

Galesburg Police Department

2020 Annual Report



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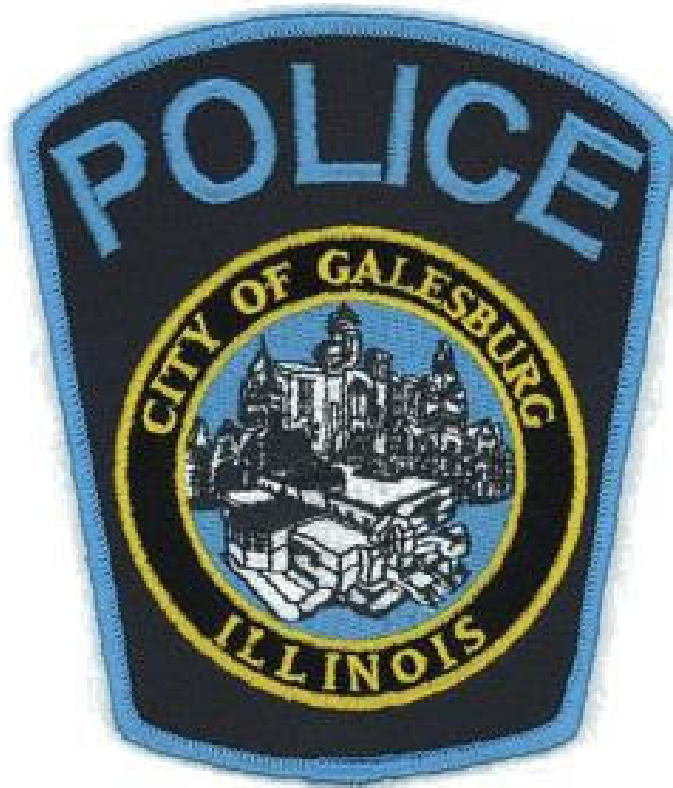
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GALESBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mission Statement



We, the men and women of the Galesburg Police Department, are committed to the proactive and professional delivery of the law enforcement services designed to enhance the quality of life for the Galesburg community while providing traditional and essential public safety services.



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Russell L. Idle, Chief of Police

March 13, 2021

To the Citizens of Galesburg:

It is my pleasure to present the 2020 Galesburg Police Department Annual Report. The 2020 report recounts the efforts and commitment of the men and women of the Police Department as they work cooperatively with the citizens of Galesburg. The members of the Police Department call Galesburg home and work hard to preserve the quality of life we enjoy in our community.

In 2020, the Galesburg Police Department employed: (49) Police Officers, (1) 911 Coordinator, (19) Dispatchers, (4) Public Safety Clerks, (1) Information System employee and (1) Community Service Officer.

The Annual Report serves as an opportunity to reflect on the changes during the year; retirements, new employees, new laws, new and revised policy, improved technology, facility improvements, and all of the life changes those that work at Public Safety have experienced in 2020.

We had two retirements in 2020. Lt. James Bradford retired after 26 years of service. Deputy Chief Rod Riggs retired after 31 years of service. Both these officers served our community well, and we appreciate their dedication to our community.

Four new officers and one new civilian employee joined our agency in 2020. Officers Spencer King, Ross Campbell, Alec Lindemann, and Nathan Lewis have all joined the force. Jenna Claeys was hired as a Records Clerk. Officer Lewis was a lateral transfer and is currently working the street. Officers King, Ross and Campbell have completed the police academy and are currently in training with a training officer.

2020 was another busy year for the Galesburg Police Department with 44,120 calls for service. This was a minor decrease from the 45,364 calls for service in 2019. Officers completed 4,047 crime prevention checks in 2020. Total traffic stops increased to 6,229 while arrest totals decreased to 2,154. There has been a 50% increase in suicide calls for service since 2015 with the 2020 calls for service of 299.

Motor vehicle crash totals for 2020 increased nationwide. A total of 788 vehicle crashes occurred in Galesburg in 2020, compared to 1,115 in 2019. The total number of traffic crashes that resulted in injuries in 2020 was 106. This is down from the total of 127 in 2019.

Reported crime in Galesburg has shown a steady decline since 2005. In 1996, the number of reported crimes against property was 1,613. The number increased gradually during the next ten years peaking at 1,949 in 2005. Three years later, in 2008, the number of crimes against property had fallen to 1,179. Since 2014 crimes against property has fallen steadily to an historic low of 1,041 in 2020.



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Crimes against persons has shown a similar trend with 60 reported in 1996, peaking in 2004 and 2008 with 184 and 194 respectively, followed by a steady decline to 115 in 2013. Crimes against persons are up slightly in 2019 and 2020 with 132 and 135 respectively.

Thanks again to Amanda Jennings, Courtney LaFollette, Jamie Colwell and Wendy Stipp for their work on the 2020 Annual Report.

2020 was an historic year and a new challenge for all of us. The COVID pandemic has caused those of us in public safety to rewrite the rule book. New procedures had to be put in place to protect our personnel while continuing to provide service to the community. I would like to commend the courage and dedication of everyone in the Galesburg Police Department who came to work every day and put it all on the line to serve our great community.

The civil unrest in our nation, has brought focus to the issues related to law enforcement and our relationship with our communities. The tragic events around George Floyd and others put a spot light on the need for law enforcement to take a hard look at how we relate with and protect those we are sworn to serve. Starting in 2019 and continuing into 2020, The Galesburg Police Department has instituted many measures aimed to improve our relationship with our community and to provide transparency in everything that we do. Examples of this include:

Policy requiring a duty to report illegal or inappropriate behavior

Policy requiring a duty to act if an officer violates law or policy to include civil rights

Implementation of body cameras

Signed on to the pillars of understanding with the NAACP

Reform to the use of force and vehicle pursuit policies

Submission of data to the national law enforcement use of force databank

Reform to the citizen complaint and documentation process

Completion and publication of a departmental annual report

The Galesburg Police Department will always strive to be better. We are committed to providing excellence in service to our community. It is the greatest honor of my life to serve as your Chief of Police.

Sincerely,

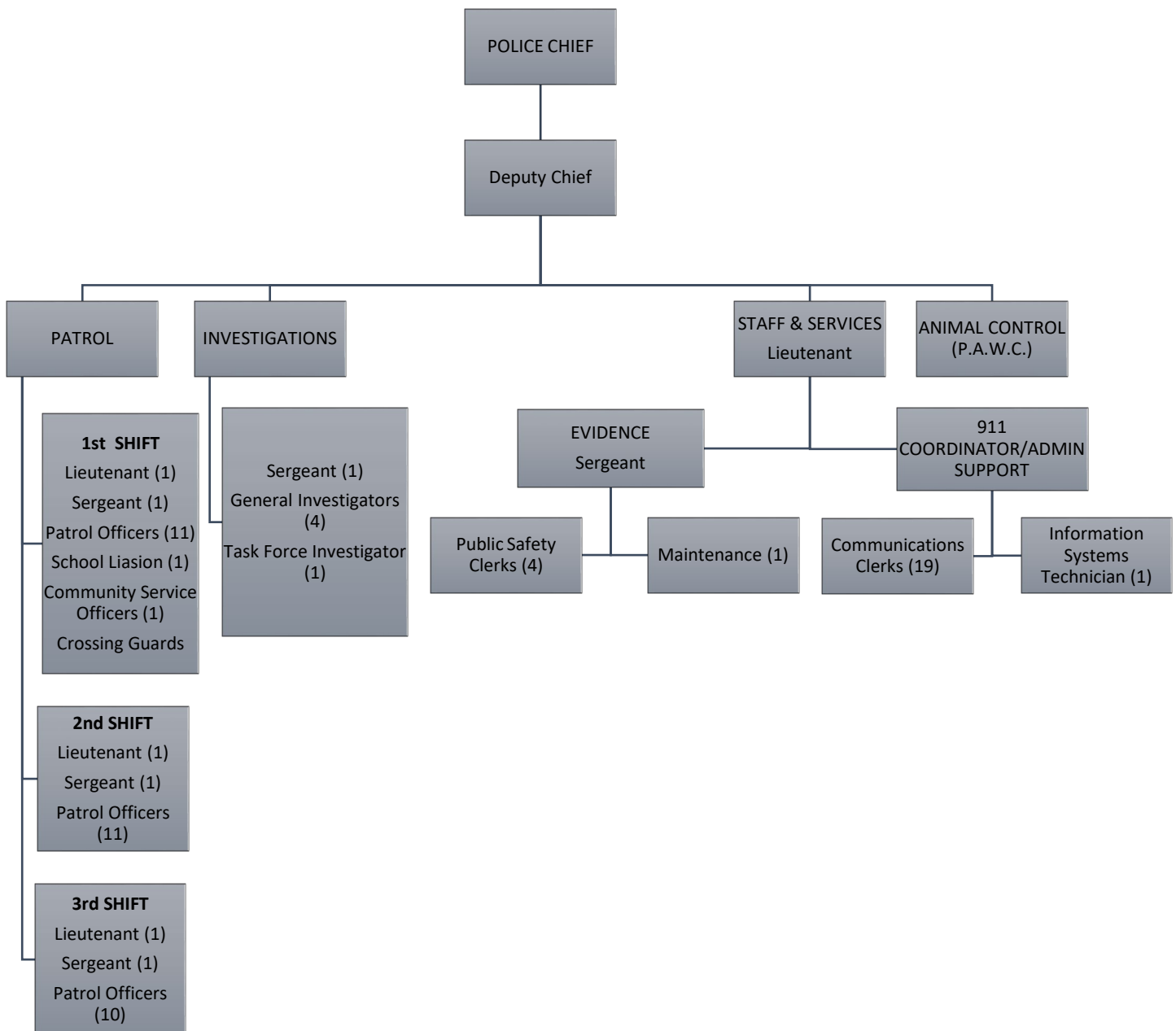
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2020 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

CHIEF OF POLICE

Russell Idle

DEPUTY CHIEF

Daniel Hostens

PATROL

1st SHIFT

Lt. Jason Shaw
Sgt. Terry Boynton

2nd SHIFT

Lt. Darrin Worsfold
Sgt. Ryne Sage

3rd SHIFT

Lt. Bryan Anderson
Sgt. Patrick Kisler

INVESTIGATIONS

SPECIAL OPERATIONS

Sgt. Paul Vannaken

OFFICERS

J. Luna-103(School Liaison)

D. Williams-114

C. Hootman-124

T. Olinger-126

B. Sweeney-128

M. Ingles-130

M. Semington-139

J. Kubis-149

J. Medhurst-152

J. Tapscott-168

OFFICERS

J. Paulsgrove-131

J. Matuszyk-159

K. Cheuk-166

B. Carr-167

J. Taylor-171

A. Schlomer-177

A. Welgat-179

A. Swanson-181

N. Lewis-186

OFFICERS

G. Huwe-148

P. Ruggles-163

A. Buccalo-170

J. Thompson-173

J. Rodriguez-174

C. Beaupre-176

J. Carpenter-182

A. Hardine-183

M. Rasmussen-185

DETECTIVES

M. McLaughlin-129

T. Smith-142

L. Mings-147

K. Winbigler-154

T. Spitzer-178

In Training

S. King-187

R. Campbell-188

A. Lindemann-189

G. Trulson-190

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER

Z. Cox-GCS1

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

STAFF & SERVICES DIVISION

Lt. Steffanie Cromien

EVIDENCE

Sgt. Kevin Legate

911 COORDINATOR/ADMIN. SUPPORT

Amanda Jennings

INFORMATION SYSTEM TECHNICIAN

Cameron LeMaster

COMMUNICATIONS CLERKS

1st SHIFT

L. Haynes
J. Colwell
D. Bower
S. Helms
B. Pierson (Offender Registrar)
K. Pacheco
W. Stipp

2nd SHIFT

J. McEwen
B. Kilpatrick
S. Swanson
V. Dowdal
A. Aldridge

3rd SHIFT

C. Swanson
B. Ingles
A. Smith
A. Buck
S. Ascencio
K. Jones

PUBLIC SAFETY CLERKS

S. Gash
K. Nolan
C. LaFollette
J. Claeys



DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ACTIVITY

RETIREMENTS

Deputy Chief Riggs retired August 14, 2020 with 31.5 years of service
Lieutenant James Bradford retired July 30, 2020 with 26 years of service



NEW EMPLOYEES

Nathan Lewis, Patrol Officer
Spencer King, Patrol Officer
Ross Campbell, Patrol Officer
Alec Lindemann, Patrol Officer
Ken Jones, Communications Clerk
Jenna Claeys, Public Safety Clerk
Zeus, K9



Officer Lewis



Officer King

YEARS OF SERVICE

25 Years- Officer Joseph Luna

20 Years- Lt. Jason Shaw, Sgt. Patrick Kisler, Leslie Haynes

10 Years- Det. Kyle Winbigler, Officer Jake Medhurst, Beth Pierson, Christine Swanson

5 Years- Officer Blake Carr, Officer Kwan Cheuk, Officer Jared Tapscott, Wendy Stipp

INVESTIGATIONS

2020 TOTALS

SEARCH WARRANTS – 137

*Majority issued for phones, social media and documents

VEHICLE IMPOUNDS – 263

IMPOUNDS PAID – 190 (\$95,000)

190 Follow ups were resolved by administratively closing or by an arrest



Noteworthy Cases

- 2 Homicide cases resulting in the arrest of Julio Flores (September 2, 2020) and Shamere Kimble (April 25, 2020)
- 1 Drug Conspiracy case resulting in the arrest of Michael and Dean Bicknell (August 1, 2020)
- 4 Shootings resulting in the arrest of Garret Grice (July 5, 2020), Keith Scott (October 10, 2020), Nolan Miner (April 19, 2020) and Lea Halsey (January 2, 2020)
- 1 Shooting/Suicide of Russell Calhoun (August 3, 2020)

Additional Duties

- Knox County Housing Liaison
- Knox County Drug Court Liaison
- Knox County States Attorney Liaison
- Child Advocacy Center Board Member
- ILEAS Special Response Team
- ILEAS Mobile Field Force
- F.B.I. Task Force Officer

TIPS REPORTED TO CRIME STOPPERS

TOTAL TIPS	81
TOTAL TIPS RESULTING IN ARREST	23
TOTAL REWARDS	\$3,150.00



Crime Stoppers is comprised of diverse, active and dedicated community representatives. Crime Stoppers provides a method for local law enforcement to receive information on crimes. These efforts increase tips, which in turn increase arrests in our community.

Starting in June of 2020, the Galesburg Area Crime Stoppers purchased a new database from P3 Software. This database allows tipsters to download the P3 app to their mobile phone. Tipsters remain anonymous through this service.

The Galesburg Area Crime Stoppers also established a website, through P3 Software. The website is:

www.galesburgcrimestoppers.com

Subjects that view the website can download the P3 app from the website or they can submit an anonymous tip from the website.

K-9 DIVISION



Canine Ajax retires after 6 years of service!



Investigator Winbigler placing Cairo's retirement plaque on the GPD's K9 Legacy board

Zeus works alongside Officer Jacob Taylor and specializes in both the detection of illegal drugs as well as tracking of people and articles



2020 K9 Stats

- Cannabis seized – 30 lbs.
- Methamphetamine seized – 1.2 lbs.
- Cocaine seized – 1.2 lbs.
- Prescription pills seized – 150 illegal pills



K9 Zeus receives a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from a non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc.

GALESBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT

SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM

The Galesburg Police Department maintains a twenty-two man Special Response Team (SRT) supervised by a Team Commander, Assistant Team Commander and two Team Leaders.

History has proven that the presence of a highly skilled and trained special response team substantially reduces the risk of injury or death to citizens, police officers, and suspects. A specially trained and equipped response team can provide an essential tool for the resolution of many types of critical incidents.

Currently the Galesburg Police Department SRT trains a minimum of 48 Hours per year on the following topics:

Advanced Firearms Training (Pistol & Rifle)

High Risk Search Warrant Execution

Meth Certified / Lab Dismantling

Dynamic and Covert Clearing Techniques

Close Quarter Battle Training

Mechanical Breeching

Vehicle Takedowns / Extractions

Suspect Apprehension and Control

Downed Officer Rescue

Barricade / Hostage rescue Response

Active Shooter / Acts of Violence Response

Emergency First Aid / Officer Self Aid Medical



All team members go through a selection process prior to becoming a team member. All team members are required to maintain a specific level of fitness and pass an annual physical agility test.

The Galesburg Police Department SRT has been involved in the execution of numerous High Risk Narcotic and Felony apprehension Search Warrants. The Team has worked with outside Agencies to include the Knox County Sheriff's Department, Illinois State Police, D.E.A., U. S Marshall Service and F.B.I.



AT THE DEPARTMENT

In the fall of 2020, the Galesburg Police Department purchased all new 2020 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Hybrids equipped with the newest technology.



Each squad is equipped with Getac tablets (including keyboards) in-car camera systems and body worn cameras.



GALESBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT

YEAR TO YEAR COMPARISON ICIS CRIME RELATED ACTIVITY

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS	2020	2019
MURDER/NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	2	0
CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT	27	35
ROBBERY	14	13
AGGRAVATED BATTERY	62	64
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	30	20
SUB-TOTAL	135	132

CRIME AGAINST PROPERTY	2020	2019
BURGLARY	196	234
THEFT	763	979
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	79	36
ARSON	3	1
SUB-TOTAL	1,041	1,403

ARRESTS	2020	2019
TOTAL ARRESTS: JUVENILE	63	97
TOTAL ARRESTS: ADULT	1,956	2,504
TOTAL ARRESTS: JUVENILE - ADMIN TICKET	19	56
TOTAL ARRESTS: ADULT - ADMIN TICKET	116	541
TOTAL ARRESTS	2,154	3,198

STOLEN VEHICLES RECOVERED	52	24
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SELECTED ACTIVITY	2020	2019
CURFEW VIOLATION	6	10
TRUANCY VIOLATION	0	1
CANNABIS VIOLATION	59	52
CONTROL SUBSTANCE VIOLATION	55	49
METHAMPHETAMINE VIOLATION ACT	116	134
DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	49	77
ILLEGAL POSSESSION LIQUOR BY A MINOR	0	1
ILLEGAL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR BY A MINOR	2	1
BURGLARY/ROBBERY ALARMS	577	537
FIRE ALARMS	366	444
MISSING PERSON: ADULT	17	22
MISSING PERSON: JUVENILE	54	55

SUICIDE	6	6
SUICIDE ATTEMPTS	19	17
TRAFFIC RELATED ACTIVITY		
ADMINISTRATIVE TICKETS	2020	2019
POLICE DEPARTMENT TOTAL	404	599
OTHER DEPARMENTS TOTAL	121	117
GRAND TOTAL	525	716
CITATIONS/MOVING	2020	2019
CITATIONS	1,039	1,215
WRITTEN WARNINGS	1,658	2,965
ADMINSTRATIVE	525	716
TOTAL MOVING ISSUED	3,222	4,896
ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS	2020	2019
FATAL ACCIDENTS	0	1
INJURY ACCIDENTS	106	127
NON-INJURY ACCIDENTS	682	760
TOTAL ACCIDENTS REPORTED	788	1,115
TELEPHONE CALLS	2020	2019
911 CALLS	22,788	24,156
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	44,120	45,364
REPORTS COMPLETED	7,614	7,956
CRIME PREVENTION CHECKS	2020	2019
BAR CHECKS	964	675
BUSINESS CHECKS	4,808	2,276
HOUSING CHECKS	3,151	1,668
PARK CHECKS	2,925	1,562
SCHOOL CHECKS	923	405
VACATION CHECKS	199	99
SUB-TOTAL CRIME PREVENTION CHECKS	4,047	2,066
TRAFFIC STOPS	6,229	3,847
TOTAL CRIME PREVENTION	10,276	5,913

Citizen Complaints for 2020

Unfounded – 11

Not Sustained – 6

Sustained – 2

Explanations

Unfounded: Allegation is false or not factual, or that the accused employee was not involved in the incident.

Not Sustained- Insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the incident.

Exonerated- Action was proper and lawful.

Sustained- Allegation was supported by the investigation.

Use of Force Incidents by Month

Month	Non-Deadly Force	Less Lethal Force	Deadly Force Displayed	Deadly Force Used	Injury Reported	Injury Treated	Totals
January	3	3	0	0	3	3	12
February	2	2	1	0	3	3	11
March	3	2	0	0	3	3	11
April	1	2	1	0	1	1	6
May	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
June	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
July	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
August	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
September	2	2	0	0	0	0	4
October	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
November	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
December	2	2	0	0	0	0	4
Total	16	20	2	0	10	10	38

Non-deadly force includes all empty-hand techniques used beyond handcuffing. Less lethal force includes the use or threat of use of any intermediate weapon not designed to cause great bodily harm or death (taser, baton, O.C. etc.). Deadly force includes the use or threat of use of force intended to or having the potential of causing great bodily harm or death. Injury reported means any injury, regardless of severity reported by subject as a result of the use of force. Treated injuries are all injuries where treatment was requested and subject was evaluated by medical personnel regardless of severity.

Communications Division

The Communications Center is comprised of four dispatch consoles and three back up work stations. The Communications Center is responsible for receiving calls and dispatching for all incidents in Knox County including law enforcement, fire, and EMS. Telecommunicators (dispatchers) and Telephone Systems Operators are also responsible for processing warrants, order of protections, stolen property, missing persons, officer reports and several other records.

Records Division

The Records Division consists of four full-time and one part-time Public Safety Clerks. Clerks are responsible for answering the main telephone switchboard for the City of Galesburg, assisting citizens in our lobby, and maintaining the Department's records. This includes processing public requests for records and reports.

Galesburg/Knox County Public Safety YEAR END TOTALS - 2020	
RECORD CHECKS	81
SUBPOENA RESPONSE (PAID)	16
TAXI PERMIT CHECKS	23
ACCIDENT REPORTS	49
FOIA (information on CD, DVD, photos, calls)	59
FINGERPRINTING	39
	267
<u>No Charge Releases:</u>	
DCFS	402
STATES ATTORNEY	1298
CITY ATTORNEY	47
JUVENILE COURT SERVICES	67
TEEN COURT	12
US PROBATION / PEORIA PAROLE	115
LEXIS NEXIS	80
MILITARY	13
LIQUOR COMMISSION	109
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS	796
US OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT / ANASEC	122
ADULT PROBATION	12
ILLINOIS STATE POLICE	82
GAMING BOARD	3
HOUSING	1
OTHER AGENCIES	172
MISCELLANEOUS	93
NON-PAID SUBPOENAS	80
	3504

Criminal Offender Registration

Certain convicted offenders are required to register with the Galesburg/Knox County Criminal Offender Registration Administrator located at the Galesburg Public Safety Building. The administrator is an employee of the Galesburg Police Department. Offender registration requirements vary depending on charge as set by State Statute. Registration time frames are mandated yearly, quarterly, or weekly. Offenders are also required to register within three days any change of address, phone number, employment, education, vehicles driven, computer sites, scars, marks, and tattoos. The Administrator works with numerous agencies including the Attorney General's Office, U.S. Marshals, Illinois State Police, State's Attorney Office, Parole, Probation, Correctional and Juvenile Detention facilities, and sex offender units and investigation departments throughout the country. Additional duties are attending court hearings as requested, assisting with mapping, and maintaining the database for the Illinois State Police and Knox County sex offender websites.

2020 REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER STATS

CITY	
REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS (CHILD VICTIMS)	98
REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS (ADULT VICTIMS)	7
REGISTERED JUVENILE SEX OFFENDERS	13
FEMALE REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS	2
MALE REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS	103
DUE QUARTERLY	41
DUE ANNUALLY	64
TOTAL REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS	105
REGISTRATION VIOLATION ARRESTS	12
COUNTY	
REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS (CHILD VICTIMS)	41
REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS (ADULT VICTIMS)	1
REGISTERED JUVENILE SEX OFFENDERS	2
FEMALE REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS	2
MALE REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS	40
DUE QUARTERLY	7
DUE ANNUALLY	35
TOTAL REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS	42
REGISTRATION VIOLATION ARRESTS	3
CITY AND COUNTY	
REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS (CHILD VICTIMS)	139
REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS (ADULT VICTIMS)	8
REGISTERED JUVENILE SEX OFFENDERS	15
FEMALE REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS	4
MALE REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS	143
DUE QUARTERLY	48
DUE ANNUALLY	99
TOTAL REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS	147
REGISTRATION VIOLATION ARRESTS	15
NUMBER OF VISITS THAT REQUIRED AN ENTRY	698

2020 REGISTERED MURDERER/VIOLENT OFFENDER AGAINST YOUTH STATS

CITY	
REGISTERED MURDERERS	5
REGISTERED VIOLENT OFFENDERS AGAINST YOUTH	14
FEMALE MURDERERS	0
MALE MURDERERS	5
FEMALE VIOLENT OFFENDERS AGAINST YOUTH	2
MALE VIOLENT OFFENDERS AGAINST YOUTH	11
TOTAL MURDERERS & VIOLENT OFFENDERS AGAINST YOUTH	19
REGISTRATION VIOLATION ARRESTS	2
COUNTY	
REGISTERED MURDERERS	2
REGISTERED VIOLENT OFFENDERS AGAINST YOUTH	3
FEMALE MURDERERS	0
MALE MURDERERS	2
FEMALE VIOLENT OFFENDERS AGAINST YOUTH	1
MALE VIOLENT OFFENDERS AGAINST YOUTH	2
TOTAL MURDERERS AND VIOLENT OFFENDERS AGAINST YOUTH	5
REGISTRATION VIOLATION ARRESTS	0
CITY AND COUNTY	
REGISTERED MURDERERS	7
REGISTERED VIOLENT OFFENDERS AGAINST YOUTH	17
FEMALE MURDERERS	0
MALE MURDERERS	7
FEMALE VIOLENT OFFENDERS AGAINST YOUTH	3
MALE VIOLENT OFFENDERS AGAINST YOUTH	13
TOTAL MURDERERS AND VIOLENT OFFENDERS AGAINST YOUTH	24
REGISTRATION VIOLATION ARRESTS	2
NUMBER OF VISITS THAT REQUIRED AN ENTRY	67

2020 Annual Shop with a Cop 🎅



Due to Covid19 restrictions Officer Kubis provided gift cards for this year's annual Shop with a Cop program to the Center for Youth & Family Services to distribute.



Committees

In 2019, two civilian committees were created for public education and employee morale/wellness. In addition to the benefits of each committee another goal is to provide civilian leadership opportunities. Membership is voluntary and meetings are typically held monthly. Due to COVID in 2020 activities were limited but the Committees still found ways to serve.

PUBLIC EDUCATION MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Public Education Committee is to educate the public on the 9-1-1 services available to them and aid in signing them up for those services. To foster a positive relationship between the dispatchers and the public they serve. This committee will strive to better 9-1-1 services and public relations within the community.

Public Education- 2020 Activities:

- Created 9-1-1 education posters for the community
- Posted to Department's Facebook page with education messages
- Passed out Halloween goodies bags in the PSB Lobby

Current Roster- Jamie Colwell (Chairperson), Victoria Dowdal (Secretary), Kelsy Pacheco (Treasurer), Sara Helms, Jessica McEwen, Beth Pierson, Christine Swanson and Amanda Buck



Kelsy Pacheco, Victoria Dowdal, Sara Helms, Amanda Buck and Jamie Colwell are pictured stuffing treat bags for Trick or Treating

WELLNESS AND MORALE MISSION STATEMENT

The Wellness and Morale committee shall foster a positive working environment. Motivational and encouraging words will have a positive impact for the department. This group will encourage and support personal and professional productivity. Members shall exemplify integrity, professionalism and compassion for others. We will strive to achieve excellence through developing new methods, as well as instilling those positive prior practices. Overall, this committee will promote a healthier lifestyle that will have a positive impact on the individuals mind, body, and ultimately higher satisfaction in the workplace environment.

Wellness & Morale- 2020 Activities:

- Weekly Dress Down Days- Fundraiser for charity
- Department decorating for holidays
- Passed out goodie bags to employees for certain holidays
- Pass out notes of encouragement and kudos for certain calls handled such as a baby delivery
- Have health events: Biggest Loser Challenge and Water Contests

Current Roster- Amanda Buck (Chairperson), Victoria Dowdal (Secretary), Kelsy Pacheco (Treasurer), Jamie Colwell, Sara Helms, Jessica McEwen, Beth Pierson and Christine Swanson

Special Events



Officer Rodriguez and Officer Buccalo handing out treat bags during Trick or Treating



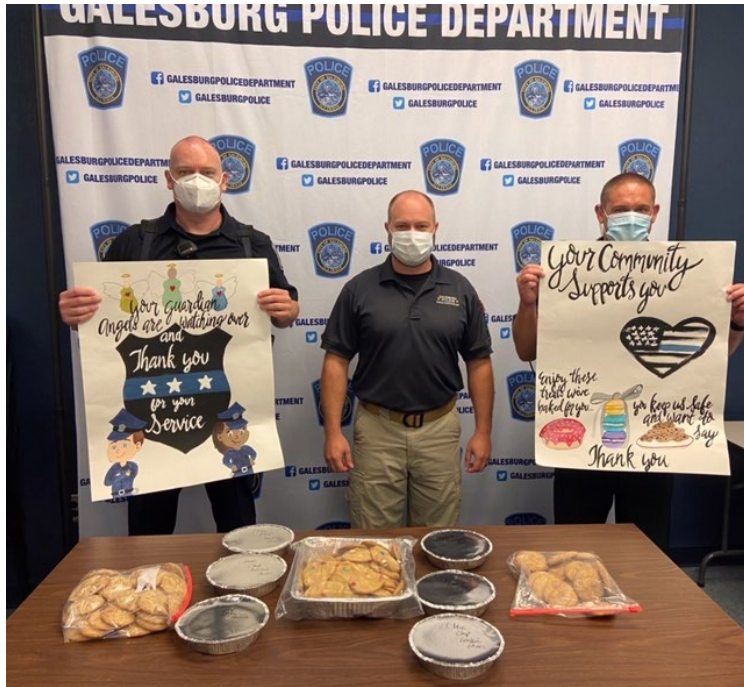
Special Events



Officer Luna and Officer Williams assist students with Galesburg High School Student Council's Trunk or Treat



Community Support



The Galesburg Police Department received many generous donations from local businesses and residents in our community during the COVID19 pandemic. THANK YOU!!!

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!!!!



thank you!



Galesburg Area Crime Stoppers Officer of the Year!



Officer Maggie Semington for being chosen as the Galesburg Area Crime Stoppers Officer of the Year for 2019. Officer Semington is a 15 year veteran of the Galesburg Police Department. Officer Semington leads the department in proactive patrol activities.

Officer Semington was nominated for her response to a call of a suicidal subject on the I-74 bridge. The subject was seated on the ledge of the bridge and would not come off. The subject continued to move closer to the edge. Officer Semington risked her own safety to wrap her arms around the subject and pull them off the ledge. Her heroic actions not only saved this person's life, but prevented injury to the drivers on the instate below.

"Officer Semington is a hardworking and committed officer, dedicated to serving the Galesburg community." stated Chief Russ Idle.