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Elmwood Park Police add three officers to the force

New recruits help to fill vacancies left by retirements

ELMWOOD PARK – Three new Elmwood Park police officers are set to complete their training and begin solo patrols as of July 1, Police Chief Frank Fagiano has announced. Anthony Alequin, Kenneth Schak and Robert Logisz graduated from the Cook County Sheriff’s police academy on March 9 and are completing their 10 weeks of field training.

“We’re delighted to see these new officers join our team and begin their service in the Village,” Fagiano said. “These are not new positions. Their salaries were included in this year’s budget.”

In addition, Daniel LaPenna will be joining the department after graduating from the Cook County police academy on June 8th. He will then need to complete the required 10 weeks of training in the field.

“We had six officers leave the department over the past year,” Fagiano said. “Five retired and one resigned. So, this brings us back to full capacity.”

Fagiano said that with the department back up to full strength, he will be able to place more emphasis on criminal investigations. “We want to be able to do more follow-up and address areas of concern throughout the Village.”

Elmwood Park is located approximately 12 miles from the City of Chicago and about eight miles from Lake Michigan. The Village is primarily a residential community of single-family homes, newer condominiums and town homes, but also includes several business districts and a small light industrial area.

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