California, SATG is very active in pickpocketing. They often target elderly women at high-end grocery stores in affluent areas. They commonly remove a wallet or credit cards from the victim's purse and then commit high dollar credit card fraud at nearby luxury retailers.

SATG is also involved in jewelry store burglaries. They often make entry though the roof or by forcing their way through the wall of an adjacent business, which is either vacant or not alarmed.

SATG is also known to be involved in car burglaries, mostly in the parking lots of hiking trails and walking paths. There have been several reports that they will use radio frequency jammers to stop victims from using their vehicle's remote to lock the doors. Once the victim leaves their vehicle, assuming that it is locked, the suspects enter and remove credit cards from the victim's wallet or purse. They then commit high-dollar credit card fraud at luxury retailers.

The Detectives have joined a national information sharing group run by the FBI and have had direct contact with an FBI agent temporarily stationed in Chile and assigned to investigate SATG. Through these information networks,

the detectives recovered forensic downloads from the phones of SATG members who were arrested in Nashville, TN. This download shows the suspects were at the location of a Residential Burglary on Omaha Dr in Burr Ridge in August of 2022.

No matter the crime, SATG is known to use vehicles rented with fictitious, foreign driver's licenses, sometimes bearing fictitious out-of-state plates. They are known to flee recklessly when stopped by police, attempting to escape by any means necessary. They are often dropped off and will walk through wooded areas, walking paths, backyards, and neighborhoods while canvassing a target. Nationally, they are known to target Asian and Indian business owners since they may believe these groups keep large amounts of cash and jewelry in their homes.

Mail Theft Crews

The detectives continued their investigation into a previously identified group of local mail thieves, who used mail to commit identity theft. The ringleader was arrested and charged with several felonies.

DuPage County Saturation Details

In response to the increase in stolen and hijacked vehicles in the Chicagoland area, the Chicago Police and Cook County Sheriff teamed up to create a Vehicular Hijacking Task Force that conducts saturation details in and around Chicago. This includes support of two aircrafts. DuPage County agencies have started their own saturation details to combat burglaries and vehicle thefts. Talk groups were created and air support was made available to agencies working the detail. This also spawned the creation of a real-time crime center operating out of vacant space at the Bensenville Police Department. Burr Ridge Detectives frequently participate in these details and have assisted in several arrests.

Community Outreach / Crime Prevention Talks

The Detectives are actively involved in educating the public in crime prevention. They have presented information and tips to residents and local businesses.

Case Assignment and Closure Rate

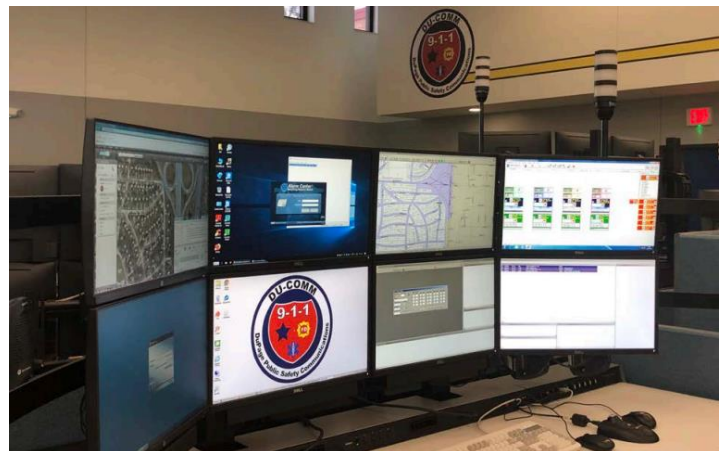
The Investigations Bureau was assigned 154 cases last year. 33 remain active investigations. 100 cases are still open but are pending a warrant arrest, crime lab results, subpoena information, or other leads.

COMMUNICATIONS

DU-COMM

The Burr Ridge Police Department has partnered with DuPage Public Safety Communications (DU-COMM) to provide dispatch and communications services to the police department and 9-1-1 service to the community.

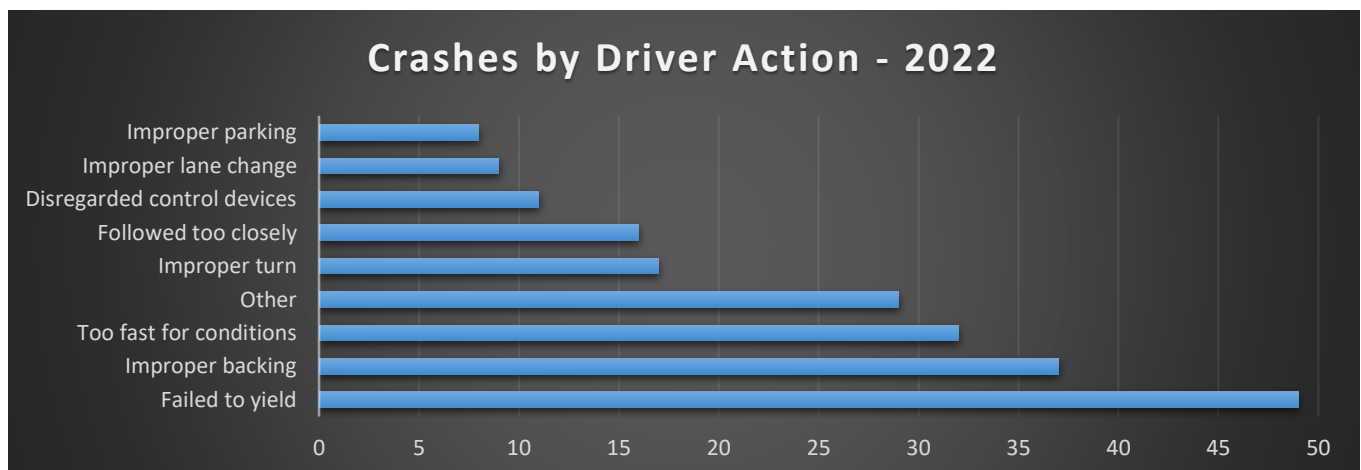
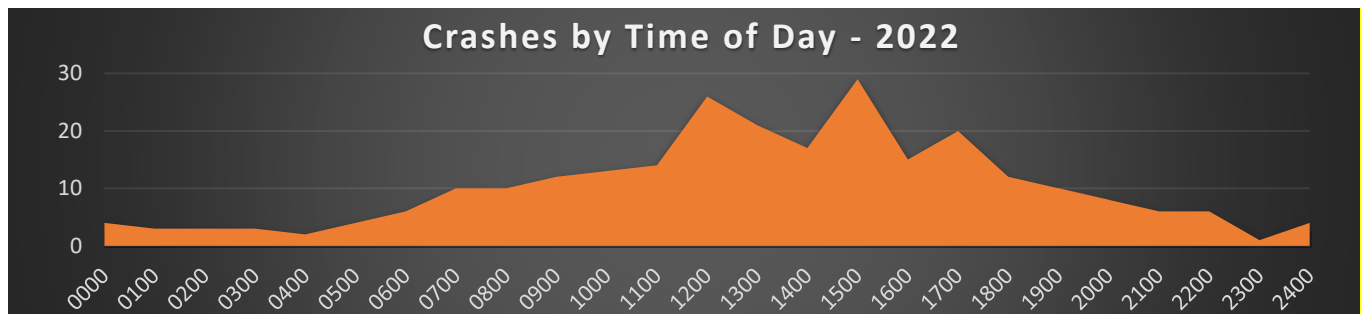
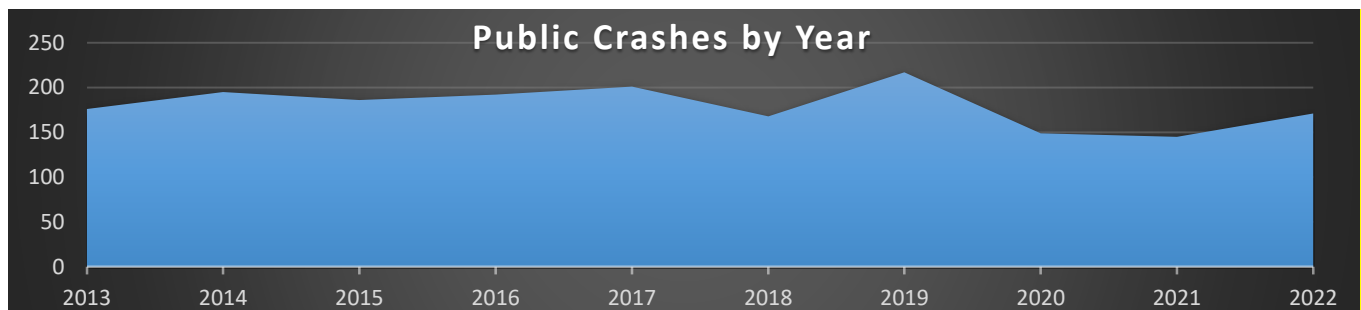
DU-COMM is an intergovernmental agency formed in 1975 to provide public safety communications services to Police, Fire, and EMS agencies. Today, DU-COMM serves forty-four (44) agencies in DuPage County and is one of the largest consolidated 9-1-1 centers in Illinois. Burr Ridge shares a radio band with the Oak Brook, Hinsdale, Willowbrook, and Clarendon Hills police departments.



TRAFFIC CRASH ANALYSIS

The Burr Ridge Police Department investigated 255 total traffic crashes within the village in 2022. Of those, 171 occurred on public roadways, an 18% increase over 2021. 37 of the crashes resulted in injury, three of which included a fatality. The fatal crashes involved a pedestrian that was struck by a vehicle on Route 83 at South Frontage Rd, a bicyclist that was struck by a vehicle at Wolf Rd and 79th St, and a vehicle that was T-boned while making a U-turn on Route 83 at Honeysuckle Rose Ln.

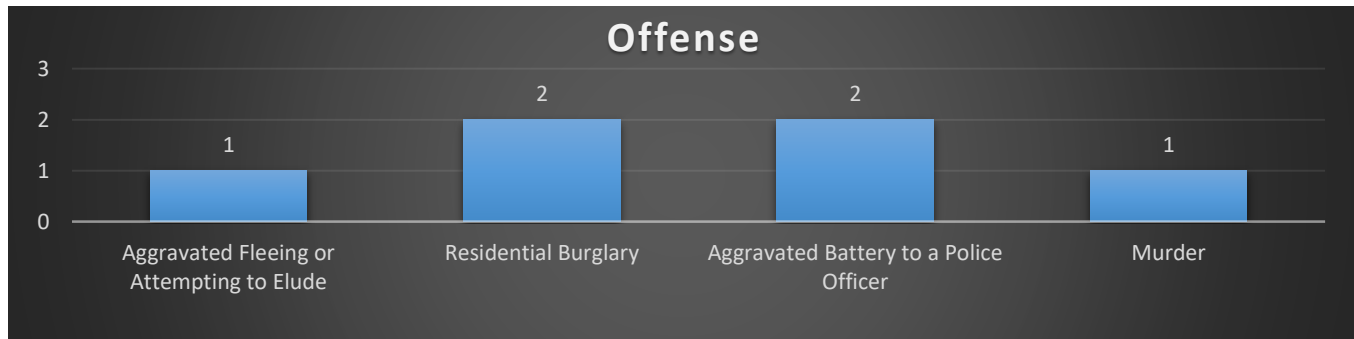
Rank	Location	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
1	Route 83 & South Frontage Rd	15	10	10	16	7
2	Route 83 & 91 st St	13	10	17	11	15
3	County Line Rd & Burr Ridge Pkwy	11	5	7	9	10
4	County Line Rd & Plainfield Rd	8	9	11	16	7
5	Wolf & 79 th St	6	2	3	1	0



2022 PURSUIT ANALYSIS

JUSTIFICATION

Burr Ridge Officers made 2,889 traffic stops in 2022. There were nine occurrences where a driver fled from an attempted stop. A pursuit was initiated in one of these situations. There were five other instances of vehicle pursuits that were initiated from other jurisdictions in which Burr Ridge Officers assisted. These pursuits involving Burr Ridge Officers were reviewed by the Deputy Chief and found to be following General Order 3.8, Emergency Vehicle Operation and Pursuit Policy.



Officers' reaction to potential pursuit situations, and good decision making, continue to reflect positively on the officers and agency. Training and close supervision are also factors contributing to only one pursuit initiated in town during the year. As an example, there were nine (9) instances of fleeing and eluding during 2022 that had the potential to result in pursuit, but pursuits were not initiated because officers and supervisors weighed the advantages of pursuit against the necessity to apprehend the fleeing subjects.

USE OF FORCE ANALYSIS

Members of the Burr Ridge Police Department applied force to subjects in seven (7) events. This was one (1) less Use of Force incident than in 2022. In 2022 there were 27,290 calls for service / cases initiated, but the seven Use of Force Reports submitted during the year represent less than one percent (.0003%) of those citizen contacts. Twelve (12) officers (44%) were involved in various situations requiring the application of force out of the possible twenty-seven (27) members authorized to use force during the year.

There was no use of force incidents reported on Thursdays or Fridays. There was one incident each on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday. Sunday had three reported incidents. Four (4) occurrences were during the night shift (1800-0600), three (3) occurrences were during the day shift (0600-1800).

There were ten (10) different subjects requiring officers to use force during 2022. None of the subjects involved were injured during the incidents. One (1) subject was taken to the hospital for complaints of trouble breathing, another was taken to the hospital for injuries sustained in a traffic crash unrelated to the use of force incident. Males were most often involved in Use of Force incidents, accounting for eighty percent (80%) of the subjects on which force was used. Two (2) Caucasians were involved in use of force incidents, seven (7) African Americans, and one (1) Hispanic. The people involved ranged from 23 to 56 years of age.

Nine (9) officers filed Use of Force Reports after taking defensive actions against subjects in 2022. No officers were injured during Use of Force events. The average age of the officers involved is forty-years old. The average length of employment was 11 years. The most senior officer had twenty-four (25) years of service. The least senior officer had one (1) year of service.

Criminal charges were filed in six (6) of the seven (7) events.

Officers employed a total of four (4) identified levels of force during the seven (7) events. These levels of force were applied at various times during these encounters and by multiple officers. A Use of Force report was completed by each officer, and an individual review for each incident was conducted by the Deputy Chief of Police and forwarded to the Chief of Police. Each of the seven (7) events of the application of force upon an individual by each officer was found to be appropriate for the situation and justified within policy.

The Department issued firearm was not discharged in the line of duty in 2022. A Department firearm was drawn and pointed at an individual ten (10) times in 2022. The Department issued Taser was displayed to gain compliance one (1) time. Four (4) incidents of force involved control holds and joint manipulation while attempting to arrest actively resisting subjects or control a subject experiencing a mental health episode. In four (4) incidents, stop-sticks were deployed to try to stop a fleeing vehicle.

No complaints of excessive force were filed against officers during 2022. Of the twelve (12) officers reporting Use of Force, three (3) were involved in more than one event. Officers continue to use force that is appropriate for the circumstances they encounter, and each has acted within policy when applying force to subjects.

No specific Department training needs were identified at the conclusion of this analysis. Use of Force policy training, firearms training, Taser training, and physical defensive tactics training with scenario-based events is on-going. No equipment issues were discovered during the analysis. No changes were implemented to the Use of Force Report.

The Use of Force General Order 3.3 was last updated and issued in June 2021 to include guidance on changes to Illinois Law.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS INVESTIGATIONS

The Department takes seriously its responsibility of maintaining a high level of discipline. The internal affairs function is an essential element of police service to ensure attainment of department goals and maintenance of ethical standards. Department members are held to high standards in terms of ethical and professional conduct, to which all members subscribe. Disciplinary procedures must comply with state statutes as applied within the Board of Police and Fire Commission Act.

Department policy ensures those complaints against officers are immediately investigated and a determination made regarding the level of inquiry. Appropriate discipline is ordered when necessary. The rights of citizens and of police personnel are respected during all investigations. There was one internal affairs investigation in 2022:

Internal Affairs Summary - 2022

IA Number	Complaint	Conclusion
22-01	Conduct unbecoming	Sustained - counseling

OFFICERS ASSAULTED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

No officers were assaulted in the line of duty in 2022.

DIVERSION PROGRAMS

LOCAL ADJUDICATION

The Village Board adopted an ordinance allowing for a local adjudication court in Burr Ridge. The Court began in the first quarter of 2021 and is held in the board room of Village Hall.



Local adjudication allows minor, non-moving traffic violations, parking citations, and Village code and zoning violations to be addressed at the Village Hall, saving violators the time of having to travel to the main courthouse in Wheaton and the added expense of County court costs.

The local adjudication court is presided over by a hearing officer, who must be trained in the rules of procedure, be familiar with the laws and ordinances of the Village, and be an attorney licensed to practice law in Illinois for at least three years.

With the addition of the Police Department Community Service Officer handling parking and code enforcement issues, this program continues to be a success for the Village.

PEER JURY

The Burr Ridge Police Department participates in a multi-jurisdictional Peer Jury. A Peer Jury is an alternative to court for first-time juvenile offenders of non-serious offenses, such as theft, vandalism, disorderly conduct, tobacco possession or underage drinking. The jury is comprised of high-school aged student volunteers. Juveniles must agree to the peer jury process and provide an admission of guilt to participate in the program.

In 2018, the Department agreed to resume operating a peer jury program with municipalities which previously participated in the Downers Grove Township program. This cooperative effort includes Burr Ridge, Clarendon Hills, Darien, Downers Grove, Hinsdale, Oak Brook, & Willowbrook. The Regional Peer Jury was sworn in by DuPage County State's Attorney Robert Berlin on October 16, 2018. The Peer Jury began to hear cases at the start of 2019.

The Peer Jury's purpose is to provide a means for the young offender to account for their own behavior to a group of peers and repair the harm caused to the victim and to the surrounding community. Peer Jury does not determine guilt or innocence. Peer Jurors attempt to understand why the offender committed the offense and then determine the consequences to help the offender be accountable for their actions and further develop the offender into an upstanding member of the community. Peer Jurors sign an oath of confidentiality and are required to recuse themselves from any case in which they know or could know the offender. All juveniles appearing before the Peer Jury are treated with dignity and respect.

After a delay due to COVID-19, I am pleased to report that the Peer Jury program is back up and running.

There was one juvenile battery case referred to Peer Jury in 2022.



FLOCK SAFETY LICENSE PLATE READER CAMERA PROGRAM



Since 2020, the Department has utilized a license plate recognition system that works with our existing inventory of cameras throughout the Village. In 2022, the Department received a grant from the Northern and Middle States Rural Law Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance Division of the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) to expand the LPR program to include fixed position cameras in strategic locations. The Department has applied for more camera grants and plans to add 20 more cameras to cover the main roadways entering and leaving the Village in 2023.

UMANNED AERIAL SYSTEM - DRONE

In October 2022, *Burr Ridge Air One* took flight! The Department purchased a drone to assist with safety and security at public events, to provide overhead images of accident and crime scenes, to aid in missing persons searches, and to assist in the location and apprehension of fleeing subjects.

Five members of the Department are trained and certified as Remote Pilots under the Federal Aviation Administration's Part 107 regulations. Burr Ridge Air One is a DJI Matrice 30 operated through the Axon Air platform.



SQUAD CAR CAMERAS



The Department has used various types of in-car video camera systems since the late 1990's. With the purchase of body worn cameras, the Department decided to upgrade its inventory of in-car systems, opting for a system that integrates with the body worn cameras. The Department purchased the Axon Fleet 3 system to be installed in all marked patrol units. Installation is scheduled for the first quarter of 2023.

BODY-WORN CAMERAS



Illinois State Law mandates that all police officers shall have body-worn cameras by 2025. The Department implemented this program well before the state mandate, going live in September 2022.

MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL TASK FORCES

METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND INVESTIGATIONS TEAM (MERIT)

MERIT was created to provide a single highly skilled, effective, efficient, and collaborative county-wide law enforcement task force for the expressed mutual benefit of every community within DuPage County. MERIT consists of nine operational components available to the Burr Ridge Police Department when needed. Four Burr Ridge Officers serve on various teams.

The operational components are SWAT, Major Crimes, Public Integrity, Major Crash Reconstruction, Crime Scene, Digital Forensics, Crisis Negotiations, K-9 Response, Incident management Assistance, and Planned Events.

MERIT MAJOR CRIMES

Detective Thomas Hoster serves on the MERIT Major Crimes Unit. The Major Crimes Unit exists to assist member agencies with the investigation of forcible felonies.

MERIT PUBLIC INTEGRITY

Sergeant Robert Wisch is a Team Leader for the MERIT Public Integrity Unit. The Public Integrity Unit exists to assist member agencies in the investigation of Officer Involved Shootings, Officer Involved Deaths, and allegations of Officer Involved Sex Assault.

MERIT SWAT

The SWAT Unit is tasked with responding to and assisting with “high-risk” critical incidents that require specialized training and equipment, such as Hostage Rescue, Barricaded Gunmen, Barricaded Suicidal Subjects, Sniper Incidents and Protective Details.

MERIT DIGITAL FORENSICS

Deputy Chief Ryan Husarik serves on the MERIT Digital Forensics Unit. The Digital Forensics Unit is responsible for conducting investigations and interrogation involving digital evidence such as cell phone and computers. The Unit also investigates online crimes including Identity Theft, Possession of Child Pornography, and Grooming.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS POLICE ALARM SYSTEM (NIPAS) MOBILE FIELD FORCE

Officer Louis Moravecek serves on the NIPAS Mobile Field Force (MFF). The MFF responds to assist member agencies in times of civil disturbances, public demonstrations, and other events involving large or disorderly crowds that requires skillful response by police agencies.

ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT ALARM SYSTEM (ILEAS)

ILEAS, headquartered in Urbana, Illinois, operates the largest statewide local law enforcement mutual aid network in the United States. Agencies that have been struck by a disaster can call ILEAS which will then coordinate statewide mutual aid response as needed.



CALEA NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

The Law Enforcement Accreditation Program was the first credentialing program established by The Commission on Law Enforcement Accreditation (CALEA) after its founding. It was originally developed to address what was seen as a need to enhance law enforcement as a profession and to improve law enforcement service delivery.

The CALEA Accreditation Program provides a process to systematically conduct an internal review and assessment of the agencies' policies and procedures and adjust wherever necessary to meet a body of internationally accepted standards.

Since the first CALEA Accreditation Award was granted in 1984, the program has become the primary method for an agency to voluntarily demonstrate their commitment to excellence in law enforcement. The standards upon which the Law Enforcement Accreditation Program is based reflect the current thinking and experience of law enforcement practitioners and researchers. Major law enforcement associations, leading educational and training institutions, governmental agencies, as well as law enforcement executives internationally, acknowledge CALEA's *Standards for Law Enforcement Agencies*® and its Accreditation Programs as benchmarks for professional law enforcement agencies.

Being a nationally accredited law enforcement agency provides the Burr Ridge Police Department the following advantages:

CALEA Accreditation requires an agency to develop a comprehensive, well thought out, uniform set of *written directives*. This is one of the most successful methods for reaching administrative and operational goals, while also providing direction to personnel.

CALEA Accreditation standards provide the necessary reports and analyses a CEO needs to make fact-based, informed *management decisions*.

CALEA Accreditation strengthens an agency's *accountability*, both within the agency and the community, through a continuum of standards that clearly define authority, performance, and responsibilities.

Being CALEA Accredited can limit an agency's *liability and risk exposure* because it demonstrates that internationally recognized standards for law enforcement have been met, as verified by a team of independent outside CALEA-trained assessors.

The Department remains committed to maintaining our national accreditation through CALEA. We completed a four-year review cycle that culminated in being successfully awarded reaccreditation in July 2020.



COMMUNITY POLICING



DARE

Ofc Lukas Weeks visits schools periodically to provide accurate information about alcohol and drugs, teaches appropriate decision-making skills, and gives students tips for resisting peer pressure.

COP ON A ROOFTOP

Employees of the Burr Ridge and Willowbrook Police Departments teamed up at the Dunkin' Donuts in Willowbrook to collect charitable donations to benefit the Illinois Special Olympics Torch Run.

STUFF THE SQUAD

Students and parents of Elm School donated dry goods and non-perishable items to fill a squad car for delivery to a local food pantry.

SHOP WITH A COP

Thanks to various Village fundraisers throughout the year, enough money was raised to help multiple families in need during the Christmas season. Local children were taken shopping by officers to buy gifts for their families.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Willowbrook and Burr Ridge Officers met local citizens at Harvester Park to promote police-community partnerships. Officers handed out child-friendly swag and gave tours of squad cars.

