

FRANKLIN PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

2015

ANNUAL REPORT



**Michael Witz
Chief 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 Chiefs Desk...

On behalf of the men and women of the Franklin Park Police Department I am pleased to present the 2015 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 – The men and women who proudly serve our community.

In 2015 the department received \$45,916.84 in grants from various sources.

Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program: \$2,200.00

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: \$1,980.00

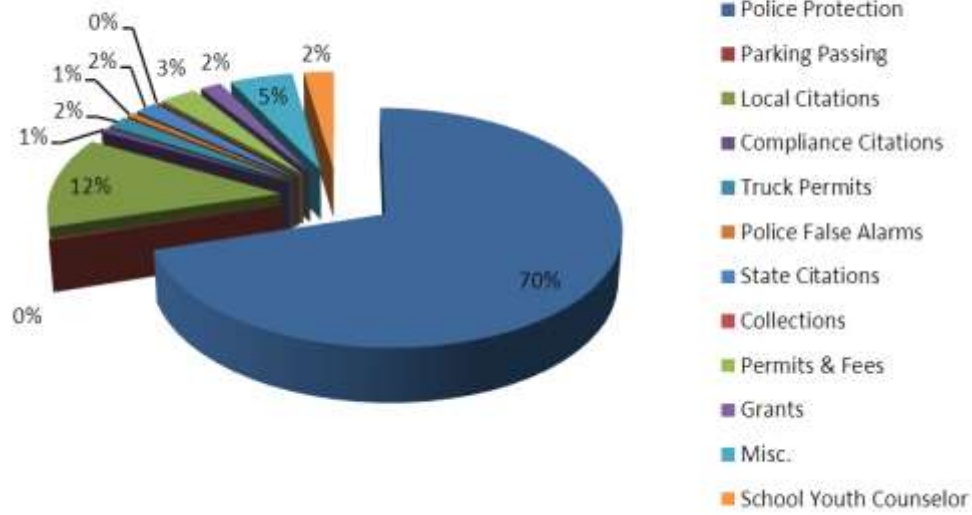
Through this appropriation, grants are awarded to communities to conduct retail education and enforcement programs. Each year, \$1 million is appropriated enabling the Commission to support community-based efforts through the distribution of 10,000 tobacco retailer kits and the completion of 17,000 compliance checks. In 2015, Franklin Park was allocated \$1,980.00 to conduct compliance checks throughout the Village.

Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) \$19,296.84

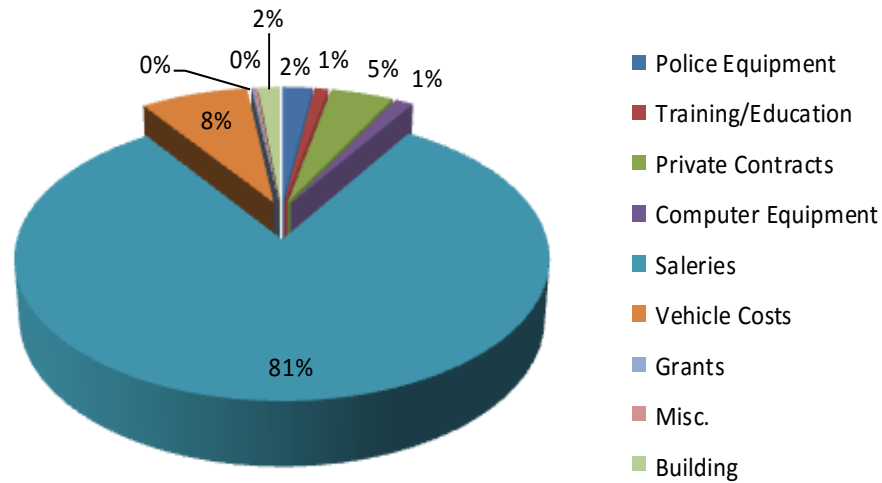
IDOT ELAP Grant \$10,050.00

Susteen Mobile Forensic Field Command Grant \$12,230.00 – The grant assist law enforcement agencies in acquiring software needed to acquire logical and physically deleted data from cell phones, and electronic devices.

Police Department Revenues



Police Department Expenditures

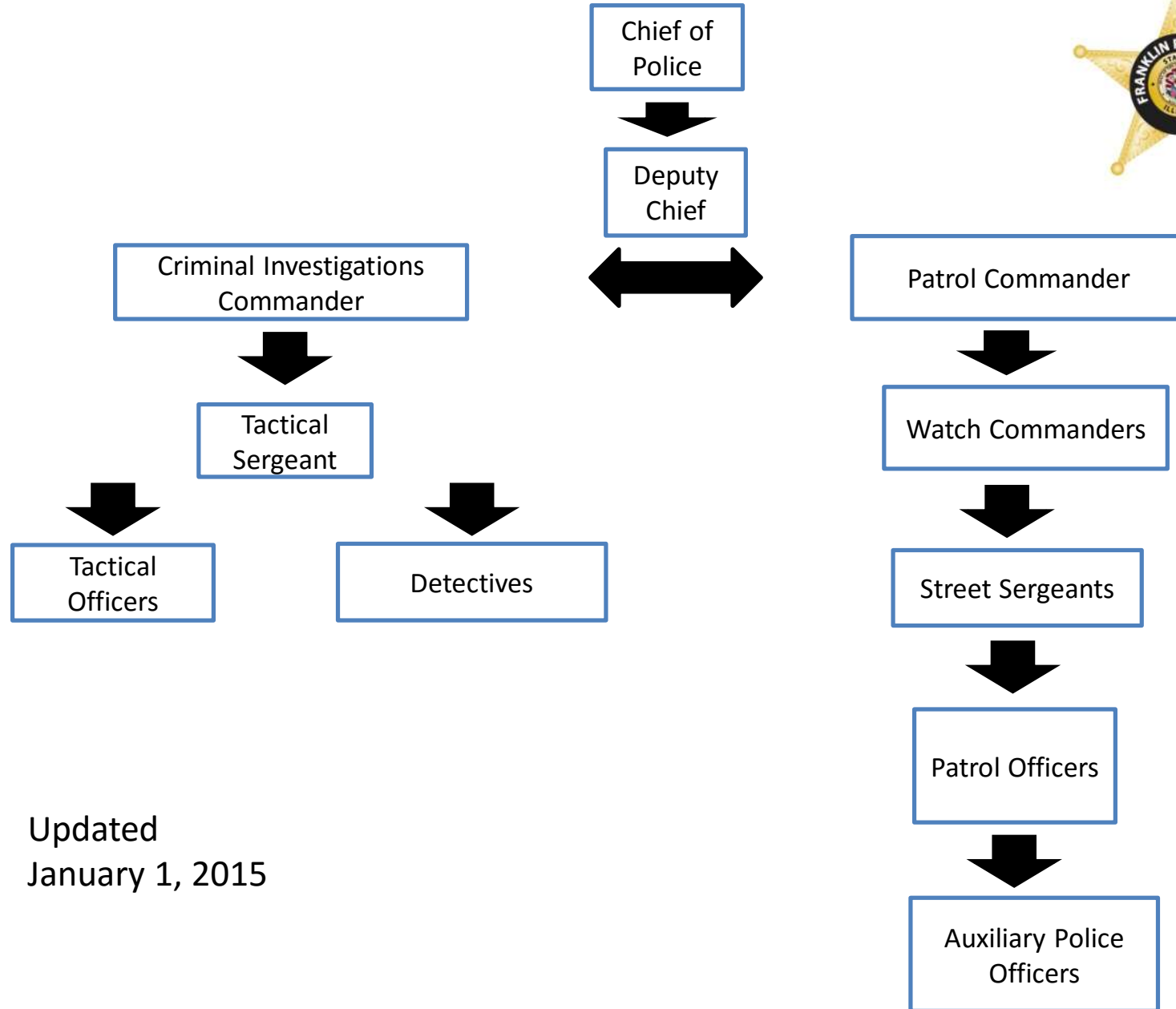


Police Department Staff

Chief Michael Witz 32 Years of Service
Commander Michael Konwinski 26 Years of Service
Sergeant Jack Krecker 30 Years of Service
Sergeant John Ford 23 Years of Service
Sergeant Joseph O'Connor 17 Years of Service
Officer Scott Ptacek 27 Years of Service
Officer Norm Carli 26 Years of Service
Officer Ray Page 25 Years of Service
Officer Michael Czernia 23 Years of Service
Officer Brian Gillespie 20 Years of Service
Officer Chris Quiroga 19 Years of Service
Officer Rob Emmett 16 Years of Service
Officer Michael Jones 16 Years of Service
Detective Vito Busse 15 Years of Service
Officer Russ Klug 12 Years of Service
Officer Melissa Jones 11 Years of Service
Tactical Officer Tomasz Klos 8 Years of Service
Officer Carlos Lazcano 8 Years of Service
Officer Joe Gulino 8 Years of Service
Officer Nicolas Tomas hired January 7, 2013
Officer Rose Pietkiewicz hired April 5, 2013
Officer Richard Adamski hired April 5, 2013
Officer Eduardo Hower hired October 4, 2013
Officer Michael Iagulli hired January 9, 2015
Officer Matthew Tomas hired October 2, 2015
Evidence Tech. Fred Dede 21 Years of Service

Deputy Chief Phil Ruch 28 Years of Service
Commander Robert Wright 25 Years of Service
Sergeant Joseph Vallejo 28 Years of Service
Sergeant Robert Jensen 21 Years of Service
Sergeant Steve Witnik 13 Years of Service
Officer Dave Wnek 26 Years of Service
Officer Don Kaminski 25 Years of Service
Officer Steve Ross 24 Years of Service
Officer Lara Hill 21 Years of Service
Officer Chris Sardo 19 Years of Service
Officer James Figueroa 19 Years of Service
Officer Brian Dziejewski 16 Years of Service
Detective Dan Morys 15 Years of Service
Officer Nicholas Yracheta 12 Years of Service
Detective Tom Ferris 11 Years of Service
Tactical Officer Don Giuliano 8 Years of Service
Tactical Officer Dan Velazquez 8 Years of Service
Officer Todd Morin 8 Years of Service
Officer Dan Vega 4 Years of Service
Officer Matt Bowes hired March 15, 2013
Officer Brian Palacios hired April 5, 2013
Officer Michael Leone hired April 5, 2013
Officer Daniel Rocha hired January 9, 2015
Officer Zachary Romano hired October 2, 2015
Admin. Assistant Lucy Benigno hired April 27, 2015

Franklin Park Police Department Organizational Chart



Updated
January 1, 2015



2015 OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Officer Tom Ferris was selected as this year's Police Officer of the Year. Detective Ferris has been with the police department for 11 years and currently is assigned to the position of Detective.

Chiefs Award

On September 17, 2015 at 12:15 pm Officer Ptacek responded to a dispatch of a roll over vehicle personal injury accident at 3320 River Road, Franklin Park, Cook County, Illinois. Upon arrival Officer Ptacek observed that citizens were attending to a driver who appeared unresponsive and was still seat belted in his overturned vehicle. Officer Ptacek and Thomas Neely without hesitation cut the seat belt and assisted in removing the driver to a flat service on the street at which time Gabrielle Warzecha, an emergency room nurse who had stopped to assist, began CPR (cardio pulmonary resuscitation).

Because of Officer Ptacek's quick response and exceptional performance on scene lifesaving procedures were able to be performed on the driver until Franklin Park, Paramedics arrived. Officer Ptacek's actions along with citizen's Thomas Neely, Gabrielle Warzecha, Franklin Park Paramedics and emergency room doctors ultimately lead to saving a human life.

Because of their actions Officer Ptacek earned a Letter of Commendation and Mr. Neely and Ms. Warzecha both received the Chiefs award to their actions.

(Pictured are Officer Ptacek, the driver of the vehicle, Ms. Warzecha and the crash site missing is Thomas Neely)



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.

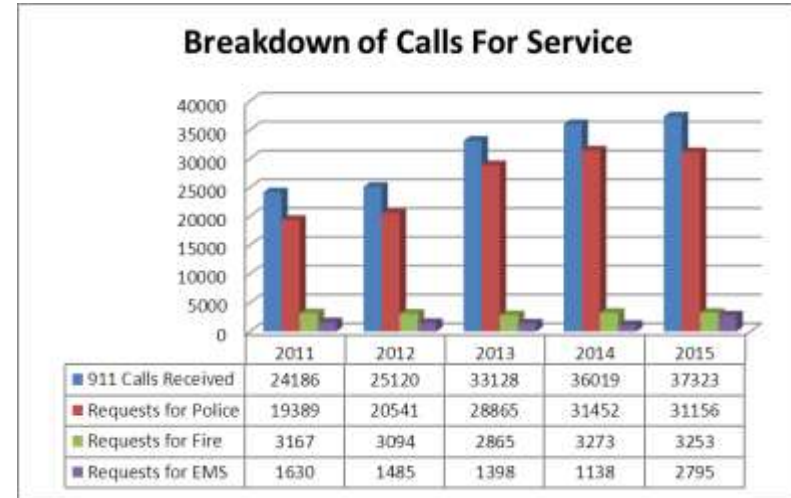
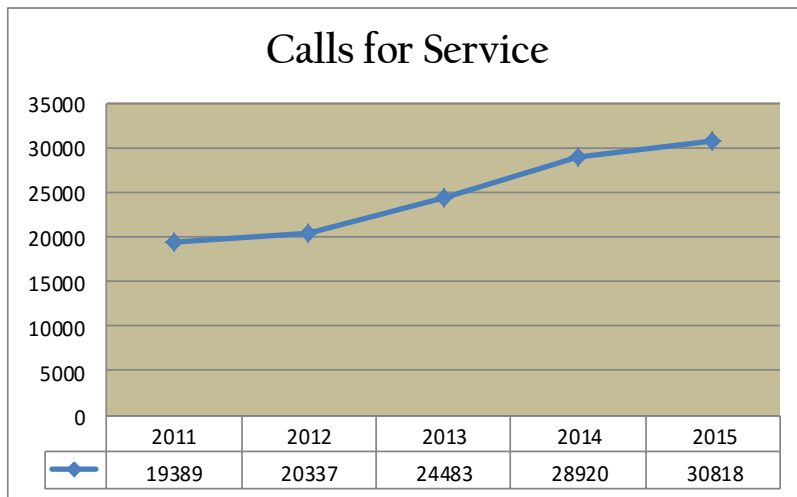
Auxiliary officers are appointed annually by the village mayor. Newly appointed auxiliary officers must complete and attend a state certified 40 hour firearms training class, handcuffing, baton, OC spray training, and a 40 hour modified field training program with a state certified field training officer.

Auxiliary Police Staff

Reserve Officer Tadeusz Adamczyk 14 Years of Service
Reserve Officer Karen Casillas hired September 16, 2013
Reserve Officer James Flak hired September 16, 2013
Reserve Officer Tom Gorzkowicz 4 Years of Service
Reserve Officer Charles Jedlink 21 Years of Service
Reserve Officer Erickson Krueger 4 Years of Service
Reserve Officer Albert Raczy 18 Years of Service
Reserve Officer John Siracuse 21 Years of Service
Reserve Officer Ezequiel Valdovinos January 1, 2013
Reserve Officer Euligio Velez 5 Years of Service
Reserve Officer Eilisa Boyas hired April 2014
Reserve Officer Auriel Payan hired on July 13, 2015

Reserve Officer Jose Cabral 16 Years of Service
Reserve Officer Ewa Dogic 5 Years of Service
Reserve Officer Monica Gasienica hired September 16, 2013
Reserve Officer Jorge Higareda 3 Years of Service
Reserve Officer Anthony Korus 5 Years of Service
Reserve Officer Sean Milnes 4 Years of Service
Reserve Officer Howard Ehrhart hired January 20, 2014
Reserve Officer Mariela Teliz 5 Years of Service
Reserve Officer Alfredo Rosario February 19, 2014
Reserve Officer Rene Villareal 4 Years of Service
Reserve Officer James Cogley hired March 24, 2014

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:

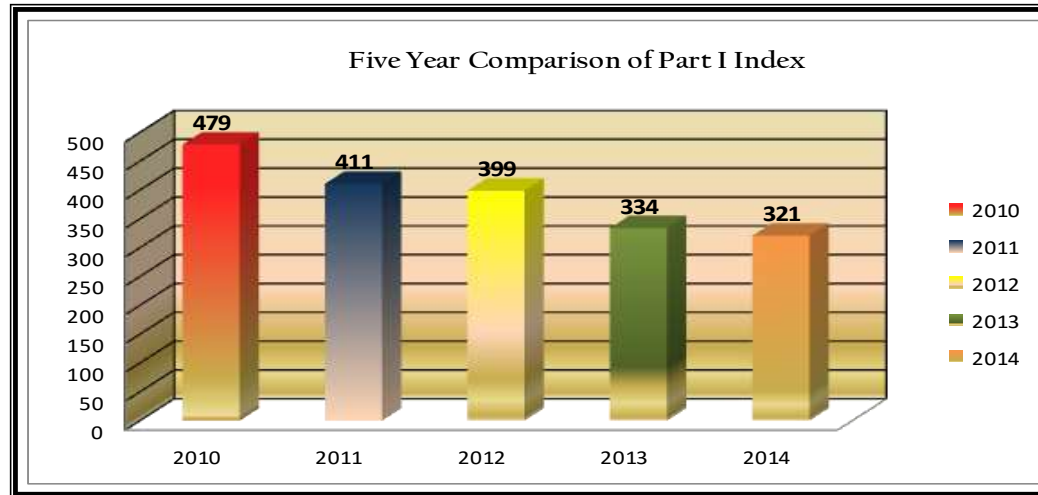
- 1 Division Commander
- 3 Watch Commanders
- 2 Street Sergeants
- 29 Patrol Officers

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.

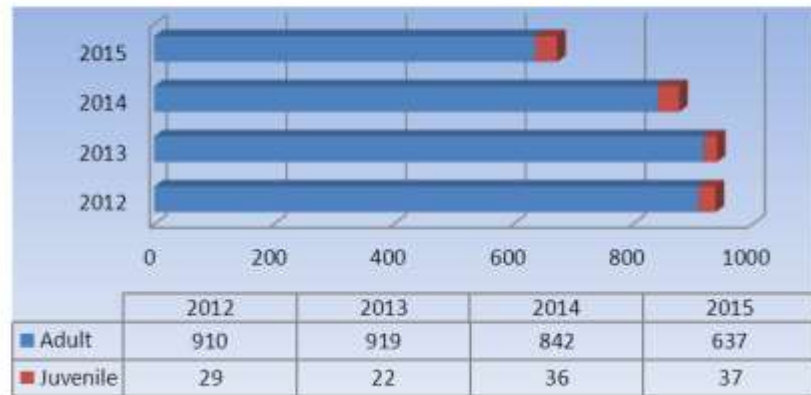
Illinois Uniform Crime Report Statistics



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	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Sexual Assault	6	7	4	7	9
Robbery	8	8	5	3	9
Aggravated Assault/Battery	6	17	18	11	16
Burglary	72	81	91	46	57
Theft	335	265	237	213	203
Motor Vehicle Theft	50	30	42	50	24
Arson	2	3	2	4	3
Total	479	411	399	334	321

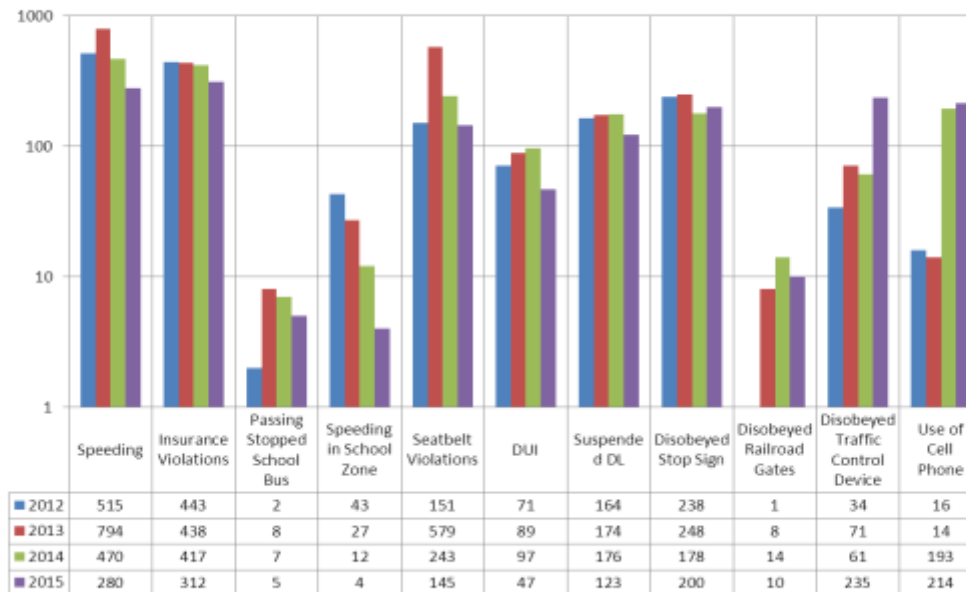
Total Arrests



TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

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

Traffic Offenses



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.

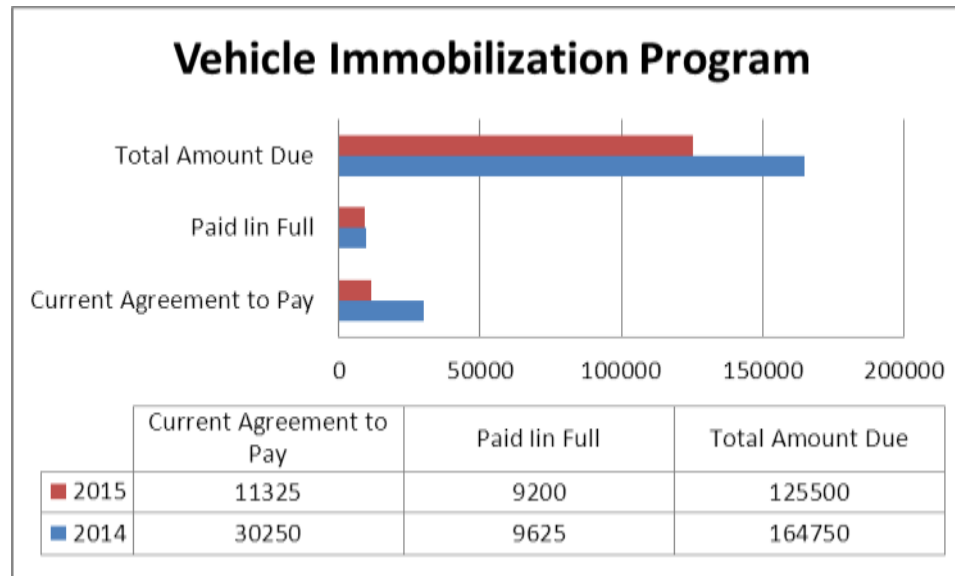
Motorist who are issued a citation are given two options to resolve the citation:

- 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.

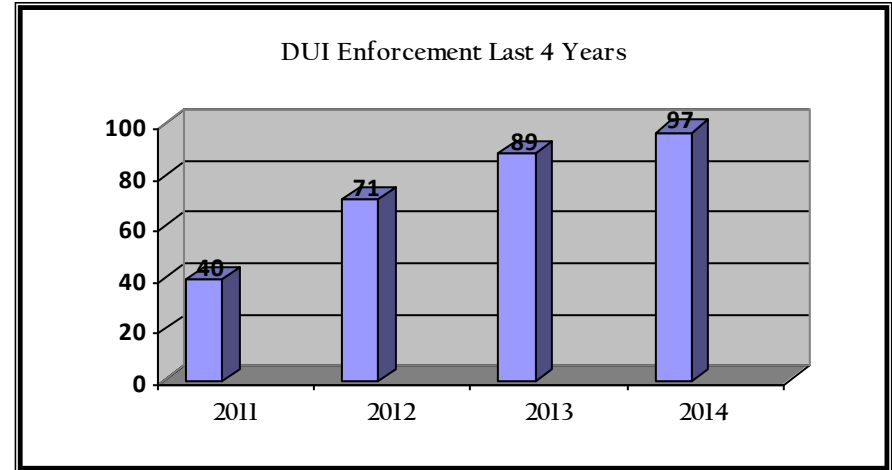
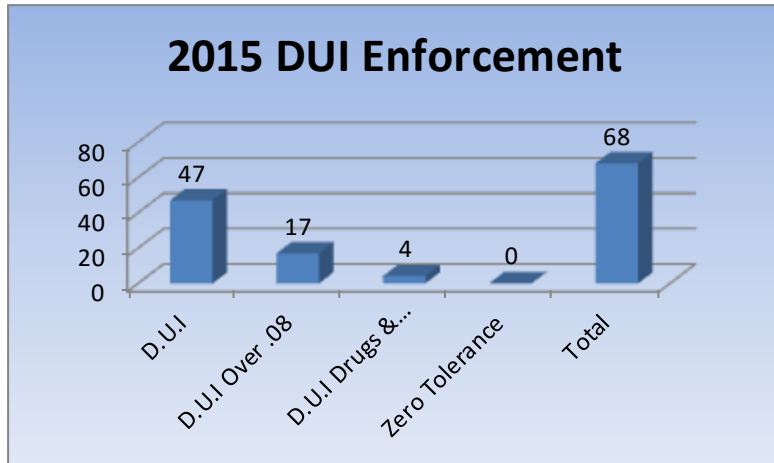
Monies generated from tickets are dispersed between state, county and local funds.

VEHICLE IMMOBILIZATION:

In 2012, the Village of Franklin Park re-established a vehicle immobilization program, better known as the boot program. Vehicles become boot-eligible when a registered owner accrues ten (10) or more unpaid parking tickets in final determination status. If the debt is not paid within 48 hours of booting, the vehicle is eligible to be towed and impounded. In addition to a boot fee, towing and storage fees are incurred once a vehicle has been impounded. All final determinations of parking, standing, compliance liability issued to any vehicle registered in the name of the registered owner must be paid in full or enter into an agreement to pay, before the owner's booted or towed vehicle will be released.



DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE ENFORCEMENT



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.

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.

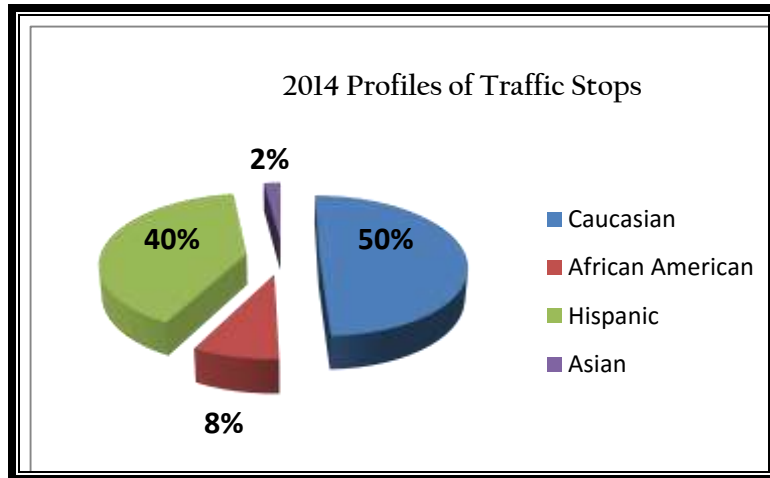
In 2015 the police department received a grant in the amount of \$19,296.84 from the Illinois Department of Transportation to fund additional manning for the enforcement of seat belt usage.



TRAFFIC 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 2010 to 2014, 2015 data will not be available until July.



<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Number of Stops</u>	<u>Caucasian Driver</u>	<u>Minority Driver</u>
2010	4,120	2,078 (50.44%)	2,042 (49.56%)
2011	2,935	1,278 (43.54%)	1,657 (56.46%)
2012	4,009	1,948 (48.59%)	2,061 (51.41%)
2013	4,401	2,168 (49.26%)	2,233 (50.74%)
2014	4,235	2,092 (49.4%)	2,143 (50.6%)

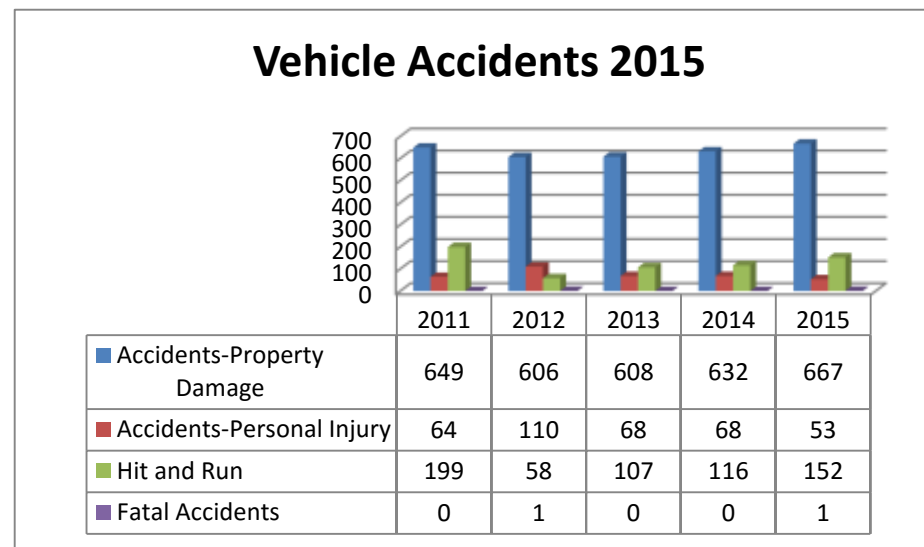
<u>Reason for Stop:</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Moving Violation	2,496	2,935	2,631	2,947	2,651
Equipment Violation	1,293	847	1,060	1,106	1,210
License / Registration Violation	331	227	324	346	374

<u>Outcome of Stop:</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Citation	2,137	1,485	1,885	2,262	1,819
Verbal Warning	1,976	1,432	2,118	2,133	2,410
Number of Consent Vehicle Searches	10	164	142	93	89

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

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

TRAFFIC CRASH DATA



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

The report aids law enforcement to review the data and possibly increasing a presence in the area to reduce certain violations. The report provides written documentation for the involved parties insurance companies.

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

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 2015

February 2015 - 3300 blk of Washington. Investigators followed up a case in which several individuals from one car became involved in an altercation with individuals from another car. As the incident escalated a person exited from one of the cars and began shooting at the people in the other car, as it drove to get away. The follow up investigation led investigators to five suspects in which all were charged with attempt murder, Armed Robbery and several other felony charges. This case is still pending in court

April 2015 – 2900 blk of Scott. Investigator followed up on a residential burglary case which a home owner reported to police after finding the back door to his home kicked in. During the follow-up investigation the investigator obtained serial numbers from items that were stolen in the burglary. After running the serial number through a law enforcement database several items taken in the burglary were found and a suspect was developed and eventually arrested. The suspect was charged and convicted of felony theft.

July 2015 – 3100 block of Ernst and several other locations. A patrol officer stopped a vehicle with four occupants and several various items (including fishing equipment, a snow blower and several board games). When the officer asked about the items in the car none of occupants claim them as their own and nobody could explain why they were in possession of a snow blower in July. The officer obtained information from the vehicle occupants and issued driving citations to the driver. The officer also wrote a report describing the items he observed in the vehicle and tried to match them up with previous reports of burglaries, but he had no luck with that. Later the same day of the traffic stop a burglary report came in which listed items that were stolen from a garage which matched the items the officer seen earlier that day (a snow blower, fishing equipment and board games). During the investigative follow up the occupants of the vehicle were identified. At one of the suspect's homes the snow blower and other items were recovered and positively identified by the home owner who filed the burglary report. All of the persons that were occupants in the vehicle, when the officer stopped it, became suspects in several burglaries in town. They were brought in for questioning and eventually 3 of the suspects were charged and convicted for multiple counts of burglary. As a result of that case several garage and vehicle

~~burglaries were solved and closed.~~

September 2015 – 10200 blk of Chestnut. A neighbor reported a woman who was reportedly abusing her children. An initial investigation determined that there was evidence to support the claim so Franklin Park Police Investigators opened an investigation. D.C.F.S. was contacted and they provided a child protection specialist to assist on this case. As the investigation progressed a forensic interview was set up with the juvenile victims and attended by the investigators, child protection specialist and assistant state's attorney. Statements obtained from the juvenile victims, during the forensic interview, led to the offender being charged with two felony counts of Aggravated Battery to a Child. That case is still pending in court.

December 2015 – 2800 blk of Mannheim. While walking through a gas station parking lot two men were approached by a male suspect. During that time the male suspect kept trying to talk to the two men as they continued to walk. At one point the male suspect told the two men that he had a gun and he ordered them to empty their pockets which they did. The male suspect made off with the two victims cellular phones and a wallet. Through a combined effort with patrol officers, TAC officers and investigators a suspect was identified within hours and eventually arrested. The suspect, who turned out to be a juvenile, was taken in to custody and charged with Aggravated Robbery. That case is still pending in court.

FRANKLIN PARK TACTICAL UNIT

Major Investigations in 2015

In May a narcotics investigation was conducted at 3008 N Neva on a gang member who was transporting narcotics to the Franklin Park/ Leyden Township area and selling. A search warrant was executed along with the CCSP and recovered was 604 gr cannabis, 14 gr cocaine, 104 Xanax pills, \$26,536.00 USC, 1 semi auto 9 mm hand gun and a 2002 Lexus 300 car.

In June a narcotics investigation was conducted for a second time on male subject who is a local known Maniac Latin Disciple. 1 .45 cal. hand gun and a small amount of cocaine were recovered.

In June a prostitution sting was conducted at A Spa at 10207 Grand Ave. This was a massage parlor which men would pay for sex. A search warrant was executed with Cook County Sheriff's Police, 6 subjects were arrested and \$16,122.00 USC was seized. The business never reopened.

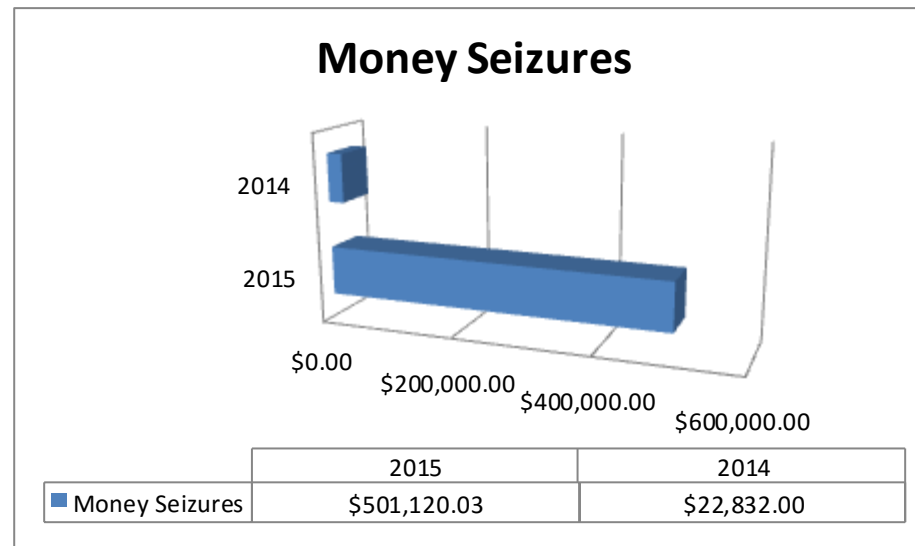
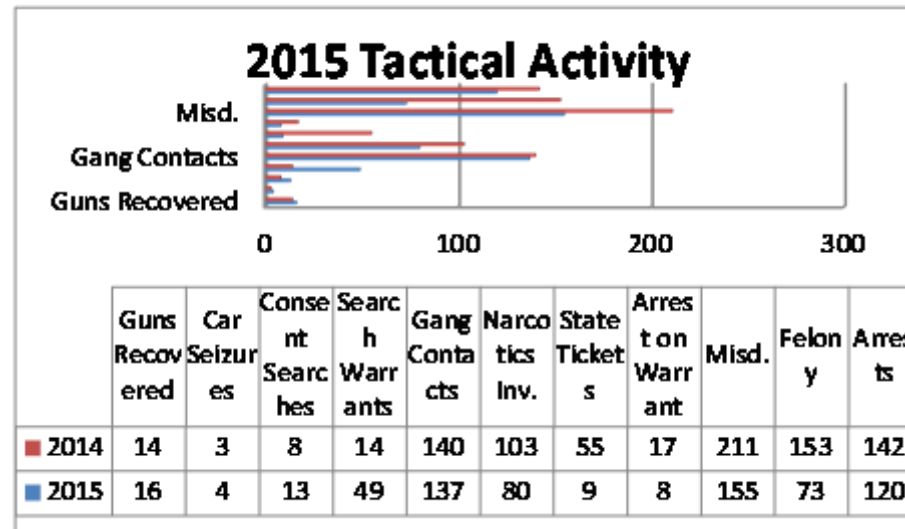
In July the tactical unit was asked by the FBI to assist in locating a target of interest for terrorist activity who worked in Franklin Park. The subject was located and the FBI acknowledged this with a letter of gratitude to the Chief.

In September a prostitution sting was conducted on Mannheim Rd and 9 subjects were arrested, 7 cars towed, and 11 LO tickets written.

In November a Search Warrant was executed for a narcotics investigation at 2540 Mannheim rd. 1 male subject was arrested and crack cocaine and heroin were recovered.



In December a 7 month long gambling case which was connected to Franklin Park from a narcotics investigation was finished. The operation was conducted with the assistance of the Cook County Sheriffs Department. Search Warrants were executed at 7110 W Grand Ave Chicago and 4618 Raymond in Brookfield along with safety deposit boxes at several local banks. One male subject was taken into custody. A large sum of money was seized along with \$41,000 worth of assorted jewelry which may have been taken in trade for gambling.



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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 using 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, safe and smoke free environment on site.

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



WEST SUBURBAN TASK FORCE

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

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

The task force is divided into two units:
Investigators
Forensics

In 2015 Chief Witz was named Co-Chairperson of the task force.



NIPAS / EMERGENCY SERVICES TEAM / MOBILE FIELD FORCE

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

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

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

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

Activating the System

Whether faced with a natural disaster 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 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.

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.

The department is pleased to announce that this year's Tobacco Compliance sting operations resulted in zero complaints being issued against businesses.

LIQUOR COMPLIANCE

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

ST. BALDRICK'S BENEFIT

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

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



TOYS FOR TOTS

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

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



Honoring Local Heroes

For the past 5 years 11 year old Travis Hall has been thanking fire and police responders on 9/11 for their services. Travis at an early age began researching the events of 9/11 and on his own wanted to thank those first responders by having lunch with them. Travis went out and solicited local businesses for donations of food to feed the fire and police personnel. This year he received donations from:

Wing Stop
Ozzie Deli
Tax Center Inc.

Cochiaros Pizza
Mugg's Pizza and Ribs
Peace Keepers Security Force

Sam's Club
Subway
State Representative Kathleen Willis

Grand Stand Pizza
Mariano's



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	Portable Breathalyzer	
D.U.I.	Child Safety Seat		

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.

Field Training Officers	Firearms Instructors	Crime Scene Evidence Technicians	Certified Breath Operators
Bicycle Patrol Officers	Juvenile Officers	Detectives	Taser Instructors
Rapid Deployment	OC Instructors	Handcuffing / Baton	Motorcycle Instructor

SCHOOL LIASION PROGRAM

The School Liaison Officer (S.L.O.) serves as a liaison between the Franklin Park Police Department, relevant school officials such as Dean of Students, Principal and their associated assistants, along with the student-faculty population at East Leyden.

Issues most typically range from juvenile delinquency to truancy. Interaction with patrol and investigations stem from routine incidents such as missing/runaway juveniles, truant minors, electronic/cyber harassment and thefts, either on, off or adjacent to school property, to critical matters, such as assault and battery, gang activity, domestic violence and sexual assaults. Interaction may also involve other police agencies, D.C.F.S.



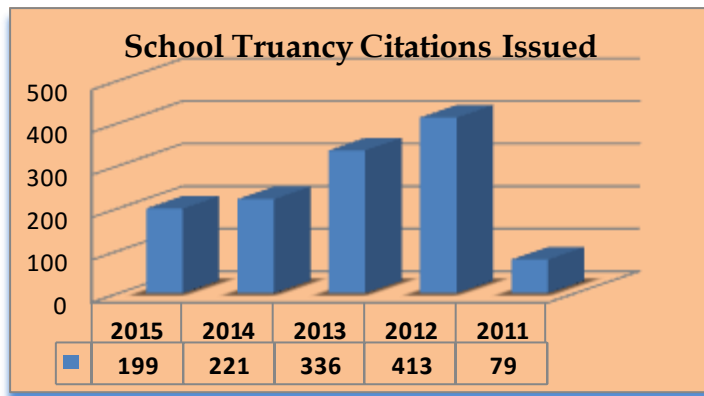
and the Assistant States Attorneys Office.

Depending upon the incident, a S.L.O. will tactfully yet impartially, inform students and their guardians/parents of their legal rights, responsibilities and legal procedure pursuant to state and local law, while maintaining confidentiality when feasible-especially when involving school social workers and counselors. Participation in Parent-Student-Dean-Social Services and Counselor meetings help maintain and improve the image between the Franklin Park Police Department, Leyden School District administrators and the citizens who, when taken together, collectively makeup and reside within the Leyden Township community.

Additionally, the S.L.O. may be invited to participate in campus activities, from classroom visits and presentations to student organizations and clubs. Through participation, you provoke dialogue and promote trust in a non-policing capacity. Other times, providing resources to assist the school administrators in addressing issues of concern on campus is also the added responsibility of the S.L.O. The S.L.O. will keep statistics on thefts, truancies and similarly related incidents throughout the school year and present such information to the Dean of Students Office upon the official end of the school year.

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

Officer Dave Wnek a 26 year veteran officer of the department is assigned as the School Liaison Officer.



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.

EXPLORER POST#97

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.

Instructor Officer James Figueroa
Kevin Herrera
Arturo Aguirre
Alexander Muniz

Members of Explorers:

Jose Manjarrez
Piotr Chmura
Corey Smolek

Instructor Richard Adamski
Christopher Rudy
Roberto Manarrez

NORCOMM

Since 1998 NORCOMM has provided the Village of Franklin Park with both police and fire dispatch services and in 2009 obtained NORCOMM to provide personnel for the Records Division to reduce cost. The dispatch center is a 24/7 operation responsible for monitoring 15 radio frequencies, 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. .



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

Records Management
Monitor Security Cameras
Proper Storing and Archiving Records
Truck overweight permits
Collecting fines

Initial walk in contact
Matron Duties
Mobile Crash Reporting
Overnight parking
Preparing court documents

Data entry including traffic tickets and ordinance arrests
Adjudication Court
Court Transmittals
Metra passes
Proper storage and archiving of records



Margaret Garza



Karen Casillas



Kathleen Herrera



A Police Officer's Prayer

Lord, I ask for courage.

Courage to face and conquer my own fear.

Courage to take me where others will not go.

I ask for strength.

Strength of body to protect others.

Strength of spirit to lead others.

I ask for dedication.

Dedication to my job, to do it well.

Dedication to my community, to keep it safe.

I ask for compassion.

Compassion for those who are victims.

Compassion as I help those in need.

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

Amen