



**FRANKLIN PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**2019**

**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 2019 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 Blue Lives Matter Flag**

In 2019 the department received \$32,709.75 in grants from various sources.

#### **Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program - \$8,330.00**

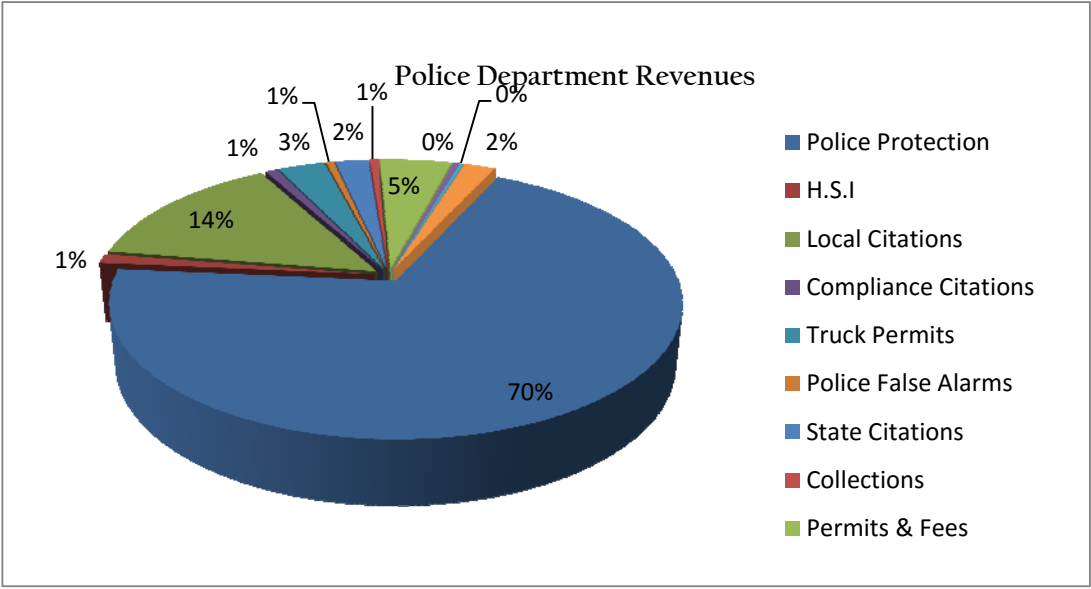
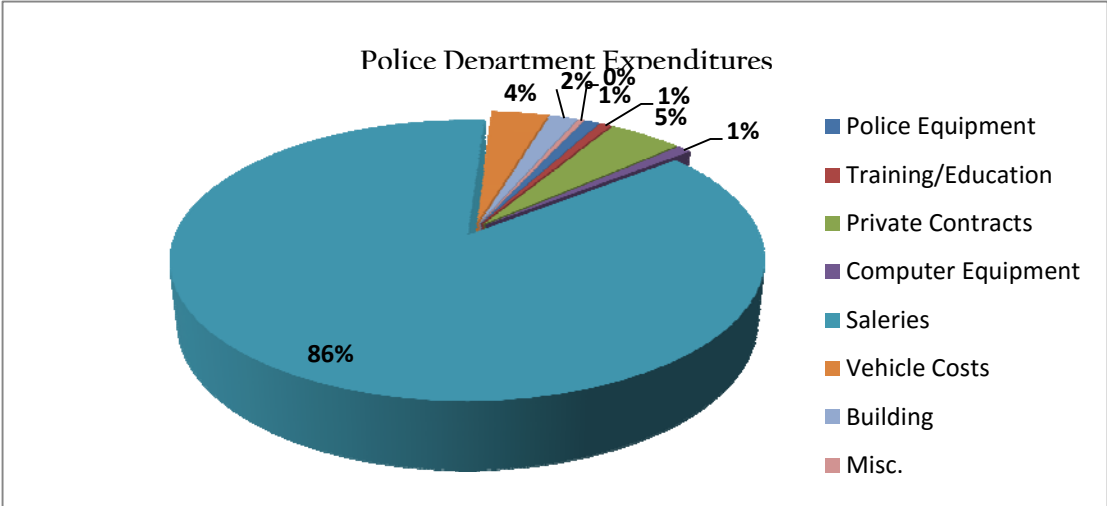
The Bulletproof Vest Partnership initiative provides critical resources to state, local, and tribal jurisdictions for the sole purpose of purchasing body armor for sworn law enforcement officers.

#### **Tobacco Enforcement Program - \$2,090.00**

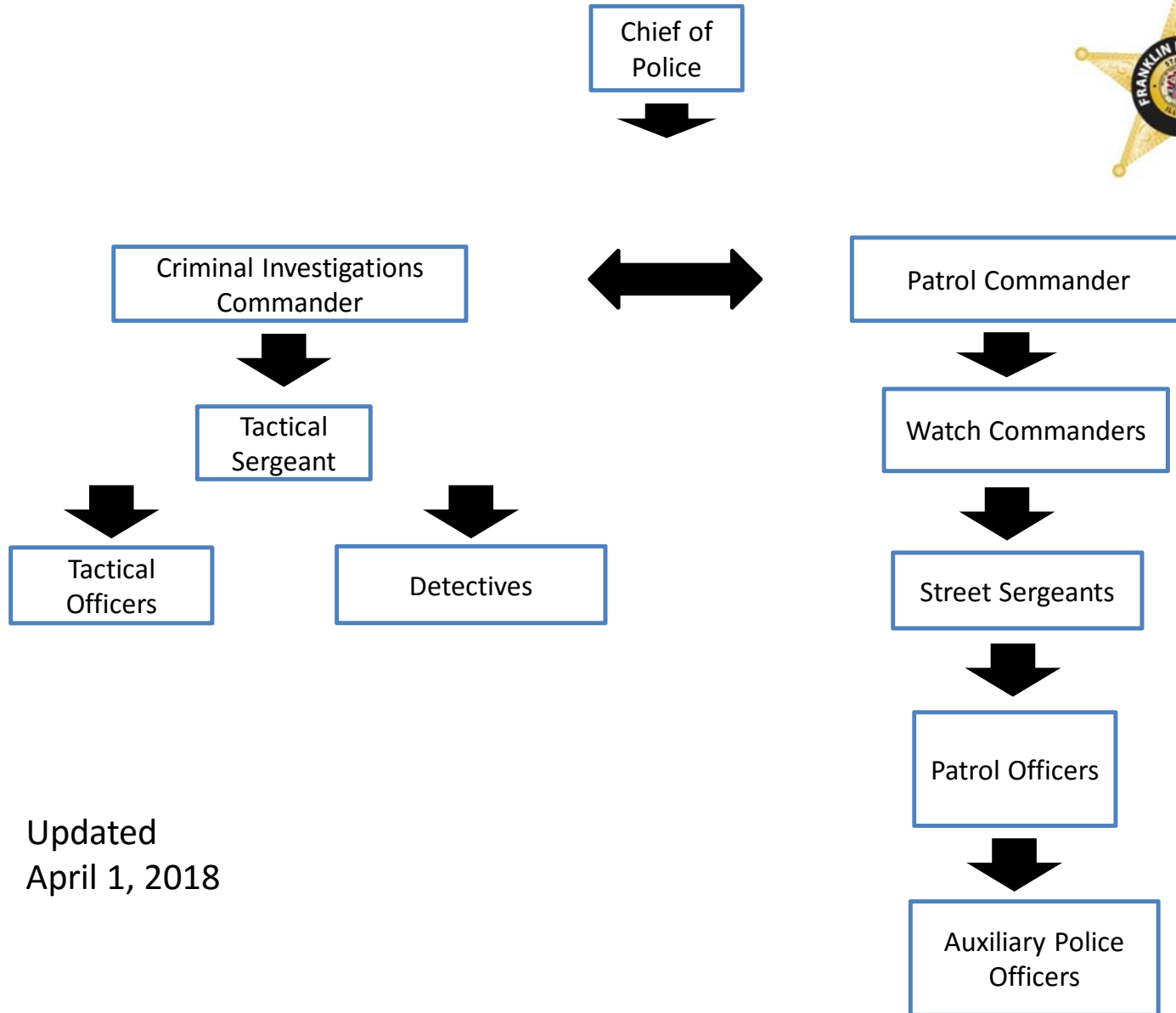
Through this appropriation, grants are awarded to communities to conduct retail education and enforcement programs. Each year, \$1 million is appropriated enabling the Commission to support community-based efforts through the distribution of 10,000 tobacco retailer kits and the completion of 17,000 compliance checks. In 2017, Franklin Park was allocated \$2,090.00 to conduct compliance checks throughout the Village.

#### **Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) \$22,289.76**

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



# Franklin Park Police Department Organizational Chart



Updated  
April 1, 2018

## Police Department Staff

Director Michael Witz 36 Years of Service  
Commander Robert Wright 29 Years of Service  
Sergeant John Ford 27 Years of Service  
Sergeant Joseph O'Connor 21 Years of Service  
Sergeant Steve Witnik 17 Years of Service  
Officer Dave Wnek 30 Years of Service  
Officer Ray Page 29 Years of Service  
Officer Michael Czernia 27 Years of Service  
Officer Chris Quiroga 23 Years of Service  
Officer Brian Dzewinski 20 Years of Service  
Officer Nicholas Yracheta 16 Years of Service  
Detective Tom Ferris 15 Years of Service  
Tactical Officer Don Giuliano 12 Years of Service  
Detective Dan Velazquez 12 Years of Service  
Detective Todd Morin 12 Years of Service  
Officer Dan Vega 8 Years of Service  
Officer Matt Bowes 6 Years of Service  
Officer Richard Adamski 6 Years of Service  
Officer Michael Iagulli 4 Years of Service  
Officer Matthew Tomas 3 Years of Service  
Officer Nicholas Pelikan 2 Years of Service  
Officer Nicholas Padilla 2 Years of Service  
Officer Brandon Bieze hired August 24, 2018  
Officer Tyler Baseley hired May 3, 2019  
Officer Ivan Ives hired August 3, 2019  
Admin. Assistant Lucy Benigno 4 Years of Service

Commander Michael Konwinski 29 Years of Service  
Sergeant Jack Krecker 34 Years of Service  
Sergeant Robert Jensen 25 Years of Service  
Sergeant Michael Jones 20 Years of Service  
Sergeant Vito Busse 19 Years of Service  
Officer Don Kaminski 29 Years of Service  
Officer Steve Ross 28 Years of Service  
Detective Lara Hill 25 Years of Service  
Officer Rob Emmett 20 Years of Service  
Officer Dan Morys 19 Years of Service  
Officer Russ Klug 16 Years of Service  
Officer Melissa Jones 14 Years of Service  
Officer Tomas Klos 12 Years of Service  
Detective Carlos Lazcano 12 Years of Service  
Officer Joe Gulino 12 Years of Service  
Tactical Officer Nicolas Tomaso 6 Years of Service  
Detective Rose Rutkowski 6 Years of Service  
K9 Officer Michael Leone 6 Years of Service  
Officer Zachary Romano 3 Years of Service  
Officer James McCroary 3 Years of Service  
Officer Manuel Quinones 2 Years of Service  
Officer Auriel Payan hired August 24, 2018  
Officer Ivan Robles hired May 3, 2019  
Officer Samuel Hernandez hired May 3, 2019  
Officer Joseph Camiano hired August 3, 2019  
Evidence Tech. Fred Dede 25 Years of Service

After over 29 years of service Commander Michael Konwinski retired in 2018. After over 30 years of service Officer Dave Wnek retired in 2018. After over 25 years of service Detective Lara Hill 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

Reserve Officer John Siracuse 25 Years of Service

Reserve Officer Jose Cabral 21 Years of Service

Reserve Officer Jorge Higareda 7 Years of Service

Reserve Officer James Flak 6 Years of Service

Reserve Officer Eilisa Boyas 5 Years of Service

Reserve Officer Eligah Skinner hired September 2018

Reserve Officer Francisco Correa hired September 2018

Reserve Officer Charles Jedlink 25 Years of Service

Reserve officer Mariela Teliz 9 Years of Service

Reserve Officer Karen Casillas 6 Years of Service

Reserve Officer Ezequiel Valdovinos 6 Years of Service

Reserve Officer Matthew Uliveri 3 Years of Service

Reserve Officer Cotney Watts hired September 2018

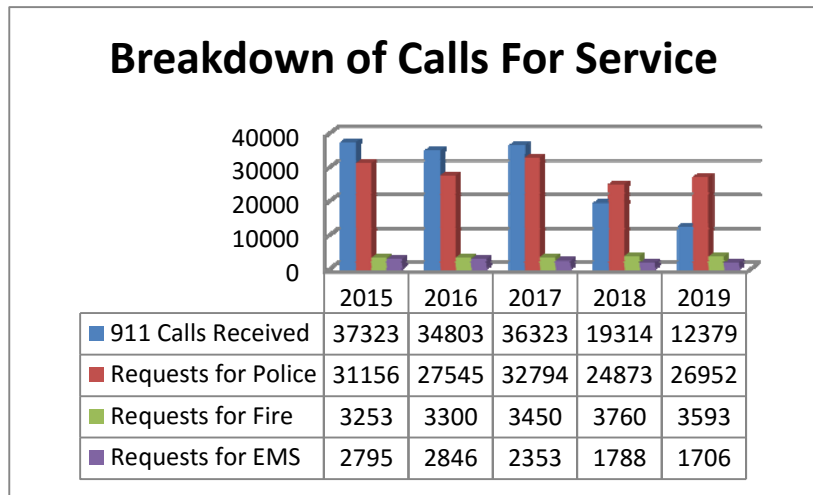
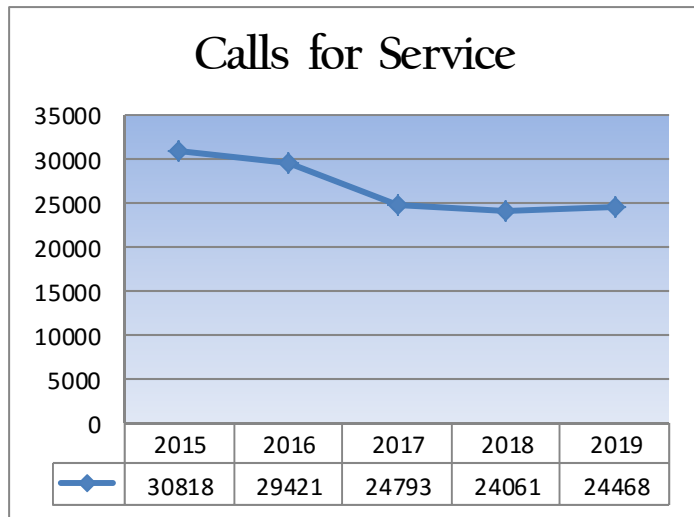
Reserve Officer Luisa Perez-Gomez hired September 2018



## 2019 OFFICER OF THE YEAR



Officer Nicholas Padilla was selected as this year's Police Officer of the Year. Officer Padilla has been with the Police department for 2 years and currently is assigned to the Tactical Unit.



#### 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:

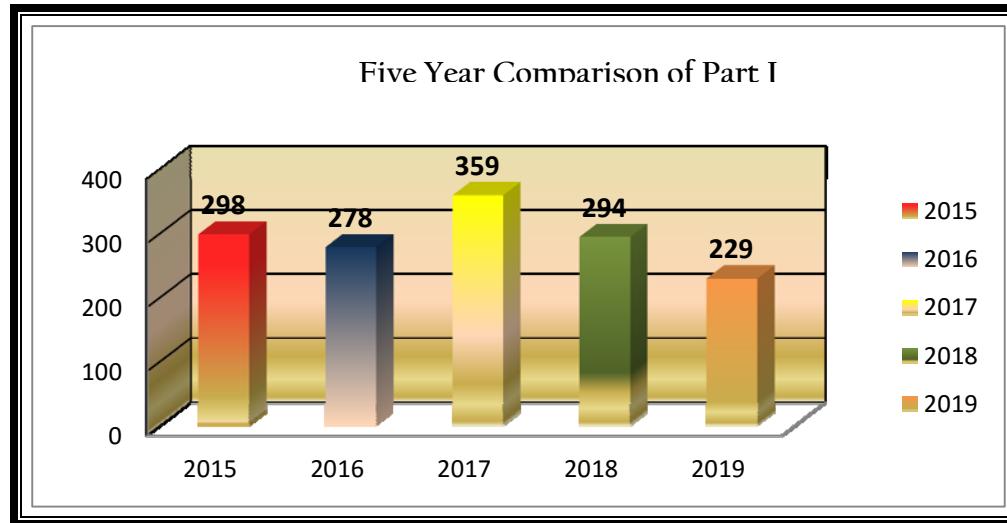
- 1 Division Commander
- 3 Watch Commanders
- 3 Street Sergeants
- 29 Patrol Officers
- 14 Auxiliary Police Officers

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.

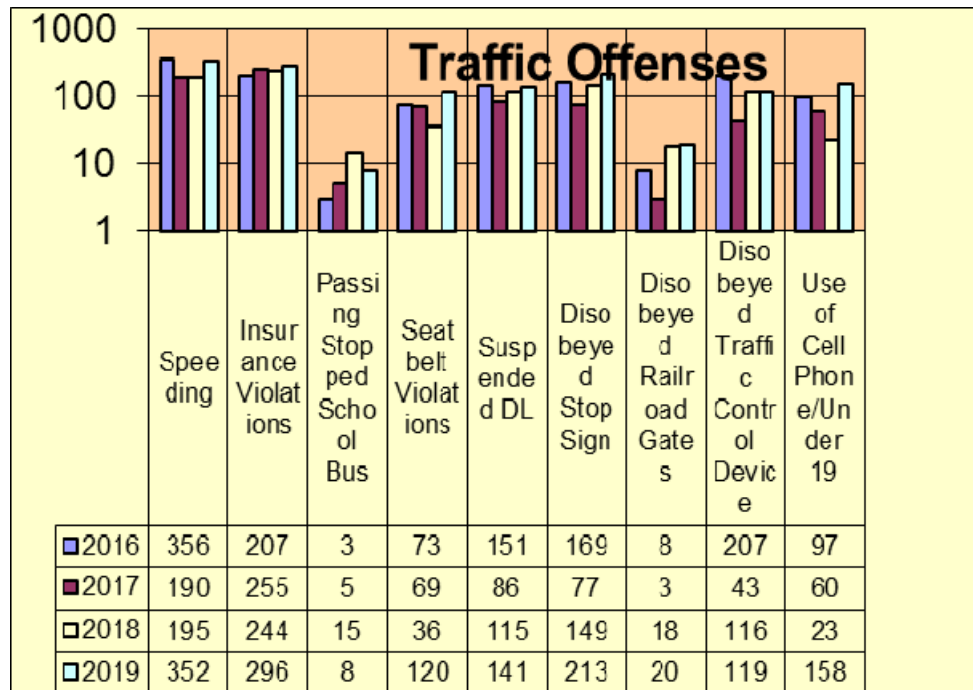
Added responsibilities include the detection and prevention of crime, traffic accident investigation, traffic enforcement and neighborhood patrol. Officers that are assigned to patrol have added duty assignments which may include Field Training Officer, Evidence Technician, Accident Reconstruction, Firearms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

# Illinois Uniform Crime Report Statistics



Part I Offenses	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Homicide	0	0	0	0	1
Criminal Sexual Assault	4	6	7	14	6
Robbery	8	9	13	6	4
Aggravated Assault/Battery	9	17	17	27	32
Burglary	64	40	92	67	50
Theft	186	153	201	152	121
Motor Vehicle Theft	24	47	27	24	14
Arson	3	6	2	4	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>229</b>

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



### TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

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

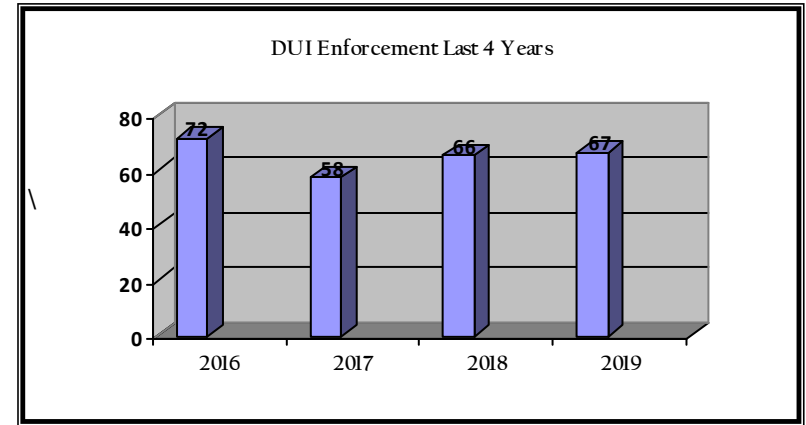
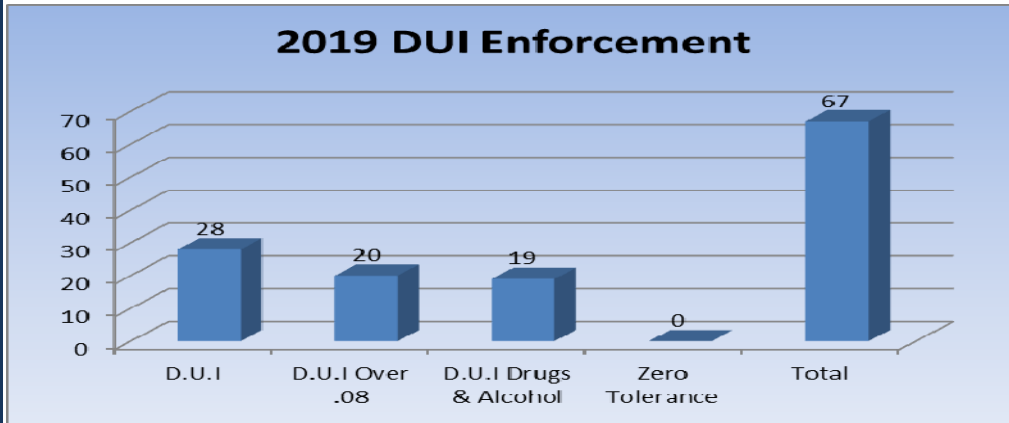
The above table depicts the most commonly issued citations known as “moving violations”. These citations are issued when an officer makes a self initiated traffic stop, an investigatory stop or during an accident investigation. Unless a complainant or witness wishes to sign a traffic citation, officers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



2016	2017	2018	2019
72	58	66	67

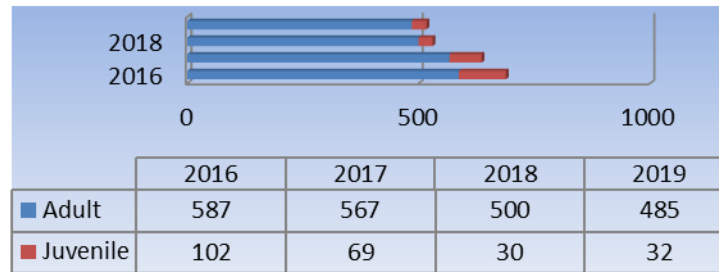
DUI Offenses	2019
DUI	28
DUI - Over .08	20
DUI Drugs & Alcohol	19
Zero Tolerance	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>67</b>

### DUI Enforcement Last 4 Years

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

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

## Total Arrests



### 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.

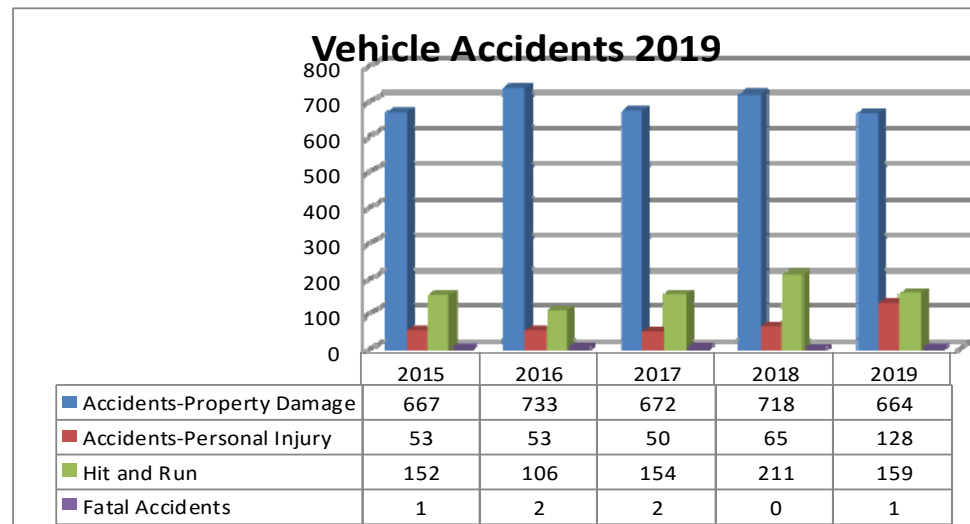
### CLICK-IT or TICK-IT Program

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.

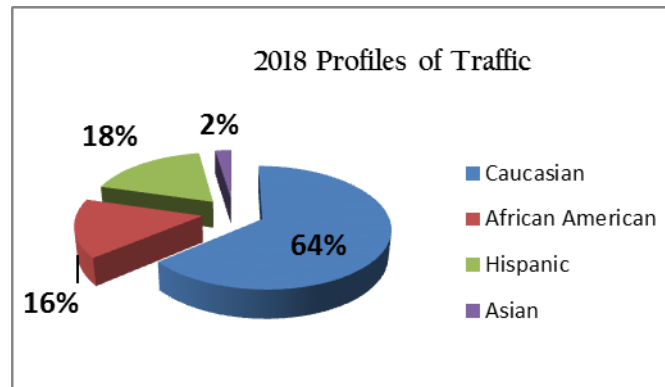
In 2019 the police department received a grant in the amount of \$22,289.76 from the Illinois Department of Transportation to fund additional manning for the enforcement of seat belt usage and Driving under the Influence of Alcohol.



## TRAFFIC CRASH DATA



## 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.

Above are the results of this study for the Franklin Park Police Department for the years 2015 to 2018, 2019 data will not be available until July.

<u>Year Driver</u>	<u>Total Number of Stops</u>	<u>Caucasian Driver</u>	<u>Minority</u>
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%)
2017	4,662	2,995 (64.2%)	1,667 (35.8%)
2018	4,622	2,941 (63.6%)	1,681 (36.4%)

<u>Reason for Stop:</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Moving Violation	2,651	2,310	2,541	2,823	3,026
Equipment Violation	1,210	1,093	921	1,342	1,215
License / Registration Violation	374	299	302	496	377
<u>Outcome of Stop:</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Citation	1,819	1,573	1,632	1,503	1,465
Verbal Warning	2,410	2,128	2,129	3,157	3,151
Number of Consent Vehicle Searches	89	92	59	85	76

### 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.

In 2018 we responded to 187 complaints and issued 18 citations to property owners.

In 2019 we responded to 1083 complaints, issued 404 warning notices and 168 complaints for failing to comply.

### 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 2019**

**January 2019** – A suspect was observed on surveillance camera stealing \$600 worth of lottery tickets from Thornton’s gas station by reaching over the counter. Detectives were able to identify the suspect. The suspect was subsequently arrested and charged with felony theft.

**February 2019** – Approximately \$5,000.00 worth of high grade aluminum was stolen from a business at 2609 Rose St. Detectives were able to obtain video surveillance of the crime. The offender was identified as an employee of the business. The employee was arrested for felony theft.

**March 2019** - A water department employee observed two suspicious people inside a fenced area near the Franklin Park water tower. The pair were dressed like construction workers complete with hard hats and reflective vests. The police were called and the suspects were taken into custody. A large amount of cut copper coaxial cable was located in the suspect’s vehicle. The follow-up investigation revealed that the two were stealing copper wire from base of the water tower. The two admitted to the theft and were each charged with felonies.

**August 2019-** Detectives followed up on an Identity Theft/Deceptive Practice report at Leyden Credit Union. The suspect applied for a loan using someone else’s information. Detectives in undercover vehicles waited outside the Credit Union and arrested the suspect when he returned to pick up the cash from the loan. The follow-up investigation took detectives into a high rise condominium on the Gold Coast in Chicago where hundreds of pieces of personal identification were found in an elaborate identity theft ring. In all, four suspects were charged. This identity theft ring ranged from the western suburbs to the north shore. Detectives worked with many other police agencies providing information to aid in their investigations as well.

**October 2019** – An employee of Jersey Mikes on Mannheim Road was suspected of stealing cash from the cash register. The investigation led to a video of the event. The suspect was arrested and interviewed by detectives. The suspect admitted to his crime and was charged with theft.

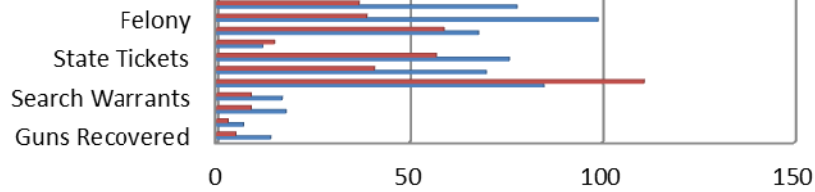
### **Tactical Units Major Case Investigations in 2019**

**May 2019** A Search Warrant was conducted at 9700 block of Fullerton on a male subject who was selling drugs from the house. Recovered during the arrest the unit seized 88 grams of Cannabis and a handgun.

**July 2019** A Search Warrant was conducted in the 3000 block of Atlantic on a residence recovered were 27gr of Cocaine, Xanax pills, Cannabis Wax, 45 vials of Cannabis Oil, 1021 grams of cannabis, 6 gr of MDMA (Ecstasy), \$460.00 USC and a Browning 9mm hand gun.

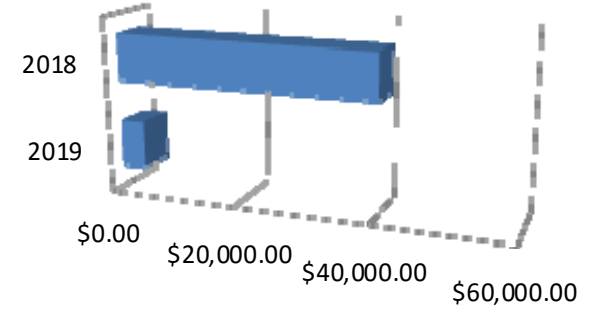
**September 2019** the tactical unit received information of a Female subject who was selling drugs from her vehicle in the 2500 block of Mannheim Road unincorporated Cook County. The unit traffic stopped the suspect in her vehicle and recovered 5.7 gr of Crack cocaine and seized \$2,750.00 USC.

## 2019 Tactical Activity



	Guns Recovered	Car Seizures	Consent Searches	Search Warrants	Gang Contacts	Narcotics Inv.	State Tickets	Arrest on Warrant	Misd.	Felony	Arrests
■ 2019	5	3	9	9	111	41	57	15	59	39	37
■ 2018	14	7	18	17	85	70	76	12	68	99	78

## Tactical Money Seizures



	2019	2018
■ Money Seizures	\$3,870.00	\$40,251.00



## K-9 Activity Report 2018



Street Value of Narcotics Seized: \$39,536.57  
 Total Amount of Cash Seized:  
 \$411,826.00

Total	
Seizures	
Marijuana	416.2g
Cocaine	350.3g
Heroin	39.55g
Methamphetamine	6.9g
Ecstasy	0
Xanax	3.15/10pills
Guns	5

## **Summary of K-9 Unit Activity for 2019**

January 2019 Canine VooDoo performed a vehicle search locating 5.8g of Heroin and 3.15g of Xanax

January 2019 Canine VooDoo assisted with search warrant completed by FPPD. Cocaine, Heroin and USC recovered.

April 2019 Canine VooDoo assisted on a vehicle search and located 2g of Heroin, \$345.00 USC.

May 2019 Canine VooDoo assisted with search warrant and recovered 162.5g Cannabis, 10g of THC cartridges and 6 Xanax pills.

May 2019 Canine VooDoo assisted with a search warrant and found 88g Cannabis and a handgun.

June 2019 Canine VooDoo assisted with a search warrant and found 14.9g Heroin, \$2024.08 USC and a .40 caliber Smith & Wesson handgun.

August 2019 Canine VooDoo assisted H.S.I on a search warrant and did a canine sniff alerting on \$250,000.00 USC and \$150,000.00 USC.

September 2019 Canine VooDoo assisted NIPAS with a building search and located an offender in a basement closet.

October 2019 Canine VooDoo assisted with a search warrant alerting on 13.5g Heroin, 3g of Cocaine, 1.7g of Cannabis, \$76.00 USC and a 9mm handgun.

## **Use of Force Analysis – 2019**

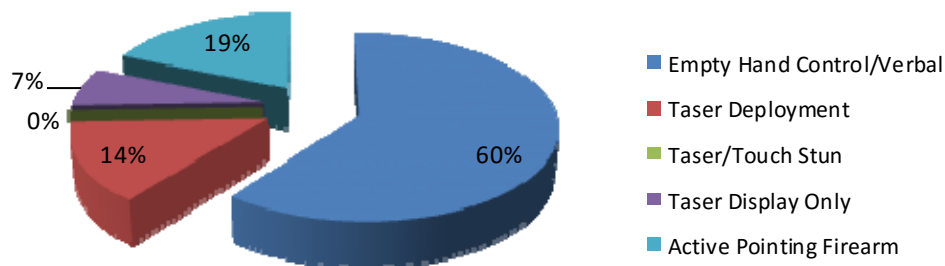
The Franklin Park Police Department recognizes and respects the value and special integrity of each human life, without prejudice to anyone. The use of force by law enforcement personnel is a matter of critical concern, both to the public and to the law enforcement community. It is the policy of this department that police officers shall use only that force which is reasonably necessary to effectively bring an incident under control, while protecting the lives of the officer and/or another. In vesting police officers with the lawful authority to use force to protect the public welfare, requires monitoring, evaluation and a careful balancing of all human interests. Per Policy 300.9 I am submitting the 2019 Use of Force Analysis for review.

In 2019, the Franklin Park Police Department reported twenty eight (28) use-of-force incidents by its personnel. There was no use-of-force incidents which resulted in an internal investigation brought about by either an administrative review or a civilian complaint. A total of twenty two (22) different officers were identified as having applied some measure of force during the course of their duties and with the majority of incidents occurring on the Red Watch (1400-2200 hours) and the White

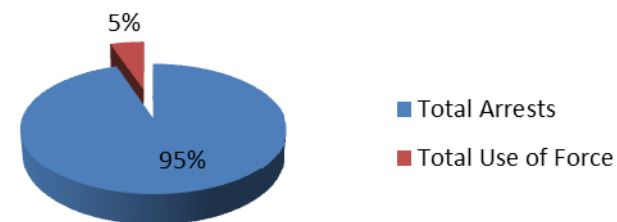
Watch (2200-0600 hours). In nine (9) of the instances, where force was necessary, a TASER® was displayed during the event. Out of the nine (9) events, six (6) TASERS® were deployed and one (1) was deployed as a touch stun. All nine (9) events involving a TASER® were reviewed and determined to be judicious and appropriate, in all nine (9) events. Of the twenty six (26) reported instances where force was used against an individual(s) in using empty hand control techniques and verbal commands, the application of said force was reviewed both by shift supervisors and the Division Commander.

These reviews were conducted to make certain the deployment of force was done within the strictest and most reasonable parameters of law, administrative rule, and department standard operating procedures.

### Use of Force Analysis - 2019



### Percentage of Use of Force Incidents



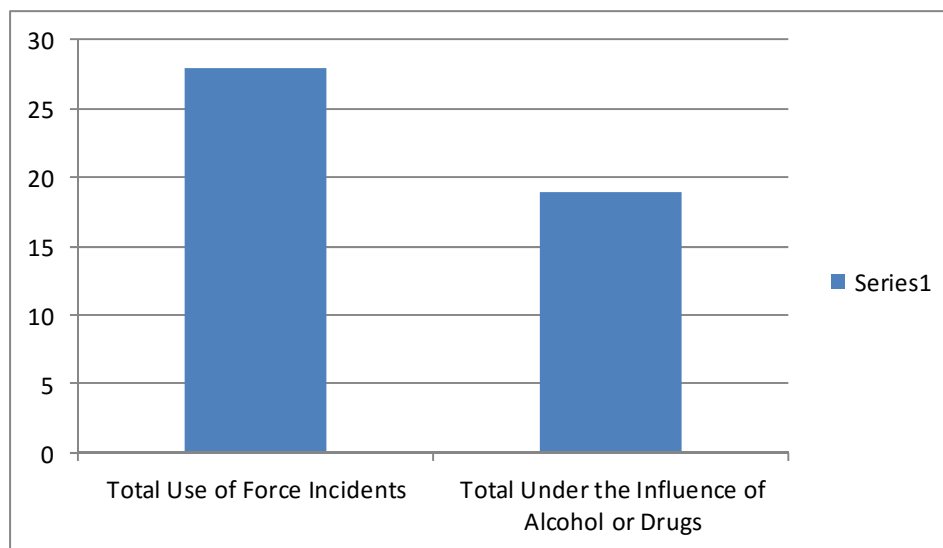
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The Franklin Park Police Department holds its personnel to the standards set forth in 720 ILCS 5/7-5 titled Peace officer's use of force in making arrest and Policy 300 titled Use of Force. It is this objective standard against which all instances of the use-of-force are gauged to determine the reasonableness of force.

Of the twenty eight (28) times personnel deployed force to effect an arrest and/or bring an incident under control, all were deemed an appropriate and judicious use-of-force. The vast majority of those events involved individuals taking flight upon either being approached, or during an interaction with police personnel, and they were ultimately taken into custody.

These events are still documented as uses-of-force, while not necessarily being dynamic events between members of the public and our officers. It should also be noted, that of the twenty eight (28) encounters, nineteen (19) were either under or suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or drugs.



It should be noted, during the 2019 calendar year, the Franklin Park Police Department made 517 arrests. Of those 517 arrests, Franklin Park Police Department personnel used physical force sixteen (16) times; meaning force was utilized during approximately 3.1% of the interactions.

It is in the interest of complete transparency that every event involving any use-of-force, no matter how seemingly inconsequential, be documented and accounted for; and, all of those police personnel involved are evaluated and objectively critiqued as to both the appropriateness of the deployment of force as well as their decision-making process. To this end, none of the 2019 reviews resulted in findings whereby fault could be assigned to any Franklin Park Police Officer.

### 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.

In 2018 the task force expanded its 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.

### **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.





U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs

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.



## 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.



## COP 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 \$2,550.39 in donations.



## 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
Juvenile Officers	Detectives	Taser Instructors	Rapid Deployment
OC Instructors	Handcuffing / Baton	Motorcycle Instructor	Homicide Investigator

## 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.

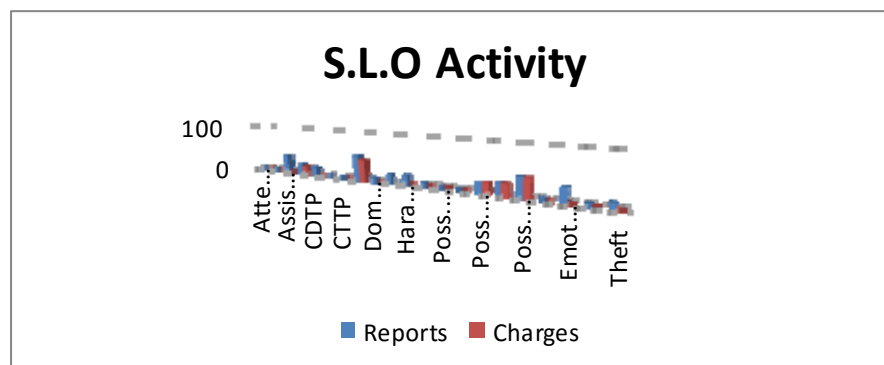
Additionally, the S.L.O. may be invited to participate in campus activities, from classroom visits and presentations to student organizations and clubs. Through participation, you provoke dialogue and promote trust in a non-policing capacity. Other times, providing resources to assist the school administrators 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.

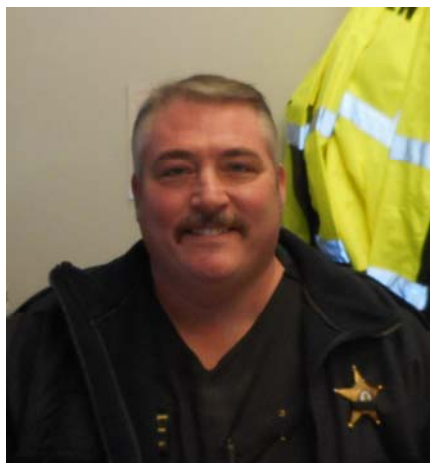
Lastly, a S.L.O. must be prepared to respond in a controlled yet professional fashion to any type of school threat. A crisis in a school can result in hysterical students and staff, panicked and frightened parents and, depending upon the incident, a media hoard wanting explanations and answers. It is 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.

**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.





Misdemeanor	8
L.O. Citations	84
Reports Taken	185
Arrests	4

Types of Incidents	Reported	Charges
Assist Ambulance	15	
Assist Outside Agency/School	14	
Battery	11	9
CDTP	1	
CTTP	1	1
Disorderly Conduct	24	23
DCFS Initiations / Contacts	3	
Domestic Battery	2	
Domestic Disturbance	6	
Harrassment	10	
Information / Investigation	30	
Poss. Of Alcohol	1	1
Poss. Drug Para	13	13
Poss. Of Cannabis / THC	13	13
Poss. Tobacco or Vape	24	24
Protective Custody of Juvenile	1	
Short Form Notification	1	
Stalking	1	
Suicidal at School or Home	10	
Theft	3	
Warrant Arrest	1	

Pictured above is Sergeant Joe O'Connor a 21 year veteran of the Police department who is currently assigned as the School Liaison Officer at East Leyden High School.

- 10,324 total incidents\* reported to the Dean's Office over 89 days averaging 116 incidents per school day.
- 185 reports taken averaging about 2 per school day.
- 84 Local Ordinance citations issued.

\* The 10,324 total incidents reported to the Dean's Office include the events listed here and all other activities such as attendance issues, students in crisis, cell phone abuse, insubordination, parent meetings, teacher referrals for discipline and conflict resolution.



## 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 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.



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 board's 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

