

WEST CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT



2019

Michael Uplegger, Chief of Police

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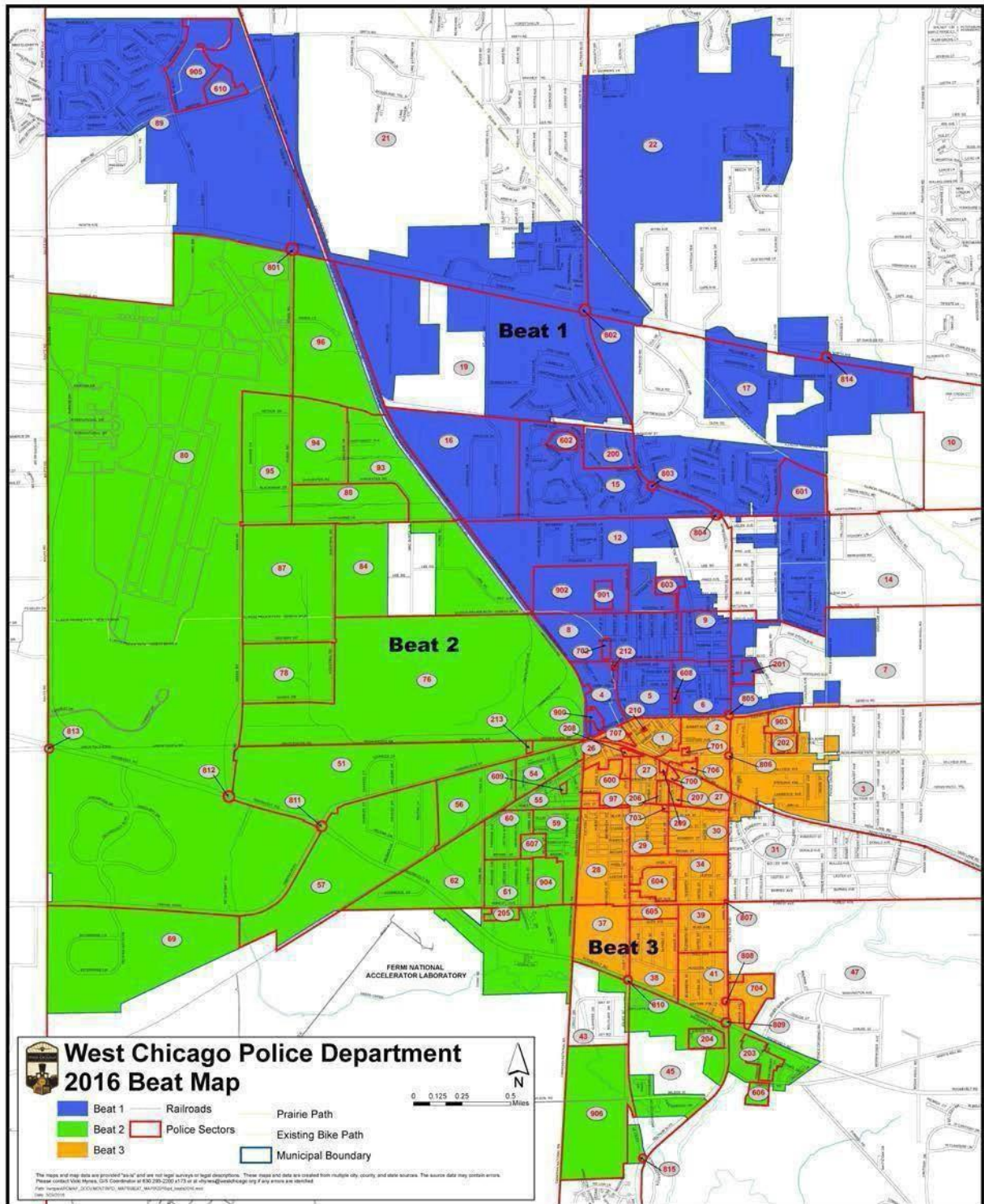
Message from Chief Uplegger

It is my pleasure to present the West Chicago Police Department's 2019 Annual Report. The purpose of this Report is to provide you a snapshot of information and statistics impacting our City and the Department including crime, traffic, our staffing levels, and what's new in our Department. While the Annual Report cannot document everything that our Department accomplishes or participates in during the year, we are confident that this Report gives a representative sample of our interaction with the community and dedication to making West Chicago a safe and secure place to live, visit or work.

Please take your time and review this Annual Report in its entirety and acquire a better understanding of how your police department operates. I am very proud of the men and women of the West Chicago Police Department and their dedication to provide the best possible service to our community and once you read this Report, I'm sure you will feel the same.

Michael E. Uplegger Chief of Police

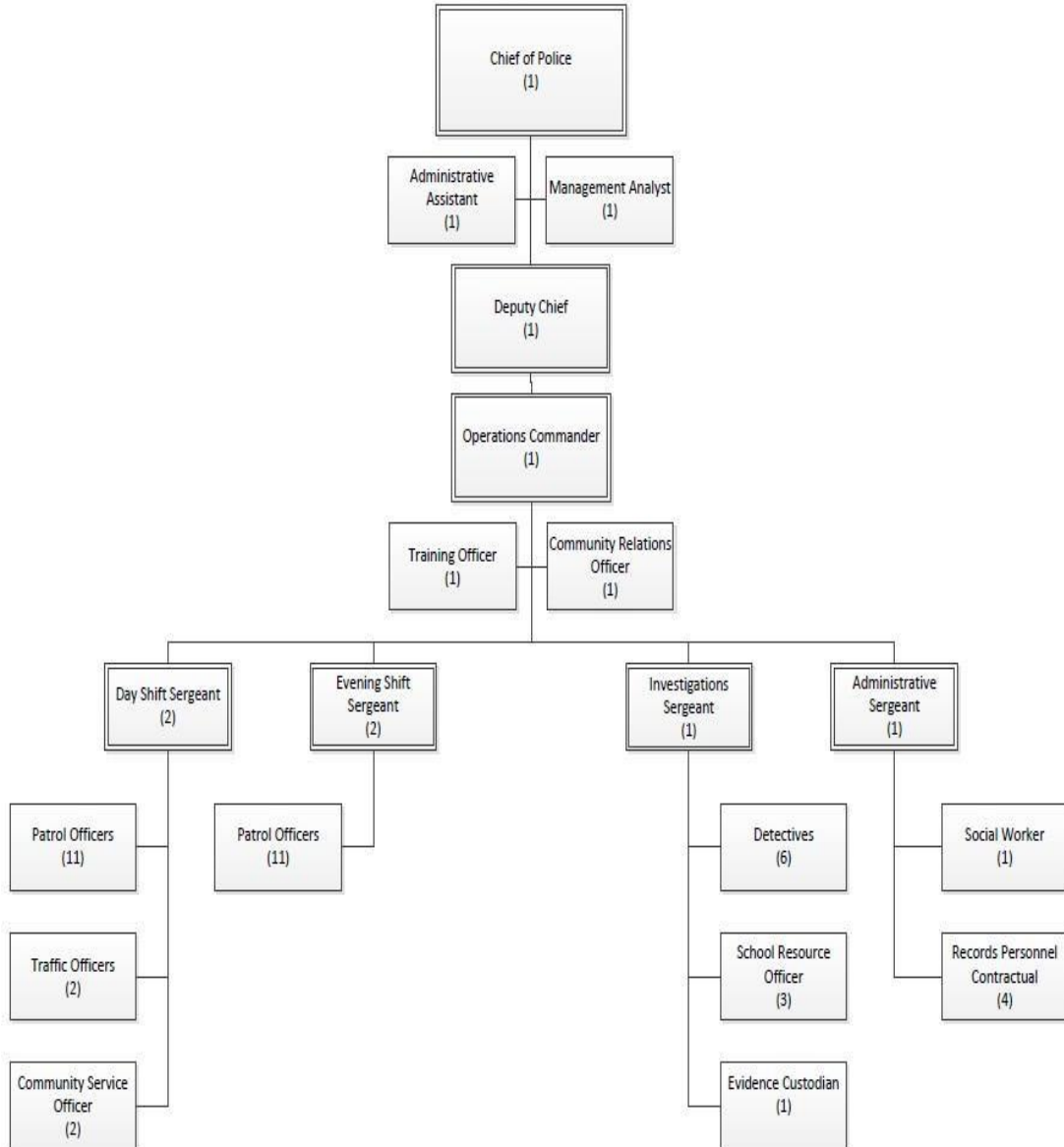
Map of Service Area



Organizational Chart

West Chicago Police Department

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Department Overview

The West Chicago Police Department is comprised of 50 employees, including 44 sworn police officers and six civilian personnel. All employees are dedicated to serving the 27,086 residents of the City of West Chicago. All sworn officers are responsible for investigating and enforcing both local and State criminal offenses. The Chief of Police reports directly to the City Administrator and is responsible for the overall direction and vision of the Police Department.

The Department is organized into three distinct units, with the Supervisors (all of whom are Sergeants) of these units reporting to the Operations Commander. The Operations Commander reports to the Deputy Chief, who reports to the Chief of Police. The three units consist of the Uniformed Patrol Unit, Investigations Unit and Administrative Services Unit.

The Uniformed Patrol Unit consists of four Sergeants, twenty-two Patrol Officers, two Traffic Safety Officers and two Community Service Officers. Uniformed Patrol is the most visible component to the public, as it is responsible for patrolling assigned beats within the community and responding to all emergency and non-emergency calls for service.

The Investigations Unit consists of one Sergeant, six Detectives, three School Resource Officers and an Evidence/Property Custodian.

The Administrative Unit consists of the Records Section and Social Services. The Records Section consists of three full-time contracted clerks.

A Training Officer and Community Relations Officer report directly to the Operations Commander.

The communications operation of the Department is outsourced to DuPage Public Safety Communications (DU-COMM), which provides dispatch services to 44 police and fire agencies in DuPage County and is one of the largest consolidated 9-1-1 centers in Illinois.

Mission/Value Statement

Mission Statement

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.

Value Statement

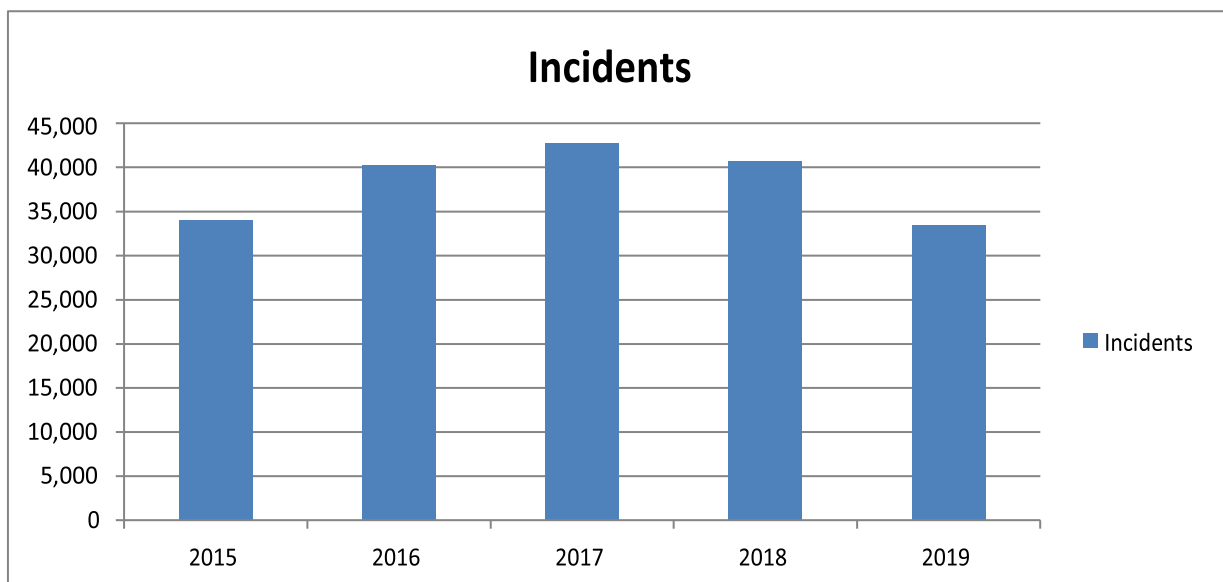
The vision of the West Chicago Police Department is to utilize state of the art technology, progressive training, professional development and leadership to establish ourselves as a premier law enforcement agency.

Operations Division

Patrol

Officers work 12-hour shifts that are divided into four teams: two day shift teams and two night shift teams. The Patrol Sergeants also work 12-hour shifts, with one Sergeant assigned to each team.

In addition to their self-initiated duties such as traffic enforcement, patrol officers are responsible for responding to all emergency and non-emergency calls for service. This includes, but is not limited to: traffic crashes, burglaries, disputes, Fire Protection District assists, well-being checks and suspicious activity calls. These are known as Police Incidents. In 2019, West Chicago Police Department personnel responded to 33,516 incidents. This is an approximate 17% decrease from 2018.



The Patrol Division saw the following personnel changes in 2019: Deputy Chief Julio Calabrese retired and the position was filled with the appointment of Sergeant Christopher Shackelford to Deputy Chief. Sergeant Anthony Cargola was promoted to Operations Commander. Two police officers resigned their positions with the Department and one new police officer was hired. The new officer, Officer Ryan Moore, successfully completed training at the Illinois State Police Training Academy. After the Academy, new recruits continue their training at the Police Department with a Field Training Officer. The Field Training Officer is an experienced officer trained in the art of supervising, training and evaluating entry-level police officers in the application of their recently acquired knowledge and skills.

This additional three to four months of field training allows new officers to become familiar with the City, learn Department policies and procedures and build on the skills they learned in the Academy. It also gives new officers the opportunity to work with and observe veteran officers on different shifts prior to moving to working on their own.

All officers receive on-going training during their tenure with the Department. The Police Department offers both in-house training and outside training through its partnership with North East Multi-Regional Training, Inc. and other agencies.

In addition to the standard training that is required for all sworn personnel, Patrol Officers have the ability to pursue specialty training for the roles of Juvenile Officer, Evidence Technician, Traffic Crash Investigator and Range Officer. This training allows officers to become more knowledgeable in a particular skill set and adds to the level of professionalism within the Department.

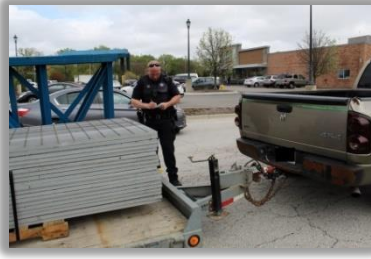
Traffic Stop Analysis

In 2004, Illinois law began requiring all State and local police agencies to collect and report specific statistical data to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for compilation in a Statewide Traffic Stop Study. The data is compiled annually by IDOT and reported to the Governor, General Assembly, the Racial Profiling Prevention and Data Oversight Board and each law enforcement agency. Data collected and submitted from the West Chicago Police Department's 2019 traffic stops indicate that minority drivers are stopped less frequently than would be expected based on the IDOT estimated driving population.

Race	Stops	Percentage
White	3,398	48.2%
Black/African American	486	6.9%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	5	.1%
Hispanic/Latino	2,772	39.4%
Asian	369	5.2%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	14	.2%
Total Stops Reported to IDOT	7,044	
TOTAL NON-WHITE	3,646	51.7%
IDOT NON-WHITE DRIVING POPULATION	56.29%	

Traffic Safety

Officers participated in a Distracted Driving campaign in an April Arbor Day enforcement on Arbor Avenue, with 23 citations issued; a Route 59 on 5/9 (May 9th) initiative in which 29 citations and 6 warnings were issued; A July 1st Commercial Vehicle enforcement activity during which 28 citations were issued; July 24th Speed Awareness Day resulting in 28 citations and 18 warnings; and Click it or Ticket Campaigns on October 19th and November 3rd resulting in 14 seat belt and child seat citations.



Another lesser known aspect of traffic safety is the enforcement of laws as they pertain to large trucks. Trucks are required to have a registration based on the vehicle weight, and cannot carry loads that are heavier than the registration allows. Overweight trucks contribute to accelerated road deterioration and negatively affect braking capabilities in emergencies.

The Police Department has several patrol officers trained as Truck Enforcement Officers who conduct specialized enforcement on overweight trucks. In 2019, the drivers of 69 overweight trucks were cited.

Community Relations

The Community Relations Officer coordinates and implements the specific crime prevention, community education, crime resistance and community relations activities of the Department. Specific responsibilities include: meeting with community-based organizations and individuals, providing tours to school groups and organizations and managing the Department's social media accounts. Through use of the Department's Facebook account, the Community Relations Officer is able to provide updates on weather, traffic and criminal activity; request citizen cooperation and possible information on criminal activities; and promote upcoming community events in the City.

Training

The Department's Training Officer is in charge of the following activities:

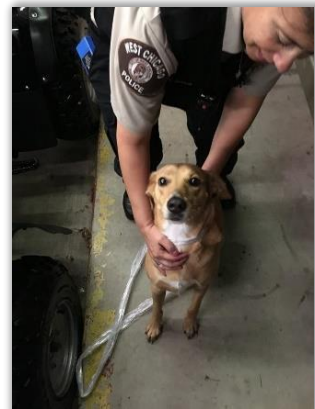
- (a) Planning and developing training programs
- (b) Identifying and notifying personnel of both required and available training
- (c) Maintaining training records
- (d) Reporting State-mandated training to the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board
- (e) Ensuring that required training programs are attended
- (f) Implementing training programs.

In 2019, West Chicago personnel completed 1,197.50 hours of training. Recent amendments to the Illinois Police Training Act requires officers to receive ongoing training on the following topics: Civil Rights, Constitutional Use of Law Enforcement Authority, Cultural Competency, Human Rights, Legal Updates, Procedural Justice and Use of Force.

To facilitate frequent specialized training, the Department has a number of officers who have been trained to present in-house instruction to fellow Department members. Examples of in-house training include: Firearms Instruction, Use of Force, Taser Instruction, CPR and Automatic Defibrillator, Rapid Deployment and Active Shooter training. Prior to the implementation of the County-wide reporting system, two officers attended training in its use and administrative functions then brought this knowledge back to the Department to instruct officers on the new system prior to its implementation.

Community Service Officers

The Community Service Officers (CSOs) perform a wide variety of non-sworn field and office law enforcement-related work in direct support of sworn personnel. These activities include: parking enforcement, traffic control, private property crash reports, non-criminal report taking, assist with monitoring prisoners in custody at the police station, animal control efforts, management of the Evidence/Property Room and the transportation and delivery of evidence and official documents and deposits. A CSO has been trained in the proper installation and inspection of car child safety seats. CSOs have also been trained as Evidence Technicians to support the Department in the proper collection of evidence at crime scenes. The CSOs also document and arrange for the removal of graffiti throughout the City. The CSOs provide responsive, courteous and efficient service to City residents and the general public. In 2019, two CSOs resigned their positions and one new CSO was hired.



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Investigations Unit

In 2019, the detectives worked on cases involving death investigations, financial crimes, weapons offenses, burglaries and narcotic investigations. A summary of the cases follows:

Offense/Incident	2019
Murder	0
Burglary/Residential Burglary	13
Background Investigations	14
Missing Person(s)	3
Aggravated Battery/Battery/Mob Action	21
Theft/Retail Theft	25
Sex Offenses	18
Criminal Damage (Property/Vehicle)	8
Shootings	9
Death/Suicide Investigations	8
Armed Robbery/Robbery	6
Weapons	3
Fraud/Credit Card Fraud/Deceptive Practice/Forgery	26
Drugs	20
TOTAL	174

School Resource Officers

The School Resource Officers (SROs) serve as the liaisons between the Police Department and West Chicago Community High School District 94 and West Chicago Elementary School District 33. The SROs primarily investigate crimes that occur on school grounds and provide intervention strategies to troubled students and their families. In 2019, the High School SROs were the primary investigators in 111 cases. The investigations completed by the high school SROs led to the arrest of 37 persons. The District 33 SRO was involved in the investigation of 82 cases, 15 of which resulted in arrest or issuance of a citation.

In addition to their investigative responsibilities, the SROs conduct training and educational exercises for students and staff. This year the SROs participated in 32 classroom presentations to students, 28 presentations to staff only, a presentation to parents and approximately 25 emergency drills; including weather, lockdown and fire drills.



Support Services

Records Unit

The Records Unit is the information repository within the Police Department. The Records Unit is responsible for maintaining all paper and electronic records. The Records Unit also serves the public on a daily basis by conducting business at the customer service window.

Records personnel assist citizens with Freedom of Information Act requests and background checks. They also serve as an answering point for customers who need information about court, traffic and parking citations, overnight parking and various permits issued by the City.

Social Services

The City employs a full-time Social Worker, who is available to handle cases that are referred to her either by other Police Department personnel or by other City Staff.

The Social Worker follows-up as a matter of course with all victims of domestic violence. During the 2019 year, the Social Worker handled hundreds of cases, which involved issues such as abuse, neglect, crisis intervention and domestic violence. Upon receiving a referral, it is the responsibility of the Social Worker to analyze the situation and provide appropriate referrals to the involved parties, which ensures that individuals are offered assistance in a timely manner from agencies that specialize in the delivery of social services.

The Social Worker assisted by providing 32 children from 20 families with gifts for Christmas and coordinated with Hawthorne's Backyard Bar and Barbeque to provide dinner on Christmas Day for 61 people. Easter baskets were provided to 70 children. A summary of the Social Worker's cases follows:

Type of Case	#	Type of Case	#	Type of Case	#
Callout (after normal hours)	8	Death	1	Housing	22
Advocacy	452	Domestic Violence	135	Information & Referral	209
Other Problems	260	Elderly Cases	7	Mental Health	19
Court	60	Family Problems	269	Youth Problems	60
Crisis Intervention	18	Financial Assistance	5	Drugs/Alcohol	12

Department 2019 Highlights

The following are snapshots of notable cases during the year:

During the month of February, West Chicago Police Officers took numerous reports of theft of gas from the Thorntons gas station located at 1330 S. Neltnor Blvd. In each incident, the offending vehicle had different license plates displayed on the front of the vehicle. These plates were determined to have been stolen from cars parked in apartment parking lots in the City and the Jimenez grocery store. On February 16th, an employee of Thornton's called the police and reported that the suspect in the previous gasoline thefts was at one of the station's pumps. Upon arrival, officers located the suspect next to a vehicle with an Illinois license plate on the rear of the vehicle and an Ohio license plate on the front. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Station where he was interviewed by Detective Bowers and Officer Kowalik. The suspect admitted to two of the previous gasoline thefts and to taking license plates from vehicles in the City. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved three counts of Possession of Stolen License Plates or Registration and three misdemeanor counts of Retail Theft. The offender was processed and transported to the DuPage County Jail. Shortly afterward, Officer Berg learned that the subject had provided a false name. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office was contacted and advised of the new information. Based on the new information the misdemeanor Retail theft charges were upgraded to felonies. Additionally, new felony charges of Obstructing Justice and Forgery for signing paperwork using the false name were approved. The offender was served with copies of his paperwork at the DuPage County Jail.

On February 19th, Officers Richards and Sauseda and Sergeant Langelan were dispatched to the 100 block of Lester St. for an unknown request for police. Upon arrival, officers observed several individuals in the roadway, including a male holding a female in his arms with what appeared to be a significant amount of blood on their clothing. Officers quickly learned the victim had been stabbed multiple times and was bleeding profusely. Officers summoned medical assistance and began applying pressure to the victim's wounds until West Chicago Fire Protection District personnel arrived and subsequently transported the victim to Central DuPage Hospital. A folding knife with blood on the blade was found in the street near the victim. Detectives Flanigan and Calabrese arrived and began interviewing witnesses. Detectives learned that the suspect had been cut during the altercation and was currently at the hospital. Upon being cleared by medical personnel, the suspect was taken into custody and transported back to the Station, where the suspect was charged with Armed Violence and Aggravated Battery. The suspect was fingerprinted and photographed and transported to the DuPage County Jail.

On March 1st, Officer Bertany met with a complainant who advised he received notification from his credit card company of suspicious activity on his account. Multiple transactions were made for the purchase of gift cards at various locations within West Chicago, totaling over \$1,000.00. Officer Bertany obtained surveillance videos and receipts for the transactions. The victim was shown the video and was able to identify the suspect as a relative. During the course of this investigation, Officer Bertany learned that the suspect had also used the victim's credit card at stores in St. Charles, Aurora and Warrenville. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved felony charges of Financial Identity Theft and Unlawful Use of Credit Card. On March 30th, the suspect was arrested in Aurora, Illinois. The suspect was transported to the Station where he was fingerprinted and photographed, after which the suspect was transported to the DuPage County Jail.

On March 13th, Officers Alaniz, Rigler and Landbo responded to the 100 block of W. Washington St. for the report of a domestic battery. The offender allegedly pointed a gun at the victim, threatened to kill her and then fled the area. Upon arrival, Officers located the victim who had obviously been the victim of a battery. While speaking with the victim, Officers learned that the suspect had placed the handgun into a cooler and took it with him. Officers located the offender in a business in the 100 block of W. Washington St. and took him into custody. The cooler, which contained the handgun and a small amount of cannabis, was also located. The DuPage County States Attorney's Office approved felony charges of Armed Habitual Criminal and Unlawful Possession of a Weapon by a Felon. After being fingerprinted and photographed, the suspect was transported to the DuPage County Jail.

On April 3rd, Officers Moos, Reyes and Winton and Detectives Bowers, Calabrese and Flanigan responded to Supermercado La Chiquita located at 133 W. Roosevelt Rd., for a report of a fight involving a gun. Officers were further advised that the individuals involved in the fight had left the scene and were last seen walking towards the Jewel. Officers located two subjects (one adult and one juvenile) walking with a bag of groceries on Augusta Ave. The subjects were detained for questioning while officers viewed surveillance video at Supermercado La Chiquita and surrounding businesses. The video showed the two individuals stopped had been in the business and had been involved in the altercation. The two subjects were taken into custody. Officers looked through the bag of groceries and found a loaded .40 caliber handgun. Upon arrival at the Station, the individuals were interviewed. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved charges of Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon, Unlawful Possession of a Weapon by a Street Gang Member and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm and Ammunition against the adult suspect. Charges approved against the juvenile suspect included Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon, Unlawful Possession of a Weapon by a Street Gang Member, and Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Felon. Both were photographed and fingerprinted. The adult was transported to DuPage County Jail while the juvenile was transported to the Kane County Youth Home.

On April 17th, Officers executed a search warrant at an apartment in the 800 block of Burr Oaks Dr. during which they located a large amount of drugs and a handgun. The individual living in the apartment was arrested and transported to the Station. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver, Possession with Intent to Deliver Cannabis and Unauthorized Use of a Weapon by a Felon. After the suspect was fingerprinted and photographed, he was transported to the DuPage County Jail.

On March 13th, the victim reported that a known offender had sexually abused her over a number of years when she lived at a residence in the 900 block of Appletree Ln. After a lengthy investigation, Detectives Herbert and Bowers were able to obtain a confession from the suspect. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved charges against the offender for Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child and Criminal Sexual Assault. On June 4th, the offender was arrested. The offender was fingerprinted, photographed, and transported to the DuPage County Jail.

On June 22nd, officers responded to Uno Discount Amigo Express located at 543 Main St. for an armed robbery call. Two masked suspects entered the store at closing time and demanded money from the owner before running out the rear exit and entering a vehicle. Possible suspect information was developed. On July 8th two suspects were interviewed by Detectives. One of the suspects

admitted to the armed robbery and other burglaries in West Chicago as well as other crimes in Bartlett and Batavia. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved two counts of Armed Robbery and two counts of Burglary against both suspects. The suspects were fingerprinted, photographed, and transported to the DuPage County Jail.

On July 24th, Officers Kowalik, Reavley, Bertany and Reyes responded to a call in the 200 block of W. North Ave. A patient at the facility was combative and uncooperative with the staff while armed with a knife. He was waving the knife in a threatening manner while refusing to be transported for an evaluation. Attempts by officers to deescalate the encounter and have the subject put the knife down were unsuccessful. Officers were able to distract the subject while Officer Reyes approached the patient and gained control of his right arm. The subject was handcuffed and transported to Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital for further evaluation.

On August 21st, Officers Rigler, Mielke, Sauseda and Zepeda responded to the Pizza Hut located at 150 W. Roosevelt Rd. for a suicidal subject armed with a gun. Upon arrival, Officers located the subject, holding a handgun, in a van in the parking lot. Officers were able to successfully bring this incident to a conclusion with the subject being transported to Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital for a mental health evaluation. Officer Rigler went before a judge and obtained a warrant for the offender's arrest on the charges of Illegal Possession of Ammunition without a FOID Card, Possession of a Firearm with an Invalid FOID Card and Carrying/Possessing a Firearm in Public. On November 13th, the offender was arrested. The suspect was fingerprinted, photographed and released after posting the required bond.

Between August 30th and November 26th, officers responded to 10 separate burglaries to landscaping companies located in West Chicago. Suspect information was developed and on December 4th, Detectives Herbert, Bowers, Flanigan and Peterson conducted surveillance on the suspects' homes. One suspect was observed pulling into the driveway and was placed in custody and transported to the Station, where Officer Reyes assisted detectives with the interview. During the course of the interview the suspect admitted to committing the burglaries. The suspect agreed to provide information as to where the property had been taken and sold. A Toro Dingo was recovered from a location in Glendale Heights. A backpack blower, four weed whackers, an extended hedge trimmer, two handheld hedge trimmers, a chain saw, two stander mowers, an aerator and a Proline mower were recovered in Carpentersville. The items were all returned to their owners. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved a charge of Burglary against the suspect. The offender was fingerprinted, photographed and transported to the DuPage County Jail

On September 9th, Officer Winton responded to a residence in the 900 block of Jeri Ln. for a reported burglary to motor vehicle. It was learned that an unsecured vehicle had been entered and items were removed from the vehicle, including a handgun. Later on the same date, Detective Peterson was notified by an investigator with the DuPage County Sheriff's Office that they had a suspect in custody on a matter unrelated to the Jeri Ln. case who was in possession of credit cards that did not belong to him, as well a handgun. Detectives Herbert and Peterson interviewed the subject at the DuPage County Jail. The subject admitted to entering a number of vehicles in the 800 and 900 block of Jeri Ln, taking a number of credit cards and the handgun from unlocked vehicles. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved two counts of Burglary from Motor Vehicle and one count of Possession of a Stolen Handgun.

On November 4th, Officers Richards and Cummings and Sergeant Langelan were dispatched to the 100 block of Wycliffe Dr. for a disturbance. Upon arrival, one victim was located suffering from multiple stab wounds and a second individual was suffering from a gunshot wound. Officers began administering first aid to the victims and obtained suspect vehicle information. Officer Zepeda located and stopped the vehicle and several suspects were taken into custody. Detectives Peterson, Bowers, Calabrese, Herbert and Flanigan as well as DuPage County Evidence Technician and personnel from the DuPage County Metropolitan Emergency Response and Investigations Team (MERIT), responded to assist with the investigation. An Assistant DuPage County State's Attorney responded to the Station to assist and ultimately approved charges of Aggravated Battery with a Firearm, Aggravated Battery with a Deadly Weapon and Mob Action against a total of six suspects. Three of the charged individuals were juveniles, and were transported to the Kane County Juvenile Justice Center. The three adult suspects were fingerprinted and photographed and transported to the DuPage County Jail.

Department Programs

Prescription Drobox



In 2011, the Department placed a collection box for prescription medication in the Police Station lobby in an effort to provide residents with a convenient, secure, and safe way to dispose of unwanted or expired prescription drugs. This service is provided to assist in keeping medications out of both the water supply and the possession of individuals who might otherwise abuse prescription drugs. The safe and easy drop-off location allows residents to be eco-friendly while helping to safeguard our youth, our community and the natural environment. In 2019, a total of 315 lbs. of drugs were dropped off, which was a 9 lb. increase over 2018. Since the inception of the Program the Department has taken in 2,226 lbs. of unwanted or expired prescription drugs.

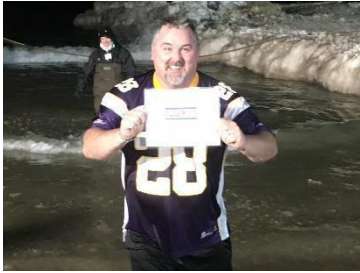
Honor Guard

The West Chicago Police Department Honor Guard is a team of Officers formed with the mission to remember and honor all those serving in law enforcement, the fire service and the United States military who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our communities and a grateful nation. Members of the Honor Guard receive training in military-style drill and ceremony etiquette. The Honor Guard is comprised of Sergeant Gaztambide, Officers Richards, Rosenwinkel, Fuller, Gelsomino, Flanigan, Calabrese and Reyes. Honor Guard activities include the presentation, posting and retiring of the Colors, parades, holiday ceremonies and, most importantly, funeral ceremonies and memorials.

In 2019, the Honor Guard participated in the Police Officer Memorial in Springfield, IL; Operation Warrior Wishes First Responder Escort at St. Andrew's Golf & Country Club; National Night Out; Railroad Days; Kane County Cougar's game; and a Chicago Bears game.



Community Involvement



Detective Robbi Peterson successfully completed the Special Olympics "Super" Plunge in the frigid Lake Michigan waters on February 15th and 16th. As a fundraiser for Special Olympics Illinois, Detective Peterson completed one plunge an hour for 24 hours, for a total of 24 plunges. His efforts raised \$4,575.00 for Special Olympics athletes.



On March 3rd, Department members and their families participated in the Polar Plunge at Silver Springs State Park in Yorkville. This Law Enforcement event raises money for the Illinois Special Olympics. The West Chicago Team raised \$1,650.

On the morning of May 17th, members of the West Chicago Police Department staked out Dunkin' locations in West Chicago to raise funds for the Law Enforcement Torch Run benefitting Special Olympics. Thanks to the huge support from the community, we can happily announce we raised in excess of \$6,000.00.



On June 2nd, Department members, Mayor Pineda, Special Olympians, and residents joined other law enforcement organizations across the state and participated in the Annual Law Enforcement TorchRun for Special Olympics Illinois. Runners left City Hall and continued to La Chiquita at Roosevelt Road and Joliet Street. Over the past 31 years, the Run has raised more than \$43 million. Funds ensure that neither the athletes nor their families will be charged for participation in Special Olympics.



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On November 9th, the Annual Leaf Raking event was held. Thanks to all of the Department members and community volunteers who donated their time to help us this year. Participants in this year's event raked leaves at 29 residential properties in West Chicago, filling 868 lawn bags. In addition, the Department would like to acknowledge the following for their contributions that helped make this event successful: Menards, Groot Industries and Ms. Maureen Margolis and Shawn Stonequist.



Coffee with a Cop

In the months of February, March, April, May and October, members of the Department participated in Coffee with a Cop days. Coffee with a Cop offers opportunities to build relationships and have relaxed conversations with community members.



Contractual and Auxiliary Services Communications



DU-COMM is an intergovernmental agency formed in 1975 to provide public safety communications to police and fire agencies. DU-COMM serves 44 agencies and over 800,000 residents within DuPage County. DU-COMM receives citizens' requests for police, fire, and Emergency Medical Services via 9-1-1 and ten-digit emergency phone lines. DU-COMM annually processes over 1.2 million phone calls and over 750,000 police and Fire/EMS incidents out of the Communications Center.

Dispatchers are responsible for answering all emergency and non-emergency public safety calls for service that come into the Communications Center. This includes calls for police, fire or ambulance services. During 2019, the Communications Center handled in excess of 33,000 calls for service for the West Chicago jurisdiction. Calls for service include police dispatches, traffic stops, 911 hang up calls and other service items. In addition to responding to citizen requests for assistance, Dispatchers also relay information to and from patrol officers via radio. All calls for service are processed through the Computer Aided Dispatch System by the Dispatchers, ensuring that all calls are logged and stored for future reference.

Emergency Services



The West Chicago Emergency Services and Disaster Agency (ESDA) exists to prevent, minimize, repair, and alleviate injury or damage resulting from disasters caused by enemy attack, sabotage, or other hostile action, or from natural or man-made disasters. Its primary function continues to be one of support/relief for the West Chicago Police Department. Typically, the volunteers provide assistance at major traffic accidents, protect evidence at crime scenes, and protect the public and property in the event of weather-related damage. In addition, ESDA volunteers are trained to spot potentially hazardous weather which may affect the City or western DuPage County.

Community Emergency Response Team



The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) was established in 2005. The purpose of CERT is to train citizens to better respond to emergency situations, should they arise. These volunteers can support first responders, provide immediate assistance to injured victims, and assist with crowd control in an emergency event. More often, however, CERT members help with non-emergency projects throughout the year, such as Railroad Days, National Night Out, Mexican Independence Day and Frosty Fest. In addition to volunteering at these events, members staff a booth to raise community awareness about CERT and disaster awareness.

West Chicago CERT has about 150 members. All CERT members must undergo basic training provided by the Illinois Emergency Management Agency. For the duration of their tenure on CERT, members attend monthly training meetings which consist of online training, classroom instruction and practical training exercises. In 2019, the Department ran a training class for new CERT team members. Four citizens were added to the team.



CERT classes extend over the course of nine weeks and participants receive instruction in Weather Safety, Fire and Life Safety, Medical, Light Search and Rescue, CERT Organization, Psychology and Terrorism. Participants also become certified in CPR and AED use.

Regional Cooperatives

Northern Illinois Police Alarm System

The West Chicago Police Department has been a member of the Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS) since 2012. NIPAS is a coalition of agencies that agree to respond to other jurisdictions to provide mutual aid in the event of an incident that requires additional resources.

There are three components of NIPAS. The first component is the Mobile Field Force (MFF), which is used for crowd control and civil disturbances. The second component is the Emergency Services Team (EST). The EST is called for high-risk tactical incidents. The final component is the Bicycle Response Unit (BRU) which was created in 2015 to supplement the mission of the MFF.

The Department currently has one officer serving on the Mobile Field Force. During 2019, the MFF Officer was not called out to respond to an incident. In preparation for possible incidents, the MFF Officer attended training at least monthly throughout the year.



Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System



The Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System (ILEAS) was developed to provide mutual aid to all Illinois police agencies. There are over 900 agencies represented in the ILEAS consortium.

In the event of an emergency in the West Chicago area, it is likely that surrounding jurisdictions will also be affected by the same circumstances, thereby making them unable to respond for mutual aid. As part of the ILEAS consortium, West Chicago would be able to request aid from other parts of the State that are not impacted by the emergency event. Additionally, West Chicago Police Department personnel can be called upon to respond to emergencies in other jurisdictions.

In 2019, there was one ILEAS activation. On February 15th, Officer Winton responded to an active shooter situation at the Henry Pratt Company in Aurora.

DuPage Major Crimes/Merit Task Force



The DuPage County Major Crime Task Force (DCMCTF) began operating in February 1992. The Task Force was developed through a joint effort by the DuPage County Sheriff's Office, the DuPage County State's Attorney's Office and the DuPage County Chiefs of Police Association.



The goal of the Task Force is to provide strong investigative aid and expertise to participating DuPage County agencies in especially significant cases. Task Force members typically request assistance in homicide investigations, kidnappings, police-involved shootings and other exceptionally heinous crimes. In 2019, investigators from the West Chicago Police Department participated in five investigations with the DCMCTF. Those investigations included a homicide in Roselle and a homicide that occurred in Bloomingdale.

Beginning in June of 2019, the Major Crimes Task Force was replaced by the Metropolitan Emergency Response & Investigation Team (MERIT). MERIT is comprised of 10 operational components: Crime Scene Investigation, Crisis Negotiations, Digital Forensics, Incident Management Assistance, K-9 response, Major Crash Reconstruction, Major Crimes/Public Integrity, Planned Events, Surveillance & Intelligence and SWAT.

DuPage County Crash Assistance Response Team

DUCART is activated to investigate serious motor vehicle crashes. In 2019, DUCART assisted in the investigation of two fatal crashes in West Chicago (May 18th and August 1st). Beginning in June of 2019, DUCART'S role was assumed by MERIT.

Fire Investigation



The DuPage County Fire Investigation Task Force was established in 1999 to assist local municipalities in processing and investigating significant fires of questionable origin. The Task Force is comprised of Federal, State and local investigators from 36 fire service and law enforcement agencies in DuPage County.

Teams of Task Force investigators are available to respond to assist in origin and cause investigations. Task Force resources include the ATF, FBI, DuPage County Sheriff's Office Forensic Investigations Unit, Hazardous Devices Unit, Crime Laboratory, Office of the State Fire Marshal, DuPage County State's Attorney's Office, accelerant detection dogs, electrical engineers and demolition & shoring contractors.

Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC)

The Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force is a national network of 61 coordinated task forces representing over 4,500 federal, state and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies. These agencies are continually engaged in both proactive and reactive investigations and prosecutions of persons involved in child abuse and exploitation involving the internet. ICAC is funded by the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Emergency Management

As part of emergency preparedness, staff at the West Chicago Police Department maintains the Emergency Operations Plan for the City. The Plan includes a database of emergency resources, such as agencies and equipment, which can be utilized in the event of a disaster.

The purpose of the Emergency Operations Plan is to familiarize City officials with procedures during an emergency, thereby coordinating staff responsibilities to efficiently respond to an event. Additional emergency preparedness is achieved through the West Chicago Police Department staff, working relationships with the DuPage County Office of Emergency Management, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The Department also partners with volunteer organizations such as the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army. These agencies provide the support and resources necessary to assist the City in managing large scale events, such as tornados or flooding. Additionally, they can provide personnel and equipment for disaster recovery, as well as food and shelter for displaced residents.

Annual Reports

Annual Performance

Activities	2019	2018
Traffic Stops	7,565	9,875
Traffic Citations(& Notices to Appear)	4,545	5,928
Warnings	4,091	5,578
Parking Citations	2,301	3,094
Traffic Crashes	905	930
Incident Reports	3,058	3,396

Levels of Resistance

For the calendar year 2019, the West Chicago Police Department had nine Levels of Resistance Encountered Reports documented and submitted. This represents a reduction of 47% from 2018.

In 2016, Department staff started completing Levels of Resistance Encountered Reports when officers point a firearm or a Taser at a subject. Tasers or firearms were pointed at individuals 26 times in 2019. Deadly force was not utilized in 2019. Note more than one application of force may have been necessary to overcome subject resistance during a single incident.

A summary of the Levels of Resistance Encountered Reports follows:

Summary	2019	2018	2017
Reports Initiated	9	17	17
# of Officers Involved	18	29	27
Type of Defense Used:			
Hands/Feet/Knee Strike/Other	6	26	17
O.C. Spray	0	0	0
Expandable Baton	0	0	0
Taser Deployed	0	1	1
Taser Pointed	2	2	0
Firearm	0	0	0
Pointed Firearm	24	5	16
Canine Bite	0	0	0
Injuries:			
Officer Injured	0	4	4
Subject(s) Injured	0	1	0

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According to information obtained from DU-COMM, the West Chicago Police Department handled 33,516 calls for service in 2019 and force was used in .02% of these calls.

Police officers are knowledgeable of both the Use of Force Policy and appropriate Use of Force responses. In addition, all incidents of Use of Force are reviewed by a sergeant and then subject to administrative review. In 2019, Use of Force training included qualification and certification with firearms and patrol rifles, less than lethal weapons certifications and review of the Department's Use of Force Policy.

Pursuit

In 2019, the West Chicago Police Department had three documented Pursuit Reports. This represents a 57% decrease from 2018 in which seven pursuits were reported.

PURSUIT	2019	2018	2017
Total Pursuits	3	7	3
Terminated by Agency	2	7	1
Policy Compliant	3	7	3
Non-Policy Compliant	0	0	0
Crashes	0	1	2
INJURIES:			
Officer(s)	0	0	0
Suspect(s)	0	1	0
Third Party	0	0	0
REASON for PURSUIT			
Traffic Offenses	3	5	2
Misdemeanor Offenses	0	1	1
Felony Offenses	0	1	0

The average top speed of Department vehicles involved in the pursuits was 64 MPH.

None of the pursuits ended in a crash. No Department vehicles or citizen vehicles were damaged as a result of the pursuits. No Officers or third-party citizens were injured. One pursuit was reported covering a distance of more than two miles. One of the pursuits covered a distance of one to two miles before ending. One pursuit was a 1/2 mile in length. All three pursuits originated from traffic violations.

A review of the pursuits and the associated documentation did not reveal any significant trends or patterns that would necessitate additional training.

Sergeants and Command Staff reviewed the reports and Policy as part of the pursuit review. At this time there does not appear to be a need for policy modification and there were no equipment failures noted or policy violations.

2019 Illinois Unified Crime Report (IUCR) Statistics

Uniform Crime Reporting

The Federal Bureau of Investigation maintains the country's Uniform Crime Reporting program. This program collects nationwide statistics on what are categorized as Part I crimes. These are crimes that are committed against people and property, are serious in nature, occur with regularity in all areas of the country and are likely to be reported to the police. Part II crimes can still be serious, but the information is not collected by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for nationwide comparison purposes.

Part I Crimes	2019 Total	2018 Total	% of Change
Murder	0	2	-100%
Criminal Sexual Assault	12	9	33%
Robbery	6	6	N/C
Aggravated Battery/Assault	16	13	23%
Burglary	30	27	11%
Theft	165	191	-14%
Arson	1	0	100%
Motor Vehicle Theft	9	17	-48%
Total Part I Crimes	239	265	-10%
Part II Crimes			
Reckless Homicide	0	0	N/C
Battery	70	105	-33%
Domestic Battery	105	107	-2%
Assault	7	7	N/C
Deceptive Practices	94	97	-3%
Criminal Damage & Trespass	106	118	-10%
Criminal Defacement	91	88	3%
Deadly Weapons	14	10	40%
Sex Offenses	14	18	-22%
Kidnapping/Abduction	2	2	N/C
Disorderly Conduct	81	76	7%
Select Part II Crimes	584	628	-7%

Goals

Accomplished Goals for 2019

Over a number of years, DuPage County and the DuPage County Emergency Telephone Safety Board (ETSB) worked together to purchase and implement a County-wide, integrated dispatch, report-writing and records management system; collectively known as DuJIS. The previous system (known as NETRMS) had become both obsolete and costly. The ETSB owns, operates and maintains the new DuJIS system. The City went live on June 18th with DuJIS.

After a yearlong trial period in which eleven officers volunteered to utilize body worn cameras (BWCs), the City purchased body cameras for all remaining officers. Axon, the company that manufactures the body cameras, provided comprehensive training for the officers. This training will ensure adherence to Illinois law regarding BWC usage, enhance transparency and properly safeguard the privacy of people captured on camera; including children, witnesses and bystanders. Beginning on March 8th, all West Chicago police officers were equipped with and utilizing BWCs.

On September 10th, the first session of the West Chicago Police Department Explorer program took place. Twelve participants took part in the program. Law Enforcement Explorers is a hands-on program open to young men and women who have completed the 8th grade, are between the ages of 14 and 20 years of age and are interested in a career in law enforcement or other field related to criminal justice. The program offers participants a personal awareness of the criminal justice system through training, practical exercises and other activities. Additionally, the program promotes personal growth through character development, enhancing problem-solving skills, respect for the rule of law, good citizenship and patriotism.

On September 25th, the West Chicago Citizens' Police Academy met for the first of nine sessions. The Citizens' Police Academy is a program designed to acquaint community residents who are not sworn officers with an insight into police work. The program is open to those who live and/or work in West Chicago. The program consists of nine weekly classes, during which participants learn in a classroom setting followed by the opportunity to employ what they've learned while participating in the role of police officers in hands-on scenarios.