

# WEST CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT



**2018**

Michael Uplegger, Chief of Police

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## **A message from Chief Uplegger**

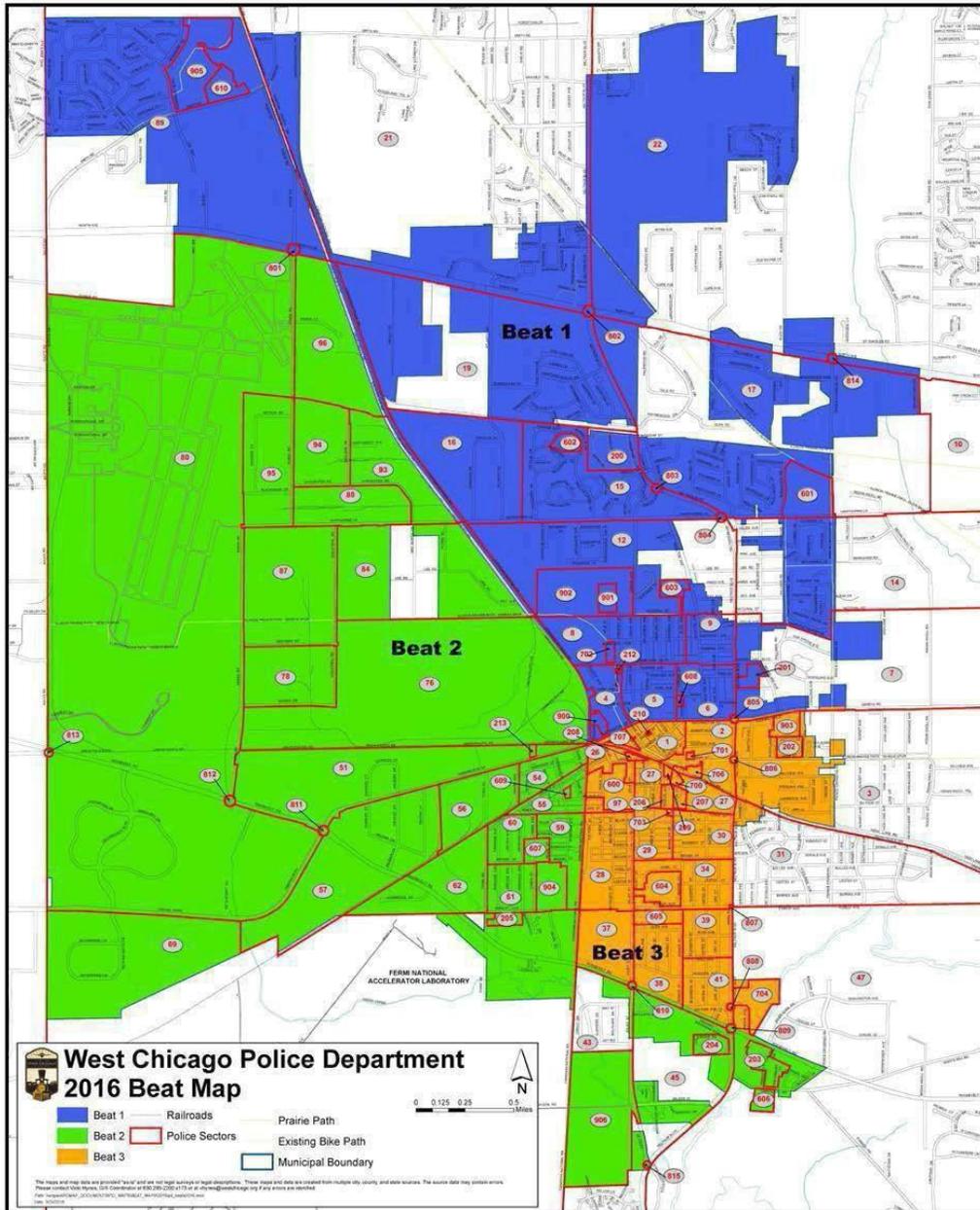
It is my pleasure to present the West Chicago Police Department's 2018 Annual Report. The purpose of this Report is to provide our community a snapshot of information and statistics impacting our City and the Department including crime, traffic, our staffing levels, and what's new in our Department. 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.

Law enforcement agencies in Illinois and across the country are seeking ways to increase the safety and efficacy of interactions between officers and individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. An estimated seven to ten percent of police-citizen interactions involve a citizen with a mental health disorder. A Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program is an innovative, community-based approach to improve the outcomes of these encounters. Crisis Intervention Team Training is an in-depth law enforcement 40-hour state-certified specialized course, which provides officers with education about mental illness, and provides skills and tools for effectively and safely interacting with someone who is experiencing a crisis. We have taken a proactive stance on this issue and have trained over 50% of our patrol officers in the CIT approach with the goal of achieving 100% by the end of 2019.

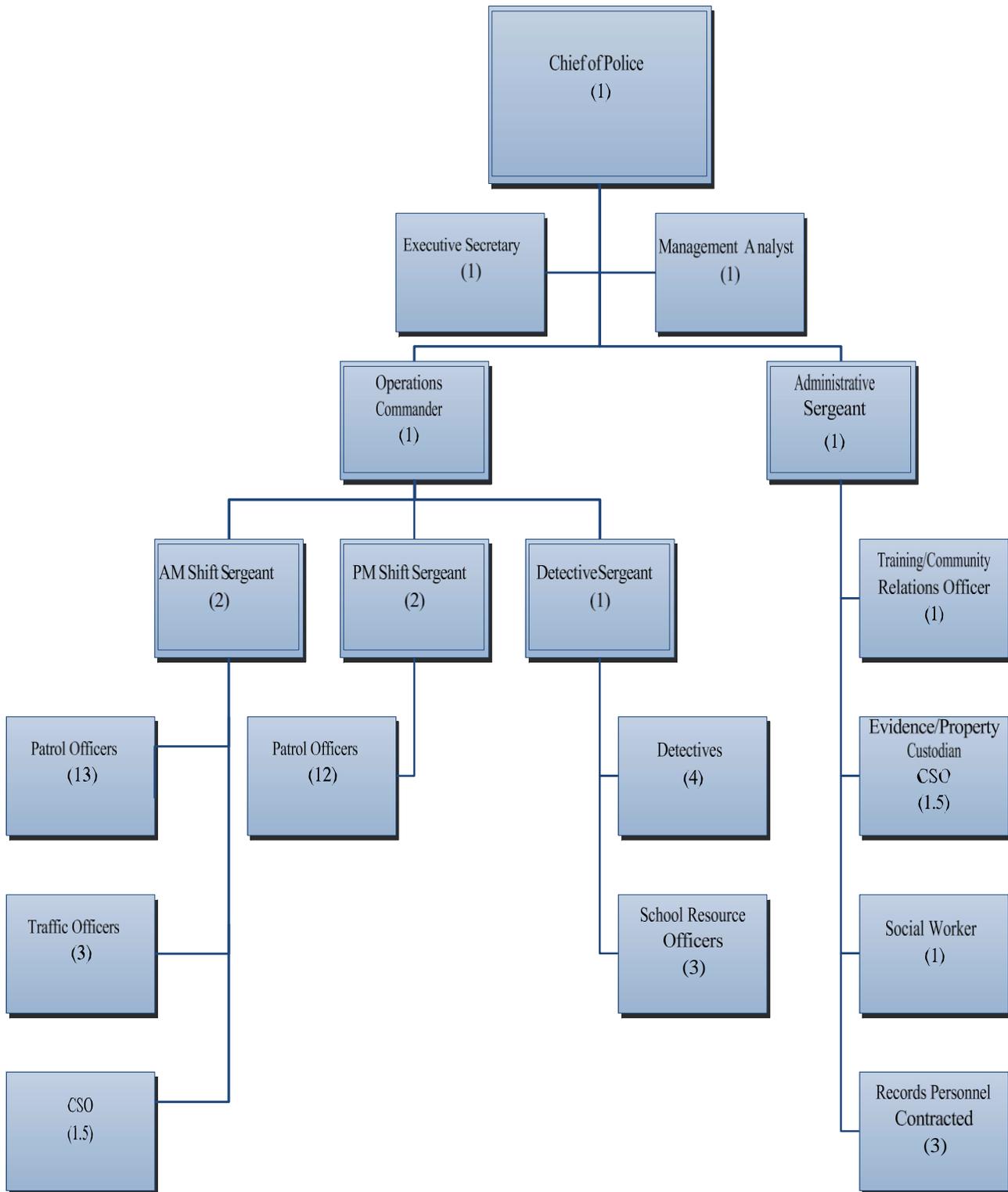
The men and women of the West Chicago Police Department are committed to serving the community. Please do not hesitate to call upon us whenever you have questions or concerns.

Michael E. Uplegger  
Chief of Police

# Map of Service Area



## Organizational Chart



## **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 divided into two Divisions: the Operations Division and the Support Services Division. Each Division is led by a Supervisor who reports to the Chief of Police. 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.

The Operations Commander leads the Operations Division, which consists of the Uniformed Patrol Unit, the Traffic Safety Unit and Investigations Unit. The Uniformed Patrol Unit consists of four Sergeants, 25 sworn officers and two Community Service Officers and 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 Traffic Safety Unit consists of three Police Officers and is responsible for traffic safety and enforcement as well as the investigation of serious injury and fatal traffic crashes. The Investigations Unit consists of one Sergeant, four Detectives and three School Resource Officers.

The Administrative Sergeant leads the Support Services Division, which consists of the Records Section, Training/Community Relations, Social Services and a Community Service Officer who acts as the Evidence/Property Custodian. The Records Section consists of three full-time contracted clerks.

## **Mission and 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**

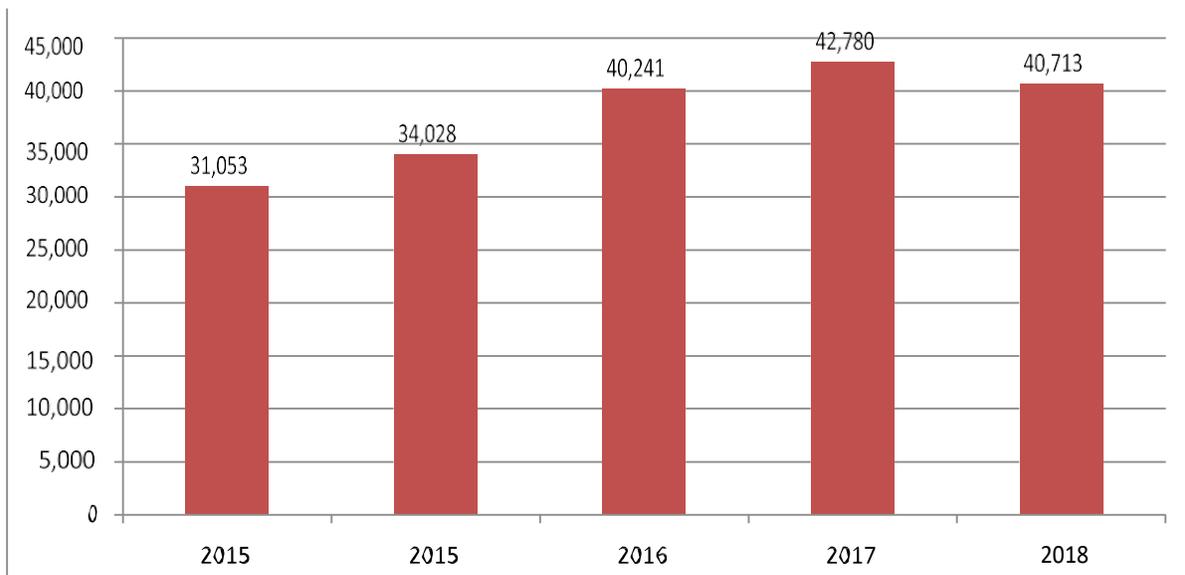
The vision of the West Chicago Police Department is to utilize state of the art technology, progressive training, professional development, and leadership to establish ourselves as a premier law enforcement agency.

## Operations Division

### Patrol

Officers work 12-hour shifts that are divided into four teams: two dayshift teams and two nightshift 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 2018, West Chicago Police Department personnel responded to 40,713 incidents. This is a 5% decrease from 2017.



The Patrol Division saw the following personnel changes in 2018: one Officer resigned his position with the Department and one new police officer was hired. The new officer successfully completed training at the Chicago 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 option 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 2018 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	4,633	49.16%
Black/African American	634	6.73%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	17	.18%
Hispanic/Latino	3,663	38.86%
Asian	45	.48%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	26	.28%
Total Stops Reported to IDOT	9,425	
TOTAL NON-WHITE	4,792	50.84%
IDOT NON-WHITE DRIVING POPULATION	56.29%	

### Traffic Safety Unit

The Traffic Safety Unit is charged with responding to and handling traffic crashes and road-related complaints. The Traffic Safety Unit Sergeant also organizes and coordinates traffic enforcement campaigns throughout the year. Officers participated in a Distracted Driving campaign in April issuing 61 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 who are trained as Truck Enforcement Officers and one who is assigned to the Traffic Safety Unit to conduct specialized enforcement on overweight trucks. In 2018, the drivers of 57 overweight trucks were cited.

## Community Relations/Training

The Community Relations/Training Officer coordinates and implements the specific crime prevention, community education, crime resistance and community relations activities of the Department. The specific duties in regard to the Department include, but are not be limited to, the following:

- (a) Planning and developing training programs;
- (b) Identifying and notifying personnel of both required and available training;
- (c) Maintaining training records;
- (d) Ensuring that required training programs are attended; and
- (e) Implementing training programs.

In 2018, West Chicago personnel completed a total of 3,893 hours of training, which equates to an average of 79.44 hours of training per member. The training focused on Civil Rights, Constitutional Law/Proper Use of Law Enforcement Authority, Cultural Competency, Procedural Justice, Human Rights, Law/Legal Updates and Use of Force, all of which are required by the Illinois Police Training Act.

## Community Service Officers

The Community Service Officers perform a wide variety of non-sworn field and office law enforcement work in direct support of sworn personnel including parking enforcement, traffic control, report taking, animal control, management of the Evidence/Property Room, the transportation and delivery of evidence and official documents and cash, and providing responsive, courteous and efficient service to City residents and the general public. A new CSO was hired in 2018.



## Investigations Unit

In 2018, the Detectives worked on cases involving death investigations, financial crimes, weapons offenses, burglaries and narcotic investigations. A summary of the cases follows:

Offense/Incident	2018
Murder	2
Burglary/Residential Burglary	19
Background Investigations	11
Missing Person(s)	7
Aggravated Battery/Battery/Mob Action	9
Theft/Retail Theft	24
Sex Offenses	21
Criminal Damage (Property/Vehicle)	14
Shootings	10
Death/Suicide Investigations	9
Armed Robbery/Robbery	8
Weapons	4
Fraud/Credit Card Fraud/Deceptive Practice/Forgery	24
Drugs	13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>175</b>

## 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 2018, the High School SROs were the primary investigators in 131 cases. The investigations completed by the SROs led to the arrest of 34 persons.

In addition to their investigative responsibilities, the SROs conduct training and education exercises for students and staff. This year the SROs participated in 39 classroom presentations, four presentations to staff, a presentation to parents and approximately 42 emergency drills, including weather, lockdown, and fire drills.

## Support Services Division

### Records Unit

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

Records personnel help citizens with Freedom of Information Act requests, arrest record checks, and citation payments. 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 West Chicago Police Department 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 automatically follows-up with all victims of domestic violence. During the course of 2018, 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 receiving help in a timely manner from agencies that specialize in these types of services.

The Social Worker assisted providing 32 children and 20 families with gifts for Christmas in 2018. Easter baskets were provided to 70 children in 2018. The Social Worker coordinated with Hawthorne's Backyard Bar and Barbeque in providing dinner on Christmas day for 18 families and their children. A summary of the cases follows:

Type of Case	#	Type of Case	#	Type of Case	#
Callout	11	Death	10	Housing	10
Advocacy	384	Domestic Violence	86	Information & Referral	221
Alleged Sexual Assault	8	Elderly Cases	9	Mental Health	16
Court	24	Family Problems	189	Youth Problems	48
Crisis Intervention	23	Financial Assistance	111	Drugs/Alcohol	17
Other Problems	309				

## Department 2018 Highlights

The following are snapshots of notable cases during the year:

On January 3<sup>rd</sup>, Detectives Herbert and Bowers observed two known gang associates walk behind Pioneer School. When the Detectives turned into the school entrance off Brown St., they observed an individual walking back to a vehicle. The vehicle pulled away from the school and the two gang associates were observed running westbound from the school. Detectives Herbert and Bowers and Officer Potts initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle in the area of Forest Ave. and Kenwood Ave. Upon meeting with the occupants of the vehicle, officers detected an odor of cannabis coming from inside the vehicle. A subsequent search of the car resulted in the finding of cannabis wax and a bag of cannabis under the passenger side front seat. When questioned, the passenger of the car admitted to buying the cannabis from one of the subjects who had fled the area on foot. On January 4<sup>th</sup>, Detectives Bowers and Herbert and Community Service Officer Eichinger went to a residence in the 100 block of Galena St. to speak with the juvenile suspect and parents. They were granted parental permission to search the suspect's room(s). During the search, officers located over 60 grams of cannabis. The suspect was placed under arrest and transported to the Station where he was interviewed by Detectives. The suspect admitted to selling cannabis about three times per month. The suspect was advised he would be charged in Juvenile Court with Delivery of Cannabis (not more than 2.5 grams) and Possession of Cannabis (more than 30 grams but not more than 100 grams).

On December 27, 2017, Officers Diveley, Richards, and Perry and Sergeant Langelan responded to the Thornton's gas station located at 1330 S. Neltnor Blvd. for a reported armed robbery. An unknown person, wearing a black mask, entered the Thornton's gas station, produced a black handgun and demanded the clerk open the register and safe. The suspect took a carton of cigarettes and \$341.00 in cash. The offender then fled in a northwest direction from the scene. On January 10<sup>th</sup>, Detective Bowers received information on a possible suspect. On January 30<sup>th</sup>, Detectives Bowers and Herbert interviewed the suspect and his mother. On March 5<sup>th</sup>, the DuPage County State's Attorney approved a count of Armed Robbery against the suspect. On March 6<sup>th</sup>, the offender was served with his copies of the complaint and warrant and processed while he was in custody at the Kane County Jail on unrelated charges.

On March 29<sup>th</sup>, officers responded to the Station for an Armed Robbery complaint. The victim related that while at an apartment in the 300 block of Wilson Ave. he was robbed at gunpoint of a gold chain. The victim was able to identify the offender from a photo lineup. The suspect was arrested a short time later in the area of Main St. and Neltnor Blvd. Detectives Herbert, Bowers and Officer Potts obtained consent to search the apartment where the offense occurred. Numerous items of drug paraphernalia were located in the area of the apartment used by the suspect. Detectives Herbert and Bowers searched a second apartment in the complex where a friend of the offender lived. The occupants of this apartment granted officers consent to search their apartment. Detective Herbert located a yellow gold chain which matched the description of the stolen chain. Officers also found bags of cannabis, ammunition, and handguns. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved charges of Armed Robbery and Robbery. The offender was processed, provided with copies of his paperwork and transported to the DuPage County Jail.

On November 4, 2017, Officers Zepeda, Reyes, Schoonhoven and Perry were dispatched to a call of shots fired in the area of W. Stimmel St. and Lyman St. Officer Zepeda and Reyes located evidence of a shooting in the area of the 400 block of W. Stimmel St. and Officer Schoonhoven located evidence of a shooting in the 500 block of Kenwood Ave. Officers interviewed a number of individuals who were released with charges pending. Upon completing this investigation, a complaint and warrant was obtained for the suspect for Possession of Firearm Ammunition without a FOID Card. On April 10<sup>th</sup>, the offender turned himself in at the Station. He was processed, provided his copies of the paperwork, and released after posting the required bond.

On December 25, 2017, Officers Potts responded to the 800 block of Deering Ct. for an attempted burglary report. After a lengthy investigation, Detectives Bowers and Herbert identified a suspect who was ultimately charged with Attempted Residential Burglary. On May 16<sup>th</sup>, the offender surrendered himself at the Station. The juvenile offender was processed, provided with copies of his paperwork and released to his parents.

On April 5<sup>th</sup>, Officer Fearon was dispatched to a residence in the 500 block of Harrison St. for an ambulance assist. Upon arrival, a subject was observed lying in a bed with a number of injuries. The victim was uncooperative and refused transport to the hospital by West Chicago Fire Protection District Paramedics. The victim was eventually transported to Central DuPage Hospital by one of his parents, where he was admitted to ICU for bleeding on the brain. On April 15<sup>th</sup>, Sergeant Gaztambide and Officer Flanigan met with the victim at Central DuPage Hospital. The victim stated he was struck on the head with a brick while at a party in the 1200 block of Bishop St. Detective Herbert interviewed a number of attendees at the party who provided a name of the suspect. On May 31<sup>st</sup>, Detective Herbert interviewed the suspect at the DuPage County Jail. The suspect admitted to being at the party and admitted to throwing a rock, but stated it was done in self-defense. On June 4<sup>th</sup>, a complaint and warrant for Aggravated Battery was obtained. The paperwork was delivered to the DuPage County Jail so the offender could be served and processed.

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the West Chicago Community High School received a phone call that seven bombs were placed inside the building and, if the School did not do anything, the caller was going to show up with an AK47. Detective Bowers learned that the phone number came back to a voice over Internet provider. The provider advised that an investigator from the Fuquay-Varina Police Department in North Carolina had inquired about the same phone number. When contacted, the investigator stated a high school in its jurisdiction had received an identical threat from the same phone number. The Federal Bureau of Investigation was also working on the North Carolina case. Detective Bowers was able to obtain subscriber information for an IP address that came back to an address in Scottsburg, Virginia. On May 21<sup>st</sup>, the FBI executed a search warrant at the juvenile suspect's residence. The suspect admitted to making the bomb threat(s). The suspect was charged in Virginia as a juvenile with two counts of Communicating a Bomb Threat.

On July 13<sup>th</sup>, West Chicago Police Officers made contact with a suspect and arranged to purchase heroin from him. Officers later met with the suspect and bought three kilograms of heroin. The suspect was taken into custody and a search of his home was conducted. Officers found another two kilograms of heroin and one kilogram of a substance suspected to be Fentanyl. The street value of the drugs recovered was estimated to be more than \$900,000.00. The offender was charged with one count of Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver and one count of Delivery of a Controlled Substance. He was processed and transported to the DuPage County Jail.

On August 14<sup>th</sup>, West Chicago Fire Protection District personnel were conducting training in the 1300 block of Joliet St. when they discovered what appeared to be a smoldering body. Department personnel responded to the scene where a burned human body was discovered. The DuPage Major Crimes Task Force was called to assist. As a result of the investigation, four individuals were charged with First Degree Murder, Armed Robbery and Concealing a Homicide.

On November 9<sup>th</sup>, Officers and West Chicago Fire Protection District personnel were dispatched to the 800 block of S. Oak St. for a body lying in the snow. The subject was confirmed as deceased. The DuPage Major Crimes Task Force was called to assist. As a result of the investigation, three individuals have been charged with First Degree Murder and are being held at the DuPage County Jail.

## Department Programs

### Prescription Drop Box



In 2011, the Department placed a collection box for prescription medication in the Police Station lobby in an effort to provide residents with an easy, 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 hands 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 2018, a total of 306 lbs. of drugs were dropped off, which was an 82 lb. increase over 2017. Since the inception of the Program the Department has taken in 1,911 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, and 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 2018, the Honor Guard participated in the Police Officer Memorial in Springfield, Operation Warrior Wishes First Responder Escort at St. Andrew's Golf & Country Club, National Night Out, Railroad Days 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 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. As a fundraiser for Special Olympics Illinois, Detective Peterson completed one plunge an hour for 24 hours, for a total of 24 plunges. So far his efforts have raised \$3,450 of his \$5,000 goal for Special Olympics Athletes.



On March 4<sup>th</sup>, 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 18<sup>th</sup>, members of the West Chicago Police Department staked out all four Dunkin' Donuts 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 \$4,560.96.



On June 10<sup>th</sup>, Department members, Mayor Pineda, Special Olympians, and residents joined other law enforcement organizations across the state and participated in the Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Illinois. Runners left City Hall and continued to La Chiquita at Roosevelt Road and Joliet Street. Chief Uplegger carried the torch over the 1.2-mile route. 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.



On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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. In addition, the Department would like to acknowledge the following for their contributions to make this event successful: West Chicago Public Works, West Chicago Park District, Menards, Parra's Bakery, West Chicago Community High School, Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce, Norton Creek PTO, Groot Industries, and Subway in West Chicago.



### Coffee with a Cop

On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, members of the Department participated in Coffee with a Cop Day at McDonald's located at 325 S. Neltnor Blvd. Coffee with a Cop Day is an opportunity 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 averages over 200,000 9-1-1 calls for service per year, and processes over 1.1 million phone calls in and 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 2018, the Communications Center received in excess of 40,000 calls for service for the West Chicago jurisdiction. This includes 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 FrostyFest.

In addition to volunteering at these events, members staff a booth to raise community awareness about CERT and disaster awareness.

West Chicago CERT currently has 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 2018, the Department ran two CERT classes. Eighteen new CERT members were added to the team.



The CERT classes run a total of eight 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. On October 24<sup>th</sup>, West Chicago Community Emergency Response Team members received CPR training from Officer Rigler.

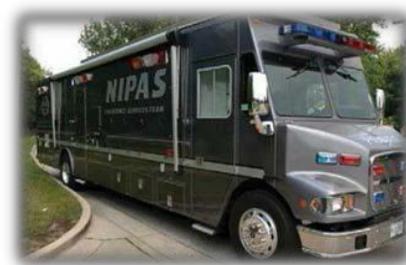
## Regional Cooperatives

### 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 2018, the MFF Officer was called out for a political riot in the City of Chicago. In preparation for these 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 800 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 2018, there were no ILEAS activations in participating jurisdictions that required a response from West Chicago Police Officers.

## DuPage Major Crimes 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 2018, investigators from the West Chicago Police Department participated in a number of investigations with the DCMCTF. Those investigations included an officer involved shooting in Elmhurst; a suspicious death investigation at the Winfield Police Department; and an officer involved shooting in Glendale Heights. West Chicago Detectives who participate on the Major Crimes Task Force also were actively engaged in the two West Chicago homicide investigations.

## DuPage County Crash Assistance Response Team

The West Chicago Police Department is a contributing agency to DuPage County Crash Assistance Response Team (DUCART), which means an Officer is provided to assist the team when a call-out is made. DUCART is activated to investigate serious motor vehicle accidents in any of the participating jurisdictions. There are 29 contributing agencies and seven non-contributing agencies within DUCART. In 2018, DUCART responded to two collision sites within West Chicago those being fatal crashes on January 7<sup>th</sup> and September 27<sup>th</sup>.

## 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 law enforcement agencies in DuPage County Task Force.

Teams of Task Force investigators are available to respond to assist in origin and cause investigations. Task Force resources include 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) 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 proactive/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 Emergency Operations Plan was recently revised to address changes in technology and organizational structure that have occurred over the last several years. The Plan includes a database of emergency resources, such as agencies and equipment that 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. The revised Plan was approved by the DuPage County Office of Emergency Management in 2018. 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

### Internal Affairs

It is the Policy of the West Chicago Police Department to receive and investigate complaints related to internal discipline in a manner that will assure the community of prompt corrective action when Department members conduct themselves improperly and to protect the City and its employees from unwarranted criticism pursuant to the discharge of official duties. In 2018, there was one complaint investigated against members of the Department. After a full investigation it was determined that the complaint was Not Sustained.

Any person wishing to compliment or file a complaint against an employee may do so by contacting the on-duty shift supervisor in person or by telephone at 630-293-2222.

### Levels of Resistance

For the calendar year 2018, the West Chicago Police Department had 17 Levels of Resistance Encountered Reports documented and submitted. This represents no change from 2017.

In 2016, Department staff started completing Levels of Resistance Encountered Reports when Officers point a firearm or a Taser at a subject. These accounted for seven reported uses of force in 2018. Deadly force was not utilized in 2018. Note more than one application of force may have been necessary to overcome subject resistance during an incident.

A summary of the Levels of Resistance Encountered Reports follows:

Summary	2018	2017	2016
Reports Initiated	17	17	24
# of Officers Involved	29	27	31
<b>Type of Defense Used:</b>			
Hands/Feet/Knee Strike/Other	26	17	17
O.C. Spray	0	0	1
Expandable Baton	0	0	0
Taser Deployed	1	1	0
Taser Pointed	2	0	5
Firearm	0	0	0
Pointed Firearm	5	16	8
Canine Bite	0	0	0
<b>Injuries:</b>			
Officer Injured	4	4	7
Subject(s) Injured	1	0	2

According to information provided by DU-COMM, the West Chicago Police Department received 40,713 calls for service in 2018 and force was used in .041% 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 administration review. In 2018, 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 2018, the West Chicago Police Department had seven documented Pursuit Reports. This represents a 63% increase from 2017 in which three pursuits were reported.

<b>PURSUIITS</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Total Pursuits	7	3	8
Terminated By Agency	7	1	8
Policy Compliant	7	3	8
Non-Policy Compliant	0	0	0
Crashes	1	2	3
Injuries: Officer(s)	0	0	0
Suspect(s)	1	0	0
Third Party	0	0	0
Traffic Offenses	5	2	6
Misdemeanor Offenses	1	1	0
Felony Offenses	1	0	2

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

One of the seven pursuits ended in a crash. This crash was a one car collision involving only the offender's vehicle. No Department vehicles or citizen vehicles were damaged as a result of the pursuits. No Officers or third-party citizens were injured. Two pursuits were reported covering a distance of more than two miles. One of the pursuits covered a distance of one to two miles before ending. Two pursuits were 1/2 mile to one mile in length. Two pursuits covered distances of less than 1/2 mile. Five out of the seven pursuits originated from traffic violations. Two pursuits originated as a result of suspected criminal activity (a felony and a misdemeanor).

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

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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.

## Annual Performance

Activities	2018 Total	2017 Total
Calls for Service (911 Calls)	9,336	10,276
Officer Generated Activity	21,502	23,472
Traffic Stops	9,875	9,032
Traffic Citations (& NTAs)	5,928	3,563
Warnings	5,578	6,269
Parking Citations	3,094	3,026
Traffic Crashes	930	886
Incident Reports	3,396	3,720

## 2018 Illinois Unified Crime Report (IUCR) Statistics

Crime	2018 Total	2017 Total	2016 Total
Murder	2	0	0
Criminal Sexual Assault	9	7	6
Robbery	6	11	10
Aggravated Battery/Assault	13	12	17
Burglary	27	53	46
Theft	191	250	240
Arson	0	1	2
Motor Vehicle Theft	17	15	14
<b>Total IUCR</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>335</b>
<b>Supplemental crimes</b>			
Criminal Damage to Vehicle	52	68	103
Criminal Damage to Property	63	54	59
Criminal Defacement	88	34	92
Simple Assault/Battery	112	67	81
<b>Total Supplemental Crimes</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>335</b>

## Goals

### Accomplished Goals for 2018



The Police Department staff set several goals for 2018 and spent the year working to achieve them. Beginning in March, a number of West Chicago Police officers volunteered to participate in a program field testing body cameras while on patrol. The Department was able to use the cameras through an offer from Axon US providing the cameras, supporting hardware, software and data storage for one year at no cost to the City. The trial program successfully concluded in December with no issues involving, policy, procedures or equipment. The Body Worn Camera program will be expanded Department-wide in 2019.



Westchester Police Chief Steven Stelter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President of the Illinois Chiefs of Police Association, attended the March 5<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting to present Chief Uplegger with the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP) Accreditation Award. The Department successfully completed the process for Tier II Accreditation. Accreditation is the ongoing process whereby agencies evaluate policy and procedure against established criteria, and comply with those criteria as verified by an independent and authoritative body, the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Council.

In 2018, the Department applied for and received two grants from the State of Illinois. The Illinois Department of Transportation awarded the Department a \$4,300.00 mini-grant to pay overtime costs associated with a Distracted Driving Enforcement action held in April. The Department also applied for and was awarded an \$18,600.00 grant by the Illinois Law Enforcement and Training Standards Board to be applied toward the purchase of body-worn cameras.