

Village of Bannockburn Police Department

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



A Letter from the Chief

Dear President Rothing, Police Commissioner Boyle and Board of Trustees:

On behalf of the members of the Bannockburn Police Department, I am pleased to submit our 2023 Annual Report. This report showcases the accomplishments of our police officers including their crime deterrence and enforcement actions, efforts to educate the public, involvement in Village of Bannockburn events and passion for serving our Village residents and business community.

The Village Board and the Village residents continue their encouraging support of the Bannockburn police officers which is truly appreciated by each one of us. The appreciation we receive drives our officers to continue serving the community with utmost care and dedication.

Training remains a high priority for the department. We continue to send officers to instructor training in firearms, use of force, rapid response and other high-risk topics. The Department continued its outdoor firearms training and increased its online training to stay up to date with laws and proper police procedures as mandated by the State's Safe-T Act.

The Department remains committed to implementing programs and ideas which will make it more effective, efficient and accessible to the residents we serve. Although the Department is small, our size does not limit our vision to strive to be the best.

Thank you, President Rothing, Police Commissioner Boyle, Board of Trustees and residents of Bannockburn for your continued support. We couldn't do it without you. Sincerely,



Walter R. Trillhaase
Chief of Police



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Bannockburn Police Department Staff

Full-Time Officers



Walter Trillhaase

Chief of Police
39 Years of Service



Michael Volling

Lieutenant
41 Years of Service



Dennis Sears

Sergeant
17 Years of Service

Full-Time Officers



William Annen

Police Officer
30 Years of Service



Frank Czajka

Police Officer
35 Years of Service



Dale Weshinskey

Police Officer
32 Years of Service



Thomas Fuerst

Police Officer
5 Years of Service



Edward Panko

Police Officer
34 Years of Service

Part-Time Officers



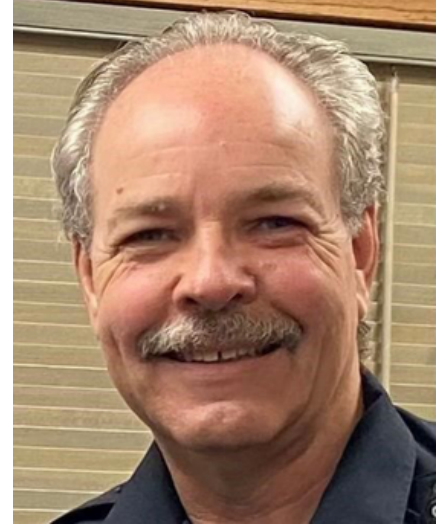
Jeffrey Appelt

*Police Officer
through August 2023
18 Years of Service*



Tom Duax

*Police Officer
6 Years of Service*



Richard Davies

*Police Officer
through May 2023
43 Years of Service*



Dwight Davis

*Police Officer
through April 2023
28 Years of Service*



Jeffrey Devroy

*Police Officer
41 Years of Service*



Iain McCowan

*Police Officer
through Dec 2023
37 Years of Service*

Part-Time Officers



Kiersten Reif

*Police Officer
Records Clerk
10 Years of Service*



Chris O'Neill

*Police Officer
33 Years of Service*



Erin Hamilton

*Police Officer
13 Years of Service*



Ryan McEnerney

*Police Officer
7 Years of Service*



Ray Hamilton

*Police Officer
32 Years of Service*

Promotions

In December 2023, the Bannockburn Police Department had two promotions of full-time officers to higher ranks within the Department. Dennis Sears was promoted from Sergeant to Lieutenant and Bill Annen was promoted from Patrol Officer to Sergeant. Congratulations and best of luck to these two supervisors as they step into their new roles!



Lieutenant Sears



Sergeant Annen

On September 13, 2021, the Bannockburn Police Department was presented with the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP) Award. During the Village Board Meeting, Downers Grove Chief of Police Shanon Gillette, awarded Bannockburn Police Chief Walter R. Trillhaase with the ILEAP plaque symbolizing the department's accreditation status. The accreditation process is a voluntary program which adopts the best practices and policies in policing. The most rigorous component of the process is the independent critique, examination and inspection by outside police professionals. These trained professionals audit, inspect and test the agency's compliance for adherence to 67 professional standards. At the conclusion of the on-site inspection, a report is drafted and forwarded to the ILEAP Council for consideration. We are proud to hold our officers, supervisors and the entire Police Department to the highest standards set by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police. We believe the citizens of Bannockburn deserve the best police department possible. This award is an indication of our commitment to excellence.



Accreditation is a journey not a destination.

Sergeant Bill Annen continues the journey of collecting documents showing proof of meeting standards and ensuring that we are following policies and procedures. The next evaluation for re-accreditation is set for 2025.

K-9 DEX MEMORIAL AWARD

2023 RECIPIENT: EDWARD PANKO



Ed Panko was awarded the 2023 K-9 Dex Award, an annual award given by the Bannockburn Police Department to recognize one officer or civilian employee for outstanding police service. K-9 Dex served with his handler, Officer Dave Lemmer, from October 25, 2010 - November 21, 2013. K-9 Dex was Officer Lemmer's loyal partner, until he passed away unexpectedly, while he was on duty. To honor K-9 Dex, the Department recognizes one employee for outstanding service. This recognition may be one outstanding act by a department member or continuous outstanding performance. Ed is the recipient of this award for his years of consistent dedication to the Bannockburn Police Department. Ed served as a part-time officer before transitioning to a full-time role. Ed has a work ethic second to none.

What fellow officers had to say about Ed:

I nominate Ed for his outstanding effort and attention to detail in regards to the evidence packaging and supplies room... Ed is a real team player and an asset to the team.

He has also been a great mentor in certain situations and I believe is a great asset for the other officers as well. His personality and sense of humor make him a great addition to the team.

From day one when I worked with Ed, he was very welcoming and helpful... Ed shared his expertise and knowledge of his law enforcement experiences which helped continue to shape me into a better officer.

I would like to nominate Ed for his diligent work re-vamping our evidence processing area and updating our equipment, supplies and ET cameras to a level befitting a department such as ours.



2023 SIGNIFICANT CASES

Residential Burglary

On January 12, 2023, at approximately 6:20PM, unknown offenders entered the rear yard of 10 Broadley's Court. They broke through a window and entered the home. A motion sensor alarm was triggered and scared away the offenders. They did not have a chance to steal anything. It appears that the offenders are from the same group that have struck Bannockburn and many other communities. It was believed the suspects fled to South America, where the group originated. Evidence was collected and sent to the crime lab for analysis.

Reckless Driving.

On January 5, 2023, at approximately 2:45AM, Officer Fuerst was dispatched to a vehicle crash on Half Day Rd. Further investigation revealed that the offender was suicidal and purposely drove eastbound in the westbound lanes to intentionally drive head-on with an oncoming car. The other driver was alert and veered off the road at the last moment, avoiding the head-on collision but was still struck by the offender. Tyanna D. Davis of Chicago, was charged with Reckless Driving, Driving While Suspended, Improper Lane Usage, Driving too Fast for Conditions and Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. She was transported to the hospital for a mental health evaluation. The other driver was treated at the scene.

Residential Burglary

On March 3, 2023, the resident of 2360 Telegraph Road went to his home upon receiving information that his utility use had spiked even though he had not been home for several weeks. Upon his arrival he found a broken window on his front door and someone had gained access to his home. The home was in disarray due to his pending move, but many of the dresser drawers had been dumped and other items were disturbed. Nothing appeared to be taken at the time of the report and believes some costume jewelry may have been stolen.

Battery

On April 20, 2023, at approximately 4:22PM, Sergeant Sears and Officer Weshinskey were dispatched to the Police Department in response to a report of a battery. Pinestone Landscaping employee Song (Sam) Suk reported that he and his crew were working in the area of Wilmot and Duffy. Sam pulled his truck into a local resident's driveway because he was yelling at the crew. The resident made several racial comments and then punched Sam in the throat. After interviewing all involved parties, the offender was ticketed for Battery and given a court date.

Warrant Arrest

On August 30, 2023 at 5:21PM Officer Fuerst received an ALPR hit on a vehicle that had a suspended registration for no insurance. He verified the hit and stopped the vehicle. The driver, Lorenzo Estrada admitted he did not have insurance. Upon running a records check, Officer Fuerst learned there was a valid warrant for Domestic Battery. Lorenzo was arrested and transported to the Deerfield Police Department for processing. During the processing, Officer Fuerst located a white powdery substance in a dollar bill in his wallet. The substance was sent to the Crime Lab for analysis for possible additional charges. Lorenzo was transported to the Lake County Sheriff's Office and turned over to them.

Fraud

On October 23, 2023 at 7:28PM Officers Annen and Panko were dispatched to Walgreens regarding a suspicious vehicle. Upon arrival, they located the suspect vehicle. Further investigation revealed that four suspects were in possession of and using fake \$100 bills to purchase gift cards. One suspect fled while officers were arresting the other three.

Felony charges were approved for all three arrestees. They were transported to the Deerfield Police Department, processed and detained until their first appearance hearing in Waukegan. 12 counterfeit \$100.00 bills and seven assorted gift cards were seized and logged into evidence.

Possession of a Controlled Substance

On August 30, 2023 at 9:52AM Sergeant Sears received an ALPR hit on a vehicle that had suspended registration for no insurance. He verified the hit and stopped the vehicle near North Ave. The driver, Kyle Anthony Viti was very nervous and could not provide valid insurance and his driver's license was suspended for a previous DUI. When he was taken out of the car to be arrested, he admitted that he had cocaine in his car. Viti was placed under arrest and the search of his vehicle resulted in finding a clear baggie containing a white powder, a glass tube with brown residue and three empty baggies with white powdery residue. All of the evidence was collected and will be sent to the Crime Lab for testing. Viti was transported to the Deerfield Police Department where he was processed and released pending drug charges if approved by the State's Attorney's Office.

Burglary from Motor Vehicle

On December 18, 2023 at 1:02PM in the parking lot of the College Park Athletic Club, an unknown offender smashed the window of a Land Rover Discovery and stole a designer purse, wallet and its contents. The business's surveillance cameras were offline at the time of the offense. While investigating the burglary, Officer Panko received a phone call from a Wilmette Police Detective. He arrested a suspect for committing car burglaries. The suspect was identified as Chayim Avshalom of Hanover Park. Avshalom was in possession of the burglary victim's stolen property. The property was returned to the victim. Criminal charges are being filed by the Wilmette Police Department and the Cook County State's Attorney's Office.

Driving Under the Influence

In 2023, the Bannockburn Police Department made 11 DUI arrests. The Department continues to pursue detecting and arresting drunk drivers to ensure safer roads for citizens traveling through the Village. Sergeant Dennis Sears was awarded with the 2023 MADD Hero award for his continued efforts to enforce DUI laws during the 2022 calendar year.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) believes in the importance of acknowledging the hard work that Law Enforcement Officers do across the country in preventing crashes by patrolling and taking impaired drivers off the roads. Every year, MADD Illinois holds a Law Enforcement Recognition banquet to recognize the men and women who have led the fight against drunk/drugged driving and underage drinking within their communities during the prior year.



VILLAGE OF BANNOCKBURN 2023 EVENTS



2023 Special Olympics of Illinois Torch Run (above)

Drug Enforcement Administration National Take Back Initiative (left)
Thirty-eight pounds of drugs were turned over to the DEA for destruction.



2023 4th of July Parade (above)

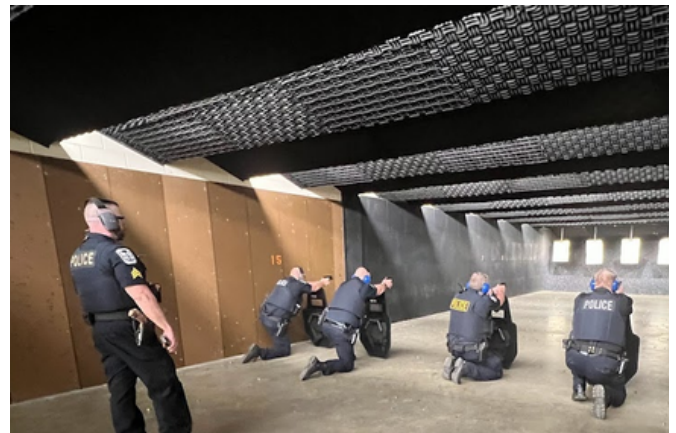
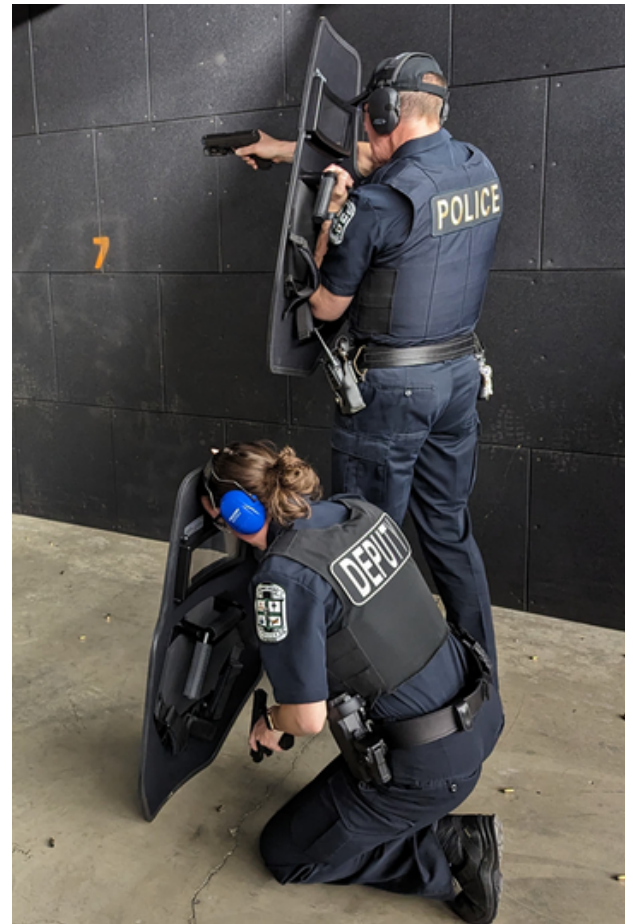
2023 Bannockburn Days (below)





2023 Training and Conferences

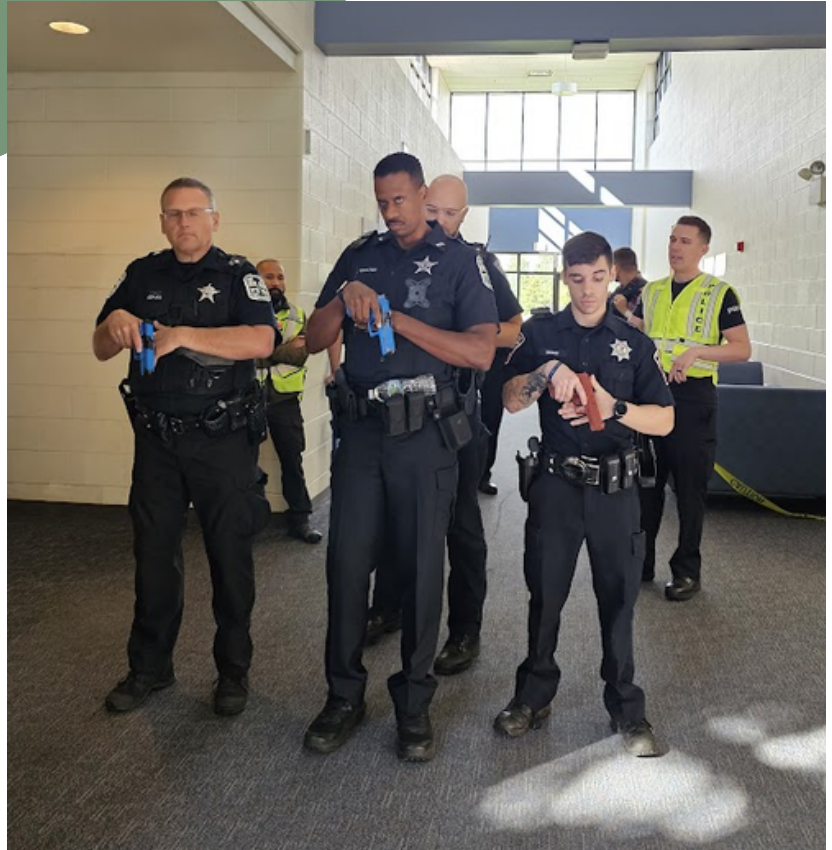
Shield and Firearm Training





Bristol Range Training

Rapid Response Training at Trinity International University





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**IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Bannockburn Police Department will conduct a large scale training event this Friday, October 6th from 7AM—3PM at Trinity International University—2065 Half Day Road, Bannockburn. There will be a very large presence of Police and Fire vehicles from multiple jurisdictions in the area. This training includes the use of paint rounds (Simunition) and most of the event will be held inside and around the McLennan Building, including realistic scenarios with the Fire Department. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to Sergeant Dennis Sears. dsears@villageofbannockburn.org or 847-945-8490



Conferences and Additional Training



January & February 2023

- Lieutenant Volling attended an 8-hour Glock Armorer School course so he can maintain and repair Glock handguns.
- Officer Fuerst attended an 8-hour class on "Reading People: How to Become a Body Language Expert."
- All full-time officers attended a full day of training which included State mandated firearms qualifications, Taser and de-escalation scenario-based training, Use of Force and OC Pepper Spray education.
- All part-time officers completed their annual firearms, Taser and OC Spray qualifications at the Highland Park Range.

April 2023

- Officer Reif presented two sessions at the ILETSB Women in Criminal Justice Conference: Death Investigation by Suspected Manner of Death and Drug Overdose Death Investigations in East Peoria.
- Select officers participated in ballistic shield training at the Highland Park range instructed by Sergeant Sears.
- Sergeant Sears attended a 2-day MACTAC Instructor Course at NIPSTA.
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- Officer Bill Annen attended the first annual Illinois Police Accreditation Commission conference in Oakbrook.

May & June 2023

- Officer Tom Fuerst attended a 5-day Tactical Firearms Instructor Course at the Police Training Institute in Southern Illinois.
- Chief Trillhaase and Officers Czajka, Reif and Hamilton attended a Ballistic Shield training course led by Sergeant Sears at the Highland Park Range.
- Officer Devroy attended advanced training with the FBI.
- Chief Trillhaase and Officers Panko, Hamilton, Czajka, Reif, Devroy and Weshinskey attended an 8-hour handgun and rifle training and qualifications training day lead by Sergeant Sears in Bristol, WI.
- Officer Czajka attended Mobile Field Force Training in DuPage County
- A majority of the Department attended CPR AED Re-Certification presented by the DBFD.

**July & August 2023**

- Four officers participated in outdoor handgun and rifle training at the Bristol Range. The training was conducted by Sergeant Sears and Officer Fuerst.
- Officer Fuerst attended a two-day High-Risk T-Stop Instructor Course.
- Sergeant Sears and Officer Fuerst conducted De-escalation and Active Shooter Scenario-Based training.
- Officer Fuerst attended a very intense 5-day ALERRT Active Shooter Level 1 Train the Trainer course hosted by the Deerfield Police Department.
- Officer Reif attended a 3-day Child Abduction Response Training course sponsored by the Lake County Major Crime Task Force.
- Officer Tom Fuerst attend an 8-hour training course on Red-Dot sights.
- Officers Panko and Reif attended their State Mandated Critical Incident Team training.

September & October 2023

- Officer Weshinskey attended an 8-hour De-Escalation training class in Mundelein.
- Officer Weshinskey attended an 8-hour Tactical Report Writing class in Gurnee.
- Officer Fuerst attended a 40-hour Police Strategy and Tactics class at the Police Training Institute.
- Officer Fuerst attended a 40-hour EVOC emergency vehicle operations training class in St. Charles.
- Officers Czajka and E. Hamilton attended Domestic Violence training in North Chicago.
- The Bannockburn Police Department hosted a large, multi-agency Active Shooter/Emergency Response/Safety Corridor training event at Trinity International University.
- Officer Reif attended the Illinois Homicide Investigators Association Conference in Itasca.
- Chief Trillhaase attended the International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference in San Diego, CA.
- Officers Annen and Duax attended Domestic Violence training in Libertyville.
- Officer Reif attended "Detection, Collection and Preservation of Latent Print Evidence Training" hosted by the Northern Illinois Crime Lab.
- Sergeant Sears and Officers Czajka and Weshinskey attended a Critical Incident Response refresher course in Cary.

**November & December 2023**

- Lieutenant Sears trained officers in night shooting and shooting from a parked car at the range in Bristol. Chief Trillhaase, Police Commissioner Boyle and Officers McEnerney, Devroy and Duax participated.
- Lieutenant Sears and Officer Devroy attended the ITOA Conference.
- Officer Weshinskey attended MCAT annual training.
- Officer Fuerst attended a 4-day Instructor Development Course in Crystal Lake.
- Lieutenant Sears attended a 1-day course on First Amendment Audits and Dealing with Sovereign Citizens.





Bannockburn School and Community Involvement

Did you know the Village of Bannockburn Police Department and Save A Star Drug Awareness Foundation have established a drug disposal and collection program? This program aims to collect and safely dispose of unwanted and unused medications; thus, keeping them out of the hands of individuals who might otherwise become victims of prescription drug abuse.

The Save A Star Drug Awareness Foundation was founded in Highland Park by the Katz family following the death of 25-year-old Daniel Katz from an overdose of prescription drug medication in 2007. The Foundation was created to educate the public about the dangers and consequences of prescription drug abuse and addiction, and to provide tangible methods to remove unwanted and unused medications from America's homes.



Community – The Anti-Drug (CTAD) is a community organization comprised of parents, local, school officials, clergy and healthcare providers. The mission of this coalition is to reduce the use of alcohol, marijuana and other drugs among youth in Bannockburn, Deerfield, Highland Park, Highwood and Riverwoods.

The Bannockburn Police Department provided several Bannockburn restaurants with flyers from CTAD to include in their take-out meals. These flyers had activities for families to do together while staying at home and enjoying their meals. Police Commissioner James Boyle and Chief Trillhaase are active with this organization.



2023 Statistics

The Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program

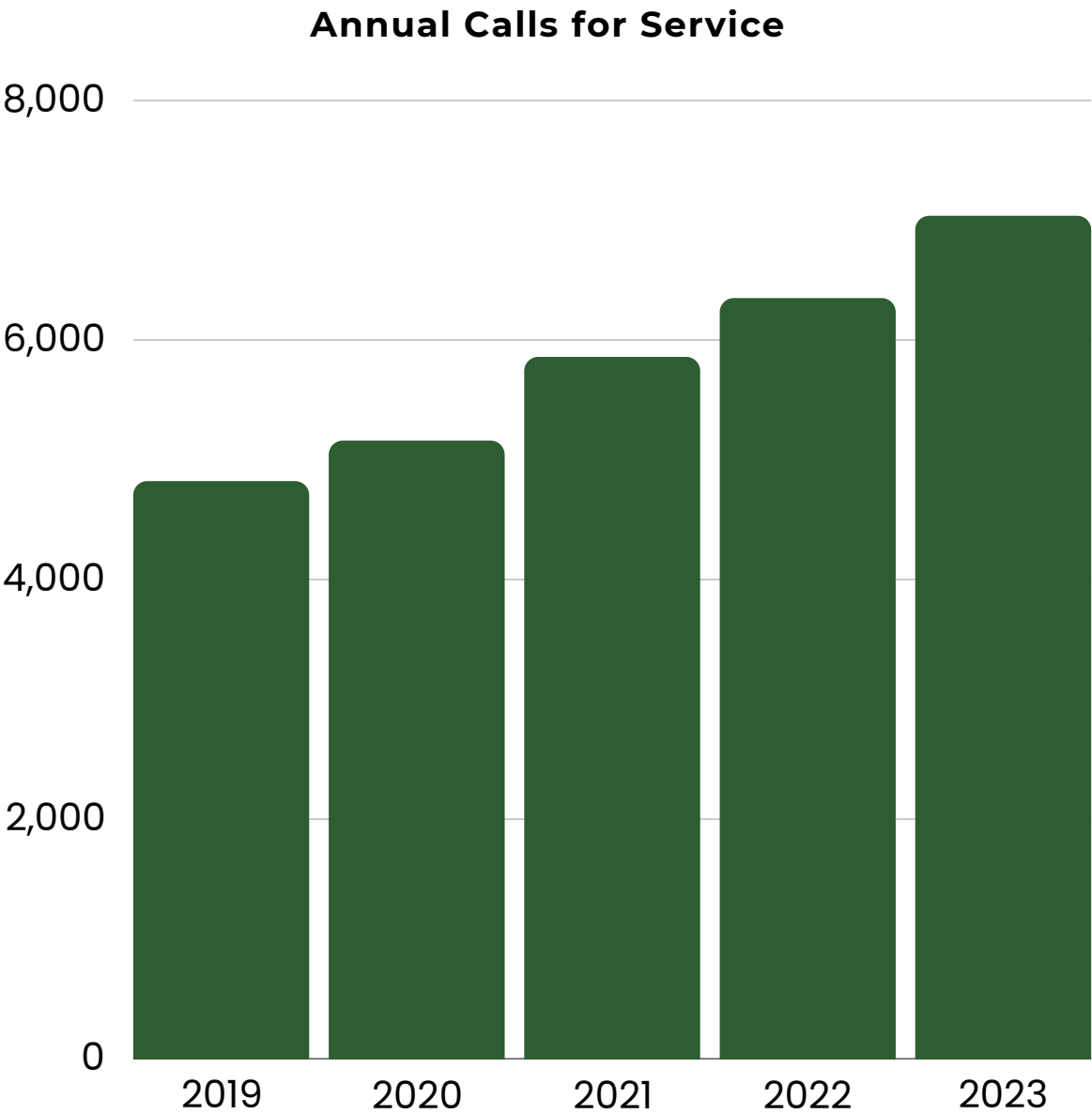
The Crime Index is used to indicate the amount and extent of Violent Crimes and Property Crimes, in a given jurisdiction, as defined by the International Association of Chiefs of Police Committee on Uniform Crime Reports (UCR). Police departments throughout the United States report on eight crime areas: four categories of Violent Crimes and four categories of Property Crimes.

The Crime Index is the total number of indexed offenses occurring within a given jurisdiction during a specified period of time. In 2023, Bannockburn's crime index was 25.

	2021	2022	2023
Murder	0	0	0
Criminal Sexual Assault	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault/ Battery	0	0	0
Burglary	1	12	3
Theft	24	21	22
Vehicle Theft	2	0	0
Arson	0	0	0
Total	27	36	25

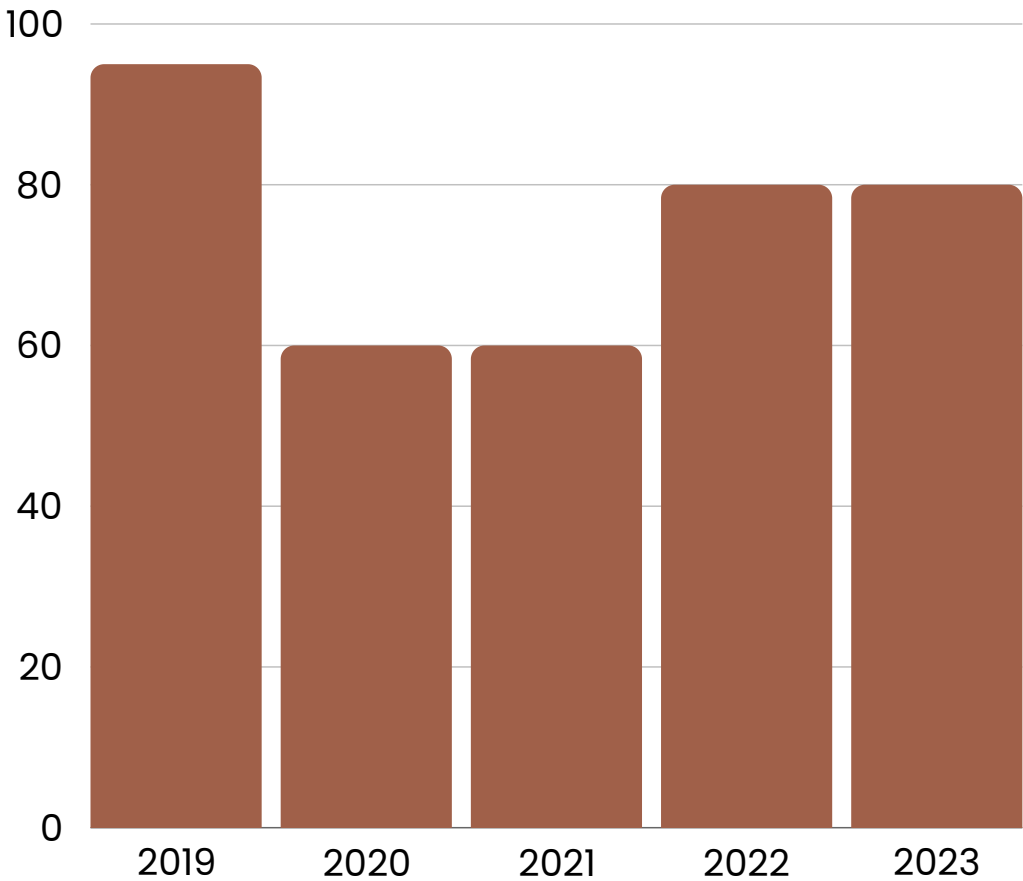
Calls for Service

Calls for service and initiated activity include activity generated by criminal complaints, requests for service, officer-initiated activity, traffic accidents, alarms and a variety of other services provided to our residents and the public. In 2023, the Bannockburn Police Department responded to or initiated 7,037 calls for service. The Bannockburn Police Department will continue to patrol and monitor residential and commercial areas of the Village in an effort to keep our residents and their property safe.

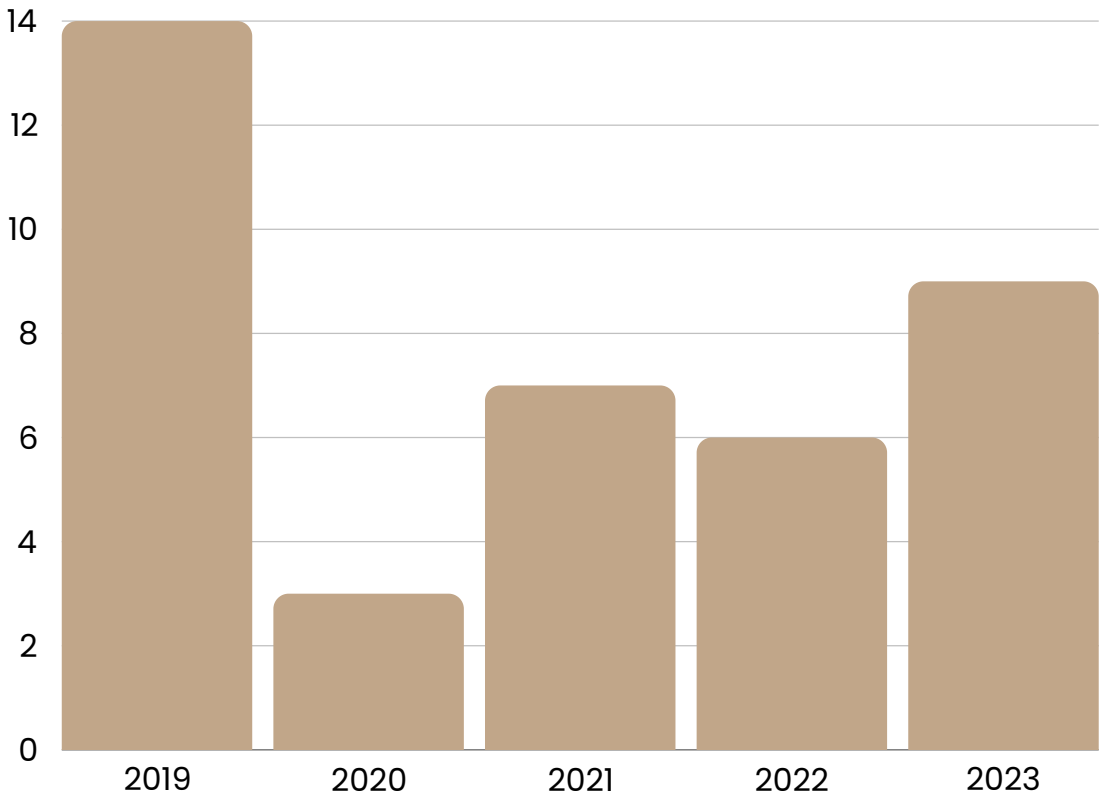


Traffic Crashes

Property Damage Only Crashes



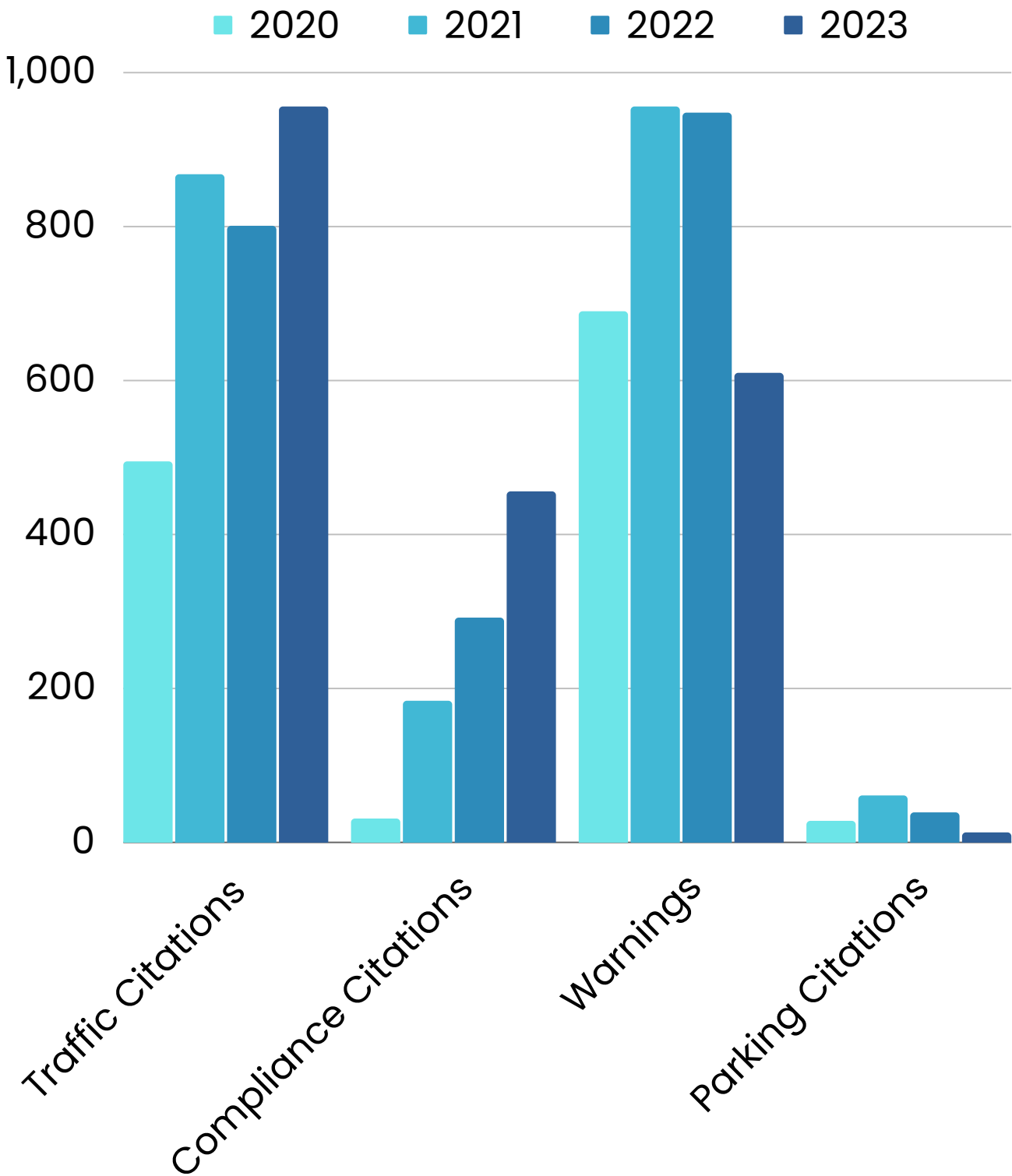
Personal Injury Crashes



Traffic Enforcement

In 2011, the Department implemented a Compliance ticket as a way to issue a citation for minor violations. Often times, traffic citations would be dismissed by a judge in court (due to the high fine associated with the charge) or an officer would not issue a ticket. Compliance tickets cover minor infractions such as seat belts violations, equipment violations, etc.

Since our system changed in 2011, officers are able to use this option when stopping a vehicle for a traffic violation in the Village.





Donations and Grants

Department of Justice Ballistic Vest Grant

The Department of Justice reimburses the Department approximately 50% of the funds utilized to outfit officers with ballistic vests.



Illinois Department
of Transportation

IDOT Traffic Safety Grant

Traffic Safety Grant money is received to reimburse officer overtime costs related to traffic enforcement.

During different times of the year, the focus is on certain violations such as speed enforcement, distracted driving and occupant restraints (seatbelts).

IPRF Grant

Every year the Department receives grant money from the Illinois Public Risk Fund (IPRF). This money is used to purchase equipment mainly related to the TASER program.

**Panek Donation**

The Panek Family is gracious enough to make a very generous donation each year to the Police Department. Funds are used for special equipment, training or other items to further the mission of the Police Department.



Village of Bannockburn



Intergovernmental Mutual Aid and Memberships

The Deerfield Consolidated Dispatch Center

The Deerfield Consolidated Dispatch Center is located in the Deerfield Police Department. Its members include the Deerfield, Bannockburn, Riverwoods and Lincolnshire Police Departments who all share the same radio frequency and assist each other when needed for emergencies or calls for service. It is an excellent team of agencies working together to serve their communities.

The Dispatch Center was remodeled in 2023, improving its capabilities and adding state of the art technology. The Center increased its dispatcher desks from four to five with the ability to expand to six stations. Additionally, the \$1 million project allows civilians to send text messages to the Center and will soon allow them to send video as well. Here are a couple before and after pictures of the Dispatch Center.

Before



After



Multi-Jurisdictional Task Forces

In an effort to provide citizens with the best service possible, police departments frequently contribute resources and manpower to regional teams to handle major incidents. This cooperation allows for help, when needed, that would otherwise not be affordable by a single agency. The Bannockburn Police Department belongs to, and participates in, the following task forces:



Major Crash Assistance Team (MCAT)

MCAT was established by an Inter-Governmental Agreement in July, 2004. The Agreement reads in part: "In recognition of the fact that the efficient investigation of serious traffic crashes is enhanced when agencies have access to the resources and support of other agencies.

Further, it is recognized that a primary goal in the investigation of serious traffic crashes is to establish an accurate record of the factors and conditions leading up to the traffic crash." There are 29 contributing agencies and 6 non-contributing agencies involved in MCAT. In 2023, Officer Dale Weshinskey responded to serious crash investigations as the Department's representative.

Lake County Major Crime Task Force (LCMCTF)

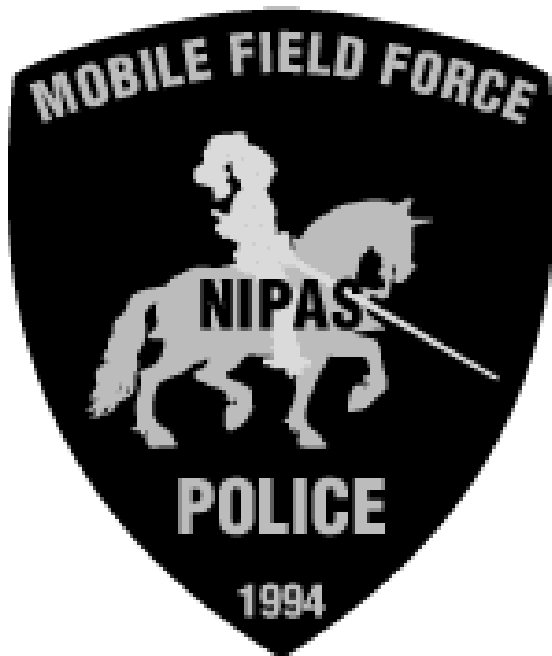
The Lake County Major Crime Task Force was established in 1992 in response to a mutual need for vast investigative resources and expertise from all Lake County law enforcement agencies. The LCMCTF investigates the county's most serious, often high-profile crimes and incidents such as Murders, non-parental kidnappings, officer-involved shootings, in-custody deaths and heinous crimes where additional resources, specialized training and expertise may be needed.

The Lake County Major Crime Task Force is the oldest unit of its kind in the State of Illinois and operates in the third-most-populated county in the state. In its first 31 years of operation, the task force has participated in over 360 major investigations. In 2023, Officer Kiersten Reif represented the Department as an Evidence Technician on the Lake County Major Crime Task Force.



Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS)
Emergency Services Team (EST)

NIPAS was established by an Inter-Governmental Service Agreement in 1983. The specific intent of this agreement is to permit the police departments of each community to more fully safeguard the lives, persons and property of all citizens. The NIPAS Car Plan and Emergency Services Team (EST) is the largest multiagency SWAT Team in the Country. The team consists of more than 100 police officers that can handle any tactical situation or high-risk incident. Officer Jeff Devroy, the Department's EST representative, is a trained NIPAS Negotiator assisting in hostage and barricaded subject calls.



NIPAS Mobile Field Force

The Mobile Field Force is designed to provide rapid, organized and disciplined response to civil disorder and crowd control. Mobile Field Forces are formally structured teams based on a platoon of law enforcement officers from multiple agencies with an assigned leader. Tactics used are based on small squad tactics developed by the Office of Domestic Preparedness, as well as, the more traditional Mobile Field Force and general police patrol tactics. Officer Frank Czajka has been an active member of the Mobile Field Force since 2019.

The NIPAS Mobile Field Force provides its member agencies with a planned, organized and rapid response to a variety of incidents.



Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS)

ILEAS was established by an Inter-Governmental Agreement in January of 2003. ILEAS is a product of the Illinois Terrorism Task Force of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police and is intended to provide a mutual aid system for all law enforcement agencies operating within Illinois. ILEAS is designed to provide law enforcement assistance to communities during any emergency condition and is not limited to acts of terrorism. ILEAS was modeled after NIPAS, except that ILEAS applies to all Illinois Law Enforcement Agencies (county, state, federal, university and railroad). NIPAS is limited to local municipal law enforcement agencies.

In 2023, Chief Trillhaase was sworn in as the Vice President of Lake County Chiefs of Police Association for the 2024 calendar year.

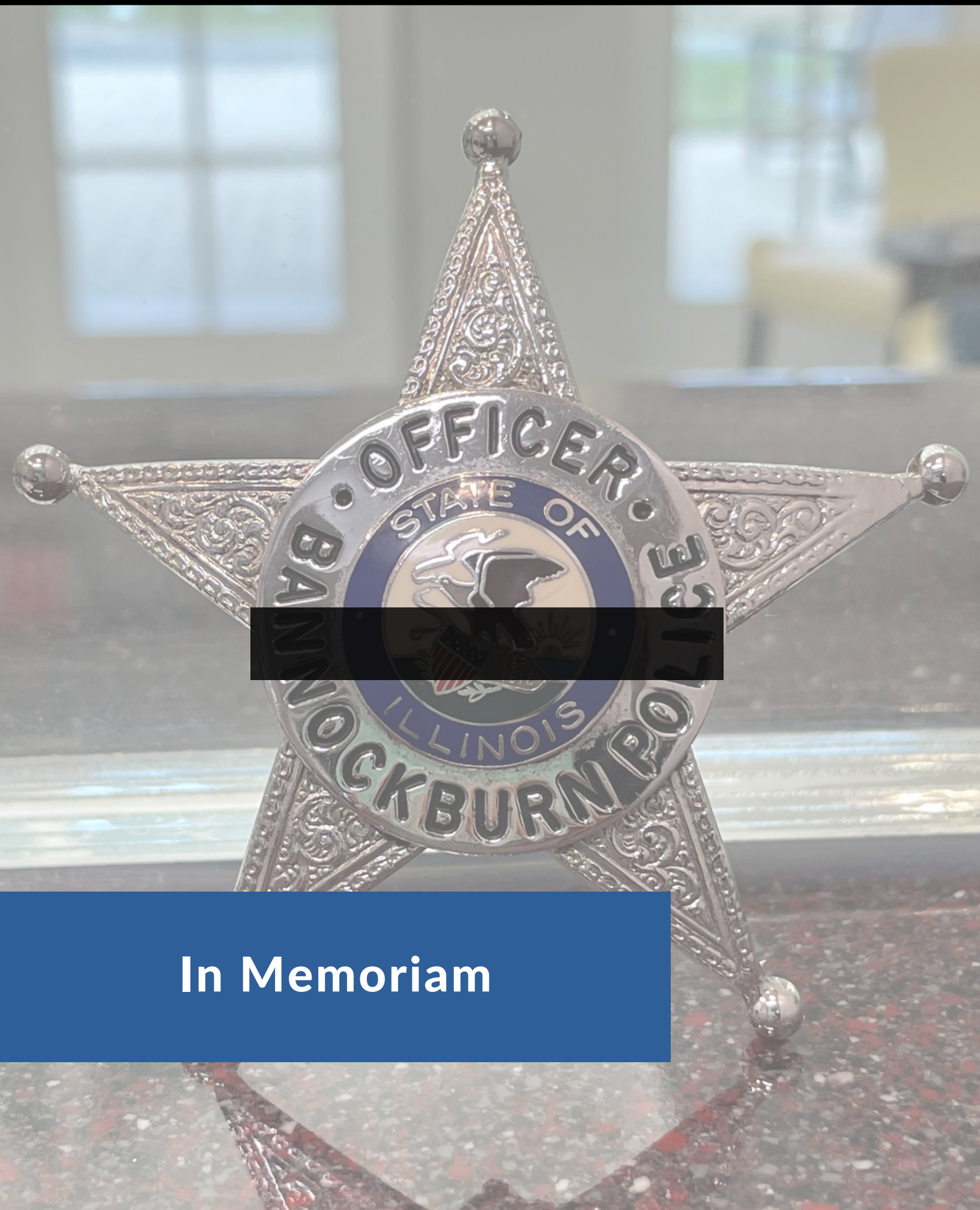


Faces of Bannockburn PD



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In Memoriam

The Bannockburn Police Department expresses our deepest condolences to the families and communities of officers killed in the line of duty. We acknowledge and appreciate these officers' contributions during their careers as well as the ultimate sacrifice they made in the line of duty.

2023 Line of Duty Deaths in Illinois



Police Officer Aréanah M. Preston
Chicago Police Department, IL
EOW: Saturday, May 6, 2023
Cause of Death: Gunfire



Police Officer Andres M. Vasquez Lasso
Chicago Police Department, IL
EOW: Wednesday, March 1, 2023
Cause of Death: Gunfire