

# WEST CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT



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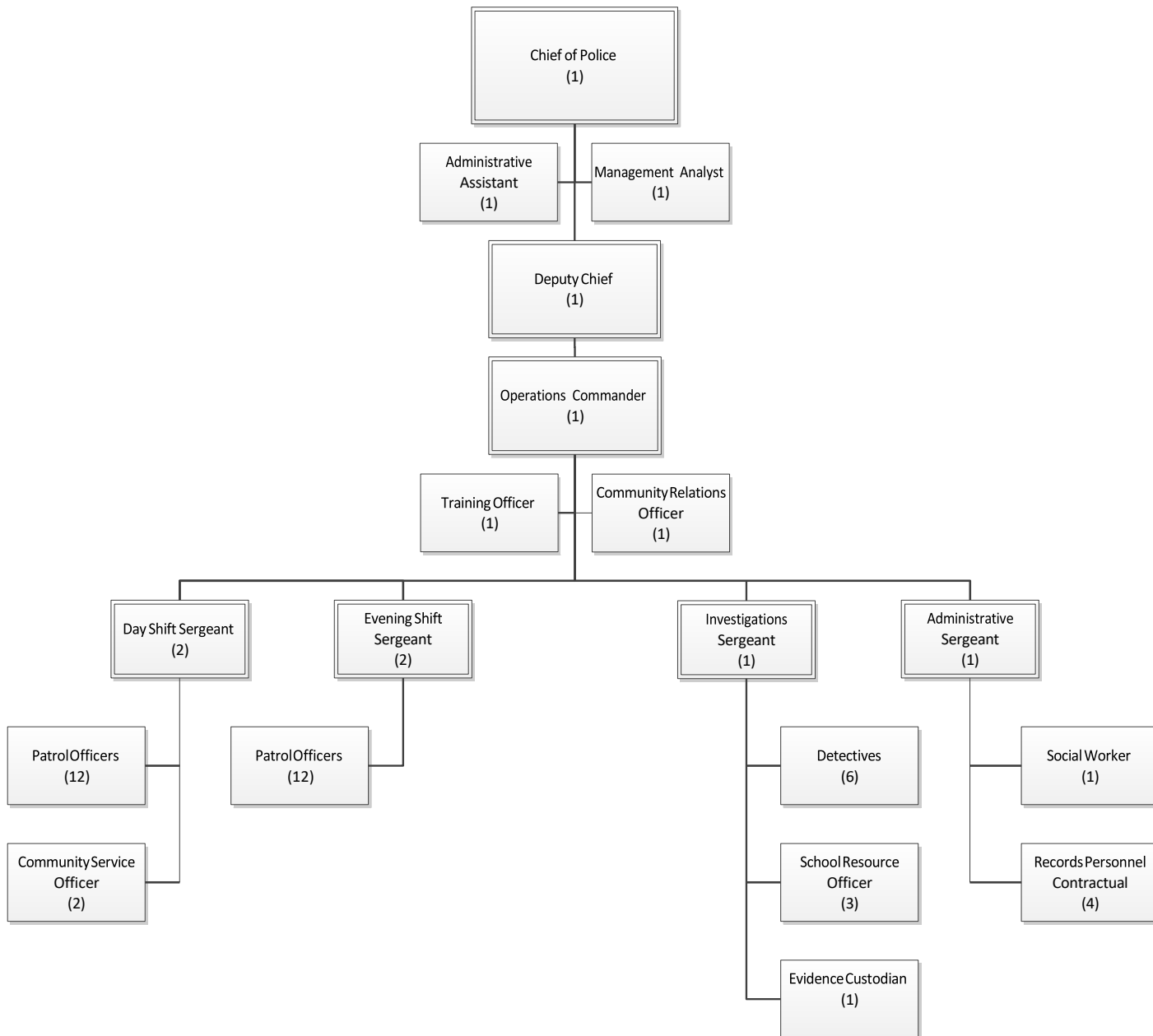
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# Organizational Chart

## 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 March 1<sup>st</sup>, members of the Department, along with family and friends participated in the Special Olympics Polar Plunge fundraising event. The team received nearly \$3,500 in donations to support Special Olympics of Illinois.





## **Criminal Activities**

### **Fraud:**

Person(s) unknown telephoned the victim and stated they were from Com Ed. The caller stated the victim owed \$398.11 and the electricity would be shut off if the victim did not pay immediately. The victim did as instructed, purchasing a Money Pak debit card and provided the redemption numbers to the caller. The caller said the power would not be shut off. The victim received a second call demanding an additional \$498.00 or the electricity would be shut off. The victim realized at this point this was a scam.

Person(s) unknown stole and deposited, possibly by electronic means, a \$2,100.00 check mailed to a business in the 800 block of Hawthorne Ln. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown without authorization utilized the victim's PayPal account to make a \$217.00 purchase through the "Real Real" app that was sent to New York. It is unknown what was purchased through this app. PayPal has since replaced the funds.

Person(s) unknown stole a \$1,487.75 check mailed to a business in the 1000 block of Carolina Dr. Upon checking with the vendor's bank, the business learned the check had been endorsed and deposited at an unknown location. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown cashed a fraudulent check at an unknown Wells Fargo Bank location. A business learned an unauthorized \$4,053.00 check had been made out to an unknown individual and subsequently deposited at an unknown Wells Fargo bank. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown cashed five checks on the account of a business in the 1100 block of Atlantic Dr. The checks totaling \$10,100.00 were handwritten, although the company's legitimate checks are electronically generated. Investigation is ongoing.

### **Identity Theft:**

Person(s) unknown used the victim's personal information to open accounts at Chase Bank and Old Navy. Capitol One and Community Bank notified the victim of credit accounts being opened that the victim disputed. The victim further stated that her Macy's account Capital One account was used to make unauthorized purchases. Case closed as the victim only wanted a report.

### **Deceptive Practice:**

A known person provided a \$352.59 check to a business in the 500 block of Topsoil Dr. The business deposited the check, and it was rejected for non-sufficient funds. Letters and phone calls to the suspect have gone unanswered. Investigation is ongoing.

### **Criminal Defacement:**

Person(s) unknown used a marker to draw non-gang related graffiti on the door to a business in the 100 block of W. Washington St.

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Person(s) unknown spray painted gang-related graffiti on the blacktop walkway at the intersection of Glen Ave. and Barber St.

### **Retail Theft:**

A known person attempted to walk out of Food Market La Chiquita located at 133 W. Roosevelt Rd., with a cart containing \$32.50 in groceries. Store personnel stopped the suspect as she exited the store. Store personnel declined to press charges against the suspect, but requested officers serve the suspect a Criminal Trespass Letter.

### **Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child:**

An anonymous caller telephoned a grade school and advised the assistant principal that a seven-year-old had been sexually assaulted by a known suspect. The Department of Children and Family Services was contacted by school personnel and will open an investigation.

### **Criminal Sexual Abuse:**

A known person inappropriately touched the ten-year-old victim six years ago at a residence. The victim's family was contacted and wanted the incident documented for now.

A victim currently living out of state disclosed to an authority figure that approximately six years ago she had been inappropriately touched by a person known to them at a local residence. The victim's family was made aware of the situation, and decided they did not want to pursue the matter criminally at this time.

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

Person(s) unknown used a marker to draw non-gang related graffiti on the door to a business in the 100 block of W. Washington St.

Person(s) unknown broke a window on the football field at West Chicago Community High School located at 326 Joliet St.

Person(s) unknown broke a ground level window at St. Michael's United Church of Christ located at 400 W. Washington St. A flower pot lying next to the shattered window is believed to have caused the damage.

Person(s) unknown damaged a fence and three motion sensor lights at a residence in the 1500 block of Prince Crossing Rd.

Person(s) unknown damaged a window with a BB at a residence in the 400 block of Ann St.

Person(s) unknown broke a window on the detached garage of a residence in the 100 block of E. Stimmel St.

### **Criminal Trespass to Motor Vehicle:**

Person(s) unknown entered two unsecured vehicles in the 1200 block of Aster Ln. The vehicles were rummaged through, but nothing was taken.

**Theft of Cargo Container:**

Person(s) unknown removed a semi-trailer from an unsecured lot in the 700 block of Kress Rd. Investigation is ongoing.

**Theft Over \$500.00:**

Person(s) unknown took the victim's \$700.00 iPhone while the victim was shopping at a business in the 900 block of N. Neltnor Blvd. The phone was in the victim's purse on her shoulder. The victim called the phone and someone answered then hung up.

**Battery:**

A known person struck and injured a co-worker at the Speedway gas station located at 1501 W. Roosevelt Rd., and then left the business. The offender was located at his residence, arrested and transported to the Station where the offender was charged with Battery. The offender was fingerprinted, photographed, provided with his copies of the paperwork and released from custody.

A known person argued with the victim and then spit in her face in the 800 block of Burr Oaks Dr. and then fled the scene. Officers located the offender and issued her a local Ordinance citation for Battery after she admitted to spitting on the victim.

**Burglary:**

Person(s) unknown removed \$3,500.00 from the safe at Advanced Auto Parts located at 211 S. Neltnor Blvd. After the business had been closed for the night, a suspect turned off the alarm and entered the proper access codes to open the safe. A neighboring business's surveillance system showed a suspect vehicle leaving the business after the burglary occurred. The suspect vehicle's registration was captured by the red-light camera at Washington Street at Neltnor Blvd. Investigation is ongoing.



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**Monthly Performance**

Activities	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Mar 2020	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	Total 2019
Traffic Stops	409	385	517	319	1,221	2,156	7,565
Traffic Citations	206	126	188	107	421	1,247	4,545
Traffic Warnings	254	269	325	238	832	1,275	4,091
Parking Citations	161	190	83	89	362	871	2,301
Traffic Crashes	74	58	75	35	168	188	905
Incident Reports	215	192	188	226	606	785	3,058

## Officer Activities

On March 8<sup>th</sup>, Officers Gelsomino, Winton, Jones and Kowalik responded to the 300 block of S. Neltnor Blvd for a reported stabbing. The victim was located and had a bleeding laceration on his left knee. A subject was walking in the area who the victim identified as the offender. A pocketknife was removed from the suspect that the victim identified as the weapon used. The victim was tended to by West Chicago Fire Protection District paramedics and then transported to Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital. The suspect was advised he was under arrest at which time he began resisting arrest, pulling away and kicking officers. Officers gained control of the suspect and transported him to the Station. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved a charge of Aggravated Battery to a Police Officer. The offender was also charged with Battery, Aggravated Assault and Resisting Arrest. The offender was transported to the DuPage County Jail.

On March 13<sup>th</sup>, Officers Mielke, Berg, Rigler, Richards and Schoonhoven responded to a residence in the 800 block of W. Brown St. for a domestic involving a knife. Upon arrival it was learned the suspect had fled the area on foot and a victim was located with a laceration to his left knee. The victim's wound was tended to by responding officers who called West Chicago Fire Protection District personnel to the scene. The victim was transported to Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital. Detectives Herbert and Peterson responded to assist in the investigation. It was determined the suspect allegedly threatened his girlfriend's life. The victim had confronted the suspect about this and a struggle ensued during which the victim attempted to remove a knife from the suspect's hands. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved charges of Aggravated Domestic Battery and Aggravated Battery with a Weapon and warrants were obtained. On March 16<sup>th</sup>, the suspect was arrested, processed and transported to the DuPage County Jail.

On March 20<sup>th</sup>, Detectives Calabrese and Flanigan were patrolling in the 1100 block of Bishop St. when they observed an occupied vehicle parked on the street. This vehicle is known to be used by documented gang members. The driver has a restriction on his driver's license and cannot drive with more than one other individual in the car. When the vehicle began to move, a traffic stop was initiated and Officers Zepeda and Fearon arrived to assist. Upon speaking with the four occupants of the vehicle, officers detected an odor of cannabis emitting from the vehicle and an open container of alcohol was on the rear seat floorboard. A search of the vehicle was conducted and 46 grams of cannabis and a scale were found. The four subjects were placed under arrest and transported to the Station. The driver, who is a juvenile, will have charges filed in Juvenile Court for Possession of Alcohol by a Minor, Possession of Over 30 Grams of Cannabis, Unlawful Street Gang Contact (in violation of his probation order) and Driving While License Suspended. A second passenger, who is also a juvenile will also have charges filed in Juvenile Court for the charges of Possession of Alcohol by a Minor and Possession of Cannabis over 30 Grams. Both juveniles were released to their parents. The front seat passenger was charged with Possession of Alcohol by a Minor, Possession of Over 30 Grams of Cannabis, Unlawful Street Gang Contact, as the contact with gang members violated his bond conditions and then was released from custody. A fourth suspect was charged with Possession of Alcohol by a Minor and Possession of Cannabis then released from custody.

On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Officer Winton responded to the Station to meet with an individual about an unknown request. The subject advised he had been drinking with an individual at a residence in the 700 block of Lincoln St. during which he attacked and killed the individual. The suspect had a deep laceration on his hand so the West Chicago Fire Protection District was called to the Station. The suspect told Fire District personnel that had ingested "boric acid" and was transported to

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Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital. While in the hospital, the suspect made additional voluntary statements to Detective Peterson incriminating himself in the death of the victim. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved two counts of First-Degree Murder against the suspect. On March 27<sup>th</sup>, the suspect was released from the hospital and transported to the DuPage County Jail.

March 31<sup>st</sup>, Officers Winton, O'Neil, Eversole and Gelsomino responded to a Residential Burglary call at a residence in the 700 block of Lincoln Ave. The caller stated they discovered evidence of forced entry to the lower unit and heard someone moving about in the apartment. Upon arrival, officers discovered a suspect in the lower unit. The complainant identified the suspect as a friend of the deceased occupant of the lower unit. The suspect stated the unit was unlocked and he returned to retrieve a backpack; however, there were pry marks noted on the door to the apartment. It was learned the suspect was wanted on a Failure to Appear warrant by the DuPage County Sheriff's Office. The suspect was arrested and transported to the Station. While on scene, a subject approached Officer Gelsomino and advised her the suspect was attempting to sell appliances owned by the deceased occupant of the residence on the app Offer Up. The suspect was issued a local Ordinance citation for Criminal Trespass to Residence and released from custody.