

WEST CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT



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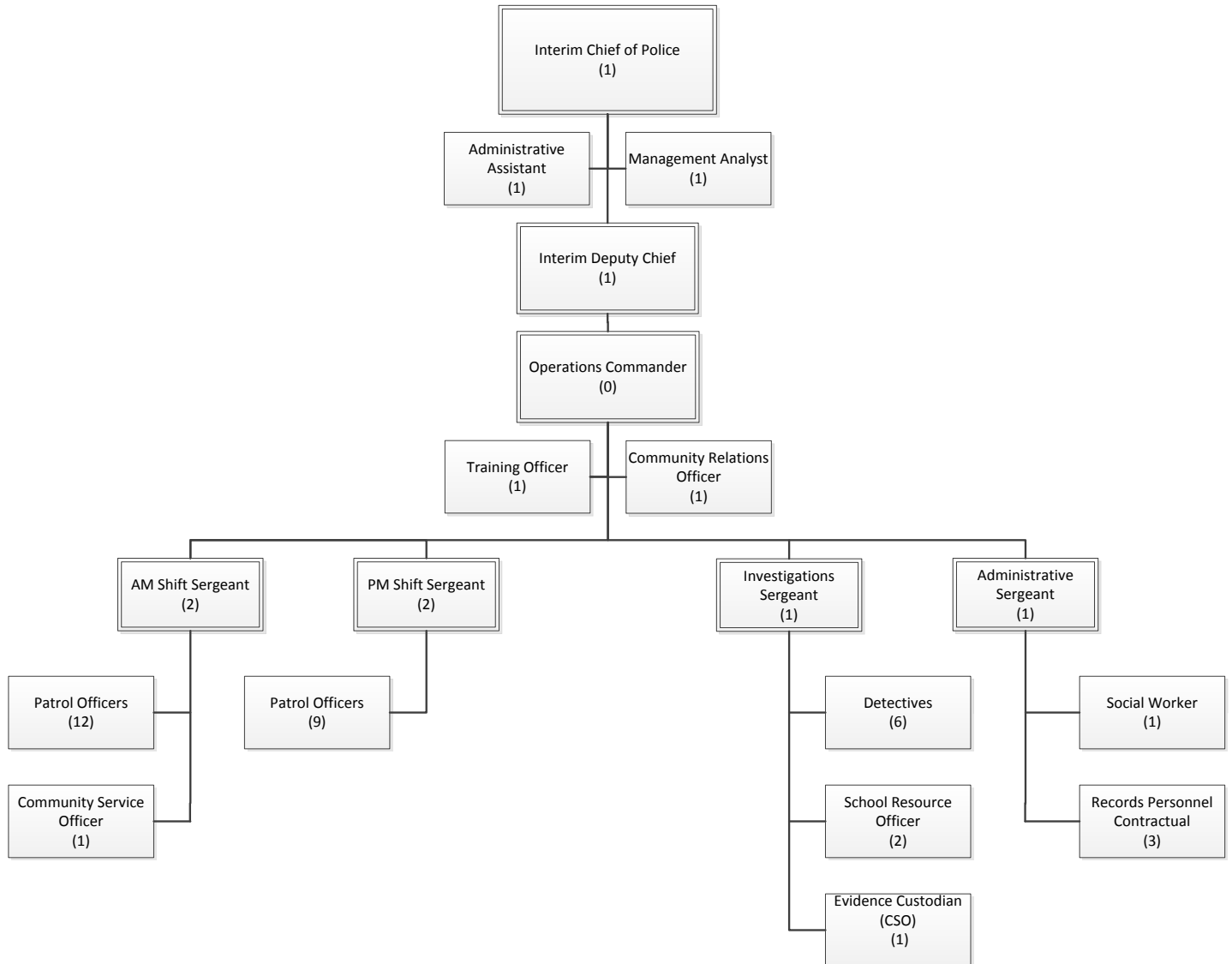
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Organizational Chart

West Chicago Police Department

February 2021



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.

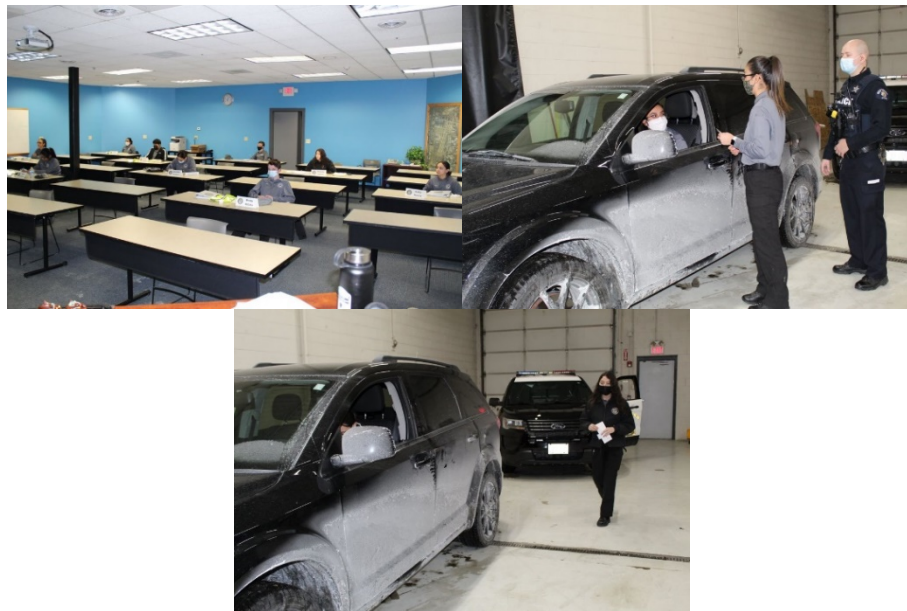
The Support Services Unit consists of Vehicle and Building Maintenance, Records and Social Services. The Operations Unit consists of Uniformed Patrol, Training Officer, Community Relations, Investigations, School Resource Officers, Evidence/Property and Community Service Officers.

Personnel

Effective February 1st, Deputy Chief Shackelford was appointed Interim Chief of Police by Mayor Pineda.



On February 9th, the Police Explorers learned about traffic stops. Officer Rigler assisted Officer Nielsen with this instruction.



Beginning at 9 PM on February 26th, and for the next 24 consecutive hours, Detective Peterson participated in activities related to the annual Super Plunge fundraising event on behalf of Illinois Special Olympics. The efforts raised over \$7,400.00.



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The Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) recognizes law enforcement personnel for milestones regarding impaired driver enforcement through the DUI Pin Award Program. This program was created in 2001. The following milestones were achieved through the end of 2020:

Milestone: 75 Career DUI Arrests

Officer Sauseda
Sergeant Reavley

Milestone: 25 Career DUI Arrests

Officer Richards
Officer Rigler

Special thanks to Sergeant Langelan for coordinating with AAIM to ensure officers are recognized for their efforts regarding this important work.

Personnel were acknowledged during February 2021 for past instances of exemplary performance in the course of their duties.

The following received **Recognition Letters**: Officers Bertany, Berg, Cummings, Eversole, Fuller, Gelsomino, Jones, Kowalik, Landbo, Levato, Nielsen, Smurawski, Winton and Zepeda, Sergeants Langelan and Zurick, Interim Chief Shackelford, Community Service Officer Sollis and Social Worker Rosie Valencia.

The following officers received **Meritorious Conduct** certificates and bars: Detectives Bowers, Calabrese, Flanigan, Herbert, Peterson and Potapczak, Officers Eversole, Sauseda and Schoonhoven and Detective Sergeant Reavley.

The following officers received **Life Saving Awards**: Officers Bertany, Mielke, Moore, Rigler, Sauseda and Schoonhoven.



Criminal Activities

Criminal Damage to Property:

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle in the 100 block of W. Hazel St. Both passenger side tires had been deflated and a passenger side window had been broken by an unknown object.

Person(s) unknown damaged a business in the 100 block of Main St. The complainant alleged that someone tampered with the front and rear door locks. Additionally, someone damaged drywall in the entryway leading to apartments in the building.

Criminal Defacement:

Person(s) unknown spray painted gang-related graffiti on a storage shed located adjacent to the alley in the 800 block of Wendall Ave.

Person(s) unknown spray painted gang-related graffiti on a fence behind a residence in the 800 block of Wendall Ave. While investigating this offense, additional gang-related graffiti was observed to be spray painted on a stop sign at the intersection of Oak St. and Elmwood Ave.

Theft Over \$500.00:

Person(s) unknown removed an engagement ring from a residence in the 1200 block of S. Neltnor Blvd. The \$2,000.00 diamond ring was placed on top of a jewelry box in the victim's bedroom. When the owner returned, the ring was missing. The victim stopped cooperating and wants no further investigation.

Retail Theft:

A known person removed 8 packages of razor blade cartridges from Menard's, located at 220 W. North Ave., and left the store without paying for the items. Amount of the loss is \$297.82. Investigation is ongoing.

Theft of Motor Vehicle:

Persons unknown removed two semi-trucks from a lot in the 1400 block of W. North Ave. The trucks had been parked for an extended period with the ignition keys left on the battery in the engine compartment. Security camera footage show the trucks last seen eastbound on North Ave. On February 20th, one of the semi-trucks was located by the Woodridge Police Department parked in an industrial park. The truck was processed for evidence and released to the owner. Investigation is ongoing.

Fraud:

Person(s) unknown sent a message via WhatsApp to the victim in the 1600 block of Windsor Ct. asking for \$380.00. The victim believed the message was from a friend, prompting her to send the money via the Zell app. The victim subsequently learned her friend had not sent the request.

Person(s) unknown sent a message via WhatsApp to the victim in the 800 block of Lorlyn Dr. asking for \$380.00. The victim believed the message was from a friend, prompting her to send the money via the Zell app. The victim subsequently learned her friend had not sent the request.

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Person(s) unknown sent a message via WhatsApp to the victim in the 500 block of Yale St. asking for \$560.00. The victim believed the message was from a friend, prompting her to send the money via the Zell app. The victim subsequently learned her friend had not sent the request.

Person(s) unknown sent a message via WhatsApp to the victim in the 300 block of Clayton St. asking for \$400.00 and further stating the money would be paid back the next day. The victim believed the message was from a friend, prompting her to send the money as instructed via the Zell app. The victim subsequently learned her friend had not sent the request.

Person(s) unknown opened a checking account with Bank of America using the victim's company name and tax ID number. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown referred the victim to a website, advising the victim he could apply to receive government aid in the amount of \$18,000.00. The victim was instructed to send \$580.00 via bitcoin to the suspect as part of the application process for the alleged aid. After sending the money, the victim asked for a refund; the suspect stopped replying to the victim's messages.

Burglary from Motor Vehicle:

Person(s) unknown entered an unsecured vehicle parked in the 400 block of E. Forest Ave. Numerous power tools, an iPad Pro and two ladders were taken. Loss is estimated at \$2,966.00.

Person(s) unknown entered two unsecured vehicles in the 200 block of N. Oakwood Ave. Cash totaling approximately \$100.00 was removed from the vehicles.

Person(s) unknown entered an unsecured vehicle in the 900 block of Acorn Hill Ln. An iPhone and iPad were taken. Loss is estimated at \$400.00.

Person(s) unknown entered a vehicle in the 1100 block of Natalie Dr. It is unknown if the vehicle had been secured. A credit card was taken. The credit card was subsequently used to purchase gasoline at a gas station in West Chicago. Investigation is ongoing.

Criminal Sexual Assault:

A known person sexually assaulted the juvenile victim at a residence in the 500 block of Fieldcrest Dr. Consistent with protocol, the DuPage Children's Center was contacted to investigate. Investigation is ongoing.

Criminal Sexual Abuse:

A juvenile victim disclosed to a school guidance counselor she had been inappropriately touched over her clothing in 2019 by a person known to her. The counselor notified the District 33 School Resource Officer. It was determined the incident occurred at a residence in the jurisdiction of the DuPage County Sheriff's Office. That agency, along with the Department of Children and Family Services and the DuPage Children's Center, were notified to investigate.

Armed Robbery:

An unknown person met the victim in the 1200 block of Bishop St. to purchase a PlayStation. While the victim was waiting for payment through Apple Pay, the suspect pulled a knife and demanded the gaming system. The suspect left the scene in a vehicle. The payment did not successfully route through the Apple Pay system. Investigation is ongoing.

Aggravated Vehicular Hijacking:

A victim reported an aggravated vehicular hijacking took place in the area of Technology Blvd. and Roosevelt Rd. The victim subsequently admitted that his while his car had in fact been taken by an individual who pulled a gun on him, the suspect is someone to whom the victim owes money for the purchase of illegal drugs. The car apparently had been taken to satisfy the drug debt. Investigation is ongoing.

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Monthly Numbers

Activities	Nov 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	Total 2020
Traffic Stops	481	574	508	447	955	902	4,646
Traffic Citations	186	283	121	109	230	314	1,849
Traffic Warnings	240	297	217	181	398	594	2,516
Parking Citations	145	124	343	264	607	273	1,293
Traffic Crashes	63	69	56	77	133	133	700
Incident Reports	229	208	192	182	374	380	2,652

Officer Activities

On January 28th, 2021 at 7:50 p.m., officers responded to Mapei Corporation, located at 530 Industrial Dr., for a report of a subject who had been shot in the face at close range. Upon their arrival, officers discovered the victim walking in a parking lot, unable to communicate due to his injuries. The investigation revealed the victim had been sitting in his vehicle in the parking lot during his dinner break. Security camera footage captured a suspect exit a SUV that was parked in the lot and approach the driver side of the victim's vehicle. The suspect fired a shotgun once into the vehicle, striking the victim. The victim was transported to a local hospital in critical condition. On February 6th, 2021, officers with the Naperville Police Department observed an SUV that matched the suspect's vehicle from the Mapei shooting. Naperville PD Officers conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and discovered the driver had a revoked driver's license and was taken into custody. The driver was subsequently interviewed by West Chicago PD detectives. A search warrant was executed at the defendant's residence; a shotgun and shotgun shells were found during the course of that search. Detectives re-interviewed the suspect and he confessed to the shooting. The suspect admitted he did not know nor had he previously met or interacted with the victim. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved charges of Attempted Murder and Aggravated Battery with a Firearm. The suspect was transported to the DuPage County Jail to await a bond hearing.

On February 24th, Detectives Flanigan and Calabrese conducted a foot patrol at the Main Street Apartment complex. The Detectives noticed two individuals seated in a vehicle and approached the car. The individual in the driver seat was observed to be holding numerous small baggies containing a white, powdery substance. Officers Hunt and Richards arrived to assist. Contact was made with the occupants and both the driver and passenger were ordered out of the car and searched. Small baggies of apparent illegal narcotics were found on both individuals, who were taken into custody and transported to the Station. A field test on the contents of the baggies indicated the substance contained heroin. The passenger was found to have to have an active, original arrest warrant for burglary issued by the Naperville Police Department. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance against both individuals. The driver was transported to the DuPage County Jail to await a bond hearing, while the passenger was turned over to the custody of the Naperville Police concerning the burglary warrant.