

ELLISVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT



FY 2016 ANNUAL REPORT OF SERVICES

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2016 ANNUAL REPORT

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Picture on the front cover is the department's official police picture taken on October 16 in Bluebird Park by Danielle Lydon. From left to right front row: Police Clerk Donna Graham, Captain Joshua Dawson, Lieutenant Kelly Murray, Lieutenant Andy Vaughn, Part-time Officer Doug Algren, Officer Nathan Dye, Officer Travis Detring, Corporal Corey Smith with Dark, Part-time Detective John Rakonick, Officer Chuck Kraus, Sergeant Nancy Walker, Lieutenant John Connor, Lieutenant Wayne Moore, Lieutenant Jeff Diehl, Chief Tom Felgate and Police Clerk Aimee Brand. Back row right to left: Corporal Brian Bardle, Reserve Officer Stephen Heidke, Corporal George Corless, Officer Joey Nickles, Officer Jake Adams, Detective Brian Gillaspie, Officer AJ Neff, Officer Ryan Schneider, Officer Zack Dorton, and Detective Paul Keller.

The Office of the Chief of Police wish to thank all those who contributed to this publication.

OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF ELLISVILLE

Officials of the City of Ellisville

ELLISVILLE MAYOR

Adam Q. Paul



ELLISVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Gary G. Voss, District I

Vince McGrath, District I

Mick Cahill, District II

Bones Baker, District II

Cindy Pool, District III

Dan Duffy, District III

ELLISVILLE CITY ADMINISTRATION

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ELLISVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Thomas A. Felgate, Chief of Police

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHIEF

A Message from Our Chief



Mr. Mayor, Council Members, City Manager, and citizens of Ellisville, please allow me to present to you the 2016 annual report for your review. I trust it will be informative, providing the reader with the department's accomplishments, special programs, statistical data, training and community overview.

This being my last letter as I join the ranks of the retired, I wish to express my utmost appreciation to Mayor Adam Paul, the City Council, City Manager Bill Schwer, and the citizens of Ellisville for allowing me to serve in the capacity of police chief for the past 12 years. Since I joined the department in 1980, I have been truly blessed by the friendships cultivated with our wonderful citizens, business owners, parks and public works employees, mayor and council members, court personnel, and city hall staff.

Add to that, my most grateful appreciation to those for whom I share a common "blue" bond, our exceptional police officers and command staff, who serve and protect our community making it one of the safest in Missouri, as well as my grateful appreciation for the department's always dependable and hardworking civilian staff members. I count it my honor and privilege to have served with all of you. You have enriched my life beyond expectation!

The underpinning of a chief's success or failure depends on the rank and file, command and civilian staff, but I can say unequivocally, the men and women of the Ellisville Police Department have set the bar at the highest level!

The officers continue to serve and protect our community with professionalism, integrity and dedication to service, in addition to offering established community policing programs which now includes a highly successful social media program. Additionally the department is in pursuit of state certification, which will become a reality in 2018.

Most importantly in today's society, we recognize that police officers are becoming more engaged with the community as a way of breaking down the barriers that separate us from those we serve. Essential in our mission is the support and respect from those we are charged with policing. Simply put, this is only accomplished by earning it.

The collective vision of the Ellisville Police Department in the future is to take community policing to the next level while still observing our primary duty to serve and protect and achieve. I am proud that our officers have received, and will continue to receive, the highest degree of training available for professional development while providing the citizens with the highest quality of police service. I have no doubt that the right individual replacing me will share the same values and vision for the future. In closing, I would like to wish all my police and city colleagues the best for 2017, and for the coming years.

Respectfully,

Chief James A. Felgato

LAW ENFORCEMENT ETHICS AND MISSION STATEMENT

Law Enforcement Ethics and Mission Statement

LAW ENFORCEMENT CODE OF ETHICS

As a Law Enforcement Officer, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the Constitutional rights of all persons to liberty, equality and justice.



I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn, or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the law of the land and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities, or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of the police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession...law enforcement.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Ellisville Police Department is made up of an energetic group of devoted law enforcement officers committed to improvement, and operating on the principles of sincerity and quality management. We believe in the self-respect and importance of all people, and we are devoted to:

- Providing high-quality police services with concern and understanding
- Protecting constitutional rights
- Problem solving
- Teamwork
- Honesty and integrity
- Continuous improvement
- Planning for the future

We are proud of the diversity of our workforce, which permits us to grow, and respects each of us as individuals. We strive for a safe and pleasant environment.

Our Community

LOCATION

The City of Ellisville is a suburban community in St. Louis County, Missouri located thirteen miles west of the City of St. Louis. Ellisville is approximately five miles south of I-64, five miles north of I-44, and seven miles west of I-270. There are two primary arterial roads which bisect Ellisville: Missouri Route 100 (Manchester Road) and Missouri Route 340 (Clarkson Road). Ellisville's land mass is approximately 4.12 square miles, and is bordered by the City of Clarkson Valley to the north, the City of Ballwin to the east, and the City of Wildwood to the south and west. The city has over 230 acres of parkland in 11 parks in various residential areas along with an interconnecting trail system. The residential area includes single-family homes, townhouses, apartments, duplexes and condominiums. More than 605 businesses call Ellisville home and has numerous services and facilities.

COMMUNITY DEMOGRAPHICS

The city's population according to the 2010 census is 9,133, but 2016 population estimate is 9,284. This 1.6% growth since the 2010 census shows the continuing stability of the community. More than 3,669 households, and 2,469 families reside in the city. The largest Ellisville racial/ethnic groups are White (91.1%) followed by Hispanic (3.6%) and Black (2.4%).

GOVERNMENT

Under the Home Rule Charter, the City of Ellisville is comprised of six City Council Members; two are elected from each of the city's three districts. The Mayor is elected at-large by the voters of the city. Under the Charter, Council Members are limited to two consecutive terms. The Council Members have terms that are four years and the Mayor's position has a three year term. Each council district represents more than 1,500 residents and the Mayor represents each and every resident. The City Manager is appointed by the Mayor and City Council as a full-time position and serves at the pleasure of the elected body. The City Manager is responsible for directing, supervising and monitoring all city departments, personnel, and operations. The City Manager is directed to carry out all matters of policy decided by the council and charged with managing the city in a fiscally prudent and proficient manner.

SAFEST CITIES IN MISSOURI 2016

City of Ellisville was ranked #5 Safest City in Missouri 2016 by CreditDonkey, a consumer research company. Also, ValuePenguin found that Ellisville was among the 10 safest cities in Missouri. Out of 123 cities surveyed, Ellisville ranked 8th in overall safety and 6th in our population group. Ellisville was previously named one of the best places to live in America by Money magazine in 2009, and its sterling reputation for safety is part of the reason why.

This is a result of the great partnership between the Ellisville Police Department and the citizens of Ellisville. Crime fighting is a group effort, another reason why Ellisville is such a great community.

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

Department Overview

The Ellisville Police Department has remained a viable law enforcement agency in West St. Louis County and continues to be committed to the service and protection of its citizens and the business community alike. Past performance of the police department has resulted in a relatively low crime rate the community has enjoyed for a number of years. Because of strong community, administrative staff and city council support, the police department enjoys a stable workforce that is highly proactive and committed to professional law enforcement for its citizens. Our average officer tenure in the department is over 13 years of experience.

The citizens of Ellisville are currently served by 22 full-time officers who serve a community of more than 9,200 residents spanning an area of 4.39 square miles. The police department is organized into three divisions: the Administrative Office of the Chief of Police which is comprised of the Chief, Captain, Lieutenant, Sergeant, assisted by two police clerks - one full-time and one part-time, and chaplain; the Patrol Division which includes Patrol, Field Training, Bicycle/ATV Patrol, K-9, Part-time and Reserve officers; and the Criminal Investigation Bureau consisting of two full-time and one part-time detectives. The function of each division is an important component in assuring the Ellisville Police Department maintains the professional operation expected by the community we serve.

Our department values independent decision making and problem solving strategies. Using a community-oriented policing philosophy, our department has fostered strong partnerships between our schools, faith-based community, civic organizations and citizens. This type of collaboration greatly enhances our crime fighting tactics and tends to reduce crime and the fear of crime in our community. We strongly believe that preventing crime is a community effort and it is our role, as the police department, to provide the training and information necessary to help our citizens take an active part in crime fighting efforts.

Committed to providing quality, responsive service in its efforts to work in partnership with the community, the city's website contains information about crime prevention, statistics and online services including patrol requests, vacation house checks and court information. The community can also view important information on our department's Facebook and Twitter accounts.

The department strives to continually improve itself and become more efficient. Every member of the Ellisville Police Department is committed to our Mission statement, which is summed up in our motto:

Excellence, Pride, and Dedication.



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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief of Police

Chief Thomas A. Felgate serves as the chief administrator of the police department and as top law enforcement officer in the city, he is responsible for leading the police force in all matters including policy development, control, supervision, and program implementation of this department and is accountable for the effective delivery of police services to the community. His ultimate responsibility is to protect the public and public property. To carry out this duty, he oversees the police officers who make up the police force for the city. He sets the mission and direction for the police department and establishes its goals. Chief Felgate is accountable to the City Manager, the Mayor and City Council of Ellisville and also serves as the city's emergency management coordinator and liaison with the St. Louis County Emergency Management, SEMA, and Metro West Fire Department.

Captain/Assistant Chief of Police

Captain Joshua Dawson assists in the planning, directing, and coordinating of activities in the police department and is responsible for the supervision of police personnel. Work involves resolving problems of the highest technical nature when required and participating in the determination and formulation of department policies and assists in coordinating, preparing, and administering the budget for the police department. He also investigates citizen complaints about police personnel conduct and services and makes recommendations on performance ratings, disciplinary actions, and related matters. Captain Dawson represents the department at various meetings and conferences and speaks before community groups in behalf of the Chief of Police.

Chiefs Aide/Community and Administrative Services Officer

Sergeant Nancy Walker handles administrative concerns as directed by the Chief of Police and provides direct assistance to the Chief and Captain as needed. Sergeant Walker prepares special reports and acts as liaison officer between the police and other city departments. In addition to public relations that include media liaison, station tours, talks and special programs such as Kids Safety Day, Sergeant Walker heads up the D.A.R.E. *keepin' It REAL* program in two public and two private schools, handles department purchasing, and oversees the administrative services and records department clerical civilian staff.

Administrative Services and Records Department

The Administrative Services and Records Department provides the day-to-day resources and support necessary for an efficient, effective, and well-managed department. It is comprised of one full-time Administrative Assistant, Aimee Brand and one part-time Administrative Assistant, Donna Graham who provide administrative support and a myriad of other services to the department. They are responsible for the retention and release of all non-criminal and criminal related information gathered by the police department and maintains all crime statistics and reports the information to the Federal Bureau of Investigations. They assist walk-in citizens, answer all telephone calls and enter all calls for service. This unit coordinates purchases for the police department, which includes processing of invoices and the submission of payroll to the city's finance department bi-monthly. The high level of support and

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professionalism provided by this department helps ensure that police personnel as well as the general public are insured of the proper help and resources and are in compliance with public records law.

Certification Management Officer

In May of 2015, the Ellisville Police Department began the process of obtaining accreditation through the Missouri Police Chiefs Charitable Foundation (MPCCF) State Certification Program. MPCCF develops standards for law enforcement agencies in Missouri and administers an accreditation process through which law enforcement agencies can demonstrate their compliance with the professionally-recognized standards and criteria for excellence in management and service delivery. Lieutenant Wayne Moore works full-time developing, writing, and managing the department's catalog of policies and forms to meet the accreditation standards.

PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division is the largest division within the Ellisville Police Department. Patrol is unlike any other division within the police department because of its high visibility and frequent contact with the public. The law enforcement process is most likely to start with a patrol officer responding to a call for service or having a self-initiated contact, such as a traffic stop or pedestrian check. Pictured is Officer Zack Dorton while on patrol. He stopped to buy lemonade and talk to the young entrepreneurs.



The Patrol Division is comprised of uniformed patrol squads staffed each with a Lieutenant, Corporal and two officers on each watch, who rotate between day and evening 12-hour shifts.

These squads are the first responders who provide around-the-clock service and protection for the Ellisville community. The Patrol Division is responsible for responding to 911 calls for service; the protection of life and property; the patrol of Ellisville's neighborhoods; the prevention of crime; the apprehension of criminals; and the enforcement of federal, state and local laws.



The city is currently divided into two separate geographical areas known as sectors. An individual officer is assigned to each sector and is responsible for providing police service to that area. By maintaining area assignments, patrol reduces overall response time and provides comprehensive coverage to the city. There are also two police reserves who assist full-time officers with calls for police assistance. The Lieutenant and Corporal provide additional support to the officers. Pictured is Officer Nathan Dye helping a stranded motorist who ran out of fuel.

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The Lieutenants, also known as Watch Commanders, provide leadership, supervision and training for all patrol officers. Additionally, Lieutenants are responsible for the day to day operations of the department and for reviewing and approval of all completed police reports. Each Lieutenant is responsible for additional duties. Lieutenant Kelly Murray is the department Armorer, Firearms Instructor, and CIT Coordinator. Lieutenant John Connor is responsible for scheduling training and tracking P.O.S.T. hours. Lieutenant Andy Vaughn is responsible for managing evidence. Lieutenant Jeff Diehl is the Assistant Firearms and Active Shooter Instructor, and is in charge of applying for grants.

The Corporals perform the same functions as the patrol officer but also act as lead officer in the field when the Lieutenant is not present. They also have other responsibilities. Corporal Jim Corbett is responsible for vehicle maintenance and field training. Corporal George Corless is responsible for field training, firearms training and is the Color Guard Commander. Corporal Corey Smith is the K-9 officer and is responsible for field training and firearms training. Corporal Brian Bardle is responsible for vehicle maintenance, field training and firearms training.

Bicycle/ATV Patrol Unit

The Bicycle/ATV Patrol Unit is comprised of officers that utilize alternative patrol techniques to address all types of criminal activity and is staffed by full-time officers on an as-needed basis for special events and assignments. The department has seven full-time officers that are currently trained and certified to ride a police bicycle. Those officers are: Captain Joshua Dawson, Lieutenant John Connor, Lieutenant Andy Vaughn, Corporal George Corless, Patrol Officer Travis Detring, Patrol Officer Nathan Dye and Patrol Officer Chuck Kraus. Lieutenant Vaughn is the only officer who is also trained and certified to operate the ATV. Pictured at right: Corporal George Corless did not learn bike repair in the police academy, but here he goes above and beyond “standard” police duties in helping a fellow cyclist reattach his bicycle chain. Corporal Corless often utilizes bike patrol as a way to interact with our citizens and provide a more personable type of patrol. As Corporal Corless demonstrates here, police officers wear many hats and have many responsibilities. Mobile bike repair was one of those duties on this day. Picture from Ellisville Police Facebook.



Part-Time Patrol Officers and Reserve Officers

The Ellisville Police Department employs part-time police officers with the primary purpose of augmenting police services to the community through duties that include, but are not limited to patrolling subdivisions, conducting vacation checks, park patrol, security and court details, and performing additional assignments or duties as are deemed necessary. John Rakonick serves as the court bailiff for the Ellisville Municipal Court, conducts Neighborhood Watch meetings, assist the Detective Bureau, and serves as the Ellisville

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Police Business Liaison Officer. Doug Algren provided the department extra assistance and patrolling for the police department until he retired in December of 2016.

The department also has two reserve police officers who assist the full-time police officers. The reserve position is voluntary and is not a paid position. Officer Stephen Heidke can perform the same duties as a full-time police officer and Officer Larry Kirn who also works for the Ellisville Public Works, can assist the police officers as needed. All part-time and reserve officers must meet the same Missouri Police Officer Standard Training (P.O.S.T.) as full-time officers. They are also responsible for all applicable departmental policies, procedures and directives governing conduct and job performance.

K-9 Unit

The Ellisville Police Department acquired its first K-9 in 2016. Dark started patrolling the streets of Ellisville on April 30 after he and his partner Corporal Corey Smith spent twelve weeks of intense training at the Shallow Creek Kennels in Sharpsville, Pennsylvania.

Dark, a German Shepard/Belgian Malinois mix, is certified by the North American Police Work Dog Association in tracking, article searches, obedience, aggression and narcotics. He is trained to detect odors of several types of drugs, including cocaine, methamphetamine, marijuana and heroin, and can perform vehicle and building searches for those substances. Dark can also help track missing children or elderly, and help find suspects who have fled the scene of a crime.



Although the canine is well trained when selected by the department, training continues for the working life of the dog. Corporal Smith has a strong commitment to the program and this assignment will be one of the longest in the department. Not only is Dark and Corporal Smith together constantly at work, Dark lives with Corporal Smith's family. At home these dogs act like ordinary family pets. However, once his handler puts him in the car for the trip to work, the dog's demeanor changes. The dog has an innate sense of when they will be required to assist their partner and they look forward to coming to work. The dog must obey their handler without hesitation

The department's K-9 Unit plays a vital role assisting this agency and others in the accomplishment of mission objectives. The superior sense of smell, hearing and potential aggressiveness of a trained law enforcement canine is a valuable supplement to law enforcement manpower.



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and be able to work under the most trying and adverse conditions. K-9 dogs require constant attention and care in order to maintain the high standards placed upon them. Corporal Smith and Dark received over 300 hours from K-9 school and another 128 hours of formal training in 2016. This does not include the extensive training they conduct daily while on and off-duty together. In 2016, the K-9 Unit was called out one time on May 3 to help track a suspect at the Trends Motel. The suspect was not found until later. While on duty, the K-9 Unit assisted patrol officers with five drug sniffs on vehicles, nine building searches, five drug sniffs at schools, and one flight risk subject wanted for a felony. The Unit also participated in three public relation events. Pictures provided by Corporal Smith.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION BUREAU

The mission of the Investigation Bureau is to identify, target, arrest and successfully prosecute individuals involved in criminal activity as well as recover any stolen property. The Bureau consists of two major components: felony investigations and misdemeanor complaints. Detectives investigate all felony crimes occurring in the city as well as cases beyond the resources of the Patrol Division.

The Investigation Bureau is managed by Captain Joshua Dawson and has two full-time officers – Detective Brian Gillaspie and Detective Paul Keller, and one part-time officer – Detective John Rakonick, who assists in the Bureau when needed. Two patrol squads are assigned to each full-time detective to investigate cases originating from those squads. Detectives establish and maintain liaisons with other law enforcement agencies, local courts, and the St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office

Detectives Gillaspie and Keller are also members of the St. Louis Major Case Squad, which responds at the request of other agencies to investigate homicides. Ellisville did not have any Major Case Squad call outs in 2016.

COLOR GUARD

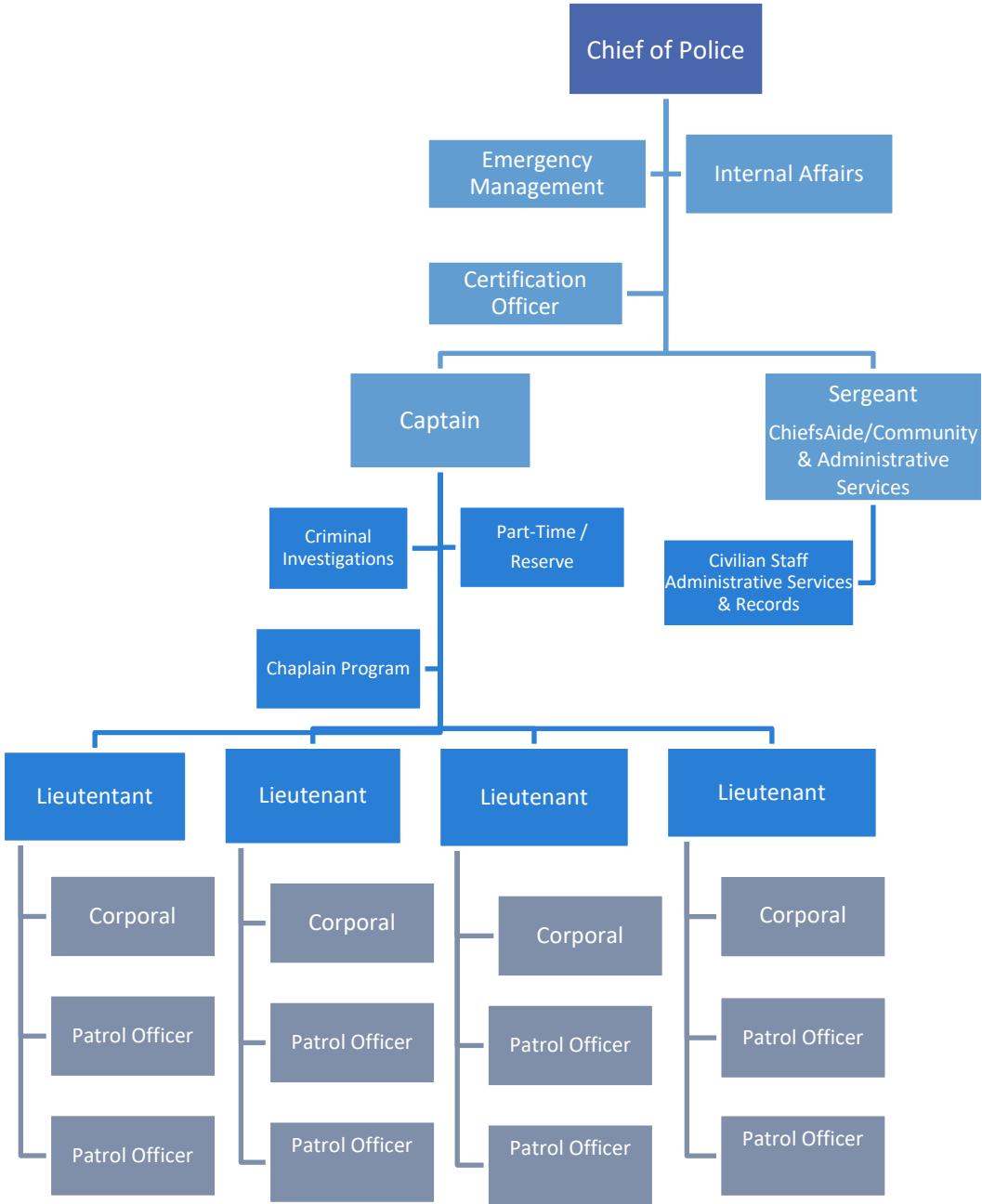
When called upon, the Ellisville Police Color Guard serves as a tribute to officers and families at law enforcement funerals, parades and other ceremonial occasions – both solemn and festive. Our officers are highly motivated and maintain exceptionally high standards of appearance and conduct.

A primary role for the Color Guard is to serve as the “guardians of the colors” by displaying and escorting the national and state flag on ceremonial occasions and at official functions. Historically, these appearances have included Ellisville's Memorial Day ceremony, Independence Day celebration, Veterans Day ceremony, and the Police Memorial Prayer Breakfast. The Color Guard is a ceremonial unit, composed of department members of all ranks who volunteer their time.

Officers currently serving as members of the Color Guard are: Corporal George Corless (Color Guard Commander), Corporal Brian Bardle, Officer Joey Nickles, and Officer Chuck Kraus. Lieutenant Kelly Murray, Lieutenant Andy Vaughn, Lieutenant Jeff Diehl, and Detective Brian Gillaspie stepped down from the Guard in December of 2016 to let other members of the police department have the honor of serving on the Color Guard.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION CHART



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AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL STRENGTH

	YEARS OF SERVICE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF - CHIEF THOMAS (TOM) A. FELGATE	36 years 5 months
ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF – CAPTAIN JOSHUA C. DAWSON	18 years 10 months
Lieutenant – Wayne W. Moore, Certification Management Officer	37 years 11 months
Lieutenant – Kelly D. Murray, Squad A	27 years 9 months
Lieutenant – Andrew (Andy) D. Vaughn, Squad B	10 years 10 months
Lieutenant – John D. Connor, Squad C	18 years 4 months
Lieutenant – Jeff A. Diehl, Squad D	15 years 4 months
Sergeant – Nancy E. Walker, Chiefs Aid/Community Affairs/DARE	35 years 8 months
Corporal – James (Jim) P. Corbett, Squad A	19 years 2 months
Corporal – Corey L. Smith, Squad B	8 years 10 months
Corporal – George S. Corless, Squad C	12 years 10 months
Corporal – Brian W. Bardle, Squad D	11 years 1 month
Detective – Brian E. Gillaspie	12 years 10 months
Detective – Paul A. Keller	14 years 11 months
Patrol Officer – Travis M. Detring, Squad A	8 years 6 months
Patrol Officer – Ryan B. Schneider, Squad A	3 years 3 months
Patrol Officer – Nathan K. Dye, Squad B	2 years 2 months
Patrol Officer – Zachary (Zach) W. Dorton, Squad B	1 year 5 months
Patrol Officer – Harry (Joey) J. Nickles, Squad C	6 years 11 month
Patrol Officer – Austin (AJ) J. Neff, Squad C	2 years
Patrol Officer – Jacob (Jake) M. Adams, Squad D	3 years 1 month
Patrol Officer – Charles (Chuck) Kraus III, Squad D (Re-hired 4/11/16)	8 months
Detective – John M. Rakonick, Part-Time Officer	15 years 5 months
Patrol Officer – Larry J. Kirn, Reserve Officer	23 years 3 months
Patrol Officer – Stephen R. Heidke, Reserve Officer	1 year 3 months
Assistant II – Aimee M. Brand, Full-Time Administrative Services and Records	8 years 8 months
Assistant I – Donna J. Graham, Part-Time Administrative Services and Records	17 years 8 months

Part-time Patrol Officer Douglas A. Algren retired on December 20, 2016 after serving 11 years with the Ellisville Police Department. Thank you Officer Algren for your service.

2016 BUDGET

2016 Budget

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The Ellisville Police Department operates on 19% (\$2,494,720) of the city's \$13,169,795 budget. Payroll and operating expenses come out of the General Fund. As with all municipal budgets, the vast majority is spent on salaries and benefits to department members. Capital expenses come out of the Capital Fund. The police department accounts are used for the cost of providing a safe and pleasant environment for Ellisville residents.

Payroll Expenses

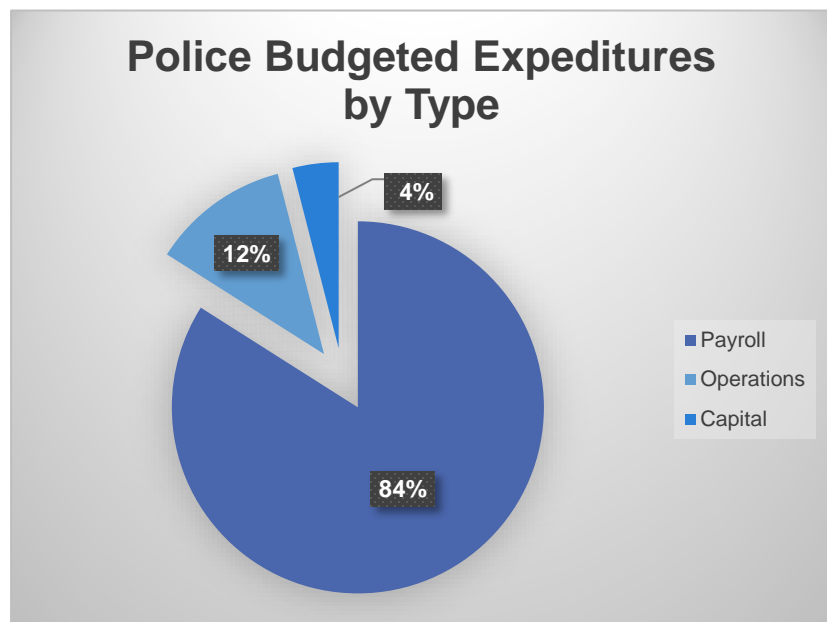
The police department budgeted \$2,102,980 in police employee salaries and benefits in 2016. Salaries and wages included the employee's salaries, overtime pay, FICA, and holiday pay. Benefits include health insurance, dental insurance, life insurance, long term disability, pension, and annual year-end awards for full and part-time police employees

Operating Expenses

The police department budgeted \$294,040 for operating expenses in 2016. Operating expenses included professional and contractual services, personnel development, supplies, printing, postage and notices, prisoner housing, gasoline, ammunition, uniforms, utilities, rentals and small equipment purchasing, maintenance and repair, community events, and emergency management.

Capital Expenses

The police department budgeted \$97,700 for Capital Outlay. Capital Outlay in 2016 included the purchase of two Chevrolet Tahoes and one dual purpose narcotics/patrol police canine – "Dark."



COMMUNICATIONS

Communications

The St. Louis County Police Department Bureau of Communications provides police radio communications and Computer-Assisted Report Entry (CARE) services for the Ellisville Police Department through a formalized law enforcement service contract. The contractual agreement exists between the cities of Ellisville, Chesterfield, Clarkson Valley, Eureka, and Wildwood who share the Muni-West radio frequency. The annual cost of this service was developed on a price per call basis for each city. The City of Ellisville's share was \$42,396 annually or \$3,533 monthly. The Muni-West communication contract is for a twelve month period, commencing on the first day of March.

Through St. Louis County Police Department Bureau of Communications, Ellisville Police has instant access to local, state and federal criminal history files including Regional Justice Information Services (REJIS), Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System (MULES), and National Crime Information Center (NCIC). A computer-aided dispatching (CAD) system is used to direct the closest available police unit(s) to all emergency calls for service. The Record Analysis and Mapping System service agreement provides the successful multi-jurisdiction integration of the 911 system, non-emergency telephone call processing, and radio dispatching to and from police cars for the police department. CrimeMatrix which is available to Ellisville through the communications contract, ties together arrest records, police reports, electronic mug shots, handgun permit issuance records, traffic tickets, address history, probation/parole records, sex offender registration and domestic violence databases.

CALLS FOR SERVICE

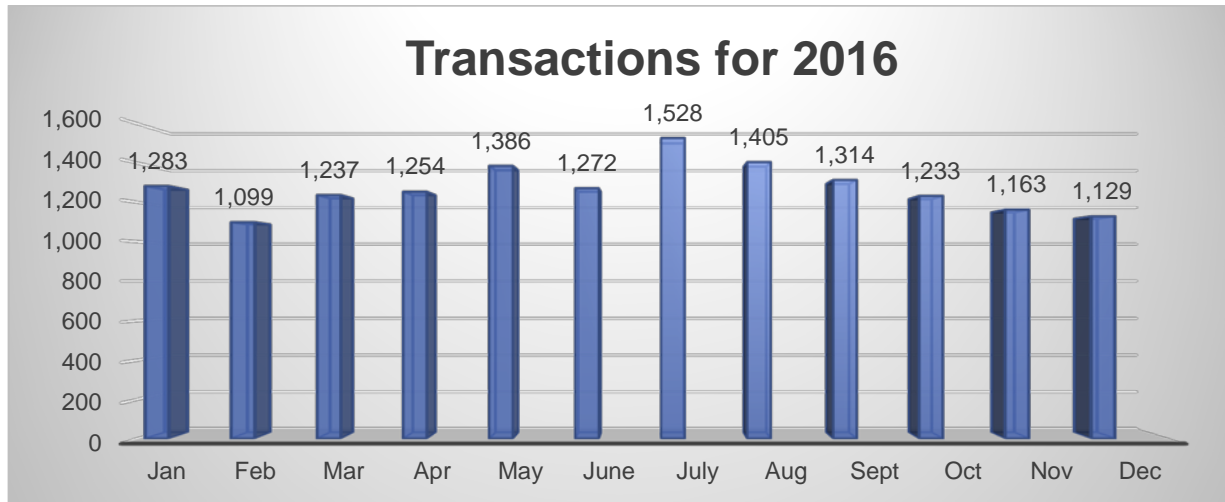
In 2016, there were 15,303 recorded radio transactions or calls for service for the Ellisville Police Department. This includes actual calls for police service, calls for an officer to respond to the police station, all administrative assignments, any telephone call assignments, municipal or state court appearances, report writing, and traffic stops. In cases where an incident requires more than one officer to respond to a call, such as a burglary, the transaction would be tracked separately. Of the 15,303 transactions involving Ellisville Police officers, 6,242 were received and dispatched by St. Louis County, 4,028 were either self-initiated by the officer or citizen reported, and 5,033 were assisted by backup police units.

CALLS FOR SERVICE BY DAY OF WEEK

DAY OF WEEK	DIRECTED	SELF-INITIATED	ASSISTS	TOTALS	% TOTAL
Sunday	787	417	664	1,868	12.2%
Monday	909	556	729	2,194	14.3%
Tuesday	854	534	610	1,998	13.0%
Wednesday	909	693	699	2,301	15.2%
Thursday	896	613	687	2,196	14.3%
Friday	915	637	787	2,339	15.3%
Saturday	972	578	857	2,407	15.7%
Total	6,242	4,028	5,033	15,303	100.0%

COMMUNICATIONS

CALLS FOR SERVICE BY MONTH



Average Call Response Times

Emergency Code Call:
Avg. Minutes 4.02

Emergency Call:
Avg. Minutes 5.35

Non-Emergency Call:
Avg. Minutes 6.46

False Alarm Data

Commercial – 404
Residential – 110

Fire – 69

Medical – 14

Panic - 3

Disregard - 27

CALLS FOR SERVICE PRIORITIES DEFINED

Police service calls are prioritized into three categories. Emergency Code Calls, Emergency Calls, and Non-Emergency Calls. Emergency Code Calls are calls for service that are life-threatening, threatens the safety of citizens, and serious crimes that may be in progress or just occurred. Emergency Calls are calls for service that are non-life threatening but urgent in nature. Non-Emergency Calls are routine incidents of non-life threatening but require police response for appropriate documentation or action.

The time it takes an officer to arrive on scene, known as “response time,” is always a concern of the Ellisville Police Department. The department understands the importance of a timely response. Many factors can affect these times such as call type, traffic, and weather. The Ellisville Police Department is obligated to provide timely services and the department is committed to maintaining superior service.

ALARMS

In 2016, Ellisville Police received a total of 514 alarm calls, which was a decrease of 4.2% from last year. All alarms were either accidental (483) or weather (31) related. One hundred sixty-two letters were sent to owners notifying them of the alarm violation.

UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING

Uniform Crime Reporting

The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program was developed in 1929 by the International Association of Chiefs of Police to meet the need for national uniform crime statistics. The UCR Program divides offenses into two groups, Part I and Part II crimes. Each month, contributing agencies submit information on the number of Part I offenses known to law enforcement, those offenses cleared by arrest or exceptional means; and the age, sex, and race of persons arrested for each of the offenses. Contributors provide only arrest data for Part II offenses.

The UCR Program collects data about Part I offenses in order to measure the level and scope of crime occurring throughout the nation. The program's founders chose these offenses because they are serious crimes, they occur with regularity in all areas of the country, and they are likely to be reported to police. Part I offenses are violent crimes including murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, auto theft, and arson.

Part II offenses, for which only arrest data are collected, are: other assaults (simple), forgery and counterfeiting, fraud, embezzlement, stolen property, vandalism, weapon violations, prostitution and commercialized vice, other sex offenses, drug abuse violations, gambling, offenses against the family and children, driving under the influence, liquor laws, drunkenness, disorderly conduct, vagrancy, all other offenses, suspicion, curfew and loitering laws (persons under age 18) and runaways (persons under the age 18).

UNIFORM CRIME REPORTING STATISTICS

Part I Index Crime Totals	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Murder	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	1	0	0	0
Robbery	2	2	0	2	2
Aggravated Assault	16	7	8	4	7
Burglary	9	23	10	18	17
Larceny/Theft	100	121	57	69	88
Motor Vehicle Theft	7	8	3	4	3
Arson	0	0	1	0	0
Total Offenses	134	162	79	97	117

2016 INCIDENT CRIME SUMMARY

2016 Incident Crime Summary

Incident by Type	2016	2015
Rape, by Force (After 12-31-2012)	0	1
Sex Offense, Forcible, Attempt to Commit Rape (Prior to 01-01-2013)	-1	0
Robbery, Firearm	1	1
Robbery, Strongarm	1	1
Assault, Aggravated, Firearm	2	1
Assault, Aggravated, Knife/Cutting Instrument	1	1
Assault, Aggravated, Other Dangerous Weapon	3	1
Assault, Aggravated, Hands/Feet/Fists	10	4
Assault, Intimidation	2	1
Assault, Simple/Other	20	17
Burglary, Forcible Entry	3	6
Burglary, Unlawful Entry/No Force	6	16
Burglary, Attempt Forcible Entry	0	1
Larceny \$200 and Over	48	45
Larceny \$50 to \$199	22	41
Larceny Under \$50	30	35
Motor Vehicle Theft, Auto	7	8
Bad Checks	3	4
Fraud, Credit Card/Automatic Teller Machine	14	22
Fraud, False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	4	12
Fraud, Hacking/Computer Invasion	1	0
Fraud, Identity Theft	33	0
Fraud, Impersonation	1	80
Fraud, Wire	1	5
Embezzlement	1	0
Stolen Property Offenses	2	8
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	35	23
Weapon Law Violations	4	2
Sex Offense, Non-Forcible, Statutory Rape	0	0
Sex Offense, Other	2	0
Drug Equipment Violations	5	3
Drug/Narcotic Violations	32	23
Family Offenses, Nonviolent	5	2
Driving Under the Influence (DWI)	56	48
Liquor Law Violations	1	7
Drunkness	0	1
Disorderly Conduct	1	2

2016 INCIDENT CRIME SUMMARY

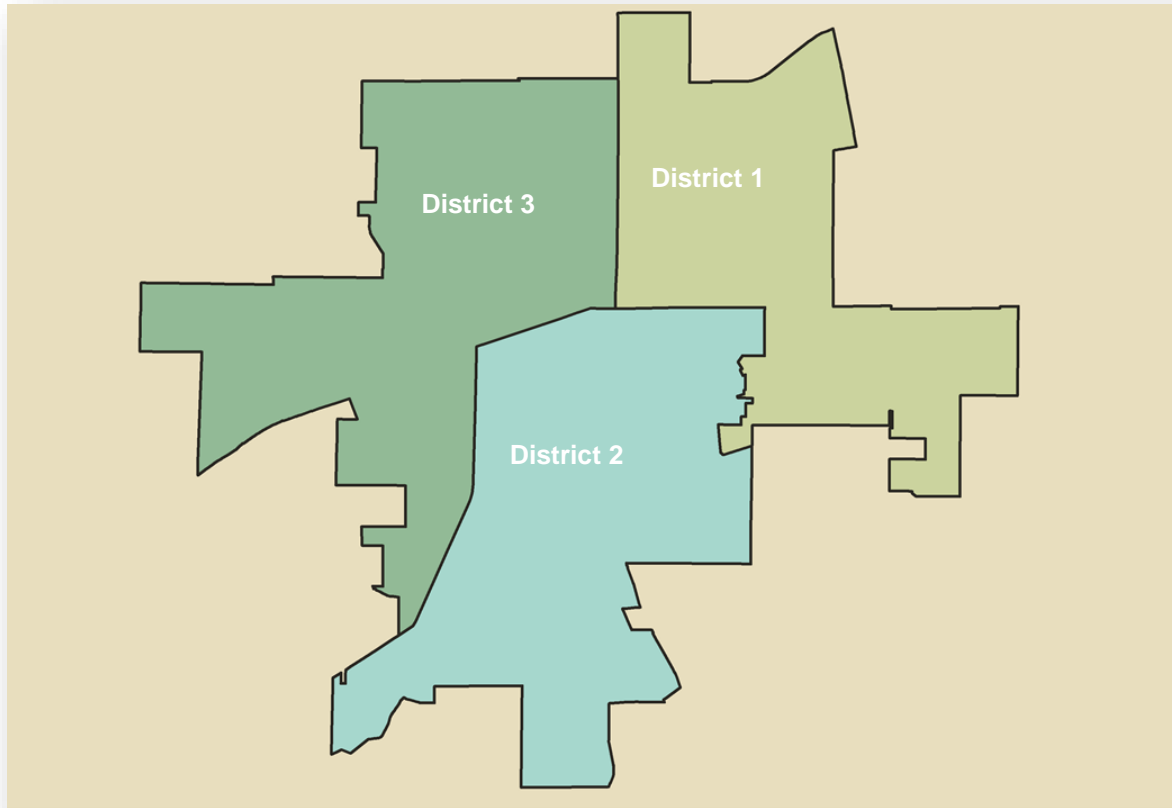
Incident by Type	2016	2015
Violation of Road and Driving Laws	3	3
Parking Violations	4	7
Violation of Motor Vehicle Laws	4	1
Forgery	2	6
Counterfeiting	2	1
Pornography/Obscene Literature and Objects	1	0
Miscellaneous Offenses Not Otherwise Classified	52	43
Loitering	0	1
Curfew Violation	2	3
Runaway	7	0
Missing Person	8	4
Incorrigible	0	1
Truancy	1	0
Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution	1	1
Kidnapping	1	0
Tampering With Auto Not Otherwise Classified	3	2
Violation County/Municipal Ordinance Not Otherwise Classified	6	9
Animal Cruelty	2	0
Bomb Threat	1	0
Littering	0	1
Failure to Appear	13	13
Warrant Arrest	32	17
Fugitive Arrest	2	3
Non UCR	48	35
Non Classified Incident	2	2
Vehicle Accident, Property Damage	114	367
Vehicle Accident, Injury	11	18
Vehicle Accident, Leaving the Scene	10	17
Suicide	3	3
Attempted Suicide	2	3
Accidental Injury	4	2
Total	697	985

WORK LOAD STATISTICS

In 2016, there were 692 original reports entered in CARE. Another 424 supplemental reports were entered in CARE. There were 405 original reports entered into LETS 4 (roadway and private property accident reports). In March of 2016, accident reports were no longer entered into the CARE system due to LETS 4 program having a larger storage base for accidents than the old version and no need to duplicate the same information entered into CARE and LETS 4.

REPORTS BY DISTRICT

Reports by District



BURGLARY - DISTRICT 1

- 15619 Manchester Road – Allen Transmission – Forcible Entry
- 1530 Field Avenue West – Residence – Garage - Unlawful Entry/No Force
- 1080 Sagebrush Trail – Residence – Unlawful Entry/No Force

BURGLARY - DISTRICT 2

- 437 Old State Road – Premier Pools and Spas – Forcible Entry
- 525 Old State Road – Allen Roofing – Forcible Entry
- 412 Old State Road – Kid’s International – Unlawful Entry/No Force

REPORTS BY DISTRICT

BURGLARY - DISTRICT 3

2626 Westhills Park Drive – Construction Site – Unlawful Entry/No Force

16180 Amber Vista Drive – Residence Vacant – Unlawful Entry/No Force

16112 Clayton Road – Burglary, Unlawful Entry/No Force

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT- DISTRICT 1

15856 Clayton Road – Business - Alibi 25 – Vehicle was recovered.

345 Clarkson Road – Business – Domino's Pizza – Vehicle was recovered.

15736 Manchester Road – Bommarito – Vehicle was recovered.

17736 Manchester Road – Bommarito Audi of West County – Vehicle was recovered.

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT - DISTRICT 2

15502 Manchester Road – Royal Gate Dodge – Vehicle was recovered.

15502 Manchester Road – Royal Gate Dodge – Vehicle was recovered.

15354 Manchester Road – Jack in the Box – Vehicle was recovered.

LARCENY - DISTRICT 1

Larceny \$200 and Over - 14

Larceny \$50 to \$199 - 6

Larceny Under \$50 - 7

LARCENY- DISTRICT 2

Larceny \$200 and Over - 14

Larceny \$50 to \$199 - 4

Larceny Under \$50 - 14

LARCENY - DISTRICT 3

Larceny \$200 and Over - 20

Larceny \$50 to \$199 - 12

Larceny Under \$50 - 9

PROPERTY STOLEN/RECOVERED

Property Stolen/Recovered

PROPERTY STOLEN BY CLASSIFICATION

Classification of Offenses	Value of Property
1. Robbery	
a. Highway (Streets, alleys, etc.)	\$0
b. Commercial House (Except c, d, and f)	\$0
c. Gas or Service Station	\$0
d. Convenience Store	\$0
e. Residence (Anywhere on premises)	\$0
f. Bank	\$0
g. Miscellaneous	\$17,761
Total Robbery	\$17,761
2. Burglary – Breaking or Entering	
a. Residence (Dwelling)	
(1) Night (6 p.m. – 6 a.m.)	\$2,201
(2) Day (6 a.m. – 6 p.m.)	\$3,897
(3) Unknown	\$251
b. Non-Residence (Store, office, etc.)	
(1) Night (6 p.m. – 6 a.m.)	\$10,840
(2) Day (6 a.m. – 6 p.m.)	\$23,527
Total Burglary	\$40,716
3. Larceny – Theft (Except Motor Vehicle Theft)	
a. \$200 and Over	\$52,591
b. \$50 to \$200	\$2,645
c. Under \$50	\$500
Total Larceny (Same as Item 5X)	\$55,736
4. Motor Vehicle Theft (Include Alleged Joy Ride)	\$196,140
Grand Total – All Items	\$310,353
5X. Nature of Larcenies Under Item 3	
a. Pocket-Picking	\$1,451
b. Purse-Snatching	\$83
c. Shoplifting	\$8,313
d. From Motor Vehicles (Except e)	\$15,012
e. Motor Vehicle Parts and Accessories	\$14,712
f. Bicycles	\$4,500
g. From Building (Except c and h)	\$7,215
h. From Any Coin Operated Machine (Parking meters, etc.)	\$0
i. All Others	\$4,450
Total Larcenies	\$55,736

Value of Property Recovered

Type of Property

Currency

Stolen - \$8,012 Recovered - \$0

Jewelry & Precious Medals

Stolen - \$3,800 Recovered - \$0

Clothing & Furs

Stolen - \$6,608 Recovered - \$1,738

Locally Stolen Motor Vehicles

Stolen - \$171,919 Recovered - \$96,600

Office Equipment

Stolen - \$2,199 Recovered - \$900

Televisions, Radios, Stereos, Etc.

Stolen - \$199 Recovered - \$0

Firearms

Stolen - \$2,840 Recovered - \$850

Household Goods

Stolen - \$970 Recovered - \$185

Consumable Goods

Stolen - \$2,057 Recovered - \$253

Livestock

Stolen - \$0 Recovered - \$0

Miscellaneous

Stolen - \$111,749 Recovered - \$56,464

Total \$310,353 Recovered \$156,990

ARRESTS/JUDICIAL CUSTODIES

Arrests/Judicial Custodies

Adult Arrests

In 2016, police made 240 adult (17 years old or older) arrests. Of those arrests, 47 were charged with committing a felony offense and 193 were charged with either an ordinance violation or a misdemeanor charge.

Adults were referred to the Ellisville Municipal Court or State Court depending on the seriousness of charge.

Juvenile Judicial Custodies

In 2016, police made 25 juvenile (16 years old or younger) judicial custodies. All 75 were charged with either a status offense, an ordinance violation, or a misdemeanor charge.

The juveniles were referred to the St. Louis County Family Court for review and disposition.

DEMOGRAPHICS OF PERSON ARRESTED/CUSTODY

AGE GROUP	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
13-16	17	8	25	9.4%
17-20	32	12	44	16.6%
21-29	67	20	87	33.0%
30-39	30	19	49	18.5%
40-49	26	12	38	14.3%
50-59	9	7	16	6.0%
60-69	3	1	4	1.5%
70-91	2	0	2	0.7%
TOTAL	186	79	265	100.0%

RESIDENCE OF PERSON ARRESTED/JUDICIAL CUSTODY

CITY	ARRESTED/CUSTODY	PERCENTAGE
Ballwin	52	19.6%
Chesterfield	14	5.3%
Ellisville	50	18.9%
Out of State	4	1.5%
St. Louis City	40	15.1%
Various Cities	69	26.0%
Wildwood	36	13.6%
TOTAL	265	100.0%

In 2016, Ellisville Police housed 37 adult prisoners at Eureka Police Department and St. Louis County Jail for a total of 1,240 hours. The cost to the police department to house prisoners was \$2,088.09. Another \$1,480 was spent on prisoner transport by Law Enforcement Total Solutions (LETS). A total of \$1,408.88 was spent for "fit for confinement" and medicine for prisoners.

SIGNIFICANT CRIME/EVENTS IN 2016

Significant Crime/Events in 2016

CRIME/EVENTS

March 12 - Officers received a call of a shoplifting occurring at Kohl's located at 25 Ellisville Towne Centre. When officers arrived, one of the suspects drove their vehicle into one of the occupied police vehicles while trying to evade the police. The impact caused significant damage to both vehicles, however not disabling either. After striking the police vehicle, the suspect's vehicle left the parking lot, eventually evading the police. The vehicle was later located, unoccupied. After obtaining a search warrant, drugs and recovered stolen items were found in the vehicle. During the course of the investigation, it was discovered the suspect had passed away in St. Louis City approximately two months after this incident.

March 15 – Royal Gate Dodge reported a silver Dodge Challenger stolen from their lot. On April 10, the vehicle was involved in an automobile crash in the City of St. Louis. The vehicle struck a bridge support pillar, overturned and caught fire. The driver was trapped in the vehicle and was killed as a result of injuries from the crash and subsequent vehicle fire.

March 22 – A 17 year old Ellisville man was arrested for Unlawful Action with Illegal Weapon after investigating a report of a homemade bomb. Officers also discovered a zip gun with a 9mm bullet inside. St. Louis County Bomb and Arson was called and responded to the scene where they took possession of the device and made arrangements to destroy it.

April 1 – A 40 year old Ellisville man was arrested for 1st Degree Assault and Armed Criminal Action after he stabbed his roommate several times following an altercation. The suspect peacefully surrendered to the police immediately when the officers arrived at the residence. The victim was transported to the hospital with injuries. Warrants were issued and bond was set at \$250,000.

August 12 – A 19 year old Ballwin man, and 18 year old Ellisville man were arrested for Minor in Possession of an Intoxicating Liquor and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. An 18 year old Maryland Heights man was arrested for Resisting Arrest, Assault on Law Enforcement Officer, Assault 3rd, False Declaration and Fugitive from four other police departments. This all stemmed from an assault call and escalated to an assault on a police officer.

September 6 – A 26 year old Kansas City male was arrested for Attempted Robbery and Felon in Possession of a Firearm after he robbed another male at gun point while the victim sat in his truck on the rear parking lot of Trends Motel. Police found the suspect in a motel room not far from where the incident occurred.

September 17 – A white bag with items inside it was found in a cart between the main and construction entrance of Home Depot located at 37 Ellisville Towne Center. Next to the bag was a black 81MM Mortar with a small hole drilled into it. All store employees and customers were evacuated from the store. The store manager had found the bag with the Mortar inside with the other items near the main exit. He picked up the bag and placed it into the shopping cart and wheeled the cart away from the exit. St. Louis County Bomb and Arson was contacted and took possession of mortar.

SIGNIFICANT CRIME/EVENTS IN 2016

October 7 – A 33 year old Ellisville man was arrested for Strong Arm Robbery after he stole a car from a woman who left her car running while she got out to drop off some books at the library located at 300 Clarkson Road. The victim had tried to stop the suspect and she was thrown to the ground when the car took off. Victim's elbow was scraped and two of her finger nails were broken after they were caught in the door. Police were able to identify the suspect and set up a meeting under the pretext of a drug sale. The suspect tried to drive away in the stolen vehicle when he saw the police and drove at one of the police officers in an aggressive manner. He crashed the stolen vehicle into the curb and after a short foot pursuit was apprehended. Warrants were issued for Robbery 2nd Degree, a Class B felony, Resisting Arrest, Class A misdemeanor and Leaving the Scene of an Accident – Class D felony. His bail was set at \$30,000.

December 1 - At 10:47 p.m., Officer Ryan Schneider was on patrol at the intersection of Clarkson Road and Clayton Road when he saw a heavy amount of smoke emanating from the Qdoba Mexican Restaurant located at 15829 Clayton Road. He called and had Metro West Fire Department respond for a possible fire. The back door was completely engulfed in flames. Metro West Fire determined that the fire appeared suspicious and called St. Louis County Bomb and Arson to respond to the scene. St. Louis County Bomb and Arson arrived on the scene and after conducting their investigation, it was advised that the fire inside Qdoba was classified as "undetermined". Two adjoining business locations, Smoothie King and the former Genghis Grill, suffered smoke damage in the fire. On December 2, the district manager of Qdoba discovered that after having a lock smith open the safe due to damage by the fire, an undisclosed amount of money was missing from the safe.

December 16 – A 70 year old Ellisville man drove his car into a vacant building between Fazio's Music and Shop n Save Grocery Store. The man was unresponsive and had apparently suffered an acute disabling medical issue (possible stroke or heart attack) prior to the crash. The man was later pronounced deceased at St. Luke's Hospital where he had been transported by Metro West EMS. The vacant building was inspected by the city for structural damage before the front was boarded up by the owner.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION BUREAU STATISTICS

In 2016, detectives opened, assumed, or assisted with 51 criminal investigations. Of these, 24 investigations were cleared by further investigation leading to arrest and formal charges by the St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney or through other means. A significant number of cases handled by the detective bureau in 2016 involved identity theft or fraud of some kind. These cases are often complicated in nature and require extensive resources. In an effort to advance their investigations, detectives applied for 47 investigative subpoenas and eight search warrants. As a result of their diligent work, detectives were directly involved with, or assisted in, obtaining over \$75,000 in bonds for criminal defendants and recovering over \$18,000 in stolen property.

Detectives were tasked with processing a total of six crime scenes, all of which produced evidence that had to be properly collected and packaged. In addition to their investigation duties, detectives are responsible for other duties as well. Detective John Rakonick performed over 100 business checks, Detective Brian Gillaspie reviewed and submitted over 200 Livescan fingerprint terminal entries, and Detective Paul Keller performed work and maintenance on police vehicle computers and cameras.

COURTS SYSTEM AND ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS

Courts System and Ordinance Violations

COURTS

The Missouri Judiciary consists of three levels of courts: The trial courts (also known as the circuit courts), an intermediate appellate court (the Missouri Court of Appeals) that is divided into three regional districts, and the Supreme Court of Missouri.

Missouri's local county courts or circuit courts are where cases begin. Within the circuit court are various divisions, such as associate circuit, civil and criminal, family, juvenile, municipal, and probate.

Missouri Court of Appeals is the intermediate appellate court. It handles the vast majority of appeals from the circuit courts.

As the state's highest court, the Supreme Court's role is to ensure a stable and predictable system of justice by serving as the final arbiter of disputes involving the state's constitution and laws.

ORDINANCE VIOLATION SUMMONSES

Ellisville Police officers issued 154 summonses for offenders to appear in the Ellisville Municipal Court in 2016. Below are the types of violations and number of summonses written.

TYPE OF VIOLATION	# SUMMONSES
Alarm Violation	1
Alcohol, Drugs – Non Traffic	85
Animal Violation	1
Assault	11
Damage Property	6
Family Offenses	5
Fraudulent Activities	1
Health-Safety Violations	1
Obstructing Justice	8
Public Peace	14
Stealing, Larceny	18
Zoning Violations	3
Total	154

SUBPOENAS

Ellisville Police Officers received 35 subpoenas from Ellisville Court Administrator Joanna Fiehler, to appear in Ellisville Municipal Court. Most of the subpoenas were issued for traffic offenses.

Ellisville Officers also received another 33 subpoenas to appear in State Court in 2016.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Traffic Enforcement

2016 STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Officers wrote 430 citations for moving violations, 565 non-moving violations, and 652 courtesy warnings tickets for a total of 1,647 citations issued.



VIOLATIONS

VIOLATION CATEGORY	# Tickets	# Warnings	Total	% Total
Accidents	4	0	4	0.24%
Drivers License	71	15	86	5.22%
DUI, Alcohol-Drugs, Traffic	60	0	60	3.64%
Financial Responsibility	233	18	251	15.2%
General Driving	17	16	33	2.00%
Lane Usage	32	88	120	7.28%
Lights – Vehicle	11	0	11	0.66%
Parking	10	4	14	0.85%
Passing	7	0	7	0.43%
Registration/Plates	141	157	298	18.1%
Seat Belts, Child Restraint	98	1	99	6.01%
Signs, Signals	70	40	110	6.70%
Speeding	223	132	355	21.6%
Traffic – Other	5	31	36	2.19%
Turning	5	32	37	2.24%
Vehicle Equipment, Inspections	1	115	116	7.04%
Yield Right-of-Way	7	3	10	0.60%
Total	995	652	1,647	100%

CITATIONS

Month	Number of Citations	%
January	152	15.3%
February	144	14.5%
March	156	15.6%
April	92	9.24%
May	105	10.6%
June	82	8.24%
July	44	4.42%
August	37	3.71%
September	55	5.53%
October	64	6.43%
November	42	4.22%
December	22	2.21%
Total	995	100%

WARNINGS

Month	Number of Warnings	%
January	98	15.0%
February	80	12.3%
March	84	12.9%
April	50	7.67%
May	57	8.76%
June	42	6.44%
July	29	4.44%
August	40	6.13%
September	46	7.05%
October	61	9.35%
November	29	4.44%
December	36	5.52%
Total	652	100%

MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS

MOTOR VEHICLE STOPS

Missouri's state law requires that all peace officers in the state report specific information including a driver's race for each vehicle stop made in the state. Below is the racial profiling data for 2016.

TOTAL NUMBER OF STOPS	GENDER OF DRIVERS STOPPED		STOPS LEADING DISC OF CONTRABAND		
Total Stops	1,014	Male	589	Contraband	16
		Female	425		

REASONS FOR STOP	AGE OF DRIVERS STOPPED		TYPES OF CONTRABAN		
Moving Violation	625	Under 18	77	Drugs/Alcohol/Paraphernalia	13
Equipment Violation	159	18 to 29	334	Weapons	0
License Violation	282	30 to 39	178	Stolen Property	1
Investigation	16	40 and Over	425	Other	3

CATEGORIES FOR MOVING VIOLATIONS	CRIME/VIOLATION RESULT OF ARREST		PROBABLE CAUSE FOR SEARCH		
Speed	385	Outstanding Warrant	14	Consent	9
Lane Violation	143	Drug Violation	9	Inventory	4
Follow Too Close	14	Resisting Arrest	0	Drug/Alcohol Odor	17
Fail to Signal	65	Offense Against Person	1	Incident to Arrest	8
CVE	1	Traffic Violation	6	Plain View Contraband	9
Other	121	DWI/BAC	33	Reasonable Suspicious Weapons	0
		Property Crime	0	Drug Dog Alert	1
		Other	2	Other	0

RESULTS OF STOPS	TOTAL OF DRIVERS ARRESTED		STOPS RESULTING IN SEARCHES		
Citations	557	Arrested	52	Total Stops Involving Searches	28
Warnings	586			Driver Only Searches	2
No Action	38			Property Only Searches	13
Other Result	9			Search of Driver and Property	13

RACE/MINORITY OF DRIVERS STOPPED	LOCATION OF STOPS		DURATION OF SEARCH		
White	918	Interstate Highway	0	0 to 15 Minutes	28
Black/African-American	67	U.S. Highway	6	16 to 30 Minutes	0
Hispanic/Latino	5	State Highway	574	More than 31 Minutes	0
American Indian/Alaska Nat.	0	County Road	106		
Asian	13	City Street	164		
Other/Unknown	11	Other	164		

TRAFFIC CRASHES

Traffic Crashes

Traffic Crashes

In 2016, there were a total of 405 reported automobile accidents within the City of Ellisville. There were 349 automobile accidents that occurred on the roadways and 56 automobile accidents that occurred on private property. Of these accidents, 301 roadway and 53 private property accidents were vehicle damage only and 48 roadway and 3 private property accidents had people injured. A total of 70 people were injured in roadway accidents and 4 people were injured in private property accidents.

There were 34 leaving the scene traffic crashes and three traffic crashes involving pedestrians.

Statistically speaking, it can be offered that you are most likely be involved in a traffic crash in the City of Ellisville traveling MO 100 on Friday between the hours of 4:00 pm – 4:59 pm in the month of February. The vehicle will most likely be driven by a young male between 16 and 20 years of age.

TRAFFIC CRASHES FIVE YEAR COMPARISON

	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Roadway Accidents	349	369	254	261	274
Fatal Accidents (Roadway only)	0	0	0	0	2
Injury Accidents (Roadway only)	48	54	36	35	44
Number Injured (Roadway only)	70	71	46	50	58
Private Property Accidents	56	53	31	23	24

2016 TRAFFIC CRASHES BY MONTH

MONTH	CRASHES ON ROADWAY	PRIVATE PROPERTY	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
January	25	7	32	7.90%
February	37	5	42	10.4%
March	24	3	27	6.67%
April	37	2	39	9.62%
May	24	5	29	7.16%
June	28	7	35	8.64%
July	26	3	29	7.16%
August	31	7	38	9.38%
September	27	3	30	7.40%
October	31	3	34	8.39%
November	32	3	35	8.64%
December	27	8	35	8.64%
Total	349	56	405	100%

ECONOMIC LOSS TO COMMUNITY DUE TO CRASHES (INCLUDING PRIVATE PROPERTY)

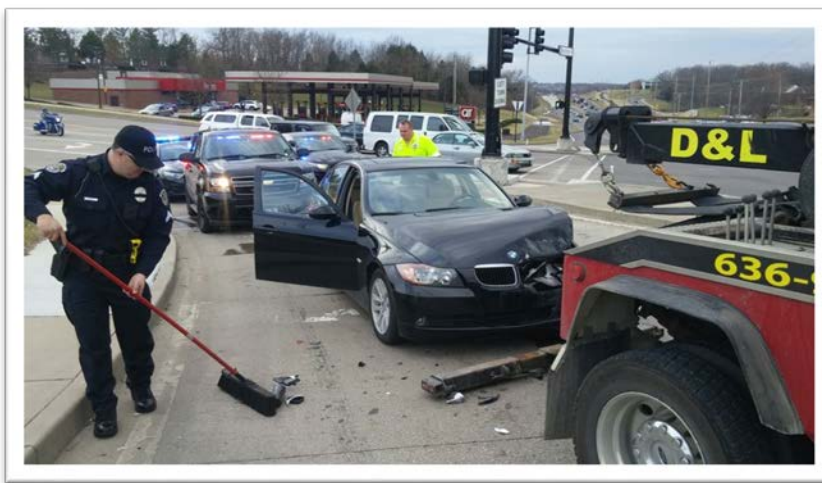
VALUE	#	X	COST
Number of Fatalities	0	210,000.00	\$0.00
Number of Injuries	74	62,500.00	\$4,625,000.00
Number of Property Damage Only	354	8,200.00	\$2,902,800.00
Total Cost			\$7,527,800.00

TRAFFIC CRASHES

CRASHES BY PROBABLE CONTRIBUTING CIRCUMSTANCES

PROBABLE CONTRIBUTING CIRCUMSTANCES (405 CRASHES W/822 VEHICLES INCLUDING PRIVATE PROPERTY) # VEHICLES

PROBABLE CONTRIBUTING CIRCUMSTANCES (405 CRASHES W/822 VEHICLES INCLUDING PRIVATE PROPERTY)	# VEHICLES
Vehicle Defeats	6
Improperly Stopped on Roadway	1
Speed – Exceeded Limit	4
Too Fast for Conditions	15
Improper Passing	3
Violation Signal/Sign	9
Wrong Side (Not Passing)	1
Following Too Close	129
Improper Backing	11
Improper Turn	10
Improper Lane Usage/Change	25
Improperly Parked	2
Failed to Yield	95
Alcohol	10
Physical Impairment	6
None	381
Vision Obstructed	6
Driver Fatigue/Asleep	4
Overcorrected	1
Object/Obstruction in Roadway	2
Other	23
Unknown	58
Inattention	61
Total	863



Pictured is Corporal Jim Corbett helping D & L Towing clean up after a vehicle ran into the rear of another vehicle that had stopped to yield to the eastbound Manchester Road traffic. The accident occurred in October in the right turning lane from Old State Road onto Manchester Road. No one was injured. Picture by Lieutenant Kelly Murray.

Police Training and Schools

The Ellisville Police Department is committed to providing all qualified personnel educational opportunities and professional training. The Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Commission approved new training standards for Missouri peace officers on December 1, 2015. New training standards, including 24 hours of annual continuing education training, will begin in 2017, however, there were no changes for individual officers during 2016. As with previous continuing education reporting periods, peace officers licensed prior to January 1, 2015 must obtain 48 hours of continuing law enforcement education by December 31, 2017 (current reporting period), with at least 24 of these 48 hours coming from an "Approved Provider" of training. Of these 48 hours, officers must obtain a minimum of:

- 4 hours in Legal Studies – Training focuses on updates or familiarization concerning federal, state and local criminal law or legal issues.
- 4 hours in Technical Studies – Training focuses on specialized studies or activities which directly relate to the job description, including first aid and CPR training.
- 4 hours in Interpersonal Perspectives – Training focuses on communication skills such as cultural diversity training, ethics, conflict management, victim sensitivity and stress management.
- 4 hours of Skill Development – Training focuses on activities that develop physical skill proficiency such as defensive tactics, firearms, driver training, first aid and CPR training. A minimum of four hours of some type of firearms skill development training.
- 32 hours of Electives (Any of the above-listed core curricula areas.)
- 3 hours of Racial Profiling training, which typically fits within the Interpersonal block of instruction. Racial Profiling training is part of the required 48 hours, not in addition to it.

Ellisville Police officers received over 2,300 hours of formal instruction/training in 2016. This training was provided by the St. Louis County and Municipal Police Academy, in-house training, Missouri Highway Patrol, Missouri Chiefs Association, and other P.O.S.T certified and some non-P.O.S.T. certified training. Non-posting training would include training that is needed such as REJIS but is not classified as P.O.S.T. certified.

Some of the in-house training included Firearms Qualification and Skill Development, Low Light Tactics and Night Fire, TASER Conducted Electrical Weapon Certification, Missouri Law Statue Update 2017, and Arrest and Control Tactics. Captain Joshua Dawson, Lieutenant Kelly Murray, Lieutenant Jeff Diehl, Lieutenant Andy Vaughn, and Officer Joey Nickles conducted some of the in-house training for the officers in 2016.

On the next page, is the list of training course names of some of the training Ellisville Police officers and staff have received in 2016. On page 33 are pictures of Ellisville Police officers training during the Arrest and Control class and Low Light/Night Firing. The Arrest and Control course was a combination of classroom, hands-on instruction and training drills in order to facilitate retention technics. The Low Light/Night Firing was in-house instruction for officers using their on-duty handgun and rifle in low light or at night.

POLICE TRAINING AND SCHOOLS

TRAINING COURSE NAME	TRAINING COURSE NAME	TRAINING COURSE NAME
360 Leadership Developing	E-Cigs, Vapor Pen, Etc. Laws/Review	Objective Pre-Employment Interviewing
Active Shooter Response/4E Response to Active Shooter Event	Firearms Instructor Recertification Course	Narcotics Detection & Patrol Police Service Canine
Active Threat Integrated Response	Failures in Criminal Investigations	Online Safety Training
Advanced Homicide Investigation for Death Investigators	Firearms Qualification and Skills Development	PPCT Defensive Tactics Instructor Recertification
Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE)	Hollenbeck Community Partnership Program	Practical Crime Scene Photography & Scene Processing
AR-15 Armorer's Course	Grant Writing for First Responders	Open/Closed Records/Sunshine Law
Arrest & Detention for Foreign Nationals	How Not to Screw Up Your DWI Investigation	PER275 Laser – Train the Trainer
Arrest and Control Tactics	High in Plain Sight	POST Training Requirements
Bias-Based Profiling Training	Instructor Development	PTSD & First Responders
Blue Courage Respect & Resilience	How a Drunk Driver Changed Life	Public Safety Media Relations
Bomb Scene – First Responder	Importance of Motivation in DWI Enforcement	Report Writing & Editing Skills for Officers, Supervisors and FTO's
Bully, Victim or Hero	Interdiction for the Protection of Children	Racial Profiling Instructor
Cardio Fitness & Nutrition for LEO	Leading Effective Traffic Enforcement Programs	Records Retention and Destruction
Charge Code Training	LETS Training	REJIS Training
Child Abuse Cursory Interview for LE	Limited LE Inquiry & Arrest Entry	Return to Basics
CJIS Security & Cyber Awareness	Less Lethal & Off Duty Qualification, Skill Development	SHRP2 National Traffic Incident Management responder Course
Code 1000 Responding To & Managing	Low Light Tactics & Night Fire	Sexual Assault Investigations & Interrogations
Cool Kats Don't Smoke	Major Case Squad Homicide Invest.	Speed Enforcement/Crash Analysis
Criminal History Rap Sheet	Managing & Coaching Toxic Employees	Statutory Law 2017 Update
Crisis Intervention Team Training	Marijuana & Driving DRE Cannabis	Taser Conducted Electrical Weapon
Current Drug Trends	MCBH Law Enforcement Training	The Ferguson Effect & Hot Spot Policing
DARE Updates & Review	MO Association Crisis Negotiator	Type III LAB Intox EC/IR II/SFST
Death Notification Training	MO Law Statue Update 2017	UCR Training
De-Escalation Training	MULES Training	Use of Force Training
Defensive & Pursuit Driving Course	NDCAC/Regional Introduction	Why We Do What We Do
Diversity Skills of DARE Officers	NIBERS Training	Why You Don't See What You Thought You Saw
DOR Legal Update	O.C. Spray Re-Certification	Winning the Battle
Drug Impairment Training for E.P.	Officers Down: The First 5 Minutes	Youth Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)

POLICE TRAINING AND SCHOOLS

ARREST AND CONTROL TACTICS/LOW LIGHT TACTICS AND NIGHT FIRE



The Arrest & Control training (top four pictures) was held at the Ellisville Police Station. The Low Light Tactics & Night Fire (bottom two pictures) was held at The Range in Ballwin.

POLICE VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

Police Vehicles and Equipment

POLICE VEHICLES

Currently, the police department fleet consists of 13 vehicles: two 2016 Chevrolet Tahoe, one 2015 Ford Taurus (Detective vehicle), one 2015 Ford Explorer (Chief's vehicle), one 2014 Ford Taurus, one 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe (Canine Unit), two 2013 Ford Taurus, one 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe (Supervisor's vehicle), one 2008 Ford Crown Victoria (pool car), one 2006 Ford Explorer (pool vehicle), and one 1996 AM



General HMMWV (Hummer) vehicle used for inclement weather and special occasions. The department also owns an ATV. The police department acquired the two 2016 Chevrolet Tahoes in February and were purchased in alignment with a long-term plan to eventually replace all police sedans. These utility vehicles are superior to the sedans, and allow much more room for the computer equipment and rifle in the front compartment, as well as much more room for the officers' other equipment. The Chevrolet Tahoe has a history of lowest vehicle maintenance among police vehicles, and our

long range goal of keeping them for five years or more. Ellisville Police vehicles are fitted with equipment required for mobile patrol. Each patrol vehicle is equipped with a P-25 compliant mobile radio, in-car video system, light bar, siren, radar unit, wireless laptop computer or pad, in-car mobile ticketing printer, patrol rifle, shotgun, less lethal bean bag shotgun, stop sticks, flashlight, first aid kit, fire extinguisher, flares or other distress lighting, barrier tape, and Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

OTHER POLICE EQUIPMENT

When a police officer is hired, he/she is issued uniforms, badge, police pistol, bulletproof vest, duty gear, handcuffs, police baton, OC (oleoresin capsicum) spray, personal flashlight, tactical helmet, body camera, and a portable two-way radio. Also available to the officers are Tasers, night vision binoculars, police riot shields, cameras, LIVESCAN printing, and breathe alcohol testing devices so they can carry out their duties properly.

In 2016, the police department received and installed two portable radar units that measure the speed of motorists. The units are affixed to the speed limit signs and can be easily removed by an officer to be placed at another location. The units are supposed to be vandal proof. They are battery operated and can run for about two weeks before needing recharging. Captain Joshua Dawson oversees this program and data can be collected on such things as vehicle counts, speed limit violations, average speeds, percent of vehicles violating speed, and 50th and 85th percentile speeds. They are rotated systematically at complaint locations, or any other location deemed necessary.

Grants

CLICK IT OR TICKET ENFORCEMENT GRANT

Between May 23 and June 5, the Ellisville Police Department joined with statewide law enforcement for an aggressive “Click It or Ticket” mobilization to crack down on Missouri’s seat belt violations. The statewide Click It or Ticket enforcement campaign is designed as a positive countermeasure for occupant protection by encouraging greater public use of safety belts while operating vehicles on Missouri roadways. The department was awarded \$750 for this grant. Eighteen tickets were issued during this campaign by the Ellisville Police.

DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER GRANT

The Ellisville Police Department was part of the annual nationwide August/Labor Day Crackdown weekend, dubbed “Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over” campaign. The effort included high-visibility enforcement throughout Ellisville and ran from August 19 through September 5. Last year, 196 people were killed and 663 seriously injured on Missouri’s roads in crashes that involved at least one substance-impaired driver, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The department was awarded \$650 for this grant. A total of 27 tickets were issued during this campaign.

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY ENFORCMENT GRANT

The Ellisville Police participated in the Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Week Law Enforcement Campaign, which was conducted from September 18 through September 24. During the enforcement effort, several police officers worked overtime details and concentrated their enforcement efforts on addressing child restraint violations. The department was awarded \$500 for this grant. A total of 16 tickets were issued during this campaign.

MISSOURI HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM DWI ENFORCEMENT GRANT

The State and Community Highway Safety Grant Program supports programs that reduce the number and severity of traffic crashes occurring on Missouri roadways and reduce traffic fatalities and injuries. Areas of emphasis include alcohol - and/or drug-impaired driving, speeding, safety belt and child safety seat use, inattention or distracted driving, young drivers, mature drivers, and traffic crash data collection and analysis. The grant funding cycle corresponds with the federal fiscal year, which runs from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017. The Ellisville Police Department was awarded \$3,000 for a DWI grant. The money from this grant was not used in 2016 but will be used in 2017.

BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP (BVP) GRANT

The Ellisville Police Department applied to the Bureau of Justice Assistance Office of Justice Programs for a replacement grant of two bulletproof vests. Total cost for the vests were \$1,624 and BVP paid half of the cost.

Community Policing

The Ellisville Police Department continues to expand and improve its Community Policy partnerships with community, neighborhood and business organizations. These partnerships help the police department with preventing crime, reducing the fear of crime, and providing a safe environment through community awareness, and increased community involvement. Ellisville Police officers are encouraged to spend time and effort in developing and maintaining personal relationships with citizens, businesses, schools, and community organizations. It has become a philosophy and value system for our personnel.

ALZHEIMER'S REGISTRATION PROGRAM

More than five million Americans are living with Alzheimer's or another dementia. Alzheimer's disease destroys brain cells responsible for memory, thinking and behavior. As a result, people living with Alzheimer's or a related disorder may become disoriented and lost, even in their own neighborhood or places that are familiar to them – this is known as wandering. Due to confusion, individuals with Alzheimer's who wander are often unable to ask for help, leaving them vulnerable to weather, traffic and those who prey on the less fortunate. More than 60 percent of those with Alzheimer's or another form of dementia will wander, and if a person is not found within 24 hours, up to half of individuals who wander will suffer serious injury or death. The Ellisville Police Department provides an Alzheimer's registration program for residents who have family members with this disease. The program requires a registration form to be filled out and providing pictures of the individual who has the disease. Registration can also be done nationally through the National Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org or locally at the St. Louis Chapter at www.alzstl.org.

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY TECHNICIAN PROGRAM

The Ellisville Police Department currently has one trained and qualified Child Safety Seat Technician. Patrol Officer Ryan Schneider can inspect and/or install child car seats and show parents how to safely install the seats themselves. The child safety seat inspection is a free service provided to the community to ensure the safety of children riding in vehicles by helping to reduce the incidence of improper installation of child safety seats. Residents may call to schedule an appointment for this education contact. Appointments are made according to Officer Schneider's schedule.

CHILD SAFETY HELMET PROGRAM

The Ellisville Police Department wants to ensure the safety of bicyclists in the community. The department will provide inspections and fittings to residents existing helmets at no charge. The police department currently has three police officers that can properly fit bicycle helmets. They are Captain Joshua Dawson, Lieutenant Andy Vaughn and Corporal Brian Bardle. Residents may call to schedule an appointment for this educational contact. Appointments are made according to the officers' schedule.

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CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM

The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program is a community partnership working with mental health consumers and family members. The goal is to set a standard of excellence for police officers with respect to treatment of individuals with mental illness. Police officers receive training in all facets of brain disease including depression, bi-polar, schizophrenia and anxiety disorders as well as medications, developmental disabilities, posttraumatic stress, and cultural issues to name a few. There is also discussion on topics including suicide assessment, dual diagnosis, and the impact on the law, the courts and the prison system.

Policing has the unenviable reality of being, in many situations, the last intervention option available. They do not have the option of withdrawing and calling for assistance when dealing with an escalating situation as other “crisis intervention professionals” have. They do not have the alternative of dialing 911 when situations intensify. The police are required to respond in circumstances where no other professional will attend. This is why CIT training is so important.

The following Ellisville officers are currently CIT trained: Captain Joshua Dawson, Lieutenant Wayne Moore, Lieutenant Kelly Murray (CIT Coordinator), Lieutenant John Connor, Lieutenant Andy Vaughn, Lieutenant Jeff Diehl, Detective Brian Gillaspie, Detective Paul Keller, Corporal Jim Corbett, Corporal George Corless, Corporal Corey Smith, Corporal Brian Bardle, Officer Travis Detring, Officer Joey Nickles, Officer Chuck Kraus, Officer Ryan Schneider, Officer Jake Adams, Officer Nathan Dye, Officer AJ Neff, and Officer Zack Dorton.

DARE PROGRAM

The Ellisville Police Department has been involved in delivering the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program in area schools since 1990. The new *Keepin' It Real* D.A.R.E. program is a ten-week life skills program taught to 5th or 6th grade students by specially trained police officers. Since its inception in 1983, the D.A.R.E. program has been taught to millions of children, in all 50 states and in several countries. To date, over 6,700 children have graduated from Ellisville's core D.A.R.E. program. The D.A.R.E. program teaches students good decision-making skills to help them lead safe and responsible lives.

In 2016, 197 students graduated the D.A.R.E. program and were recognized for their hard work during the 10-week course. Sergeant Walker officiated D.A.R.E. graduations at Ridge Meadows Elementary School, St. John Lutheran and St. Clare of Assisi Catholic School. Students made posters or wrote essays on what they learned in DARE to help them stay safe and responsible. All



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students were provided with DARE dog tags, cool sunglasses, and certificates from Sergeant Walker.



Pictured on previous page is Sergeant Walker with Mrs. Susan Constantin's fifth grade D.A.R.E. class on graduation day. Pictured to the left is Sergeant Walker and St. John's fifth grade graduates. Pictures provided by the schools.

DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT

On Saturday, May 14 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., the Ellisville Police Department hosted a Secure Document Shredding event. The event took place on the Sports Authority parking lot located at 15907 Manchester Road. Citizens brought their documents containing personal and sensitive information and had them securely shredded on-site by Cintas.

Participants were limited to four banker boxes or four bags of documents to be shredded. Captain Joshua Dawson, Corporal Jim Corbett, Detective Paul Keller and Detective John Rakonick assisted with the event. Approximately 7,000 pounds of documents were shredded.

DRUG TAKE-BACK EVENTS/P2D2 BOX/MEDICATION DISPOSAL POUCHES

In 2016, Ellisville Police hosted two drug take-back events, both held at the police station from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. On Saturday, April 30, Captain Joshua Dawson, Detective John Rakonick and two Rockwood Drug Free Coalition volunteers were on hand to receive the drugs. Two hundred and sixty five pounds of over-the-counter (OTC) and prescription drugs were collected and turned over the DEA for disposal. This amount did not include all the drugs received through the P2D2 box kept in the lobby of the police station, which totaled 240 pounds. The P2D2 drugs were also turned over for disposal with a total of 505 pounds.

In 2016, Ellisville received a new official P2D2 box from Missouri American Water (at no cost) which is larger than the box being used before. Our participation in the drug drop off program has been very well received by residents and required the larger box.

The second event was held on Saturday, October 22. Lieutenant Andy Vaughn and Detective John Rakonick along with a volunteer from the Rockwood Drug Free Coalition, accepted a total of 226 pounds of prescription and OTC drugs. The drugs were then transferred to a DEA agent for disposal.

The police department received 500 Safe Community Medication Disposal Pouches from Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals at no cost and distributed 99 of these pouches to the citizens who brought in the drugs for an alternative way of disposing of unwanted medications. The pouch, which is safe for the environment and can be disposed of in the trash, will accommodate 45 pills, or 6 ounces of liquid, or 6 patches. These medical disposal pouches (limit two per household) are available at the police station to the public.

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HOME SECURITY CHECKS

The Ellisville Police Department provides home security checks on residences as a complimentary service to its citizens. Upon the homeowners' request, an officer will inspect the residence on a daily basis to check for open doors, broken windows or any other suspicious circumstances while the owner is on vacation or away for an extended time. This service is designed to give residents a little more peace of mind while traveling, and to make their home safer. Officers conducted security checks on 119 residence in 2016. Pictured is Officer AJ Neff making sure a resident's home is secure while they are away.



HALLOWEEN SAFETY PATROL

The Ellisville Police conducted the annual Halloween patrol on October 31 providing caramel apples (48 cases with nuts and two cases with sprinkles) to kids, residents, and those at businesses who had to work on Halloween. Officer Joey Nickles drove Batman (Officer Ryan Schneider) around the city livestreaming on Facebook as they went. Even K-9 Dark and his partner Corporal Corey Smith were out making sure everyone was safe on Halloween night.

Before Halloween, Officer Chuck Kraus gave out safety tips via video on the department's Facebook. The



safety tip video received thousands of hits and made Channel 2 News.

Earlier in the week, Ms. Lily Smith came by the Ellisville Police Station and brought cupcakes for the police officers which Officer Schneider happily accepted for all the officers. Officer Schneider thought her costume was AWESOME!!

Picture as seen on the Ellisville Police Facebook page.

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KIDS SAFETY DAY

Ellisville Police Department's Annual Kids Safety Day was held on Saturday, October 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the parking lot of 15800 Manchester Road in conjunction with St. John Church. Ellisville Police joined forces with other emergency responders from area fire and police departments who provided assistance in keeping area children safe. What started out many years ago as a community service to help parents learn how to properly install child car seats and fit bicycle helmets on children, has grown into a fun "carnival atmosphere" for children and parents to learn all kinds of ways to keep safe.

Approximately 20 vendors brought demonstrations and spoke on their areas of expertise concerning safety. The various booths included St. Louis Children's Hospital, St. Luke's Urgent Care, 4 Legged Kids, Farmers Insurance, Nisbet Family Chiropractic, Christian Motorcyclist Association, Family Dentistry of Ellisville, Lucky's Market, Daniel Boone Library, and the FBI. Safety information included information regarding bicycle safety, sun safety, oral hygiene, backpack safety, Internet safety, missing children information, how to eat healthy, staying safe around pets and much more.

Parents were able to get free car seat installation/instructions and a total of 96 free bicycle helmets provided by St. Louis County Health Department were properly fitted on children by certified technicians.

Other popular attractions included hands-on crafts for children provided by Home Depot and Michaels Arts and Crafts, Ronald McDonald Safety Show, K-9 demonstrations from Dark and his partner Corporal Corey Smith, Creve Coeur Photo Ops, face painting, balloons and a clown provided by Assistance League of St. Louis, McGruff the Crime Dog, Ellisville Police drug goggles, and Bonhomme Masonic Lodge 45 providing children fingerprinting and ID photographs. Everyone enjoyed the free carnival games and prizes, raffles were drawn for gift certificates and other items, and food donated by generous area businesses.

First responder emergency equipment and vehicles were on display from Ballwin Police, St. Louis County Police, Metro West Fire Protection District, and Eureka Fire District. D & L Towing brought a big tow truck for kids to see up close and the Ellisville Police "Hummer" was on display with music and bubbles delighting the kids. Chesterfield Police Department conducted their "Safety Town" which is always a big hit with everyone.

The event could not have happened if not for the hard work of all that participated. That included Ellisville Police Officers Captain Joshua Dawson, Lieutenant Wayne Moore, Lieutenant John Connor, Lieutenant Andy Vaughn, Lieutenant Jeff Diehl, Sergeant Nancy Walker, Corporal George Corless, Corporal Corey Smith and Dark, Corporal Brian Bardle, Detective Paul Keller, Officer Ryan Schneider, Officer Nathan Dye, Officer Zack Dorton, Officer Chuck Kraus, Officer Doug Algren, Officer Steve Heidke, Ellisville Police Clerk Aimee Brand, Ellisville P.A. Clerk Pam Jaeger, and Ellisville Public Works. Police family members volunteered to help including Lieutenant Connor's daughter, Aubera, and P.A. Clerk Jaeger's son Jack. Also helping out were past Ellisville Citizens Police Academy graduates Kim Kraus, Terri Menchak, Marlene Muir, and Mike Rhoades, Girl Scout Troop 4941, Eureka High School students Ryan Giesing and Nick Weaver. A special thanks goes to Judy Riehl for her participation in the event and getting many of the items donated that were raffled off. See next page for pictures of event.

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Citizens, law enforcement agencies, community groups, businesses, youth organizations and local, state and federal officials from 16,142 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide joined forces to celebrate the “33rd Annual National Night Out (NNO) – a community crime and safety event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch.

Nationally, 38.5 million people participated in NNO in 2016. Throughout the nation, along with the traditional ‘lights on’ and front porch vigils, there were tens of thousands of block parties, cookouts, parades, potlucks, ice cream socials, neighborhood visits by local police, flashlight walks, safety fairs, poster contests, festivals and other unique events and activities.

Citizens of Ellisville were asked to join their neighbors on October 4 from 6 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to come out and get to know their neighbors. Three Ellisville neighborhoods hosted events in their subdivisions. They were Cherry Hills West, Clarkson Pines and Macklin Drive/Covert Lane. Cherry Hills West hosted their annual subdivision picnic in Mockingbird Park in conjunction with NNO. They barbequed hot dogs and



hamburgers, served meatballs, casseroles, chips and dip, lemonade and served cupcakes, pie and brownies for dessert. Clarkson Pines served delicious soups and chili, finger foods, lemonade and smore’s for dessert. Macklin Drive/Covert Lane served many different types of food and collected food items for Circle of Concern which they do each year.

Mayor Adam Paul, City Manager Bill Schwer, Council Member Mick Cahill, Chief Tom Felgate, Captain Joshua Dawson, Sergeant Nancy Walker, Detective Paul Keller, Officer Travis Detring, Officer Ryan

Schneider, Officer AJ Neff and Detective John Rakonick were out to meet and greet residents. Police officers gave out stickers, wristbands, Frisbees, buttons and safety information while enjoying the company of the residents, good conversation and delicious food.

Pictured is City Manager Schwer, Chief Felgate and Captain Dawson speaking to residents at the event held in Mockingbird Park located in the Cherry Hills West subdivision.

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SAFETY TALKS AND STATION TOURS

The Ellisville Police Department regularly gives station tours and safety talks to all types of groups, both formal and informal. Some of the groups that have visited the police station and requested talks in the past include school classes, girl scouts, boy scouts, church groups, day care groups, after school programs, businesses, senior facilities, and other individuals.



STRANGER DANGER AND PLAYING SAFE TALK

Monday, March 7, Sergeant Nancy Walker spoke to 25 – three, four, and five year olds and school staff at Ellisville First Baptist Church Preschool on stranger danger and playing safe. The talk was

very well received and school staff had as many questions as the kids. Pictured provided by Karen Crews, Director of the preschool.

BICYCLE SAFETY TALK

On Tuesday, March 22, Corporal George Corless meet with Cub Scout Troop 604, Den 4 at Ridge Meadows Elementary School to discuss bicycle safety. Pictured provided by Troop leader.



STATION TOUR

On April 20, Lieutenant John Connor and Corporal Corless welcomed Cub Scout Troop 792, Den 2 to the Ellisville Police Department for a tour of the station. The scouts asked many questions on the variety of police equipment used by police and what police do on patrol. Corporal Corless gave a brief lesson on bicycle safety.

CRIME PREVENTION PRESENTATIONS

Officer Joey Nickles conducted two Identity Theft Prevention for Seniors seminars and one Intruder Training and Response for Assisted Living

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Facilities seminar to Gambrill Gardens and one Identity Theft Prevention for Seniors seminar to Westview Assisted Living in 2016. Officer Nickles speak at these facilities at least once a year if not more to update the staff and residents on safety.

RIDE-WITH-A-POLICE-OFFICER PROGRAM

The Ellisville Police Department adopted the Ride-With-A-Police-Officer program to allow citizens to accompany a police officer during part of a normal tour of duty. The program gives the citizen an opportunity to sit in the passenger seat of an emergency vehicle observing the work day of a police officer. People go on ride-alongs for various reasons. These include interests in a future career in law enforcement, journalists wishing to write reports, and those interested in community relations. The department is always happy to have citizens get to know our department better.

SCHOOL WALK-THROUGH PROGRAM

The Patrol Division is responsible for the “School Walk-Through” program. This program was instituted in 2006 by Chief Felgate and has been very successful since its inception. As part of the program, officers provide high visibility in and around the schools in Ellisville on a daily basis. The officers become familiar with the school staff and administrators and get to know about the school area. Since the beginning of the program, children and schools have been one of the police department’s highest priorities. That philosophy will continue and even increase as we move forward. Pictured is Officer Zack Dorton, Lieutenant Andy Vaughn and Corporal Corey



Smith with Ellisville Elementary students reciting the Ellisville Elementary pledge. Pictured provided by Ellisville Elementary School.

VEHICLE LOCKOUTS

The officers of the Ellisville Police Department are equipped to assist most motorists within the City of Ellisville that may have accidentally locked their keys in their vehicle. There is no fee for this complimentary service. The owner or driver of the vehicle is required to complete a liability form before the officer tries to unlock the vehicle. Officers will not try entry if vehicles are equipped with side airbags unless it is an extreme emergency. In 2016, officers responded 90 times to help those who accidentally locked themselves out of their vehicle. Of those, 31 incidents involved residents of Ellisville, while 59 were non-residents or unknown residency. Officers gained entry into the vehicles 67 times.

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FLOOD VICTIMS

In January, the police department partnered with Lifetime Fitness and Lucky's Market in Ellisville to receive donations for the local flood victims of St. Louis and surrounding counties. Non-perishable food items, clothing and other items were collected at Lucky's or Lifetime Fitness. The police department assisted by delivering the donations to the local flood victims. The historic flood began in December of 2015 and did not recede until late January, 2016.

Pictured is Officer Jake Adams, Detective Brian Gillaspie, Detective Paul Keller and Officer Joey Nickles with employees of Lifetime Fitness. Picture from Ellisville Facebook.



ELLISVILLE BAPTIST SPORTSMAN BANQUET

On Saturday, February 6, Lieutenant Wayne Moore, Lieutenant Kelly Murray, Corporal Corey Smith, Detective John Rakonick and Chief Tom Felgate attended the annual Sportsman Banquet held at the Ellisville Baptist Church. Each year the church sponsors a table for the police department. This year, former Rams wide receiver Isaac Bruce was the guest speaker. St. Louis County Police Chief Jon Belmar and other county officers also attended.



Pictured to the left is Officer John Rakonick, Lieutenant Kelly Murray, Isaac Bruce, Lieutenant Wayne Moore, Corporal Corey Smith, and Chief Tom Felgate. Picture provided by Amy Hildebrand.

MAKE A WISH REQUEST

On Thursday, February 18, officers from Ellisville, Ballwin, and St. Louis County Police Department and firefighters from the Metro west Fire Protection District "lite up" the Castlewood State Park in support of Amelia Meyer, an 8-year-old Kansas City girl who is battling brain cancer. Through the Missouri Chapter of the Make a Wish Organization, Amelia had made the wish to "take care of the world." Corporal Brian

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Bardle and Officer Zach Dorton joined Metro West Fire Protection District, St. Louis County Police and other departments by lighting up the park with their emergency equipment in the darkness for Amelia who is the daughter of a Kansas City police officer. Her favorite place to be was the park when undergoing treatment. It was great to come together to “Make a Wish” come true for her.

DONUT WITH A COP FUNDRAISER

On Saturday, February 20, Ellisville Police Department partnered with The Donut Palace to sponsor an event to benefit Backstoppers.



Ellisville Police officers were on hand to serve donuts and coffee to patrons who stopped by Donut Palace. The partnership raised over \$2,693.21 for Backstoppers. It was an excellent event and the department can't wait to do it again next year. Thanks to Officer Ryan Schneider for formulating this plan based on his insatiable craving for donuts and the proceeds went to a great cause! Thanks to Captain Joshua Dawson, Lieutenant John Connor, Officers Nathan Dye, AJ

Neff, Jake Adams, Zack Dorton, and Joey Nickles for all their help, and Officer Nickles' wife Jen who was McGruff. Metro West Fire Protection District firemen and paramedics as well as Ballwin Police added their support by purchasing donut and specially made cookies.

Pictured above is Officer Dorton, Officer Nickles, Officer Schneider, Officer Adams, Captain Dawson, and McGruff the Crime Dog with owner Ann Mahler and employees of The Donut Palace. Picture provided by Corporal Brian Bardle.

ELLISVILLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH EASTER EGG DROP

On Saturday, March 26, Corporal George Corless, Corporal Corey Smith and Detective Brian Gillaspie assisted Ellisville First Baptist Church with their 2nd annual Easter Egg Drop at the Ellisville Athletic Association Ballpark. The event was a huge success with about 1,000 attendees. Pictured left to right is Detective Gillaspie, Corporal Corless and



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Corporal Smith with Mr. and Mrs. Bunny Rabbit. Picture taken by Kara Corless.

COP TROT 5K 2016

During National Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Ellisville Police Department hosted its inaugural Cop Trot, a timed 5K run/walk that started and ended in scenic Bluebird Park in Ellisville. On Saturday, April 23, the police department partnered with Children's Advocacy Services of Greater St. Louis for this charitable event in an effort to raise awareness about the issue of child abuse in our country and the millions of innocent children who have been victimized by physical, sexual, and/or emotional abuse. Children's Advocacy Services work to reduce the effect of trauma experienced by adolescents and children by using a mix of methods, including counseling, facilitation of multi-disciplinary investigative teams, child-sensitive forensic interviews, consistent victim advocacy, utilization-based research and responsive community outreach.



In addition to raising nearly \$2,590 for Children's Advocacy Services, the Cop Trot served as a community outreach event for Ellisville and other local police departments. Other police departments included Ballwin and St. Louis County, and cadets from the Eastern Missouri Police Academy. A police officer and his wife from Iowa also took part in the race. There were approximately 150 registrants all together.

In a good-natured jab at the theme of the event, the Cop Trot featured a donut eating competition, for which Ellisville Police Officer Ryan Schneider took home the trophy. While Officer Schneider reigned supreme in eating donuts, another Ellisville Police

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Officer, Jake Adams, ran the 5K in full uniform including badge, utility belt and bulletproof vest! Way to go Jake!

Ellisville Police Detective Brian Gillaspie organized the event with help from park staff, administration and police. The police department thanks the sponsors of the event for their generous support: West News Magazine, Missouri Teaching Jobs, Jaks Counseling, TeeTurtle Shirts, Gold's Gym and Raising Cane's. "The interaction between our police department and the public, we thought, was just fantastic" stated Detective Gillaspie.

Pictured on previous page-top picture: Corporal Brian Bardle, Officer Chuck Kraus, Donut Champion Officer Ryan Schneider, Chief Tom Felgate, Detective John Rakonick and Officer Joey Nickles with Keokuk, Iowa Police Officer and his wife, two of the participates from the race. Lower picture: Holly Woodland, Officer Joey Nickles, Detective Brian Gillaspie, Linda McQuary and Sally Grobelny.

ELLISVILLE POLICE SURPRISE KIDS WITH GIFT

On Wednesday, April 25, longtime Ellisville Veterinarian Dr. Carter Smith warned Cara Moylan and her two children, Matthew (11) and Addison (6) that their house was on fire, ushering them and their dogs out to the street safely. At the May 18 City Council meeting, Chief Tom Felgate presented Dr. Smith with an award recognizing his actions. While the people and the dogs got out of the house safely, Matthew's bicycle was a casualty of the fire. But the police department had a surprise waiting for



Matthew at the council meeting. Lieutenant John Connor, one of the officers who responded to the fire, presented Matthew with a new bike. Since you can't get one kid a gift and not get anything for the other, he presented Addison a gift card and Taylor Swift CD. The police staff had all chipped in to buy the gifts for the kids after the fire. Pictured is Addison and Matthew Moylan, Lieutenant John Connor, Officer Zack Dorton and Corporal Corey Smith. Picture provided by Captain Dawson.

DUCK RESCUE

On May 23, Corporal George Corless, Lieutenant Kelly Murray, and Officer Ryan Schneider rescued ducklings that had accidentally fallen down a storm drain near Kohl's Department Store. Officer Bernard Widdis and Sergeant Bill Muller from St. Louis County

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Police also assisted. After Corporal Corless climbed into the storm drain and rescued the ducklings, they were reunited with their mother after Sergeant Muller located her in front of Mobil on the Run. Pictured is Corporal Corless and one of the lucky rescued ducks. Picture provided by Officer Ryan Schneider.

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

On Sunday, May 30, the Ellisville Police Department hosted the Memorial Day service. Approximately 100 people attended the ceremony. Sergeant Bill Ardrich, Vietnam Veteran, was the guest speaker and is the brother-in-law of Chief Tom Felgate. Metro West Fire Protection District provided their large ladder truck and displayed the American Flag.

Retired St. Louis Officer Dave Holmes played the bagpipes and Joy Radigan sang the National Anthem and the song Going Home. Pastor Jeff Neville, the son of Chief Felgate, gave the invocation and the benediction. Ballwin VFW Post 6274 conducted the ceremony, taps and rifle salute.



WET YOUR WHISTLE EVENT

On Wednesday, July 20 and Thursday, July 21, Ellisville Police were asked to join The Fountains Senior Living of West County to participate in their hydration awareness event. During the two days, over 400 bottles of water were given out to the residents of Ellisville. Both days the temperatures were in the high 90's. The department was very proud to be able to partner with one of our local businesses to help keep all residents of Ellisville safe. Pictured is Officer Joey Nickles and Lieutenant Wayne Moore with the employees of The Fountains Senior Living of West County delivering the water to residents of Ellisville.



COLDWELL BANKER GUNDAKER CHILD SAFETY AND ID DAY

On Saturday, August 20, Corporal Corey Smith and his partner Dark joined Detective John Rakonick in representing the police department at the Coldwell Banker Gundaker Child ID and Safety Day.

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LIFETIME FITNESS MY 1ST TRIATHLON

It was the police department pleasure to take part in the Lifetime Fitness My 1st Triathlon event at the Ellisville Lifetime Fitness facility on September 5. The young athletes did an amazing job and the police officers were glad to be there to cheer them on. This is another one of the great businesses that the City of Ellisville is lucky to have in the community. Pictured is Officer Nathan Dye with two of the young participating athletes. Picture taken by Lieutenant Andy Vaughn.

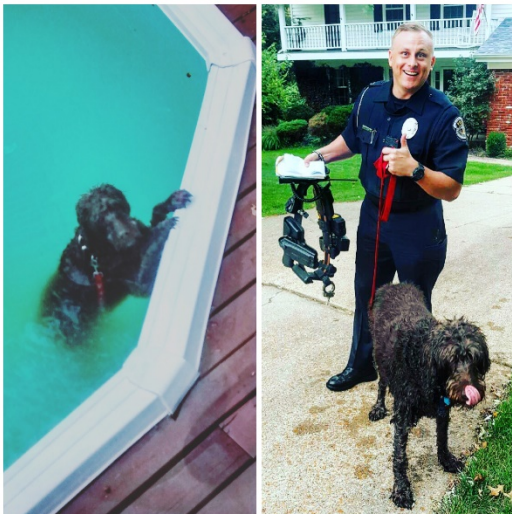


ELLISVILLE FIRST BAPTIST 5K RUN BENEFIT FOR OFFICER MIKE FLAMION

On Sunday, September 25, Captain Joshua Dawson, Detective Brian Gillaspie and Officer Joey Nickles assisted Ellisville First Baptist Church members with a 5K run fundraiser for Ballwin Police Officer Mike Flamion held in Bluebird Park. There were 65 participants. Ellisville Public Works staff was instrumental in setting up the route.

DOG RESCUE

On September 29, a dog jumped into a pool on Quail Hill Court and then, couldn't get out. Officer Chuck Kraus didn't hesitate to rescue the dog by taking off his duty belt and getting into the pool to assist him out of the pool. The dog belonged to a family who lived on Clayton Trails Drive and were very happy to get their dog back safely. Picture provided by Corporal Brian Bardle.



WEST COUNTY LANES GRAND RE-OPENING

On Saturday, October 2, Corporal George Corless attended the grand re-opening event and provided visitors with police department promotional items as well as selling "Pink October" t-shirts. The police Humvee was also on display.

METRO WEST SAFETY DAY

On Sunday, October 2, Corporal George Corless attended the Metro West Safety Day held at their headquarters. Corporal Corless provided visitors with police

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department promotional items as well as selling “Pink October” t-shirts. The police Humvee was again on display.

PINK STOP CANCER EVENT

During the month of October, Ellisville Police officers wore pink undershirts with their duty uniforms for breast cancer awareness. In 2016, the department also sold the pink STOP CANCER shirts to the public. Approximately \$1,800 was raised and donated to the American Cancer Society. Through the great efforts of Corporal George Corless spearheading this endeavor last year with just officers wearing the t-shirts, it proved to be very popular with citizens wanting to purchase the shirts. Many of the Ellisville businesses and schools joined in and purchased t-shirts in 2016. Businesses such as Clarkson Jewelers, The Donut Palace, Cherre Orthodontics, Ellisville and Ridge Meadows Elementary Schools, and The Center for Creative Learning to name a few. Pictured is Officer Ryan Schneider, Officer Chuck Kraus, Corporal George Corless (up the tree), Lieutenant Kelly Murray, and Officer Travis Detring promoting the Pink t-shirts – *“If you have to save a kitten stuck in a tree... we have a shirt for you!”* Special thanks to Metro West Fire Protection District House 4 for “loaning” their tree and helmets to the officers, and taking the picture.



ELLISVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CARNIVAL

On Friday, October 7, Ellisville Police officers assisted staff and visited parents and children at the annual Ellisville Elementary School carnival.

PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

On Saturday, October 8, Corporal George Corless, Corporal Corey Smith, Detective Brian Gillaspie and Officer Travis Detring assisted other law enforcement and federal agencies in providing security for the presidential debate held at Washington University.

HOME DEPOT SAFETY DAY

On Saturday, October 8, Detective Rakonick participated in the Home Depot Safety Day.

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HITS FOR HEROES

On Sunday, October 23, Ellisville Police officers along with Mayor Adam Paul, City Manager Bill Schwer, and City Attorney George Restovich participated in the First Annual Hits for Heroes Officer Flamion Softball Tournament sponsored by the Ellisville and Pond Athletic Associations. St. Louis County First Responders, Ellisville AA and Pond AA competed in a charity adult softball tournament benefiting Officer Flamion. It was *fireman vs. police*.

Pictured to the right are: John Connor, AJ Neff, Bill Schwer, Kelly Murray, Ben Margalski, Ryan Schneider, Jim Corbett, George Restovich, Joey Nickles, George Corless, Adam Paul, and Zach Dorton. Although a stellar performance by all and with the team putting up a great fight, they unfortunately did not finish on top. Still, it was



for a great cause and the participation of all teams raised over \$20 K for Officer Flamion. Picture provided by Vicky Dowling.

WEST NEWSMAGAZINE AND ART UNLEASHED

Artwork displaying appreciation for first responder organizations in West County were presented during a



gathering held October 25 at the Police and Court Center in Ballwin. Jenny Donaldson, Director of Education for Art Unleashed crafted the artwork presented to the first responder organizations. Mounted on each canvas was the silhouette of a police officer or firefighter surrounded by stars containing short notes of appreciation. Each of the fire

protection districts and police stations serving West County received a copy of the artwork as a thank you for their service. Pictured above from right to left: Captain Joshua Dawson and Lieutenant Kelly Murray with other recipients of the art work. Picture as seen in the West Newsmagazine.

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TRUNK OR TREAT

On Friday, October 28, Ellisville Police officers visited Ellisville Elementary School and St. John School for Trunk or Treat, having fun handing out candy to the kids.

BETHESDA MEADOW VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

It was an honor for the Ellisville Police Department to be invited to participate in a Veterans Day ceremony with residents of Bethesda Meadow and their families. They hosted an outstanding ceremony and Lt. Andy Vaughn was happy to help them in honoring their veterans.



ELLISVILLE VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

The annual Ellisville Veterans Day ceremony was held at the Ellisville City Hall chambers on Friday, November 11, at 10 a.m. Employees and residents came to honor our veterans. Lieutenant Andy Vaughn presented the annual ceremony and Captain Joshua Dawson assisted this year. Mayor Adam Paul (pictured) was the guest speaker.

3RD GRADE U.S. GOVERNMENT PRESENTATION

On Tuesday, December 20, Chief Tom Felgate, Captain Joshua Dawson and Sergeant Nancy Walker were invited to attend a presentation at Ellisville Elementary School, focusing on the Constitution and the branches of government. The presentation was hosted by Mr. John Hartmann's 3rd grade class. It was an excellent presentation and the students were great. Rockwood Superintendent Dr. Knost and Principal Dr. Loy also attended.

ALIBI 25'S FIRST BACKSTOPPERS EVENT

Alibi 25 held a first time fundraiser for the BackStoppers on August 26 under a large tent on the parking lot in front of their business located at 15856 Clayton Road. With the generosity of the businesses and individuals who came out to enjoy the live music and food on a hot day, Alibi 25 went far beyond their goal of raising \$2,000 and was able to donate a total of \$5,000 to the BackStoppers.



Pictured is Owner/Manager Denise Gestring and Assistant Manager Bill Herr presenting a check for \$5,000 to Ellisville Police Chief Tom Felgate and the BackStoppers Executive Director Chief Ron Battelle. Thank you Alibi 25 for your hard work and support to BackStoppers! Picture as seen in the West Newsmagazine.

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MARINE CORPS CELEBRATION

On November 10, the U.S. Marine Corps celebrated its 241st birthday. Chief Tom Felgate was asked to attend a Marine Corps League celebration and give a celebratory speech at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5968 in Orange Park, Florida. Chief Felgate was invited by Post Commander Carl Yochelson and Sergeant Major William Aldrich, retired, who is Chief Felgate's brother-in-law. It was an honor for Chief Felgate who is a veteran of the United States Army and who served during the Vietnam War to speak at the event. Chief Felgate discussed his and his father's military experience among other topics. Approximately 100 people attended including a number of veterans who were in uniform.

Pictured is Sergeant Major Aldrich and Chief Felgate. The picture was provided by the Aldrich/Felgate family.



SERVICE DOG FOR SEBASTIAN UPDATE

In January 2015, Lieutenant Andy Vaughn and his family were gifted \$15,000 from the City of Ellisville's benevolent fund. The money would help purchase a diabetic alert dog



for Lieutenant Vaughn's young son, Sebastian, who was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes when he was less than one year old.

The money, in combination with donations from the community, friends, and family will go to purchasing a puppy named Scarlet. Scarlet is from a nonprofit organization called Merlin's Kids and operates out of New Jersey. Scarlet was handpicked for Sebastian because of the instant bond between him and the dog when the family met Scarlet in 2015. Much time and effort goes into training a service dog for this purpose, especially when it involves such a young child as Sebastian. Scarlet will be able to alert Lieutenant Vaughn and his wife when Sebastian has a low blood sugar level. Lieutenant Vaughn and his family hope to have Scarlet in their household by spring of 2017. However, placement of Scarlet won't be permanent

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until she finishes hands-on training in the Vaughn household. This training can take up to 13 months with regular check-ins from the organization. Hang in there! Picture on previous page is Lieutenant Vaughn and his son Sebastian meeting Scarlet, the puppy currently in training. Picture provided by the Vaughn family.

DEER CULLING

The Missouri Department of Conservation authorized deer culling in the City of Ellisville to help manage the city's overabundant deer population. Recent surveys showed that Ellisville had 50 to 60 deer per square mile, and the goal of the program is to help reduce the herd down to 30 deer or fewer per square mile and hopefully decrease the deer-vehicle collisions.

Many thanks to Lieutenant Kelly Murray, Lieutenant Jeff Diehl, Corporal Corey Smith, Officer Brian Bardle and Officer Travis Detring for culling and making the final census counts. Although off to a late start due to federal issues regarding the rifle suppressors, officers culled 20 deer. Since the last census in March of 2015, officers had destroyed 23 deer, which are considered part of the Ellisville deer population bringing the total to 43. All deer culled were does or yearlings, and although many deer were seen, every effort was made to ensure a safe shot. The officers were exceptional in this regard and passed on a shot that was questionable. All deer that were harvested were donated to the Share the Harvest, a program that distributes hunter-harvested venison to needy families, with the City of Ellisville, picking up the meat processing costs.

MANY THANKS TO OUR COMMUNITY

On February 14, the Community Service Action Team at Ellisville Elementary School children made special Valentine treats for the police officers. Each valentine card they made had a delicious chocolate candy bar attached to it. We thank them very much



for the sweet treats they brought to us! Pictured above is Sergeant Nancy Walker and Detective Brian Gillaspie with Tyler Sturman who along with his grandmother, delivered the goodies. Picture provided by Markel Merz.

A special thank you to LaSalle Middle School for their delivery of a basket full of goodies and their notes of appreciation and support on December 21. We

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are very grateful! Pictured on previous page are Collin and Olivia Davis, John Fowler, Ryan Umbarger with Police Clerk Aimee Brand and Sergeant Walker with the goodies they delivered.

THANK A COP

We would like to thank the Honor Guard group for these awesome Thin Blue Line patches and card they



provided Corporal Corey Smith and Officer Zack Dorton. The Honor Guard is passing out these patches to officers nationwide as a show of support and appreciation. We are humbled by this incredible

gesture. #ThankACop #HonorGuard #SMPAS. As seen on the Ellisville Police Facebook page.

OUTREACH

Thank you Lieutenant John Connor and the Daughters of the American Revolution for their outreach to the Ballwin Police Department. Together they raised \$800 for injured Ballwin Officer Mike Flamion by holding a fundraiser at the Washington Applebee's Restaurant.

Pictured is Lieutenant Connor (far left) with members of the Ballwin Police Department and a member of the Daughters of American Revolution. Picture from the Ellisville Police Facebook page.



AT OUR FINEST

At Our Finest

OFFICER RYAN SCHNEIDER

On March 19, Officer Schneider was honored by being selected as “Policeman of the Year” by the St. Clare of Assisi Knights of Columbus. Officer Schneider received the award for his exemplary service in the performance of duty, courage, and compassion during a very stressful situation occurring in 2015. Congratulations Officer Schneider for a job well done. Pictured is Captain Joshua Dawson and Officer Schneider at the ceremony. Picture was provided by the Schneider family.



LIEUTENANT ANDY VAUGHN

On Wednesday, April 6, Lieutenant Vaughn was presented with the Ellisville Police Lifesaving Action Award for his decisive action in administering CPR to a heroin overdose victim who was not breathing and had little pulse. Through his actions and that of Metro West paramedics, a young man’s life was saved. Congratulations Lieutenant Vaughn for a job well done. Photo unavailable.

OFFICER A J NEFF

On Wednesday, September 21, Officer Neff was awarded the Police Department Lifesaving Action Award at the Ellisville City Council meeting for resuscitating a 56 year old female not breathing and without pulse lying on the floor of her apartment. Officer Neff took immediate CPR action thereby re-establishing a pulse until paramedics arrived and took charge of the patient. Congratulations for a job well done.



Pictured is Chief Tom Felgate with Officer Neff and his wife Lindsey and his little boy.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT AIMEE BRAND

On Wednesday, November 2, Ms. Brand was recognized for her effort in organizing the department photo in October in Bluebird Park. We appreciate her time, talent, and dedication to the police department. Congratulations! Pictured is Chief Tom Felgate, Aimee Brand and Sergeant Nancy Walker. Pictured provided by Captain Joshua Dawson.



DETECTIVE BRIAN GILLASPIE AND OFFICER CHUCK KRAUS

On Wednesday, November 2, Detective Gillaspie and Officer Kraus were awarded the Chiefs Commendation Award at the Ellisville City Council meeting for their apprehension of a carjacking suspect.



Tom Felgate and Officer Kraus. Pictured provided by Captain Dawson.

The criminal was apprehended within hours of the incident after some cunning police work by both Detective Gillaspie and Officer Kraus. Great team work and congratulations! Pictured is Detective Gillaspie, Chief

OFFICER A J NEFF

On Thursday, November 3, Officer Neff was honored at the 27th Annual American Society for Industrial Security International (ASIS) Law Enforcement Appreciation Day luncheon. The award was in reference to the Ellisville Police Lifesaving Award that Officer Neff received for performing CPR to an unresponsive citizen. Congratulations to Officer Neff for a job well done. Picture provided by Detective Brian Gillaspie who also attended the ceremony.



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Social Media

The Ellisville Police Department has enhanced its use of social media in order to connect and communicate directly with the public. By reaching out in these new ways, the department can interact with a large and diverse audience. The goal is to disseminate accurate information and content in a timely manner. The department started using Facebook in 2015, but added Twitter in 2016 to the ways that the department gets information out to the community.

More and more police departments are using social media for a variety of purposes. Having a social media presence can benefit the police department and community by:

- Building a trustworthy relationship and sense of community by engaging with each other.
- Providing a forum for people to answer questions and share tips that the department may otherwise not be able to share.
- Gaining control over the department's reputation with the community.
- Spread knowledge quickly and with minimal effort that could protect the community, help catch suspects, find missing persons, etc.

Social media allows police to become gatekeepers of information. Police can notify citizens of road closings and accidents, share information on awards and honors, and be a resource to release statements on events and occurrences in real time. The Ellisville Police Department considers social media an important tool in keeping the general public in the loop day in and day out.



Examples of what Facebook is used for: Finding owners of lost dogs, information regarding the weather, information on the police officers activities, information regarding tools to fight crime, information on new laws, thanking residents for their acts of kindness, sharing videos (pictured above Thanksgiving video with Officers Joey Nickles, Brian Bardle, Ryan Schneider and Jake Adams and Christmas video "Buddy" (pictured left Corporal George Corless)), and information from surrounding areas to name a few. Ultimately, social

media helps officers do their jobs better by utilizing one of the greatest resources available: the general public. Residents can view both videos on the Ellisville Police Facebook page.

Officer Joey Nickles was selected to be the new social media coordinator for the police department in 2016. Lieutenant Andy Vaughn and Detective Brian Gillaspie assist with Facebook.

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CHALLENGING YEAR TO BE A POLICE OFFICER

Challenging Year to be a Police Officer

The year 2016 was a tough year to be a police officer. There were 140 officers killed in the line of duty in 2016. Sixty-five (2 accidental) of these were due to officers being shot and killed. The 2016 shootings have spanned the nation, from California to Massachusetts, and they exceeded the number of firearms-related police deaths in 2015 by 58 percent. This year's shooting deaths include a 28-year-old officer on her first day on the job and a 65-year-old sheriff's corporal who was about to retire. Fifty-five deaths were vehicle related and 20 other deaths included a stabbing, struck by a train and 9/11 related illnesses. There were also 34 K-9 deaths in 2016.

Closer to home, St. Louis County Police Officer Blake Snyder, 33, was shot and killed while responding to a disturbance call on October 6. He and another officer had arrived at the scene and were met with gunfire immediately as they exited their patrol cars. Officer Snyder was shot at point blank range and killed instantly. The second officer was able to return fire and wound the suspect. Officer Snyder had served with the St. Louis County Police Department for four years. He is survived by his wife and 2-year-old son.

There were also many police officers injured on the job in 2016. Hazelwood Police Officer Craig Tudor, 38, was critically injured in a head on collision and Ballwin Police Officer Mike Flamion, 33, was critically injured during a traffic stop on July 8, a day after five Dallas police officers were killed during a protest over the recent fatal police shootings of black men in Louisiana and Minnesota. Officer Flamion was shot while walking back to his car to process paperwork during a routine traffic stop for speeding. The gunman fled and was captured several miles northeast of the shooting scene, after jumping out of the car and running. Many police departments responded to the officer in need of aide including Ellisville officers. Officer Flamion is paralyzed from the neck down. Pictured is Lieutenant Wayne Moore (blue shirt and pants) at the scene of the shooting.



Ellisville Police officers attended funerals for officers killed in the line of duty in 2016 to show their support not only to the family of the fallen police officers but to the departments that the officers worked for. These included funerals at Chester, Illinois; Kansas City, Kansas; Dallas, Texas; and St. Louis County. See next page for pictures.

CHALLENGING YEAR TO BE A POLICE OFFICER



Top left picture: Officers Chuck Kraus and Joey Nickles attending Kansas City, Kansas Police Captain Dave Melton's funeral. Top right picture: Corporal George Corless (center) attending Chester, Illinois Police Officer James Brockmeyer's funeral with Chesterfield Officers Austin Howes and Jeff Ovca. Middle picture: Lieutenant Kelly Murray, Detective Brian Gillaspie, Corporal Corless, Officer Ryan Schneider, Officer Kraus, Officer AJ Neff, Captain Joshua Dawson, Lieutenant John Connor and Corporal Corey Smith attending St. Louis County Police Officer Blake Snyder's funeral. Low right: Pictured lower right is Officer Nickles and Officer Kraus in front of a memorial to the Dallas, Texas officers.