



Connection

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Welcome Chief of Police Todd Navratil



Introducing Capa

Capa is a 7-year-old Belgian Malinois, known as the best breed for military, Navy Seals, and police dog training. Malinois have been bred for strength, loyalty, and intelligence.

Sometimes known as a “Mal” or even “maligator” because when they grab onto an object their jaws clamp on and the dog does not release until they are directed.

A Mal is not suggested for a family dog, only because the dog loves to work, brisk activity, they need training in their youth.

Navratil began his police experience in 2003 with the Kankakee Auxiliary; was hired by Momence Police Department in 2005; became a canine handler in 2007; hired by Aroma Park in 2015 as Assistant Chief of Police to Henry David; and was recently hired as Police Chief in St. Anne.

To become a canine handler, 500 hours with the dog are required, approximately ten weeks. Trust and loyalty are established during this training. Navratil and his first canine, Pete, trained in Cook County and they were a team until Pete became ill. Capa replaced Pete as Navratil’s new partner. Capa is also certified.

Navratil plans to put Capa to work at our local schools to check lockers and allow the students to get used to his presence. Working dogs take their jobs seriously and do not respond to petting and hugs by children unless they have grown up together.

Since Navratil has been in St. Anne, cameras have been added to the downtown area and the park area will soon be included. Many of these have been added with the help of grants.

The Safety Act has been mandated by the state, but the state offers no funding to support their dictates. Car cameras and body cameras will be a necessity in the future. Depending on the size of the community, requirements vary as per when they must be installed and used. St. Anne is a relatively small village; therefore, we have a few years before we must have them.

Our current police officers include: Russ Hoekstra, Doug Duncan, Emma Fox as well as part-time officers Earl Corbitt and Josh Rasmussen. Navratil and the above officers are hoping to build bridges with the community. Crisis Intervention Training is part of their program, dealing with behavioral disorders and juvenile crisis. The officers are also trained in health emergencies such as a paramedic and use of CPR. Money is always an issue for training. In order to keep our community safe, the village seeks to find grants to supplement our needs.

The Police Department is located at 122 S. Chicago Avenue. A non-emergency number is available to you: 815-933-3324. This is a dispatch number and they will transfer the caller to St. Anne. Also, for basic information about procedures, one can call 815-427-8126.

Our Chief of Police Raymond Todd Navratil has been married for 32 years. He and his wife have two grown daughters.

Attention: Local business Owners and Local Friends!

Please Join Us
St. Anne Civic Center (behind the Police Station)
May 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Bring a friend and ideas for the purpose of
Brainstorming what our downtown area
Could look like in the future.

Please RSVP to 815-427-6783
By May 1st, 2022
Leave message with Chris or Sue.

From
The Village Board and the President

Positive changes to the downtown have been made by our Beautification Committee by adding trees, benches, and banners to our lamp posts. Many hands have made the physical work and planning a more manageable task.

