

WEST CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT



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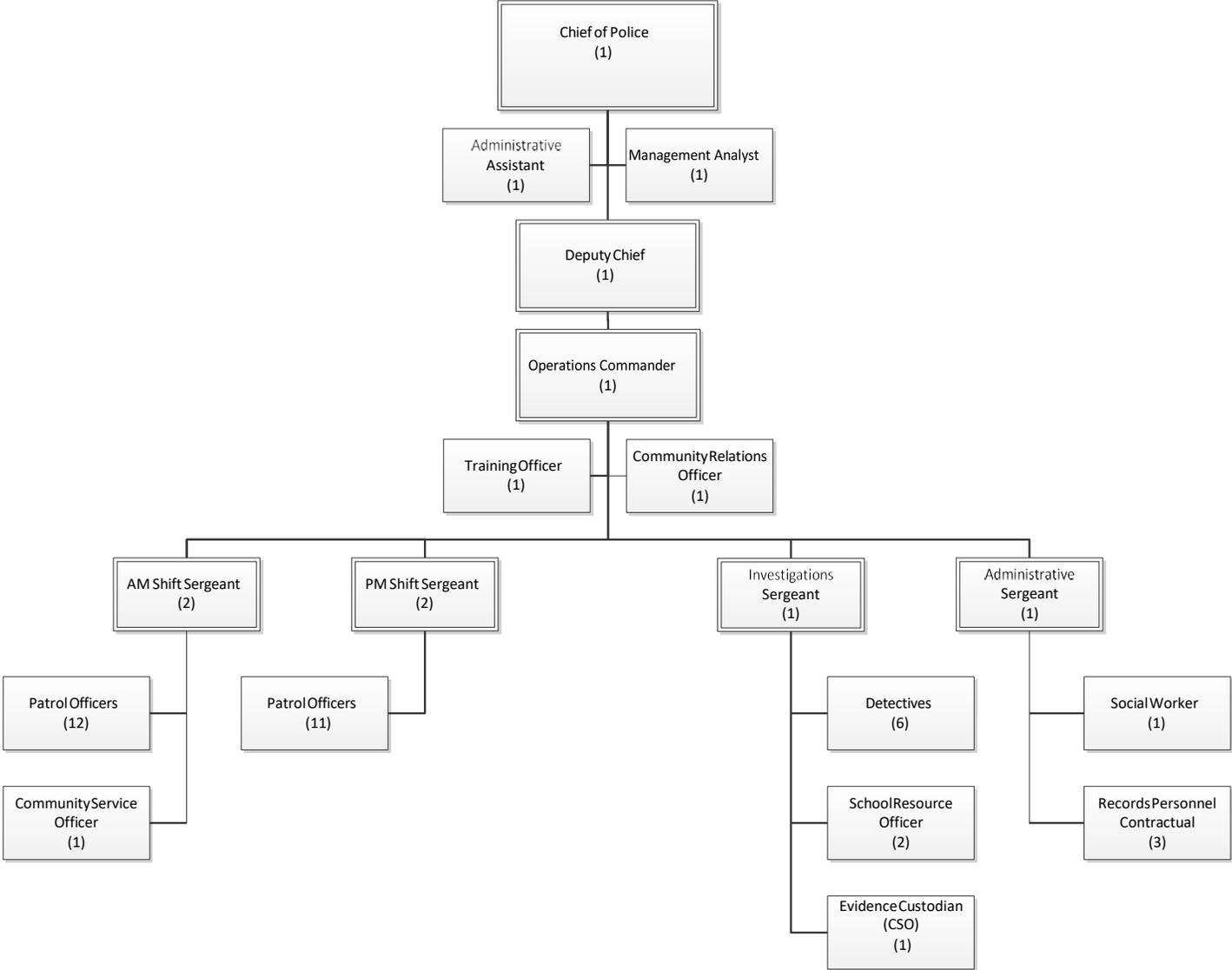
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Organizational Chart

West Chicago Police Department

June 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 divisions in the Police Department: the Office of the Chief of Police, the Operations Division and the Support Services Division.

The primary responsibility of the Office of the Chief of Police is to provide general management direction and control for the Department. The Office of the Chief of Police consists of the Chief of Police, the Management Analyst and the Administrative Assistant.

The Operations Division consists of Uniformed Patrol Officers, Community Service Officers, Detectives, School Resource Officers, Evidence/Property, the Training Officer and the Community Relations Officer.

The Support Services Division consists of Vehicle and Building Maintenance, Records and Social Services.

Personnel

On June 4th, Officer Sara Gelsomino completed her final day with the Department. Officer Gelsomino served the West Chicago community for almost seven years. We wish her well in her future endeavors.



On June 14th, Ludvin Santos-Tejeda was sworn in as a West Chicago Police Officer.



On June 21st, Colin Fleury was sworn in as the new Chief of Police.



Criminal Activities

Criminal Damage to Property:

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle parked in the 600 block of Parkside Ave. The rear window was struck by an unknown object, causing it to break.

A known person damaged a vehicle parked in the 700 block of Forest Ave. All but one window of an SUV was damaged by a paver brick. The suspect was identified based on images captured by a security camera. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle parked in the 100 block of Main St. Two beer bottles were used to break the driver's side window of the car.

Person(s) unknown damaged three vehicles parked in the 500 block of Carriage Dr. The driver's side rear tires of all three cars were flattened by unknown means.

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle in the 500 block of Main St. The paint on the passenger side of the car was scratched using an unknown object.

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle parked in the 400 block of Fremont St. The windshield was broke by an unknown object and a tire was punctured using an unknown object.

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle parked in the 100 block of S. Neltnor Blvd. The passenger side window of a pickup truck was broke by a rock that was found inside the vehicle.

Criminal Defacement:

Person(s) unknown used a marker to draw non-gang related graffiti on the walls of the George Street tunnel.

Person(s) unknown spray painted non-gang related graffiti on the fence of a business in the 600 block of Town Rd.

Criminal Trespass to Residence:

Person(s) unknown forced open the front door of an apartment located in the 1200 block of Kings Cir. The suspects moved some paperwork; nothing was missing.

Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts/Accessories:

Person(s) unknown removed the catalytic converter from a vehicle parked in the 100 block of W. North Ave.

Person(s) unknown removed the catalytic converter from two vehicles parked in the 1200 block of Kings Cir.

Fraud:

Person(s) unknown spoke with the victim, a resident of the 900 block of Lakeside Dr., about a return of merchandise to Amazon. The victim found a telephone number advertised on an internet site as being a point of contact for such returns and initiated the phone call. The victim was told the Amazon account used to make the original purchase had been compromised and she now needed to make payment to secure the account. The victim agreed to purchase \$7,000.00 worth of Target gift cards and provided the redemption codes to the suspect before she realized the phone number was not legitimate and she was the victim of fraud.

A known person met with the victim at his residence in the 2300 block of Elm Rd. The victim agreed to make a \$5,000.00 down payment for the installation of an HVAC system. No work has been done and no materials have been delivered to the victim's home. The victim is unable to make contact with the suspect and the suspect's Facebook page has been removed. Investigation is ongoing.

Credit Card Fraud:

Person(s) unknown used the victim's debit card information to make an unauthorized purchase at a sporting goods store in Indiana. A few days prior, the victim left her purse unattended in the lunchroom of a business in the 1700 block of Downs Dr. When the victim returned, the purse appeared to have been rummaged through and \$200.00 was missing. The victim believes a co-worker photographed/otherwise obtained her debit card information and later used it in Indiana. Investigation is ongoing.

Motor Vehicle Theft:

Person(s) unknown removed a vehicle from the garage of a residence in the 2500 block of Lehman Dr. The overhead garage door had been left open and the keys left in an unsecured SUV. Additionally, the owner's purse was in the vehicle and contained checks, credit cards, and a social security card. One of the credit cards was used to purchase \$1.00 worth of gas at a gas station in Chicago. Investigation is ongoing.

Person(s) unknown took the victim's vehicle from the 200 block of W. Roosevelt Rd. The owner had been making a delivery and left the car running and unsecured while he entered a business. When the owner returned, the car was gone. The vehicle was entered into the Law Enforcement Agencies Data System (LEADS) as stolen. The vehicle was later recovered by the Lake County Sheriff's Department in Wauconda, IL. Investigation is ongoing.

Burglary:

Known persons entered the victim's apartment in the 1200 block of Kings Cir. The victim left the door to her apartment unlocked while running errands. When she returned, the sliding glass door was open, juice and food crumbs were found on the kitchen floor and a tablet valued at \$100.00 was missing. The victim spoke with other residents of the building about the incident; during one of these conversations neighboring children admitted to entering her the apartment. Officers spoke with these children and their parent. The children admitted to entering the victim's apartment, but denied taking the tablet.

Burglary from Motor Vehicle:

Person(s) unknown entered a vehicle parked in the 1600 block of W. Hawthorne Ln. A driver's license and debit card were removed from the vehicle. It is unknown whether the vehicle had been secured.

Person(s) unknown entered a vehicle parked in the 300 block of Arbor Ave. A wallet containing \$300.00 was removed from the car. It is unknown whether the vehicle had been secured.

Theft Over \$500.00:

Person(s) unknown removed a package from the front porch of a residence in the 4 N 100 block of Doral Ln. UPS delivered a box containing a laptop computer. The package was gone when the victim went to retrieve it. Loss is estimated at \$800.00.

Person(s) unknown made over \$4,000.00 in unauthorized ATM withdrawals from the victim's Chase Bank account. The victim, of the 800 block of Wendall Ave., suspects his son or his son's friends of the thefts. Investigation is ongoing.

Theft Under \$500.00:

Person(s) unknown removed the victim's backpack from a laundromat in the 100 block of N. Neltnor Blvd. The victim placed the backpack on a chair and entered the restroom. When he returned, the backpack was gone. The backpack contained the victim's cell phone, his birth certificate and some clothing.

Person(s) unknown removed the victim's property from the ARC Center, located at 201 W. National St. The victim placed his keys, wallet and cell phone in a locker; when he returned they were missing. The wallet contained \$20.00, two credit cards, a debit card and a blank check.

Monthly Totals

Activities	Mar 2021	Apr 2021	May 2021	Jun 2021	YTD 2021	YTD 2020	Total 2020
Traffic Stops	523	497	519	503	2,997	1,567	4,646
Traffic Citations	144	128	151	175	828	631	1,849
Traffic Warnings	210	247	251	194	1,300	955	2,516
Parking Citations	374	437	424	373	2,215	589	1,293
Traffic Crashes	50	46	79	69	384	306	700
Incident Reports	304	198	236	271	1,383	1,233	2,652

Officer Activities

On June 9th, Officers Schoonhoven, Moore and Richards responded to a call of an overdose in the 300 block of E. National St. Upon arrival, officers administered two doses of Narcan to the victim. West Chicago Fire Protection District personnel arrived, assumed care of the patient and transported him to Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital for further treatment.

On June 10th, Officers responded to the area of Joliet St and Geneva St for a report of shots fired. Broken glass and shell casings were located in the 100 block of E. Geneva St. Witnesses reported seeing a white vehicle with a black vinyl top leave the scene at a high rate of speed. The vehicle was located in Wheaton; the owner was interviewed and he provided information on a suspect. Detectives located the suspect at his West Chicago residence and transported him to the Station, where he was interviewed by Detectives Peterson and Herbert. The suspect admitted to the shooting and was charged with Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm into an Occupied Vehicle. As the offender was a juvenile, he was transported to the Kane County Juvenile Justice Center to await a court hearing.

On June 6th, Officers met with a juvenile victim, who alleged she had been forced into a vehicle by her 23-year old ex-boyfriend. Despite her pleas to be let out of the car, the suspect refused to do so. The suspect then drove the victim to Bellwood, IL, where he purchased illicit drugs. The suspect returned to West Chicago and finally allowed the victim to exit the car, at which time she reported the incident to Police. The suspect was located a short time later and interviewed by Detectives Peterson and Herbert at the Station. During the interview, the suspect admitted to engaging in sexual relations with the victim during the course of their relationship. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance and Unlawful Restraint against the offender. The suspect was transported to the DuPage County Jail to await a bond hearing. Additional charges are pending.

On June 21st, Officers Sauseda, Rigler and Hunt responded to the 600 block of Hickory Ln. for a reported burglary from motor vehicle in progress. The caller provided a description of the offender and his vehicle. Officers located the vehicle unattended and running. Numerous items were observed inside the vehicle, including a pile of loose change, a lawn mower, a cell phone and guitar. A subject fitting the description of the suspect was located, detained and transported to the Station, where he was interviewed by Detective Peterson. None of the items located in the suspect's vehicle were determined to have been taken from victims in the City of West Chicago. Detectives utilized Facebook in an effort to identify the owners of the recovered stolen property. Eventually, the property was determined to have been stolen from locations in St. Charles, IL. St. Charles Police were able to provide video of the suspect in their cases, who was wearing clothing that matched that being worn by the subject in the West Chicago case. St. Charles Police Detectives took custody of the suspect and eventually charged him with Residential Burglary.