

Village of River Forest



POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

TO: Matt Walsh – Village Administrator

FROM: James O’Shea- Chief of Police

DATE: March 10, 2025

SUBJECT: February 2025 Monthly Report

Crime Statistics

The month of February 2025 indicated a 29% increase in Group A offenses in comparison to February 2024. There was a 13% increase in Group A offenses year to date. This increase can be attributed to more incidents of Assaults. There was a 40% increase in Group B offenses compared to February 2024. This increase is due to more Driving Under the Influence arrests.

	Feb 2025	Feb 2024	Diff. +/-	% +/-	YTD 2025	YTD 2024	Diff. +/-	% +/-
Group A	22	17	5	29%	36	32	4	13%
Group B	7	5	2	40%	11	17	-6	-36%
All Other	16	39	-23	-59%	31	76	-45	-59%
Reports	83	99	-16	-16%	208	214	-6	-18%
Events	739	1046	-63	-29%	1730	2099	-63	-18%

Town Center

The Police Department responded to forty-seven (47) calls for service at the Town Center properties in February 2025; of those calls there were twenty-eight (28) reported crimes, which included twelve (12) Retail Thefts and fifteen (15) Panhandlers/Removals. There was a six percent (6%) decrease in calls for service in comparison to year-to-date 2024 statistics. In addition, there was a nineteen percent (19%) increase in Criminal Activity in comparison to year-to-date 2024 statistics. This increase can be attributed to an increase in Retail Theft and Panhandler/Removal Calls.

Collaboration and Relationship Strengthening

- Attended the West Suburban Chiefs of Police meeting on February 5, 2025.
- Attended the Village Board of Trustees meeting on February 10, 2025.
- Attended the Village Board of Trustees meeting on February 24, 2025.

School and Community Support

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

Parking Enforcement Summary

FEBRUARY 2025	CSO BUS
VIOLATION TYPE	TICKETS
Time Limit	2
No Parking Anytime	3
Vehicle License	0
Fire Lane/Hydrant	1
Handicapped	0
Resident Only Zone	0
Permit Parking Only	13
Daily Parking Fee Zone	12
Expired Registration	0
Other Parking Offense	4
TOTAL	35

CSO Activity Summary

FEBRUARY 2025 ACTIVITY	CSO BUS
Bank/Metra	15 Assignments 2.5 Hrs.
Errands	4 Assignments 2 Hrs.
Local Ordinance Enforcement / Citations	0 Assignments 0 Cit.
Parking Citations	35 Citations
Fingerprinting Assignments	1 Assignment 20 Mins.
Administrative Duties	6 Assignments 7 Hrs.
Animal Calls	1 Assignment 30 Mins.

Vehicle Service	6 Assignments 6 Hrs.
Crossings	4 Assignments 3 Hrs.
Bond Hearing / Court	8 Assignments 14.5 Hrs.
Other Assignments	14 Assignments 15 Hrs.
Adjudication / Red Light Hearing	1 Assignment 3 Hrs.
Child Safety Seat Inspection/Install	2 Assignments 50 Mins.
Other Calls for Service	21 Assignments 9 Hrs.

School Resource/Community Service Officer Activity Summary for February 2025

Written Reports	10
Foot Patrols / Premise Checks	24
River Forest Community Safety and Too Good For Drugs Activities	36
Calls for Service	2
Other Assignments	22 Assignments, 76 hours
Special Assignments	32 Assignments, 73 hours (see below)

School and Community-Support Activity Highlights for February 2025

Ofc. Drake completed the following:

- Completed school follow up and supplemental report #25-00128 on 02/03/2025.
- Attended monthly Village Adjudication hearing on 02/03/2025.
- Met with OPRF intern for monthly assistance at RFPD on 02/04/2025.
- Conducted five (5) River Forest Community Safety presentations at St. Vincent Ferrer on 02/04/2025.
- Conducted four (4) River Forest Community Safety presentations at Lincoln on 02/05/2025 and 02/06/2025.
- Completed Roosevelt school follow up and supplemental report #25-00126 on 02/06/2025.
- Completed Roosevelt advice call and school report #25-00158 on 02/06/2025.
- Conducted juvenile follow up and supplemental report #24-01548 on 02/07/2025.
- Conducted juvenile follow up and supplemental report #25-00165 on 02/10/2025.
- Conducted five (5) River Forest Community Safety presentations at St. Luke on 02/11/2025.
- Attended Celebrating Seniors Coalition virtual meeting on 02/12/2025.
- Attended Youth Network Council virtual meeting on 02/13/2025.
- Conducted one (1) Too Good For Drugs lesson at St. Vincent Ferrer on 02/13/2025.

- Conducted juvenile follow up and supplemental report #24-01548 on 02/14/2025.
- Completed St. Luke advice call with parent on 02/17/2025.
- Completed two (2) steering wheel lock orders on 02/17/2025.
- Conducted five (5) River Forest Community Safety presentations at Grace Lutheran on 02/18/2025.
- Completed elderly service follow up and supplemental report #25-00201 on 02/18/2025.
- Conducted four (4) River Forest Community Safety presentations at St. Vincent Ferrer on 02/19/2025.
- Attended elderly service meeting and completed supplemental report #25-00201 on 02/19/2025.
- Conducted one (1) Too Good For Drugs lesson at St. Vincent Ferrer on 02/20/2025.
- Conducted two (2) Too Good For Drugs lessons at St. Luke on 02/21/2025.
- Attended Opioid Task Force virtual meeting on 02/21/2025.
- Conducted four (4) River Forest Community Safety presentations at Lincoln on 02/25/2025.
- Conducted River Forest Community Center advice call on 02/25/2025.
- Conducted four (4) River Forest Community Safety presentations at Grace Lutheran on 02/26/2025.
- Completed Roosevelt advice call on 02/26/2025.
- Completed transfer of all bike registrations to Frontline Bicycle Portal on 02/27/2025.
- Conducted one (1) Too Good For Drugs lesson at St. Vincent Ferrer on 02/27/2025.
- 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 March 2025

Ofc. Drake will:

- Attend Village Adjudication Hearing on 03/03/2025.
- Meet with OPRF student intern on 03/04/2025.
- Conduct ALICE presentation for Grace Lutheran staff on 03/05/2025.
- Attend Roosevelt Online Safety Speaker Panel on 03/06/2025.
- Attend Youth Network Council virtual meeting on 03/13/2025.
- Provide Girl Scouts station tour on 03/14/2025.
- Conduct Cub Scouts bike safety presentation at Grace Lutheran on 03/19/2025.
- Attend Opioid Task Force virtual meeting on 03/21/2025.
- Conduct River Forest Community Safety presentations at Willard and St. Vincent Ferrer on 03/05/2025, 03/11/2025, 03/18/2025, and 03/19/2025.
- Conduct Too Good For Drugs lessons at St. Vincent Ferrer, St. Luke and Grace Lutheran on 03/06/2025, 03/07/2025, 03/12/2025, 03/13/2025, 03/20/2025, and 03/21/2025.
- Update Frontline Keyholder Portal throughout the month.
- Assist investigations unit, patrol, and records division 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.
- Implement surveillance camera expansion project.
- 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.
- Work with Officer Drake to support the transition into her new role.

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 in an effort to gain better community compliance.
- Parking Enforcement areas of focus: 000 Lathrop hourly parking, East/West Thatcher parking lots and commuter parking.

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

February 1 – February 28, 2025

February is the tenth month of Fiscal Year 2025. There was a 47% increase in overtime costs in comparison to February 2024. Overtime costs increased by 70% YTD compared to Fiscal Year 2025 to Fiscal Year 2024.

Revenue/Expenditure Summary

Category	Total # Paid FY25 02/28	Total # Paid FY25 Y-T-D	Expenditure/ Revenue FY25 02/28	FY25 Y-T-D Expenditure/Revenue
Parking/Compliance Citations	173	1807	\$11,114	\$152,088
Admin. Tows	23	227	\$11,500	\$116,500
Local Ordinance	1	16	\$43	\$3,008
Overtime	312hrs	3,551.75hrs	\$22,436	\$286,912

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.

Directed Patrols/ Traffic Enforcement

The Midnight Shift focused enforcement on North Avenue and Harlem Avenue. Dayshift was assigned traffic enforcement missions on Augusta Street, North Avenue and Thatcher Avenue. The Afternoon Shift conducted enforcement missions in the area of Harlem and Augusta Street.

The Midnight Shift made thirty-eight (38) stops, issued forty-four (44) citations and thirteen (13) warnings were issued during their traffic missions. The shift made four (4) traffic arrests, and four (4) vehicles were administratively towed during the enforcement traffic mission this month.

The Dayshift made forty-two (42) stops, forty-seven (47) citations and thirteen (13) warnings issued. The shift recorded eight (8) traffic-related arrests during enforcement missions this month. Six (6) vehicles were administratively towed.

The Afternoon shift made twelve (12) stops with eight (8) citations and five (5) warnings were issued during traffic enforcement missions.

Notable Events and Arrests:

25-00138 Driving Under the Influence

On February 1, 2024 12:03AM, River Forest officers were dispatched to the area of the 300 block of Lathrop Avenue for a single-vehicle accident. Upon arrival, officers determined a vehicle had left the roadway and struck a village tree and road sign. The driver, a 42 year old male from Chicago, admitting to consuming alcohol, exhibited signs of alcohol impairment, and was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. He also could not provide proof of insurance for the vehicle. He was processed and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

25-00143 Assist Other PD

On February 2, 2025 1:24AM, a River Forest officer on patrol near Harlem Avenue and Lake Street was flagged down by a passerby who stated there were people fighting near the CTA Green Line. Upon investigating, the officer learned that the people were attempting to detain a subject that had just stabbed several individuals in Oak Park. The officer was able to safely disarm and detain the subject, a 44 year old male from Harvey. The male, the knife, and the crime scene were turned over to Oak Park PD for further investigation.

25-00144 Traffic Arrest

On February 2, 2025 11:31AM a River Forest patrol unit stopped a motorist on the 1200 block of Lathrop Avenue for expired plates. The motorist, a 21 year old male from Chicago, was arrested for No Valid Driver's License. He was cited and released on a Citation and Notice on scene with a court date at Maybrook.

25-00148 Domestic Battery

On February 3, 2025 7:31PM, River Forest units were dispatched to 415 Park Avenue for the domestic battery that just occurred. Upon arrival, River Forest units located the victim with a bloody nose. The victim advised she was having a verbal argument with her boyfriend, and he punched her in the face causing her to fall to the floor. The boyfriend, a 60 year old Rolling Meadows resident, fled the scene prior to our arrival. On February 9, 2025, River Forest units located the boyfriend in the parking lot located at 415 Park Avenue. The boyfriend was arrested for domestic battery and transported to the station for processing. The boyfriend was charged with domestic battery, given a misdemeanor court date, and transported to the Maybrook courthouse for a detention hearing.

25-00152 Aggravated Battery—Deadly Weapon

On February 4, 2025 1:53PM River Forest units responded to 7200 Oak Avenue for a stabbing that just occurred after the offender, a 28 year old male from Oak Park, attacked a tenant during a verbal argument. The offender's information was broadcast to surrounding agencies and he was located and apprehended near the intersection of Ogden Avenue and Pershing Road in Riverside by multiple assisting agencies. The offender was positively identified by witnesses, then transported back to River Forest Police Station where he was charged with Aggravated Battery and Attempted Murder. He was later transported to Maybrook for a Detention Hearing.

25-00153 Felony Retail Theft

On February 5, 2025 6:40AM River Forest units were dispatched to Jewel (7525 Lake Street) for a retail theft that just occurred. A subject matching the description, a 48 year old male from Broadview, was stopped on the 7500 Block of Quick and arrested after he and the proceeds were positively identified by the victim. The offender was transported to the station where he was charged with Felony retail theft and released on a Citation & Notice with a court date at Maybrook.

25-00154 Trespassing/Obstructing I.D./Warrant

On February 5, 2025 1:12PM A River Forest officer was conducting a premise check at Jewel (7525 Lake Street) when he observed a 48 year old male from Maywood whom he recognized as having been banned from Jewel previously. The male attempted to conceal items and was stopped before he could commit a theft. He then provided false information about his identity and was discovered to have an active Cook County Warrant for Retail Theft. The offender was arrested and transported to the station where he was charged with

Trespassing, Obstructing Identification and the Warrant. He was given a court date at Maybrook on local charges and later transported to Maybrook for the warrant.

25-00155 Aggravated Assault

On February 5, 2025 2:56PM, River Forest units were dispatched to the disturbance that occurred at the Walgreens located at 7251 Lake Street. Dispatch advised the offender threatened to kill employees inside the store. Upon arrival, the employee advised the offender became upset with the employee for taking another customer first. The employee advised the offender rolled up her sleeves and took a fighting stance while threatening to kill and fight the employee. The offender left the scene when she was advised the police were called. River Forest units located a subject matching the description at Marion Street and Westgate Avenue in Oak Park. The subject, a 29 year old female Oak Park resident, was positively identified as the offender and arrested for aggravated assault. The offender was transported to the station for processing. The offender was charged with aggravated assault in a public place, given a misdemeanor court date, and released on a Citation and Notice.

25-00161 Traffic Arrest

On February 7, 2025 1:10PM a River Forest patrol unit stopped a vehicle with suspended registration near the intersection of Division Street and Ashland Avenue. The driver, a 28 year old male from Chicago was subsequently arrested for No valid Driver's License. He was released from the scene on a Citation and Notice with a court date at Maybrook.

24-00166 Driving Under the Influence

On February 10, 2025 3:12AM, a River Forest officer on patrol near Harlem Avenue and Chicago Avenue observed a vehicle driving 55mph on Harlem where the speed limit is 30mph. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 40 year old female from Chicago, admitted to consuming alcohol, exhibited signs of alcohol impairment, failed Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, and was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. At the station, she provided a sample revealing a Blood Alcohol Content of 0.213. She was processed and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

25-00168 Traffic Arrest

On February 10, 2025 9:56AM a River Forest patrol unit stopped a motorist at the intersection of Lake Street and Monroe Avenue for unlawful cell phone use. The driver, a 36 year old male from Melrose Park, was subsequently arrested for Driving on a revoked license. He was cited and released from the scene on a citation and notice with a court date at Maybrook Courthouse.

25-00171 Retail Theft

On February 10, 2024 4:10PM, River Forest units were dispatched to the Jewel located at 7525 Lake Street for the retail theft that just occurred. The employee advised there were two offenders that stole merchandise valued at \$309.03 and fled the store on foot. Two suspects matching the description were located in the 7400 block of Lake Street and positively identified as the retail theft offenders. The offenders, a 35 year old male Gilberts resident and 34 year old female Chicago resident, were arrested for retail theft and transported to the station for processing. The male offender provided a false name, and a fingerprint inquiry identified the offender as having two outstanding warrants. The male offender was charged with misdemeanor retail theft, obstructing identification and two outstanding warrants. The male offender was given a misdemeanor court

date and transported to the Maybrook courthouse for a detention hearing. The female offender was charged with misdemeanor retail theft and released on a Citation and Notice.

25-00173 Traffic Arrest

On February 11, 2025 8:48AM a River Forest patrol unit stopped a motorist for speeding at the intersection of Chicago Avenue and 1st Avenue. The motorist, a 34 year old female resident of Elmwood Park, was subsequently arrested for no valid driver's license. She was cited and released from the scene on a citation and notice with a court date at Maybrook Courthouse.

25-00174 Retail Theft and Warrant Arrest

On February 11, 2025 3:30PM, River Forest Officers responded to the 7231 Lake Street for retail theft that occurred while Investigators and along with Tactical Officers worked an organized retail theft detail. The offenders were arrested on scene by Tactical Officers. Investigators reviewed village license plate readers and surveillance cameras and were able to identify the offending vehicle based on distinct damage and features to the vehicle. Investigators conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and towed the vehicle with an administrative hold. A 21-year-old female Maywood resident was charged with misdemeanor retail theft and an in-state warrant. A 30-year-old male Island Lake resident was charged with felony retail theft, one misdemeanor obstructing charge, and one unrelated warrant. The male offender was transported to the Maybrook Courthouse for a hearing, and the female offender was released on a citation and notice.

25-00178 Hit & Run

On February 11, 2025 8:54PM, River Forest units responded to Bertolli's Restaurant located at 7979 Lake Street for an accident report. The offender, a 42 year old male Oak Park resident, indicated he struck a tree in an unknown location. The responding officer determined that the offender's vehicle damage was not consistent with striking a tree. The offender sustained a head wound and was transported to Loyola Hospital for treatment. At 9:00PM, River Forest units received a report of a hit and run at 7560 Oak Street. The responding officer was able to determine the offender's vehicle struck a parked vehicle and fled the scene. The offender was arrested for leaving the scene of a property damage accident. The offender was given two citations, a misdemeanor court date, and released at the hospital with a Citation and Notice.

25-00180 Aggravated Driving While License Revoked

On February 12, 2025 1:26AM, a River Forest officer on patrol near North Avenue and Harlem Avenue observed a vehicle driving on North with a suspended registration plate. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 61 year old male from Chicago, found to be driving on a revoked license, revoked for a prior DUI, and with four additional suspensions for failure to appear in court after a traffic violation and mandatory insurance violations. He also could not provide proof of insurance for the vehicle. He was arrested for Driving While License Revoked, processed, and later released on a Citation and Notice.

25-00184 Traffic Arrest

On February 13, 2025 9:36AM a River Forest patrol unit received a notification from the Osprey LPR database for a suspended registration. After confirming the hit, the officer stopped the vehicle on the 1500 block of William Street. The motorist a 20 year old female from Chicago was subsequently arrested for no valid driver's license. She was cited and released from the scene with a court date at Maybrook.

25-00190 Traffic Arrest

On February 14, 2025 1:02PM a River Forest patrol unit received a notification from the Osprey LPR database for a suspended registration. After confirming the hit, the officer stopped the Vehicle on the 1300 block of Monroe Avenue. The driver a 23 year old male from Chicago, was subsequently arrested for driving on a suspended license. He was cited and released from the scene on a citation and notice with a court date at Maybrook Courthouse.

25-00195 Domestic Battery

On February 15, 2025 3:46PM, River Forest units were dispatched to 121 Ashland Avenue for the domestic battery that just occurred. The victim advised that he was having a verbal argument with his father and his father punched him in the face. The father, a 64 year old River Forest resident, was arrested for domestic battery and transported to the station for processing. The father was charged with domestic battery, given a misdemeanor court date, and transported to Maybrook courthouse for a detention hearing.

25-00209 Traffic Arrest

On February 20, 2025 9:36AM a River Forest patrol unit received a notification from the Osprey LPR database for a suspended registration. The officer confirmed the hit and stopped the vehicle on the 1200 block of Harlem Avenue. The motorist, a 22 year old female from Chicago, was subsequently arrested for driving on a suspended license. She was cited and released from the scene on a citation and notice with a court date at Maybrook.

25-00210 Driving While License Suspended

On February 20, 2024 11:22PM, a River Forest officer on patrol near North Avenue and Harlem Avenue observed a vehicle stopped in the intersection with the driver asleep at the wheel. The driver, a 29 year old male from Chicago, was contacted was found to be driving on a suspended license, suspended for a failure to appear in court after a traffic violation. He was arrested for Driving While License Suspended, processed, and later released on a Citation and Notice.

25-00213 Traffic Arrest

On February 21, 2025 1:44PM a River Forest patrol unit received a notification from the Osprey LPR database for a suspended registration. After confirming the hit, the officer stopped the vehicle in the parking lot of 7400 North Avenue. The driver, a 30 year old male from Chicago, was subsequently arrested for no Valid driver's license. He was cited and released from the scene on a citation and notice with a court date at Maybrook.

25-000216 Driving Under the Influence

On February 22, 2025 1:01AM, a River Forest officer on patrol near Harlem Avenue and North Avenue observed a vehicle driving 60mph on North where the speed limit is 30mph, with an expired registration plate. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 35 year old male from Lombard, admitted to consuming alcohol, exhibited signs of alcohol impairment, and was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. He also could not provide proof of insurance for the vehicle. He was processed and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

25-00217 Traffic Arrest

On February 22, 2025 9:00AM a River Forest patrol unit received a notification from the Osprey LPR database for a suspended registration. After confirming the hit, the officer stopped the vehicle near the intersection of North Avenue and Harlem Avenue. The motorist, a 58 year old female from Romeoville, was subsequently

arrested for driving on a suspended license. She was cited and released from the scene on a citation and notice with a court date at Maybrook.

25-00222 Traffic Arrest

On February 24, 2025 10:31AM a River Forest patrol unit received a notification from the Osprey LPR database for a suspended registration. After confirming the hit, the officer stopped the vehicle on the 1600 block of 76th Avenue in Elmwood Park. The driver, a 34 year old female from Elmwood Park, was subsequently arrested for driving on a suspended license. She was cited and released from the scene on a citation and notice with a court date at Maybrook.

25-00227 Traffic Arrest

On February 24, 2025 8:01AM a River Forest patrol unit received a notification from the Osprey LPR database for suspended registration. The officer confirmed the hit and stopped the vehicle on the 7300 block of North Avenue. The driver, a 30 year old female from Melrose Park, was subsequently arrested for driving a suspended license. She was cited and released from the scene on a citation and notice with a court date at Maybrook

25-00232 Aggravated Driving Under the Influence

On February 25, 2025 3:40AM, a River Forest officer on patrol near Madison Street and Franklin Avenue observed a vehicle driving on Madison with one of its tires missing. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 26 year old male from Bartlett, 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. He was found to be driving despite never having been issued a driver's license. At the station, she provided a sample revealing a Blood Alcohol Content of 0.201. He was processed and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

25-00239 Soliciting without a Permit & Outside Agency Arrest Warrant

On February 27, 2025 at 2:58PM, River Forest units were dispatched to 1400 Franklin Avenue for the possible home repair fraud in-progress. Upon arrival, River Forest units located the offending vehicle and two subjects in the driveway. Responding officers determined the offender, a 35 year old male Elmwood Park resident, solicited business with the resident without a permit to repair cracks in the driveway. The vehicle's passenger, a 34 year old female Elmwood Park resident, was arrested for an outstanding Cook County warrant for Hit and Run. The male offender was issued a local ordinance citation for soliciting without a permit, and released with an administrative hearing date. The female was transported to the station for processing and transported to the Maybrook courthouse for a detention hearing.

25-00241 Possession of a Controlled Substance/Outside Agency Arrest Warrant

On February 27, 2025 6:38PM, River Forest units were dispatched to Harlem Avenue and Berkshire Street for the accident with injuries. The drivers involved refused an ambulance transport to the hospital. The at fault driver, a 34 year old male Chicago resident, was determined to have an outstanding Cook County warrant for possession of a controlled substance and a suspended driver's license. The driver was arrested and transported to the station for processing. At the station, a custodial search of the driver's backpack was conducted, and the arresting officer recovered a glass pipe and three grams of crack-cocaine. The driver was charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving while license

suspended, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, and the Cook County outstanding warrant. The driver was given a felony court date and transported to the Maybrook courthouse for a detention hearing.

25-00242 Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol

On February 27, 2025 9:50PM, River Forest units were dispatched to 13 Franklin Avenue for a car that struck a tree. Upon arrival, River Forest units conducted a thorough investigation and determined the at fault vehicle was traveling eastbound on the 7700 block of Madison at a high rate of speed. The vehicle struck the median and skidded across westbound lanes of traffic striking a light pole in the parking lot located at 7756 Madison Street. The vehicle continued to skid at high speeds striking a light pole on Franklin Avenue and a tree in front of 13 Franklin Avenue. The driver, a 30 year old male Chicago resident, displayed signs of alcohol intoxication and was transported to Loyola Hospital for treatment. At the hospital, the driver submitted to chemical testing. The driver was released from the hospital and transported to the station for processing. The driver was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, damage to village property, operating uninsured motor vehicle, improper lane usage, and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. The driver was given a misdemeanor court date and released on a Citation and Notice.

25-00244 Traffic Arrest

On February 28, 2025 12:15PM a River Forest patrol unit received a notification from the Osprey LPR database for a suspended registration. After confirming the hit, the officer stopped the vehicle on the 7500 block of division Street. The Driver, a 36 year-old male from Chicago, was subsequently arrested for driving on a suspended license. He was cited and released from the scene on a citation and notice with a court date at Maybrook.

	Midnights 2230-0630	Day Watch 0630-1430	Third Watch 1430-2230	Traffic & Tactical Unit
Criminal Arrests	2	4	7	8
Warrant Arrests	1	1	4	5
D.U.I Arrests	4	0	1	0
Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests	3	13	4	6
Hazardous Moving Violations	86	100	69	57
Compliance Citations	13	12	10	7
Parking Citations	170	15	13	16
Traffic Stop Data Sheets	103	199	68	52
Quasi-Criminal Arrests/ L.O	0	0	1	2
Field Interviews	1	2	13	11
Premise Checks/Foot Patrols	363	241	233	83
Written Reports	17	64	48	21
Administrative Tows	6	9	5	8
Booted vehicles	0	0	0	0
Sick Time used (in days)	2	1	2	0

Detective Division

Detective Sergeant Labriola worked nine (9) days performing detective duties in light duty capacity.

Detective Zermeno worked eighteen (18) days performing detective duties, with 3 (three) days in light duty capacity.

Detective Zermeno was reassigned to two (2) afternoon shifts.

Detective Zermeno attended numerous court proceedings for previous criminal cases.

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

During the month of February, the Detective Unit opened up/reviewed eleven (11) cases for potential follow-up. Of those cases, six (6) were cleared with an arrest and five (5) are still active. 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 February.

Year to Date Arrest Statistics

Quantity Arrested	# Felony Charges	# Misdemeanor Charges	# Warrants
8	15	7	4

February 2025 Case Assignment Summary

Group A	# Cases	Cleared by Arrest	Adm Closed	Screen Out	Susp	Except	Pend	Refer	Unfound
Attempt Murder	1	1							
Domestic Battery	1	1							
Theft	1	1							
Battery	1						1		
Retail Theft	2	1					1		
Group A Total	6	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Group B	# Cases	Cleared by Arrest	Adm Closed	Screen Out	Susp	Except Clear	Pend	Refer	Unfound
Soliciting without a Permit	1	1							
Fleeing and Eluding	1						1		
Hit & Run	3	1					2		
Group B Total	5	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
TOTALS	10	6	0	0	0	0	5	0	0

February 2025 Juvenile Arrests

Offenses	Adjusted	Cited	Petitioned	Referred
Petty Larceny		3		
Total (1)	0	3	0	0

New Investigations

25-00134 Theft Under \$500

On January 31, 2025 12:04PM, a River Forest resident contacted the investigations unit after being notified by other victims that pride flags had been stolen and recovered. Investigators worked with the victim and were able to locate the victim's flag as property recovered from a previous arrest (24-01608), in which one adult and three juveniles were processed and charged for the theft of a separate victim's flag. Victim requested that all offenders be cited, three juveniles ages: 16-year-old Chicago resident, 16-year-old River Forest resident, 17-year-old River Forest resident, and one 18-year-old River Forest resident, were cited with petty larceny and given an adjudication hearing date. This case was cleared by arrest.

25-00148 Domestic Battery

On February 3, 2025 7:31PM, River Forest Officers responded to the 400 block of Park Avenue for a Domestic Battery in progress. Officers learned that the 60-year-old resident's boyfriend battered her and was actively bleeding. Officers and Investigators attempted to have the offender turn himself in without success. His vehicle registration was entered into the village license plate readers pending his return to the area. Officers were notified of the vehicle in the area, the offender, 60-year-old Rolling Meadows resident, was taken into custody and charged with misdemeanor Domestic Battery. This case was cleared by an arrest.

25-000152 Stabbing

On February 4, 2023 1:53PM, River Forest Officers were dispatched to the 7200 Block of Oak Avenue for a stabbing that just occurred, and the offender was possibly on scene. Officers and investigators arrived on scene and determined that the scene was safe and the known offender fled the scene in his vehicle. Investigators and officers worked with witnesses on scene to gather offender information and disseminated it to assisting agencies. The offender, 28-year-old Oak Park resident, was taken into custody by assisting agencies and brought back to River Forest. His vehicle was towed and held after a search warrant was executed. The offender was charged two felony counts of Attempted Murder and Aggravated Battery-Bodily Harm. This case was cleared by arrest.

25-00174 Retail Theft

On February 11, 2025 3:30PM, River Forest Officers responded to the 7231 Lake Street for retail theft that occurred while Investigators and along with Tactical Officers worked an organized retail theft detail. The offenders were arrested on scene by Tactical Officers. Investigators reviewed village license plate readers and surveillance cameras and were able to identify the offending vehicle based on distinct damage and features to the vehicle. Investigators conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and towed the vehicle with an administrative hold. A 21-year-old female Maywood resident was charged with misdemeanor retail theft. A 30-year-old male Island Lake resident was charged with felony retail theft, one misdemeanor obstructing charge, and one unrelated warrant. This case was cleared by arrest.

25-00178 Hit and Run

On February 11, 2025 8:54PM, River Forest Officers responded to the 7900 block of Lake Street for a person who reported a single driver claiming to have hit a tree and was actively bleeding from his head. On scene, officers and investigators gathered information that led them to believe that the driver of the single vehicle accident was being deceitful. An additional caller reported that his parked vehicle had been struck by an unknown vehicle on the 7500 block of Oak Avenue. Officers and Investigators were able to review surveillance

footage and broken pieces of the offending vehicle left on scene to determine that the driver, 42-year-old Oak Park resident, had fled the scene of an accident and attempted to further obtain a ride after he determined his vehicle was disabled. He was charged with failing to reduce speed to avoid an accident and leaving the scene of an accident. His vehicle was towed by investigators with an administrative hold. This case was cleared by arrest.

25-00185 Retail Theft

On February 10 2025, 12:00PM, River Forest Tactical Officers obtained intelligence about a retail theft crew that was active in the River Forest area. Officers along with investigators reviewed video surveillance footage and license plate reader systems and determined that the vehicle committed an unreported retail theft at Jewel 7525 Lake Street. The case is pending further investigation.

25-00189 Hit and Run

On February 13, 2025, 6:10PM, River Forest Officers responded to the 7300 block of Lake Street for a hit and run accident. The offending vehicle was captured on village surveillance cameras turning left, failing to yield to oncoming traffic causing a collision. The offending vehicle registration was captured on village license plate readers and is eligible for an administrative tow. This case is pending further investigation.

25-00214 Hit and Run

On February 21, 2025 6:23PM, River Forest Officers responded to the 7800 Block of Augusta Street for a hit and run accident. The driver of the offending vehicle approached the victim prior to fleeing the scene e/b Augusta Street. The victim obtained the offender's registration prior to leaving. The offending vehicle is eligible for an administrative tow. This case is pending further investigation.

25-00215 Battery

On February 21, 2025 7:33PM, River Forest units were dispatched to Jewel 7525 Lake Street reference a battery that had just occurred. The victim, a Jewel employee assisted the offender locate his drink of choice in the liquor section. While the offender was at self-checkout, he began yelling at the victim and struck him in the head with his left arm prior to fleeing the store. It is unknown if the offender took proceeds from the store. The victim and witnesses believe they can identify the offender. This is pending further investigation.

25-00225 Fleeing and Eluding

On February 23, 2025 8:36PM, a River Forest Officer attempted a traffic stop on a Grey Hyundai Elantra near Desplaines and Madison Street. Upon the officer exiting her squad car, the vehicle fled the scene. It was observed by Forest Park Officers fleeing recklessly e/b onto I-290 from Harlem Avenue. This is pending further investigation.

25-00239 Home Repair Fraud Attempt

On February 27, 2025 2:58PM, investigators were conducting follow-up with a victim of a scam from 2024 when she disclosed over the phone that she currently had unsolicited subjects working at her residence. Investigators dispatched River Forest Officers and made contact with the offenders, 35-year-old female Elmwood Park resident and 35-year-old male Chicago resident who solicited business for concrete work. The male was cited on scene for soliciting without a permit. The female was arrested for an active Cook County warrant. This case was cleared by arrest.

Old Investigations

24-00610 Aggravated Battery to a Police Officer

On May 23, 2024 5:45PM, Investigators and Tactical Officers working with WEDGE Task Force located a stolen vehicle traveling e/b near the I-290/Cicero exit ramp. Officers attempted to stop the vehicle as the offender intentionally struck River Forest unmarked squad car with activated emergency equipment disabling it. The driver exited the vehicle and fled across the expressway making good on his escape. Investigators along with witnesses on the scene worked to identify the driver. An officer in the vehicle was transported to Loyola Hospital for minor injuries. On January 27, 2025, the 20-year-old Chicago resident was arrested by Chicago Police and held at Cook County Jail. Investigators traveled to Cook County Jail where the offender was interviewed and charged with multiple Illinois Vehicle Code violations: including no valid license, no insurance, no insurance bodily harm, failure to yield to an emergency vehicle, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, and pedestrian walking on a highway. The offender was also cited with a local ordinance citation for injuring village property (vehicle) (3 misdemeanors/2 felonies). The case was also continued for additional direct indictment charges for class 2 felony charges: Aggravated Battery to a Peace Officer and Damage to Government Property (\$10-\$100K). This case was cleared by arrest.

24-01025 Burglary to Motor Vehicle

On August 21 2024, 3:53PM, River Forest Officers were dispatched to the 400 block of Clinton Place regarding a motor vehicle theft in progress. The witness reported seeing two offenders in black hoodies riding Divy bikes attempting to steal a vehicle. The victim reported damage to her vehicle window and her black wallet with credit cards and cash had been taken from the vehicle. Officers conducted evidence work on the vehicle and a screwdriver left behind by the offenders. The collected evidence was submitted to the Illinois State Forensic Science Center in Chicago. On February 26, 2025, a lab report was issued for a CODIS association identifying one of the offenders as an 18-year-old Chicago resident. The offender was previously arrested as a juvenile by River Forest Officers for the theft of a motor vehicle on September 30, 2023 documented under case report 23-01246. This case was re-opened pending further investigation.

Training

During the month of February 2025, twenty-seven (27) officers/civilian employees attended different training classes for a total of two-hundred and twenty-seven (227) hours of training. The Department members, courses, and total number of hours included in the courses are detailed below.

Officer	Course	Start	End	Hours
Barcnas	Vehicle Stops: Focus on Officer Safety	2/18/2025	2/18/2025	8
Barcnas	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Barcnas	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Bus	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Bus	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Casarez	Two Officer Control and Arrest Tactics	2/10/2025	2/10/2025	8
Casarez	Offset's Gap-Free Narrative Report Writing	2/3/2025	2/3/2025	8
Casarez	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Casarez	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1

Casey	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Casey	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Cassidy	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Cassidy	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Catalano	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Catalano	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Coleman	Close Quarter Handgun Skills-1	2/5/2025	2/6/2025	16
Coleman	ILETSB-Intro to CIT Training/Mental Health	2/10/2025	2/10/2025	8
Coleman	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Coleman	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Coleman	PLI February 2025 Monthly Legal Update	2/1/2025	2/28/2025	1
Cortes	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Cortes	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Cortes	PLI February 2025 Monthly Legal Update	2/1/2025	2/28/2025	1
Cortes	Field Force Extrication Tactics	2/18/2025	2/22/2025	40
Czernik	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Czernik	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Dosen	Acting Officer in Charge	2/19/2025	2/21/2025	24
Dosen	PLI February 2025 Monthly Legal Update	2/1/2025	2/28/2025	1
Dosen	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Dosen	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Drake	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Drake	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Drake	PLI February 2025 Monthly Legal Update	2/1/2025	2/28/2025	1
Fries	PLI February 2025 Monthly Legal Update	2/1/2025	2/28/2025	1
Fries	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Fries	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Gonzalez	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Gonzalez	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Gonzalez	PLI February 2025 Monthly Legal Update	2/1/2025	2/28/2025	1
Greenwood	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Greenwood	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Grill	PLI February 2025 Monthly Legal Update	2/1/2025	2/28/2025	1
Grill	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Grill	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Humphreys	PLI February 2025 Monthly Legal Update	2/1/2025	2/28/2025	1
Humphreys	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Humphreys	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Juarez	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Juarez	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Labriola	Seizure Training	2/6/2025	2/6/2025	3
Labriola	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Labriola	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1

Landini	PLI February 2025 Monthly Legal Update	2/1/2025	2/28/2025	1
Landini	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Landini	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Lenz	Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving	2/24/2025	2/25/2025	16
Lenz	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Lenz	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Mika	Enhanced Traffic Enforcement for Patrol	2/25/2025	2/25/2025	8
Mika	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Mika	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Mika	PLI February 2025 Monthly Legal Update	2/1/2025	2/28/2025	1
Murillo	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Murillo	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Niemann	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Niemann	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Niemann	PLI February 2025 Monthly Legal Update	2/1/2025	2/28/2025	1
Ransom	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Ransom	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Swierczynski	How to Live, Work, and Retire Healthfully	2/11/2025	2/11/2025	1
Swierczynski	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Swierczynski	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Tagle	Building Entry and Control Tactics	2/4/2025	2/5/2025	16
Tagle	PLI February 2025 Monthly Legal Update	2/1/2025	2/28/2025	1
Tagle	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Tagle	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Zermeno	Seizure Training	2/6/2025	2/6/2025	3
Zermeno	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Zermeno	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Total				225