

2024

FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS POLICE



ANNUAL REPORT

CHIEF STEVE JOHNSON
MAYOR MARK KUPSKY

A message from Chief Johnson



As we reflect on the achievements of 2024, I am proud to report another year of success for the Fairview Heights Police Department, highlighted by significant strides in community outreach, crime reduction, and officer training. Through initiatives like neighborhood patrols, youth engagement, and educational programs, we have strengthened our relationship with the community, fostering trust and collaboration. This partnership has contributed to a notable decline in crime, making our neighborhoods safer for all residents. Additionally, our officers have received extensive training in the latest policing techniques, crisis intervention, and technology, ensuring they are fully equipped to meet the challenges of today's world. I am incredibly proud of the dedication and professional

ism of our officers, and together with the support of our community, we will continue to build a safer and stronger future for all.

Officer of the Year Connor Maedge

It is an honor to present Officer Connor with the distinction of Fairview Heights Police Department Officer of the Year for 2024. Since joining the department through lateral transfer in February, Officer Maedge has consistently demonstrated exceptional performance in enforcement and community safety. His unwavering character, highlighted by the selfless act of requesting toy donations at his wedding for the Salvation Army, reflects the remarkable individual he is. In 2024, his accomplishments include making 28 traffic arrests, apprehending 30 fugitives, and earning the "Top ACE" award. Officer Maedge's dedication has earned him multiple Officer of the Month nominations, with honors in August, October, and November. He is an invaluable asset to both the department and the community. We look forward to his continued success in 2025.



2024 Department Awards



Officer of the Year, Connor Maedge
Meritorious Service
Lieutenant David Kitley
Executive Assistant Amber Hopkins
Chief's Commendation
Detective Zachary Adrian
Records Clerk, Phoebe Hagelstein
Police Volunteer, Dawn Holloway
Outstanding Citizen, Brian Baptista
Department Recognition and Appreciation
Fire Chief Bryan Doyle (Ret.)
Heather Hinson
Lifesaving Award
Sergeant Tony Flinn
Officer Tyler Jowett
Officer Jacob Marino
Chief's Coin of Excellence
Officer Molly Muennich
Officer Nicholas Hensley
ACE Awards
Adkin-1, Hensley-1, Maedge-1, Muennich-1,
Korte-2, Rowland-2, Cox-3, Martinez-3,
Raimundi-3, Wulf-3, Montgomery-5
and Teschendorf-7
DUI Awards
Korte-10, Loos-10 and Maedge-10



2024 by the Numbers

Use of Force

Use of force incidents, on a regional and national level, have impacted law enforcement in a negative way. Perceptions of improper use of force by officers have created barriers between the general public and police. As found in many incidents, the facts of the case do not coincide with the public's perception or beliefs. Our department believes in transparency when it comes to use of force incidents, to help educate the public and continually build on the great relationship we have with our community. In 2024, our Officers had 73 encounters of resistance to which they had to utilize force to maintain control, protect themselves and/or others, and make a lawful arrest utilizing the least amount of force necessary. Summaries of each use of force incident can be found on our website:



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Firearms Displayed/NO Discharge, 28

Firearms Displayed/Discharge, 0

Escorts/Restraint Utilizing Hands/Body, 26

Taser Discharged, 3

Taser Displayed, 18*

(* includes the 3 times it was also discharged)

By the Numbers

- FHPD has **45** sworn police officers + **1** K9 "River"
- Dispatched by **22** telecommunicators at MEOCOMM
- Supported by **5** full-time professional staff +
- **8** part-time Civilian Police Aides +
- **4** full-time Code Enforcement Officers +
- **1** Crime-Free Housing Coordinator
- All hired by **5** Board of Fire and Police Commissioners
- And fully supported by **16** Police Volunteers

All striving to make Fairview Heights safer, **24/7**

We will serve our community by continuing to be a proactive police department, especially when it comes to the criminal element. We will continue to promote safer roadways by arresting impaired drivers and addressing speeding, aggressive and distracted drivers.

Call for Service

Total Calls- 33,805

↑ from 33,336 in 2023

Thefts- 457

↑ from 453 in 2023

Robberies- 4

↑ from 2 in 2023

Murder- 0

↓ from 1 in 2023

Criminal Sex Assault- 12

↓ from 14 in 2023

Criminal Sex Abuse- 6

↓ from 9 in 2023

Agg Assault/Battery- 123

↑ from 96 in 2023

Domestic Battery- 142

↑ from 122 in 2023

Traffic Accidents- 813

↑ from 787 in 2023

Vehicle Stops

In 2024 Fairview Heights Police:

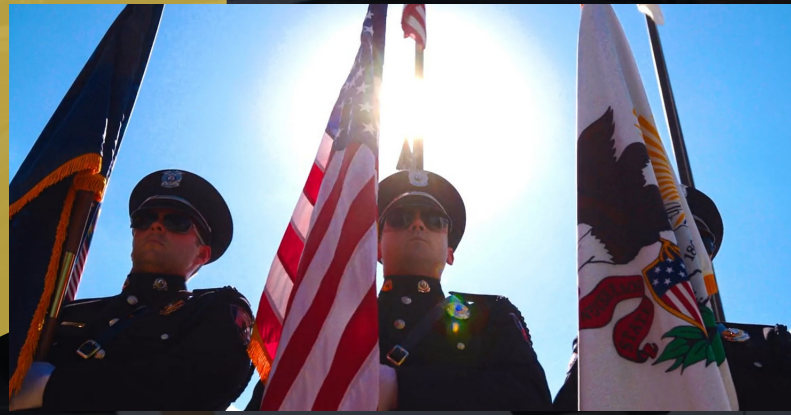
Made 7,304 vehicle stops

Issued 2,923 citations

Issued 6,908 written warnings

Arrested 85 drunk drivers





Our Mission: "Protect the Community with Vigilance, and Serve with Honor."



The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners are appointed by the Mayor and meet quarterly throughout the year. The role of a commissioner is to hire police officers and assist with the promotional process. These Fairview Heights citizens volunteer their time and serve with pride. We are thankful for their service!

Police Youth Academy ★ Senior Citizens' Academy ★ Citizens' Police Academy ★ Ride-Along Program ★ Vacation House Checks ★ Premise Alert Program ★ Code Red Notification ★ Stop the Bleed ★ Auto Theft Task Force ★ DARE/SRO Program ★ Crime-Free Housing ★ Major Case Squad ★ DEA Task Force ★ ILEAS Special Response Team ★ Mobile Field Force ★ Honor Guard ★ Volunteer Program ★ R.A.D. Training ★ Drone Program ★ Speed Monitoring ★ Metro East Crash Assistance Team ★ Child Death Investigation ★ Senior Friends Program ★ Police with Presents ★ Touch a Truck ★ Community Engagement Events ★

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★ 911 ALL EMERGENCIES

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