# FRANKLIN PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

2018

# **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 2018 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 – Is the original Franklin Park Police Patch which was replaced in 2008 with a new design.

In 2018 the department received \$32,466.00 in grants from various sources.

### **Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program - \$7,192.00**

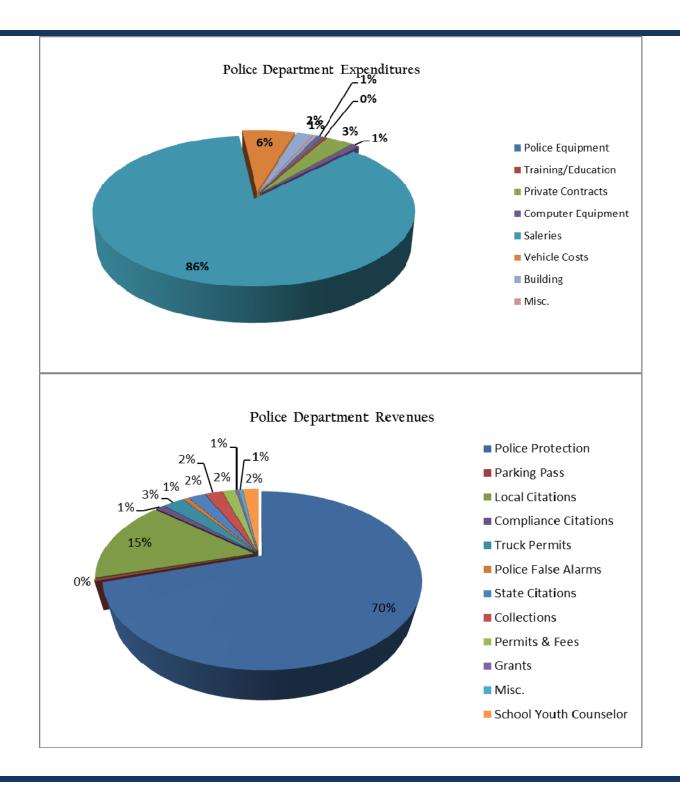
The Bulletproof Vest Partnership initiative provides critical resources to state, local, and tribal jurisdictions for the sole purpose of purchasing body armor for sworn law enforcement officers.

### 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) \$23,184.00

The Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) allows for increased traffic enforcement and funds for purchase of equipment.



# Franklin Park Police Department Organizational Chart Chief of Police **Criminal Investigations** Patrol Commander Commander **Tactical Watch Commanders** Sergeant Tactical Detectives **Street Sergeants** Officers **Patrol Officers** Updated April 1, 2018 **Auxiliary Police** Officers

## **Police Department Staff**

Director Michael Witz 35 Years of Service Commander Michael Konwinski 29 Years of Service Sergeant Jack Krecker 33 Years of Service Sergeant Robert Jensen 24 Years of Service Sergeant Michael Jones 19 Years of Service Sergeant Vito Busse 18 Years of Service Officer Dave Wnek 29 Years of Service Officer Ray Page 28 Years of Service Officer Michael Czernia 26 Years of Service Officer Chris Quiroga 22 Years of Service Officer Brian Dziewinski 19 Years of Service Officer Nicholas Yracheta 15 Years of Service Detective Tom Ferris 14 Years of Service Tactical Officer Don Giuliano 11 Years of Service Tactical Officer Dan Velazquez 11 Years of Service Officer Todd Morin 11 Years of Service Officer Dan Vega 7 Years of Service Officer Matt Bowes 5 Years of Service Officer Richard Adamski 5 Years of Service Officer Michael Iagulli 3 Years of Service Officer Matthew Tomas 3 Years of Service Officer Nicholas Pelikan hired April 21, 2017 Officer Nicholas Padilla hired April 21, 2017 Officer Michael Sarni hired August 24, 2018 Admin. Assistant Lucy Benigno 3 Years of Service

Deputy Chief Phil Ruch 31 Years of Service Commander Robert Wright 28 Years of Service Sergeant John Ford 26 Years of Service Sergeant Joseph O'Connor 20 Years of Service Sergeant Steve Witnik 16 Years of Service Officer Scott Ptacek 30 Years of Service Officer Don Kaminski 28 Years of Service Officer Steve Ross 27 Years of Service Detective Lara Hill 24 Years of Service Officer Rob Emmett 19 Years of Service Officer Dan Morys 18 Years of Service Officer Russ Klug 15 Years of Service Officer Melissa Jones 13 Years of Service Officer Tomas Klos 11 Years of Service Detective Carlos Lazcano 11 Years of Service Officer Joe Gulino 11 Years of Service Tactical Officer Nicolas Tomaso 5 Years of Service Officer Rose Rutkowski 5 Years of Service K9 Officer Michael Leone 5 Years of Service Officer Zachary Romano 3 Years of Service Officer James Mcroary hired September 16, 2016 Officer Manuel Quinones hired April 21, 2017 Officer Auriel Payan hired August 24, 2018 Officer Brandon Bieze hired August 24, 2018 Evidence Tech. Fred Dede 24 Years of Service

After over 30 years of service Deputy Chief Phil Ruch and Officer Scott Ptacek retired in 2018. Thank you for your 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**

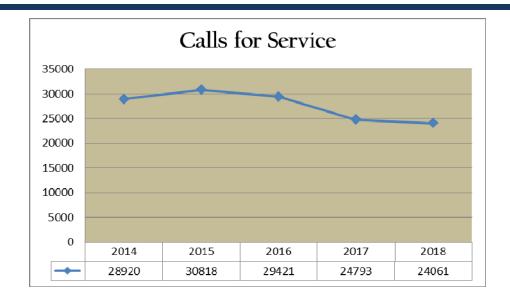
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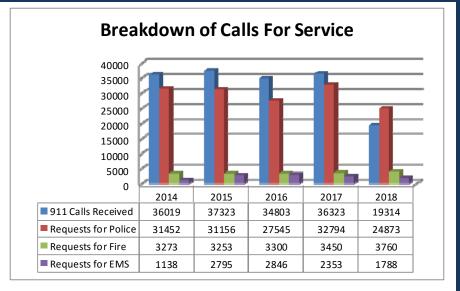
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# 2018 OFFICER OF THE YEAR



Officer James McCroary was selected as this year's Police Officer of the Year. Officer McCroary has been with the Police department for 2 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:

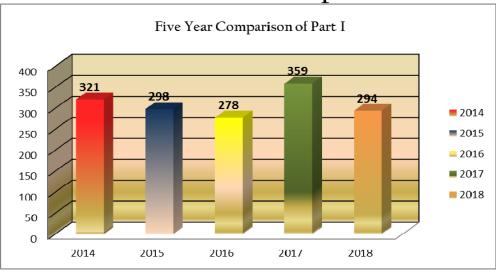
- 1 Division Commander
- 3 Watch Commanders
- 3 Street Sergeants
- 30 Patrol Officers
- 22 Auxiliary Police Officers

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.

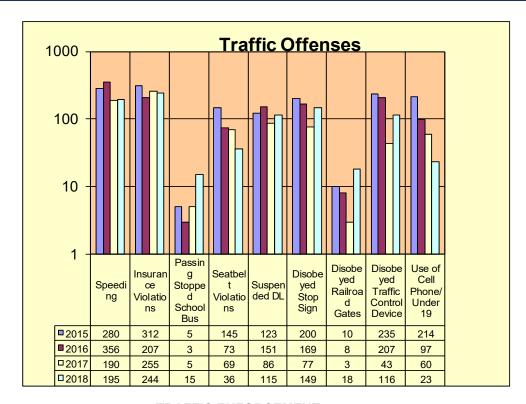
Added responsibilities include the detection and prevention of crime, traffic accident investigation, traffic enforcement and neighborhood patrol. Officers that are assigned to patrol have added duty assignments which may include Field Training Officer, Evidence Technician, Accident Reconstruction, Firearms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

# Illinois Uniform Crime Report Statistics



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	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
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Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Sexual Assault	9	4	6	7	14
Robbery	9	8	9	13	6
Aggravated Assault/Battery	16	9	17	17	27
Burglary	57	64	40	92	67
Theft	203	186	153	201	152
Motor Vehicle Theft	24	24	47	27	24
Arson	3	3	6	2	4
Total	321	298	298	278	294



TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

The tables above depict the number of citations issued for each respective offense:

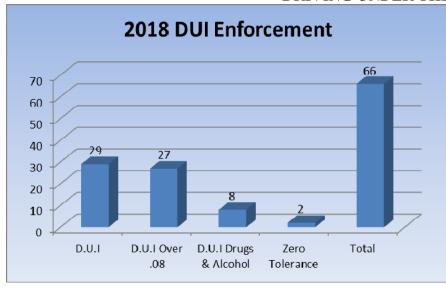
The above table depicts the most commonly issued citations known as "moving violations". These citations are issued when an officer makes a self initiated traffic stop, an investigatory stop or during an accident investigation. Unless a complainant or witness wishes to sign a traffic citation, officers have the discretion when to issue a traffic citation.

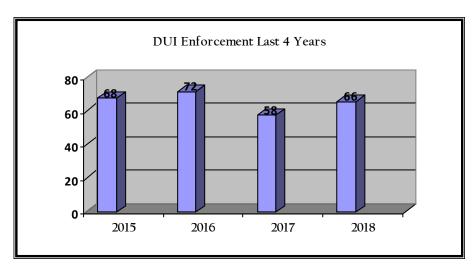
Motorist who are issued a citation are given two options to resolve the citation:

- 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





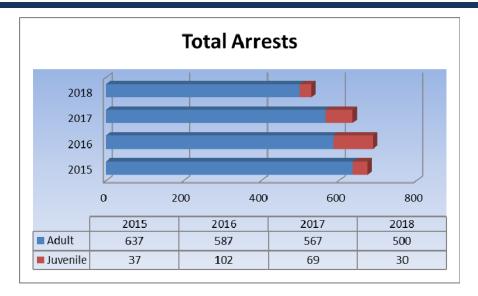
2015	2016	2017	2018
68	72	58	66

DUI Offenses	2018
DUI	29
DUI - Over .08	27
DUI Drugs & Alcohol	8
Zero Tolerance	2
Totals	66

**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 drunken 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.



**TOTAL ARRESTS** 

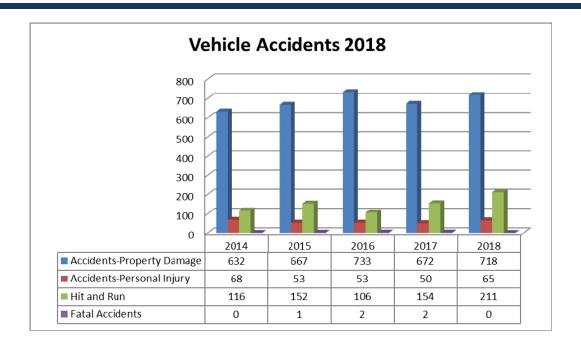
The above table depicts the total number of adult and juvenile arrest our officers made during the year. These arrest range from village ordinance offenses such as possession of marijuana to felony charges such as possession of a firearm.

## **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 2018 the police department received a grant in the amount of \$23,184.00 from the Illinois Department of Transportation to fund additional manning for the enforcement of seat belt usage and Driving under the Influence of Alcohol.



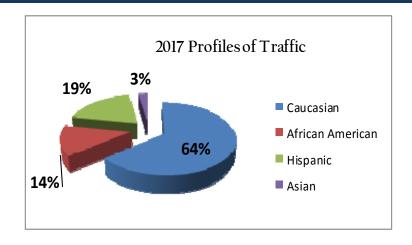


#### TRAFFIC CRASH DATA

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>	Total Number of Stops	<u> </u>	<u>Caucasian</u>	<u>Driver</u>	<u>Mine</u>	ority Driver
2013	4,401		2,168 (4	9.26%)	2	2,233 (50.74%)
2014	4,235		2,092 (4	9.4%)	2	2,143 (50.6%)
2015	3,704		1,679 (4	5.3%)	2,025 (54.7%)	
2016	3,766		1,708 (45.4%)		2,058 (54.6%)	
2017	4,462		2,995 (64.2%)		1,667 (35.8%)	
Reason for S	Stop:	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Moving Viola	tion	2,947	2,651	2,310	2,541	2,823
Equipment V	iolation	1,106	1,210	1,093	921	1,342
License / Reg	gistration Violation	346	374	299	302	496
Outcome of	Stop:	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Citation	-	2,262	1,819	1,573	1,632	1,503
Verbal Warni	ng	2,133	2,410	2,128	2,129	3,157
Number of Co	onsent Vehicle Searches	93	89	92	59	85

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.

#### **Code Enforcement**

In 2018 the police department assisted the village inspectional services division in addressing, long Grass, over grown trees and bushes blocking a public way, Dog Feces and other ordinance type complaints.

We responded to 187 complaints and issued 18 citations to property owners.

Our goal in code enforcement is to educate our residents on maintaining their property.

#### **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 2018**

March 2018 – A resident, in the 10500 block of Crown Rd., returned home from work to find her apartment burglarized. Officers determined that a person unknown entered the apartment by smashing in a window in the rear of the apartment. Several electronic items were taken in the burglary and shortly after the initial police report was taken, Franklin Park detectives began to conduct a follow up investigation. During that

time, several video recording cameras were located in the area and detectives reviewed video from several of them. Through the use of the video recording and victim/witness interviews, a suspect list was created. A short time after the investigation began a suspect was identified and located, which led to the stolen items being recovered from the suspect's home. The suspect in this case was a juvenile and a petition was filed in juvenile court, against the suspect, for burglary.

April 2018 – A large screen TV and tools were stolen from a business in the 9900 block of Grand while renovations on the building were underway. Although video captured two subjects placing the stolen items in a vehicle, the subjects were not immediately identified so the case was assigned to a detective for a follow up investigation. The detective working the case networked with internal and external sources and determined that a subject, identified from other local burglaries, had been pawning items at local pawn shops. That subject was confronted with the surveillance photos and was questioned about the burglary in Franklin Park. The subject eventually admitted to committing the burglary and was subsequently charged. This case is still pending in court.

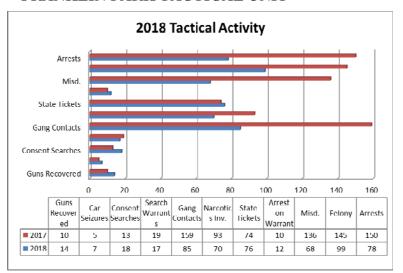
June 2018 – A subject used a stolen credit card to rent a vehicle from a business located in the 3000 block of Mannheim Rd (that vehicle was located and recovered several weeks later). The identity theft/deceptive practice case was assigned to a detective who followed up on leads. A photo of the subject, renting the vehicle, was obtained from a video surveillance system and that photo was sent out to police agencies throughout the state, using a law enforcement only network. The subject in the photo was identified by another police agency that would eventually arrest him for committing a similar crime in their jurisdiction. When the subject was being held on the other jurisdiction's charges, Franklin Park detectives took the opportunity to question him about the case in Franklin Park. Based on statements and evidence that was gathered, the subject was charged with identity theft. This case is still pending in court.

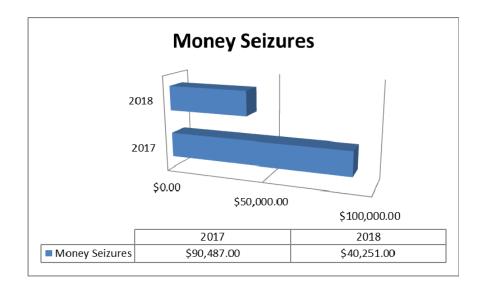
August 2018 – A report for domestic battery was taken from a subject who reported the incident in the 3700 block of River Rd. During the investigation a Franklin Park Detective learned that the victim alleged that her boyfriend, and his friend, allegedly burglarized her apartment in Chicago, and since that time they have been harassing her, and on at least one occasion the boyfriend struck her during an argument at a local gas station. The detective spoke to boyfriend who fully cooperated with the investigation. After that interview, the detective followed up on additional leads and interviewed additional witnesses, none of which could corroborate the battery or harassment allegation. When the victim was re-interviewed about the facts that she provided for the initial police report, she admitted to fabricating them and admitted that she was not battered by her boyfriend or harassed by him and his friend. The victim was charged with Disorderly Conduct – False Police Report. The offender received supervision on this case.

November and December 2018 – Two separate reports for stolen semi-tractors, both filled with product, were taken from a business in the 3500 block of Mount Prospect Road. Believing that they were looking for the same offender or offenders, two detectives, who were each assigned a case, followed up their cases simultaneously and worked closely together. By reviewing video surveillance from surrounding businesses and the village's own community cameras, workable leads were uncovered which eventually led both detectives to a warehouse storage facility in Chicago.

Products being kept in the warehouse were positively identified as items that were stolen from the trailers. Franklin Park detectives summoned the assistance from the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) and other law enforcement agencies, which helped identify owners of and redistribute nearly 2 million dollars in recovered stolen product. Multiple felony charges were lodged against three subjects who were arrested in connection with these cargo theft cases. All cases are still pending in court.

#### FRANKLIN PARK TACTICAL UNIT





# **Major Investigations in 2018**

January 2018 – The Tactical Unit executed a search warrant executed at 2500 block of Mannheim Rd; unincorporated cook county took into custody 3 suspects who were charged, with possession and delivery of, Crack Cocaine, Heroin and unlawful possession of a firearm. Also recovered was \$585.00.

April 2018 – The Tactical Unit executed a search warrant in the 2400 block of Mannheim, unincorporated cook county, took into custody 4 subjects who were charged with possession and delivery of crack cocaine, and unlawful possession of firearms. Also recovered was \$743.00 USC recovered.

July 2018 – The Tactical Unit executed a search warrant in the 2400 block of Mannheim, unincorporated cook county, took into custody one subject who was charged with possession and delivery of crack cocaine.

August 2018 – The Tactical Unit executed a search warrant in the 3000 block of Thatcher River Grove, took into custody 1 subject, who was charged with possession and delivery of crack cocaine and cannabis. Also recovered was more than \$28,000 in U.S.C.

September 2018 – The Tactical unit executed a search warrant in the 3700 block of Schiller Park, took into custody 1 subject who was charged with possession and delivery of fentanyl and crack cocaine.

September 2018 – The Tactical Unit executed a search warrant in the 1500 block of 16<sup>th</sup> Melrose Park, took into custody 1 subject who was charged with possession and delivery of methamphetamine, cocaine, cannabis, acid, and unlawful possession of firearms. Also recovered was more than \$3,000.00 U.S.C.

October 2018 – The Tactical Unit executed a search warrant in the 2400 block of Mannheim, unincorporated cook county, took 1 subject into custody who was charged with possession and delivery of crack cocaine, cannabis and unlawful possession of a firearm.

November 2018 – The Tactical Unit executed a search warrant in the 1000 block of Roosevelt Road Broadview, took 1 subject into custody who was charged with possession and delivery of heroin and crack cocaine.

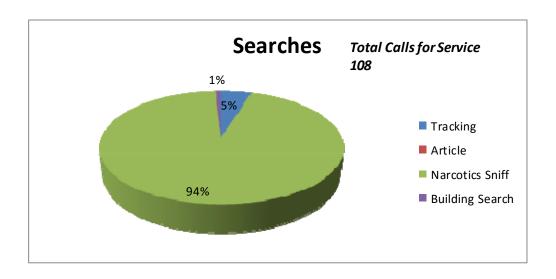
December 2018 – The Tactical Unit executed a search warrant in the 2300 block of Mannheim, unincorporated cook county, took 1 subject into custody who was charged with possession and delivery of crack cocaine and unlawful use of weapon.



Street Value of Narcotics Seized: \$151,444.00 Total Amount of Cash Seized: \$58,674.00

Total Seizure Amount in 2018:

Total Seizures	
Marijuana	4.82 lbs.
Cocaine	432.07g
Heroin	42.55g
Methamphetamine	20 lbs.
Ecstasy	12 Pills
Xanax	3.15g
Guns	8



**Highlights for 2018** 

January 2018 Canine Voodoo performed a search of a residence locating 16g Cocaine, 29.7g Cannabis and a handgun.

January 2018 Canine Voodoo assisted in calming a child with suspected behavioral issues allowing Franklin Park Paramedics to treat the child.

July 2018 Canine Voodoo assisted Homeland Security on a traffic stop and alerted on the vehicle. Approximately 20 pounds of Methamphetamine was located in the vehicle.

August 2018 Canine Voodoo performed a canine sniff on a traffic stop and found a car trap containing 325.2g Cocaine, \$2,200.00 USC and a handgun.

August 2018 Canine Voodoo assisted on a search warrant and located 2.4g Heroin, 27.5g Cocaine, 31g Cannabis and \$29,357.00 USC.

September 2018 Canine Voodoo assisted on a search warrant and located 725.7g Cannabis, 8.4g of Cocaine, 15 hits of LSD and 2 handguns.

September 2018 Canine Voodoo tracked an offender in adjoining jurisdiction, located offender, who was placed under arrest.

#### CRIME SCENE EVIDENCE TECHINCIANS

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.

In 2018 the task force expanded is operations to include major traffic crashes where great bodily harm or death has occurred.

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 three units: Investigators Forensics Traffic Crash

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 one 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.

### 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.





#### **TOYS FOR TOTS**

This year the police department participated in a local toy for tots program run by the Marines 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 \$3,000.00 in donations.



#### HONORING LOCAL HEROES

For the past 7 years 14 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.



#### NO SHAVE NOVEMBER

For the past two years our officers have participated in what is known as No Shave November, where our officers are permitted to grow beards during the month of November and donate money to cancer research charities they choose. This year officers raised over \$3,000.



#### **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 Autism Training

Crisis Intervention 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, the Federal Bureau of Investigations and the Illinois State Training Board for Law Enforcement.

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

#### **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.

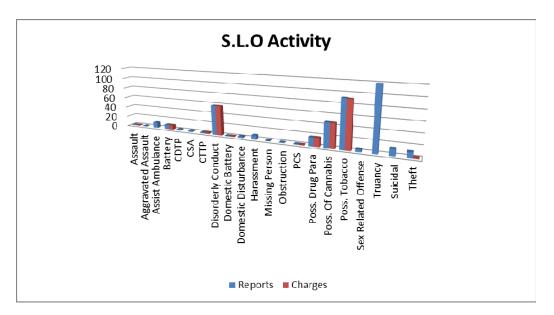
Lastly, a S.L.O. must be prepared to respond in a controlled yet professional fashion to any type of school threat. A crisis in a school can result in hysterical students and staff, panicked and frightened parents and, depending upon the incident, a media hoard wanting explanations and answers. It is imperative that local agencies adjacent to East Leyden prevent, prepare and respond efficiently to all types of emergencies and crisis situations.

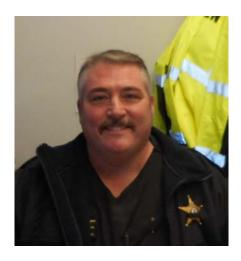
From practicing effective perimeter control strategies, staging response plans for Fire, Paramedic and assisting PD's, evacuation protocol, to minor details, such as traffic diversion, media relations and crowd control...all are in an effort to expedite first response-bypassing safe areas initially and 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.

#### East Leyden School Liaison Activity -

The graph provided only presents a part of the 2017 school year, which is the reason for the large difference in activity.





Pictured above is Sergeant Joe O'Connor a 20 year veteran of the Police department who is currently assigned as the School Liaison Officer at East Leyden High School.



	2017	2018	2017	2018
Types of Incidents	Reports	Reports	Charges	Charges
Assault	4	1		1
Assist Ambulance	5	11		
Assist Outside Agency	8	16		
Aggravated Assault		1		
Aggravated Batter		1		1
Battery	9	8	4	8
CDTP	2	2	1	
Contribute to Delinquency				1
of Minor		1		
CSA	2	5		
CTTP	5	2		2
Disorderly Conduct	25	58	23	
DCFS Initiations / Contacts	8	7		
Domestic Battery	4	1	2	1
Domestic Disturbance	6	3		
Family Court Referral	1			
Harassment	5	8		
Missing Person	3	1		
Obstruction	1			
Poss. Of Alcohol		4		4
PCS	2	1	2	1
Poss. Drug Para	5	17	5	17
Poss. Of Cannabis/THC	9	47	9	47
Poss. Tobacco or Vape	7	92	5	91
Public Indecency	1			
Resisting	4			
Short Form Notification	1			
Smoking where Prohibtecd		5		5
Suicidal	3	13		
Theft	18	11	1	2
Truancy		119		119
TOTAL	138	435	52	310

#### 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 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS

Since 1998 NORCOMM has provided the Village of Franklin Park with both police and fire dispatch services and in 2009 obtained NORCOMM to provided 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.



On July 1, 2017 the villages of Bellwood, Melrose Park, Franklin Park, Westchester, Bellwood and River Grove created the Proviso Leyden Joint 911. In 2018 the Authority added the village of Stone Park. Director Witz currently serves as the boards 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

#### **RECORDS DIVISION**

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

