



# MINOOKA POLICE DEPARTMENT

2023  
ANNUAL REPORT

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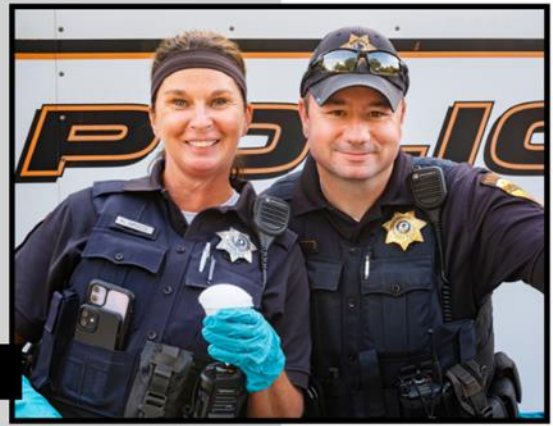
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# Vision

WE RECOGNIZE OUR EMPLOYEES AS OUR GREATEST ASSET AND CONTINUALLY STRIVE TO ENHANCE OUR SKILLS. WE WILL PROMOTE A HARMONIOUS WORK ENVIRONMENT AND HOLD OUR EMPLOYEES TO A HIGHER STANDARD.



# Mission

IS TO STRIVE TO DEVELOP A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY TO PROVIDE QUALITY POLICE SERVICES WHILE PROTECTING INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS IN A PROFESSIONAL AND IMPARTIAL MANNER.



# Executive Summary

The purpose of this annual report is to provide a statistical analysis of crime and traffic data, professional development and showcase many of the services our department provides to the citizens and visitors of Minooka. I hope that the information contained within this report will provide you with a better understanding of the police department's structure, staff and our approach to policing.

Outlined within this report you will see the commitment of the Village Board towards public safety. They have provided the men and women of this department with resources to ensure our residents quality of life is not affected by individuals who've shown a discord for public safety. These resources have allowed our department to be more effective and efficient when identifying individuals fleeing from police, seizing illegal firearms and solving more complex crimes such as burglaries, identity theft and fraud cases.

While we continue to adapt to the current police reforms, there are some legislators trying to force how we police. I can assure you these reforms will not change our commitment to our mission. We will continue to provide quality police services, respond to the concerns of our residents, and be proactive in our approach to law enforcement. We will arrest any individual or individuals who commit crimes. We are committed to maintaining the highest level of professionalism through integrity, unbiased police responses, and enhanced training.

2024 will bring its challenges, but we are confident that our employees who serve are trained and ready to meet those challenges. We are committed to build trust and continue to provide our residents "a nice place to call home".

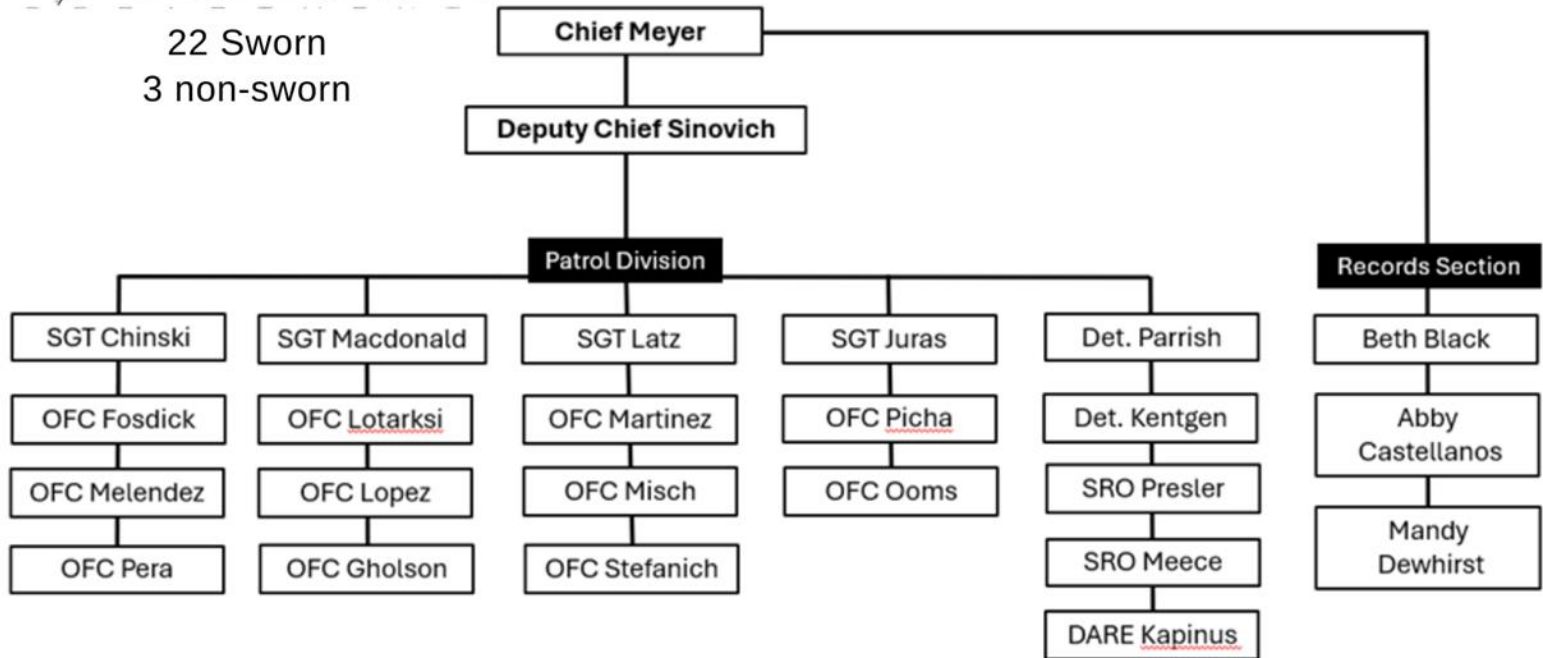


*Justin Meyer*  
Chief of Police

# Organizational Chart



22 Sworn  
3 non-sworn



## Milestone Years of Service

Chief Meyer; 20 years of service

Sergeant Macdonald; 20 years of service

Deputy Chief Sinovich; 15 years of service

Records Manager Beth Black; 15 years of service

Officer Presler; 10 years of service

Officer Kapinus; 10 years of service

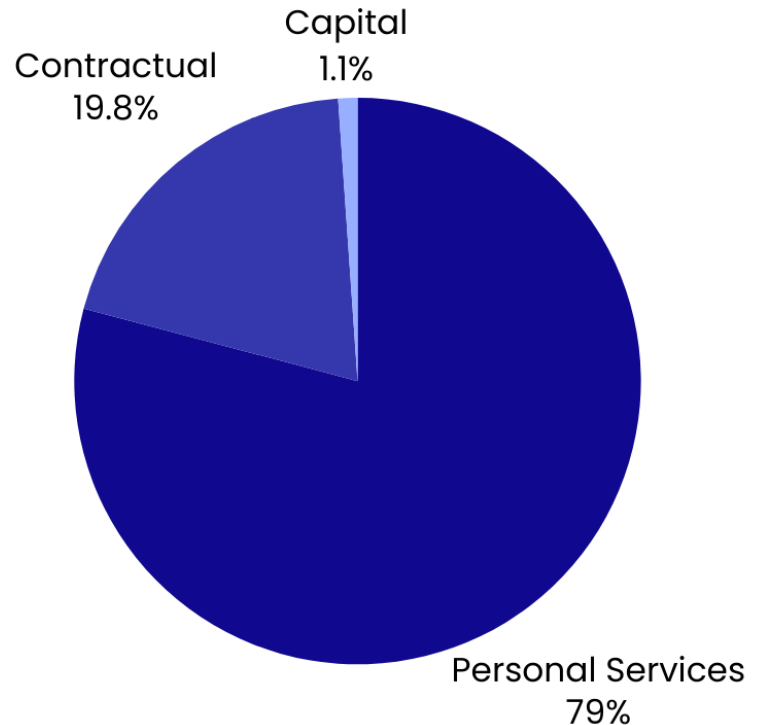


# DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET

\$3,868,500.00

## Description

Personal Services	\$ 2,768,800
Contractual	\$ 690,200
Capital	\$ 332,600
Commodities	\$ 73,100
Other Expenses	\$ 3,580



## Population Cost Per Capita

Overall budget divided by the population

- \$3,868,500 TOTAL BUDGET
- 12,816 POPULATION (US CENSUS BUREAU)
- \$301.85 COST PER CAPITA

# Professional Standards

Complaints regarding the services provided by members of this department and their conduct are taken seriously. The department accepts all complaints internally and externally of misconduct or improper job performance, if true, would constitute a violation of department policy. Harassment and Excessive Use of force were two of the complaints in 2023.

Source of Complaint		Classification		Dispositions	
Internal	External	Informal	Formal	Unfounded	Exonerated
0	2	1	1	1	1
				Not Sustained	Sustained

All force incidents used by a member of this department that do not result in severe injury or death shall be reviewed, investigated and presented to the safety committee to determine if their response to resistance complies with department policy or further training is needed:

Firearm	Firearm Displayed 7	Taser	Taser Displayed 3	Control Devices	Empty-Hand 2
12	Justified within Dept. Policy	Justified Policy Violation	Justified Training Needed	Not Justified Not within department policy	
	11		1		

Firearm displayed is used to gain compliance due to the seriousness of the suspected offense such as high-risk traffic stops, proximity of weapons present and potential for injury to officers, suspects and others. Whereas, less lethal techniques are used due to the severity of the threat of a suspect actively resisting or physical factors of the suspect.

Officers are authorized to initiate a pursuit when it is reasonable to believe that a suspect is attempting to evade arrest or detention by fleeing in a vehicle. However, pursuits should be discontinued when the totality of circumstances known to the officer appear to outweigh the risks resulting from the suspect escape.

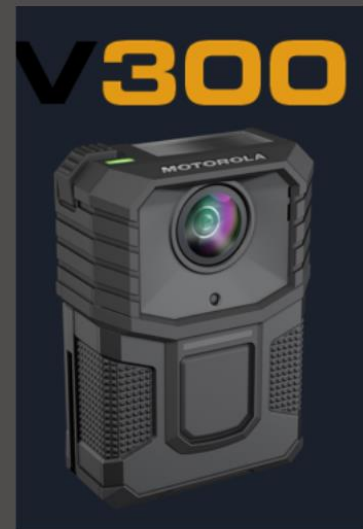
Initiating Event	Reason for Termination	Pursuit Intervention	Suspect Arrested/Identified
10 - Traffic Violation	Voluntary/Supervisor Termination	No	1 - Suspect Identified
2 - Suspect Criminal Activity	Voluntary/Supervisor Termination	No	No
1 - Warrant	Voluntary/Supervisor Termination	No	Suspect Identified
1 - Firearm Used by Offender	Suspect Vehicle disabled	Stop Sticks	Arrested
2 - Wanted by Other Agency	Voluntary/Supervisor Termination	No	2 - Suspect Identified

# Technology

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## BODY WORN CAMERAS

With the enactment of the SAFE-T Act, all Illinois Police Departments must have body worn cameras by January 1st, 2025. This year, 22 body worn cameras were purchased along with 13 in squad cameras through Motorola for \$276,000. The purpose of the body worn camera is the improvement of evidence collection, strength officer performance and accountability, enhance transparency, and positive encounters between the police and the citizens.



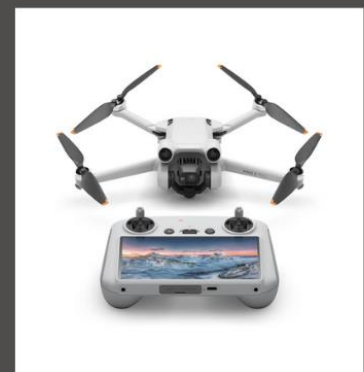
## LICENSE PLATE READERS



A total of 10 flock cameras were installed throughout the village and 992,000 license plates read in 2023. This tool has been instrumental in the recovery of illegal firearms, stolen vehicles and solving burglaries, thefts and identity theft/fraud cases.

## DRONE

Our department was able to purchase a second smaller drone by receiving a generous donation. Drones are a resource for training and provide assistance to the village with projects. Our drones have assisted in locating runaways and a missing kayaker.





# Traffic Enforcement

Our goal is to reduce traffic crashes and criminal activity through conducting legitimate traffic enforcement.

TRAFFIC STOPS

5,526

TRAFFIC CITATIONS

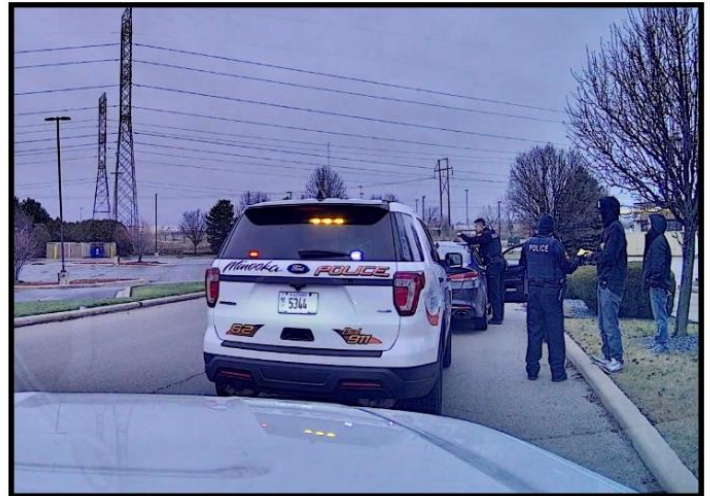
1,248

DRIVING UNDER  
INFLUENCE

27

SUSPENDED/REVOKED  
LICENSE

141

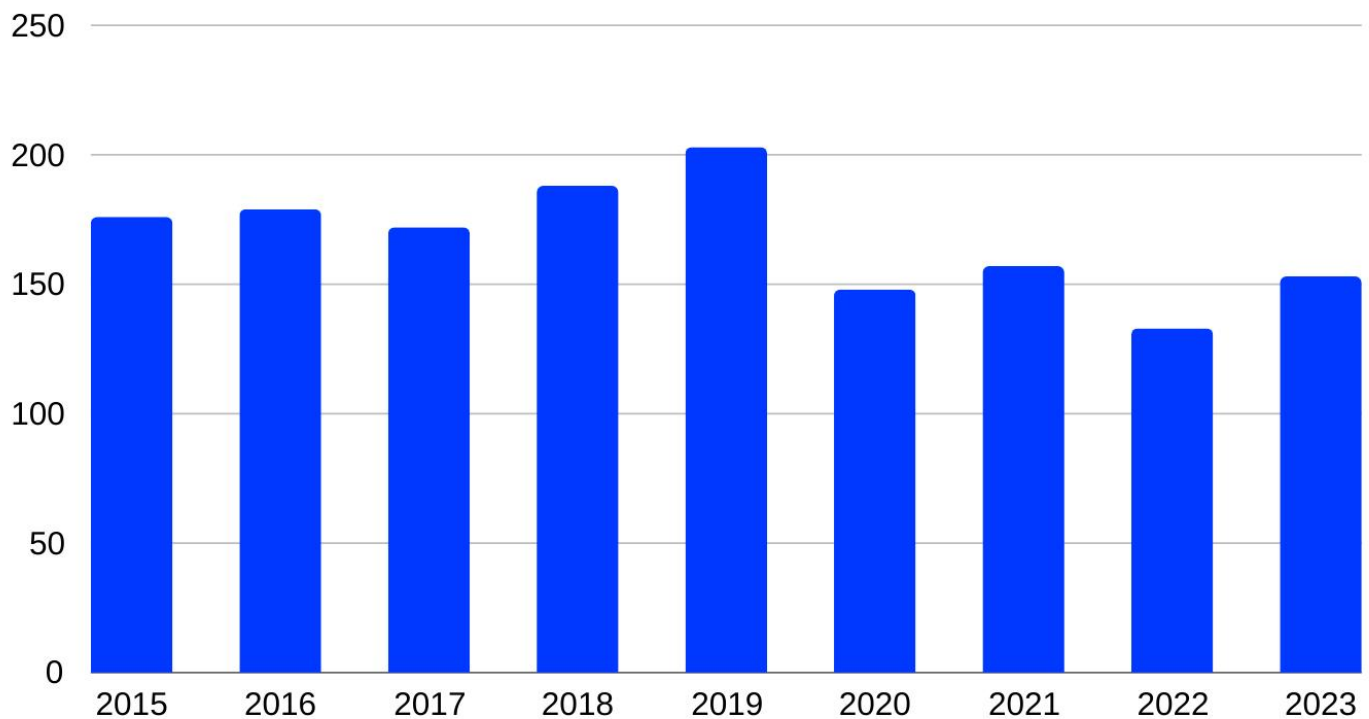


# Traffic Crashes



In 2023, 153 reportable crashes on a public roadway compared to 133 in 2022. Twenty-seven of those crashes resulted in injury with no fatalities.

Highest crash intersections in 2023 were Ridge Rd at I-80 and Ridge Rd at Mondamin St.



## Top Traffic Crash Intersections



Ridge Rd  
@ I-80



Ridge Rd  
@ Mondamin St



Ridge Rd  
@ McEvelly Rd



Ridge Rd  
@ Misty Creek

# Crime Statistics

National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) became the national standard for law enforcement crime data reporting in the United States in how reported crime is measured.

Even though our Crimes Against Person is slightly lower than in 2022, we had a slight increase in burglaries and aggravated/assault incidents. We had one attempted homicide in March.

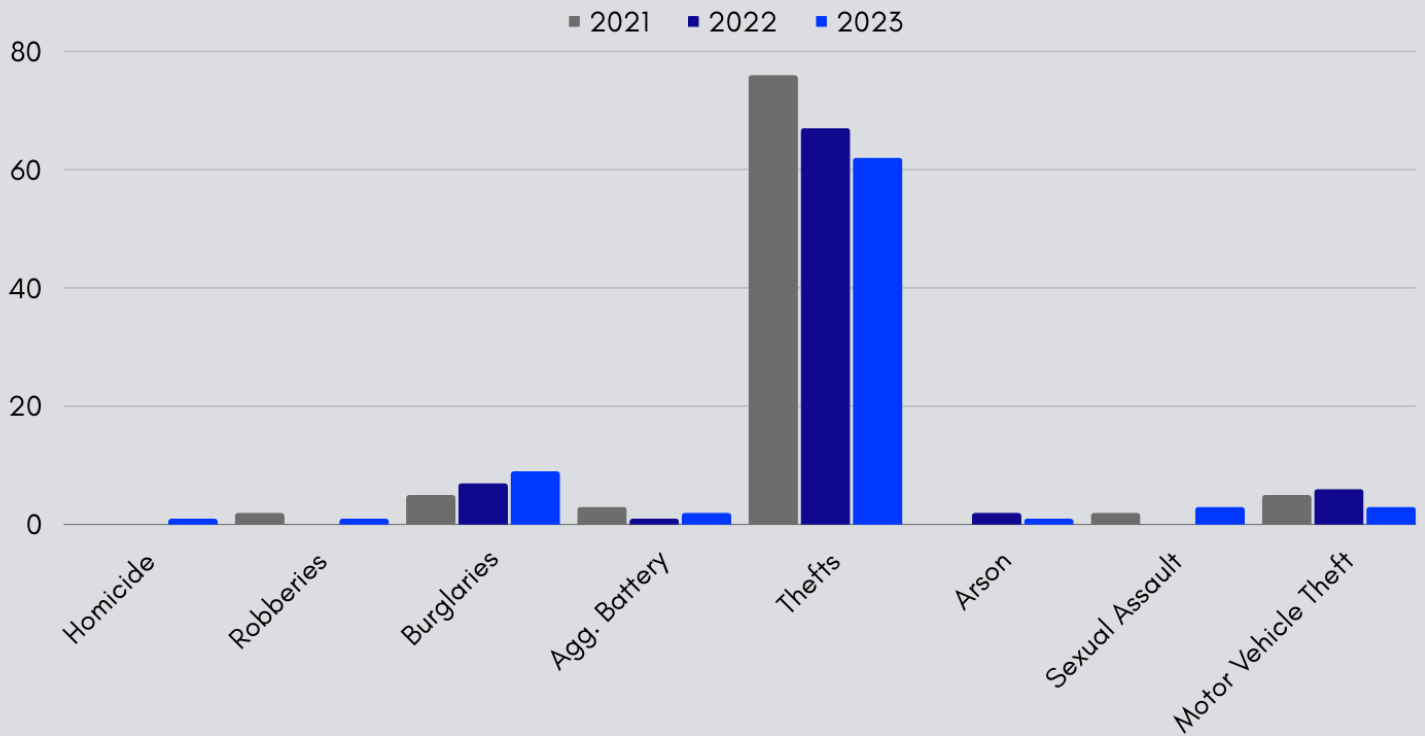
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2023 Part 1 Offense

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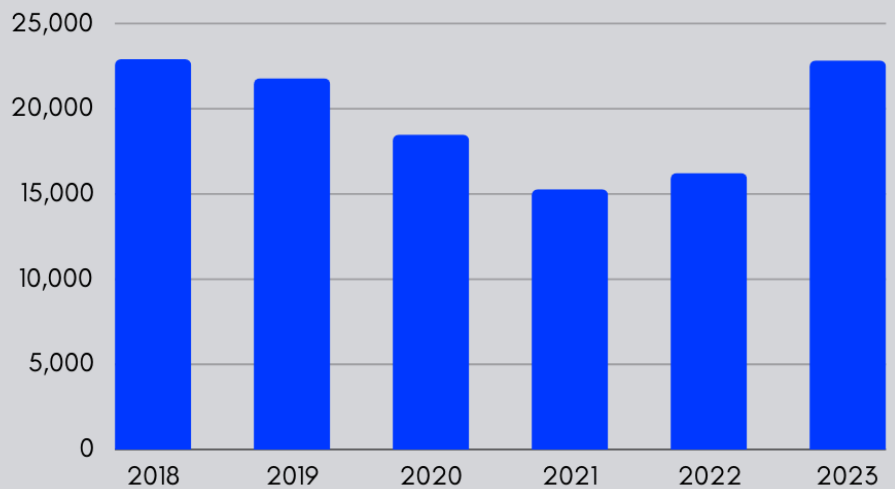
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2022 Part 1 Offense



## CALLS FOR SERVICE

Total self-initiated and citizen generated calls that officers conducted or responded to throughout the year.



# Training



Our training goal is to enhance the professional development of members of this department. We encourage oneself to pursue specialized training to enhance their knowledge, skills and abilities and to strive for specialized assignments and duties. With several training mandates, members of this department completed approximately 3700 of training this year.



## STAFF & COMMAND

Sergeant Latz attended Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command for a 10 week program on leadership and management education.

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3. Community trust building on every call.

ALURORA PD	BARTLETT PD	BOLINGBROOK PD	CARLTON CO SO	CHAMPAIGN CO SO	CHANNANON PD	CLARK CO SO
CREST HILL PD	CRETE PD	DOWNERS GROVE PD	DUPAGE CO SO	EDMONTON POLICE SERVICE	EFFINGHAM CO SO (IL)	
FLORENCE PD (KY)	HAWATHA PD	HIGHLAND PD	HUMBOLDT PD	HUNTLEY PD	JOLIET PD	KANE CO SO
LEWIS UNIVERSITY PD	LONDONDERRY PD	MCCRACKEN CO SD	MCLEAN CO SO	MIDLOTHIAN PD	MINOOKA PD	
NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FINLAND)	NEW LENOX PD	OAK FOREST PD	ORLAND PARK PD	PLAINFIELD PD (IN)		
ROMEDEVILLE PD	SOHEREVILLE PD	SPRINGFIELD PD	US. PRETRIAL SERVICES	USPS - OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL		
US PROBATION - NDIL	VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN PD	WESTMONT PD	WILMETTE PD	WOODRIDGE PD	ZION PD	

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# Training



## Kya

With funds donated by Will County States Attorney Glasgow the department was able to purchase a new canine, equipment for the squad car and training. Officer Picha attended a 4-week canine handler course at Shallow creek, Kennels, Pa. Officer Picha was also able to pick out her partner, Kya. Kya is a one year old Belgian Malinois from Poland. Kya is certified in tracking article searches and narcotics detection.



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Detective Kentgen flew out to Arizona and attended a one week course to become a subject matter expert in geo location analysis of cellular devices.



# Maintaining a Strong Relationship with the Community

One of the department goals and objectives is maintaining a strong relationship with the community in that we encourage every employee to take part & participate in events and programs while collaborating with local business & schools. Enhance our social media as a method to encourage community engagement and exposure.

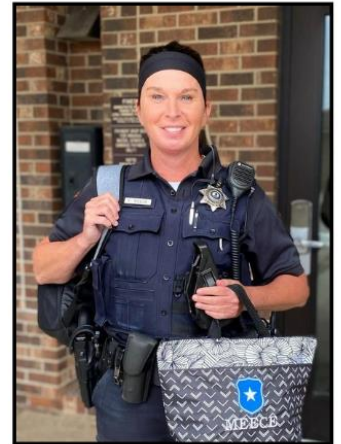


## SRO Presler - Minooka High School Central Campus

The Minooka Police Department assigns two school resource officers to work closely with Minooka's Central Campus High School and Junior High School. The SRO's work closely with school and staff and students to achieve and maintain a professional relationship as both a mentor and educator.

## SRO Meece - District #201 Minooka Jr. High School

SRO's assist the schools in conducting annual safety drills and provide safety and security at various sporting and dance events.



## DARE - Officer Kapinus

While the DARE Program is about teaching students decision making skills. It also provides officers and opportunity to build relationship with our youths.

# Maintaining a Strong Relationship with the Community

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS

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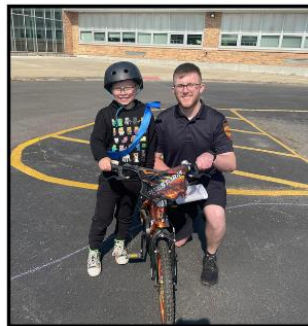
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## COMMUNITY

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# Officer Wellness

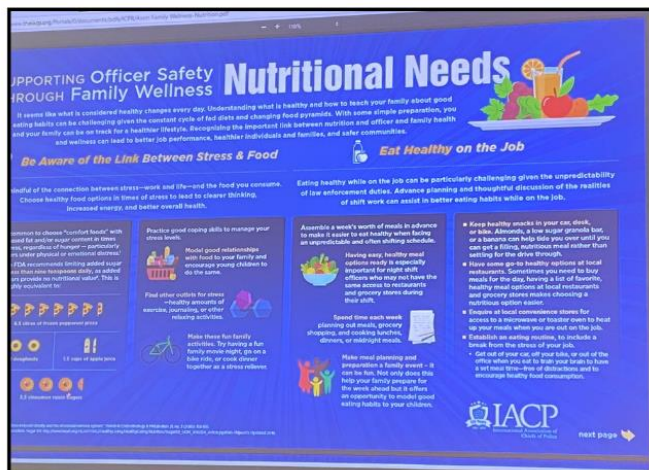


Officer Wellness program is another objective that members focused on this year. The purpose of the wellness program is that it supports our members and retirees with proactive wellness resources, critical incident response and education.

## Department Peer Leaders attending the 100 Club of Illinois Frontline Convention



## Nutrition Class



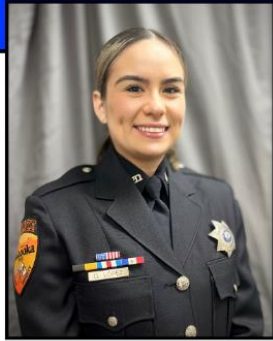
## Retiree Luncheon





# Employee Recognition

Employee of the month is an award given to employees for above and beyond performance for that month.



OFFICER  
LOPEZ  
January



OFFICER  
OOMS  
February



OFFICER  
OOMS  
March



OFFICER  
PICHA  
April



OFFICER  
FOSDICK  
May



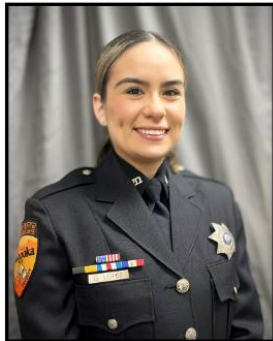
OFFICER  
GHOLSON  
June



OFFICER  
MARTINEZ  
July



MANDY  
DEWHIRST & OFFICER  
PERA  
August



OFFICER  
LOPEZ  
September



OFFICER  
MARTINEZ  
October



OFFICER  
MISCH  
November



MANDY  
DEWHIRST  
December

# Employee Recognition



## 2023 AWARDS

### OFFICER OF THE YEAR



PATROLMAN JOHN MARTINEZ

### LIFE SAVING

DETECTIVE RENEE PARRISH

### GOOD CONDUCT

DEPUTY CHIEF SINOVICH  
SERGEANT MATTHEW CHINSKI  
SERGEANT ROBERT LATZ  
PATROLMAN KIEDRA MEECE  
DETECTIVE RENEE PARRISH

# THANK YOU

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Village President & Trustees and the citizens of Minooka for your continued support this year and previous years. You have made serving you enjoyable! To the men and women of this great department, the goals we have been able to accomplish are a direct result of your hard work.



## CONTACT US

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