



# FRANKLIN PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

2021

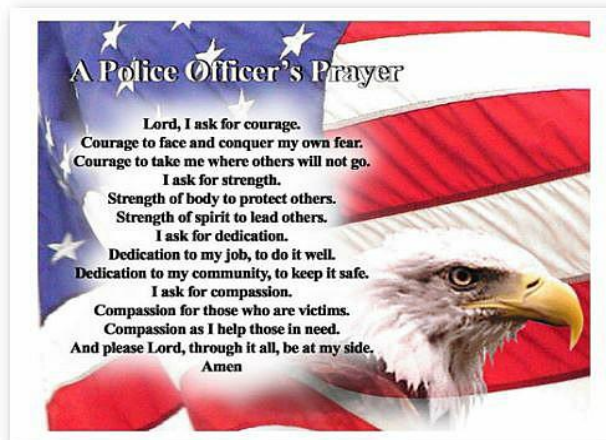
## ANNUAL REPORT



**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 2021 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** – We found an old squad photo in our archives, not sure what year or who the sergeant is in the photo.

In 2021 the department received \$32,709.75 in grants from various sources.

#### **Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program - \$7,237.50**

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.

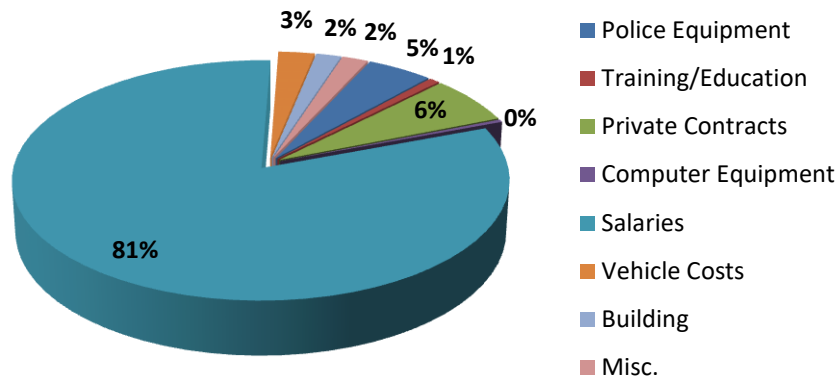
#### **Tobacco Enforcement Program - \$1,870.00**

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.

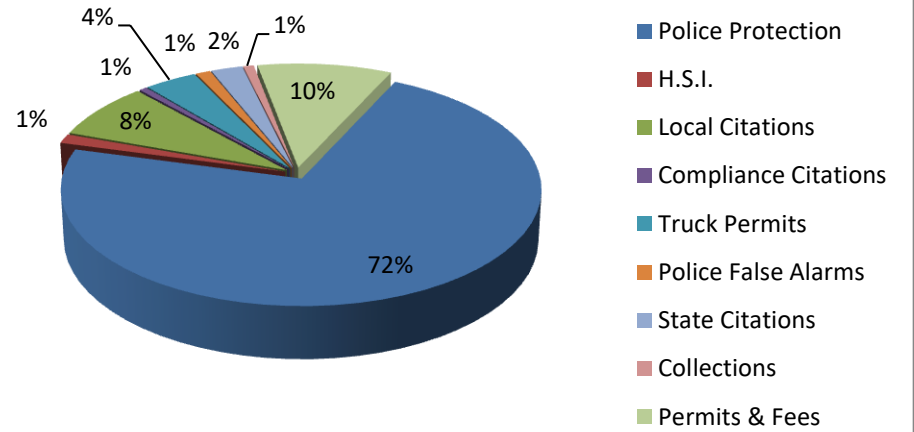
#### **Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) \$23,097.36**

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

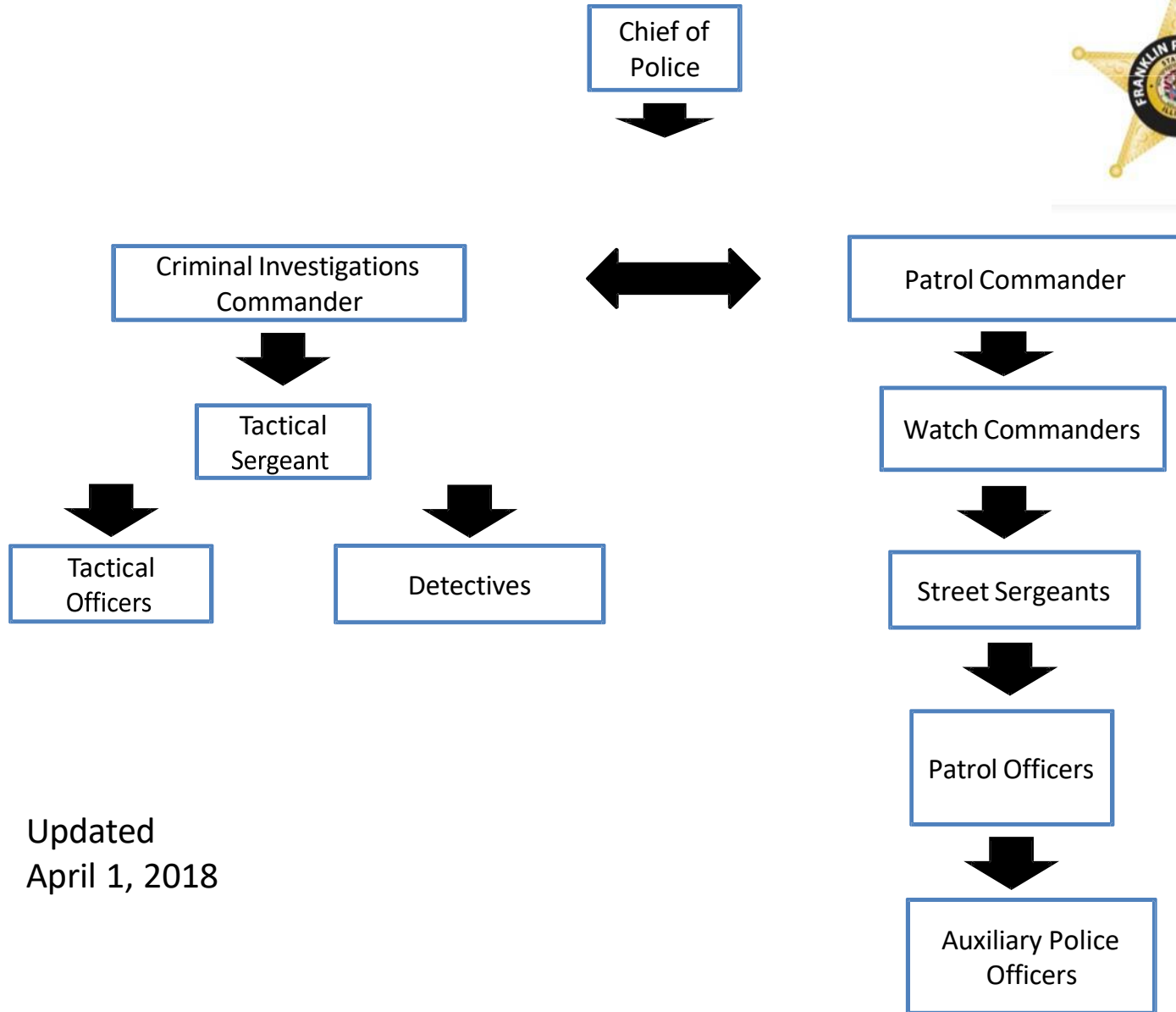
Police Department Expenditures



Police Department Revenues



# Franklin Park Police Department Organizational Chart



Updated  
April 1, 2018

## Police Department Staff

Director Michael Witz 38 Years of Service  
Sergeant Joseph O'Connor 23 Years of Service  
Sergeant Steve Witnik 19 Years of Service  
Officer Brian Dziewinski 22 Years of Service  
Officer Nicholas Yracheta 18 Years of Service  
Commander Tom Ferris 17 Years of Service  
Tactical Officer Don Giuliano 14 Years of Service  
Detective Dan Velazquez 14 Years of Service  
Detective Todd Morin 14 Years of Service  
Officer Dan Vega 10 Years of Service  
Officer Matt Bowes 8 Years of Service  
Officer Richard Adamski 8 Years of Service  
Officer Michael Iagulli 6 Years of Service  
Officer Matthew Tomas 6 Years of Service  
Tactical Officer Nicholas Pelikan 4 Years of Service  
Tactical Officer Nicholas Padilla 4 Years of Service  
Officer Brandon Bieze 3 Years of Service  
Officer Samuel Hernandez 2 years of service  
Officer Alfredo Quinones hired January 17, 2020  
Officer Elizabeth Szymonik hired June 25, 2021  
Officer Emanuele Bucaro hired June 25, 2021  
Officer David Vega hired August 27, 2021  
Admin. Assistant Lucy Benigno 6 Years of Service

Commander Robert Jensen 27 Years of Service  
Sergeant Michael Jones 22 Years of Service  
Officer Rob Emmett 22 Years of Service  
Sergeant Dan Morys 21 Years of Service  
Sergeant Russ Klug 18 Years of Service  
Officer Melissa Jones 16 Years of Service  
Officer Tomas Klos 14 Years of Service  
Detective Carlos Lazcano 14 Years of Service  
Officer Joe Gulino 14 Years of Service  
Tactical Officer Nicolas Tomaso 8 Years of Service  
Detective Rose Rutkowski 8 Years of Service  
K9 Officer Michael Leone 8 Years of Service  
Officer Zachary Romano 6 Years of Service  
Officer James McCroary 5 Years of Service  
Officer Manuel Quinones 4 Years of Service  
Officer Auriel Payan 23 Years of Service  
Officer Ivan Robles 2 years of service  
Officer Ivan Ives 2 years of service  
Officer Christopher De Lara hired Sept 24, 2020  
Officer Timothy Gellar hired June 25, 2021  
Officer Alex Gountanis hired August 27, 2021  
Officer Daniel Delapaz hired December 30, 2021  
Evidence Tech. Fred Dede 27 Years of Service

After over 36 years of service Sergeant Jack Krecker retired in 2021. After 29 years of service Sergeant John Ford retired in 2021. After 30 years of service Officer Donald Kaminski retired in 2021. After 30 years of service Officer Steve Ross retired in 2021. After 29 years of service Officer Michael Czernia retired in 2021. After 25 years of service Officer Chris Quiroga retired in 2021.

## 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 26 Years of Service  
Officer Jose Cabral 22 Years of Service  
Jorge Higareda 8 Years of Service  
Officer James Flak 7 Years of Service  
Officer Eilisa Boyas 6 Years of Service  
Officer Cotney Watts 2 Years of Service  
Officer Luisa Perez-Gomez 2 Years of Service  
Reserve Officer Daniel Delapaz hired in 2020  
Reserve Officer Oscar Giron hired in 2020

Reserve Officer Charles Jedlink 26 Years of Service Reserve  
Reserve officer Mariela Teliz 10 Years of Service Reserve Officer  
Reserve Officer Karen Casillas 7 Years of Service Reserve  
Reserve Officer Ezequiel Valdovinos 7 Years of Service Reserve  
Reserve Officer Matthew Uliveri 4 Years of Service Reserve  
Reserve Officer Francisco Correa 2 Years of Service Reserve  
Reserve Officer Robert Danesi hired in 2020  
Reserve Officer Yanni Grande hired in 2020



## 2021 OFFICER OF THE YEAR



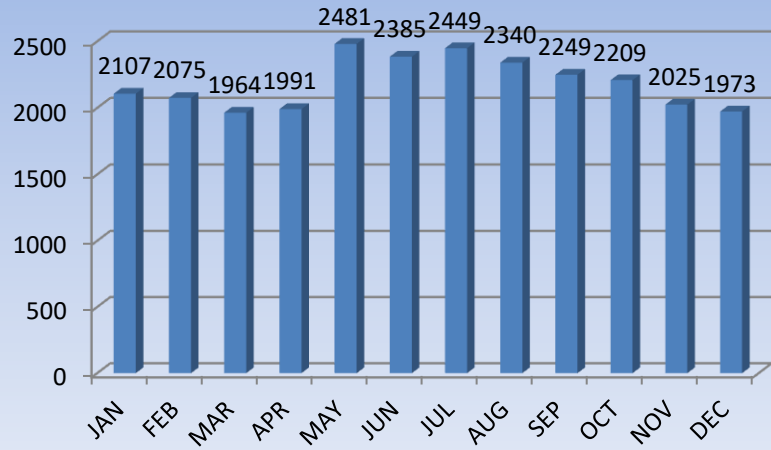
In 2021 police department recognized the police department recognized Officer Manuel Quinones of this year's Officer of the Year.

Officer Quinones has been with the police department for 4 years and was recognized by Mother Against Drunk Drivers for his enforcement efforts over the last several years.

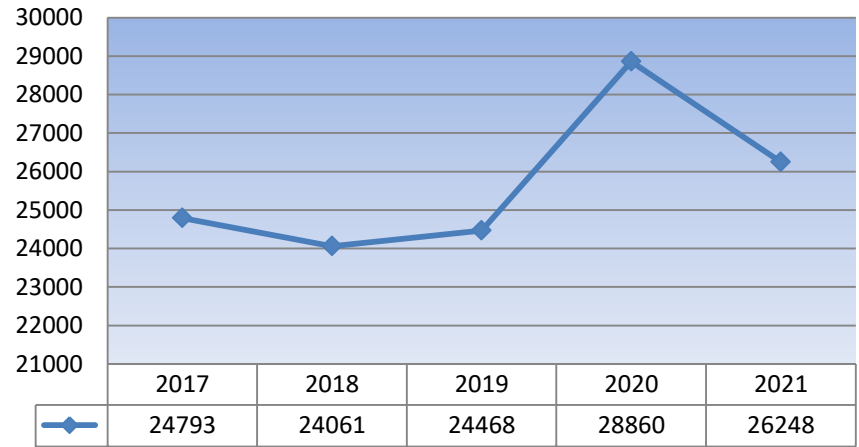
Officer Quinones is a certified Use-of Force instructor and a certified Field Training Officer.

# Calls for Service

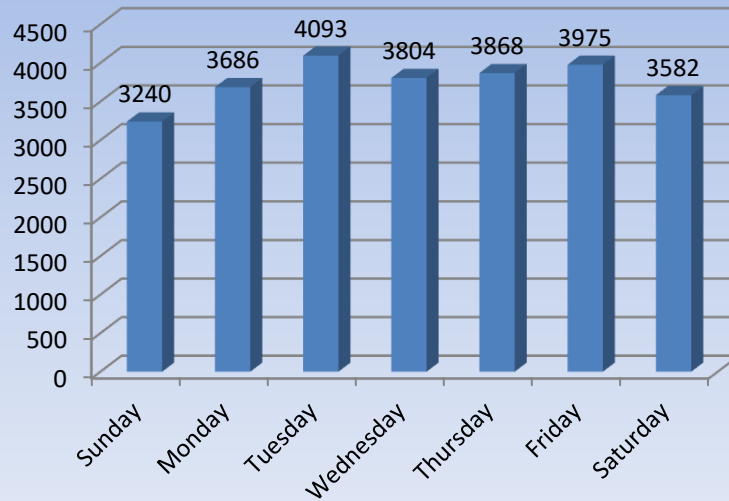
## Calls for Service by Month



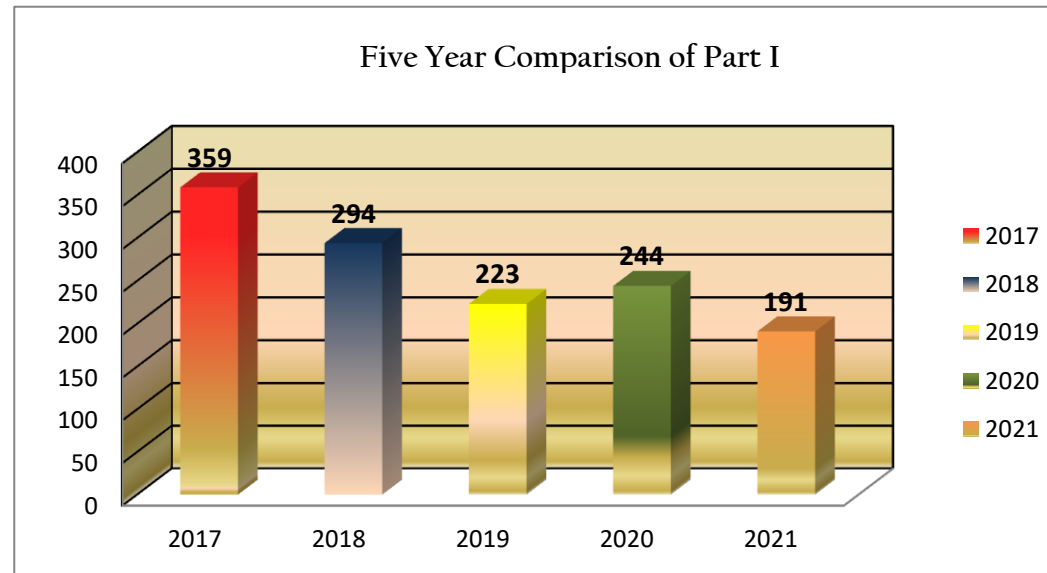
## Total Calls for Service



## Calls for Service by Day of Week



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 is primarily responsible to respond to calls for service and is made up of:

- 1 Division Commander
- 3 Watch Commanders
- 2 Street Sergeants
- 29 Patrol Officers
- 20 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.

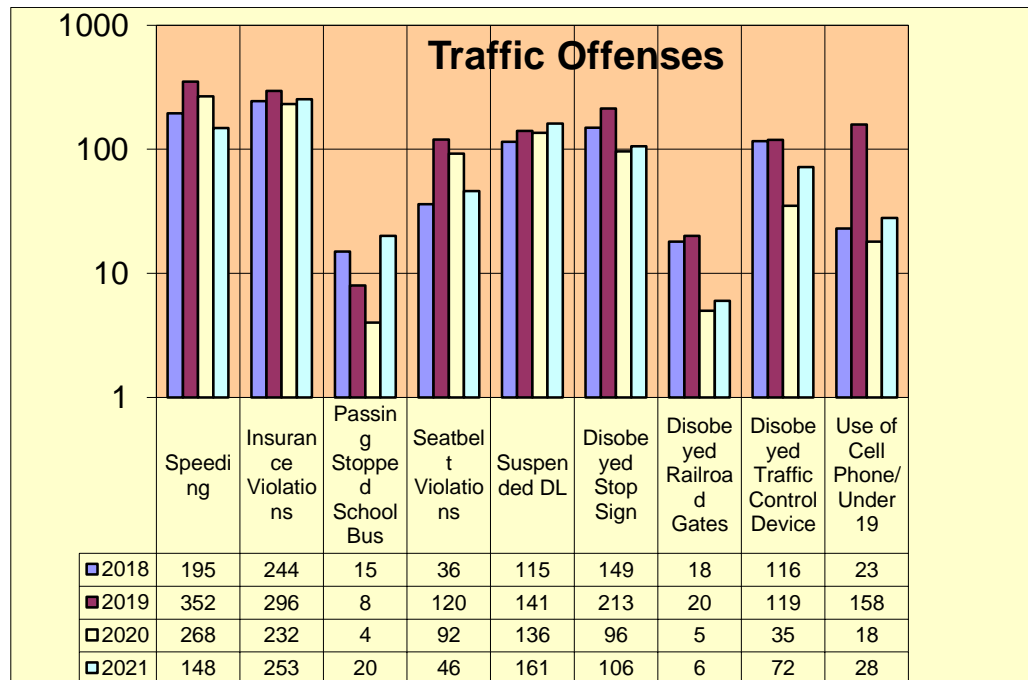
Added responsibilities include the detection and prevention of crime, traffic accident investigation, traffic enforcement and neighborhood patrol. Officers that are assigned to patrol have added duty assignments which may include Field Training Officer, Evidence Technician, Accident Reconstruction, Firearms 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	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Homicide	0	0	1	0	0
Criminal Sexual Assault	7	14	6	13	5
Robbery	13	6	4	9	6
Aggravated Assault/Battery	17	27	32	22	17
Burglary	92	67	50	62	45
Theft	201	152	121	123	116
Motor Vehicle Theft	27	24	14	15	2
Arson	2	4	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>191</b>



**TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT**

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

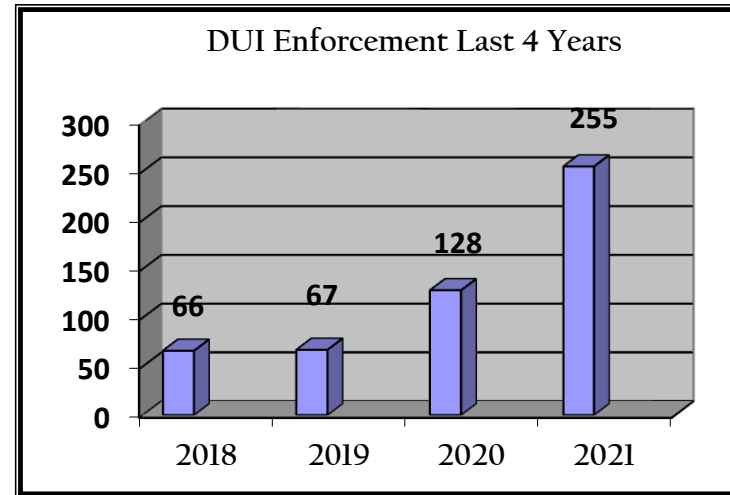
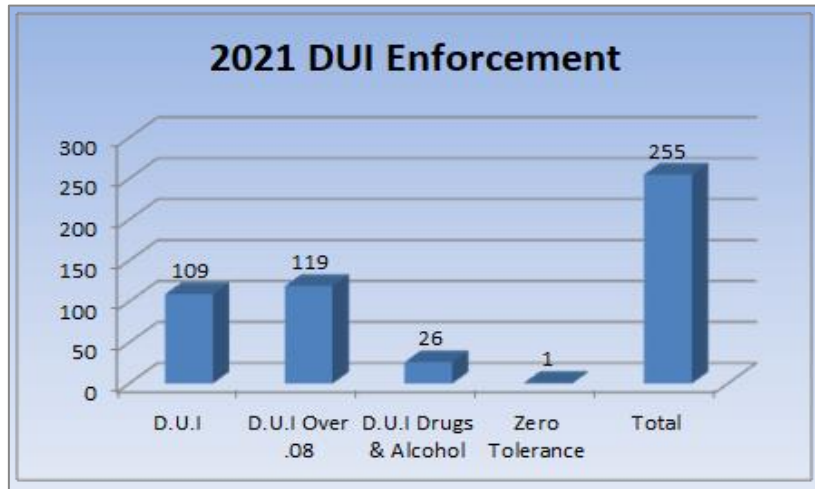
The above table depicts the most commonly issued citations known as “moving violations”. These citations are issued when an officer makes a self-initiated traffic stop, an investigatory stop or during an accident investigation. Unless a complainant or witness wishes to sign a traffic citation, officers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



2018	2019	2020	2021
66	67	128	255

DUI Offenses		2021
DUI		109
DUI - Over .08		119
DUI Drugs & Alcohol		26
Zero Tolerance		1
<b>Totals</b>		<b>255</b>

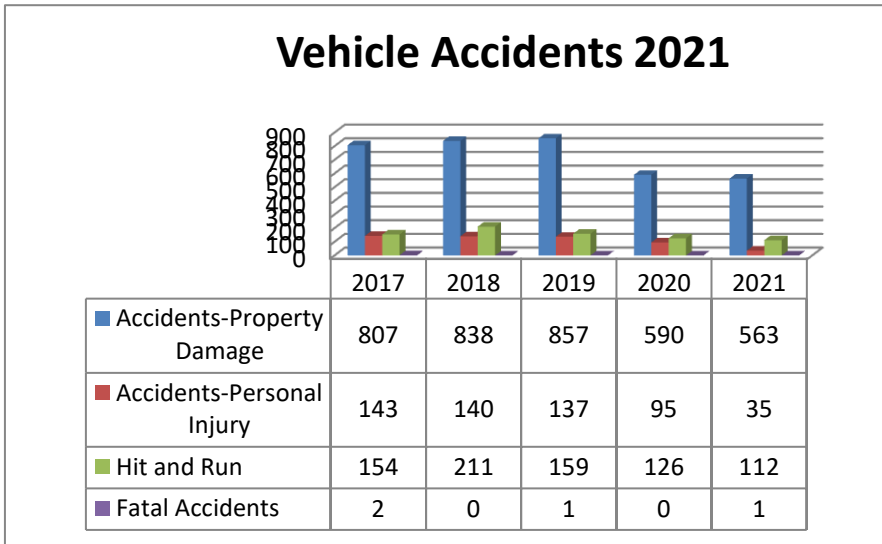
### DUI Enforcement Last 4 Years

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 drunken driving laws. Unfortunately, in spite of great progress, DUI remains a serious national and local concern.

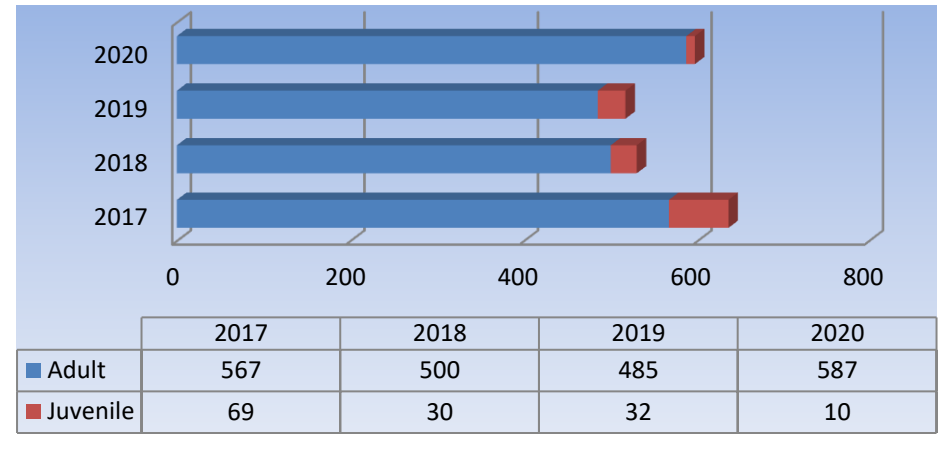
The Franklin Park Police Department has remained committed to the enforcement of drunken driving laws. Taking a proactive approach, the department participates in the Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP). STEP is designed to reduce the incident of motor vehicle crashes and their resulting injuries 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. Franklin Park ranked 16<sup>th</sup> in the entire state in DUI arrests in 2021 according to a survey conducted by AAIM (Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorist)

## 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.



## Total Arrests



## 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.

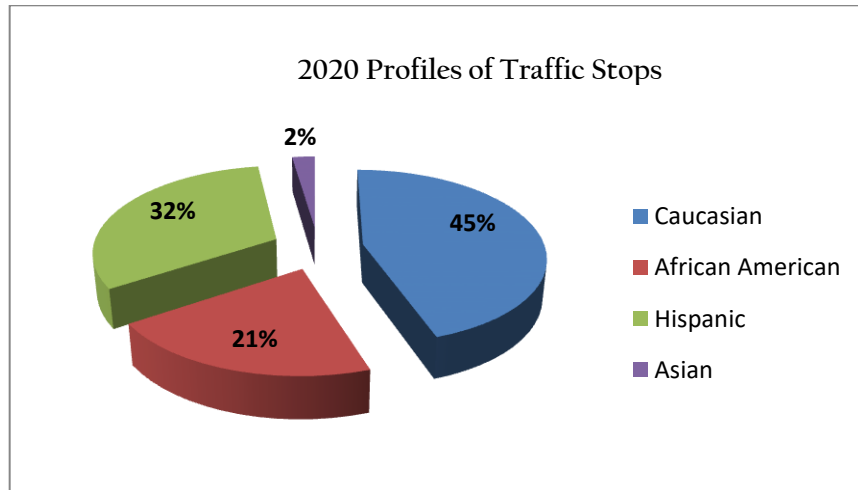
In 2021 the police department received a grant in the amount of \$22,289.76 from the Illinois Department of Transportation to fund additional manning for the enforcement of seat belt usage and Driving under the Influence of Alcohol.



## TRAFFIC STOP DATA AND COLLECTION ANALYSIS

On July 18, 2003, Senate Bill 30 was signed into law to establish a four-year statewide study of data from traffic stops to identify racial bias. The study began on January 1, 2004 and was originally scheduled to end December 31, 2007. However, the legislature extended the data collection several times, and also expanded the study to include data on pedestrian stops. Public Act 101-0024, which took effect on June 21, 2019, eliminated the study's scheduled end date of July 1, 2019 and extended the data collection.

Below are the results of this study for the Franklin Park Police Department for the years 2016 to 2020, 2021 data will not be available until July.



<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Number of Stops</u>	<u>Caucasian Driver</u>	<u>Minority Driver</u>
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%)
2019	4,437	2,731 (61.6%)	1,706 (38.4%)
2020	3,579	1,592 (44.5%)	1,987 (55.5%)

<u>Reason for Stop:</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Moving Violation	2,541	2,823	3,026	2,833	2,403
Equipment Violation	921	1,342	1,215	1,280	892
License / Registration Violation	302	496	377	324	284

<u>Outcome of Stop:</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Citation	1,632	1,503	1,465	1,462	763
Verbal Warning	2,129	3,157	3,151	2,967	2,806
Number of Consent Vehicle Searches	59	85	76	91	91



## 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.

**In 2020** we responded to 226 complaints, issued 143 warning notices and 65 complaints for failing to comply.

**In 2021** we responded to 159 complaints issued 44 warning notices and 40 complaints for failing to comply.

## Major Investigations in 2021

**February 2021** - A black Mercedes fled from a traffic stop in the 2000 block of Mannheim Rd. The patrol officer was able to get the license plate information before terminating the pursuit. Through information obtained from the Illinois Secretary of State and license plate reader technology, the offending vehicle was located on the west side of the city of Chicago. Detectives did surveillance on the car and observed a man matching the description of the offender. The suspect was quickly detained by detectives. The suspect subsequently admitted to fleeing from the patrol officer and declared that his actions were pretty dumb.

**March 2021** - While banking at 10101 Grand Ave, a resident was approached by a young man who asked if the resident could help him by cashing two Western Union money orders. The victim, believing he was helping someone in distress, agreed to help. The victim withdrew \$600 from his savings account and gave it to the suspect. The money orders were fraudulent and the victim was out \$600. A couple of days later, the suspect returned to the bank and attempted the same scam. This time he was caught by police. The suspect was subsequently charged with 2 felonies for theft.

**April 2021**- Detectives were called to assist the patrol division for a vehicle pursuit that resulted in a fatal vehicle crash at the corner of Mannheim and Irving Park Rd. in Schiller Park. Initially Franklin Park officers pulled over a vehicle near Fullerton and Mannheim. As officers were conducting an interview with the driver, the driver placed the vehicle in drive and fled. The vehicle fled N/B Mannheim Rd at a high rate of speed. The vehicle went through the red light at Mannheim and Irving Park Rd and struck a vehicle that was in the intersection. The driver of that vehicle, the father of an 11 year old boy, was killed in the accident. The suspect managed to flee on foot from the accident by was quickly subdued by pursuing officers. The suspect was charged with DUI, Fleeing and Eluding police, as well as Reckless Homicide.

**June 2021** - Utility locating equipment was stolen from a construction truck near 10601 Belmont by a suspect driving a maroon sedan with dealer plates. A check of local cameras led detectives to a car dealership in Chicago. Detectives spoke to the manager of the dealership who stated that the vehicle in question was in the process of purchase by a potential buyer who was due in the next day to finalize the deal. Detectives waited for the vehicle to arrive and detained the driver for questioning. Detectives learned that the construction equipment was likely sold on the streets. The suspect in this case paid over \$10,000 in restitution to the construction company in lieu of prosecution. The construction company was very pleased with the work of our officers and detectives.

**August 2021** - Detectives were assigned to assist the patrol division for a fatal traffic accident at the corner of Grand/Mannheim. Detectives along with patrol officers and the tactical unit reviewed hours of video and interviewed several witnesses. One video showed the suspect vehicle speeding Southbound Mannheim Rd from Belmont Ave toward Grand Ave at a speed over 100 miles per hour. The suspect vehicle then crashed into several vehicles

that were stopped at the red light at Grand Ave. A video was obtained by a witness showing the suspect crawling from the driver's door of the suspect vehicle after the accident

**December 2021** - A mother of 3 children was beaten and shot in the head by a live in acquaintance of her oldest son. The suspect was observed by witnesses leaving the apartment with some belongings and getting into the victim's vehicle and driving away. Detectives used license plate reader and other tracking technology to locate the vehicle on the south side of the city of Chicago. After a short surveillance by detectives and tactical officers, the suspect returned to the car and was quickly apprehended. The suspect was charged with Attempt 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Murder along with several other felonies. His first court date will be in January 2022.

### **Tactical Units Major Case Investigations in 2021**

January 2021 - A search warrant was executed at 2080 Mannheim, on a Male subject selling narcotics in 2 hotel rooms, in the 2400 block of Mannheim, information was obtained that this subject also had multiple firearms inside the rooms. With this information the NIPAS Emergency Service Team assisted with the execution of this warrant. Recovered from both Motel rooms, (1) Glock 9mm semi-automatic firearm with ammo, (1) Walter PPK 380 semi-automatic firearm with ammo, 28.8 grams of fentanyl, 12.5 grams crack cocaine, 2.7 grams Heroin, and \$2,913.94 USC.

January 2021 A traffic stop was conducted at 9831 Grand Ave, for traffic violations, recovered from vehicle was 4,981.56 grams of cannabis, and \$891.00 USC.

January 2021 A search warrant was executed at hotel in the 2400 block of Mannheim, recovered was (1) CPX1 9mm semi- automatic firearm with 2 fully loaded magazines, (1) box of 9mm ammo, 18.7 grams of crack cocaine, 7.3 grams of Heroin, 3 grams of Fentanyl, and \$467.00 USC.

March 2021 A traffic stop was conducted in the 2600 block of Mannheim Rd, recovered was 98 pills of Adderall (46.7grams), 20.6 grams of cannabis, and \$19,100.00 USC.

May 2021 Franklin Park Tactical unit traffic stopped a suspicious vehicle stealing packages from houses in Franklin Park, after further investigation it was learned that the 2 occupants of the vehicle had removed 22 packages from residents houses. Only 11 residents wished to sign criminal complaints against the occupants of the vehicle. All packages returned to the homeowners.

June 2021 A search warrant was executed at hotel in the 3000 block of Mannheim for a subject that was arrested earlier in the year at a hotel in the 2000 block of Mannheim. This time the male subject was found to be in possession of 6.7 grams Cocaine, 14.5 grams cannabis and \$1,161.00 USC.

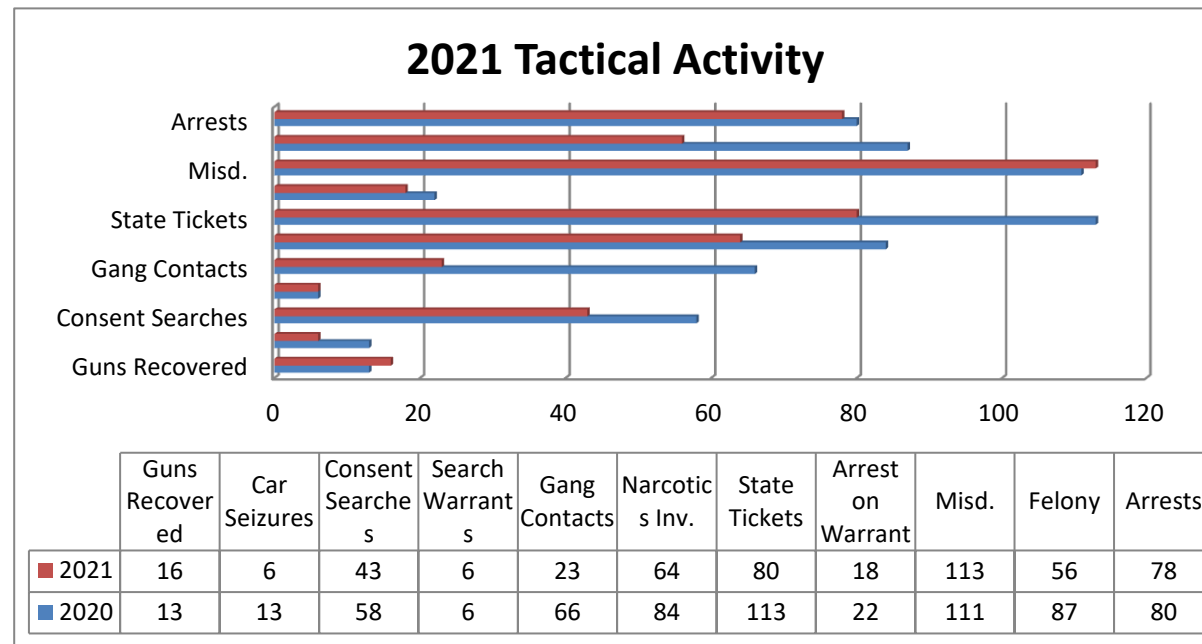
June 2021 vehicle pursuit, for a vehicle fleeing from Franklin Park Detectives, offending vehicle struck 5 vehicles in the 3000 block of Mannheim Rd, including a vehicle driven by Franklin Park Police tactical officers attempting to stop the vehicle. The suspect / driver was taken into custody, recovered from inside the vehicle was (1) 9mm Polymer P-80 semi-automatic firearm fully loaded with no serial number.

June 2021 Franklin Park Tactical Unit observed 2 Male subjects burglarizing vehicles in the area of Hawthorn / King both subjects fled on foot from the

police, after a short foot chase both subjects were taken into custody. After further investigation it was learned that both subjects are juveniles, one juvenile was in possession of a Glock 9 mm semi-automatic firearms.

June 2021 traffic stop was conducted at Chestnut / Hawthorn, recovered from vehicle 14.6 grams cannabis, (1) Beretta 40 caliber semi-automatic firearm with a loaded 9 round magazine, firearm was reported stolen out of Indiana.

September 2021 Franklin Park tactical unit attempted to stop a vehicle for traffic violation, the driver of the vehicle is a known juvenile gang member, vehicle fled from officers and a short vehicle pursuit continued through the WMRA area. The suspect vehicle struck a building and the driver attempted to flee on foot, after a short foot chase juvenile suspect was taken into custody. After further investigation the juvenile suspect and known gang member was found in possession of (1) Glock 9mm semi-automatic firearm with a 30 round extended magazine, fully loaded and firearm configured to fire fully automatic.





# K-9 Activity Report 2020



Street Value of Narcotics Seized:	\$705,381.55
Total Amount of Cash Seized:	\$363,416.94

Total	
Seizures	
Marijuana	793.6g
Cocaine	17,037g
Heroin	32.8g
Methamphetamine	3,000g
Ecstasy	55g
Guns	2

## Summary of K-9 Unit Activity for 2021

January 2021 Canine VooDoo assisted the Tactical Unit on a search warrant recovering 28g of Fentanyl, 12.5g of Cocaine, 2.77g of Heroin, 14.08g of Cannabis, 2 handguns, and \$2,913.94 USC.

March 2021 Canine VooDoo assisted Melrose Park PD on a search warrant recovering 55 pills of MDMA, 1.1g of Cocaine, Cannabis, and \$5,235.00 USC.

April 2021 Canine VooDoo assisted H.S.I. with a canine sniff alerting to \$199,910.00 USC. that had been recovered as part of an ongoing investigation.

May 2021 Canine VooDoo assisted H.S.I. with a canine sniff alerting to \$150,000.00 USC. that had been recovered as part of an ongoing investigation.

July 2021 Canine VooDoo assisted the Tactical Unit on a search warrant recovering 4.9g of Cocaine, 2.0g of Fentanyl, and 12.5g of Cannabis.

August - October 2021 Canine VooDoo performed canine sniffs on multiple vehicles in which small amounts of Narcotics and/or Cannabis were recovered.

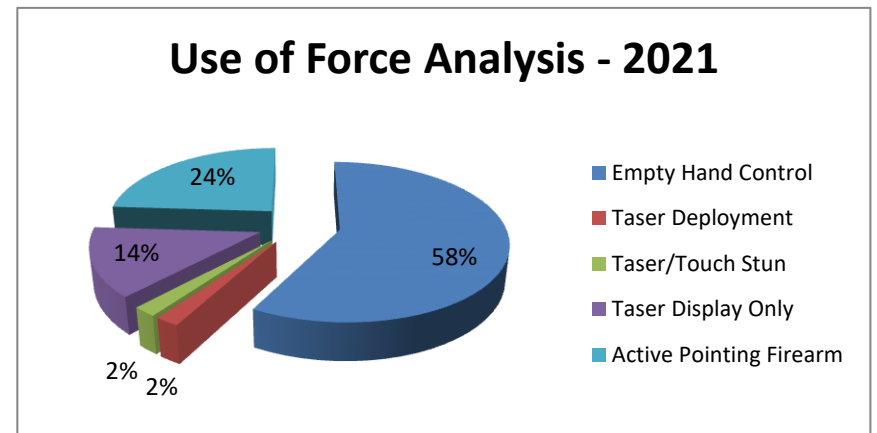
November 2021 Canine VooDoo assisted Westchester PD on a traffic stop alerting to a location within the vehicle where an illegal hidden compartment was later discovered.

December 2021 Canine VooDoo assisted H.S.I. with a search warrant recovering 17 kilograms of Cocaine and 3 kilograms of Methamphetamine. Canine VooDoo also performed a canine sniff alerting to 702g of edible Cannabis items and \$1780.00 USC. that were recovered during a traffic stop.

Total Amount of Cash Seized = \$363,416.94 USC  
 Street Value of Narcotics Seized = \$705,381.55 USC  
 Marijuana = 793.6 g  
 Cocaine = 17,037 g  
 Heroin/Fentanyl = 32.8 g  
 Methamphetamine = 3,000 g  
 Ecstasy/MDMA = 55 pills  
 Guns = 2

## Use of Force Analysis – 2021

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. 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. 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. Per Policy 300.9 I am submitting the 2021 Use of Force Analysis for review.



In 2021, the Franklin Park Police Department reported thirty nine (39) use-of-force incidents by its personnel. A total of twenty nine (29) different Officers were identified as having applied some measure of force during the course of their duties. The White Watch (2200-0600 hours) reported twenty eight (28) use-of-force incidents while the Red Watch (1400-2200 hours) reported seven (7) and the Blue Watch (0600-1400 hours) reported four (4). A TASER device was displayed in nine (9) of the instances where force was necessary. Out of these nine (9) events, a TASER cartridge was deployed one (1) time and a TASER touch stun was deployed one (1) time. All nine (9) events involving a TASER were reviewed and determined to be judicious and appropriate.

Many of these use-of-force events involve 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 use-of-force incidents, while not necessarily being dynamic events between members of the public and our officers. It should also be noted, that of the thirty nine (39) reported use-of-force incidents, twenty four (24) of the individuals involved were either under or suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

The Franklin Park Police Department reported a total of 643 arrests made during the 2021 calendar year. With thirty nine (39) reported instances of use-of-force during this same time period, this indicates that over 94% of the total arrests made by Officers in 2021 were done so without the use-of-force.

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.

Every reported use-of-force incident is reviewed both by the Shift Supervisor and by a Division Commander. These reviews are conducted to make certain the application of force was done within the strictest and most reasonable parameters of law, administrative rule, and department standard operating procedures. Of the thirty nine (39) times Officers applied force to effect an arrest and/or bring an incident under control during the 2021 calendar year, all were deemed an appropriate and judicious use-of-force.

**Training Needs:**

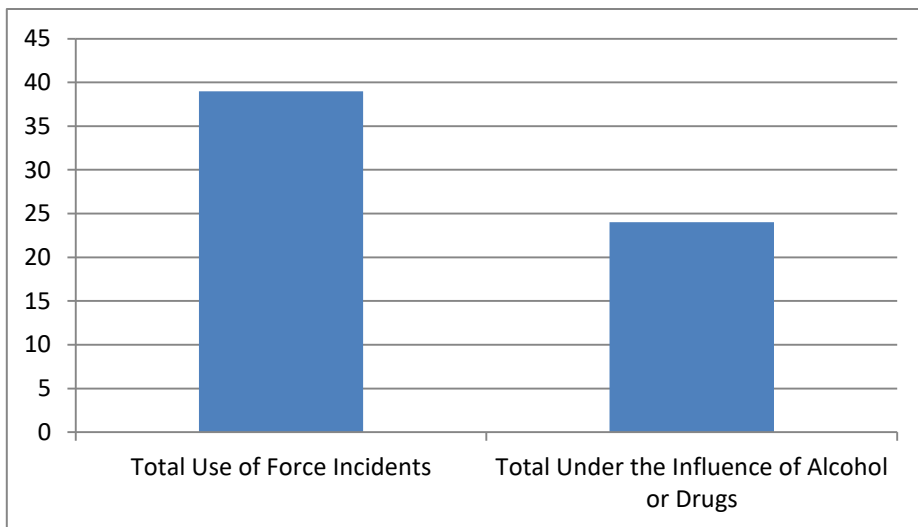
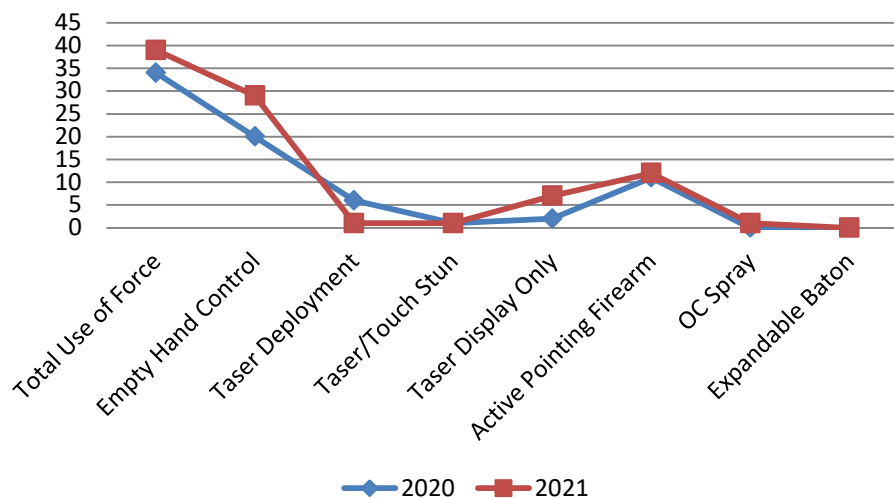
Continue with all annual training and periodic training on use of force, including the demonstration of officer knowledge and understanding. Closely monitor new laws directly related to use-of-force and ensure that all Officers are advised of and trained on any changes.

**Equipment Needs and Recommendations:**

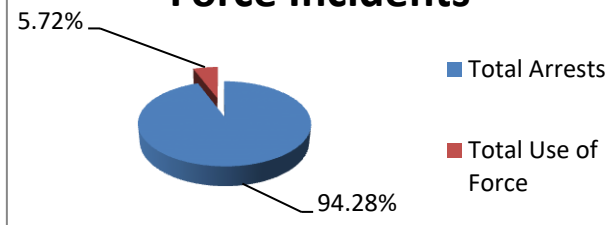
None at this time

**Policy Revision Recommendations:** Continue to update and follow best practice policy through LEXIPOL.

**2020 and 2021 Comparison of UOF**



**Percentage of Use of Force Incidents**



## 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 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 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 through Friday 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.



## COPS on a ROOF

Our agency 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 several 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 rose over \$1,000.00.



## 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 RESOURCE OFFICER

The School Resource Officer (SRO) 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 Attorney's Office.

Depending upon the incident, a SRO 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 SRO 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 SRO. The SRO will keep statistics on thefts, trancies 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 SRO 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 Resource Officer Activity –**

Due to Covid 19, East Leyden High School remained closed for most of the year; therefore enough data was not collected for this report.

In 2021 a New School Resource Officer Law went into effect requiring all School Resource Officers in Illinois become certified. Officer Matt Bowes was certified and assigned to the High School beginning in January 2022.



## 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  
Gage Scott and Fullerton

Franklin and Calwagner  
Pacific and Calwagner  
Rose and Chestnut  
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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 village of Bellwood, Melrose Park, Franklin Park, Westchester, and River Grove created the Proviso – Leyden Joint 911 Authority, for the purpose of a consolidated public safety dispatch center. In 2018 the authority added the village of Stone Park. Director Witz has been the chairperson of this authority since its inception.

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  
River Grove Police Department

## RECORDS DIVISION

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

Records Management	Initial walk in contact	Data entry including traffic tickets and ordinance arrests
Monitor Security Cameras	Matron Duties	Adjudication Court
Proper Storing and Archiving Records	Mobile Crash Reporting	Court Transmittals
Truck overweight permits	Overnight parking	Metra passes
Collecting fines	Preparing court documents	Proper storage and archiving of records