



AGENDA
Public Health & Safety Committee
Regular Meeting
Village Hall
1900 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

February 23, 2026	Council Chambers	Immediately following Public Works & Utilities Committee
--------------------------	-------------------------	---

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. Public Health & Safety Committee 1-26-2026
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
5. **REPORTS**
 - A. Police Department Monthly Report
 - B. Health & Human Services Department Monthly Report
 - C. Emergency Management Division Monthly Report
 - D. Fire Department Monthly Report
 1. Deferment Requested
6. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
7. **ITEMS IN REVIEW**
8. **OTHER**
9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Further details and information can be found in the agenda packet attached hereto and incorporated herein and can also be viewed online at www.hoffmanestates.org and/or in person in the Village Clerk's office. The Village of Hoffman Estates complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). For accessibility assistance, call the ADA Coordinator at 847/882-9100.

Village of Hoffman Estates

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 26, 2026

1. Roll Call

Members in Attendance:

**Karen Mills, Chairperson
Gary Pilafas, Vice Chairman
Anna Newell, Trustee
Gary Stanton, Trustee
Karen Arnet, Trustee
Patrick Kinnane, Trustee
Mayor William D. McLeod**

Management Team Members in Attendance:

**Eric Palm, Village Manager
Dan O'Malley, Deputy Village Manager
Jon Pape, Assistant Village Manager
Art Janura, Corp. Counsel
Jana Dickson, Asst. Corporation Counsel
Kasia Cawley, Chief of Police
Alan Wax, Fire Chief
Rachel Musiala, Finance Director
Joe Nebel, Public Works Director
Audra Marks, Assistant HHS Director
Darek Raszka, Director of IT
Ben Gibbs, GM, NOW Arena
Ric Signorella, Multimedia Prod. Manager**

The Special Public Health & Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MUNUTES

Motion by Trustee Stanton, seconded by Trustee Arnet, to approve the Public Health & Safety Committee minutes from December 15, 2025. Voice vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Trustee Arnet, seconded by Trustee Stanton, to approve the Special Public Health & Safety Committee minutes from January 5, 2026. Voice vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kristin Barton (3731 Winding Trail Lane) inquired about the Village's response to President Trump's latest request for local municipalities to assist ICE.

Mayor McLeod indicated that Hoffman Estates Police follow the Illinois Trust Act, and do not enforce or assist with civil federal immigration law and cannot interfere with federal immigration actions. He emphasized that residents are the department's top priority and that police will always respond to 911 calls to ensure public safety. Chief Cawley concurred with Mayor McLeod's comments.

4. **OLD BUSINESS**
5. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Approval of a resolution authorizing the purchase of (2) 2026 Ford F-150 Responder vehicles from Friendly Ford, Roselle, IL in an amount of \$100,501.26.

An item summary sheet from Chief Kasia Cawley was presented to Committee.

Motion by Trustee Arnet, seconded by Trustee Pilafas, to authorize the purchase of (2) 2026 Ford F-150 Responder vehicles from Friendly Ford, Roselle, IL in an amount of \$100,501.26. Voice vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

A. Approval of a resolution authorizing the purchase of (3) 2026 Ford Explorer Interceptor Utility Vehicles from Friendly Ford, Roselle, IL in an amount of \$143,446.89.

An item summary sheet from Chief Kasia Cawley was presented to Committee.

Motion by Trustee Pilafas, seconded by Trustee Arnet, to authorize the purchase of (3) 2026 Ford Explorer Interceptor Utility Vehicles from Friendly Ford, Roselle, IL in an amount of \$143,446.89. Voice vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

6. REPORTS

A. Police Department Monthly Report

Chairperson Mills noted the thank you letters sent to the Department on behalf of Streamwood and Park Ridge for assistance received. The Police Department was honored at the Chamber's Celebration of Excellence as the "Best Public Service Organization".

The Police Department Monthly Report was received and filed.

B. Health and Human Services Department Monthly Report

The Health & Human Services Department Monthly Report was received and filed.

C. Emergency Management Division Monthly Report

The Emergency Management Division Monthly Report was received and filed.

D. Fire Department Monthly Report

Chief Wax mentioned the upcoming Citizen Fire Academy starting on the 1st Wednesday in March. Trustee Mills noted a thank you letter from Carpentersville.

The Fire Department Monthly Report was received and filed.

7. PRESIDENTS REPORT

- 8. ITEMS IN REVIEW**
- 9. OTHER**
- 10. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Trustee Arnet, seconded by Trustee Kinnane, to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. Voice vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by:

Jennifer Djordjevic, Director of Operations and
Outreach, Office of the Mayor & Board

Date



Hoffman Estates Police Department

To: Village Manager Eric Palm

January 2026

PATROL DIVISION ACTIVITY REPORT

During the month of January the Patrol Division responded to 3638 calls for service. The following is a brief summary of some of the activities:

On 05 January, Officer R. Miraglia conducted a traffic stop in the area of Higgins and Ash Roads for an observed equipment violation. Upon identifying the driver, it was determined that the individual, a 55-year-old Chicago resident, was operating the vehicle with a suspended driver's license. During a search of the driver incident to arrest, a 9mm Smith & Wesson semi-automatic handgun was located on the driver's right hip. Two loaded magazines were also recovered from the driver's person. Further investigation revealed that the driver did not possess a valid concealed carry permit. The Cook County State's Attorney's Office was contacted, and felony charges for Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon were approved. The driver was also cited for No Rear Registration Light, Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and Driving On a Suspended Driver's License and released.



On 09 January, Officers Bong and PPO Harris initiated a traffic stop near Higgins Road and Gannon drive for speeding. The driver, a 25-year-old Hoffman Estates resident, was identified and found to be operating the vehicle without a valid driver's license. He was detained and issued a summons for a court appearance for Speeding and No Valid Driver's License. The front-seat passenger, a 23-year-old Hoffman Estates resident, was found to have an active warrant out of Cook County, taken into custody, and transported to the police department for processing and lodging pending Bond Court.

On 11 January, Officer Kleszyk responded to Golf Road and Stonehedge Drive to assist Schaumburg Police Department with a rollover crash. Witnesses reported that the driver fled eastbound on Golf Road. Officer Kleszyk located a subject matching the description near Ahlgrim & Sons Funeral Home. Upon seeing the officer, the subject hid behind a bush before fleeing westbound on Golf Road toward Highland Boulevard. Kleszyk pursued and broadcast the foot chase. A perimeter was established, and a police drone was deployed. The drone later located the subject, an 18-year-old Chicago resident, near Amherst Lane and Highland Boulevard, where he was taken into custody. He was cited for Resisting/Obstructing a Peace Officer and turned over to Schaumburg PD.

On 13 January, while conducting parking enforcement at St. Alexius Medical Center, CSO Camacho located a vehicle parked in the west lot of Doctors Building 1. A registration check revealed the vehicle was associated with a missing/endangered person out of Streamwood. Officer Raffaelli responded and observed a male subject in the driver's seat holding a pill bottle. The subject was conscious but unresponsive to commands and appeared lethargic. The Fire Department was requested and forced entry

(Continued on page 2)

PATROL DIVISION REPORT CONT..

by breaking a window to unlock the vehicle. The subject was transported by the Fire Department, and the investigation was turned over to Streamwood Police Department.

On 17 January, Officer D. Miraglia conducted a traffic stop on a black Honda Civic near Barrington and Higgins Roads for an equipment violation. During the stop, he detected a strong odor of fresh cannabis coming from the vehicle. The driver granted consent for a search. The search resulted in the recovery of two bags of unsealed cannabis and a loaded 9mm handgun found inside the driver's backpack. The driver was taken into custody and charged with felony Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon, Unlawful Possession of Cannabis and No Rear Registration Light.

On 20 January, Officers Harris, Bong, and Adlon responded to the 2300 block of Hassell Road for a report of an intoxicated individual causing a disturbance inside a business. The subject was found destroying property and throwing items at an employee. The investigation revealed that the individual had battered the employee, damaged store property, and was responsible for a theft at the same location earlier that morning. The stolen items were recovered in the subject's possession. The subject was taken into custody and charged with Assault, Retail Theft, Battery, and Criminal Damage to Property.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION REPORT

On 02 January, Detective Rebmman continued his investigation into a Violation of an Order of Protection where the respondent had texted and called the petitioner, and on a second occasion entered and remained at the petitioner's protected address on the 500 block of Illinois Boulevard. Detective Rebmman was able to identify the offender, a 40-year-old resident of Arlington Heights, who was taken into custody and charged with two counts of Violation of an Order of Protection. This investigation is Cleared by Arrest.

On 05 January, Detective Rebmman was assigned a Criminal Damage to Property in which the victim had their vehicle damaged on multiple occasions at their residence in the 4100 block of Portage Lane. The victim was able to capture on surveillance footage a female walking up the driveway and being on the property and near the vehicle for extended periods of time on three separate dates. Detective Rebmman was able to identify the female subject with the assistance of the subject's ex-boyfriend. Detective Rebmman was also able to locate the vehicle in the area on the dates of question using law enforcement resources. After reaching out to the subject, she agreed to turn herself in at the Hoffman Estates Police Department on January 30th. The subject, a 64-year-old resident of Aurora, was charged with Felony Criminal Damage to Property. This investigation is Cleared by Felony Arrest.

On 06 January, Detectives Garcia, O'Shea, Shaw, Parks, Rebmman, and Ramos assisted the TACT Unit with the service of a search warrant for a narcotics investigation on the 4100 block of Portage Lane. Detectives conducted surveillance, assisted with perimeter positions, conducted a drone deployment, and assisted with the search of the residence, all of which produced several items of evidentiary value.

On 08 January, Detective Buch was assigned a Fire Investigation in the 1700 block of Ida Road. Officers on scene advised the homeowner stated she was cleaning out her chimney and threw away ashes into a trash can which was located on the side of the house. The homeowner also mentioned that she observed on her doorbell camera a suspicious vehicle had passed in front of the residence around the time of the fire.

Detective Buch followed up with fire department investigators and, after reviewing all reports and video footage, the cause of the fire was determined to be the improper disposal of ashes. Detective Buch was

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION REPORT CONT..

able to ascertain that the vehicle was not involved and was just a passing motorist in the area. This investigation is Administratively Closed.

On 08 January, Detective Rebmann continued his investigation of a Violation of an Order of Protection reported by the petitioner who resides on the 100 block of Carthage Lane. The petitioner reported his phone received a phone call from an unknown number from Florida. It was discovered that the respondent was in rehab in Florida and the number used to contact the petitioner was another patient at that facility. Through security footage it was observed that the respondent was in possession of the phone and ultimately contacted the petitioner's phone. Detective Rebmann was able to obtain an arrest warrant for the respondent, a 24-year-old resident of Springfield, IL. This investigation is Cleared by Arrest pending warrant service.

On 12 January, Detective Shaw was assigned a Battery investigation that occurred at a bar in the 4600 block of West Higgins Road. In summary, the victim reported he was battered by a security officer and suffered significant injuries as a result. The primary investigation indicated that a knife was left behind by the night manager, and the manager left a note stating that one subject involved in the battery had pulled the knife on the other subject. When questioned, the victim reported that he did not recall everything that had occurred that evening. Upon further investigation, Detective Shaw reviewed surveillance video and observed the victim walking out of the bar and engaged in an aggressive conversation with another customer that was standing outside and on their phone. The altercation led to both parties walking away from each other initially but showed the victim return with a knife. The victim is then seen approaching the other customer who then struck him in the face with a closed fist and knocked him out. Detective Shaw made multiple attempts to make contact with the night manager for a statement but was unsuccessful. Detective Shaw was also unsuccessful in identifying the other subject involved in the altercation. Detective Shaw contacted the victim who, when advised of what was shown on the surveillance video, declined to proceed with the investigation. This investigation is Administratively Closed.



On 21 January, Detective O'Shea continued his investigation of an Identity Theft. The victim, who resides on the 5400 block of McDonough Road, reported he was contacted by the Illinois Department of Revenue regarding taxes that hadn't been paid on vehicles purchased through the victim's business. After thorough review, Detective O'Shea was able to determine that a clerical error had taken place, and no identity theft had occurred. Detective O'Shea was able to confirm that the victim was no longer held responsible for the unpaid taxes. This investigation is Unfounded.

On 27 January, Detective Garcia was assigned a Burglary investigation in which subjects entered a large warehouse near the intersection of Barrington Road and Lakewood Boulevard and removed a large amount of copper wire. Detective Garcia was able to review the video footage and observed two vehicles and five suspects involved in the burglary. Detective Garcia disseminated a bulletin to other agencies and received a response from a burglary task force who were able to provide information on the vehicles and an identification of one of the suspects. Detective Garcia was able to utilize tracking information from the task force to confirm that the suspect recently sold a large amount of welding wire to a scrap metal yard in Chicago. Garcia was able to obtain the video from the scrap yard and, in working with the task force, was able to identify additional suspects. Utilizing this information, Detective Garcia was able to obtain an order for a tracking device for the vehicle which was found to be parked in Hanover Park near another suspect vehicle. On the morning of 1/30/26, Detective Garcia and a member of the task force were able to successfully affix the tracking device to the vehicle. On 2/3/26, Detective Garcia and other members of the task force conducted surveillance and were able to conduct a traffic stop on the vehicle. Two subjects were taken into custody with one being a juvenile. The juvenile, a resident of Hanover Park, was charged with Aggravated Battery to a Police Officer and Possession of Ammunition and released to his grandmother. The adult, a 24-year-old resident of Hanover Park, was charged with Burglary and Theft. This investigation is Ongoing.

JUVENILE INVESTIGATIONS SECTION REPORT

On 21 January, Detective Ramos and Detective Rebmann continued their investigation of a Domestic Battery that occurred on the 800 block of Concord Cove. The 17-year-old female victim reported she was battered in October 2025 by her legal guardian. The victim moved out of state with a family member and once she felt safe, she reported the incident to police and provided home security camera footage of the incident. After reviewing the camera footage, details from the forensic interview, and after conferring with the Department of Children and Family Services, the offender, a 67-year-old resident of Hoffman Estates, was located and taken into custody. The offender was ultimately charged with one count of Domestic Battery and one count of Endangering the Life of a Child. This investigation is Cleared by Arrest.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (SROs)

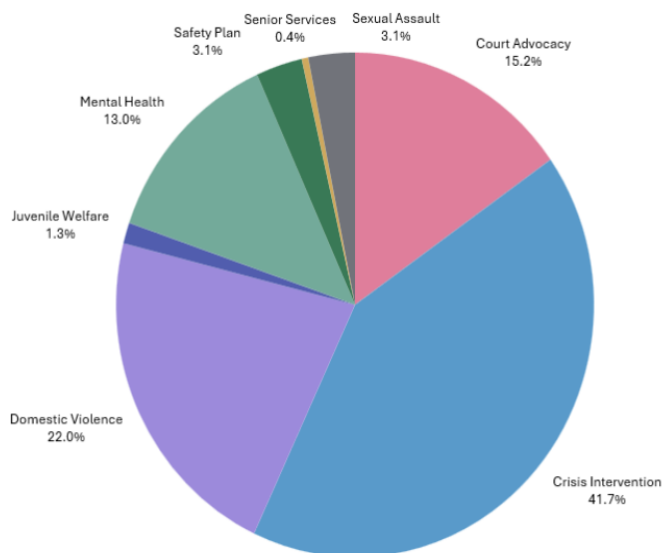
On 06 January, Eisenhower Junior High School Resource Officer Lowden was dispatched to a suicidal student at John Muir Literacy Academy. A student had been dysregulated during morning hours of school and had begun hurting himself and striking his head into the walls. The student also made a statement that he did not want to be alive anymore. The student's parents were notified, and the student was transported to a local hospital for an evaluation with hospital staff.

On 13 January, School Resource Officer Patel was notified that a 3D-printed knife had been confiscated from a student at Thomas Jefferson Middle School. The investigation revealed that the knife was a Christmas gift from another student, who admitted to printing it for a friend interested in self-defense. The assistant principal contacted the student's parents, who stated they would discipline their child. This investigation is Administratively Closed.

On 21 January, School Resource Officer Teipel conducted a presentation on the dangers of fentanyl to a 4th period sophomore gym class at Conant High School. The class exhibited excellent participation and formulated numerous questions for SRO Teipel to answer.

On 30 January, School Resource Officer Teipel invited members of the Hoffman Estates Police Department to the 17th annual grand re-opening of Cougar Perk at Conant High School. Every Friday before school, Conant High School culinary students prepare baked goods and coffee for staff. This event helps strengthen the relationship and support between the Conant High School community and the members of the Hoffman Estates Police Department.

Social Work Division January 2026



PD SOCIAL WORKER REPORT

Building Bright Futures Training
 Document the Abuse/Evidentiary Abuse Affidavit Training
 Traumatic Brain Injury & IPV Training
 Understanding and Confronting Human Trafficking Training
 Peer Support Meeting
 APSS Meeting
 HB 3281 IDVA Juvenile Zoom Training
 CESSA Meeting
 APSS Law Enforcement Advisory Board Meeting
 Northwest Consortium on Homelessness Meeting
 International Co-response Association Meeting

TACTICAL UNIT REPORT

On 02 January, the TACT Unit was granted approval for a search warrant to be executed on a residence identified in a crime tip received in December by the narcotics Assistant State's Attorney.

On 02 January, Detectives Kubat, Meyer and Bartolone led the supplemental "mini" police academy specific to Hoffman Estates policy and procedures to the two new Probationary Police Officers.

On 02 and 03 January, Detective Chereck and Sergeant Giacone conducted surveillance on the address named in the search warrant.

On 06 January, Sergeant Giacone conducted the briefing regarding the execution of a search warrant at a residence in north Hoffman Estates. The investigation revealed the subject was hosting large narcotics-related gatherings and actively selling narcotics from the home. Sergeant Giacone mapped out the residence, and the Community Response Officer (CRO) team conducted multiple hours of dry runs prior to execution of the search warrant. The search warrant was subsequently executed at the target address and recovered actively growing cannabis, various pill forms of ecstasy and methamphetamine.

On 06 January, Detective Bartolone recovered a revoked FOID card from a resident.

On 07 January, Sergeant Giacone investigated as case of harassment via electronic communication originating from an anonymous tip. Investigators

learned the offender was a former law enforcement officer who was terminated due to drug use and erratic behavior. They were able to locate the subject's vehicle and establish movement patterns. The subject was taken into custody after attempting to flee on foot.

On 14 January, Sergeant Giacone attended an Emergency Management meeting at St. Alexius Medical Center. The meeting outlined the year's goals and preparedness for the community. Sergeant Giacone, Battalion Chief Zito from Hoffman Estates Fire Department along with the rest of the board members, continue to involve emergency services while testing the Village's preparedness for any natural or man-made disaster.

On 21 January, Detectives Kubat and Chereck were on patrol when they heard Dispatch announce a theft from a Schaumburg liquor store near their location. They located the wanted subject and assisted Schaumburg PD with the arrest.

On 26 January, Detective Bartolone recovered a revoked FOID card from a resident.



CANINE UNIT

During the month of January, Officer Mullin and K9 Ajax remained highly active in both enforcement and community engagement. The K9 team conducted three vehicle sniffs for narcotics, which led to the seizure of approximately 70 grams of illicit drugs. They also performed a building search following a burglary and completed two tracks for fleeing criminals, ultimately locating a firearm and personal items used in the commission of a crime. In addition, Officer Mullin and K9 Ajax assisted with the execution of a search warrant, during which Ajax detected approximately 500 grams of illicit narcotics inside the residence. Beyond their operational duties, the team provided a K9 demonstration for the Hoffman Estates Police Cadet Program and dedicated 16 hours to ongoing training to maintain peak readiness.

SPECIAL /STAFF SERVICES DIVISION REPORT

A number of projects and programs were completed and continued in the Special Services & Staff Services Division during January 2026. Some of these included:

Sergeant Boulahanis continued with the recruiting process of entry level Police Officers as well as lateral Police Officers.

Sergeant Boulahanis completed the in-house onboard training for the police department's new and lateral officers.

Sergeant Boulahanis began organizing the four-quarter firearm qualification courses for the police department.

January 7 – Sergeant Boulahanis had a meeting with the Secretary of State Police to discuss procedural steps for reckless driving prosecution.

January 29 – Sergeant Boulahanis organized and attended a meeting with the department's Use of Force team to plan for the upcoming department wide In-Service Training.

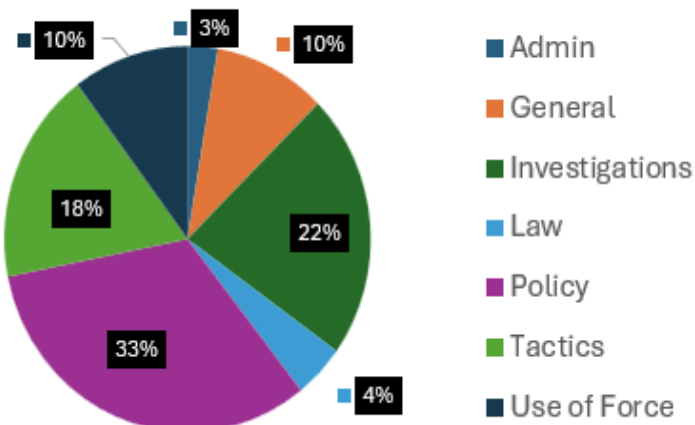
Police Administration continues to update policies and procedures and integrate them into Lexipol.

HEPD Property Room Totals 2026		
PROPERTY ROOM	January	YTD
New Items Inventoried	173	173
Items sent to the crime lab	35	35
Items returned from the lab	27	27
Items returned to owner	32	32
Total Transfers of property/evidence	1236	1236
Items destroyed	149	149
Items marked for destruction (holding)	176	176
Percent of property processed within 5 days	100%	



TRAINING

2026 TRAINING HOURS BY CATEGORY



Hoffman Estates Police Training 2026		
Training Category	January	YTD Hours
Admin	28.50	28.50
General	107.00	107.00
Investigations	239.00	239.00
Law	48.00	48.00
Policy	349.00	349.00
Tactics	192.00	192.00
Use of Force	110.00	110.00
Total Hours	1073.50	1073.50

COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT



Crime prevention through Neighborhood Watch

One of the best ways to stay connected and prevent crime is by forming a Neighborhood Watch group.

During the month of January Detective Corey Chereck worked together with active neighborhood watch groups and provided safety information and tips on how to make your home a less attractive target for criminals. Our Neighborhood Watch Program continues to evolve and the police department is committed to keeping our neighborhoods safe.

Residents play a major role in preventing crime. Anyone interested in joining a Neighborhood Watch Group or starting a new one, should reach out to Detective Chereck.

TRAFFIC SECTION REPORT

January 5 - The Traffic Section welcomed Gabriel Barraza who joined the department as a Community Service Officer.



Administrative Hearings

January 5, January 20 - Sergeant Marak, Officer Witt, and Community Service Officers Rodriguez, Parra, and Barraza provided support for administrative adjudication hearings.

Red Light Camera Violations

Sergeant Marak conducted reviews of 647 red light camera violations, dedicating approximately 18 hours to this task during the month.

Hit-and-Run Crash Reports

The Traffic Section reviewed a total of 13 hit-and-run traffic crash reports throughout January.

Child Safety Seat Inspections & Fingerprinting Services

During the month of January, the Traffic Section facilitated 3 fingerprinting appointments.

Oversized/Overweight Permit Processing

During January, Sergeant Marak processed 9 oversize/overweight vehicle permits via the Oxcart permit system. Year-to-date, a total of 8 permits have been processed.

OAKLEY'S REPORT



On January 8th, the 100 Club of Illinois requested Oakley to attend an event at the Glenview Police Department. On Sunday February 16, 2025, Officer Robert Fryc was killed on his way to work in a car crash after a drunk driver struck his vehicle. On January 8, 2026, the offender was sentenced in court and the 100 Club of Illinois hosted a luncheon at the Glenview Police Department to help provide closure to the police department employees. Oakley and River (Batavia PD) spent time with officers to help them during this difficult time. The dogs sat with the officers as they ate lunch and told stories about Ofc. Fryc.

On January 20th, Oakley made his monthly visit to Discovery Village Hoffman Estates to visit with the residents. Oakley was joined by his brother Cash (Canines 4 Comfort). They spent time with the residents and enjoyed all the attention they received.

On January 26th, Oakley visited St. Hubert's School upon the request of school counselor Lynne O'Connor. On January 23rd, students and staff learned that the school would be closing following the 2025-2026 school year. Oakley visited with each class in the school and many of the staff to help them cope with the difficult news.



On January 30th, Oakley patrol officers on a visit to Conant High School for the grand opening of "Cougar Perk" for the 2025-2026 school year. Cougar Perk is a student run fundraiser for the school's culinary program. The culinary program students bake breakfast items and sell them to the staff. Oakley enjoyed meeting the students and hanging out with the staff.



VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT



To: Eric Palm, Village Manager

January 2026

Prevention & Wellness

Parents play a crucial role in helping children understand and navigate the technology that shapes and influences their daily lives. Health and Human Services intern, Lowell Bisio facilitated a community workshop, *Parenting in the Digital Age*, which focused on giving families a grounded, practical space to explore how to raise kids in a world shaped by screens. The workshop addressed ways parents can open ongoing, judgement-free conversations about social media, what they are seeing, how it makes them feel, and how to recognize when something online feels unsafe. Parents engaged in discussion about safety, boundaries, and the mental health side of technology use including identifying signs of stress, comparison pressure, digital fatigue, and ways to model healthy habits at home. Fifteen (15) people attended the event.

Health and Human Services hosted the second Death Over Dinner community event in partnership with Morizzo Funeral Home. The Death Over Dinner community gathering is a warm and meaningful space for people to explore some of life's most universal, and often avoided, themes. Over a shared meal, participants talk openly about death, not as something morbid, but as a lens for understanding what gives life purpose. Guided questions facilitate conversation that naturally expands into reflections on meaning, the human experience, and the values that shape how we want to live. By inviting participants to explore and share what matters to them, this discussion can help clarify priorities, strengthen connections and encourage a more intentional approach to living the life they want. Ten people participated in the event in January.

Creating wellness programs for employees is an essential part of building a healthy workplace. Employee reading challenges can be an inclusive way to build community while also supporting everyone's well-being. Reading has been shown to reduce stress, improve focus, and create a sense of calm, all of which support mental health. In January, HHS hosted a wrap up event with trivia and prizes for the 2025 reading challenge, and rolled out the new 2026 reading challenge utilizing the Beanstack app for tracking books throughout the year. Employees are encouraged to log books they read in the app and earn special badges for reading books with certain themes each month. This challenge helps build motivation and connection while giving employees the opportunity to share their interests with colleagues.

Health and Human Services hosted the annual Employee Blood Drive in partnership with Vitalant Blood Centers on January 23, 2026. Employee blood drives are a powerful way for people to come together around a shared purpose. Donating blood is one of the simplest, most immediate ways to help save lives. Through the blood drive, we were able to collect 12 units of blood saving approximately 36 lives.

The Employee Wellness Committee, in partnership with Grounded Wellness Yoga Center, brought two sessions of employee yoga to the Village Hall on January 13th and January 15th. Yoga has been found to improve flexibility, build strength, decrease stress and improve mental health. Eight employees attended the events.

HHS hosted the new Memory Minders, formerly WITS Workout, class for older adults at Village Hall. Nineteen (19) people attended the class. The Memory Minders class is a new curriculum developed by HHS nurses, Cathy Dagian and Gina McCauley. This program builds off of the WITS Workout curriculum which was completed in 2025 and provides participants with a variety of games and tasks that help enhance memory, learn new skills, and have social engagement. The Memory Minders program will be available monthly to residents of Hoffman Estates.

Training Program Update

Health and Human Services is proud to be an APA (American Psychological Association) accredited internship program site. The internship program matches doctoral level interns from across the nation with sites to complete their final year of training. Dr. Audra Marks serves as the Director of Training for the program and develops curriculum and training experiences that enhance the clinical skills of those in training. During the training year, interns will provide direct service to residents, develop and implement outreach programming, receive supervision, implement psychological testing batteries, and receive training in trauma, ethics, sandtray therapy, play therapy, relational-cultural theory, multicultural counseling, family systems work and more. During the month of January, the clinical psychology team interviewed 28 out of 114 applicants from across the country for two positions that will start in September 2026.



Treatment and Crisis Response

Health and Human Services provides quality preventative health services to the community. Preventing serious diseases before they happen is one of the most important things you can do to protect your health. Preventive health encompasses a set of health services meant to screen and possibly identify health issues before symptoms develop. Preventive healthcare can help you live a longer, healthier life. In January, nursing staff provided 68 infant and children's vaccinations and 5 adult vaccinations. Through these vaccinations, a total of 117 child and 5 adult antigens were administered. Ninety-three (93) preventative screenings were completed which include blood pressure (16), and pulse screenings (9), blood sugar (3), Hemoglobin (6), CardioChek (3), TB (14), Tanita (4) and A1C (1) tests. Nursing staff provided Bone Density clinics for the community. Eleven (11) bone density screenings were completed. Nursing staff provided 40 hours of consultation during the month of January. Vision and Hearing Screenings were conducted to screen pre-school age children. These screenings assist with identifying difficulties in vision and hearing and utilize developmentally-appropriate techniques to screen children and identify any necessary referral or follow-up. During January, 38 vision and hearing screenings were completed.

Health and Human Services provides in-person therapy services and telehealth psychotherapy services for the community and Village employees. Mental health services play a critical role in promoting well-being and ensuring a high quality of life. They provide essential support for individuals experiencing mental health challenges, helping them navigate crises, build resilience, and develop coping strategies. Access to these services can prevent mental health issues from escalating, reducing the risk of long-term negative impacts on individuals and their communities. Moreover, mental health services foster understanding and awareness, combating the stigma associated with mental health conditions. By investing in mental health, we not only support those in need but also create healthier, more inclusive communities where everyone has the opportunity to thrive. During the month of January, clinical psychology staff served 116 clients and provided 279 hours of individual counseling, 7 hours of couples therapy, 4 hours of family counseling, 10 clinical intakes and 8.5 hours of crisis counseling. In addition, therapy interns provided 22 hours of psychological assessment. Charlie the Therapy Dog sat in on 32 therapy sessions during the month of January. During these sessions, Charlie provides support and helps reduce anxiety and distress by being petted and sitting next to clients. Therapy services address a variety of mental health concerns including depression, anxiety, trauma, family dynamics and conflict, communication, and relational difficulties. All services are offered on a sliding scale and are accessible to all residents.

Emergency Assistance

Emergency assistance programs are crucial in providing immediate support to individuals and communities affected by unexpected crises, such as health emergencies and economic hardships. These programs help stabilize vulnerable populations by ensuring access to basic needs like food, shelter, utilities and medical care. By offering timely intervention, emergency assistance programs mitigate the long-term impact of crises, reduce suffering, and promote quicker recovery. They also play a vital role in preserving human dignity and fostering resilience, enabling individuals to rebuild their lives and communities with a sense of hope and security.

HHS continues to be a volunteer service extension site for the Salvation Army program. Through this program, HHS provides Salvation Army Emergency Assistance services to Hoffman Estates' residents in need. This fund provides limited financial support to families who show a need due to an unexpected emergency (i.e. insufficient funds for rent or past due utility bill). Staff meets with each client for approximately 30 minutes to assess the need for additional services and/or referrals. During the month of January, 1 resident was assisted through the Salvation Army program.

HHS is a designated site for individuals to apply for the Nicor Gas Sharing program. The program provides payment assistance with gas bills for those who qualify and meet income requirements. During the month of January, 1 resident was assisted.

The Health and Human Services Lending Closet loans wheelchairs, crutches, canes, walkers, and knee scooters to residents for a small fee. During January, 4 items were loaned to Village residents.

Sharps Recycling Program

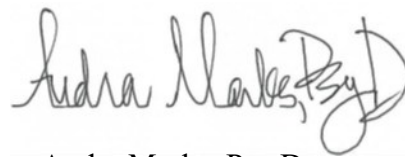
Sharps recycling programs are vital for safeguarding public health and the environment. These programs ensure the safe disposal of needles, syringes, and other medical sharps, preventing injuries and the spread of infections. When improperly discarded, sharps pose a significant risk to sanitation workers, community members, and wildlife. By implementing sharps recycling programs, communities can reduce needle-stick injuries and the transmission of bloodborne diseases. The sharps recycling program promotes environmental sustainability by preventing sharps from ending up in landfills or contaminating water sources. Health and Human Services offers sharps recycling on the first Wednesday of each month. During the month of January, 70 pounds of sharps were collected.

Additional Activities

- Gina McCauley and Cathy Dagian attended the Health and ID Fair hosted by Fred Crespo's office at Bridges of Poplar Creek on January 6, 2026 where they provided blood pressure screenings and resources to community members.
- Dr. Audra Marks, Dr. Lauren Nichols, Dr. Maria Cornejo-Garcia, Dr. Monica Saavedra, interns Sharon Wehmeyer and Lowell Bisio participated in internship interview on January 6th and January 8th.
- Dr. Audra Marks, Dr. Monica Saavedra, Cathy Dagian, and Judy Aldana attended the BS&A HHS approval meeting in Finance on January 12, 2026.
- Dr. Monica Saavedra attended the monthly Senior Commission meeting on January 13, 2026.
- Dr. Monica Saavedra assisted at the Senior Commission luncheon on January 21, 2026.
- Dr. Monica Saavedra attended the Youth Commission monthly meeting on January 15, 2026.
- Dr. Monica Saavedra attended the Management Team Planning meeting on January 16, 2026.
- Dr. Monica Saavedra attended Coffee With the Board on January 17, 2026.
- Dr. Audra Marks attended the monthly Commission for People with Disabilities meeting on January 19, 2026.
- Dr. Monica Saavedra attended a meeting with the Park District Active Adult program to discuss partnerships for Dementia Friendly Community initiatives on January 19, 2026.
- Jasmoniqua Cleveland attended the monthly Library drop in resource hour on January 20, 2026.



Monica Saavedra, Psy.D.
Director, Health & Human Services



Audra Marks, Psy.D.
Assistant Director, Health & Human Services

January, 2026

Health Services Provided						
	January, 2026	Year to Date	Last Year to Date	2025 Total		
Total People Served:	157	157	255	3952		
Children's Clinic People Served:						
Children's Clinic Total:	33	33	186	649		
Shots Given:						
Children's Clinic (Includes Flu):	68	68	59	1258		
Total Antigens:	117	117	85	1484		
Vision/Hearing Testing:						
Vision/Hearing Total:	38	38	164	2013		
Adult Immunizations:						
Adult Flu:	5	5	1	145		
Hep A/Menactra:	0	0	0	2		
Hep B:	0	0	2	8		
Tdap:	0	0	1	14		
Twinrix:	0	0	0	2		
317 Program:	0	0	0	0		
Other:	0	0	0	13		
Total Combined Shots:	5	5	4	184		
Total Antigens:	5	5	4	205		
Adult Wellness Testing:						
Tanita Scale:	4	4	0	145		
Blood Pressure:	16	16	24	685		
Pulse:	9	9	14	152		
Blood Sugar:	3	3	5	79		
CardioChek (Lipid Profile):	3	3	3	51		
Hgb/AC:	1	1	3	46		
TB Testing:	14	14	0	83		
Hemoglobin:	6	6	8	115		
Bone Density:	11	11	9	121		
Other:	0	0	0	0		
Total:	67	67	66	1477		
Health Consultation Time:	40 hrs	40 hrs	40 hrs	446 hrs		
Human Services Provided						
	January, 2026	Year to Date	Last Year to Date	2025 Total		
Total People Served:	116	116	121	1410		
Counseling Sessions:						
Individual Counseling:	279	279	319	3345.5		
Intake:	10	10	6.25	68		
Couples Counseling:	7	7	5	85		
Family Counseling:	4	4	11	84.5		
Group Counseling:	0	0	6	40.5		
Therapy Dog Sessions:	32	32	24	315		
Total Sessions:	332	332	371.25	3938.5		
Crisis Intervention:	8.5 hrs	8.5 hrs	6.5 hrs	144.25 hrs		
Psychological Testing:						
	Number of Testing Clients January, 2026	Hours of Testing January, 2026	Year to Date Test Batteries	Last Year to Date Test Batteries	2025 Total Number of Batteries	
Total:	3	22	3	2	37	
Outreach						
	Times Held in January, 2026	January, 2026 Participants	Y-T-D Participants	Times Held in 2026	Last Y-T-D Participants	2025 Total Participants
Community Outreach						
Blood Drive:	1	12	12	1	14	8
Wits Workout:	1	19	19	1	15	130
Therapy Dog Special Programing:	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other:	0	0	0	0	0	490

Special Events/Fairs:						
Total:	2	25	25	2	34	1652
Employee Programs:						
Total:	1	20	20	1	16	1227
Assistance Programs:						
	January, 2026 Participants	Year to Date	Last Year to Date	2025 Total		
Nicor:	1	1	1	17		
Salvation Army:	1	1	2	27		
Lending Closet:	4	4	6	59		
Total:	6	6	9	103		
Health Clinic Revenues						
	January, 2026	Year to Date	Last Year to Date	2025 Total	Comments	
Children's Clinic:	\$ 620.00	\$ 620.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 5,425.00		
Cancellation Fee:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 425.00		
Other Clinic/Fairs:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Hgb/A1C:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 63.00	\$ 743.00		
TB tests:	\$ 240.00	\$ 240.00	\$ -	\$ 1,400.00		
CardioChek (Lipid Profile):	\$ 66.00	\$ 66.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 851.00		
Bone Density:	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 555.00		
Tanita:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Adult Shots:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 175.00	\$ 875.00		
Employee Shots:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Blood Sugar:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Hemoglobin:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15.00		
Medicaid:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33.42		
Flu/Medicare:	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 270.00		
Children's Flu Clinic:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Vision & Hearing:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 175.00		
V&H Grant Reimbursement:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,450.00		
Lending Closet:	\$ 90.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 1,020.00		
Total:	\$ 1,106.00	\$ 1,106.00	\$ 695.00	\$ 14,237.42		
Human Services Revenue						
	January, 2026	Year to Date	Last Year to Date	2025 Total	Comments	
Counseling:	\$ 2,092.00	\$ 2,092.00	\$ 2,520.00	\$ 28,566.50		
Testing:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Presentations:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Total Revenue:	\$ 2,092.00	\$ 2,092.00	\$ 2,520.00	\$ 28,566.50		



VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

The Village of Hoffman Estates Emergency Management status report for January 2026:

EMC:

This month was focused final revisions for the village Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). This process includes reviewing updated content developed by the Joint Emergency Management Agency (JEMS) that aligns with state-mandated changes and ensures each department's information is correct. I also receive suggestions for corrections from each department and make those changes directly into the EOP prior to department approval. This revision cycle was significant as it included portions that our village was not previously required to contain. Some new content in this EOP revision cycle includes a Cross-Sector Infrastructure annex and acknowledgment of preventative actions that the village has taken to reduce impacts of a disaster and cascading effects. This revised EOP will be turned into the state by March 2026 for approval to retain our accreditation status. Our EOPs are revised every two years and approved by village department directors to ensure each department has input on subjects pertaining to their department.

I created a new layout of an Event Action Plan (EAP) for the Police Department to use for all arena events that can be added to the Fire Departments EAPs. Event Action Plans are typically used for larger events that the village hosts that include the Northwest Fourth Fest and the Platzkonzert. These EAPs lay out a communications plan, expected weather, staffing, and general emergency plans for Unified Command to use as guidelines in the event of a large-scale incident. Having an EAP developed for smaller events at the arena is the best practice for public safety leadership and allows coordination among the Police Department, Fire Department and Public Works.

EMA Team:

This year's EMA Team meeting and training calendar has been distributed and includes a few unique training opportunities for the team. This year we will be doing Storm Spotter Training through the National Weather Service, Traffic Incident Management training (TIM) through Hanover Township Emergency Services and IDOT, Damage Assessment and Urban Search training.

Outlook:

I am working with the IT Director and Spatial Tech Director on developing a web-based EOC process that will streamline our EOC workflow and develop a Situation Report. We currently have electronic copies of ICS forms to be used in our EOC that have become antiquated and slow our EOC workflow down. This new EOC process will allow us to view more information, develop situation reports and improve overall documentation collection during and after a large-scale emergency.

Sarah Kyle
Emergency Management Coordinator
Village of Hoffman Estates