



Village of River Forest

POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

TO: Matt Walsh – Village Administrator

FROM: James O’Shea- Chief of Police

DATE: August 12, 2024

SUBJECT: July 2024 Monthly Report

Crime Statistics

The month of July 2024 indicated an increase in Group A offenses in comparison to June 2023. There was a decrease in Group A offenses year to date. This decrease can be attributed to fewer incidents of Damage to Property. There was an 18% decrease in Group B offenses compared to June 2023. This decrease is due to fewer incidents of Liquor Law Violations and Criminal Trespass.

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).

	Jul 2024	Jul 2023	Diff. +/-	% +/-	YTD 2024	YTD 2023	Diff. +/-	% +/-
Group A*	32	44	-12	27%	182	195	-13	-7%
Group B**	9	11	-2	-18%	61	48	13	27%
All Other	28	24	4	17%	231	246	-15	6%
Reports***	131	134	-3	-2%	897	802	95	12%
Events****	1052	1240	-188	-15%	7283	8203	-920	-11%

Town Center

The Police Department responded to seventy-four (74) calls for service at the Town Center properties in July 2024; of those calls there were thirty-one (31) reported crimes, which included twenty (20) Retail Thefts and six (6) Panhandler/Criminal Trespass incidents. There was a 19% increase in calls for service in comparison to year-to-date 2023 statistics. In addition, there was a two-hundred and fifty percent (27%) increase in Criminal Activity in comparison to year-to-date 2023 statistics. This increase can be attributed to an increase of Retail Theft calls.

Collaboration and Relationship Strengthening

- Hosted a Department Supervisor's Meeting on July 1, 2024.
- Attended the Village Board of Trustees Meeting on July 8, 2024.
- Led a meeting with Records and Support Services personnel on July 17, 2024.
- Attended the IRMA Risk Management Policy Review Meetings on July 18, 2024.
- Hosted a Department Meeting on July 22, 2024.
- Attended a webinar hosted by the Anti-Defamation League on July 29, 2024.
- Attended the West Suburban Consolidated Dispatch Center Operations Meeting on July 31, 2024.
- Participated in the Community Safety Meeting on July 31, 2024.



Sergeant Ben Ransom received a Commendation at the July 8, 2024, Village Board Meeting

School and Community Support

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

JULY 2024	CSO BUS
VIOLATION TYPE	TICKETS
Time Limit	0
No Parking Anytime	1
Vehicle License	0
Fire Lane/Hydrant	0
Handicapped	0
Resident Only Zone	0
Permit Parking Only	2
Daily Parking Fee Zone	1
Expired Registration	0
Other Parking Offense	2
TOTAL	6

JULY 2024 ACTIVITY	CSO BUS
Bank/Metra	15 Assignments 2.5 Hrs.
Errands	5 Assignments 2 Hrs.
Local Ordinance Enforcement / Citations	3 Assignments 3 Citations
Parking Citations	6 Citations
Fingerprinting Assignments	1 Assignments 20 Min.
Administrative Duties	8 Assignments 13 Hrs.
Animal Calls	5 Assignment 2.5 Hrs.
Vehicle Service	4 Assignments 4 Hrs.
Crossings	0 Assignments 0 Min.
Bond Hearing / Court	6 Assignments 13.5 Hrs.
Other Assignments	7 Assignments 9.5 Hrs.

Adjudication / Red Light Hearing	1 Assignment 3 Hrs.
Child Safety Seat Inspection/Install	1 Assignments 25 Mins.
Other Calls for Service	28 Assignments 12 Hrs.

- Conducted Bicycle Safety Presentation for River Forest Park District Camps on 07/01/2024.
- Conducted Evidence Technician Presentation for CSI camp at the River Forest Park District on 07/01/2024.
- Completed Elderly Service follow up and supplemental report #24-00067 on 07/01/2024.
- Completed juvenile follow up and supplemental report #24-00772 on 07/01/2024.
- Assisted with Adjudication hearing on 07/01/2024.
- Completed Elderly Service follow up and supplemental report #24-00764 on 07/02/2024.
- Conducted bicycle patrol with four (4) citizen contacts on 07/02/2024.
- Conducted check-in with juvenile resident on 07/02/2024.
- Attended annual wellness check-in on 07/03/2024.
- Assisted patrol with retail theft and suspicious incident calls for service on 07/08/2024.
- Completed juvenile follow up and supplemental report #24-00795 on 07/08/2024.
- Attended Building Entry and Control Tactics training on 07/09/2024 and 07/10/2024.
- Completed Police Department Monthly newsletter submission on 07/11/2024.
- Conducted safety advice call with residents on 07/11/2024.
- Conducted safety and security presentation with 1010 Harlem residents on 07/11/2024.
- Delivered bicycle registrations to residents on 07/11/2024.
- Assisted Investigations Unit with Elderly Service follow up and supplemental report #24-00822 on 07/15/2024.
- Attended Guide zoom meeting regarding Peer Support Program with Sgt. Ransom on 07/16/2024
- Completed Elderly Service follow up and supplemental report #24-00822 on 07/16/2024.
- Assisted patrol with calls for service on 07/16/2024.
- Completed Elderly Service follow up with resident in Oak Brook reference report #24-00822 on 07/17/2024.
- Conducted check-in with juvenile resident on 07/17/2024.
- Attended meeting with administration regarding perceived Sheridan security issue on 07/17/2024.
- Completed Elderly Service follow up and supplemental report #24-00832 on 07/17/2024.
- Attended Opioid Task Force monthly zoom meeting on 07/18/2024.
- Completed Elderly Service follow up and supplemental report #24-00822 on 07/18/2024.
- Attended I-SEARCH School Safety meeting on 07/19/2024.
- Completed ALICE Training Pre-Course work online on 07/19/2024.
- Delivered bicycle registrations to residents on 07/19/2024.
- Attended Sheridan safety and security meeting with Cmdr. Swierczynski on 07/22/2024.
- Contacted Township Family and Youth Services reference juvenile resident on 07/22/2024.
- Attended Zoom deposition for civil suit reference report #21-01251 on 07/23/2024.
- Provided various businesses with gift card scam and fraud flyers to display in store on 07/23/2024.

- Completed Elderly Service follow up and supplemental report #24-00822 on 07/23/2024.
- Reassigned to afternoon shift on 07/24/2024.
- Attended I-SEARCH School Safety meeting on 07/25/2024.
- Assisted patrol with missing juvenile on 07/31/2024.
- Conducted the third Quarterly Community Safety Meeting on 07/31/2024.

UPCOMING School and Community Support Activities for August 2024

Ofc. Drake will:

- Conduct the Junior Citizen's Police Academy 08/05/2024-08/09/2024.
- Meet with representative for Lincoln Bike Safety event on 08/20/2024.
- Present during the Board of Fire and Police Commission Officer Orientation on 08/21/2024.
- Provide Concordia Public Safety presentations on 08/21/2024, 08/22/2024 and 08/23/2024.
- Attend ALICE Instructor training on 08/26/2024 and 08/27/2024.
- Schedule a Cyber Safety presentation date for St. Luke families per request.
- Update Frontline Keyholder Portal throughout the month.
- Assist patrol and Investigations Unit as needed throughout the month.
- Conduct bike patrols throughout the month.
- Conduct school and business premise checks and foot patrols throughout the month.

Sgt. Grill will:

- Continue to train the new Records Division personnel.
- Complete LEADS audit.
- Assist in launching the new Axon Body Worn Camera and Dash Camera systems.
- Assist with Adjudication hearings and manage caseload.
- 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.

CSO Bus will:

- Assist with Records Division functions.
- Assist with Child Safety Seat Installations
- Enforce any/all regulated parking zones.
- Monitor summer 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.

Budget and Fiscal Monitoring

July 1 – July 31, 2024

July is the third month of Fiscal Year 2025. There was an 60% increase in overtime costs in comparison to July 2023. Overtime costs increased by 104% YTD comparing Fiscal Year 2025 to Fiscal Year 2024.

Revenue/Expenditure Summary

Category	Total # Paid FY25 07/31	Total # Paid FY24 Y-T-D	Expenditure/ Revenue FY25 07/31	FY25 Y-T-D Expenditure/Revenue
Parking/Compliance Citations	409	747	\$22,517	\$48,235
Admin. Tows	27	84	\$13,500	\$42,000
Local Ordinance	2	4	\$125	\$350
Overtime	354.25hrs	717.25hrs	\$26,096	\$79,517

Community Policing/Crime Prevention Activities:

- An officer participated in the Elmwood Park Independence Day Parade on 07/04/2024.
- Officers conducted walk-throughs of the Fire Department Blood Drive event on 07/27/2024.
- Officers spent an extensive amount of time near local businesses, 7756 Madison, and the River Forest Library. Officers also conducted extra watches for residents with specific concerns and residents who were on vacation.
- Officers conducted numerous traffic missions in locations that have been identified as priorities based on traffic crash data and citizen requests.
- Officers focused on positive community interactions, handed out numerous “Bike Helmets for Bonbon” coupons throughout the month.
- Officers conducted traffic missions in highly trafficked areas to reduce traffic crashes.

Directed Patrols/ Traffic Enforcement

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

The Midnight Shift made twenty-two (22) stops, issued thirteen (13) citations and eleven (11) warnings were issued during their traffic mission. The shift made one (1) traffic arrests which was administratively towed during the enforcement traffic mission this month.

The Dayshift made forty-two (42) stops, forty-nine (49) citations, and ten (10) warnings issued. The shift recorded six (6) traffic-related arrests during enforcement missions this month. Six (6) vehicle was administratively towed.

The Afternoon shift made twenty-one (21) stops with twenty-eight (28) citations and five (5) warnings issued during traffic enforcement missions. The shift made two (4) traffic arrests with two (2) administrative towed vehicles during their enforcement missions.

The Traffic unit made twelve (12) stops with eighteen (18) citations, three (3) traffic arrests, and three (3) vehicles were towed during their enforcement.

Notable Events and Arrests:

24-00779 Residential Burglary

On July 2, 2024, 1:40AM, River Forest officers were dispatched to the 500 block of Bonnie Brae for a call of a Residential Burglary in progress, where the caller stated a stranger was attempting to open the door of her residence. Upon arrival to the area, officers located a 57 year old male from Calumet City, and determined he had broken into a different unoccupied residence, in addition to alarming the original caller. He was arrested, charged with Residential Burglary and Disorderly Conduct, processed and held for a detention hearing.

24-00784 Driving While License Suspended

On July 3, 2024, 12:54AM, a River Forest officer conducting traffic enforcement near Lathrop Avenue and North Avenue observed a vehicle driving on North with no registration plates. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 28 year old male from Chicago, was found to be driving with a suspended driver's license, suspended for mandatory insurance violations. She also could not provide proof of insurance for the vehicle. She 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.

24-00786 Retail Theft / Warrant Arrest

On July 03, 2024, 11:01AM River Forest units responded to a retail theft at 7521 Late Street (Walgreens) and stopped a subject, a 44 year old male from Chicago, matching the description. The male was positively identified as the offender as were the proceeds in his possession. He was arrested and transported to the station where it was learned he had two extraditable fugitive warrants out of Nevada. He was processed on the local charges and later transported to Cook County for extradition processing.

24-00793 Driving While License Suspended

On July 6, 2024, 2:32AM, a River Forest officer on patrol near Lathrop Avenue and Lake Street observed a vehicle driving on Lake with a suspended registration. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 28 year old male from Chicago, was found to be driving with a suspended driver's license, with two suspensions 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.

24-00790 Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol

On July 3, 2024, at 10:16PM, River Forest units were dispatched to 7501 North Avenue for a two car property damage accident. River Forest units located the accident and determined a Volvo rear ended a Mazda stopped in traffic in the eastbound North Avenue center lane. The Volvo was determined to be the at fault vehicle in the accident and the driver, a 56 year old female Chicago resident, displayed multiple signs of alcohol intoxication. The driver refused to perform the standardized field sobriety tests and was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. The driver was transported to the station for processing and refused to provide a breath sample for the breathalyzer test. The driver was charged with misdemeanor driving under the influence of alcohol, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, use of electronic communication device while operating a motor vehicle and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. The driver was given a misdemeanor court date and released on a Citation and Notice.

24-00799 Driving with No Valid Driver's License

On July 8, 2024, 2:18AM, a River Forest officer on patrol near Harlem Avenue and Augusta Street observed a vehicle driving 55mph on Harlem where the speed limit is 30mph. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 23 year old female from Chicago, was found to be driving despite never having been issued a driver's license and could not provide proof of insurance for the vehicle. She 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.

24-00803 Aggravated Battery Arrest

On July 8th at 12:40pm, a River Forest tactical officer responded to the Jewel Osco for a report of a retail theft that had just occurred. Upon arriving in the area of the Jewel, the officer located the offender, a 25-year-old man from Chicago, walking northbound on the 400 block of Lathrop Avenue, carrying the reported stolen merchandise. Upon making contact with the offender, the officer was immediately engaged in a physical altercation in which the subject battered the officer. Following the altercation, the offender was charged with aggravated battery to a police officer, and retail theft. The offender was processed and transported to the Maybrook Courthouse for a pre-trial hearing.

24-00815 Resisting and Obstructing a Police Officer

On July 11, 2024, 3:12AM, River Forest officers were dispatched to a disturbance in progress in the alley behind 1102 Harlem Avenue. Upon arrival, officers attempted to separate the group of subjects that were yelling at each other. One of the subjects, a 30 year old male from River Forest, was intoxicated and attempted to push past the officer and leave the area despite being told he was not free to leave. After disobeying numerous commands and repeatedly trying to push past the officer, he was arrested for Resisting and Obstructing a Police Officer, processed, and later released on a Citation and Notice.

24-00816 Suspended Driver's License Arrest

On July 11th at 12:21pm, River Forest tactical officers were in the area of Harlem Avenue/ Augusta Street, when the officers observed a vehicle with an expired temporary registration plate and tinted windows. The officers conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. A records check of the driver, a 24 year old man from Bellwood revealed that he had a suspended driver's license. The driver was charged with expired registration, illegal window tint, no insurance, and driving while license suspended. The offender was released on scene with a citation and notice.

24-00820 Retail Theft

On July 11, 2024, at 8:11PM, River Forest units were dispatched to the Walgreens located at 7251 Lake St for the retail theft in progress. A Walgreens employee advised the offender concealed liquor in his backpack and exited the store without purchasing the merchandise. A subject, a 26 year old male Chicago resident, matching the description of the offender was located at 1 S. Harlem Avenue. The subject was positively identified as the offender in the retail theft. The stolen merchandise valued at \$43.77 was recovered from the offender and the stolen merchandise was returned to Walgreens. The offender was transported to the station for processing and charged with misdemeanor retail theft. The offender was given a misdemeanor court date and released on a Citation and Notice.

24-00824 Driving with No Valid Driver's License

On July 13, 2024, 3:06AM, a River Forest officer on patrol near Harlem Avenue and Division Street observed a vehicle driving 62mph on Harlem where the speed limit is 30mph. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 44 year old male from Chicago, was found to be driving despite not having a valid Illinois driver's license since 2005. 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.

24-000841 Traffic Arrest

On July 16, 2024, 11:13AM River Forest units responded to a 4-vehicle crash near the intersection of Harlem and Division. It was soon determined that two of the drivers involved, a 36 year old male from Chicago and a 23 year old male from Chicago, did not possess driver's licenses. Both subjects were arrested on scene, issued citations, and released on Citation and Notice with court dates at Maybrook Courthouse.

24-00842 Retail Theft Arrest

On July 16th at 2:58pm, a River Forest bike officer was at Jewel Osco when the officer observed a potential retail theft offender enter the store with an empty backpack. The offender, a 56 year old man from Maywood was then stopped after exiting the store with a full backpack. The offender was charged with retail theft and issued a criminal trespass notice from Jewel. The offender was released from the station with a citation and notice.

24-00849 Driving with No Valid Driver's License

On July 17, 2024, 11:47PM, River Forest officers were dispatched to Harlem Avenue and Thomas Street for a motor vehicle accident. The driver of the at-fault vehicle, a 21 year old female from Chicago, was arrested for Driving with No Valid Driver's License and later released on scene on a Citation and Notice.

24-00850 Driving Under the Influence

On July 17, 2024, 11:17PM, River Forest officers were dispatched to Lake Street and Keystone Avenue for a motor vehicle accident with injuries. The driver of the at-fault vehicle, a 51 year old male from River Forest,

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.

24-00865 Suspended Driver's License Arrest

On July 22nd at 1:26pm, a River Forest traffic officer was in the area of Thatcher Avenue/ Augusta St, when the officer observed a vehicle with a suspended registration following a license plate reader hit. The officer conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. A records check of the driver, a 47 year old man from Chicago revealed that he had a suspended driver's license. The driver was charged with suspended registration, no insurance, and driving while license suspended. The offender was released on scene with a citation and notice.

24-00869 Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol

On July 22, 2024, at 9:17PM, a River Forest officer observed a vehicle traveling southbound make several lane violations between the 1100 and 500 blocks of Harlem Avenue. The officer conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle for the multiple lane violations in the 500 block of Harlem Avenue. The driver, a 43 year old male Oak Park resident, displayed multiple signs of alcohol intoxication and possessed an open alcohol container in plain view. The driver refused to perform the standardized field sobriety tests and was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. The driver was transported to the station for processing and refused to provide a breath sample for the breathalyzer test. The driver was charged with misdemeanor driving under the influence of alcohol, improper lane usage, and illegal transportation of alcohol. The driver was given a misdemeanor court date and released on a Citation and Notice.

24-00875 Obstructing Identification/Outside Arrest Warrant

On July 23, 2024, at 4:25PM, a River Forest officer was waved down by Town Center Security at the Petco located at 7265 Lake Street for the possible retail theft in-progress. Town Center security advised a suspicious occupant exited the unregistered vehicle with a suitcase and the vehicle was currently parked in front of the DSW located at 7321 Lake Street. The driver, a 56 year old male Joliet resident, advised he was having car trouble and gave a ride to an unknown female with a suitcase. The driver was arrested for driving without a valid license and transported to the station for processing. At the station, a fingerprint inquiry was conducted, and it was determined the driver provided a false name. The driver was determined to have an outstanding warrant for manufacturing and the delivery of narcotics out of Chicago and an expired driver's license. The driver was charged with Obstructing Identification and the outstanding Chicago warrant. The driver was placed in a cell and given a misdemeanor court date. The Chicago Police Department was unable to extradite due to manpower and the driver was transported to the next available detention hearing.

24-00878 Retail Theft

On July 23, 2024, 6:32PM while working a bike patrol detail, River Forest units were conducting a foot patrol at 7525 Lake Street (Jewel) when they were flagged down by a store employee who pointed out a 37 year old female from Chicago who had just committed a retail theft. The female exited the store, ignoring the officers' commands, and was stopped shortly after. Proceeds were located on her person, and it was determined she was previously banned from the store. She was arrested and charged with retail theft and criminal trespass to property. The female was released on a citation and Notice with a court date at Maybrook Courthouse.

23-00172 Burglary Arrest

On July 24th at 9:08am, Wedge Taskforce officers located a burglary suspect at his home address in Melrose Park Illinois. Wedge taskforce officers took the suspect into custody. The suspect, a 45 year old man from

Melrose Park was interviewed for a burglary committed in February 2023. The offender was charged with Burglary. The offender was transported to the Maybrook courthouse for a detention hearing.

24-00884 Criminal Damage to Property

On July 25, 2024, 10:48AM River Forest units responded to 7756 Madison Avenue Suite 4 for a criminal damage to property report. The victim showed officers video of a neighboring store owner, Suite # 2, using a hammer to smash her doorbell camera mounted near the entrance door the day before. The offender, a 64 year old male resident of Elmwood Park, was notably wearing the same clothing as recorded in the video the day before and refused to speak about the incident when confronted by the officers. He was arrested for the criminal damage investigation and transported to the station where he made post-Miranda admissions to the offense. The male was charged with criminal damage to property and released on a Citation and Notice with a court date at Maybrook Courthouse.

24-00886 Armed Habitual Criminal / Unlawful Use of a Weapon / Stolen Motor Vehicle

On July 25th at 10:33pm, a River Forest tactical officer was assigned to the WEDGE Task Force and was in the area of the 8000 block of Madison Street, when the officer observed a vehicle driving recklessly eastbound on Madison Street in the westbound lanes. The officer conducted a U-Turn and observed the vehicle crash into two vehicles at the intersection of Madison Street and Ashland Avenue. The officer then observed three subjects flee on foot. River Forest Police units arrived on scene and observed four loaded handguns inside of the vehicle, which was reported to be stolen out of Chicago and involved in an expressway homicide. One subject, a 26-year-old man from Chicago, was charged with armed habitual criminal, possession of a stolen motor vehicle, possession of fictitious registration, and several traffic offenses. Another subject, a 33-year-old woman from Chicago, was charged with unlawful use of a weapon by a felon, possession of a stolen motor vehicle, and obstructing a police officer. Both offenders were processed and transported to the Maybrook Courthouse for a pre-trial hearing.

24-00887 Driving While License Revoked

On July 26, 2024, 1:45AM, a River Forest officer on patrol near Madison Street and Keystone Avenue observed a vehicle swerving out of its lane while driving on Madison Street. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 60 year old male from Maywood, was found to be driving on a revoked license with 2 revocations for commission of a felony in which a motor vehicle was used and 1 revocation for driving under the influence. He was processed and later released on a Citation and Notice.

24-00889 / 24-00890 Robbery/Retail Theft

On July 26, 2024, 10:45AM, River Forest units responded to 7245 Lake Street (Whole Foods) for a retail theft (24-00890). While investigating, they received reports that the same offender had just committed another retail theft at 7525 Lake Street (Jewel – 24-00889). A subject matching the description was located near the Jewel parking lot and fled from responding units but was soon apprehended. The offender, a 31 year old male from St. Charles, was positively identified by employees from both stores, as were the proceeds. Drug paraphernalia was also discovered on the subject's person during a search incident to arrest. After further investigation, it was discovered the offender threatened and swung at a Jewel employee, qualifying the act as a robbery. The offender was processed at the station on both incidents, and charged with robbery, retail theft, assault, resisting/obstructing a peace officer, and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was later transported to Maybrook Courthouse for a detention hearing.

24-00901 Traffic Arrest / Warrant

On July 29, 2024, 10:07AM a River Forest unit stopped a vehicle for suspended registration on the 8100 block of Madison Avenue. It was determined the driver, a 38 year old female from Chicago, had a suspended driver’s license and an active warrant out of DuPage County. She was arrested and processed at the station on the traffic violations and warrant. She was issued a Citation and Notice on the local charges, and posted bail for DuPage’s warrant which superseded the current no-bail laws.

24-00896 Battery

On July 27, 2024, 3:49PM River Forest units responded to 7900 Division (Dominican University near the soccer field) for a battery that just occurred in which an adult pushed a juvenile off his bike. The juvenile was uninjured, and his parent was contacted. The offender, a 66 year old male resident of Melrose Park, was located near the Forest Preserve and positively identified. The offender was arrested and transported to the station where he admitted to making contact with the juvenile. He was processed and charged with battery according to the parent’s wishes. The offender was later released on a Citation and Notice with a court date at Maybrook Courthouse.

The following chart summarizes and compares the measured activity for all three patrol watches during the month of July 2024:

	Midnights 2230-0630	Day Watch 0630-1430	Third Watch 1430-2230	Traffic & Tactical Unit
Criminal Arrests	3	5	2	9
Warrant Arrests	0	2	1	0
D.U.I Arrests	1	0	2	0
Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests	5	9	14	8
Hazardous Moving Violations	29	82	68	51
Compliance Citations	25	21	14	8
Parking Citations	220	30	1	0
Traffic Stop Data Sheets	101	109	67	57
Quasi-Criminal Arrests/ L.O	2	4	3	0
Field Interviews	2	7	6	24
Premise Checks/Foot Patrols	299	297	289	160
Written Reports	23	63	57	20
Administrative Tows	4	6	7	12
Booted vehicles	0	0	0	0
Sick Time used (in days)	1	2	5	0

Detective Division

Detective Sergeant Labriola worked thirteen (13) days performing detective duties.

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

Detective Sergeant Labriola was assigned to Injured on Duty or Light Duty for two days after he was injured in a motor vehicle accident while on shift.

Detective Zermeno was assigned to WEDGE for two days.

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

During the month of July, the Detective Unit opened up/reviewed eight (8) cases for potential follow-up. Of those cases, one (1) was cleared by an arrest, three (3) were exceptionally cleared, two (2) were administratively closed, and two (2) 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 July.

Year to Date Arrest Statistics

Quantity Arrested	# Felony Charges	# Misdemeanor Charges	# Warrants
32	15	16	10

July 2024 Case Assignment Summary

Group A	# Cases	Cleared by Arrest	Adm Closed	Screen Out	Susp	Except	Pend	Refer	Unfound
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	1							
Theft	1		1						
Retail Theft	1					1			
Deceptive Practice	1						1		
Criminal Damage	3		1			2			
Group A Total	7	1	2	0	0	3	1	0	0
Group B	# Cases	Cleared by Arrest	Adm Closed	Screen Out	Susp	Except Clear	Pend	Refer	Unfound
Hit and Run	1						1		
Group B Total	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
TOTALS	9	1	2	0	0	3	2	0	0

July 2024 Juvenile Arrests

Offenses	Adjusted	Cited	Petitioned	Referred
None				
Total (0)	0	0	0	0

New Investigations

24-00756 Theft Under \$500

On June 26, 2024, at 12:20PM, the River Forest tactical unit observed a vehicle in the 7700 block of Madison alley, and the driver threw an empty package out of the window. The officers were unable to locate the driver after he left the area, but the owner of the package was identified and stated that the package had been stolen.

Investigators utilized the village street cameras and license plate readers to identify the vehicle, and the driver was identified in a photo lineup. On June 28, 2024, a license plate reader alert notified investigators that the offending vehicle was in River Forest, and it was located in Forest Park. The driver was taken into custody and in possession of numerous packages that did not belong to him. The driver, a 39 year old male from Chicago was charged with Theft and released on a cite and notice.

24-00759 & 24-00760 Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle

On June 27, 2024, at 11:30AM, a River Forest Officer responded to the 1500 block of Forest where two motor vehicles were broken into overnight, and the unknown offender damaged the steering column in one of the vehicles in what appeared to be an attempt to take the vehicle. The responding officer located a cellular telephone in one of the vehicles which did not belong to the owner of the vehicle. Investigators contacted the person who continuously called the found cell phone and agreed to meet with them. On June 28, 2024, at 5:10PM, investigators observed a 29 year old male, 34 year old male, and 37 year old male, all from Chicago arrive to meet with investigators. The 34 year old male fought with investigators, and the other two remained in the vehicle they arrived in but were in possession of controlled substances. All three were taken into custody and charged with multiple felonies after the Cook County Assistant State's Attorney denied burglary charges for the 34-year-old male who left his cellular telephone inside a vehicle that did not belong to him.

24-00770 Hit & Run

On June 30, 2024, at 1:56AM a single vehicle motor vehicle accident occurred in the 7700 block of Madison and the driver fled the scene on foot. It was determined that after the driver was stopped by the Maywood Police Department prior to the accident, he gave the officer his driver's license. Investigators are seeking the subject for hit and run.

24-00775 Criminal Damage to Property

On July 1, 2024, at 1:30PM, River Forest Officers responded to the Jewel/Osco located at 7525 Lake St. in reference to a disturbance. The manager related that store employees were involved with a dispute with some customers, and the customers threw multiple bottles of alcohol and floral arrangements onto the floor causing them to break or become damaged. Investigators located the offending vehicle using village street cameras and license plate readers, but the subjects could not be identified. This case was administratively closed.

24-00791 Theft Under \$500

On July 4, 2024, at 11:30AM, a River Forest resident in the 8100 block of Lake St. related that his bicycle was stolen from his yard overnight and the offender left a bicycle in its place. The owner provided a serial number which was entered into LEADS, but the bicycle has not been located. This case is administratively closed.

24-00794 Retail Theft

On July 6, 2024, at 12:16PM, River Forest Officers responded to Walgreen's located at 7251 Lake St. in reference to a Retail Theft. Investigators utilized the village street cameras and license plate readers to identify the offending vehicle. The vehicle was located by investigators while working with the WEDGE Task Force and the vehicle was towed with an administrative hold. This case is exceptionally cleared.

24-00822 Deceptive Practice

On July 12, 2024, at 4:15PM a River Forest Officer responded to the Chase Bank located at 1040 Lake St. in Oak Park in reference to a deceptive practice report. The victim, a River Forest resident, was at the bank attempting

to withdrawal cash to pay what she believed to be an agent with the inspector general's office. Upon further review, it was determined that the subject was not a federal agent, but the victim gave him money on multiple occasions. This case is still being investigated.

24-00886 Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle

On July 25, 2024, at 6:00PM, River Forest investigators were working with the WEDGE Task Force when they observed multiple vehicles driving recklessly on Madison St. in River Forest. One of the vehicles crashed into a fence and the occupants fled on foot. The vehicle that crashed was reported stolen, and multiple firearms were located inside of the vehicle. Two offenders were located and taken into custody. One was a 33 year old female from Chicago, and the other offender was a 26-year-old male from Glendale Heights. Both were charged with Unlawful Use of a Weapon, Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle, and other crimes.

Old Investigations

24-00369 Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding

On March 30, 2024, at 6:35PM a River Forest Officer attempted to stop a vehicle for speeding in the 7900 block of Madison. After the officer activated the vehicle's emergency equipment, the vehicle fled and increased speeds while eluding the attempted traffic stop. Investigators located the vehicle and towed it with an administrative hold.

24-00531 Retail Theft

On May 8, 2024, at 6:40PM, River Forest Officers responded to Ulta located at 7231 Lake St. in reference to a retail theft. The store employee related that a male subject removed nearly \$2,000 worth of merchandise without paying for the items. Investigators used the Village license plate readers to identify the offending vehicle and identify the offender who was positively identified in a photo lineup. Investigators towed the offending vehicle, and the offender was located at the Maybrook courthouse on July 8, 2024, for an unrelated charge. He also had an active warrant from Addison.

24-00614 Retail Theft & Assault

On July 10, 2024, investigators went to the Maybrook courthouse where the offender who was positively identified was located. He was there in attendance for an unrelated case that involved a female companion. He was taken into custody and provided a statement which implicated himself. He was charged with assault, retail theft, and released with a cite and notice.

23-00172 Residential Burglary

On July 24, 2024, investigators along with the WEDGE Task Force took the offender, a 45-year-old male from Melrose Park into custody for this case. The male's DNA was located on an alarm panel that was torn from the wall during this residential burglary. Due to the evidence, the Cook County Felony Review Unit approved a Residential Burglary charge.

Training

During the month of July 2024, twenty-one (21) officers/civilian employees attended different training classes for a total of fifty-three (53) hours of training. The Department members, courses, and total number of hours included in the courses are detailed below.

Officer	Course	Start	End	Hours
Casarez	PLI July 2024 Monthly Legal Update	7/5/2024	7/31/2024	1
Casarez	Roll Call Training/NARCAN	7/6/2024	7/31/2024	0.5
Casey	PLI July 2024 Monthly Legal Update	7/5/2024	7/31/2024	1
Catalano	PLI July 2024 Monthly Legal Update	7/5/2024	7/31/2024	1
Coleman	De-escalation Strategies for Police	7/31/2024	7/31/2024	8
Coleman	PLI July 2024 Monthly Legal Update	7/5/2024	7/31/2024	1
Coleman	Roll Call Training/NARCAN	7/6/2024	7/31/2024	0.5
Cortes	PLI July 2024 Monthly Legal Update	7/5/2024	7/31/2024	1
Czernik	PLI July 2024 Monthly Legal Update	7/5/2024	7/31/2024	1
Czernik	Roll Call Training/NARCAN	7/6/2024	7/31/2024	0.5
Dosen	PLI July 2024 Monthly Legal Update	7/5/2024	7/31/2024	1
Drake	Building Entry and Control Tactics	7/9/2024	7/10/2024	16
Fries	PLI July 2024 Monthly Legal Update	7/5/2024	7/31/2024	1
Gonzalez	Law Enforcement Interactions with LGBTQ	7/10/2024	7/10/2024	8
Gonzalez	PLI July 2024 Monthly Legal Update	7/5/2024	7/31/2024	1
Gonzalez	Roll Call Training/NARCAN	7/6/2024	7/31/2024	0.5
Green	Roll Call Training/NARCAN	7/6/2024	7/31/2024	0.5
Humphreys	Roll Call Training/NARCAN	7/6/2024	7/31/2024	0.5
Juarez	Roll Call Training/NARCAN	7/6/2024	7/31/2024	0.5
Labriola	PLI July 2024 Monthly Legal Update	7/5/2024	7/31/2024	1
Lenz	PLI July 2024 Monthly Legal Update	7/5/2024	7/31/2024	1
Lenz	Roll Call Training/NARCAN	7/6/2024	7/31/2024	0.5
Mika	PLI July 2024 Monthly Legal Update	7/5/2024	7/31/2024	1
Mika	Roll Call Training/NARCAN	7/6/2024	7/31/2024	0.5
Murillo	Roll Call Training/NARCAN	7/6/2024	7/31/2024	0.5
Niemann	PLI July 2024 Monthly Legal Update	7/5/2024	7/31/2024	1
Ransom	Roll Call Training/NARCAN	7/6/2024	7/31/2024	0.5
Tagle	PLI July 2024 Monthly Legal Update	7/5/2024	7/31/2024	1
Tagle	Roll Call Training/NARCAN	7/6/2024	7/31/2024	0.5
Zermeño	PLI July 2024 Monthly Legal Update	7/5/2024	7/31/2024	1
Total				53