

# FRANKLIN PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

2017

## ANNUAL REPORT



**Michael Witz**  
**Director 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 Desk of the Director of Police...**

On behalf of the men and women of the Franklin Park Police Department I am pleased to present the 2017 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** – In 2017 the village installed a propane fueling station to provide fuel to the fleets 2016 and 2017 Ford Explorers. The cleaner burner and more efficient fuel are expected to save around \$20,000 in fuel costs annually. Officer Rob Emmett is fueling one of the squads.

In 2017 the department received \$25,486.50 in grants from various sources.

#### **Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program - \$3,524.50**

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 - \$2,090.00**

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 2017, Franklin Park was allocated \$2,090.00 to conduct compliance checks throughout the Village.

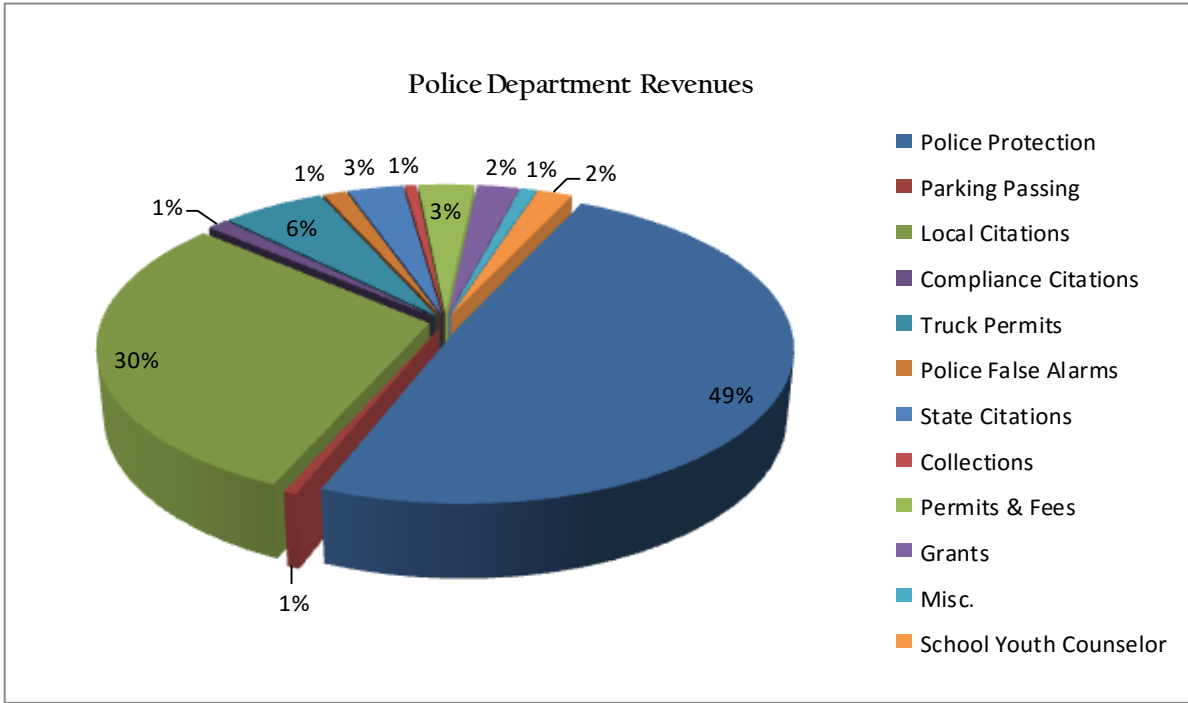
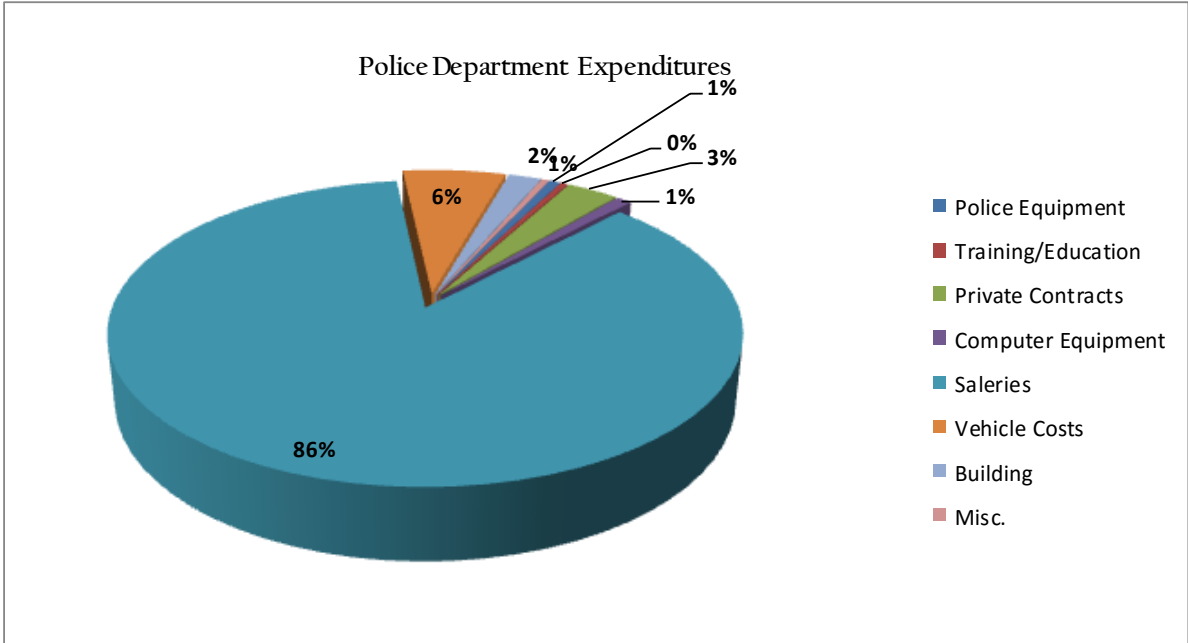
#### **Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) \$19,872.00**

In April 2017 the police department signed an inter-governmental agreement with the state comptroller's office to collect on delinquent debts such as parking fines, compliance and local ordinance violations. The program is call IDROP and in the first year of the program the village took in \$9,852.82. These monies are collected from monies that a person either wins From the Illinois Lottery or receives from the State Income Tax return.

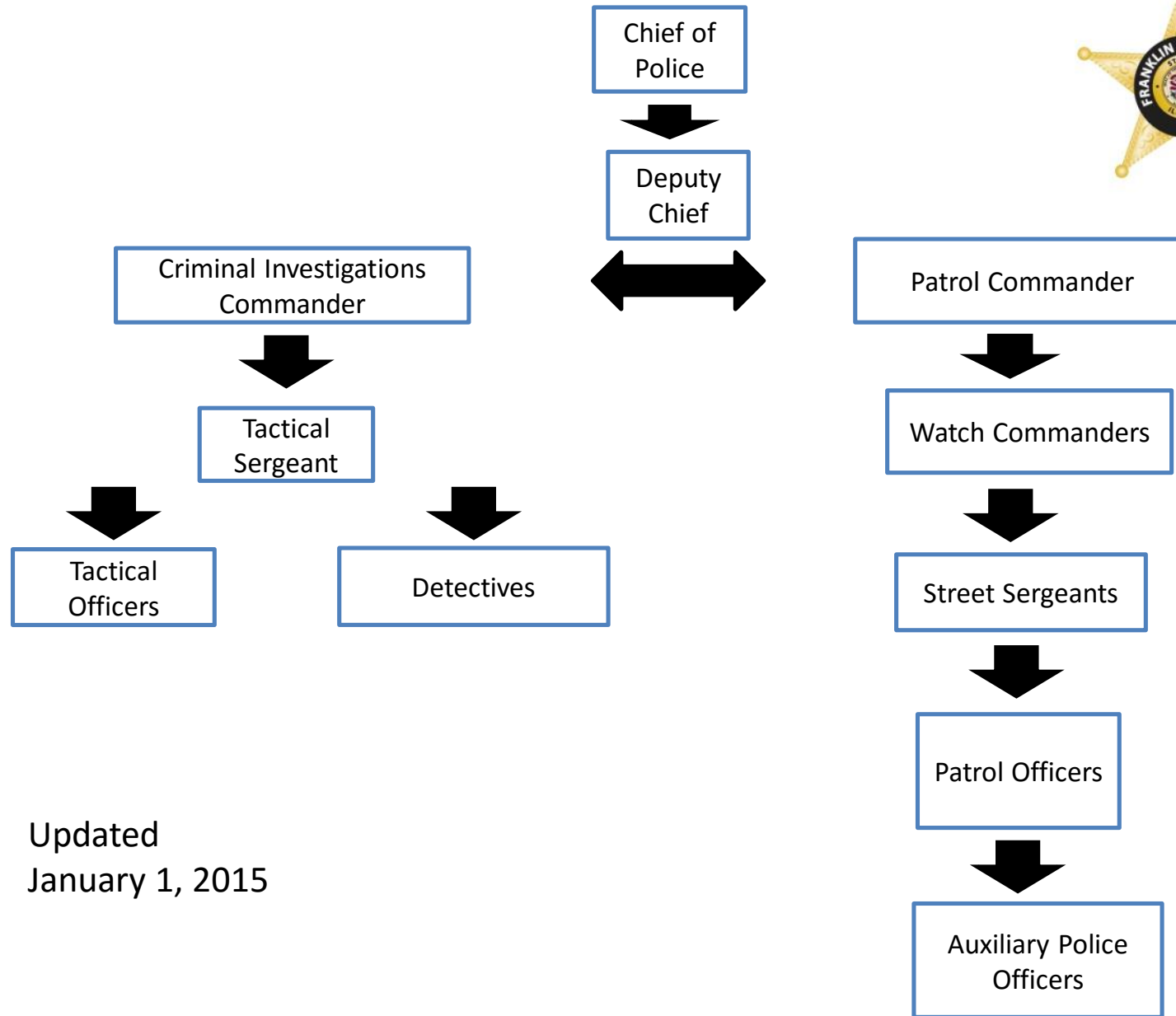
On December 4<sup>th</sup> the PLEA foundation donated a bullet proof vest to the departments K-9 Voodoo. The PLEA foundation is a not for profit organization that accepts private donations and seeks out fitting at no cost bullet proof vest to K-9's throughout the country. In the picture PLEA President Ashley McMahon and Treasurer Ashley Gibson are Presenting K-9 Officer Michael Leone and Voodoo with the new vest.







## Franklin Park Police Department Organizational Chart



Updated  
January 1, 2015

## **Police Department Staff**

Director Michael Witz 34 Years of Service  
Commander Michael Konwinski 28 Years of Service  
Sergeant Jack Krecker 32 Years of Service  
Sergeant John Ford 25 Years of Service  
Sergeant Joseph O'Connor 19 Years of Service  
Sergeant Steve Witnik 15 Years of Service  
Officer Scott Ptacek 29 Years of Service  
Officer Don Kaminski 27 Years of Service  
Officer Steve Ross 26 Years of Service  
Detective Lara Hill 23 Years of Service  
Officer James Figueroa 19 Years of Service  
Officer Brian Dziejewski 18 Years of Service  
Officer Nicholas Yracheta 14 Years of Service  
Detective Tom Ferris 13 Years of Service  
Tactical Officer Don Giuliano 10 Years of Service  
Tactical Officer Dan Velazquez 10 Years of Service  
Officer Todd Morin 10 Years of Service  
Officer Dan Vega 6 Years of Service  
Officer Matt Bowes 4 Years of Service  
Officer Richard Adamski 4 Years of Service  
Officer Eduardo Hower 4 Years of Service  
Officer Michael Iagulli 2 Years of Service  
Officer Matthew Tomas 2 Years of Service  
Officer Nicholas Pelikan hired April 21, 2017  
Officer Nicholas Padilla hired April 21, 2017  
Evidence Tech. Fred Dede 23 Years of Service

Deputy Chief Phil Ruch 30 Years of Service  
Commander Robert Wright 27 Years of Service  
Sergeant Joseph Vallejo 30 Years of Service  
Sergeant Robert Jensen 23 Years of Service  
Sergeant Michael Jones 18 Years of Service  
Sergeant Vito Busse 17 Years of Service  
Officer Dave Wnek 28 Years of Service  
Officer Ray Page 27 Years of Service  
Officer Michael Czernia 25 Years of Service  
Officer Chris Quiroga 21 Years of Service  
Officer Rob Emmett 18 Years of Service  
Officer Dan Morys 17 Years of Service  
Officer Russ Klug 14 Years of Service  
Officer Melissa Jones 12 Years of Service  
Officer Tomas Klos 10 Years of Service  
Detective Carlos Lazcano 10 Years of Service  
Officer Joe Gulino 10 Years of Service  
Tactical Officer Nicolas Tomaso 4 Years of Service  
Officer Rose Rutkowski 4 Years of Service  
K9 Officer Michael Leone 4 Years of Service  
Officer Daniel Rocha 2 Years of Service  
Officer Zachary Romano 2 Years of Service  
Officer James Mcroary hired September 16, 2016  
Officer Manuel Quinones hired April 21, 2017  
Admin. Assistant Lucy Benigno 2 Years of Service



## **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**

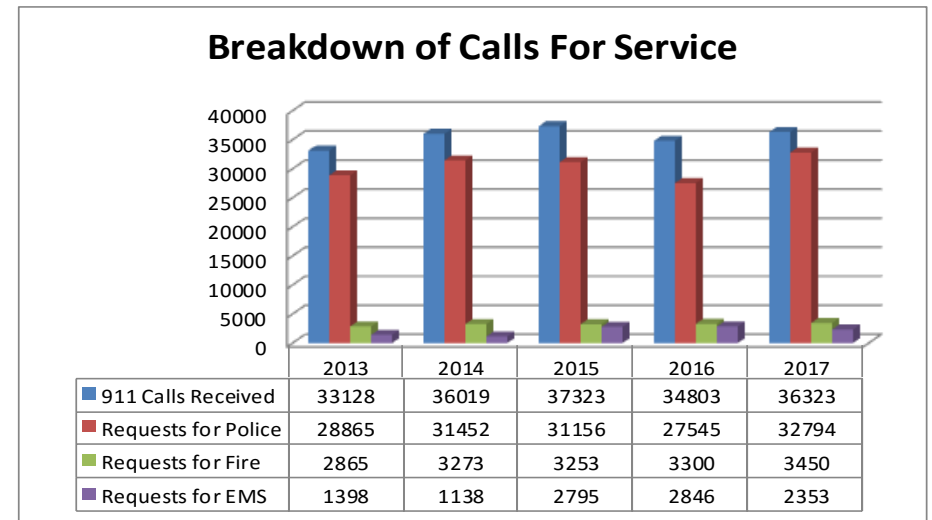
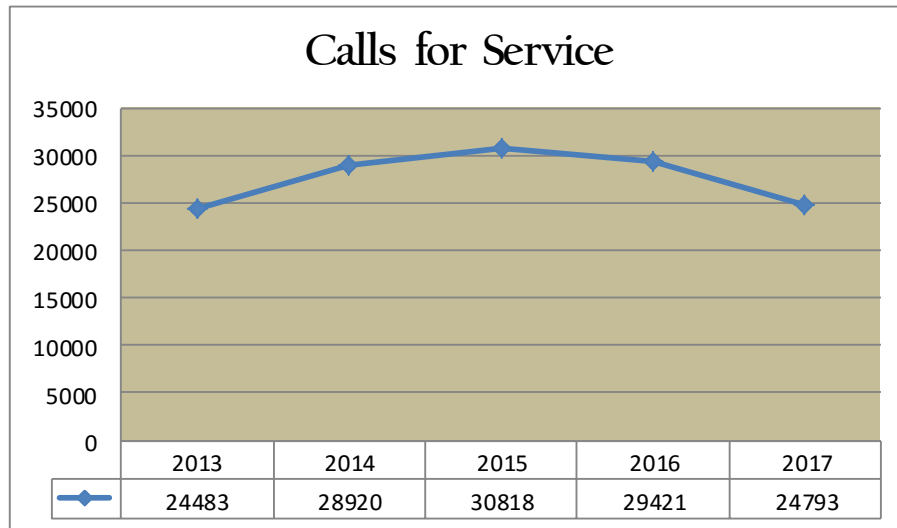
Reserve Officer John Siracuse 23 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer Jose Cabral 19 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer Anthony Korus 6 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer Jorge Higareda 5 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer Rene Villareal 5 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer James Flak 4 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer Howard Ehrhart 3 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer Eilisa Boyas 3 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer Matthew Uliveri hired February 2016  
Reserve Officer Jose Flores hired October 2016  
Reserve Officer Irmel Kisija hired October 2016

Reserve Officer Charles Jedlink 23 Years of Service  
Reserve officer Mariela Teliz 7 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer Euligio Velez 6 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer Erickson Krueger 5 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer Karen Casillas 4 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer Ezequiel Valdovinos 4 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer Alfredo Roasrio 3 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer Auriel Payan 2 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer Kamil Pecak hired June 2016  
Reserve Officer Jeeshan Rafi hired October 2016

## 2017 OFFICER OF THE YEAR



Officer Robb Emmett was selected as this year's Police Officer of the Year. Officer Emmett has been with the police department for 18 years and currently is assigned to the position of Patrol Officer.



## 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:

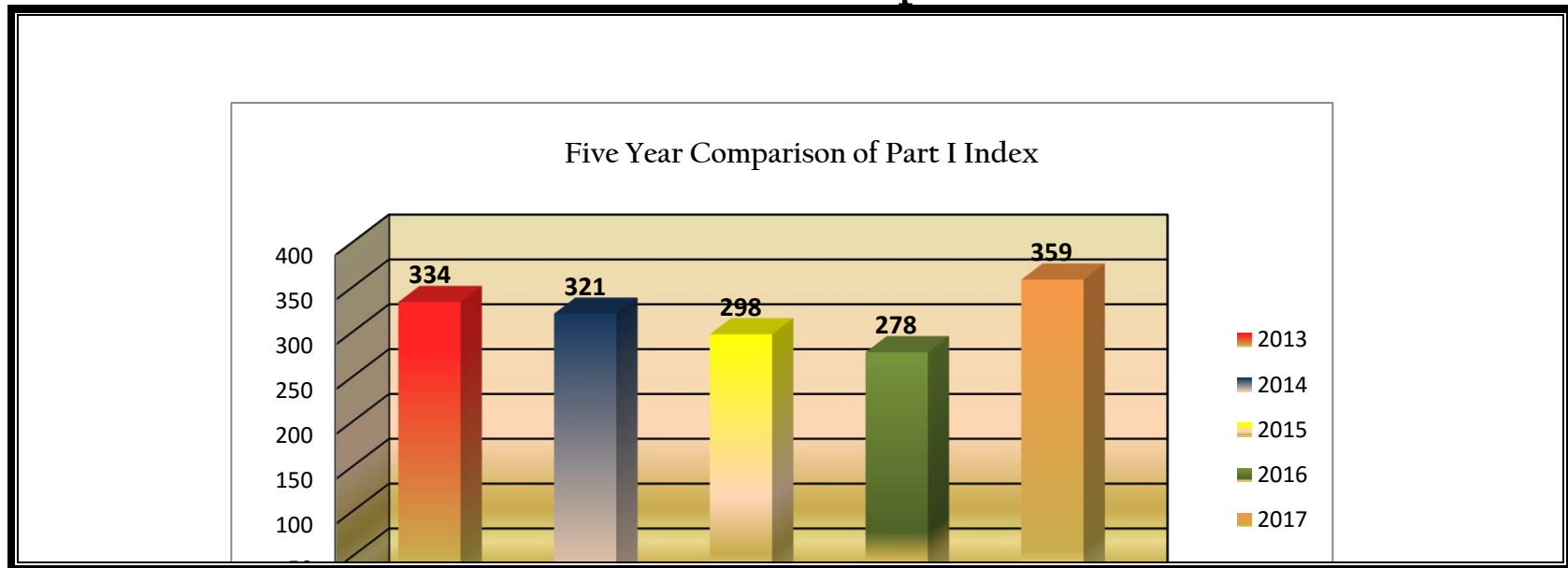
- 1 Division Commander
- 3 Watch Commanders
- 3 Street Sergeants
- 30 Patrol Officers
- 22 Auxiliary Police Officers

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



## Part I Offenses

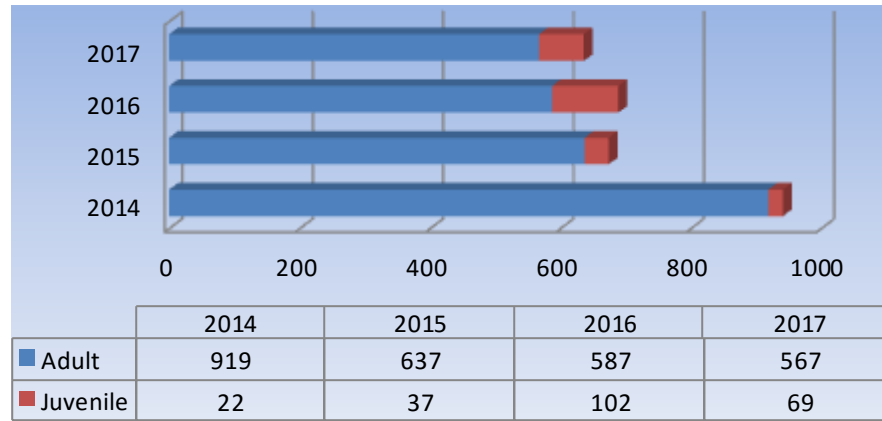
Homicide  
Criminal Sexual Assault  
Robbery  
Aggravated Assault/Battery  
Burglary  
Theft  
Motor Vehicle Theft  
Arson

2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
0	0	0	0	0
7	9	4	6	7
3	9	8	9	13
11	16	9	17	17
46	57	64	40	92
213	203	186	153	201
50	24	24	47	27
4	3	3	6	2
334	321	298	278	359

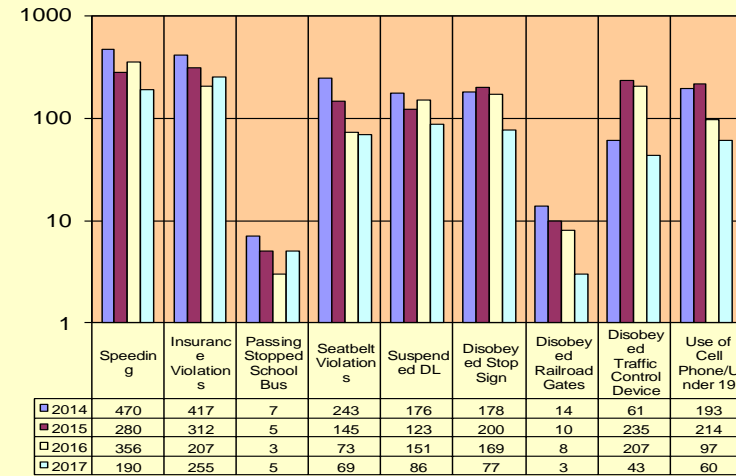
Total

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.

## Total Arrests



## Traffic Offenses



## TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

The tables above depict 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.

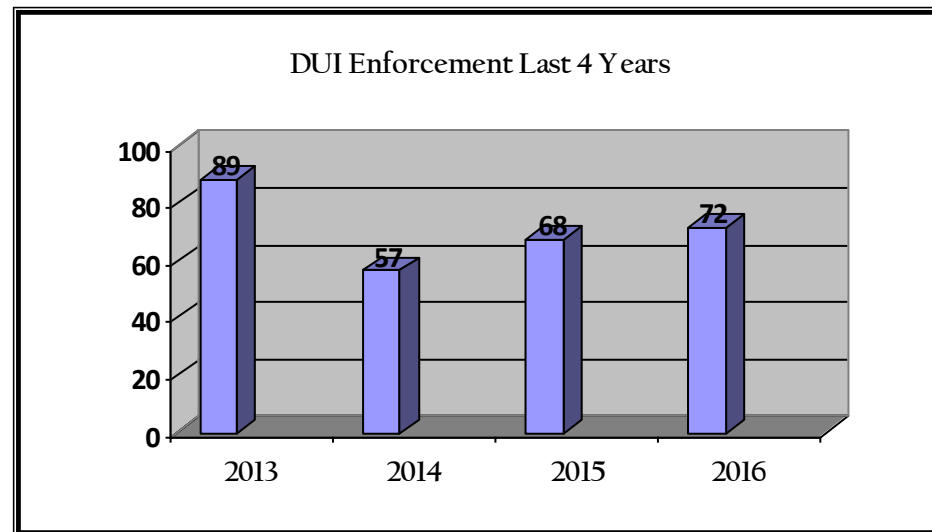
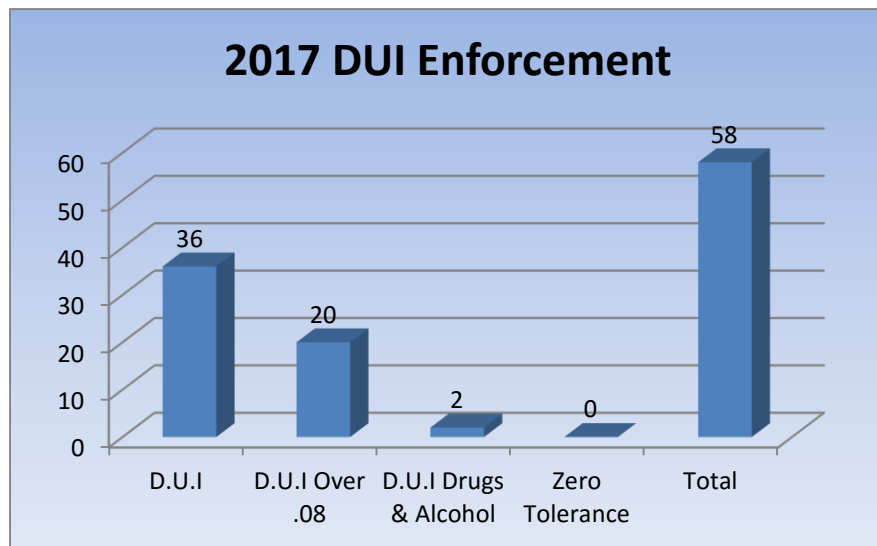
Motorist who are issued a citation are given two options to resolve the citation:

- 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.



## DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE ENFORCEMENT



2013	2014	2015	2016
89	57	68	72

DUI Enforcement Last 4 Years

DUI Offenses	2017
DUI	36
DUI - Over .08	20
DUI Drugs & Alcohol	2
Zero Tolerance	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>58</b>

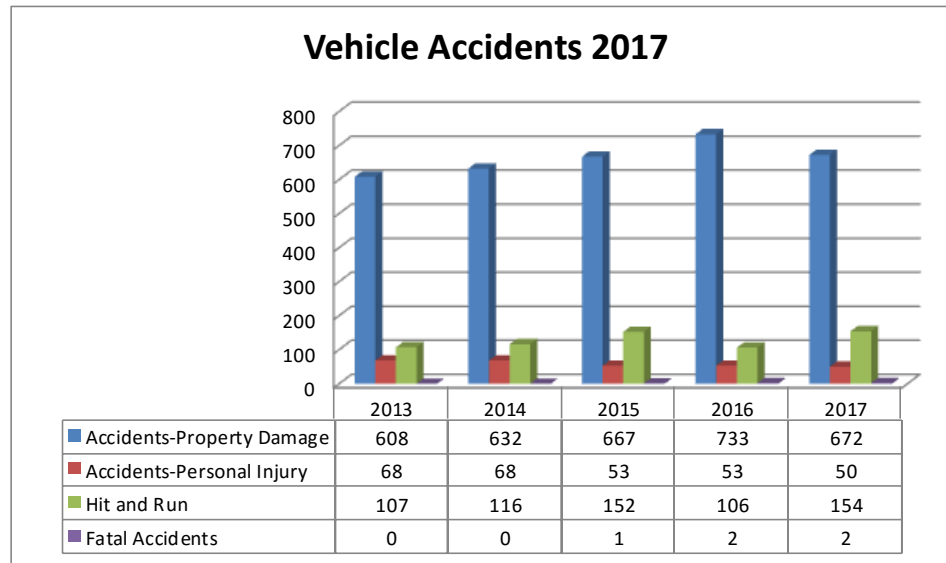
Impaired driving, which means driving while your ability is affected by alcohol or drugs, is a crime under the Illinois Vehicle Code. Driving while intoxicated is dangerous and drivers with high blood alcohol content are at greatly increased risk of car accidents, highway injuries, and vehicular deaths. 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 2017 the police department received a grant in the amount of \$19,296.84 from the Illinois Department of Transportation to fund additional manning for the enforcement of seat belt usage.



## 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.

In 2015 we contracted with a software provider by the name of APRISS. This new software allows officers instead of handwriting traffic crash reports and manually submitting them to the state, to electronically complete a report and submit it through the internet. This new software allows for a cleaner more legible style of report at the same time allowing all parties in need of a copy of the report to do so via the internet, this came at no cost to the village.

## 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, 2019.

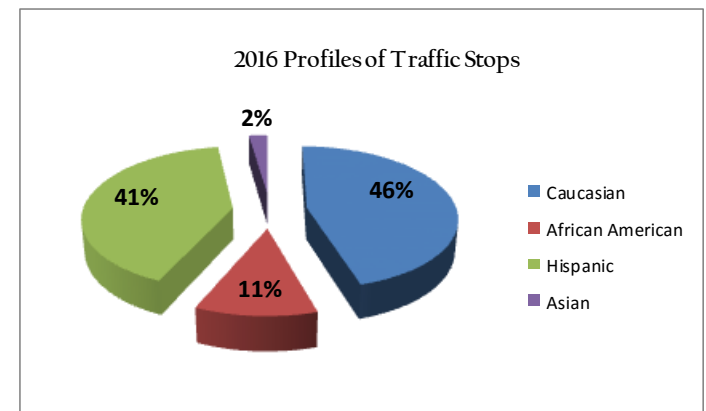
Below are the results of this study for the Franklin Park Police Department for the years 2012 to 2016, 2017 data will not be available until July.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Number of Stops</u>	<u>Caucasian Driver</u>			<u>Minority Driver</u>	
2012	4,009	1,948 (48.59%)			2,061 (51.41%)	
2013	4,401	2,168 (49.26%)			2,233 (50.74%)	
2014	4,235	2,092 (49.4%)			2,143 (50.6%)	
2015	3,704	1,679 (45.3%)			2,025 (54.7%)	
2016	3,766	1,708 (45.4%)			2,058 (54.6%)	
<b>Reason for Stop:</b>		<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Moving Violation		2,631	2,947	2,651	2,310	2,541
Equipment Violation		1,060	1,106	1,210	1,093	921
License / Registration Violation		324	346	374	299	302
<b>Outcome of Stop:</b>		<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Citation		1,885	2,262	1,819	1,573	1,632
Verbal Warning		2,118	2,133	2,410	2,128	2,129
Number of Consent Vehicle Searches		142	93	89	92	59

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.



## **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.

Detectives follow up on both adult and juvenile incidents that are reported to the police department. Each detective is assigned his/her 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 2017**

On May 18, 2017 in the 9600 block of Franklin Av: an argument ensued and a male victim was stabbed twice with a knife and suffered superficial wounds. He was treated at a local hospital and was released the same day. The investigation determined that the victim was stabbed by a female friend who was arrested and charged for Assault and Battery. The matter was processed in criminal court, but was later dropped after the victim refused to pursue the case.

On May 27, 2017 A male suspect stole personal information from a longtime friend and deceptively opened various credit accounts with it. Over a period of time, the suspect unlawfully obtained over \$10,000.00 using the stolen identity. An investigation was launched and a warrant was issued for the suspect's arrest. The suspect was eventually arrested and charged with Aggravated Identity Theft. That case is still pending in court.

On July 5, 2017 in the 11000 block of Panoramic a person reported that an adult male suspect sexually assaulted a female juvenile which was the daughter of a friend of his. The suspect crime allegedly occurred in the friend's residence in Franklin Park. Investigators collected evidence and conducted interviews with all those involved and as a result of the investigation felony charges for Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault was filed against the suspect. That case is still pending in court.

On July 18, 2017 Officers responded to the 11600 block of Copenhagen for a 911 call from a woman who reported a man with a gun in a factory in town. Based on the description from the female caller, officer's we able to track down the person who was reported to have the gun. During an interview with that person officers learned that the person didn't have a gun and information learned during that time lead officer's to believe that the allegation about the gun was false and made up. An investigator was assigned the case and the woman who made the 911 call

was located. During an interview the woman she admitted to making the 911 call, than admitted that the report about the gun was indeed false. The woman was charged with disorderly conduct. The court sentenced the woman to 18 months of conditional discharge; she was also ordered to perform 100 hours of community service and she had to pay a fine.

On July 24, 2017 Police took a report of a burglary to a business in the 9600 block of Grand, which occurred during overnight morning hours. After reviewing surveillance video and conducting interviews investigators were able to develop a lead on a suspect. Over a short period of time the suspect burglarized several other businesses in surrounding towns and was wanted by several police jurisdictions including Franklin Park. At one point the suspect became involved in an altercation with an officer from another town at which point the suspect committed a carjacking. Approximately two weeks after committing the burglary in Franklin Park the suspect was arrested by a task force at which point the arrest warrant from Franklin Park P.D. was executed. A short time later the suspect was charged with one count of burglary in Franklin Park. This case is still pending in court.

## **FRANKLIN PARK TACTICAL UNIT**

### **Major Investigations in 2017**

In March 2017 the tactical unit executed a Narcotic Search Warrant in the 9100 block of Grand took into custody 1 male subject who was charged with possession and possession with intent to deliver Heroin..

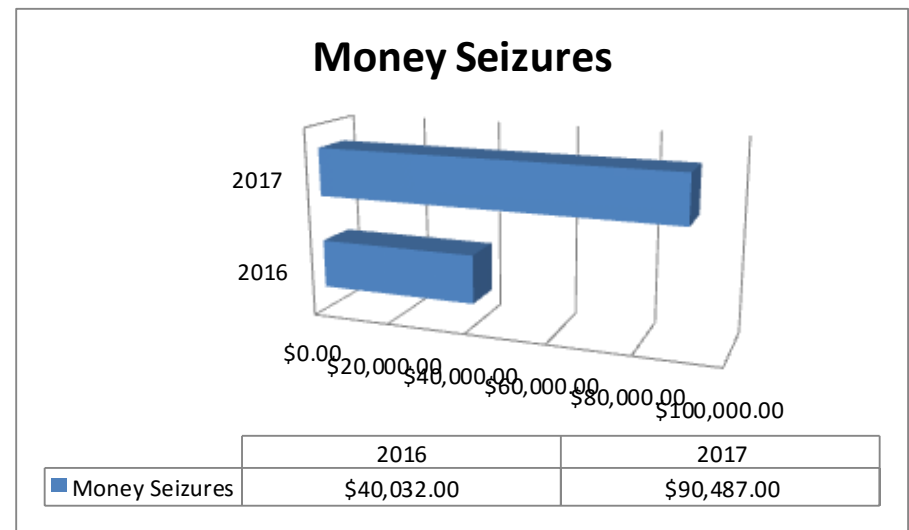
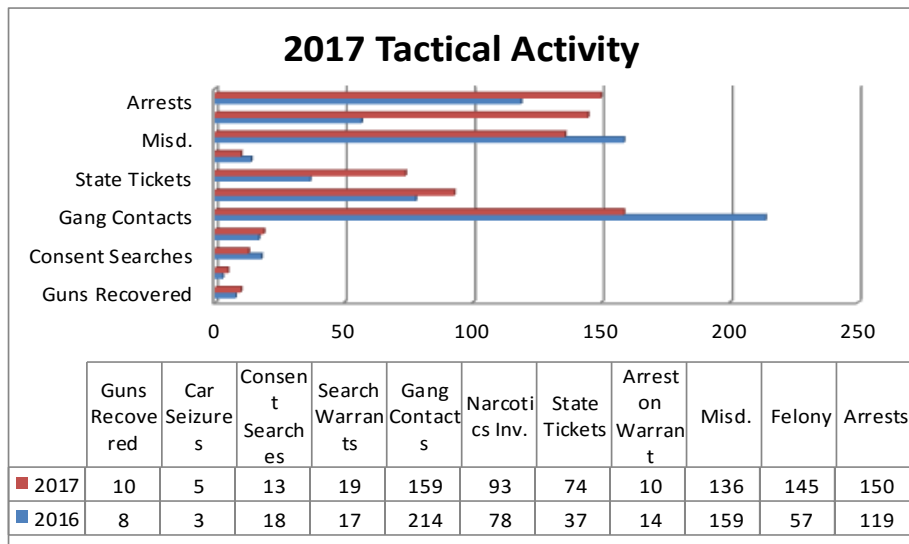
In April 2017 the tactical unit executed a Narcotic Search Warrant in the 3200 Block of Ernst and took into 1 male subject who was found in possession of cannabis plants and operating a grow house. The male subject was charged with possession and possession with intent to deliver cannabis.

In September 2017 the tactical unit executed a Narcotic Search Warrant in the 2400 block of Elm Street in River Grove. Taken into custody were 2 male subjects who were charged with possession and possession with intent to deliver cannabis, cocaine heroin and unlawful possession of a firearm.

In September 2017 the tactical unit executed a Narcotic Search Warrant in the 9900 block of Pacific. Taken into custody was 1 male subject who was charged with possession and possession with intent to deliver cocaine.

In November 2017 the tactical unit executed a Narcotic Search Warrant in the 3000 block of Prairie. Taken into custody was 1 male subject who was charged with possession and possession with intent to deliver cannabis.

In December 2017 the tactical unit executed a Narcotic Search Warrant in the 10400 block of Diversey. Taken into custody were 2 male subjects who were charged with possession and possession with intent to deliver cocaine, heroin and Xanax. The house was also being used for prostitution.



## 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 department 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 Crime Scene Evidence Technician is responsible for the following at a crime scene:

Photograph the scene

Collect Physical Evidence

Process Fingerprints

Take Measurements





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.

In 2015 the police department used monies from the asset forfeiture fund purchased a mobile drug incinerator produced by the Elastec Corporation. The incinerator allows the department to destroy illicit drugs and prescription drugs in a clean, and environmentally safe on site.

Items to be destroyed are fed into a 55 gallon incinerator drum using a special Easy-Fed Cartridge. A wood fire is built up inside the drum an intense whirlwind of fire is created by the high velocity air blowers, rendering drugs and related materials in a non-retrievable state.



### **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 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

In 2017 Director Witz was named Chairperson of the task force.

### **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 request 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.



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 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.

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 that 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**

This year the police department participated in a local toy for tots program run by the Winthrop Harbor Police Department. The mission of the Police Departments participating in this program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during, November and December and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in communities in and around Franklin Park.

For additional information contact the Franklin Park Police Department at 847-6718200 Monday thru Friday 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.



## COPS on a ROOF

Our agency for the first time supported the COPS on a ROOF event sponsored by Dunkin Donuts. All monies raised are donated to the Illinois Special Olympics. Thanks to the generosity of our community we took in over \$2,000.00 in donations.



## Honoring Local Heroes

For the past 6 years 13 year old Travis Hall has been thanking fire and police responders on 9/11 for their services. Travis at an early age began researching the events of 9/11 and on his own wanted to thank those first responders by having lunch with them. Travis went out and solicited local businesses for donations of food to feed the fire and police personnel.



## 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	D.U.I. Training	Child Safety Seat
National Association of Autistic Training			



Most training of personnel is 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	Firearms Instructors	Crime Scene Evidence Technicians	Certified Breath Operators
Bicycle Patrol Officers	Juvenile Officers	Detectives	Taser Instructors
Rapid Deployment	OC Instructors	Handcuffing / Baton	Motorcycle Instructor

## **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.

## **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.

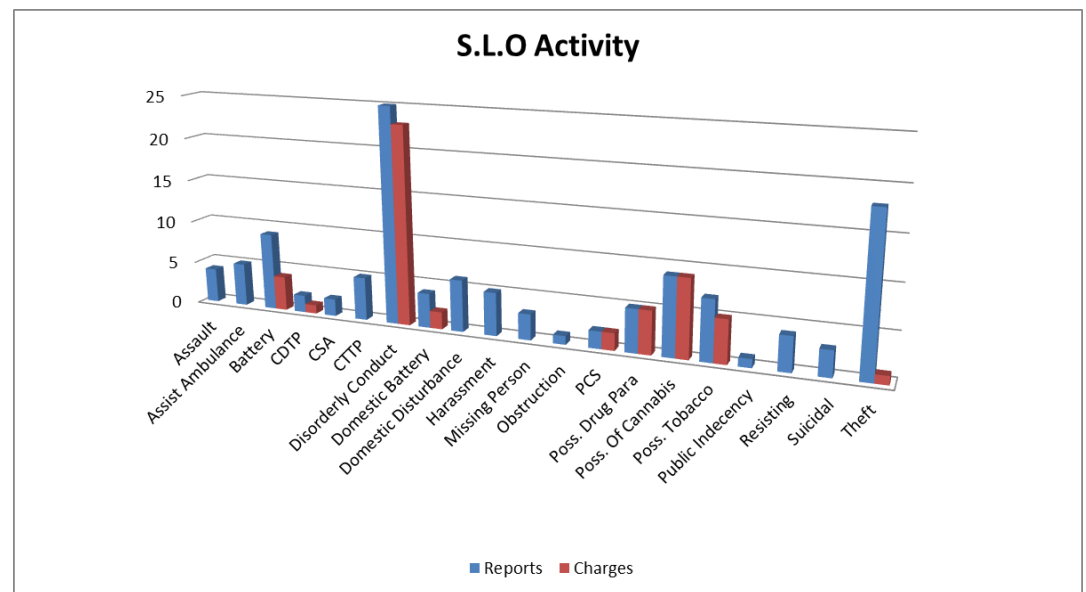


Depending upon the incident, a S.L.O. will tactfully yet impartially, inform students and their guardians/parents of their legal rights, responsibilities and legal procedure pursuant to state and local law, while maintaining confidentiality when feasible-especially when involving school social workers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



A new law effective 2017 requires schools to exhaust all available interventions to correct truancy and behavioral issues prior to issuing suspensions, sanctions or dropping classes. As part of an ongoing effort to comply with state law, East Leyden H.S. has modified the traditional disciplinary approach for truancy. One method used in the Fall of 2017 was the reduction of ordinance citations. In spring of 2018 citations will be re-introduced in conjunction with parent conferences and in-school sanctions for truancy related situations.



During the fall/winter semester of 2017 East Leyden reported a total number of 7,064 incidents over 86 days

#### EAST LEYDEN FALL 2017 SLO ACTIVITY



Pictured above is Sergeant Joe O'Connor a 19 year veteran of the Police department who is currently assigned as the School Liaison Officer at East Leyden High School.

Types of Incidents	Reports	Charges
Assault	4	
Assist Ambulance	5	
Assist Outside Agency	8	
Battery	9	4
CDTP	2	1
CSA	2	
CTTP	5	
Disorderly Conduct	25	23
DCFS Initiations / Contacts	8	
Domestic Battery	4	2
Domestic Disturbance	6	
Family Court Referral	1	
Harassment	5	
Missing Person	3	
Obstruction	1	
PCS	2	2
Poss. Drug Para	5	5
Poss. Of Cannabis	9	9
Poss. Tobacco	7	5
Public Indecency	1	
Resisting	4	
Short Form Notification	1	
Suicidal	3	
Theft	18	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>52</b>

## 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.

## 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. The dispatch center is a 24/7 operation responsible for monitoring 15 radio frequencies, 20 city surveillance cameras, 16 station cameras, answer emergency and non-emergency phone calls, communicate with public works and monitor all statewide emergency communications.

A new law Illinois took effect July 1, 2018 mandating that all public safety agencies with a population of less than 25,000 must consolidate with other agencies to meet that population threshold. The intent of this new legislation was for communities to join their Emergency Telephone monies collected through a 911 fee attached to all landline and cell phone lines. The additional funds would expand 911 services provided to our communities through the purchasing of equipment and staffing cost. The new law also mandated communities to create a single 911 Emergency Services Telephone Board instead of each community having their own.



Although Franklin Park was already part of a consolidated 911 center with other communities the village had its own independent board responsible for 911 expenses.

On July 1, 2017 the villages of Bellwood, Melrose Park, Franklin Park, Westchester, and River Grove created the Proviso Leyden Joint 911 Authority to which Director Witz was named Chairman.

NORCOMM currently serves the following public safety agencies with dispatching out of the Leyden Fire Station:

Bellwood Police Department  
River Grove Police Department  
Bellwood Fire Department  
Northlake Fire Protection District  
Stone Park Fire Department

Franklin Park Police Department  
Stone Park Police Department  
Franklin Park Fire Department  
Melrose Park Fire Department  
Westchester Fire Department

Melrose Park Police Department  
Westchester Police Department  
Leyden Fire Protection District  
River Grove Fire Department

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



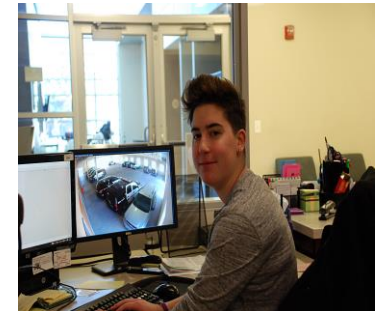
Margaret Garza



Karen Casillas



Lucy Rodriguez



Jeanette Kirshenbaum



## **A Police Officer's Prayer**

**Lord, I ask for courage.**

**Courage to face and conquer my own fear.**

**Courage to take me where others will not go.**

**I ask for strength.**

**Strength of body to protect others.**

**Strength of spirit to lead others.**

**I ask for dedication.**

**Dedication to my job, to do it well.**

**Dedication to my community, to keep it safe.**

**I ask for compassion.**

**Compassion for those who are victims.**

**Compassion as I help those in need.**

**And please Lord, through it all, be at my side.**

**Amen**