



Galesburg Police Department

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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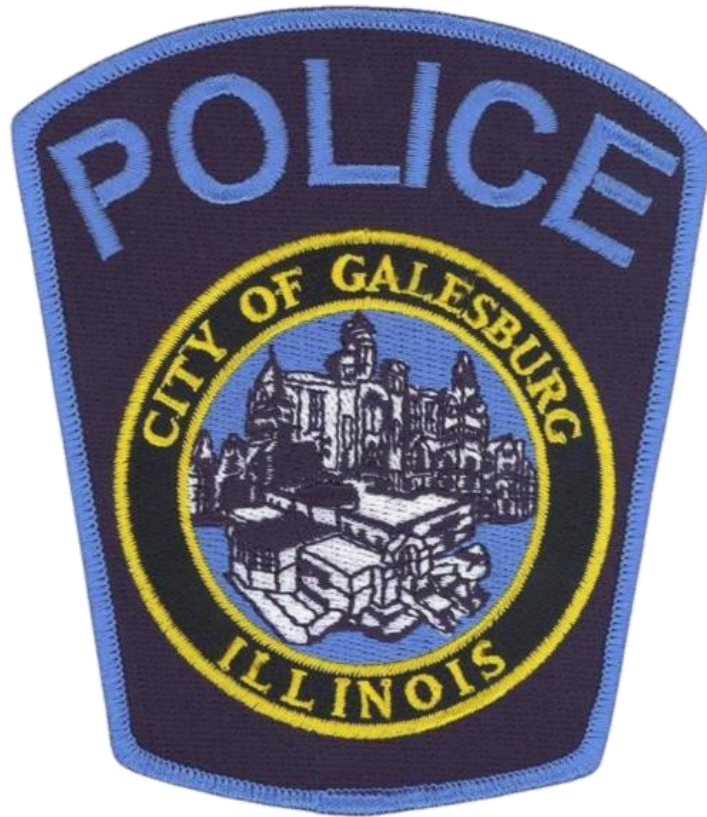
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Mission Statement



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

Vision Statement



Through innovative thinking and goal setting, we are committed to delivering unparalleled service to our community to enhance quality of life. We will continue to strengthen community relationships and public trust while striving for community excellence through employee development, self-discipline, and strong leadership.



City of Galesburg

Operating Under Council - Manager Government Since 1957
Russell L. Idle, Chief of Police

To the Citizens of Galesburg:

It is my pleasure to present the 2023 Galesburg Police Department Annual Report. The 2023 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 2023, the Galesburg Police Department employed: (53) Police Officers, (1) 911 Coordinator, (20) Dispatchers, (6) Public Safety Clerks, (2) Information System employees and (3) Community Service Officers.

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 2023.

Deputy Chief Daniel Hostens retired on May 12, 2023 with over 26 years of service. He served our Department and community very well and we appreciate his dedication.

Nine new officers and eight new civilian employees joined our agency in 2023. Officers Phillip Parks, Jared Tapscott, Kyle Small, Amber Schlomer and Gabriel Trulson all joined as lateral officers. The other four officers attended 16 weeks at the police academy.

It was another busy year for the Galesburg Police Department with 49,731 calls for service. Officers completed 4,369 crime prevention checks in 2023 and total arrests were 2,072.

A total of 845 vehicle crashes occurred in Galesburg in 2023, compared to 1,202 in 2022. The total number of traffic crashes that resulted in injuries in 2023 was 108. This is a significant decrease from the total of 314 in 2022.

Reported crime in Galesburg has also decreased. Last year the total number of crimes against property was 995 compared to the 2022 total of 1,279. Crimes against persons reported in 2023 was 144 which is dramatic decrease from the 2022 total of 290.

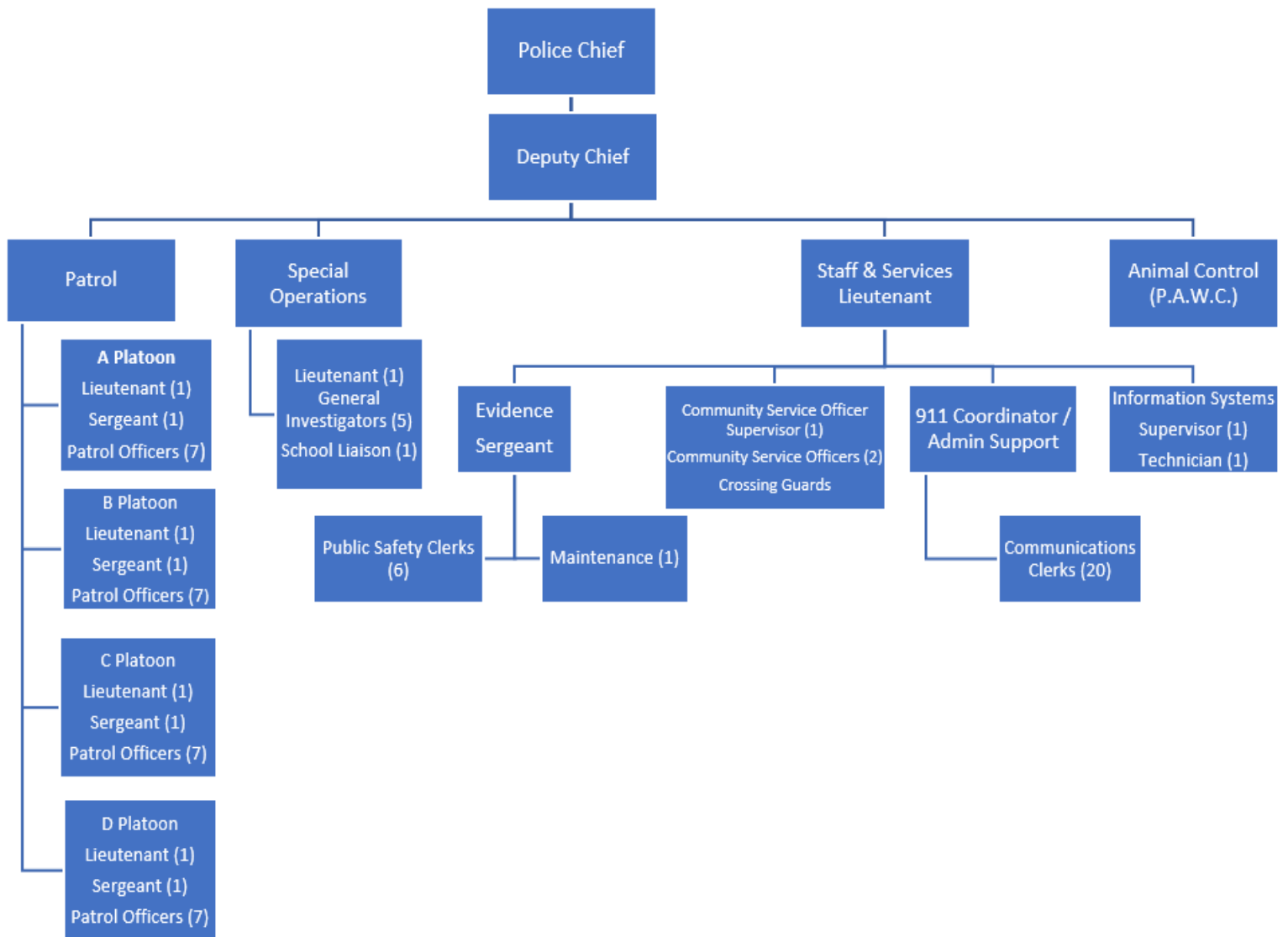
Many thanks to the civilian staff for their work on the 2023 Annual Report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Russell L. Idle'.

Russell L. Idle
Chief of Police

2023 Organizational Chart



Department Personnel



CHIEF OF POLICE

Russell Idle



DEPUTY CHIEF

Kevin Legate

PATROL

PLATOON A

Lt. Jason Shaw

Sgt. Mark McLaughlin

PLATOON B

Lt. Steffanie Cromien

Sgt. Lane Mings

PLATOON C

Lt. Patrick Kisler

Sgt. Kyle Winbigler

PLATOON D

Lt. Ryne Sage

Sgt. Maggie Semington

OFFICERS

J. Matuszyk-159

J. Thompson-173

S. Countryman- 193

E. Pearson- 195

K. Rogers- 208

P. Parks- 210

J. Tapscott-211

OFFICERS

J. Paulsgrove-131

J. Kubis-149

B. Carr-167

J. Taylor-171

C. Pullen- 200

J. Pawlak- 205

G. Trulson-218

OFFICERS

P. Ruggles-163

M. Rasmussen-185

N. Lewis-186

C. Woodbury- 199

M. Duran- 202

K. Ramirez- 209

A. Schlomer-217

C. Perez- 215

OFFICERS

A. Hardine- 183

M. Howard-192

R. Torres – 194

A. Harpin- 196

P. Hayes- 201

N. Harlan- 206

K. Small-212

J. Walsten- 216

SPECIAL OPERATIONS

Lt. Paul Vannaken

DETECTIVES

T. Olinger-126 (School Liaison)

M. Ingles-130

T. Smith-142

A. Buccalo-170

T. Spitzer-178

A. Swanson- 181

IN TRAINING

K. Palacios- 219

T. Lowe-220

Department Personnel

STAFF & SERVICES DIVISION

Lt. Bryan Anderson

EVIDENCE

Sgt. Christopher Hootman

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Ray Martinez- Supervisor
Joshua Simons- Technician

COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICERS

T. Oligney-Estill – GCS1, Supervisor
J. Fox – GCS2
J. Harrison – GCS3

911 COORDINATOR

Amanda Jennings

COMMUNICATIONS CLERKS

1ST SHIFT

J. Colwell (Staff & Services Admin Clerk)
D. Bower (Offender Registrar)
C. Swanson
J. Spurrier
B. McLaughlin
A. Aldridge
T. Schmidt
T. Links
D. Sebben- In Training
A. Small- In Training

2ND SHIFT

S. Swanson
V. Dowdal
J. Gaard
J. Tucker
T. Burris

3RD SHIFT

B. Ingles
A. Courson
A. Buck
S. Ascencio
K. Jones

PUBLIC SAFETY CLERKS

S. Gash
K. Nolan
M. Simkins
J. Hunt
B. Carr
J. Magness



Department Personnel Activity

RETIREMENTS

Deputy Chief Daniel Hostens retired May 14, 2023 with 26 years of service.



NEW EMPLOYEES

Phillip Parks Jr, Patrol Officer

Jared Tapscott, Patrol Officer

Kyle Small, Patrol Officer

Cesar Perez, Patrol Officer

Jonathan Walsten, Patrol Officer

Amber Schlomer, Patrol Officer

Gabriel Trulson, Patrol Officer

Kristal Palacios, Patrol Officer

Tanner Lowe, Patrol Officer

Tori Links, Communications Clerk

Dylan Sebben, Communications Clerk

Abigail Small, Communications Clerk

Brittini Carr, Public Safety Clerk

James Harrison, Community Service Officer

Jessica Magness, Public Safety Clerk

Joshua Simons, PSB IT

Raymundo Martinez, PSB IT Supervisor



Officer Perez



Officer Parks

YEARS OF SERVICE

25 Years- Sadel Gash

20 Years- Sergeant Mark McLaughlin, Detective Mike Ingles

15 Years- Lieutenant Ryne Sage, Sergeant Lane Mings, Officer James Kubis

5 Years- Detective Timothy Spitzer

Special Operations

2023 TOTALS

Search Warrants Written / Executed: 81

Vehicles Impounded: 148

Impounds Paid: total of \$144,000

Cases Referred: 65

Cases Worked/ Resolved: 152



NOTEWORTHY CASES

- 2 Attempted Homicide cases resulting in the arrest of 3 individuals.
- 1 Armed Robbery case resulting in the arrest of 2 individuals with 2 suspects with outstanding warrants.
- 1 Burglary case to a local department store resulting in the arrest of 3 individuals.
- 1 Kidnapping/Criminal Sex Abuse case resulting in the arrest of an individual.
- The Special Operations Unit gained three new investigators in 2023 and all three are doing an excellent job. They are continuing to focus on digital forensics for solving a majority of cases and looking to expand their abilities going forward. This year, the unit did not have anyone assigned to the FBI Task force, which resulted in a slight decrease in criminal narcotics cases, but in 2024 someone will be assigned back to the task force.

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

The Investigators assigned to the Special Operations Unit continue to perform at a high level and are doing a great job in closing cases with arrests.

GALESBURG AREA CRIME STOPPERS STATISTICAL REPORT

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.

If you have a tip, please call 309-344-0044 or go to the City of Galesburg website https://www.ci.galesburg.il.us/government/departments/crime_stoppers.php to submit an online tip.

TOTAL TIPS	136
TOTAL TIPS RESULTING IN ARREST	42
TOTAL REWARDS	\$2,150.00

K-9 Unit

2023 CRIMINAL INTERDICTION STATISTICS

203 grams Cannabis seized
27 grams Methamphetamine seized
\$173,985 US Currency seized
1 Firearm seized



K-9 Zeus is partnered with his handler Officer Jake Taylor, and has been with the department since November 2019. Zeus is trained in narcotic detection, evidence recovery, tracking, and handler protection.

This year Zeus was deployed 42 times. Zeus also found evidence from a stabbing.

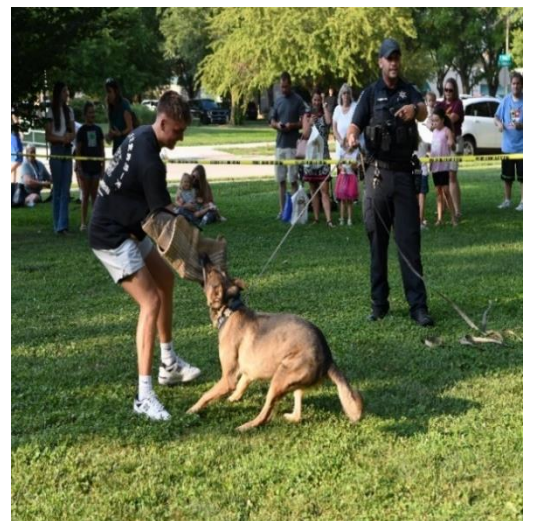


K-9 Dax is partnered with Officer Jake Thompson, and has been with the department since May 2021. Dax is also trained in narcotic detection, tracking, evidence recovery, and handler protection.

This year Dax was deployed 50 times. Dax had two apprehensions this year which resulted with no dog bites in both instances.



Officer Taylor with K-9 Zeus giving a demonstration at the National Night Out event



Special Response Team

The Galesburg Police Department maintains an eighteen-man Special Response Team (SRT) supervised by a Team Commander, Tactical Commander, and three Team Leaders, along with deputies from Knox County Sheriff's Department.

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
- Covert Clearing Techniques
- Close Quarter Battle Training
- Mechanical Breeching
- Vehicle Takedowns
- Extractions Suspect Apprehension
- 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. 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 Illinois State Police, D.E.A., US Marshals Service, and F.B.I.

Statistics

GALESBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT

YEAR TO YEAR COMPARISON ICIS CRIME RELATED ACTIVITY

CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS	2023	2022
MURDER/NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	2	3
CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT	32	31
ROBBERY	16	6
AGGRAVATED BATTERY/ASSAULT	94	250
SUB TOTAL	144	290
CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY	2023	2022
BURGLARY	170	284
THEFT	751	894
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	69	96
ARSON	5	5
SUB TOTAL	995	1,279
ARRESTS	2023	2022
TOTAL ARRESTS: JUVENILE	78	88
TOTAL ARRESTS: ADULT	1,994	2,218
TOTAL ARRESTS	2,072	2,306
STOLEN VEHICLES RECOVERED	27	69
SELECTED ACTIVITY	2023	2022
CURFEW VIOLATION	6	6
TRUANCY VIOLATION	4	2
CANNABIS VIOLATION	122	101
CONTROL SUBSTANCE VIOLATION	20	32
METHAMPHETAMINE VIOLATION ACT	65	64
DRUG PARAPHERNALIA	12	45
ILLEGAL POSSESSION LIQUOR BY A MINOR	0	0
ILLEGAL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR BY A MINOR	1	10
BURGLARY/ROBBERY ALARMS	529	602
FIRE ALARMS	451	582
MISSING PERSON: ADULT	21	26
MISSING PERSON: JUVENILE	33	40
SUICIDE	2	4
SUICIDE ATTEMPS	21	11

Statistics Continued

TRAFFIC RELATED ACTIVITY

ADMINISTRATIVE TICKETS	2023	2022
POLICE DEPARTMENT TOTAL	616	307
GRAND TOTAL	616	307

CITATIONS/MOVING	2023	2022
CITATIONS	2,969	2,564
WRITTEN WARNINGS	2,985	1,659
TOTAL MOVING ISSUED	5,954	4,223

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS	2023	2022
FATAL ACCIDENTS	1	0
INJURY ACCIDENTS	108	314
NON-INJURY ACCIDENTS	736	888
TOTAL ACCIDENTS REPORTED	845	1,202

TELEPHONE CALLS	2023	2022
911 CALLS	25,870	24,305
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	49,731	46,302
REPORTS COMPLETED	8,692	8,248

CRIME PREVENTION CHECKS	2023	2022
BUILDING CHECKS (INCLUDES SCHOOLS, HOSPITAL, BUSINESSES)	2,484	2,249
HOUSING CHECKS	904	1,310
PARK CHECKS	981	950
SUB-TOTAL CRIME PREVENTION CHECKS	4,369	4,691
TRAFFIC STOPS	4,570	2,260
TOTAL CRIME PREVENTION CHECKS	8,939	6,951

Citizen Complaints for 2023

Unfounded – 13

Not Sustained – 3

Exonerated- 17

Sustained – 7

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.

Bridgeway Co-Responder Statistics

	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	
Active calls responded to pertaining to MH and/or SU	10	10	20	19	25	19	11	33	16	
Active calls responded to that led to deflection/other	5	5	19	15	20	16	10	29	14	
Active calls that led to arrest	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	
Active call that led to ED transport	2	5	1	3	4	3	1	2	1	
Referrals made to LE BH Co Responder	8	20	36	24	33	29	15	13	15	
Contact made:phone calls, home visits, office	5	54	46	69	98	66	67	39	61	
Total contacts made	23	84	102	112	157	114	93	85	92	862

Bridgeway and Galesburg Police Department have partnered together to bring a behavioral health co-responder to the department to help with the increase of mental health calls. A co-responder is a trained professional that assists officers on calls that pertain to mental health. The co-responder's purpose is to improve the safety of both officers and residents while on these calls. They also help connect residents to different resources, treatments, and other services in the community. Samantha Wike is the co-responder for Galesburg Police Department. Samantha's office is located at the Galesburg Public Safety Building, 150 S Broad St Galesburg, IL.

BRIDGEWAY

Communication Unit

The Communications Center is comprised of four primary dispatch consoles and two 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) are also responsible for processing warrants, order of protections, stolen property, missing persons, officer reports and several other records.

Records Unit

The Records Division consists of four full-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 - 2023	
ACCIDENT REPORTS	155
BACKGROUND CHECKS	30
FOIA (information on CD, DVD, photos, calls)	55
SUBPOENA RESPONSE (PAID)	23
FINGERPRINTING	75
	338
<u>No Charge Releases:</u>	
DCFS	644
STATES ATTORNEY	898
CITY ATTORNEY	19
JUVENILE COURT SERVICES / ADULT PROBATION	52
TEEN COURT	5
US PROBATION / PEORIA PAROLE	138
ILLINOIS STATE POLICE / IL DEPT OF CORRECTIONS	129
FBI / NICS	12
MILITARY	4
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS	1283
US OFC PERSONNEL MGMT / DCSA / HOMELAND SEC	112
LIQUOR COMMISSION	98
HOUSING	8
OTHER AGENCIES	178
MISCELLANEOUS	113
NON-PAID SUBPOENAS	40
	3733

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. Sex 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, or within five days for murderer/VOAY registrants. 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.

2023 REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER STATISTICS

CITY	
REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS (CHILD VICTIMS)	98
REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS (ADULT VICTIMS)	5
REGISTERED JUVENILE SEX OFFENDERS	12
FEMALE REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS	3
MALE REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS	112
DUE QUARTERLY	35
DUE ANNUALLY	80
TOTAL REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS	115
REGISTRATION VIOLATION ARRESTS	14
COUNTY	
REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS (CHILD VICTIMS)	29
REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS (ADULT VICTIMS)	1
REGISTERED JUVENILE SEX OFFENDERS	1
FEMALE REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS	1
MALE REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS	30
DUE QUARTERLY	8
DUE ANNUALLY	23
TOTAL REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS	31
REGISTRATION VIOLATION ARRESTS	2
CITY AND COUNTY	
REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS (CHILD VICTIMS)	127
REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS (ADULT VICTIMS)	6
REGISTERED JUVENILE OFFENDERS	13
FEMALE REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS	4
MALE REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS	142
DUE QUARTERLY	43
DUE ANNUALLY	103
TOTAL REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS	146
REGISTRATION VIOLATION ARRESTS	16
NUMBER OF VISITS THAT REQUIRED ENTRY	803
TOTAL SEX OFFENDERS AND MURDERER/VIOLENT OFFENDER	175

2023 REGISTERED MURDERER/VIOLENT OFFENDER AGAINST YOUTH STATISTICS

CITY	
REGISTERED MURDERERS	7
REGISTERED VIOLENT OFFENDERS AGAINST YOUTH	15
FEMALE MURDERERS	0
MALE MURDERERS	7
FEMALE VIOLENT OFFENDERS AGAINST YOUTH	5
MALE VIOLENT OFFENDERS AGAINST YOUTH	10
TOTAL MURDERERS AND VIOLENT OFFENDERS AGAINST YOUTH	22
REGISTRATION VIOLATION ARRESTS	3
COUNTY	
REGISTERED MURDERERS	2
REGISTERED VIOLENT OFFENDERS AGAINST YOUTH	5
FEMALE MURDERERS	0
MALE MURDERERS	2
FEMALE VIOLENT OFFENDERS AGAINST YOUTH	2
MALE VIOLENT OFFENDERS AGAINST YOUTH	3
TOTAL MURDERERS AND VIOLENT OFFENDERS AGAINST YOUTH	7
REGISTRATION VIOLATION ARRESTS	1
CITY AND COUNTY	
REGISTERED MURDERERS	9
REGISTERED VIOLENT OFFENDERS AGAINST YOUTH	20
FEMALE MURDERERS	0
MALE MURDERERS	9
FEMALE VIOLENT OFFENDERS AGAINST YOUTH	7
MALE VIOLENT OFFENDERS AGAINST YOUTH	13
TOTAL MURDERERS AND VIOLENT OFFENDERS AGAINST YOUTH	29
REGISTRATION VIOLATION ARRESTS	4
NUMBER OF VISITS THAT REQUIRED ENTRY	61

2023 Annual Shop with a Cop

The Galesburg Police Benevolent and Protective Association Unit #19 (PBPA) is an organization for current and retired police officers of the Galesburg Police Department. The PBPA supports many organizations within our city; the fishing derby, Bill Herrin scholarship, Special Olympics Torch Run, and Shop with a Cop to name a few. Galesburg Police Department along with the Galesburg High School Care group participated in the annual Shop with a Cop event this past December.



9-1-1 Coordinator of the Year



Congratulations to Amanda Jennings with Galesburg/Knox Co 9-1-1 on being awarded 9-1-1 Coordinator of the Year!

The award was presented by the Illinois Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association at the annual Illinois Public Safety Telecommunications Association (IPSTA) conference held in Springfield, IL on October 24, 2023.

Amanda began her career in Public Safety 17 years ago as a Telecommunicator with Galesburg/Knox County 9-1-1. She is the current 9-1-1 Coordinator for Galesburg/Knox County. Amanda also holds positions at the state level of IPSTA Vendor Chair and is the INENA Region 4 Director. She has seen firsthand the ever-evolving changes in public safety and has been a driving force in recognizing 911 Telecommunicators as the "First" First Responder. Amanda has implemented multiple projects in the 9-1-1 center to allow for updated technology, software and equipment systems.

Amanda's professionalism, attentiveness, and leadership skills are coveted in the 911 industry.

Congratulations Amanda!

Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) Award



Officers Eryn Pearson and Nathan Lewis have received recognition awards from AAIM for their efforts to combat intoxicated driving.

The Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) is an independent non-profit organization founded in 1982 by families who had lost loved ones in drunk driving crashes. AAIM was Illinois' first citizen action group dedicated to the fight against driving under the influence.

The Mission of the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) is to prevent deaths and injuries caused by chemically impaired or distracted operators of any motor vehicle and to assist victims of these crashes in Illinois.

Congratulations to both officers for their excellent work and receiving the AAIM award!

Buddy Ball



On Saturday, May 13th at 9 a.m. the Galesburg Police Department, Galesburg Fire Department and the Galesburg Ambulance Service went to Voyles Field to play baseball with the Buddy Ball players. Buddy Ball is a division sponsored by Galesburg Youth Baseball for special needs players. This division gives players up to the age of 21 an opportunity to come out to the ballpark once a week and play baseball in a safe environment that considers the abilities of each player.



Recruitments

Galesburg Police Department along with Galesburg/Knox County Dispatch has been actively participating in recruitment events in the area. If you or anyone you know are interested in becoming a police officer or a telecommunicator, you can always check to see if there are any current openings at

https://www.ci.galesburg.il.us/government/departments/human_resources/index.php





Halloween



2023



National Night Out

The Galesburg Police Department, in cooperation with numerous civic and public service organizations, proudly announced participation in the 2023 "National Night Out" event at Standish Park on Tuesday, August 1, 2023.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign to promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood comradery to make our neighborhoods safer and more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

"I would like to invite our community out to Standish Park for this event to meet officers and dispatchers from their police department" stated Chief Idle. "We would like for the community to come and see the faces behind the uniform and headsets and get to know them, as well as the other members from the community who have volunteered to help make this event a success."



Galesburg Area Crime Stoppers Officer of the Year!



Congratulations to Detective Timothy Spitzer for being chosen as the Galesburg Area Crime Stoppers Officer of the Year for 2023. Detective Spitzer was nominated by Command Officers and Patrol Officers. Detective Spitzer's investigative tools and attention to detail has led to numerous felony arrests which includes but not limited to a homicide, attempted homicide, and an aggravated discharge of a firearm.

Detective Spitzer's knowledge and investigative capabilities make the community a safer place. Detective Spitzer brings a positive attitude to work and works well with his fellow employees.

Congratulations Detective Timothy Spitzer!