



Village of River Forest

POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

TO: Matt Walsh – Village Administrator

FROM: James O’Shea- Chief of Police

DATE: January 13, 2025

SUBJECT: December 2024 Monthly Report

Crime Statistics

The month of December 2024 indicated an 8% increase in Group A offenses in comparison to December 2023. There was a 7% decrease in Group A offenses year to date. This decrease can be attributed to less incidents of Retail Thefts. There was an 10% increase in Group B offenses compared to December 2023. This increase is due to an increase in Driving Under the Influence Arrests.

It had been noted in previous Monthly Reports for 2024 that there was a disparity in data collection and results due to changes in National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) requirements. The data collection was refined and restructured using true NIBRS requirements. This will allow for use of more accurate information and comparisons. We will continue to report any anomalies in data or statistics in calendar year (2024).

	Dec 2024	Dec 2023	Diff. +/-	% +/-	YTD 2024	YTD 2023	Diff. +/-	% +/-
Group A	27	25	2	8%	350	375	-25	-7%
Group B	11	10	1	10%	122	101	21	21%
All Other	27	30	-3	-10%	373	381	-8	-2%
Reports	108	97	11	11%	1662	1629	33	2%
Events	856	960	-104	-11%	12398	13602	-1204	-9%

Town Center

The Police Department responded to fifty-four (54) calls for service at the Town Center properties in December 2024; of those calls there were thirty-nine (39) reported crimes, which included thirteen (13) Panhandler/Criminal Trespass incidents and fifteen (15) Retail Thefts. There was a 31% increase in calls for service in comparison to year-to-date 2023 statistics. In addition, there was a twenty-four (24%) increase in Criminal Activity in comparison to year-to-date 2023 statistics. This increase can be attributed to an increase of Panhandler and Remove the Unwanted Calls.

Collaboration and Relationship Strengthening

- Met with equipment vendor on December 3, 2024.
- Attended the West Suburban Chiefs of Police meeting on December 4, 2024.
- Attended the 40th Annual Illinois Public Sector Labor Relations and Labor Law Conference at Chicago-Kent Law School on December 6, 2024.
- Met with an employee assistance provider on December 9, 2024.
- Attended the Visitation and Funeral Services for Oak Park Police Detective Reddins on December 11 & 12, 2024.
- Attended Officer Ethan Williams graduation from the Cook County Sheriff's Police Academy on December 12, 2024.
- Attended the Village Board of Trustees meeting on December 16, 2024.
- Met with contractors for review and planning of future renovations on December 17, 2024.
- Attended the swearing in of new Officers Andrew Richter and Jean-Pierre Bourdeau on December 17, 2024.
- Attended the Employee Appreciation Holiday Luncheon on December 19, 2024.

School and Community Support

The following is a summary of the activity that occurred during December relating to Ordinance Enforcement and School Resource/Community Service.

DECEMBER 2024 ACTIVITY	CSO BUS
Bank/Metra	15 Assignments 2.5 Hrs.
Errands	4 Assignments 6 Hrs.
Local Ordinance Enforcement / Citations	0 Assignments 0 Citations
Parking Citations	4 Citations
Fingerprinting Assignments	1 Assignment 20 Min.
Administrative Duties	8 Assignments 11 Hrs.

Animal Calls	1 Assignment 15 Min.
Vehicle Service	4 Assignments 2 Hrs.
Crossings	0 Assignments 0 Min.
Bond Hearing / Court	6 Assignments 7 Hrs.
Other Assignments	10 Assignments 11 Hrs.
Adjudication / Red Light Hearing	1 Assignment 2 Hrs.
Child Safety Seat Inspection/Install	1 Assignment 30 Min.
Other Calls for Service	13 Assignments 5.5 Hrs.

DECEMBER 2024	CSO BUS
VIOLATION TYPE	TICKETS
Time Limit	0
No Parking Anytime	0
Vehicle License	0
Fire Lane/Hydrant	0
Handicapped	0
Resident Only Zone	1
Permit Parking Only	1
Daily Parking Fee Zone	0
Expired Registration	1
Other Parking Offense	1
TOTAL	4

School Resource/Community Service Officer Activity Summary for December 2024

Written Reports	7
Foot Patrols / Premise Checks	23
ISEARCH, ICAC and Too Good for Drugs Activities	7
Calls for Service	5
Other Assignments	26 Assignments (68 Hrs.)
Special Assignments	28 Assignments (77 Hrs.)

School and Community-Support Activity Highlights for December 2024

Ofc. Drake completed the following:

- Assisted with Village adjudication hearing on 12/02/2024.
- Attended Illinois Prevention Network Monthly Meeting on 12/03/2024.
- Completed Elderly Service follow up and supplemental report #24-1320 on 12/03/2024.
- Met with OPRF intern for monthly assistance at RFPD on 12/03/2024.
- Attended River Forest Community Safety virtual meeting on 12/04/2024.
- Assisted new recruits at Ray O'Herron on 12/05/2024.
- Conducted two (2) Too Good For Drugs lessons at St. Luke on 12/06/2024.
- Completed advice call with Concordia University on 12/06/2024.
- Assisted with Meet Complainant/completed advice call with St. Vincent Ferrer on 12/06/2024.
- Completed advice call with Lincoln on 12/06/2024.
- Conducted Child Safety Seat Install on 12/09/2024.
- Completed advice call with Whole Foods on 12/06/2024.
- Conducted eight (8) Cyber Safety/Bullying presentations at Roosevelt on 12/11/2024.
- Attended Youth Network Council virtual monthly meeting on 12/12/2024.
- Conducted two (2) Too Good For Drugs lessons at St. Luke on 12/13/2024.
- Assisted PPO Williams at Ray O'Herron on 12/16/2024.
- Attended Brookfield Zoo Wounded Warrior Event/Santa Escort on 12/16/2024.
- Completed phone meetings with Har Zion and Trinity on 12/17/2024.
- Conducted one (1) River Forest Community Safety presentation for Willard kindergarten on 12/17/2024.
- Attended Coffee With A Cop event at The Sheridan on 12/18/2024.
- Conducted one (1) River Forest Community Safety presentation for Lincoln kindergarten on 12/18/2024.
- Attended Opioid Task Force virtual meeting on 12/19/2024.
- Attended two (2) St. Luke Holiday celebrations on 12/20/2024.
- Completed Elderly Service follow up and supplemental report #24-01487 on 12/23/2024.
- Spoke with various businesses regarding court attendance issue on 12/23/2024.
- Completed advice call with Whole Foods on 12/30/2024.
- Assisted with West Suburban recent call issue on 12/30/2024.
- Completed Juvenile follow up and supplemental report #24-01644 on 12/30/2024.
- Completed and delivered bicycle registrations to residents throughout the month.
- Conducted business and school premise checks throughout the month.
- Assisted with records/administrative tasks throughout the month.
- Assisted investigations unit throughout the month.

UPCOMING School and Community Support Activities for January 2024

Ofc. Drake will:

- Assist with Rapid Deployment In-Service training on 01/02/2024.
- Attend Village Adjudication Hearing on 01/06/2024.
- Attended Youth Network Council monthly meeting on 01/09/2024.
- Conduct student Cyber Safety presentation at Trinity on 01/10/2024.

- Meet with OPRF intern at RFPD on 01/13/2024.
- Conducted Too Good For Drugs lessons on 01/15/2024 and 01/29/2024.
- Conduct parent Cyber Safety presentation at Trinity on 01/16/2024.
- Attend FOP training on 01/22/2024.
- Attend M-Team monthly meeting on 01/22/2024.
- Conduct Safety presentation for Dominican students on 01/23/2024.
- Attend/present at Concordia Stalking Awareness event on 01/28/2024.
- Update Frontline Keyholder Portal throughout the month.
- Assist Investigations Unit as needed throughout the month.
- Conduct school and business premise checks and foot patrols throughout the month.

Sgt. Grill will:

- Assist with Adjudication hearings and manage caseload.
- Continue to configure new Avigilon server.
- Continue to deploy new PD squad laptops.
- Work on possible grant application opportunities.
- Plan special events and complete permit reviews and approvals.
- Manage movie and commercial film details, permits, and requests.
- Assist with Information Technology projects.
- Address subpoenas, FOIA requests and other records requests for various sources of police video used in police response and criminal investigations.
- Manage various grant activities and applications.
- Assist with Vehicle Maintenance and Equipment.
- Assist with Red Light Enforcement system.
- Continue to support CSO Bus and the Records Division.

CSO Bus will:

- Monitor parking issues near the various schools.
- Assist with Child Safety Seat Installations
- Enforce any/all new regulated parking zones.
- Monitor crossing guard performance and presence.
- Monitor parking issues near the River Forest Community Center.
- Monitor and enforce parking regulations in Daily Fee, Time Zone, Resident Only Zones, and Handicapped Parking Only Areas etc.
- Assist with Court records communications.
- Assist with Animal Control.
- Administer traffic control services during Fire and Police related events.
- Continue to utilize the Automated License Plate Reader to increase efficiency and effectiveness of parking enforcement efforts to gain better community compliance.



Officer Ethan Williams' Graduation



Officers Richter and Bourdeau Swearing In

Active Solicitor Permits		
Individual or Organization	Description	Expires
Anderson Corporation	Windows & Doors	04/25/2025
College Works Painting	Painting	04/02/2025
EcoShield Pest Solutions	Pest Control	06/27/2025
Power Home Remodeling	Roofing, Siding, Windows, and Doors	08/02/2025

Budget and Fiscal Monitoring

December 1 – December 31, 2024

December is the eighth month of Fiscal Year 2025. There was an 182% increase in overtime costs in comparison to December 2023. Overtime costs increased by 107% YTD comparing Fiscal Year 2025 to Fiscal Year 2024.

Revenue/Expenditure Summary

Category	Total # Paid FY25 12/31	Total # Paid FY24 Y-T-D	Expenditure/Revenue FY25 12/31	FY25 Y-T-D Expenditure/Revenue
Parking/Compliance Citations	266	1634	\$16,608	\$128,602
Admin. Tows	25	192	\$14,000	\$96,000
Local Ordinance	2	12	\$559	\$2,965
Overtime	497.5hrs	2,924.75hrs	\$37,522	\$243,211

Community Policing/Crime Prevention Activities:

- Officers conducted additional patrols and premise checks in the business districts, parks, school play areas and the library.
- Officers conducted numerous traffic missions in locations that have been identified as priorities based on traffic crash data and citizen requests.
- Officers monitored school drop-offs and pickups and conducted traffic calming and enforcement.
- Officers conducted premise checks at businesses due to the increase in customer traffic for the holiday season.

Directed Patrols/ Traffic Enforcement

The Midnight Shift focused enforcement on North Avenue. Dayshift was assigned traffic enforcement missions on Lake Street and Harlem Avenue. The Afternoon Shift conducted enforcement missions on Lake Street, Madison Street and North Avenue.

The Midnight Shift made nineteen (19) stops, issued twenty-four (24) citations and eight (8) warnings were issued during their traffic missions. The shift made one (1) traffic arrest, and one (1) vehicle was administratively towed during the enforcement traffic mission this month.

The Dayshift made twenty-eight (28) stops, forty (40) citations and eight (8) warnings issued. The shift recorded eight (8) traffic-related arrests during enforcement missions this month. Eight (8) vehicles were administratively towed.

The Afternoon shift made thirty (30) stops with twenty-nine (39) citations and twelve (12) warnings were issued during traffic enforcement missions. The shift made seven (7) traffic arrests with two (5) administrative towed vehicles during their enforcement missions.

Notable Events and Arrests:

24-01560 Driving While License Suspended

On December 3, 2024, 10:45AM, a River Forest unit observed a vehicle driving with expired registration and stopped it near the intersection of Harlem Avenue and Wabansia Avenue. The driver, a 46 year old male from Chicago, was subsequently arrested for driving with a suspended license. The male was cited and released on a citation and notice with a court date at Maybrook Courthouse.

24-01562 Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol

On December 3, 2024, at 7:46PM, a River Forest officer located a running illegally parked vehicle behind the police station located at 400 Park Avenue. The driver, a 54 year old male Chicago resident, was asleep behind the wheel with an open alcohol container in the center console. The driver displayed signs of alcohol intoxication and refused to exit the vehicle. The driver was removed from the vehicle and placed under arrest for driving under the influence of alcohol. The driver was escorted to the booking room and the vehicle was towed from the police parking lot. The vehicle and driver were observed on the River Forest Street cameras committing multiple vehicle code violations before illegally parking behind the police station. The driver refused to take field sobriety tests and refused to submit to a breathalyzer test. The driver was charged with misdemeanor driving under the influence of alcohol, given a misdemeanor court date, and released on a Citation and Notice.

24-01564 Attempt Murder/Aggravated Discharge of a Weapon

On December 4, 2024, 3:00AM, River Forest officers responded to the area of 300 block of Lathrop Avenue to assist Forest Park PD conducting a traffic stop. The vehicle previously fled from Riverside PD and the driver was believed to be armed. The vehicle crashed into an unoccupied building and the driver, a 20 year old male from Maywood, fled into the building. While inside, the male fired two shots from a handgun at a River Forest officer standing outside. The male eventually surrendered, was arrested and charged with Attempted Murder of a Peace Officer and Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm towards a Peace Officer, processed, and later transported to Maybrook Courthouse for a detention hearing. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

24-1570 Retail Theft/Warrant

On December 5, 2024, 12:32PM, River Forest units responded to 7231 Lake Street (Ulta) for a retail theft. The offender, a 51 year old male from Chicago, was located at the Green Line Station at 1 South Harlem Avenue. He was arrested after an Ulta employee positively identified the offender and the proceeds. The male provided false identification information, and it was discovered he had an active warrant out of Cook County. At the station, he was processed and charged with retail theft, obstructing identification and the warrant. He was later transported to Maybrook Courthouse for a Detention Hearing.

24-01571 Retail Theft

On December 5, 2024, 1:24PM, River Forest units responded to 7525 Lake Street (Jewel) for a retail theft that just occurred. They located a 34 year old male from Chicago, matching the description. The subject and the proceeds were positively identified by a Jewel employee, and he was taken into custody. At the station, the man was charged with retail theft. He was released from the station on a Citation and Notice with a court date at Maybrook Courthouse.

24-01574 Criminal Trespass

On December 6, 2024, 10:26AM, River Forest units were on patrol near 7525 Lake Street (Jewel) when they observed a 35 year old male from Cicero whom they recognized as a person that had been previously banned from Jewel. The male was arrested for criminal trespass to property. The subject was transported to the hospital for a psychotic episode, where he was issued a citation and notice and released from custody.

24-01580 Burglary/Shooting

On December 7, 2024, 3:54AM, River Forest officers were dispatched to an alarm at the Ulta store and found evidence that a burglary had occurred. While on scene, officers were informed of a shooting that occurred nearby on the 400 block of Harlem Avenue where a driver was shot in his shoulder while driving his vehicle. Using the River Forest Street cameras and license plate readers, officers were able to determine that both incidents were related and developed suspect vehicles that were used by the offenders. River Forest detectives were later able to locate and recover the offending vehicles, some of the stolen Ulta merchandise, and a firearm. River Forest Detectives were also able to develop several suspects and are continuing to investigate the incidents.

24-01585 Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol

On December 8, 2024, at 9:00PM, a River Forest officer located a vehicle driving over the sidewalk and landscaping to enter the Jewel parking lot located at 7525 Lake Street. The officer conducted a traffic stop in the parking lot and the driver, a 62 year old Elmwood Park resident, indicated he was having a medical

emergency. An ambulance was called to the scene and determined the driver was not being truthful about the reported medical emergency. The vehicle had numerous open alcohol containers in plain view and the driver displayed signs of alcohol intoxication. The driver was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and transported to the hospital for alcohol-related illnesses. The driver refused to submit to chemical testing and was charged with misdemeanor driving under the influence of alcohol. The driver was processed at the hospital, given a misdemeanor court date and released on a Citation and Notice.

24-01591 Retail Theft/Resisting a Peace Officer/Outside Agency Arrest Warrant

On December 10, 2024, at 10:31PM, River Forest units were dispatched to the Walgreens located at 7251 Lake Street for the retail theft that just occurred. The employee advised the offender stole merchandise valued at \$83.98 and fled the store on foot. A suspect matching the description was located in the 1100 block of North Boulevard but fled on foot from the responding officer. The suspect was detained by a Town Center Security Officer and briefly resisted arrest by not allowing the responding officer to apply the handcuffs. The suspect was positively identified as the retail theft offender. The offender, a 35 year old male Chicago resident, was arrested for retail theft, resisting a peace officer, and seven outstanding theft related Cook County warrants. The offender was transported to the station for processing, given a misdemeanor court date, and transported to the Maybrook courthouse for a detention hearing.

24-01607 Retail Theft/Obstructing Identification/Criminal Trespass

On December 13, 2024, at 10:06PM, River Forest units were dispatched to the Walgreens located at 7251 Lake Street for the retail theft that just occurred. The employee advised the offender stole merchandise valued at \$25.00 and fled the store on foot. A suspect matching the description was located in the 7300 block of Lake Street and was positively identified as the retail theft offender. The offender, a 33 year old male Chicago resident, was arrested for retail theft and transported to the station for processing. The offender provided a false name, and a fingerprint inquiry identified the offender as receiving a prior criminal trespass warning for Walgreens. The offender was charged with misdemeanor retail theft, obstructing identification and criminal trespass to real property. The offender was given a misdemeanor court date and released on a Citation and Notice.

24-01608 Driving with No Valid DL/Theft/Curfew

On December 14, 2024, 1:34AM, a River Forest officer on patrol near Lake Street and Thatcher Avenue and observed a vehicle driving without headlights. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a juvenile, was found to be driving without a valid license and in violation of curfew. Inside the vehicle, officers located numerous flags, the majority of which were "pride"-related flags. An investigation revealed that the flags were stolen from various locations in River Forest and Oak Park by the occupants of the vehicle. The driver, two juvenile passengers, and 18 year old male passenger all from River Forest, were arrested and charged with Theft. The Cook County State's Attorney's office was consulted but declined to approve Hate Crime charges. The male adult was also charged with Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor. The juvenile driver also received traffic and curfew citations. The juvenile passengers also received curfew citations. The male was processed and later released on a Citation and Notice. The juveniles were processed and released to guardians. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

24-01610 Aggravated Driving Under the Influence

On December 15, 2024, 2:14AM, a River Forest officer on patrol near Harlem Avenue and Division Street observed a vehicle driving without headlights. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 36 year old female from Melrose Park, admitted to consuming alcohol, exhibited signs of alcohol impairment, failed Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, and was arrested for Aggravated Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. She was found to be driving despite never having been issued a driver's license. She was processed and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

24-01613 Driving While License Suspended

On December 16, 2024, 07:54AM, department License Plate Readers hit on a vehicle with suspended registration. The vehicle was stopped at 7201 Lake Street (Town Center Parking Lot). The driver, a 23 year old female from Vernon Hills was subsequently arrested for driving with a suspended license. The female was cited and released on a citation and notice with a court date at Maybrook Courthouse.

24-01623 Driving While License Suspended

On December 19, 2024, 09:22AM, department License Plate Readers hit on a vehicle with suspended registration. The vehicle was confirmed and stopped at 7577 Lake Street. The driver, a 44 year old female subject from Chicago, was subsequently arrested for driving with a suspended license. The female was cited and released on a citation and notice with a court date at Maybrook Courthouse.

24-01637 Outside Agency Arrest Warrant

On December 23, 2024, at 8:00PM, River Forest units were dispatched to a strong-armed robbery at the Jewel located at 7525 Lake Street. Dispatch advised responding units the offender forcibly took a bicycle and was currently inside Panera Bread located at 7349 Lake Street. River Forest officers located a known retail theft offender matching the description inside Panera Bread. River Forest officers conducted a thorough investigation and determined the suspect committed a retail theft at the Jewel and the Jewel employee was attempting to stop the suspect from fleeing on the bicycle. The suspect, a 38 year old male Franklin Park resident, possessed Jewel merchandise, but was not positively identified as the retail theft offender. The suspect was determined to have an outstanding misdemeanor DuPage County warrant. The suspect was arrested and transported to the station for processing. The suspect was given a DuPage County misdemeanor court date and released on a Citation and Notice.

24-01647 Driving Under the Influence

On December 27, 2024, 4:17AM, a River Forest officer on patrol near Harlem Avenue and North Avenue observed a vehicle stopped with the driver asleep at the wheel. The driver, a 19 year old male from Bellwood, admitted to consuming cannabis, exhibited signs of cannabis impairment, failed Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, and was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Drugs. He was processed and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

24-01648 Driving While License Suspended

On December 27, 2024, 10:20AM, a River Forest unit observed a vehicle driving without registration and stopped it on the 200 block of Lathrop Avenue. The driver, a 36 year old male from Chicago, was subsequently arrested for driving with a suspended license. The male was cited and released on a citation and notice with a court date at Maybrook Courthouse.

24-01653 Burglary

On December 28, 2024, 12:19AM, River Forest officers were dispatched to the area of Lake Street and Thatcher Avenue for a call of a suspicious subject possibly committing a theft. Officers located and detained a subject, a 28 year old male from Chicago, nearby who matched the description of the suspect. He was found to be in possession of items that did not belong to him, and officers determined the items had been removed from an unlocked vehicle nearby. He was arrested for Burglary, processed and later released on a Citation and Notice.

24-01654 Battery/Aggravated Battery to Peace Officer/Resisting a Peace Officer

On December 28, 2024, at 4:34PM, River Forest units were dispatched to the battery that occurred at J Crew located at 7335 Lake Street. Dispatch advised the offender struck a customer inside the store. River Forest units conducted a thorough investigation which revealed the offender shoved an elderly customer and attempted to strike another customer that was protecting the elderly victim. The offender, a 38 year old female Chicago resident, was arrested for battery and attempted to defeat the handcuffing process. The handcuffs were applied, and the offender was placed in the rear of a squad. The offender refused to get completely inside the squad and kicked the arresting officer. The offender was then secured in the vehicle and transported to the station for processing. The Cook County State’s Attorney felony review unit was contacted and approved charges for aggravated battery to a peace officer. The offender was charged with battery, aggravated assault, resisting a peace officer, and aggravated battery to a peace officer. The offender was given a felony court date and transported to the Maybrook courthouse for a detention hearing.

24-01656 Retail Theft

On December 30, 2024, at 11:15PM, River Forest units were dispatched to the Jewel located at 7525 Lake Street for the retail theft that just occurred. The employee advised the offender stole merchandise valued at \$11.49 and fled the scene on foot. A suspect matching the description was located at the Greenline station and was positively identified as the retail theft offender. The offender, a 27 year old male Chicago resident, was arrested for retail theft and transported to the station for processing. The offender was given a misdemeanor court date and released on a Citation and Notice.

	Midnights 2230-0630	Day Watch 0630-1430	Third Watch 1430-2230	Traffic & Tactical Unit
Criminal Arrests	7	4	4	0
Warrant Arrests	3	1	5	0
D.U.I Arrests	3	0	2	0
Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests	8	13	3	3
Hazardous Moving Violations	95	77	51	15
Compliance Citations	20	6	15	2
Parking Citations	112	2	0	0
Traffic Stop Data Sheets	101	67	54	15
Quasi-Criminal Arrests/ L.O	0	0	1	0
Field Interviews	0	13	5	4
Premise Checks/Foot Patrols	505	260	216	45
Written Reports	39	96	34	6
Administrative Tows	11	11	3	3
Booted vehicles	0	0	0	0
Sick Time used (in days)	3	8	12	2

Detective Division

Detective Sergeant Labriola worked thirteen (11) days performing detective duties.

Detective Zermeno worked eight (17) days performing detective duties.

Detective Sergeant Labriola was activated by WESTAF as a supervisor for a homicide in Cicero.

Detective Sergeant Labriola was assigned to WEDGE for two days as a supervisor.

Detective Sergeant Labriola was reassigned to work one afternoon patrol shift and one day patrol shift.

Detective Zermeno was assigned to WEDGE for two days.

Detective Zermeno was reassigned to patrol for one afternoon shift.

During the month of November, the Detective Unit completed numerous online mandated continuous educational courses.

During the month of December, the Detective Unit opened up/reviewed seven (8) cases for potential follow-up. Of those cases, one (1) was cleared by an arrest, three (3) were exceptionally cleared, two (2) are still active, one (1) was referred to other jurisdiction, and one (1) was administratively closed. The Unit also continued to investigate open cases from previous months, as well as assisted the Patrol Division in cases reported in the month of December.

Year to Date Arrest Statistics

Quantity Arrested	# Felony Charges	# Misdemeanor Charges	# Warrants
49	26	21	11

December 2024 Case Assignment Summary

Group A	# Cases	Cleared by Arrest	Adm Closed	Screen Out	Susp	Except	Pend	Refer	Unfound
Attempt Murder	2	1					1		
Theft Under \$500	1					1			
Criminal Damage	1					1			
Theft from Motor Vehicle	1		1						
Group A Total	5	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0
Group B	# Cases	Cleared by Arrest	Adm Closed	Screen Out	Susp	Except Clear	Pend	Refer	Unfound
Fleeing and Eluding	2					1	1		
Assist other PD	1							1	
Group B Total	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
TOTALS	8	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	0

December 2024 Juvenile Arrests

Offenses	Adjusted	Cited	Petitioned	Referred
Theft			3	
Total (3)	0	0	3	0

New Investigations

24-01547 Assist Other Police Department

On November 29, 2024, at 9:37AM, River Forest Officers responded to the 1000 block of Lake St. to assist the Oak Park Police Department for an officer involved shooting. Investigators responded to assist with interviews with involved River Forest Officers and coordinating with the Illinois State Police. This case was referred to another jurisdiction.

24-01556 Fleeing and Eluding

On December 1, 2024, at 5:50AM, a River Forest Officer observed a vehicle commit multiple Illinois Vehicle Code Violations in the 7900 and 8000 block of Lake St. The Officer attempted to stop the vehicle which fled from the Officer who did not pursue. This case is still active.

24-01564 Attempt Murder to a Police Officer

On December 4, 2024, at 3:00AM, River Forest Officers were made aware of a vehicle that fled from Riverside and Forest Park Police Officers was northbound on Des Plaines. The driver of the vehicle was seen to be in possession of a firearm. River Forest Officers observed the fleeing vehicle traveling west on Brown and crash into a building in the 300 block of Lathrop in River Forest. The driver, and sole occupant of the vehicle ran into the building, and as Officers surrounded the building, he fired two rounds in the direction of an officer who arrived in the alley. The driver, a 20-year-old male from Harvey was eventually taken into custody. The subject provided a recorded statement that he was the subject responsible for firing the rounds and charged with attempt murder of a police officer. This case was cleared by an arrest.

24-01580 Burglary/Attempt Murder

On December 7, 2024, at 3:54AM, River Forest Officers responded to Ulta located at 7231 Lake St. and observed that the front glass door had been shattered. Review of the video surveillance depicted three subjects who forced entry and removed approximately \$20,000 worth of merchandise from inside. While Officers were on scene a subject called 911 and stated that he was driving in the area of Harlem and Lake St. when he was shot in the shoulder from a subject in another vehicle. Officers utilized license plate readers and Village of River Forest Street cameras to identify the offending vehicles which were located in Chicago. Those vehicles were recovered and investigators obtained numerous search warrants for the vehicles which provided useful information in identifying the offenders. Investigators followed the GPS in one of the items that were taken from Ulta and four subjects who were in possession of the items were taken into custody in Chicago. Two subjects had cellular telephones which search warrants were obtained for and one subject was in possession of a stolen firearm. The one subject, an 18-year-old male from Chicago was in possession of a stolen firearm. The 18-year-old was charged by the Chicago Police Department, and this investigation is ongoing.

24-01594 Theft from Motor Vehicle

On December 11, 2024, at 11:27AM, a River Forest Officer responded to the 400 block of Thatcher in reference to a catalytic converter theft. Investigators utilized the Village of River Forest Street cameras and license plate readers to identify the offending vehicle but have not been able to locate it. This case was administratively cleared.

24-01606 Theft Under \$500

On December 13, 2024, a resident from the 300 block of Thatcher reported he had a package stolen from the front of his residence on December 11, 2024, at 12:10PM according to the video surveillance from his residence. Investigators identified the offending vehicle using the Village of River Forest Street cameras and license plate readers. On December 19, 2024, at 7:00PM, Investigators located the offending vehicle in the 4400 block of Cortez in Chicago and towed it with an administrative hold. This case is exceptionally cleared.

24-01628 Criminal Damage to Vehicle

On December 20, 2024, at 8:07PM, a River Forest Officer took a report from person who reported his vehicle was damaged on December 19, 2024, at 3:37PM. The victim reported he was approached by three male subjects in a vehicle who told him he had damage to his vehicle which they could fix. Ultimately, the subjects applied some substance on his vehicle that caused damage to it and attempted to receive \$150 for their work. Investigators identified potential offenders, but the witness was unable to identify them from a photo lineup. This case was exceptionally cleared.

24-01633 Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding

On December 22, 2024, at 1:04AM, a River Forest Officer observed a vehicle commit multiple Illinois Vehicle Code Violations beginning at Harlem and Thomas. After the Officer attempted to stop the vehicle, the vehicle committed multiple additional IVC Violations and fled the area. Investigators located the vehicle which was towed with an administrative hold. This case was exceptionally cleared.

Old Investigations

24-01521 Fleeing and Eluding

On November 24, 2024, at 3:59AM, a River Forest Officer observed a vehicle commit multiple Illinois Vehicle Code Violations in the 7700 block of Lake St. The Officer attempted to stop the vehicle which fled. On December 19, 2024, Investigators located the offending vehicle and towed it with an administrative hold. This case was exceptionally cleared.

Training

During the month of December 2024, twenty-seven (22) officers/civilian employees attended different training classes for a total of eight-hundred and eleven (811) hours of training. The Department members, courses, and total number of hours included in the courses are detailed below.

Officer	Course	Start	End	Hours
Barcenas	PLI December 2024 Monthly Legal Update	12/14/2024	12/31/2024	1
Casarez	Close Quarter Handgun Skills-1	12/4/2024	12/5/2024	16
Casarez	PLI December 2024 Monthly Legal Update	12/14/2024	12/31/2024	1
Casey	PLI December 2024 Monthly Legal Update	12/14/2024	12/31/2024	1
Cassidy	PLI December 2024 Monthly Legal Update	12/14/2024	12/31/2024	1
Coleman	PLI December 2024 Monthly Legal Update	12/14/2024	12/31/2024	1

Czernik	PLI December 2024 Monthly Legal Update	12/14/2024	12/31/2024	1
Dosen	40 Hour Firearms Instructor Course	12/9/2024	12/13/2024	40
Dosen	PLI December 2024 Monthly Legal Update	12/14/2024	12/31/2024	1
Fries	PLI December 2024 Monthly Legal Update	12/14/2024	12/31/2024	1
Gonzalez	PLI December 2024 Monthly Legal Update	12/14/2024	12/31/2024	1
Greenwood	40th Annual Labor Law Conference	12/6/2024	12/6/2024	8.5
Humphreys	PLI December 2024 Monthly Legal Update	12/14/2024	12/31/2024	1
Juarez	Body Searches: From Terry Stop to Strip Search	12/12/2024	12/12/2024	8
Juarez	PLI December 2024 Monthly Legal Update	12/14/2024	12/31/2024	1
Landini	PLI December 2024 Monthly Legal Update	12/14/2024	12/31/2024	1
Lenz	No Limit Pistol	12/10/2024	12/10/2024	8
Lenz	PLI December 2024 Monthly Legal Update	12/14/2024	12/31/2024	1
Mika	PLI December 2024 Monthly Legal Update	12/14/2024	12/31/2024	1
Murillo	PLI December 2024 Monthly Legal Update	12/14/2024	12/31/2024	1
Niemann	40 Hour Field Training Officer-Sokolove	12/16/2024	12/20/2024	40
Niemann	PLI December 2024 Monthly Legal Update	12/14/2024	12/31/2024	1
O'Shea	Constitutional Authority	12/30/2024	12/30/2024	1
O'Shea	Trauma Informed Response to Sex Assault/Abuse	12/30/2024	12/30/2024	8
O'Shea	Case Preparation and Courtroom Testimony	12/30/2024	12/30/2024	1
O'Shea	Civil Rights and Civil Liabilities Refresher	12/30/2024	12/30/2024	1
O'Shea	Laws of Arrest-Refresher	12/30/2024	12/30/2024	1.5
O'Shea	Crisis Intervention and Disturbance Calls	12/30/2024	12/30/2024	1
O'Shea	Interview and Interrogation-Refresher	12/30/2024	12/30/2024	1
O'Shea	Gangs	12/30/2024	12/30/2024	1
O'Shea	Elder Abuse and Neglect	12/30/2024	12/30/2024	1
O'Shea	Sexual Harassment: Definitions and Prevention	12/30/2024	12/30/2024	1
O'Shea	Basic Spanish for Law Enforcement	12/30/2024	12/30/2024	1.5
O'Shea	Emergency Medical Response	12/30/2024	12/30/2024	1
Officer	Course	Start	End	Hours
O'Shea	40th Annual Labor Law Conference	12/6/2024	12/6/2024	8.5
Swierczynski	40th Annual Labor Law Conference	12/6/2024	12/6/2024	8.5
Tagle	PLI December 2024 Monthly Legal Update	12/14/2024	12/31/2024	1
Williams	Basic Academy Training Program	8/26/2024	12/12/2024	632
Williams	Trauma Informed Response to Sex Assault/Abuse	12/17/2024	12/17/2024	1
Williams	Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse	12/17/2024	12/17/2024	1
Williams	PLI November 2024 Monthly Legal Update	12/17/2024	12/17/2024	1
Williams	PLI December 2024 Monthly Legal Update	12/14/2024	12/31/2024	1
Zermeno	PLI December 2024 Monthly Legal Update	12/14/2024	12/31/2024	1
Total				811

