## ELMWOOD PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Honorable Mayor and Council,

2020 was a year unlike any other, from the unique challenges of day to day living and working created by COVID-19 to the tragic death of George Floyd at the hands of police officers in Minneapolis, sparking protests throughout the country that set law enforcement and community relations back years, creating a mistrust by the communities we serve, painting all police officers with the same broad brush. In short, 2020 was a very difficult year for law enforcement nationally.

The Elmwood Park Police Department was not immune from these issues. In addition, crime and normal calls for service did not care about COVID-19 or protests. This was all heaped on an already full plate for us to consume and figure out a way to not only keep our heads above water but also to deliver top notch professional law enforcement services. I am proud to say that the men and women of the Elmwood Park Police Department stepped up and met these new challenges head on. We successfully navigated our way through three unique protests and during the largest of the three, we earned the trust of the protesters, uniting with them against racism and police brutality, both of which we whole heartedly reject and denounce as individuals and as an organization. Through our participation, we brought an otherwise potentially volatile situation to a peaceful conclusion.

Officers had to quickly become familiar with the use of personal protective equipment and with the terms social distancing, pandemic, symptomatic, asymptomatic, contact tracing and quarantine. They were called upon to respond to incidents where they knew a person was positive with a deadly virus yet it was their sworn duty to render aid and interact with these individuals. All of our officers did so without hesitation and continued to serve the community above and beyond as they always do. In spite of all of these challenges we still found a way to continue to remain tough on crime for the safety of our community and sensitive to the needs of our residents through community policing.

I am honored and privileged to have the incredible opportunity to lead this amazing, dedicated, and professional group of men and women, inclusive of civilian personnel and sworn officers, all who show up every day with an eagerness and energy to protect and serve the Elmwood Park community.

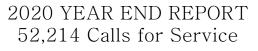
Thank you to the Mayor and Council for your continued trust and support.

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#### **General Statistics**

Total Motor Vehicle Stops 3.381 Total Summons Issued 11,515 • • MV Accidents Investigations 718 • Motor Vehicle Impounds 178 362 • Adult Arrests • Juvenile Arrests 8 • Police Officers Assaulted 11 • Residential Burglaries 22 • Attempt. Residential Burglaries 8 • Burglaries to Motor Vehicles 87 • Stolen Motor Vehicles 28 • Armed Robberies 8 Assualt Investigations 92 • Shoplifting Investigations 31 • Sudden Death/DOA Invests 29 • Drug Overdoses 24 • Narcotic Arrests 179 195 • Domestic Violence Cases • Missing Persons 25 • Bank Escorts 76 • Vacant Residence Checks 574 • Community Policing Details 442 • Medical First Responder Calls 1430 • Burglar Alarms 485 • General Fire Calls 316

### Anti-Crime Division

Motor Vehicle Stops 1.917 • Motor Vehicle Summons 2.377 • Narcotic Arrests 162 • Warrant & Other Arrests 23 • Firearms Arrests 5 \$71.235 • Currency Seized • Seizure - 2011 Jeep Compass \$8,000 • Seizure - 1999 Cadillac \$3,000

#### Traffic and Operations Division

• Motor Vehicle Stops	468
Motor Vehicle Summons	2,057
Commercial Overweight Summons	56
Commercial Overweight Fines	\$86,875
Funeral Escorts	25
Community Policing/Food Pickups	80
• Firearms Permit Investigations	293



