

# WEST CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT



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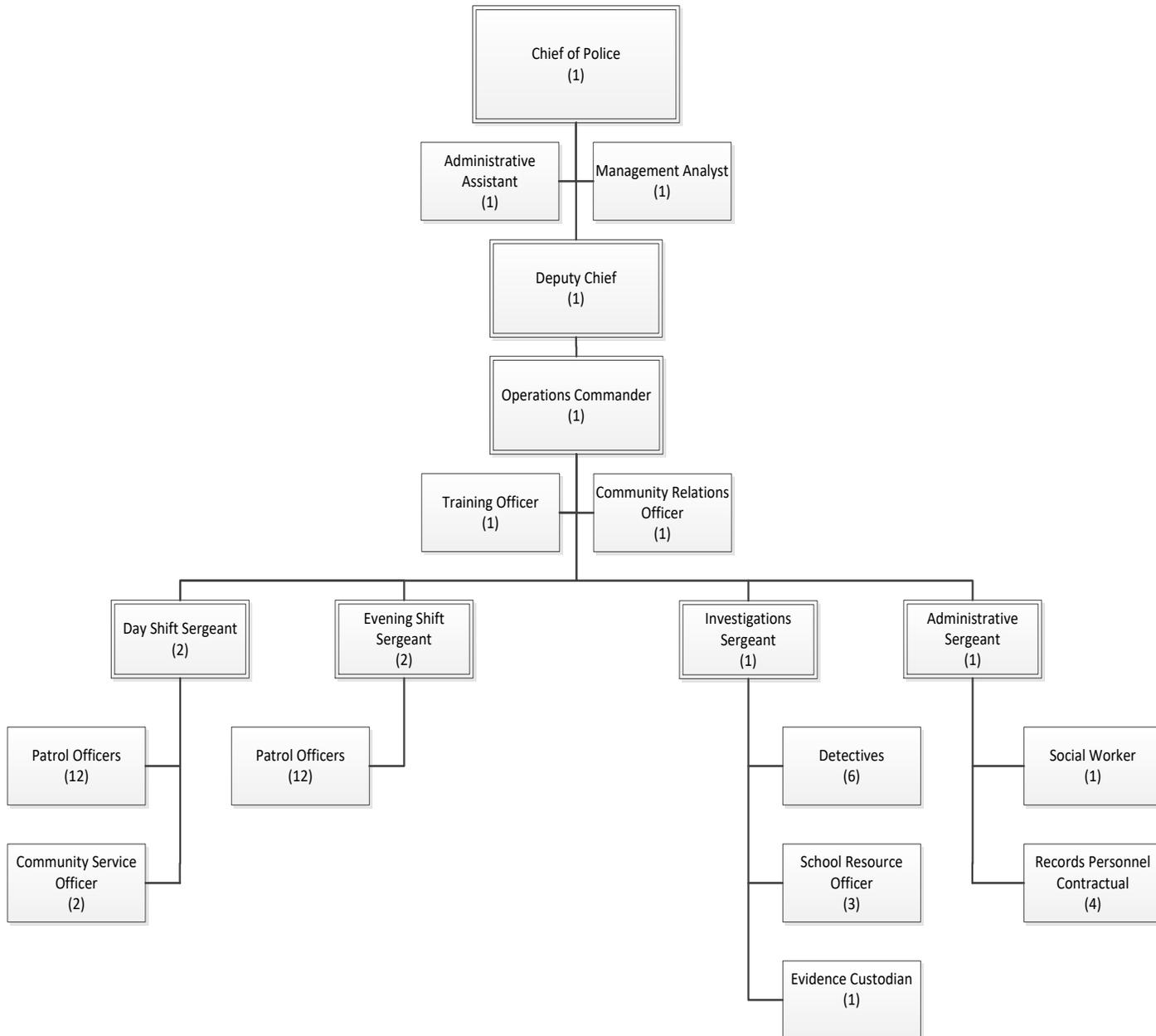
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# Organizational Chart

## 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 divisions in the Police Department: Office of the Chief of Police, Support Services Division and Operations Division.

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 Division consists of Vehicle and Building Maintenance, Records and Social Services.

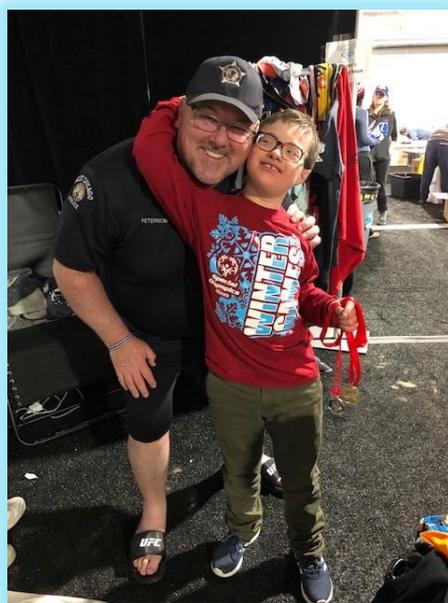
The Operations Division consists of Uniformed Patrol, Training Officer, Community Relations, the Investigations Unit, School Resource Officers, Evidence/Property and Community Service Officers.

## Personnel

On February 21<sup>st</sup>, Wegner Elementary School held its annual Dodge Ball Tournament. Participating for the Department were Sergeant Langelan, Detectives Calabrese and Flanigan, and Officers Fearon, Sauseda and Eversole.



On February 21<sup>st</sup>, Detective Peterson participated in the Special Olympics Illinois Super Plunge into Lake Michigan at Northwestern University's Lincoln Street Beach. Once an hour for twenty-four hours, participants jumped into the thirty-seven-degree lake. The event was held to raise awareness and money for Special Olympic athletes. Detective Peterson raised \$5,300.00.



## **Criminal Activities**

### **Battery:**

As a result of a "Road Rage" incident on North Ave., an individual was arrested for shoving another motorist. The suspect was placed under arrest and transported to the Station where he was charged with Battery. The suspect was fingerprinted, photographed, provided with his copies of the paperwork and released.

### **Burglary from Motor Vehicle:**

Person(s) unknown entered two secured vehicles in the 500 block of Ingaltan Ave. and removed two driver's licenses, a debit card, a necklace and approximately \$15.00 in change.

Person(s) unknown entered an unsecured vehicle in the 500 block of Conde St. and removed power tools. Taken were a saw, nail gun, and two impact drills. Loss is estimated at \$1,050.00. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown entered an unsecured vehicle in the 200 block of Ingaltan Ave. and removed the glove box and cracked the windshield.

### **Criminal Defacement:**

Person(s) unknown painted gang-related graffiti on a No Parking sign in the alley in the 400 block of Sherman St.

Person(s) unknown spray painted non-gang related graffiti on a School Zone Speed Limit sign at Wood St. and Geneva St.

Person(s) unknown spray painted gang-related graffiti on the back of a Stop sign in the 500 block of E. Brown St.

### **Criminal Damage to Property:**

A known person used a pen to damage the bartop at a business in the 200 block of Main St. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle in the 1400 block of Prairie Crossing Dr. Both passenger side tires were flattened and appeared to have been punctured.

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle in the 700 block of Brown St. The rear window to the car had been shot four times with BBs or pellets.

Person(s) unknown damaged two vehicles in the 600 block of Blakely St. One car had been struck by eggs while the second car had blue paint splattered on it. A pineapple juice can was also thrown at the front window to the residence causing it to break. Investigation is ongoing.

**Fraud:**

Person(s) unknown emailed the victim at a business in the 1800 block of Western Dr. The email appeared to be from a boss and instructed the victim to purchase \$4,500.00 in gift cards, photograph the gift cards, scratch off the redemption codes and email this information to the sender. The victim did as instructed and later learned the email was not sent from his employer. The victim later learned some cards were redeemed in New Jersey and Massachusetts. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown arranged five unauthorized transfers from the victim's money market account as well as one transfer from the checking account. Each transfer was for \$2,500.00 (total loss \$15,000.00). Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown emailed the victim claiming to be an employee at a law firm representing the victim in a real estate purchase. The victim was directed to wire transfer \$75,294.30 to an account. The victim followed the instructions. The victim later learned the email was fraudulent and had not been sent by the law firm. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown obtained \$3,000.00 from the victim. The victim contacted the suspect through the WhatsApp phone app attempting to obtain an ATM card that would allow her to withdraw up to \$500.00 a day for a month from any ATM. The victim provided the suspect with money and gift cards in return for the ATM card. The victim was then told the ATM card was being held by police and she could be arrested by a Commander with the Customs Office in Baltimore. The victim sent additional money to prevent an arrest.

**Theft of Motor Vehicle/Burglary:**

Person(s) unknown took the victim's vehicle from the 1400 block of S. Neltor Blvd. The victim left the vehicle running and entered a business to make a purchase. Security video from the store showed a suspect approached the vehicle from the Aspen Ridge Apartment complex, entered the SUV and drove away, picking up two other individuals along Michael Browning Way. The suspects were then observed on camera leaving the area eastbound on Roosevelt Rd. Investigation is ongoing.

**Theft Under \$500.00:**

Person(s) unknown entered an unlocked residence in the 600 block of Kenwood Ave. and removed a credit card, debit card and \$30.00 cash from a purse. Additionally, a computer tablet and shoes taken from inside the home were found in the driveway. Investigation is ongoing.

**Sexual Assault:**

Officers were dispatched to Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital for a reported sexual assault. Upon arrival the victim refused to speak with or cooperate with Officers.

**Aggravated Discharge of Firearm:**

Person(s) unknown fired shots in the 400 block of E. Pomeroy St. A victim suffered a gunshot wound to the thigh and was transported to Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove, Illinois. A vehicle parked outside of a residence had also been struck by a bullet. Investigation is ongoing.

**Aggravated Battery:**

A known person stabbed a victim during an altercation in front of a residence in the 800 block of Brentwood Dr. The victim was transported to Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital. Investigation is ongoing.

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## Monthly Performance

Activities	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2019	Feb 2020	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	Total 2019
Traffic Stops	429	409	385	517	902	1,432	7,565
Traffic Citations	239	206	126	188	314	812	4,545
Traffic Warnings	261	254	269	325	594	857	4,091
Parking Citations	103	161	190	83	273	559	2,301
Traffic Crashes	92	74	50	65	121	140	905
Incident Reports	217	215	192	188	380	517	3,058

## Officer Activities

On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Officer Richards initiated a traffic stop of a vehicle for speeding and improper lane usage at Neltor Blvd. near Ingaltan Ave. The driver was suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol. Additionally, the driver stated that he had a weapon in the vehicle. Officer Rigler arrived to assist and recovered a loaded firearm from the glove box. The driver was placed under arrest for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and transported to the Station. The offender was charged with Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Firearm and Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. The offender was fingerprinted, photographed and transported to the DuPage County Jail.

On multiple occasions in November and December, two persons entered the Menards located at 220 W. North Ave. and removed a total of eight nail guns from the store without paying. The items were placed in a cart and pushed out of the store by one offender, while the second offender distracted the cashier. License plate information and photos from the store's surveillance cameras assisted Detectives in developing information on two suspects. Detective Herbert learned that the suspects had pawned nail guns and a tool set at a pawn shop in Dundee, IL. Detectives Flanigan and Bowers spoke with one of the suspects at his residence. The suspect stated he had been banned from all Menards stores, admitted to being present during the theft, but stated a friend actually pushed the cart out of the store to a waiting car. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved three counts of Felony Retail Theft against the two suspects and arrest warrants were obtained on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

On February 15<sup>th</sup>, Officers Rigler and Moore and Sergeant Gaztambide responded to a motor vehicle crash in the 1000 block of Charlestown Ct., where the two occupants of the car had fled the scene and ran toward the 1200 block of Kings Ct. Detectives Flanigan and Calabrese and Officer Richards located two individuals, who both had blood on their clothing, walking in the area. Upon speaking with the individuals, Officers observed that one of them appeared to be highly intoxicated and he refused to identify himself when asked. The intoxicated individual was determined to be the driver and was placed under arrest, at which time he began to pull away and kick the officers. Officers were able to gain control of the suspect and place him in handcuffs. The offender was transported to the Station where he was ultimately charged with Aggravated Battery to a Police Officer, Resisting Arrest, Obstructing Identification and Failing to Provide Information for a Property Damage Accident. The offender was fingerprinted and photographed after which he was transported to the DuPage County Jail.

On February 16<sup>th</sup>, Officer Moore stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation at Brown St. and Barber St. As the vehicle was occupied by five individuals and a smell of cannabis emanated from the vehicle, Officers Mielke, Rigler, and Richards arrived to assist. Prompted by the odor of cannabis, a search of the vehicle was conducted. A digital scale and two plastic bags with cannabis were located. A sixteen-year-old occupant of the vehicle was placed under arrest for Possession of Cannabis and transported to the Station where he declined to be interviewed. The sixteen-year-old was released to his parents and charges will be filed in Juvenile Court at a later date. Two additional occupants of the vehicle were found to be in violation of a bail bond. They were both placed under arrest and transported to the DuPage County Jail. The remaining two subjects were released with no charges.