

### Chief's Corner

#### Happy New Year!

The year 2019 ended with zero murders and overall violent crime was reduced significantly. This is a testament to the commitment of the CCHPD and community members as a whole. The progress we've seen can be attributed to the continued endeavors of our Patrol and Community Service Officers who respond to approximately 20,000 calls for service annually, the Neighborhood Response Team, Crime-Free Housing Unit, and the Detectives that work tirelessly to bring criminals to justice.

Your support is important to us and we continually strive to demonstrate our commitment to you every day.

Respectfully, Chief John Galvin

# The D.C's Spotlight



Meet Marilyn Edwards, a crossing guard in our community for over 10 years. She says she "enjoys the kids and parents" she meets each year at Sykuta Elementary School. Thank you for keeping our children safe, Marilyn.

Post by
Deputy Chief Kevin Richmond

### **Department News**

#### Recreational Cannabis in Illinois

- No smoking in public places. This includes in bars, restaurants, parks and anywhere you can be seen by others.
- You must be 21 to purchase, possess, or use recreational cannabis.
- Only licensed dispensaries will be allowed to sell cannabis products.
- When transporting cannabis in a vehicle it must be in a sealed, child-resistant container and inaccessible during transport.

- Driving under the influence of cannabis will result in an arrest.
- Use of marijuana is legal in your home if you own it, or if the owner approves of marijuana use. Landlords can prohibit marijuana use on their property.

#### Announcements

- Our Community Service Officers (CSOs) who are assigned to field operations will be trained and equipped with body-worn cameras beginning January.
- Total 2019 Calls for Service: **18,646**
- Total 2019 Arrests: **1,016**
- Total 2019 Crime Stats: See Below

# **Crime Prevention Tips**

"Carjackings" can happen anywhere; in a parking lot, on a street or highway, or in your own driveway. Suspects focus on people who are unaware or unprepared. Whether driving, or walking to your vehicle, you can significantly increase your personal safety and reduce the risk of becoming a victim with the proper attitude. Watch your surroundings!!!

- Approach your vehicle with your key in hand;
- Keep doors locked and windows up;
- When stopped, leave room to maneuver and escape;
- Driving in the center lane makes you a more difficult target;
- Be wary of strangers approaching you and drive away when you feel threatened:
- If followed, drive to a police station.

## **Monthly Crime Stats**

Calls for Service	<b>Dec.</b>   1,287
Arrests	<b>Dec.</b>   65

Crime	Dec.	2019	Crime	Dec.	2019
Murder	0	0	Burglary (non-vehicle)	3	32
Criminal Sexual Assault	1	8	Theft	39	472
Robbery	1	15	Motor Vehicle Theft	6	51
Aggravated Battery / Battery	2	21	Arson	0	1



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