

# **WEST CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT**



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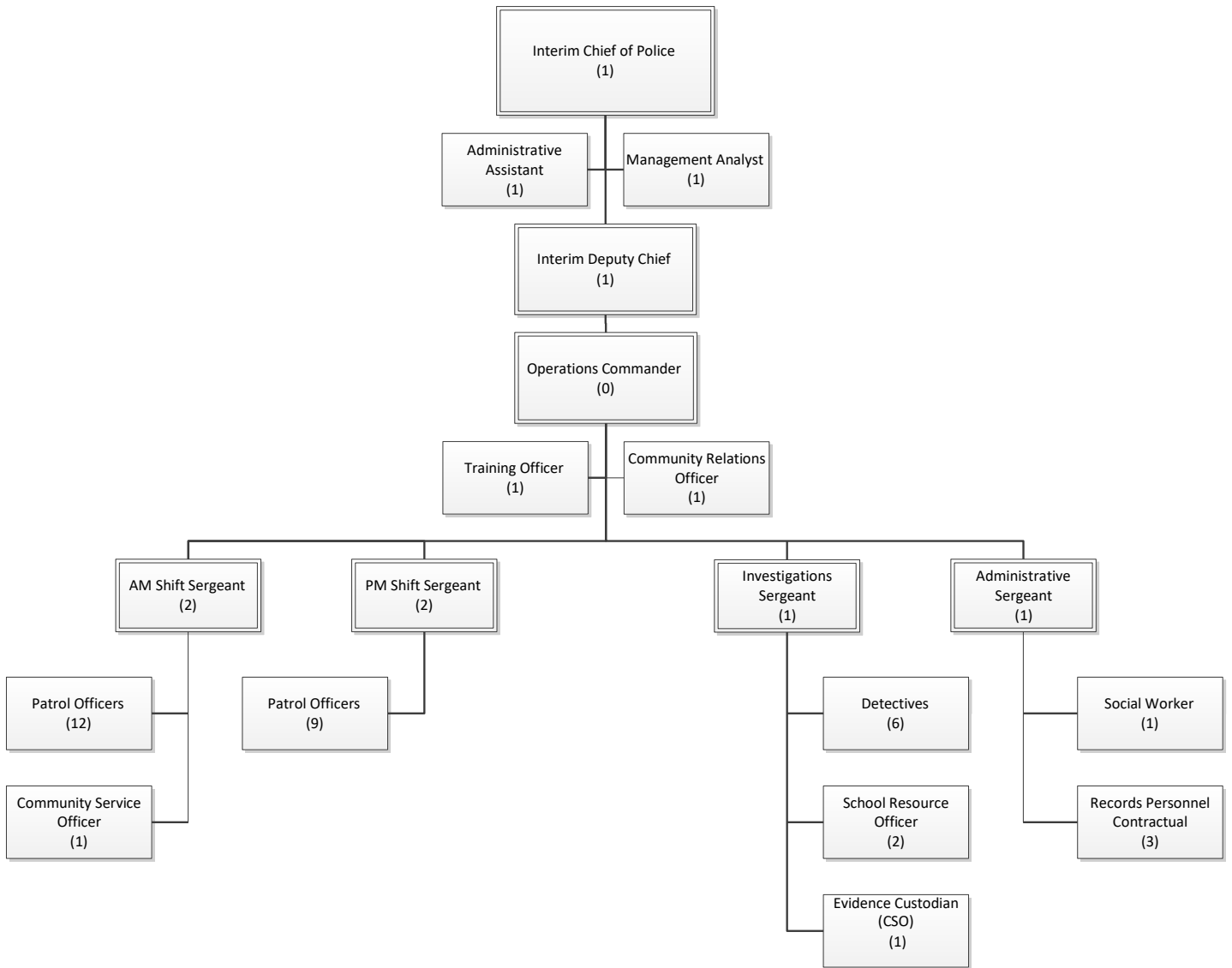
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# Organizational Chart

## West Chicago Police Department

April 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

On April 8<sup>th</sup>, Department personnel participated in the Senior Luncheon held at the West Chicago Park District's ARC Center. On hand representing the Department were Officer Nielsen, Administrative Assistant Bautista, Sergeant Samuel, Interim Deputy Chief Cargola and Interim Chief Shackelford.



On April 13<sup>th</sup>, the Police Explorers learned how to make traffic arrests. Sergeant Samuel assisted Officer Nielsen with this outdoor, hands-on training.



## **Criminal Activities**

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

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle in the 500 block of Carriage Dr. A side-view mirror had been broken by unknown means.

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle in the 500 block of Carriage Dr. The windshield had been struck by an unknown object, causing it to crack.

### **Criminal Defacement:**

Person(s) unknown used a marker to draw gang-related graffiti on an electrical box at the southwest corner of Forest Ave. and Bishop St.

Person(s) unknown spray painted non-gang related graffiti on trailers at a business in the 1700 block of Downs Dr.

Person(s) unknown spray painted gang-related graffiti on a fence on the north side of the Jewel-Osco, located at 177 E. Roosevelt Rd.

Person(s) unknown spray painted gang-related graffiti on a wall of a business in the 300 block of S. Wilson St.

### **Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts/Accessories:**

An unknown person removed the catalytic converter from a vehicle parked in the lot of a business in the 200 block of W. North Ave. A security camera captured the suspect, who exited a white SUV that parked next to the victim's car. The suspect jacked up the victim's car, removed the catalytic converter and left the area in the white SUV.

Person(s) unknown removed the catalytic converter from a vehicle parked in the 900 block of E. Roosevelt Rd.

Person(s) unknown removed the catalytic converter from a vehicle parked in the lot of a business in the 500 block of Shingle Oak Dr.

### **Theft of Motor Vehicle:**

Person(s) unknown removed the victim's vehicle from the 200 block of Red Oak Ct. The owner was unsure as to whether the vehicle had been locked, but was certain all keys for the vehicle were accounted for.

Person(s) unknown removed a vehicle from the 1200 block of Kings Cir. The owner was fairly certain the vehicle was secured. He advised he kept a spare key in the pocket of the driver's side door. At the same time the victim was reporting his vehicle stolen, it was located by officers in Elgin. The vehicle was found alongside a roadway, running and unoccupied. Elgin police officers believe the vehicle had been used during a criminal damage to property and theft of an Automated Teller Machine (ATM) in their jurisdiction. Investigation is ongoing.

**Fraud:**

Person(s) unknown made unauthorized purchases on the victim's PlayStation account. The victim, of the 1000 block of Blakeley St., learned that five purchases totaling \$138.38 were charged to his PlayStation account without his knowledge or approval. The victim removed his credit card information from the account.

Person(s) unknown telephoned the victim at her residence in the 1200 block of Kings Cir. The caller stated that the victim's cousin was being held at O'Hare Airport and needed \$1,200.00 to be released. The victim wired \$1,215.00 to an account in Mexico. The victim later learned the cousin was never at O'Hare Airport.

**Burglary from Motor Vehicle:**

Person(s) unknown entered an unsecured vehicle in the 900 block of Willow Creek Rd. Removed from the vehicle were Apple AirPods, a watch, a pocket knife and an insurance card. Loss is estimated at \$550.00.

Person(s) unknown entered an unsecured vehicle in the 900 block of Lorlyn Dr. Removed from the vehicle were two wallets containing Mexican Matricula Consular Cards and an unknown number of gift cards.

Person(s) unknown entered a secured vehicle in the 200 block of W. Roosevelt Rd. Scratch marks indicated an unknown tool had been used to unlock the vehicle. Wires under the steering column had been cut. Nothing was removed from the vehicle.

**Residential Burglary/Burglary from Motor Vehicle:**

Person(s) unknown entered the unsecured, detached garage of a residence in the 200 block of E. Stimmel St. Removed were three Harley Davidson motorcycle helmets, a pair of gloves, a string trimmer and a toolbox. The complainant also determined a radar detector and watch were missing from a vehicle parked in the garage. Loss is estimated at \$2,370.00.

**Identity Theft:**

Person(s) unknown filed a 2020 Federal Income Tax Return using the victim's information. The victim, of the 1000 block of Knollwood Ln., contacted the Fraud Division of the Internal Revenue Service.

Monthly Report

**Monthly Totals**

Activities	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Apr 2021	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	Total 2020
Traffic Stops	508	447	523	497	1,975	1,334	4,646
Traffic Citations	121	109	144	128	502	486	1,849
Traffic Warnings	217	181	210	247	855	870	2,516
Parking Citations	343	264	374	437	1,418	511	1,293
Traffic Crashes	56	84	50	29	219	207	700
Incident Reports	192	182	304	198	876	844	2,652



## Officer Activities

On April 1<sup>st</sup>, Officers Sauseda, Rigler and Hunt and Sergeant Langelan were dispatched to a residence in the 500 block of Parkside Dr. for a reported overdose. The subject was found lying on the bathroom floor unconscious and not breathing. Officers administered three doses of Narcan and began CPR. These efforts were successful; the subject began to breathe on his own and sat up. The subject was transported by West Chicago Fire Protection District personnel to Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital.

On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Officers Rigler and Jones responded to a call of an injured person in the 200 block of S. Neltner Blvd. It was learned the victim was walking through a parking lot when a grey vehicle pulled into the lot. Three suspects, one who was known to the victim, exited the car and began to speak with the victim. The suspects all began to strike the victim and at one point he was struck in the head with a blunt object, possibly a metal pipe. The suspects fled the scene in the grey car. West Chicago Fire Protection District personnel tended to the victim and then transported him to Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital for further treatment. Officers obtained security camera footage from the Citgo gas station that captured the offense and assisted in identifying the suspects. The victim was interviewed and stated the suspects are known gang members and attacked him due to his affiliation with a rival gang. Detective Calabrese consulted with the DuPage County State's Attorney's Office regarding charges. A charge of Aggravated Battery was approved against the primary aggressor, a juvenile. Charges against the offender were filed with the Juvenile Court.

On April 12<sup>th</sup>, West Chicago Police Department officers responded to calls regarding a shooting in the 200 block of W. Pomeroy Street. Officers learned that a suspect approached a parked vehicle in which four occupants were seated. The suspect proceeded to fire six rounds into the vehicle, striking one of the occupants in the lower back. None of the other occupants were hit. After shooting into the vehicle, the suspect entered a vehicle parked a short distance away and fled the scene. The victim was driven to Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital by the other occupants of the car struck by gunfire. Detectives viewed surveillance videos, conducted numerous interviews and obtained cell phone records. These efforts led to the identification of a suspect, who was taken into custody on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved charges of Aggravated Battery with a Firearm, Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm and Possession of a Firearm by a Street Gang Member. The suspect was transported to the DuPage County Jail to await a bond hearing.