

Gun Safety Program, the Rockford Police Department Explorer Scout Post, the Police Athletic Program, the Christmas Gift Program, and the School Crossing Guard Program.

During 1982 the two officers assigned to the Officer Friendly Program made 347 school visits. During these visits they attended 1,135 classes and talked to 24,797 students in grades kindergarten through sixth grade including Learning Impaired classes, Behavior Disorder classes, Learning Disability classes, and Mentally Impaired classes.

Many requests for information on our program continue to be received from other police agencies. Assistance is provided to these agencies whenever possible. The Officer Friendly presentations used by the officers are tailored to the age and class groups individually. Following is a brief summary of the presentations by grade.

- Kindergarten: Basic introduction of a police officer and his duties in the schools, including elimination of prejudice feelings toward police and enforcing positive aspects of the police/trust, etc.
- 1st Grade: General safety dealing with pedestrian, stranger, street and every day safety, and continuation of positive police aspects.
- 2nd Grade: General safety dealing with pedestrian, stranger, and emergency use of the telephone.
- 3rd Grade: General safety dealing with pedestrian, stranger, safety sign meanings, vandalism, and an optional tour of the Public Safety Building.
- 4th Grade: Bicycle safety
- 5th Grade: Basic role of police officer, and theft prevention.
- 6th Grade: Drug education and safety patrol.

Officer Friendly has implemented Learning Center activities. Officer Friendly will work in the school Learning Centers with the librarian with small groups for story reading, picture presentation,

and small group discussion about the police (grade K-6). Materials are provided by various Foundation Grants.

For three consecutive years the Bicycle Program has been co-sponsored by the Rockford Police Department and the Rockford Park District Police Department. The program for 1982 commenced in June and was concluded at the "All City Bike Day" conducted at Sinnissippi Gardens in August. Participants in cone competition at various parks throughout the summer were invited to attend.

A total of twenty parks representing all four quadrants of the City were visited throughout the summer months. In addition to the parks, one day each week was scheduled for a stationary visit to the Bike Path to give adult riders a chance to license and register their bicycles.

The 1982 program for license and registration showed a better than 50% decrease compared to the 1980 and 1981 seasons with a total of 827 new participants for 1982. Although the total for 1982 showed a marginal drop, many of the children participating in the park programs were previously registered from the years 1980 or 1981. A total of 1,071 bicycles were registered in 1982, bringing the three year total to 6,971.

The "All City Bike Day" concluded our summer program with a total of 41 participants. Over \$600.00 worth of prizes were awarded at the event, and no child left empty handed. All prizes and materials were donated to the program by merchants and Corporate Foundation Grants.

The Rockford Police Department Junior Gun Safety Program continues to be one of the most successful programs sponsored and conducted by volunteer members of the Rockford Police Department, the State of Illinois Department of Conservation, and the Pine Tree Pistol Club. During 1982 a total of 136 youths attended the Spring and Fall classes. The program was begun in 1958 and during this time 3,935 students have attended the sessions. Many of the early students now have children enrolled in the classes. Some early students have gone on to become qualified instructors and now assist in the teaching. Since 1976 Illinois Law has required that any person under the age of 16 must

complete a course such as this in order to obtain a hunting license. Some states also require this of adults. Initially funded by the Eagles Club, the program has been self-sustaining with no cost to the City of Rockford. To the best of our knowledge no student that has completed the course has ever been involved in a firearm or hunting accident.

Volunteer members of the Rockford Police Department continue to assist as advisors for the Rockford Police Department Explorer Scout Post. This is yet another area under the guidance of the Youth and Community Services Bureau which helps to promote citizenship and community well-being much beyond the normal duties of a police department.

The Rockford Police Department Athletic Program continued to be sponsored at no cost to the City of Rockford by P.B. & P.A. Unit 6 and in the case of Junior Tackle Football co-sponsored with the Fire Fighters Local #413. Two football teams were sponsored—one for the 9-11 age group and one for the 12-13 year age group. Each team of 35 members was called "Police and Fire Department". Members of both Departments provided volunteer personnel for coaching and other duties.

The 1982 football season for the P.B. & P.A. Unit 6, Fire Fighter Local #413 teams was very successful and growing. This season we raised money and purchased additional equipment. We organized our first parent group team that supports our team. They assisted wherever we needed them, and they were a large asset. Our main objective was to establish a good parent/son or daughter relationship. We also had cheerleaders at every game.

Our banquet was held with approximately 200 people attending. Awards and gifts were handed out to all of the kids. Guest speakers at the banquet spoke on the benefits of the Police Athletic Program and the Rockford Area Junior Tackle Football Program.

The baseball teams sponsored by P.B. & P.A. Unit 6 included boys 6-10 years and 13-14 years. In the Ken-Rock League teams of 11-12 year old boys and 6-8 year old girls were sponsored. These teams had 85 participants, not including volunteer officers and citizens.

The Rockford Police Department completed the 1982 Christmas Gift Program with another successful year. Officers delivered toys to 270 needy homes and 795 children, a large increase over last year.

Gifts are received from several businesses, churches, individuals and we also received a collection from the police officers. People have also called to donate their children's toys that are no longer used and are in good condition. Employees and volunteer help wrapped, tagged and sorted these items.

One child had taken his birthday money, purchased a few toys, and wrapped them. The boy and his mother delivered the toys to the Police Department so "Santa's Helper's" could deliver them to needy homes. Many children had a brighter Christmas with combined efforts throughout our Department.

Budgetary restrictions necessitated some changes in the School Crossing Guard Program during 1982, but the program continues to provide for the safety of school children at key intersections near schools. A civilian part-time Crossing Guard Supervisor oversees the program, insures staffing, monitors problem areas, and makes suggestions for changes.

Currently thirty-nine (39) intersections and locations are served by the School Crossing Guard Program. All School Crossing Guards are part-time employees for the school year, and as of December 31, 1982 there were forty-three (43) Crossing Guards available for assignment to or relief at intersections and School Crossings.

Through the Youth and Community Services Division, the Rockford Police Department has provided group tours of the Public Safety Building to interested organizations of the community. In 1982 the Rockford Police Department conducted 70 separate tours totaling 1,645 students and 184 chaperones. Groups represented by these numbers included 4-H clubs, the Junior League of Rockford, the Rockford Park District Urban Playground, Rockford Public and Parochial Schools, and groups from the United Cerebral Palsy Association.

Cadets who are temporarily assigned to the Youth Bureau guided these tours to various parts of the building including, the Winnebago County Coroner's Office, the firing range, the second floor office area (including the Communications Center), and the Winnebago County Jail. Much positive feedback has been received by both the Rockford Police Department and the Winnebago County Sheriff's Police Department from these tours.

The key to future success of our community lies with our young people. Their safety, protection, and guidance depends upon how well the Rockford Police Department can work with other governmental agencies, civic organizations, private benefactors, and volunteers in insuring the development of proper ideals and role models for our young people to follow. A young person given the proper guidance will not become a future arrest statistic.

CRIME PREVENTION SECTION

The Crime Prevention Section of the Rockford Police Department is made up of two units, each heavily oriented to positive community contact. The first area is that of education and security. The second unit, the Crime Stoppers Program, is in its second year of operation. This is described in another section of this report.

A great deal of the efforts of this Section are devoted to educating citizens and businesses in methods to prevent becoming victims of various crimes. Methods employed by the Section include public service advertising via television and radio, distribution of selected literature available to or prepared by officers of the Crime Prevention Section, and personal presentations before individuals and groups.

During 1982 the Section received 273 requests for vacation checks of residences. Security Surveys conducted during the year numbered 137. Two-thirds of these were for residences and the remainder were for commercial businesses, industrial firms and institutions. Regular and special programs presented during 1982 numbered 101. These were on 15 different subjects and were attended by 3,814 persons, not including people the officers talked to at four booth presentations at various times and locations during the year.

During 1982 a total of 47,916 pieces of Crime Prevention literature and materials were distributed by the Section. These were on over 22 separate topics aimed at educating the public and assisting in preventing crime. The Crime Prevention Section operates on the philosophy that the best way to reduce crime is by its prevention. A reduction in the opportunity to commit crime results in reduced crime.

As of January 1, 1982 the position of Police Community Relations Officer was eliminated due to necessary budget cutbacks. The officer who acted in this capacity continues to handle some assignments in this area as well as his duties as a Youth Officer. This officer also assisted various area agencies during the year on special cases, events, and programs.

This important citizen contact was carried further in 1982 via the Citizens Ride-Along Program. During 1982 a total of 344 adults and students were able to spend a few hours riding with a Rockford Police Department Officer and observing the many duties he/she must perform.

CRIME STOPPERS PROGRAM

The Rockford Area Crime Stoppers Program has now completed its second year of operation. The success of the program during its first year of operation greatly exceeded our expectations, and its second year, 1982, has proven to be even better.

A Rockford Police Department Detective serves as the Crime Stoppers Coordinator and a Winnebago County Sheriff's Deputy serves as his assistant. The program's funding, other than salaries, comes from private donations and is administered by a volunteer Board of Directors.

The Rockford Area Crime Stoppers Program is a community program, and credit for its success must be shared by all who have helped in so many ways. During 1982 the program achieved greater national recognition and received praise and commendations both statewide and locally.

On January 6, 1982 our program coordinator appeared in person on the ABC "Good Morning, America" television show from New York City. At the National Conference of Crime Stoppers USA, held between October 1-6, 1982 our program coordinator was elected to the National Board of Directors of this organization and is the first active police officer to serve in this position.

The First Annual Mid-America Crime Stoppers Conference was held September 10, 1982 at the Ramada Inn in Rockford. Over 100 representatives of cities and police departments from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin attended the one day seminar in which procedures and problems pertinent to Crime Stoppers Programs were discussed.

During 1982, the Rockford Area Crime Stoppers Program assisted five communities in starting their own Crime Stoppers Programs. Twenty-five inquiries were received and answered requesting information pertinent to starting a Crime Stoppers Program. These inquiries were from many states including one from Sitka, Alaska.

Crime Stopper "Crime of the Week" tapings are done by Rockford's four commercial television stations as a public service. All radio

segments for the "Crime of the Week" are taped by radio station WROK and copies are made for distribution to the eight other radio stations serving our area. All of the news media — television, radio, and press — must be commended for their support and the use of their facilities in making the "Crime of the Week" segments available.

Since the inception of the Rockford Area Crime Stoppers Program, it has proven to be a viable tool for area law enforcement agencies. The Rockford Area Crime Stoppers Program is a community program for which all our citizens can be proud. We must all feel proud of the special recognition given to the program by its receiving the Rockford Newspapers, Inc., Gannett Foundation, Excelsior Award on December 15, 1982. With the continued support of many area agencies, the media, and the citizens of the Rockford area, we hope the Rockford Area Crime Stoppers Program will be even more effective in 1983.

ROCKFORD AREA CRIME STOPPERS PROGRAM

CATEGORY	1981	1982	TWO YEAR TOTAL
NUMBER OF PAID REWARDS	72	125	197
AMOUNT OF PAID REWARDS	\$ 16,600.00	\$ 27,100.00	\$ 43,700.00
NUMBER OF UNCLAIMED REWARDS	17	8	25
AMOUNT OF UNCLAIMED REWARDS	\$ 3,850.00	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 5,900.00
CRIME STOPPERS (Callers Given Identifying Numbers)	566	783	1,349
CRIME STOPPERS (Callers Not Given Identifying Numbers)	250	113	363
TOTAL CALLERS	816	896	1,712
ARRESTS FROM CRIME STOPPERS CASES	156	224	380
CASES CLEARED WITHOUT ARRESTS	4	5	9
CASES SOLVED	246	245	491
SUSPECTS TRIED IN COURT	67	95	162
OFFENDERS CONVICTED	63	86	149
CONVICTION RATE PERCENTAGE	94.03%	90.53%	91.98%
PROPERTY AND NARCOTICS RECOVERED	\$ 79,883.88	\$256,989.00	\$ 336,872.88

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VICTIM/WITNESS ASSISTANCE UNIT

The Victim/Witness Assistance Unit of the Rockford Police Department is under the auspices of the Youth and Community Services Bureau. Assistance is provided to victims and witnesses of criminal acts and to individuals who have become involved with the Rockford Police Department as a result of non-criminal matters or who are referred to the Unit by an outside agency.

Referrals continue to come from all segments of the Department, from the Associate Circuit Judges, from the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department, from the State's Attorney's Office, from the Adult Probation and Parole Offices, from the City Attorney's Office, from the Coroner's Office, and from the Public Safety Building Records Bureau and Communications Center. Officer's Reports are also checked regularly for individuals who may need the services of the Unit.

Services provided by the Unit include information regarding the criminal justice system and its procedures, emotional support, information about and referral to other agencies, assistance in signing a complaint and filing for Crime Victims Compensation, transportation, intervention in retrieving property and receiving restitution, and investigation and assessment of referral cases.

During 1982 the Illinois Domestic Violence Act became operational in law. This act placed additional duties and responsibilities on Illinois law enforcement officers in two areas. The first area the act covers is domestic disputes, and the second area is neglect and abuse of the elderly.

A very complex set of operational procedures are mandated by this act. The Victim/Witness Assistance Unit is responsible for follow-up assistance to the victims in counseling, obtaining signed complaints, obtaining Orders of Protection, and in filing required Domestic Violence Reports for the Department to the State of Illinois.

When this Unit becomes aware of a citizen with a need, every effort is made to assure that the need is met through proper assessment, referral, and follow-up. During 1982 the Victim/Witness Assistance Unit provided assistance and/or follow-up in 1,698 cases.

JUVENILE ARREST STATISTICS

CHARGE	JUVENILES ARRESTED
FORCIBLE RAPE	2
ROBBERY	23
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	52
BURGLARY (BREAKING AND ENTERING)	132
THEFT (EXCEPT AUTO THEFT)	454
AUTO THEFT	9
OTHER ASSAULTS	156
FORGERY AND COUNTERFEITING	7
ARSON	7
STOLEN PROPERTY (BUYING, RECEIVING, POSSESSING)	35
VANDALISM	172
WEAPONS (CARRYING, POSSESSING)	17
PROSTITUTION AND COMMERCIALIZED VICE	3
SEX OFFENSES (EXCEPT FORCIBLE RAPE AND VICE)	5
OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY AND CHILDREN	0
NARCOTIC DRUG LAWS	70
LIQUOR LAWS (INCLUDING MINOR DRINKING)	100
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	118
DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED	3
LOITERING AND CURFEW	67
RUNAWAY	6
MINOR IN NEED OF SUPERVISION	53
DELINQUENT MINOR	7
CONTRIBUTING TO DELINQUENCY OF MINOR	1
ALL OTHER OFFENSES EXCEPT TRAFFIC	58
TOTAL JUVENILE ARRESTS DURING 1982	1557
BY AGE	NUMBER
10 YEARS AND UNDER	63
11-12	159
13-14	548
15-16	787
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ROCKFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

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The ultimate objective of any Police Department is to provide for the security and safety of the citizens of the community so that they may enjoy the benefits of a free society — that they may be secure in their persons, property, and state of mind. Since it is unrealistic to believe that any community can be totally free of criminal acts, traffic violations, and traffic accidents, it must be our ongoing objective to allocate our resources so that the greatest reductions can be made and at the same time provide the highest degree of safety and security possible.

The Rockford Police Department has set the following goals for 1983 in attempting to maintain the highest standards and level of service possible for the citizens of our community.

- (1) To reduce the number of reported criminal incidents through selective aggressive patrol in targeted areas with the use of better data and information on trends developed and provided by our Crime Analysis Unit.
- (2) To increase by 5% the present 22.9% clearance rate of Index Crimes to a clearance rate of 28% by the end of 1983.
- (3) To intensify selective traffic enforcement as a whole with aggressive emphasis aimed at intoxicated drivers and those violations which can bring about a substantial reduction in both serious injuries and deaths from traffic accidents.
- (4) To continue to provide positive Officer contact with school age children so necessary in the prevention and reduction of juvenile delinquency.
- (5) To continue to attack the problem of drug abuse by strict enforcement of the laws, especially where this relates to drug trafficking in and around schools and

- (6) To continue to increase our level of cooperation with other Police Departments and Social Agencies so that in working together a higher level of support may be provided to the citizens we serve without a wasteful duplication of services.
- (7) To continue to educate our citizens in the best methods of prevention of crime and traffic related incidents, and at the same time, to continue to motivate our citizens to cooperate so that we may maintain the high standards desired by all.
- (8) To provide the highest level of capability by all personnel through training, education, and endorsement of the establishment of a Regional Training Program for law enforcement officers.
- (9) To continue to be innovative in operational methods; resourceful in assignment and evaluation of personnel; and critical in appraising levels of service achieved.
- (10) To maintain high standards of fiscal responsibility by insuring that the return on investment by our citizens in the Rockford Police Department is worthy of their support and above reproach.

Only through diligent well-trained officers, energetic in providing the highest level of services, can the respect of citizens be earned which is so necessary in gaining their cooperation and assistance in the solution of crime and voluntary compliance with laws — the ultimate goal of a free society.

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