

WEST CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT



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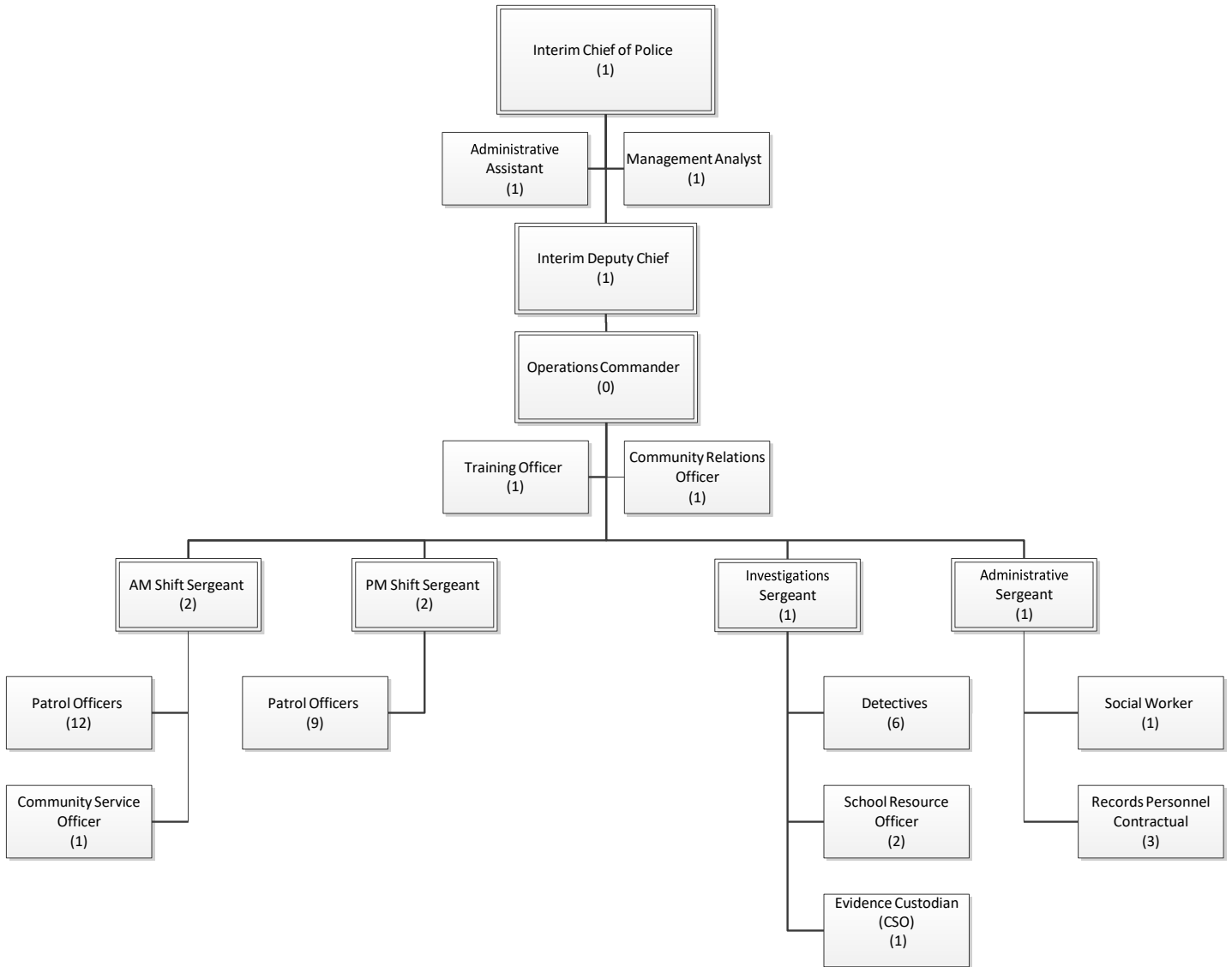
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Organizational Chart

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.

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On May 6th, the West Chicago Police Department Honor Guard participated in Police Memorial ceremonies at the State Capitol in Springfield, IL. Sergeant Reyes and Officers Flanigan and Calabrese participated.



On May 11th, the Explorers met to continue their training regarding traffic stops and traffic arrests. Detective Sergeant Reavley assisted Officer Nielsen with the training.



Criminal Activities

Criminal Damage to Property:

Person(s) unknown damaged a residence in the 900 block of Woodside Dr. A BB shattered the outer pane of a double-pane window.

Criminal Defacement:

Person(s) unknown spray painted gang-related graffiti on the fence of a residence in the 1200 block of Gates St.

Person(s) unknown spray painted gang-related graffiti on the rear doors of a van parked in the driveway of a residence in the 200 block of Glen Ave.

Person(s) unknown spray painted gang-related graffiti on the fence along the alley of a residence in the 100 block of E. Pomeroy St.

Person(s) unknown spray painted gang-related graffiti on the detached garage of a residence in the 100 block of W. Blair St.

Person(s) unknown spray painted gang-related graffiti on the fence along the alley of a residence in the 600 block of Joliet St.

Person(s) unknown spray painted gang-related graffiti on the side of the detached garage of a residence in the 100 block of W. Pomeroy St.

Person(s) unknown spray painted gang-related graffiti on the retaining wall north of the railroad tracks at Geneva St. and Allen Ave.

Person(s) unknown spray painted non-gang related graffiti on the detached garage of a residence in the 200 block of Allen Ave.

Person(s) unknown spray painted gang-related graffiti on the side of a detached garage in the 200 block of Allen Ave.

Person(s) unknown spray painted gang-related graffiti on a detached garage and garbage can at a residence in the 200 block of Joliet St.

Person(s) unknown spray painted gang-related graffiti on two Speed Limit signs in the 800 block of Joliet St.

Person(s) unknown used a marker to write non-gang related graffiti on several benches at Pioneer Park, located at 479 W. Forest Ave.

Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts/Accessories:

Person(s) unknown removed a truck bed liner from a vehicle parked in the 500 block of Parkside Ave. Loss is estimated at \$200.00.

Person(s) unknown removed the catalytic converter from a vehicle parked in the 400 block of Ann St.

Person(s) unknown removed the catalytic converter from a vehicle parked in the Turner Court lot.

Person(s) unknown removed the catalytic converters from two vehicles parked in the 900 block of Lorlyn Dr.

Persons(s) unknown removed the catalytic converter from a vehicle parked in the 400 block of Glen Ave.

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

Theft of Motor Vehicle/Delivery Container Theft:

Person(s) unknown removed a semi-truck tractor from the lot of a business in the 1300 block of W. Washington St. This vehicle was then used to take a 53' enclosed trailer from the lot of a business in the 1100 block of Atlantic Dr. The trailer contained tires. The owner of the tractor was able to track the vehicle using GPS data to a location in Maywood, IL, where the tractor and trailer were located by Maywood Police. It was determined that an unknown number of tires had been removed from the trailer. The vehicle and trailer were processed by an evidence technician and released to the owners.

Fraud:

Person(s) unknown telephoned the victim at her residence in the 200 block of Norris Ave. and claimed to be with ComEd. The victim was told her power would be shut off in thirty minutes if she did not pay \$450.55 using the Zelle app. The victim did as instructed; she subsequently learned that she had been scammed.

Person(s) unknown altered the payee and amount of a check issued by a business in the 1000 block of Carolina Dr. Chase Bank Fraud Services flagged the document as suspicious, after it had been deposited electronically into the bank account of a subject residing in Chicago. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown telephoned the victim at his apartment in the 200 block of N. Neltnor Blvd. and claimed to be with ComEd. The victim was told his power would be shut off in thirty minutes if he did not pay \$1,400.00 using MoneyPak cards. The victim did as instructed; he subsequently learned that he had been scammed.

Person(s) unknown agreed to sell the victim, a resident of the 2900 block of Culver Ln., a vehicle listed for sale on Ebay. The victim sent \$2,000.00 worth of Target and Ebay gift cards to the suspect. After sending the cards, the victim became suspicious and learned the alleged sale was a scam.

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Person(s) unknown emailed the victim at his residence in the 900 block of Jacob Ct. The email claimed to be from LifeLock and stated the victim's bank account was going to be charged \$234.98 unless the victim called a specified phone number. The victim called and was given instructions that ultimately granted the person on the phone remote access to her computer. The victim became suspicious when asked about specific details of her bank account and refused to cooperate further. The victim's bank account was not compromised.

Person(s) unknown emailed the victim at his residence in the 1700 block of Kresswood Dr. The email claimed to be from LifeLock. The victim called a phone number contained in the email and was advised his bank account would be credited for \$50.00 worth of unused identity-protection coverage. The victim was then made to believe a credit of \$5,000.00 was erroneously posted to his bank account and he was responsible for returning the overage of funds to LifeLock. The victim agreed to accomplish the reimbursement via Target, Walmart and Best Buy gift cards. After sending \$8,000.00 worth of gift card information to the suspect, the victim realized the situation was a scam.

Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm:

Person(s) unknown fired several bullets in the direction of a residence in the 900 block of Gates St. An unknown subject in a passing car fired the shots. Investigation is ongoing.

Armed Robbery:

An unknown person entered the Thorntons gas station, located at 1300 S Neltnor Blvd., approached the clerk and extended his arm out, while holding a shiny object the clerk thought was a firearm. The store clerk opened two registers and removed a total of \$500.00, which he gave to the suspect. The suspect then exited the back door of the business and fled the scene westbound on foot. A review of the security camera footage revealed the shiny object was an aluminum beverage can. Investigation is ongoing.

Burglary:

Person(s) unknown entered a property in the 1000 block of W. Washington St. and removed landscaping equipment. The suspect(s) accessed the lot by cutting the padlock that was used to secure the front gate. Numerous pieces of gas-powered landscaping equipment and toolboxes were taken from a trailer parked in the lot. Loss is estimated at \$12,450.00.

Burglary to Motor Vehicle:

An unknown person attempted to burglarize vehicles in the 900 and 1000 blocks of Acorn Hill Ln. The suspect was observed unsuccessfully attempting to open a number of doors on cars parked in the area, prompting a witness to call 911. The suspect was last seen on foot eastbound from the area. A search for the suspect was unsuccessful. A check of the area by officers revealed two unsecured vehicles had been entered by the suspect; nothing was taken.

Person(s) unknown entered an unsecured vehicle in the 1200 block of Thomas Dr. Items were strewn about the car and a \$5.00 Dunkin Donuts gift card had been removed.

Person(s) unknown entered two unsecured vehicles at a residence in the 1100 block of Natalie Dr. Approximately \$20.00 in cash was taken from each vehicle.

Assault:

A known person(s) is alleged to have displayed a handgun at a business in the 1200 block of W. Hawthorne Ln. The suspect and a group of individuals began to verbally argue. At some point, the suspect is alleged to have retrieved a handgun from his vehicle, pointed the gun at the victim(s) and then left the area in his vehicle. The suspect returned to the scene to speak with officers. When a rear door to the suspect's car was opened, a BB gun fell to the ground. The suspect was arrested, transported to the Station and charged with Assault.

Theft Under \$500.00:

Person(s) unknown removed an unsecured bicycle from the Train Depot located at 508 Main St. The owner stored the Trek bicycle at the bike rack on the east side of the Depot and when he returned several days later it was gone. Loss is estimated at \$100.00.

Identity Theft:

Person(s) unknown filed a federal tax return using the complainant's twelve year old child's Social Security Number.

Criminal Sexual Abuse:

A known person is alleged to have approached the victim while at the West Chicago Community High School, located at 326 Joliet St. The suspect is alleged to have rubbed his body against the victim's body for several seconds. The DuPage Children's Center was notified of the incident and is investigating. School personnel advised the Department of Children and Family Services of the allegation.

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Monthly Totals

Activities	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Apr 2021	May 2021	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	Total 2020
Traffic Stops	447	523	497	519	2,494	1,469	4,646
Traffic Citations	109	144	128	151	653	559	1,849
Traffic Warnings	181	210	247	251	1,106	922	2,516
Parking Citations	264	374	437	424	1,842	560	1,293
Traffic Crashes	84	50	45	69	304	254	700
Incident Reports	182	304	198	236	1,112	1,042	2,652

Officer Activities

On May 11th, Officers O'Neil, Kowalik, Zepeda and Bertany and Detectives Peterson, Herbert, Bowers and Calabrese and Sergeants Reavley and Zurick responded to Mr. A's Liquors, located at 110 Arbor Ave., for a report of shots fired. Officers learned that an argument occurred in the store involving some customers. The argument moved to the parking lot and eventually escalated into a physical fight involving three to four people. A witness reported one of the participants eventually pulled a black handgun from his waistband and pointed it at the other subjects. The individual with the handgun fled the area on foot, while the other participants left in a vehicle. The incident was captured by security cameras. Both the victims and suspect were located and interviewed. A .22 caliber handgun belonging to the suspect was recovered. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved charges of Possession of a Firearm without a Firearm Owners Identification (FOID) card, three counts of Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon, Aggravated Assault Using a Deadly Weapon and Possession of a Controlled Substance.

On May 19th, Officers Kowalik and Richards responded to the area of Bishop St. and Forest Ave. for a report of a subject lying on the ground. The subject was located and found to be unresponsive to stimuli. Officers administered two doses of Narcan, prompting the subject to become responsive. West Chicago Fire Protection District medics transported the subject to Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital for treatment.

On May 23rd, Officers Rigler, Sauseda, Cummings and Hunt and Sergeant Langelan responded to a residence in the 400 block of E. Washington St. for a report of a domestic dispute involving a knife. The caller stated he arrived with his two children at the home of his ex-wife to pick up clothing when he was confronted by his ex-wife. The victim alleged his ex-wife began to shout at him, grabbed a large kitchen knife, threatened to kill him and chased him from the residence. The victim got into his car and started to drive away with the suspect chasing him on foot down the alley. The suspect returned to the residence, where the children remained inside. Officers from Warrenville, the DuPage County Sheriff's Office and negotiators from the Metropolitan Emergency Response Team (MERIT) arrived on scene to assist. The suspect allowed the children, who were physically unharmed, to exit the residence. The suspect eventually put down the knife and voluntarily exited the home. She was taken into custody and transported to Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital for a psychiatric evaluation. An arrest warrant was obtained for the suspect for Child Endangerment.