


2023 ANNUAL REPORT

TOWN OF CICERO

POLICE DEPARTMENT




CHIEF'S MESSAGE



Greetings!

As your Chief of Police, I am pleased to present the Cicero Police Department 2023 Annual Report.

This report highlights our department's efforts to engage and support the Cicero community and summarizes our overall commitment to making the Town of Cicero one of the best places to live and work in Central New York.

The focused goals for 2023 were our New York State Re-Accreditation, improved traffic safety, equipment and vehicle updates, employee training, officer recruitment, and fifty-three community events throughout the year involving CPD participation.

I am pleased to announce that in 2023 we accomplished all our department goals and objectives and look forward to a great 2024.

I would be remiss if I did not thank the Cicero community for your support during 2023, whether it was just a simple Hello, dropping off goodies, or supporting our community policing programs, all of your appreciation and show of support means the world to our team!

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me at srotunno@ciceronypd.gov.

Sincerely,

Steve Rotunno

Chief of Police

TOWN OF CICERO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Our Mission Statement:

“To serve all people within our jurisdiction with respect, fairness and compassion. We are committed to the protection of life and property; the preservation of peace, order and safety; the vigorous enforcement of local, state and federal laws in a fair and impartial manner. We are committed to serving our community to enhance the quality of life and to nurture public trust by holding ourselves to the highest standards of performance and ethics. Our officers are determined to serve as a deterrent to crime, develop relationships with community groups, residential and business organizations, and promote an environment receptive to all visitors and residents.”

Vision Statement:

Provide efficient police services to all we serve in a professional, polite, and service oriented ,manner.

Safeguard the safety of our roads through assertive traffic enforcement.

Provide safe neighborhoods through aggressive neighborhood patrols and interaction with our citizens

Understand the expectations and needs of our community and adapt our policies and procedures to meet those expectations and needs.

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



STAFF

POLICE CHIEF—Steve Rotunno OPERATIONS SECTION

Lt James Meyers

Sgt Steven Amyot

Sgt James Snell

Sgt Thomas Leo

Sgt Ashley Smith

Investigator Michael Serafin

Investigator Kevin Birardi

Officer Wayne Freeman

Officer John Baldini

Officer John Cottrell

Officer Eric Flansburg

Officer Kyle Harrington

Officer James Kazmirski

Officer John Laperla

Officer Daniel Leneker

Officer Ernes Merdanovic

Officer Gabrielle Morrissey

Officer Brian Patterson

Officer Casey Placito

Officer Cole Schanbacher

Officer Sean Wallace

Special Police Officers

Officer Thomas Costello

Officer James Hiltbrand

Officer Duayne Rood

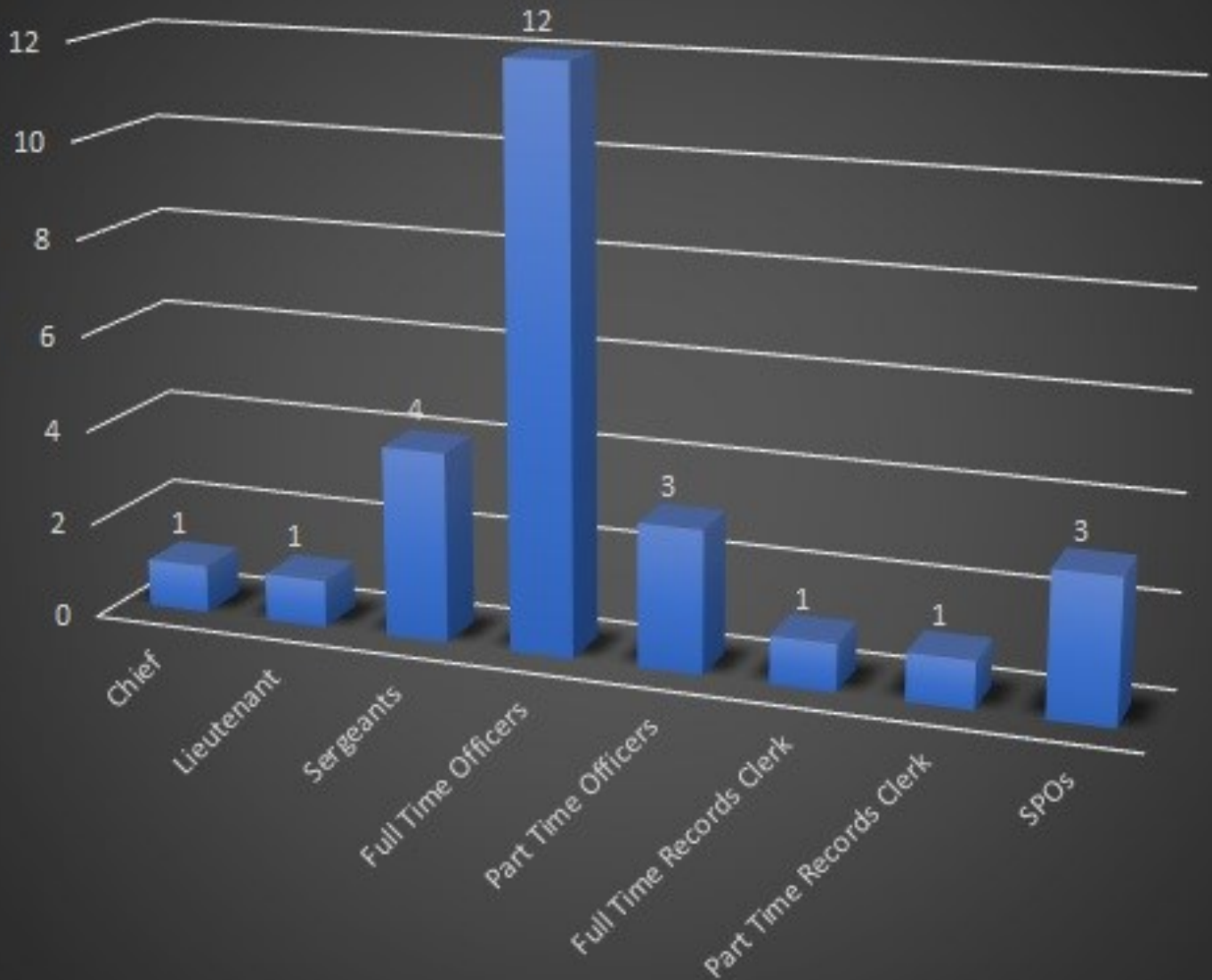
RECORDS SECTION

Police Clerk Andrea Castro

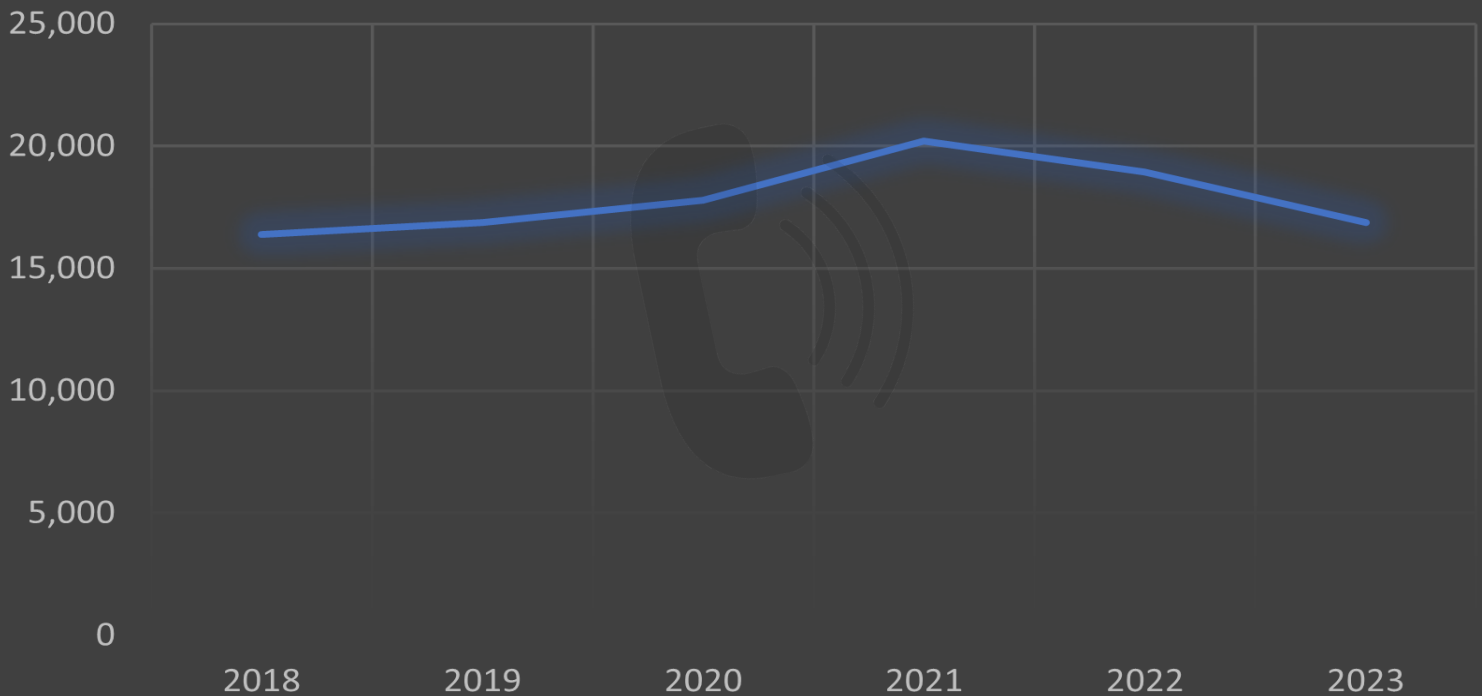
Police Clerk Susan Morey



2023 Staff Breakdown



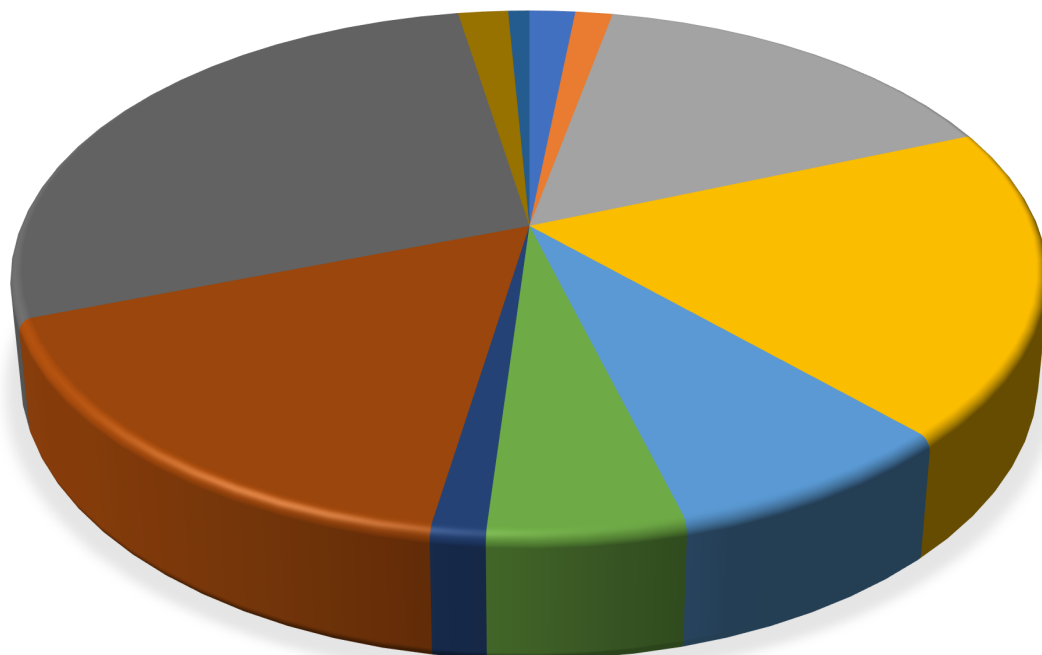
Calls for Service 2018-2023



There was a slight decrease in calls for service for 2023, however the Town of Cicero Police Department had a 33% increase in persons arrested from 2020-2023

During that same time there was a 25% increase in the number of felony, misdemeanor, and violation charges filed.

SELECT 2023 INCIDENTS

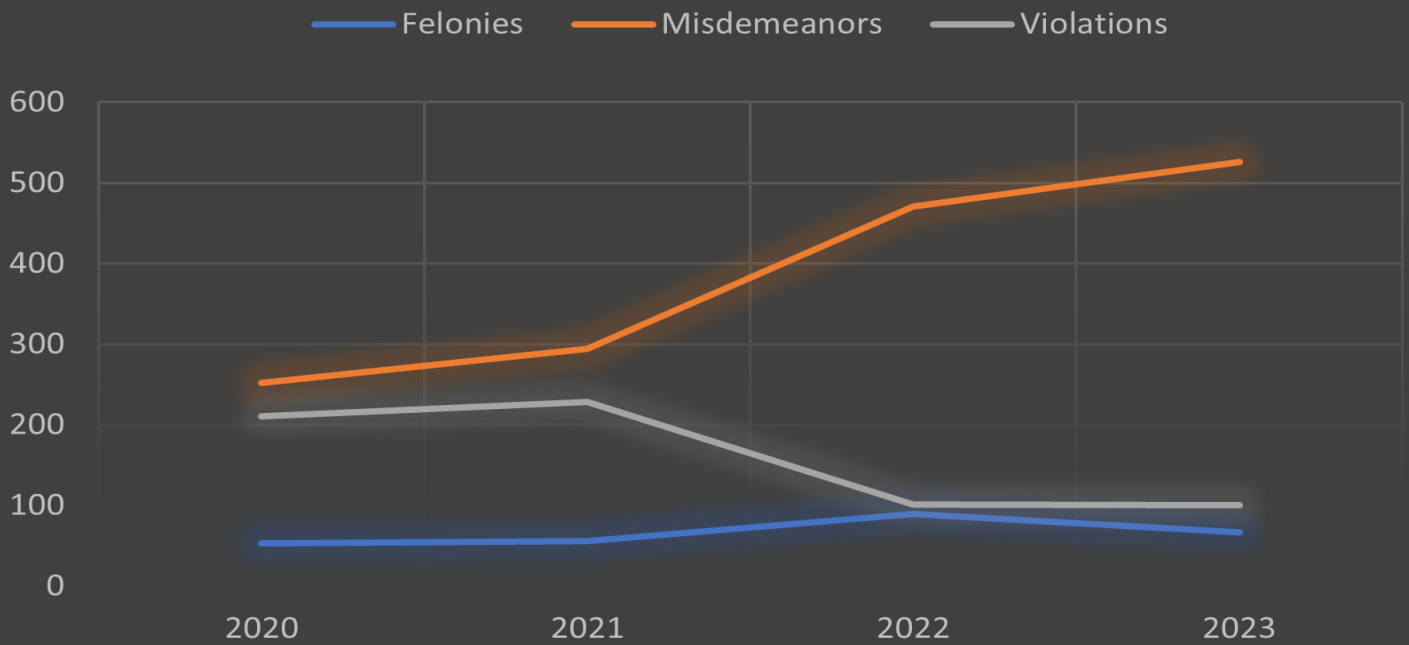


- Burglary
- Criminal Mischief
- Disturbance/Dispute
- Domestic Violence
- Persons in Crisis
- Harassment
- Identity theft/Forgery
- Larceny
- Motor Vehicle Collisions
- Stolen Vehicle
- Trespass

2023 Calls for Service Break Down

Alarms, burglary	285	Lockout (vehicle/house)	82
Alarms, All Other	65	Local Law Violation	7
Ambulance Calls	602	Menacing	6
Animal Complaints	158	Mental Disorder Person	199
Assault	6	Miscellaneous (all other calls)	
Assist a Citizen	177	Motor Vehicle Collisions	707
Assist All other	18	Open Door/Window	12
Barking Dog	13	Property Check	7711
Burglary	43	Property Damage	21
Call for Police	109	Personal Injury	17
Child Abuse	42	Point of Information	111
Criminal Mischief	35	Lost/Found Property	198
Dispute (Civil Disagreement)	398	Prowler	2
Disturbance	50	Reckless Endangerment	2
DOA	16	Robbery	1
Domestic Violence	484	Shots Fired	15
Controlled Substance	14	Status Check	259
Fight in Progress	29	Vehicle and Traffic Stops	1530
Fire Call	132	Suicide	56
Forgery	12	Suspicious Incident	52
Fume (Odor)	9	Suspicious Person	174
Fireworks	27	Suspicious Vehicle	178
Harassment	133	Suspicious Person w/ weapon	5
Hazardous Condition	223	Traffic Problem	861
Identity theft	23	Trespass	23
Police Information	169	Vehicle disabled	117
Intoxicated Person	32	Vehicle, parking violation	52
Juvenile Problem	65	Vehicle repossessed	69
Larceny	424	Vehicle, Stolen	47

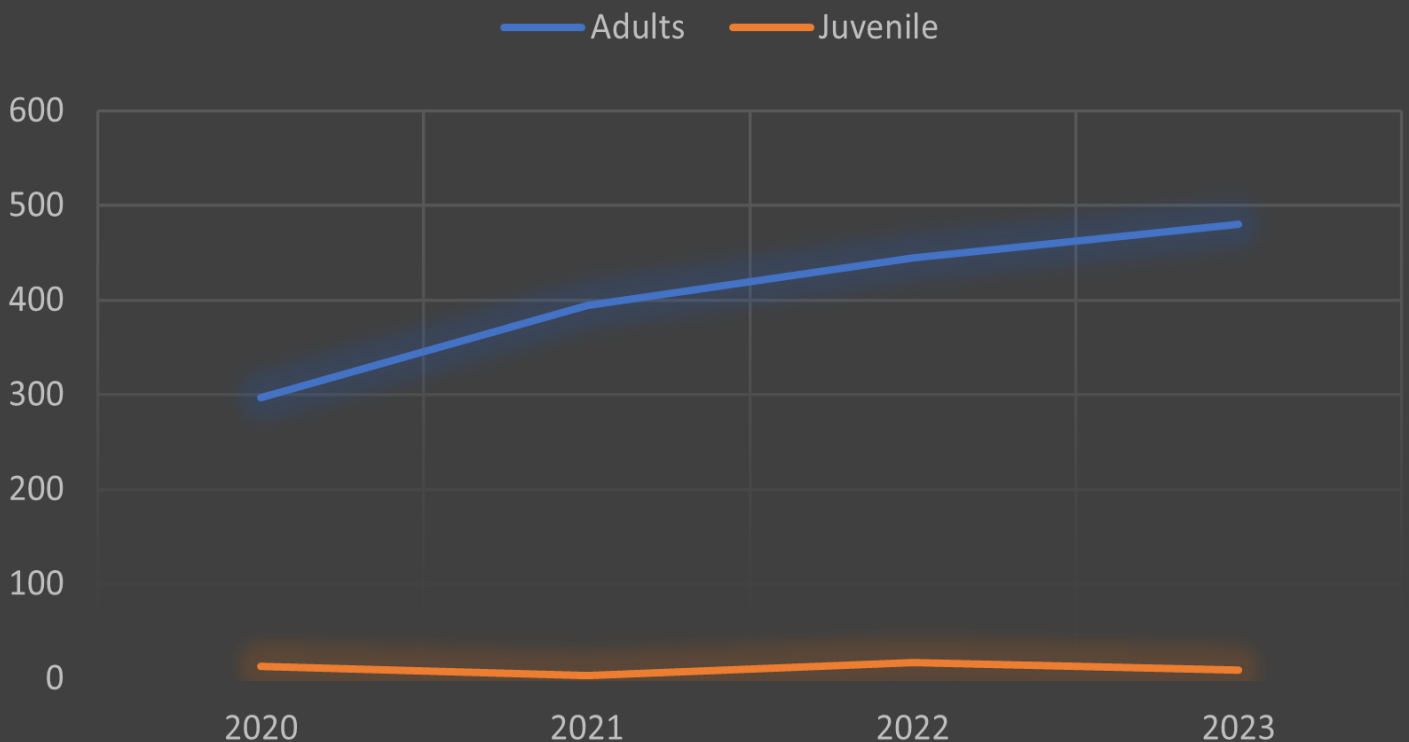
Arrest Statistics by Offense '20-'23



In 2020 the Town of Cicero Police Department made a total of 297 adult arrests compared to a total of 480 adults arrests made in 2023. That is a 33% increase in two years!

During that same time there was a 46% increase in Misdemeanor arrests and a 21% increase in Felony arrests!

Total Persons Arrested 2020-2023



Traffic

1,530 Traffic Stops

1,238 Tickets Issued

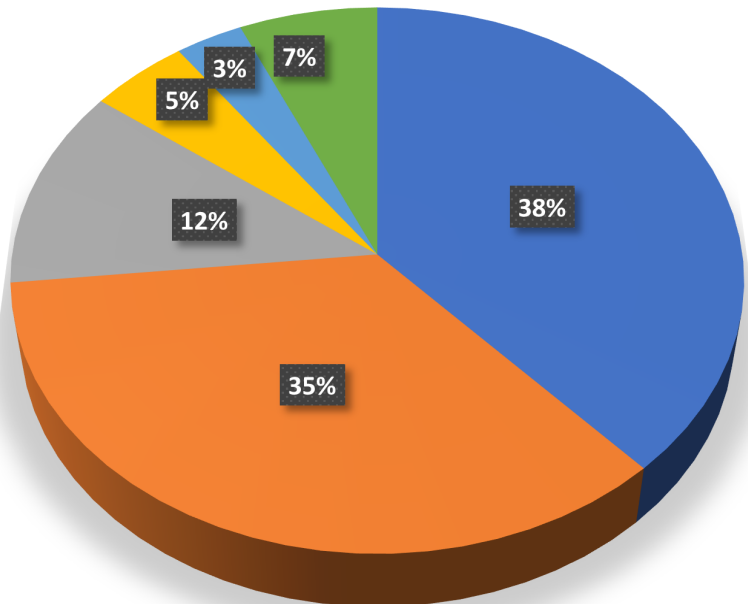


707 Motor Vehicle Collisions

The Town of Cicero Police Department encourages traffic safety through enforcement of New York State and Town of Cicero ordinances. The primary goal of the agency's traffic safety program is to modify dangerous driving behavior through **education and enforcement**, while also working to reduce traffic collisions, injuries, and fatalities by addressing the factors that cause them.

In 2023 we handled 861 traffic complaints, both officer and citizen initiated. The town of Cicero Police Department partners up with the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee which allocates funding to agencies to combat aggressive driving, seatbelt usage, and distracted driving. In the 2023 grant year we utilized 155 grants funded hours and issued 293 traffic tickets during that time frame.

Ticket Break Down



- Aggressive Driving Violations
- Speeding
- Equipment Violations
- Cell Phone Use
- Stop Sign
- Seatbelt Violation

The form is titled 'CICERO POLICE DEPARTMENT - VIOLATION TICKET' and includes sections for 'TO PLEA BY MAIL (NOT TO BE USED FOR MISDEMEANORS OR FELDERS)', 'SECTION 4 - PLEA OF GUILTY', and 'SECTION 5 - PLEA OF NOT GUILTY'. It contains various checkboxes and text boxes for recording the incident and the driver's response.

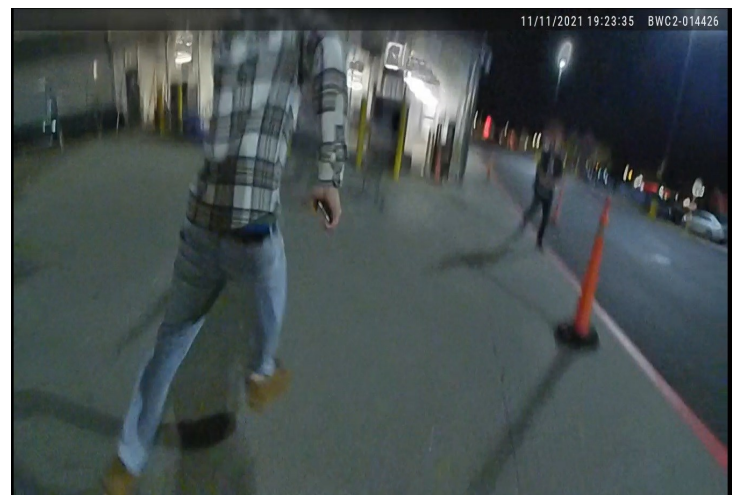
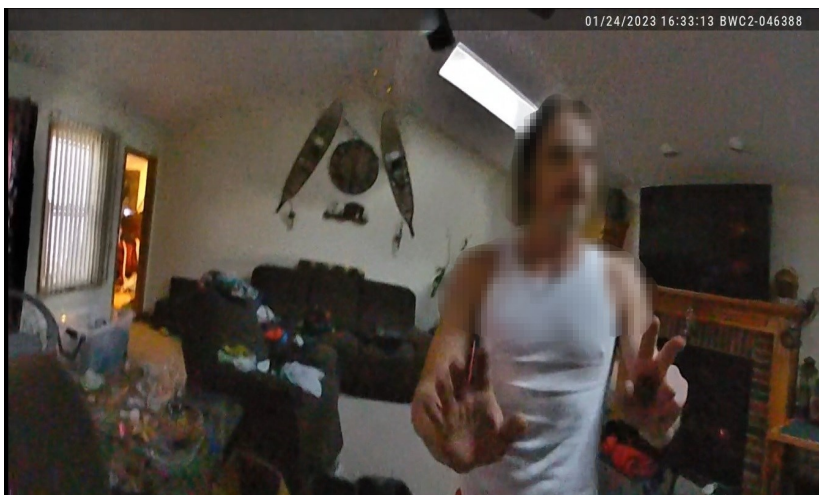
BODY WORN CAMERA

In April of 2021, the Town of Cicero Police Department acquired Motorola “Watchguard” body worn cameras.



Since the inception of the program in In 2021, Cicero Officers have recorded **20,000 +** events utilizing approximately **9** terabytes of storage which equals about **32,161** hours of footage.

Supervisors, Investigators, Patrol Officers, and Special Patrol Officers (SPOs) are all required to sign out a Body Worn Camera before each shift.



Special Patrol Officers

2022 was a tough year across the country for Active Shooter Incidents. In May of 2022 the North Syracuse School district requested police officers in the Elementary and Early Education schools. The Cicero Police Department was happy to help and staffed Lakeshore Road Elementary, Smith Road Elementary, and Main Street Early Education School with Police Officers while school was in session for the rest of the 21-22 School year including summer school.



Just prior to the 22-23 school Year the North Syracuse School District and the Cicero Police Department agreed to a partnership that would place Special Patrol Officers (retired police officers) from the Cicero Police Department at Lakeshore Road, Smith Road, and Cicero Elementary Schools.



COMMUNITY

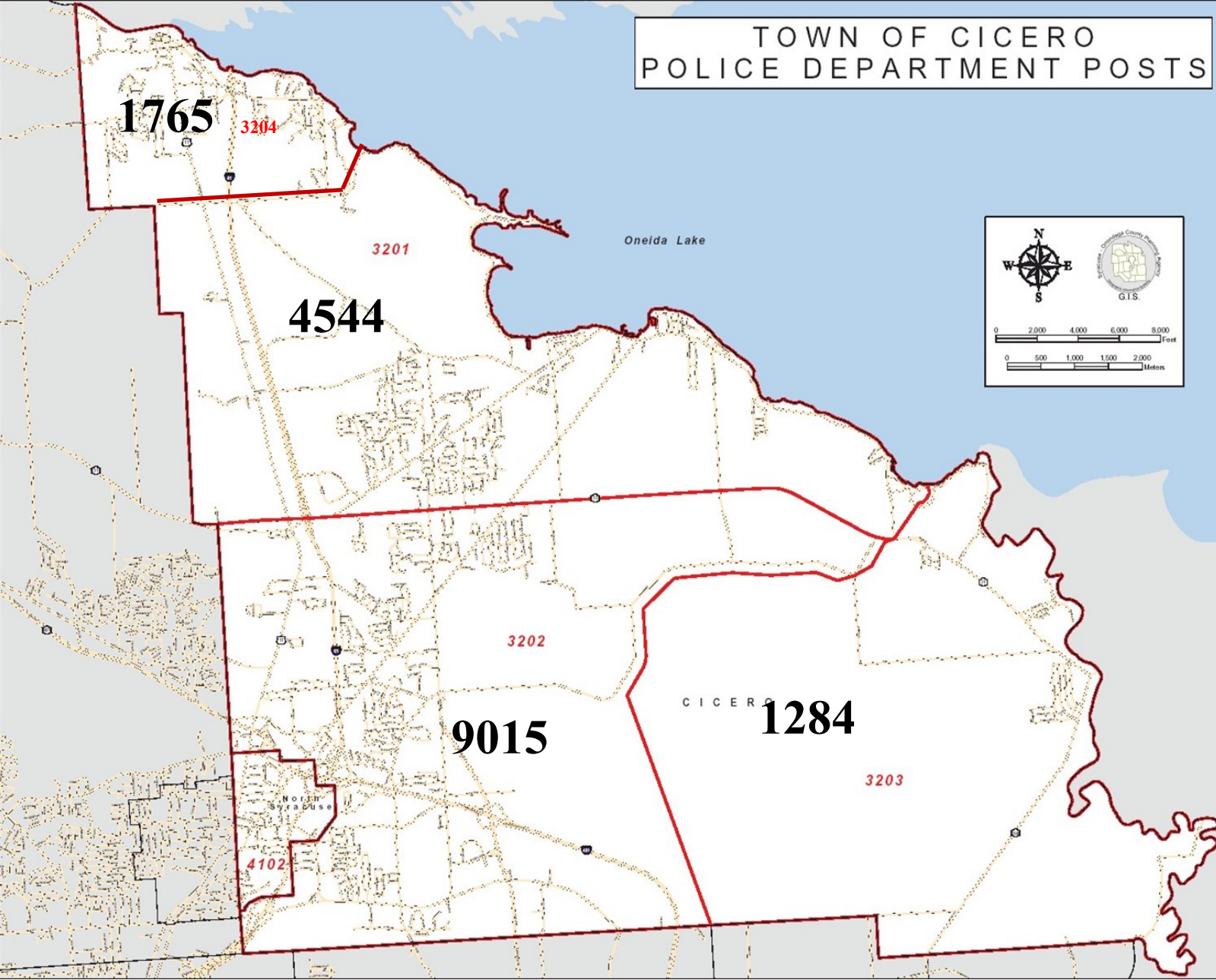
- ✓ Coordinated Coffee-With-A-Cop events
- ✓ Participated in the annual “Shop with a Cop” event
- ✓ Coordinated and participated in the Thanksgiving Basket give away for families in need.
- ✓ Held multiple community classes for Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events, Refuse to be a Victim, and Stop the Bleed.
- ✓ Multiple Child ID Events
- ✓ Multiple Car Seat Events





2023 Calls for Service by Post

TOWN OF CICERO POLICE DEPARTMENT POSTS



Your Town of Cicero Police Department has continuously been a New York State Accredited agency since 2003.

The New York State Law Enforcement Agency Accreditation is a formal recognition that an agency's policies and practices meet or exceed the standards established by the Municipal Police Training Council the areas of administration, training, and operations.

Maintaining state accreditation ensures the community that their police department is continually following the best possible modern practices in law enforcement.



In the beginning of 2023 The Cicero Police Department underwent the rigorous process of re-accreditation. On June 8, 2023 we were presented with another Certificate of Accreditation valid for 5 years.

IN SERVICE TRAINING

The Cicero Police Training Unit is responsible for the coordination, administration and implementation of all training activities throughout the office. The Training Unit is operated by a Training Coordinator, who reports directly to the Lieutenant. The Training Coordinator's duties include management and support of the 4 NY State Certified General Topics Instructors employed by the Cicero Police Department. The Training Coordinator also oversees all in-service classes and blocks of instruction. Each year, in-service training hours accrued by individual Officers are recorded by the Training Coordinator. All of the training hours are calculated for inclusion in accreditation standard files and individual training files. In 2023, officers attended internal and external training and as an agency completed a total of 1593 hours of training.

A few topics include;

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- Monthly Staff Meetings
 - Goals and Objectives
 - Domestic Violence
 - Less Lethal
 - Crisis Intervention
 - Firearms
 - Legal Updates
 - Use of Force
 - Sexual Harassment
 - Autism Awareness
 - Blood Borne Pathogens
 - Realistic De-Escalation Training
 - Breath Test Refresher Training
 - Reality Based Training
 - Car Seat Installation
 - Executive Leadership





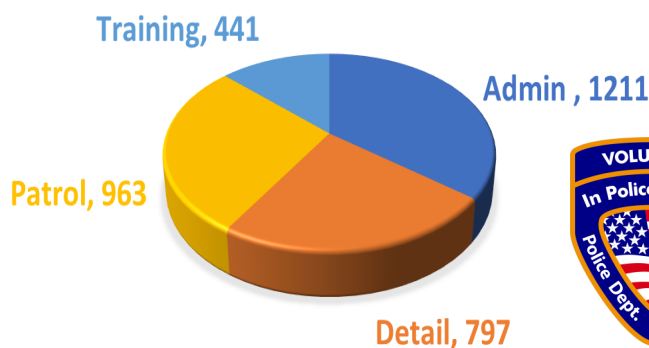
VOLUNTEERS IN POLICE SERVICE

The Town of Cicero Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) is a 501C3 Non-profit organization that consists of 25 local residents that volunteer their time to the Town of Cicero Police Department that started in 1998. The 1st of its kind in NYS. Their purpose is to assist the Cicero Police and serve the community in many non-law enforcement ways. They perform property checks to businesses and residents and vacation checks.

They also provide community service, neighborhood canvassing and perform crime prevention and community awareness programs to benefit our residents. One very successful program is their free Child ID program, providing vital information to parents in the event of a lost child. Another integral part of the Volunteers in Police Service is the Administrative duties that they perform at the police department.



VOLUNTEER HOUR BREAKDOWN



2023 In Review



