

MINOOKA POLICE DEPARTMENT

With another year behind us and another one underway, it is my pleasure to present to you the Minooka Police Department Annual Report for 2013. In this report, you will find many examples of the quality work that our members and volunteers do each day to keep Minooka a nice place to call home. We are proud of our accomplishments and I hope you will find the information in this report helpful.

This past year was another busy one for the police department as the year presented us with several challenges. With those challenges every member of this department continued to work hard to maintain a level of excellence for the department and our community as we were able to enhance;



JUSTIN MEYER Chief of Police

OUR PROFESSIONALISM by developing a new policy manual to provide guidance and assistance to all employees, to establish a criterion which is intended to ensure a professional uniform delivery of police services. A number of employees contributed to this project, truly making it a departmental effort.

Not receiving one formal complaint from citizens regarding alleged misconduct or improper job performance of any member of the Minooka Police Department.

In receiving first place honors for the 2013 International Police Vehicle Design contest for municipals of 10-50 officers, in the East division. The squad's design was featured in the August edition of Law and Order. According to the judges, the contest focused on the safety of the officer with reflective tape/graphics, identification of the vehicle with easy to read lettering, department symbols, a badge, community seal, emergency numbers and websites. The judges commented, "These graphics are phenomenal; very modern and artistic-looking".

OUR OBJECTIVE IN COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT by building partnerships with the community and community policing programs, most notably the explorer program.

With the assistance of former State Representative, Pam Roth, HB 1710 passed legislation that amended the Illinois Municipal Code by adding, "persons who have participated in that municipality's police explorer or cadet program may be preferred, for a maximum of 2 points, for appointment to offices, positions and places of employment in that municipal police department" for non-home ruled communities.

During April's flooding the Minooka Police Department, Emergency Management Agency and the Minooka Fire District worked together to evacuate and organize the clean-up for residents in Shady Oaks and on Tabler Road. This event was truly a community partnership as volunteers from the Minooka Police Department, Citizens Police Alumni, Community Emergency Response Team, Minooka Bible Church, The Village Christian Church, other local residents and local businesses such as; 2fer's, McDonalds and Grainger who volunteered their time and the donation of supplies and food for the recovery efforts.

OUR OBJECTIVE IN CRIME PREVENTION through our crime prevention programs such as the development of the Peer Jury Program and encouraging a strong emphasis on being more visible in neighborhoods. I am happy to report the Village of Minooka saw another reduction this year in Part I offenses with a 2% reduction in serious offenses and a 2% reduction in Part II crimes.

In our continuing effort to combat drugs the Police Department received a donation in the amount of \$13,500.00 from the Grundy County State's Attorney's office drug forfeiture fund to start up a canine program for the purpose of drug interdiction and prevention.

Addressing security measures to provide a safe school learning environment for our children. Since the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School, the Minooka Police Department's preparation of an active shooter has increased by being more visible at the schools, conducting lock down drills with all the schools, conducting presentations on how to prepare for an active shooter to school district 201 faculty and staff members, hours of rapid deployment training with Illinois State Police and participating in full-scale active shooter exercises at Minooka South Campus and Walnut Trails schools.

Moving forward in 2014, my staff and I have already begun our efforts to continuously improve and provide quality professional service. I hope you find the information contained in the 2013 Annual Report valuable and should you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. I also encourage you to visit the police department on the Village's new website at www.minooka.com, and find us on Facebook!

Sincerely,

Justin Meyer Chief of Police

MINOOKA POLICE DEPARTMENT 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

Prepared By: Chief Justin Meyer

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MISSION STATEMENT

As members of the Minooka Police Department, it's our mission in that we strive to develop a partnership with the community to provide quality police services while protecting individual rights in a professional and impartial manner.

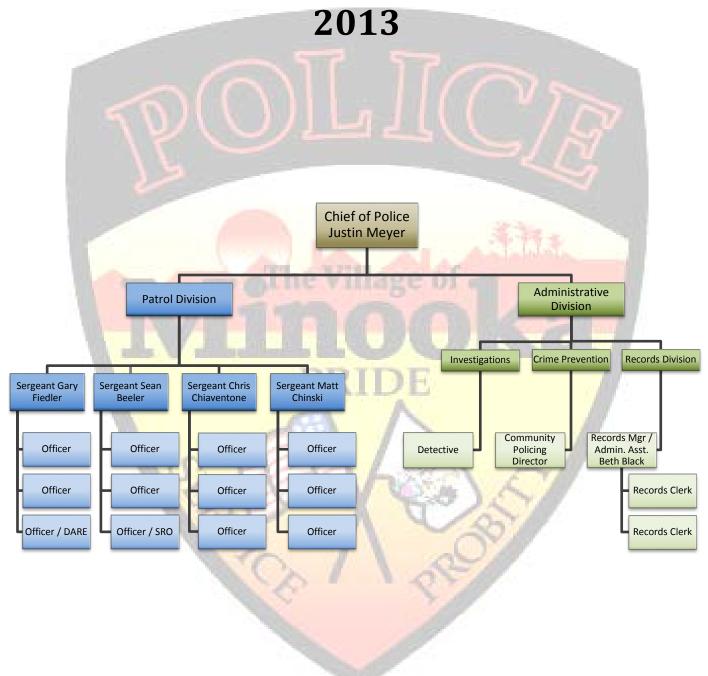
In that we will fulfill and complete our mission by adhering to our core values in:

Service - We are committed to prompt, professional and courteous service, unbiased and effective in response to community concerns.

Pride - We promote self-respect that will contribute to departmental success.

Probity - We adhere to the highest principles and ideals.

MINOOKA POLICE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND RESPONSIBILITY

The organizational structure of this department is designed to create an efficient means to accomplish our mission and goals to provide for the best possible service to the public.

The Chief Law Enforcement Officer is appointed by the Village President who has given up complete control of all Police Department operations and functions to the Chief of Police.

The Board of Police Commissioners is a three-member commission appointed by the Village President and Village Board. The Commission is responsible for hiring of all police officers and promoting police officers to the rank of police sergeant. The Commission also conducts all hearings on disciplinary matters through the rank of sergeant.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF

The role of the Chief of Police is to provide leadership, direction and vision to the Department in the fulfillment of its overall mission. **Chief Justin Meyer** has been the department's Police Chief since 2010 and is responsible for administering and managing the department's annual budget of \$2,495,400.00 and overseeing the patrol and administrative divisions.

PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division is the largest division of the police department who is dispatched by Grundy County Telecommunications. The Division of 16 is divided into two 12-hour shifts, in order to provide continuous 24-hour police service. Each shift is supervised by a Sergeant; Sergeant Gary Fiedler, Sergeant Sean Beeler, Sergeant Chris Chiaventone and Sergeant Matthew Chinski.

The Patrol Division is responsible for responding to both emergency and non-emergency calls for service from the public, handling special assignments, and proactively addressing community concerns.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

INVESTIGATIONS

Detective Kiedra Meece is assigned to the Investigations Section. The Investigations Section is responsible for following up on all case complaints that require an extended investigation. The Detective also handles all call-out requests, reviews all police reports to determine their investigative priority and to assign follow-up actions, as well as working closely with local and state agencies. The Investigations Section is also an active participant in the Will/Grundy and

Kendall County Major Crimes Task Force and the investigations of Internet Crimes against Children (ICAC) task force.

The Investigations Section was assigned to a total of 145 cases in 2013 compared to 201 cases in 2012. Investigations covered a variety of felony and misdemeanor complaints detailed below:

Offense	Quantity	Offense	Quantity
Identity Theft	6	Burg./Trespass to Residence	4
Unlawful Use of Credit Card	1	Burglary	3
Fraud	4	Criminal Sexual Assault	1
Thefts of \$300 Over/Under	34	Child Abuse/Neglect	2
Retail Theft	4	Poss. of Child Pornography	1
Criminal Damage to Property	49	Death Investigation	1
Burglary/Trespass to Motor Vehicle	25	Electronic Harassment	1
Arson	1	Missing Persons/Runaway	4
Hit and Run Crash	1	Assault/Battery	2

Detective Meece was also responsible this past year for conducting thorough background investigations on potential applicants prior to their employment with the Minooka Police Department.

RECORDS SECTION

Records Clerks, Kristi LaMontagna and Victoria Sims with Records Manager, Beth Black are responsible for the Records Section. On a daily basis they perform a variety of administrative and clerical support functions within the police department including but not limited to; processing, maintaining and archiving all records, filing all criminal, non-criminal, traffic and parking activity and respond to all subpoenas. They also, process requests for the general public, create and draft a range of documents including forms, letters and correspondence, receive, screen and direct telephone calls and perform a variety of technical tasks relative to the police department.

Additionally, the Records staff operates the lobby by greeting all walk-ins. They assist citizens with various forms and applications for the department's programs and services such as; FOIA requests, crash report requests, fingerprint services, local agency clearance letters, child safety seat inspections, vacation house checks and block party applications. The Records staff is also responsible for processing all ordinance violation payments.

The Records Section also provides support to the Village with minor technology help and to the Village Finance Department with regards to billing and payroll. An additional responsibility is to oversee the Village Adjudication Hearings which processes all Village Ordinance Violations, including Administrative Compliance Tickets and Administrative Tows.

CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROGRAMS

The Minooka Police Department is committed to the concept of reducing crime through the development of crime prevention programs and community involvement. **Denis Tatgenhorst** is the department's **Community Policing Director**. He oversees the majority of these programs.

This past year, volunteers provided nearly **455 hours** of volunteer assistance toward the success of numerous events/incidents in Minooka. Members of the Citizens Police Alumni and C.E.R.T. members were instrumental in the recovery success of the April flooding as they recorded over 180 hours of volunteer work for that incident. Their dedication to the community is nothing less than extraordinary.

EXPLORER PROGRAM, POST 447

Community Policing Director Denis Tatgenhorst along with Officers Ryan MacDonald, James Sinovich and Denise Byrd serve as the Department's advisors for our Explorer Program. The Law Enforcement Explorer Post program is sponsored by Boy Scouts of America for young men

and women, ages 16 – 21. The purpose of the Explorer program is to educate and involve youths in police operations and to interest them in a future career in law enforcement. The Minooka Explorers meet twice a month, are very involved in community service projects and give back many hours of their time to the community. This past year, the explorers attended the programs, first ever, state conference competition in Springfield. Our explorers gained valuable experience while participating in several competitions. The group received three challenge coins for their team work and one



explorer received the, Most Improved Explorer Award, for her hard work and determination during the week. Aside from competitions, the explorers also attended the Illinois State Police Training Center and the State Capital. This wonderful experience helped to improve our post.

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY (CPA)

Established in 2008 is a 10-week program designed to give the citizens a working knowledge of the Minooka Police Department and has produced over 40 graduates. It consists of a series of classes and discussions held once a week.

After graduation, the graduates are encouraged to join the Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association. Joining the Alumni gives them an opportunity to continue their education in the field of law enforcement and other related areas. It also allows them to have more of an interactive association with the police department if they choose.

Our goal is to create a better understanding, communication and partnership between the citizens and the police through education, in order to establish a safer community.

PEER JURY PROGRAM

In 2013, **Detective Kiedra Meece** developed the Peer Jury Program. The program is designed to provide a meaningful and remedial method of dealing with selected juveniles without reference to the court. The program does not determine guilt or innocence. Peer Jury is about youth accountability, competency development, and community safety and takes into account the referred teen, community and victim.

D.A.R.E. PROGRAM

Officer Denise Byrd serves as the department's D.A.R.E. officer. The D.A.R.E. program is in its sixth year of existence. In 2013, Officer Byrd taught an average of **450** 5th grade students at the Minooka Intermediate School. The purpose of the program is to educate children on how to resist peer pressure and live productive drug and violence-free lives. The Minooka Lions Club, again this year, donated \$2,000.00 to the D.A.R.E. program. This generous donation has allowed the program to continue and be successful.

WILL COUNTY TRIAD FOR SENIORS PROGRAM

During 2013, Community Policing Director Denis Tatgenhorst and Detective Kiedra Meece continued to serve as the Department's liaison to the TRIAD Program. This ongoing program is intended to facilitate effective lines of communication with senior citizens of the community. Monthly meetings provide interested groups a forum for ongoing dialogue regarding the delivery of law enforcement services, community involvement, victimization, and other pertinent topics. Topics presented during 2013 included; Living Wills/Power of Attorney, Heart Awareness, Scams, Severe Weather Preparedness, Elder Abuse, Senior Expo, Medicine Disposal, Channahon Library Presentation, Kitchen & Cooking Safety, Common Sense Safety and Healthy Food Choices during the Holidays.

FUNDRAISER EVENTS

The Minooka Police volunteer every year in several fundraising events to support national and local organizations. In 2013, the department participated in the annual Dunkin Donuts "Cop on Top", hosted our 6th annual "Trivia Night", hosted a "Show it off Car Show" and competed in "Cops vs. Coaches". These events raised \$17,265.00 for Special Olympics Illinois through the

Law Enforcement Torch Run which is \$175.00 above last year's total. In 2008 we began participating in The Law Enforcement Torch Run and have since raised a total of **\$109,846.87**. The Law Enforcement Torch Run is the single largest year-round fundraising event benefiting Special Olympics Illinois.

In November, Police Officers from Minooka and Channahon participated in the annual "Guns vs. Hoses" football game, where staff from the police departments compete against personnel from the fire protection districts in a football game. The proceeds from the event were donated to



the Chanooka Wish Foundation to help local families in need. The game was well played, but, the police came out on top with a 46-40 final score. Even though the score was close, it does not represent how the police dominated the entire game.

POLICE CHAPLIN PROGRAM

The Minooka Police Department integrated the Police Chaplain Program in 2009. Since then we have been fortunate to have **Pastor Carlos Garcia** as a member of our department. **Pastor Carlos Garcia** is a non-denominational pastor who is available to meet the pastoral needs of the police department personnel and their families in addition to community members in crisis situations such as accidental deaths, suicides and to provide any other spiritual guidance. **Pastor Carlos Garcia** maintains a close relationship with the department's personnel through regular visits to the Police Department, joins in on morning roll calls, special events and other personal contacts.



TRAINING

Maintaining the education and training of our department members is an ongoing and important element of providing a high level of professional service to the community. Throughout the year, several of our officers have been assigned to new responsibilities in their positions. This requires that the police department continue to train our members in the skills necessary for them to successfully perform their duties.



The coordination of training for the department members is the responsibility of **Sergeant Matthew Chinski**, who was assigned to the position in 2011. In 2013, Minooka Police Department members received approximately 2,845 hours of training. The training hours include daily policy scenario based training, in-service training, career development programs and management-level courses.

In-service training was provided to all sworn members on a variety of diverse topics including annual review and re-certification in firearms and rifle training, use of force, oleoresin capsicum (OC) spray, impact weapons and control tactics, legal update-practical case law review, and ethics and cultural awareness.



INTERNAL AFFAIRS

During 2013, the Chief of Police conducted two internal investigations, two less than in year 2012. Both investigations were initiated from internal complaints. Each internal investigation is required by policy to result in a conclusion of fact; i.e., a finding.

The Minooka Police Department uses the following findings to categorize completed internal investigations:

- **Unfounded** The investigation indicates that the act or acts alleged did not occur or did not involve Department personnel.
- **Exonerated** The investigation discloses that the alleged act occurred, but that the act was justified, lawful and/or proper.
- **Not Sustained** When the investigation discloses that there is insufficient evidence to sustain the complaint or fully exonerate the employee.
- **Sustained** When the investigation discloses sufficient evidence to establish that the act occurred and that it constituted misconduct.
- **Policy Failure** The allegation(s) is/are true, however, the employee was acting in a manner consistent with the Police Department's policy.

The two investigations conducted in 2013 involved allegations of wrongdoing on the part of two department members. Of the allegations, one was Unfounded and the other Exonerated as both cases were ultimately closed.

DEPARTMENT RECOGNITION

To honor department employees who are recognized for achievements and acts that go beyond what would normally be expected in the course of their duties.

2013 NOTABLE HIGHLIGHTS

- June 8th at 0242 hours, Sergeant Chinski's shift, consisting of Officer Byrd and Officer Stukel, were dispatched to individuals entering vehicles. The Officers stopped a vehicle leaving the area which lead to the arrest of four (4) individuals for Burglary to Motor Vehicles and recovered several stolen items.
- End of June, MPD took multiple reports of burglary to motor vehicles within the village. Members of the patrol division and Detective Meece developed leads and were able to identify suspects and arrest those involved in these cases and other past cases.
- July 3rd at 1207 hours, Sergeant Fiedler's shift, consisting of Officer MacDonald, Officer Briley and Officer Wagenius, were dispatched to a robbery in progress at the Minooka Pharmacy. The Officers were able to locate and arrest the female who had demanded Norco pills.
- July 24th at 0807 hours, Sergeant Beeler's shift, consisting of Officer Herzog and Officer Larson, with the assistance of Detective Meece and Officer Sinovich, were dispatched to a burglary in progress in the 400 block of Frontier Dr. The Officers located and arrested two individuals who were removing copper tubing from the basement of the residence.
- August 3rd, Officer Herzog self-initiated a motorist assist on a stalled semi-tractor. After further investigation he learned the tractor had been stolen out of Woodridge. After a short foot pursuit, the offender was arrested. This arrest also led to the recovery of a trailer containing \$118,000.00 worth of merchandise that was stolen from Morris.
- August 3rd, Officer Larson responded to a house fire in the 200 block of Santos. The residence was fully involved with heavy fire and smoke consuming the house. Officer Larson assessed the situation and quickly notified neighbors who were unaware of the immediate danger and prevented potential injury.
- September 11th, Detective Meece investigated an alleged criminal sexual assault. Her
 investigation resulted in an arrest of a suspect for criminal sexual assault of a minor under the
 age of 13 years old.
- December 31st, Sgt. Chinski's shift, consisting of Officer Stukel and Officer Presler, responded to an alarm at the Minooka Animal Hospital. Upon their arrival, they noticed individuals had attempted to force entry into the business. After a thorough preliminary investigation, suspects were identified and eventually arrested for past burglaries and several incidents of criminal damage to property.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH







AAIM RECOGNIZES

Officers; James Sinovich, Denise Byrd, Matthew Juras and Sergeant Chris Chiaventone, received certificates of appreciation by the $\underline{\mathbf{A}}$ lliance $\underline{\mathbf{A}}$ gainst $\underline{\mathbf{I}}$ ntoxicated $\underline{\mathbf{M}}$ otorist (AAIM) for their exceptional DUI enforcement.

reports are available for pick up at the Minooka Fire Department. The kit include: a broom, mop, scrub brush, push broom, squeegee, liquid clear. Angle Crain Rutherfordrd Just wanted to say thanks for all the emas police and fire the flood we had. I am a first responder emas for anthor Co of hours ago via mobile. Like x11. erstin Sliwa Thank for all the help you are doing. I'm from shady oaks, My dad and I lost out of mobile - Like and I lost out of the shady oaks, My dad and I lost out of the shady oaks. It is a police department like u guys.

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State Representative

Best Regards,

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Chamber Chamber

February 20, 2013

909 Liberty Street Morris, IL 60450 (815) 942-0113

Denis Tatgenhorst Village of Minooka Police Department 121 E. McEvilly Road Minooka, IL 60450

On behalf of the Chamber, thank you for your assistance in making th a success! Through your support, we were able to create a fun and pro the participants.

This event supports important services... proceeds from event support services provided by the Chamber. In addition, the event gives member a showcase their products and services to the hundreds of people who

mailed a survey to all participants and plan to have a brains provements for next year. We welcome your thoughts and with you again.

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You've been so nice so thoughtful, too, A warm thank-you to all of you!

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We wish to thank

everyone for watches



August 22, 2013

Chief of Police Justin Meyer Minooka Police Department 121 East McEvilly Road Minooka, Illinois 60447

Dear Chief Meyer:

I would like to commend Officer Erik Larson for his actions on the morning of August 3, 2013. On that day, officers of the Minooka Police Department responded to a structure at 212 Santos Avenue. The residence was fully involved with heavy fire and smoke consuming the structure upon the officers arrival.

Officer Larson assessed the situation and quickly headed to my residence located nex door. He contacted my wife who was unaware of the immediate danger. Officer Larso assisted my wife and two children evacuate our home to a position of safety. It took firemen several hours to get the fire under control, which goes to show the severity of the situation.

Please extend my personal thanks and gratitude to your staff who assisted that day and particular, Officer Larson for safely evacuating my family and providing for their safety. a fellow police officer, it is reassuring that my family is protected by the women and me the Minooka Police Department. If there is ever anything I can to do assist you or your department, please do not hesitate to ask.

mes R. Gunther #132 Deputy Chief of Police

Thank you to all the officers who checked sur Police Department home while we were away for the winter. We are very pleased with your service. It puts our minds at ease to be

able to count on you, Thanks also for the report, marine Commander

Minooka Police Departn Chief Justin Meyer 121 E. McEvilly Road Minooka, IL 60447

August 27, 2013

I would like to thank you for your participation in Lemont's 2013 Annu Emergency Vehicle Cruise Night. The event had a great turnout and weather turned out to be better than I expected.

The Lemont residents, as well as those from surrounding communities, look forward to this annual event and they are always excited to see the grand finale with the police vehicle lights & sirens parade. It is always reat to see newest police specialty vehicles and unique designed police squad cars.

We have enclosed a picture of your department's vel this year's Annual Emergency Vehicle Cruise Night. Thank you again, and we look forward to seeing at next year's Lemont's 2014 Annual Emergency Vehicle Cruise Night.

Business 630-257-2229

Sincerely, Kenn h shift Kevin W. Shaughnessy Chief of Police

Fax 630-257-5087

Emergency 630-257-2226

I want to extent a HUGE WARM THANK YOU to the officers that helped me thaw out the cold tonight and got me home safe! You guys and Lady were awesome!!!! My car has gas thanks to my husband going out and freezing his ______ off with leaking ga

My wife and I would like to thank Chief Meyer and his officers on the job they did in running extended to watch our home while we were an vacation. It was a comfort to know that while we were My wife and I would like to thank Chief Meyer and his officers on the job they did in running exist patrols to watch our home while we were on vacation. It was a comfort to know that while we were away the extra care that was given to make sure our home was save and secure. What a great choice we made in moving into this community seven years ago. We love residing the relaxed atmosphere and reliable services offered by the village are fantastic.

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Bill and Janice Fouts

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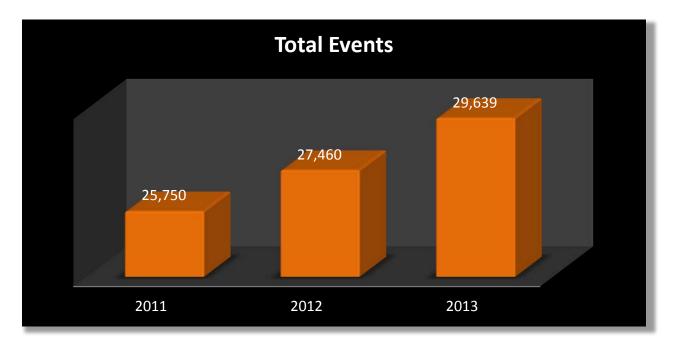
I hope you always know how much you are appreciated.

Since you're one of those people.

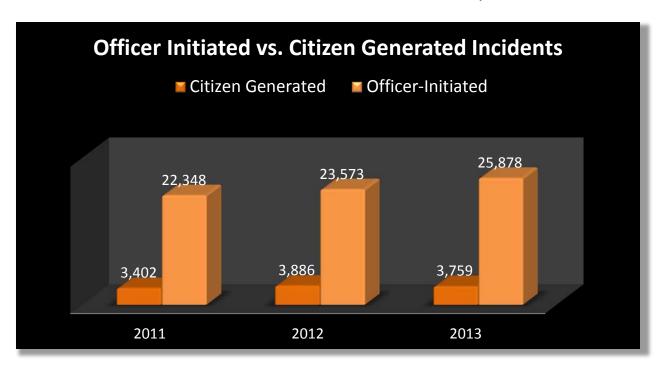
Would like to send a huge "Thank You" to the officer who responded to my 911 emergency on Tuesday morning. I don't know his name but he was quick to help me free my hand from my garage door and was great at keeping me calm while we waited for the

DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

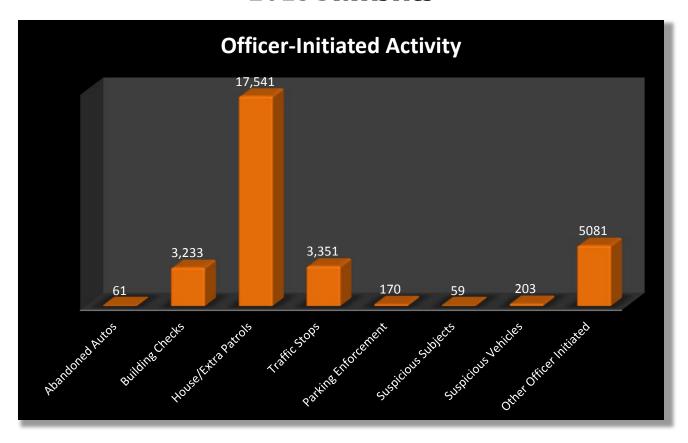
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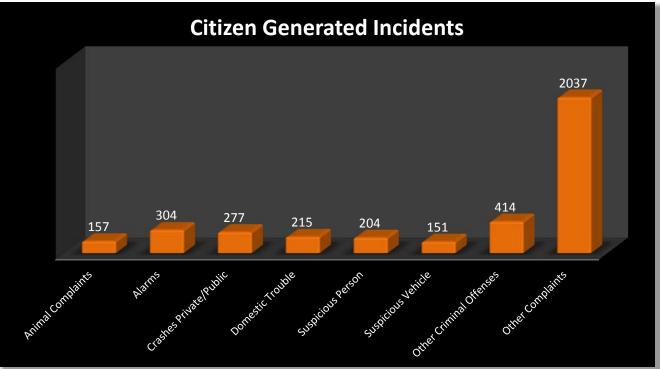
Charts show comparison of 2011, 2012 and 2013's total events that Minooka Police Personnel either initiated or were called to by a citizen.



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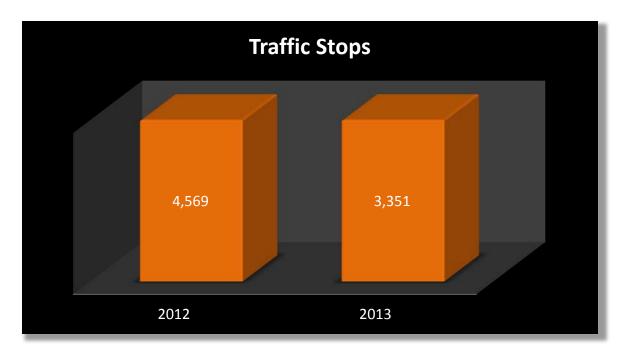


Charts show a breakdown of 2013 stats of Officer Initiated Activity and Citizen Generated Incidents.

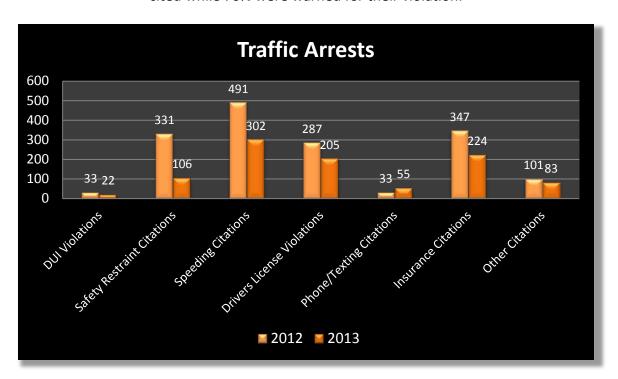


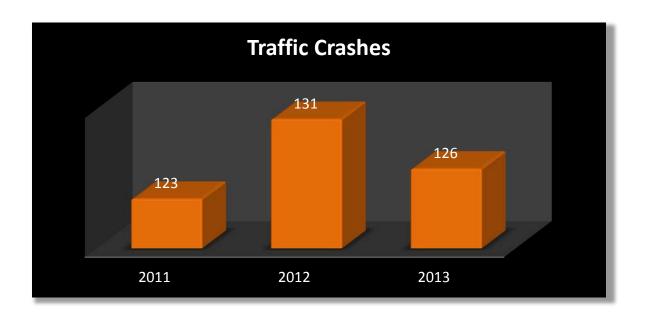
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

The ultimate goal of traffic enforcement is traffic safety. This is achieved through the application of preventative patrols to deal with specific categories of unlawful driving behavior.



In 2013, a total of 3,351 traffic stops were made. Of those stops, 30% were arrested and/or cited while 70% were warned for their violation.





CRIMINAL OFFENSES

The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program requires agencies to report the occurrence of selected offenses with eight Index Crime categories.

PART I OFFENSES

Offense	2011	2012	2013
Homicide	0	0	0
Robberies	2	0	1
Burglaries	12	9	11
Agg. Assault/Battery	15	19	14
Thefts	163	144	115
Arson	0	0	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	1	0
Forcible Rape	1	3	2

PART II OFFENSES

Offenses	2011	2012	2013
Simple Assaults	3	2	3
Forgery	1	1	1
Fraud	55	55	38
Vandalism	116	118	103
Sex abuse	3	1	1
Drug abuse Viol.	75	48	39
DUI	52	33	22
Disorderly Conduct	8	10	9
Curfew	2	2	3

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

ILEAS REGION 3 MOBILE FIELD FORCE

The purpose of the Team is to supplement or assist any law enforcement agency in need during a crisis or emergency. The team may also be called upon to respond to a variety of disasters or emergencies, critical incidents, or events.

In 2013, Officer Matthew Juras, who is assigned to the ILEAS team, had a relatively quiet year as far activation and actual call-outs. However, the team was put on stand-by for a possible deployment to the Joliet Immigrant Prison March, Operation Tremor (Southern Illinois), April Flooding, Electric Daisy Parade, Hell's Angels Motorcycle Rally, Naperville Marathon and the Coal City and Washington Tornado's.



KENDALL COUNTY SPECIAL RESPONSE TEAM

The Kendal County Special Response Team is comprised of five agencies in Kendall County. Representing the Minooka Police Department is Officer James Sinovich and Ken Briley. Each member had to attend the basic S.W.A.T. course after being selected to the team. The team trains on a monthly basis, consisting of team movement, entry tactics, firearm and rifle qualification, combat shoot and explosive breaching. The team also does scenario based training utilizing role players to simulate high risk search warrants, hostages and barricaded subjects.

In 2013, the team has been called upon to assist agencies within Kendall County for high risk search warrants and a barricaded subject.

WILL/GRUNDY AND KENDALL COUNTY MAJOR CRIMES TASK FORCE

The purpose of the Major Crimes Task Force is to promote area-wide public safety and enhance the ability of all law enforcement agencies in Will, Grundy and Kendall Counties to solve major crimes such as homicide or attempted homicide, kidnapping, serial arson, rape or sexual assault, police-involved shooting or deadly force incidents, in-custody death investigations and other exceptionally heinous offenses through resource sharing, partnership building, and joint cooperative consistent training and application of investigative and enforcement methodology.

Currently in 2013, **Detective Kiedra Meece** and **Officer Ryan MacDonald** are assigned to this unit. Both officers are mandated by the Illinois Training and Standards Board to be certified in homicidal incidents.

GRUNDY COUNTY HONOR GUARD

The Grundy County Honor Guard is made up of Officers and Deputies from Minooka, Morris and the Grundy County Sheriff's Office as **Minooka Officer James Sinovich** leads the team. Also,

representing Minooka is Officer's **Ken Briley**, **Rob Stukel** and **Francisco Renteria**.

The purpose of the Honor Guard is to represent villages and cities within Grundy County at various special events and funerals. As the team continues to strive for perfection they have completed approximately 30 hours of training. They are prepared to be called upon at short notice, to participate in several events, in inclement weather and under stressful situations.





In 2013, the Honor

Guard participated in the Grundy County Police Memorial, Northwestern University's Police Staff and Command graduation, Veterans Day Parade in Minooka and most notably the funerals of Coal City Recruit Officer Wandt who died on her way home from the Police Academy and Pontiac K-9 Officer Casey Kohlmeier who died in the line of duty along with his canine partner.