

WEST CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT



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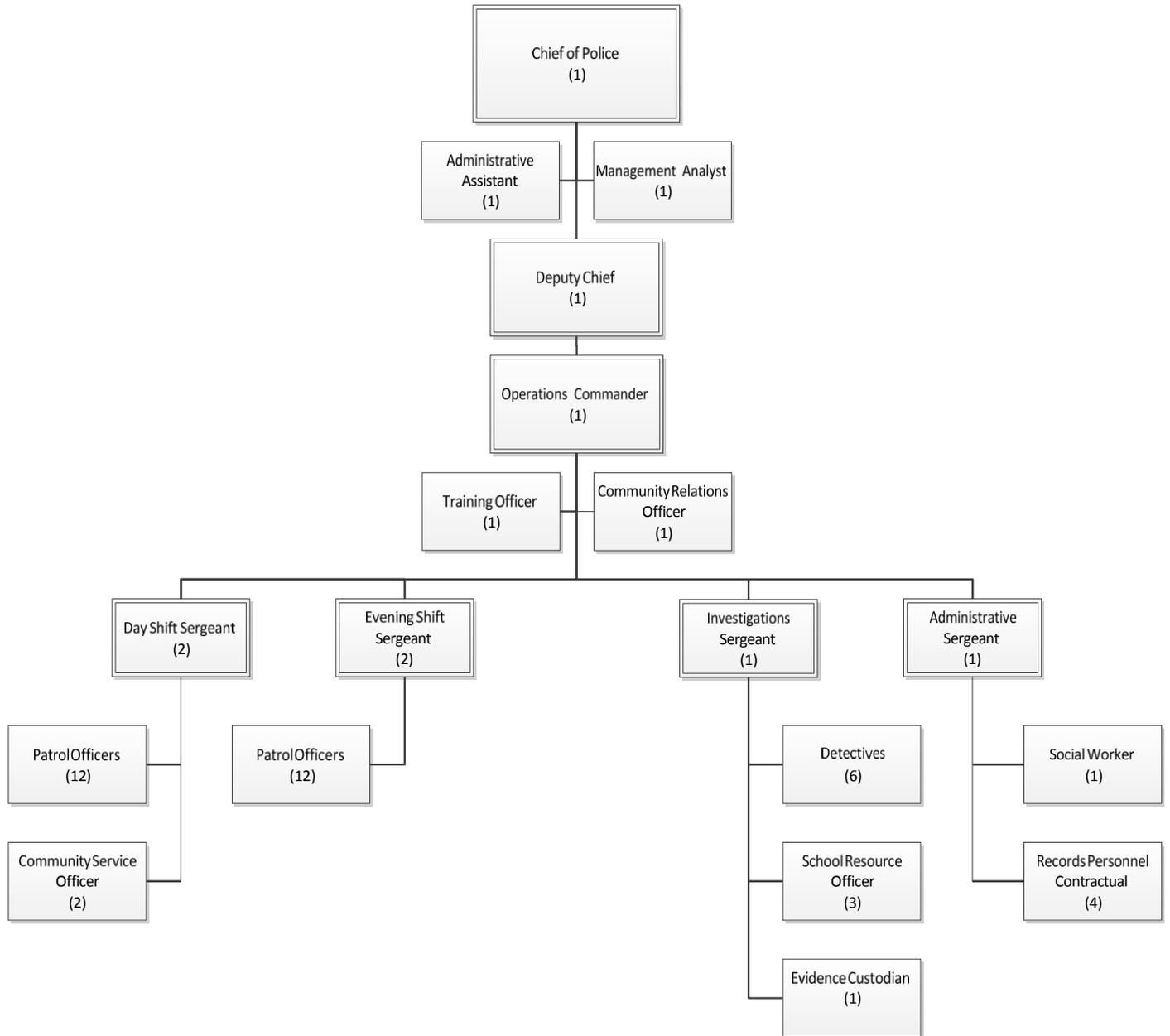
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Organizational Chart

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 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

At the start of July, Officers Richard Dominguez and Nathan Hunt began their first full month in the Department's Field Training Program.



On July 9th, the Department received a donation of snacks and beverages from the families of the Forest Trails subdivision. The Department appreciates their generosity.

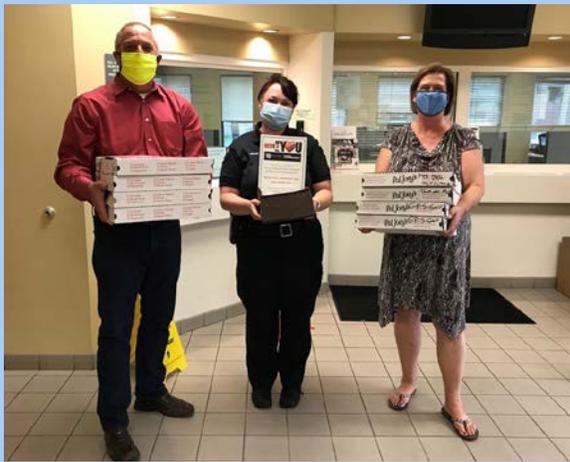


Personnel

On July 14th, the Police Explorers held a training session. The session covered communicating with dispatch via the police radio and what information to include in police reports.



On four occasions in July (once for each of the four patrol shifts), the Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce sent pizza and cookies to the Station for Department personnel. The generosity and support are appreciated.



Criminal Activities

Criminal Damage to Property:

Person(s) unknown damaged a window to a residence in the 100 block of E. Geneva St. A rock had been thrown and caused a small hole to a second story window.

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle in the 100 block of E. Pomeroy St. Both rear tires had been flattened by unknown means.

Person(s) unknown damaged the front door to an apartment in the 200 block of W. Washington St. The section of the door surrounding the deadbolt had been split, consistent with efforts to force the locked door inward. However, entry to the residence was not gained. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle in the 1100 block of S. Neltnor Blvd. The rear window had been shattered by a brick paver that was found in the car.

Criminal Defacement:

Person(s) unknown spray painted non-gang related graffiti on a fence of the West Chicago Neighborhood Food Pantry, located at 123 Fremont. St. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown spray painted non-gang related graffiti on a business in the 200 block of Main St. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown spray painted non-gang related graffiti on the fence of a business located at 132 Fremont St. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown spray painted non-gang related graffiti on the fence behind a business located at 128 W. McConnell St. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown spray painted both gang-related and non-gang related graffiti on sidewalks in the 300 block of York St. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown spray painted non-gang related graffiti on the sidewalk in the 100 block of Main St.

Person(s) unknown spray painted non-gang related graffiti on the sidewalk near the West Chicago Public Library, located at 118 W. Washington St. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown spray painted non-gang related graffiti on a tree at Turner School, located at 750 Ingaltan Ave. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown spray painted non-gang related graffiti on the street, a utility pole, street sign and fence in the area of Hillview Ave. and Easton Ave. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown spray painted non-gang related graffiti on the street and sidewalk in the 200 block of E. McConnell St. Investigation is ongoing.

Burglary:

An unknown person used a crow bar to force entry to the rear door of Dunkin', located at 185 W. North Ave. Once inside the building, the office door and two cash registers were forced open. A total of \$464.64 was taken before the suspect exited via the rear door. Investigation is ongoing.

An unknown person entered the Thorntons gas station, located at 1330 S. Neltor Blvd., through the public entrance in the rear of the store. The suspect then entered the employee break room, where a shipment of 76 cartons of cigarettes valued at \$5,723.00 had just been delivered. The suspect loaded the cigarettes into a car parked at the rear of the store. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown entered the unsecured garage of a residence in the 300 block of Church St. and removed a tote bag containing flight attendant equipment and uniforms, a watch, text books, board games, medical/first aid supplies and other miscellaneous items. Loss is estimated at approximately \$200.

Burglary From Motor Vehicle:

Person(s) unknown entered an unsecured vehicle in the 700 block of Industrial Dr. and removed a wallet containing the victim's social security card, birth certificate, \$380.00 and a phone charger. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown entered the victim's vehicle and removed a bottle of prescription drugs. The owner of the vehicle, of the 2400 block of Lindsay Ct., was uncertain as to where exactly the truck was parked when the burglary occurred, but was able determine the incident had occurred within a few days prior to discovery.

Person(s) unknown entered an unsecured vehicle in the 600 block of E. Blair St. and removed a voltage tester and a construction-grade facemask. Loss is estimated at \$200.00.

Person(s) unknown entered two unsecured vehicles in the 800 block of Hampton Course. Nothing was taken from one vehicle and approximately \$3.00 in change was removed from the second vehicle.

Person(s) unknown entered an unsecured vehicle in the 500 block of Claremont Ave. and removed a wallet containing a driver's license, social security card, credit card, debit card and \$130.00 in cash. Later in the day a pedestrian found the victim's identification and credit card on the ground a few blocks from the victim's residence. The pedestrian contacted the victim using social media and made arrangements to return the recovered items. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown entered an unsecured vehicle in the 1000 block of Tara Ln. The center console was found open and items were strewn about the vehicle, but the owner does not believe anything was taken. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown entered a vehicle in the 900 block of Ainsley Dr. Items were strewn about the vehicle, but the owner does not believe anything was taken. It is unknown if the vehicle was secured. Investigation is ongoing.

Theft of Lost/Mislaid Property:

Person(s) unknown took the victim's Apple Watch from the parking lot located at 900 Prince Crossing Rd. The watch had been left on the victim's car and fell off when she drove away. The

victim returned to check the lot, but the watch was gone. The victim “pinged” the location of the watch, which returned to a location in Oswego. Oswego police checked the address indicated by the ping, but were unsuccessful with locating the watch or a potential suspect. Investigation is ongoing.

Aggravated Battery:

Officers were dispatched to the Emergency Room of Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital for a 19-year-old male who had been brought in for treatment by family members. The victim had injuries to his head consistent with blunt force trauma. The investigation revealed an altercation between the victim and three unknown suspects had taken place in the parking lot of the 900 block of Lorlyn Dr. Investigation is ongoing.

Battery to a Police Officer:

While investigating a domestic disturbance in the 1000 block of Bishop St., one of the involved parties repeatedly slammed a wooden gate on an officer’s leg. That same individual then attempted to release a dog from inside the home, inferring the dog would attack officers. The suspect was physically prevented from releasing the dog and detained. The suspect then struck an officer in the face with her hand. The suspect was arrested for Battery to a Police Officer, transported to the Station, fingerprinted, photographed and released after posting bond.

Battery:

The drivers of two cars became involved in a “road rage” incident that began on Fabyan Parkway approaching Roosevelt Rd. Motivation for the dispute was one driver’s belief the other was traveling too slowly. One driver followed the other into the lot of Twin Eagles Restaurant, located at 105 W. Roosevelt Rd. Both drivers exited their vehicles and a physical fight ensued. The brother of one of the subjects involved had been called to the scene and also began to strike the victim. Officers interviewed the parties involved, determined who the aggressors were and issued two local Ordinance citations for Battery.

Identity Theft:

Person(s) unknown used the victim’s personal information to open a Walmart GoBank account and apply for unemployment benefits from the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES), resulting in the victim receiving a debit card loaded with funds. The victim was able to close the Gobank account and freeze the debit card account.

Person(s) unknown used the victim’s personal information to file for unemployment benefits with the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES). Subsequently, the IDES determined that benefits should not have been paid for the claim and was seeking the return of \$2,168.00 from the victim. Documents provided by the victim stated the funds were deposited into an Alaska USA Federal Credit Union bank account and immediately withdrawn. The victim has no affiliation with this bank account. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown deposited a \$9,140.00 payment from the State of Arizona into the victim’s PayPal account. Prior to this occurring, in an effort to join the fan club of a celebrity athlete, the victim sent a copy of his driver’s license and \$309.00 to an individual via PayPal. The individual claiming to be associated with the fan club asked for an additional \$480.00 in Bitcoins and \$1,000.00 in Google Play cards, prompting the victim to become suspicious of the situation. Meanwhile, the victim learned from staff at PayPal that their records indicate the \$9,140.00 deposit was made by the State of Arizona to settle an unemployment claim. Investigation is ongoing.

Child Pornography:

A known person engaged in and recorded sexual activity with an under-aged victim at an unknown location in West Chicago. Investigation is ongoing.

Fraud:

Person(s) unknown withdrew \$4,273.00 from the victim's bank account at various bank branches at unknown locations. The victim is working with the bank's Fraud Department to gather more information. Investigation is ongoing.

An unknown person made a purchase at the Walgreens located at 125 N. Neltnor Blvd. using three counterfeit \$100.00 bills. Investigation is ongoing.

An unknown person entered the Jewel-Osco Pharmacy located at 177 E. Roosevelt Rd. and presented a prescription for Oxycodone pills. Several unusual aspects associated with the handwritten prescription prompted additional scrutiny from Jewel-Osco staff. Ultimately, the pharmacist advised the suspect she would not fill the prescription. A similar incident involving the same suspect had been reported to the St. Charles police a few days prior to the case in West Chicago. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown applied for unemployment benefits in North Carolina using the victim's information. The victim called the office and was able to get the claim cancelled prior to any funds being dispersed

Person(s) unknown claiming to be with the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) telephoned the victim claiming the agency had a warrant for the victim's arrest. The victim was advised in lieu of an arrest he could pay \$1,250.00 via Best Buy and eBay gift cards. The victim purchased the cards and provided the security numbers to the suspect(s) via phone as instructed.

Monthly Report

Monthly Performance

Activities	Apr 2020	May 2020	Jun 2020	Jul 2020	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	Total 2019
Traffic Stops	113	135	98	509	2,076	4,998	7,565
Traffic Citations	65	73	72	203	834	3,085	4,545
Traffic Warnings	38	52	33	271	1,226	2,731	4,091
Parking Citations	150	49	29	133	722	1,517	2,301
Traffic Crashes	39	47	51	65	370	470	905
Incident Reports	238	198	191	240	1,473	1,853	3,058

Officer Activities

On July 1st, in the course of investigating a vehicle parked in the 600 block of W. Forest Ave. in violation of the 2- 5 AM on-street parking ban, Officer Schoonhoven learned the vehicle had been reported stolen. Officers Rigler and Makofski arrived to assist. The three officers determined the vehicle had been involved in an Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking that occurred in Chicago on June 19th. The vehicle and the rear plate displayed on the car both were confirmed to be stolen. The vehicle was towed from the scene at the request of the Chicago Police Department, with further investigation pending.

In the early morning hours of July 14th, Officer Mielke observed an individual walking in the area of Teresa Ln. and North Ave. He found this somewhat suspicious as the businesses in the vicinity were closed. The subject claimed to be looking for someone and eventually asked for a ride back to her residence. When the subject's name was provided to a dispatcher, Officers Berg and Rigler stated they were familiar with the individual and she may be wanted on warrants. Officer Rigler arrived on scene and was able to positively identify the subject from previous contacts. Officers were then able to confirm the subject was wanted on an arrest warrant out of Janesville, Wisconsin for Burglary and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. The Rock County Wisconsin Sheriff's Office stated they would extradite the suspect. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved a charge of Fugitive from Justice against the suspect allowing her to be held in local custody pending extradition. The individual was transported to the DuPage County Jail.

On July 20th, Officers Bertany, Jones, Kowalik and Gelsomino responded to the 100 block of E. Pomeroy St. for a call of a fight, with possible gunshots fired. While on scene investigating the original fight and shots fired, officers themselves heard two gunshots. An SUV seeming to be the source of the gunshots was seen fleeing the area. Officers attempted to stop the SUV but lost sight of the vehicle after a short pursuit. Meanwhile, an individual was located in the immediate area with a gunshot wound to the foot. The victim stated she had been attacked by a suspect, but did not know who shot her. Officer Jones rendered first aid to the victim until West Chicago Fire Protection District personnel arrived and transported her to Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital. The ensuing investigation revealed the victim with the gunshot wound had initially been involved in a physical fight with another woman. The victim's boyfriend attempted to intervene on her behalf and in the process shot her in the foot. The suspect fled the scene in one vehicle, and returned a few minutes later in another vehicle. Upon arriving at the scene the second time, he fired two additional shots. It is not known at what or whom he was shooting. The suspect was located and taken into custody. The DuPage County States Attorney's Office approved a charge of Aggravated Battery with a Firearm. The suspect was fingerprinted, photographed and transported to the DuPage County Jail.

During the month of July, Sgt. Samuel coordinated the installation of a new in-car camera system into the entire Department fleet (17 vehicles total). The new camera system, named AXON Fleet, is a significant upgrade in several aspects from the system in use prior. For example, the AXON system downloads data to a secure cloud server wirelessly. The new system provides a second camera in each vehicle, as well as higher-quality recordings.

During the month of July, officers, supervisors and detectives responded to 116 calls involving fireworks complaints.