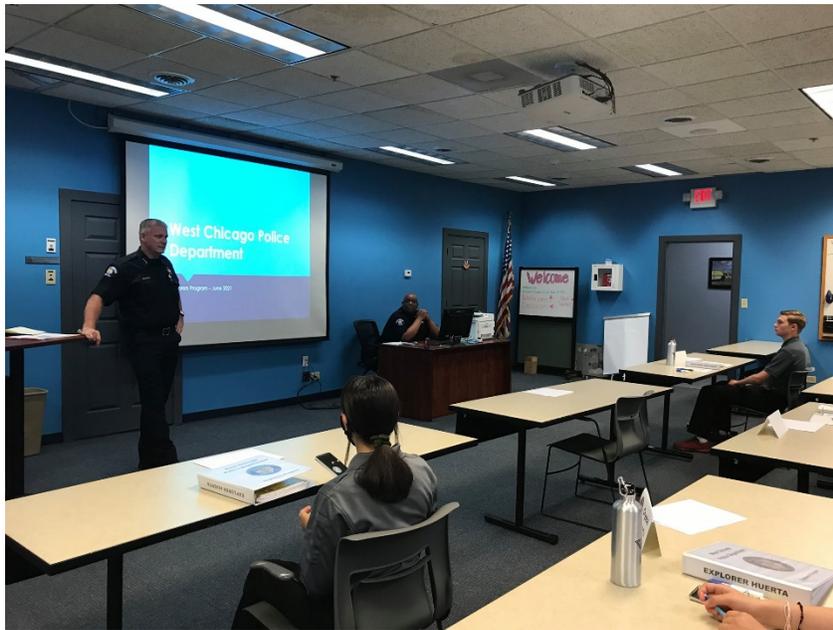


# WEST CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT



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Colin Fleury, Chief of Police

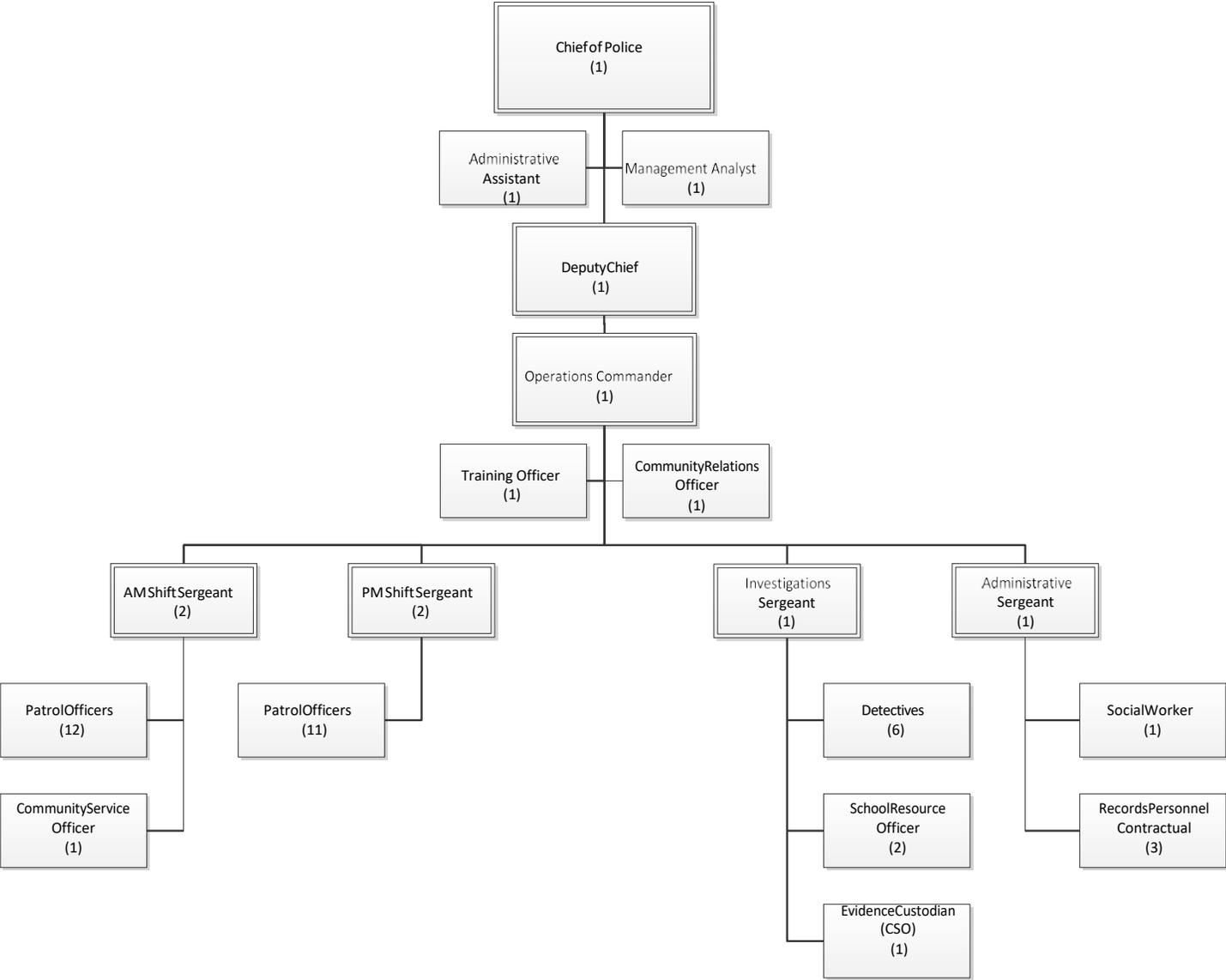
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Organizational Chart

West Chicago Police Department

June 2021



## **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: the Office of the Chief of Police, the Operations Division and the Support Services Division.

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

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

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

## Personnel

On July 13<sup>th</sup>, the Police Explorers gathered for training. Topics covered included the phonetic alphabet, traffic stops and dispatching. Chief Fleury introduced himself to the Explorers. Sergeant Samuel and Officer Rigler were on hand to assist Officer Nielsen with the training review.



On July 29<sup>th</sup>, Officer Nielsen visited with the children at Little Prince Day Care. Topics covered included bullying, stranger danger and what it is like to be a police officer.



## **Criminal Activities**

### **Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm:**

Person(s) unknown fired five to six shots outside of the West Chicago Social Club located at 900 E. Roosevelt Rd. Witnesses observed a vehicle proceeding westbound on Roosevelt Rd. occupied by three subjects. The vehicle slowed down in front of the Social Club and several shots were then heard. The vehicle then continued westbound. Two subjects had suffered gunshot wounds to their legs. The victims were tended to by police and West Chicago Fire Protection District personnel before being transported to Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital. Investigation is ongoing.

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

A known person attended a party at a residence in the 100 block of Hill Ct., drank a large amount of alcohol and began to argue with his ex-girlfriend. The suspect was asked to leave the residence. Shortly afterward a loud noise was heard and the victim's rear driver's side window was noted to be broken. The suspect was located by officers in the area of Neltnor Blvd. and Waynewood Dr. The suspect's left hand was bleeding but denied breaking the window. The suspect was issued a local ordinance citation for Criminal Damage to Property.

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle parked in the 700 block of Lincoln Ave. The rear passenger side window of the SUV had been damaged by unknown means.

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle parked in the 600 block of Parkside Ave. The driver's side rear window had been shattered by unknown means.

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle parked in the 300 block of E. Stimmel St. The rear window to the victim's SUV has been shattered by unknown means.

Person(s) unknown through a glass bottle at the victim's vehicle while at the Thornton's gas station located at 1330 S. Neltnor Blvd. The suspect entered the station lot in a vehicle, threw the bottle at the victim's truck and then fled the area southbound on Neltnor Blvd. The victim was able to obtain registration information for the suspect vehicle. The bottle damaged the driver's side of the victim's truck. Investigation is ongoing.

### **Criminal Defacement:**

Person(s) unknown spray painted non-gang related graffiti on the fence of a residence in the 200 block of E. Washington St.

Person(s) unknown spray painted non-gang related graffiti on the dumpster, a fence surrounding the dumpster and the rear door to the food pantry located at 123 Fremont St.

Person(s) unknown used a marker to write non-gang related graffiti on a bench at Pioneer Park located at 479 W. Forest Ave. A Park District employee saw a possible suspect on the bench, and then ride a bicycle to a residence in the 700 block of Lyman St. Attempts to contact someone at the residence were unsuccessful. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown spray painted gang-related graffiti on the porta potty and trash receptacle at Don Early Park located at 840 E Washington St.

Person(s) spray painted graffiti on a fence surrounding a dumpster in the 300 block of Wilson Ave. The suspects observed that a witness was recording their actions and began to flee the area. One suspect fell from his skateboard and was detained by the witness. Police arrived and questioned the suspect. Information was obtained on a second subject who was stated to have spray painted the fence. This first suspect was issued a local ordinance citation for Defacement of Private Property and released to his sister. Officers located the second offender's residence and issued a local ordinance citation for Defacement of Private Property.

**Criminal Trespass to Property:**

On two separate occasions, persons(s) unknown entered the Turtle Splash Water Park, located at 129 W. National St., after it has closed. The suspect(s) poured dishwashing liquid into the pool.

**Fraud:**

Person(s) unknown emailed a business located in the 100 block of Atlantic Dr. The emailer placed an order for \$14,3750.00 in packing tape. The suspect provided a company name, a billing address in California and a ship to address in Georgia. The victim completed the shipment and did not receive payment. The suspect has stopped answering emails and cannot be reached at the given phone number. Initial investigation determined the actual company in the email does not have an employee by that name and does not have facilities at either address listed in the initial email.

Person(s) unknown altered the check of a business in the 3N700 block of Powis Rd. The check number had previously been issued and cashed as a payroll check. The same number check had later been altered to the amount of \$9,050.00 and the recipient's name was changed. The check had been deposited into an account in North Platte, Nebraska. Investigation is ongoing.

**Motor Vehicle Theft:**

Person(s) unknown removed a vehicle from in front of a church located in the 900 block of Main St. The owner had left the keys, his cell phone and miscellaneous tools in the unsecured truck and went into the church to do some work. When he returned, the vehicle was missing. The pickup was later recovered in Chicago and towed to the Police Station where it was processed for evidence. A number of tools were noted to be missing from the tool box(es).

Person(s) unknown removed the victim's vehicle from the 900 block of Windsor Ct. The vehicle was left unsecured with the key inside of the car. Officers responded to a crash in the 200 block of Ingaltan Ave. where two individuals exited one of the vehicles and fled the scene on foot. While investigating the crash the owner of the vehicle returned, noticed the car was missing and called DUCOMM to report the vehicle as stolen. Investigation is ongoing.

**Burglary:**

Person(s) unknown entered the Shell gas station located at 1307 S. Neltnor Blvd. and removed \$150.00 from a cash register. Entry had been made during overnight hours by burning a hole through the overhead plastic garage door. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown entered the gas station located at 60 W. Roosevelt Rd. An unknown pry had been used to force open the back door to the business as well as the door to a garage/shed behind the business. Removed from inside the gas station was a cash register containing \$1,500.00. Taken from the garage/shed was a box containing \$2,500.00 in cigars and glass pipes. Investigation is ongoing.

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

Person(s) unknown entered an unsecured vehicle parked in the 400 block of Ridgeland Ave. Removed from the SUV were a wallet containing \$300.00 U.S.C., \$200.00 in Mexican currency, Fifth Third credit and debit cards and Chase credit and debit cards. An unsuccessful attempt was made by an unknown person to use the stolen Chase debit card.

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

Person(s) unknown removed a package from the entranceway to an apartment building in the 500 block of Carriage Dr. The victim received notification that the box had been placed on the steps. When the victim went to retrieve the package, it was missing. The delivery consisted of a \$250.00 pair of Nike shoes.

Person(s) unknown used the victim's rebate to make a purchase for \$139.69 at the Menards located at 220 W. North Ave. Investigation is ongoing.

#### **Theft of Lost/Mislaid Property:**

Person(s) unknown removed the victim's wallet from Aldi located at 978 N. Neltnor Blvd. The victim dropped his wallet in the store and when he returned to find it, the wallet was missing. Surveillance video showed a suspect pick up the wallet and leave the store with it. The wallet contained a driver's license, identification and an unknown number of debit/credit cards. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown removed the victim's lost wallet from the BP gas station located at 219 S. Neltnor Blvd. The victim's wallet contained a debit card that was used at the same BP gas station for a \$49.10 purchase and at the Speedway located at 1501 W. Roosevelt Rd. for a \$96.03 purchase. Investigation is ongoing.

#### **Theft by Deception:**

Person(s) unknown telephoned the victim at his/her residence in the 300 block of Clayton St. The caller then threatened the victim with an arrest warrant. The victim became nervous and sent \$400.00 via Western Union to a subject in Peru. Over the course of 13 days, the victim received a number of other similar phone calls and wired an additional \$1,800.00 to various people in Peru.

#### **Deceptive Practice:**

Person(s) unknown cashed the victim's check at an unknown Chase bank location. The check, in the amount of \$382.81, was to be mailed by a former employer to the victim's residence in the 200 block of Joliet St. The check never arrived, and when the victim inquired, was told that the check had been already been cashed. Investigation is ongoing.

## Monthly Totals

Activities	Apr 2021	May 2021	Jun 2021	Jul 2021	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	Total 2020
Traffic Stops	497	519	503	506	3,503	2,076	4,646
Traffic Citations	128	151	175	275	1,103	834	1,849
Traffic Warnings	247	251	194	155	1,455	1,226	2,516
Parking Citations	437	424	373	230	2,445	722	1,293
Traffic Crashes	46	79	81	54	450	377	700
Incident Reports	198	236	271	283	1,666	1,473	2,652

## Officer Activities

On July 2<sup>nd</sup>, Officers Kowalik and Moos were dispatched to the Train Depot, located at 508 Main St., for a possible fight. Upon arrival, two subjects were found on the middle platform with one of the person(s) lying on the ground. Officers noted that the subject on the ground was unresponsive and had no pulse. CPR was begun and a pulse was soon detected. A dose of Narcan was administered. West Chicago Fire Protection personnel arrived, took over care of the individual and administered a second dose of Narcan. The subject became responsive and was then transported to Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital.

On June 7<sup>th</sup>, the Department was contacted by School District 33 administrators. Video from one of the bus routes appeared to show a school bus aide strike a student in the head with a back pack. School Resource Officer Fuller interviewed the bus driver and learned that the bus aide had been yelling at the victim and that the aide also threw the backpack. When interviewed by Detective Peterson and SRO Fuller, the suspect admitted to yelling at the victim, pushing him down to pick up paper and throwing the backpack. On July 7<sup>th</sup>, the DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved a charge of Aggravated Battery in a Public Place against the offender, an arrest warrant was obtained for the suspect and he was arrested, fingerprinted, photographed and released from custody after posting bond.

On July 25<sup>th</sup>, Officer Moore conducted a traffic stop on an SUV for expired registration. The driver stated he had no driver's license and could not provide proof of insurance. While speaking with the driver, a strong odor of cannabis was emanating from the vehicle. Asked if there was cannabis in the car, the driver provided a bag containing seven grams of cannabis and could not provide proof it was legally purchased or was being properly transported. Officers Winton, Mielke, Richards and Schoonhoven arrived to assist. As a result of the cannabis in the car, a search of the vehicle was conducted that resulted in the recovery of a loaded 9mm handgun and a second loaded magazine. The driver was placed under arrest, transported to the Police Station, interviewed and admitted the firearm was his and it was carried for protection. The firearm was run through the Law Enforcement Agency Data System (LEADS) and was reported as stolen. A consent search was conducted at the suspect's apartment that resulted in the recovery of more cannabis and a shotgun. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved charges of Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon, Possession of a Firearm with No FOID Card, Possession of More Than 100 but Less Than 500 Grams of Cannabis, and traffic charges. The arrestee was fingerprinted, photographed and transported to the DuPage County Jail.