January 20, 2009

Mayor James Burke  
Commissioner David Blackburn  
Commissioner Roy Bridgeman  
Commissioner Ralph Contreras  
Commissioner Clark Kelly  

Gentlemen:  

For your review, I am submitting the Dixon Police Department’s Annual Report for the year 2008. I would like to credit my staff for putting together a very professional and thorough report. As you will see, we have continued our strong commitment to the community policing philosophy and our aggressive approach on illegal drug activity.  

Over the past year, our staffing has been plagued with injuries, retirement, and military deployment. Officers have been required to work significantly more overtime this year than in previous years. Despite this, our dedicated officers worked harder than ever to provide exemplary service, continue our proactive approach to attack drug crimes, and maintain our community policing programs. We have also worked hard to create a new website in conjunction with other city departments. This site can be found at www.discoverdixon.org/police.  

In addition to this, our department provided critical assistance to the Whiteside County Sheriff’s Department and the Rock Falls Police Department with their high profile murder investigations. In response to these heinous crimes and the strain these serious investigations place on law enforcement, our department has led the way to create a Major Case Squad to be in place for serious criminal offenses. This agreement assures that the departments in our area will have the manpower and resources to swiftly and professionally solve serious crimes.  

This year has been a year of transition for our department. On May 31, 2008, Chief Gary Coppotelli retired after a very fulfilling career. Chief Coppotelli served as a patrol officer, detective, K-9 officer, sergeant, and lieutenant before being promoted to Chief of Police. I would personally like to thank him for his 32 years of service to the citizens of Dixon.  

In addition to this, we have added several new faces to our department. We worked very hard to reach an agreement with Dixon Public Schools to assist in funding our School
Resource Officer Program. Because of this initiative and the support of the City Council, we have added two new patrol officer positions, which brought us to 28 sworn personnel.

Through the strong relationships we have built with citizens and our aggressive proactive tactics, we are beginning to see a reduction in illegal drug sales within the City limits. In 2008, drug arrests were down 24%. We credit this to our aggressive approach over the last decade.

In 2000, we completed an investigation which resulted in the arrest of 16 drug dealers. Most of these drug dealers were from Chicago, Illinois. During that investigation, we were able to complete up to three purchases of crack cocaine from different suspects any night of the week. We continued this aggressive initiative over the past several years and it still remains our primary focus.

Today, we find it difficult to make one purchase of crack cocaine, powder cocaine, and other illegal drugs within a week, and we are now able to target other illegal drugs, like cannabis. Even when we are able to purchase drugs, many times the drug dealers are coming into town from the surrounding area. We will continue to be very proactive in this area and find new ways to conduct these investigations.

While considerable effort has been placed on combating the drug epidemic, we have stood firm in our commitment to delivering exceptional service to our citizens, both through calls for service and community policing programs. This year we continued to improve programs like “Shop with a Cop”, “Dress for Success”, the Police Explorers, Cops-N-Bobbers, the Hunter Safety Course, Car Seat Safety Checks, and our Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets.

Because of these programs, we have reached many people in our community and strengthened the relationships that are the key to our success. In addition to these programs, we implemented four new neighborhood watch programs over the past year. Each area was experiencing significant neighborhood problems and within a matter of weeks, we worked with the residents and tremendously reduced or eliminated the problems. The police department cannot solve many of the quality of life issues facing our community alone, so we are working hard to empower our citizens to take initiative to solve problems in their neighborhoods.

Even though a considerable portion of our police role is to make criminal arrests, we realize the traditional model of policing does not address the underlying reasons people are committing crimes. We believe that law enforcement should be more than a “Band-Aid” or temporary solution to a problem. There is much work to be done beyond the arrest. This is why we have become 100% committed to programs that have proven to reduce recidivism
across the country, like the Drug Court and the Dixon Police Department Peer Jury Program. Because of the Drug Court, we have witnessed drug addicts become productive members of society. We have also seen a reduction in recidivism amongst juvenile offenders who complete the Peer Jury Program successfully.

At this time, we are very excited to be near full staffing. As a department, much has been accomplished over the past several years; however, I can assure you we will not sit back and rest on those accomplishments. We will continue to be creative and proactive in our approach to the many issues facing law enforcement and our community. The Dixon Police Department is committed to leading the way in professionalism, technology, service, and new initiatives that will allow us to provide the service our citizens deserve and have come to expect. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the Chief of Police. I look forward to many years of service to our community.

Very truly yours,

Danny D. Langloss, Jr.
Chief of Police

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Dan Langloss
Chief of Police

Clayton Whelan
Detective Lieutenant

Bradley Sibley
Field Services Lieutenant
### SENIORITY LIST

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Matt Coppotelli
Troy Morse
Steve Howell
SENIOR OFFICERS

Les Shaw

Douglas Lehman

Jeffery Ragan

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PATROL OFFICERS

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Patrol Officers

Chris Plachno

The Dixon Police Department has been very fortunate to have the services of Chris Plachno as a part-time officer. Officer Plachno has been working in that capacity since August of 2006. Officer Plachno works a full-time job during the week, but provides critical assistance during peak hours on the weekends or to fill in for a shift that would have to be filled with overtime by an officer who would otherwise be off. This saves the community financially and allows other officers on the department to have their allotted time off. Officer Plachno has done an outstanding job, and we are very appreciative of his continued commitment to the Dixon Police Department.
PATROL DIVISION

In 2008, the Dixon Police Department answered/initiated 14,298 calls and handled 634 accidents involving injury and/or damage over $500.00. In addition, there were 97 arrests for driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs, 426 arrests for speeding, 1251 other traffic arrests, and 181 arrests involving drugs in some manner. Officers trained or attended 4331 hours of continuing education and training. Our department continues to lead the area for training and education and feels that continued education is extremely important in promoting excellence and improving the efficiency of officers in the daily performance of their duties. Our training hours are up substantially from last year, which is due in part to the fact that we hired several new officers this year that completed their 480 hour basic training.

Compared to 2007, the call volume was up slightly and the speeding arrests were consistent. Driving under the influence of alcohol/drugs arrests rose by 29% from 69 arrests in 2007 to 97 in 2008. Traffic arrests were down by 15% and drug-related arrests fell by 24%. The downturn in drug-related arrests speaks volumes about the relationship the police department has developed with the community. Our community has taken a proactive stance over the past several years when dealing with drug offenders and has supplied
the police department with several tips that have led to arrests. This is a reflection of our community and it has been demonstrated by the limited amount of violent crime we have and the inability of the police department to conduct as many undercover drug operations as in the past.

There were significant changes in the patrol division in 2008. In March, Lieutenant Clay Whelan and Lieutenant Brad Sibley changed responsibilities with Lieutenant Whelan supervising the detectives, school resource officers, and civilian staff and Lieutenant Sibley assuming the supervision of the patrol officers. During 2008, the Dixon Police Department lost the services of a couple officers and Chief Gary Coppotelli retired. The Dixon Police Department was fortunate to continue to have the support of the City Council and was able to fill the vacant positions that were created throughout the year and two additional officers have been added to the staff to bring the total number of sworn personnel to 28. In 2008, the Dixon Police Department hired 5 new officers: Jakiah Muntan on 02/11/08; Lincoln Sharp on 03/02/08; Chris Cox on 08/17/08; Aaron Simonton on 09/01/08; and Ryan McWethy on 11/12/08.

The Dixon Police Department has continued with the Peer Jury and Drug Court programs with great success. It brings great satisfaction to the
officers involved to assist in determining the root cause of why a typically law
abiding citizen committed a crime, and to be able to repair those causes so
they can continue to be productive citizens.

Another program that has proliferated in Dixon in the past couple of
years is the Neighborhood Watch program. This is not a new program, but
one that wasn’t being utilized locally, until recently. The Police Department
recognizes that some of the biggest problems within a particular
neighborhood are barking dogs, abandoned vehicles, tall grass and property
that are not being maintained. Most of these issues can be addressed through
communication amongst neighbors. A problem that has developed over the
years is that neighbors do not communicate with each other and don’t even
know each other. Through the implementation of the Neighborhood Watch
each neighborhood is brought together to solve the particular problems of
that neighborhood. Each neighborhood may have differing problems, but if
they come together and communicate about them, they can be tackled
together. The police department is able and willing to assist, but we are
learning that through open lines of communication the neighborhoods who
have implemented Watch groups are solving these problems without our
intervention. Sergeant Mike Wolfley has been instrumental in leading the campaign to organize Neighborhood Watch groups within the community.

There were also several notable events in 2008. Jacob Cecil was sentenced to sixty years in the Illinois Department of Corrections for Armed Robbery in 2006CF168. Cecil and his accomplice, Matthew Stombaugh, had been arrested in June 2006 for committing an Armed Robbery at Hometown Pantry. Cecil was additionally charged with armed robbery at Stop and Go on River Road. There have been several motions and issues since that time, but Cecil was sentenced on April 2, 2008.

Beginning in February 2008 the Dixon Police Department began investigating a case involving Financial Exploitation of the Elderly. It was reported that Jeremy Burgess had received in excess of $200,000 from some older relatives over a period of time. Burgess was arrested in March 2008, and the Dixon Police Department subsequently recovered over $200,000, a 2008 Dodge Ram and a 2007 Dodge Caliber from Burgess. Burgess was sentenced in 2008CF61 on April 8, 2008 to fifty four days in the Lee County Jail with credit for time served and four years probation. The sentence was recommended after consultation with the victims and all of the property that was recovered from Burgess was returned to the rightful owners.
On December 3, 2007, a warrant was issued for Greg Lumzy for being over $20,000 delinquent in his child support payments. Lumzy was arrested and on June 10, 2008 he pled guilty in 2007CF180, and received a sentence of five years in the Illinois Department of Corrections.

On September 4, 2008 Jerome Zentz was sentenced to five years in the Illinois Department of Correction in 2007CF167 for Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver. Zentz and Kevin Pitchford had been arrested on May 2, 2007 after officers conducted surveillance on them after receiving information that they were going to Rockford to purchase heroin. They were stopped as they returned to Dixon and a large quantity of heroin was located in the vehicle. They were arrested for Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver within 1,000 Feet of a Park, Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver and Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance.

On November 16, 2008, the Dixon Police Department received reports of forced entry burglaries to the Elk’s Lodge, the Moose Lodge and Culligan. Surveillance footage was obtained of the suspect and his image was disseminated throughout the area. Through cooperation with other agencies it was learned that there had been several similar burglaries in the area.
recently. Officers were able to identify the individual on the surveillance video and on December 16, 2008 an arrest warrant was obtained for Aaron Johnson for Burglary, Theft and Criminal Damage to Property. He is currently incarcerated at the DeKalb County Jail on similar charges. All defendants that have not been convicted are presumed to be innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.
K-9 TEAMS

Trent Friday and Bruno

Jeffery Ragan and Bobby
K-9 UNITS

The Dixon Police Department K-9 Units assist in various operations within the department and consist of two K-9 teams. The teams perform operations such as drug detection, tracking, searching for articles, and suspect apprehension. In addition to the daily operations, the K-9 Units assisted the Dixon Police Department Tactical Response Team with several missions. The K-9 teams are Officer Jeffery Ragan and his K-9 partner, Bobby, and Officer Trenton Friday and his K-9 partner, Bruno. Officer Friday and K-9 Bruno were added to the K-9 Division after K-9 Ronnie had retired after 10 years of service with Officer Mark Dallas.

Officer Ragan and K-9 Bobby, a Hungarian Vizsla, have been working together since November of 2005. Officer Ragan and K-9 Bobby attended their initial four-week training course at Castle’s K-9 in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, for narcotics detection. In October of 2008, Officer Ragan and K-9 Bobby attended a two-week training course where they were certified in tracking at Nation Wide K-9 located in Loves Park, Illinois. K-9 Bobby is utilized for drug detection and tracking lost children or elderly citizens.

Officer Friday and K-9 Bruno have been together since October of 2008. Bruno is a Dutch Sheppard who is certified for narcotics detection, tracking, article searches, and suspect apprehension. Officer Friday and K-9 Bruno
attended a four-week training course at Nation Wide K-9 located in Loves Park, Illinois. K-9 Bruno is utilized for drug detection, tracking, article searches, and suspect apprehension.

Both K-9 teams were purchased with generous donations from several businesses and families within the community. Petland, in Sterling, Illinois, also donates food for both dogs during their continued service to the community of Dixon. Both of the K-9 patrol units are equipped with kennels and Hot-N-Pop systems, which were also purchased with donations from the community. The Hot-N-Pop systems are designed to alarm the handler by audio alarms on the squad, or by a pager system that the handler carries with him, in the event that the patrol unit shuts off in the hot summer months. This is to prevent possible health risks to the dogs from overheating.

The K-9 teams train every month with surrounding K-9 teams from other departments to keep the dogs from getting complacent with the same training areas. Training is held in various areas, ranging from vehicle impound lots, houses, warehouses, businesses, schools, and parks. The teams use drugs obtained through the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) for narcotic detection work.

During the year, the K-9 teams have conducted several searches around vehicles, houses, parks, and schools. The K-9 teams work closely with the
Department’s School Resource Officers in completing random passes through the school in an effort to deter individuals from bringing drugs into the schools. In 2008, there were two arrests made as a result of the random searches and K-9 alerts on school property. In July of 2008, officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle. Officer Ragan and K-9 Bobby were called to the scene to complete a free air sniff of the vehicle. K-9 Bobby had a positive response to the odor of drugs on the vehicle. Officers searched the vehicle and located two pounds of cannabis in the vehicle.

The K-9 teams assist other agencies in search warrants as well as concentrated searches of the respective jurisdiction’s schools. The Dixon High School and Reagan Middle School have requested these concentrated searches as well throughout the school year. During a concentrated search, the entire school is searched by numerous K-9 teams. K-9 Units from surrounding agencies are called upon to assist in these endeavors. In 2008, two concentrated school searches of Dixon High School and Reagan Middle School were completed. No illegal contraband was located in or around the schools during these searches.

The Dixon Police Department K-9 Units continue to train and improve to make the community a safe and drug free environment.
Officer Mark Dallas and his K-9 Partner Ronnie
RONNIE

The Dixon Police Department, especially K-9 Handler Mark Dallas and his family, suffered a tremendous loss in July 2008. Officer Dallas’ K-9 partner, Ronnie, passed away from an injury he sustained.

Ronnie was born in Frankfurt, Germany, on September 11, 1998, and was imported to Chicago about 17 months later. Ronnie was purchased by Tri-County K-9 and then sold to the Rock Falls Police Department in the Fall of 1999. Ronnie was purchased with the generous donations from the citizens of Rock Falls. Officer Dallas and Ronnie began training in the Spring of 2000 at Tri-County, and started working the streets in March of that year. After the initial training, they were annually certified by the North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA). Ronnie was a full-service K-9, which means that in addition to narcotic detection, tracking, and article searches, he was also certified in handler protection and suspect apprehension.

Officer Dallas came to the Dixon Police Department in July of 2003, and the Dixon Police Department purchased Ronnie from Rock Falls. They continued to work as a team and over the years Ronnie assisted in hundreds of searches for drugs, suspects, good guys, and kids.
Ronnie was well known by both the criminal milieu and the general public, and it was common knowledge that he did not have a pleasant disposition when encountering a combative or resistive suspect. Ronnie assisted in tracking and apprehending several suspects, and was always there to protect Officer Dallas. A recent story about Ronnie dealt with a suspect who was on a roof refusing to come down. Several officers were attempting to get the suspect to comply. Officer Dallas was contacted at his residence and as soon as he arrived on scene and the suspect saw Ronnie he came down without incident.

In addition to the crime prevention aspect, Ronnie was an ambassador for the Dixon Police Department. Officer Dallas and Ronnie completed innumerable community demonstrations for children and civic organizations.

On July 28, 2008, Ronnie was euthanized for a back injury that he had previously sustained that was not going to get better. We would like to thank Ronnie for his years of service to the police department and the community, and he will be missed by the Dixon Police Department.
DETECTIVE DIVISION

Sergeant Matt Richards

Craig Miller

Nicholas Albert
DETECTIVE DIVISION

During 2008, the officers of the Dixon Police Department created 2597 property records and opened 162 Investigative Case Files as a result of 14,298 calls for service received.

There were numerous changes to the Detective Division in 2008. After serving as Detective Sergeant since October of 2003, Sergeant Dan Langloss was promoted to Chief of Police, effective June 1, 2008. In March, Sergeant Matt Richards came back to the Division after a stint in the Patrol Division to assume Chief Langloss’ duties. Detective Steve Howell was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and returned to the patrol division. Lieutenant Clay Whelan assumed responsibility of the Detective Division from Lieutenant Brad Sibley in March. Detective Nick Albert remained with the Division all year, and Detective Craig Miller returned in April after assisting the Patrol Division in that capacity due to staffing shortages. Officer Jessica Garza was selected to join the investigations division in September. School Resource Officers Dave Gerdes and Jason LaMendola remained in the Division while school was in session for the entire year.
There were several notable investigations worked by the Detective Division throughout 2008. The most prominent being the multi-jurisdiction homicide spree by Nicholas Sheley in June. The Dixon Police Department became involved in the investigation after Sheley was spotted by officers in Dixon, and a traffic stop was attempted on the stolen vehicle that he was in. At the time of the observation, Sheley was being sought for questioning in one murder that had taken place in Whiteside County. Sheley led officers on a high speed chase that was ultimately terminated due to the extreme risk of the public. The vehicle was subsequently spotted outside of town and another attempt to stop the vehicle was reinitiated. Sheley later abandoned the vehicle in a field, and officers from a number of jurisdictions responded to the area to initiate a search. Sheley managed to evade apprehension, and he is alleged to have committed several more murders in the following days. Dixon Police Detectives assisted in the task force from various agencies that was launched to investigate the many leads and tips that poured in over the following days. Sheley was finally apprehended in Granite City, Illinois on the evening of July 1st. Sheley is currently being held on charges of First Degree Murder in Galesburg, Illinois at the Knox County Jail. Sheley has been charged with the murders of five people in Whiteside County, one individual in Knox County, and a couple in Festus,
Missouri. The death penalty is being sought against Nicholas Sheley for the heinous crimes that he is alleged to have committed.

Also in June, Dixon Police Detectives executed a search warrant at the residence of Darren and Lisa Dexter, located at 519 Depot Avenue. As a result of the search, officers located an indoor cannabis grow operation. Several live cannabis plants were seized along with a quantity of harvested cannabis. Both Darren and Lisa Dexter were charged with Possession of Cannabis (30 to 500 grams) and Unlawful Production of Cannabis Sativa Plants (5 to 20 plants). The offenses are Class 4 Felonies that are subject to a sentence of incarceration ranging from one to three years in the Department of Corrections. Darren Dexter is currently out on bond pending disposition in Lee County Court Case Number 2008 CF 137. Lisa Dexter is also out on bond pending disposition in Lee County Case Number 2008 CF 162.

In July, Jacob Burall pled guilty and received a sentence of 5 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections on charges of Aggravated Battery. The charges stemmed from an incident that took place on December 14, 2007 in which Burall stabbed a friend of his in the chest with a knife during an altercation. The victim’s heart was pierced by the blade of the knife, and he was subsequently airlifted to St. Anthony’s Hospital in Rockford. Burall was taken
into custody and charged with Armed Violence and Aggravated Battery in Lee County Case Number 2007 CF 393. Mr. Burall later pled guilty to Aggravated Battery as part of a plea agreement. The victim of the incident recovered fully and requested leniency on Burall during his sentencing.

On July 9th, Dixon Police Detectives received information that Garret Graff was in the process of going to Rockford to purchase a large amount of cannabis. The tipster had provided a possible route of travel and officers set up in surveillance positions in an effort to locate the vehicle. The vehicle was observed entering town and was tailed by officers. A traffic stop was initiated, and Graff was taken into custody on charges of Delivery of Cannabis from a previous controlled purchase of cannabis that had taken place in June. A search of the vehicle yielded almost 900 grams of cannabis. Graff was charged with the Class 2 Felony of Possession of Cannabis with Intent to Deliver (500 to 2000 grams) in Lee County Case Number 2008 CF 158. Graff has since pled guilty to this offense.

In October, detectives from the Dixon Police Department conducted a joint investigation with detectives from the Lee County Sheriff’s Department into a large cannabis grow operation that was just outside the city limits. Investigators from both agencies had received information in regards to Robert
Muntean growing cannabis around his address of 1519 South Galena Avenue. Officers conducted an early morning reconnaissance of the area and were able to locate several manicured plants growing on the property surrounding the residence. A search warrant was subsequently obtained and executed by officers from the Lee County Sheriff’s Department and the Dixon Police Department. During the search of the property, officers located approximately 80 cannabis plants and over 10 pounds of harvested cannabis. Muntean is currently free on $50,000.00 bond pending a disposition in Lee County Case Number 2008 CF 234.

In December, detectives completed a controlled substances investigation against Pablo Garcia of Oregon, Illinois. The case took several months to complete, and it culminated with Garcia being taken into custody and charged with three Class X Felonies pertaining to the Delivery of a Controlled Substance within 1000 Feet of a Church. Garcia was additionally charged with several additional counts of Delivery of a Controlled Substance and Possession of a Controlled Substance. Garcia is free on $100,000.00 bond pending a disposition in Lee County Case Number 2008 CF 279.
SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

David Gerdes

Jason LaMendola
SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

In the Fall of 2008, the Dixon Police Department was fortunate to maintain two full time positions as School Resource Officers. In October of this year, Dixon Public Schools agreed to assist the City in funding these very valuable positions. The school board awarded $33,000.00 to the City.

Officer Jason LaMendola returned to the position as School Resource Officer assigned to Dixon High School. Officer Dave Gerdes returned to the position as School Resource Officer assigned to Reagan Middle School. Both officers have offices on site at their respective schools which allows them to devote the majority of their time to the students and staff. The School Resource Officers work closely with the school administration, assuring the students have a safe learning environment.

The School Resource Officers interact with the students informally through their continued open door policies. Both Officers Gerdes and LaMendola have built a rapport with the students which allows the students to speak freely on many topics of concern or general interest. The students are encouraged to speak with the School Resource Officers
about problems both in and out of school, as well as curiosity questions about the field of law enforcement. The School Resource Officers give students the opportunity to see that police officers are friendly and helpful people that can be fun, while providing law enforcement service. For some students, this may be the first or only time they can see a police officer as a positive role model.

The School Resource Officers also continue their role as law-related educators. Officers Gerdes and LaMendola speak with the students on various topics. Officers Gerdes and LaMendola are able to give the students testimony and actual real life accounts they have encountered on the streets of Dixon. Officer LaMendola also coordinates the Dixon Police Department’s Peer Jury Program which gives students first hand experience with the legal process and community service.

The final role of a School Resource Officer is that of law enforcement officer. Officer Gerdes has assisted all the Dixon Public Schools with implementing new security procedures and continued training for staff on school violence. Officers Gerdes and LaMendola are responsible for investigations at their respective schools and have been of assistance to the patrol and detective divisions with investigations.
involving students’ behavior while away from the school. Utilizing rapport and knowledge of student activities have led the School Resource Officers to several arrests. Some of the arrests are mentioned below.

In April of 2008, a threat was written in a bathroom stall at Reagan Middle School. The message stated that the principal was going to die on the following Thursday. The author of the threat was identified and charged with Disorderly Conduct.

During this school year, Officer Gerdes made five arrests for Possession of Cannabis less than 2.5 grams, four arrests for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and one arrest for Casual Delivery of Cannabis less than 2.5 grams. These arrests were from four different incidents involving Reagan Middle School students.

In May of 2008 Officer LaMendola received information that a message was written on a wall at the Dixon High School that threatened the life of a school administrator. The investigation led to the arrest of Steven Harrison for Disorderly Conduct.

In October of 2008, Officer LaMendola received information of drug use on an Illinois Central School bus. The investigation led to the arrest of Michael Werner for Unlawful Use of Intoxicating Compounds.
Werner was found to be inhaling intoxicants while riding a school bus during school hours.

In December of 2008, the Dixon Police Department received numerous complaints of damaged property consisting of gang related and other graffiti. An investigation conducted by the School Resource Officers led to the arrest of two juveniles for Criminal Damage to State Supported Property for graffiti under the Peoria Avenue Bridge.

The officers’ availability at their assigned schools also helps eliminate miscommunication problems and delayed time response for service calls at the schools.