

CITY OF WEST CHICAGO

WHERE HISTORY & PROGRESS MEET

NOTICE

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**Monday, March 18, 2024
6:15 P.M. – Council Chambers**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum
2. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Public Affairs Committee of February 19, 2024
3. Public Participation / Presentations
4. Items for Consent
5. Items for Discussion
 - A. Forest and Bishop Street Crosswalk
6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
8. Reports from Staff
 - A. West Chicago Police Department Monthly Report
9. Adjournment

MINUTES

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Monday, February 19, 2024 6:15 P.M.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Establishment of a Quorum.

Chairman Chassee called the meeting to order at 6:15pm. Roll Call found Alderman Brown, Hallett, Birch Ferguson and Smith.

Alderman Short arrived at 6:18pm.

2. Approval of Minutes.

A. Public Affairs Committee Minutes of December 18, 2023. Alderman Hallett made a motion, seconded by Alderman Birch Ferguson to approve the minutes of the Public Affairs Committee meeting. Voting Aye: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Brown, Hallett, Birch Ferguson, Smith and Short. Voting Nay: 0. Abstain: 0. Motion carried.

3. Public Participation / Presentations.

4. Items for Consent.

A. Resolution No. 24-R-0017 - A Resolution Approving a Master Service and Purchasing Agreement with Axon Enterprises, Inc. for the Axon Fleet 3 In-Car Camera System - Alderman Birch Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Brown to direct this item to City Council for approval. Voting Aye: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Brown, Hallett, Birch Ferguson, Smith and Short. Voting Nay: Abstain: 0. Motion carried.

B. Resolution No. 24-R-0016 – Extension of Ride DuPage Transportation Program Alderman Birch Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Brown to direct this item to City Council for approval. Voting Aye: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Brown, Hallett, Birch Ferguson, Smith and Short. Voting Nay: Abstain: 0. Motion carried.

C. Blooming Fest - Alderman Birch Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Birch Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Brown to direct this item to City Council for approval. Voting Aye: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Brown, Hallett, Birch Ferguson, Smith and Short. Voting Nay: Abstain: 0. Motion carried.

D. Food Fest - Alderman Birch Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Birch Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Brown to direct this item to City Council for approval. Voting Aye: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Brown, Hallett, Birch Ferguson, Smith and Short. Voting Nay: Abstain: 0. Motion carried.

E. Frosty Fest - Alderman Birch Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Birch Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Brown to direct this item to City Council for approval. Voting Aye: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Brown, Hallett, Birch Ferguson, Smith and Short. Voting Nay: Abstain: 0. Motion carried.

F. Stations of the Cross – St. Andrews Lutheran Church - Alderman Birch Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Birch Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Brown to direct this item to City Council for approval. Voting Aye: Chairman Chassee, Alderman Brown, Hallett, Birch Ferguson, Smith and Short. Voting Nay: Abstain: 0. Motion carried.

5. Items for Discussion

6. Unfinished Business.

7. New Business.

8. Reports from Staff.

- A. West Chicago Police Department Monthly Report
- B. People Made Visible Fiscal Year 2023
- C. Phalen Consulting, Inc. FY2023

9. Adjournment. Alderman Birch Ferguson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Hallett. The motion approved by voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Yahaira Bautista

Administrative Assistant to Chief of Police
West Chicago Police Department



WEST CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Colin Fleury
Chief of Police

Date: 03-13-24
To: Public Affairs Committee
From: Chief Colin Fleury
Subject: Forest and Bishop crosswalk

The attachments and information below are some options for crosswalk safety for the intersection of E Forest and Bishop. We are still awaiting updated quotes for options 1 and 2.

1. **HAWK Beacons**

HAWK (high-intensity activated crosswalk beacon) systems are designed to alert drivers of marked crosswalks. Installation of a HAWK system has been shown to reduce pedestrian-related crashes by up to 69%.

The HAWK system looks similar to a railroad crossing, with all the lights remaining dark when there are no pedestrians waiting to cross. Once the system is activated by a pedestrian via a touch button, the bottom beacon turns to a flashing yellow light, then solid yellow, indicating drivers to prepare to stop. This yellow bottom beacon will turn off, while the top two beacons turn to a solid red, indicating that the driver must come to a complete stop. Finally, both top beacons will alternately flash red, indicating that the driver has permission to proceed through the crosswalk if it is clear.

From the pedestrian's point of view, the HAWK crosswalk system functions the same way as a traditional signal-controlled crossing, using walk or don't walk symbols on both sides of the crosswalk, facing the pedestrians.

Applications

- High speed roadways
- Mid-block crosswalks
- High volume crosswalks
- School zones

2. **TS40 "STATE LAW STOP FOR PEDESTRIANS" Flashing Solar LED Edge Lit Sign (R1-6A)**

General Description

The TS40 conforms to the specifications of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) set forth in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). Using the latest advances in LED technology, the TS40 employs a set of synchronized high-intensity LEDs to extend the

range of visibility of the sign during the day, night and under the worst weather conditions. Furthermore, the LEDs are flashed, which increases driver awareness of the sign and improves driver compliance. Typical pedestrian applications include: mid-block crosswalks, school zones, shopping malls and hospital parking lots. Typical traffic control applications include: dangerous intersections, roads with excessive speeding, and areas with dense fog.

High Visibility

- Type IX reflective sheeting provides outstanding reflective brightness, day or night.
- High intensity LEDs extend the visibility of the sign under all weather conditions.

Superior Performance

- Low power LED technology reduces system power consumption and operating cost.

Outstanding Durability

- Highway grade .080 aluminum construction provides resistance to corrosion.
- The use of highway grade Type IX sheeting helps to maintain long term reflectivity.
- Stainless steel security fasteners and Tufnut anti-theft mounting hardware included to keep the sign secure.
- Signs are weatherproof to prevent outside elements from entering the internal casing.

Features

- MUTCD section 2A.07 and 2A.08 compliant.
- Made in the USA with the longest warranty in the industry.
- Improves driver compliance both day and night.
- High visibility, low power consumption.
- Fast, easy installation, low maintenance.
- Field adjustable LED flashing duration (30 seconds standard).
- Vandal-resistant mounting hardware included.
- Multiple power options available: Power Grid (AC), Solar (DC), or Battery (DC).

3. In-Street Stop For Pedestrians Crossing Sign with 28lb. Rubber Base

<https://www.safetysign.com/products/10912/double-sided-crossing-panel?s=st1zskcxwgzgprjnzbp17p>

Details

Yield To Pedestrian - Crossing Panel

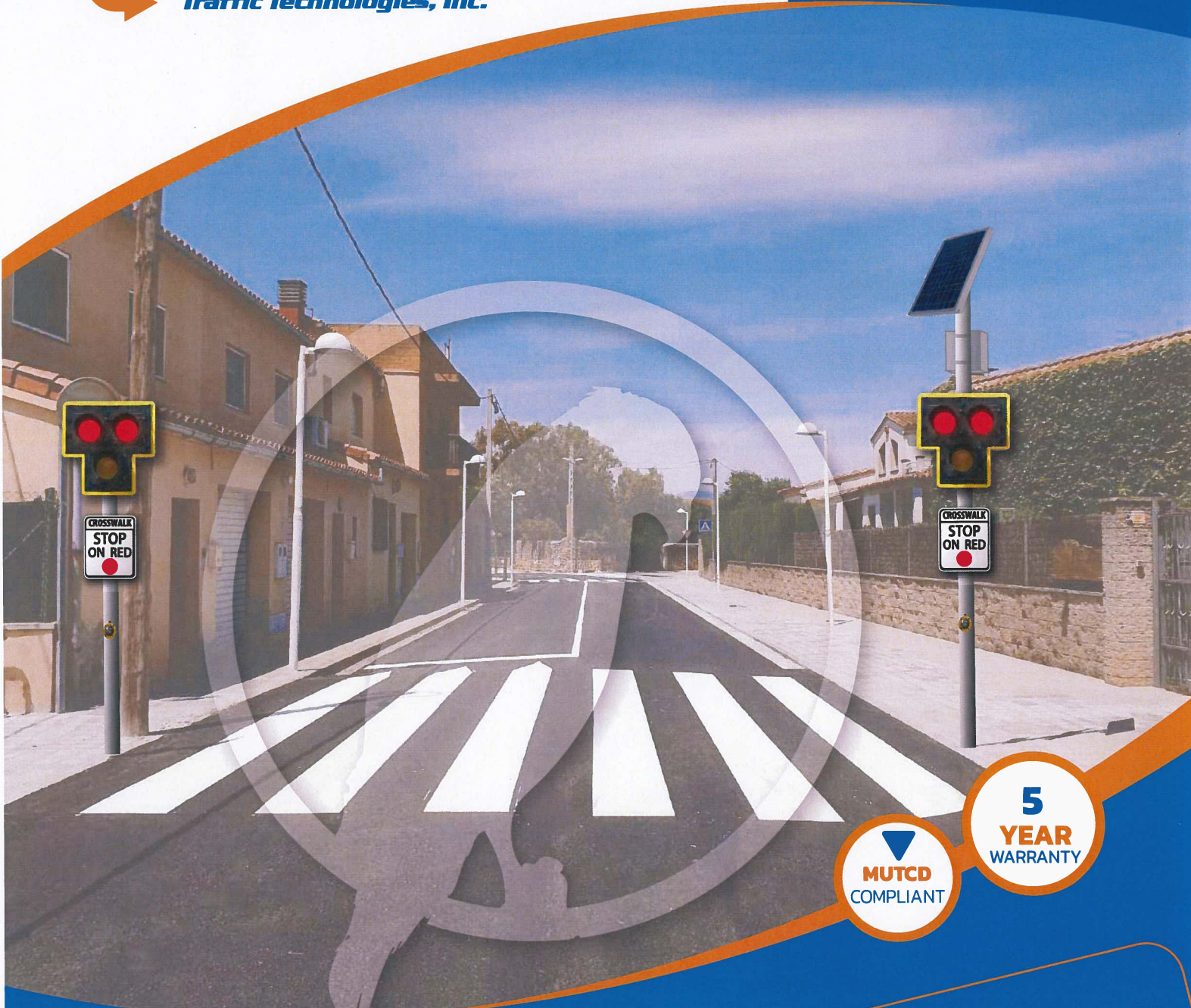
This In-Street Pedestrian Crossing Sign with 28lb. Rubber Base is MUTCD compliant for safety protocol and compliance on roadways and in parking lots. A In-Street Pedestrian Crossing Sign with 28lb. Rubber Base is a useful device to help display official regulations and provide mandatory information to drivers and pedestrians on both public and private roadways and parking areas.

36" x 12" Vertical Panel Barricade Yield to Pedestrians with 28lb. recycled rubber base.

- This Panel is Double Sided (same information printed on both sides)
- State Law Yield to Pedestrians Within Crosswalk Panel **meets MUTCD Standard 33136-LDG43 ONLY if placed on a physical island.**
- Use in Parking Lots and / or Private Facilities.
- Durable blow molded polyethylene panels and recycled rubber bases.
- To assemble, simply step and lock the vertical panel into the base.
- For transportation and storage, both the panels and bases can be easily separated and stacked.
- The panel separates from the base when impacted by a vehicle.

- The panel face is recessed to minimize abrasions and scratches to the expensive reflective sheeting.
- Bases are made from 100% recycled rubber(Weight 28 lbs.)
- Made from 100% recycled rubber, the base incorporates two easy-grip carrying handles.
- On the under side of the base, there are four raised anti-rotational foot pads to minimize movement from wind, or turbulence from passing vehicles.
- **Panel Dimensions:** 12" wide x 36" high x 2" thick with Yellow/Green Diamond Grade Reflective Sign (Yield to Pedestrians)
- **Rubber Base Dimensions:** 17-1/2" wide x 27" long x 3" thick x 28 lbs.

Price per Unit \$355.30



HAWK Crosswalk Systems

Autonomous Solar or hardwired AC



- Hybrid
- High Intensity
- Pedestrian Crosswalks


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PEDESTRIANS

SEE THIS

DO THIS



PUSH button to call for **WALK** signal



WAIT for signal to change



WAIT for traffic to change to **RED**



Proceed with **CAUTION** after you see the **WALK** signal (make sure traffic has stopped)



Continue crossing with **CAUTION** (Flashing hand)

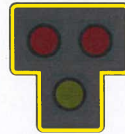


PUSH button to call for **WALK** signal

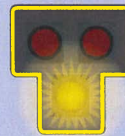
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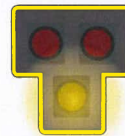
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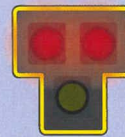
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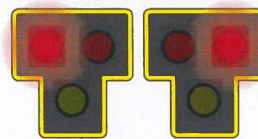
Proceed with **CAUTION** (Flashing yellow. Signal has been activated)



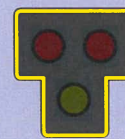
SLOW down and prepare to **STOP**



STOP!



STOP! (Alternating red) Then proceed with **CAUTION** if crosswalk is clear



Proceed

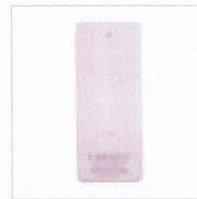


Products

Flashing Solar LED Traffic Signs

Stop Signs

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- MUTCD section 2A.07 and 2A.08 compliant



- Fast, easy installation, low maintenance
- Solar or AC powered
- Size: 12" x 36".
- [Download Data Sheet \(PDF, 731KB\)](#)

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Why Our Signs are Better

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Fast, easy installation, low maintenance.

Field adjustable LED flashing duration (30 seconds standard).

Vandal-resistant mounting hardware included.

Multiple power options available: Power Grid (AC), Solar (DC), or Battery (DC).

Solar TS40

A solar powered TS40 is available that features off-grid power generation and independent flashing control.

Features

Solar powered with battery backup, no AC power required.

Autonomy after full charge, up to 12 days flashing 24/7.

MUTCD section 2A.07 and 2A.08 compliant.

Installs easily onto any new or existing sign post.

At night, automatic LED dimming reduces glare for motorists and extends battery life

High intensity LEDs flash in unison, once per second, commanding the attention of drivers day and night.

Activation options: Continuous 24/7 Flashing, Programmable Timer, or Wireless Push-button.





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Item #: X5663
Kit Reads: State Law Stop for Pedestrians
Kit Design: 12 x 36" Panels + 28 lbs. base
Compliance: MUTCD R1-6

Note: The 12 x 36" plastic panel safely separates from its base when impacted by a vehicle. Panel weighs 8 lbs. and the rubber base weighs 28 lbs.

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In-Street Stop For Pedestrians Crossing Sign with 28lb. Rubber Base

MUTCD R1-6a

5 Reviews

Size: 12 x 36" Panel + 28 lbs. Base

Material: Fluorescent Diamond Grade Reflective Sheeting Mounted to Double-Sided Plastic Frame ⓘ

Packaging: Sold Individually - Panel and Base included. Mounting hardware is Not required. Ships in 2 separate packages.

Price: \$355.30

Qty	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-19	20-39	40+
Each	\$355.30	\$348.20	\$341.25	\$334.40	\$327.75	\$321.15

Qty

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WEST CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT



FEBRUARY 2024
Colin Fleury, Chief of Police

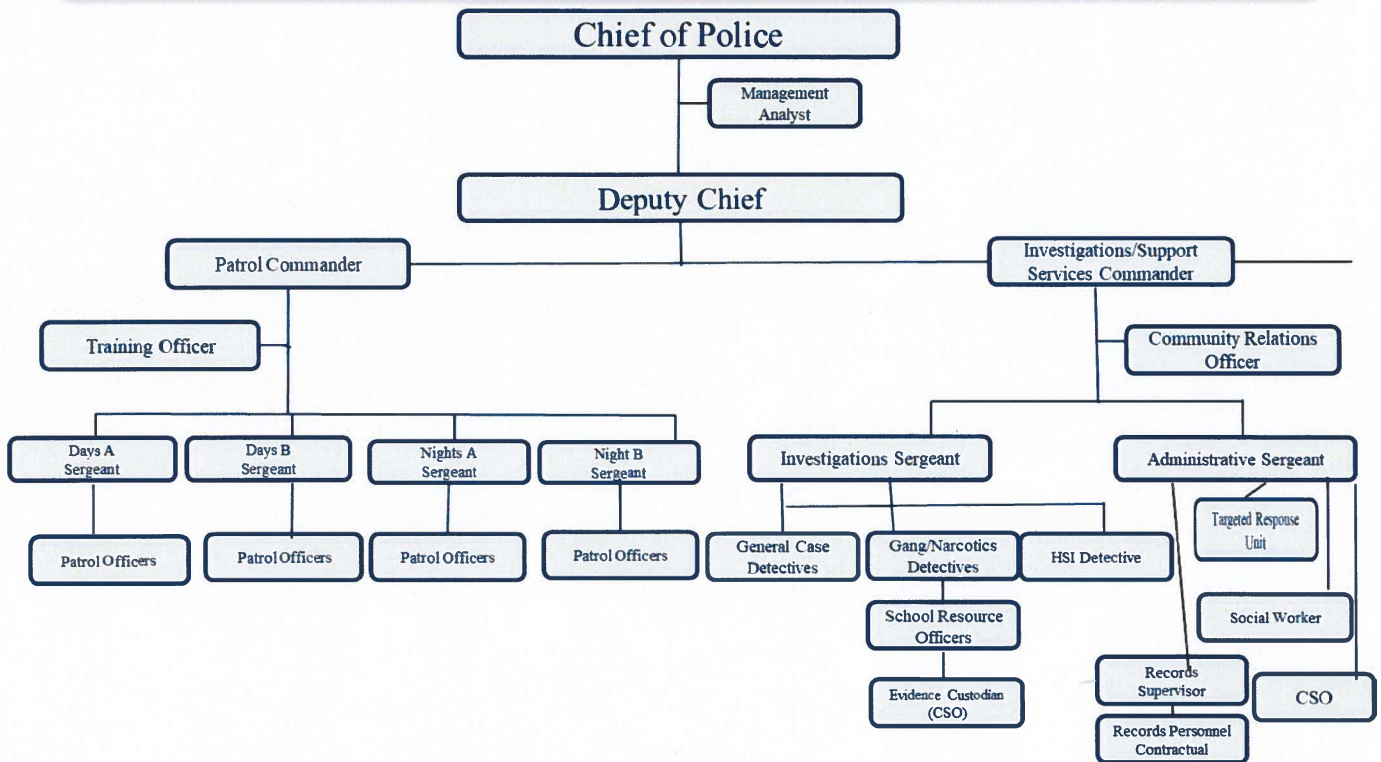
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Organizational Chart

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 divisions in the Police Department: the Office of the Chief of Police, the Patrol Division, and the Investigations/Administrative 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 Deputy Chief of Police, and the Management Analyst.

The Patrol Division consists of Uniformed Patrol Officers, a Community Service Officer, and a Training Officer.

The Investigations/Administrative Division consists of Detectives, School Resource Officers, Evidence/Property, the Targeted Response Unit, the Community Relations Officer, the Administrative Sergeant, the Records Unit, and Social Services.

Personnel

On February 8th, the Carbonara Family and the entire DuPage Cremations and Memorial Chapel staff donated an updated alarm and safety device to the Department for K9 Kane's vehicle. This alarm system monitors vital components inside the vehicle. If an alarm condition is detected, Officer Sauseda will receive an alert, and various safety features will automatically activate. For example, if the interior becomes too hot for Kane, windows will roll down, and fans will turn on. West Chicago Police Department personnel thank DuPage Cremations and Memorial Chapel staff for their support and thoughtfulness in ensuring Kane's safety.



On February 29th, members of the West Chicago Fire Protection District Honor Guard and the West Chicago Police Department Honor Guard posted the colors at Lemay Middle School for the Pack the Gym Basketball Game. Thanks to everyone who attended and helped support the Unified Teams basketball program.



Criminal Activities

Criminal Damage to Property:

#2400170 Person(s) unknown threw a brick at a garage in the 800 block of Brentwood Dr., causing a dent.

Criminal Defacement:

#2400202 Person(s) unknown spray-painted gang-related graffiti on a stop sign at York Ave. and Arbor Ave.

#2400228 Person(s) unknown spray-painted gang-related graffiti in multiple locations of an apartment complex in the 1200 block of Kings Cir.

#2400257 Person(s) unknown spray-painted gang-related graffiti on a fence in the 200 block of York Ave.

#2400258 Person(s) unknown spray-painted gang-related graffiti on a garage in the 200 block of Arbor Ave.

#2400259 Person(s) unknown spray-painted gang-related graffiti on the rear fence of a residence in the 200 block of Arbor Ave.

#2300260 Person(s) unknown spray-painted gang-related graffiti on a utility pole at Arbor Ave and McConnell Ave.

#2400261 Person(s) unknown spray-painted gang-related graffiti on a fence covering garbage bins in the 200 block of Arbor Ave.

#2400262 Person(s) unknown spray-painted gang-related graffiti on a garage in the 300 block of Fremont St.

#2400263 Person(s) unknown spray-painted gang-related graffiti on the fence in the alley of the 300 block of Arbor Ave.

#2400264#2400267 Person(s) unknown spray-painted gang-related graffiti on two fences in an alley in the 100 block of E. York Ave.

#2400266 Person(s) unknown spray-painted gang-related graffiti on the street signs at Grand Lake Blvd. and Fremont St.

Theft:

#2400154 Person(s) unknown took two trash containers from an alley in the 500 block of Elite Ave. worth \$100.00.

Burglary:

#2400181 Person(s) unknown entered the victim's storage unit of an apartment building in the 200 block of N. Neltnor Blvd. The suspects cut the storage unit's lock, which was missing. Items

stolen included two space heaters, paperwork, and a Christmas tree.

#2400244 A known person removed jewelry from a residence in the 300 block of Chippewa Ln. The victim contacted the suspect about an estate sale. The suspect walked through the residence and photographed items. When the suspect left the residence, the victim noted that two fabric bags containing jewelry were missing from her bedroom. The estimated cost of the stolen jewelry is over \$1,000.00.

Burglary to Motor Vehicle:

#2400205 Person(s) unknown entered an unsecured vehicle parked in the 900 block of Jacob Ct. and stole registration plates from the glove box.

#2400206 Person(s) unknown entered two unsecured vehicles parked in the 900 block of Ainsley Dr. Two plastic food containers were removed from one of the cars.

#2400215 Person(s) unknown entered an unsecured vehicle parked in the 100 block of Tara Ln. Removed was a lunchbox, which was later found on Hawthorne Ln. near Arbor Ave. A pair of glasses that did not belong to the owner was found in the lunchbox. Additionally, a black facemask and cell phone were found on the ground near the victim's vehicle.

Attempt Motor Vehicle Theft:

#2400230 Person(s) unknown attempt to steal a vehicle in the 400 block of N. Neltnor Blvd. When she returned to her unlocked vehicle, she noted items tossed about the car and damage to the steering column.

Monthly Totals

Activities	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2023	Feb 2024	YTD 2024	YTD 2023	Total 2023
Traffic Stops	766	816	883	991	1,874	1,218	9,668
Traffic Citations	321	349	314	334	648	441	4,255
Traffic Warnings	245	263	282	276	558	447	3,226
Parking Citations	348	270	359	426	785	247	4,083
Traffic Crashes	83	60	86	51	137	127	809
Incident Reports	215	244	243	304	547	487	3,291

Officer Activities

#2400193 On February 8th, 2024, Officer Lukaszek was dispatched to a 200 block of W. Stimmel St. residence for an aggravated battery. The victim stated he had been confronted by known subjects while at West Chicago Community High School, but a teacher had separated the parties. After school, the victim was walking home near Ann St. and Blair St. when a BMW and black pickup truck approached him. Three masked subjects and one subject without a mask then began to punch and kick the victim. One of the masked subjects displayed a handgun and struck the victim in the head with that firearm. The suspects then reentered the vehicles and left the scene. The victim was taken to Central DuPage Hospital, where he was treated and received staples in his head to close the laceration. Detective Calabrese and SRO Levato viewed the high school's surveillance video. A vehicle with a black front bumper and no plate is seen parking in the lot. A subject exits the school, gets into the front passenger seat of the vehicle, and then the car exits the lot on Wood St. and goes toward Ann St. The victim advised investigators that he had located a video regarding this incident. Detectives Calabrese and Moore, and Officer Solis responded to the victims and were shown an Instagram video. The footage shows four males running from the area where the victim is lying on the ground. The victim provided the names of three of the suspects. A fourth suspect wearing a tan jacket is alleged to have been the one who struck the victim in the head with the handgun. SRO Levato reviewed the school video and was able to locate and identify the subject in the tan coat. On February 13th, traffic stops were conducted, and the suspects were taken into custody, transported to the Police Station, and interviewed. Charges of Mob Action and Aggravated Battery were approved for one of the suspects. As a juvenile, detention was approved, and he was transported to the Kane County Juvenile Justice Center.

#2301746 On September 25th, 2023, Officer Lukaszek responded to a fraud report for a business in the 1400 block of Northwest Ave. The business owner stated that fourteen electronic funds source checks totaling \$13,986.00 were cashed without the business owners knowledge or authorization. Detective Montgomery followed up with the victim and learned that the checks were cashed at Pilot and Petro Travel Centers in Alsip, IL, and multiple locations in northwest Indiana. Three checks were made out to individuals and cashed on September 25th in Gary, Indiana. Detectives Montgomery and Herbert went to the Travel Centers and were able to locate a video of the suspects conducting the fraudulent transactions. Detectives could view the video and match the suspects with the names on the cashed checks at the specific registers. Later, an employee of the Pilot Center in Indiana obtained photographs of the vehicle the suspects arrived in, including the registration plate and the suspects inside the store. Search warrants were obtained for the videos and transactions. When the information on the transaction was received, detectives were provided with names, driver's license numbers, check numbers, amounts, and dates. Detectives then searched law enforcement databases for suspect information and to obtain images of the names included in the transactions. The store video images matched the suspect information in law enforcement databases. On February 2, 2024, Detective Montgomery obtained warrants for the arrest of the three suspects on felony Theft charges.

On February 15th, one of the suspects was arrested by Cook County Sheriff's Department personnel and transported to the Police Station, where he declined to make any statements. He was fingerprinted, photographed, and released from custody. On February 17th, a second suspect was arrested by Evergreen Park Police Department personnel on the warrant. The suspect was arrested, transported to the Police Station, fingerprinted, photographed, and released from custody.

#2302030 On November 8, 2023, Officer Serrano responded to a business in the 1300 block of Howard Dr. for a reported theft. The business owner reported that mail, including a \$4,106.06 check made out to a company, was placed in the mailbox on the 2nd. A surveillance video from the business shows that a vehicle later pulled up to the mailbox, and a subject inside the car reached into the mailbox and removed the mail. The video also provided the vehicle's registration. The complainant learned the check had been altered and then cashed. The owner did not recognize the name on the check. Detective Herbert searched law enforcement databases and discovered that the vehicle had been suspected of being involved in mail thefts in Rockton, Illinois. An individual in Rockton saw a suspect exit the vehicle and approach his mailbox. When the homeowner confronted the subject, he reentered the car and left the area. It was learned that the vehicle's owner had reported it stolen by her boyfriend. Photos of the vehicle theft subject were obtained and compared to the surveillance video from the business on Howard Dr. A warrant was obtained for cell phone information. The registered owner of the suspect vehicle's cell phone was in West Chicago when the mail theft occurred. Additionally, the cell phone hit off the tower near the victim's business. On December 7th, the Riverdale Police stopped a subject in the suspect vehicle. Twenty-seven checks made out to different payees were found in the car. On December 29th, the Rockton Police Department stopped the suspect vehicle. Additional checks were located in the suspect vehicle at the time of the stop. Detectives Herbert and Montgomery relocated to that location to interview the vehicle occupants. One subject admitted to stealing the check from the mailbox. Additionally, the suspect's phone had a photo of the stolen check. The DuPage County State's Attorney's Office personnel approved a Mail Fraud charge against the suspect; a warrant was obtained on February 14th.

