

# **WEST CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT**



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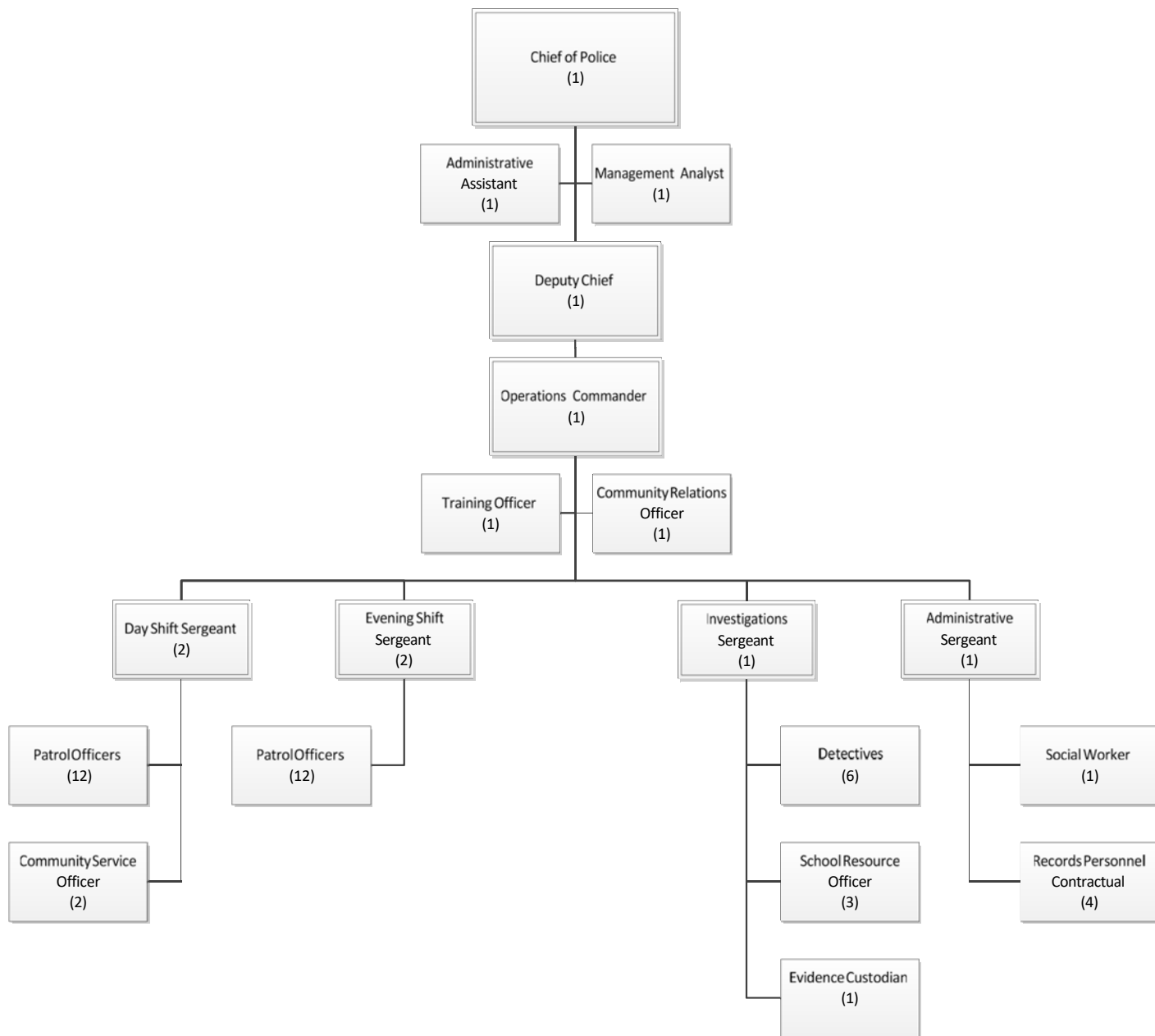
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# Organizational Chart

## 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 May 11<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Andy Patel, owner of Mr. A's Galleria Liquor and Arbor Liquors, generously donated eight cases of hand sanitizer to be used by the officers of this Department. Commander Cargola and Sergeant Samuel were on hand to accept and thank him for his donation.



On May 14<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Christopher Martin of Monster Energy donated fifteen cases of energy drinks to the Police Department. The Department appreciates the generosity.



On May 27<sup>th</sup>, members of The First United Methodist Church of West Chicago donated numerous homemade masks to the Department. The Church also donated a variety of snacks and drinks for our Department members. The Department appreciates the continued support of our residents, religious institutions and businesses. Deputy Chief Shackelford and Commander Cargola were on hand to accept and thank the church members for the donations.



## **Criminal Activities**

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

Person(s) unknown broke a window on the west side of a residence in the 100 block of E. Pomeroy St. A rock lying in a flower bed near the window is believed to have been used to cause the damage.

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle in the 1200 block of Kings Cir. The windshield to the car had been broken by unknown means.

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle in the 900 block of Lorlyn Dr. A rock had been thrown through the rear window.

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle in the 1200 block of Kings Cir. The front windshield was broken. A rock was found on the ground next to the vehicle.

### **Criminal Defacement:**

Person(s) unknown spray painted non-gang related graffiti on an electric box on Main St. near Turner Ct.

Person(s) unknown spray painted illegible graffiti on a Right Turn Only sign at Pearl Rd. and Roosevelt Rd.

### **Fraud:**

Person(s) unknown provided a check to purchase 12 tires worth \$6,540.46 from a business in the 1100 block of Atlantic Dr. The victim advised numerous attempts to cash the check have been met with a notice of "insufficient funds" by the bank on which the check is drawn. Investigation is ongoing.

### **Deceptive Practice:**

Person(s) unknown opened an unauthorized Verizon account using the victim's name. The account has an outstanding balance of \$4,000.00. Investigation is ongoing.

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

Person(s) unknown removed landscaping boulders from behind a business in the 900 block of W. Washington St.

### **Theft Over \$500.00:**

Person(s) unknown removed jewelry from two separate apartments at a facility located at 1996 Franciscan Way. Both residents reported various jewelry missing from their respective apartments. One resident reported an estimated loss of \$501.00, while the other estimated her loss to be \$4,720.00. Investigation is ongoing.

**Burglary From Motor Vehicle:**

Person(s) unknown entered an unsecured vehicle in the 200 block of Fremont St. and removed an Illinois ID card as well as a magazine (aka, ammunition clip) for a handgun.

Person(s) unknown entered an unsecured vehicle in the 800 block of Windsor Ct. and removed a Blue Tooth charger, eyeglasses and four CDs.

**Theft Over/Theft By Deception:**

A known person agreed to sell the victim a piece of machinery and received payment of \$25,632.00. The victim never received the machine from the suspect. The victim learned the suspect never made payment to the machine supplier. The suspect eventually stopped responding to the victim. The suspect's business, located in the 700 block of Hawthorne Ln., is now vacant and the suspect moved out of his residence. Investigation is ongoing.

**Theft of Motor Vehicle:**

An employee was in possession of the victim's semi-tractor and trailer in North Carolina when his employment was terminated due to erratic behavior. The driver was instructed to leave the tractor and trailer at a designated location where the company, of the 1200 block of W. Washington St., intended to retrieve it. Instead, the suspect drove the tractor and trailer to Florida. The suspect stopped answering calls from the vehicle owner. The tractor and trailer were entered into a nationwide law enforcement database as stolen. Investigation was ongoing when the suspect called the victim and advised where the truck could be found. The truck and trailer were recovered, intact, prompting the owner to decide he did not wish to pursue criminal charges.

Person(s) unknown removed a vehicle from the driveway of a residence located in the 1300 block of Prairie Ct. The ignition key fob was left in the unsecured vehicle. The vehicle was equipped with a location tracking service that determined the vehicle was in Westmont, Illinois. Westmont Police Department personnel located the vehicle and a subject fled the scene on foot. The subject has not been identified and/or located. The vehicle was towed to the West Chicago Police Station for evidentiary processing. Investigation is ongoing.

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

Person(s) unknown removed the tailgate from a vehicle parked in the 1200 block of Kings Cir.

**Criminal Trespass to Property:**

A known person entered the pool area of Turtle Splash Park located at 129 W. National St. and posted a Snap Chat video of the event. Investigation is ongoing.

**Attempt Burglary:**

Person(s) unknown damaged a storage trailer while attempting to gain entry to it in the 1N700 block of Pilsen Rd. Investigation is ongoing.

**Cargo Container Theft:**

Person(s) unknown removed a semi-trailer from an unsecured lot in the 1200 block of Carolina Dr.

Person(s) unknown removed a semi-trailer from an unsecured lot in the 2500 block of Enterprise Cir.

**Arson:**

Person(s) unknown set a car on fire that was parked in a driveway in the 800 block of Kenwood Ave. The rear window was broken out and the passenger compartment was set on fire. After extinguishing the fire, West Chicago Fire Protection District personnel located a beer bottle in the back seat partially filled with an accelerant, believed to be kerosene. Investigation is ongoing.

**Public Indecency:**

Person unknown in a vehicle exposed themselves to the victim walking on Hawthorne Ln. near Rosewood Dr. and then left the area. The same day, Warrenville Police Department Officers were dispatched to a similar public indecency call in their jurisdiction that occurred approximately 30 minutes prior to the incident in West Chicago. The incidents appear to be related. A surveillance camera at a private residence in the area captured a possible suspect vehicle in the West Chicago case. A license plate for the possible suspect vehicle was obtained from a nearby red light enforcement camera. Investigation is ongoing.

**Criminal Sexual Assault:**

Two unknown individuals sexually assaulted the victim at an unknown apartment at the Timber Lake Apartment complex. Investigation is ongoing.

**Unlawful Use of a Weapon:**

Person(s) unknown fired six shots from a firearm at the Timber Lake Apartment complex. Two vehicles were struck by the apparent gunfire. One vehicle had a broken window and the second had damage to the side of the car. A check of the area was unsuccessful in locating suspect(s). Investigation is ongoing.



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**Monthly Performance**

Activities	Feb 2020	Mar 2020	Apr 2020	May 2020	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	Total 2019
Traffic Stops	517	319	113	135	1,469	3,676	7,565
Traffic Citations	188	107	65	73	559	2,215	4,545
Traffic Warnings	325	238	38	52	922	2,071	4,091
Parking Citations	83	89	150	49	560	1,294	2,301
Traffic Crashes	75	35	39	30	237	328	905
Incident Reports	188	226	238	198	1,042	1,332	3,058

## Officer Activities

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Officers Landbo, Jones and Eversole and Sergeant Zurick responded to a call of a subject, possibly intoxicated, leaning on the complainant's vehicle in a parking lot located at 978 N. Neltnor Blvd. Upon arrival, the subject was located hanging onto the car, stating he had back pain and couldn't stand. He refused medical assistance and was helped to the ground, where he fell asleep. After noticing needle marks on the inside of both elbows, Officer Eversole administered a dose of Narcan to the subject. West Chicago Fire Protection District personnel arrived and assumed care. The subject again began to lose consciousness, prompting the administration of a second dose of Narcan by Fire District personnel. The subject was transported to Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital for further treatment.

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, Officer Sauseda was approached by a complainant while patrolling in the 1200 block of Kings Cir. The complainant advised his vehicle had been stolen from the lot. The complainant's wallet containing his license, debit and credit cards was inside the vehicle. A short time later, officers were dispatched back to the area for a disturbance call. A suspect had returned to the complex with the stolen vehicle. The victim and his wife confronted the suspect, who fled on foot accompanied by a young child. Officers from surrounding agencies and a K-9 unit were requested to assist in the search for the suspect. After a search and short foot pursuit, the suspect was apprehended and her son was found, unharmed, with her. The child was transported to a relative's house. Meanwhile, the victim learned that two unauthorized charges totaling \$17.99 were made to his credit card at the Citgo gas station located in West Chicago. The suspect was transported to the Station where she was interviewed by Officers Sauseda and Richards. The suspect admitted to stealing the vehicle as well as using a credit card she found in the vehicle. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved a charge of Theft of Motor Vehicle against the suspect and advised additional charges may be approved once video evidence of the credit card transaction is obtained from the Citgo. The offender was fingerprinted, photographed and transported to the DuPage County Jail.

On May 14<sup>th</sup>, a business owner in the 900 block of W. Washington St. observed an SUV with no license plates "four-wheeling" through an area of his property that recently had been finish-graded and seeded. Estimate to repair the damage was \$4,500.00. Based on a description of the SUV, Detectives identified a suspect. The ensuing investigation resulted in the issuance of an arrest warrant for the suspect for felony charges of Criminal Damage to Property.

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, Officers Rigler, Richards and Mielke responded to an apartment in the 800 block of Burr Oaks Dr. for a reported overdose. Upon arrival, officers met with the subject, who stated he had just ingested two bags of heroin. Ofc. Richards administered the subject a dose of Narcan. West Chicago Fire Protection District personnel arrived and transported the subject to Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital for treatment.

On May 24<sup>th</sup>, Officers Schoonhoven, Mielke and Rigler and Detectives Calabrese and Flanigan responded to a call of suspicious circumstances in the 100 block of W. McConnell Ave. The caller stated a subject at that location was in possession of property suspected to be stolen and appeared to be under the influence of an unknown substance. Upon arrival, officers met with the 17-year old subject, who was acting erratically. A family member requested the subject be taken to Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital for an evaluation. West Chicago Fire Protection District personnel arrived on scene and transported the subject to the emergency room. The family of the 17-ya directed officers to the suspected stolen items, which were strewn about the yard and driveway of the suspect's residence. These items, including lawn chairs and yard tools, were collected by officers for safekeeping until the owners can be identified. A family member allowed a search of the juvenile's room and officers found

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four 9 mm rounds of ammunition. Additionally, a small baggie containing a blue and white substance was found in the suspect's wallet. That substance field tested positive for cocaine. As the suspect is a juvenile, charges for Possession of a Controlled Substance and Unlawful Possession of Ammunition will be filed with the DuPage County State's Attorney's Office Juvenile Division at a later date/time.

On May 27<sup>th</sup>, Detectives Flanigan and Calabrese and Officer Moore responded to the 200 block of E. Pomeroy St. for a report of a person using heroin. Upon arrival, officers observed a pickup truck with the door open and a subject slumped over the driver's seat. Officers recognized the subject from previous encounters. They called the subject's name, prompting him to stand. In plain view in the pickup truck officers observed a pop can bottom, a syringe with an uncapped needle and a small baggie containing a brown substance. A search of the subject was conducted and two more baggies containing the same brown substance were found in the subject's shorts pocket. The suspect was placed under arrest and transported to the Station. The brown substance field tested positive for heroin and fentanyl. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved a charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance. The arrestee was fingerprinted, photographed and transported to the DuPage County Jail.

On May 30<sup>th</sup>, Officer Sauseda observed a vehicle parked on Gates St. near Brown St. in violation of No Parking signs. Upon closer examination, he noted the car was occupied and the driver appeared to be asleep behind the wheel. Sergeant Langelan arrived to assist. As the driver showed signs of impairment, officers administered field sobriety tests. The driver failed the tests, prompting an arrest for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. While conducting a search of the vehicle, a small baggie was found inside a book that was in the driver's side door compartment. The substance in the bag appeared to be cocaine. Interviewed at the Station, the arrestee stated he bought the cocaine in Aurora and intended to sell it to a coworker. 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. He was fingerprinted, photographed and transported to the DuPage County Jail.