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From: Police Chief Ignacio J. Pena
To: Mayor Joe Cook and Village Board
Cc: Administrator Jamie Bowden
Subj: 2009 annual Report

While you have all received the Statistical end of the year report, I wanted to follow up on the numbers with this memo to further explain some of our activities and accomplishments in 2009.

In 2009, our Police Department responded to a total of 11,999 calls for service. As our Community Policing activities continue, so do our self initiated calls. Of the 11,999 calls for service, 6,159 were self initiated and 5,840 citizen generated. Traffic accidents declined from 236 in 2008, to 230 in 2009, an area we continue to work on.

In 2009 we recorded 123 Domestic Violence reports. We had 13 arrests, and made some type of follow up contact with each incident. 43 were repeat domestics, and 45 of these incidents refused follow up assistance by our Unit, and 35 families have requested and received some type of counseling assistance. Our goal for 2010 is to continue to attempt to reduce repeat offenses and encourage everyone who does encounter these types of problems to seek assistance.

Here are our 2009 program accomplishments:

1. Worked with our schools and families, creating a Computer Cop CD for parents to monitor their children's computer activities.
2. Conducted 2 more Citizen Police Academies
3. Began our second Police Cadet program
4. Expansion of our juvenile Peer Jury program to surrounding communities
5. Lt. Fischer successfully completed 10 weeks of Northwestern Police Staff and Command school, our second command staff personnel to do so.
6. Deputy Chief Wold successfully participated in the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police Voluntary Police Chiefs Certification program, and has been classified as Police Chief Certified Eligible.
7. Through the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, we have become an Accredited Policing Agency, only the 3rd Department in the State to achieve this Certification.

8. Received "Rookie of the Year" recognition by the National Association of National Night Out program.
9. Created a new initiative entitled "Each One Reach One", wherein all of our businesses have been broken down into groups, and individual officers assigned as their liaisons to help improve our partnerships in the community.
10. This was our 20th year of providing DARE training to our schools.
11. We implemented an ordinance, which has been on the books, but not utilized until 2009, where we began to collect an impound fee on vehicles which were towed as the result of being arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol/Drugs. Through December 31st 2009, we have collected \$12,900 of revenue. In 2010 we intend to increase this impound fee to include suspension and driving with a revoked licenses, if they were the result of a Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol/Drugs convictions.

In 2009, we had a total of 5 accidents involving our officers squad cars, three of those involved deer running into the cars, and two involved backing. In one instance, a truck backed into our car, and in another one of our officers backed into another jurisdictions patrol vehicles.

We were involved in one vehicle pursuit this year, which we did not initiate, and the offender was taken into custody.

All of our squad car accidents and vehicle pursuits are looked at by our Safety Review Board and all suggestions or recommendations submitted by them are enacted in an effort to help prevent any future accidents which are deemed preventable.

We conducted two internal investigations into reported inappropriate behavior by officers, and had a total of 6 instances when officers had to use some type of force to affect arrests. All incidents were investigated and appropriately disposed of.

We had no biased based complaints, and no union grievances filed during 2009.

2009 was a very busy and eventful year. As we move in 2010, we look forward to continuing to provide quality services to the community of Channahon, and to continue on our journey to be the best policing agency we can.

Respectfully Submitted

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