

CHANNAHON POLICE DEPARTMENT
2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Channahon Police Department is committed to protect and serve the community through partnerships, proactive policing, and professionalism; to ensure everyone is treated with fairness, respect, and dignity.



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this annual report is to provide our residents, businesses, and visitors with an analysis of the police department's enforcement efforts, continued training and professional development, as well as the services and public engagement opportunities throughout 2024. It is my sincere hope this report will make clear our commitment to the Village of Channahon and our approach to Constitutional policing.

This report will also demonstrate the Village Board's focus on protecting the community. Through careful planning and fiscal responsibility, our officers are provided with resources and technologies that allow for efficient, practical and safe solutions to law enforcement issues. These initiatives allow our officers to maintain and improve the quality of life in our Village.

Recent and on-going policing reforms in Illinois, and on the national stage, require constant assessment and training to ensure our officers are providing the highest standard of service. I am proud to share the Channahon Police Department has been an accredited agency since 2010, ensuring our practices meet state and national standards in policing.

2025 and beyond will present a whole new set of challenges. Challenges this department will meet head on with the confidence and credibility to ensure the Village of Channahon remains the safe and inviting community it is today.

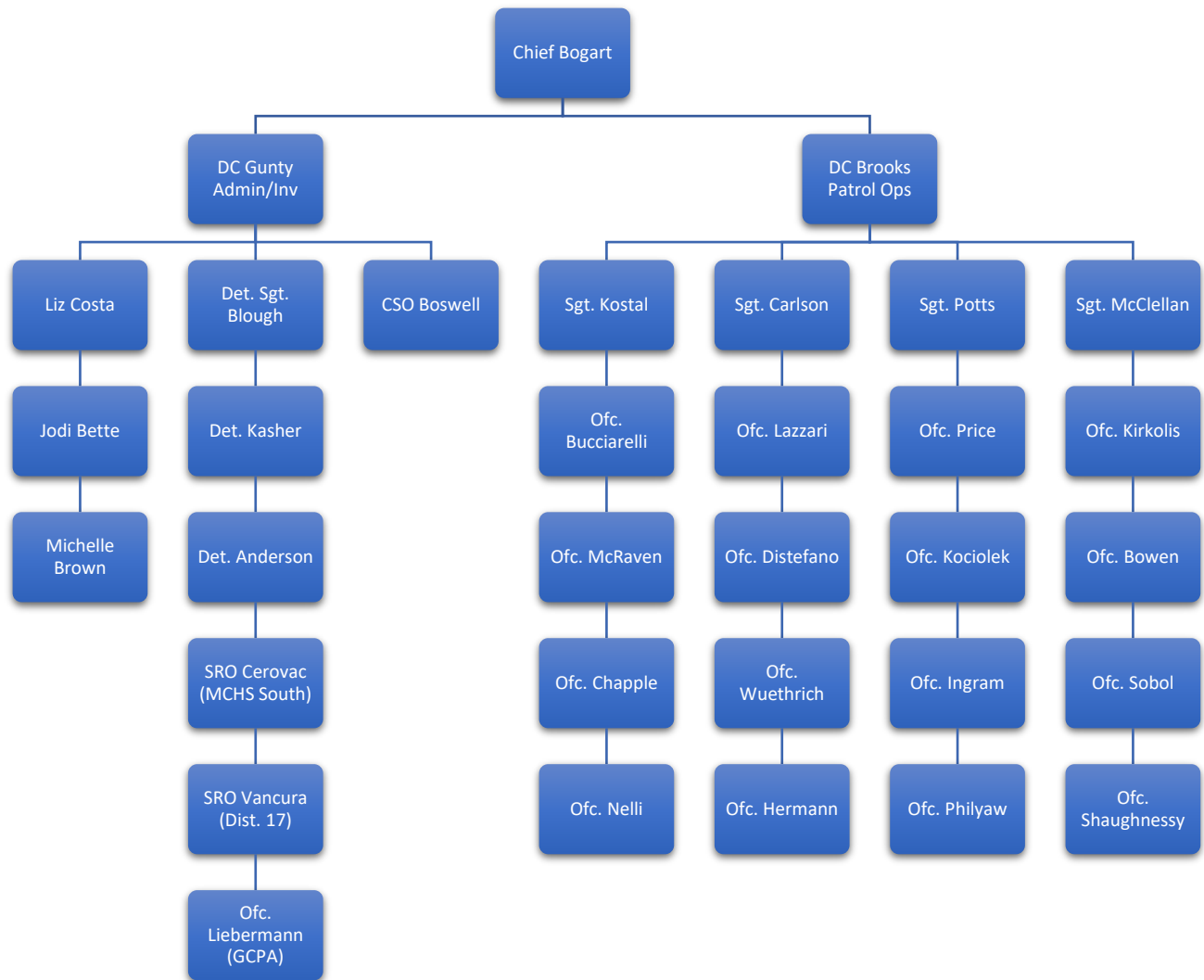


Adam Bogart

Chief of Police

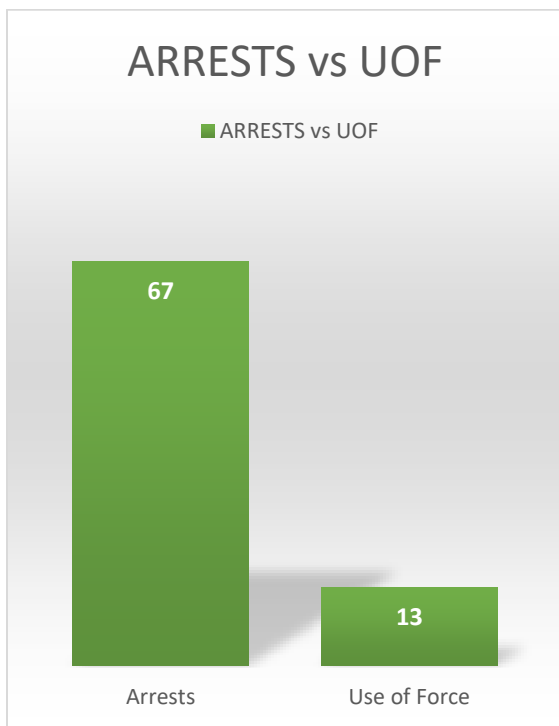
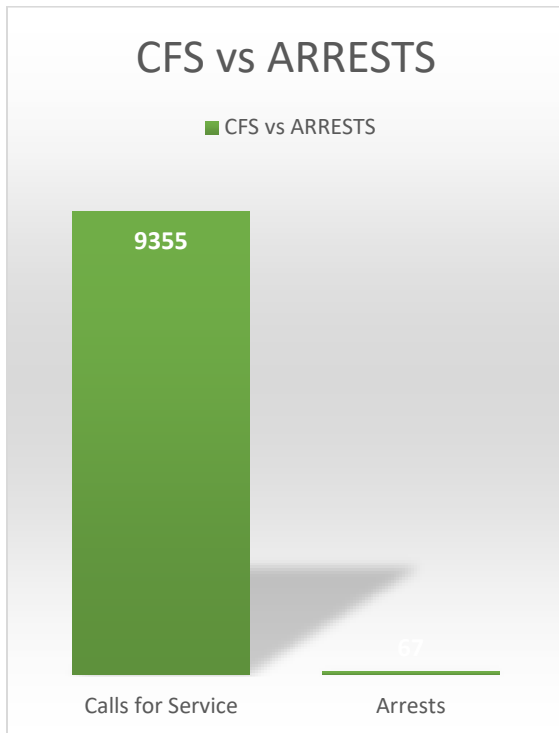


ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



The Channahon Police Department is currently comprised of 29 sworn officers and 4 non-sworn personnel, including 3 Records personnel and 1 Community Service Officer.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS



USE OF FORCE

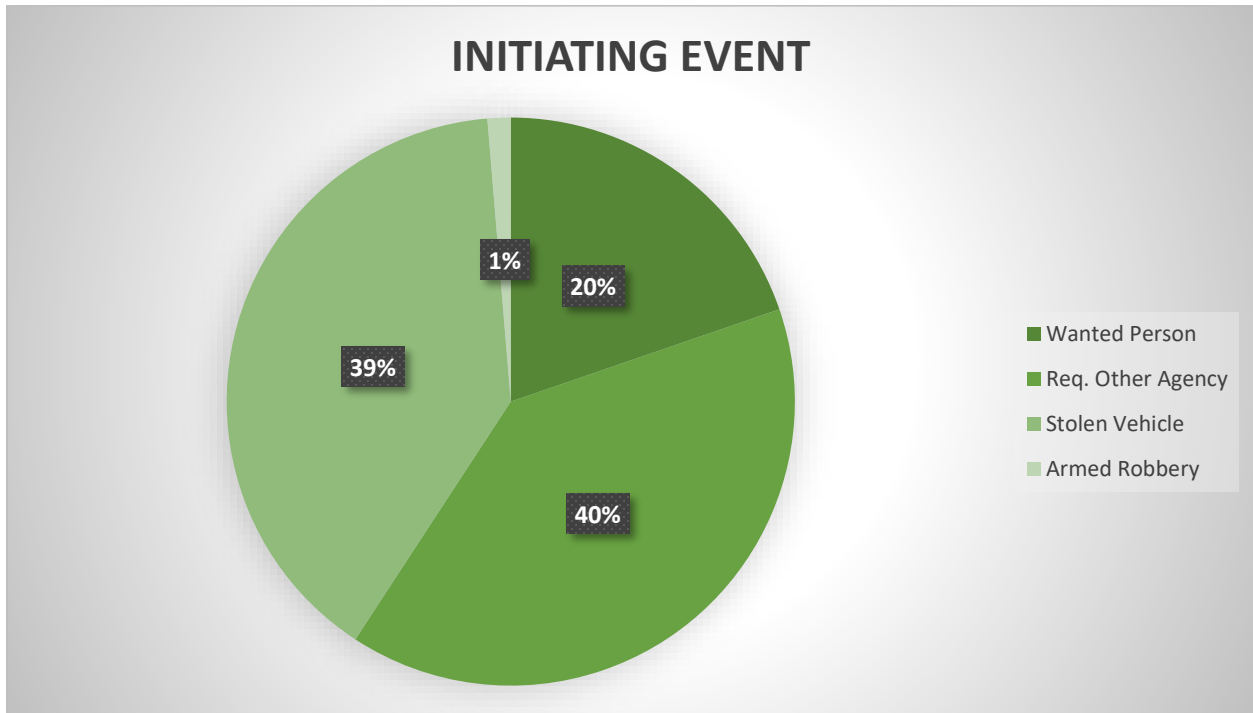
The authority to use any force which an officer believes to be necessary, under the totality of the circumstances, to effect an arrest, or to be necessary to defend self or another from bodily harm while making an arrest is granted under 720 ILCS 5/7-5.

The Channahon Police Department responded to a total of 9,355 calls for service in 2024. In 13 of those calls, use of force was used, totaling 0.14% of all calls for service. The majority of these use of force events (61%) involved the display of an officer's firearm. This display is used to gain compliance due to the seriousness of the suspected offense, such as a high-risk traffic stop, proximity of weapons and potential threats to officers, bystanders or witnesses.

Officers utilized defensive tactics in 61% of all use of force events. These include arm bars, take downs, escort positioning and other open hand techniques for the purpose of controlling a resisting subject.

The remaining use of force event include the use of a kinetic energy device (Taser®), baton, leg restraints.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS



VEHICLE PURSUITS

Vehicle pursuits expose innocent citizens, law enforcement officers, and fleeing violators to the risk of serious injury or death. The Channahon Police Department has developed a strong policy in guiding officers while balancing the safety of the public and themselves against law enforcement’s duty to apprehend violators of the law.

The Channahon Police Department recognizes the Village’s unique placement in the region and has adapted the use of pursuit intervention techniques, in particular, the use of Stop Sticks ©, in bringing pursuit to a safe resolution.

A total of six pursuits were initiated by Channahon officers in 2024. Half of these pursuits lasted 1-2 miles in length and were terminated by Channahon officers or supervisors, decreasing the threat of harm.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

COMPLAINTS

The Channahon Police Department takes seriously all complaints regarding the service by the Department and the conduct of its members. The Department will accept and address all complaints of misconduct in accordance with policy and applicable federal and state law and the requirements of current collective bargaining agreements. It is also the policy of this Department to ensure that the community can report misconduct without concern for reprisal and retaliation.

A total of two complaints were received by the Department in 2024. Both complaints alleged misconduct.

Source of Complaint		Classification		Dispositions	
Internal	External	Informal	Formal	Exonerated	Sustained
1	1	2	0	1	1

TECHNOLOGICAL IMPROVEMENTS



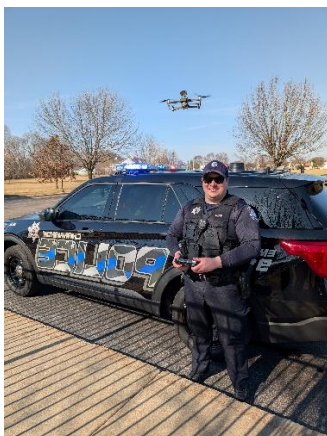
No later than January 1, 2025, law enforcement agencies serving a population of less than 50,000 were required under Illinois law to equip and use body-worn cameras (BWCs).

The Channahon Police Department began wearing BWCs in April 2024. These cameras assist in documenting events in a way that promotes member safety and accountability while also protecting the privacy of members of the public.

Flock © Camera Safety systems has been a tremendous addition to the Department's resources.

By capturing the license plate and vehicle characteristics, these cameras provide officers with real-time information on vehicles involving missing or at-risk persons, stolen vehicles and other important information that can be used to reduce and solve crime.

There are currently 14 cameras deployed in the Village of Channahon and we cooperate with dozens of other Illinois law enforcement agencies through information sharing.



The Drone program continues to expand. In 2024, the department added four additional pilots. Two squad cars have also been upfitted to support drone operations, allowing the pilots to deploy where needed as necessary. Drones were deployed a total of 18 times in 2024, including in support of community events like the Fourth of July fireworks display and the Three Rivers Fest, five (5) times for fleeing suspects from pursuits, two (2) deployments in searching for robbery/burglary suspects, two (2) aerial surveillance for vehicles crashes, two (2) deployments for mental health crisis, one (1) deployment in support of a search warrant.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

The ultimate goal of traffic law enforcement is to reduce traffic crashes. This may be achieved through the application of such techniques as geographic/temporal assignment of personnel and equipment and the establishment of preventive patrols to deal with specific categories of unlawful driving behavior. Traffic enforcement techniques are based on crash data, enforcement activity records, traffic volume, and traffic conditions. This Department provides enforcement efforts toward violations, not only in proportion to the frequency of their occurrence in crash situations, but also in terms of traffic-related needs.

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

TRAFFIC STOPS

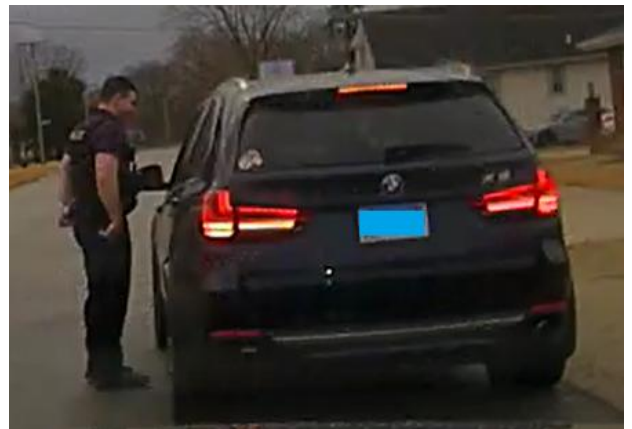
2,073

CITATIONS-ACT- WARNINGS

2,341

DUI

23

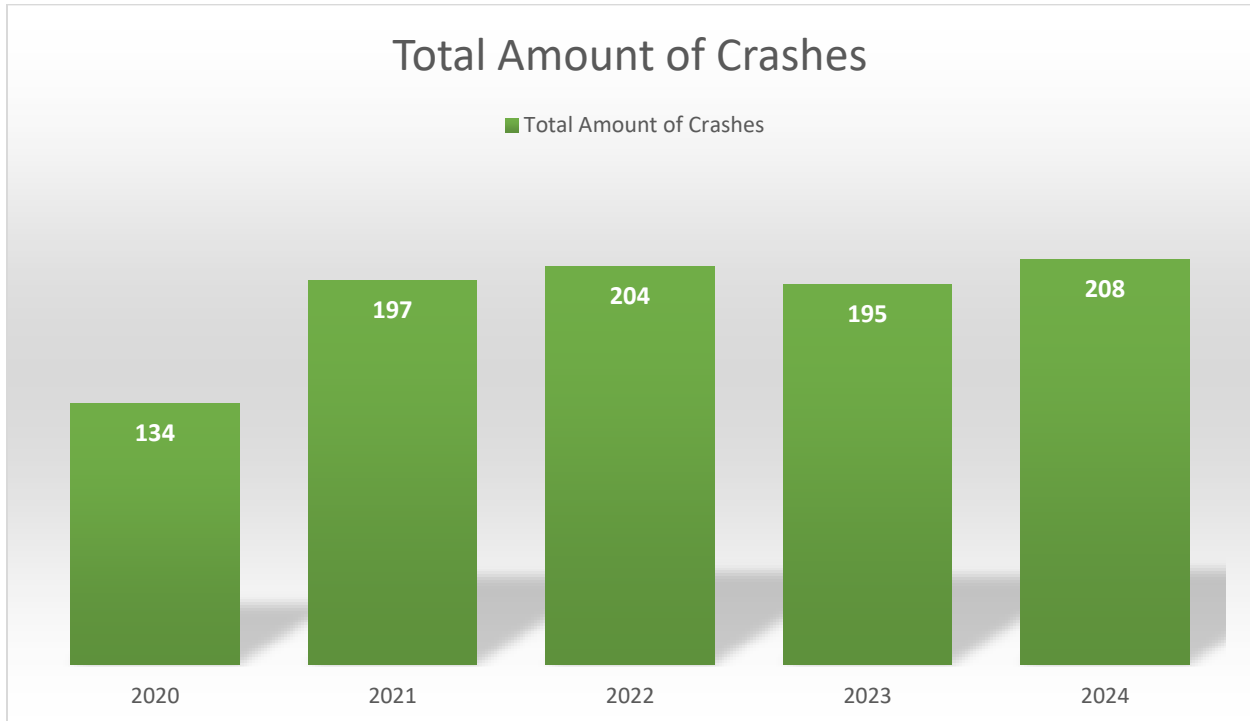


GOLF CART & UTV ENFORCEMENT

SINCE THE START OF TRACKING BEGAN IN JUNE 2024, OFFICER HAVE MADE 26 STOPS WITH EDUCATION AS THE GOAL.

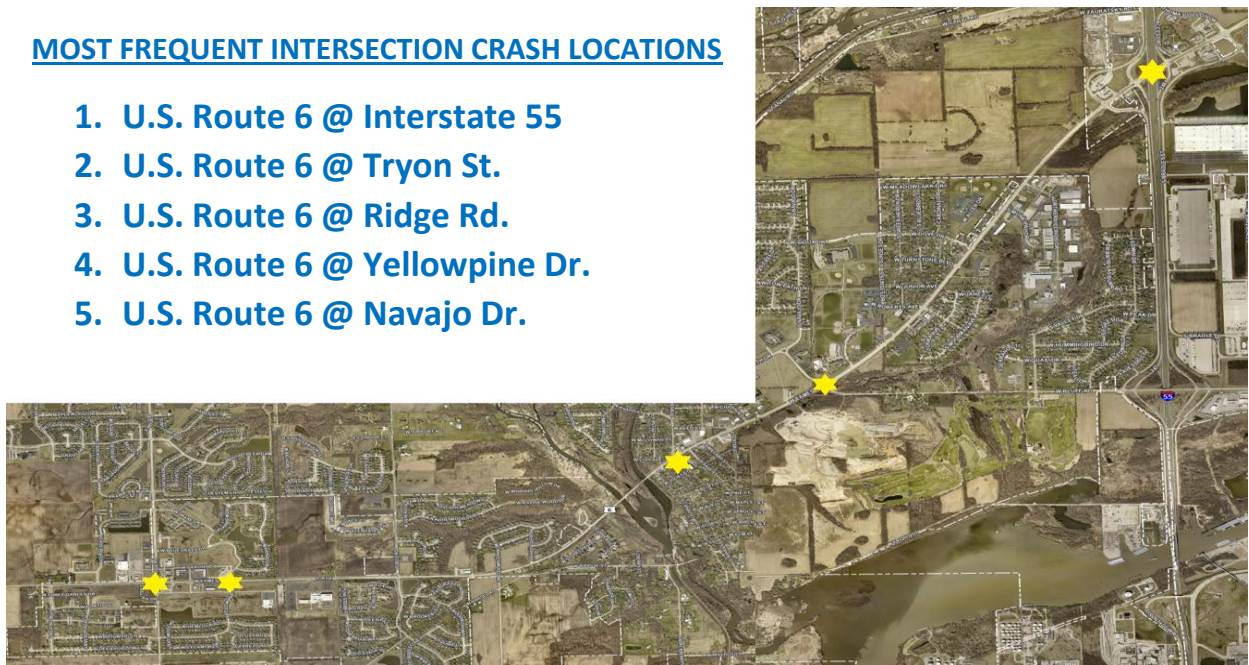
TRAFFIC CRASHES

A total of 208 crashes were reporting in 2024. Of those, 60 resulted in injuries and one (1) crash was fatal. The area of the intersection of U.S. Route 6 (Eames St.) and Interstate 55 accounts for the highest number of crashes in the Village, approximately 26% of total crashes.



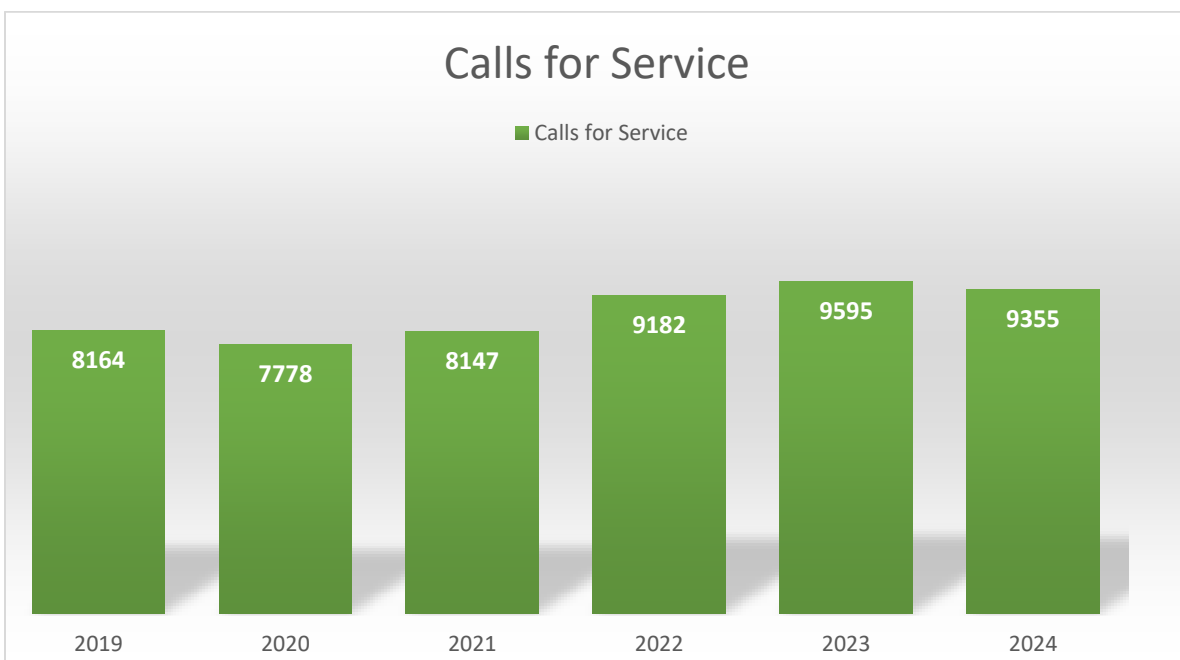
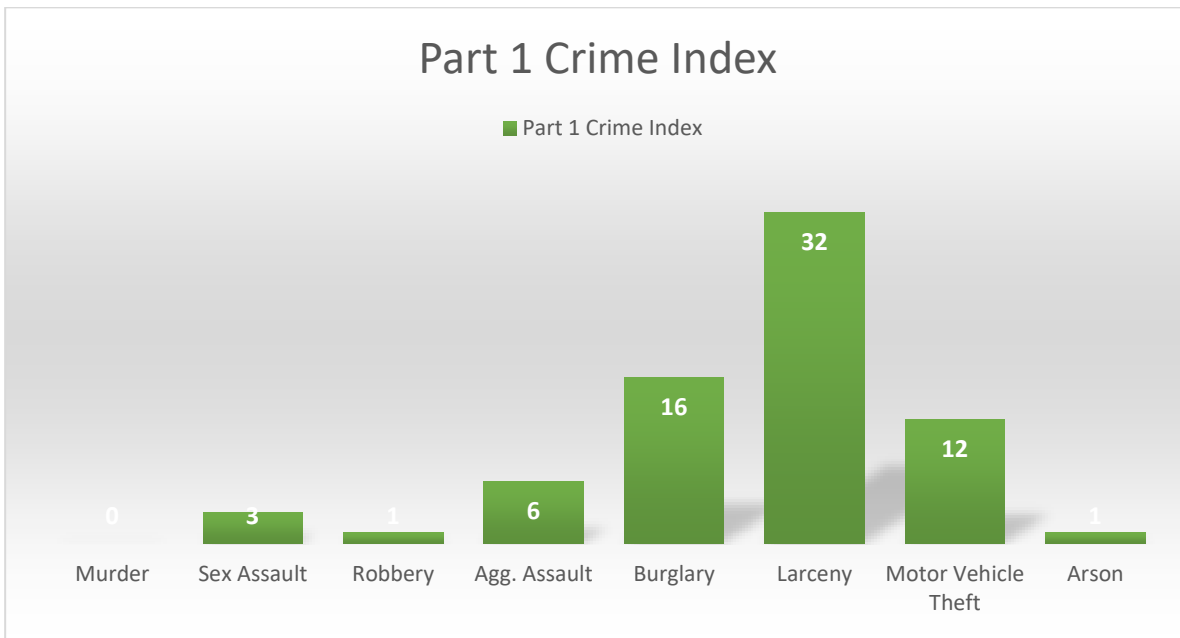
MOST FREQUENT INTERSECTION CRASH LOCATIONS

1. U.S. Route 6 @ Interstate 55
2. U.S. Route 6 @ Tryon St.
3. U.S. Route 6 @ Ridge Rd.
4. U.S. Route 6 @ Yellowpine Dr.
5. U.S. Route 6 @ Navajo Dr.



CRIME STATISTICS

In 2012, the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) became the standard in how law enforcement agencies collect data on crime occurrences. The NIBRS system collects data from local, state, federal and tribal records systems for each incident and arrest. The system distinguishes these each entry within Group A offenses and Group B offenses. These are further categorized into different parts. Part 1 collects data on “index crimes,” usually considered serious offenses which are used to measure crime rates.



TRAINING

The goal of the Channahon Police Department's program is to enhance the level of law enforcement service to the public, increase the technical expertise and overall effectiveness of our members, provided for continued professional development of our members, and ensure compliance with ILETSB rules and regulations concerning law enforcement training.



Our officers also engage the community in training, integrating real world businesses with police and fire Command and Control structure, preparing emergency service and the businesses we serve for active threat scenarios.



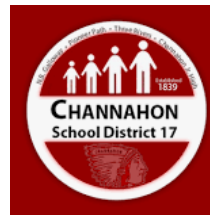
COMMAND & CONTROL TRAINING, BRIESER CONSTRUCTION, MAY 2024

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

The Channahon Police Department has several special assignment roles, extending our members' service beyond Channahon and bringing valuable experience and training to the Village. The assignments also give our members the opportunity to make closer connections with our residents, school populations and special interest groups.



Ofc. Nicholas Vancura serves as the School Resource Officer for all four Channahon Dist. 17 school. Ofc. Vancura focuses on school safety and engaging students and staff, as well as parents, building strong relationships throughout the Village.



Ofc. Steve Cerovac serves as the School Resource Officer for MCHS-South Campus. Ofc. Cerovac has enhanced the school's safety and readiness through site security assessments every year beginning in 2023. While providing mentorship and guidance to the students at South Campus, Ofc. Cerovac has worked tirelessly to develop lasting partnerships.



SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

In the July of 2024, Det. Anderson deployed with the ILEAS Mobile Field Force in support of the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee. Just a month later, Det. Anderson and Ofc. Nelli deployed again with the ILEAS Mobile Field Force in support of the Democratic National Convention in Chicago.



**Ofc. Nelli (at left) and Det. Anderson (at right)
with Martin Luther King III and Arndrea Waters King**

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Since 2021, Ofc. Michael Liebermann has been a member of the Grundy County Proactive Unit. This cooperative team, comprised of several Grundy County law enforcement agencies and led by the Grundy County Sheriff's Office, focuses on removing illegal narcotics from our communities. In 2024, nearly 14,000 grams of illegal substances were seized, including methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin and fentanyl, MDMA, cannabis and more. Additionally, 13 firearms were seized and approximately \$570,000.00 of stolen property was recovered. Channahon PD is only one of two municipal agencies who provide a full-time officer assigned to this unit.



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

ENGAGEMENT EVENTS



Pink Heals Mother's Day Walk

Will and Grundy County Law Enforcement Memorials

VOC Memorial Day Ceremony

Department Tours

Slam the Scam

Draw with the Law

Three River Fest Special Needs Day

Rock on Channahon

Rotary Kindergarten Fingerprinting

Safety Event at Galloway School

Family Reading Night at Galloway School

Halloween Trunk-or-Treat Events

MCHS Veterans Day Breakfast and Ceremony



NEW OFFICERS

The department welcomed two new officers and their families to the police team. Both hired in April of 2024, Ofc. Shaughnessy joins us having previous served with the Will County Sheriff's Office Corrections Division. Ofc. Philyaw is a proud Marine, having served his country in the Global War on Terrorism.



Ofc. Philyaw graduated from the Police Training Institute at the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana on August 22, 2024.

Ofc. Shaughnessy graduated from the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy on August 16, 2024, earning the prestigious George P. Graves Leadership Award, recognizing Ofc. Shaughnessy as the recruit who displays the highest level of integrity, character, dedication and ethics.



PROMOTIONS



Deputy Chief Bogart was appointed to Chief of Police, effective January 5, 2024. Chief Bogart has been with the Channahon Police Department for nearly 18 years, having previously served in the US Army.



Detective Sergeant Matthew Brooks was appointed to Deputy Chief of Patrol Operations effective January 15, 2024.

DC Brooks has been with the Channahon Police Department for nearly 18 years, having previously served with US Navy.

DC Brooks is responsible for the Patrol Unit, ensuring the daily operations and responsibilities of the department are executed to standard.



Patrol Officer Andrew McClellan was promoted to Sergeant, January 15, 2024.

Sgt. McClellan has been with the Channahon Police Department since December of 2006.

Sgt. McClellan has served a large portion of his time with CPD as a Detective, and is currently a Division Commander with the Crime Scene Investigation Section of the Will-Grundy Major Crimes Task Force.

K9 UNIT



On April 17, 2025, K9 Hutch completed his tour of duty with the Channahon Police Department. In his nearly nine years of service to the community, Hutch, together as a team with K9 Officer Sgt. Dustin Carlson, rid the streets of large amounts of illegal narcotics and located several weapons used in violent crimes, including murder weapons. The strides Sgt. Carlson and Hutch made in making Channahon one of the safest communities in Illinois are unmatched. Thank you, Dustin and Hutch. Thank you for the sacrifices, the dedication to this community and for the all the good you have done for us.



As we acknowledge the duty and commitment Dustin and Hutch have made to our community, know that a new K9 and K9 Officer will be taking the reins in just a few short months. Our new K9 Unit will have huge shoes, or paws, to fill. We welcome, K9 Atlas, who is teamed with soon to be K9 Officer Ethan Anderson.

WILLIAM KENNEDY AWARD - POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR



Through a consistently exemplified work ethic, depth of leadership, and community impact, Detective Sergeant John Blough has been distinguished as the 2025 recipient of the William Kennedy Award as Police Officer of the Year.

Det. Sgt. Blough took on several new challenges in the past year, executing each with remarkable professionalism focused on improving relations between the Channahon Police Department and the people we serve.

While re-invigorating the Department's School Resource Officer Program through empathetic leadership and care, Det. Sgt. Blough has been instrumental in enhancing partnerships with the school districts in Channahon.

As a Division Commander with the Investigations Section of the Will Grundy Major Crimes Task Force, Det. Sgt. Blough led several investigations, including a death investigation on Christmas Day.

John's model of professionalism, leadership and dedication, as well as his commitment to leaving it better than you found it, leaves no doubt he has exemplified the character and courage of this award's name sake, former Channahon Police Officer and Commissioner, William Kennedy.

DEPARTMENT GOAL FOR 2025

1. The Channahon Police Department will work to maintain accreditation through the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP), by completing all the requirements of the Tier 1 reaccreditation process. Moreover, the Channahon Police Department will continue to stay abreast of changes to the accreditation process, legislative impacts, and policy improvement. The Channahon Police Department will complete the reaccreditation process through ILEAP, which is scheduled for January 2026, with the goal of achieving 100% compliance with reviewed standards.
2. The Channahon Police Department will establish a dedicated Traffic Unit focusing on regular traffic enforcement, truck enforcement, evaluation of traffic safety measures, and respond to traffic related calls for service. The Channahon Police Department Traffic Unit will use traffic related complaint information, crash data, traffic patterns and trends to coordinate enforcement efforts and educational opportunities to increase the safety of the motoring public through the Village of Channahon.
3. The Channahon Police Department will make strategic preparations in anticipation of the Chicago Logistics Hub. Using professional consulting services, the Channahon Police Department will gain insight into deployment strategies and staffing to determine the most effective ways to address the anticipated increased service demand and vehicular traffic, with a focus on increased commercial trucks, associated with the new intermodal railway site and logistics park.
4. The Channahon Police Department will continue to provide high levels of training to department members in preparation of the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board certification deadline of July 1, 2025. All department members will achieve certification under this initial certification process and maintain all mandated training in accordance with Illinois state statute.
5. The Channahon Police Department will plan and host three (3) “Community Conversations” events focusing on direct communication with residents, businesses and other community organization. The Channahon Police Department leadership will be on-hand to listen to community concerns and discuss plans and operations with the goal of building trust, increasing transparency and break down the barriers between police officers and the citizens we serve.

THANK YOU

To our residents, business community and visitors; thank you for your overwhelming support and gratitude. To our Village President and Board; your support makes the difficult task of community policing a reality and we are grateful for your continued dedication to our mission of maintaining public safety.



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