

### Chief's Corner

### Greetings,

In the coming weeks our PD will be rolling out a safety campaign called, 'See something, say something'. The campaign will consist of public safety videos, crime trends, status of the department, and other topics of importance to the community. The information will be shared on various platforms, to include the City's Facebook page, police department website, and local channel 4 on television. We will also continue to share information via our monthly newsletter.

In additional to our SWORN tip line, we are implementing another resource which will allow residents to anonymously share information via text messages with the PD. This is a work in progress that we hope will provide value to our community.

Respectfully, Chief John Galvin

# The D.C's Spotlight



The spotlight shines on PD Records Clerk, *Denise Thomas*, this month. Denise has been part of our team for 4 years. She is truly a "people person" who enjoys assisting the public and supporting her fellow colleagues.

Post by **Deputy Chief Kevin Richmond** 

### **Department News**

#### CCHPD Officer Injured in Rear-end Vehicle Collision On-Duty

In light of the recent vehicle collision involving one of our officers, we would like to remind residents and others who view this newsletter, of *Scott's Law: The "Move Over" Law.* When approaching a stationary emergency vehicle that is displaying flashing warning lights, motorists must: slow down; drive with caution; and move over to another lane / reduce speed if changing lanes is unsafe.

We are grateful our officer is home recovering.

#### Announcements

- Ordinance Reminder! Snow Route
  Parking Prohibited (6.2.03-B5).
  Residents are reminded that parking on city streets after 2 inches or more of snow fall is prohibited. Vehicles in violation will be ticketed and towed.
  Keeping the streets clear of parked vehicles will assist DPW in the plowing of streets. Thank you for your assistance.
- In March, our Officers will be "Plunging At Home" as part of the 2021 Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Plunge to fundraise for Special Olympics Illinois. Donations can be made <a href="HERE">HERE</a>!

## **Crime Prevention Tips**

Utility Scam | A group named "Utility Warehouse" will call offering to pay your bills for you. The scammers promise a discount, requests your account information, and asks for half the payment be deposited into their bank accounts. Shortly after, you receive a "confirmation email" indicating

your bill was paid. At first, it will "appear" your bills are paid when checking your accounts. After the scammers gain your "trust", they continue to call with more offers and request more money. You will soon realize those supposed bill payments did not actually go through and were reversed. The payments you made are also gone. Be aware of scams like this. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

## **Monthly Crime Stats**

Calls for Service	January   990
Arrests	January   29

Crime	Dec.	Jan.	Crime	Dec.	Jan.
Murder	0	0	Burglary (non-vehicle)	0	1
Criminal Sexual Assault	1	1	Theft	22	25
Robbery	0	3	Motor Vehicle Theft	8	7
Aggravated Battery / Battery	0	0	Arson	0	0



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