

Ellisville

Police



FY 2017 Annual Report of Services



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Pictured on the front cover is Ellisville Police Department K9 Officer "Dark" as seen on the Ellisville Police Facebook.

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

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Message From the Chief of Police

On May 22, 2017, I had the honor of beginning my first day as the Chief of Police for the Ellisville Police Department. Being the highlight of my thirty year career to date, I set forward in doing everything within my power to provide the best possible police services to the City of Ellisville. Upon assessing the agency, I came to find out that prior to my leadership the Men and Women of the Ellisville Police Department were some of the finest police personnel I had ever had the pleasure of working with. The support from my fellow police officers, the administration of the city, the elected officials and most importantly the community, humbled me greatly. During 2017 our agency set specific goals and objectives to enhance police service. We promoted a Captain and Lieutenant, added a full time police officer and made interdepartmental movements to allow for mobility within our ranks, along with additional programs and service to the community.



Going forward our goals are set even higher. 2017 by all accounts was an amazing year for the Ellisville Police Department, but 2018 will bring us to even greater heights. Our agency will implement a new Community Policing Unit, whose focus will be on problem solving in both our residential and business community. We will attain the sought after State Law Enforcement Accreditation, verifying for the community that the faith they have in our agency is well placed. We will work to improve budgetary positions trying to do more with less and our social conscious will be higher than ever before.

My promise to the Citizens of the City of Ellisville is quite simply perfection. Our agency will respond to the needs of the community with the attention to detail, empathetic service and faithful application of justice, that a community such as Ellisville should not only expect, but should demand. It is my honor to lead one of the finest groups of Law Enforcement officers; I have ever had the pleasure to serve with, forward for years to come.

Our agency is available to our citizens at every hour, for any need, with open hearts. I thank you for the faith you have placed in our police department and promise nothing less than Excellence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chief Steven Lewis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chief Steven Lewis

Mission, Values and Department Motto

Mission Statement



The Ellisville Police Department is responsible for ensuring the safety and protection of human life, protection of the rights of persons and property of both residents and visitors to the city. We will work within the structure of the constitution, state statutes, and city charter to enforce all laws, preserve the peace, diminish fear, and provide safe conditions within our city. We are devoted to providing high-quality protection and service with concern and understanding, protecting constitutional rights, problem solving, teamwork, honesty and integrity, continuous improvement and planning for the future.

Values

We strive to provide high quality, responsive service to residents and visitors of the City of Ellisville, by maintaining a highly trained, properly equipped, well managed and unified work force committed to meeting the present and future needs of the city.

We will strive to provide the residents and visitors to our city with the most cost efficient and effective delivery of services for their tax dollars.

We will strive to provide a courteous, competent, compassion response to residents and visitors to our city.

We are committed to the expectations and needs of our community by listening to our residents and integrating our officers into the community.

We strive to provide our residents and visitors with an energetic group of devoted law enforcement officers committed to improvement, and operating on the principles of sincerity and quality management.

Department Motto

The department motto is a very simple phrase that exemplifies our public safety commitment to the community.

"Excellence, Pride, Dedication"

Excellence – Providing effective, efficient, and diligent service through our commitment to professional and personal development.

Pride – Honoring yourself, your profession, and your community through dignified actions.

Dedication – Devoting ourselves to protecting and serving all people within our community.

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 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.



Budget Summary

2017 BUDGET

During Fiscal Year 2017, the Ellisville Police Department operating budget totaled \$2,803,065 or 21.3% of the city's \$13,148,494 budget.

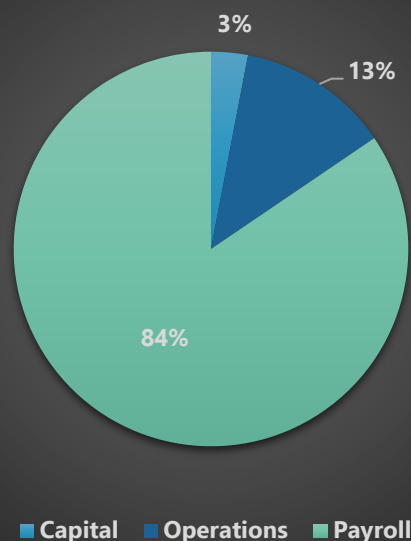
Nearly 84% of the department's budget is for personnel costs and the budget is primarily supported through the city's General Fund. As with all municipal budgets, the majority of funds are spent on Payroll & Benefits (salaries and wages, overtime pay, FICA, holiday pay, health insurance, dental insurance, life insurance, long term disability, pension, and annual year-end awards) for employees. Operating Expenses & Capital Outlay comprise the remainder of the budget.

The police department budgeted \$334,265 for operating expenses. → Another \$84,450 was budgeted for Capital which included the replacement of two police vehicles.

Grants

In 2017, the department received a total of \$1,250 in grants from the Missouri Safety Center and another \$3,000 from MoDOT Traffic and Highway Safety Division.

Police Budget by Type



Operational Expenditures by Category	Cost
Professional Services	\$2,905
Contractual Services	\$94,085
Service Agreements/Emergency Management	\$9,555
Personnel Training	\$17,750
Travel/Conferences/Meetings	\$5,570
Dues and Membership Fees	\$4,805
Publications and Journals	\$400
Office Supplies and Expense	\$13,300
Prisoner Housing/Crime Scene Supplies	\$6,975
Uniforms	\$18,800
Gasoline and Car Washes	\$46,500
Firearms/Weapons/Ammunition	\$34,695
Printing/Legal Notices/Postage	\$1,580
Public Utilities	\$31,940
Equipment Rental/Purchase/Maintenance	\$35,985
Community Relations	\$6,500
K9	\$2,920

The Community

The area that is now known as the City of Ellisville was originally inhabited by early settlers from Kentucky and Virginia looking for cheap speculative land. Land in the Meramec Township was selling for a \$1.25 an acre in the mid 1830 when Missouri became a state. In the late 1840's German immigration had found the area as is evident by the names of many of the present day streets. On December 8, 1868 the name Ellisville was assigned to the newly established post office.

Ellisville became incorporated as the *Village of Ellisville* on May 23, 1932. During this time period Ellisville, Ballwin and Manchester shared one policeman between the cities. On April 4, 1952 the *Village of Ellisville* held its first officially recorded board meeting and appointed its first Town Marshal, James Detjen. The population of the *Village of Ellisville* at this time was approximately 625 persons. By 1957 the population of the village had grown to approximately 1,800 – 2,000 persons bringing with it rapid growth problems. To address the numerous problems that were brought about by the rapid population growth, the *Village of Ellisville* held a special election to become a fourth class city on November 12, 1957. The measure passed and Ellisville became a fourth class city under the laws of the State of Missouri. Upon becoming a city, the City Marshal system was eliminated and the city formed its own police force.

The City of Ellisville has 4.39 square miles of land surface and according to the 2010 census, a population of 9,133 (with an estimated population of 9,224 residents in 2016). The city combines a well-balanced mix of residential and commercial development with approximately 3,881 housing units (single-family homes, townhouses, apartments, duplexes, and condominiums) and more than 652 businesses.

The City of Ellisville is located in western 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. The city 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. There are two primary arterial roads which intersect Ellisville:

Missouri Highway Route 100 (Manchester Road) and Missouri Highway Route 340 (Clarkson Road).

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. All elected officials are limited to two consecutive three year terms. Each council member represents more than 1,500 residents. The city manager is appointed by the council as a full-time position and serves at the pleasure of the council. The city manager is responsible to the council for the administration of all operations placed in the charge of the city manager by or under the city charter.

Department Overview

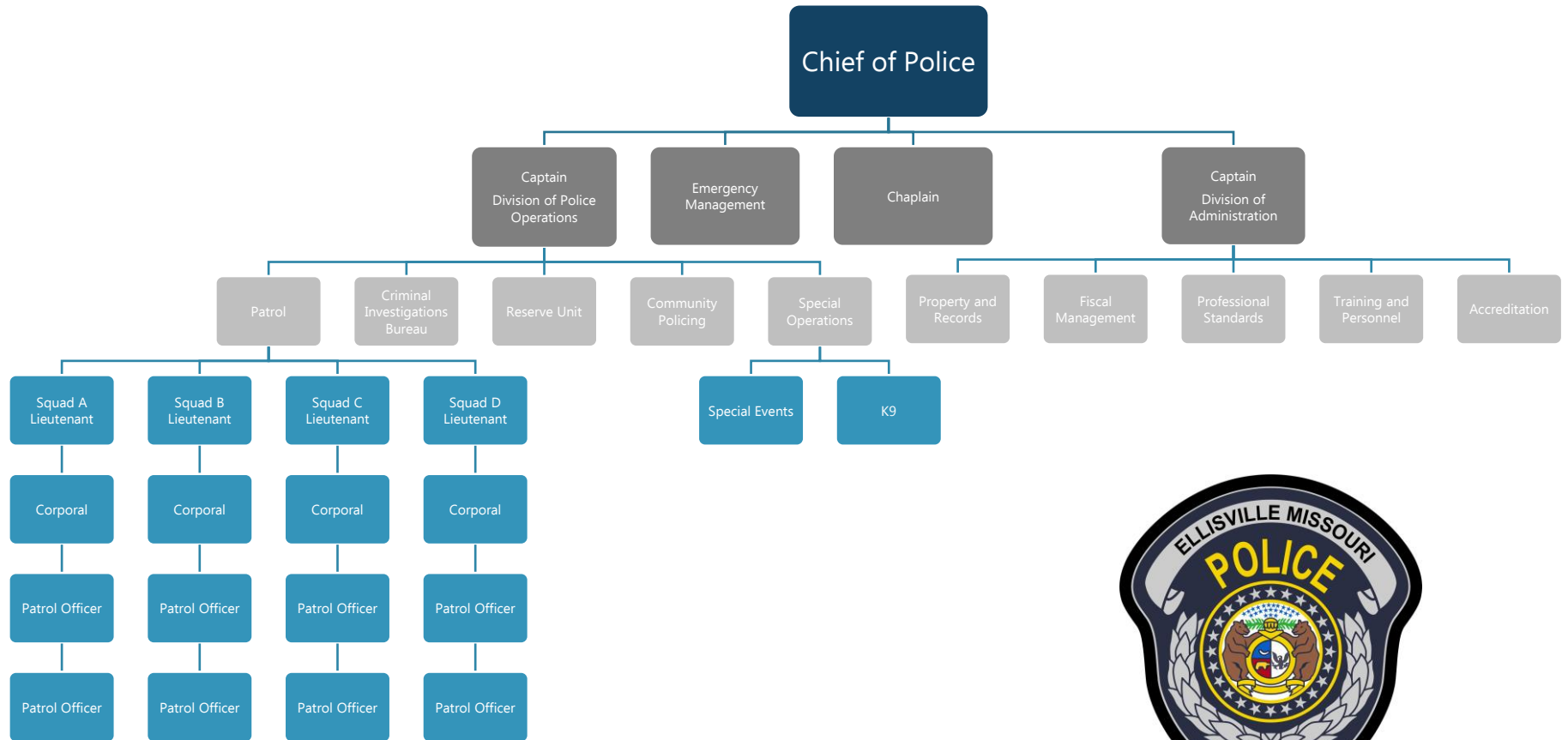
The Ellisville Police Department is led by Police Chief Steven Lewis. In 2017, the department employed 23 sworn full-time police officers, one part-time police officer, and one reserve police officer who provided 24-hour service, seven days a week. In addition, the department employed two civilians who provided essential support services, and one civilian who volunteered his services as chaplain.

The police department is organized into three divisions: The Office of the Chief of Police which includes Emergency Management and Chaplain; the Division of Police Administration consisting of Property and Records, Fiscal Management, Professional Standards, Training and Personnel, and Accreditation; and the Division of Police Operations consisting of Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Reserve Unit, Community Policing, and Special Operations. The function of each division is an important component in assuring that the Ellisville Police Department maintains a professional image that its citizens not only expect, but can be proud of.

The Ellisville Police Department is a highly respected law enforcement agency dedicated to the principle of community policing which promotes a high quality of life for all citizens. The police department continually seeks to meet the challenges of serving and protecting the residents and visitors of our community.

Committed to providing quality, responsive service in its efforts to work in partnership with the community, the department's web site contains information about crime prevention, statistics and online services including patrol requests, vacation house checks and court information. The community can also view important and entertaining information on the department's Facebook and Twitter accounts. These sources are intended to be an additional means of communication between the department and the community that we proudly serve.

Maintaining the police workforce level is one of the most salient challenges facing law enforcement today. In the long run, both the supply of and demand for qualified officers are changing in a time of increasing attrition, expanding law-enforcement responsibilities, and decreasing resources. In 2017, the Ellisville Police Department hired a new chief of police who comes with a wealth of experience, is a strong and respected leader, and has a passion for community; and one new full-time patrol officer who is highly qualified and experienced. During 2017, the department promoted two existing officers - one lieutenant was promoted to captain and one detective was promoted to lieutenant. The Ellisville Police Department is extremely fortunate to have such qualified officers who will continue the legacy of an excellent police department. The police department continues to seek the most qualified employees who best represent the department motto: *Excellence, Pride, Dedication.*



Police Department Organization Chart

Police Department Staffing in 2017

Rank	Name	Service Time
Chief of Police	Steven Lewis	8 months
Captain	Joshua Dawson	19 years 10 months
Captain	Andrew (Andy) Vaughn	11 years 10 months
Lieutenant	Wayne Moore	38 years 11 months
Lieutenant	Kelly Murray	28 years 9 months
Lieutenant	John Connor	19 years 4 months
Lieutenant	Jeff Diehl	16 years 4 months
Lieutenant	Brian Gillaspie	13 years 10 months
Sergeant	Nancy Walker	36 years 8 months
Corporal	James (Jim) Corbett	20 years 2 months
Corporal	George Corless	13 years 10 months
Corporal	Brian Bardle	12 years 1 month
Corporal	Corey Smith	9 years 10 months
Detective	Paul Keller	15 years 11 months
Patrol Officer	Travis Detring	9 years 6 months
Patrol Officer	Joey Nickles	7 years 11 month
Patrol Officer	Ryan Schneider	4 years 3 months
Patrol Officer	Jacob (Jake) Adams	4 years 1 month
Patrol Officer	Nathan Dye	3 years 2 months
Police Officer	Austin (AJ) Neff	3 years
Police Officer	Zachary (Zack) Dorton	2 years 5 months
Police Officer	Charles (Chuck) Kraus	1 year 8 months
Police Officer	Josiah Peacock	1 month
Detective Part-Time	John Rakonick	16 years 5 months
Reserve Officer	Stephen Heidke	2 years 3 months
Assistant II	Aimee Brand	9 years 8 months
Assistant I Part-Time	Donna Graham	18 years 8 months

Office of the Chief of Police

Steven Lewis, Chief of Police



Chief Steven Lewis took the oath of office on Wednesday, May 17, during the Ellisville City Council meeting to become the new chief of police for Ellisville. Chief Lewis, 49 and a resident of O'Fallon, Missouri, took over the reins for former Chief Tom Felgate, who retired in 2017. Chief Lewis was sworn in by City Clerk Leigh Dohack in a chamber lined with uniforms and badges from all across West County including officers from both Ellisville and Chesterfield Police Departments, DEA, FBI, and many more.

The Office of the Chief fuses a unique combination of law enforcement, community, and administrative responsibilities. Chief Lewis is a long time commander and local law enforcement officer in the St. Louis area. Beginning his career with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department in 1989 as a police officer, he transitioned to the Chesterfield Police Department in 1993 where he held many positions, including Captain, Commander of the Division of Operational Support and Director of Emergency Management. He served Chesterfield for 24 years.

Chief Lewis is a graduate of the 236th session of the FBI National Academy, a graduate of the Southern Police Institute Chief Executive Leadership Course and a Fair and Impartial Policing Instructor Training. He holds the St. Louis University Certificate of Law Enforcement Leadership and Organizational Change, as well as a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Lindenwood University. Chief Lewis also holds a full scope of Emergency Management Training and Anti-Terrorism instruction offered by FEMA, SEMA, and the Department of Homeland Security.

Chief Lewis is the current Emergency Management Director for the City of Ellisville. He is on the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force Executive Board, sits on the board of directors for the FBI National Academy Associates, as well as for the Crusade Against Crime Medal of Valor Board. He is the past President of Law Enforcement Officials of Greater St. Louis, and has an ongoing role as the Emergency Management and Law Enforcement Chair of the Blue Angels Air Show. Chief Lewis also holds several leadership roles in multiple other law enforcement response organizations including the area Code 1000 organization.

Chief Lewis is the chief administrator of the Ellisville Police Department and the final departmental authority on all matters of policy, operations, and discipline. Chief Lewis is responsible for the planning, staffing, directing, coordinating, and controlling of all department functions and activities; for ensuring the continued efficient and effective operation of the department, for the maintenance of positive relations with the citizens of Ellisville, the city government, and all other agencies; and ultimately, for the successful accomplishment of the department's mission.

Executive Command Staff

Joshua Dawson, Captain Division of Police Administration



Captain Joshua Dawson began his career with the Ellisville Police Department in February of 1998 after graduating from the Eastern Missouri Law Enforcement Training Academy. Captain Dawson has served as a patrol officer, tactical officer, detective, and lieutenant before being promoted to captain in April of 2014.

Captain Dawson holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy Class 238.

The Division of Police Administration is under the command of Captain Dawson. His duties include oversight of the department's Property and Records, Fiscal Management, Professional standards, Training and Personnel, and Accreditation. Captain Dawson is the second in command of the police department. In absence of the chief of police, Captain Dawson has the authority to represent or act as the police chief.

Andy Vaughn, Captain Division of Police Operations



Captain Andrew (Andy) Vaughn graduated from Jefferson County Police Training Institute in 2005. He began his career working for the Pacific Police Department before joining the Ellisville Police Department in 2006. During his time at Ellisville, Captain Vaughn has received various commendations including Officer of the Year in 2013 and a lifesaving award in 2016. Captain Vaughn has been a member of the Ellisville Police Honor Guard, tactical team and is currently an arrest and control instructor.

Captain Vaughn was promoted to the rank of captain in October of 2017. Captain Vaughn holds an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice, a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice Administration and a Master's of Science in Criminal Justice Management.

Captain Vaughn is in charge of the Division of Police Operations which includes the day to day operations of the Patrol Division, Criminal Investigations Bureau, Reserve Unit, Community Policing and Special Operations.

Command Staff

The Command Staff is made up of four patrol lieutenants, one accreditation manager, and one chiefs' aide/community and administrative service officer.

The patrol lieutenant or watch commander is responsible for the day to day operations of their squads which includes reviewing and approving all completed police reports, prepares daily car plan assignments; prepares and presents roll call training; inspects personnel and equipment for conformity to department standards; prepares and investigates personnel complaints; responds to crime scenes at the request of police officers and handles radio calls as needed. In addition to carrying out the aforementioned duties, the watch commanders are responsible for assigned unique duties such as armorer, firearms instructor, CIT coordinator, and training coordinator.

The accreditation manager works full-time developing, writing, and managing the department's catalog of policies and forms to meet the Missouri Police Chiefs Charitable Foundation (MPCCF) State Certification Program. The police department is currently in the process of obtaining state accreditation.

The chiefs' aide/community and administrative service officer provides direct assistance to the chief and captains as needed, prepares special reports, handles public relations and the DARE program.

Kelly Murray
Lieutenant
Patrol Squad A



Brian Gillaspie
Lieutenant
Patrol Squad B



John Connor
Lieutenant
Patrol Squad C



Jeff Diehl
Lieutenant
Patrol Squad D



Wayne Moore
Lieutenant
Accreditation Manager



Nancy Walker
Sergeant
Chiefs' Aid/Community



Police Lieutenant Promotion

Brian Gillaspie, a 13 year veteran of the Ellisville Police Department, was promoted on October 4, 2017 to the rank of lieutenant. Lieutenant Gillaspie previously was an Ellisville Police detective for 10 years. He has served as a patrol officer, a member of the SERT Team, a member of the Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis, and the department's computerized voice stress analyst. He is a Missouri POST certified instructor and teaches basic recruit classes at both Jefferson College and Eastern Missouri police academies. Lieutenant Gillaspie took over as the patrol supervisor for Squad B. Congratulations Lieutenant Gillaspie.

Administrative Services and Records Department

The Administrative Services and Records Department is a civilian support unit within the Division of Police Administration and has two employees, one full-time administrative assistant, Aimee Brand and one part-time administrative assistant, Donna Graham.

The staff plays a vital role in the delivery of police services to the community and is responsible for maintaining all official records of the department including crime and motor vehicle crash reports, traffic citations, Ellisville ordinance violations, alarm violations, personnel records, payroll information, bail bond money, subpoena database, and numerous other documents. The Administrative Services and Records Department responds to public records requests from insurance companies, citizens, attorneys, and other law enforcement agencies as well. 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. They answer telephone calls and assist citizens who come to the police station. They also provide clerical services to the chief of police, captains, and police staff.

Ms. Brand is the records custodian and notary for the department. The records custodian is responsible for public records disposal and destruction of records that are not required for retention by state law. Each category of records is governed by different standards for retention. Staff must audit the records each year to maintain all records as required by state law. She also generates Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) monthly of all reportable crimes as determined and mandated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Aimee Brand
Administrative Assistant II



Donna Graham
Administrative Assistant I



Patrol Division

The Patrol Division is the largest division within the Ellisville Police Department and provides the core police services to the community. Patrol officers are the first responders to incidents, as they respond directly to calls that are dispatched when people call in an emergency.

Patrol officers are also one of the most visible representatives of the Ellisville Police Department, as they proactively patrol the neighborhoods they are assigned to, which are called their beat or sector. Ellisville is divided into two sectors – East Sector and West Sector. During these patrols, they may also see a situation as it is occurring – these are called “on-view” incidents.



Patrol officers also get to know the area that they are assigned and the community members they serve within their sector. When not responding directly to calls or providing backup to other officers, patrol officers use proactive time to combat ongoing crime problems in specific neighborhoods.

The Patrol Division is comprised of uniformed patrol staff which consists of four different squads each staffed with a lieutenant, corporal and two officers. The lieutenant and corporal provide additional support to the officers by handling calls or backing up officers. Patrol officers work 24/7 year round and work on a rotating schedule that includes weekends and holidays. Officers are assigned to one of two watches: 6:00 am to 6:00 pm or 6:00 pm to 6:00 am.



Pictured is a traffic light down at Manchester and Clarkson and Officer Joey Nickles and Corporal Jim Corbett helping to celebrate a little boy's birthday.

Patrol Officer Hiring

Officer Josiah Peacock was hired as a full-time police officer on December 11, 2017. He graduated from Missouri Baptist University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Administration of Justice. After graduating the Eastern Missouri Police Academy in 2011, he began his law enforcement career with the Hazelwood Police Department in 2012. During his career with the Hazelwood Police Department, Officer Peacock was recognized for his service numerous times through working with the citizens of Hazelwood and in the performance of his duties. He received the “Sean Gollubski” Youth in Crisis Intervention Team



Award presented by the St. Louis County CIT program for outstanding service to a young person experiencing mental health crisis in 2017. Officer Peacock is certified as a police bicycle patrol officer and Crisis Intervention Team member. Officer Peacock brings much experience to the Ellisville Police Department and will be a great asset to the city in providing community service to its citizens.

Bicycle Patrol

Bicycle patrol is part of the Patrol Division. Uniformed officers utilize specially designed bicycles to allow for patrolling under unique circumstances. Bicycle patrol is used in special events, high crime areas, routine patrol, traffic, criminal law enforcement, and bike safety education. Using the bicycle is a great tool to interact with the community in a positive manner, but also is very effective in crime reduction. Bicycle patrol is a great way to educate children and adults on bike safety and be more approachable to all citizens allowing officers to interact with our citizens and provide a more personable type of patrol.

Ellisville has six officers currently trained and qualified to patrol on bicycles: Corporal George Corless, Officer Travis Detring, Officer Nathan Dye, Officer Jake Adams, Officer Chuck Kraus, and Officer Josiah Peacock. Each officer had to complete a 40 hour certified bike school. Officers learn about low and high speed biking, road hazards, obstacle clearing, how to avoid common crashes, and how to make rolling apprehensions.

School Walk Through Program

The Patrol Division is responsible for the "School Walk Through" program. This program was instituted in 2006 and has been very popular since its inception. As part of the program, officers "patrol" each school within the city both public and private each day. The officer maintains high visibility in and around the schools and become familiar with the school staff and administrators and provide a safe environment for



them. Children and schools have always been one of our primary priorities. That philosophy will continue

and even increase as we move forward. Top left picture on page 17 is Officers Nathan Dye, Corey Smith and Zack Dorton with Ridge Meadows Elementary School Principal Amy Digman and staff on the first day of school. Top middle picture is Sergeant Nancy Walker helping to greet students on first day of school at Ellisville Elementary School with "Super Hero's" Assistant Principal Brian Gentz and Principal Dr. Allison Loy. Top right picture is Officer Jake Adams running with the students in the Ridge Meadows' Pumpkin Run on October 27. Lower left picture is Corporal George Corless spending some quality time having lunch with students at Ellisville Elementary School. Lower middle picture is Lieutenant Brian Gillaspie and Corporal Corey Smith with Dark reciting The Pledge of Allegiance with future leaders after they stopped by at Ridge Elementary School on National Good Neighbor Day. Lower right picture: Even Chief Steven Lewis gets in on the act by stopping by Ridge Meadows School and participating in a hard core game of Simon Says! Pictured above is Lieutenant John Connor and "Buddy" (Corporal George Corless) joining Ridge Meadows Elementary School Principal Dr. Amy Digman, Assistant Principal Nicholle Simmons, and students for a holiday sing-along at the school on December 19.



Reserve Unit

The Ellisville Police Reserve Unit is comprised of community members who volunteer their time to fulfill many of the roles handled by full-time sworn police officers. Reserve Officers must meet the same Missouri Police Officer Standard Training (P.O.S.T.) standards as full-time officers and work alongside them in every aspect of the department operations. Currently, the department has one reserve police officer, Stephen Heidke who was "hired" in 2015. The reserve position is voluntary and is not a paid position.

Larry Kirn retired on December 7, 2017 after 25 years working as a reserve officer with the Ellisville Police Department. Thank you Officer Kirn for your dedication to the City of Ellisville.

Special Operations

Color Guard

The Ellisville Police Department's Color Guard was formed for the purpose of National and Missouri flag ceremony presentations. The Color Guard presents a professional ceremonial presence during selected public appearances such as the City of Ellisville's July 4th celebration and the St. Louis Area Police Chiefs Association Prayer Breakfast.



Corporal Brian Bardle, Officer Joey Nickles, Officer Chuck Kraus, and Officer Ryan Schneider. Pictured are Officers Kraus, Corless, Schneider and Nickles.

K9 Unit

The police K9 Unit is a vital part of law enforcement efforts. The Ellisville Police K9 Unit is a division of Special Operations and was established in 2016. Currently, the unit consists of one officer, Corporal Corey Smith who is partnered with a highly cross-trained canine, Dark, who work as a team. Dark is a German Shepard/Belgian Milionis mix and 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. The team can also help track missing children or elderly, conducting other tracks, evidence or article searches, urban search and rescue, and criminal apprehension. They also participate in community outreach programs including school



visits and talks, Kids Day and many other demonstrations. Additionally, the K9 Unit is a resource for nearby



police agencies, who can request the use of Dark.

Working with K9s means ongoing training for both the handler and the dog. It requires dedication, physical fitness, firm yet gentle control, and the ability to handle the noble responsibility of being a

police officer in addition to being a member of a K9 Unit. Keeping records of the dog's daily activities as well as any other reports and documentation is imperative. Working with animals is very rewarding; working with animals to bring about justice, take criminals off the street, and protect citizens is that much more rewarding. Dark contributes to a safer work environment by providing security and protection not only to his partner, Corporal Smith, but supporting personnel.



Pictured on page 19 is Corporal Smith and Dark at the 2017 Kids Safety Day.



Top picture is Corporal Smith and Dark giving a demonstration to 2nd graders at Ellisville Elementary School. Middle picture is Corporal Smith and Dark at Ridge Meadows Elementary School with Principal Dr. Amy Digman and fifth grade students. The bottom picture is Dark taking a well-deserved rest after training.

Criminal Investigations Bureau

The mission of the Ellisville Criminal Investigations Bureau is to identify, target, arrest and successfully prosecute individuals involved in criminal activity as well as recover any stolen property. The Criminal Investigations Bureau is tasked with a variety of responsibilities; the primary function being to provide investigative support to the Patrol Division. Reported incidents are carefully screened to determine those cases that require additional follow-up which would typically over task the Patrol Division's resources. This includes cases requiring multiple interviews, crime scene work and surveillance activities to name a few.

In 2017, there were two full-time detectives – Brian Gillaspie (until promoted to lieutenant) and Paul Keller, and one part-time detective - John Rakonick, assigned to the Criminal Investigations Bureau. (In 2018, Officer Joey Nickle will assume the position of detective to fill the vacancy.)

In 2017, investigators opened, assumed, or assisted with 80 criminal investigations, representing a 37% increase in investigations over 2016. Detectives filed 153 reports and, over 50 subpoena requests were sent to the St. Louis County Grand Jury, all of which were approved and served on various entities and organizations, furthering the Bureau investigative effectiveness.

For Uniform Crime Reporting Statistics, the FBI categorizes crimes into 2 parts, Part I index crimes consisting of violent and Property crimes, such as violent assaults and burglary. Part II crimes are considered more minor crimes such as Forgery, Embezzlement, or Counterfeiting offenses. (See page 33 Uniform Crime Reporting for more details.) The part I crimes and Part II crimes handled by the Criminal Investigations Bureau were evenly split with 40 Part 1 investigations and 40 part II investigations.

In 2017, detectives were also asked to assist patrol division investigations with numerous advanced investigative techniques including crime scene processing and analytical datamining. Because of the efforts and extensive training required to access and analyze the recovered data provided by St. Louis County, the FBI, the Mid-States Organized Crime Information Center, and numerous other regional and national entities, the Criminal Investigations Bureau was able to adjudicate an additional 11 criminal defendants, a 120% increase from 2016.

Law Enforcement is continually evolving, requiring more technical expertise than ever before. Because of this, members of the Ellisville Crime Investigative Bureau require more and more technical training to remain up to date with current methodology on evidence collection and investigative analysis. Detectives attended numerous conferences and training seminars throughout the year focusing on 21st century needs.

There are several additional duties the Crime Investigative Bureau is tasked with managing. Detective Keller and Detective Rakonick conducted nine background investigations on potential police employee candidates. Detective Keller also handles maintenance on the patrol car computers, in addition to being an investigator with the St. Louis County Major Case Squad. (There were no Major Case call outs for Ellisville in 2017.)

CARE and Communications Services

The Ellisville Police Department contracts with St. Louis County Police for Radio Dispatching and a record management system known as Computer Assisted Report Entry (CARE) through a formalized law enforcement service contract.

CARE

The St. Louis County CARE System allows patrol officers via a standard phone, to call a CARE specialist to complete an incident report or, the officer can enter the information themselves. This service is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The system eliminates the need for a handwritten report which allows for police reports and management information to be readily available at any time. Supervisors have the ability to review the CARE report at any time. Each agency's CARE reports are secure and accessible only to themselves. Agencies on the CARE system are not authorized to view or print another department's reports but can send one of their reports electronically to any other agency on the system if needed.

In December of 2017, the Ellisville Police Department purchased and installed GPS trackers on all of the police cars. The trackers will be used in conjunction with the new Case Management System that Ellisville utilizes through St. Louis County Police CARE. Using the Heads Up Display (HUD) on their car computers, officers will be able to access all information needed by logging into one program instead of having to log into several different programs (e.g. DOR Inquiries, CAD, LEWeb). Officers will be able to display a map that has points on it that represents: Calls for Service, Recent Crime Reports, Persons of Interest, or Tracking of Patrol Vehicles. Each layer can be turned on or off to suit each user's needs. Officers will also be able to access the Case Management section which will allow the department to manage the ever growing volume and complexity of casework for each officer. Total operations should be in place at the beginning of 2018.

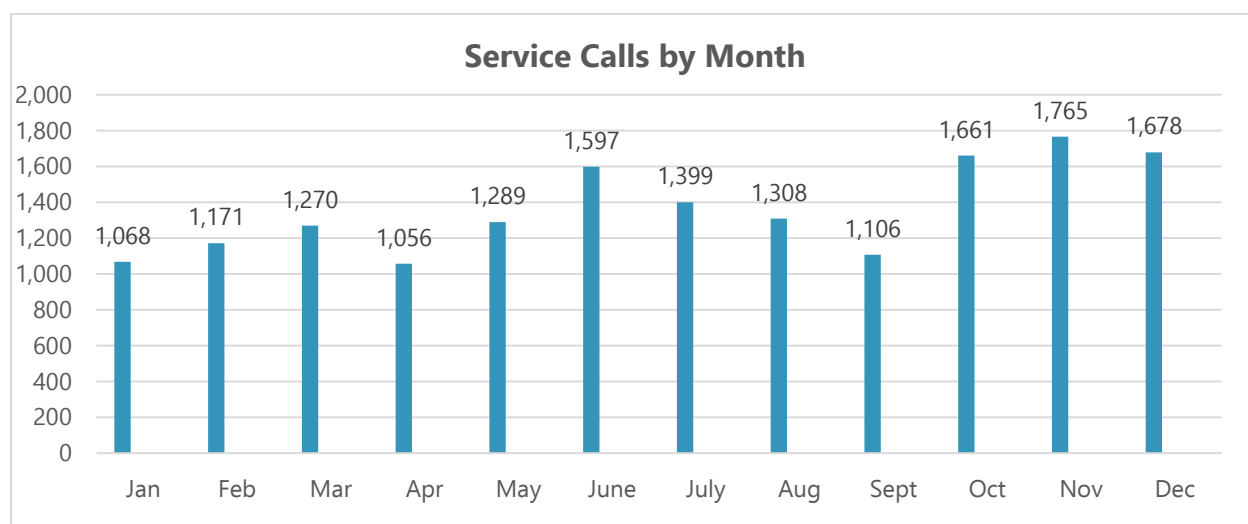
Communication Services

Ellisville police shares the Muni-West radio frequency with the cities of Chesterfield, Clarkson Valley, Eureka, and Wildwood. The annual cost of this service is determined by a price per call basis for each city. Each agency is able to design multiple dispatch plans for their city based on the number of on-duty personnel on each shift. This allows the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system to always recommend the proper sector car for assignments. The Muni-West communication contract is for a twelve month period, commencing on March 1, 2017 through February 28, 2018. The contract cost is \$37,580.76 or \$3131.73 per month and includes Coordinated Communication Services, CARE, Record Analysis and Mapping System (RAMS) services, 911, CrimeMatrix, communications services including radio and computerized criminal history services (REJIS), Missouri Uniform Law Enforcement System (MULES), and National Crime Information Center (NCIC). The actual 2017 cost of services was \$38,383.30 due to paying \$3,533 for the months of January and February on the 2016 contract.

Calls for Service

Patrol officers are the first line of defense in a threat to public safety. The law enforcement process is most likely to start with a patrol officer responding to a call for service or having a self-initiated call, such as a traffic stop or pedestrian check. In 2017, the Ellisville Police Department was responsible for handling 16,368 calls for service. This included actual calls for police service, calls for an officer to respond to the police station, all administrative assignments, telephone call assignments, municipal or state court appearances, report writing, and traffic stops. In cases where a call requires more than one officer to respond (e.g. burglary, robbery), the transaction would be tracked separately. Out of the 16,368 calls for service involving Ellisville Police officers, 6,324 were received and dispatched by St. Louis County Communications, 5,441 were either self-initiated by officer or citizen contact, and 4,603 were assisted by back-up police units.

Calls for Service by Month



Calls for Service by Day of Week

Day of Week	Directed	Self-Initiated	Assists	Totals	% Total
Sunday	749	513	512	1,774	10.8%
Monday	906	776	650	2,332	14.2%
Tuesday	959	832	734	2,525	15.4%
Wednesday	906	925	669	2,500	15.3%
Thursday	919	828	715	2,462	15.0%
Friday	963	837	703	2,503	15.3%
Saturday	922	730	620	2,272	14.0%
Total	6,324	5,441	4,603	16,368	100.0%

Calls for Service Priorities Defined

Regardless of how calls are received, police calls are classified by call type and priority. Call type is based on the caller's information elicited through question-and-answer protocols from call takers. Calls are prioritized based on the established policies on the emergency nature of the call, response time, need for backup units, and other local factors. Police calls are prioritized into three categories. Emergency Code Calls, Emergency (Immediate) Calls, and Non-Emergency (Routine) Calls.

Priority 1

Emergency Code Calls are calls for service that are immediate threat to life, violent criminal act in progress, and serious crimes that may be in progress or just occurred and there is a likelihood of suspect apprehension. The response is immediate; lights and sirens are utilized and officers may exceed the speed limit if necessary. More than one officer is usually dispatched. (Examples: Armed Robbery, Shooting.)

Priority 2

Emergency (Immediate) Calls are calls for service that are non-life threatening but urgent in nature, criminal offense just occurred, suspects still in area or just left the scene, etc. The response is immediate; lights and sirens, but officers maintain the speed limit. One or two officers may be dispatched depending on call type.

Priority 3

Non-Emergency (Routine) Calls are calls for service on non-life threatening but require police response for appropriate documentation or action. The response may be delayed.

Average Call Response Times

Emergency Code Call	3.83 Minutes
Emergency (Immediate) Calls	5.02 Minutes
Non-Emergency (Routine) Call	6.39 Minutes

Alarm Calls

In 2017, Ellisville Police received a total of 530 alarm calls, which was a 3.1% increase from last year. Of these calls, 387 were classified as false, accidental or unknown cause, 88 were either fire or medical alarms, and 50 were weather related. Of these calls, 357 were attributed to commercial businesses, schools and public facilities and 173 were residential/assisted living alarms. Thirty-eight alarms were requested by the subscriber to disregard or cancelled before an officer arrived on scene. A total of 166 false alarm warning letters were issued.

2017 High Incident Crime Summary

Below is the crime classification for each crime incident that a report was written by an Ellisville Police officer and entered into the St. Louis County CARE System.

Crime Classification	2017	2016
Rape, by Force (After 12-31-2012)	1	0
Sex Offense, Forcible, Rape by Force (Prior to 1-1-2013)	1	0
Robbery, Firearm	1	1
Robbery, Strong Arm	2	1
Assault, Aggravated, Firearm	1	2
Assault, Aggravated, Knife/Cutting Instrument	0	1
Assault, Aggravated, Other Dangerous Weapons	0	3
Assault, Aggravated, Hands/Feet/Fists	5	10
Assault, Intimidation	0	2
Assault, Simple/Other	17	20
Burglary, Forcible Entry	4	3
Burglary, Unlawful Entry/No Force	4	6
Burglary, Attempt Forcible Entry	1	0
Larceny \$200 and Over	38	49
Larceny \$50 to \$199	24	22
Larceny Under \$50	35	30
Motor Vehicle Theft, Auto	4	7
Bad Checks	10	3
Fraud, Credit Card/Automatic Teller Machine	9	14
Fraud, False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	4	4
Fraud, Hacking/Computer Invasion	1	1
Fraud, Identity Theft	14	33
Fraud, Impersonation	2	1
Fraud, Wire	1	1
Embezzlement	0	1
Stolen Property Offenses	7	2
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	18	35
Weapon Law Violations	1	4
Sex Offense, Forcible, Fondling	1	0
Sex Offense, Non Forcible, Incest	1	0
Sex Offense, Other	3	2
Drug Equipment Violations	13	5
Drug/Narcotic Violations	56	32
Family Offenses, Non Violent	5	5
Driving Under the Influence	45	56
Liquor Law Violations	6	1
Disorderly Conduct	1	1
Violation of Road and Driving Laws	6	3
Parking Violations	3	4
Violation of Motor Vehicle Laws	0	4
Forgery	2	2
Counterfeiting	2	2

Crime Classification Continued

	2017	2016
Contributing to Delinquency of Minor	1	0
Pornography/Obscene Literature and Objects	0	1
Miscellaneous Offenses Not Otherwise Classified	53	52
Curfew Violation	0	2
Runaway	6	7
Missing Person	8	8
Truancy	0	1
Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution	1	1
Kidnapping	0	1
Tampering With Auto Not Otherwise Classified	3	3
Trespassing	5	0
Violation County/Municipal Ordinance Not Otherwise Classified	6	6
Animal Cruelty	1	2
Bomb Threat	0	1
Not Stolen Locally/Recovered Locally	2	0
Failure to Appear	25	13
Warrant Arrest	55	32
Fugitive Arrest	0	2
Non UCR	49	48
Non Classified Incident	6	2
Vehicle Accident, Property Damage	188	114
Vehicle Accident, Injury	29	11
Vehicle Accident, Leaving the Scene	23	8
Suicide	5	3
Attempted Suicide	5	2
Accidental Injury	1	4

Work Load Statistics

In 2017, there were 818 original reports entered/approved into CARE. Another 749 supplemental reports were entered/approved into CARE. Average entry time was 33 minutes for original reports and 10 minutes for supplement reports.

2017 Crime/Incident Highlights

January 12 – Police were called to the 400 block of Parkview Place Drive for an overdose. A 38 year old female was found unresponsive laying on the bathroom floor. Metro West paramedics responded to the scene and medical attention was applied, along with one dose of nasal induced Narcan. Victim became responsive shortly after the administered Narcan and was transported to the hospital for further evaluation.

January 13 – Police were called to the 400 block of Parkview Place Drive for an overdose. Subject had just returned from the hospital from a previous overdose. Medical attention was applied, along with one dose of nasal induced Narcan. Victim became responsive shortly after the administered Narcan and was transported to the hospital for further evaluation.

January 16 – Police were called to the 1000 block of Tulip for an overdose. A 17 year old Ellisville female took approximately 30 pills from her bottle of Prozac. She stated that she wanted to kill herself. She was transported to the hospital for treatment.

February 2 - Police were called to the 400 block of Parkview Place Drive for an overdose. Subject was found lying on the basement floor. Metro West paramedics responded to the scene and medical attention was applied, along with one dose of nasal induced Narcan. Victim became responsive shortly after the administered Narcan. She was transported to the hospital for further evaluation. This is the third time the subject has overdosed.

February 24 – A 19 year old Ellisville male accidentally shot himself in his left leg. The subject had been sitting in the driver's side rear seat of his friend's car that was parked in the driveway of his residence located in the 1500 block of Pheasant Ridge. He had just returned home from a day of shooting his handgun with friends. He pulled his pistol from his holster and ejected a round from the chamber and attempted to place the pistol back in the holster when it went off, striking him in the left. His friends drove him to the hospital where the Ellisville police were called to respond.

March 19 – The police responded to a home in the 1000 of Ridgeway Meadow shortly after 2 am for reports of a burglar alarm. When police arrived on scene, they noticed heavy smoke coming from the home. When fire crews arrived, they were able to make entrance into the home and contain the fire and smoke to certain areas. Unfortunately, the body of 80 year old Ellisville female resident was discovered. St. Louis Regional Bomb and Arson was called and the medical examiner responded. The fire was determined later to be accidental.

June 3 – Officer Zack Dorton responded to Highway 100 at St. Albans Road to assist with attempting to locate a subject matching the description of the individual wanted for sexual assault that fled from Franklin County and Missouri Highway Patrol on June 2. Officer Dorton located the individual in a field near Woodland Summit and took him into custody without incident.

2017 Crime/Incident Highlights Continued

June 16 – Armed with a shotgun, a white male in his late teens to twenties entered and robbed the QuikTrip at 15902 Manchester Road, demanding cash and malt liquor. The clerk complied, placing the items into the armed man's backpack before the robber fled the scene. The robber is described as about 5-foot-9 and 120 to 140 pounds, dressed in a black hoodie, black mask, black shorts and black shoes (see picture). No one was hurt.



June 19 - Police were called to the 15000 block of Manchester Road reference to a possible overdose. When police arrived, they found the victim laying supine on the pavement. Officers determine that the victim was most likely under the influence of a narcotic analgesic. The officer administered Narcan to the victim and after a few seconds, the victim awoke but was combative. Metro west ambulance arrived and administered medical care and transported him to the hospital for evaluation.

June 28 – A 15 year old Ballwin male and a 15 year old Ellisville male were taken into custody for Assault 2nd after they assaulted a 17 year old man on a bike trail in Ellisville. The victim was transported to the hospital for injuries of a broken nose and cuts on his head. Police were able to identify the suspects after finding a witness who stated that he saw part of the assault on one of the suspect's snapchat account. The information placed the suspect at the scene of the assault and police were able to take the suspects into custody. Both suspects were transferred to the Juvenile Detention Facility.

July 7 – A 21 year old Ferguson man was arrested for Assault/Robbery Second Degree after he assaulted a man in the victim's kitchen and stole a phone and money from the victim's wallet. The victim was transported to the hospital for treatment due to a portion of the victim's ear being cut or ripped off during the assault by being hit with a frying pan. After conducting an investigation, police were able to identify the suspect as being one of the people who was hired by his moving company. The victim was able to identify the suspect in the photo lineup. As a result of this investigation, the St. Louis County PA charged the suspect with one count of Robbery Second Degree.

July 7 - After a residence on Flesher Drive was burglarized, police conducted a comprehensive investigation resulting in a 24 year old female and a 25 year old male, both of Wright City, being arrested. St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office issued charges of Burglary 2nd Degree, Stealing of a firearm, and Stealing \$750 or More.

July 20 – Police were called to the parking lot of 1 Strecker Road in reference to a suicide. The police found a 73 year old Ellisville woman lying on her back facing up with a gun on her chest. She was deceased with

2017 Crime/Incident Highlights Continued

what appeared to be a self-inflicted gunshot. St. Louis county Medical examiner's office responded to the scene.

September 15– Chief Steven Lewis, Lieutenant Kelly Murray, Officer Chuck Kraus, Officer Nathan Dye, and Officer Zack Dorton all were involved in the civil unrest response relative to the former St. Louis Police Officer Jason Stockley verdict. All officers returned home unscathed.

October 10 – Police were called to the 1000 block of Ridgeway Meadow Drive for a suspected gas leak. When the officer arrived, he met with Metro West Fire, who were standing in front of the residence. The garage door was open, as was the front door. The gas leak was determine to be a running vehicle in the garage of the residence. In the vehicle was a 53 year old woman who lived at the residence, deceased. St. Louis County Medical Examiner's Office responded to the scene and it was determined to be a suicide.

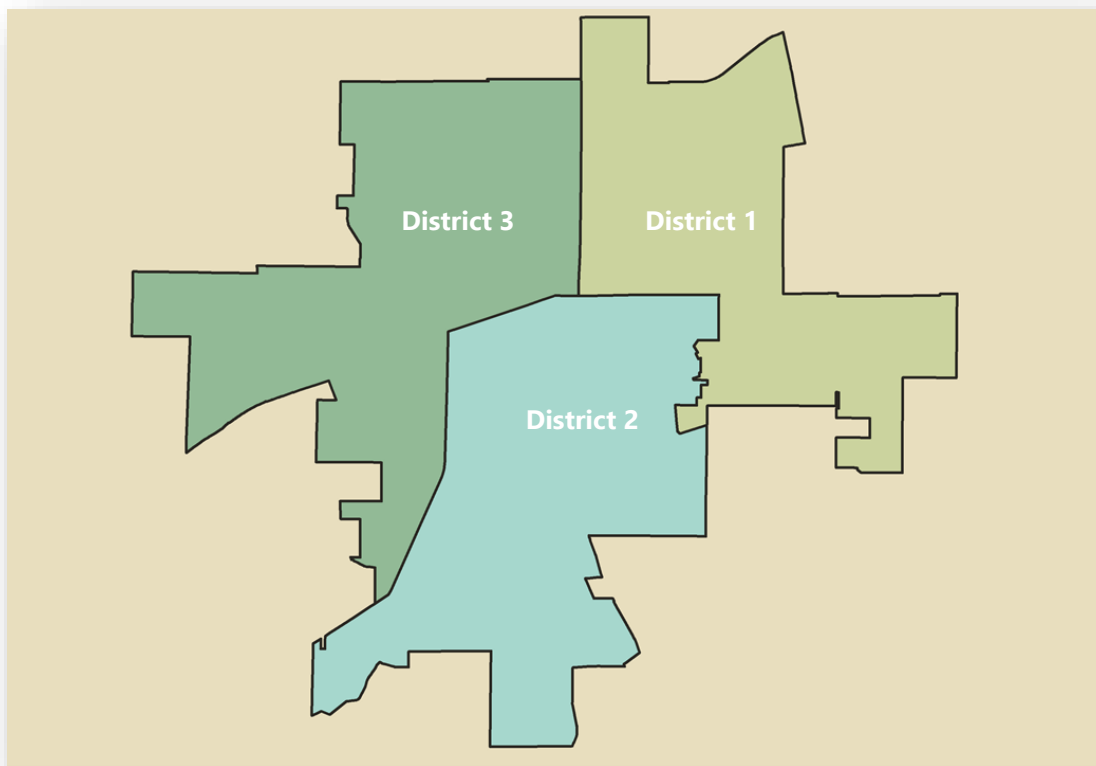
October 24 - Police responded to 15800 Manchester Road in reference to a suicide. A Wildwood man who had been reported missing by St. Louis County Police had been found in the church cemetery deceased with a self-inflected gun wound. St. Louis County Medical Examiner's Office responded to the scene.

November 16 – Police arrested a 23 year old Wildwood woman for Stealing Over \$750 from Mary Cate Salon after investigation revealed she had been stealing money internally from her employer since 2015. More than \$16,000 had been taken.

November 20 – A 19 year old Ellisville man was arrested for Burglary 2nd Degree after he was spotted walking down Manchester Road by the police. The suspect admitted to the police that he used his work keys to get into Popeyes Chicken and then opened the safe with the combination and took out the cash. He then locked up and left the business.

December 12 – A 22 year old female, a 25 year old female, and a 31 year old male all from Chicago, Illinois, were arrested after the owner of Royal Gate Dodge called in reference to a possible fraud in progress at the car dealership. Ellisville Police Detective Paul Keller responded and after further investigation, determined that a fraud had taken place when the 22 year old female purchased a vehicle with fraudulent identity and forged the name on documents. She was arrested for Identity Theft and Forgery. The other two people who were waiting for her across the street, were arrested on charges of Conspiracy to Commit Identity Theft and Trafficking in Stolen Identities.

Burglary Reports by District



District 1

Business/Residence

A & M Lawn Care
Residence
Residence

Address

15615 Manchester Road
222 Flesher Drive
31 Devore

Type of Burglary

Forcible Entry
Forcible Entry
Unlawful Entry/No Force

District 2

Business/Residence

Residence
Residence

Address

16130 Amber Vista (Construction)
280 Carmel Woods

Type of Burglary

Unlawful Entry/No Force
Unlawful Entry/No Force

District 3

Business/Residence

Aqua World
Residence
Prima Inc
Popeyes Chicken

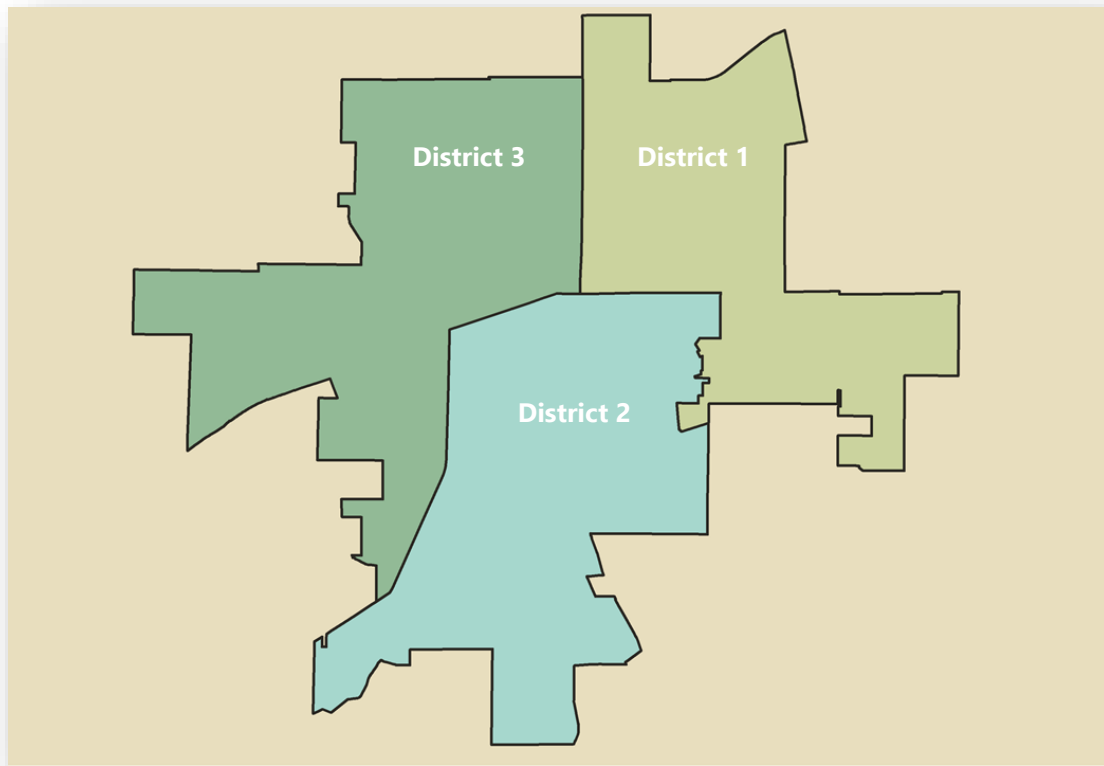
Address

16063 Manchester Road
370 Hutchinson Road
120 Clarkson Executive Park
15903 Manchester Road

Type of Burglary

Forcible Entry
Forcible Entry
Attempt Forcible Entry
Unlawful Entry/No Force

Larceny Reports by District



District 1

Larceny \$200 and Over
 Larceny \$50 to \$199
 Larceny Under \$50
 Total

Total Number

23
 10
 11
 44

District 2

Larceny \$200 and Over
 Larceny \$50 to \$199
 Larceny Under \$50
 Total

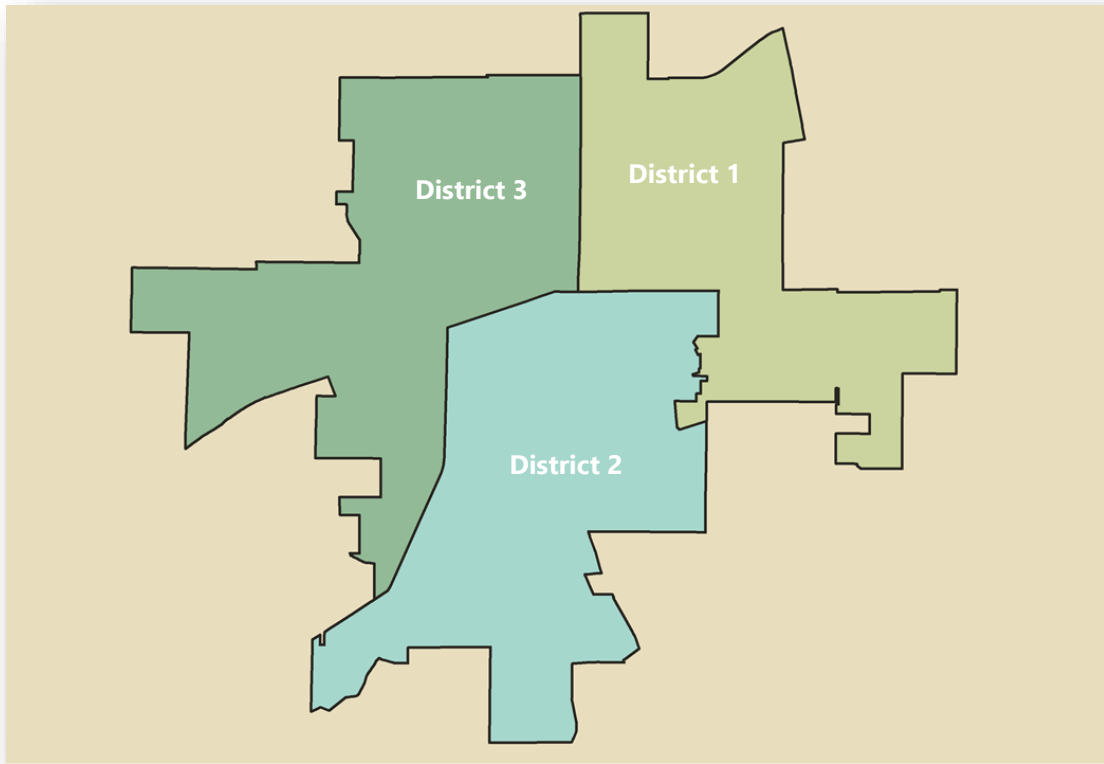
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 8
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District 3

Larceny \$200 and Over
 Larceny \$50 to \$199
 Larceny Under \$50
 Total

3
 4
 16
 23

Stolen Vehicle Reports by District



District 1

Business/Residence	Address	Value	Disposition
Bo Beuckman Ford	15675 Manchester Rd.	\$8,500	Vehicle not recovered
Resident (motorcycle)	68 Vesper Drive	\$600	Motorcycle not recovered
Royal Gate Dodge	15502 Manchester Rd.	\$30,690	Vehicle recovered, prosecution declined

District 2

Business/Residence	Address	Value	Disposition
Resident	314 Carmel Woods	\$30,000	Vehicle recovered

Uniform Crime Reporting



The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program has been the starting place for law enforcement executives, students of criminal justice, researchers, members of the media, and the public at large seeking information on crime in the nation. The program was conceived in 1929 by the International Association of Chiefs of Police to meet the need for reliable uniform crime statistics for the nation. In 1930, the FBI was tasked with collecting, publishing, and archiving those statistics. The UCR Program divides offenses into groups, Part I and Part II crimes.

The UCR Program collects data about Part I offenses in order to measure the level and scope of crime occurring throughout the nation. Part I offenses include: Criminal Homicide, Forcible Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny-theft, Motor Vehicle Theft, and Arson. These offenses were chosen because they are serious crimes, they occur with regularity in all areas of the country, and they are likely to be reported to police. 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.

Part II offenses, for which only arrest data are collected, are: Other Assaults, Forgery and Counterfeiting, Fraud, Embezzlement, Stolen Property: Buying/Receiving/Possessing, Vandalism, Weapons: Carrying/Possessing/etc., Prostitution and Commercialized Vice, 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 18), and Runaways (Person under 18).

Uniform Crime Reporting Statistics

Part I Index Crime Total	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Criminal Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	1	0	1	0	0
Robbery	3	2	2	0	2
Aggravated Assault	7	16	7	8	4
Burglary	9	9	23	10	18
Larceny-Theft	98	100	121	57	69
Motor Vehicle Theft	5	7	8	3	4
Arson	0	0	0	1	0
Total Offenses	123	134	162	79	97

Property Stolen/Recovered

Property Stolen by Classification

Classification of Offenses	Value of Property
1. Robbery	
a. Highway (streets, alleys, etc.)	\$15
b. Commercial House (except c, d, & f)	\$0
c. Gas or Service Station	\$139
d. Convenience Store	\$0
e. Residence (anywhere on premises)	\$0
f. Bank	\$0
g. Miscellaneous	\$0
Total Robbery	\$154
2. Burglary – Breaking or Entering	
a. Residence (dwelling)	
(1) Night (6 p.m. – 6 a.m.)	\$8,353
(2) Day (6 a.m. – 6 p.m.)	\$0
(3) Unknown	\$1,631
b. Non-Residence (store, office, etc.)	
(1) Night (6 p.m. – 6 a.m.)	\$0
(2) Day (6 a.m. - 6 p.m.)	-\$23,207
(3) Unknown	\$350
Total Burglary	-\$12,873
3. Larceny – Theft (except Motor Vehicle Theft)	
a. \$200 and Over	\$173,130
b. \$50 to \$200	\$11,882
c. Under \$50	\$595
Total Larceny (Same as Item 3X)	\$185,607
4. Motor Vehicle Theft (Including Alleged Joy Ride)	\$67,338
Grand Total – All Items	\$240,226
3X. Nature of Larcenies Under Item 3	
a. Pocket-Picking	\$0
b. Purse-Snatching	\$0
c. Shoplifting	\$4,016
d. From Motor Vehicles (except e)	\$9,520
e. Motor vehicle Parts and Accessories	\$3,333
f. Bicycles	\$700
g. From Building (except c and h)	\$136,240
h. From Any Coin Operated Machine	\$0
i. All Others	\$31,798
Total Larcenies	\$185,607

The amount of property recovered can be different from the property stolen. This may be reflected for two reasons. Not every stolen item was recovered or property that was stolen in another year was recovered in a different year.

VALUE OF PROPERTY RECOVERED

Type of Property

Currency

Stolen \$90,270

Recovered \$0

Jewelry & Precious Metals

Stolen \$75,964

Recovered \$12,334

Clothing and Furs

Stolen \$2,943

Recovered \$757

Locally Stolen Motor Vehicles

Stolen \$67,990

Recovered \$60,690

Officer Equipment

Stolen \$1,629

Recovered \$0

Televisions, Radios, Stereos, Etc.

Stolen \$364

Recovered \$0

Firearms

Stolen \$2,099

Recovered \$650

Household Goods

Stolen \$614

Recovered \$14

Consumable Goods

Stolen \$1,642

Recovered \$129

Livestock

Stolen \$0

Recovered \$0

Miscellaneous

Stolen -\$3,289

Recovered \$6,091

2017 Adult Arrests/Juvenile Judicial Custodies

Arrests

In 2017, a total of 256 persons were arrested or taken into judicial custody depending on their age.

Adult Arrest

The Ellisville Police arrested 247 adults (17 years of age or older). Of those arrests, 41 were charged with committing a felony offense and 206 were charged with a misdemeanor charge or an ordinance violation.

All adult offenders are referred to the Ellisville Municipal Court or Missouri State Court depending on the seriousness of the charge.

Juvenile Judicial Custodies

The Ellisville Police took into custody nine juveniles (16 years of age or younger) offenders. All were charged with a misdemeanor or status offense.

Juvenile offenders are 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	8	1	9	3.5%
17-20	28	4	32	12.5%
21-29	66	32	98	38.3%
30-39	37	25	62	24.2%
40-49	20	10	30	11.7%
50-59	17	4	21	8.2%
60-69	0	1	1	0.4%
70	3	0	3	1.2%

Residence of Person Arrested/Custody

City	Number	Percentage
Ballwin	51	20.0%
Chesterfield	19	7.4%
Ellisville	39	15.2%
Out of State	9	3.5%
St. Louis City	61	23.8%
Various of Cities	56	21.9%
Wildwood	21	8.2%
Total	256	100%

Ordinance Violation Summons

Ellisville Police officers issued 110 summonses for offenders to appear in the Ellisville Municipal Court in 2017. Below are the types of violations and the number of summonses issued.

Type of Violation	#Tickets	%
Alcohol, Drugs-Non Traffic	70	63.64%
Assault	3	2.73%
Damage Property	1	0.91%
Family Offenses	7	6.36%
Obstructing Justice, Police	3	2.73%
Public Peace	1	0.91%
Stealing, Larceny	21	19.09%
Trespassing	2	1.82%
Zoning	2	1.82%

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.



Local Courts

Missouri's local county courts – or circuit courts – is where cases begin. Within the circuit court are various divisions, such as associate circuit, civil and criminal, family, juvenile, municipal, and probate. Missouri's counties and the city of St. Louis are organized into 46 judicial circuits.



Missouri Court of Appeals

Missouri Court of Appeals is the intermediate appellate court. It handles the vast majority of appeals for the circuit courts. That is, if a party loses at the circuit court and believes a mistake was made, that party may file an appeal. The Court of Appeals handles all appeals except those in the Supreme Court's exclusive jurisdiction.



Missouri Court of Appeals

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. As such, it hears and decides many of the most important – and often the most controversial – legal issues affecting Missouri citizens, businesses, organizations and even factions of government.

Court Subpoenas

In 2017, Ellisville Police officers received nine subpoenas from Ellisville Prosecuting Attorney Clerk, Pam Jaeger, to appear in the Municipal Court of Ellisville. Ellisville Police officers received another 29 subpoenas to appear in circuit court or civil court.

Traffic Enforcement

2017 STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Officers wrote 673 traffic tickets and 1,089 courtesy warnings tickets for a total of 1,762 citations issued.



CITATIONS

Month	Number of Citations	%
January	53	7.88%
February	111	16.49%
March	83	12.33%
April	42	6.24%
May	54	8.02%
June	90	13.37%
July	74	11.00%
August	41	6.09%
September	37	5.50%
October	27	4.01%
November	35	5.20%
December	26	3.86%
Total	673	100%

VIOLATIONS

VIOLATION CATEGORY	# Tickets	# Warnings	Total	% Total
Accidents	4	0	4	0.22%
Drivers License	52	39	91	5.16%
DUI, Alcohol-Drugs, Traffic	34	0	34	1.92%
Financial Responsibility	169	50	219	12.4%
General Driving	9	60	69	3.91%
Lane Usage	19	68	87	4.93%
Lights – Vehicle	6	0	6	0.34%
Parking	3	3	6	0.34%
Passing	3	4	7	0.39%
Registration/Plates	141	359	500	28.37%
Seat Belts, Child Restraint	61	1	62	3.51%
Signs, Signals	38	72	110	6.24%
Speeding	116	163	279	15.83%
Traffic – Other	2	26	28	1.58%
Turning	10	45	55	3.12%
Vehicle Equipment, Inspections	0	199	199	11.29%
Yield Right-of-Way	6	0	6	0.23%
Total	673	1,089	1,762	100%

WARNINGS

Month	Number of Warnings	%
January	82	7.53%
February	101	9.27%
March	95	8.72%
April	46	4.22%
May	78	7.16%
June	121	11.11%
July	112	10.28%
August	83	7.62%
September	94	8.63%
October	83	7.62%
November	124	11.39%
December	70	6.43%
Total	1,089	100%

Vehicle Stops Report

Missouri 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 required data for 2017.

Total Number of Stops		Gender of Drivers Stopped		Stops Leading Discovery of Contraband	
Total Stops	1,090	Male	630	Contraband	31
		Female	460		
Reason for Stop		Age of Drivers Stopped		Duration of Search	
Moving Violation	526	Under 18	93	0 to 15 Minutes	68
Equipment Violation	197	18 to 29	389	15-30 Minutes	2
License Violation	418	30 to 39	216	More Than 30 Minutes	0
Investigation	12	40 and Over	392		
Categories for Moving Violation		Crime/Violation Result of Arrest		Probable Cause for Search	
Speed	288	Outstanding Warrant	10	Consent	48
Lane Violation	103	Drug Violation	8	Inventory	2
Follow Too Close	11	Resisting Arrest	1	Drug/Alcohol Odor	34
Fail to Signal	53	Offense Against Person	0	Incident to Arrest	7
CVE	0	Traffic Violation	5	Plain View Contraband	16
Other	143	DWI/BAC	23	Reasonable Suspicion - Weapon	1
		Property Crime	0	Drug Dog Alert	1
		Other	0	Other	1
Results of Stops		Total of Drivers Arrested		Stops Resulting in Searches	
Citations	416	Total Number Arrested	38	Total Stops Involving Searches	70
Warnings	757			Driver Only Searches	2
No Action	38			Property - Only Searches	56
Other Result	26			Search of driver and Property	2
Race/Minority of Drivers Stopped		Location of Stops		Types of Contraband Discovered	
White	972	Interstate Highway	1	Drugs/Alcohol/Paraphernalia	30
Black/African-American	96	U.S. Highway	8	Currency	0
Hispanic/Latino	4	State Highway	606	Weapon	0
American Indian/Alaska Native	1	County Road	88	Stolen Property	0
Asian	12	City Street	115	Other	2
Other/Unknown	5	Other	272		

Traffic Crashes

Traffic Crashes

In 2017, there were a total of 357 reported automobile accidents within the City of Ellisville. This is an 11.85% decrease over 2016. In 2017, there were 314 automobile accidents that occurred on the roadways and 43 automobile accidents that occurred on private property. Of these accidents, 318 were property damage only and 39 resulted in people being injured. A total of 44 people were injured.

There were 22 leaving the scene traffic crashes and one traffic crashes involving a pedestrian.

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 Thursday between the hours of 3:00 pm – 3:59 pm in the month of June. The vehicle will most likely be driven by a non-Ellisville resident who is a young male between 16 and 20 years of age.

TRAFFIC CRASHES FIVE YEAR COMPARISON

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Total Accidents	357	405	422	285	284
Roadway Accidents	314	349	369	254	261
Private Property Accidents	43	56	53	31	23
Fatal Accidents	0	0	0	0	0
Injury Accidents	39	48	54	36	35
Number Injured	44	70	71	46	50

2017 TRAFFIC CRASHES BY MONTH

MONTH	CRASHES ON ROADWAY	PRIVATE PROPERTY	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
January	22	5	27	7.56
February	28	6	34	9.52
March	31	2	33	9.24
April	22	3	25	7.00
May	26	3	29	8.12
June	32	3	35	9.80
July	21	8	29	8.12
August	21	4	25	7.00
September	28	5	33	9.24
October	29	1	30	8.40
November	22	1	23	6.44
December	32	2	34	9.52
Total	314	43	357	100%

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

VALUE	#	X	COST
Number of Fatalities	0	1,210,000.00	\$0.00
Number of Injuries	44	62,500.00	\$2,750,000.00
Number of Property Damage Only	318	8,200.00	\$2,607,600.00
Total Cost			\$5,357,600.00

CRASHES BY PROBABLE CONTRIBUTING CIRCUMSTANCES

PROBABLE CONTRIBUTING CIRCUMSTANCES (INCLUDING PRIVATE PROPERTY)	# VEHICLES
Vehicle Defeats	4
Speed – Exceeded Limit	4
Too Fast for Conditions	6
Improper Passing	1
Violation Signal/Sign	6
Following Too Close	133
Improper Backing	11
Improper Turn	9
Improper Lane Usage/Change	23
Wrong Way	1
Improper Start from Park	1
Improperly Parked	3
Failed to Yield	78
Alcohol	7
Drugs	4
Physical Impairment	2
Inattention	61
None	352
Vision Obstructed	21
Driver Fatigue/Asleep	1
Overcorrected	2
Failed to Secure Load/Improper Loading	1
Animal(s) in Roadway	2
Other	25
Unknown	42
Total	800

CRASHDOCS

In September of 2017, the Ellisville Police Department partnered with CRASHDOCS.org by CARFAX, making it easier and less stressful for anyone needing to obtain an accident report that occurred within the City of Ellisville. CRASHDOCS allows you to purchase accident reports online, without having to visit the police department during their normal business hours.

Training

It is the policy of Ellisville Police Department to administer a training program that will provide for the professional growth and continued development of the department's personnel. By doing so, the department ensures that the personnel possess the knowledge and skills necessary to provide a professional level of service that meets the needs of the City of Ellisville and the requirements of the Missouri POST Commission. Officers are given extensive training in many different skill sets and attend mandatory training throughout their careers because they come across so many different types of incidents and situations.

Officers licensed prior to January 1, 2015 must complete at least 24 of their required 48 hours in calendar year 2017 which is described in detail below. Beginning January 1, 2017, Missouri POST went to an annual reporting requirement for continuing law enforcement education. Peace officers licensed prior to January 1, 2017, to include those officers licensed prior to January 1, 2015, must obtain 24 hours of continuing education with calendar year 2017, with at least eight of these 24 hours coming from an "Approved Provider" of training. Of these 24 hours, officers must obtain a minimum of:

- 2 hours in Legal Studies.
- 2 hours in Technical Studies.
- 2 hours in Interpersonal Perspectives.
- 2 hours of Skill Development in the area of Firearms.
- 16 hours of Electives (any of the above-listed core curricula areas).
- 1 hour of Racial Profiling training, which typically fits within the Interpersonal Perspectives block of instruction. Racial Profiling training is part of the required 24 hours, not in addition to it.

Of the 24 hours that must be earned in calendar year 2017, the following topics have to be covered, but will fit within one of the core curricula areas listed above (Legal, Technical, Interpersonal or Skill). These training topics are part of the 24 hours of required training, not in addition to it.

- 2 hours of Officer well-being, including mental health and/or physical health awareness;
- 2 hours of Fair and impartial policing practices including implicit bias recognition;
- 2 hours of Handling person with mental health or cognitive impairment issues; and
- 2 hours of Tactical training which must include one (1) or more of the following areas: de-escalation techniques, crisis management, critical thinking or social intelligence.

Of the 24 hours of annual continuing law enforcement education training required, 22 of those 24 hours can be completed via computer-based training. The remaining 2 hours of Skill Development – Firearms training has to be done through live, hands-on instruction.

In 2017, the Ellisville Police Department starting utilizing Virtual Academy, one of the nation's foremost online training programs for criminal justice professionals. Courses are designed by law-enforcement experts, and provide the highest-quality content available-all delivered in a convenient online format and allows the department to meet training requirements without losing valuable time away from the street.

Ellisville Police officers received over 2,200 hours of formal instruction in 2017. Below is a list of some of the training courses Ellisville Police officers and staff received in 2017.

Training Course Name	Training Course Name
24 Hour Block Required POST Training	L.O.C.K.U.P. Arrest & Control Instructor Training
Anti-Terrorism Training	Major Case Training
Bloodborne Pathogens Training	Mental Illness Training
Cell Phone Investigation Training	MIBRS Training
CIT Training - Advanced	MULES Training
CODE 1000 Training	Narcan Training
Computer Voice Stress Analyzer Examiners Course	North American Police Work Dog (NAPWDA) MO
Conducting S.W.O.T. Analysis	Oleoresin Capsicum Aerosol Spray Training
Confidential Informants Training	Patrol Officer Response to Street Drugs
Constitutional and Criminal Law Procedures	Photography Techniques for Law Enforcement
Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Training	Physical Abilities Test
Criminal Investigations Training	Pipeline Emergency Response
Critical Thinking and Time Management Training	Police Health and Mental Wellness
Cultural Diversity/Racial Profiling Training	Police Supervision, Leadership & Communication
DARE Training	POST Rules and Training Requirements
Drug Recognition Expert Training	Preparing the Community for a Complex Co. Attack
Emergency Vehicle Operators Course (EVOC)	REJIS Training
FBI Retraining	Remington Armorer Model 870 Field Class
FEMA Training	Roadside Impaired Driving Training - Advanced
Fentanyl Warning Training	Snapchat Investigation and Forensics Training
Field Interviews	Sovereign Citizens Training
Firearms Instructor Training	Suspicious Activity Reporting
Firearms Qualification-Handgun and Rifle	TASER Re-Certification Training
First Line Supervision Course	TASER Training
Gateway Law Enforcement Executive Development	Tracking/Apprehension Training
How Officers Cope Training	Understanding Sexual Deviance Training
Instructor Development Training	Vehicle Defense Training
Internet Tools for Criminal Investigation	Vehicle Stops
Interviewing Techniques	Workplace Harassment Training
Investigating Analysts Crime Scene Reconstruction	Writing Better Police Reports Training
Investigating Trauma Victimization	Youth Suicide Prevention Training
LETSAC Training	

Drug Recognition Expert

Corporal George Corless completed three weeks of intensive training to become certified as a State of Missouri Drug Recognition Expert. Corporal Corless attended the Missouri Highway Patrol Academy for two weeks of very challenging course work before traveling to the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office in Arizona for clinical study and final certification. This training was at no cost to the City of Ellisville and provides our community with an outstanding resource. The purpose of the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) is to evaluate a person suspected of being impaired in order to determine the type or combination of drugs that the person may have taken. This is one of the more difficult courses in law enforcement.

Pictured: 1. Officers participating in a health and wellness assessment program 2. Lt. Kelly Murray jumping over a 4 foot fence as part of the fitness test held at the St. Louis County Police Academy 3. Patrol Officer AJ Neff participating in fitness test 4. Corp. George Corless in Arizona 5. Lt. Murray participating in FEMA training sponsored by Metro West Fire 6. & 7. Officers at night fire training at The Range in Ballwin.



New Equipment

Axon Mobile Cameras

Having the latest in-car camera helps police agencies be more efficient. In 2017, the police department purchased five new Axon Fleet mobile cameras to replace the old video cameras in the patrol vehicles. The Axon Fleet connects an in-car video system to mobile, cloud, and wearable technologies. Hardware and software updates are built into the camera. All updates to the camera are automatic to ensure that our officers are going into the field with the best in-car camera, connected to the most advanced network of peoples, devices and apps, like Evidence.com.

Axon Fleet requires an officer to authenticate to Evidence.com via Axon View XL at the start of their shift. This authentication ensures that the subsequent video capture and Axon Fleet system activates are uniquely tied to the officer.

Axon Body 2 Cameras

In September 2017, the Ellisville Police Department was able to procure \$9,500 in new upgraded body cameras and docking stations at no cost to the city. All patrol officers received the new Axon Body 2 Camera replacing the old version that were not compatible to the new Axon Fleet vehicle cameras.

The Axon Body 2 is a camera system incorporating an audio and video recording device. This camera is designed for use in tough environmental conditions encountered in law enforcement, corrections, military, and security activities. The Axon Body 2 camera is designed to record events for secure storage, retrieval, and analysis via Evidence.com services. The recorded events are transferred to a storage solution via the Axon Dock, or by using Evidence sync software installed on a Windows computer.



The Axon Body 2 camera has two operating modes designed to accommodate the needs of law enforcement, corrections, security, and the military. The default mode, or BUFFERING mode, provides pre-event buffering to capture activities that occur prior to the user activating the EVENT mode. In addition, the Axon View application

enables playback of footage on a smart device for review prior to storing the data.

Emergency Management

Emergency management is a systematic, organized approach to analyzing, planning, making decisions, and assigning resources to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from all hazards, manmade or natural. The goal of emergency management is to save lives, prevent injuries, and protect property and the environment if any emergency occurs.

The Emergency Management falls within the Office of the Chief of Police. Chief Steven Lewis is the present Emergency Management Coordinator and therefore the emergency management and planning body for the City of Ellisville. During a major emergency or disaster, Chief Lewis coordinates private and public sector resources to focus efforts on response and recovery.

Chief Lewis is a current member of the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force Executive Board and a past Emergency Management Director for the City of Chesterfield and has received advanced training in Response to Weapons of Mass Destruction, Hazardous Materials and Emergency Operations and Services. He is certified in such training as: FEMA 7 Course Executive Management Series for Emergency Management; IS-0100, 200, 700, 800 – Incident Command, Incident Action Response, National Incident Management; MGT 404 – Advanced Sports and Special events Incident Management; IC-300 Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents; ICS-400 Advanced ICS for Command and General Staff – Complex; ICS-360 Preparing for Mass Casualty Incidents; FEMA Exercise Design and Response to Mass Casualties; Hazardous Materials awareness and Operations Level Certified; Pipeline Emergency Response; Advanced Response to Terrorism and Active Shooter; and many other Emergency Management related coursework totaling hundreds of hours of training. In addition to the before mentioned training, Chief Lewis is involved with the area Code 1000 organization, a framework for mutual aid response between police agencies for emergency situations, on the Missouri Region C Incident Support Team.

As the City of Ellisville Emergency Management Coordinator, Chief Lewis works in conjunction with the St. Louis County Emergency Operations Center, SEMA, FEMA and the Metro West Fire District, as well as any other entity that may be needed and utilized in the event of an emergency, manmade or natural.

Upon becoming the Emergency Management Coordinator, Chief Lewis updated and added new protocols to the existing City of Ellisville Emergency Management manual. Also, Chief Lewis worked closely with his command staff to make sure that they had the most updated training. All attended advanced ICS training which completed their series of Incident Command Training making the Ellisville Police Department one of the very few police agencies in the St. Louis area with this level of training for the majority of its commanders. The police department also participates in ongoing training, such as Crisis Management with the Rockwood School District, Senior Living Facility emergencies with the Metro West Fire District, Tornado and Earthquake response with the local schools and SEMA, intruder prevention and security measures at local churches, Active Shooter training, Incident Response to Terrorist Bombing, and several other forms of training sponsored by FEMA.

Community Policing

Community policing has long been considered a framework for establishing trust between the community and the police. The Ellisville Police Department continues to expand and improve community engagement and crime prevention awareness with community, neighborhood and business organizations. Through numerous outreach programs, we strive to provide the best and most comprehensive police services to all members of the Ellisville community. These partnerships help the police department with preventing crime, reducing the fear of crime, and providing a safe environment through enhanced community awareness and increased community and neighborhood involvement. The Ellisville Police are very proud of our strong police/community partnership.

Alzheimer's Registration Program

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 pictures provided of the individual who has the disease. The registration forms are kept on file to assist officers in finding who have contact with the Alzheimer's resident. 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.

Coffee with a Cop

The Ellisville Police partnered with McDonalds Restaurant and hosted "Coffee with a Cop" event on March 10th from 8 am to 10 am. This is an unscripted, casual opportunity for our officers to connect with residents over a cup of coffee and some conversation. Captain Joshua Dawson, Sergeant Nancy Walker, Corporal Brian Bardle, Officer Joey Nickles, and Officer Chuck Kraus were joined by Mayor Adam Paul, City Manager Bill Schwer, Housing Inspector Jeff Center, and Ada Hood, Director of Planning and Community Development, all enjoyed the camaraderie and the opportunity to relax and chat with residents in the community we serve. Pictured is Captain Dawson, Mr. Center, Mr. Schwer, Officer Kraus, and Corporal Bardle with a McDonald employee.



Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)

As persons with mental illnesses and law enforcement become increasingly entangled, the collaboration of police and mental health service providers has become critical to appropriately serving the needs of individuals experiencing mental health crises. The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program is a community partnership working with mental health consumers and family members. The primary goals of CIT are to reduce injuries to officers and mental health consumers during contacts, and to appropriately redirect

mental health consumers from the judicial system to the services and support needed to stabilize consumers and reduce contact with police.

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

In 2017, the police department handled and wrote 16 CIT incident reports.

Ellisville Police Takes Back Unwanted Prescription Drugs in Conjunction with Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)



On April 29, Ellisville Police Department and DEA gave the public two more opportunities to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. The public was asked to bring medications to the Ellisville Police station disposal collection site. The public service was free and anonymous, with no questions asked. The Ellisville police department collected 14 boxes of medications weighing a total of 337 pounds including the medications from the drop box at the police station. Nation-wide, the event collected a total of 900,386 pounds (450 tons) unwanted drugs.

In another collection event on October 22, the Ellisville police Department collected 298 pounds of medications including the drop box in the police station. DEA collected a record-setting 912,305 pounds (456 tons) of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. This brings the total amount of prescription drugs collected by DEA with the help of local law enforcement, since the fall of 2010 to 9,015,668 pounds or 4,508 tons.

Ellisville Kids Safety Day

One of the most highly anticipated events in 2017 happened on September 30 when the Ellisville Police annual Kids Safety Day took place. The event was held from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on the parking lot of St. John Church located at 15800 Manchester Road. Hundreds of families attended the Safety Day making it the most successful so far. The event showcased numerous public safety agencies, community services, and businesses in our area. There was food, games, activities for kids, demonstrations, raffle prizes, exhibits and much more! The day was all about people asking questions and getting a better understanding of emergency and other safety services all free at no charge. Our police department joined with representatives from Ballwin Police, Chesterfield Police, St. Louis County Police, Missouri Highway Patrol, FBI, and Metro West Fire Protection District. Attendees could check out a rescue boat, sit on a police

motorcycle, explore the inside of a police cruiser or fire engine, and learn about how first responders in many fields do their respective jobs. Other popular attractions included car seat installations, Bonhomme Masonic Lodge 45 providing MoChip, bicycle helmet give away and fitting, balloons and face painting provided by Assistance League of St. Louis, Ronald McDonald Magic show, McGruff the Crime Dog (Officer Chuck Kraus) and River City mascot "Sparky", photo ops, Ellisville Police drunk goggles, and hands-on crafts provided by Home Depot. One of the highlights of the event was the Ellisville Police K9 demonstration by Corporal Corey Smith and his partner Dark. Everyone was amazed at how quickly Dark was able to sniff out the drugs hidden in the police car.

Other participating businesses included: Aaron Wildt Farmers Insurance, ADT, Ameren Missouri, Auto Spa on the Run, Children's Learning Adventure Childcare, Christian Motorcycle, Dogs on Duty, Heroes in Action, i9 Sports, Martian Car Wash, McDonalds, Nisbet Family Chiropractic, Precision Chiropractic, Rockwood Drug-Free Coalition, Rockwood STEM, St. John Church, St. Louis Children's Hospital, St. Louis County Library, St. Luke's Urgent Care, Tracy's Karate, Walgreens, West County Lanes, and Wildlife Rescue Center. Businesses that donated to the event: Allen Roofing, America's Incredible Pizza, Boardwalk Pizza, Burger King, Candiccis, Chick-fil-A, Chipotle, Chuck E. Cheese, Commerce Bank, Costco, Dairy Queen, Deweys Pizza, Dierbergs, Elegant Designs Day Spa, Endangered Wolf Center, Faraci Pizza, Golds Gym, Hairy Elephant, Herbs and More, Honey Baked Ham, Lions Choice, Meramec Caverns, Missouri Botanical Garden, Mulligans Grill, My Room Rocks, Myseum, Pasta House, Petro Mart, Pizzarellis Pizza, Popeyes Chicken, QuikTrip, Raising Canes, Shop n Save, Silky's Frozen Custard, St. Louis County Health Department, Troy Pieper State Farm, Sweet and Sassy, The Donut Palace, The Magic House, Walmart, and Walnut Grill.

Many thanks go out to the volunteers who made this event so special. This includes Chief Steven Lewis, Captain Joshua Dawson, Captain Andy Vaughn, Lieutenant Wayne Moore, Lieutenant John Connor, Lieutenant Jeff Diehl, Lieutenant Brian Gillaspie, Sergeant Nancy Walker, Corporal George Corless, Corporal Brian Bardle, Corporal Corey Smith, Detective Paul Keller, Officer Joey Nickles, Officer Chuck Kraus, Officer Nathan Dye, Officer Zack Dorton, Officer Ryan Schneider, Detective John Rakonick, Officer Stephen Heidke, Police Clerk Aimee Brand and Ellisville Public Works. Police family members volunteered to help including Lieutenant Connor's daughter Aubera, and Ms. Brand's sons, Reilly and Chase. Also helping out were past Ellisville Citizens Police Academy graduates Terri Menchak, Marlene Muir, Mike Rhoades, Dave Wilson, Rich, Marlene, and Jeff Starkey, Jennifer Otloe and her son Joe. Special thanks go out to returning volunteers Julie Lastarria, Susan Duever, Susanna Kottke, Iva Lastarria, Julia Kottke, Maureen Milet, Donna Rascher, and Judy Riehl, who not only helped with collecting donations, but helped at the event. And, thanks to new volunteers Steve Easterday and Stephanie Pickett and her son.

See next page for pictures of the event left to right: 1. Captain Andy Vaughn, Chase Brand, Rival City Rascals "Ruffy", Corporal Corey Smith, and Captain Joshua Dawson. 2. Corporal George Corless and his daughter, Kaylee. 3. Corporal Smith with Dark and Officer Stephen Heidke. 4. Chief Steven Lewis with Rebecca Wu, FBI Public Affairs specialist. 5. Captain Vaughn, Lieutenant Brian Gillaspie, Martian Car Wash "Merle", and Officer Joey Nickels. 6. Captain Dawson and Detective Paul Keller. Bottom Row: Yellow Face Lego Guy (Lieutenant Wayne Moore), "Ruffy" and McGruff, Officer Nathan Dye and Chief Lewis, and Ronald McDonald Magic Show.



National Night Out

On Tuesday, October 3, neighborhoods throughout the city hosted gatherings and potlucks to celebrate National Night Out (NNO). This event was a tremendous opportunity to build relationships between neighbors with law enforcement.



During a year filled with tension related to police and community relations

across the country, National Night Out was a time for positive connections, a chance to have a little fun and get to know each other better. With this being Chief Steven Lewis' first National Night Out in Ellisville, he

was excited and appreciative how much the residents spoke so highly of the police department and the officers that serve them.



National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer, better places to live. It was just one night, but it was also one more way that the Ellisville's Police Department is working to build relationships and connect on a more personal level.

Pictured at top is Captain Joshua Dawson, Officer Zack Dorton, Captain Andy Vaughn, Officer AJ Neff, and Officer Stephen Heidke enjoying the delicious food at Cherry Hills West National Night Out. Middle picture is Chief Lewis, Cherry Hills West resident Mr. Victor Panus, and City Manager Bill Schwer at the Cherry Hills West National Night Out. Right picture is Corporal George Corless with the ladies of Macklin and Covert who purchased pink t-shirts supporting the Ellisville Police October Breast Cancer Awareness program, while enjoying each other's company on National Night Out.



Halloween Safety Patrol

It's a sight you sure don't see every day. Batman (Officer Ryan Schneider) on patrol with Ellisville Police



Officer Joey Nickles on Halloween night. Officers Schneider and Nickles started their tradition of Halloween crime fighting three years ago. They live stream on Facebook as they go into different businesses to hand out Happy Apples while other Ellisville Police officers patrol Ellisville neighborhoods handing out apples. There is even a police officer at the police station where you can get your apple on. The Halloween Safety Patrol is conducted every year to ensure the safety of children – no matter what age. This

was the second year that trick-or-treaters got to pick from Happy Apples with spooky sprinkles or the traditional apples with nuts. Pictured left is Officer Joey Nickles and

Batman delivering apples. Pictured right is Court Clerk Joanna Fiehler, PA Clerk Pam Jaeger, Court Clerk Danielle Brown and Police Clerk Aimee Brand with "Ruby" ready to pass out Happy Apples during Halloween Day.



Speaking Engagements

The Ellisville Police Department works closely with the community to solve and prevent crime. Our



officers work with community members to promote safety and protect their neighborhoods. Officers give safety talks to senior citizens, special presentations at schools, and educate concerned citizens on how to implement and run an effective Neighborhood Watch Program. Pictured is Officer AJ Neff and Sergeant Nancy Walker having a great time

meeting and talking to more than 75 wonderful students at the new Children's Adventure Learning Center on November 2.

Training Programs for Seniors

Officer Joey Nickles conducted eight separate crime prevention training presentations for seniors and assisted living facilities in 2017 with a total of 212 participants. The presentations ranged from Identify Theft, Senior Internet Scam, and Intruder Awareness for Staff. Officer Nickles was invited to speak at the following locations: Gambrill Gardens, Cape Albeon, Brentmoor Retirement Community, Creve Coeur Assisted Living, Stonecrest Assisted Living, Crestview Retirement Community, Westview Assisted Living and St. Luke's Urgent Care. Officer Nickles presentations are so popular, that he is asked by communities outside of Ellisville to present the training presentations.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE)

The Ellisville D.A.R.E. program was started by Sergeant Nancy Walker in 1990 with instruction to fifth and



sixth grade students. The D.A.R.E. program has gone through many changes throughout its inception in 1983. It is now called *Keepin' It Real* D.A.R.E. program. REAL stands for Refuse, Explain, Avoid and Leave. *Keepin' It Real D.A.R.E.* is a collaborative effort between law enforcement, schools parents and community leaders. D.A.R.E. is a police officer-

led series of classroom lessons and is a comprehensive education program taught in thousands of schools in America and 52 other countries. D.A.R.E. curricula address



drugs, violence, bullying, internet safety,



decision-making skills and other high risk circumstances that today are too often a part of students' lives. D.A.R.E.

is taught in two public schools (Ellisville Elementary and Ridge Meadows Elementary) and two private schools (St. Clare of Assisi Catholic School and St. John Lutheran Church School) in the City of Ellisville. In 2017, 254 students graduated the D.A.R.E. program and were recognized for their commitment to stay safe and responsible. Pictured on page 52 is Sergeant Nancy Walker with DARE graduates from St. Clare of Assisi Catholic School, Ellisville Elementary School and St. John Lutheran School.

Home Security Checks

As a service to the community, the Ellisville Police Department provides vacation security checks for residents who are away from their homes for an extended period of time due to vacation, business, or other personal reasons. Residents who are traveling and would like officers to keep an eye on their homes fill out a police department's request form by either calling the police department, stopping by, or on-line. Officers will check the residence at various times while homeowners are away. Hopefully, this service will provide our residents with some peace of mind while they are away from home and encourage citizens to take advantage of this service. In 2017, the police department was requested to check residences 114 times.

Ride-With-A-Police-Officer Program

The Ellisville Police Department encourages community involvement in the law enforcement process and allows interested persons to ride as passenger observers with patrol officers. The Ride-With-A-Police Officer Program gives residents a better understanding of police operations and serves as a mechanism for community members to personally observe patrol operations and enhance transparency between police and members of the community.

Vehicle Lockout Program

Locked your keys in your Car? The Ellisville Police Department provides a public service to assist individuals gain entry to their vehicles anywhere within the City of Ellisville. In the event of a lockout, call the police and an officer will be dispatched to your location and make every attempt to open your vehicle for you. This is a free service provided to any person within the community.

In 2017, officers responded 99 times to vehicle lockouts. Twenty-five were Ellisville residents and 74 were non-residents or unknown residency. Officers were able to gain entry into the vehicles 73 times.

Alcohol Compliance Detail

Ellisville Police participated in the Alcohol Compliance details sponsored by the Rockwood Drug Free Coalition on February 23. As part of the program, the police department worked with a male (under the age of 21) volunteer who attempted to buy alcohol from Lukas Liquor. Corporal Corey Smith followed the volunteer into the store to witness any transaction that took place. The cashier sold beer to the underage volunteer. As a result, the cashier received a summons for selling alcohol to a minor. Officer Chuck Kraus also participated in the compliance detail.

Taking Social Media by Storm

Social media is a valuable resource for police departments. It helps humanize the force by allowing departments to connect and converse with the general public, but more importantly, it provides a platform for police officers to share information quickly and respond to tips from civilians (who are often more forthcoming over social media than they'd be in person).

In many ways, social media and the police go together like peanut butter and jelly, it just makes sense. Having a social media presence can benefit both the police department and community by building trustworthy relationship and a sense of community by engaging with each other, provide a forum for people to ask questions and to share tips, and spread knowledge quickly and with minimal effort that could protect the community, help catch suspects, find missing persons, etc.



In 2017, the Ellisville Police Facebook was used for everything from finding owners of lost pets, helping out other police agencies, advising of road closers, announcing department events and accomplishments, and keeping residents informed about what crime is taking place in their area. Pictured to left: Officer Joey Nickles live streaming Halloween activities and comments on

Facebook on Halloween night.

The police department even produces their own safety videos. Back by popular demand, Buddy the Ellisville Cop Elf (first video 2016) came back in 2017 and was up to his same shenanigans while providing safety tips on how to stay safe at the holidays. Anyone can watch the video by going to youtube.com. Many of the Ellisville police and office staff participated in the video (Chief Steven Lewis, Captain Joshua Dawson, Captain Andy Vaughn, Lieutenant Kelly Murray, Administrative Assistants Aimee Brand and Donna Graham, Court Clerk Joanna Fiehler, Detective Paul Keller, Officer Ryan Schneider - Batman and Corporal George Corless - Buddy the Elf) (pictured to the right). Officer Chuck Kraus filmed, edited, produced and was even in the video (bad guy). Metro West Fire Department also starred in the video. Everyone did a fantastic job and the video was a fun way for people to learn what to do and what not to do during the holiday season.



Special Events

In a quest to deliver outstanding police services, the department has a responsibility to partner with the community in order to address and alleviate concerns, gain valuable insight into different perspectives and otherwise facilitate thoughtful discussion regarding public safety. Through direct contact via calls for service, community meetings, social media, and other outlets – the Ellisville Police Department is committed to being accessible. On any given day of the week, officers of all ranks can be found engaging the community by participating in neighborhood meetings and get-to-gathers, volunteering their time through community service initiatives, and many other ways.

Donut With A Cop

The 2nd Annual Donut with a Cop was held on March 25 from 7 am to 12 pm with Ellisville Police once again



partnering with The Donut Place for a fundraiser benefiting The BackStoppers. The public was invited to come and enjoy delicious donuts, and meet Ellisville Police officers while donating to a great cause. Ellisville Police officers were on hand to serve donuts and coffee to patrons who stopped by. Not only did they get a great cup of coffee and a delicious donut, they got to meet and converse with police

officers who patrol their neighborhoods. Officer Ryan Schneider did a great job in organizing the event again this year as he did last year. Many thanks go out to Lieutenant Kelly Murray, Lieutenant Jeff Diehl, Corporal Jim Corbett, Corporal Brian Bardle, Officer Nathan Dye, Officer Jake Adams, Officer Chuck Kraus, and Detective John Rakonick for helping out.

The event raised \$3,000 for The BackStoppers, a nonprofit dedicated to providing financial aid to spouses and dependent children of police officers, firefighters and publicly-funded paramedics and EMTs, who have lost their lives



or have been injured in the line of duty. Top picture right to left is Ellisville Officers Chuck Kraus, Corporal Jim Corbett, Detective John Rakonick and Corporal Brian Bardle with Metro West Fire Fighters. Bottom picture is Officer Ryan Schneider with Ron Battelle, Executive Director of The BackStoppers.

Cop Trot 7K 2017

On April 22, 2017, event organizer Lieutenant Brian Gillaspie, the Ellisville Police, and Ellisville Parks hosted



the 2nd Annual Cop Trot 2017, a timed 7K run/walk that started and ended in scenic Bluebird Park. Immediately following the 7K run, a 1-Mile Kids Run was conducted free of charge. This year's event was bigger and better. For the first time, Banducci Enterprises, Inc. – McDonald's was a sponsor. They held additional family-friendly events running in conjunction with the event. A section of the Ellisville McDonald's parking lot, located at the intersection of Clarkson and Manchester, was

blocked off for kids to participate in a bicycle obstacle course and bicycle safety workshop manned by the Ellisville Police. In addition, the police department offered free helmet fittings for kids, and Ronald McDonald made an appearance and performed magic for attendees. The inaugural Cop Trot 5K was held in 2016 and raised \$2,590 for the Children's Advocacy Services of Greater St. Louis. Despite the cold rain, Cop Trot 2017 raised \$8,000 to support the mission of The BackStoppers! Pictured: Lieutenant Brian Gillaspie, Ellisville Recreation Coordinator Sally Grobelny, and Ron Battelle.

Red Nose Day 2017

The Ellisville Police Department participated in the 2017 Red Nose Day on May 25 and had a lot of fun doing so. Red Nose Day is a global campaign to raise awareness and money for impoverished children across the world. The red noses were sold exclusively at Duane Reade and Walgreens stores. For each nose purchased before June 3, 50 cents was donated to Comic Relief Inc.'s Red Nose Day fund. The red



noses were purchased and provided by Ellisville Police Officer Joey Nickles.

(Pictured from left to right: Sergeant Nancy Walker, Aimee Brand, Donna Graham, Lieutenant Wayne Moore, Corporal Brian Bardle, Chief Steven Lewis, Lieutenant Brian Gillaspie, Captain Joshua Dawson, and Detective Paul Keller.)

Memorial Day Service

On Monday, May 29, Captain Andy Vaughn presided over the City of Ellisville's Memorial Day Services as a tribute to the men and women who have served in our Nation's military and in memory of those who have



paid the ultimate sacrifice. The service was held at the Lafayette Memorial in Bluebird Park. Brent Hunsinger, Creative Director for Worship St. Johns Church, sang the National Anthem and Ellisville Police Corporal George Corless, United States Navy, Missouri Air National Guard (Retired) was the guest speaker. Ballwin VFW Post 6274 conducted the ceremony, taps and rifle salute. The placing of the wreath was conducted by Captain Vaughn and Corporal Corless. Pastor Jeff Neville

gave the invocation and the benediction. Metro West Fire Protection District provided their large ladder truck and displayed the American flag. Pictured is Corporal Corless (left) and Captain Vaughn (right) with the Ballwin VFW Post conducting the Placing of the Wreath.

Scarlett Comes Home

Captain Andy Vaughn and his family (pictured) introduced their diabetic alert dog, Scarlett, a Rhodesian Ridgeback, to the Ellisville City Council at the September 6th council meeting. In 2015, the Ellisville City Council had surprised Lieutenant Vaughn with a donation from the city's benevolent fund to assist with medical expenses including buying a service dog for his (at the time nine month) son Sebastian who had been diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes. After many months of training, the Vaughn Family recently brought Scarlett home where she now works with Sebastian to assist with managing this relentless disease. The Vaughn Family was inspired by the graciousness of the city council and vowed to "pay it forward." In 2017, they raised over \$14,000 for their Juvenile diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).



Breast Cancer Awareness

Pink is back! The Ellisville Police Department went 'Pink' again on October 1 to recognize Breast Cancer Awareness Month. For the second year in a row, officers sold t-shirts to the public to raise money to be donated to the American Cancer Society. The program spearheaded by Corporal George Corless, started in 2015 with officers wearing pink undershirts with their duty uniforms for the month of October to raise

awareness and show support to those affected by breast cancer. The event proved so popular with citizens



wanting to purchase the t-shirts to show their support. In 2016, the department raised \$1,800 by selling pink t-shirts to the public. In 2017, the public got an opportunity to pick from two different colored t-shirts - pink with blue writing or blue with pink writing. Both were imprinted with the Ellisville Police patch and date on the front and said "Together We Can Be Survivors" on the back of the t-shirts. The department sold 200 shirts and \$860 was raised and donated.

Top picture is Corporal George Corless, Officer Ryan Schneider and Officer AJ Neff "modeling"

the pink t-shirts and gun grips.

On December 13, the Ellisville Police Department presented a check for \$856.84 to Stephanie Hadfield and Elyssa Moss for The American Cancer Society. Pictured left to right: Captain Joshua Dawson, Sergeant Nancy Walker, Corporal Corless, Ms. Moss, Ms. Hadfield, Chief Steven Lewis, and Administrative Assistant Aimee Brand.



City of Ellisville Veterans Day Ceremony - On Veterans Day, the Ellisville Police

Department honored those who have answered the call to serve their country and for those who have paid the ultimate price for our freedoms. Ellisville Officer Joey Nickles hosted the ceremony at the Ellisville City Hall. Mr. Dave Woody, a longtime employee of the Ellisville Public Works Department and a former United States Marine and veteran of the Vietnam War, was the guest speaker.



Pictured to right is Mr. Woody giving his speech at the ceremony while Officer Nickles and City Manager Bill Schwer (front row), Don Cary, Ellisville Administrative Services Director, Karen Felgate, Tom Felgate (retired Ellisville Chief of Police), and Ellisville Police Clerk Donna Graham (back row) attended.

First Annual Police Family Day

The police department held its first annual Police Family Day on October 28 hosted by Chief Steven Lewis.



Chief Lewis wanted to meet and get to know the families of his police officers and staff. What better way than to bring everyone together doing fun activities and providing delicious food!

Activities included an open house of the police station for the families to see exactly what their police family does and where they do it; a fun pumpkin carving contest for the children (young and young at heart), bean bag and washer games, and a K9 demonstration held by our very own Corporal Corey Smith and his partner, Dark.



Everyone enjoyed the grilled hamburgers and hotdogs, chips, soda,

and cookies that were served.

It was a great opportunity for everyone to meet and get to know each other while having a great time. Even Ellisville City Manager Bill Schwer came by and helped Chief Lewis grill.

Pictured: Police officers and staff with their families carving pumpkins for the contest in the police garage.

Out and About in the Community Highlights

Homeless Point In Time (PIT) Count

On Thursday, January 26, from 5 am until noon, Detective John Rakonick drove a social worker volunteer around the west county area in an effort to identify any homeless people. The program is sponsored by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and is directly tied to federal dollars available in the region. The PIT Count takes place twice a year in both the winter and summer. The department has participated in this most worthy cause in the past. Wildwood and Ellisville covered most of the west county area.

Ellisville First Baptist Church Sportsmen's Banquet

On Saturday, February 4, 2017, Captain Joshua Dawson, Lieutenant Wayne Moore, Lieutenant Kelly Murray, Detective John Rakonick, and Officer Jake Adams attended the annual Ellisville First Baptist Church Sportsmen's Banquet held at the church which featured dinner, live auction, silent auction and featured speaker former Cardinal pitcher Rick Horton. Each year the church sponsors a table for the police department.



Rockwood Reading Day

On Thursday, March 9, Corporal George Corless participated in Rockwood Reading Day at Ridge Meadows Elementary School where he read from a book by Dr. Seuss. Pictured is Corporal Corless with one of Ridge Meadows's Third Grade Classes.

Annual St. Louis Area Police Chiefs Prayer Breakfast



On Wednesday, April 26, Mayor Adam Paul, City Manager Bill Schwer, Ellisville Judge Don Anderson, Captain Joshua Dawson, Lieutenant Wayne Moore, Lieutenant Brian Gillaspie, Sergeant Nancy Walker, and Detective John Rakonick attended the annual prayer breakfast at the St. Charles Convention Center. The breakfast is held to honor all area officers that have given their lives in the line of duty.

Missouri Law Enforcement Memorial Service

On Saturday, May 16, Detective John Rakonick (pictured) represented the Ellisville Police Department by attending the Missouri Law Enforcement Memorial Service in Jefferson City. The names of St. Francis County Sheriff's

Deputy Paul A. Clark, St. Louis County Police Officer Blake C. Snyder, Lakeshire Police Officer Ronald E. Strittmatter, and Pleasant Hill Police Officer S. David Nelson were added to the memorial's Wall of Honor.

Auto Spa BackStoppers Fundraiser

On Saturday, June 3, Auto Spa located at 8 Ellisville Towne Centre Drive in Ellisville, held a fundraiser benefiting The BackStoppers. Detective John Rakonick participated along with Metro West Fire Protection District. Detective Rakonick showed off the Hummer and handed out 25 safety gun locks. Several Ellisville Police officers working also stopped by to give a helping hand.

Hotdogs With Heroes

On Saturday September 9, the 2nd Annual Mike Flamion Hotdogs with Heroes was held at the Ballwin Athletic Association (BAA) at 1 Ballpark Drive in Ballwin. The event spearheaded by the Metro West Fire Protection District teamed up with other fire/EMS departments, law enforcement agencies, businesses and citizens to raise \$20,500 for Hazelwood Police Officer Craig Tudor. Ellisville Police Corporal George Corless and Officer Ryan Schneider volunteered to be dunked during the event (pictured).



Thank You Doctors and Nurses!

As we approached the 16th anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy, the Ellisville Police were reminded that police



and fire personnel

heavily rely on our partners in the medical profession. Officer Zack Dorton made an early morning Donut Palace delivery on September 10 to the nurses and doctors working the emergency room at Mercy Hospital to show "police appreciation" for the job they do every day. The Ellisville Police Department wanted to say "thank you" for what you do for our community. Pictured is Officer Dorton delivering delicious donuts to the nurses and doctors at Mercy Hospital Emergency Room.

Metro West Safety Day

On Sunday, October 1, Detective John Rakonick represented the Ellisville Police at the Metro West Safety Day. Ellisville was joined by Ballwin Police, Chesterfield Police, and St. Louis County Police to help out Metro West Fire Protection District at their headquarters.

Message for the Victims of Las Vegas

Officer Zack Dorton, Corporal George Corless, and Officer Chuck Kraus received a one of a kind visit on



October 6 from Dana Wakeman when they were asked to come to the Ballwin Police Department for a special meeting. Ms. Wakeman was on her way to Las Vegas to provide volunteer assistance for the shooting victims that occurred on October 1, where needed. She wanted to show the local first responders in Las Vegas that we stand with them, united as one. Ms. Wakeman constructed a banner of hope and gathered patches from multiple area first responder agencies. Each agency had multiple personnel members sign the banner, next to their

respective police patch. Ms. Wakeman presented the banner to Sheriff Lombardo's Office when she arrived in Las Vegas. Thank you for your support! Pictured from left to right: Officer Dorton, Corporal Coreless, Ms. Wakeman, and Officer Kraus with banner.

Selvidge Middle School Dodge Ball

On October 23, Chief Steven Lewis and Captain Andy Vaughn participated in a Dodge Ball Tournament at Selvidge Middle School in Ballwin, where many Ellisville children attend school. Even though they gave it their best, unfortunately they were eliminated by the eighth graders in the final match. Pictured is Chief Lewis far left, ready for action!



Police vs Fire Charity Hockey Game

Thanks to the St. Louis Blues, Ellisville Police Officer Chuck Kraus (pictured fifth over from left in blue) played



in the Police vs Fire charity hockey game at the Scottrade Center on December 10 to benefit The BackStoppers Inc. and LifeSaving Foundation. He played with some of the Blues alumni. To help Officer Kraus raise money for these wonderful charities, anyone could click on the link www.benefitgames.com/project/chuckkraus and donate however much they wanted. Thank you Officer Kraus!

Ellisville Elementary School Veterans Day Ceremony

On November 10, Corporal George Corless attended the Ellisville Elementary school Veterans Day ceremony. This is a standing tradition for Ellisville Elementary and the schools in the Rockwood School District. Students and staff across the Rockwood School District deliberately paused to recognize the efforts and sacrifices of American service members. Bands played, dignitaries expressed their gratitude, and the students as young as five took time out to make our veterans know they are appreciated. If you look closely at the picture to the right, you can see Corporal Corless in the back by the door saying the Pledge of Allegiance with the students, staff, and other veterans.



Bethesda Meadow Veterans Day Ceremony

On November 11, Chief Steven Lewis, Captain Joshua Dawson, and Captain Andy Vaughn attended the Bethesda Meadow Veterans Day ceremony. Chief Lewis and Captain Vaughn (pictured) had the honor of assisting with color guard duties and Mayor Adam Paul was the guest speaker. Liberty the Eagle from the World Bird Sanctuary in Valley Park who is always a popular guest also attended. Veterans Day is a special day at Bethesda's senior care communities where many of the brave men and women who have fought to defend our freedom choose to live out their golden years.



Mike Flamion House Dedication

On Tuesday, March 21, Detectives Paul Keller and John Rakonick, Corporal Brian Bardle, and Officer Joey Nickles (pictured) attended the ground breaking ceremony for severely injured Ballwin Police Officer Michael Flamion.

On Tuesday, November 21 at 10 am, the Gary Sinise Foundation held a dedication ceremony for the specially adapted smart home custom-built for and to welcome Mike and his family home to Ballwin. The home's location is near the



Ballwin Police Department. Due to the anticipated crowd size, Ballwin Police temporarily closed several roads near the event. The dedication ceremony was open to the public and shuttle services were offered. Ballwin Police asked our department for assistance with traffic control. Our officers were a part of a multijurisdictional team that allowed for Ballwin officers to attend the actual ceremony. Ellisville officers Brian Bardle, Corey Smith, and Chuck Kraus volunteered to help out. Attending the ceremony was Lieutenant Wayne Moore, Lieutenant Kelly Murray, and Sergeant Nancy Walker.

Ellisville New Businesses Grand Openings



Throughout the year, several businesses opened in Ellisville. Our police officers and city officials made sure that they were on hand for the grand openings to show support to the new businesses. Pictured top left is Officer Joey Nickles and Mayor Adam Paul (second from the right) at the Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen ribbon cutting ceremony.



Bottom left picture is Officer Chuck Kraus and Corporal Brian Bardle having fun at the new Arby's Restaurant Grand



Opening. Picture at right: Officer Zack Dorton, Officer Nathan Dye, Lieutenant Brian Gillaspie and Detective Paul Keller with Chick-fil-A friends at the Chick-fil-A Grand Opening.

Welcome to Ellisville!

Celebrating Our Achievements

Officer of the Year Award

Detective Paul Keller received the prestigious Officer of the Year Award for 2016 at the January 4, 2017



council meeting. The accolade is given once a year to an officer who shows dedication to duty, exceeds performance standards and ensures citizen safety. Detective Keller was nominated for the award by Captain Joshua Dawson, who joined Police Chief Tom Felgate (Ret) during the presentation. Captain Dawson cited a specific incident where Detective Keller responded to a reported shoplifting incident at Kohl's after a police officer's car was struck during the perpetrator's getaway. Detective Keller's persistence and diligence paid off when

he was able to identify the suspect and an arrest was made. Pictured is Detective Keller & Mayor Adam Paul.

Exceptional Service Award

The Award for Exceptional Service is given to members who consistently performs their jobs at a continued level of excellence. Sergeant Nancy Walker was honored at the January 1, 2017 council meeting by receiving the Exceptional Service Award from Chief Felgate (pictured) for her outstanding administrative work in the department, preparing numerous reports, and for her involvement in local organizations and events including initiating Ellisville participation in National Night Out, Red Ribbon, and the DARE program.



Medal of Valor Award

The Medal of Valor is presented to those who distinguish themselves by bravery under unusual,



complicated or hazardous conditions where they risk personal danger and use excellent judgment to accomplish a specific mission. On Wednesday, February 16, Lieutenant Kelly Murray and Lieutenant Jeff Diehl (pictured) received the Ellisville Police Medal of Valor. Lieutenant Murray and Lieutenant Diehl were the first responders to the lethal fire at the

Autumn View Gardens Assisted Living Center on July 7, 2002. Both officers rescued six residents from inside the burning building without the use of protective gear before Metro West Fire Protection District could arrive. Chief Tom Felgate (Ret) had originally appealed for the officers to receive the award years before. Finally at the Ellisville Council meeting, the officers received the long awaited and well deserved award!

The Lifesaving Action Award

The Lifesaving Action Award is given to members who save the life of another person using extraordinary



actions. The Lifesaving Action Award was presented to Lieutenant John Connor, Corporal Corey Smith, and Officer Chuck Kraus (pictured), who were the first to respond to an incident on February 16, 2012, during which a newborn baby was discovered abandoned on Westridge Parc Lane in Ellisville. The infant was discovered in a wet blanket with an attached umbilical

cord. The award was given in celebration of the five-year anniversary of the newborn being discovered by local resident Betty Crowder. The hospital had said that if it had been a few more minutes, the baby would have perished from hypothermia. The award was presented to them on February 16 at the council meeting.

St. Clare of Assisi Officer of the Year Award

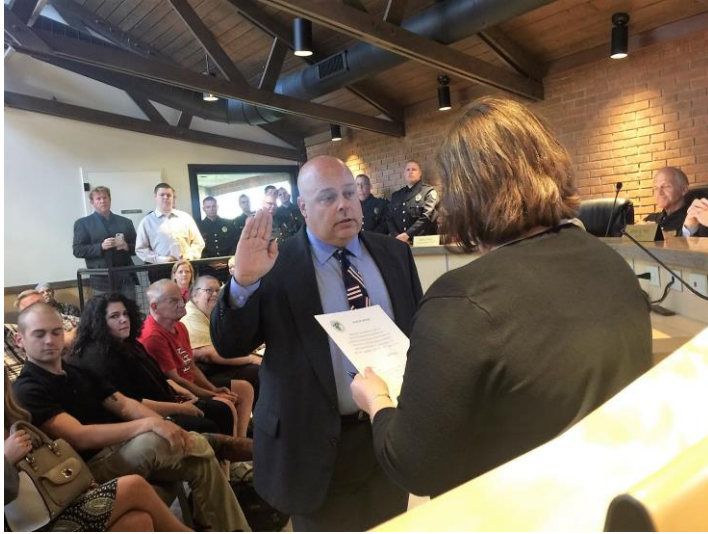
As part of its annual Founder's Day celebration, Knights of Columbus Council 7119 recognized various members of the St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church and local communities by presenting community, fraternal and youth awards. In the community awards category, the council acknowledged Ellisville Police

Corporal George Corless. On May 6, Corporal Corless received the St. Clare of Assisi Knights of Columbus Officer of the Year award, giving \$100 to The BackStoppers in his name. Corporal Corless received the award for his excellent outreach to the elementary schools. Corporal Corless makes positive police



interactions through bicycle patrol, community events, and making positive impressions with children in school. Captain Joshua Dawson and Captain Andy Vaughn attended the ceremony. Congratulations Corporal Corless for a job well done!

Chief Steven Lewis Swearing In Ceremony



Ellisville Police Chief Steven Lewis was officially sworn in on Wednesday, May 17 during a public ceremony at the Ellisville City Council meeting. Chief Lewis was sworn in by City Clerk Leigh Dohack (pictured) in a chamber lined with officers of the Ellisville Police Department that were there to show their support for the new chief. Also present was his wife and son, friends and community members. After being sworn in, Chief Lewis took a few minutes to address the audience. "I hope to do the best job that

I can to continue the legacy of this department of being an excellent police department. I have almost three decades of law enforcement experience and I hope to bring that to this agency. To the men and women of the Ellisville Police Department, thank you. I ask you to put your faith in me because I guarantee I'll put my faith in you. I applied here with an open heart, knowing that the Ellisville Police Department is one of the finest in the area, and I just hope I can continue to bring that excellence." Pictured is Chief Lewis with his wife Wendy, son Tyler and friend.



DARE Lifetime Achievement Award

Ellisville Police Sergeant Nancy Walker was presented with the DARE Lifetime Achievement Award, the organization's highest honor, at the Missouri DARE Officer Conference on Thursday, August 1, 2017 in Springfield, Missouri. In 1989, Sergeant Walker served in the very first Missouri DARE training class "DARE Officer Training Class #1." She has taught thousands of youth during her 28 years of teaching DARE in Ellisville schools. Sergeant Walker received the award for her commitment to the community and the positive relationships with the children and youth she instructs. The Missouri DARE Association



surprised Sergeant Walker with the award at the conference luncheon. Unknown to Sergeant Walker, the Association brought not only her family, but her Chief, Steven Lewis, and her Captain, Joshua Dawson to the conference to join in on the celebration. Congratulations on a lifelong achievement. Pictured on page 67 is Captain Dawson, Sergeant Walker and Chief Lewis at ceremony.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving Heroes for Heroes Award



Ellisville Police Officer Nathan Dye (pictured) was awarded the 2017 Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Heroes for Heroes Award at MADD's Missouri State Office "Heroes for Heroes" Law Enforcement and Community Partners Recognition Event on Thursday, November 16 at the Ameristar Casino in St. Charles. Officer Dye was honored for his efforts to save lives by enforcing alcoholic beverage control and driving under the influence (DWI) laws.

The event is a way that MADD thanks and recognizes local law enforcement officials for all that they do to keep our communities safe in and around the St. Louis area, as well as honor community and corporate partners for their support to Mothers Against Drunk Driving and their mission to end drunk driving, help fight drugged driving, support the victims of these violent crimes and prevent underage drinking.

Officer Dye's persistence in impaired driver enforcement makes him an incredible asset to the Ellisville Police Department. This is the first time an officer from our agency has received this award. Thank you Officer Dye for your dedication in keeping our community safe. Well done!



A Little Appreciation Goes a Long Way

The Ellisville Police are very thankful and grateful to all who have shown their support and kindness



throughout the year. The outpouring of community support was received in a variety of ways. We appreciate all of your support and kind words.



Here is a selection of some of the donations. Larry Cook dropped off a box of goodies on February 13. C & C



Butcher Shop brought lunch for the police on April 28. Philly Pretzel Factory brought pretzels on August 8. Meremac Valley bank provided Imo's lunch in



remembrance of September 11, 2001. The Ballwin Masonic Lodge, Bonhomme Lodge #45 provided lunch to the Ellisville Police officers working on Veterans Day thanking the first responders for their service. There was so much food, that the officers donated some to the St. Louis County dispatchers. Mark Tipton State Farm Agency Team brought Raising Cane lunch for the officers on 7/20/17. This is just a few of the many acts of kindness. Thank you to everyone.



Challenge Coins

For nearly a century, challenge coins have been used to reward good deeds and promote camaraderie. Since World War I, they have served as a symbol of honor and bravery and are highly regarded by every branch of the military. In the past few years, law enforcement and fire personnel have begun using the challenge coins to signify valor and strengthen the bonds within their departments.

The highly collectible challenge coin appeals to a diverse group of people outside the military and civil service industry as well. They remain popular because challenge coins are unique, meaningful gifts. At ceremonies and other special events, no other award item makes as big of an impression as custom made challenge coins.

One of the first things that Chief Steven Lewis did when he became police chief for Ellisville, was to purchase challenge coins for the police department. Being a connoisseur of collecting challenge coins, Chief Lewis wanted a coin that would be a symbol to any individual possessing the challenge coin that Ellisville Police officers are proud to know that they are members of a group that shares commitment, loyalty and dedication to a common goal. The Ellisville Police Department challenge coin was specially designed by Point Emblems. The design process and production of challenge coins is very sophisticated and can incorporate just about any design and or logo into the design.

The Ellisville Police Department's coin is two-sided. The front side of the coin (pictured left) is a more modern



style with the Ellisville Police Department patch displayed. The back of the coin (pictured right) displays the Patron Saint of Law Enforcement, St. Michael in a more retro elegant style.



Each Ellisville Police officer and office staff

member were given five challenge coins as tokens of appreciation. In turn, each member of the police department can give out the challenge coins to other members of law enforcement, family members, or to members of the community.

Chief of Police Thomas A. Felgate, Retired

Thomas A. Felgate, hung up his badge for the final time, ending a law enforcement career that spanned four decades and officially stepping down as Chief of Police for the City of Ellisville on March 1, 2017 after 12 years in the post. Chief Felgate began his police career in 1972 at the Creve Coeur Police Department as a dispatcher. After one year, he was hired as a police officer and attended the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Academy. During his tenure as a Creve Coeur police officer, he received numerous letters of commendation. In 1978, Chief Felgate joined the Manchester Police Department where he worked for three years. During his tenure there, he received numerous commendations and was voted officer of the year in 1978. While working at Manchester, he was assigned to the detective bureau and joined the St. Louis Major Case Squad, investigating homicides in the St. Louis area. While working with the Major Case Squad in 1980 on a homicide that occurred at a local business in Ellisville, he was offered a job by then Chief of Police Joe Starck to create a new detective bureau which he readily accepted. After joining the police department in 1980, he worked his way up the department serving in many capacities which included patrol officer, detective, patrol sergeant, detective sergeant, and lieutenant. He was also recognized by the Federal Marshals Office for the capture of a federal fugitive. While serving as lieutenant, Chief Felgate took a year's leave of absence from duty in 1996 to serve with the United Nations International Police Task Force in Bosnia and Herzegovina. He was assigned as the Orasie, Bosnia Deputy Station Commander under the command of a Hungarian Police Major. Following his year tour of duty, he was awarded the United Nations Peace Keeping Medal and returned to his position with the Ellisville Police Department as lieutenant. He was appointed police chief in November, 2004, after serving as interim chief for nine months following the retirement of Chief Wayne Prince.

The Ellisville Council passed a resolution honoring Chief Felgate for distinguished service to the City of Ellisville and renaming the police station the "*Thomas A. Felgate Police Station*" at the March 1 council meeting. Most of the Ellisville Police Department along with other



police agencies and honored guest were on hand to wish him farewell and good luck. Thank you Chief, for your service.

Pictured from left to right is Lt. Wayne Moore, Officer Joey Nickles, Councilman Vince McGrath, Councilman Dan Duffy, Chief Felgate (Ret), Officer Brian Bardle, Corporal George Corless, Police Clerk Aimee Brand, Lieutenant Brian Gillaspie, Captain Joshua Dawson, Sergeant Nancy Walker, and Captain Andy Vaughn in front of the newly named police station on March 24, 2017.

In Remembrance

Councilman Gary Voss was a professional bowler and bowling proprietor for many years. He is a member of the St. Louis Bowling Hall of Fame, Missouri Bowling Hall of Fame and St. Louis Sports Hall of fame. He and his wife, Patricia bought the West County Lanes in Ellisville in 1979.



Councilman Gary Voss was on the Ellisville City Council, District I, since 2013. He believed the city should be run professionally with intelligent, friendly politicians and city employees who listen to its citizens. Councilman Voss was a good friend and supporter of the police department and will be missed by all. Councilman Voss passed away on May 23, 2017.

"To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die."

- Thomas Campbell