

Village of Winthrop Harbor  
**POLICE**  
**DEPARTMENT**



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Dear Citizens of Wadsworth,

For well over 10 years, it has been an honor and a privilege to provide you and our Wadsworth community with police services. It has also been our pleasure to assist and serve alongside one of the finest fire departments in the Country, the Newport Fire Department, and Chief Mark Kirschhoffer.

Many of our police officers who began with the program are still on the job in Wadsworth today, having come to know the village and its residents and businesses quite well throughout the years. Over the years Wadsworth has benefited from more than \$250,000 in federal grant funding for police services, plus numerous IDOT grants for click-it-or-ticket and DUI enforcement programs. Each of these grants were applied for and received by our department for the benefit of Wadsworth and its residents.

Our police officers have made countless community policing contacts, in addition to hundreds of arrests, ranging from illegal guns, drugs and gang activity, to driving under the influence, driving with license revoked and other serious driving offences. Our State certified truck enforcement officers have taken countless unsafe trucks off the roadways in Wadsworth, including those with little or no brakes, those grossly overweight, and those being operated by drivers without the proper training required to operate these large vehicles safely.

We measure our success not only in the statistics, but by the reception our officers consistently received from Wadsworth residents and business owners. Whether it was a friendly wave, an offer of a cup of coffee, or even invitations to backyard barbecues, in over 30 years of working in law enforcement, I have never encountered a more appreciative and kind community than Wadsworth, Illinois.

I am exceptionally proud of our police officers, community service officers, administrative and support staff, as well as Geoff Wexler, our Village Prosecutor handling Wadsworth cases, whom all worked together as a team to provide top quality service for all these years, without controversy. Through hard work and cooperative efforts with the Mayor, village board, administrator Moses Amidei and others, we've helped to shape and enhance rules and regulations for the village's parks, adopt the Illinois vehicle code as local ordinance, and create an ordinance for participation in a local adjudication court – which provided convenience for residents while decreasing expense for the village. It's been common for us to respond to specific and special calls for serve requested by the Mayor and village staff, including serving summons for ordinance violations, special investigations, responding to calls at the sledding hill or calls of problems in the parks. Through an entirely voluntary effort, our Wadsworth officers adopted a section of Delany Road and each year on their own time cleaned the roadway. This is the dedication and esprit décor Winthrop Harbor police officers have exhibited that I take my hat off for.

We understand that with the election of new board members there are new ideas and initiatives, and there is not one community in the United States that hasn't been affected by this economy. Therefore we respect the decision of this board. In the meantime, regardless of a contract or not, having lived in the Wadsworth area for nearly 14 years, I will continue to care about this community and help my fellow citizens wherever needed. It is with pride and a sense of accomplishment that with the end of this contract we bid the citizens of Wadsworth a fond farewell and leave them knowing that we will always be grateful for the opportunity we have had to serve and protect your community.

Most sincerely,

**Joel H. Brumlik**

Chief of Police, Winthrop Harbor Police Department