

Village of River Forest



POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

TO: Matt Walsh – Village Administrator

FROM: James O’Shea- Chief of Police

DATE: April 3, 2024

SUBJECT: March 2024 Monthly Report

Crime Statistics

The month of March 2024 indicated an increase in Group A (previously Part I) offenses in comparison to February 2023. There was an increase in Group A offenses year to date. There was a 24% decrease in Group B (previously Part II) reported crimes compared to February 2023 which is contributed to a decrease in Theft incidents. We will continue to report any anomalies in data or statistics in calendar year (2024).

	Feb 2024	Feb 2023	Diff. +/-	% +/-	YTD 2024	YTD 2023	Diff. +/-	% +/-
Group A*	23	5	18	360%	46	32	14	44%
Group B**	9	86	-77	-86%	134	268	-134	-50%
Reports***	56	131	-75	-57%	292	385	-93	-24%
Events****	812	1094	-282	-26%	2252	3231	-979	-30%

*Group A (previously referred to *Part I*) *Offenses* include homicide, criminal sexual assault, robbery, aggravated battery, burglary, theft, and motor vehicle theft.

**Group B (previously referred to *Part II*) *Offenses* include simple battery, assault, criminal trespass, disorderly conduct, and all other misdemeanor and traffic offenses.

****Reports* (new category as of September 2015) include the total number of reports written by officers during the month.

*****Events* (new category as of September 2015) include all activities conducted by officers, including foot patrols, premise checks, traffic stops, and all other calls for service not included as Group A and Group B offenses.

Town Center

The Police Department responded to sixty-five (65) calls for service at the Town Center properties in March 2024; of those calls there were twenty-seven (27) reported crimes, which included nine (5) Retail Thefts and twenty-two (22) Panhandler/Criminal Trespass incidents. There was a fifteen (15%) increase in calls for service in comparison to year-to-date 2023 statistics. In addition, there was a three hundred and thirty-nine percent (339%) increase in Criminal Activity in comparison to year-to-date 2023 statistics. This large increase can be contributed to an increase for panhandlers/remove unwanted calls.

Collaboration and Relationship Strengthening

- Attended the West Suburban Chiefs of Police Association meeting on March 6, 2024.
- Attended the North East Multi-Regional Training Annual meeting/training on March 12, 2024.
- Attended the Cook County Hate Crime Prevention Panel on March 12, 2024.
- Attended an Empathetic Leadership training course on March 14, 2024.
- Attended the Village Board of Trustees meeting on March 25, 2024.
- Attended the annual Illinois Law Enforcement Alarm System conference/training March 24-26, 2024.
- Members of the department completed rapid deployment training at Roosevelt School on March 28, 2024.

School and Community Support

In March, the Records Division welcomed new Records Coordinator, Nicole Collum to the team. Nicole joins Andrea Diorio who also recently began her duties as the Part-Time Records Clerk in February. Both new records personnel have been trained and are independently managing police records and administrative operations.

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

MARCH 2024	CSO BUS
VIOLATION TYPE	TICKETS
Time Limit	11
No Parking Anytime	3
Vehicle License	12
Fire Lane/Hydrant	1
Handicapped	0
Resident Only Zone	0
Permit Parking Only	21
Daily Parking Fee Zone	16
Expired Registration	6
Other Parking Offense	1
TOTAL	71

MARCH 2024 ACTIVITY	CSO BUS
Bank/Metra	17 Assignments 3 Hrs.
Errands	8 Assignments 4.5 Hrs.
Local Ordinance Enforcement / Citations	2 Assignments 2 Citations
Parking Citations	71 Citations
Fingerprinting Assignments	1 Assignment 20 Min.
Administrative Duties	12 Assignments 24 Hrs.
Animal Calls	4 Assignments 1.5 Hrs.
Vehicle Service	15 Assignments 19.5 Hrs.
Crossings	1 Assignments 30 Min.
Bond Hearing / Court	7 Assignments 7.25 Hrs.
Other Assignments	8 Assignments 4.5 Hrs.
Adjudication / Red Light Hearing	1 Assignment 45 Min.
Child Safety Seat Inspection/Install	1 Assignment 30 Min.
Other Calls for Service	17 Assignments 7.5 Hrs.

School Resource/Community Service Officer Activity Summary for March 2024

Written Reports	12
Foot Patrols / Premise Checks	16
I-Search, ICAC and Too Good For Drugs Activities	27
Calls for Service	7
Other Assignments	27 Assignments 72 hours
Special Assignments	49 Assignments 101 hours (See Below)

School and Community-Support Activity Highlights for March 2024

Ofc. Drake completed the following:

- Completed Missing Persons-Amber Alert and Silver Search Alert online training on 03/01/2024.
- Attended Family Engagement Network virtual meeting on 03/01/2024.
- Conducted a Child Safety Seat Inspection on 03/01/2024.
- Completed Police Law Institute March online training on 03/04/2024.
- Provided security for Dominican University event during Senator Durbin visit on 03/04/2024.
- Conducted Too Good For Drugs lesson at St. Vincent Ferrer on 03/04/2024.
- Assisted with adjudication hearing on 03/04/2024.
- Assisted patrol with domestic battery call #24-00264 on 03/05/2024.
- Took report for issue at Fenwick High School involving a juvenile resident and completed report #24-00265 on 03/05/2024.
- Conducted Too Good For Drugs lesson at Grace Lutheran on 03/05/2024.
- Met with Grace Lutheran principal regarding cyber safety presentation scheduling on 03/05/2024.
- Completed MEGGITT training on 03/05/2024.
- Represented RFPD at Triton Job Fair on 03/06/2024.
- Took Elderly Service call and completed report #24-00271 on 03/07/2024.
- Attended Legal Updates Webinar on 03/08/2024.
- Attended State of Student Safety Webinar on 03/08/2024.
- Conducted two (2) Too Good for Drugs lessons at St. Luke on 03/08/2024.
- Attended I-SEARCH meeting on 03/08/2024.
- Conducted Too Good For Drugs lesson at St. Vincent Ferrer on 03/11/2024.
- Attended Opioid Task Force meeting on 03/12/2024.
- Conducted Too Good For Drugs lesson at Grace Lutheran on 03/12/2024.
- Attended Hate Crime Prevention Panel at Village Hall on 03/12/2024.
- Conducted I-SEARCH presentations at St. Luke for kindergarten, second, fourth, sixth and eighth grades on 03/13/2024.
- Took Dominican University advice call on 03/13/2024.
- Completed juvenile follow up and supplemental report #24-00298 on 03/13/2024.
- Completed Too Good For Drugs graduation at St. Vincent Ferrer on 03/13/2024.
- Conducted ISEARCH presentations at Grace Lutheran for kindergarten, second, fourth, sixth and eighth grades on 03/14/2024.
- Attended community lunch at 400 Lathrop on 03/14/2024.
- Took Good Earth advice call on 03/14/2024.
- Conducted two (2) Too Good For Drugs lessons at St. Luke on 03/15/2024.
- Took Roosevelt advice call on 03/15/2024.
- Took Roosevelt report #24-00325 on 03/19/2024.
- Completed follow up and Fenwick supplemental report #24-00265 on 03/19/2024.
- Completed juvenile follow up and supplemental report #24-00322 on 03/19/2024.
- Assisted patrol with calls for service on 03/19/2024.
- Conducted Too Good for Drugs lesson and graduation at Grace Lutheran on 03/19/2024.
- Conducted I-SEARCH presentations at Lincoln for kindergarten on 03/20/2024.
- Attended meeting at River Forest Community Center on 03/20/2024.

- Completed crime prevention follow up and supplemental report #23-01279 on 03/20/2024.
- Completed Elderly Service follow up and supplemental report #23-01603 on 03/21/2024.
- Conducted I-SEARCH presentations at Lincoln for second grade on 03/21/2024.
- Conducted two (2) Too Good For Drugs lessons at St. Luke on 03/22/2024.
- Attended meeting at Trinity on 03/22/2024.
- Completed Elderly Service follow up and supplemental report #23-01603 on 03/22/2024.
- Attended Patrol Response to Internet Crimes training at North Aurora Police Department 03/26/2024-03/27/2024.
- Completed crime prevention follow up and supplemental report #24-00354 on 03/28/2024.
- Conducted I-SEARCH presentations at Grace for kindergarten, second, sixth and eighth grades on 03/28/2024.
- Re-inventoried squad school fobs and keys on 03/29/2024.
- Completed March monthly report on 03/29/2024.
- Completed Elderly Service follow up and supplemental report #23-01603 on 03/29/2024.
- Completed business and school premise checks throughout the month.
- Monitored school arrival and dismissal throughout the month.
- Assisted Records with training throughout the month.

UPCOMING School and Community Support Activities for April 2024

Ofc. Drake will:

- Assist records with adjudication on 04/01/2024.
- Attend Peer Support Team meeting on 04/02/2024.
- Complete a residential security survey on 04/02/2024.
- Attend White Supremacist Propaganda on the Rise: Analysis and Trends webinar on 04/09/2024.
- Attend Women in Criminal Justice Conference 04/10/2024-04/11/2024.
- Complete Too Good For Drugs graduation at St. Luke on 04/12/2024.
- Attend the River Forest Bike Exchange at Roosevelt on 04/13/2024.
- Attend ALICE meeting at Grace Lutheran on 04/17/2024.
- Attend monthly M-Team meeting on 04/18/2024.
- Attend Education Center for Early Childhood-Concordia Family Night on 04/25/2024.
- Conduct I-SEARCH presentations on 04/03/2024, 04/04/2024, 04/25/2024, 04/29/2024 and 04/30/2024.

Sgt. Grill will:

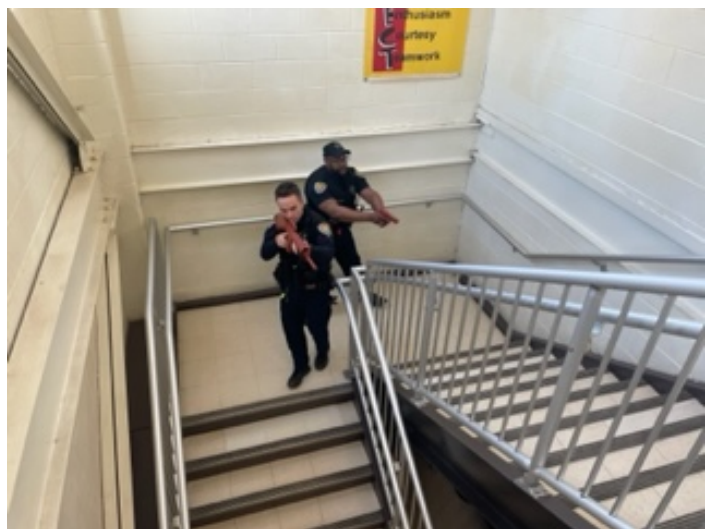
- Continue to train the new Records Division personnel.
- Assist with Adjudication hearings and manage caseload.
- Work on possible grant application opportunities.
- Plan special events and complete permit reviews and approvals.
- Manage movie and commercial film details, permits, and requests.
- Assist 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.
- Continue to support CSO Bus.

CSO Bus will:

- Monitor parking issues near the various schools.
- Assist with Records Division functions.
- 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.

Active Solicitor Permits		
Individual or Organization	Description	Expires
Starshell, LLC (DBA Perun Roofing)	Roofing Company	06/21/2024



Officers conducted rapid deployment training at Roosevelt School on March 28, 2024..

Budget and Fiscal Monitoring

Mar 1 – Mar 31, 2024

March is the eleventh month of Fiscal Year 2024. There was a 39% decrease in overtime costs in comparison to March 2023. Overtime costs were reduced by 14% YTD comparing Fiscal Year 2024 to Fiscal Year 2023.

Revenue/Expenditure Summary

Category	Total # Paid FY24 03/31	Total # Paid FY24 Y-T-D	Expenditure/ Revenue FY24 02/29	FY24 Y-T-D Expenditure/Revenue
Parking/Compliance Citations	131	5,286	\$4,250	\$158,970
Admin. Tows	17	166	\$8,500	\$113,000
Local Ordinance	11	78	\$0	\$9,848
Overtime	125 hrs	1366 hrs	\$15,192.35	\$168,618

Community Policing/Crime Prevention Activities:

- Officers conducted additional patrols and premise checks in the business districts, parks, and school play areas.
- Officers conducted numerous traffic missions in locations that have been identified as priorities based on traffic crash data and citizen requests.
- Officers completed numerous premise checks and walk throughs at religious schools/places of worship. Officers provided extra watch and increased presence in the area of Har Zion Temple and Oak Park Temple on Sundays for their "Solidarity Walk."
- Officers assisted with the Forest Park St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 2, 2024.

Directed Patrols/ Traffic Enforcement

The Midnight Shift focused enforcement on North Avenue. Dayshift was assigned traffic enforcement missions on Chicago Avenue, Washington Boulevard, and the 1200-1400 blocks of Park Avenue. The Afternoon Shift conducted enforcement missions on Harlem Avenue, Lake Street, Madison Street, and the 1200-1400 blocks of Park Avenue. The traffic unit were assigned traffic enforcement missions on Washington Boulevard.

The Midnight Shift made thirty-one (31) stops, issued twenty-six (26) citations and fifteen (15) warnings during their traffic mission. The shift made two (2) traffic arrest which was administratively towed during the enforcement traffic mission this month.

The Dayshift made forty-one (41) stops with thirty-one (31) citations and seventeen (17) warnings issued. The shift recorded three (3) traffic-related arrests during enforcement missions this month.

The Afternoon shift made forty-two (42) stops with fifty-four (54) citations and twelve (12) warnings issued during traffic enforcement missions. The shift made eleven (11) traffic arrests with (5) administrative towed vehicles during their enforcement missions.

The Traffic unit made fifty-five (55) stops with forty-one (41) citations, two (2) traffic arrests, and two (2) vehicles were towed during their enforcement. The officers assigned to the unit were assigned to the WEDGE Task Force for multiple days and attended seventeen days of training.

Notable Events and Arrests:

24-00260 Aggravated Driving Under the Influence, Possession of Controlled Substance

On March 5, 2024, 1:24AM, a River Forest officer on general patrol near Thatcher Avenue and Greenfield Street observed a vehicle driving 51mph on Thatcher where the speed limit is 25mph and swerving out of its lane. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 37 year old male from Cicero, exhibited numerous 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 and also could not provide proof of insurance for the vehicle. Officers located suspected Cocaine in the vehicle near the driver's seat and the male was also charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance. He was processed and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

24-00264 Warrant Arrest/Domestic Battery Investigation

On March 05, 2024, 09:52AM, River Forest responded to a Domestic Battery at 202 Gale Street, locating two individuals matching the descriptions given, a 19 year old male resident of Maywood and a 17 year old female resident of Chicago. The male was discovered to have an active warrant for family offenses out of DuPage County. The male was bleeding about the face and the female admitted to causing the injuries, giving officers probable cause to arrest her for domestic battery, as they were in a dating relationship. Both subjects were arrested and transported to the station. At the station, the male subject refused to make a statement and signed a refusal to prosecute the female. He was turned over to the DuPage County Sheriff's custody. The juvenile female was released without charges and turned over to the care of her mother at the station.

24-00274 Home Repair Fraud

On March 7, 2024 at 5:18PM, a River Forest officer was dispatched to 1435 Thatcher Avenue for the home repair fraud report. The homeowner advised an unknown subject approached her in her driveway on February 20, 2024, at approximately 1:30PM and offered to tuckpoint her chimney for \$3000 USC. The homeowner agreed to the home repair service, and five additional unknown subjects exited a blue pick-up truck to perform the chimney tuckpointing. The victim paid the unknown subject \$2900 USC for the chimney tuckpointing service which was improperly and fraudulently completed. The case is pending further investigation by the River Forest Detective Unit.

24-00280 Domestic Battery

On March 8, 2024, at 9:02PM, River Forest units were dispatched to 418 Edgewood Place for the domestic battery that just occurred. Upon arrival, the victim advised she was pushed and punched in the face by her husband. The victim's visible injuries were treated, and she refused transport to the hospital. The offender, a 44 year old male River Forest resident, was arrested for domestic battery. The offender advised he was

suicidal and was transported to the hospital for evaluation. The offender was evaluated and discharged from the hospital. The offender was transported to the station for processing and charged with misdemeanor domestic battery. The offender was transported to the Cook County Jail for a detention hearing.

24-00288 Driving Under the Influence

On March 10, 2024, 1:26AM, a River Forest officer on general patrol near Lathrop Avenue and Washington Boulevard observed a vehicle driving on Washington Boulevard without headlights, swerving out of its lane, and failing to stop at a stop sign. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 41 year old female from Cicero, exhibited numerous signs of alcohol impairment, failed Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, and was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. She also could not provide proof of insurance for the vehicle. At the station, she provided a sample revealing a Blood Alcohol Content of 0.096. She was processed and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

24-00292 Traffic Arrest

On March 11, 2024, 03:31PM, while working an IDOT Safety belt enforcement detail, a River Forest officer stopped a motorist on the 7800 block of Chicago Avenue for driving without a seatbelt. The motorist, a 28 year old female resident of Chicago, was discovered not to have a valid driver's license. She was arrested, cited, and released from the scene on a Citation and Notice with a court date at Maybrook Courthouse.

24-00299 Aggravated Driving Under the Influence, Aggravated Driving While License Suspended, Possession of Controlled Substance, Warrant

On March 13, 2024, 12:21AM, a River Forest officer on general patrol near North Avenue and Lathrop Avenue observed a vehicle stopped in the traffic lanes of North Avenue obstructing traffic. The driver, a 34 year old female from Bellwood, exhibited numerous signs of alcohol impairment, failed Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, and was arrested for Aggravated Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. She also was found to be driving despite never having been issued a license and with a driver's license file which had four suspensions for prior DUI and mandatory insurance violations. She could not provide proof of insurance for the vehicle. She also was found to be wanted by Cook County for Failure to Appear in court for a traffic charge. She was also found to be in possession of suspected Psilocybin and was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance. She was processed and held for a detention hearing. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

24-00302 Retail Theft

On March 13, 2024, 3:37PM, River Forest units were dispatched to the Jewel located at 7525 Lake Street for a retail theft in progress. A subject, a 31 year old male Chicago resident, matching the description of the offender was located at 7321 Lake Street. The subject was positively identified by the witness as the offender that stole liquor valued at \$49.98. The offender was transported to the station and charged with misdemeanor retail theft. The offender was given a misdemeanor court date and released on a Citation and Notice.

24-00317 Warrant Arrest

On March 18, 2024, 08:03AM, a River Forest patrol unit stopped a motorist on the 7800 block of Chicago Avenue for improper display of registration. The driver, a 33 year old female Chicago resident, was discovered to have an active warrant out of Chicago. The female was arrested and transported to the station where she was later turned over to the custody of the Chicago Police Department.

24-00319

Driving While License Revoked

On March 18, 2024, 1:17PM, a River Forest Tactical officer was conducting enforcement on the 7700 block of North Avenue. The officer observed a vehicle with expired registration. A records check of the driver, 40 year old male Chicago resident, revealed he had a revoked driver's license for a felony crime involving a vehicle. The driver was charged and processed with driving on a revoked driver's license. The offender was taken into custody and later released on a Citation and Notice.

24-00323

Driving Under the Influence

On March 19, 2024, 12:40AM, a River Forest officer on general patrol near Harlem Avenue and Division Street observed a vehicle swerving out of its lane while driving on Harlem Avenue. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 43 year old male from Woodridge, exhibited numerous signs of alcohol impairment, failed Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, and was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. He was processed and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

24-00324

Driving While License Suspended, Warrant

On March 19, 2024, 3:53AM, a River Forest officer on general patrol near Harlem Avenue and Oak Avenue observed a vehicle driving 48mph on Harlem where the speed limit is 30mph. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 31 year old female from Chicago, was found to be driving despite never having been issued a license and with a driver's license file which had two suspensions for mandatory insurance violations. She also was found to be wanted by DuPage County on three different warrants for Failure to Appear at court for traffic charges. She was processed and held for a detention hearing. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

24-00330

Traffic Arrest

On March 20, 2024, 01:24PM, a River Forest patrol unit stopped a motorist near the intersection of Division Street and Monroe Avenue for disregarding a stop sign. The driver, a 59 year old male resident of Chicago, was discovered not to have a valid driver's license. He was arrested, cited, and released from the scene on a Citation and Notice with a court date at Maybrook Courthouse.

24-00333

Criminal Trespass to Real Property & Resisting Arrest

On March 20, 2024, 5:18PM, River Forest units were dispatched to Whole Foods located at 7245 Lake Street to remove a previously trespassed offender. The offender, a 24 year old male Chicago resident, was recently given a criminal trespass warning on March 18, 2024, and was currently being disrespectful to staff and customers. The offender refused to leave the property voluntarily and responding officers advised he was under arrest for criminal trespass to real property. The officers physically escorted the offender outside of the business establishment and the offender clenched his arms to defeat the handcuffing process. The officers were required to escort the offender to the ground and successfully completed the handcuffing process. Two officers sustained minor injuries because of the tactical takedown procedure but did not need hospitalization. The offender did not suffer any injuries during the arrest and was transported to the station for processing. The offender was charged with misdemeanor resisting arrest and criminal trespass to real property. The offender was given a misdemeanor court date and released on a Citation and Notice.

24-00338 Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol & Leaving the Scene of an Accident

On March 21, 2024, 7:33PM, River Forest units were dispatched to the hit and run that occurred at Chicago Avenue and Keystone Avenue. The offending vehicle and driver, a 31 year old male Bellwood resident, was located in Oak Park at Chicago Avenue and Forest Avenue. The intoxicated driver was arrested for leaving the scene of a property damage accident and transported to the station for processing. The driver failed field sobriety tests and provided a breath sample of .365. The driver was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, driving under the influence of alcohol over .08, leaving the scene of a property damage accident, operating uninsured motor vehicle, operating a motor vehicle with suspended registration, and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. The driver was given a misdemeanor court date and released on a Citation and Notice.

24-00339 Traffic Arrest

On Mar 22, 2024, 09:01AM, a River Forest patrol unit stopped a motorist near the intersection of Chicago Avenue and Lathrop Avenue for expired registration. The driver, a 30 year old female Chicago resident, was discovered to be driving on a suspended license. The female was arrested, cited, and released from the scene on a Citation and Notice with a court date at Maybrook Courthouse.

24-00354 Attempted Residential Burglary, Aggravated Unlawful Use of Weapon (x2) Arrest

On March 25, 2024, 1:35PM, River Forest officers were dispatched to 7952-1E Madison Street, for an attempted residential burglary that had just occurred. Using village street cameras, officers were able to obtain a registration from the offending vehicle. At 2:20pm, a River Forest Tactical officer located the offending vehicle driving northbound on 1st Avenue just south of Lake Street, in Maywood. The officer, with assistance from additional River Forest units and the Forest Park Police Department, conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle at 15 N 1st Avenue, in Maywood. The driver, a 45-year-old male Chicago resident, was arrested and charged with attempted residential burglary, and two counts of aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, after a handgun was located in his vehicle. The offender was taken into custody and was transported to the Maybrook courthouse for his hearing.

24-00359 Theft by Deception & Criminal Damage to Property

On March 27, 2024, 5:01PM, River Forest units were dispatched to Whole Foods located at 7245 Lake Street for the deceptive practice in progress. The offending vehicle and offenders, a 34 year old male Burbank resident and a 34 year old male Norridge resident, were located at 7251 Lake Street. The victim advised he was approached by the offenders on the 400 block of Harlem Avenue to fix a dent on the victim's vehicle. The offenders and victim agreed to repair the dent for \$150 USC and parked on the 1100 block of North Boulevard in Oak Park. The offenders proceeded to pull out the dent improperly and then attempted to conceal the dents with a brown compound. The victim confronted the offenders about the improper repair and the offenders continued to negotiate an additional \$50 USC to complete the repair and painting process. The victim agreed to pay the offenders \$200 USC so he could contact the police. The offenders then directed the victim to Whole Foods to obtain the funds from an ATM. The officer inspected the victim vehicle and determined the repair was improperly and fraudulently completed. The offenders were arrested for attempted theft by deception and criminal damage to property. The offending vehicle was towed with an administrative hold due to the theft and the offender driving with a suspended driver's license. The offenders were transported to the station for processing. Both offenders were charged, given a misdemeanor court date, and released on a Citation and Notice.

24-00363 Agg Driving Under the Influence, Agg Driving While License Revoked

On March 29, 2024, 4:47AM, a River Forest officer conducting traffic enforcement near Harlem Avenue and Augusta Street observed a vehicle driving 64mph on Harlem where the speed limit is 30mph. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 28 year old male from Chicago, exhibited numerous 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 on a revoked license with six revocations and suspensions for prior DUI and mandatory insurance violations. He also could not provide proof of insurance for the vehicle. At the station, he provided a sample revealing a Blood Alcohol Content of 0.179. He was processed and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

24-00368 Aggravated Driving While License Revoked

On March 30, 2024 1:17AM, a River Forest officer on general patrol near Harlem Avenue and Chicago Avenue observed a vehicle driving on Harlem without headlights. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 41 year old male from Chicago, was found to be driving with a revoked driver’s license, revoked for a prior DUI and suspended for mandatory insurance violations. He was arrested for Driving While License Revoked, processed, and later released on a Citation and Notice.

24-00372 Aggravated Driving with a Revoked License & Parole Warrant

On March 31, 2024, 5:28PM, River Forest units were dispatched to the 911 call in the area of Hawthorne Avenue and Park Avenue. The caller advised he was in a Ford Explorer and needed help. River Forest units located the vehicle at Washington Boulevard and 3rd Avenue in Maywood. The passenger advised he called the police, because his friend was involved in an accident at North Avenue and 1st Avenue in Melrose Park and fled the scene. The passenger did not feel safe in the vehicle and the driver refused to pull over and let him exit the vehicle. The driver, a 39 year old Chicago resident, was arrested for driving on a revoked driver’s license. The Melrose Park Police Department confirmed the vehicle and driver were wanted for a hit and run but did not want to respond to the scene. The driver was transported to the station for processing and the vehicle was towed for an Article 36 seizure. The driver was charged with aggravated driving on a revoked driver’s license and the Illinois Department of Corrections issued a parole warrant. The driver was given a felony court date and transported to the Maybrook Courthouse for a detention hearing.

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

	Midnights 2230-0630	Day Watch 0630-1430	Third Watch 1430-2230	Traffic & Tactical Unit
Criminal Arrests	4	1	5	1
Warrant Arrests	4	2	1	0
D.U.I Arrests	2	0	1	0
Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests	7	3	21	2
Hazardous Moving Violations	80	44	98	23
Compliance Citations	35	16	20	18
Parking Citations	317	46	1	0

Traffic Stop Data Sheets	156	77	105	55
Quasi-Criminal Arrests/ L.O	2	4	3	0
Field Interviews	5	9	5	4
Premise Checks/Foot Patrols	311	384	304	39
Written Reports	34	45	72	6
Administrative Tows	9	1	9	6
Booted vehicles	0	0	0	0
Sick Time used (in days)	3	1	1	0

Detective Division

Detective Sergeant Labriola worked six (6) days performing detective duties.

Detective Zermeno worked twenty (20) days performing detective duties.

Detective Sergeant Labriola was at Northwestern University School of Public Safety Staff & Command for two weeks.

Det. Zermeno completed gas mask tests with the fire department.

Detective Zermeno was assigned to the WEDGE Task Force for two days.

Detective Zermeno was assigned to work the Forest Park St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Detective Zermeno attended Cook County's Cook Against Hate Campaign in the River Forest Community Room.

Det. Zermeno attended Patrol Responses to Internet Crimes at North Aurora PD for two days.

Det. Zermeno was reassigned to day shift for half the shift and completed Rapid Deployment Training at Roosevelt School.

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

During the month of March, the Detective Unit opened up/reviewed nine (9) cases for potential follow-up. Of those cases, two (2) were cleared by an arrest, two (2) were exceptionally cleared, 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 March.

Year to Date Arrest Statistics

Quantity Arrested	# Felony Charges	# Misdemeanor Charges	# Warrants
7	1	1	1

March 2024 Case Assignment Summary

Group A	# Cases	Cleared by Arrest	Adm Closed	Screen Out	Susp	Except	Pend	Refer	Unfound
Burglary to Auto	1					1			
Armed Robbery	1						1		
Residential Burglary	1	1							
Group A Total	3	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Group B	# Cases	Cleared by Arrest	Adm Closed	Screen Out	Susp	Except Clear	Pend	Refer	Unfound
Fleeing and Eluding	4					1	3		
Warrant	1	1							
Battery	1						1		
Group B Total	6	1	0	0	0	1	4	0	0
TOTALS	9	2	0	0	0	2	5	0	0

February 2024 Juvenile Arrests

Offenses	Adjusted	Cited	Petitioned	Referred
Domestic Battery	1			
Total (1)	1	0	0	0

New Investigations

24-00301 Fleeing and Eluding

On March 13, 2024, at 9:50AM, a River Forest Officer attempted to stop a vehicle in the 7500 block of Chicago Avenue who failed to yield to pedestrian in the walkway. The vehicle fled but the investigators reviewed surveillance footage and obtained the registration. The vehicle has yet to be located. This case remains active.

24-00303 Warrant Arrest

On March 13, 2024, at 4:46PM, a River Forest Investigator stopped and identified a panhandler near the area of Harlem Avenue and Central Avenue. The subject, 27-year-old male from Wheaton, provided a fictitious name and date of birth. He was found to have a warrant for failing to appear on a burglary charge from DuPage County Jail. The offender was placed into custody and transported to DuPage County Jail. This case was cleared by arrest.

24-00312 Fleeing and Eluding

On March 16, 2024, at 1:31PM, a River Forest Officer attempted to stop a vehicle in the 500 block of Harlem Avenue without a front registration. The officer made contact with the driver after it stopped at a gas station. The driver fled from the scene. A photo lineup was attempted with the officer who identified a filler. This case remains active.

24-00326 Burglary from Motor Vehicle

On March 19, 2024, at 11:10AM, River Forest Officer units responded to Lemoyne/Park Avenue reference a burglary to a motor vehicle that was witnessed by the victim. The suspect vehicle was then involved in other burglaries in nearby jurisdictions. Patrol and investigators reviewed surveillance footage and properly identified the vehicle. The vehicle was located on the 2200 block of Marmora in Chicago. The vehicle was towed to RFPD where a search warrant was obtained in efforts to locate the stolen proceeds. The vehicle was held pending seizure reference 24-00331. This case was exceptionally cleared.

24-00331 Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding

On March 20, 2024, at 1:59PM, WEDGE Task Force officers attempted to stop a vehicle on the 7200 block of Bonnie Brae Place wanted for burglary to motor vehicle reference case no. 24-00326. The vehicle fled recklessly into Elmwood Park. The vehicle was towed pending seizure. This case was exceptionally cleared.

24-00354 Residential Burglary

On March 25, 2023, at 1:35PM, River Forest Officers responded to the 7900 blk of Madison St. reference a subject attempting to gain access using the kitchen window. Investigators assisted patrol in obtaining the offender's vehicle registration and locating the vehicle in the area. Investigators, along with patrol and tactical officers placed a known 45-year-old male offender into custody for residential burglary and aggravated unlawful use of weapon-felon. This case was cleared by arrest.

24-00350 Armed Robbery

On March 24, 2024, at 11:57PM, River Forest Officers responded to the area of Hawthorne/Keystone Avenue, reference an armed robbery that had just occurred. The two victims did not speak English and very minimal details were obtained of the robbery. Officers and investigators reviewed surveillance cameras in the area which revealed several discrepancies in their story. Investigators are working with a translator and the victims to determine if a robbery occurred. This case remains active.

24-00331 Aggravated Fleeing and Eluding

On March 30, 2024, at 6:37PM, a River Forest Officer attempted to stop a vehicle on the 7700 block of Madison Street after it was traveling at a high rate of speed. The vehicle fled recklessly throughout River Forest. Officers were able to obtain the vehicle registration using the license plate readers at Madison/Lathrop. A photo lineup is pending reference this case. The vehicle will be wanted pending seizure. This case remains active.

24-00366 Battery

On March 29, 2024, at 1:20PM, a River Forest Officer took a report from the senior care center facility, The Sheridan, where an elderly resident reported being battered from a caretaker. The victim is a resident in the memory care unit at the facility. The caretaker has been suspended from her duties pending further investigation from the facility. Investigators are currently conducting further follow-up with the parties involved. This case remains active.

Old Cases

24-00180 Theft

On February 9, 2024, at 11:51AM, a River Forest Officer responded to the 200 block of Lathrop Avenue reference a possible package theft. A witness reported an unknown offender taking a delivered package off the porch and entering a vehicle. Patrol along with investigators identified the offending vehicle leaving the area. The vehicle was located near the 5200 block of W. Potomac and towed with an administrative hold. This case was exceptionally cleared.

Training

During the month of March 2024, twenty-nine (29) officers/civilian employees attended different training classes for a total of six-hundred and ninety-eight (698) 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	MEGGITT	3/5/2024	3/18/2024	1
Barcnas	Emotional Regulation: Somatic Approaches	3/28/2024	3/28/2024	8.5
Barcnas	Hazmat	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Barcnas	Blood Borne Pathogens	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Bradley	Amber Alert and Silver Search Alert	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Bradley	MEGGITT	3/5/2024	3/18/2024	1
Bradley	Rapid Deployment Exercise	3/28/2024	3/28/2024	3
Bradley	Hazmat	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Bradley	Blood Borne Pathogens	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Bradley	PLI March 2024 Monthly Legal Update	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Bus	Hazmat	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Bus	Blood Borne Pathogens	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Casarez	Amber Alert and Silver Search Alert	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Casarez	MEGGITT	3/5/2024	3/18/2024	1
Casarez	Brill Law Action in Democracy	3/19/2024	3/19/2024	8.5
Casarez	Hazmat	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Casarez	Blood Borne Pathogens	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Casarez	PLI March 2024 Monthly Legal Update	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Casey	Amber Alert and Silver Search Alert	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1

Officer	Course	Start	End	Hours
Casey	MEGGITT	3/5/2024	3/18/2024	1
Casey	Rapid Deployment Exercise	3/28/2024	3/28/2024	3
Casey	Hazmat	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Casey	Blood Borne Pathogens	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Casey	PLI March 2024 Monthly Legal Update	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Cassidy	MEGGITT	3/5/2024	3/18/2024	1
Cassidy	Hazmat	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Cassidy	Blood Borne Pathogens	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Cassidy	PLI March 2024 Monthly Legal Update	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Cassidy	Amber Alert and Silver Search Alert	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Catalano	Crime Scene Investigator	3/18/2024	3/22/2024	40
Catalano	MEGGITT	3/5/2024	3/18/2024	1
Catalano	Hazmat	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Catalano	Blood Borne Pathogens	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Catalano	PLI March 2024 Monthly Legal Update	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Coleman	Amber Alert and Silver Search Alert	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Coleman	MEGGITT	3/5/2024	3/18/2024	1
Coleman	Hazmat	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Coleman	Blood Borne Pathogens	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Coleman	PLI March 2024 Monthly Legal Update	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Cortes	Amber Alert and Silver Search Alert	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Cortes	Crime Scene and Fire Investigation	3/11/2024	3/15/2024	40
Cortes	2024 IACP Officer Wellness Conference	3/1/2024	3/3/2024	25.5
Cortes	VORTEX II: Vehicle Operations and Rescue	3/28/2024	3/29/2024	16
Cortes	MEGGITT	3/5/2024	3/18/2024	1
Cortes	Hazmat	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Cortes	Blood Borne Pathogens	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Cortes	PLI March 2024 Monthly Legal Update	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Czernik	MEGGITT	3/5/2024	3/18/2024	1
Czernik	Hazmat	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Czernik	Blood Borne Pathogens	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Dosen	Crash Investigations 1	2/26/2024	3/8/2024	96
Dosen	MEGGITT	3/5/2024	3/18/2024	1
Dosen	Rapid Deployment Exercise	3/28/2024	3/28/2024	3
Dosen	Hazmat	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Dosen	Blood Borne Pathogens	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Dosen	PLI March 2024 Monthly Legal Update	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Drake	2024 Legal Updates Webinar	3/8/2024	3/8/2024	1
Drake	Amber Alert and Silver Search Alert	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1

Officer	Course	Start	End	Hours
Drake	Patrol Response to Internet Crimes	3/26/2024	3/27/2024	16
Drake	MEGGITT	3/5/2024	3/18/2024	1
Drake	Hazmat	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Drake	Blood Borne Pathogens	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Drake	PLI March 2024 Monthly Legal Update	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Drake	Sandy Hook Promise Student Safety	3/8/2024	3/8/2024	1
Fries	Creating FTO & Other Training Programs	3/27/2024	3/27/2024	2
Fries	Amber Alert and Silver Search Alert	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Fries	MEGGITT	3/5/2024	3/18/2024	1
Fries	Rapid Deployment Exercise	3/28/2024	3/28/2024	3
Fries	Hazmat	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Fries	Blood Borne Pathogens	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Fries	PLI March 2024 Monthly Legal Update	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Gonzalez	Amber Alert and Silver Search Alert	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Gonzalez	Close Quarter Handgun Skills-1	3/26/2024	3/27/2024	17
Gonzalez	MEGGITT	3/5/2024	3/18/2024	1
Gonzalez	Rapid Deployment Exercise	3/28/2024	3/28/2024	3
Gonzalez	Hazmat	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Gonzalez	Blood Borne Pathogens	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Gonzalez	PLI March 2024 Monthly Legal Update	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Green	Amber Alert and Silver Search Alert	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Green	Brill Law Action in Democracy	3/19/2024	3/19/2024	8.5
Green	Building Entry and Control Tactics	3/5/2024	3/6/2024	17
Green	MEGGITT	3/5/2024	3/18/2024	1
Green	Rapid Deployment Exercise	3/28/2024	3/28/2024	3
Green	Hazmat	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Green	Blood Borne Pathogens	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Green	PLI March 2024 Monthly Legal Update	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Greenwood	ILEAS Conference	3/24/2024	3/26/2024	24
Greenwood	Empathetic Leadership Training	3/14/2024	3/14/2024	6
Greenwood	NEMRT-Annual Meeting & Workshop	3/12/2024	3/12/2024	4
Greenwood	MEGGITT	3/5/2024	3/18/2024	1
Grill	Open Meetings Act-Compliance Webinar	3/14/2024	3/14/2024	1.5
Grill	NIBRS	3/26/2024	3/26/2024	1.5
Grill	Amber Alert and Silver Search Alert	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Grill	MEGGITT	3/5/2024	3/18/2024	1
Grill	Hazmat	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Grill	Blood Borne Pathogens	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Grill	PLI March 2024 Monthly Legal Update	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1

Officer	Course	Start	End	Hours
Humphreys	Amber Alert and Silver Search Alert	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Humphreys	MEGGITT	3/5/2024	3/18/2024	1
Humphreys	Hazmat	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Humphreys	Blood Borne Pathogens	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Humphreys	PLI March 2024 Monthly Legal Update	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Labriola	Amber Alert and Silver Search Alert	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Labriola	MEGGITT	3/5/2024	3/18/2024	1
Labriola	Hazmat	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Labriola	Blood Borne Pathogens	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Labriola	PLI March 2024 Monthly Legal Update	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Landini	Amber Alert and Silver Search Alert	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Landini	MEGGITT	3/5/2024	3/18/2024	1
Landini	Hazmat	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Landini	Blood Borne Pathogens	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Lenz	Amber Alert and Silver Search Alert	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Lenz	MEGGITT	3/5/2024	3/18/2024	1
Lenz	Rapid Deployment Exercise	3/28/2024	3/28/2024	3
Lenz	Hazmat	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Lenz	Blood Borne Pathogens	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Lenz	PLI March 2024 Monthly Legal Update	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Mika	Amber Alert and Silver Search Alert	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Mika	MEGGITT	3/5/2024	3/18/2024	1
Mika	Rapid Deployment Exercise	3/28/2024	3/28/2024	3
Mika	Hazmat	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Mika	Blood Borne Pathogens	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Mika	PLI March 2024 Monthly Legal Update	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Murillo	Amber Alert and Silver Search Alert	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Murillo	MEGGITT	3/5/2024	3/18/2024	1
Murillo	Rapid Deployment Exercise	3/28/2024	3/28/2024	3
Murillo	Hazmat	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Murillo	Blood Borne Pathogens	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Murillo	PLI March 2024 Monthly Legal Update	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Niemann	Amber Alert and Silver Search Alert	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Niemann	Crash Investigations 1	2/26/2024	3/8/2024	96
Niemann	MEGGITT	3/5/2024	3/18/2024	1
Niemann	Hazmat	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Niemann	Blood Borne Pathogens	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Niemann	PLI March 2024 Monthly Legal Update	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
O'Shea	ILEAS Conference	3/24/2024	3/26/2024	24

Officer	Course	Start	End	Hours
O'Shea	Empathetic Leadership Training	3/14/2024	3/14/2024	6
O'Shea	NEMRT-Annual Meeting & Workshop	3/12/2024	3/12/2024	4
O'Shea	MEGGITT	3/5/2024	3/18/2024	1
Ransom	2024 IACP Officer Wellness Conference	3/1/2024	3/3/2024	25.5
Ransom	MEGGITT	3/5/2024	3/18/2024	1
Ransom	Hazmat	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Ransom	Blood Borne Pathogens	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Ransom	40 Hr Peer Support	3/11/2024	3/15/2024	40
Schrader	RDS/Pistol Optic Armorer and Skills	3/2/2024	3/2/2024	8.5
Schrader	Amber Alert and Silver Search Alert	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Schrader	Building Entry and Control Tactics	3/5/2024	3/6/2024	17
Schrader	MEGGITT	3/5/2024	3/18/2024	1
Schrader	Rapid Deployment Exercise	3/28/2024	3/28/2024	3
Schrader	Hazmat	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Schrader	Blood Borne Pathogens	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Schrader	PLI March 2024 Monthly Legal Update	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Swierczynski	ILEAS Conference	3/24/2024	3/26/2024	24
Swierczynski	Empathetic Leadership Training	3/14/2024	3/14/2024	6
Swierczynski	Amber Alert and Silver Search Alert	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Swierczynski	NEMRT-Annual Meeting & Workshop	3/12/2024	3/12/2024	4
Swierczynski	MEGGITT	3/5/2024	3/18/2024	1
Swierczynski	Hazmat	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Swierczynski	Blood Borne Pathogens	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Tagle	Amber Alert and Silver Search Alert	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Tagle	MEGGITT	3/5/2024	3/18/2024	1
Tagle	Hazmat	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Tagle	Blood Borne Pathogens	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Tagle	PLI March 2024 Monthly Legal Update	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Zermeno	2024 Legal Updates Webinar	3/8/2024	3/8/2024	1
Zermeno	Amber Alert and Silver Search Alert	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Zermeno	MEGGITT	3/5/2024	3/18/2024	1
Zermeno	Patrol Response to Internet Crimes	3/26/2024	3/27/2024	16
Zermeno	Rapid Deployment Exercise	3/28/2024	3/28/2024	3
Zermeno	Hazmat	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Zermeno	Blood Borne Pathogens	2/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Zermeno	PLI March 2024 Monthly Legal Update	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	1
Total				698