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(Training of future Berwyn Auxiliary Police Officers during a Crime Scene and Evidence Processing Class)

Progress in Berwyn's Crime Scene Processing

Berwyn, IL (February 2017) Currently, Berwyn Police Department staff is in the process of training future Auxiliary Police Officers in various forms of police responsibility. Part of that training consists of learning about crime scenes and evidence processing. Although, Auxiliary Officers are not crime scene investigators, it is important that they be aware of crime scene protection and their role in assisting full-time officers.

Since 2010, the Berwyn Police Department under Mayor Robert Lovero's administration, has revamped its evidence program making it the best in the western suburbs.

Having crime scenes responded to correctly, processed using set guidelines, following protocol for handling of evidence and documenting chain of custody has become an integral part of not only solving crimes, but being able to bring forth solid evidence to the courts enabling the pursuit of justice.

Seeing the need for advancement in 2010, CSI Detective David Green, Division Commander Joseph Santangelo and Acting Chief Michael Cimaglia spearheaded the evidence program, creating department standards in crime scene management with proper training, equipment, policies and procedures.

This revamp of the evidence program began with updating the Berwyn Police Department's policy and procedures regarding crime scene management which includes response, evidence collection and processing. The City of Berwyn Police Department's crime scene management policy now meets and exceeds industry standards of evidence processing.

Berwyn's Police Department's Crime Scene Unit has grown and advanced since 2010. It now consists of 21 active cross trained evidence technicians, including 2 CSIs (Crime Scene Investigators) that are fully certified by the Illinois State Police. All 21 evidence technicians have recently received training in crime scene photography by the top crime scene photographer in the State of Illinois – Anthony Carlin.

Regular department wide evidence training is done by CSI David Green who also holds evidence classes for Full-time Berwyn Police Officers, Auxiliary Officers, Berwyn Police Explorers and Community Police volunteers. CSI David Green believes hands-on live training is critical for real world response to crime scenes. CSI David Green and E.T (Evidence Technician) Mark Schwanderlik routinely set up mock crime scenes simulating various scenarios that they have handled in their careers.

The Berwyn Police Department now has a crime scene vehicle actively available 24/7 ready to respond to any crime scene.

The Berwyn Police Department's facilities now have a new evidence processing room for fingerprinting and other scientific methods of discovering critical evidence in relation to active cases.

The Berwyn Police Department's evidence program continues to be supported by Acting Police Chief Michael Cimaglia who is adamant about proper crime scene management and its importance in law enforcement.

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