



Franklin Park Police Department



2010

Annual Report



Michael Witz
Chief of Police



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From the Chiefs Desk

On behalf of the men and women of the Franklin Park Police Department I am pleased to present the 2010 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.



In 2010 the department has taken on many new changes within its administration:

- Michael Witz a member of the department for nearly 28 years was appointed to Chief of Police
- Phil Ruch a member of the department for over 23 years was appointed to Deputy Chief Of Police
- Michael Konwinski a member of the department for over 21 years was assigned as Criminal Investigations Commander
- Robert Wright a member of the department for over 20 years was assigned as Patrol Division Commander
- Steve Witnik a member of the department for 8 years was promoted to the rank of Sergeant
- The police departments General Orders were revamped to meet the changes that law enforcement now faces.
- The police department changed over its Mobile Data terminals in the police cruisers to a more efficient lap top version, drastically reducing fuel and maintenance costs with no additional costs to the department's budget by utilizing a Federal Grant.
- The Police department began the installation of video and audio equipment in the police cruisers for the safety of officers.
- In cooperation with the villages Information Technology department and a Federal Grant the police department continued the implementation of a community camera system.
- The police department changed over its outdated police report writing system.
- The department was awarded a \$20,000 Illinois Department of Transportation Grant for the enforcement of Seat Belt Use and Driving Under the Influence Enforcement.
- The Department due to retirements reduced its staff from 49 full time sworn members to 42 members.

A department wide restructuring of staffing was implemented to continue to maintain the number of officers on the street the same.

Sincerely,

Michael Witz
Chief of Police



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.



Command Staff



Commander
Michael Konwinski



Deputy Chief
Phil Ruch



Commander
Robert Wright



Sergeant
Robert Jensen



Sergeant
Joseph O'Connor



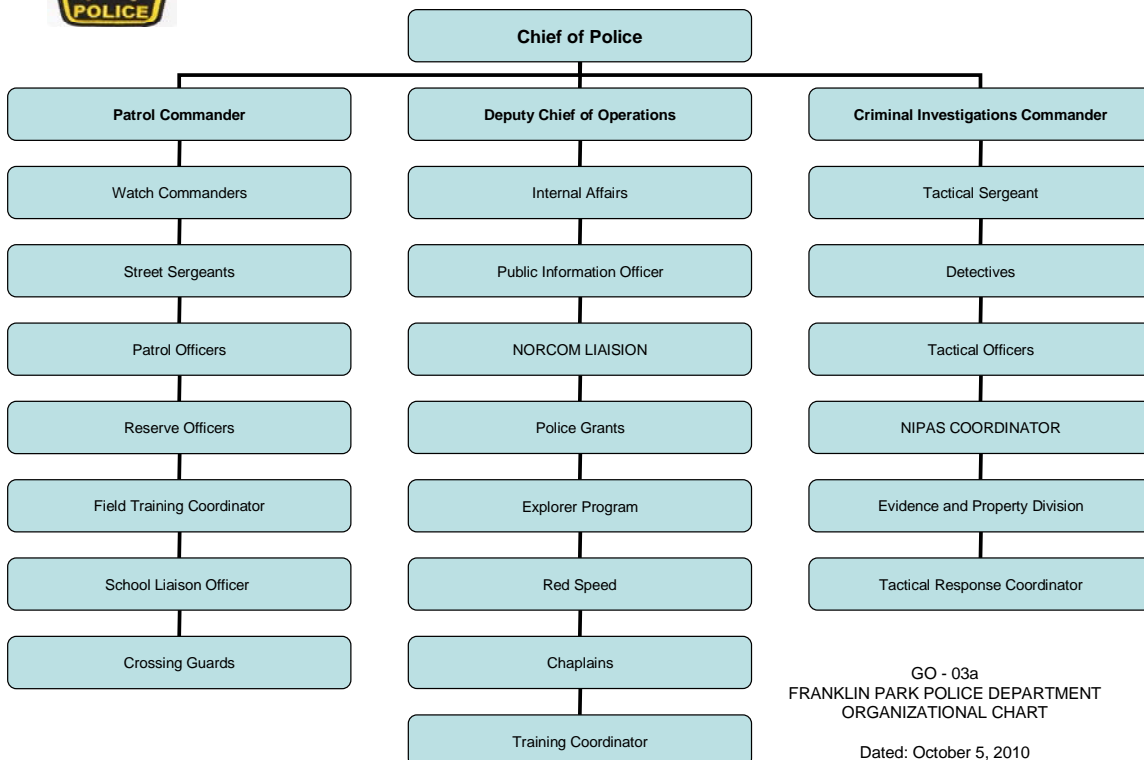
Sergeant
Steven Witnik



Sergeant
Michael Jones



Sergeant
Jack Krecker



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FRANKLIN PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT
ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

Dated: October 5, 2010



POLICE OFFICERS WHO RETIRED IN 2010

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Chief Joseph Patti
38 Years of Service



Sergeant Edward Kempf
30 Years of Service



Deputy Chief Barbara Cascio
29 Years of Service



Officer Leland Holland
26 Years of Service



Officer Arthur Schultz
26 Years of Service



Officer Thomas Coker
26 Years of Service



Officer Robert Andris
26 Years of Service



New Members of 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, 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 offices 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.



Reserve Officer
Thomas Post



Reserve Officer
Joe Scarpelli



Reserve Officer
Robert O'Donnell



Reserve Officer
Raymond Nardi



Reserve Officer
Ewa Dogic



Reserve Officer
Anthony Korus



Reserve Officer
Eligio Velez Jr.



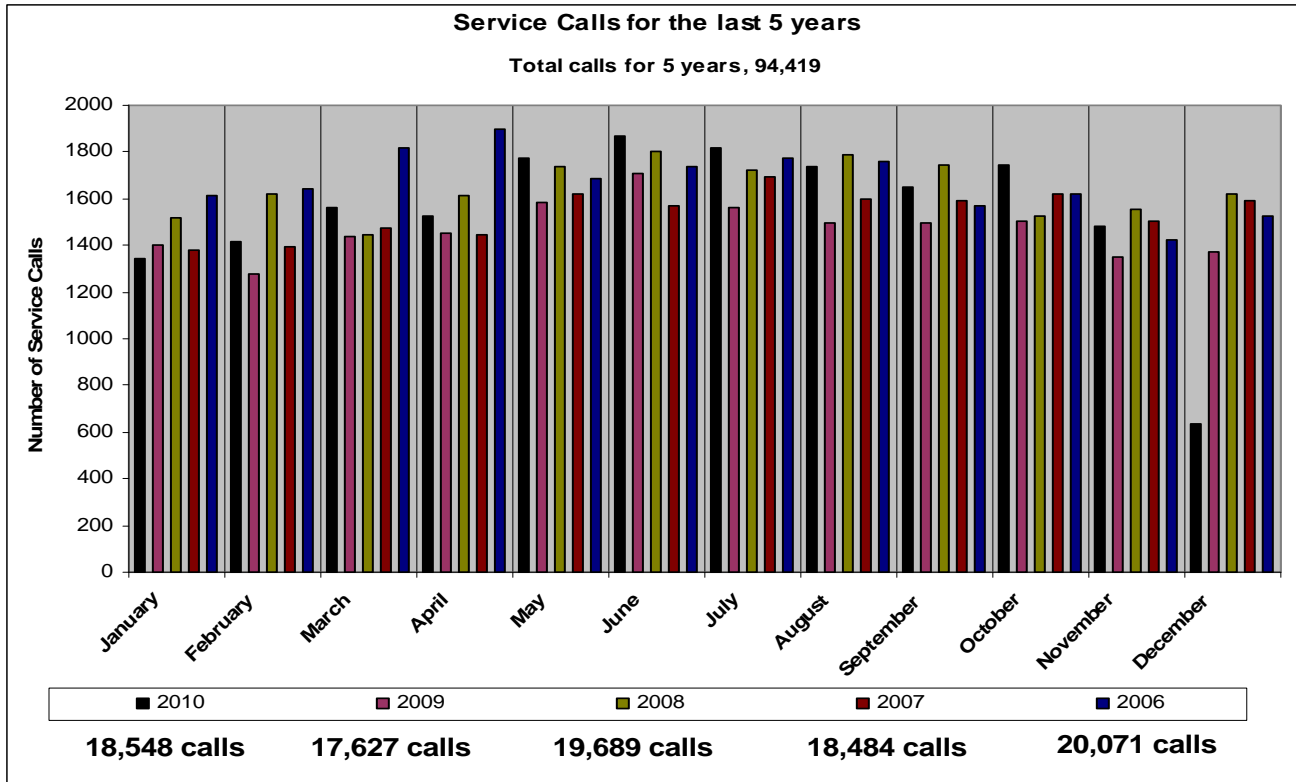
Reserve Officer
Mariela Teliz



Reserve Officer
Steve Stelloh



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
- 2 Watch Commanders
- 5 Street Sergeants
- 25 Patrol Officers

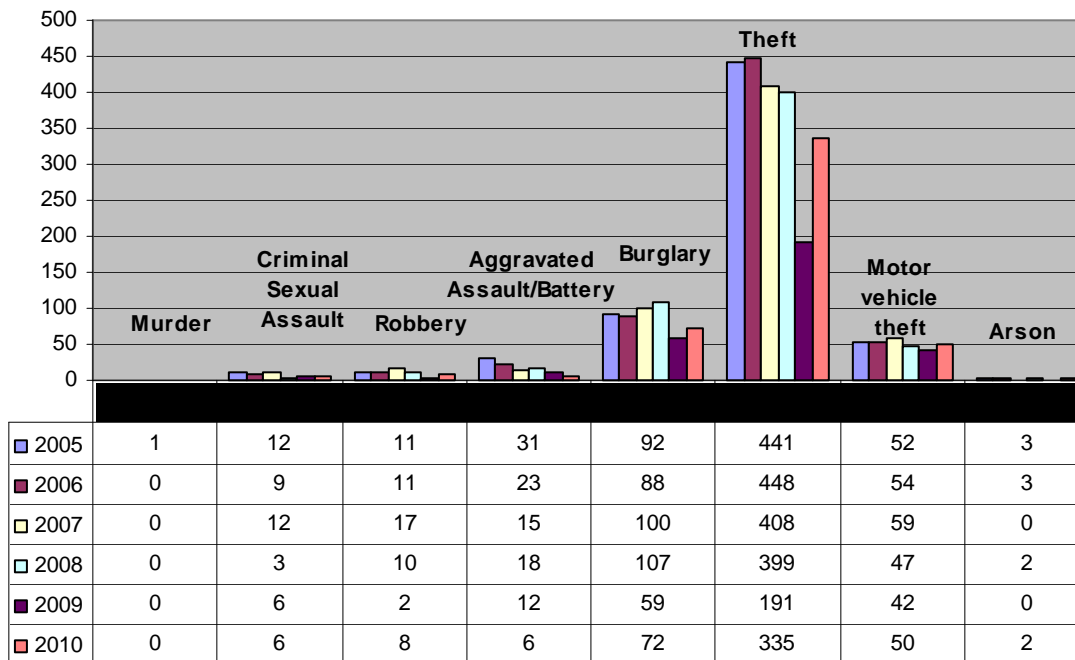
These officers work an eight hour shift and what is referred to as a 6/2 schedule, meaning they work 6 days straight for 4 weeks with two days off then work two weeks of five days straight with three straight days off.

The Patrol Division is the most visible part of the Franklin Park Police Department which acts as a deterrent to crime and provides a sense of security. As the largest division within the police department, the Patrol Division provides the first response to emergency and non-emergency calls for service. Patrol is the front line and backbone of the Franklin Park Police Department.

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



I-UCR CRIME REPORT



I-UCR stands for Illinois Uniformed Crime Reporting. I-UCR was implemented on January 1, 1972 and was created as the central depository for Illinois law enforcement agencies to provide crime statistics.

The I-UCR Program's crime index translates into the FBI National Program's eight Crime Index offenses as:

A) Violent Crimes Against Persons

- 1) Murder and Non-negligent Manslaughter
- 2) Forcible Rape
- 3) Robbery
- 4) Aggravated Assault

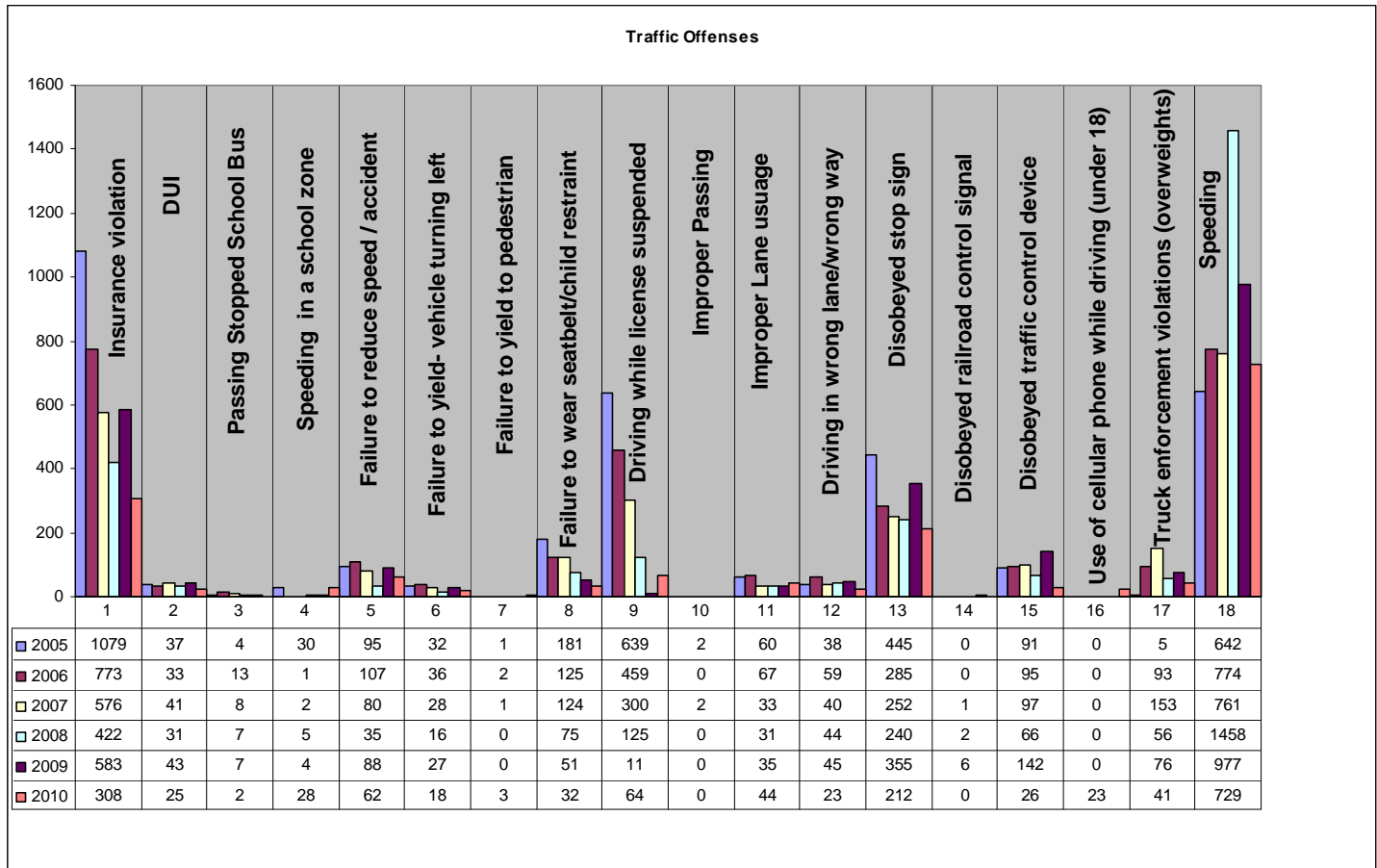
B) Crimes Against Property

- 1) Burglary
- 2) Theft
- 3) Motor Vehicle Theft
- 4) Arson



TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

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



The above table depicts the most commonly issues citations know as “moving violations”.

These citations are issued when an officer makes a self initiated traffic stop, an investigatory stop or during an accident investigation.

Officers are able to use discretion when issuing these tickets unless a witness is willing to sign the citation and testify in court.

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.



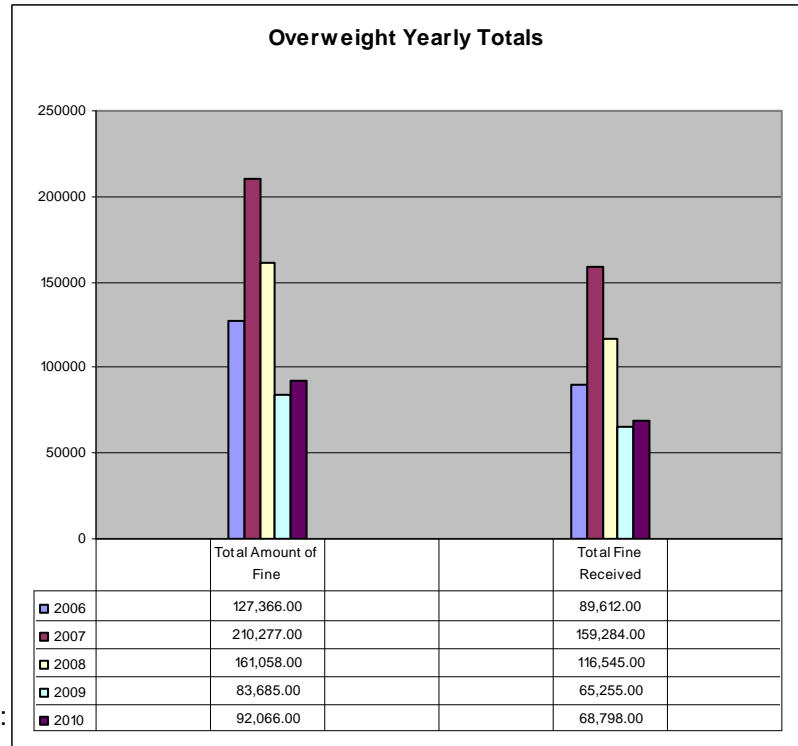
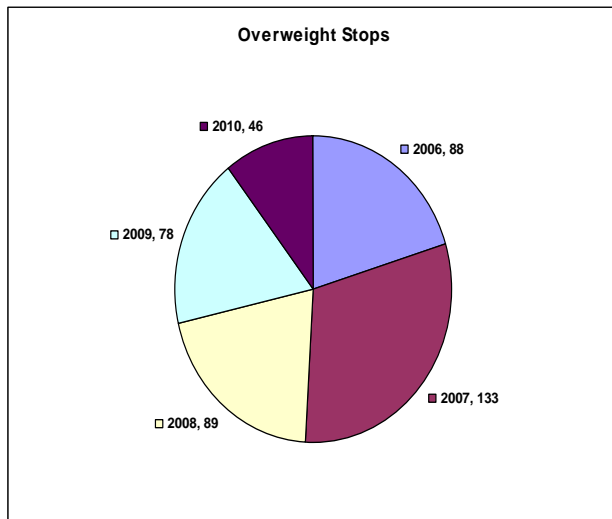
Monies generated from tickets are dispersed between state, county and local funds.



TRUCK ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

The police department currently has four officers certified by the State of Illinois to inspect trucks for weight.

These officers during their regular tours of duty monitor trucks and upon stopping a truck conduct various checks of both the vehicle and driver's log. During the truck inspection a truck in violation may be brought to a scale that has been approved by the department of agriculture to weigh a truck. If a truck is found to be over the weight allowed by Illinois Statue a citation shall be issued and the truck may have to reduce some of its load before it continues traveling the roads of Illinois.

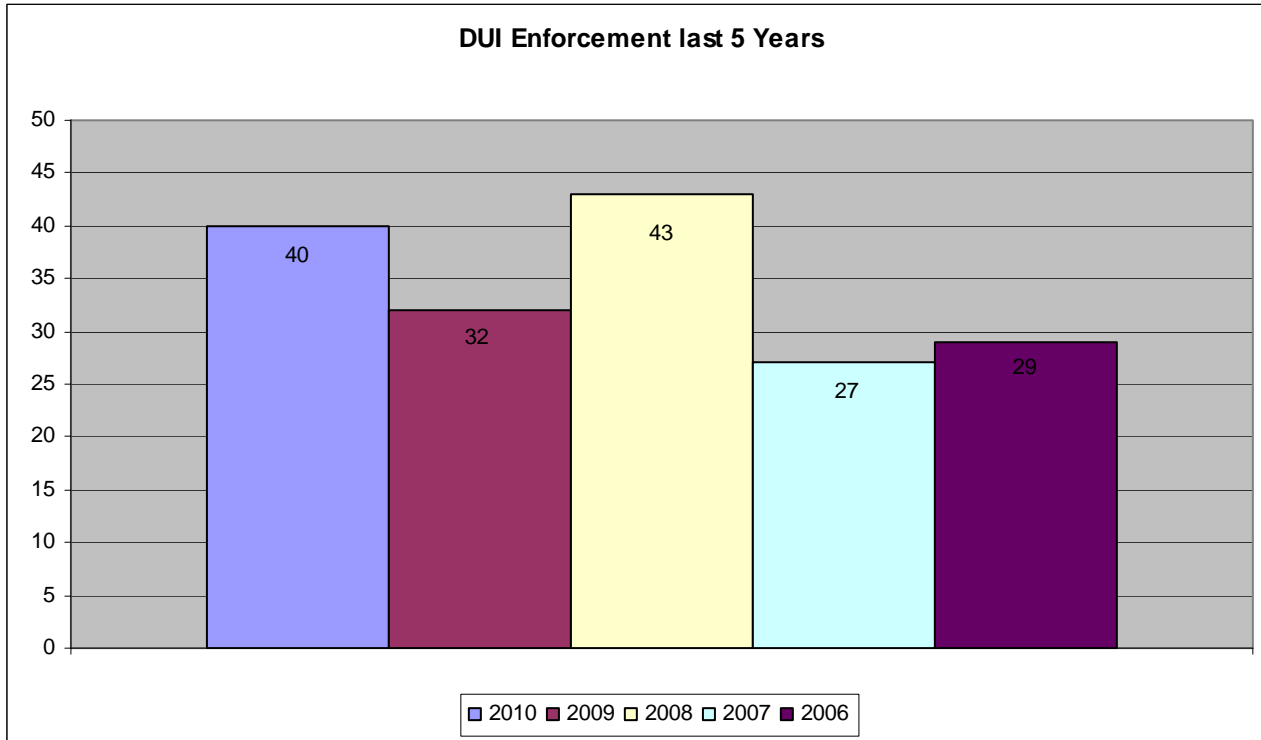


The functions of the truck enforcement program include:

- ◆ **Commercial Drivers Licensing (CDL)** -Large vehicles such as concrete mixer's, gravel trucks, and other semi-truck vehicles require the drivers to have Commercial Drivers Licenses, CDL). To obtain a CDL, the person(s) takes extensive tests through the Secretary of State to receive the proper classifications to drive said vehicles. The truck unit assures that the drivers are properly classified and qualified to drive these vehicles.
- ◆ **Equipment Inspections-** During a routine stop of a Commercial Vehicle, the truck enforcement unit will check the equipment, registration, load, insurance, and any other paperwork that is required by law. It is important that these vehicles are safe to be driven on all roadways. Commercial vehicles are subject to a more in-depth inspection by the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). If these vehicles do not have the proper inspections, they are subject to citations. If the vehicle is in such a condition to pose a danger to other motorists, the truck unit will have the vehicle put out of service by the Illinois State Police.
- ◆ **Weight Inspections-** Large semi-trucks and commercial vehicles can cause a substantial amount of damage to the village roadways due to the size, and gross weight of the vehicle. A fully loaded semi-truck allowed on village roadway can legally carry 73,280 lbs. This one truck creates more "wear and tear" on the roads than 50,000 passenger cars. The truck enforcement unit monitors these weights and often has these vehicles weigh at approved locations. If these vehicles exceed their weight limits they are cited and often have to remove the load which creates the hazard. In DuPage County a truck that exceeds weight law by 10,000 lbs can be fined up to \$5,000.00 dollars. Fines are proportionally increased to the weight the vehicle exceeds the maximum allowed.



DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE ENFORCEMENT



DUI & Impaired Driving Enforcement

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, driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs remains a serious national and local concern.

In response, the Franklin Park Police Department has remained committed to the enforcement of drunk driving laws. In 2010, the police department made 47 arrests for Driving under the Influence. Taking a proactive approach, the department participates in the State of Illinois' Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP). STEP is designed to reduce the incidence of motor vehicle crashes and their resulting injuries and fatalities through increased and highly visible enforcement of safety belt restraint and impaired driving laws. Specifically targeting intoxicated drivers and seat belt violations "Roving Saturation Patrols" combined with "Road Side Safety Checks" have proven very successful resulting in numerous DUI, drug, and traffic violations.

CLICK IT or TICKIT 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.

The Illinois Department of Transportation says seat belt usage went up from 88 percent in 2006 to 90.5 percent in 2008. In that same time, the number of fatalities dropped by 211.

In 2010 the police received a grant in the amount of \$19,650.00 from the Illinois Department of Transportation to fund additional manning for the enforcement of seat belt usage.



TRAFFIC STOP DATA AND COLLECTION ANALYSIS

In 2003 Illinois put into law a 4 year statewide study of traffic stops to collect data to identify racial bias. The study began on January 1, 2004 and was originally scheduled to expire on December 31, 2007. However Public Act 96-0658 has extended the Illinois Traffic Stop Study. All Illinois law enforcement agencies must continue to collect and submit traffic stop data until July 1, 2015.

Below are the results of this study for the Franklin Park Police Department for the years 2005 to 2009, 2010 will not be available until July.

2010 Information not Available until July 2011

Number of Traffic Stops	Total	2005		2006		2007		2008		2009	
		Caucasian	Minority	Caucasian	Minority	Caucasian	Minority	Caucasian	Minority	Caucasian	Minority
		1,024	1,070	1311	1267	1049	1037	3340	3276	2,752	2,573
Reason for Stop	Moving Violation	1,053		1,561		1,145		4,197		3,394	
	Equipment Violation	586		656		762		1,776		1,364	
	License / Registration	455		361		179		643		567	
Outcome of Stop	Citation	1,411		1,972		1,306		3,697		2,608	
		679	732	981	991	663	643	1,819	1,878	1,297	1,311
	Verbal Warning	683		606		780		2,919		2,717	
		345	338	330	276	386	394	1,521	1,398	1,455	1,262
Searches	Consent Searches	5		9		6		8		3	

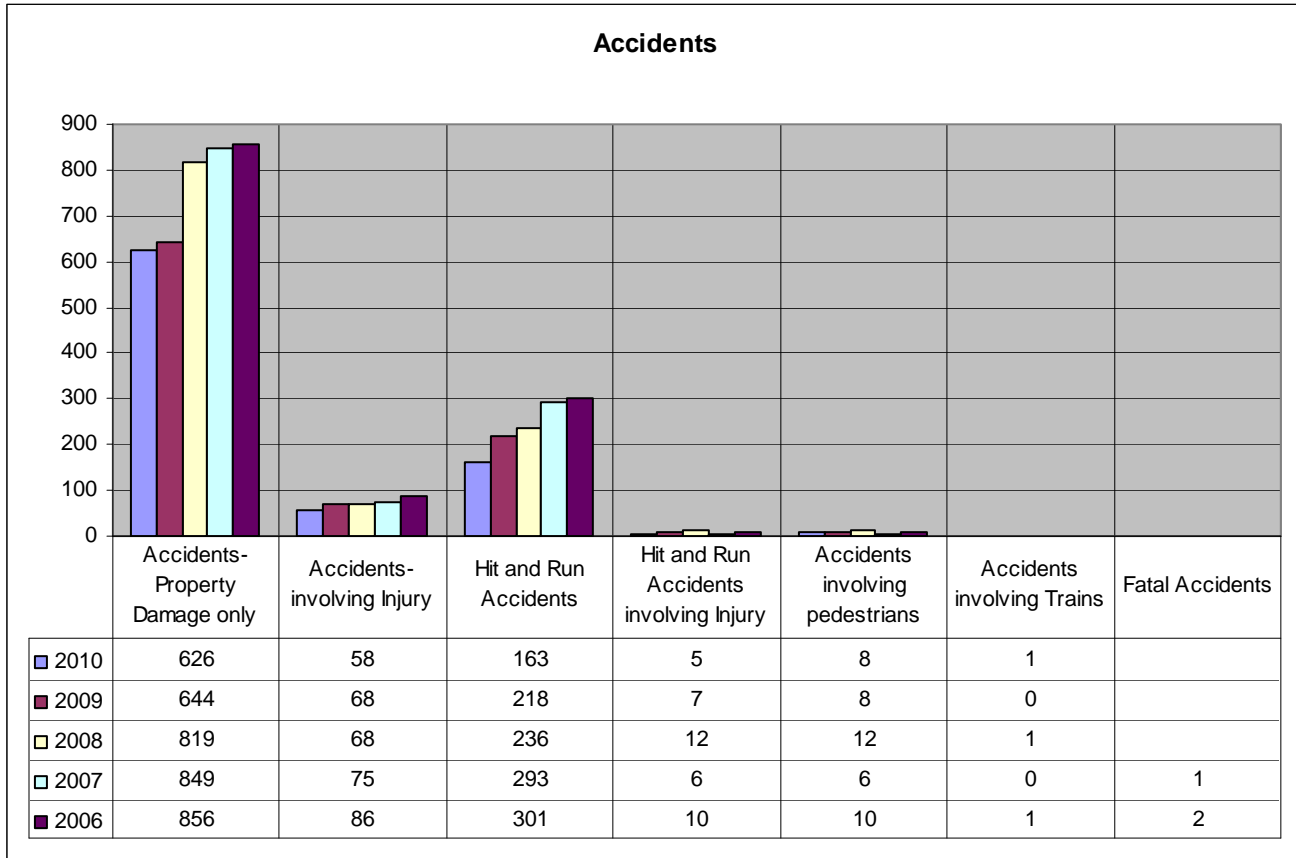
*Estimated Minority Driving Population 43.47%

Biased policing erodes public trust in the Police, clearly alienates large segments of those we are sworn to serve, and violates the constitution and laws of this country. The Franklin Park Police Department has developed policy which reaffirms the department's commitment to unbiased policing in all encounters between police officers and citizens, and to reinforce procedures that serve to maintain public confidence and trust. Written policy, operational practices, training, and supervision are part of a multi-faceted strategy to provide services in a fair and equitable fashion that reflect positive policing values.

Traffic stop data is not only reported to IDOT, but it is used internally by supervisors to analyze an officer's performance for "internal consistency." For example, is the citation/warning rate similar for Caucasians and Minorities? This analysis provides a means of identifying red flags for officers that may display a disproportionate of stops for a particular race.



TRAFFIC CRASH DATA



The primary purpose for reporting traffic crashes is so the Illinois Department of Transportation may obtain data and determine whether, or not a specific location in the community needs improvements in roadway lighting, and design for the safety of drivers and pedestrians using the road.

The report aids law enforcement to review the data and possibly increasing a presence in the area to reduce certain violations.

The report provides written documentation for the involved parties insurance companies.

The police department participates in a program called DOCVIEW, which enables copies of traffic crash reports to be faxed from the police department directly to the company for viewing and copying by insurance companies and law firms. DOCVIEW is at no cost to the village and receives fees for those that request copy's of reports. Over 700 law enforcement agencies use there services.



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

The Criminal Investigations Division is primarily responsible for conducting follow-up investigations of all criminal incidents reported to the Franklin Park Police Department. Currently the division has 1 Commander, 4 detectives and three tactical officers assigned to the unit.

The detective's follow-up on both adult and juvenile incidents that are reported to the police department. Each detective is assigned his own case load and assist, the other detectives when called upon.

In an effort to more efficiently manage our department, any member of the police department who is a state certified juvenile officer is allowed to resolve and adjudicate any on scene matters dealing 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 -

The investigations division also follows-up on all hit and run accidents, back-ground investigations and assists the police department's tactical unit.

Major Investigations during the 2010 year

In **January 2010** officers on the midnight shift apprehended suspects who had broken in to Bell's Gun Range. Those suspects were in possession of stolen ammunition and two firearms taken during the burglary. An investigator was called to assist on the case and helped obtain a statement from the suspect, which lead to the suspect being charged with multiple felonies.

In **February 2010** Investigator responded to 2800 block of Rose Street for an Armed Robbery. Investigators interviewed the victim who provided one of the offenders cell phone number. Investigators were able to trace the cell phone number and obtain a name and address of the offender who lived in Palatine. Investigators located one of the suspects, who after being interviewed gave the location of the second suspect. Both offenders were arrested and after being interviewed with the states attorney one offender was charged with Armed Robbery. The second offender was released without charges. The offender who was charged was subsequently sentenced to 6 years IDOC for Armed Robbery.

In **May 2010** our investigation unit received a report of a citizen in town allegedly possessing child pornography. That case would eventually involve our detective unit, Elmhurst PD, Chicago PD, the Cook County States Attorney Sex Crimes Division and the Fourth District Cook County States Attorney. On February 11, 2011 the case was concluded with the arrest of the suspect who lived in our town. The suspect has been indicted on over 20 criminal charges the case is still pending in court.

In **July 2010** the investigations unit was assigned a Sexual Abuse of a mentally handicapped adult female who has the mental capacity of a 12-13 year old child. This incident occurred in the alley of 3400 block Ruby and the alleged suspect was the victim's neighbor. After a victim sensitive interview was completed the investigators sought out the suspect. Eventually the suspect was interviewed by investigators and after receiving the Miranda Warning the suspect gave an oral statement implicating him self in the crime. The suspect was charged with Criminal Sexual Abuse, and was also indicted of multiple charges of Criminal Sexual Abuse of a handicapped person.

In **August of 2010** three suspects entered and robbed Bryan's Jewelry located in the 9600 block of Franklin Ave. The owner of the store was handcuffed by the suspects and well over \$100,000 worth of the jewelry was stolen from the store. The vehicle used by the suspects was stopped a short time later in Bellwood and a large amount of the stolen jewelry was recovered. The driver of the vehicle was arrested and interviewed by Franklin Park investigators. Based on the confession obtained from the driver he was charged with Aggravated Robbery and Unlawful Restraint and an arrest warrant has been issued for one of the other suspects. Until the second suspect is arrested the investigation remains ongoing.



In **November 2010** the investigation unit was assigned a Road Rage (Battery) that had occurred at Franklin Av and Atlantic Street. During the road rage incident the suspect came out of his vehicle and slapped the victim on his face, causing the victim's glasses to lacerate his nose. The victim was able to get a partial plate on the suspect vehicle before the vehicle fled the scene. The investigations unit was able to locate the suspect vehicle. The suspect was interviewed by investigators, and confessed to the incident. The suspect was charged with Battery.

In **November of 2010** a report came into this PD regarding a female that was sexually assaulted by her older cousin when she was only 6 years old. An investigation was initiated and probable cause was developed to arrest the suspect. The suspect was arrested by investigator and a confession was obtained. The suspect was subsequently charged with Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault.

FRANKLIN PARK TACTICAL UNIT

The tactical unit is made up of three police officers who hours of work is determined by the operation in which they are involved.

State and Federal laws allow law enforcement agencies to file what is referred to as asset forfeiture documentation which could result in the department receiving a portion of the profits from narcotic arrest. Profits may include the arrested persons vehicle, U.S.C. or electronic equipment. These items may then be utilized by the department for the purpose of training, purchasing of equipment or vehicles in further drug enforcement activity.

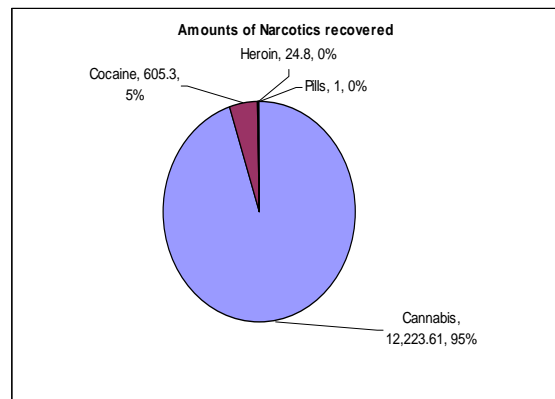
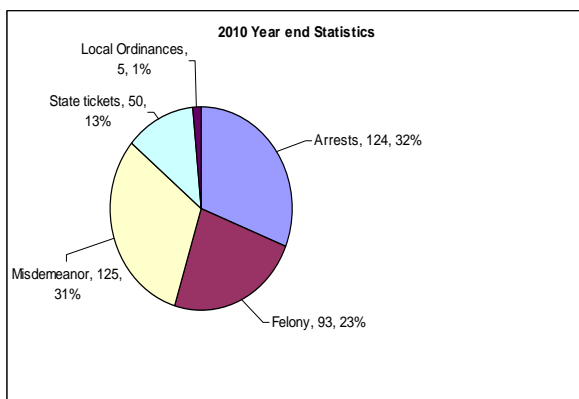
Major arrests in 2010 during the 2010 year

In May 2010, a narcotics investigation was conducted on an Elmwood Park man who was selling Crack cocaine. An undercover officer made several controlled narcotics buys on the subject and arrest and search warrants were obtained. The subject was arrested and charged with 6 Class X felonies and a 2007 Dodge Magnum and over \$1,000 was seized.

In July 2010, a narcotics investigation for the Marijuana sales was conducted at 3117 N. Ernst Street. in Franklin Park. A search warrant was executed and several subjects were arrested. Officers recovered 99.6 grams of marijuana and the 4 felonies and 2 misdemeanors were charged.

In October 2010 a narcotics investigation was conducted by the Franklin Park and Melrose Park Tactical units. A resident of 3544 George St in Franklin Park was arrested and 5058 grams of Marijuana and over 8 ounces of cocaine were recovered from the house on George St. Also recovered during the investigation was over \$65,000 cash and two .45 Cal hand guns.

2010 Tactical Unit Statistics



Total Arrests – 124

Money Seized - \$77,300.00

Total number of Search Warrants Executed – 12

Total number of Vehicles Seized – 11

Total number of Guns Recovered - 27



EVIDENCE TECHNICIANS

A police evidence technician Collects, identifies, and processes crime scene evidence.

Evidence Technicians are employees who specialize in collecting and analyzing physical evidence from crime scenes.

They work alongside investigators to uncover telling evidence at the scenes of accidents and crimes, such as fingerprints, blood spatter, weapons, and footprints.

An Evidence tech follows careful protocols to collect and transport physical items back to the police dept where they can scrutinize the evidence to look for clues.

Evidence is also sent to the State Crime Lab for further examination and processing. If a criminal trial is held, the technician may be called upon as an expert witness to explain the importance of the findings.



The Evidence Technician is responsible for the following at a crime scene:

Photography of the scene:

Polaroid photographs may be taken.

Video graphs, if taken, shall be completed prior to still photography.

Digital photographs shall be taken.

Identify evidence to be collected.

Collect obvious trace evidence.

Process scene for fingerprints

Take measurements and sketch scene.

Collect, mark, package and document evidence.

Secure evidence

During each patrol shift there is at least one certified evidence technician who is assigned to utilize a specially equipped vehicle that is equipped with cameras, tools and chemicals needed to process a crime scene.

All department evidence technicians receive basic evidence training through a state certified course. They receive additional training each year either by request or assigned by the department.



WEST SUBURBAN TASK FORCE

Several years ago a major Crimes Task Force was created by surrounding communities to assist those agencies in the event of a major crime, such as a murder, kidnapping aggravated battery to name a few. Currently that task force is made up of our police department and 21 other local agencies, the cook county sheriff's police and the Illinois State police.

Each participating agency assigns officers to the unit and respond to a scene upon request from a predetermined protocol.



The task force is divided into two units:
Investigators
Forensics

NIPAS / EMERGENCY SERVICES TEAM / MOBILE FIELD FORCE

The Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (NIPAS) was created in 1983 and currently has 93 different cities, villages and towns from 5 different counties supporting the unit with personnel and funding. NIPAS is divided into two specialized units:

Emergency Services Team – this team responds to hostage situations, barricaded subjects, high risk warrants and other request that require a special tactical squad.

Mobile Field Force – this unit's primary responsibility is crowd control.

The department has one officer assigned to the Emergency Services Team and two officers assigned to the Mobile Field Force Team.

Activating the System

Whether faced with a natural disaster 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.





TOBACCO COMPLIANCE

Illinois' tobacco laws regulate the distribution, sale and taxation of tobacco products and include penalties for violations. Within these laws are provisions prohibiting the sale and purchase of tobacco products, tobacco accessories and smoking herbs to persons under the age of, eighteen.

In addition to state laws, many municipal governments, including Franklin Park, have also established similar laws or ordinances including licensure, display of signs and include penalties as well.

Beginning in fiscal year 2001, the Illinois General Assembly began making yearly appropriations from the Tobacco Settlement Fund to the Commission's Tobacco Enforcement Program (TEP). Through this appropriation, grants are awarded to communities to conduct retail education and enforcement programs. Each year, the \$1 million appropriation has enabled the Commission to support community-based efforts through the distribution of 10,000 tobacco retailer kits and the completion of 17,000 compliance checks.

Each year Franklin Park and approximately 300 communities, representing over 70 percent of the state's population participate in this program. And since 2005, participating communities have consistently achieved non-compliance rates below 10 percent. In past years Franklin Park has issued citations to businesses that did not comply with village ordinances. Franklin Park will continue to participate in this program to ensure all businesses comply with state laws and village ordinances.

LIQUOR COMPLIANCE

Each year the police department conducts a joint operation with the Illinois State Police and checks local establishments that hold state and local liquor licenses. Violators are issued a state criminal complaint for contributing to a minor and the establishment is issued a village complaint and mandatory appearance before the village liquor commissioner.

ST. BALDRICKS BENEFIT

The St. BALDRICKS foundation is a voluntary driven charity committed to funding the most promising research to find cures for childhood cancers and give survivors long and healthy lives. Each year 160,000 children are diagnosed with cancer worldwide. Cancer is the number one disease killer of children in the U.S. and Canada. Research saves lives.

For several years now members of the Franklin Park Police Department have donated both their hair and helped raise funds for this great cause. For additional information go to <http://www.stbaldricks.org/>



TOYS FOR TOTS



Each year the police department participates in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program. The mission of the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted. For additional information visit the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots website at <http://toysfortots.org>.



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		Policies and Procedures	

Training of personnel is most commonly hosted through North East Multi Regional Training Institute. However the department also utilizes the Cook County Sheriffs Police Academy, Northwestern University, Suburban Law Enforcement Academy, Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

In order to reduce training cost the department has sent many officers to become state certified trainers.

The Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board dictate's the curriculum and hours required for law enforcement training. The following positions at the police department require specialized officer training and the number of officers certified in each area:

- Field Training Officers (11)
- Firearms Instructors (8)
- Evidence Technicians (12)
- Certified Breath Operators (8)
- Bicycle Patrol Officers (5)
- Juvenile Officers (16)
- Detectives (4)
- School Liaison Officer (1)
- Explorer Instructors (8)
- Taser Instructors (3)
- Rapid Deployment Instructors (2)
- OC Instructors (2)
- Handcuffing / Baton Instructors (4)
- Motorcycle Instructor (1)

Training Highlights

- All Officers were recertified in CPR.
- Sgt. Robert Jensen and Officer Ptacek recertified in use of Taser.
- Officer Tomaz Klos was certified as an OC instructor.
- Officers Daniel Velazquez and Carlos Lazcano received specialized training in D.W.I detection.
- All members of the department received training in the department's new computer aided dispatch and report writing software.



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, 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 S.L.O. must be prepared to respond in a controlled yet professional fashion to any type of school threat. A crisis in a school can result in hysterical students and staff, panicked and frightened parents and, depending upon the incident, a media hoard wanting explanations and answers. It is imperative that local agencies adjacent to East Leyden prevent, prepare and respond efficiently to all types of emergencies and crisis situations. From practicing effective perimeter control strategies, staging response plans for Fire, Paramedic and assisting PD's, evacuation protocol, to minor details, such as traffic diversion, media relations and crowd control...all are in an effort to expedite first response-bypassing safe areas initially and moving quickly to where there is an indication of trouble. The mission is to anticipate and keep people from fumbling or becoming confused under stress. Tactics need to be rehearsed thoroughly and regularly before they're required for reality.

Officer Dave Wnek a 22 year veteran officer of the department is assigned as the School Liaison Officer.





SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

The police department provides crossing guard staffing at 8 different locations in the community.

- Grand and Calwagner
- Franklin and Calwagner
- Milwaukee railroad and Calwagner
- Pacific and Calwagner
- Edgington and Chestnut
- Rose and Chestnut
- Atlantic 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 disobey a crossing guard is a violation of the law which could result in a large fine.

EXPLORER PROGRAM

Describe program with photo of members

Exploring is a career education program for young men and women who have completed the 8th grade and are under 21 years of age. The purpose is to provide experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible adults. Explorers are ready to investigate the meaning of interdependence in their personal relationships and communities.

Exploring emphasizes five areas:

- Career Opportunities
- Life Skills
- Citizenship
- Character Education
- Leadership Experience

The Explorers meet twice a month. At meetings, we engage in a variety of activities to give Explorers a “hands on” experience and gain knowledge of the law enforcement profession. This post is for the youth and designed by the youth. The Explorers wear a department issued uniform and contribute to the Village of Franklin Park through volunteering at about eight to ten local events.





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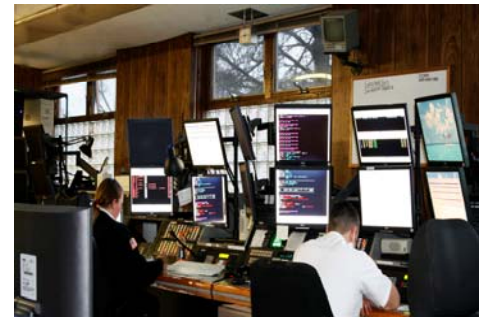
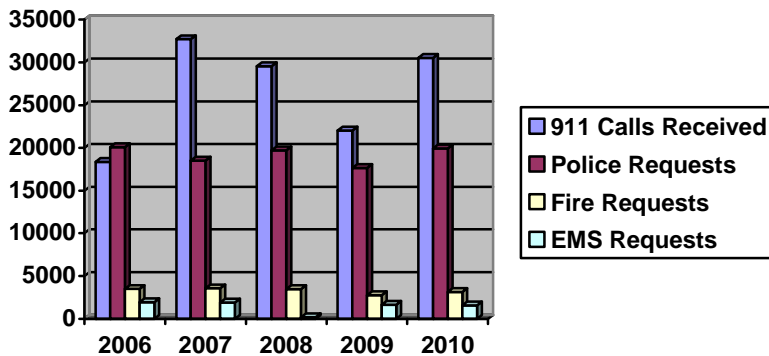


NORCOMM Director
Dionne Jones

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

NORCOMM currently has 7 dispatchers, 1 Director, 2 full-time records personnel and 1 part-time employee staffing the department.

The dispatch center is a 24/7 operation responsible for monitoring 15 radio frequencies, 11 city surveillance cameras, 16 station cameras, 3 separate computers to send communications through. There are also 11 telephone lines to answer, in addition to 8 E911 telephone lines. All of this is handled by two Communications Officer per shift.



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 parking and other compliance fines
- Preparing court documents for the department
- Proper storage and archiving of records
- Extra Watches



Records Employee
Lucy Benigno

Police & Fire
Dispatchers



Records Employee
Margaret Garza

