

WEST CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT



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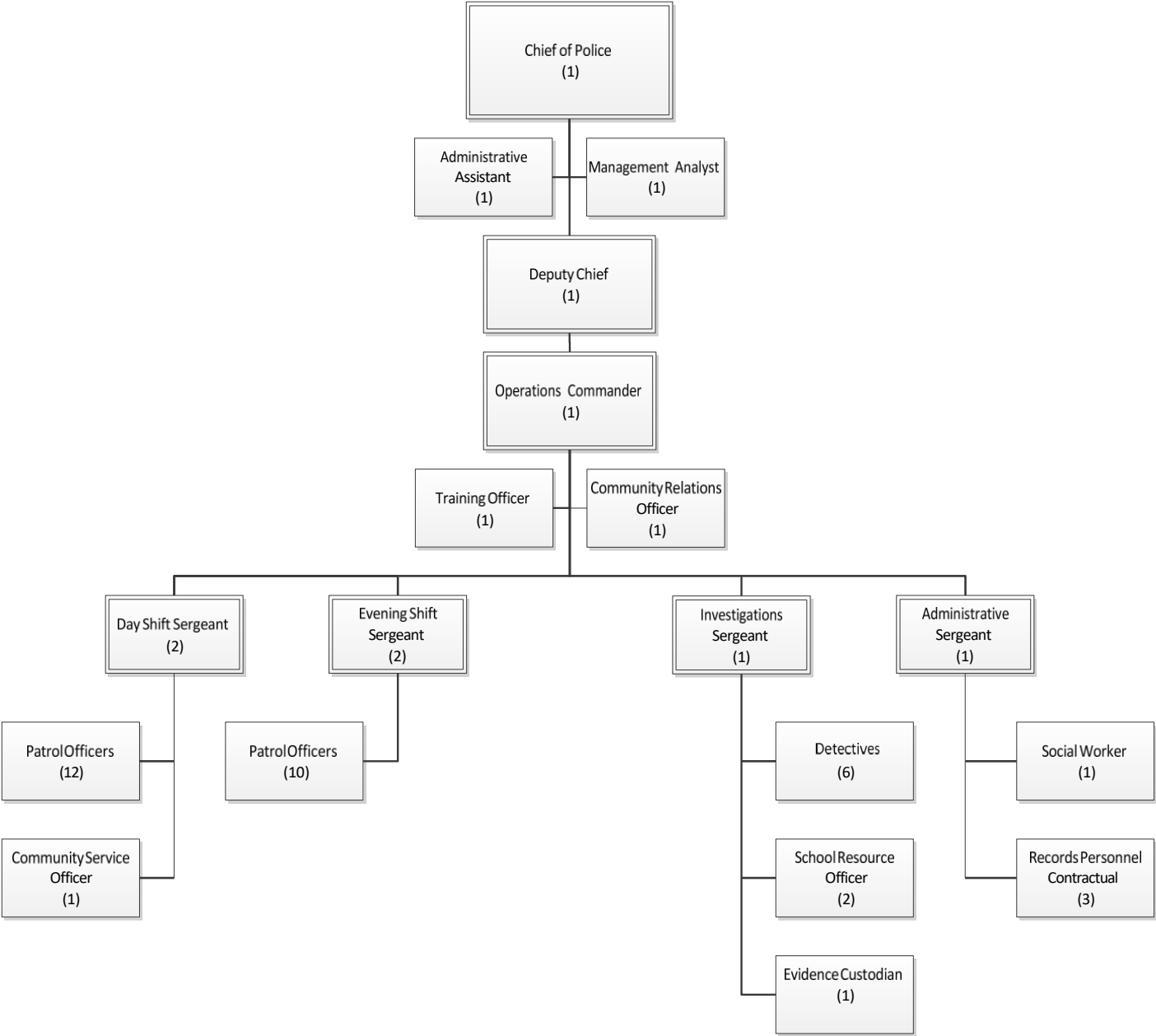
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West Chicago Police Department



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 September 3rd, Dick's Sporting Goods in Geneva made a donation of personal protective equipment and sports bags to the City. Sergeant Samuel, Officer Nielsen and Community Service Officer Sollis all were on hand to accept the generous donation.



On September 12th, Officers of the West Chicago Police Department played the St. Charles Police Department in the Battle of the Badges charity softball game to raise money for the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. The St. Charles Police Department won the game 17-16. The event raised about \$1,000.00 for the Special Olympics of Illinois.



On September 14th, the Explorers met and continued working with defensive tactics. Officer Jones was on hand to provide instruction.



On September 15th, a new Citizens Police Academy Class held its first meeting and trained on responding to calls. On the 29th, the participants met and received training on traffic stops.



On September 24th, Officer Jacobs graduated from the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy. Field Training commenced on September 27th.



On September 30th, Michael Montgomery and Joseph McGuire were sworn in as police officers. They begin the Basic Academy on October 4th.



Criminal Activities

Aggravated Battery:

Person(s) unknown battered the victim in the parking lot of a business in the 1300 block of Harvester Rd. The complainant stated he observed the victim drinking with two other subjects in the parking lot. Later the victim, bleeding and suffering head injuries, entered the complainant's semi-truck and asked for assistance. The intoxicated victim stated he was struck in the head by an unknown type of tool. West Chicago Fire Protection District personnel arrived, administered aid to the victim then transported him to Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital. Investigation is ongoing.

Criminal Damage to Property:

Person(s) unknown damaged a residence in the 400 block of Fremont St. A front window to the house had been shattered by a brick.

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle parked in the 800 block of Burr Oaks Dr. The windshield to the van had been shattered. A rock was found lying on the ground next to the vehicle.

Person(s) unknown damaged an apartment building in the 1400 block of S. Neltnor Blvd. A brick had been thrown through a window adjacent to the front entrance of the building.

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle parked in the 200 block of N. Neltnor Blvd. The rear window to the car had been shattered by unknown means.

Person(s) unknown damaged a business in the 600 block of E. Washington St. Two windows on the east side of the building had been damaged by what is believed to be BBs or other similar projectile(s).

On two separate occasions, person(s) unknown damaged a flag mount at a residence in the 300 block of George St. The flag mount had been broken from the front of the house and the flag was thrown into the street.

Person(s) unknown damaged a vehicle parked in the lot rented by the High School from the City. The paint on the driver's side rear quarter panel was scratched and the passenger side taillight was broken.

Criminal Defacement:

Person(s) unknown spray painted gang-related graffiti on the fence of a residence in the 400 block of Fremont St. Illegible spray painted graffiti was also found on the southwest corner of a building in the 300 block of Spencer St.

Person(s) unknown spray painted gang related graffiti on a Motor Vehicles Prohibited sign in the 1000 block of Gates St.

Person(s) unknown used black and red marker to draw graffiti on a fence behind a residence in the 700 block of Hampton Course.

Fraud:

Person(s) unknown called the victim at her residence located in the 400 block of E. National St. The caller purported to be a police officer with DuPage County. The victim was told she missed jury duty and a warrant was issued for her arrest and she needed to pay \$2,500.00. The victim was instructed to obtain Moneyback cards and mail them to 1500 Pennsylvania Ave. The victim did as instructed, later realizing the call and directions were part of a scam.

Person(s) unknown telephoned the victim at a residence located in the 100 block of Ingaltion Ave. The caller claimed to be an agent for an office of the inspector general and advised there were warrants for the victim's arrest on the charges of money laundering and drug trafficking. The caller asked the victim to provide a social security number to confirm her identity. The caller advised the warrants would be made public or the victim could handle the matter privately. Eventually the victim purchased \$3,000.00 in gift cards and provided photos of the cards to the caller. An agent never showed at the victim's house to clear the matter as had been stated in the call so the victim came to the Police Station to file a report.

Deceptive Practice:

Person(s) unknown presented fraudulent checks drawn on the account of a business located in the 1800 block of Blackhawk Dr. Two checks were issued to a subject who was not an employee of the business. One check was for \$900.00 and the second was for \$600.00. The company's bank stopped payment on these two checks. The victim did additional research and identified a third check in the amount of \$2,300.00 made out to another individual who was not employed by the business.

Motor Vehicle Theft:

Person(s) unknown removed the victim's vehicle from the 900 block of Main St. The victim had parked the truck on the side of the road with the keys in it and exited to pick up fire wood. An unknown suspect entered the truck and drove off westbound on Main St. A check of the area was unsuccessful in locating the vehicle.

Burglary:

Person(s) unknown entered an apartment in the 1200 block of Kings Ct. and removed \$3,900.00 in U.S.C. and a television valued at \$700.00.. The cash had been removed from the victim's bedroom, which was found to have the mattress flipped onto the floor and dresser drawers were open and had been gone through. The victim's nephew was in the apartment during the time frame the items were removed and denies involvement in the loss of the items. The nephew claims he let a maintenance worker in and out of the unit and then fell asleep. Investigation is ongoing.

Burglary from Motor Vehicle:

Person(s) unknown entered a secured vehicle parked in the 500 block of Carriage Dr. Removed were various Dewalt tools, a power drill, a nail gun and an air conditioner valve. Loss is estimated at \$1,670.00.

Theft Over \$500.00:

Person(s) unknown entered a store in the 100 block of W. Roosevelt Rd. and asked to see an iPhone 12. The salesperson placed the boxed phone on the counter. The suspect then asked to see a Galaxy 32 phone. When the salesperson went to get the phone, the suspect took the iPhone and salesperson's personal cell phone and went to exit the store. The door was locked and the suspect kicked the door repeatedly until it opened. The suspect then entered a vehicle and left southbound from the scene. Loss is estimated at \$2,000.00.

Person(s) unknown removed a package from the multi-unit residential building in the 500 block of Main St. The victim received notification that a package had been delivered and placed on a shelf near the mailboxes. When the victim went to retrieve the package it had been opened and a Samsung cell phone had been removed. Loss is estimated at \$800.00.

Person(s) unknown removed packages from the porch of a residence in the 700 block of Elizabeth St. On two separate occasions, the victim received notifications that the packages had been delivered by United Parcel Service. One contained an Xbox, the second contained a PlayStation. The victim stated the packages were either taken or never received. Loss is estimated at \$1,000.00.

Theft Under \$500.00:

Person(s) unknown took the victim's cell phone. The victim and a friend were at a business located in the 100 block of W. Roosevelt Rd and were offered a ride home. The victim accepted and when they arrived in the 400 block of Ann St., the suspect asked them for money. When the victim stated he did not have cash, the suspect took the cell phone, refused to return it and left the area.

Person(s) unknown removed a package containing a mattress from an apartment building located in the 200 block of N. Neltner Blvd. The victim received a notification that the package was delivered. The victim was out and returned half an hour later to find the package was missing. Loss is estimated at \$353.00.

Person(s) unknown removed approximately 25 gallons of water from a City fire hydrant located in the 100 block of W. Roosevelt Rd. The suspect was paving a parking lot and had used the water to fill a steam roller without obtaining permission from West Chicago Public Works. Officers issued the offender a local ordinance citation for Use of City Water Through a Fire Hydrant Without the Authorization of the City.

Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts/Accessories:

Person(s) unknown removed 14 catalytic converters from vehicles parked at a business in the 1000 block of Carolina Dr. Access had been gained by cutting a chain on a gate to the parking lot entrance.

Person(s) unknown removed the catalytic converter from a vehicle parked in the 900 block of Windsor Ct.

Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child:

A known person(s) is alleged to have sexually assaulted a two year old at a residence located in the 300 block of Joliet St. The DuPage County Children's Center was advised of the incident for possible investigation.

A known person is alleged to have touched three girls, ages 8, 11 and 12, in an inappropriate manner at a residence located in the 400 block of W. Blair St. The DuPage County Children's Center was advised of the incident for possible investigation.

Criminal Trespass to Vehicle:

Person(s) unknown entered an unsecured vehicle while it was parked in the 800 block of Burr Oaks Dr. A witness observed the suspect exit her friend's vehicle and then leave the area. The offender was located by officers at Main St. and Easton Ave. The suspect was interviewed and admitted to opening the victim's car door. The suspect was issued a local ordinance citation for Criminal Trespass to Vehicle, provided a hearing date and released from the scene.

Person(s) unknown entered an unsecured vehicle parked in the 700 block of Hillview Ave. The victim heard something in the driveway, looked out a window and saw two individuals in the driveway. One of the subjects had the door to the victim's truck open. The victim shouted to the subjects who then fled eastbound on foot. Nothing is believed to have been removed from the vehicle.

Monthly Totals

| Activities | Jun 2021 | Jul 2021 | Aug 2021 | Sep 2021 | YTD 2021 | YTD 2020 | Total 2020 |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Traffic Stops | 503 | 506 | 456 | 513 | 4,472 | 3,022 | 4,646 |
| Traffic Citations | 175 | 275 | 155 | 141 | 1,399 | 1,254 | 1,849 |
| Traffic Warnings | 194 | 155 | 176 | 242 | 1,873 | 1,702 | 2,516 |
| Parking Citations | 373 | 230 | 382 | 235 | 3,062 | 942 | 1,293 |
| Traffic Crashes | 81 | 57 | 78 | 56 | 587 | 494 | 700 |
| Incident Reports | 271 | 283 | 209 | 248 | 2,123 | 1,950 | 2,652 |

Officer Activities

On September 4th, officers were dispatched to the area of the Town & County Apartments for a reported suspect with a gun. The caller further advised the suspect entered a black pickup truck occupied by three individuals and then left the scene. A vehicle matching the description provided by the caller was observed travelling at a high rate of speed westbound on Roosevelt Rd. The truck fled and was pursued to the 1500 block of Kirkwood Dr. where the occupants of the vehicle abandoned the truck and fled on foot. Geneva and St. Charles Police Department personnel assisted and four subjects were taken into custody. One subject admitted to hiding the pickup truck key that were later recovered. All four were transported to the Police Station where detectives assisted with interviews. No firearm was ever located and the alleged victim was uncooperative. One individual in custody did admit to driving the truck. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved charges of Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding against the driver. The offender was fingerprinted, photographed and transported to the DuPage County Jail.

On May 14th, officers responded to an alarm call at a business located in the 700 block of E. Roosevelt Rd. A search of the property was successful in locating a suspect hiding under a truck. Assistance was obtained from neighboring police department personnel to search the remaining area. A second subject in possession of Hackzell blades was found hiding under a trailer. A backpack containing a Hackzell, Hackzell blades and gloves were found under the trailer. The subjects were taken into custody and transported to the police station to be interviewed by Detectives Peterson and Herbert. Detective Herbert learned that one of the subjects had been selling catalytic converters. The second suspect admitted they were on the property with the intent to steal catalytic converters. Both subjects were released from custody pending the obtaining of additional information. Investigation discovered that one of the suspects had sold numerous catalytic converters to a business in Elburn, IL. Detective Bowers obtained cell phone data from the suspect's phone that showed him in the area of a number of catalytic converter thefts. It was further learned that the suspect was the possible offender of catalytic converter thefts in Naperville, Warrenville, and Yorkville. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved a charge of Attempt Unlawful Possession of a Stolen Vehicle or Essential Part against the two suspects. Warrants were obtained. On September 19th, Aurora Police Department personnel arrested one of the suspects for Driving While License Suspended and discovered the suspect was wanted on the West Chicago warrant. The suspect was transported to the West Chicago Police Station, fingerprinted, photographed, posted bond and was released from custody.

On July 1st, a suspect entered a gas station located at 60 W. Roosevelt Rd. by using an unknown pry to force open the back door to the business. A door to a garage/shed behind the business had also been forced open. Removed from inside the gas station was a cash register containing \$1,500.00 in U.S.C. Taken from the garage/shed was a box containing \$2,500.00 in cigars and glass pipes. The gas station's surveillance system captured images of the suspect. On July 13th, Detective Herbert requested the suspect's image(s) be posted on the Department's Facebook page seeking information about the burglary. A citizen contacted the Department and provided a possible name for the suspect. Further investigation determined the suspect had been arrested by this Department's personnel and was previously interviewed. The clothing worn in the arrest interview and the clothing worn by the offender during the burglary were an identical match. Furthermore booking photos and social media posts of the suspect were a match to the surveillance video captured at the gas station. It was found that the suspect was wanted on a warrant for Domestic Battery that occurred in West Chicago. Information was received on a possible address for the suspect in Aurora. On September 21st, Detectives Peterson, Bowers and Herbert began conducting surveillance of the address in Aurora. The suspect entered the passenger side of a vehicle. As the car left the residence it was stopped by detectives who confirmed the passenger was the suspect. He was arrested on the warrant and transported to the Police Station to be interviewed. The suspect admitted to committing the burglary, stated how he committed the crime and what items and

money he took. Additionally the suspect admitted to committing a burglary to a car wash in the 1300 block of S. Neltnor Blvd. by burning a hole in the garage door and taking \$70.00 from the register. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office approved a charge of Burglary against the suspect who was fingerprinted, photographed and transported to the DuPage County Jail.

On September 5th, Officers Eversole, Moore, Winton and Schoonhoven and Sergeant Gaztambide responded to a reported disturbance in the 200 block of Joliet St. The complainant stated a subject pointed a black handgun at him before fleeing the scene. A subject fitting the description of the suspect was located by Officer Eversole on Allen Ave. and taken into custody. The victim advised he is a landlord for properties on Joliet St. and has had problems with the suspect. The victim advised the intoxicated suspect that he was no longer welcome on the properties. The suspect left, but later returned, produced a gun and pointed it at the victim before leaving the area. While searching the area, a neighbor approached officers and advised the suspect had also showed the gun to his son. As the suspect was reported to be armed, a K9 unit from Hanover Park responded to the scene and led officers to a location in the rear of a residence in the 200 block of Joliet St. where the gun was located. The gun was later determined to be an Airsoft pistol. The subject was transported to the Police Station. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office declined felony charges against the suspect. The offender was charged with Aggravated Assault and Disorderly Conduct, fingerprinted and photographed. The suspect was also served with a Criminal Trespass Letter advising that he was no longer to be on the victim's properties or he would be arrested for Criminal Trespass.

On September 30th, Officer Alaniz responded to the 1200 block of Bishop St. for a report of someone sleeping behind the wheel of a car. Upon arrival, two individuals were occupying the vehicle. Both were hunched over, unconscious with labored breathing. After checking for pulses on both subjects, a dose of Narcan was administered to the passenger. Officer Smurawski arrived on scene and administered Narcan to the driver. West Chicago Fire Protection District personnel arrived, administered aid to the vehicle occupants and then transported them to Northwestern Medicine Central DuPage Hospital.