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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor Mancino
Members of the Village Board

DATE: January 15, 2013

FROM: Jennifer R. Paulus
Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Chief's Report – January 2013 Village Board Meeting

I would like to take the opportunity to provide you with a brief summary of the Police Department's activities during 2012. In 2012, your Police Department handled approximately 21,953 incidents. This represents a slight decrease over the 22,591 incidents handled in 2011. Here is a summary of some of the types of incidents that were handled:

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION	2010	2011	2012	% CHANGE FROM 2011-2012
ALARMS	288	297	274	-7.74%
ANIMAL COMPLAINTS	127	101	131	29.70%
ASSIST FIRE DEPARTMENT	315	222	142	-36.04%
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	91	106	134	26.42%
BUILDING CHECKS	3,953	3,358	3,935	17.18%
BURGLARIES	3	4	8	100.00%
CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY	35	24	50	108.33%
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES	60	54	41	-24.07%
D.U.I. ARRESTS	23	28	30	7.14%
HOMICIDES	0	0	0	0.00%
HOUSE WATCHES & EXTRA PATROL (RESIDENTIAL)	5,459	4,652	3,215	-30.89%
MOTORIST ASSISTS	170	155	145	-6.45%
NOISE COMPLAINTS	34	32	58	81.25%
OPEN DOOR/WINDOWS	58	55	60	9.09%
SAFETY SEAT INSPECTIONS	32	20	36	80.00%
SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP)	2,127	2,269	1,652	-27.19%
SUSPICIOUS AUTO/CIRCUMSTANCES/PERSONS	222	223	255	14.35%

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THEFTS	29	24	42	75.00%
TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	2,170	2,009	1,235	-38.53%
TRAFFIC CRASHES	131	128	140	9.38%
TRAFFIC STOPS	2,377	2,093	1,993	-4.78%
VEHICLE LOCKOUTS	65	62	59	-4.84%
VILLAGE CODE VIOLATION CITATIONS	680	638	767	20.22%

- Current staffing of the Police Department is 10 full time sworn police officers, and one civilian administrative assistant/records supervisor for a total of 11 full-time employees. The average tenure of police department employees is 9 years. Officer John Fenger retired in November after 17 plus years of service to the Village. The Board of Police Commissioners established an eligibility list and Officer Rossini was hired as a full-time officer to fill the vacancy. The part-time officer program has been suspended and Officer Anthony Cortez was hired this month as an additional full-time officer as part of the approved 2013 budget.
- Department members logged a combined total of 566 hours of training relevant to their respective positions which included their annual firearms training and maintenance of required certifications. This represents an increase of 196 hours over 2011.
- 2012 represents the 3rd consecutive year without any grievances filed by the police labor union.
- The LESO Program Humvee was placed in service in March. The vehicle has proven to be a valuable asset in both functionality and public relations. The department gave several rides to school in the Humvee as donations to local charities' silent auctions. The Humvee was present at all of the Village's special events and officers visited local schools and block parties throughout the year.
- Officers attended and participated in many community events throughout the year including the 4th of July celebration and parade, Fall Family Fun Fest, local running races, farmer's market and concerts in the park, block parties, rides to school with a police officer, and the HWWC Easter egg hunt and Halloween party.
- One squad car was replaced in 2012.
- The police station received new carpeting throughout the building.
- The Bicycle Rodeo was held on Saturday, May 26th. The event started about an hour late due to rain. After the weather cleared 173 area residents completed the course. Each participant received a new bicycle helmet, t-shirt and goody bag. Hot dogs, ice cream and bottled water were provided – all free of charge. Two new bicycles were raffled off as well. Peapod donated 250 bottles of water and a total of \$1,400 was received in cash donations from the following sponsors:

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- The South Lake County Regional Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) participated frequently at our community events and provided valuable emergency traffic control assistance to officers on numerous occasions. The CERT not only supports community wide events, but they even volunteered to assist a disabled resident with the replacement of his mailbox after it was damaged in a hit and run crash. The annual CERT pancake breakfast was held at the Lake Zurich Fire Station on Sunday, May 20th and was their largest success yet.
- As part of the Federal Drug Administration's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day all of medications collected from the receptacle in the police department lobby were turned over. Hawthorn Woods collected 232 pounds of old or unused medications since the program's inception in October, 2010.
- Officer Tina Cora continued to serve as an investigator on the Lake County Major Crimes Task Force. She responded to several callouts throughout the county.

We experienced a safe year overall and hope to continue to provide the same level of excellent professional service that our community deserves and has come to expect.

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