

# FRANKLIN PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

2014

## ANNUAL REPORT



**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 2014 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** – One of the Patrol Divisions 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe 4x4 patrol vehicles

**In 2014 the department received \$71,955.57 in grants from various sources.**

### **Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program: \$3,101.79**

The Bulletproof Vest Partnership initiative provides critical resources to state, local, and tribal jurisdictions for the sole purpose of purchasing body armor for sworn law enforcement officers.

### **Tobacco Enforcement Program: \$1,980.00**

Through this appropriation, grants are awarded to communities to conduct retail education and enforcement programs. Each year, \$1 million is appropriated enabling the Commission to support community-based efforts through the distribution of 10,000 tobacco retailer kits and the completion of 17,000 compliance checks. In 2014, Franklin Park was allocated \$1,980.00 to conduct compliance checks throughout the Village.

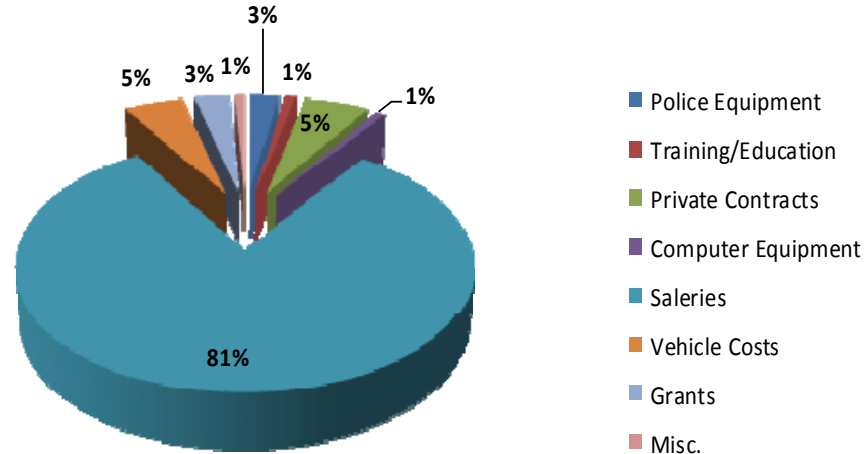
### **Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) \$18,699.84**

### **Independence Day/Labor Day Mini Grant (STEP) \$4187.52**

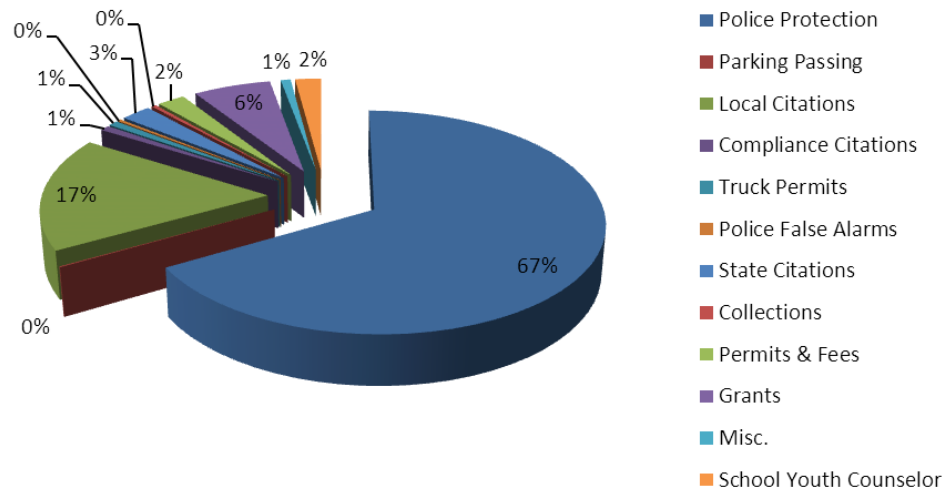
### **IDOT ELAP Grant \$17,985.42**

**Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) \$26,000.00** – The Department of Homeland Security awarded our agency \$26,000 for the department's Gang Enforcement Program.

Police Department Expenditures



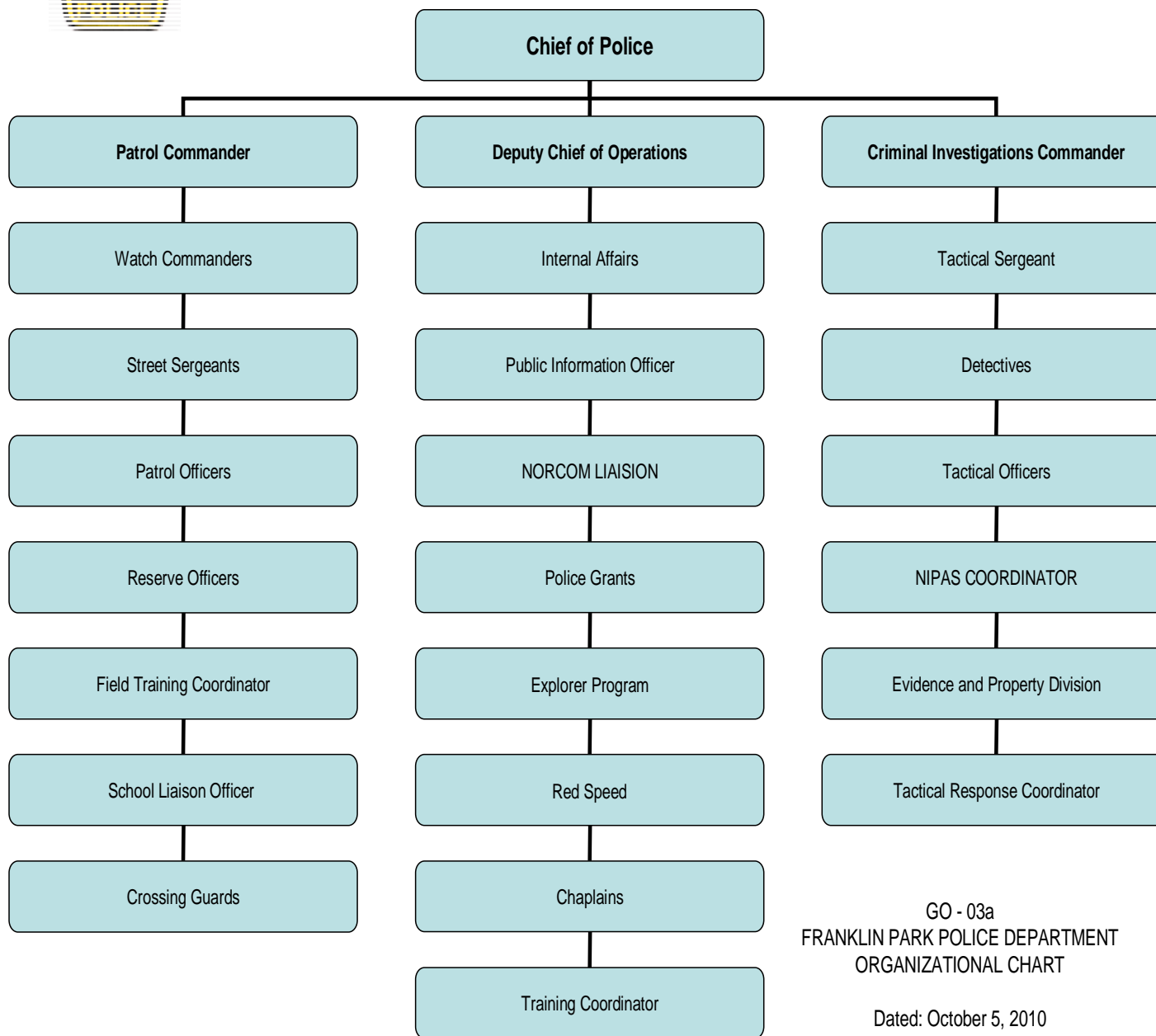
Police Department Revenues



## Police Department Staff

Chief Michael Witz 31 Years of Service  
Commander Michael Konwinski 25 Years of Service  
Sergeant Jack Krecker 29 Years of Service  
Sergeant John Ford 22 Years of Service  
Sergeant Joseph O'Connor 16 Years of Service  
Officer Scott Ptacek 26 Years of Service  
Officer Norm Carli 25 Years of Service  
Officer Ray Page 24 Years of Service  
Officer Michael Czernia 22 Years of Service  
Officer Brian Gillespie 19 Years of Service  
Officer Chris Quiroga 18 Years of Service  
Officer Rob Emmett 15 Years of Service  
Detective Dan Morys 14 Years of Service  
Detective Vito Busse 14 Years of Service  
Officer Russ Klug 11 Years of Service  
Officer Melissa Jones 10 Years of Service  
Tactical Officer Tomasz Klos 7 Years of Service  
Officer Carlos Lazcano 7 Years of Service  
Officer Joe Gulino 7 Years of Service  
Officer Nicolas Tomas hired January 7, 2013  
Officer Rose Pietkiewicz hired April 5, 2013  
Officer Richard Adamski hired April 5, 2013  
Officer Eduardo Hower hired October 4, 2013  
Evidence Tech. Fred Dede 20 Years of Service

Deputy Chief Phil Ruch 27 Years of Service  
Commander Robert Wright 24 Years of Service  
Sergeant Joseph Vallejo 27 Years of Service  
Sergeant Robert Jensen 20 Years of Service  
Sergeant Steve Witnik 12 Years of Service  
Officer Dave Wnek 25 Years of Service  
Officer Don Kaminski 24 Years of Service  
Officer Steve Ross 23 Years of Service  
Officer Lara Hill 20 Years of Service  
Officer Chris Sardo 18 Years of Service  
Officer James Figueroa 18 Years of Service  
Officer Brian Dziewinski 15 Years of Service  
Detective Dan Morys 14 Years of Service  
Officer Nicholas Yracheta 11 Years of Service  
Detective Tom Ferris 10 Years of Service  
Tactical Officer Don Giuliano 7 Years of Service  
Tactical Officer Dan Velazquez 7 Years of Service  
Officer Todd Morin 7 Years of Service  
Officer Dan Vega 3 Years of Service  
Officer Matt Bowes hired March 15, 2013  
Officer Brian Palacios hired April 5, 2013  
Officer Michael Leone hired April 5, 2013  
Admin. Assistant Marlene Holland 20 years of Service



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FRANKLIN PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT  
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Dated: October 5, 2010

## 2014 OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Detective Vito Busse was selected as this year's Police Officer of the Year. Detective Busse has been with the police department for 14 years and currently is assigned to the position of Detective.





## 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, and 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.

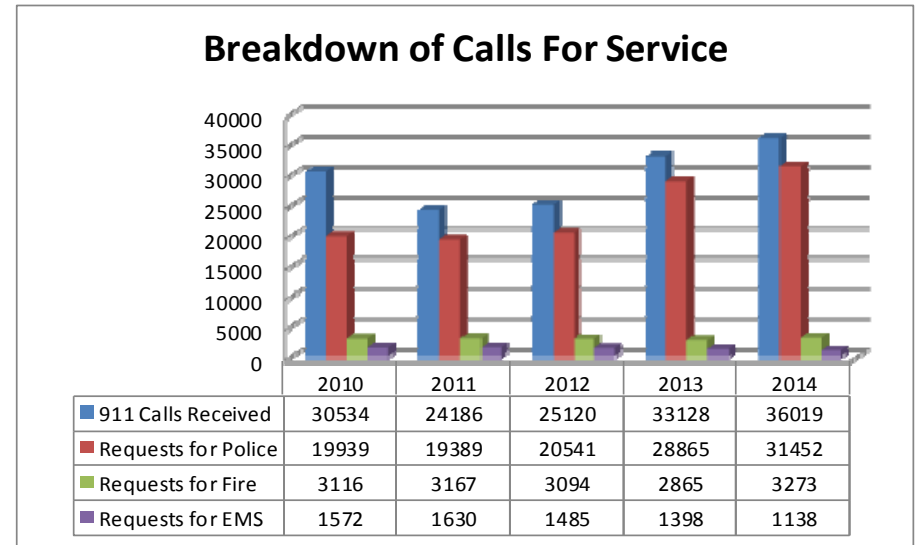
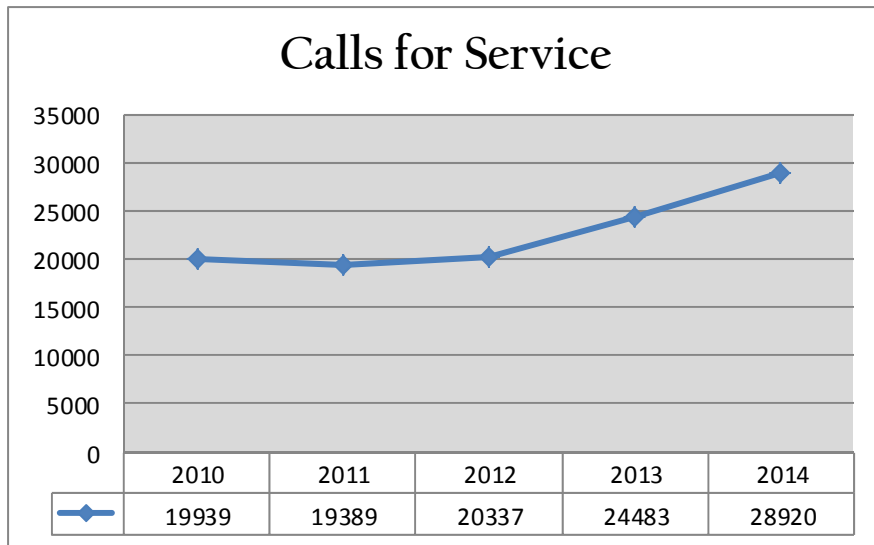
Auxiliary officers are appointed annually by the village mayor. Newly appointed auxiliary officers must complete and attend a state certified 40 hour firearms training class, handcuffing, baton, OC spray training, and a 40 hour modified field training program with a state certified field training officer.

## Auxiliary Police Staff

Reserve Officer Tadeusz Adamczyk 13 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer Karen Casillas hired September 16, 2013  
Reserve Officer James Flak hired September 16, 2013  
Reserve Officer Tom Gorzkowicz 3 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer Charles Jedlink 20 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer Erickson Krueger 3 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer Tom Post 5 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer John Siracuse 20 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer George Tselos 4 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer Euligio Velez 4 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer Eilisa Boyas hired April 2014  
Reserve Officer Howard Ehrhart hired January 20, 2014

Reserve Officer Jose Cabral 15 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer Ewa Dogiec 4 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer Monica Gasienica hired September 16, 2013  
Reserve Officer Jorge Higareda 2 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer Anthony Korus 4 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer Sean Milnes 3 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer Albert Raczy 17 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer Mariela Teliz 4 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer Ezequiel Valdovinos January 1, 2013  
Reserve Officer Rene Villareal 3 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer James Cogley hired March 24, 2014  
Reserve Officer Alfredo Rosario February 19, 2014

## 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:

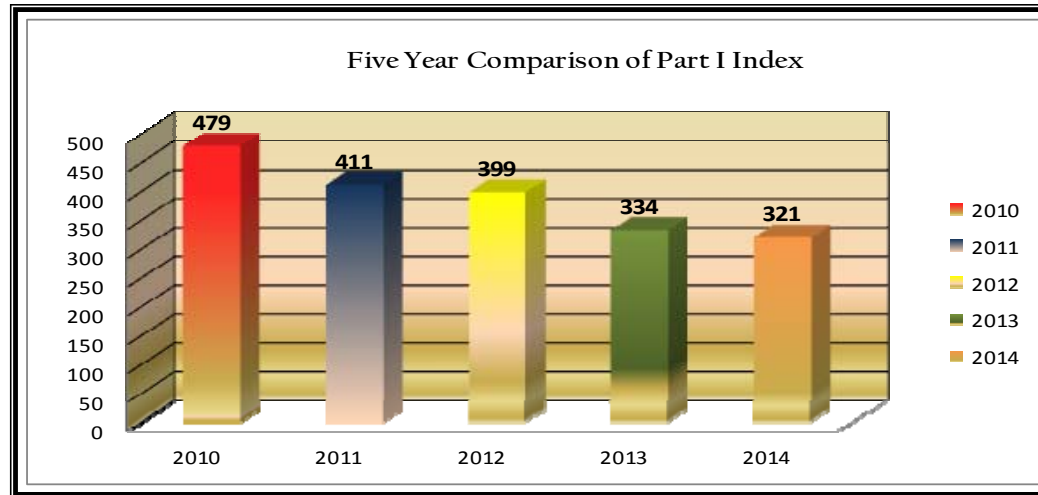
- 1 Division Commander
- 3 Watch Commanders
- 2 Street Sergeants
- 29 Patrol Officers

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.

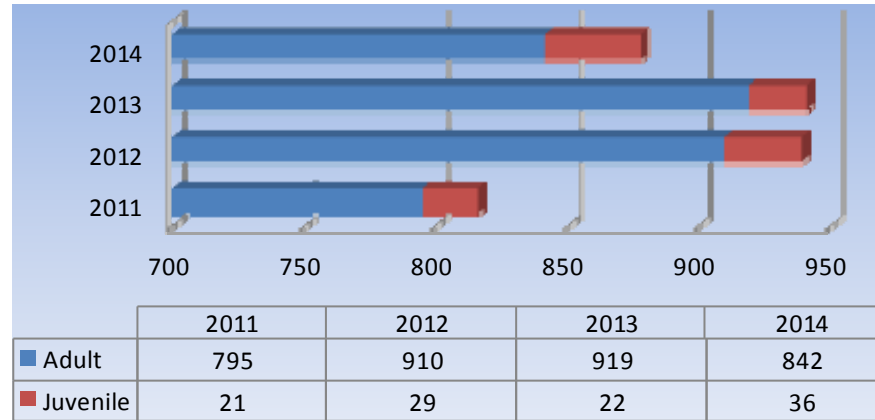
# Illinois Uniform Crime Report Statistics



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.

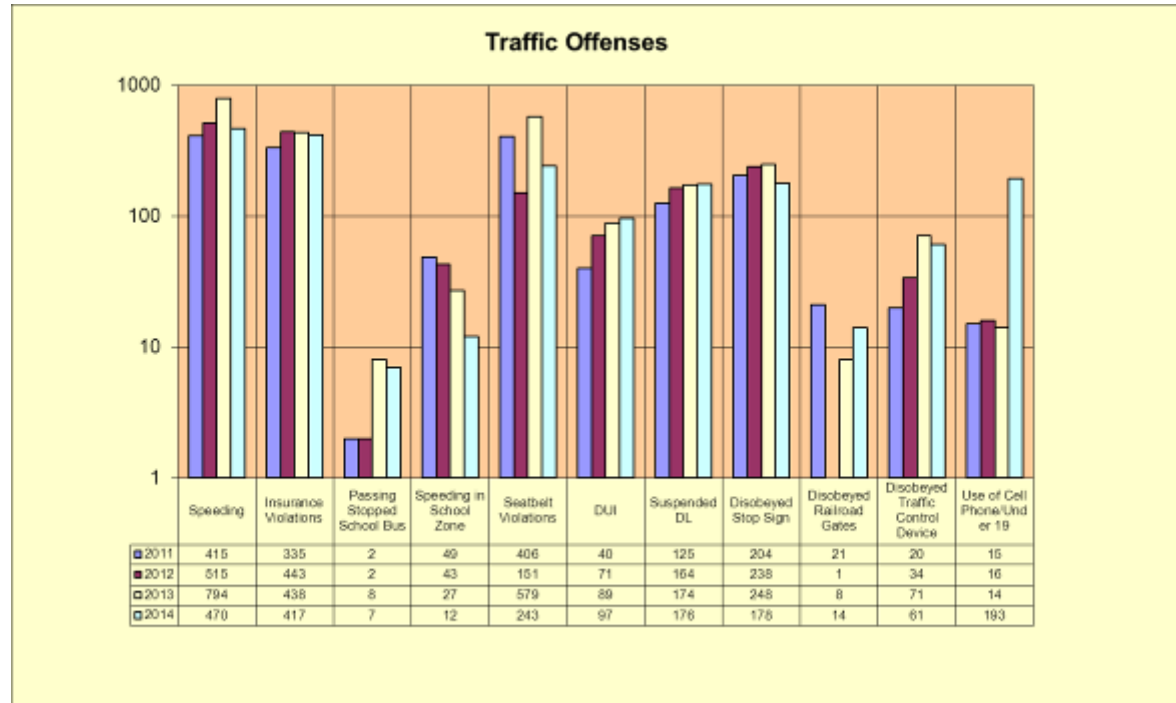
Part I Offenses	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Sexual Assault	6	7	4	7	9
Robbery	8	8	5	3	9
Aggravated Assault/Battery	6	17	18	11	16
Burglary	72	81	91	46	57
Theft	335	265	237	213	203
Motor Vehicle Theft	50	30	42	50	24
Arson	2	3	2	4	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>321</b>

## Total Arrests



## TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

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



The above table depicts the most commonly issued 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.

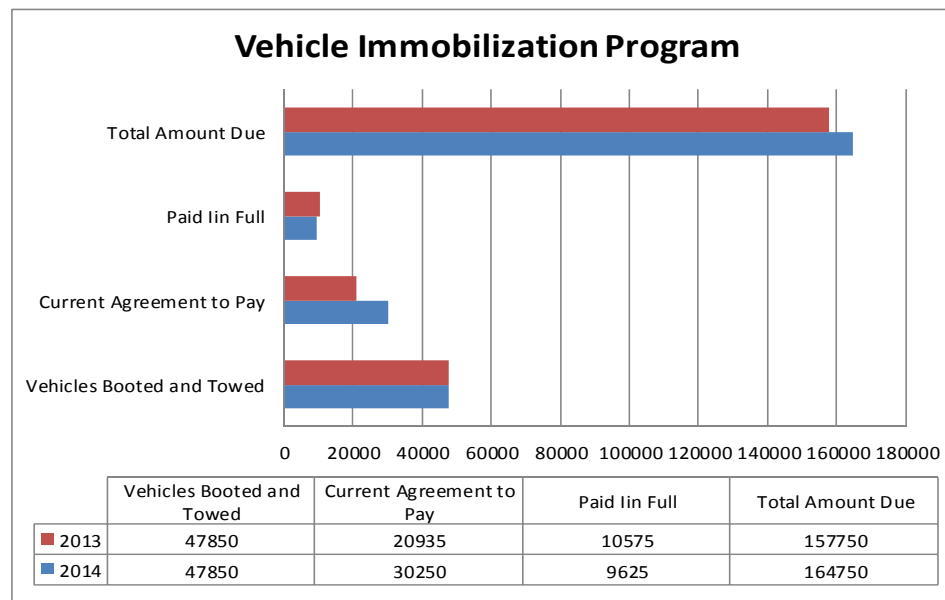
Motorist who are issued a citation are given two options to resolve the citation:

- 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.

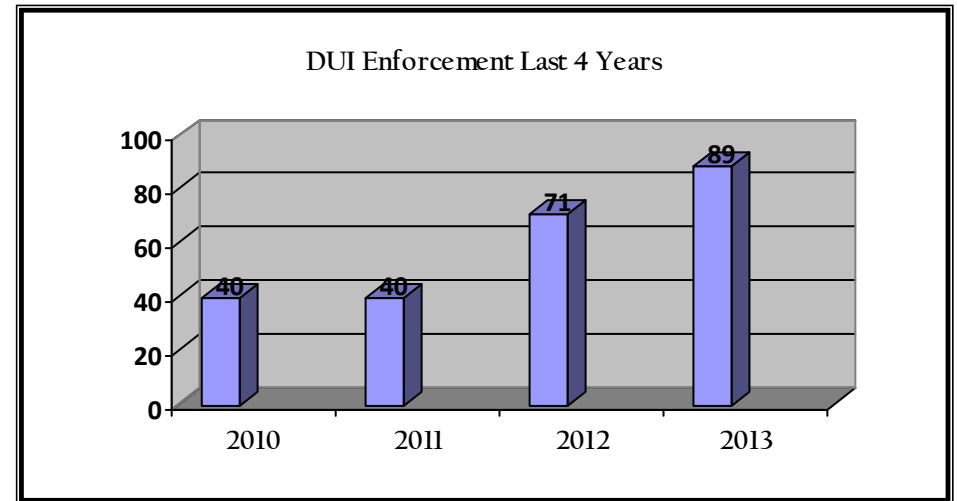
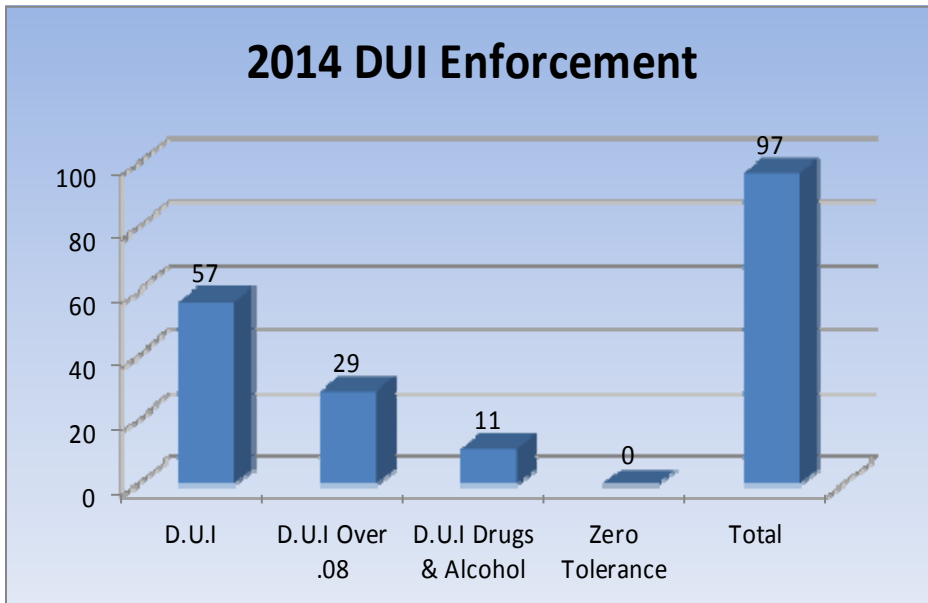
### VEHICLE IMMOBILIZATION:

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.



## DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE ENFORCEMENT

<b>DUI Offenses</b>	<b>2014</b>
DUI	57
DUI - Over .08	29
DUI Drugs & Alcohol	11
Zero Tolerance	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>97</b>



2010	2011	2012	2013
40	40	71	89

## DUI Enforcement Last 4 Years

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.

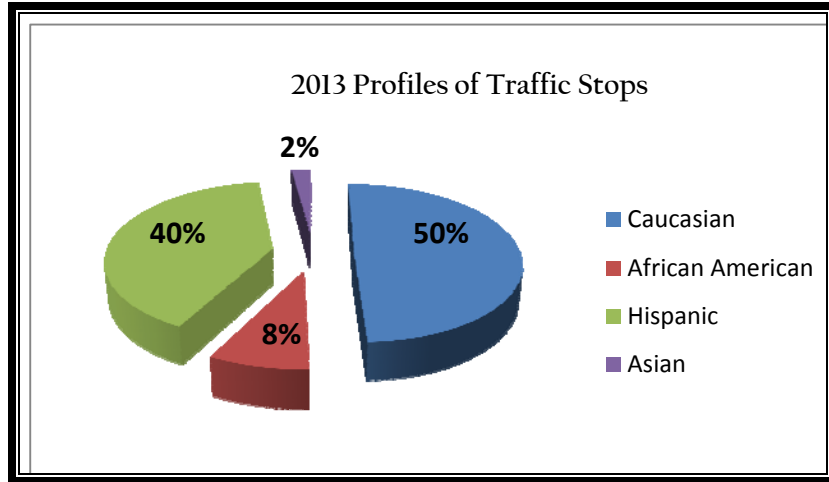
In 2014 the police department received a grant in the amount of \$22,700 from the Illinois Department of Transportation to fund additional manning for the enforcement of seat belt usage.



## 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 2009 to 2013, 2014 data will not be available until July.



<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Number of Stops</u>	<u>Caucasian Driver</u>	<u>Minority Driver</u>
2009	5,325	2,752	2,573
2010	4,120	2,078 (50.44%)	2,042 (49.56%)
2011	2,935	1,278 (43.54%)	1,657 (56.46%)
2012	4,009	1,948 (48.59%)	2,061 (51.41%)
<b>2013</b>	<b>4,401</b>	<b>2,168 (49.26%)</b>	<b>2,233 (50.74%)</b>

<u>Reason for Stop:</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Moving Violation	3,394	2,496	2,935	2,631	2947
Equipment Violation	1,364	1,293	847	1,060	1106
License / Registration Violation	567	331	227	324	346

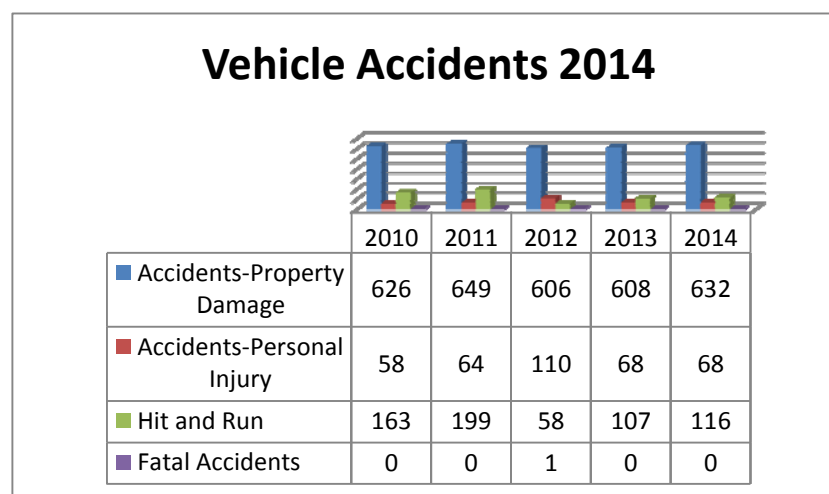
<u>Outcome of Stop:</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Citation	2,608	2,137	1,485	1,885	2262
Verbal Warning	2,717	1,976	1432	2,118	2133
Number of Consent Vehicle Searches	3	10	164	142	93



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 crimes 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 division.

Detectives 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.

### **Major Investigations in 2014**

February-2014 the police took a report for Harassment by Telephone. The victim reported that while she was working she had received several unwanted phone calls from her ex-boyfriend. The victim's request for the ex-boyfriend to stop calling her was ignored and finally the victim called the police and made a report. While the case was being followed up the investigator learned that the ex-boyfriend posted several nude photos of her on a social media website. At the advice of the investigator the victim obtained an order of protection, against the ex-boyfriend, and after he posted additional nude photos of her the ex-boyfriend was arrested. The case was prosecuted as Harassment by Electronic Means..

March-2014 the police took a report of Domestic Battery against a female victim. The report indicated that the victim's boyfriend battered her which caused bruising and fractured her wrist. While interviewing the victim investigators learned that the victim and suspect began to argue which is when he started to hit and kick her. The victim also told investigators that she was six weeks pregnant. A few days after the report was filed investigators located and arrested the suspect. He was charged with Aggravated Domestic Battery.

April-2014 the police took a report of a residential burglary. The property owner reported that somebody had broken into the residence and removed several items including several television sets, jewelry, cash, game systems and several other items. As the investigator followed up the suspicions rose about the legitimacy of the report. Investigators contacted the NICB (National Insurance Crime Bureau) for assistance on this case at which time issues with the victim and his past insurance claims and reports came up. As the investigation continued it was determined that the report made to the police was without merit and as a result the victim has been indicted on insurance fraud charges.

June-2014 the police took a report of a man who was beaten by four people as he exited his vehicle in his drive way. The victim said that as he exited his parked car he was approached by four people who began to beat on him. Family members from inside the house heard noises outside and came to the victim's aid when they saw what was going on. The victim and family members were able to give police a description of the suspects and the suspect vehicle and the suspects were arrested a short distance from the crime scene. Three of the four suspects were charged with Aggravated Battery and several other charges.

July-2014 the police took a report of a criminal damage to vehicle after the vehicle owner watched a man throw a bottle in to his vehicle. The vehicle owner didn't realize at first, but that bottle had a burning napkin coming out of the top opening. The investigation uncovered that the suspect was helping another person get even with the vehicle owner by trying to start his vehicle on fire. It just so happened that when the suspect threw the bottle into the car, with the lighted napkin, the fire never started. The suspect was arrested for criminal damage.

August-2014 the police took a report of Deceptive Practice after a victim learned that a loan was taken out in his name. As the investigation started the victim indicated that a house guest may have used his personal information to obtain a loan. The investigator on the case was able to obtain the suspect's identity and the victim was able to positively identify the suspect as the house guest in question. The suspect was arrest and charged with one count of Identity Theft.

## **FRANKLIN PARK TACTICAL UNIT**

### **Major Investigations in 2014**

March 2014 – we assisted the Chicago Police Department in providing information before the grand jury on a Homicide case which lead to the an indictment of the suspect.

May– 2014 after concluding a 24 month long investigation with the FBI several members of a gang known as the Imperial Gangsters were charged with the first multi-state gang RICO case in Miami Florida.

August 2014 – a joint operation between our agency and Department of Homeland Security at the Super 8 Motel in Schiller Park resulted in the seizure of 444 grams of cocaine and the arrest of 1 male subject.

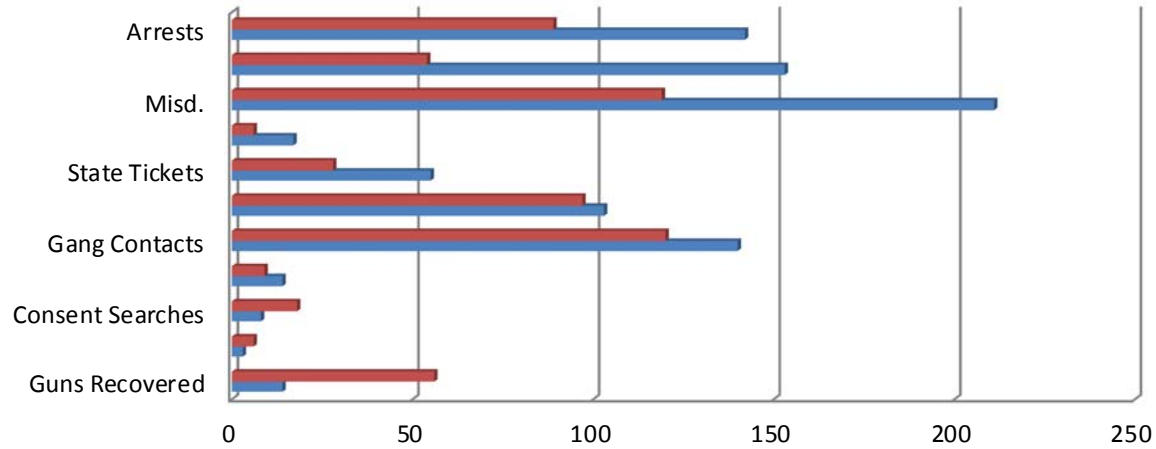
October 2014 - a Prostitution Sting operation was conducted which resulted in the arrest of 5 subjects who were charged with a local ordinance for soliciting a prostitute.

October 2014 a gun trafficking case conducted with the CCSPD was completed and 3 subjects were arrested and charged with Gun Trafficking. The unit received a unit award from the Cook County Sheriff Dart.

November 2014 information was provided to the Chicago Police Department and Department of Homeland Security of a location in the City of Chicago where a large of amount of narcotics were being stored. A search warrant was executed by those agencies which resulted in the finding of 1100 grams of cocaine and 400 gr of cannabis were recovered.

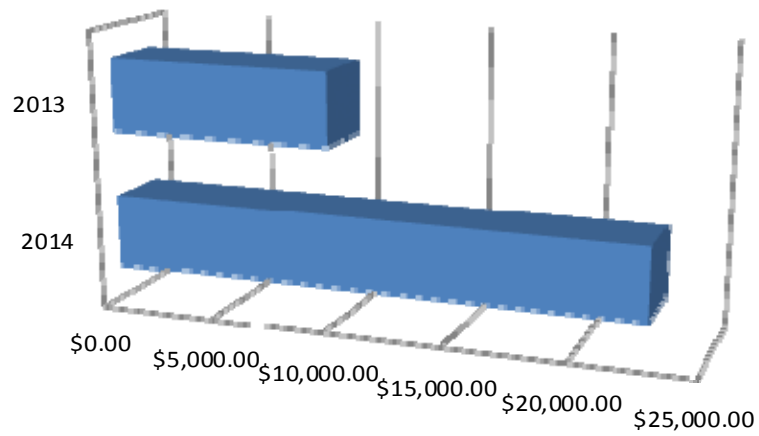


## 2014 Tactical Activity



	Guns Recovered	Car Seizures	Consent Searches	Search Warrants	Gang Contacts	Narcotics Inv.	State Tickets	Arrest on Warrant	Misd.	Felony	Arrests
■ 2013	56	6	18	9	120	97	28	6	119	54	89
■ 2014	14	3	8	14	140	103	55	17	211	153	142

## Money Seizures



	2014	2013
■ Money Seizures	\$22,832.00	\$9,706.00

## CRIME SCENE EVIDENCE TECHNICIANS

A crime scene 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.



(Above shown is Officer Steve Ross processing evidence in the department's new crime scene processing areas)

The Crime Scene 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 crime scene evidence technicians receive basic evidence training through a state certified course. They also 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.



**This year our department began to participate in the United States Department of Veterans Affairs On-the-Job Training Program.** On-The-Job Training (OJT) Program offers veterans or current members of the guard or reserve an alternative way to use your VA (GI Bill) education and training benefits.

Veterans or reservists can receive monthly training benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in addition to your regular salary when being trained for a new job. In our case, veterans or reservists hired by the police department will receive benefits while attending the training academy and while completing the FTO program.

In Illinois, the VA pays veteran GI Bill participants on a scale depending on the amount of time they are enrolled in the program. For example the program pays 75% of the full time college rate per month for the first six months of OJT training, 55% of the full time rate for the second six months of training and 33 % of the full time rate for the remainder of training program.

## 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.

The department is pleased to announce that this year's Tobacco Compliance sting operations resulted in zero complaints being issued against businesses.

## **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. BALDRICK'S 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>.

(Pictured to the right are Officers Richard Admaski and Officer Joseph Gulino)





## SANTA COP

In December 2014 the Police Department along with criminal justice students from Westwood College delivered gifts to ten Franklin Park families who were experiencing significant hardship and were struggling to meet their children's most basic needs on a day-to-day basis. District 84 Superintendent Dr. David Katzin provided the names of the families. Carl Cooper, criminal justice program Chair at Westwood College assisted the students in conducting a fund raiser, purchasing and rapping the gifts for the families to be delivered. The message to his students was criminal justice is more than just finding bad guys and putting them in jail. It is about making the communities you live in a better place to live. Your actions show everyone that you also believe that the way to improve relationships starts by building trust and showing you care about what happens in the community you serve.



(Pictured is Deputy Chief Phil Ruch with one of our receiving families)

## 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	Incident Command	Portable Breathalyzer		D.U.I.	Child Safety Seat

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.

Field Training Officers  
Bicycle Patrol Officers  
Rapid Deployment

Firearms Instructors  
Juvenile Officers  
OC Instructors

Crime Scene Evidence Technicians  
Detectives  
Handcuffing / Baton

Certified Breath Operators  
Taser Instructors  
Motorcycle Instructor



## **SCHOOL LIASION PROGRAM**

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.

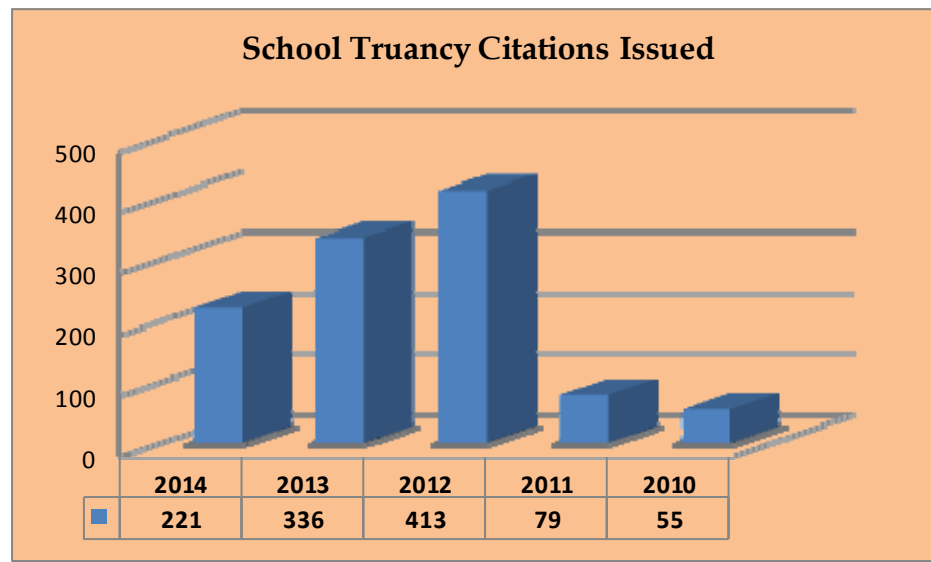
Depending upon the incident, a S.L.O. will tactfully yet impartially, inform students and their guardians/parents of their legal rights, responsibilities and legal procedure pursuant to state and local law, while maintaining confidentiality when feasible—especially when involving school social workers 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,

truancies 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 25 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  
CP Railroad and Calwagner  
Edgington and Chestnut  
Atlantic and Chestnut  
Scott and Fullerton

Franklin and Calwagner  
Pacific and Calwagner  
Rose and Chestnut  
Rose and Gage



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 obey a crossing guard is a violation of the law which could result in a large fine.

## EXPLORER POST#97

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.

Instructor Officer James Figueroa  
Sergei Lomeli  
Autro Aguirre  
Joseph Cunningham

Members of Explorers:

Instructor Richard Adamski  
Jose Manjarrez  
Melissa Arocha  
Roberto Manarrez

Kevin Herrera  
Christopher Rudy  
Piotr Chmura  
Alexander Muniz

## NORCOMM

Since 1998 NORCOMM has provided the Village of Franklin Park with both police and fire dispatch services and in 2009 obtained NORCOMM to provide personnel for the Records Division to reduce cost, NORCOMM 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 Communication Officer's per shift.



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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