

WEST CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT



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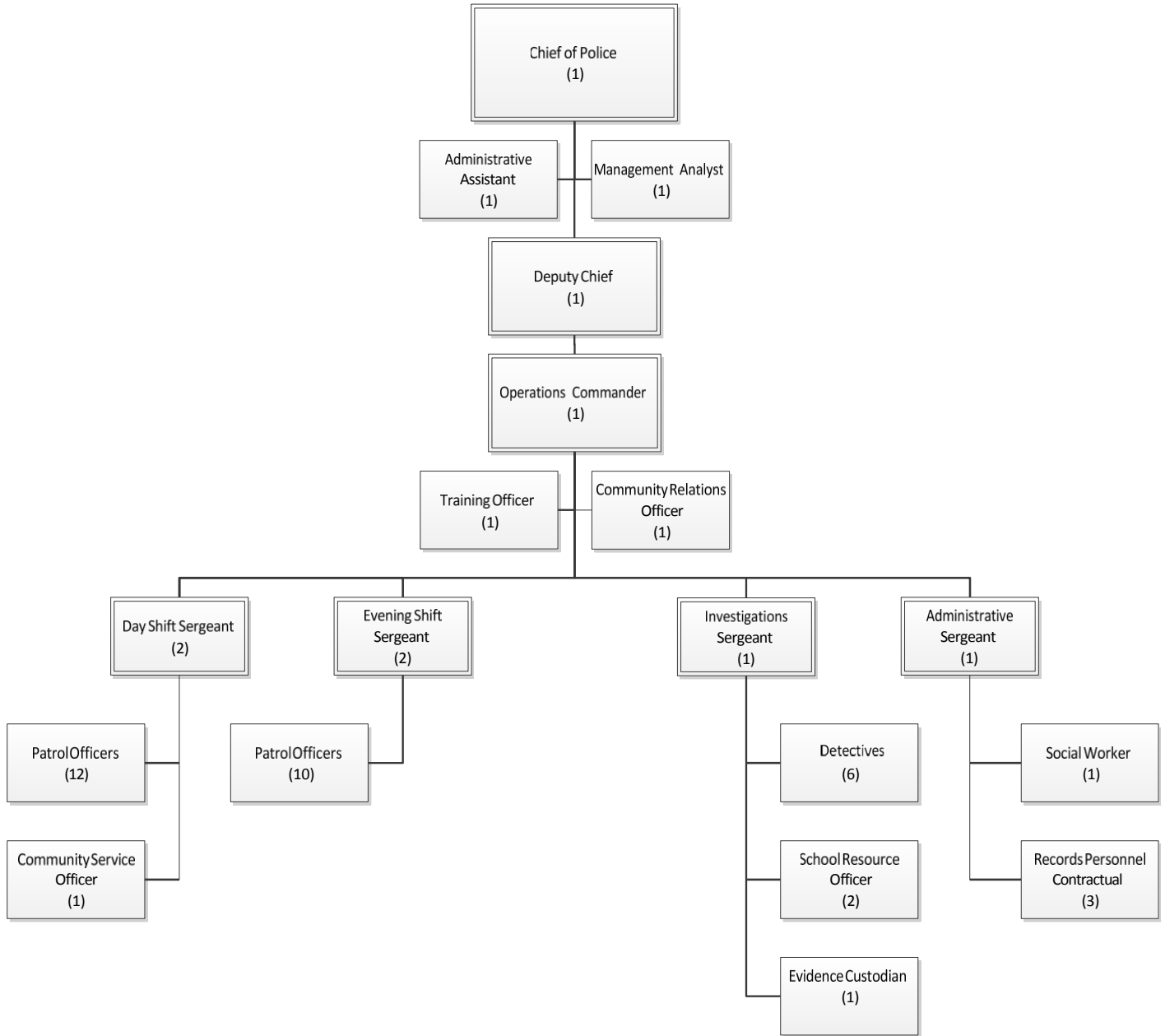
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Organizational Chart

West Chicago Police Department

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Department Overview

The Mission of the West Chicago Police Department is to Protect Life and Liberty, Provide Quality Police Services, and Forge Community Partnerships with Integrity and Professionalism.

There are three units in the Police Department: Office of the Chief of Police, Support Services Unit and Operations Unit.

The Office of the Chief of Police's primary responsibility is to provide general management direction and control for the Department. The Office of the Chief of Police consists of the Management Analyst, and the Administrative Assistant.

The Support Services Unit consists of Vehicle and Building Maintenance, Records and Social Services. The Operations Unit consists of Uniformed Patrol, Training Officer, Community Relations, Investigations, School Resource Officers, Evidence/Property and Community Service Officers.

Personnel

Effective January 31st, Chief Uplegger retired from the Police Department. We thank the Chief for his 28 years of service to the City of West Chicago and wish him well in his future endeavors.



Criminal Activities

Criminal Damage to Property:

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle in the 400 block of St. Andrews Ct. A tire had been flattened, multiple windows were broken out, the interior and exterior of the car had been spray-painted and other exterior parts had been damaged. Investigation is ongoing.

A known person arrived at a residence in the 200 block of Joliet St. and demanded entry. The homeowner denied the request and the suspect began pounding on the door. The victim stated they were calling 911, prompting the suspect to leave. The victim discovered the screen door had been damaged and a pane of glass in the entry door was broken. Investigation is ongoing.

An unknown person damaged a business in the 200 block of S. Neltnor Blvd. Officers responded to an alarm activation and found the front window broken. No one was found inside the store. Security camera footage showed a suspect throw a rock through the window, look into the business and then flee northbound on foot. Investigation is ongoing.

Criminal Defacement:

Person(s) unknown spray painted gang-related graffiti on a Street sign in the 100 block of W. Grand Lake Blvd.

Person(s) unknown spray painted gang-related graffiti on a garage in the 600 block of Joliet St.

Person(s) unknown spray painted gang-related graffiti on the first floor hallway wall of an apartment building in the 1200 block of Kings Cir.

Theft Over \$500.00:

Person(s) unknown ordered \$14,000.00 worth of caulk using a company account. The caulk was never delivered to any of the company's job sites. The owner believes that the caulk was purchased without authorization by an employee and will be resold. Investigation is ongoing.

Theft Under \$500.00:

Person(s) unknown stole a package delivered by Amazon to a common area of an apartment building in the 200 block of N. Neltnor Blvd. The package contained a pair of shoes.

Person(s) unknown entered the victim's unsecured gym locker at Wheaton Academy, located at 900 Prince Crossing Rd. A pair of Apple AirPods was taken and \$120.00 was removed from the victim's wallet.

Retail Theft:

An unknown person removed two bottles of whiskey valued at \$70.00 without paying from Jewel Osco, located at 177 E. Roosevelt Rd.

Person(s) unknown removed a drill and driver combination without paying from Menards, located at 220 W. North Ave. Two suspects entered the store and one placed the items in his jacket. Both exited the store and left the area in an unknown make/model of vehicle.

Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts and/or Accessories:

On two separate occasions during the month, person(s) unknown removed catalytic converters from two vehicles in the 1200 block of Kings Cir.

Person(s) unknown removed two batteries from a truck parked in the 900 block of E. Roosevelt Road. The truck had been in the lot for 6 to 12 months without being started.

Person(s) unknown removed a catalytic converter from a vehicle in the 200 block of N. Neltnor Blvd.

Fraud:

Person(s) unknown telephoned the victim at his residence in the 500 block of N. Oak St. The victim was told police and a prosecutor in China were investigating him for possible financial crimes. The victim was convinced to provide a \$30,000.00 “pledge” to stay out of legal troubles. The victim transferred the money to an account in China. Investigation is ongoing.

Burglary:

Unknown persons forced entry to a business in the 900 block of N. Neltnor Blvd. by prying the back door open. A case of frozen chicken wings was taken. Investigation is ongoing.

Unknown persons forced entry to a business in the 900 block of N. Neltnor Blvd. by prying the back door open. Nail polish, nail care equipment and \$300.00 were taken. Investigation is ongoing.

Unknown persons forced entry to a business in the 900 block of N. Neltnor Blvd. by prying the back door open. Removed was an ATM machine, an iPhone 6, a PlayStation and \$250.00. Investigation is ongoing.

Unknown persons forced entry to a business in the 900 block of N. Neltnor Blvd. by prying the back door open. At the time of the initial report, nothing is believed to have been taken from the business. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown forced entry to the rear entrance of a business in the 100 block of N. Neltnor Blvd. Once inside the suspect(s) forced open a safe, removing \$909.00. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown entered the BP, located at 219 S. Neltnor Blvd, by unknown means. An ATM and cash register were pried open and cash removed from both devices. Numerous cartons of cigarettes (approximately 120) were taken. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown entered a residence in the 1000 block of Bishop St. The owner had been out of town for over a month; entry was made by prying open a basement window. Drawers in bedrooms had been emptied out; at the time of the initial report, it is unknown what may be missing. Investigation is ongoing.

(Attempt) First Degree Murder:

An unknown person shot the victim while he was sitting in his car in the parking lot of a business in the 500 block of Industrial Dr. The victim suffered severe wounds to the face and was transported to Good Samaritan Hospital. Investigation is ongoing.

Monthly Report

Monthly Performance

Activities	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	Total 2020
Traffic Stops	569	481	574	508	508	385	4,646
Traffic Citations	217	186	283	121	121	126	1,849
Traffic Warnings	277	240	297	217	217	269	2,516
Parking Citations	82	145	124	343	343	190	1,293
Traffic Crashes	74	63	69	42	42	58	700
Incident Reports	265	229	208	192	192	192	2,652

Officer Activities

On January 3rd, Officer Gelsomino met with the victim of a vehicle theft. The victim reported he had agreed to sell a vehicle to the suspect, allowing the suspect to take possession of the car and provide payment a few days later. After a week, the suspect had not paid for the car. The suspect agreed to return the car, which he did, along with the keys. The victim subsequently the same day left the car legally parked on the street; when he returned he discovered the car was gone. Police were notified and a stolen motor vehicle investigation was initiated. On January 5th, Officer Kowalik observed the vehicle driving in the area of Main St. and Chicago Ave. Officer Kowalik and Jones conducted a traffic stop with the vehicle on Washington St. They discovered the steering column was damaged. The driver, found to be the same individual who had considered buying the car, was determined to be driving with a suspended driver's license and had an outstanding arrest warrant. The suspect was placed under arrest and transported to the Station and interviewed. The suspect admitted that after bringing the car back to the owner, he returned, broke open the steering column and "hot-wired" the car. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved a charge of Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle. The offender was also issued traffic citations for Driving While License Suspended and Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle. He was transported to the DuPage County Jail to await a bond hearing.

On January 26th, Officers O'Neil and Perry and Sergeant Reyes were dispatched to a medical facility located in the 200 block of W. Roosevelt Rd. for a domestic-related incident. Officers were advised one of the parties involved in the situation was on scene and known to carry a gun on his person. That individual was located and found to have a loaded .22 caliber pistol in his waistband. He was arrested for illegal possession of the firearm and transported to the Station. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office ultimately approved a charge of Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon against the suspect. The arrestee was transported to the DuPage County Jail to await a bond hearing. Meanwhile, the individual determined to be the victim of the original domestic-related incident advised the suspect had been physically and verbally abusive to her. Additionally, the victim alleged she had been prevented by the offender from leaving their residence or using her phone. The victim was placed in contact with the Department's social worker for assistance with pursuing an Order of Protection.