

# **WEST CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT**



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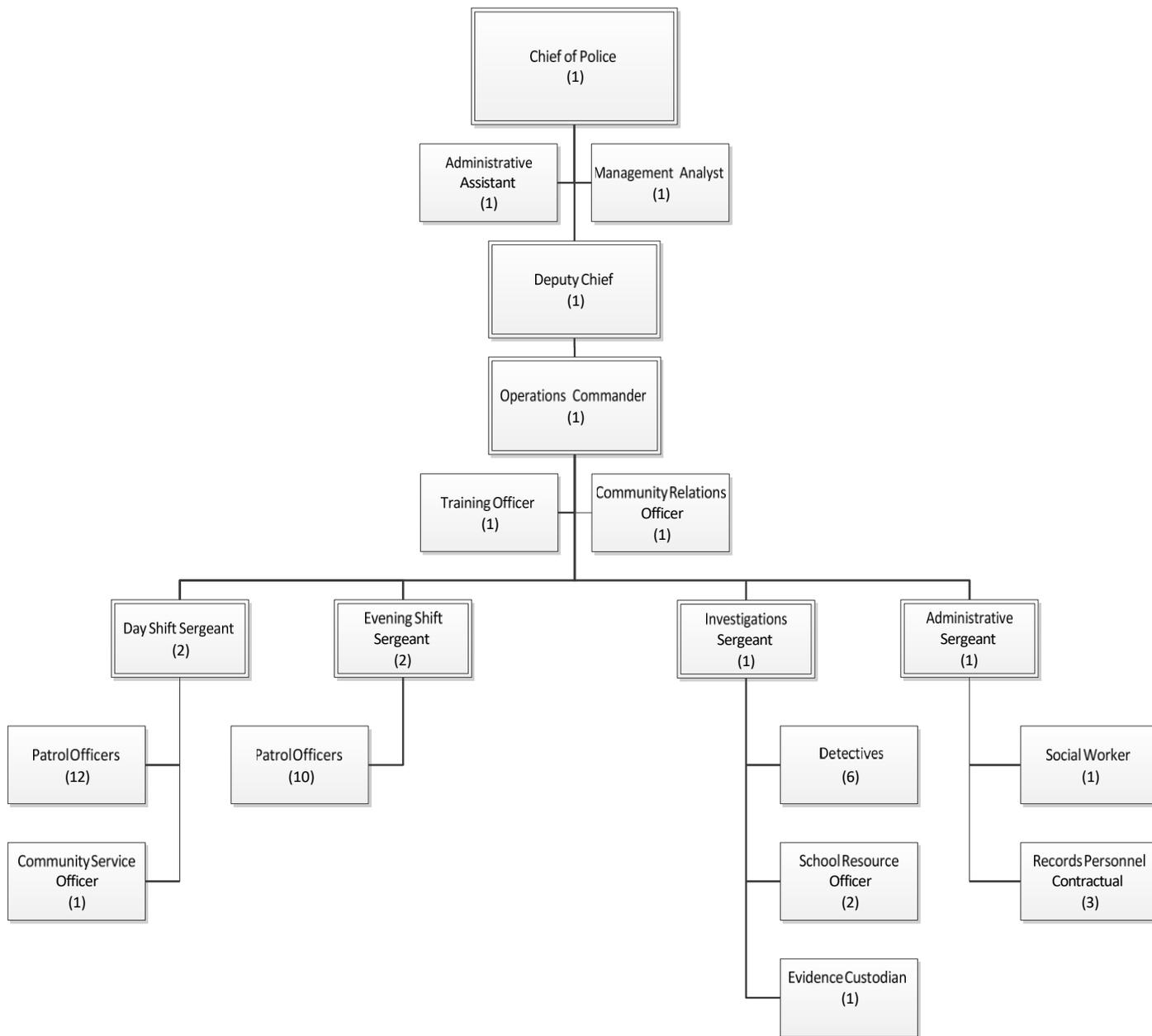
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# Organizational Chart

## West Chicago Police Department

October 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

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, Officer Makofski retired after thirty years of service to the City. The Department wishes him well in his future endeavors.



On October 24<sup>th</sup>, Officer Nathan Hunt successfully completed the Field Training Program and is now certified for solo patrol duties. He has been assigned to a night shift.

Effective October 25<sup>th</sup>, Officer Ed Berg has been assigned to the position of Department Training Coordinator.

On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, the West Chicago Police Department Explorers provided traffic control for the City's pumpkin decorating contest and give away.



## Personnel

During the month of October, the Citizens Police Academy met four times. The sessions covered traffic enforcement, investigations, forensic evidence and court proceedings. The topics discussed during the sessions were reinforced with hands-on scenarios.



On October 13<sup>th</sup>, the Police Explorers met to practice arrest and handcuffing.



## **Criminal Activities**

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

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle in the 100 block of Wycliffe Dr. Scratches were discovered to the paint on the driver side mirror and front and rear bumpers.

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle in the 1200 block of S. Neltnor Blvd. A paver brick had been thrown through the back window.

Person(s) unknown using an unknown means shattered the front window to an apartment in the 500 block of Carriage Dr.

Person(s) unknown using an unknown means broke the front window of a residence in the 700 block of S. Oak St.

Person(s) unknown damaged a residence and vehicle in the 800 block of Main St. The front window of the home and the rear window of the SUV were struck by BBs or pellets.

Person(s) unknown damaged an apartment and three vehicles in the 1200 block of Kings Cross. A BB or pellet was used to damage the glass in a sliding patio door of the apartment. The three vehicles were damaged as follows: one had the rear window broken, a second had a side window broken and the rear window on the third was broken. The incident is believed to be gang-related.

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle on Easton Ave. Two driver side windows were shattered. The damage appears to have been caused by BBs or pellets.

### **Battery:**

A known person punched and choked the victim at a business in the 1700 block of Downs Dr. An argument between two co-workers about how best to load a conveyer belt escalated to a physical altercation. A witness corroborated the victim's version of events and the suspect was issued a local Ordinance citation for Battery.

A known person punched the victim as he exited Mr. A's Liquor Store, located at 1400 S. Neltnor Blvd. The fight was captured by the store security cameras. The suspect was identified, located and interviewed at the Station, where he admitted to striking the victim. The suspect was issued a local Ordinance citation for Battery.

### **Aggravated Battery/Mob Action:**

A known person and an unknown person confronted the victim in the 1000 block of Woodside Dr. The known suspect struck the victim in the abdomen and the left side of his face with a small baseball bat before fleeing the area. Investigation is ongoing.

**Burglary From Motor Vehicle:**

Person(s) unknown entered an unsecured vehicle in the 800 block of S. Oak St. and removed \$90.00 and a Nissan key fob.

Person(s) unknown gained entry to a vehicle in the 100 block of Turner Ct. by shattering a driver side window. The suspect then forced open the glove box of the car. At the time of the initial report, it was unknown if anything was taken.

Person(s) unknown entered an unsecured vehicle in the 1000 block of Bishop St. and removed a purse containing \$80.00, a debit card and a driver's license.

**Theft Under \$500.00:**

An unknown person pumped \$50.45 worth of gasoline into a vehicle at Thorntons, located at 1330 S. Neltnor Blvd., and then left without paying. Attempts by officers to make contact with the suspect were unsuccessful.

**Theft Over \$500.00:**

Persons unknown broke into a drop box outside of the business office of Town and Country Apartments, located at 700 W. Forest Ave. Taken from the box were three checks written for rent payments.

**Retail Theft:**

Persons unknown removed fifteen bottles of alcohol from the Shell Gas station, located at 184 W. North Ave. The suspects concealed the items in a tote bag and backpack and left the store. The alcohol was valued at \$617.85.

**Theft of Auto Parts or Accessories:**

Person(s) unknown cut the catalytic converter from a vehicle in the 500 block of Carriage Dr. The item was valued at \$400.00.

Person(s) unknown cut the catalytic converter from a vehicle in the 1200 block of Kings Cross. The item was valued at \$400.00.

**Theft From Motor Vehicle:**

Person(s) unknown removed a leaf blower from the open bed of a pickup truck in the 1200 block of W. Washington St. The equipment was valued at \$300.00. Investigation is ongoing.

**Deceptive Practices:**

An unknown person on two separate occasions attempted to cash checks drawn on the account of the Winfield Township Assessor's Office, located at 130 Arbor Ave. The checks, which were determined to be fraudulent, were made out for \$4,485.00 and \$8,355.00. The bank found the transactions suspicious and prior to cashing the checks contacted the Township. Township staff confirmed the checks were fraudulent and advised they did not know the subject who was attempting to cash them. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown cashed fraudulent checks on the account of a business located in the 900 block of W. Washington St. Several checks written on behalf of the business and sent to various vendors had the payee name changed; these checks were then cashed. Total of the checks cashed was \$22,532.00. Investigation is ongoing.

**Fraud:**

An unknown person used a credit card to pay a \$400.00 rental fee for a skid-steer loader at a business in the 600 block of W. Roosevelt Rd. The equipment was not returned when agreed upon. The business learned the credit card used to pay for the rental was in the name of a person who was recently the victim of identity theft and had not authorized the card to be issued in his name. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown applied for unemployment benefits with the Illinois Department of Employment Security using the victim's personal information. The victim, who resides in the 600 block of W. Forest Ave., was made aware of this situation by her employer.

Person(s) unknown applied for unemployment benefits with the Illinois Department of Employment Security using the victim's personal information. The victim, who resides in the 900 block of Dunham Dr., was alerted to this situation when he received via U.S. Mail a debit card loaded with funds.

An unknown person used a counterfeit \$100.00 bill to pay for a delivery of food from a business in the 100 block of N. Neltor Blvd. The delivery driver provided change to the suspect in an apartment building in the 800 block of Main St. Soon after leaving the building he realized the bill was fake. Attempts to locate the offender in the building were unsuccessful.

Person(s) unknown emailed the victim advising there was a problem involving his computer and provided a number to call if he wanted the issue corrected. The victim phoned the suspect and was told there was fraudulent activity detected on his credit card and he needed to pay \$15,000.00 to correct the problem. At the direction of the suspect, the victim purchased \$4,000.00 in gift cards and provided the card numbers and redemption codes. The victim later learned that his credit card was not in fact compromised. Investigation is ongoing.

An unknown person used three counterfeit \$100.00 bills to purchase a reloadable credit card at Walgreens, located at 125 N. Neltor Blvd.

**Residential Burglary:**

Person(s) unknown entered a locked apartment in the 400 block of Main St. An unknown tool had been used to force an exterior door open. The residents reported \$1,000.00 and a carry-on size suitcase were missing.

**Criminal Sexual Assault:**

A known person is alleged to have sexually assaulted a juvenile victim at an apartment in the 1200 block of Kings Cross. The DuPage Children's Center was notified to investigate the incident.

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Monthly Performance

Activities	Jul 2020	Aug 2020	Sep 2020	Oct 2020	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	Total 2019
Traffic Stops	509	520	426	569	3,591	6,727	7,565
Traffic Citations	202	224	196	217	1,471	4,100	4,545
Traffic Warnings	271	273	203	277	1,979	3,676	4,091
Parking Citations	133	114	106	82	1,024	2,037	2,301
Traffic Crashes	71	57	60	63	557	739	905
Incident Reports	240	212	265	265	2,215	2,676	3,058

## Officer Activities

On August 15<sup>th</sup>, West Chicago Police Department officers responded to the intersection of Neltner Blvd. and Main St. for a fatal motor vehicle crash involving a pedestrian. The investigation into this incident revealed two vehicles had been street racing at the time of the crash. The driver of one of those vehicles was arrested the day of the incident. Further investigation by detectives led to the identification of the second involved vehicle and driver. On October 14<sup>th</sup> Detective Herbert obtained an arrest warrant for the driver of the second car who had engaged in street racing. The suspect surrendered himself at the Station and was charged with the offenses of Reckless Homicide and Aggravated Street Racing. He was fingerprinted, photographed, posted bond and was released from custody.

On October 20<sup>th</sup>, Officers Rigler and Berg responded to the Depot, located at 508 Main St., for a call of an unresponsive male in a car suffering an overdose of narcotics. Officers administered a dose of Narcan and the subject became responsive. West Chicago Fire Protection District personnel arrived and transported the individual to Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital.

On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, Officers Cummings, Eversole, Sauseda, Dominguez and Zepeda responded to the 1200 block of Kings Cross for a report of shots fired. Officers located four individuals standing near a vehicle stopped in the roadway. One of the subjects was seen throwing an object into a wooded area. The object was recovered and found to be a 9mm handgun. Evidence Technicians Rigler and Fabiani responded to process the scene. Detectives Peterson, Herbert and Bowers responded to conduct interviews. One of the individuals admitted to firing the gun into the ground. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved charges of Unlawful Use of a Weapon by a Felon and Reckless Discharge of a Firearm. The arrestee was fingerprinted, photographed and transported to the DuPage County Jail.

On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, officers responded to the 500 block of Kenwood Ave. for a report of shots fired at a house. Three bullets were found to have struck a residence. No persons were injured. A canvass of the neighborhood revealed a security camera that captured the incident, including the suspects arriving in two vehicles. A description of the suspect vehicles was broadcast to neighboring agencies; Warrenville Police Department Officers located one of the vehicles and initiated a traffic stop. The suspects refused to yield, fleeing at a high rate of speed and were not apprehended at that time. However, officers observed the occupants throw an object from the car. The object was recovered and found to be a handgun. Meanwhile, Winfield Police Department officers located the second suspect vehicle and conducted a traffic stop. The occupants of the second vehicle were interviewed by Detectives Calabrese and Flanigan at the Station. The investigation continued over the course of the next several weeks, and two suspects were identified. On October 29<sup>th</sup> the two suspects were taken into custody and interviewed. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved charges of Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm against the alleged shooter. The individual identified as the driver of the vehicle that fled from Warrenville officers was charged with Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm and Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding. Both were fingerprinted, photographed and transported to the DuPage County Jail.