



DEERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT



**Semi-Annual
Report
2024**



On behalf of the men and women of the Deerfield Police Department, we are pleased to submit the Semi-Annual Report for 2024. This working document provides an overview of the traffic and criminal activity the Department has encountered during the first six months of the year. This report also describes the actions taken by our police officers to improve the quality of life in Deerfield.

Thank you to the Mayor and Board of Trustees, for your dedicated support of our professional and policing efforts.

John J. Sliozis, Chief of Police



MISSION

With respect and dignity, the Deerfield Police Department will provide professional and ethical service through partnership with citizens and proactively identifying risks to Deerfield's quality of life.

VALUES

The Deerfield Police Department has identified the following values:

Professionalism in day-to-day activities of law enforcement and serving the community

A community that is safe for its residents and visitors

A balance of service, training, career development, and personal time that provides staff with the opportunity for success at the work place and home

Human rights that are the foundation of the country and society

COMMUNITY SERVICE

PACK THE PLACE



The Deerfield Police and Deerfield Bannockburn Fire Department teamed up on March 6, 2024 for a Police/Fire VS. Shepard Middle School 8th Grade Basketball Game! Proceeds from ticket sales and concessions, totaling over \$3,100, were donated to the 100 Club of Illinois. The 100 Club of Illinois provides resources, financial support, access to training, and moral support for families of first responders.

COP ON A ROOFTOP



This May, Deerfield Police once again participated in Cop on a Rooftop at Dunkin' to support Special Olympics Illinois. We always have a great time at this event, greeting patrons in the drive up and calling to them from the roof. We raised approximately \$4,100 for this great cause!

COFFEE WITH A COP



Deerfield Police once again hosted Coffee with a Cop on May 10, 2024 at the downtown Deerfield Starbucks. Coffee with a Cop is a great opportunity for residents to meet the officers who serve the community, Social Services, and Police Administration to ask questions, voice concerns, or just have coffee and conversation!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY



The Spring session of the Citizen's Police Academy was held April 10 - June 9. Citizen's Police Academy is a nine-week program designed to enhance communication between the police department and the community. Participants are instructed in a variety of law enforcement topics by officers who specialize in those areas.

COMMUNITY ROLL CALL



Community Roll Calls are held in different parks once a month in the Summer. Community Roll Call is a great opportunity for residents to learn crime prevention information and safety tips while meeting the officers who serve their community. For the Department, it is a way to identify concerns among the community and potential problems that have bearing on law enforcement.

WOODEN BAT TOURNAMENT



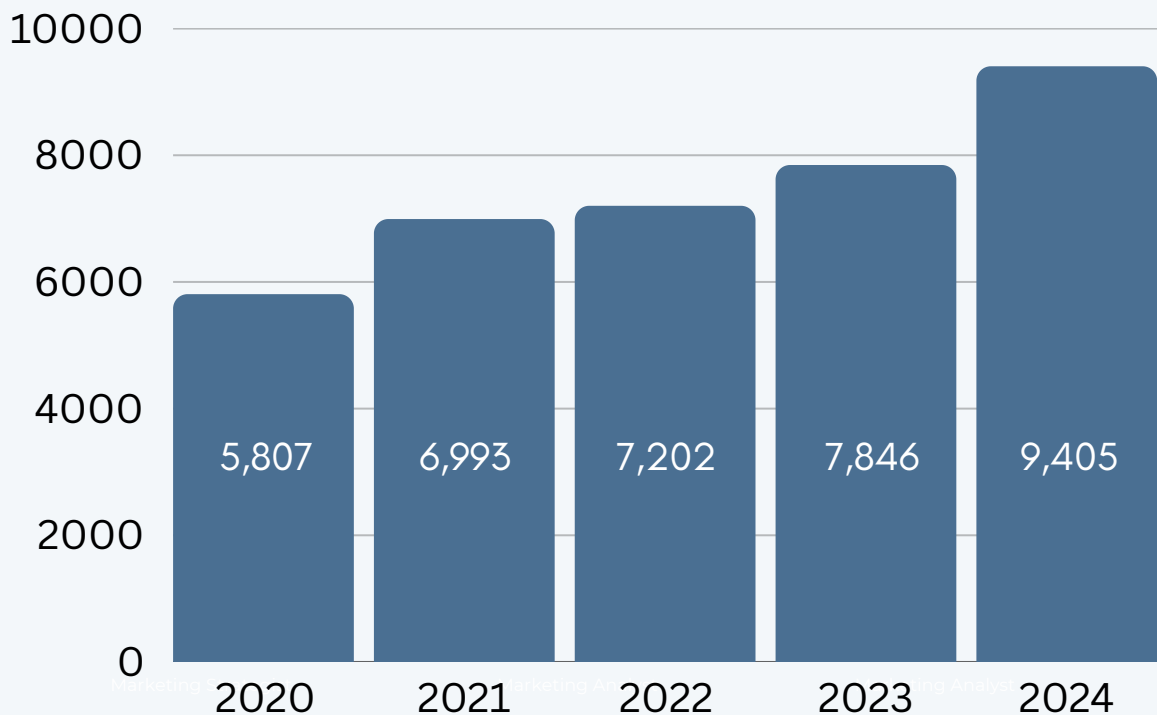
The Wooden Bat Tournament is held annually by the Deerfield Youth Baseball and Softball Association in June. The Deerfield Police and Deerfield Fire Department faced off for a Home Run Derby as part of the event. Deerfield Police took home the trophy with four homers to the Fire Department's three.

CALLS FOR SERVICE

“Calls for Service” is a term used by police to describe the activity generated by crime complaints, requests for service, and other police workload which cannot be categorized as either (A) inspectional service; (B) routine patrol activity; (C) administrative activity; (D) time out of service, such as meals, or (E) workload generated directly by the police officer, such as traffic or parking citations.

Calls for Service relate to almost every facet of the police operation. They include the investigation of miscellaneous complaints, the investigation of traffic collisions, the preliminary investigation of crimes, and a myriad of other services provided to the general public.

From January 1, 2024 until June 30, 2024, the department received a total of 9,405 calls for service that received incident numbers. These calls include 9-1-1 calls, traffic stops, and other public service requests.





INDEX CRIMES

A Crime Index is intended to provide some indication of how much serious crime has occurred in a given jurisdiction.

The State of Illinois requires law enforcement agencies to report the occurrence of selected offenses within the eight Index Crime categories identified below. In 2021 law enforcement agencies switched from the Illinois Uniform Crime Reporting (I-UCR) to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) to collect and submit this data. In 2024 a change was made to the Burglary category to include Attempted Burglary to Vehicle, which were previously considered Criminal Trespass.

In the first half of 2024, Deerfield’s Crime Index was 117. In 2023, the Crime Index was 74 for the same time period.

CRIME INDEX SUMMARY

	Criminal Homicide	Forcible Rape	Robbery	Simple Assault	Burglary	Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson	TOTAL
2022	0	1	1	20	6	56	1	0	85
2023	0	3	0	17	8	39	7	0	74
2024	0	1	0	16	43	43	14	0	117

PROPERTY CRIMES

Criminal Damage to Property

There were 10 incidents of criminal damage to property in the first half of 2024; down from 47 incidents in 2023. Stolen vehicle parts are included in this number and reports of stolen catalytic converters have decreased after seeing a large surge in recent years.

Motor Vehicle Burglaries and Theft

Motor vehicle theft incidents increased by 100% from 7 to 14 from 2023 to 2024 and 40 other vehicles were burglarized or attempted in the first half of the year. Burglary to motor vehicle and motor vehicle thefts are usually crimes of opportunity. The Police Department has enacted several social media and educational campaigns to stress the importance of removing all valuables from unattended vehicles, locking parked vehicles, and closing garage doors at night.

Retail Thefts and Commercial Burglarries

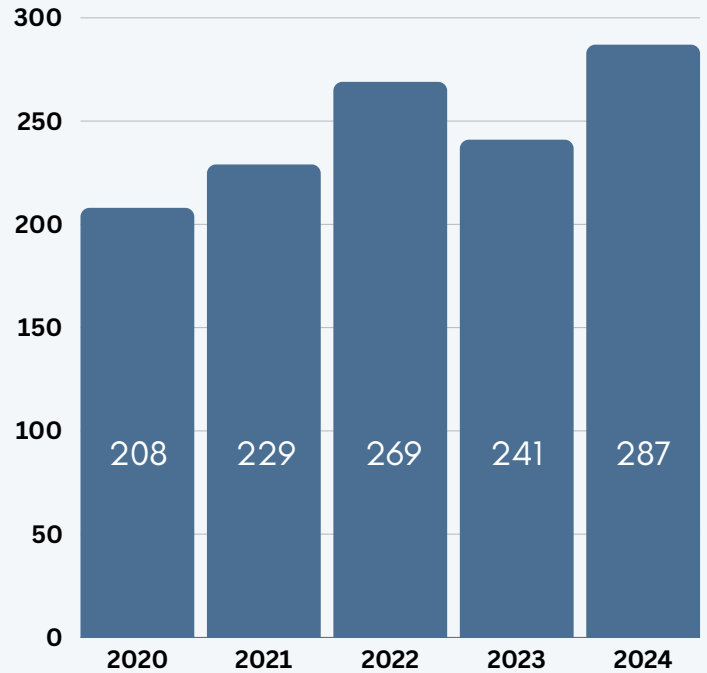
Retail theft cases decreased after showing consistent numbers for the previous 3 years. Commercial burglaries, which involve the use of force or fear to steal from a commercial establishment, also went down from 6 in 2023 to 1 in 2024.

	2022	2023	2024
Criminal Damage to Property	17	47	10
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	7	14
Retail Theft	19	18	10
Commercial Burglary	0	6	1

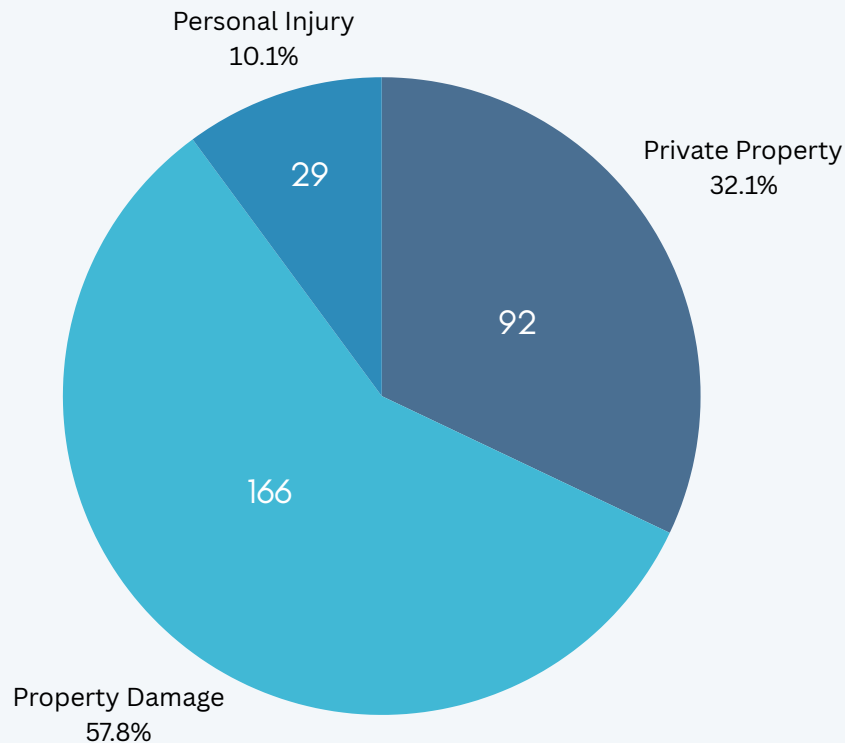
TRAFFIC COLLISIONS

An important objective of the Police Department is to develop a selective traffic enforcement program directed toward high traffic collision locations, specific violations that cause crashes and the times/days with greater numbers of collisions.

In the first half of 2024 there were 287 traffic collisions.



Traffic Collisions By Type - January through June

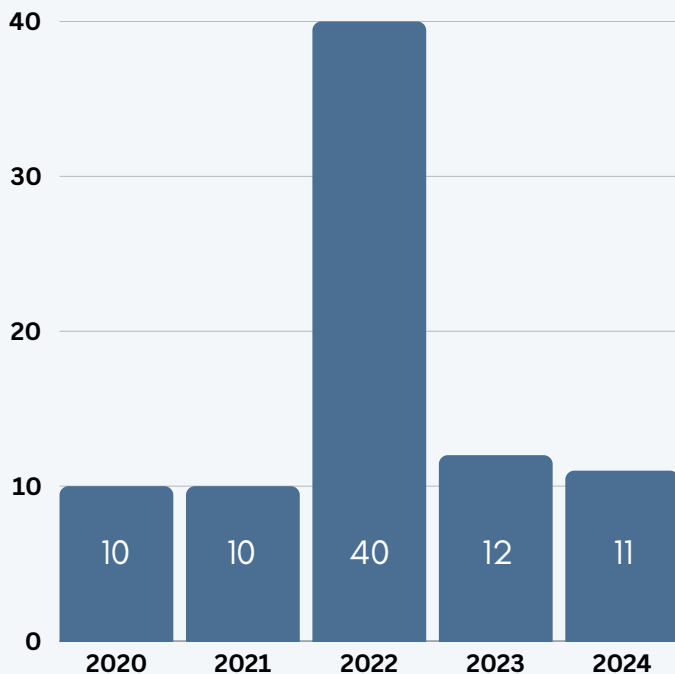


CITATIONS

Year	Traffic Citations	Warning Citations
2021	804	1,341
2022	870	2,513
2023	703	2,922
2024	580	1,662

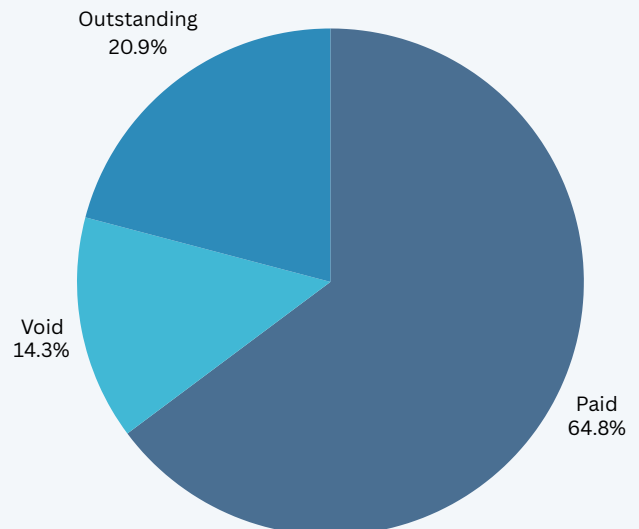
DUI Enforcement

For the period of January 1 through June 30 the department issued 11 citations (arrests) to for Driving Under the Influence of alcohol or drugs.



Parking Tickets

The following table lists the disposition of all parking tickets issued from January 1 through June 30. Of 622 total parking tickets written, 89 were voided. Of the 533 remaining 403 were paid within 30 days and 130 are outstanding or unpaid.



LOCK IT OR LOSE IT



BE SMART. STAY SAFE.

The majority of vehicle thefts and burglary to motor vehicles occur in unlocked cars or open garages

Notify the police of any suspicious activity.

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