



Village of River Forest

POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

TO: Matt Walsh – Village Administrator

FROM: James O’Shea- Chief of Police

DATE: February 10, 2025

SUBJECT: January 2025 Monthly Report

Crime Statistics

The month of January 2025 indicated an 8% increase in Group A offenses in comparison to January 2024. 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 8% decrease in Group B offenses compared to January 2024. This decrease is due to less 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 the use of more accurate information and comparisons. We will continue to report any anomalies in data or statistics in calendar year (2024).

	Jan 2025	Jan 2024	Diff. +/-	% +/-	YTD 2025	YTD 2024	Diff. +/-	% +/-
Group A	14	15	-1	-7%	14	15	-1	-7%
Group B	11	12	-1	-8%	11	12	-1	-8%
All Other	31	37	-6	-16%	31	37	-6	-16%
Reports	124	115	11	8%	124	115	11	8%
Events	991	1053	-63	-6%	991	1053	-63	-6%

Town Center

The Police Department responded to forty-nine (49) calls for service at the Town Center properties in January 2025; of those calls there were thirty-four (34) reported crimes, which included nineteen (19) Retail Thefts and eleven 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 an eighty-eight percent (88%) 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

- Participated in a teleconference with the FBI regarding the terrorist attack in New Orleans. on January 3, 2025.
- Attended the Capital Improvement Project Planning meeting on January 7, 2025.
- Attended the West Suburban Chiefs of Police meeting on January 8, 2025.
- Attended the Village Board of Trustees meeting on January 13, 2025.
- Attended the West Suburban Consolidated Dispatch Center Operations meeting on January 16, 2025.
- Participated in a vendor webinar on January 16, 2025.
- Attended vendor meetings on January 17, 2025.
- Met with a resident on January 23, 2025.
- Attended the West Suburban Major Crimes Task Force Command meeting on January 28, 2025.
- Hosted the Quarterly Community Safety Meeting on January 29, 2025.

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.

January 2025 ACTIVITY	CSO BUS
Bank/Metra	17 Assignments 2.8 Hrs.
Errands	4 Assignments 6 Hrs.
Local Ordinance Enforcement / Citations	0 Assignments 0 Citations
Parking Citations	37 Citations
Fingerprinting Assignments	3 Assignment 1.5 Hrs.

Administrative Duties	13 Assignments 16 Hrs.
Animal Calls	1 Assignment 30 Min.
Vehicle Service	14 Assignments 14 Hrs.
Crossings	0 Assignments 0 Min.
Bond Hearing / Court	9 Assignments 12.5 Hrs.
Other Assignments	13 Assignments 9.5 Hrs.
Adjudication / Red Light Hearing	1 Assignment 3 Hrs.
Child Safety Seat Inspection/Install	1 Assignments 25 Min.
Other Calls for Service	26 Assignments 15.5 Hrs.

January 2025	CSO BUS
VIOLATION TYPE	TICKETS
Time Limit	0
No Parking Anytime	0
Vehicle License	2
Fire Lane/Hydrant	1
Handicapped	0
Resident Only Zone	3
Permit Parking Only	12
Daily Parking Fee Zone	11
Expired Registration	2
Other Parking Offense	6
TOTAL	37

School Resource/Community Service Officer Activity Summary for January 2025

Written Reports	10
Foot Patrols / Premise Checks	19
River Forest Community Safety and Too Good For Drugs Activities	7
Calls for Service	3
Other Assignments	19 Assignments - 71 Hrs.
Special Assignments	36 Assignments - 83 Hrs.

School and Community-Support Activity Highlights for January 2025

Ofc. Drake completed the following:

- Attended In-Service training on 01/02/2025.
- Completed monthly report on 01/02/2025.
- Completed Police Law Institute online training and ILETSB Crisis Intervention online training on 01/03/2025.
- Assisted resident with Vacation Watch entry on 01/04/2025.
- Attended monthly Village adjudication hearing on 01/07/2025.
- Met with OPRF intern for monthly assistance at RFPD on 01/07/2025.
- Observed new taser training on 01/07/2025.
- Assisted records with coverage on 01/07/2025.
- Completed juvenile follow up and supplemental report #24-01644 on 01/08/2025.
- Attended Youth Network Council virtual meeting on 01/09/2025.
- Conducted two (2) Too Good For Drugs lessons at St. Luke on 01/10/2025.
- Completed juvenile follow up and supplemental report #24-01644 on 01/10/2025.
- Conducted Trinity High School Cyber Safety student presentation on 01/10/2025.
- Conducted one (1) Too Good For Drugs lesson at Grace Lutheran on 01/15/2025.
- Attended Town Center Management meeting with command staff on 01/16/2025.
- Conducted Trinity High School Cyber Safety parent presentation with Sgt. Ransom on 01/16/2025.
- Conducted two (2) Too Good For Drugs lessons at St. Luke on 01/17/2025.
- Attended Opioid Task Force monthly online meeting on 01/17/2025.
- Scheduled River Forest Community Safety presentations with all participating schools on 01/21/2025.
- Completed Bloodborne and Hazmat online training on 01/21/2025.
- Resolved resident Bike Portal issue on Frontline on 01/21/2025.
- Completed school follow up and supplemental report #25-00073 on 01/21/2025.
- Completed juvenile follow up and supplemental report #24-01644 on 01/22/2025.
- Attended FOP State Lodge training in Hillside on 01/22/2025.
- Conducted Safety Presentation for Dominican University Physician Assistant Program on 01/23/2025.
- Completed Quarterly Community Safety Meeting preparations on 01/24/2025.
- Conducted St. Vincent Ferrer Safety and Police Officer presentation on 01/27/2025.
- Attended meeting with Dominican University Public Safety and administration regarding ICE concerns on 01/27/2025.
- Assisted patrol and completed crash report #25-00111 on 01/27/2025.
- Completed Sheridan follow up and supplemental report #25-00107 on 01/27/2025.
- Completed Elderly Service follow up and supplemental report #25-00113 on 01/28/2025.
- Attended Concordia University Chicago's Human Trafficking and Stalking Awareness event on 01/28/2025.
- Conducted Sheridan safety presentation with Cmdr. Swierczynski on 01/28/2025.
- Completed Sheridan supplemental report #25-00109 on 01/28/2025.
- Completed school follow up and supplemental report #25-00073 on 01/29/2025.
- Conducted one (1) Too Good For Drugs lesson at Grace Lutheran on 01/29/2025.
- Assisted St. Vincent Ferrer Principal with advice call on 01/29/2025.
- Conducted Quarterly Community Safety Meeting on 01/29/2025.

- Completed Roosevelt school report #25-00126 on 01/30/2025.
- Completed squad school fob labeling on 01/30/2025.
- Attended Roosevelt meeting with school administration regarding #25-00126 on 01/30/2025.
- Attended River Forest Community Safety telephone meeting on 01/30/2025.
- 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 February 2025

Ofc. Drake will:

- Attend Village Adjudication Hearing on 02/03/2025.
- Attend Youth Network Council virtual monthly meeting on 02/13/2025.
- Attend M-Team online meeting on 02/19/2025.
- Conduct Too Good For Drugs Lessons at St. Vincent Ferrer, St. Luke and Grace Lutheran on 02/12/2025, 02/13/2025, 02/19/2025, 02/20/2025, 02/21/2025 and 02/27/2025.
- Conduct River Forest Community Safety Classroom presentations at St. Vincent Ferrer, St. Luke, Grace Lutheran and Lincoln on 02/04/2025, 02/05/2025, 02/06/2025, 02/11/2025, 02/12/2025, 02/13/2025, 02/18/2025, 02/19/2025, 02/25/2025, and 02/26/2025.
- 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.
- Manage new LPR camera installation project.
- Manage street camera system.
- 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.

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

January 1 – January 31, 2025

December is the ninth month of Fiscal Year 2025. There was a 7% increase in overtime costs in comparison to January 2024. Overtime costs increased by 14% YTD compared to Fiscal Year 2025 to Fiscal Year 2024.

Revenue/Expenditure Summary

Category	Total # Paid FY25 01/31	Total # Paid FY25 Y-T-D	Expenditure/ Revenue FY25 01/31	FY25 Y-T-D Expenditure/Revenue
Parking/Compliance Citations	213	1634	\$13,471	\$157,101
Admin. Tows	22	204	\$11,000	\$107,000
Local Ordinance	0	15	\$0	\$2,965
Overtime	292.25hrs	3,239.75hrs	\$21,265	\$264,476

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 on enforcement on North Avenue and Harlem Avenue. Dayshift was assigned traffic enforcement missions on Lake Street, North Avenue and Harlem Avenue. The Afternoon Shift conducted enforcement missions on Thatcher Avenue, Madison Street and North Avenue. The traffic/tactical unit conducted enforcement missions on North Avenue.

The Midnight Shift made twenty (20) stops, issued eighteen (18) citations and (6) 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.

Dayshift made sixty-seven (67) stops, seventy-nine (79) citations and twenty-nine (29) warnings issued. The shift recorded four (4) traffic-related arrests during enforcement missions this month. Four (4) vehicles were administratively towed.

The Afternoon shift made fifty-one (51) stops with sixty-five (65) citations and sixteen (16) warnings were issued during traffic enforcement missions. The shift made fourteen (14) traffic arrests with seven (7) administrative towed vehicles during their enforcement missions.

The traffic/tactical unit made ten (10) stops with seven (7) citations and three (3) warnings were issued during the traffic enforcement missions. One (1) traffic arrest, with one (1) administrative towed vehicle during their enforcement missions.

Notable Events and Arrests:

25-00001 Driving While License Suspended

On January 1, 2025, 2:21AM, a River Forest officer on patrol near Lake Street and Park Avenue observed a vehicle driving on Lake Street with a suspended registration plate. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 27 year old male from Chicago, was found to be driving on a suspended license, suspended for mandatory insurance violations. He also could not provide proof of insurance for the vehicle. He was arrested for Driving While License Suspended, processed, and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

25-00016 Driving Under the Influence/ Hit and Run

On January 4, 2025, 8:25PM, River Forest units were dispatched to the 800 block of Harlem for an auto crash with disturbance. The first officer who arrived on scene observed the offender, a 35-year-old male from Berwyn attempting to flee the scene on foot. The offender was apprehended. The offender was also suspected to be under the influence of alcohol, and it was later learned he did not possess a valid driver's license. The

offender was evaluated at a local hospital due to the crash and was later transported to RFPD where he was charged with aggravated Driving Under the Influence, hit and run, obstructing a police officer, illegal transportation of alcohol, and other vehicle code violations. The offender was released from on a Citation and Notice to Appear.

24-00019 Traffic Arrest

On January 7, 2025, 8:13AM, a River Forest patrol unit received a notification from the Osprey LPR database for a suspended registration, verified the violation and stopped the vehicle near the intersection of Lake Street and Edgewood Place. The driver, a 24 year old female from Chicago, was 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.

24-00026 Traffic Arrest

On January 9, 2025, 08:15AM, a River Forest patrol unit received a notification from the Osprey LPR database for a suspended registration, verified the violation and stopped the vehicle near the intersection of Lake Street and Edgewood Place. The driver, a 46 year old male from Oak Park, was arrested for No Valid Driver's license and issued multiple other citations. The male was cited and released from the scene on a Citation and Notice with a court date at Maybrook Courthouse.

25-00029 Warrant Arrest

On January 10, 2025, at 2:12AM, a River Forest officer on patrol near Harlem Avenue and North Avenue observed a vehicle which was suspicious due to it having no record of being registered with the Secretary of State. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 21 year old female from Bellwood, was found to be wanted by DuPage County on a warrant for retail theft and by Cook County on a warrant for a traffic offense. The female was arrested for the warrants, processed, and later transported to Maybrook Courthouse for a detention hearing.

25-00042 No Valid Driver's License

On January 12, 2025, 2:45AM, a River Forest officer on patrol near North Avenue and Harlem Avenue observed a vehicle driving on North with an expired registration plate. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 41 year old male from Chicago, was found to be driving despite never having been issued a driver's license. He also could not provide proof of insurance for the vehicle. He was arrested for Driving with No Valid Driver's License, processed, and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

24-00046 Traffic Arrest

On January 13, 2025, 10:55AM, a River Forest patrol unit received a notification from the Osprey LPR database for suspended registration, verified the violation and stopped the vehicle on the 7300 block of Central Avenue. The driver, a 51 year old female from Chicago, was arrested for Driving While License Suspended. She was cited and released from the scene on a citation and Notice with a court date at Maybrook.

24-01580 Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm/Burglary

On January 15, 2025, 8:00AM, River Forest tactical officers arrived at the Sangamon County Courthouse in Springfield, Illinois. Tactical officers located a subject who was wanted in connection with a burglary and aggravated discharge of a firearm that occurred on the 400 blk of North Harlem Avenue on December 17th, 2024. The offender, an 18-year-old male from Chicago, was taken into custody in the courthouse. The offender

was transported back to River Forest. The male was charged with Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm and Burglary. He was processed and transported to the Maybrook Courthouse and was later denied pre-trial release.

24-00056 Aggravated Assault / Felony Retail Theft / Warrants x2

On January 15, 2025, at 1:12PM, River Forest patrol units responded to Walgreens (7251 Lake Street) for a retail theft that just occurred. Live updates were being given out by department members monitoring the camera system and the offender was last seen entering the CTA station at 1 S. Harlem. Officers responded, and checked the Green Line platform where the offender, a 46 year old male from Chicago was discovered in one of the train cars. While being taken into custody, the male assaulted a police officer by swinging a closed fist. The offender and proceeds were positively identified, and he was transported to the station where he was charged with Aggravated Assault to a Police Officer and Felony Retail Theft. The male was also discovered to have two active warrants out of Cook County. The male was charged and later transported to Maybrook Courthouse for a detention hearing.

24-00072 Driving Under the Influence

On January 18, 2025, 3:12AM, a River Forest officer on patrol near Harlem Avenue and Lake Street observed a vehicle driving 52mph on Lake where the speed limit is 30mph. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 31 year old female from Schiller Park, 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 0.146. She was processed and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

25-00076 Driving Under the Influence

On January 19, 2025, 3:05AM, a River Forest officer on patrol near Harlem Avenue and North Avenue observed a vehicle swerving out of its lane several times while driving on Harlem. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 32 year old male 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, he provided a sample revealing a Blood Alcohol Content of 0.142. He was processed and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

25-00086 No Valid Driver's License

On January 21, 2025, 5:00AM, a River Forest officer on patrol near North Avenue and Harlem Avenue observed a vehicle driving on Harlem with a suspended registration plate. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 30 year old male from Chicago, was found to be driving despite never having been issued a driver's license. He also could not provide proof of insurance for the vehicle. He was arrested for Driving with No Valid Driver's License, processed, and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

24-00087 Traffic Arrest

On January 21, 2025, 8:24AM, a River Forest patrol unit received a notification from the Osprey LPR database for a suspended registration, verified the violation and stopped the vehicle on the 8000 block of Lake Street, the driver, a 34 year old male from Franklin Park, was arrested for No Valid Driver's License. He was transported

to the station, identified and processed. The male was released on a from the station on a citation and Notice with a court date at Maybrook.

24-00088 Disorderly Conduct/Warrants x4

On January 21, 2025, 8:50AM, a River Forest units responded to Walgreens (7251 Lake Street) for a disturbance involving a 30 year old male from Chicago and a 30 year old female from Chicago arguing and threatening employees. The subjects were located near the intersection of South Boulevard and Oak Park Avenue in Oak Park. The female was arrested, cited for Disorderly Conduct, and released from the scene on a Citation and Notice with a court date at Maybrook. The male was arrested, provided false information about his identity and was transported to the station to be identified. He was discovered to have four active warrants out of DuPage County, Lake County and McHenry County. He was charged with disorderly conduct and later transported to Maybrook Courthouse for extradition.

25-00109 Residential Burglary

On January 26, 2025, 7:37PM, River Forest units were dispatched to the Sheridan located at 800 Harlem for a theft report. Responding officers met with the victim, a 94-year-old female from River Forest along with several members of Sheridan staff, and officers determined a residential burglary had occurred in the victim's unit. Officers investigated and learned the offender entered the building under the guise of a caregiver and gained entry into the victim's room where she stole several pieces of jewelry. Officers utilized various cameras and the license plate reader system to determine the vehicle that the offender used. The information collected during the initial investigation was shared with the detective and tactical units along with outside agencies, and the offender, a 27-year-old female from Chicago, was arrested on January 28th 2025. The offender was also wanted for a previous River Forest case where she committed the same offense. The offender was charged with two counts of Residential Burglary and was transported to the Maybrook Courthouse for a detention hearing.

25-00110 No Valid Driver's License

On January 27, 2025, at 5:56AM, a River Forest officer on patrol near Lathrop Avenue and Lake Street observed a vehicle driving on Lake with a suspended registration plate. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 33 year old male from Melrose Park, was found to be driving despite never having been issued a driver's license. He also could not provide proof of insurance for the vehicle. He was arrested for Driving with No Valid Driver's License, processed, and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

25-00117 Robbery

On January 28, 2025, 3:12PM, a River Forest unit was waved down by a Walgreens employee at 7251 Lake Street regarding an offender, a 34-year-old male from Evanston, running from the store who had just stolen beer. Officers observed the offender remove the beer from his backpack before attempting to walk away. Officers took the offender into custody. It was later learned that as the offender was leaving the store, he pushed an employee who was pregnant. The offender also had a warrant from Cook County for assault. The offender was charged with robbery, aggravated battery to merchant, obstructing identification, and the warrant. He was transported to Maybrook Courthouse for a detention hearing.

	Midnights 2230-0630	Day Watch 0630-1430	Third Watch 1430-2230	Traffic & Tactical Unit
Criminal Arrests	1	3	5	8
Warrant Arrests	1	6	2	2
D.U.I Arrests	3	0	1	0
Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests	5	5	27	3
Hazardous Moving Violations	62	97	174	17
Compliance Citations	39	18	22	1
Parking Citations	189	18	3	1
Traffic Stop Data Sheets	137	138	112	34
Quasi-Criminal Arrests/ L.O	0	0	0	0
Field Interviews	2	8	11	8
Premise Checks/Foot Patrols	474	256	212	49
Written Reports	23	36	104	17
Administrative Tows	9	6	16	13
Booted vehicles	0	0	0	0
Sick Time used (in days)	2	1	1	1

Detective Division

Detective Sergeant Labriola worked nineteen (19) days performing detective duties in light duty capacity.

Detective Zermeno worked twenty-two (22) days performing detective duties.

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

Detective Sergeant Labriola instructed in-service rapid deployment for one day.

Detective Zermeno attended in-service rapid deployment in-service for one day.

Both Detective Sergeant Labriola and Detective Zermeno attended numerous court proceedings for previous criminal cases.

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

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

Year to Date Arrest Statistics

Quantity Arrested	# Felony Charges	# Misdemeanor Charges	# Warrants
4	8	1	2

January 2025 Case Assignment Summary

Group A	# Cases	Cleared by Arrest	Adm Closed	Screen Out	Susp	Except	Pend	Refer	Unfound
Residential Burglary	1	1							
Burglary to Motor Vehicle	1						1		
Criminal Damage	1					1			
Domestic Battery	1	1							
Retail Theft	1					1			
Group A Total	5	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
Group B	# Cases	Cleared by Arrest	Adm Closed	Screen Out	Susp	Except Clear	Pend	Refer	Unfound
Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding	1					1			
Personal Injury Accident	1						1		
Hit & Run	1					1			
Group B Total	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
TOTALS	8	2	0	0	0	4	2	0	0

January 2025 Juvenile Arrests

Offenses	Adjusted	Cited	Petitioned	Referred
No Valid DL		1	0	
Total (1)	0	1	0	0

New Investigations

24-01547 Assist Other Police Department

On December 20, 2024, at 8:07PM, a River Forest Officer received a report from a subject who wanted to report that his vehicle was damaged by multiple unknown offenders on December 19, 2024, at approximately 5:30PM. The victim related that he was flagged down by the men as he exited the Town Center parking lot at Lake and Harlem. The men stated that the victim had damage on his vehicle and offered to fix it. The men acted as if they were fixing his vehicle and asked for \$150. The victim declined to pay them, and it was determined that the ruse caused \$1,200 in damage to the victim's vehicle. Investigators identified an offending vehicle and suspects, but the victim was unable to identify the offenders. This case was exceptionally cleared.

25-00003 Retail Theft

On January 1, 2025, at 9:10PM, River Forest Officers responded to Walgreen's located at 7251 Lake St. in reference to a Retail Theft. The offender removed approximately \$272 of clothing from the store and fled by foot into Oak Park. The offender was identified as a past retail theft offender and was known by investigators. It was determined that the offender, a 33-year-old male from Chicago, was arrested and charged with multiple felonies by Forest Park Police Department. Due to his arrest by another agency, this case was exceptionally cleared.

25-00023 & 25-00049 Burglary to Motor Vehicle/Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding

On January 8, 2025, at 5:06PM, a River Forest Officer received a report of a Burglary to Motor Vehicle that occurred between 12:00PM and 3:45PM, in the 1400 block of Ashland. Investigators utilized the license plate readers and Village of River Forest street cameras to identify the offending vehicle which had previously been used in similar burglaries in 2023. Investigators obtained video surveillance from the stores where the victim's credit cards were used, and determined that the offenders were two subjects, a 44-year-old female from Cicero, and a 42-year-old male from Chicago that investigators had knowledge of from past similar crimes. On January 14, 2025, at 9:39AM, Investigators received an alert from a license plate reader that the offending vehicle was in River Forest. Investigators located the vehicle driven by the known male offender who struck an unmarked police vehicle and recklessly fled the area. Investigators located the vehicle in Chicago, and it fled again. At approximately 11:44AM, Investigators located the vehicle parked and the known offenders entered another vehicle which also fled. The offending vehicle was towed and pending seizure. The second vehicle was later located parked and towed pending seizure. On January 27, 2025, the female was taken into custody while she attended the seizure hearing for her vehicle and charged with multiple traffic related offenses. This case is still pending the arrest of the male offender.

25-00025 Domestic Battery

On January 9, 2025, at 10:04PM, a River Forest Officer responded to a call of a Domestic Battery that occurred in the 1200 block of Harlem at 9:45PM, and the victim was at Rush Oak Park Hospital. The victim related that she and her boyfriend were driving in his vehicle, and they began to argue. The victim exited the vehicle, and her boyfriend chased after her. The victim's boyfriend threw an unknown object at the victim, and she fell onto the street. Her boyfriend took her cell phone, keys, and purse before fleeing the area. On January 14, 2025, at 10:39PM, a license plate reader alerted officers that the offender's vehicle was in the area. His vehicle was located at the victim's address, and the offender was taken into custody. His vehicle was towed with an administrative hold, and he was charged with domestic battery.

25-00069 Motor Vehicle Accident

On January 17, 2025, at 5:07PM, River Forest Officers responded to North Ave. and Lathrop Ave. in reference to a motor vehicle that struck a pedestrian. The 75-year-old female pedestrian was walking E/B crossing Lathrop when she was struck by the vehicle that made a left turn from W/B North Ave. onto S/B Lathrop. The female pedestrian was transported to the hospital where she succumbed to her injuries. The driver submitted to chemical testing for drugs and alcohol which are being tested by the Illinois State Police Forensic Science Center in Chicago. This case is pending lab results.

25-00070 Hit & Run

On January 17, 2025, at 10:50PM, a River Forest Officer received a report of a hit and run that occurred in the 1300 block of Thatcher at 5:39PM. The victim obtained the registration of the vehicle and on January 21, 2025, investigators contacted the owner who was given an opportunity to provide valid proof of insurance which she declined. Investigators located the offending vehicle in Des Plaines and towed it with an administrative hold. The registered owner provided insurance information which was given to the driver of the other vehicle. This case was exceptionally cleared.

25-00109 Residential Burglary

On January 26, 2025, at 7:39PM, River Forest Officers responded to the Sheridan located at 800 Harlem in reference to a Residential Burglary. One of the residents awoke to a female subject in her room and her jewelry was taken. Investigators obtained the registration of the offending vehicle from video surveillance and believed it was the same offender from 24-00468 which was a similar residential burglary at the Sheridan. On January 28, 2025, investigators located the offending vehicle in Chicago, and it was driven by the offender from 24-00468 who was wanted by the River Forest Police Department along with other agencies who had warrants for her arrest. The female, a 27-year-old female from Chicago was charged with two counts of residential burglary. This case was cleared by an arrest.

Old Investigations

24-01580 Burglary/Attempt Murder

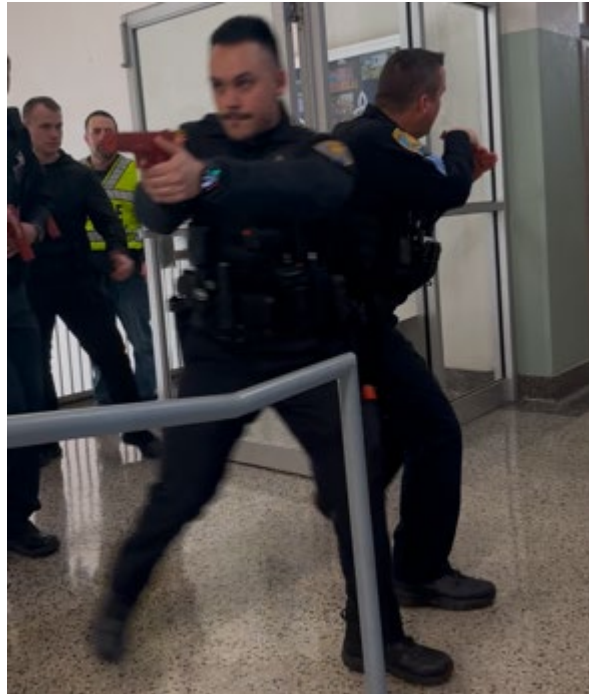
On December 7, 2024, at 3:54AM, River Forest Officers responded to Ulta located at 7231 Lake St. and observed that the front glass door had been shattered. Review of the video surveillance depicted three subjects who forced entry and removed approximately \$20,000 worth of merchandise from inside. While 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. It was determined by the Illinois State Police Forensic Science Center in Chicago that the projectiles recovered from the victim's vehicle matched the stolen firearm in the 18-year-old male's possession. On January 15, 2025, Investigator's located the 18-year-old male who was attending court on an unrelated charge in Springfield, Illinois and was taken into custody. The 18-year-old male was charged with Aggravated Discharge of a Firearm, and numerous other felony offenses.

24-01181 Hit & Run

On September 19, 2024, at 1:46PM, a River Forest officer responded to the River Forest Police Department in reference to a hit and run report. The victim related he turned from eastbound North Ave. onto southbound Harlem and was rear ended by the offending vehicle who made a left from westbound North Ave. onto southbound Harlem. The offending vehicle fled the scene, and investigators are actively seeking the offending vehicle for an administrative tow and insurance information. On January 1, 2025, Investigators located the vehicle, and it was towed with an administrative hold.

Training

During the month of January 2025, twenty-six (26) officers/civilian employees attended different training classes for a total of two hundred seventy-one (271) hours of training. The Department members, courses, and total number of hours included in the courses are detailed below.



Rapid Deployment Exercise on January 2, 2025

Officer	Course	Start	End	Hours
Barcenas	PLI January 2025 Monthly Legal Update	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Casarez	Crisis Intervention and Disturbance Calls	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Casarez	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Casarez	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Casarez	PLI January 2025 Monthly Legal Update	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Casarez	Rapid Deployment Exercise	1/2/2025	1/2/2025	3
Casey	Crisis Intervention and Disturbance Calls	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Casey	PLI January 2025 Monthly Legal Update	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Casey	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Casey	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Cassidy	Taser 10 Instructor	1/7/2025	1/7/2025	8
Catalano	Crisis Intervention and Disturbance Calls	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Catalano	PLI January 2025 Monthly Legal Update	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Catalano	Rapid Deployment Exercise	1/2/2025	1/2/2025	3
Coleman	Breath Analysis For Alcohol Training	1/3/2025	1/3/2025	9
Coleman	PLI January 2025 Monthly Legal Update	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1

Officer	Course	Start	End	Hours
Coleman	Rapid Deployment Exercise	1/2/2025	1/2/2025	3
Cortes	Crisis Intervention and Disturbance Calls	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Cortes	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Cortes	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Cortes	PLI January 2025 Monthly Legal Update	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Czernik	Taser 10 Instructor	1/7/2025	1/7/2025	8
Czernik	Rapid Deployment Exercise	1/2/2025	1/2/2025	3
Dosen	Crisis Intervention and Disturbance Calls	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Dosen	Duty Pistol Optics-Red Dot Sights Armorer	1/7/2025	1/7/2025	8.5
Dosen	Adaptive Leader-Frontline Leadership	1/6/2025	1/6/2025	8.5
Dosen	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Dosen	PLI January 2025 Monthly Legal Update	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Dosen	Rapid Deployment Exercise	1/2/2025	1/2/2025	3
Drake	Crisis Intervention and Disturbance Calls	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Drake	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Drake	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Drake	PLI January 2025 Monthly Legal Update	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Drake	Rapid Deployment Exercise	1/2/2025	1/2/2025	3
Fries	Crisis Intervention and Disturbance Calls	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Fries	PLI January 2025 Monthly Legal Update	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Fries	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Fries	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Fries	Rapid Deployment Exercise	1/2/2025	1/2/2025	3
Gonzalez	Crisis Intervention and Disturbance Calls	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Gonzalez	Breath Analysis For Alcohol Training	1/3/2025	1/3/2025	9
Gonzalez	40 Hour Evidence Technician Course	1/13/2025	1/17/2025	40
Gonzalez	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Gonzalez	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Gonzalez	PLI January 2025 Monthly Legal Update	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Gonzalez	Rapid Deployment Exercise	1/2/2025	1/2/2025	3
Greenwood	Crisis Intervention and Disturbance Calls	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Greenwood	PLI January 2025 Monthly Legal Update	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Greenwood	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Greenwood	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Grill	Crisis Intervention and Disturbance Calls	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Grill	PLI January 2025 Monthly Legal Update	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Grill	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Grill	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1

Officer	Course	Start	End	Hours
Grill	Rapid Deployment Exercise	1/2/2025	1/2/2025	3
Grill	Criminal Justice Information Services Training	1/16/2025	1/16/2025	1
Humphreys	Taser 10 Instructor	1/7/2025	1/7/2025	8
Humphreys	Crisis Intervention and Disturbance Calls	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Humphreys	Adaptive Leader-Frontline Leadership	1/24/2025	1/24/2025	8.5
Humphreys	Report Review and Approval for Supervisors	1/27/2025	1/27/2025	8.5
Humphreys	PLI January 2025 Monthly Legal Update	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Humphreys	Rapid Deployment Exercise	1/2/2025	1/2/2025	3
Juarez	Crisis Intervention and Disturbance Calls	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Juarez	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Juarez	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Juarez	PLI January 2025 Monthly Legal Update	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Juarez	Rapid Deployment Exercise	1/2/2025	1/2/2025	3
Labriola	Crisis Intervention and Disturbance Calls	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Labriola	PLI January 2025 Monthly Legal Update	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Labriola	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Labriola	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Labriola	Rapid Deployment Exercise	1/2/2025	1/2/2025	3
Landini	Crisis Intervention and Disturbance Calls	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Landini	PLI January 2025 Monthly Legal Update	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Lenz	Crisis Intervention and Disturbance Calls	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Lenz	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Lenz	PLI January 2025 Monthly Legal Update	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Mika	Crisis Intervention and Disturbance Calls	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Mika	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Mika	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Mika	PLI January 2025 Monthly Legal Update	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Murillo	Crisis Intervention and Disturbance Calls	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Murillo	PLI January 2025 Monthly Legal Update	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Murillo	Rapid Deployment Exercise	1/2/2025	1/2/2025	3
Niemann	Crisis Intervention and Disturbance Calls	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Niemann	High Risk Vehicle Stops: Train the Trainer	1/30/2025	1/31/2025	16
Niemann	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Niemann	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Niemann	PLI January 2025 Monthly Legal Update	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Niemann	Rapid Deployment Exercise	1/2/2025	1/2/2025	3
Niemann	Rapid Deployment Exercise	1/2/2025	1/2/2025	3
Ransom	Crisis Intervention and Disturbance Calls	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1

Officer	Course	Start	End	Hours
Ransom	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Ransom	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Ransom	PLI January 2025 Monthly Legal Update	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Tagle	Crisis Intervention and Disturbance Calls	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Tagle	Illinois Traffic Crash for Patrol	1/28/2025	1/28/2025	8
Tagle	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Tagle	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Tagle	PLI January 2025 Monthly Legal Update	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Tagle	Rapid Deployment Exercise	1/2/2025	1/2/2025	3
Williams	Rapid Deployment Exercise	1/2/2025	1/2/2025	3
Zermeno	Crisis Intervention and Disturbance Calls	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Zermeno	Hazmat	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Zermeno	Blood Borne Pathogens	1/10/2025	2/28/2025	1
Zermeno	PLI January 2025 Monthly Legal Update	1/2/2025	1/31/2025	1
Zermeno	Rapid Deployment Exercise	1/2/2025	1/2/2025	3
Total				271