

# FRANKLIN PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

2012

## ANNUAL REPORT

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**Michael Witz**  
**Chief of Police**

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Franklin Park Police Department:

- Is to provide professional, knowledgeable, and thorough law enforcement service to ensure the safety and well being of all people, with constant awareness of the diverse needs of individuals and the community.
- Our officers will work in partnership with its citizens to achieve a spirit of cooperation and mutual respect for the betterment of the community.
- We will embrace a foundation of integrity and a code of ethics to provide the highest standard of quality of life.

## From the Chiefs Desk.....



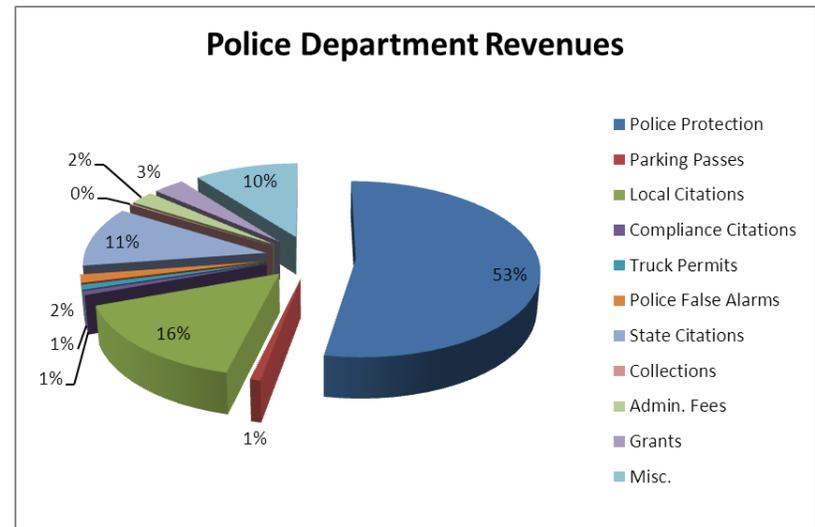
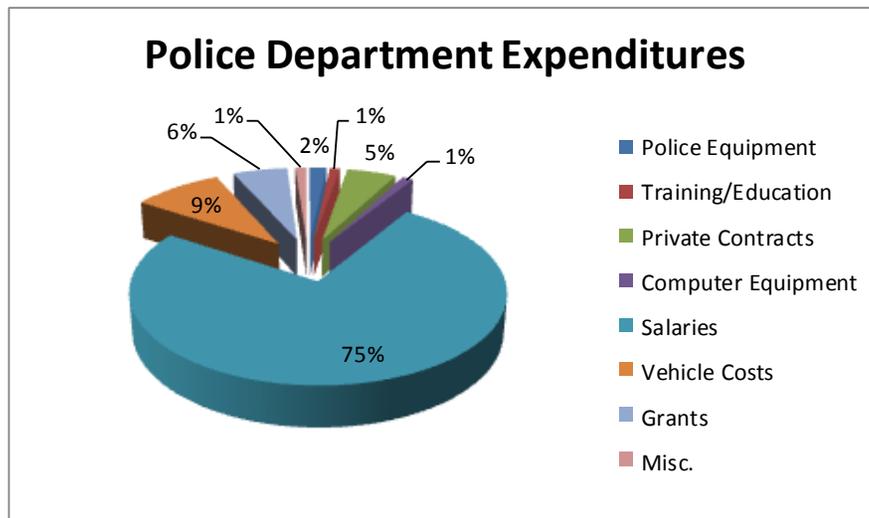
On behalf of the men and women of the Franklin Park Police Department I am pleased to present the 2012 Annual Report. The primary purpose in publishing this report is to provide our community with an awareness of the challenges that law enforcement faces and how we utilize our resources to meet those challenges. This report summarizes crime and accident trends along with police programs within the police department so as to familiarize our community and those interested in our community with our law enforcement agency.

On The Cover – As the year 2012 closed a new beginning for our community and our police officers shall begin. By the end of the summer 2013 the police department will be moving into its new 36,000 square foot facility at 9451 Belmont and leaving behind its 15,000 square foot facility (Pictured).

Many accomplishments were achieved by the police department in 2012:

- As part of a 1 million dollar Information Technology Federal Grant received in 2008 the police department continued working on the installation of equipment upgrades to the villages Information Technology support system between all village facilities.
- In May of 2012 the village's fire and police completed their consolidation move into the Leyden Fire House. The consolidation over the next 3 years is expected to save the village over \$700,000.00.
- The village continued moving in donated 911 dispatch equipment into Fire Station#2 which will be utilized as a backup emergency dispatch center to its primary center.
- After completing an audit of the police departments asset forfeiture fund the department was able to purchase five new police vehicles two of which were purchased with monies that were not claimed. The vehicles that were replaced had over 90,000 miles each and over 300,000 hours of wear.

- The police department was awarded a \$985,000.00 storm water management grant from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to provide storm water improvements to the new police station site. These improvements include impervious pavers, concrete for driveways, a cistern to collect water to be used in bathrooms and plantings and retention basins.
- The department purchased a portable breath test unit and a tint meter to assist its officers in motor vehicle enforcement.
- The department received \$5138.00 from the Department of Justice to purchase 12 new bullet proof vests for officers.
- The department received \$1980.00 from the state to educate and enforce the sale of tobacco products from local retailers.
- The department received \$132,949.99 from the states Illinois Preparedness Grant for the purchase of a mobile surveillance trailer and supporting equipment to store and transfer data. This grant was managed with the cooperation of ILEAS.



## Command Staff



Commander  
Michael Konwinski



Deputy Chief  
Phil Ruch



Commander  
Robert Wright



Sergeant Robert Jensen



Sergeant Joseph O'Connor



Sergeant Steve Witnik



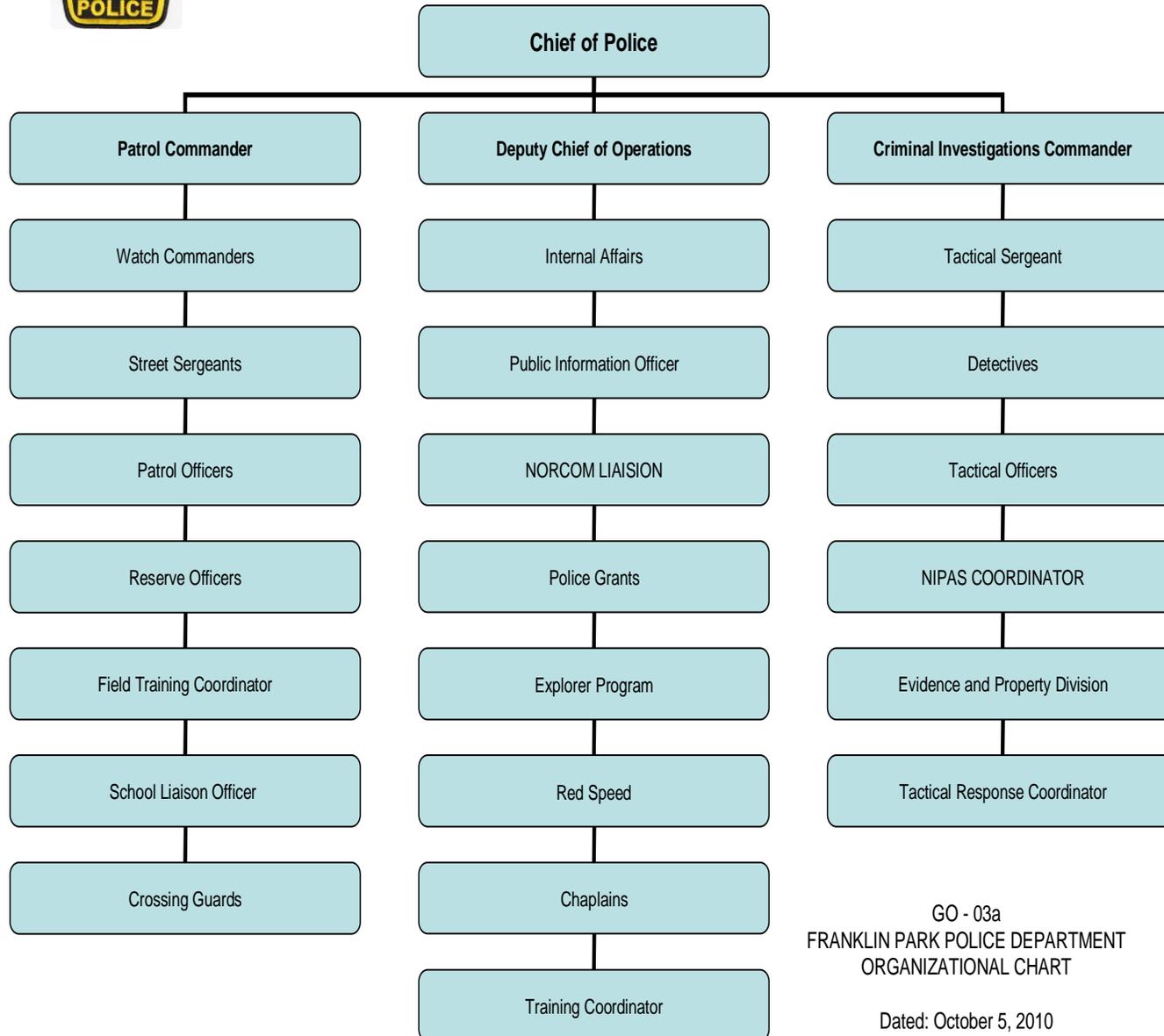
Sergeant Michael Jones



Sergeant Joseph Vallejo



Sergeant Jack Krecker



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 FRANKLIN PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT  
 ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Dated: October 5, 2010

## 2012 OFFICER OF THE YEAR



Officer Lara Hill

Officer Lara Hill was selected as this year's Police Officer of the Year. Officer Hill has been with the police department for 18 years and served as a Patrol Officer, School Liaison Officer and as a Field Training Officer. Officer Hill received recognition from the Illinois Department of Transportation for her outstanding enforcement in the states CLICK IT TICK IT Campaign.

### Auxiliary Police

**Auxiliary Officer** Means part-time, at will, volunteer employees of the Department, regardless of title, however, are not members of the regular department (65 ILCS 5/3 1-30-20).

(a) Auxiliary officers may be assigned the following duties within the department:

1. Aiding or directing traffic.
2. Aiding in control of natural or manmade disasters.
3. Aiding in case of civil disorders as directed by the Chief of Police or his/her designee.
4. Normal and regular police duties only when assigned by the Chief of Police or his/her designee when it is impractical for regular sworn members of the department to perform such duties.

(b) Auxiliary officers will not supplement regular sworn members of the police department in the performance of their assigned duties, except as provided for in the Illinois Compiled Statutes.

(c) Auxiliary officers do not have conservator of the peace powers as recognized by statute as such powers are withheld by the Village of Franklin Park Code of Ordinances, Title 5, Section 213.

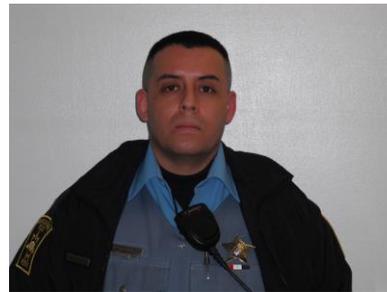
Conservators of the Peace Powers " The statutory authority granting auxiliary officers the authority to arrest or cause to be arrested, with or without process, all persons who break the peace and are found violating any municipal ordinance or any criminal law of the state.

Auxiliary officers are appointed annually by the village mayor. Newly appointed auxiliary officers must complete and attend a state certified 40 hour firearms training class, handcuffing, baton, OC spray training, and a 40 hour modified field training program with a state certified field training officer.

### NEW AUXILIARY OFFICERS



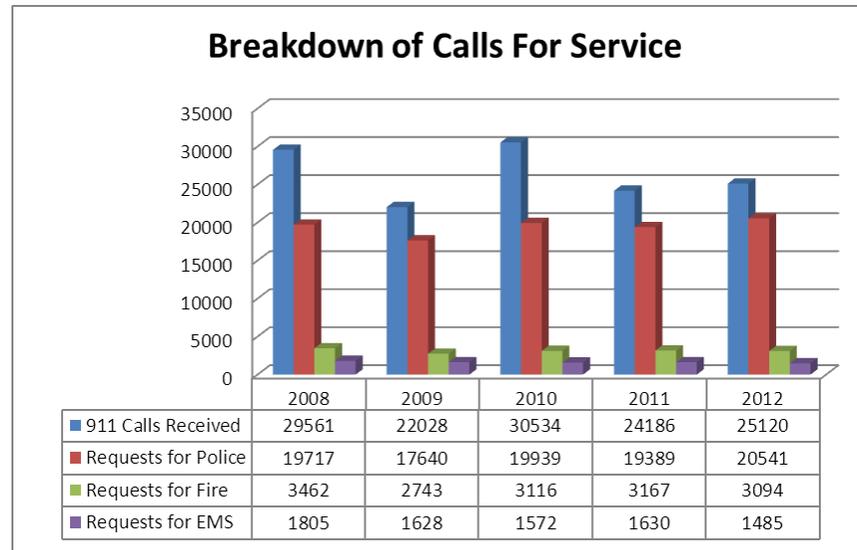
Reserve Officer Eligio Velez Jr.



Reserve Officer Ezequiel Valdavinosa



Reserve Officer Jorge Higareda

**CALLS FOR SERVICE**

The Calls for Service Graph indicates the number of police calls that the police department responds to yearly. These calls range from a parking complaint to an armed robbery.

The patrol division which is primarily responsible to respond to calls for service is made up of:

- 1 Division Commander
- 2 Watch Commanders
- 5 Street Sergeants
- 25 Patrol Officers

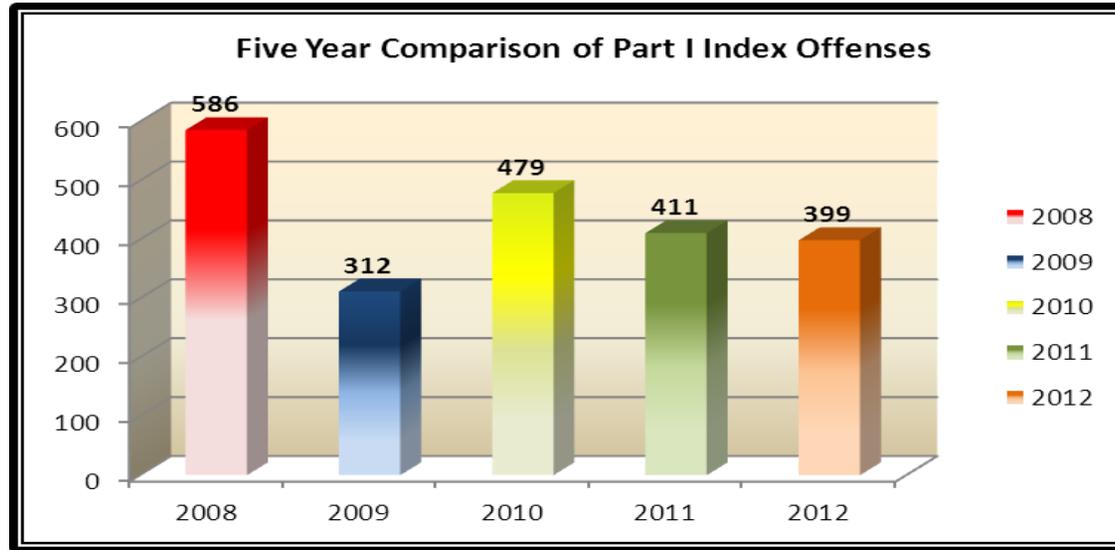
These officers work an eight hour shift and what is referred to as a 6/2 schedule, meaning they work 6 days straight for 4 weeks with two days off then work two weeks of five days straight with three straight days off.

The Patrol Division is the most visible part of the Franklin Park Police Department which acts as a deterrent to crime and provides a sense of security. As the largest division within the police department, the Patrol Division provides the first response to emergency and non-emergency calls for service. Patrol is the front line and backbone of the Franklin Park Police Department.

Added responsibilities include the detection and prevention of crime, traffic accident investigation, traffic enforcement and neighborhood patrol. Officers that are assigned to patrol have added duty assignments which may include Field Training Officer, Evidence Technician, accident reconstruction, firearms instructors and other disciplines.

I-UCR CRIME REPORT

**Illinois Uniform Crime Report Statistics**



Part I Offenses	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Sexual Assault	3	6	6	7	4
Robbery	10	2	8	8	5
Aggravated Assault/Battery	18	12	6	17	18
Burglary	107	59	72	81	91
Theft	399	191	335	265	237
Motor Vehicle Theft	47	42	50	30	42
Arson	2	0	2	3	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>399</b>

I-UCR stands for Illinois Uniformed Crime Reporting. I-UCR was implemented on January 1, 1972 and was created as the central depository for Illinois law enforcement agencies to provide crime statistics.

The I-UCR Program’s crime index translates into the FBI National Program’s eight Crime Index offenses as:

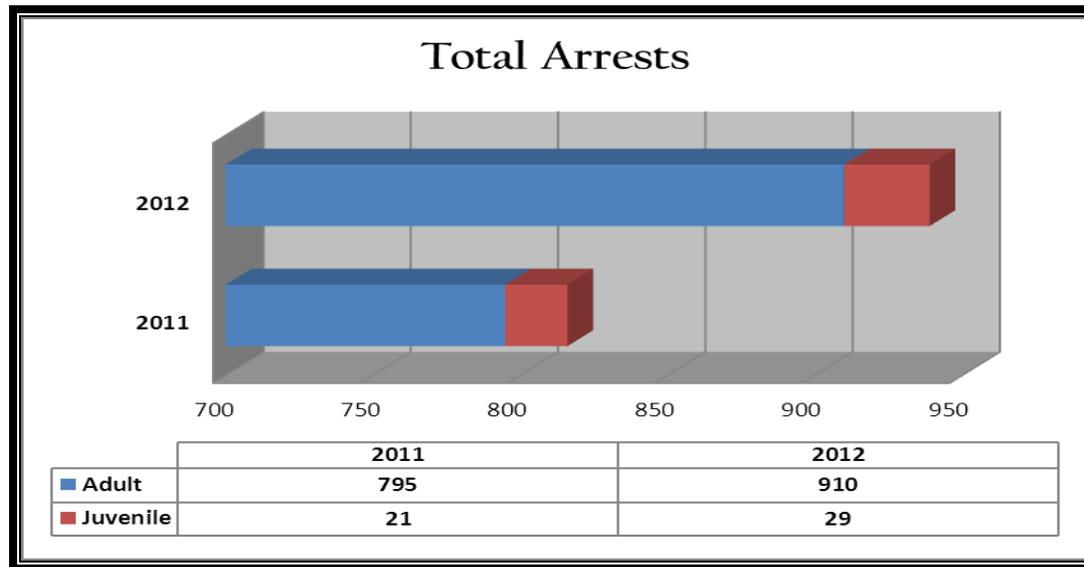
A) Violent Crimes against Persons

- 1) Murder and Non-negligent Manslaughter
- 2) Forcible Rape
- 3) Robbery
- 4) Aggravated Assault

B) Crimes Against Property

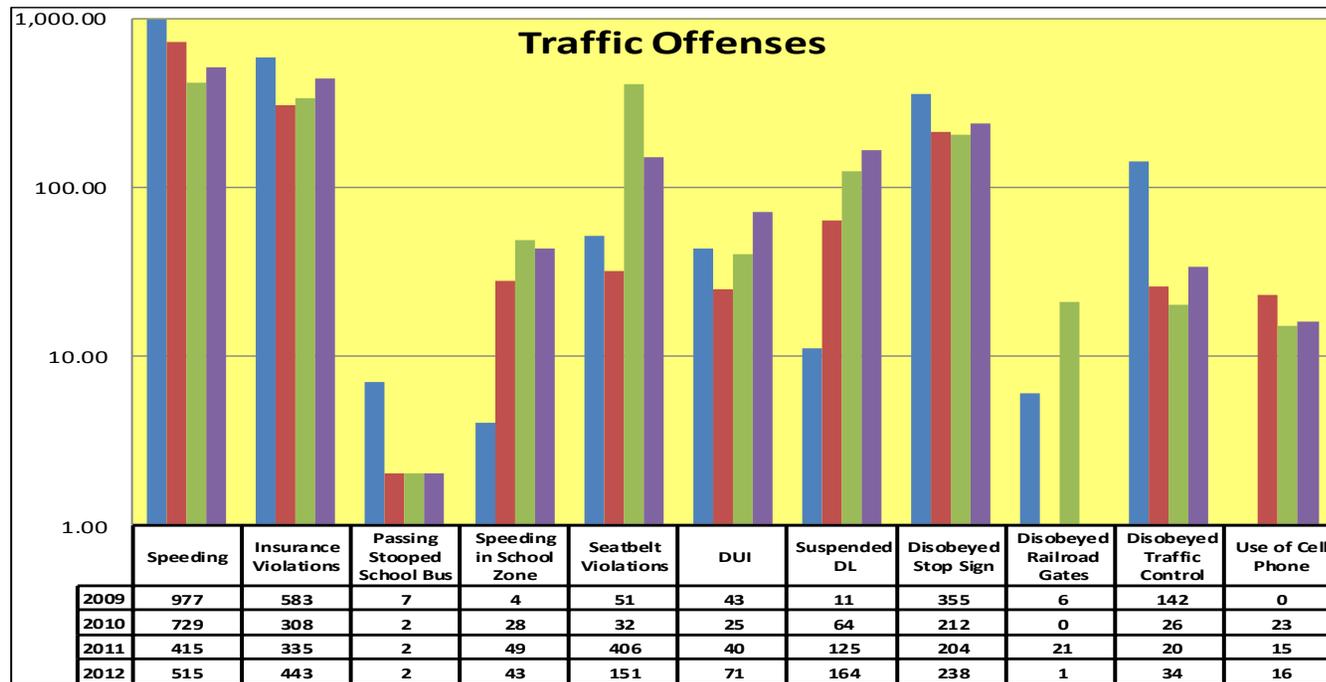
- 1) Burglary
- 2) Theft
- 3) Motor Vehicle Theft
- 4) Arson

The Illinois Uniform Crime Reporting (I-UCR) Program was developed in 1971 and implemented on January 1, 1972. The Franklin Park Police Department participates in the collection of crime data for submission to the Illinois State Police. Crime data is submitted on a monthly basis. The Illinois State Police was given the responsibility to act as the central repository for crime statistics. Reporting crime statistics is mandated by Chapter 20 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, 2630/8.



**TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT**

The table depicts the number of citations issued for each respective offense:



The above table depicts the most commonly issues citations known as “moving violations”.

These citations are issued when an officer makes a self initiated traffic stop, an investigatory stop or during an accident investigation.

Unless a complainant or witness wishes to sign a traffic citation, officers have the discretion when to issue a traffic citation.

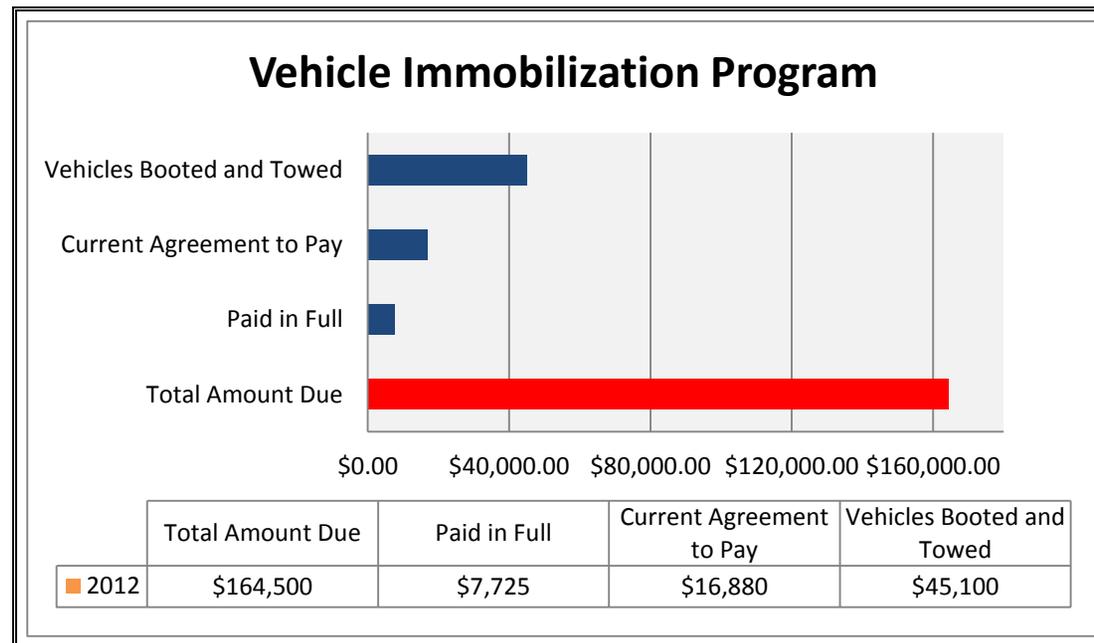
Motorist who are issued a citation are given two options to resolve the citation:

- A Diversion option which could be issued for minor violations. This type of citation allows the violator to pay the ticket in advance of the court date and receive supervision.
- A mandatory court appearance where the violator must appear in court before a judge and have their case heard.

Monies generated from tickets are dispersed between state, county and local funds.

**VEHICLE IMMOBILIZATION:**

In 2012, the Village of Franklin Park re-established a vehicle immobilization program, better known as the boot program. Vehicles become boot-eligible when a registered owner accrues ten (10) or more unpaid parking tickets in final determination status. If the debt is not paid within 48 hours of booting, the vehicle is eligible to be towed and impounded. In addition to a boot fee, towing and storage fees are incurred once a vehicle has been impounded. All final determinations of parking, standing, compliance liability issued to any vehicle registered in the name of the registered owner must be paid in full or enter into an agreement to pay, before the owner's booted or towed vehicle will be released.



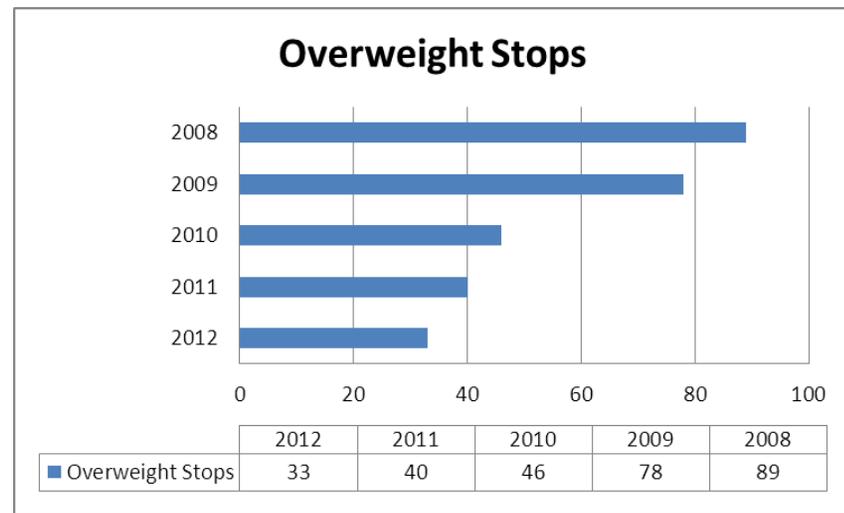
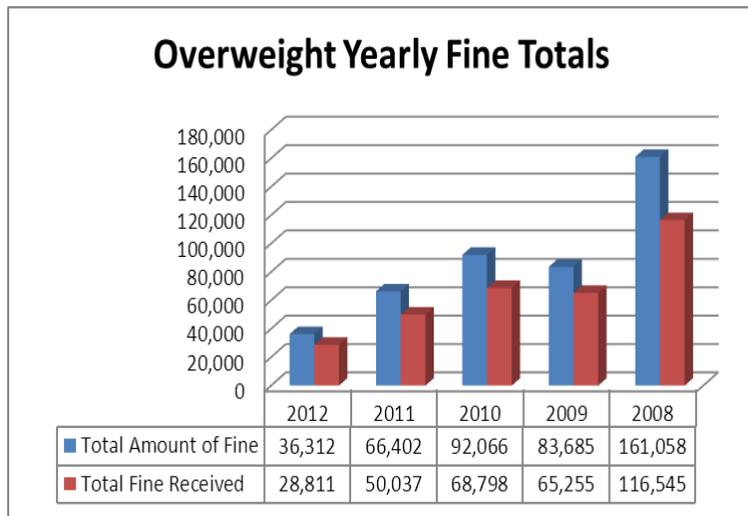
## TRUCK ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

The police department currently has four officers certified by the State of Illinois to inspect trucks for weight.

These officers during their regular tours of duty monitor trucks and upon stopping a truck conduct various checks of both the vehicle and driver’s log.

During the truck inspection a truck in violation may be brought to a scale that has been approved by the department of agriculture to weigh a truck.

If a truck is found to be over the weight allowed by Illinois Statute a citation shall be issued and the truck may have to reduce some of its load before it continues traveling the roads of Illinois.



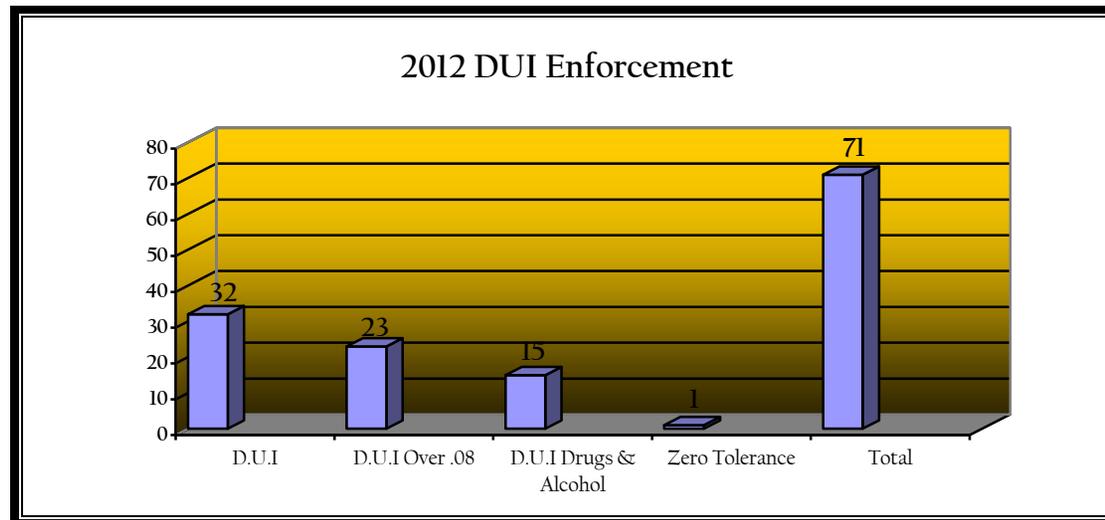
The functions of the truck enforcement program include:

◆ **Commercial Drivers Licensing (CDL)** -Large vehicles such as concrete mixer’s, gravel trucks, and other semi-truck vehicles require the drivers to have Commercial Drivers Licenses, CDL). To obtain a CDL, the person(s) takes extensive tests through the Secretary of State to receive the proper classifications to drive said vehicles. The truck unit assures that the drivers are properly classified and qualified to drive these vehicles.

◆ **Equipment Inspections-** During a routine stop of a Commercial Vehicle, the truck enforcement unit will check the equipment, registration, load, insurance, and any other paperwork that is required by law. It is important that these vehicles are safe to be driven on all roadways. Commercial vehicles are subject to a more in-depth inspection by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). If these vehicles do not have the proper inspections, they are subject to citations. If the vehicle is in such a condition to pose a danger to other motorists, the truck unit will have the vehicle put out of service by the Illinois State Police.

◆ **Weight Inspections-** Large semi-trucks and commercial vehicles can cause a substantial amount of damage to the village roadways due to the size, and gross weight of the vehicle. A fully loaded semi-truck allowed on village roadway can legally carry 73,280 lbs. This one truck creates more "wear and tear" on the roads than 50,000 passenger cars. The truck enforcement unit monitors these weights and often has these vehicles weigh at approved locations. If these vehicles exceed their weight limits they are cited and often have to remove the load which creates the hazard. In DuPage County a truck that exceeds weight law by 10,000 lbs can be fined up to \$5,000.00 dollars. Fines are proportionally increased to the weight the vehicle exceeds the maximum allowed.

**DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE ENFORCEMENT**



DUI Offenses	2012
DUI	32
DUI - Over .08	23
DUI Drugs & Alcohol	15
Zero Tolerance	1
Totals	71

DUI Enforcement 4 Previous Years

2008	2009	2010	2011
43	32	40	40

Impaired driving, which means driving while your ability is affected by alcohol or drugs, is a crime under the Illinois Vehicle Code. Driving while intoxicated is dangerous and drivers with high blood alcohol content are at greatly increased risk of car accidents, highway injuries, and vehicular deaths. There has been a public outcry for aggressive enforcement of drunk driving laws. Unfortunately, in spite of great progress, DUI remains a serious national and local concern.

The Franklin Park Police Department has remained committed to the enforcement of drunk driving laws. Taking a proactive approach, the department participates in the Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP). STEP is designed to reduce the incident of motor vehicle crashes and their resulting injuries and fatalities through increased enforcement of safety belt restraint and impaired driving laws. Such enforcement has proven very successful resulting in numerous DUI, drug and traffic violations.

### **CLICK-IT or TICK-IT Program**

Several times during the year the Franklin Park Police Department in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Transportation participates in a state wide program to increase the awareness amongst drivers on seat belt usage.

The Illinois Department of Transportations says seat belt usage went up from 88 percent in 2006 to 90.5 percent in 2008. In that same time, the number of fatalities dropped by 211.

In 2011 the police department received a grant in the amount of \$19,200 from the Illinois Department of Transportation to fund additional manning for the enforcement of seat belt usage.

### **Child Safety Seat Day**

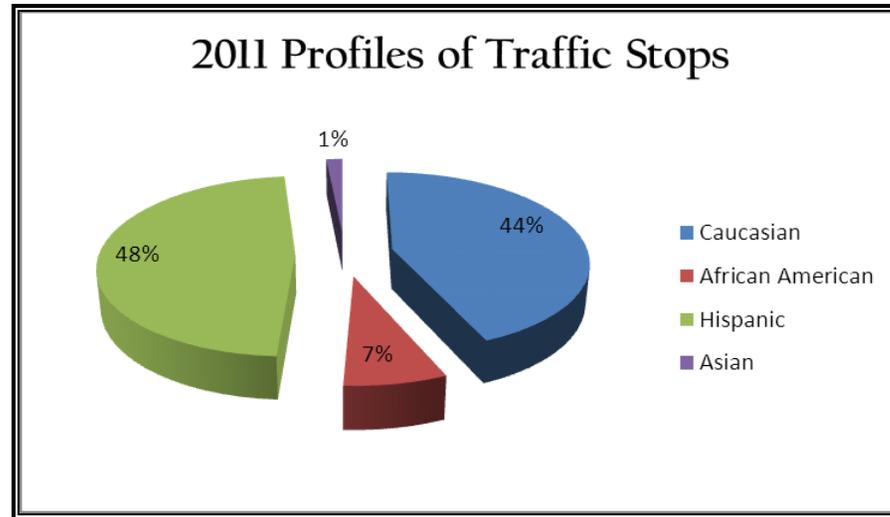
On September 1, 2012 the Police Department partnered with the Illinois State Police, Walgreens, Leyden Credit Union and Odies Restaurant for a Child Safety Seat Day. Parents were shown the proper way to Install Safety Seats, children had their fingerprints and photo taken and many giveaways were handed out to those who attended.



**TRAFFIC STOP DATA AND COLLECTION ANALYSIS**

In 2003 Illinois put into law a 4 year statewide study of traffic stops to collect data to identify racial bias. The study began on January 1, 2004 and was originally scheduled to expire on December 31, 2007. However Public Act 96-0658 has extended the Illinois Traffic Stop Study. All Illinois law enforcement agencies must continue to collect and submit traffic stop data until July 1, 2015.

Below are the results of this study for the Franklin Park Police Department for the years 2007 to 2011, 2012 data will not be available until July.



<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Number of Stops</u>	<u>Caucasian Driver</u>	<u>Minority Driver</u>
2007	2,086	1,049	1,037
2008	6,615	3,340	3,276
2009	5,325	2,752	2,573
2010	4,120	2,078 (50.44%)	2,042 (49.56%)
<b>2011</b>	<b>2,935</b>	<b>1,278 (43.54%)</b>	<b>1,657 (56.46%)</b>

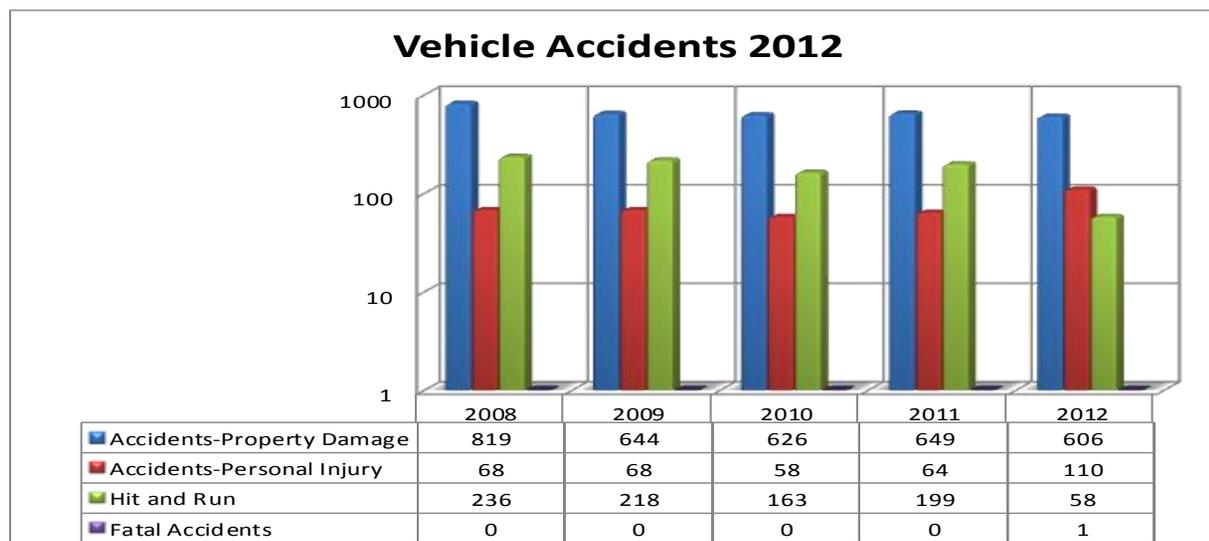
<u>Reason for Stop:</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
Moving Violation	1,145	4,197	3,394	2,496	2,935
Equipment Violation	762	1,776	1,364	1,293	847
License / Registration Violation	179	643	567	331	227

<b>Outcome of Stop:</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
Citation	1,306	3,697	2,608	2,137	1,485
Verbal Warning	780	2,919	2,717	1,976	1432
Number of Consent Vehicle Searches	6	8	3	10	164

Biased policing erodes public trust in the Police, clearly alienates large segments of those we are sworn to serve, and violates the constitution and laws of this country. The Franklin Park Police Department has developed policy which reaffirms the department’s commitment to unbiased policing in all encounters between police officers and citizens, and to reinforce procedures that serve to maintain public confidence and trust. Written policy, operational practices, training, and supervision are part of a multi-faceted strategy to provide services in a fair and equitable fashion that reflect positive policing values.

Traffic stop data is not only reported to IDOT, but it is used internally by supervisors to analyze an officer’s performance for “internal consistency.” For example is the citation/warning rate similar for caucasian’s and minorities? This analysis provides a means of identifying red flags for officers that may display a disproportionate of stops for a particular race.

**TRAFFIC CRASH DATA**



The primary purpose for reporting traffic crashes is so the Illinois Department of Transportation may obtain data and determine whether, or not a specific location in the community needs improvements in roadway lighting, and design for the safety of drivers and pedestrians using the road.

The report aids law enforcement to review the data and possibly increasing a presence in the area to reduce certain violations. The report provides written documentation for the involved parties insurance companies.

The police department utilizes a program called DOCVIEW, which enables copies of traffic crash reports to be faxed from the police department directly to the company for viewing and copying by insurance companies and law firms. DOCVIEW is at no cost to the village and we receive fees for those that request copy's of reports. Over 700 law enforcement agencies use DOCVIEW services.

### **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION**

The Criminal Investigations Division is primarily responsible for conducting follow-up investigations of all criminal incidents reported to the Franklin Park Police Department. Currently the division has 1 Commander, 1 Tactical Sergeant 4 Detectives and 3 Tactical Officers assigned to the unit.

The detective's follow-up on both adult and juvenile incidents that are reported to the police department. Each detective is assigned his own case load and assist, the other detectives when called upon.

In an effort to more efficiently manage our department, any member of our agency who is certified as a juvenile officer is authorized in resolving and adjudicating issues with juveniles.

Tactical officers initiate their own cases or follow-up on leads from the community.

The primary responsibility of the tactical unit is to address gangs, narcotics and prostitution within the community.

The division has one administrative assistant who completes the tracking of data, records and postings of information between officers, the courts, the state and federal agencies.

The investigations division also follows-up on all hit and run accidents, back-ground investigations and assists the police department's tactical unit.

### **Major Investigations in 2012**

In February 11000 block of Seymour approximately 11:00 a.m. Police were called to a local fabricating company to take a report of internal theft. The report indicated that one or more employees may have been stealing scrap metal and the suspect(s) were keeping the money they received after selling the scrap metal. Investigators worked with the internal security team which allowed investigator to narrow down dates and times of the theft. During an intensive investigation, police investigators were able to locate scrap yards that were taking in the stolen scrap metal. Investigators determined that over a period of nearly 18 months the suspect received more than \$80,000.00 by selling stolen scrap metal to the scrap yards. Investigators were able to charge the suspect with Felony Theft. This case is still pending.

In June officers were dispatched to the 3000 block of bright Street at approximately 8:00 p.m. to investigate a call for Child Abuse, which a man beat up the 10 year old child of his girlfriend. The incident stemmed from the 10 year old child wetting his bed and when the suspect learned of that he became angry and started hitting the child. The initial investigation, by the patrol officers on scene, determined that the child suffered from marks and bruises on his face and body which provoked a call to D.C.F.S. Investigators conducted a follow-up investigation interviewing witnesses including

the child and his mother. As a result of that investigation, investigators were able to charge the suspect with Aggravated Battery to a Child. The suspect was found guilty and sentenced to 24 months of probation.

In June 2012 officers responded to a call of a residential burglary in progress in the 2800 block of Rose Street. A description of the suspect was broadcast to responding officers within a short time investigators responding to the call located a subject meeting the description. The subject being detained had committed a garage burglary in the 2500 block of Willow several days earlier and was charged for burglary. The witness to the case was brought to where the suspect was being questioned and the witness positively identified the suspect as the person who tried to break in to the house. The suspect was arrested and processed for one count of Residential Burglary. Franklin Park investigators also determined that the suspect fit the description of a suspect committing burglaries in a neighboring town and those investigators were able to add additional charges for burglary from their community.

In August officers responded to the 2400 block of Lincoln Street at approximately 3:00 a.m. for a call of a woman screaming for help and attempting to force her into his car. A resident from the area heard the woman yelling and he approached the vehicle which now had the driver and the woman in it. The resident asked what was going on, but the driver didn't answer as the woman asked for help. The resident removed the keys from the vehicle at which time the driver ran away. Investigators were able to learn the identity of the suspect and he was arrested and charged on several felonies.

In October officers responded to the 2900 block of Sunset Lane at approximately 09:30 for a residential burglary in progress where the homeowner's son, was home at the time when the subject was attempted to break in to the home. The resident got a look at the offender and called the police. The police responded to the burglary in progress and located the suspect quickly. Patrol officers and Investigators secured Burglary charges against the juvenile offender.

During the months of October and November several reports of burglaries to trailers containing landscaping equipment were received from various locations in our community. Information was gathered that in addition to Franklin Park, River Grove and numerous other north and northwest suburban towns were experiencing the same type of burglaries. Our departments investigators joined with the members of the NORTAF task force and began conducting surveillance on suspects that were believed involved in these burglaries. On November 11, 2012 four suspects under surveillance were observed committing burglaries to landscaping trailers in Wheeling and they were taken into custody. The investigation continued over several days and 3 of the 4 suspects admitted their involvement in a burglary that occurred in Franklin Park. Approximately \$10,000 worth of landscaping equipment taken in the Franklin Park case was recovered. The three suspects were each charged with one count of Burglary by Franklin Park PD. The investigations lead to the clearing of (3) burglary cases that were under investigation by Franklin Park Detectives. In total this multi-jurisdictional investigation resulted in over 40 charges of burglary being lodged against the suspects and 10's of thousands of dollars in stolen property was recovered.

In December 2012 investigators followed up on a residential burglary that occurred in the 2600 block of silver creek where a large amount of jewelry was taken. Investigators were able to locate the owner's property in the village of Broadview and charged three subjects with residential burglary.

### **FRANKLIN PARK TACTICAL UNIT**

The tactical unit is made up of three patrol officers and one sergeant who hours of work is determined by the operation in which they are involved.

State and Federal laws allow law enforcement agencies to file what is referred to as asset forfeiture documentation which could result in the department receiving a portion of the profits from narcotic arrest. Profits may include the arrested persons vehicle, U.S.C. or electronic equipment. These items may then be utilized by the department for the purpose of training, purchasing of equipment or vehicles in further drug enforcement activity.

### **Major Investigations in 2012**

In January Tactical Officers recovered a sawed off shot gun in the West Mannheim Residential Area.

In January a search warrant was executed in the 3000 block of Houston, tactical officers recovered 575 grams of cannabis, 5 cannabis plants, and cannabis grow operation. Subject was charged with Manufacture and Delivery of Cannabis, Possession of Cannabis, and Possession of Sativa Plants.

After receiving a complaint of illegal sales of alcohol to from a local liquor store tactical officers conducted surveillance of the liquor store in question and issued 20 Local Ordinance Tickets to Minors in Possession of Alcohol, Sale of Alcohol to Minors, and Contributing to Delinquency of Minor, for purchasing alcohol for a minor during the months of February and March,

In March a narcotics investigation involving Franklin Park and Chicago. A month long Undercover Officer operation concluded that involved the purchases of cocaine from a subject that was on parole and house arrest. Subject was charged with several felonies, including Manufacture and Delivery of Controlled Substance within 1000 feet of School, Manufacture and Delivery of Controlled Substance, and Possession of Controlled Substance.

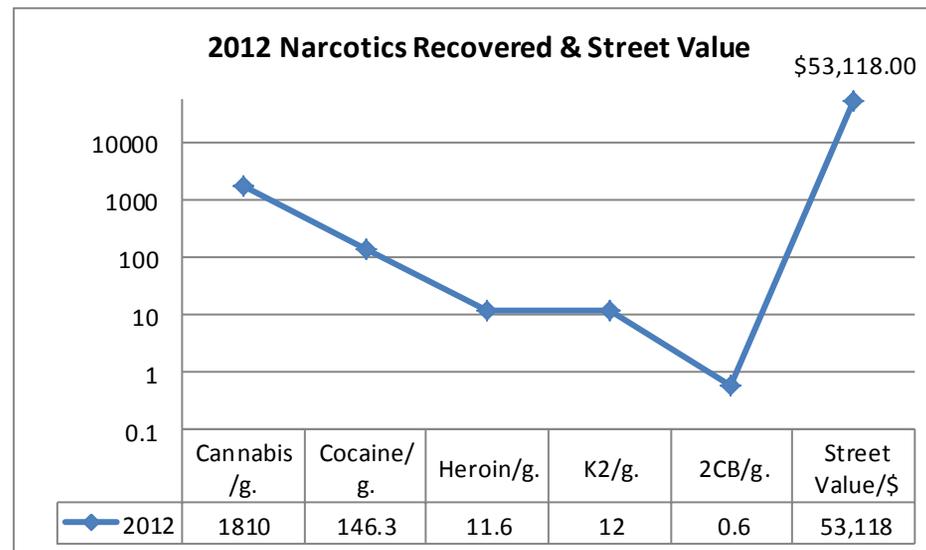
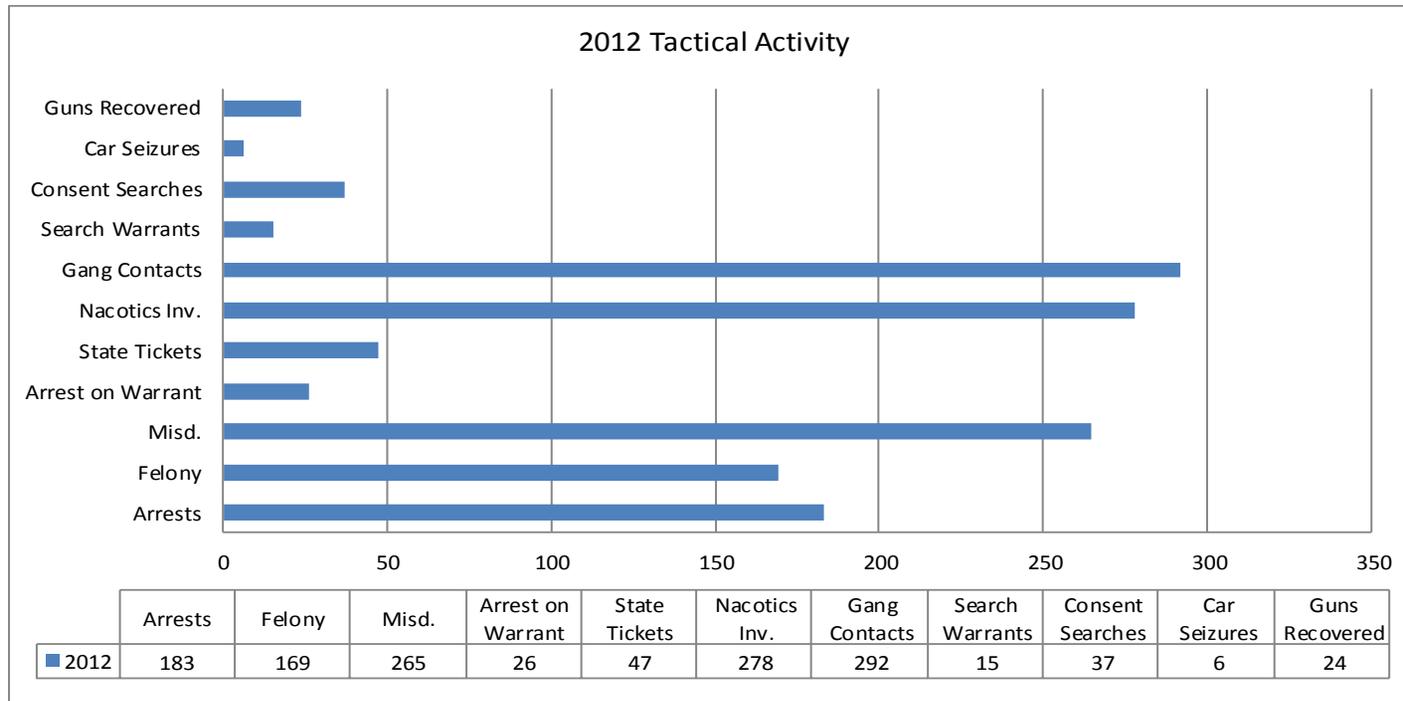
In May a search warrant was executed in the 3000 block of Bright, recovered was 5 firearms along with cannabis and cocaine. A subject was charged with Aggravated Uuw, Manufacture and Delivery Cannabis, Possession of Controlled Substance, and Possession of Cannabis.

In June Operation Mousetrap: A 2 ½ year operation working with the FBI concluded. It involved the arrest of 3 high ranking Imperial Gangster gang members that were charged with selling firearms and drugs.

In September a search warrant executed in the 3000 block of Ruby recovered was prescription drugs and a 45 caliber handgun.

In November after a month long joint narcotic investigation with the Melrose Park Police Department, tactical officers executed a search warrant in the 1500 block of West Division Street Melrose Park. One subject was taken into custody for selling narcotics out of his business and residence. A large quantity of cannabis was recovered. The subject charged with several felonies, including Manufacture and Delivery of Controlled Substance within 1000 feet of Park, Manufacture and Delivery of Controlled Substance, and Possession of Controlled Substance.

2012 Tactical Unit Statistics



## EVIDENCE TECHNICIANS

A police evidence technician collects, identifies, and processes crime scene evidence.

Evidence Technicians are employees who specialize in collecting and analyzing physical evidence from crime scenes.

They work alongside investigators to uncover telling evidence at the scenes of accidents and crimes, such as fingerprints, blood spatter, weapons, and footprints.

An Evidence tech follows careful protocols to collect and transport physical items back to the police dept where they can scrutinize the evidence to look for clues.

Evidence is also sent to the State Crime Lab for further examination and processing. If a criminal trial is held, the technician may be called upon as an expert witness to explain the importance of the findings.



The Evidence Technician is responsible for the following at a crime scene:

Photography of the scene:

Polaroid photographs may be taken.

Video graphs, if taken, shall be completed prior to still photography.

Digital photographs shall be taken.

Identify evidence to be collected.

Collect obvious trace evidence.

Process scene for fingerprints  
Take measurements and sketch scene.  
Collect, mark, package and document evidence.  
Secure evidence

During each patrol shift there is at least one certified evidence technician who is assigned to utilize a specially equipped vehicle that is equipped with cameras, tools and chemicals needed to process a crime scene.

All department evidence technicians receive basic evidence training through a state certified course. They receive additional training each year either by request or assigned by the department.

### **WEST SUBURBAN TASK FORCE**

Several years ago a major Crimes Task Force was created by surrounding communities to assist those agencies in the event of a major crime, such as a murder, kidnapping aggravated battery to name a few. Currently that task force is made up of our police department and 21 other local agencies, the Cook County Sheriff's Police and the Illinois State Police.

Each participating agency assigns officers to the unit and responds to a scene upon request from a predetermined protocol.

The task force is divided into two units:  
Investigators  
Forensics



### **NIPAS / EMERGENCY SERVICES TEAM / MOBILE FIELD FORCE**

The Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS) was created in 1983 and currently has 93 different cities, villages and towns from 5 different counties supporting the unit with personnel and funding. NIPAS is divided into two specialized units:

Emergency Services Team – this team responds to hostage situations, barricaded subjects, high risk warrants and other requests that require a special tactical squad.

Mobile Field Force – this unit’s primary responsibility is crowd control.

The department has one officer assigned to the Emergency Services Team and two officers assigned to the Mobile Field Force Team.

### **Activating the System**

Whether faced with a natural disaster of the unexpected or the unexpected results of a special event, a member agency may request assistance for any situation its command staff believes the agency cannot handle with its own resources.

The requesting agency contacts the designated dispatch center and determines the level of response needed. Each level brings to the requesting agency five units from outside participating agency, through a predetermined alarm plan.



### **TOBACCO COMPLIANCE**

Illinois’ tobacco laws regulate the distribution, sale and taxation of tobacco products and include penalties for violations. Within these laws are provisions prohibiting the sale and purchase of tobacco products, tobacco accessories and smoking herbs to persons under the age of, eighteen.

In addition to state laws, many municipal governments, including Franklin Park, have also established similar laws or ordinances including licensure, display of signs and include penalties as well.

Beginning in fiscal year 2001, the Illinois General Assembly began making yearly appropriations from the Tobacco Settlement Fund to the Commission's Tobacco Enforcement Program (TEP). Through this appropriation, grants are awarded to communities to conduct retail education and enforcement programs. Each year, the \$1 million appropriation has enabled the Commission to support community-based efforts through the distribution of 10,000 tobacco retailer kits and the completion of 17,000 compliance checks.

Each year Franklin Park and approximately 300 communities, representing over 70 percent of the state's population participate in this program. And since 2005, participating communities have consistently achieved non-compliance rates below 10 percent. In past years Franklin Park has issued citations to businesses that did not comply with village ordinances. Franklin Park will continue to participate in this program to ensure all businesses comply with state laws and village ordinances.

## LIQUOR COMPLIANCE

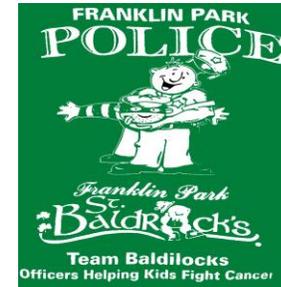
Each year the police department conducts a joint operation with the Illinois State Police and checks local establishments that hold state and local liquor licenses. Violators are issued a state criminal complaint for contributing to a minor and the establishment is issued a village complaint and mandatory appearance before the village liquor commissioner.

## ST. BALDRICKS BENEFIT

The St. BALDRICKS foundation is a voluntary driven charity committed to funding the most promising research to find cures for childhood cancers and give survivors long and healthy lives.

Each year 160,000 children are diagnosed with cancer worldwide. Cancer is the number one disease killer of children in the U.S. and Canada. Research saves lives.

For several years now members of the Franklin Park Police Department have donated both their hair and helped raise funds for this great cause. For additional information go to <http://www.stbaldricks.org/>



## TOYS FOR TOTS

Each year the police department participates in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program. The mission of the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted. For additional information visit the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots website at <http://toysfortots.org>.

## DEPARTMENT TRAINING

The policy of the Franklin Park Police Department is to develop, support and advance the skills, knowledge and abilities of all employees during training. The department acknowledges the importance of a well developed and efficient training support system for both new employees and in-service employees. The ultimate goal of training is to equip employees with the tools necessary to act decisively and correctly over a wide range of situations to create a more productive and efficient employee. Training plays an important role in career development, advancement and employee morale. Undoubtedly, a well equipped and well trained officer provides a much higher quality of service to our community.

The department currently ensures each year that all officers annually receive training in:

Use of Force	Firearms	Handcuffing	OC Spray	Baton
Taser	Blood Borne Pathogens	Sexual Harassment	Hazardous Material	Bias Enforcement
CPR	Excited Delirium training			

Training of personnel is most commonly hosted through North East Multi Regional Training Institute. However the department also utilizes the Cook County Sheriffs Police Academy, Northwestern University, Suburban Law Enforcement Academy, Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

In order to reduce training cost the department has sent many officers to become state certified trainers.

The Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board dictate's the curriculum and hours required for law enforcement training. The following positions at the police department require specialized officer training and the number of officers certified in each area:

- Field Training Officers (11)
- Firearms Instructors (8)
- Evidence Technicians (12)
- Certified Breath Operators (8)
- Bicycle Patrol Officers (5)
- Juvenile Officers (16)
- Detectives (3)
- School Liaison Officer (1)
- Explorer Instructors (8)
- Taser Instructors (3)
- Rapid Deployment Instructors (2)
- OC Instructors (2)
- Handcuffing / Baton Instructors (4)
- Motorcycle Instructor (1)

### **Training Highlights**

Due to the NATO Conference being held here in Chicago majority of our officers received training in:

- Crowd Control
- Arrest techniques in crowd control situations

First line supervisor's completed their National Incident Management System training

## **SCHOOL LIASION PROGRAM**

### **Add Number of Truancy citations issued in 2010-2011**

The School Liaison Officer (S.L.O.) serves as a liaison between the Franklin Park Police Department, relevant school officials such as Dean of Students, Principal and their associated assistants, along with the student-faculty population at East Leyden.

Issues most typically range from juvenile delinquency to truancy. Interaction with patrol and investigations stem from routine incidents such as missing/runaway juveniles, truant minors, electronic/cyber harassment and thefts, either on, off or adjacent to school property, to critical matters, such as assault and battery, gang activity, domestic violence and sexual assaults. Interaction may also involve other police agencies, D.C.F.S. and the Assistant States Attorneys Office.

Depending upon the incident, a S.L.O. will tactfully yet impartially, inform students and their guardians/parents of their legal rights, responsibilities and legal procedure pursuant to state and local law, while maintaining confidentiality when feasible-especially when involving school social workers and counselors. Participation in Parent-Student-Dean-Social Services and Counselor meetings help maintain and improve the image between the Franklin Park Police Department, Leyden School District administrators and the citizens who, when taken together, collectively makeup and reside within the Leyden Township community.

Additionally, the S.L.O. may be invited to participate in campus activities, from classroom visits and presentations to student organizations and clubs. Through participation, you provoke dialogue and promote trust in a non-policing capacity. Other times, providing resources to assist the school administrators in addressing issues of concern on campus is also the added responsibility of the S.L.O. The S.L.O. will keep statistics on thefts, truanancies and similarly related incidents throughout the school year and present such information to the Dean of Students Office upon the official end of the school year.

Lastly, a S.L.O. must be prepared to respond in a controlled yet professional fashion to any type of school threat. A crisis in a school can result in hysterical students and staff, panicked and frightened parents and, depending upon the incident, a media hoard wanting explanations and answers. It is imperative that local agencies adjacent to East Leyden prevent, prepare and respond efficiently to all types of emergencies and crisis situations. From practicing effective perimeter control strategies, staging response plans for Fire, Paramedic and assisting PD's, evacuation protocol, to minor details, such as traffic diversion, media relations and crowd control...all are in an effort to expedite first response-bypassing safe areas initially and moving quickly to where there is an indication of trouble. The mission is to anticipate and keep people from fumbling or becoming confused under stress. Tactics need to be rehearsed thoroughly and regularly before they're required for reality.

Officer Dave Wnek a 23 year veteran officer of the department is assigned as the School Liaison Officer.



## SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

The police department provides crossing guard staffing at 9 different locations in the community.

Grand and Calwagner  
Franklin and Calwagner  
Milwaukee railroad and Calwagner  
Pacific and Calwagner  
Edgington and Chestnut  
Rose and Chestnut  
Atlantic and Chestnut  
Rose and Gage  
Scott and Fullerton



Crossing guards are utilized by the department to cross students safely at pre-designated locations in our community. These locations were determined by both the school districts and the police department.

Crossing guards receive annual training at the beginning of each school year.

Crossing Guards are governed by Illinois Law and a failure to disobey a crossing guard is a violation of the law which could result in a large fine.

## EXPLORER PROGRAM

Exploring is a career education program for young men and women who have completed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and are under 21 years of age. The purpose is to provide experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible adults. Explorers are ready to investigate the meaning of interdependence in their personal relationships and communities.



Exploring emphasizes five areas:

- Career Opportunities
- Life Skills
- Citizenship
- Character Education
- Leadership Experience

The Explorers meet twice a month. At meetings, we engage in a variety of activities to give Explorers a “hands on” experience and gain knowledge of the law enforcement profession. This post is for the youth and designed by the youth. The Explorers wear a department issued uniform and contribute to the Village of Franklin Park through volunteering at about eight to ten local events.

**Norcom**

Since 1998 Norcom has provided the Village of Franklin Park with both police and fire dispatch services and in 2009 obtained Norcom to provided personnel for the Records Division to reduce cost.

Norcom currently has 7 dispatchers, 1 Director, 2 full-time records personnel and 1 part-time employee staffing the department. The dispatch center is a 24/7 operation responsible for monitoring 15 radio frequencies, 11 city surveillance cameras, 16 station cameras, 3 separate computers to send communications through. There are also 11 telephone lines to answer, in addition to 8 E911 telephone lines. All of this is handled by two Communications Officer per shift.



Dionne Jones  
Norcom Director



The Records Division is often the first contact for citizens in the Police Department. Their responsibilities include:

Records Management  
Monitor Security Cameras  
Proper Storing and Archiving Records  
Truck overweight permits  
Collecting fines

Initial walk in contact  
Matron Duties  
Mobile Crash Reporting  
Overnight parking  
Preparing court documents

Data entry including traffic tickets and ordinance arrests  
Adjudication Court  
Court Transmittals  
Metra passes  
Proper storage and archiving of records



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