



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

March 23, 2026	Council Chambers	Immediately following Public Works & Utilities Committee
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1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. Public Health & Safety Committee 2-23-2026
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
4. **OLD BUSINESS**
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
6. **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
7. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**
8. **ITEMS IN REVIEW**
9. **OTHER**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

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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
Bryan Ackerlund, Asst. PW Director
Alan Wenderski, Dir. Of Engineering
Dr. Monica Saavedra, HHS Director
Darek Raszka, Director of IT
Ben Gibbs, GM, NOW Arena
Tiffany Cuevas, Management Analyst
Ric Signorella, Multimedia Prod. Manager**

Guests:

Anthony Miceli, Speer Financial

The Special Public Health & Safety Committee meeting was called to order at 7:14 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MUNUTES

Motion by Trustee Arnet, seconded by Trustee Kinnane, to approve the Public Health & Safety Committee minutes from January 26, 2026. Voice vote taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. NEW BUSINESS

5. REPORTS**A. Police Department Monthly Report**

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 (Deferment requested)

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

6. PRESIDENTS REPORT**7. ITEMS IN REVIEW**

- 8. OTHER** – Chief Wax noted the Citizens Fire Academy starting on Wednesday, March 4th and that Station #21 is officially moved in. A ribbon cutting will be scheduled soon.

9. 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

February 2026

PATROL DIVISION ACTIVITY REPORT

During the month of February the Patrol Division responded to 3626 calls for service. The following is a brief summary of some of the activities:

On 02 February, at approximately 0204 hours, Officer Raffaelli overheard Schaumburg Fire Department radio traffic reporting an overturned vehicle with entrapment on westbound I-90 at Barrington Road. Officer Herran observed the crash from his location and advised that a semi-truck had overturned. Officers Raffaelli, Herran, Perez, Aldana, Villagomez, D. Miraglia, R. Miraglia, Capocci, PPO Bilodeau, and CSO Lara responded to assist. Upon arrival, officers located multiple damaged vehicles and several individuals who had been struck by vehicles. Officers shut down westbound I-90 and diverted traffic to Barrington Road with assistance from IDOT plow trucks. Officers rendered aid to all involved parties and maintained scene control, coordinating with Schaumburg FD and IDOT until Illinois State Police arrived. Subsequent information indicated that a suspected DUI driver had crashed into the barrier. A private ambulance witnessed the crash and stopped to assist. While a paramedic was aiding the driver, a semi-truck collided with the crashed vehicle, striking both the paramedic and the driver. The semi-truck then lost control, overturned, and trapped its driver. A second semi-truck stopped abruptly, causing its load of steel roof girder beams to shift into its cab. HEPD officers demonstrated strong initiative by responding outside of jurisdiction to assist potential victims.



On 10 February, officers responded to the area of Huntington Boulevard and Charlemagne Drive for a report of a suspicious person described as wearing all black with a black face mask. While checking the area, an officer located a vehicle with a shattered rear window. The search for the offender was unsuccessful. Later in the evening officers were dispatched to the 4400 block of Opal Drive for another suspicious person call. The victim reported finding an unknown subject inside their vehicle, who fled when confronted. The offender then attempted to steal a neighbor's vehicle but was unsuccessful and fled on foot. Officers conducted an area search and located a subject matching the description. The subject was taken into custody for investigation, turned over to detectives, charged with Criminal Damage to Vehicle and Burglary to Motor Vehicle, and subsequently released.

On 10 February, Officer Grady was on patrol in the area of Golf and Higgins Roads when she observed a vehicle protruding into traffic from a private drive on the 600 block of W. Higgins Road. Officer Grady was required to stop her squad car in traffic to avoid a collision. A traffic stop was initiated, and contact was made with the driver. While speaking with the driver, Officer Grady detected a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the driver's breath and person. The driver submitted to field sobriety tests, which indicated impairment, and was subsequently taken into custody for DUI. A search of the vehicle revealed two empty bottles of Kratom and a pill bottle containing an unknown substance. The driver was transported to the station for processing. At the station, a Drug Recognition Officer was requested to conduct an evaluation for possible drug impairment. The driver submitted to the evaluation but refused

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PATROL DIVISION REPORT CONT..

all chemical testing. The driver was charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Driving Under the Influence of Drugs, and Driving Under the Influence of a Combination of Alcohol and Drugs.

On 14 February, Officer Herran conducted a traffic stop for an expired registration near Barrington and Hassell Roads. Upon speaking with the driver and front passenger, Officer Herran detected a strong odor of fresh cannabis and observed rolled cigarillos containing suspected cannabis in an ashtray in the front cupholder. The driver consented to a search of the vehicle. Officer Herran located two small plastic bags containing a green leafy substance suspected to be cannabis, along with a black Glock 19 9mm pistol equipped with a loaded 31-round magazine inside a small bag behind the driver's seat. A subsequent search of the passenger revealed a loaded black Glock 19 pistol concealed in his front waistband. The driver did not possess a valid FOID card. The passenger possessed a valid FOID card but did not have a Concealed Carry License. Both subjects were taken into custody without incident. The driver was charged with Unlawful Transportation of a Firearm, Unlawful Possession of Cannabis, and Expired Registration. The passenger was charged with Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon.

On 18 February, Officer Mullin was on patrol in the area of Higgins Road and Gannon Drive and conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle bearing a fictitious "TRAVELER" license plate. During the initial contact, the driver advised Officer Mullin that he was in possession of a loaded firearm on his hip. While maintaining visual contact with the driver and command of the scene, Officer Mullin conducted an SOS/LEADS inquiry, which yielded that the driver had been denied a FOID. Officer Mullin requested additional units, and the subject was taken into custody without incident and the loaded Sig Sauer 9mm handgun was removed from his hip. A subsequent search of the vehicle yielded an additional Springfield Hellcat 9mm handgun and a total of 20 loaded 9mm magazines. Officer Mullin completed a thorough investigation, and the subject was charged with two counts Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapon, Possession of Fictitious Registration, Unlawful Possession of Ammunition, Operate Uninsured Motor Vehicle and Obstructed Registration.

On 24 February, Officer Herran observed a suspicious vehicle parked at local hotel. Upon approaching the vehicle, a strong odor of burnt cannabis was detected. The driver admitted to consuming cannabis inside the vehicle. A consent search of the driver and the vehicle resulted in the discovery of a bag of cannabis and two baggies containing cocaine. The driver was taken into custody, charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance and later released pending laboratory analysis of the seized substances.

RETIREMENT

After 20 years of service, **Officer Kevin Doherty** announced his retirement effective February 12, 2026. Officer Doherty diligently patrolled our community to deter criminal activity and he was a positive representative of the Hoffman Estates Police Department. We congratulate Officer Doherty on his commendable career and thank him for his years of service.

Congratulations Officer Doherty!



INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION REPORT CONT..

Throughout the month of February, Detective Rebmann continued his investigation into a Domestic Battery in which the victim reported that he had been stabbed in the head with a car key by his girlfriend on the 700 block of Bode Circle. The victim later became uncooperative and stated that he fabricated the story. Detective Rebmann made numerous attempts for the victim turned offender, a 32-year-old resident of Hoffman Estates, to turn himself in at the police station with negative results. Detective Rebman was able to obtain a warrant for his arrest for Disorderly Conduct/Filing a False Police Report. This case is cleared by arrest pending warrant service.

On 3 February, Detective Garcia continued his investigation into a Burglary in which a business along Barrington Road was burglarized over the course of the evening by five subjects using two pickup trucks and a trailer. Initial estimates of the loss were more than \$169,000 worth of materials. Detective Garcia worked with the Elmhurst Police Department and the NORTAF Burglary Task Force and was able to identify numerous vehicles used in the burglary as well as several suspects. Detectives Garcia and Shaw, along with assisting detectives from other agencies conducted surveillance and tracked a suspect vehicle to a residence in Hanover Park. A 23-year-old male Hanover Park resident was apprehended during a planned operation between the Elmhurst Police Department, NORTAF Burglary Task Force, and the Hoffman Estates Police Department. A 17-year-old male was also apprehended after committing a battery against Detective Garcia. Both subjects were taken to the Elmhurst Police Department for their investigation. The juvenile was ultimately charged with Aggravated Battery to a Police Officer and Possession of Ammunition Without a FOID card. The adult subject was subsequently charged with Felony Theft Over \$100,000 and Burglary. A second male suspect has been positively identified in this case with an arrest warrant forthcoming. This investigation is cleared by felony arrests with additional arrests pending.

On 12 February, Detective O'Shea continued his investigation into an Aggravated Identity Theft in which a subject had utilized a resident's identity in an attempt to withdraw a large amount of currency from

their bank account. Detective O'Shea was able to obtain an arrest warrant, and the subject was later taken into custody. Detective The offender, a 41-year-old female resident of Chicago, was charged with Aggravated Identity Theft. This investigation is cleared by felony arrest.

On 14 February, Detective O'Shea continued his investigation into a Theft in which a subject altered his past employer's previously issued payroll checks to steal over \$13,000 in funds. Detective O'Shea was able to obtain an arrest warrant, and the subject was later taken into custody. After completing the investigation, the subject, a 26-year-old male resident of Elgin, was charged with Theft by Deception and Financial Institution Fraud. This investigation is cleared by felony arrest.

On 20 February, Detective Parks continued his investigation of a Retail Theft in which the offender backed his vehicle into a local gas station on the 2000 block of Barrington Road and entered the store and took a tray of cigarettes and a bottle of alcohol without rendering payment. Detective Parks created and distributed an informational bulletin and identification the offender, a 40-year-old male resident of Chicago, was made. Detective Parks was able to obtain an arrest warrant for the charge of Felony Retail Theft.

On 24 February, Detective Rebmann was assigned a theft of Mislaid Property. A victim left their wallet on a table at a fast-food restaurant in the 2200 block of Higgins Road. A subject took the wallet and left the area in a vehicle. Detective Rebmann was able to utilize law enforcement tools to obtain the license plate and contacted the registered owner which led to the identification of the subject who took the wallet. Shortly after, the victim received a package in the mail that contained her purse with all contents still inside. The victim no longer wished to sign complaints and was satisfied with her items being returned. This investigation is exceptionally cleared.



JUVENILE INVESTIGATIONS SECTION REPORT

On 18 February, Detective Ramos was assigned to investigate a Missing Juvenile in which a 16-year-old male juvenile who resides in Hoffman Estates made threatening statements to his father. Detective Ramos contacted the juvenile's parents who were able to provide information about his possible whereabouts. Detective Ramos learned that the juvenile was scheduled for a job interview and located the missing juvenile there. This investigation was cleared by recovery.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (SROs)

On 5 February, Eisenhower Junior High School Resource Officer Lowden investigated a suspicious incident that had occurred at Eisenhower Junior High School. While at school, a female student advised administrators that she had been hit several times by one of her friends. The student had a visible bruise around her left eye. The victim's parents declined to press charges in lieu of school consequences. This investigation is exceptionally cleared.

On 10 February, School Resource Officer Teipel conducted a presentation for the Sports Literature class about underage gambling and the consequences of being caught participating as an underage subject. Officer Teipel reported that the class exhibited great participation and the presentation was effective.

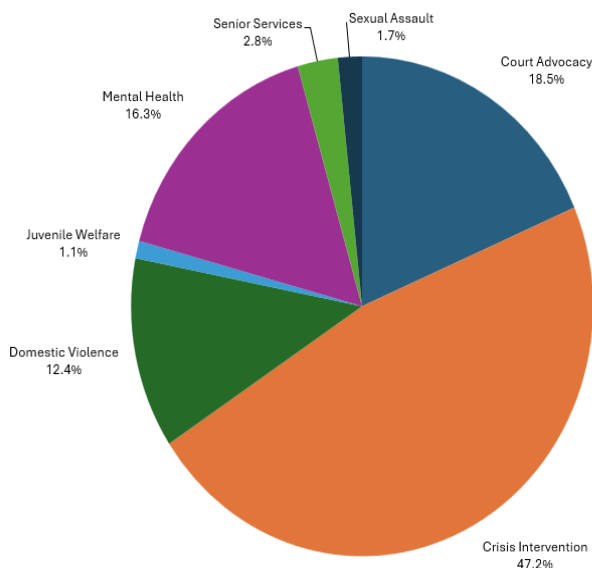
On 13 February, Eisenhower Junior High School

Resource Officer Lowden conducted a presentation for Eisenhower Junior High School's Career Day for all students. Officer Lowden described her daily duties as a School Resource Officer, as well as descriptions of other positions at the Hoffman Estates Police Department and opportunities and experiences available for the students.

On 13 February, a Hoffman Estates High School staff member brought a student to School Resource Officer Gessert who he had caught with a skimming device and believed that the student had attempted to hack into a school projector with it. Officer Gessert conducted research on the device and learned that it had capabilities to clone infrared remotes, garage door openers, vehicle key fobs, and staff RFID cards. The item was seized and a subsequent consent search of the device was conducted with nothing illegal found on the device, which was later returned to the student's parent. The student received a school consequence for his actions.

On 18 February, administration and School Resource Officer Teipel were called into the hallway after school for a battery. The victim student was escorted to the office with witnesses, who provided statements and cellphone video of the incident. The victim's parents were called and the parents wished to sign complaints for battery. This investigation is cleared by juvenile arrest.

Social Work Division February



PD SOCIAL WORKER REPORT

HEHS Multilingual Community Event
 Conant students HEPD tour
 Officer Wellness & Suicide Prevention Seminar
 Rooted & Rising CAC Seminar
 Peer Support Meeting
 Birth to Five Meeting
 APSS LEAB Meeting
 Family Engagement Night

TACTICAL UNIT REPORT

On 03 and 10 February, the TACT Unit led In-Service Training to the police department on the Taser 10 as well as conducted CPR recertifications.

On 05 February, Detective Bartolone held an informant meeting with the FBI and his Source of Information (SOI) related to recent gang activity affecting surrounding agencies and towns.

On 09 February, Detectives Jennings and Meyer met with the lead investigator for Cook County's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task force to learn how Hoffman Estates can play a larger role in these investigations.

On 12 February, Detective Bartolone recovered a revoked FOID card from a resident.

On 12 February, Detective Meyer conducted the registration for 3 Sex Offenders.

On 13 February, Sergeant Giacone and Detective Bartolone assisted patrol units on a call with an intoxicated subject that was suicidal and reported missing. The subject was found walking with a bottle of gas and lighter and arguing with a patrol officer. The subject was placed into custody for safety concerns after homicidal comments were made. The vehicle he was driving was located unattended in the middle of the roadway. In plain view and throughout the vehicle were drug paraphernalia, narcotics, USC, as well as the equipment to make crack cocaine and a firearm.

On 18 February, the TACT Unit was notified of a vehicle that registered to an address in Hoffman Estates was used in a felony retail theft committed in Oak Brook and

both the driver and vehicle were wanted. The TACT Unit located the vehicle and observed the subject arriving home and took them into custody without incident.

On 19 February, Detectives Bartolone and Jennings and Officer Aldana conducted surveillance on a residence known for narcotics transactions and observed a vehicle leaving the residence. The TACT Unit positioned themselves behind the vehicle and it immediately turned into an address. Surveillance was continued and a female exited the vehicle, attempting to distance herself from the driver/vehicle. She was observed lighting a cigarette in a park in front of a no parking sign. Contact was made and the female was found to be on parole for narcotics. She was searched and multiple hypodermic needles with a brown liquid inside were located. She was placed into custody and transported to HEPD.



On 27 February, the TACT Unit arrested a known gang member on an original felony warrant out of Hoffman Estates for Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding.

On 27 February, Detectives Meyer and Kubat conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a registration violation. After further investigation it was learned the driver had multiple warrants out of DuPage County. A search of the vehicle was conducted and multiple pieces of body armor, a security officer shirt, duty belt with a conducted electrical weapon (CEW) and a pepper ball gun were found. The subject was a convicted felon and was not legally allowed to possess body armor or CEW. He was transported to HEPD and charged with multiple felonies including a Class X felony for Felon in Possession of Body Armor and a Firearm.



CANINE UNIT

During February, Officer Mullin and K9 Ajax conducted three (3) vehicle sniffs for narcotics, resulting in the seizure of approximately 10 grams of illicit drugs. They also completed a narcotics sniff on a suspicious postal package during a drug investigation, which led to the discovery of 15 pounds of suspected crystal meth.

The K9 team assisted another agency during a traffic stop involving an uncooperative subject. Due to the presence and deterrent effect of K9 Ajax, the subject was safely taken into custody without the use of force.

In addition to operational deployments, Officer Mullin and K9 Ajax completed 16 hours of ongoing training to maintain operational readiness and proficiency.

SPECIAL /STAFF SERVICES DIVISION REPORT

A number of projects and programs were completed and continued in the Special Services & Staff Services Division during February 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 updated the Taser 10 pre-shift procedures and General Orders.

Sergeant Boulahanis began organizing the May/June department in-service training for the department.

February 2 – Sergeant Boulahanis developed a 16 hour training course for on-boarding new supervisors.

February 3 – Sergeant Boulahanis coordinated with Kane County Public Health to update the department Narcan program.

February 20 – Sergeant Boulahanis met with a vendor in Batavia regarding an electric off-road vehicle for the PD.

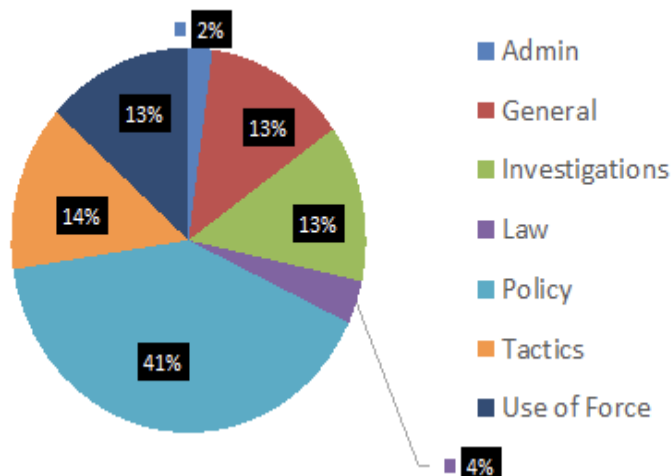
February 27 – Sergeant Boulahanis coordinated a meeting with BTS Ranges for them to overview pitting on the range floor.

HEPD Property Room Totals 2026		
PROPERTY ROOM	February	YTD
New Items Inventoried	159	332
Items sent to the crime lab	24	59
Items returned from the lab	12	39
Items returned to owner	12	44
Total Transfers of property/evidence	602	1838
Items destroyed	104	253
Items marked for destruction (holding)	33	209
Percent of property processed within 5 days	100%	



TRAINING

2026 TRAINING HOURS BY CATEGORY



Hoffman Estates Police Training 2026		
Training Category	February	YTD Hours
Admin	14.75	45.25
General	164.00	271.00
Investigations	24.00	276.00
Law	15.00	76.00
Policy	499.25	844.50
Tactics	100.50	292.50
Use of Force	169.00	279.00
Total Hours	986.50	2084.25

COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT

On 05 February, the TACT Unit attended Hoffman Estates High School's Multi-lingual night and presented at a table about community resources.

On 06 February, Detective Chereck and Sergeant Giacone held a meeting with a community engagement counselor to bring HEPD Community Relations to our west school district U46 schools to provide resources and form a stronger relationship.

On 17 February, the TACT Unit led a station tour for at risk youths from Conant High School and spoke to them about different resources they offer.

On 18 February, Sergeant Giacone and Investigations Commander Levin held a meeting

at Schaumburg Township to discuss future events and community resources to help strengthen the bond between HEPD and the township.

On 23 February, Detectives Chereck and Kubat performed a station tour for students from Lincoln Prairie School.



TRAFFIC SECTION REPORT

The following is a summary of activities for the Traffic Section for the month of February:

Administrative Hearings

February 2, February 17 - Sergeant Marak, Officer Witt, and Community Service Officers Rodriguez and Barraza provided support for the administrative adjudication hearings.

Red Light Camera Violations

Sergeant Marak conducted reviews of 534 red light camera violations, dedicating approximately 12 hours to this task during the month.

Hit-and-Run Crash Reports

The Traffic Section reviewed a total of 10 hit-and-run traffic crash reports.

Child Safety Seat Inspections & Fingerprinting Services

During the month of February, the Traffic Section facilitated 5 fingerprinting appointments and conducted 7 child safety seat inspections.

Oversized/Overweight Permit Processing

During February, Sergeant Marak processed 40 oversized/overweight vehicle permits via the Oxcart permit system.

Noteworthy

In February, the Traffic Section investigated one (1) fatal vehicle traffic crash.

OAKLEY'S REPORT

On February 4th, Oakley joined Pickles, Caine and Daisy (Oakbrook Terrace PD) and Belle and Cash (Canines 4 Comfort) at the Greenbriar School in Northbrook for World Read Aloud Day. The dogs met with students as the students read to them. The students enjoyed meeting the dogs and the dog enjoyed all the pets.



Later in the day, the 100 Club of Illinois invited Oakley, Chance and Charm (Elgin PD) to Shepard Middle School in Deerfield for a student verses first responders charity basketball game. All the money raised at the event was donated to the 100 Club of Illinois. The dogs met with students, staff and first responders and thanked them for their support of the 100 Club of Illinois.

On February 12th, Oakley invited some of his friends to Ascension Alexian Brothers Hospice Residence. He was joined by Chance and Charm (Elgin PD), Zelda (North Aurora PD) and River (Batavia PD). The dogs met with the patients and staff and provided them some comfort during a very difficult time.

On February 16th, Oakley, Casper (Kane County Sheriff's PD) and Chance and Charm (Elgin PD) joined the 100 Club of Illinois at the Glenview Police Department. February 16th was the one year anniversary of the death of Officer Robert Fryc who was killed by a drunk driver on his way to his shift. The dogs met with family of the fallen officer and members of the police department as they held a ceremony to remember Officer Fryc.



On February 17th, Oakley and a large team of Canines 4 Comfort dogs attended a community grieving event at the Round Lake Beach Cultural and Civic Center. The community gathered to remember an 8-year-old boy who died as a result of child abuse. The dogs met with family members, classmates, teachers and residents of the community and provided them comfort during tragic time.

On February 27th, Oakley joined Belle and Cash (Canines 4 Comfort) at their monthly visit to Discovery Village of Hoffman Estates. The dogs met with the residents and got their picture taken with the festive giraffes.

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION



February 12, 2026

Chief Kasia Cawley
Hoffman Estates Police Department
411 W. Higgins Road
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

Dear Chief Cawley,

On behalf of the Rolling Meadows Police Department, I would like to extend our appreciation for your department's assistance during a recent investigation in our jurisdiction. On Wednesday, February 4, 2026, at approximately 0915 hours, our officers were dispatched to a vehicle vs. pedestrian crash in the 2700 block of Algonquin Road. Ultimately, the elderly pedestrian involved in this incident succumbed to his injuries, and the MCAT-STAR Team was activated.

Officer Anne Witt responded to assist with this fatal crash investigation and reconstruction. The assistance of MCAT STAR is invaluable, and their professionalism and knowledge are crucial to the successful resolution of these investigations.

Please extend our gratitude to Officer Witt. The contributions of this officer and the MCAT-STAR Team are greatly appreciated, and are deserving of recognition. Thank you for your partnership, and we will always be ready to assist your agency when needed.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony Peluso".

Anthony Peluso
Chief of Police

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION



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February 25, 2026

Chief Kasia Cawley
Hoffman Estates Police Department
411 W. Higgins Road
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

Dear Chief Cawley:

I am writing to thank you, your agency, and commend Officer C.J. Johnson for assistance rendered to the Arlington Heights Police Department during a recent critical incident resulting in an ILEAS and NIPAS activation.

On February 19, 2026, at approximately 7:30 A.M., Arlington Heights police officers responded to a single-family residence after receiving a 911 call reporting an in-progress Home Invasion. The complainant and another family member were hiding in a second-floor bedroom, and the offender was trying to break down the bedroom door.

First responders arrived and rapidly conducted a complete exterior assessment. Officers observed the offender exit a second-floor window onto the roof. Immediate commands were given to surrender. The offender failed to comply and retreated into the home through the same window. An exterior perimeter was established. Two officers entered the home intending to execute a rescue. Their forward movement was met with threatening gunfire initiated by the offender. Officers withdrew and a more robust entry team was quickly assembled. During the interim, officers observed the suspect crawl down the staircase and relocate to the rear of the first-floor. A reassembled entry team held the first-floor foyer while a component reached the second-floor occupants and successfully completed the rescue. The offender was contained and it was determined no one else was in the home. An ILEAS and NIPAS activation was requested.

Northwest Central Dispatch System (NWCDS) telecommunicators answered an urgent call for help while simultaneously reassuring the residents a police response was on the way. Telecommunicators collected pertinent information and detailed intelligence useful to incoming Patrol units. Radio communication during the initial phase was disciplined and coordinated. In addition, once the ILEAS and NIPAS activations were requested, it required supplemental NWCDS staff to complete timely notifications for emergency mutual aid.

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

ILEAS and NIPAS personnel arrived in short order and were tactically deployed. A swift response from our local law enforcement partners allowed AHPD to rapidly apply substantial resources to this high-risk incident. ILEAS officers assisted in locking-down the outer perimeter thereby prohibiting unauthorized persons and traffic from entering a restricted area. NIPAS personnel quickly relieved AHPD officers holding the inner perimeter. NIPAS coordinated the deployment of expert human capital assets and employed robot and drone technology as well as K-9 resources to tactically and systematically search the home. The offender was located in the basement. A prolonged negotiation began. Compelling motivation was also introduced by Emergency Services Team personnel. The professionalism of each law enforcement specialist contributed to the successful resolution.

Throughout the incident, a contingency of Arlington Heights Fire Department Chief Officers, paramedics and firefighters were staged and remained at-the-ready in case there was an immediate need for medical treatment or fire suppression.

A comprehensive investigation determined an armed and masked 50-year-old convicted burglar entered a single-family residence with the intention to commit a criminal act. After a 7 ½ hour stand-off, the intruder was persuaded by NIPAS negotiators to surrender. The offender has initially been charged with two class X felony counts of Home Invasion. He is currently detained in the Cook County Jail.

The Arlington Heights Police Department stands ready to reciprocate should the need arise.

In the end, this incident resulted in the arrest of a violent felon, and all public safety professionals deployed went uninjured. Please extend my sincere appreciation to the aforementioned personnel for a job well done!

Sincerely,



Nicholas A. Pecora, Jr.
Chief of Police

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



To: Eric Palm, Village Manager

February 2026

Prevention & Wellness

Health and Human Service proudly celebrated the 8 year anniversary of Community Health Nurse Gina McCauley and the ten year anniversary of Assistant Director/Director of Training Dr. Audra Marks on February 26th and February 28th. Gina and Dr. Marks have been pivotal parts of the Village and the department. Their dedication to serving the community and training future generations of nurses and psychologists is exemplary. We are proud to have them as a part of the Health and Human Service department!

Health and Human Services has been fortunate to be the recipient of funds raised for the Self-Help Fund through the Hope Fore Hoffman Golf Fundraiser for the Hoffman Estates Foundation. The Hope Fore Hoffman Fundraiser has been a life-changing event that has afforded us the opportunity to serve the community in ways that are meaningful, immediate, and essential. HHS has been able to help 36 individuals and families to date through this fund with emergency assistance. Throughout the month of February, HHS staff has provided tours of the department for potential donors. Tours were coordinated through the Mayor's office in partnership with committee and Board members. During the tours, HHS is able to highlight services provided to the community, ways the funds have been utilized to assist community members in need, and discuss the growing needs of the community.

Community outreach is central to the mission of Health and Human Services. On February 5, 2026, Dr. Maria Cornejo-Garica attended the Multilingual Community Resource Fair at Hoffman Estates High School. Here Dr. Cornejo-Garcia was able to discuss services available in English and Spanish and provide resources to community members. Grant-funded clinician Jasmoniqua Cleveland attended the monthly resource hour at the Hoffman Estates branch library. During this event, Jasmoniqua provides resources to residents who come in with questions. During the month of February, Jasmoniqua was able to assist a resident with attaining health insurance coverage and helped navigate the often unfamiliar and complicated process with care. On February 19th, Cathy Dagian and Dr. Monica Saavedra hosted the Dementia Friendly Community Information Table at the Mayor's State of the Village Breakfast at the NOW Arena. This is part of Phase two of the Dementia Friendly Community initiative in which businesses are invited to participate in a short training video and quiz for their staff in order to be recognized as a Dementia Friendly Partner.

Nursing staff have been participating in the Immunization Quality Improvement Program (IQIP). During the month of February, HHS nursing staff focused on vaccine statistics and goals to ensure that children are being kept up to date with vaccines. While assessing the vaccination coverage, we found that out of our patients who are age appropriate to receive polio vaccinations, our goal is to be at 90%. We are currently at 89% for Polio Vaccinations and started with an initial coverage (as of 11/18/25) of 84%. We also found that out of our patients who are age appropriate to receive Tdap vaccinations, our goal is to be at 88%. We are currently at 97% for Tdap Vaccinations and started with an initial coverage (as of 11/18/25) of 83%. Our next goals are: Increasing our Dtap vaccination rate for children aged 24-35 months as well as increasing HPV vaccinations for eligible 13 year olds.

The Employee Wellness Committee, in partnership with Grounded Wellness Yoga Center, brought two sessions of employee yoga to the Village Hall on February 17th and February 19th. Yoga has been found to improve flexibility, build strength, decrease stress and improve mental health. Four employees attended the events.

HHS hosted the new Memory Minders, formerly WITS Workout, class for older adults at Village Hall. Sixteen (16) 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. HHS welcomed two nursing students from Elmhurst University who will be placed in HHS from February 9th through March 18th. Nursing students Emily and Zynai will assist in clinics and help develop new curriculum for Memory Minders classes.

Training Program Update

During the month of February, Health and Human Services clinical staff, led by Director of Training Dr. Audra Marks, held interviews for 5 practicum positions which will start in September 2026. The psychology externship is designed for students in Masters and Doctoral programs in the Chicagoland area who will be focusing on direct clinical service. During the training year, externs will provide direct service to residents, develop and implement outreach programming, receive supervision, and receive training in various modalities of therapy and psychological interventions. Health and Human Services is proud to share that we matched with 5 of our top candidates for the 2026-2027 training year.

In addition, the match process for the Doctoral Internship program, which is a nationwide program, was completed in February. We are proud to announce that HHS matched with the top two candidates who were ranked for the upcoming training year.

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 February, nursing staff provided 26 infant and children's vaccinations and 11 adult vaccinations. Through these vaccinations, a total of 47 child and 31 adult antigens were administered. One hundred fifty-eight (158) preventative screenings were completed which include blood pressure (68), and pulse screenings (5), blood sugar (6), Hemoglobin (10), CardioChek (2), TB (15), Tanita (35) and A1C (2) tests. Nursing staff provided Bone Density clinics for the community. Fifteen (15) bone density screenings were completed. Nursing staff provided 40 hours of consultation during the month of February. 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 February, 88 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 February, clinical psychology staff served 118 clients and provided 286 hours of individual counseling, 12 hours of couples therapy, 3 hours of family counseling, 3 hours of group therapy, 7 clinical intakes and 9 hours of crisis counseling. In addition, therapy interns provided 16 hours of psychological assessment. Charlie the Therapy Dog sat in on 26 therapy sessions during the month of February. 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 February, 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 February, 3 residents were assisted.

The Health and Human Services Lending Closet loans wheelchairs, crutches, canes, walkers, and knee scooters to residents for a small fee. During February, 1 item was loaned to a Village resident.

Sharps Recycling Program

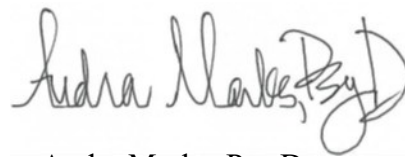
Sharps recycling programs are vital for safeguarding public health and the environment. These programs ensure the safe disposal of needles, syringes, and other medical sharps, preventing injuries and the spread of infections. When improperly discarded, sharps pose a significant risk to sanitation workers, 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 February, 211 pounds of sharps were collected.

Additional Activities

- Dr. Audra Marks attended the Village Board Meetings on February 2nd and February 16th.
- Dr. Audra Marks attended the First Friday event hosted by the Commission for People with Disabilities on February 6, 2026.
- Dr. Monica Saavedra attended the monthly Senior Commission meeting on February 10, 2026.
- Dr. Audra Marks attended the monthly meeting for the Commission for People With Disabilities on February 16th.
- Dr. Monica Saavedra assisted at the Senior Commission luncheon on February 18, 2026. Nursing staff Cathy Dagian, Gina McCauley, and nursing students provided Blood Pressure screenings at the event.
- Cathy Dagian and Dr. Monica Saavedra attended the Mayor's State of the Village Breakfast at the NOW Arena on February 19th.
- Dr. Monica Saavedra attended the Youth Commission monthly meeting on February 19, 2026.
- Dr. Maria Cornejo-Garica attended the POC meeting on February 23, 2026.
- Dr. Monica Saavedra attended the Hoffman Estates Foundation Meeting on February 23, 2026.
- Dr. Maria Cornejo-Garcia and Dr. Monica Saavedra met with Police Social Worker to discuss planning for community day planned for July 2026.



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February, 2026

Health Services Provided						
	February, 2026	Year to Date	Last Year to Date	2025 Total		
Total People Served:	267	424	512	3952		
Children's Clinic People Served:						
Children's Clinic Total:	9	42	334	649		
Shots Given:						
Children's Clinic (Includes Flu):	26	94	119	1258		
Total Antigens:	47	164	188	1484		
Vision/Hearing Testing:						
Vision/Hearing Total:	88	126	288	2013		
Adult Immunizations:						
Adult Flu:	0	5	2	145		
Hep A/Menactra:	0	0	0	2		
Hep B:	0	0	4	8		
Tdap:	9	9	1	14		
Twinrix:	2	2	0	2		
317 Program:	0	0	0	0		
Other:	0	0	0	13		
Total Combined Shots:	11	16	7	184		
Total Antigens:	31	36	7	205		
Adult Wellness Testing:						
Tanita Scale:	35	39	0	145		
Blood Pressure:	68	84	59	685		
Pulse:	5	14	40	152		
Blood Sugar:	6	9	11	79		
CardioChek (Lipid Profile):	2	5	13	51		
Hgb/AC:	2	3	9	46		
TB Testing:	15	29	4	83		
Hemoglobin:	10	16	25	115		
Bone Density:	15	26	14	121		
Other:	0	0	0	0		
Total:	158	225	175	1477		
Health Consultation Time:	15 hrs	55 hrs	80 hrs	446 hrs		
Human Services Provided						
	February, 2026	Year to Date	Last Year to Date	2025 Total		
Total People Served:	118	234	232	1410		
Counseling Sessions:						
Individual Counseling:	286	565	607	3345.5		
Intake:	7	17	12.5	68		
Couples Counseling:	12	19	9	85		
Family Counseling:	3	7	24	84.5		
Group Counseling:	3	3	8	40.5		
Therapy Dog Sessions:	26	58	46	315		
Total Sessions:	337	669	706.5	3938.5		
Crisis Intervention:	9 hrs	17.5 hrs	15.5 hrs	144.25 hrs		
Psychological Testing:						
	Number of Testing Clients February, 2026	Hours of Testing February, 2026	Year to Date Test Batteries	Last Year to Date Test Batteries	2025 Total Number of Batteries	
Total:	2	16	5	2	37	
Outreach						
	Times Held in February, 2026	February, 2026 Participants	Y-T-D Participants	Times Held in 2026	Last Y-T-D Participants	2025 Total Participants
Community Outreach						
Blood Drive:	0	0	12	1	14	8
Memory Minders (Wits):	1	16	35	2	27	130
Therapy Dog Special Programing:	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other:	0	0	0	0	0	490

Special Events/Fairs:						
Total:	0	0	25	2	44	1652
Employee Programs:						
Total:	2	4	24	3	28	1227
Assistance Programs:						
	February, 2026 Participants	Year to Date	Last Year to Date	2025 Total		
Nicor:	3	4	4	17		
Salvation Army:	1	2	11	27		
Lending Closet:	1	5	7	59		
Total:	5	11	22	103		
Health Clinic Revenues						
	February, 2026	Year to Date	Last Year to Date	2025 Total	Comments	
Children's Clinic:	\$ 280.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 860.00	\$ 5,425.00		
Cancellation Fee:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75.00	\$ 425.00		
Other Clinic/Fairs:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Hgb/A1C:	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 183.00	\$ 743.00		
TB tests:	\$ 240.00	\$ 480.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 1,400.00		
CardioChek (Lipid Profile):	\$ 22.00	\$ 88.00	\$ 198.00	\$ 851.00		
Bone Density:	\$ -	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 555.00		
Tanita:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Adult Shots:	\$ 55.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 875.00		
Employee Shots:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Blood Sugar:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Hemoglobin:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6.00	\$ 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:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 302.00	\$ 2,450.00		
Lending Closet:	\$ 10.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 1,020.00		
Total:	\$ 627.00	\$ 1,733.00	\$ 2,219.00	\$ 14,237.42		
Human Services Revenue						
	February, 2026	Year to Date	Last Year to Date	2025 Total	Comments	
Counseling:	\$ 1,706.00	\$ 3,798.00	\$ 5,324.50	\$ 28,566.50		
Testing:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Presentations:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Total Revenue:	\$ 1,706.00	\$ 3,798.00	\$ 5,324.50	\$ 28,566.50		



VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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

EMC:

This month was focused final revisions for the village Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). This process includes pairing additional content within each Essential Support Function to include supportive emergency plans, Memorandums of Understanding and mutual aid agreements. 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 have been working with our 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 and paper 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.

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. This month, the EMA team met in the EOC for an Urban Search Team training update, discussed the expected training for the year and future special events that we will participate in. We also accepted a new EMA team volunteer with two more potential volunteers completing their EMA team application process!

Outlook:

I am working with JEMS to schedule a Functional Exercise to test our capabilities and workflow within the EOC. This scenario will include aspects of a hazardous material situation, debris management and public safety communications to the public. We are looking at scheduling this training in Fall 2026 with village management. This exercise is a co-coordinated event between myself and the Joint Emergency Management System (JEMS), that may require additional local emergency managers to assist in simulation and evaluation. Functional Exercises take about six months to develop, and this exercise will include two separate operational periods, which we have never done before. I am looking forward to this new method of exercise development for our EOC staff.

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Village of Hoffman Estates