



FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS POLICE

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

CHIEF STEVE JOHNSON
MAYOR MARK KUPSKY



A Message from the Chief of Police, Steve Johnson

The year 2025 tested the strength, resilience, and heart of your Fairview Heights Police Department in ways we could never have anticipated.

This was a difficult year. Three of our officers were shot in the line of duty while serving this community. Those moments are ones that no department ever wishes to endure. They remind us of the very real dangers our officers face each day and the sacrifices made not only by them, but by their families as well. By the grace of God and the skill of our medical professionals, our officers survived and we remain profoundly grateful for the outpouring of support shown by our community during those critical times.

In the face of adversity, this department did what it has always done, we came together. We leaned on one another. We supported our injured officers and their families. We checked in on each other. We stayed focused on our mission. Hard times do not define us, how we respond to them does. I could not be more proud of the unity, professionalism, and strength demonstrated by every member of this department.

Despite the challenges we faced, 2025 was also a year of progress and accomplishment. Crime decreased in key areas across our city. Through proactive policing, community partnerships, and data-driven enforcement strategies, we saw measurable reductions in violent crime and continued stability in overall calls for service. These results are not accidental, they are the product of dedicated officers, engaged citizens, and strong community relationships.

Our officers continued to prioritize visibility, community engagement, school safety training, and traffic enforcement, all while carrying the weight of a trying year. Their commitment never wavered. I want to personally thank our Mayor, City Council and our residents for your trust and support. During our most challenging moments, you stood beside us. Your prayers, messages, snacks and words of encouragement meant more than you know. Public safety is not accomplished by police alone, it is a shared responsibility, and Fairview Heights continues to demonstrate what true partnership looks like.

As we move into 2026, we do so stronger, closer, and more determined than ever. We remain committed to professionalism, accountability, and service. We will continue working tirelessly to keep Fairview Heights a safe place to live, work and raise a family.

On behalf of the men and women of the Fairview Heights Police Department, thank you for allowing us the privilege to serve you.



Officer of the Year, Connor Maedge



It is my honor to name Officer Connor Maedge as the Fairview Heights Police Department 2025 Officer of the year. This is his second time earning this honor.

Ofc. Maedge came to FHPD as a lateral hire in 2024. Upon completion of his field training, he immediately began making an impact in arresting bad guys. Ofc. Maedge's activity for 2025 includes:

567 Traffic Stops, 86 Pedestrian Checks, 66 Traffic Arrests, 34 Fugitive Arrests, 14 DUI Arrests, 31 Controlled Substance Arrests and 2 Gun Arrests.

In addition to his proactivity, Ofc. Maedge also serves as one of the department's Use of Force Instructors and is a member of the ILEAS SRT Unit. During 2025, Ofc. Maedge was nominated and received the Officer of the Month 6 times. He was also awarded the "Top Ace" award, for the second year in a row, for making 50 felony arrests in 2025. Congratulations Officer Maedge!

"Protect the Community with vigilance and serve with honor."

2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

TOTAL CALLS

36,210

UP FROM 33,805 IN 2024



CRIME STATISTICS

THEFTS 462 ↑

ROBBERIES 3 ↓

MURDER 0* ↓

SEX ASSAULT 15 ↑

SEX ABUSE 9 ↑

AGG. ASSAULT 108 ↓

DOMESTIC BATTERY 174 ↑

*Due to charges not being filed until 2025, a murder that occurred in 2024 has been retroactively included in the 2024 statistics for accuracy and reporting consistency.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS- 776 ↓ FROM 813 IN 2024

DRUNK DRIVERS ARRESTED- 99 ↑ FROM 85 IN 2024

VEHICLE STOPS- 9,269 ↑ FROM 7,304 IN 2024

CITATIONS- 3,460 ↑ FROM 2,923 IN 2024

WARNINGS- 8,820 ↑ FROM 6,908 IN 2024

TRAFFIC
STATS

Public perception of police use of force plays a significant role in shaping police-community relations. For this reason, our department is committed to transparency and professionalism in all interactions. In 2025, our Officers had **72** encounters of resistance to which they had to utilize force to maintain control, protect themselves and/or others, and make a lawful arrest. In 2024, **75** encounters of resistance were documented. Summaries of each use of force incident can be found on our website.

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ESCORTS/RESTRAINT
UTILIZING HANDS/BODY, 17

FIREARMS DISPLAYED/NO
DISCHARGE, 24

FIREARMS
DISPLAYED/DISCHARGE, 1

TASER DISCHARGED, 10
TASER DISPLAYED, 20*

* INCLUDES THE 10 TIMES THE
TASER WAS ALSO DISCHARGED

BREAK IT
DOWN

OFFICERS RESPONDED TO 36,210 CALLS FOR SERVICE IN 2025.
AND HAD 72 ENCOUNTERS OF RESISTANCE TO WHICH THEY
HAD TO UTILIZE FORCE.

THIS MEANS OFFICERS USED FORCE AT 0.2% OF CALLS.

2025 Department Awards

Medal of Valor, Combat Cross and Purple Heart were awarded to Sgt. Jason Total, Ofc. Molly Muennich, Ofc. Tony Raimundi, Ofc. Andrew Ward & Ofc. Jon Henne.



ACE Award, presented to officers:

1- Lauren Fischer, Jon Henne, Tyler Jowett, Brady Lingley, Jacob Marino, Jacob Montagnani. 2- Joe Adkin, Nick Hensley, Connor Maedge, Molly Muennich, Andrew Ward. 3- Shayne Korte. 4- Richie Cox, Germaine Martinez, Michael Wulf. 6- Travis Montgomery.

Top ACE - Connor Maedge

Professional Staff of the year- Rose Behm
Top Investigator- Agent Timothy Birkhead
Police Volunteer of the Year- Andy Dippolito



Meritorious Service, 20 years of Service
Lt. James Mason, Sgt. Aaron Nyman,
Sgt. Jason Total, Sgt. Ryan Weisenborn

Traffic Safety:
Brady Lingly
Tanner Sandifer

DUI Milestones:
10- Andrew Ward
10- Michael Wulf
25- Shayne Korte
25- Brady Lingley
25- Connor Maedge
25- Tony Raimundi

CLEAR Award:
Connor Maedge
Jacob Marino

Certificates of Merit were presented to Sgt. Aaron Nyman, Det. Clay Mason, Det. Alex Joseph, Ret. Det. Drew Rutter, Det. Hannah Millington, Special Agent Cloee Frank, Det. Zach Adrian and Sgt. Tony Flinn.



Your Fairview Heights Police Department



FHPD by the numbers

- FHPD has **45** sworn police officers + **1** K9 "River"
 - Dispatched by **22** telecommunicators at Mecom
 - 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**

FHPD Offers the following:

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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50 years of the Police Youth Academy

In June, the FHPD celebrated 50 years of shaping future leaders through the principles of citizenship, responsibility and knowledge, with one of the longest-running Police Youth Academies in the United States. We are proud of this distinction and were excited to have many legacy participants return, to include the founders, Lt. Mike King and Sgt. Bob Brandkamp and participant of the very first session, Chief Ed Delmore.



*In Memory of
Commissioner
David Bandy*



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. Those serving on the Board are Brenda Jones, Lea Kwapis, Andrew Channer, Leroy Elleby and Denise Williams. These Fairview Heights citizens volunteer their time and serve with pride.

Commissioner David Bandy dedicated decades to the FHPD, volunteering and later serving as the Chairman of the Police Commissioners. He was proud to serve and treated our officers like family. He passed away in April and has been missed every day since. We have renamed our Volunteer of the Year Award to the David Bandy Memorial Award.

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★ 911 ALL EMERGENCIES

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