

WEST CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT



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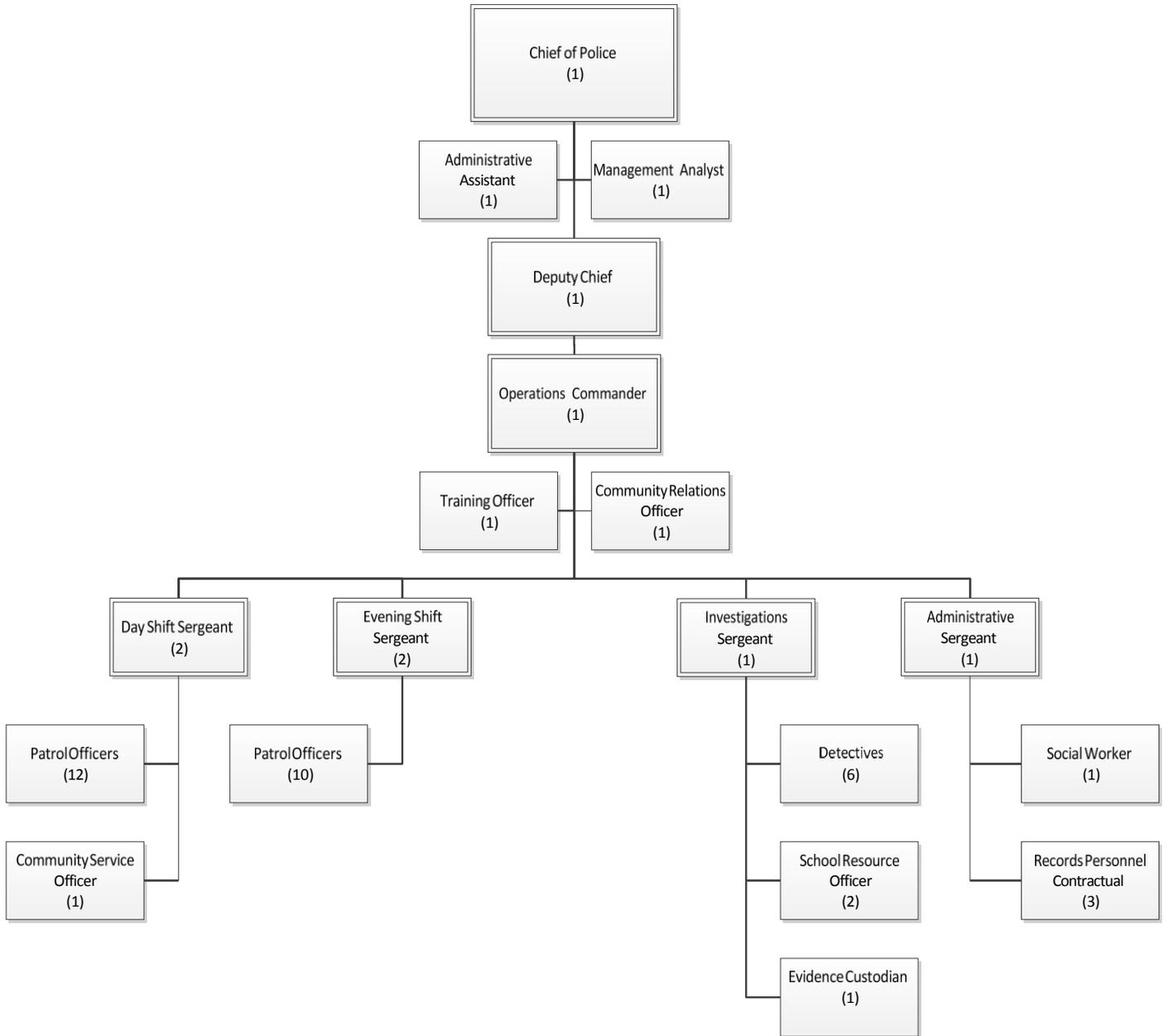
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Organizational Chart

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

In what has become an annual tradition, the West Chicago Police Department participated in the Marine Corps' Toys for Tots Program. Beginning in early November through December 13th, Citizens were encouraged to drop off an unwrapped toy at the Police Station. In 2020, the DuPage County Toys for Tots Team was able to distribute 54,279 toys to over 26,656 local children. Special thanks to Officer Zepeda (Marine Corp Veteran) for coordinating our participation with this event.

The participants enrolled in the Fall 2020 Citizens Police Academy successfully completed the program and were presented with their certificates.



Criminal Activities

Criminal Damage to Property:

Person(s) unknown damaged a business in the 800 block of W. Hawthorne Ln. A window on the south side of the building was broken by unknown means.

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle in the 200 block of E. Brown St. Sugar was poured in the gas tank of the car.

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle in the 500 block of Carriage Dr. Three tires on the car were punctured.

A known person damaged a vehicle in the 400 block of Church St. The suspect approached the victim as she was sitting in her vehicle. The victim locked her car door and ignored the suspect, prompting the suspect to punch the side window several times with his fist. The suspect left the scene prior to the arrival of police. While the glass did not break, the window and surrounding weather-stripping was damaged and needed to be repaired. An arrest warrant for the offender was obtained and remains outstanding.

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle in the 700 block of Joliet St. The paint on the passenger side of the car was scratched with an unknown object.

Criminal Defacement:

Person(s) unknown spray-painted gang-related graffiti on a fence adjacent to a residence in the 100 block of E. York Ave.

Persons(s) unknown used a marker to write gang-related graffiti in a common hallway in an apartment building in the 1200 block of Kings Cir.

Burglary from Motor Vehicle:

Person(s) unknown entered two vehicles parked at a residence in the 400 block of W. Washington St. An unknown amount of change and costume jewelry were missing. It is unknown if the vehicles were secured.

Person(s) unknown entered a vehicle in the 100 block of Center St. and removed \$50.00 in change and an electronic device. The victim was adamant he had secured the car and there was no evidence of forced entry.

Person(s) unknown entered an unsecured vehicle in the 1000 block of Hahn Place. A backpack containing textbooks and \$600.00 was removed from the vehicle.

Person(s) unknown entered an unsecured vehicle in the 200 block of E. Wilson St. A coat and wallet were taken from the vehicle. The wallet was later found in the yard of a neighbor; an unknown amount of cash and several gift cards had been removed from the wallet.

Person(s) unknown entered an unsecured vehicle in the 100 block of Whispering Oaks Dr. A purse containing a vehicle key, a watch, a driver's license and several debit and credit cards were taken.

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Person(s) unknown entered an unsecured vehicle in the 100 block of Whispering Oaks Dr. and removed a tool box.

Criminal Trespass to Motor Vehicle:

Person(s) unknown entered a vehicle in the 300 block of Harrison St. Compartments within the vehicle had been rummaged through, but nothing taken. It is unknown if the vehicle had been secured.

Person(s) unknown entered an unsecured vehicle in the 1600 block of Orchard Ct. Compartments within the vehicle had been rummaged through, but nothing taken.

Person(s) unknown entered an unsecured vehicle in the 1600 block of Whispering Oaks Dr. Compartments within the vehicle had been rummaged through, but nothing taken.

Theft Over \$500.00:

Person(s) unknown removed a snow plow from a truck parked in a lot in the 200 block of E. Roosevelt Rd. Loss is estimated at \$3,200.00.

Theft Under \$500.00:

Person(s) unknown removed a package from a mailbox in the 200 block of Turner Ct. The package contained a ring and necklace valued at a combined total of \$96.00.

Person(s) unknown removed a package that had been delivered to the lobby of an apartment building in the 500 block of Carriage Dr. Loss is estimated at \$40.00.

Retail Theft:

An unknown person entered the Citgo, located at 250 S. Neltnor Blvd., and asked for two packs of cigarettes. The clerk placed the cigarettes on the counter; the suspect placed the items in his pocket and ran from the store. Loss is estimated at \$19.54.

Theft of Lost/Mislaid Property:

An unknown person took the victim's wallet at the Jewel-Osco, located at 177 E. Roosevelt Rd., after he had lost it in the store. The wallet contained \$1,500.00, a driver's license, two debit cards and a credit card.

Person(s) unknown removed the victim's unattended purse from a shopping cart at Jewel-Osco, located at 177 E. Roosevelt Rd. The victim returned her shopping cart to a cart corral in the parking lot, forgetting to take her purse. An unknown person later located the purse along the side of Joliet St. Using identifying information contained in the purse, the unknown person returned the purse to the victim's residence. The victim advised \$430.00 and her driver's license were missing.

Motor Vehicle Theft:

An unknown person stole a vehicle from the 500 block of Main St. The owner left the vehicle unattended, running and unlocked while he entered a store. When he returned the vehicle was gone. The vehicle was later recovered unoccupied and undamaged in unincorporated DuPage County.

Person(s) unknown stole a vehicle from the 2800 block of Camden Dr. The vehicle had been left unsecured with the keys inside. The car was recovered unoccupied and undamaged by the St. Charles Police Department.

Attempted Robbery:

An unknown person attempted to rob the victim in the 900 block of Apple Tree Ln. The victim returned home and fell asleep in his car, which was parked in his garage with the overhead door open. The victim was awakened by the suspect demanding money. The victim stated he had no money and the suspect left. A K-9 unit from the Elmhurst Police Department tracked the suspect's trail to a nearby residence in the jurisdiction of the DuPage County Sheriff's Office. A vehicle at that location had been entered by the suspect without the owner's consent; unknown if anything had been taken. The K-9 lost the suspect's scent just beyond the property line of the second residence.

Fraud:

A known person repaid the victim for a loan with five counterfeit \$20.00 bills at a residence in the 100 block of E. Stimmel St. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown and without authorization opened three credit card accounts in the victim's name. The victim, who lives in the 400 block of Highland Ave., also learned an unknown person obtained a California driver's license in his name. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown phoned the victim, who lives in the 900 block of Gary's Mill Rd., and offered to sell her an iPhone 12 for \$399.00. The victim paid as instructed and a week later received a phone; however it was not an iPhone 12. In the course of arranging for the proper phone, the victim sent the suspect another \$415.00. After sending the second payment, the victim learned the entire transaction was a scam.

Person(s) unknown emailed the victim, who lives in the 1100 block of Blakeley St., and offered a job as a personal assistant conducting financial transactions. The victim agreed to accept payments into his personal checking account and then transfer all except for \$200.00 to various accounts via Bitcoin, Zelle, Cash app or PayPal. After receiving a deposit of \$1,298.03 and transferring the money via Bitcoin to an account specified by the suspect, Chase Bank put a hold on the victim's account due to the suspicious nature of the transactions. Investigation is ongoing.

During the month of December 2020, the Department received 39 complaints of Identity Theft via fraudulent claims for unemployment benefits through the Illinois Department of Employment Security.

Burglary:

Persons unknown forced entry to a business located in the 1200 block of W. Roosevelt Rd. The glass in the front door to the business had been shattered with a hammer. Once inside, the suspects broke into numerous jewelry display cases. A number of items were removed; however, an exact accounting of the items stolen was not known at the time of the initial report. Investigation is ongoing.

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Persons unknown forced entry to a gas station located in the 1400 block of W. Roosevelt Rd. The glass in the front entry door of the business had been shattered with a crow bar, allowing entry. The suspects accessed the cash registers, removing an unknown amount of cash. The offenders left the scene westbound on Roosevelt Rd. in a white box truck. The owner advised the building had been secured, but the alarm did not properly activate. Investigation is ongoing.

Criminal Damage to Property/Theft of Motor Vehicle:

Persons unknown arrived at an apartment in the 1200 block of Kings Cir., flashed gang signs and threw a rock through an apartment window. The suspects entered two separate vehicles and fled the area. The victims got into their car and followed the two vehicles. The driver of one of the suspect cars intentionally crashed into the victim's vehicle. In the process, the suspect's vehicle became disabled. The occupants abandoned the vehicle, fled on foot and were not located. Further investigation revealed the disabled vehicle had been stolen from the apartment complex shortly before the window had been broken. The owner of the stolen car reported she had left the car running, unoccupied and unsecured while she was inside her apartment. Investigation is ongoing.

Criminal Sexual Abuse:

An unknown person on an unknown date in August 2020 approached the victim in the 100 block of E. Forest Ave. and placed his hand down her pants. The suspect fled the area on foot. The incident was reported to police in December 2020. Investigation is ongoing.

Criminal Sexual Assault:

The victim alleged a known person sexually assaulted him "too many times to count" at his residence in the 1300 block of Snowberry Ln. The complainant alleged the assaults were witnessed by Kanye West and other celebrities. The victim was transported to Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital for a psychiatric evaluation. Investigation is ongoing.

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Monthly Performance

Activities	Sep 2020	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020	YTD 2020	YTD 2019	Total 2019
Traffic Stops	426	569	481	574	4,646	7,565	7,565
Traffic Citations	196	217	186	283	1,849	4,545	4,545
Traffic Warnings	203	277	240	297	2,516	4,091	4,091
Parking Citations	106	82	145	124	1,293	2,301	2,301
Traffic Crashes	60	74	63	57	688	903	905
Incident Reports	265	265	229	208	2,652	3,058	3,058

Officer Activities

On November 7th, officers were dispatched to the 100 block of W. Hazel Street for a report of shots fired. Officers discovered two houses and one vehicle had been struck by bullets. No people were injured. The investigation revealed two vehicles were involved in the incident and that two occupants in one of those vehicles fired the shots. Over the course of the next few weeks Detectives followed up on the case and identified persons of interest. Detectives learned gang members from West Chicago and Rockford, IL were involved in the shooting. In late November 2020 a joint operation involving members of the West Chicago Police Department and the Rockford Police Department commenced, aimed at locating the suspects. Between late November and early December 2020 four suspects (two from West Chicago, two from Rockford) were located and ultimately charged with numerous felonies in connection with the shooting. Those charges include Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm within 1000 Feet of a School, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Felon and Unlawful Possession of a Weapon by a Street Gang Member in a Vehicle.

On December 25th, Officers Mielke, Richards, Rigler and Moore were dispatched to an apartment in the 500 block of Carriage Dr. for a call of a subject pounding on the windows to an apartment. Upon arrival officers observed a male dragging a female from the common hallway into an apartment. Officers intervened and after a physical struggle with the male, took him into custody. The investigation revealed the male was the ex-boyfriend of the female. He had arrived at the victim's apartment uninvited and insisted on speaking with her. When she refused, the male entered her first floor apartment via an unlocked window. Two of the officers involved in this incident received minor injuries as a result of the suspect actively resisting arrest. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved charges of felony Criminal Trespass to Residence, Aggravated Resisting a Peace Officer and Domestic Battery against the offender. The offender was transported to the DuPage County Jail to await a bond hearing.