

# **WEST CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT**



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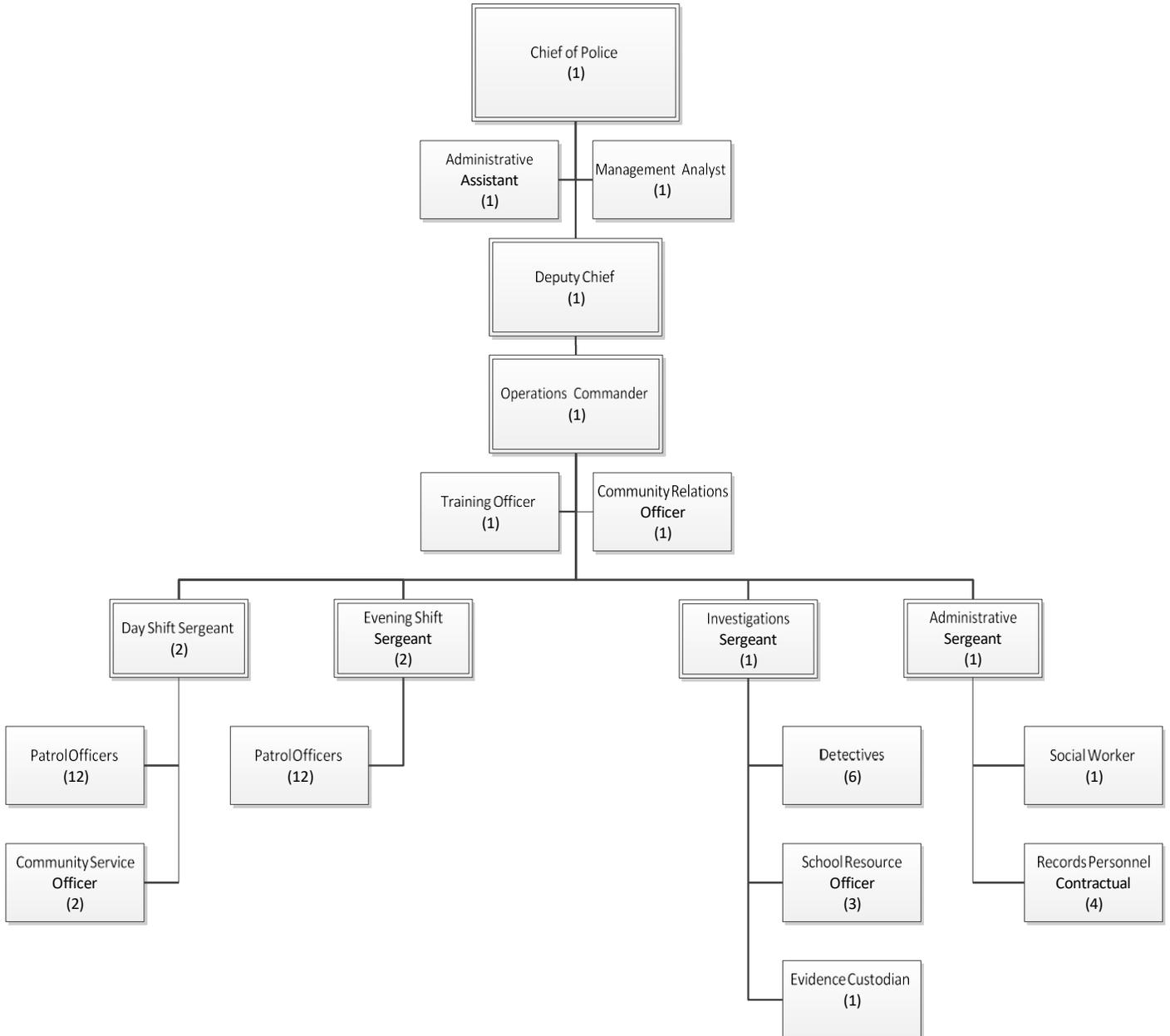
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# Organizational Chart

## West Chicago Police Department

January 2020



## 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.

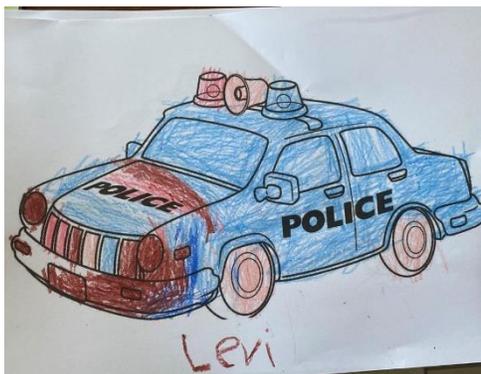
The Office of the Chief of Police's primary responsibility is to provide general management direction and control for the Department. The Office of the Chief of Police consists of the Management Analyst, and the Administrative Assistant.

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

From April 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup>, the Department held a contest for West Chicago children. They were asked to color a police-themed coloring page or they could create their own picture to color. Parents could then photograph and email the artwork to Community Relations Officer Nielsen for a chance to win a prize. Two winning submissions from three age categories (ages 1-4, 5-9 and 10 and up) were selected. Two of the winning pieces of artwork are pictured below.



On April 24<sup>th</sup>, WeGo Together for Kids donated 1,500 surgical masks to the Police Department. The Department thanks them for their generosity.



## Criminal Activities

### Criminal Damage to Property:

Person(s) unknown damaged a residence in the 600 block of Joliet St. A rock had been thrown through the front window of the home.

Person(s) unknown damaged a residence in the 300 block of George St. Two windows were struck and broken by chunks of concrete.

Person(s) unknown damaged a residence in the 400 block of Highland Ave. A rock had struck and damaged a basement window to the home.

Person(s) unknown damaged a residence in the 100 block of N. Oak St. A rock had struck and damaged a window to the home.

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle parked in the lot of a business in the 2700 block of International Dr. The rear windshield wiper was broken off the vehicle.

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle in the 1200 block of Kings Cross. A small rear window on the vehicle had been broken by unknown means.

Person(s) unknown broke the glass to a sliding door of an apartment in the 1200 block of Kings Cross. The complainant believes it was broken by either a rock or fireworks.

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle in the 300 block of George St. The front and rear windows to the vehicle were broken by paver bricks.

Persons unknown damaged a vehicle in the 100 block of E. Blair St. A surveillance camera in the area captured several unknown people breaking the driver's side and rear windows to the vehicle.

Person(s) unknown damaged a residence in the 800 block of Lyman St. The front window to the home had been damaged by an unknown projectile.

Person(s) unknown damaged the window to an apartment in the 1200 block of Kings Cross. The glass had been broken by a BB or pellet.

Person(s) unknown damaged two vehicles in the 600 block of W. Forest Ave. Windows on both vehicles had been damaged by a hammer which was found on the back seat in one of the vehicles.

Person(s) unknown damaged a boat in the 300 block of Elliot Ave. The motor had been struck repeatedly by a hammer. Damage is estimated at \$3,000.00.

Person(s) unknown shattered the outer glass pane to the door of a business in the 1900 block of Franciscan Way. Entry was not made to the business and the damage appeared to have been made by a rock or BB.

Person(s) unknown damaged a residence in the 800 block of Lyman Ave. Rocks were thrown at

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the front window of the house.

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle in the 1000 block of Barber St. The numbers 666 had been scratched into the paint of the driver's side rear quarter panel and the passenger side door.

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle parked in the 800 block of Burr Oaks Dr. The passenger side front tire had been slashed.

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle in the 1000 block of Barber St. A brick had been thrown through the passenger side window of the vehicle.

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle in the 300 block of Dayton Ave. The paint on the driver's side of the vehicle had been scratched.

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle parked in the 300 block of S. Neltnor Blvd. The front tires to the vehicle had been slashed and a marker had been used to write on the hood.

### **Criminal Defacement:**

Person(s) unknown spray painted gang-related graffiti on the wall, bench and ground of the dugout at Pioneer Park.

### **Burglary From Motor Vehicle:**

Person(s) unknown entered a vehicle in the 600 block of N. Oak St. and removed an envelope containing \$500.00 from the center console. Entry was gained through a partially opened passenger side window.

Person(s) unknown entered an unsecured vehicle in the 800 block of Farm Dr. and removed \$6.00 in change.

Person(s) unknown entered an unsecured vehicle in the 100 block of Plumtree Ln. and removed a set of speakers.

### **Theft Under \$500.00:**

Person(s) unknown removed the garbage and recycling containers from a residence in the 500 block of E. Brown St.

Person(s) unknown removed two sets of decorative lights from the exterior of a business in the 2000 block of Franciscan Way. Each set of lights is valued at \$56.00. While removing the lights, the suspect damaged a third set of lights.

Person(s) unknown removed two sewer grates valued at \$400.00 from the area of Fabyan Parkway and Roosevelt Rd.

### **Retail Theft:**

Person(s) unknown removed a shopping cart full of miscellaneous unpaid groceries from the Jewel Osco grocery store located at 177 E. Roosevelt Rd. When confronted by store personnel the suspect drove off eastbound from the lot.

**Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts/Accessories:**

Persons(s) unknown removed the front bumper grill from a vehicle parked in the 500 block of W. North Ave. Loss is valued at \$400.00.

**Criminal Trespass to Property/Theft:**

Person(s) unknown entered the fenced lot in the 2000 block of W. Roosevelt Rd. and removed two ATV tires. The suspects also attempted to take an ATV that was found stuck under the fence. Access is believed to have been made by either jumping over the fence or accessing holes in the fence.

**Fraud:**

Person(s) unknown were contacted by the victim who wished to buy a vehicle offered for sale by the suspect. The suspect agreed to sell the vehicle to the victim and instructed the victim to purchase \$1,400.00 in prepaid eBay Gift Cards, photograph the cards and email the photos to the suspect. The victim never received the car and the suspect has stopped communicating with the victim.

Person(s) unknown passed a counterfeit \$20.00 bill at Menards located at 220 W. North Ave. Personnel were counting a drawer when the bill was rejected by the counting machine.

**Criminal Sexual Abuse:**

A known person sexually abused the victim over the course of two years at an unspecified location in West Chicago. The DuPage County Children's Advocacy Center and the Department of Children and Family Services were notified to investigate.

**Criminal Trespass to Motor Vehicle:**

A known person entered an unsecured vehicle in the 100 block of W. Washington St. and began eating and drinking. When confronted by the vehicle's owner, the suspect exited the victim's car and entered another vehicle in the same lot. Officers arrived and located the suspect as well as two acquaintances of the suspect in the second vehicle. The second vehicle was determined to have been abandoned in the lot. The suspect was issued a local Ordinance citation for Criminal Trespass to Motor Vehicle and then transported to Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital due to his high level of intoxication. The two acquaintances were sent on their way. Arrangements were made with the Community Service Officer to address the abandoned vehicle.

**Child Pornography:**

Person(s) unknown posted a sexually-explicit video of the victim on an Instagram account. The victim stated the video was not shared or sent to anyone. Investigation is ongoing.

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children advised a detective that person(s) unknown possibly located in West Chicago uploaded and transmitted an image of child pornography. Investigation is ongoing.

**Residential Burglary:**

Person(s) unknown entered the unsecured detached garage of a residence in the 200 block of Ann St. Items were tossed about the garage and two unknown make or model saws were removed.

Person(s) unknown entered the unsecured, detached garage of a residence in the 100 block of E. Pomeroy St. and removed a bicycle valued at \$250.00.

**Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm:**

Witnesses reported hearing three or four gunshots in the 800 block of Kenwood Ave. Video from the neighborhood captured a four door vehicle chasing a vehicle with black rims. The white vehicle then left the area at a high rate of speed with the rear window shattered. Glass from a car window was found on the roadway, but no shell casings were located. The owner of the vehicle with black rims was identified. Investigation is ongoing.

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**Monthly Performance**

Activities	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Mar 2020	Apr 2020	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	Total 2019
Traffic Stops	385	517	319	113	1,334	2,855	7,565
Traffic Citations	126	188	107	65	486	1,692	4,545
Traffic Warnings	269	325	238	38	870	1,610	4,091
Parking Citations	190	83	89	150	512	1,106	2,301
Traffic Crashes	58	75	35	35	203	253	905
Incident Reports	192	188	226	238	844	1,038	3,058

## Officer Activities

On March 31<sup>st</sup>, officers and detectives responded to the area of the 400 block of W. Washington St. for a reported carjacking. The victim stated as he entered a business in the 100 block of Arbor St., he noticed an individual standing in the business's lot. The victim exited the business, reentered his unlocked vehicle, a minivan, and drove to an apartment complex in the 400 block of W. Washington St. Upon parking the vehicle, the individual the victim noticed earlier emerged from the back seat while holding a knife. The victim leapt from the vehicle, fell and fled. The suspect drove off in the victim's vehicle. While officers searched the area for the suspect and victim's vehicle, a 911 call was received about a suspicious vehicle in the 100 block of McConnell Ave. Upon arrival, officers determined the suspicious vehicle was the victim's. Surveillance video obtained from the area of Arbor Liquors on Arbor Ave. captured the suspect entering the victim's vehicle. Officers recognized the suspect from previous law-enforcement related encounters. On April 1<sup>st</sup>, Detective Peterson observed the suspect riding in a vehicle on Geneva St. near Allen Ave. He conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and placed the suspect under arrest. The suspect was transported to the Station and interviewed by Detectives Bowers and Peterson. The suspect provided a statement implicating himself in the crime. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved charges of Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking against the suspect. The arrestee was fingerprinted, photographed, provided with his copies the paperwork and transported to the DuPage County Jail.

On April 6<sup>th</sup>, Detectives Flanigan and Calabrese were on patrol in the area of Neltor Blvd. and Blair St. when they observed a vehicle known to them to be utilized by gang members. The vehicle pulled into a driveway of a residence where documented gang members reside. Detectives established surveillance on the house and watched as the vehicle resumed travel on Blair St. The vehicle passed the Detectives' car at a high rate of speed before being traffic stopped at Blair St. and Coolidge Ave. As the vehicle was occupied by three known gang members, Officers Mielke and Rigler arrived to assist. The Detectives recognized all three occupants in the vehicle as a trio who had fled on foot a traffic stop they conducted on March 28<sup>th</sup>. The three eluded police that night; however had been recognized and identified by the Detectives at that time. The driver, a juvenile, was placed under arrest for driving without a license and resisting arrest for fleeing the traffic stop on March 28<sup>th</sup>. An adult passenger was arrested for resisting arrest for fleeing the March 28<sup>th</sup> traffic stop. The second passenger, a juvenile, was arrested for violating his parole by associating with known gang members and resisting arrest. All were transported to the Station where they were fingerprinted, photographed and provided their copies of the paperwork. The juvenile driver will have charges direct filed against him with the DuPage County State's Attorney's Office. The adult passenger was released from custody. The juvenile passenger was transported to the Kane county Youth Home.

On April 7<sup>th</sup>, Officer Rigler observed a vehicle travelling northbound on Neltor Blvd. from Dayton Ave. Ofc. Rigler took note of the vehicle as it had two flat tires and was travelling in the center of both northbound lanes. Officer Rigler initiated a traffic stop near Glen Ave. and while pulling over, the vehicle struck the curb. Officer Mielke arrived to assist. Upon meeting with the driver, Officer Rigler observed a baggie containing a white powdery substance on the center console. Officers conducted an inventory search of the vehicle, subsequent to placing the driver under arrest. During the course of the search, Officers located additional bags containing a white powdery substance. Upon speaking with the driver, he admitted the white powdery substance was heroin. The suspect was transported to the Station. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved a charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance. The offender was also charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and numerous other traffic charges. The suspect was fingerprinted, photographed, provided with his copies of the paperwork and transported to the DuPage County Jail.

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On April 15<sup>th</sup>, Officers O'Neil, Perry, Alaniz, and Moore and Detectives Levato and Fuller responded to a subject with a gun call at an apartment building in the 1200 block of Kings Cross. A suspect confronted and pointed a handgun at the victim before leaving the area. Shortly afterward the victim and witnesses located the suspect in a common area of the complex, confronted him and instructed him to place the gun on the ground. The suspect started removing bullets from the gun, at which time the victim seized the gun from the suspect. Upon arrival, officers took custody of the gun and bullets. The suspect, a juvenile, declined to speak with officers. The juvenile's parent also declined to allow investigators to interview the suspect. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved a charge of Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapon. The offender was transported to the Kane County Youth Detention Center.

On April 17<sup>th</sup>, Officer Gelsomino and Bertany responded to an apartment in the 800 block of Windsor Ct. for a suspected drug overdose. The subject was located lying on the bathroom floor unconscious with shallow breathing and receiving chest compressions from a family member. Officer Gelsomino administered the subject two doses of Narcan and provided sternum rubs until he regained consciousness. West Chicago Fire Protection District personnel transported the individual to Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital.

On April 18<sup>th</sup>, Officers Fearon, Richards and Zepeda responded to a residence in the 100 block of E. Hazel St. for a medical emergency. Upon arrival, Officers found the victim lying in the house, unconscious and not breathing. A family member said the victim may have ingested drugs. Ofc. Richards administered the victim a dose of Narcan and began CPR. West Chicago Fire Protection District personnel arrived and assumed life saving measures and subsequently transported the victim to Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital for additional treatment.

On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Officer Rigler observed a vehicle crash into a car at the intersection of Joliet St. and Stimmel St. and then flee the scene. Officers initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle but the driver refused to yield. A brief pursuit ensued, which was quickly terminated. Officers along the likely path of flight observed the vehicle pull into a driveway of a residence in the 800 block of South Neltnor Blvd. Officers Cummings and Rigler approached the vehicle and took the two occupants into custody. Upon searching the individuals, Officers found a bag of cannabis on one of them. Upon searching the vehicle, Officers found a safe and a bag of ammunition. The subjects stated the safe belonged to their father. The suspects were transported to the Station where they declined to be interviewed. The father stated the safe and ammunition were his and the suspects did not have permission to have the items. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved a charge of Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding against the driver and Unlawful Possession of Ammunition Without a FOID Card against both suspects. Both suspects were fingerprinted, photographed, and provided with their copies of the paperwork. The passenger was released from custody and the driver was transported to the DuPage County Jail.