

WEST CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT



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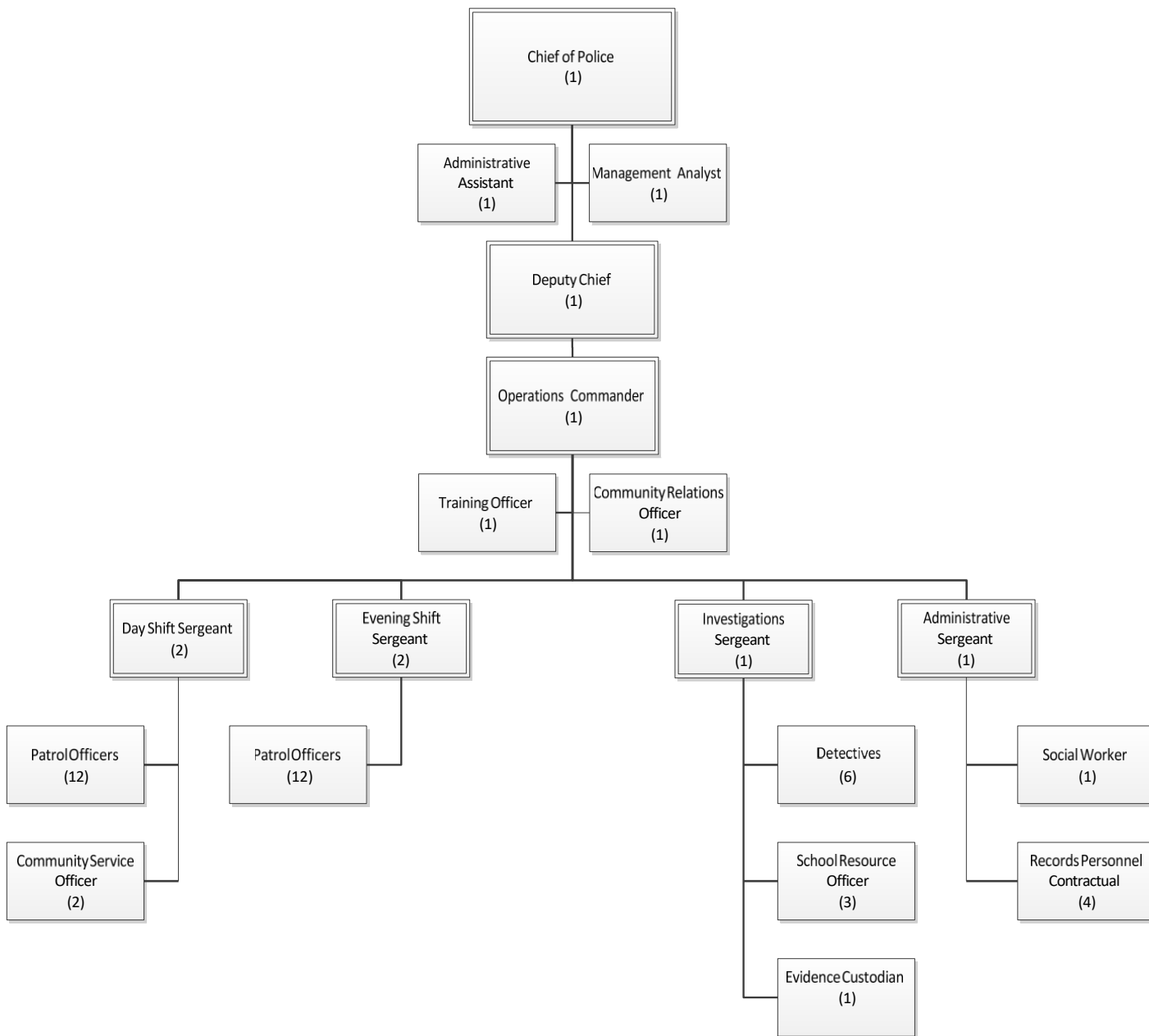
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Organizational Chart

West Chicago Police Department

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Department Overview

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

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

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

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

Personnel

On August 12th, the Police Explorers received training on Traffic Incident Management (TIM). TIM is a course developed by the National Highway Institute aimed at teaching first responders techniques for the safe, timely clearance of roadways and motorist and responder safeguards at accident scenes. Sergeant Samuel and Officer Rigler provided the instruction.



Criminal Activities

Criminal Damage to Property:

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle in the 300 block of Wilson Ave. The paint on both sides and the hood of the vehicle had been "keyed". A note was left on the car complaining about the owner taking up two parking spaces.

Person(s) unknown damaged a small structure housing utility-related equipment in the 200 block of George St. Several rocks were thrown at the structure. The damage consisted of dents to a metal door and aluminum trim work.

A known person damaged a vehicle in the 1500 block of W. Hawthorne Ln. The passenger side of the victim's car had multiple scratches. The victim suspected a co-worker of causing the damage. An interview with the suspect resulted in an admission that she had scratched the victim's vehicle with a screw. The offender was issued a local Ordinance citation for Criminal Damage to Property.

Person(s) unknown damaged property at the Bowling Green Sports Center, located at 243 W. Roosevelt Rd. Property management staff was conducting a walkthrough of the property (which is currently closed for business and available for sale) and noted a glass storage case and multiple televisions had been damaged. Papers and bowling balls had been strewn throughout the building. Additionally, non-gang related graffiti had been written on the outside windows of the building.

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle in the 1200 block of Kings Ct. All the windows to the vehicle were smashed by means of a spring-loaded window punch that was found on the passenger seat of the car.

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle in the 1600 block of Canterbury Ct. The driver's side rear door had been scratched.

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle in the 900 block of W. Washington St. The door to the living area of a recreational vehicle (RV) had been pried open. Nothing was missing or disturbed inside the RV.

Person(s) unknown damaged a window at a residence in the 300 block of W. Blair St. An unknown object was used to strike the window, breaking the glass. Loss is estimated at \$400.00.

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle in the 100 block of W. York St. The passenger side tires to the car had been slashed.

Person(s) unknown damaged a residence in the 500 block of Claremont Ave. A large stone had been thrown through the front window of the home. Investigation is ongoing.

A known person damaged a residence in the 500 block of Claremont Ave. A rock had been thrown through a window on the front of the house. A resident saw the suspect vehicle leaving the scene and a neighbor's security camera captured video of the incident. The suspect vehicle was located a short time later. When questioned about the incident, the driver/suspect admitted to breaking the window after an argument with an occupant of the home. The offender was issued a local Ordinance citation for Criminal Damage to Property and released.

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Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle in the 800 block of Lyman St. A large rock had been thrown through the rear, passenger side window of the vehicle.

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle in the 200 block of Parker Ave. The rear window of the vehicle had been damaged by unknown means.

Criminal Defacement:

Person(s) unknown spray painted gang-related graffiti on the back of a Stop sign and on two sidewalks at the intersection of Oak St. and Lester St.

Battery:

A known person along with three unknown persons struck the victim at the Blue Kangaroo Laundromat, located at 653 Joliet St. The victim became engaged in an argument with an employee at that location. The two knew each other prior to this incident and have had issues in the past. The victim and laundromat employee exited the business. At the same time, two vehicles arrived at the laundromat and three unknown suspects exited the vehicles. In what appeared to be a coordinated effort, the laundromat employee and the three unknown occupants of the cars began to strike the victim before fleeing the scene. Investigation is ongoing.

An unknown person threw rocks at the victim at Pioneer Park, located at 479 W. Forest Ave. The victim stated he was at a picnic table eating when an unknown subject approached and began yelling at him. The suspect left on a bicycle, and for reasons the victim could not articulate, decided to follow after him. The suspect stopped and began throwing rocks at the victim. The victim received a minor injury to his left forearm. The suspect fled the area on his bicycle.

Theft Over \$500.00:

Person(s) unknown removed tools from a business located in the 500 block of W. Washington St. Taken were a cordless ratchet, cordless impactor, buffer, polisher and spray gun. Total loss is estimated at \$2,300.00. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown removed a chainsaw and leaf blower from a flat-bed style trailer in the 100 block of S. Neltnor Blvd. The trailer, belonging to a landscaping company, had a crew working in the immediate vicinity at the time of the theft. Loss is estimated at \$1,900.00. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown removed two packages from a business located in the 200 block of W. Roosevelt Rd. The packages, containing battery chargers for military drones, were placed in front of the business to be picked up by United Parcel Service (UPS). The packages were discovered missing when a UPS driver arrived to pick up the items. Loss is estimated at \$3,500.00.

Identity Theft:

Person(s) unknown used the victim's Social Security number to open a cell phone account with Sprint at a location in Maryland. The victim does not use Sprint for cell service or the purchase of phone equipment. The victim was told he owed Sprint \$6,027.00. The victim is in the process of having the item removed from his credit history.

Fraud:

Person(s) unknown utilized the victim's name and Social Security number to apply for unemployment benefits in the State of Illinois. The victim was advised of this by her employer. The victim filed reports with the Federal Trade Commission, the Illinois Department of Employment Security and the credit bureaus.

Person(s) unknown telephoned a business in the 200 block of W. Roosevelt Rd. stating they were with Commonwealth Edison. The caller requested payment to prevent the business's power from being shut off. Two payments totaling \$1,796.64 were made utilizing a Zelle account. When the caller requested a third payment of \$500.00, the employee of the business became suspicious and disconnected the phone call. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown texted the victim at her residence in the 600 block of W. Forest Ave., claiming to be a friend from her past. The suspect stated they knew the victim was in need of money and was willing to send her \$400.00. The victim provided her bank account information and shortly thereafter a check in the amount of \$3115.00 was deposited. The suspect texted the victim, advised her to keep \$400.00 and send the rest back by use of a "Cash App" account. The victim eventually sent a total of \$2,758.00 to the suspect through "Cash App" and PayPal. When the suspect called the victim and asked for the balance of the funds in gift cards, the victim became suspicious and put a hold on her accounts. Investigation is ongoing.

Deceptive Practices:

Person(s) unknown wrote a fraudulent check upon the account of a business located in the 1400 block of W. Roosevelt Rd. The \$2,000.00 check was deposited into the account of a former employee. Investigation is ongoing.

Forgery:

Person(s) unknown attempted to issue a fraudulent check drawn on the victim's Chase Bank Business Account. The fraudulent check, in the amount of \$11,500.00, had the correct routing and account numbers; however, the check was not in the correct numbering sequence. The check was made out to and signed by an individual unknown to the victim. Chase Bank put a freeze on the victim's business account and will reimburse the funds. Investigation is ongoing.

Burglary:

Persons unknown used a sledge hammer to break the front glass door and gain entry to the Mobil gas station, located at 60 W. Roosevelt Rd. Security camera footage showed three subjects entered the store and filled plastic garbage bags with cartons of cigarettes. The suspects entered two vehicles and then fled eastbound on Roosevelt Rd. Wheaton Police reported a similar burglary in their jurisdiction the same night. The suspect vehicles were seen in footage from red light cameras in Winfield and Glen Ellyn driving eastbound after the burglary. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown removed a diamond ring from a residence in the 1200 block of S. Neltor Blvd. The suspect(s) were allowed into the residence after convincing the victims that the roof needed to be repaired. One suspect entered a bedroom and removed the ring from a dresser drawer. The ring is valued at \$1,000.00-\$2,000.00. Investigation is ongoing.

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Person(s) unknown removed an envelope containing approximately \$3,000.00 from a residence in the 600 block of Kenwood Ave. The resident stated they left the home, locked the exterior doors and when they returned several hours later the envelope was missing. There were no signs of forced entry. Investigation is ongoing.

Burglary From Motor Vehicle:

Persons(s) unknown removed a cell phone from a vehicle parked in the 900 block of N. Neltnor Blvd. The victim left the cell phone in her car and when she returned it was missing. It is unknown whether the vehicle had been secured. Loss is estimated at \$1,500.00

Person(s) unknown entered an unlocked trailer in the 700 block of Hillview Ave and removed two leaf blowers, two chainsaws and two lawn trimmers. The loss is estimated to be \$2,400.00. The victim parked the trailer and went into a residence to eat and when he returned, he discovered the items had been removed. A witness reported the suspect was driving a white SUV. The same vehicle is suspected to have been involved in a theft of a backpack blower removed from an uncovered trailer in the 900 block of Main St. Similar landscaping equipment thefts involving this SUV were reported in Winfield, Warrenville and Oak Brook Terrace. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown removed landscaping equipment from a business located in the 700 block of E. Roosevelt Rd. Entry to the property had been made by cutting a hole in the chain link fence on the northwest side of the property. The suspects then forced entry into several enclosed, locked landscaping trailers. Gas-powered concrete/brick saws, leaf blowers and hedge trimmers were taken. Investigation is ongoing.

Criminal Sexual Assault:

A known person is alleged to have sexually abused a child one to two years ago at a residence in the 100 block of W. Hawthorne Ln. The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) was notified and the DuPage County Children's Advocacy Center was contacted to investigate the claim.

Assault:

A known person was drinking alcohol with the victim when an argument occurred, during which the suspect displayed a knife and asked, "who wants some of this?" The suspect was arrested, transported to the Station and issued a local Ordinance citation for Assault. Due to the suspect's level of intoxication, the West Chicago Fire Protection District medics were requested to the Station and ultimately transported the offender to Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital for evaluation.

Violation of Order of Protection:

A known person arrived at the victim's apartment located in the 1200 block of Kings Ct. The suspect, whom the victim has an order of protection against for stalking, repeatedly knocked on the victim's door and called for her to open it. When she refused, the suspect began kicking and striking the door. While the door and frame were damaged, the suspect was not able to gain entry to the apartment. Investigation is ongoing.

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Monthly Performance

Activities	May 2020	Jun 2020	Jul 2020	Aug 2020	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	Total 2019
Traffic Stops	135	98	509	520	2,596	5,636	7,565
Traffic Citations	73	72	203	224	1,058	3,494	4,545
Traffic Warnings	52	33	271	273	1,499	3,079	4,091
Parking Citations	49	29	133	114	836	1,680	2,301
Traffic Crashes	47	52	70	45	421	553	905
Incident Reports	198	191	240	212	1,685	2,093	3,058

Officer Activities

On July 3rd, a number of locations northwest of the downtown area were spray-painted with non-gang related graffiti. A witness provided security video footage of the suspect spray painting a fence. A review of security cameras at a local business captured the suspect purchasing alcohol. The suspect used a credit card at the business to make a purchase. Officer Alaniz was provided with a copy of the credit card receipt that contained name of the individual. A search of the suspect's name through law enforcement databases revealed an unincorporated West Chicago home address. Detectives Flanigan and Calabrese searched video on the City security camera system and was able to place the suspect at a number of locations where graffiti occurred. Investigative efforts established probable cause and an arrest warrant for Criminal Damage to State-Supported Property was obtained for the suspect on August 13th. The next day, Sergeant Reavley and Detectives Flanigan and Calabrese arrested the suspect at her home. The offender was taken to the Station, where she was fingerprinted and photographed. Unable to post bond, the offender was transported to the DuPage County Jail.

On July 24th, Officer Richards responded to St. Andrews Golf and Country Club for a theft report. The victim stated he left his golf bag unattended near his car and went to return the golf cart. When he returned his golf bag and clubs, valued at \$1,500.00, were missing. The victim later reported he left a watch valued at \$1,200.00 in the golf bag. Detective Peterson was able to develop a possible suspect as a result of a conversation with investigators from the Glen Ellyn Police Department. The person of interest had been suspected of stealing golf clubs in neighboring towns. On August 4th, the suspect was arrested by Hanover Park Police for theft. When a search warrant was served on his residence, numerous golf clubs were recovered. Detective Peterson viewed the recovered property and noted some items that matched the description provided by the victim from the West Chicago incident. The victim was able to confirm the property was in fact his. Ultimately, no separate criminal charges for the West Chicago case were approved by the DuPage County State's Attorney's Office. Rather, the West Chicago case will be used as an aggravating factor at sentencing, should the offender be found guilty in the cases charged in other jurisdictions.

On August 6th, Detectives Calabrese and Flanigan observed two individuals walking on Wilson Ave. toward Conde St. Both were known to the detectives from previous law enforcement-related encounters, including drug overdoses. One of the individual's name was run through the Law Enforcement Agencies Data System (LEADS) and returned with notice of an outstanding arrest warrant for forgery. The individual was advised of the warrant and placed under arrest. When questioned if he had anything on his person, the suspect stated he had heroin and crack cocaine. A search of the suspect revealed six small baggies of crack cocaine and eleven baggies of heroin. The suspect was transported to the Station and interviewed. Field testing of the substances indicated positive for cocaine and heroin. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved two counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance. The suspect was fingerprinted, photographed and transported to the DuPage County Jail.

On August 7th, Detectives Flanigan and Calabrese responded to the 500 block of Colford Ave. for a radio dispatch of a man with a gun. The complainant stated the driver of a car parked on the street had passed a handgun to the back-seat passenger. When the complainant told the car occupants "they don't want that around here", the vehicle left the area. The caller was able to provide a partial license plate and description for the vehicle. Shortly afterward, officers from the Warrenville and Aurora Police Departments located and stopped the suspect vehicle at Butterfield Rd. and Church Rd. in Aurora, detaining the three occupants. Detectives Calabrese and Flanigan responded to the scene of the traffic stop, and identified the two passengers as known gang members. A black handgun was

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visible in a pouch on the back side of the driver's seat. The handgun was later determined to be a BB gun with the bright-colored safety tip removed. The back-seat passenger was found to be out on bond for a charge of Mob Action; a condition of the Bond was to have no contact with known gang members. The back-seat passenger was arrested and transported to the Station, where he was charged with Unlawful Contact with a Street Gang Member while on Bond. He was fingerprinted, photographed and released from custody.

On August 14th, Officers Rigler, Mielke and Schoonhoven and Sergeant Gaztambide responded to the area of Kress Rd. and the Illinois Prairie Path for a crash between a vehicle and bicyclist. The driver of the vehicle remained on the scene. West Chicago Fire Protection District medics transported the cyclist to the DuPage County Airport, where he was airlifted to Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove. The cyclist died during surgery. The Metropolitan Emergency Response and Investigations Team (MERIT)-Major Crash Reconstruction Team responded to assist with the investigation. Investigation is ongoing.

On August 15th, Officers Rigler, Mielke, Schoonhoven and Sergeant Gaztambide responded to the report of a pedestrian struck by a vehicle in the area of Main St. and Neltnor Blvd. The victim was found lying in the street with obvious fatal injuries. The vehicle involved and driver were located on scene. The Metropolitan Emergency Response and Investigations Team (MERIT)-Major Crash Reconstruction Team responded to assist with the investigation. A witness stated that two vehicles were seen traveling at a high rate of speed northbound on Neltnor Blvd. shortly before the crash occurred. The witness stated one of the vehicles struck the pedestrian and the other kept traveling northbound. Officers located surveillance video at a nearby business that confirmed two vehicles moving at a high rate of speed. Detective Herbert responded and interviewed the driver of the vehicle that struck the victim. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved a charge of Aggravated Street Racing against the driver of the vehicle who struck the pedestrian. The driver was fingerprinted, photographed and transported to the DuPage County Jail. Investigation is ongoing.

On August 20th, Officers Rigler, Mielke and Moore were dispatched to a residence in the 300 block of E. Pomeroy St. for an unconscious individual. The subject was found lying on a bathroom floor. Attempts to wake the subject by administering sternum rubs were unsuccessful. Officers moved the subject to the hallway and began chest compressions. A dose of Narcan was administered to the person and the individual began labored breathing. West Chicago Fire Protection District personnel arrived, assumed care and transported the subject to Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital for treatment of a suspected drug overdose.