

WEST CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT



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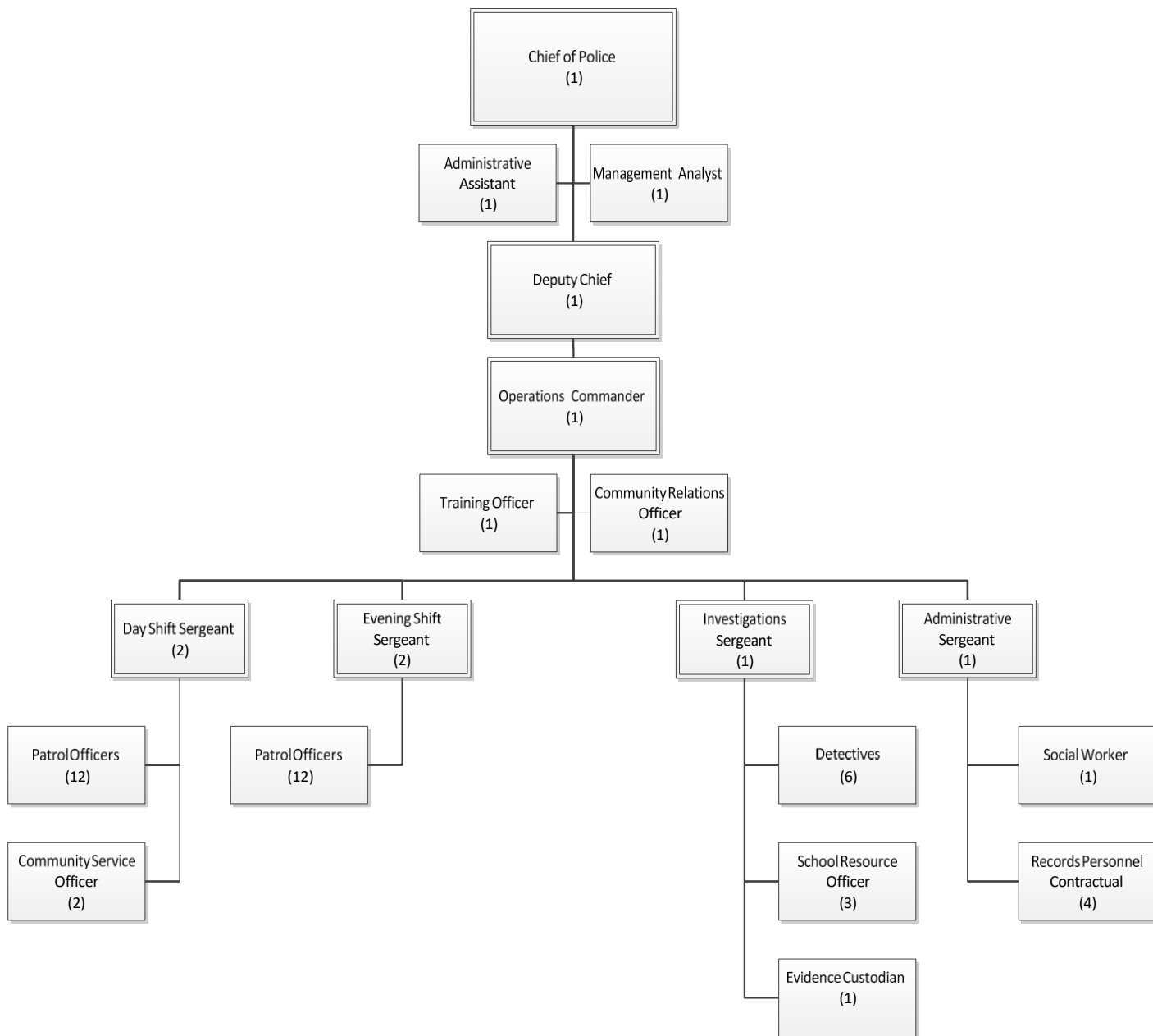
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Organizational Chart

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 June 3rd, Jewel-Osco and Rosati's Pizza donated food to the Department. Chief Uplegger, Deputy Chief Shackelford, Commander Cargola and Sergeant Samuel were on hand to accept the donations. The Department appreciates the generosity and support of residents and local businesses.



Criminal Activities

Criminal Damage to Property:

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle parked in the 1900 block of Franciscan Way. The passenger side window had been broken by unknown means.

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle in the 1200 block of Kings Cir. A portion of the door handles on the passenger and driver's side front doors had been pried off.

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle in the 1200 block of Kings Cir. The rear window had been shattered by unknown means.

Person(s) unknown damaged three vehicles in the 1000 block of Barber St. All three vehicles had the driver's side windows broken and one also had the windshield broken. Bricks were found on the floor of one car and on the hood of a second vehicle. A security camera captured the vehicle in which the suspect(s) arrived. The victim later reported that same vehicle drove by his house again, at which time he was able to obtain the license plate number on the vehicle. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle in the 900 block of N. Neltnor Blvd. The driver's side doors had been "keyed".

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle in the 2900 block of Andrus Dr. The driver's side of the car had been painted with orange spray paint.

Criminal Defacement:

Person(s) unknown spray painted gang-related graffiti on the interior walls of the dugout at Pioneer Park located at Lyman St. and Forest Ave.

Person(s) unknown spray painted non-gang related graffiti on the pavement of the Kerr McGee parking lot located near Wood St. and Stimmel St.

Person(s) unknown spray painted non-gang related graffiti on the side of a garage in the 600 block of Joliet St.

Person(s) unknown spray painted non-gang related graffiti on a fence at George St. and Vine St.

Person(s) unknown spray painted non-gang related graffiti on the Stop sign at Lincoln Ave. and Brown St.

Person(s) unknown used a marker to draw non-gang related graffiti on the Speed Limit sign in the alley of the 200 block of W. Blair St.

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Person(s) unknown used an unknown, opaque substance as well as red and white spray paint to write non-gang related graffiti on the asphalt walking path, on a storage shed and three porta potties on the east side Cornerstone Lakes Park, located at 2199 Smith Rd.

Person(s) unknown spray painted gang-related graffiti on a Stop sign at Bishop St. and Augusta Ave.

Fraud:

An unknown person made a purchase at the Jewel-Osco located at 177 E. Roosevelt Rd. using a counterfeit \$100.00 bill. Investigation is ongoing.

An unknown person called the victim claiming to be from the Social Security Administration. The caller stated the victim was suspected of engaging in suspicious activity that could result in her arrest. The suspect advised the victim if she paid a fine of \$4,000.00 via gift cards, the matter would be considered resolved. The victim purchased the gift cards and provided the caller with the redemption numbers.

Person(s) unknown made unauthorized purchases on the victim's store credit cards. A \$3,000.00 charge had been made to the victim's Home Depot card and \$4,000.00 to his Best Buy card. The victim was still in possession of the cards. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown made contact with the victim on Facebook. The suspect asked for assistance with having a package clear Customs. The victim wired \$1,850.00 to the accounts provided by the suspect. The victim did not receive a package as the suspect(s) claimed he would. The victim is now receiving text messages and phone calls requesting a payment of the equivalent of \$6,450.00 in Bitcoin currency. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown agreed to sell the victim a car through the Offer Up app. The victim provided the suspect with \$2,200.00 in ebay gift cards. The victim never received the vehicle and the suspect stopped replying to messages. Investigation is ongoing.

Theft Under \$500.00:

A known person made \$272.59 in unauthorized charges to the victim's credit card. When questioned by officers, the suspect admitted to making the purchases on the victim's card. The offender was issued a local Ordinance citation for Theft.

Theft of Lost/Mislaid Property:

Person(s) unknown took the victim's \$100.00 bill while at a currency exchange in the 100 block of W. Roosevelt Rd. The victim placed the bill on the counter and then conducted a transaction. After the transaction, the victim checked for the bill and realized it was missing. Investigation is ongoing.

Burglary From Motor Vehicle:

Person(s) unknown entered an unsecured vehicle in the 1600 block of Canterbury Ct. and removed an unknown amount of loose change and a sound amplifier valued at \$180.00.

Person(s) unknown removed a wallet from the victim's unsecured vehicle in the 1800 block of N. Neltnor Blvd. The victim left his wallet in the car with the windows down. A state-issued ID card was in the wallet.

Person(s) unknown entered two unsecured vehicles in the 1600 block of Canterbury Ct. An unknown amount of loose change was removed from one vehicle while nothing is known to have been taken from the victim's second vehicle.

An unknown person entered an unsecured vehicle in the 200 block of E. Stimmel St. and removed the in-dash radio. While investigating a suspicious noise in his yard, the victim encountered the suspect. The suspect fled on foot. The victim briefly gave chase, losing sight of the suspect near Joliet St. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown removed a purse containing sunglasses, \$20.00, a driver's license and two debit cards from a vehicle in the 1300 block of W. Hawthorne Ln. While the victim believed she left the vehicle locked, there was no sign of forced entry.

Retail Theft:

A known person took a string trimmer valued at \$99.00 from Menards, located at 220 W. North Ave., without paying. The suspect returned to the store the next day, was confronted by store personnel and admitted to taking the trimmer. The offender was issued a local Ordinance citation for Retail Theft and released on scene.

Criminal Damage to Property/Theft:

Person(s) unknown removed the front license plate from a vehicle in a fenced, secure lot in the 1000 block of Carolina Dr. Access to the lot was made by cutting a hole in a fence.

Battery:

An unknown person grabbed the arm and attempted to choke the victim while the victim was visiting with friends experiencing homelessness under the bridge near the intersection of Main St. and Neltnor Blvd. Victim advised the actions of the offender were in an attempt to take his beer from him.

Aggravated Battery:

A known person struck the victim above the right eye with a pipe wrench in the 800 block of Pine St. The victim was transported to Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital for treatment of a gash above his eye. Investigation is ongoing.

Burglary:

Person(s) unknown entered a residence in the 400 block of E. Blair St. and removed two firearms. The victim left the home for two hours and returned to find a 9mm handgun and AR15 rifle missing. Both weapons had been left unsecured in a bedroom. Pry marks were found on the door leading from the basement apartment to the main floor of the residence. Investigation is ongoing.

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Monthly Performance

Activities	Mar 2020	Apr 2020	May 2020	Jun 2020	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	Total 2019
Traffic Stops	319	113	135	98	1,567	4,312	7,565
Traffic Citations	107	65	73	72	631	2,677	4,545
Traffic Warnings	238	38	52	33	955	2,373	4,091
Parking Citations	89	150	49	29	589	1,384	2,301
Traffic Crashes	35	39	46	46	299	398	905
Incident Reports	226	238	198	191	1,233	1,583	3,058

Officer Activities

On June 3rd, Officer Rigler and Detectives Flanigan and Calabrese were dispatched to a burglar alarm at Lemay Middle School located at 238 E. Hazel St. Upon arrival, officers discovered a first floor window open on the southwest side of the building. This prompted Sgt. Gaztambide, Officers Berg, Richards and Mielke to respond as well. Prior to officers entering the school, they observed several suspects exit and run from the building. After a short foot pursuit, three suspects were taken into custody, while a fourth eluded police. Interviewed at the Station, two of the suspects advised they were “bored” and walking around town. They noticed an open window at the school, prompting one of the suspects to crawl inside. Once inside, the suspect opened a door to let the others into the school. A pair of two-way radios was taken from an office by one suspect and discarded outside the building while fleeing. Officer Rigler contacted the DuPage County State’s Attorney’s Office, who approved a charge of Burglary against each of the suspects. The three suspects in custody were fingerprinted, photographed and transported to the DuPage County Jail. During the course of the investigation, Officers learned the identity of the fourth suspect. Charges against that individual are pending further investigation.

On June 5th, Officers Rigler, Schoonhoven and Mielke responded to an overdose call in the 100 block of E. Geneva St. The subject was unconscious and suffering agonal breathing. Officers administered a total of three doses of Narcan and performed sternum rubs. The subject regained consciousness prior to the arrival of West Chicago Fire Protection District personnel. The subject refused transport for further medical attention.

On June 5th, Sergeant Gaztambide, Officers Mielke and Rigler, and Detectives Calabrese and Flanigan responded to the parking lot of the Police Station for an intoxicated subject in a vehicle. The subject had broken the windshield of the vehicle and was screaming and acting erratically. The subject’s companion advised she suspected the subject had ingested an unknown narcotic. Officer Rigler administered the subject three doses of Narcan, which calmed his behavior. West Chicago Fire Protection District personnel responded to the scene and transported the subject to Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital for treatment.

On June 7th, Officers Rigler, Richards and Mielke responded to a call in the 300 block of E. Pomeroy St. of a physical fight between two people; one of the subjects was reported to be in possession of a handgun. Upon arrival two subjects were found to be struggling for possession of a handgun. One of the subjects let go of the handgun, while the other quickly obeyed the officer’s commands to put the gun on the ground. That subject was taken into custody and the firearm was secured. Officers subsequently learned two neighboring families have had ongoing problems. The situation escalated to the point the suspect approached the victim and struck him in the face. A relative of the suspect then began to strike a family member of the victim. The suspect left the scene briefly and returned with the handgun, pointing it at the victim. Security camera footage from the victim’s residence captured the incident. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Station, where he was interviewed. The suspect admitted to fighting with the victim as well retrieving the handgun and pointing it at the victim. The DuPage County State’s Attorney’s Office approved charges of Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon and Battery against the arrestee who was fingerprinted, photographed and transported to the DuPage County Jail.

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On June 10th, Officer Richards and Detectives Flanigan and Calabrese were dispatched to a residence in the 400 block of Colford Ave. for a possible drug overdose. Officers administered a dose of Narcan to the subject and began performing CPR. West Chicago Fire Protection District personnel arrived and administered a second dose of Narcan and the subject regained consciousness. The subject was transported to Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital. Syringes and four small baggies of white powdery substance were found on scene, seized and taken to the Station. Meanwhile, Detective Calabrese recognized a subject on the scene of this call from the DuPage County Sheriff's Office "Most Wanted" bulletin. The Detectives initiated contact with the subject and attempted to establish her identity. Initially the subject provided an incorrect name and date of birth. Confronted with the option of confirming her identity via a fingerprint inquiry at the Station, the subject admitted she was in fact the wanted person. The arrest warrant was confirmed, at which time she was taken into custody. She was subsequently transported to the DuPage County Jail.

On June 11th, Officer Moore was dispatched to an apartment in the 800 block of Burr Oaks Dr. for a possible drug overdose. Upon arrival the subject was found unconscious on the floor, prompting Officer Moore to administer a dose of Narcan. The individual regained consciousness and admitted to "snorting" heroin. He was transported to Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital by personnel from the West Chicago Fire Protection District.

On June 18th, Officer Fearon observed a vehicle stopped at the top of the Wilson Ave. bridge. The hazard lights were activated, two tires were on the sidewalk and the vehicle was unoccupied. Officer Fearon then noticed a subject (driver of the stopped vehicle) had climbed the chain link fence on the west side of the bridge and was calling for help. Officer Fearon saw the subject was holding onto the arms of an adult female who apparently had climbed to the other side of the chain link fence. The woman's feet were dangling beneath her at this time, indicating the woman was attempting suicide. Officer Bertany responded to the scene to assist. Officers requested trains to be stopped and paramedics to respond to the scene. The officers and the subject from the stopped vehicle were joined by another passing motorist who stopped to assist. All four were successful in pulling the woman over the top of the fence and back onto the bridge. The woman was transported to Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital by West Chicago Fire Protection District personnel.

On June 23rd, Detectives Calabrese and Flanigan were patrolling the area of the 200 block of N. Neltnor Blvd. when they observed six individuals standing outside of two vehicles. Detectives recognized two of the individuals as documented gang members with one of the two on parole. On approach, one subject was observed holding an open bottle of alcohol. The other individuals were observed holding cups containing the alcohol. Two subjects walked away from the scene. Officers Cummings, Zepeda and Eversole and Sergeant Langelan arrived to assist. Looking in the passenger window of one of the subject's vehicle, a handgun was observed under the front passenger seat. The four subjects were detained and the vehicle containing the handgun was searched. A total of four loaded handguns, drugs and two digital scales were located in the vehicle. Officers searched the second vehicle and found two fully loaded firearm "clips" (a.k.a., magazines) and \$800.00 cash. The four subjects were placed under arrest and transported to the Station. Detectives Peterson, Herbert and Bowers responded to assist with the investigation. Ultimately, the DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved charges of Possession of a Weapon by a

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Felon, Possession of Over 100 Grams of Cannabis and Armed Violence against one suspect. A second suspect was charged with Possession of a Weapon by a Felon, and Armed Habitual Offender. A third offender was charged with two counts of Aggravated Battery to a Police Officer. The Aggravated Battery to a Police Officer charge was the result of the offender spitting in the face of two officers while at the Station. All three were fingerprinted, photographed and transported to the DuPage County Jail. A fourth suspect was found to be wanted on a warrant out of Carol Stream and was transferred to its custody.