



Village of River Forest

POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

TO: Matt Walsh – Village Administrator

FROM: James O’Shea- Chief of Police

DATE: June 17, 2024

SUBJECT: May 2024 Monthly Report

Crime Statistics

The month of May 2024 indicated an increase in Group A (previously Part I) offenses in comparison to May 2023. There was an increase in Group A offenses year to date. This increase can be contributed to Theft incidents being reported in Group A, instead of Group B due to NIBRS requirements. There was an 87% decrease in Group B (previously Part II) reported crimes compared to May 2023. Most significantly, Traffic Arrests were previously reported with Group B offenses and have to be reported separately due to NIBRS requirements. This decrease can also be contributed to Theft incidents being reported in Group A (previously reported as Group B offenses) due to NIBRS reporting requirements. We will continue to report any anomalies in data or statistics in calendar year (2024).

	May 2024	May 2023	Diff. +/-	% +/-	YTD 2024	YTD 2023	Diff. +/-	% +/-
Group A*	25	17	8	47%	98	62	36	58%
Group B**	9	103	-94	-91%	163	461	-298	-65%
Reports***	148	151	-3	-2%	566	672	-106	-16%
Events****	1141	1182	-41	-3.5%	5223	5657	-434	-8%

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

**Group B (previously referred to *Part II*) Offenses include criminal trespass, disorderly conduct, and all other misdemeanor offenses. Traffic offenses, not including DUI, are separated from Group B as All Other Offenses.

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

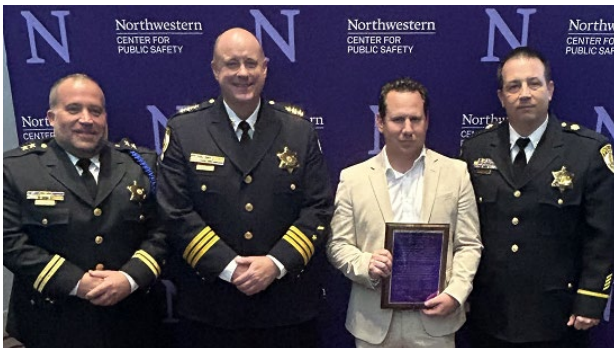
****Events (new category as of September 2015) include all activities conducted by officers, including foot patrols, premise checks, traffic stops, and all other calls for service not included as Group A and Group B offenses.

Town Center

The Police Department responded to forty-eight (48) calls for service at the Town Center properties in May 2024; of those calls there were twenty-eight (28) reported crimes, which included nine (9) Retail Thefts and fourteen (14) Panhandler/Criminal Trespass incidents. There was a 20% decrease in calls for service in comparison to year-to-date 2023 statistics. In addition, there was a one-hundred and fifty-five percent (155%) 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 May 1, 2024.
- Attended Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command Graduation on May 17, 2024. Detective Sergeant Labriola completed the rigorous course and was selected by his peers as recipient of the Franklin M. Kreml Leadership Award.
- Attended the NIPAS Annual Meeting on May 21, 2024.
- Attended the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners meeting on May 21, 2024.
- Attended an Emergency Response Planning Meeting with all Department heads on May 22, 2024.
- Attended the West Suburban Consolidated Dispatch Center Operations Committee Meeting on May 23, 2024.
- Meeting with CEO of the 100 Club of Illinois regarding officer wellness program development on May 23, 2024.
- Participated in the 99th Annual River Forest Memorial Day Parade on May 27, 2024.
- Attended the annual District 90 Safety Meeting on May 28, 2024.
- Meeting with Lexipol representatives to begin policy and procedure review on May 29, 2024.



Northwestern University School of Police Staff & Command Graduation



Honor Guard at the Memorial Day Parade

School and Community Support

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

MAY 2024	CSO BUS	CSO BUS
VIOLATION TYPE	TICKETS	WARNINGS
Time Limit	1	30
No Parking Anytime	1	
Vehicle License	0	
Fire Lane/Hydrant	1	
Handicapped	0	
Resident Only Zone	0	
Permit Parking Only	5	
Daily Parking Fee Zone	6	
Expired Registration	0	
Other Parking Offense	2	
TOTAL	16	30

MAY 2024 ACTIVITY	CSO BUS
Bank/Metra	17 Assignments 2.5 Hrs.
Errands	5 Assignments 7 Hrs.
Local Ordinance Enforcement / Citations	3 Assignments 3 Citations.
Parking Citations	16 Citations
Fingerprinting Assignments	1 Assignments 20 Mins.
Administrative Duties	7 Assignments 11.5 Hrs.
Animal Calls	9 Assignments 6.5 Hrs.
Vehicle Service	8 Assignments 9 Hrs.
Crossings	1 Assignments 30 Mins.
Bond Hearing / Court	9 Assignments 16.5 Hrs.

Other Assignments	16 Assignments 32 Hrs.
Adjudication / Red Light Hearing	1 Assignment 120 Hrs.
Child Safety Seat Inspection/Install	1 Assignments 30 Mins.
Other Calls for Service	21 Assignments 9.5 Hrs.

School Resource/Community Service Officer Activity Summary for May 2024

Written Reports	14
Foot Patrols / Premise Checks	53
ISEARCH, ICAC, and Too Good For Drugs Activities	12
Calls for Service	14
Other Assignments	59 Assignments 110 Hrs.
Special Assignments	42 Assignments 71 Hrs. (See Below)

School and Community-Support Activity Highlights for May 2024

Ofc. Drake completed the following:

- Completed April monthly report on 05/01/2024.
- Conducted three (3) ISEARCH presentations at Roosevelt for eighth grade on 05/01/2024.
- Conducted three (3) ISEARCH presentations at Roosevelt for eighth grade on 05/02/2024.
- Attended Wellness Task Force meeting on 05/02/2024.
- Attended court at Maybrook for #24-00079 on 05/03/2024.
- Attended Junior Citizen Police Academy meeting with Sergeant Ransom on 05/03/2024.
- Assisted Fresh Thyme with event planning on 05/06/2024.
- Completed May Police Law Institute online training on 05/07/2024.
- Completed Opioid Overdose Awareness training on 05/07/2024.
- Attended Illinois Prevention Network monthly Zoom meeting on 05/07/2024.
- Completed River Forest Emergency Bracelet order on 05/07/2024.
- Took Trinity High School advice call and completed report #24-00528 on 05/08/2024.
- Took Keystone Montessori advice call and completed report #24-00530 on 05/08/2024.
- Assisted Keystone Montessori with criminal trespass letter and field interview card on 05/09/2024.
- Attended Youth Network Council meeting at Oak Park Library on 05/09/2024.
- Attended Police Memorial at Cermak Woods on 05/10/2024.
- Delivered River Forest Emergency Bracelet order on 05/10/2024.

- Attended meeting at Trinity with staff and juvenile reference report #24-00528 on 05/13/2024.
- Completed community interaction meeting with juvenile on 05/14/2024.
- Conducted four (4) ISEARCH presentations at Willard for fourth grade on 05/15/2024.
- Attended Opioid Task Force monthly meeting on 05/16/2024.
- Organized and attended Dunkin' Cop on a Rooftop fundraising event with Forest Park Police Department on 05/17/2024.
- Returned left over merchandise to Special Olympics Illinois on 05/20/2024.
- Provided a station tour to juveniles on 05/20/2024.
- Completed Willard school follow up and supplemental report #24-00554 on 05/21/2024.
- Assisted WEDGE Task Force on 05/22/2024 and completed supplemental report #24-00466 on 05/22/2024.
- Completed bicycle registrations and delivered to registrants on 05/23/2024.
- Attended and rode bicycle in River Forest Memorial Day Parade on 05/27/2024.
- Completed Lincoln School supplemental report #24-00629 and report #24-00637 for damaged Pride decorations on 05/28/2024.
- Completed River Forest Library detail on 05/23/2024 and 05/28/2024.
- Conducted ISEARCH tour of River Forest Police Department for three (3) Lincoln kindergarten classes on 05/29/2024.
- Met with offender and completed local ordinance citation #C2040-000001 for report #24-00637 on 05/29/2024.
- Retrieved evidence from Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory on 05/30/2024.
- Attend FOP meeting with command staff on 05/30/2024.
- Conducted ISEARCH squad car demonstration at Willard School for three (3) kindergarten classes on 05/30/2024.
- Assisted patrol and Investigations Unit throughout the month.
- Conducted school and business premise checks throughout the month.

UPCOMING School and Community Support Activities for June 2024

Ofc. Drake will:

- Attend Roosevelt Middle School for the eighth-grade car wash on 06/03/2024.
- Attend Pride Flag Raising and Lincoln School Walk on 06/03/2024.
- Attend West Suburban Region Substance Use Task Force meeting on 06/04/2024.
- Attend Lincoln School and St. Luke School field days on 06/06/2024.
- Attend court at Maybrook for subpoena #24-00079 on 06/07/2024.
- Attend court for federal hearing on 06/18/2024.
- Attend Opioid Task Force monthly meeting on 06/20/2024.
- Participate in Law Enforcement Torch Run on bicycle on 06/22/2024.
- Provide a station tour for residents on 06/24/2024.
- Attend LGBTQ+ Webinar on 06/25/2024.
- Attend court at Maybrook for subpoena #23-00748 on 06/27/2024.
- Continue to complete River Forest Library details throughout the month.
- Shift focus to businesses and update Frontline Keyholder Portal throughout the month.
- Assist patrol and Investigations Unit as needed throughout the month.
- Conduct bike patrols and business area Foot patrols throughout the month.

Sgt. Grill will:

- Continue to train the new Records Division personnel.
- Assist in launching the new Axon Body Worn Camera and Dash Camera systems.
- Assist in deploying new portable radios on the 800Mhz band.
- 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 to gain better community compliance.



River Forest Police participated in Cop on a Rooftop in support of the Special Olympics of Illinois

Budget and Fiscal Monitoring

May 1 – May 31, 2024

May is the first month of Fiscal Year 2025. There was a 163% increase in overtime costs in comparison to May 2023. Overtime costs increased by 180% YTD comparing Fiscal Year 2024 to Fiscal Year 2023.

Revenue/Expenditure Summary

Category	Total # Paid FY24 05/31	Total # Paid FY24 Y-T-D	Expenditure/ Revenue FY24 05/31	FY24 Y-T-D Expenditure/Revenue
Parking/Compliance Citations	338	338	\$11,696	\$11,696
Admin. Tows	37	37	\$18,500	\$18,500
Local Ordinance	2	2	\$125	\$125
Overtime	363 hrs	363 hrs	\$24,252	\$24,252

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 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 focused on positive community interactions, handed out numerous "Bike Helmets for Bonbon" coupons throughout the month.
- Officers attended the Fresh Thyme "birthday" event on May 19th, 2024.
- Officers attended Roosevelt School Centennial Celebration event May 29th, 2024.
- Officers assisted with Amber Kardosh 5K race walk at Willard school on May 19th, 2024.
- Officers assisted with the Memorial Day Parade.

Directed Patrols/ Traffic Enforcement

The Midnight Shift focused enforcement on Harlem Avenue. Dayshift was assigned traffic enforcement missions on Division Street and Lake Street. The Afternoon Shift conducted enforcement missions on Chicago Avenue, North Avenue and Lake Street/Park Avenue. The traffic unit was assigned traffic enforcement missions on Lake Street.

The Midnight Shift made thirty-two (32) stops, issued twenty-seven (27) citations and seventeen (17) warnings were issued during their traffic mission. The shift made five (5) traffic arrests which were administratively towed during the enforcement traffic mission this month.

The Dayshift made seventy-one (71) stops with seventy (70) citations and twenty-three (23) warnings issued. The shift recorded four (4) traffic-related arrests during enforcement missions this month. Three (3) vehicles were administratively towed.

The Afternoon shift made thirty-six (36) stops with fifty-five (55) citations and eleven (11) warnings issued during traffic enforcement missions. The shift made fifteen (15) traffic arrests with ten (10) administrative towed vehicles during their enforcement missions.

The Traffic unit made fifty-one (51) stops with sixty-six (66) citations, nine (9) traffic arrests, and eleven (11) vehicles were towed during their enforcement. The officers assigned to the unit were assigned to the WEDGE Task Force and patrol for multiple days.

Notable Events and Arrests:

24-00510 Driving While License Suspended

On May 3, 2024, 5:30AM, a River Forest officer conducting traffic enforcement near Keystone Avenue and Madison Street observed a vehicle driving 40mph on Madison Street where the speed limit is 25mph. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 28 year old male from Maywood, was found to be driving with a suspended driver's license, with three suspensions for mandatory insurance violation, DUI, and failure to appear at court. 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.

24-00544 Retail Theft

On May 10, 2024, 10:48PM, River Forest units were dispatched to Walgreen's for a retail theft. Officers located a subject, a 34 year old male from Chicago, nearby who matched the given description and was in possession of the stolen merchandise. When questioned, he provided a fictitious identity to officers. He was also found to have been previously banned from Walgreen's. He was arrested for Retail Theft, Obstructing Identification and Criminal Trespass to Property, processed, and later released on a Citation and Notice.

24-00549 Driving While License Revoked

On May 12, 2024, 3:41AM, a River Forest officer on patrol near Harlem Avenue and Division Street observed a vehicle driving on Harlem Avenue with a suspended registration. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 43 year old female from Batavia, was found to be driving with a revoked driver's license, revoked for DUI. She also could not provide proof of insurance for the vehicle. She was arrested for Driving While License Revoked, processed, and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

24-00550 Driving While License Suspended

On May 12, 2024 4:37AM, a River Forest officer backing up an officer on a traffic arrest on Harlem Avenue, observed a vehicle speed past the stop without changing lanes or slowing down, in violation of Scott's Law. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 26 year old female 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.

24-00570 Driving Under the Influence

On May 16, 2024, 2:39AM, a River Forest officer on general patrol near Chicago Avenue and Harlem Avenue observed a vehicle driving 57mph on Harlem where the speed limit is 30mph and swerving out of its lane. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 31 year old female from River Forest, exhibited numerous 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 0.218. She was processed and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

24-00613 Driving While License Suspended

On May 24, 2024, 2:44AM, a River Forest officer on general patrol near North Avenue and Harlem Avenue observed a vehicle driving 71mph on North where the speed limit is 30mph. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 21 year old male from Chicago, was found to be driving with a suspended driver's license, suspended for mandatory insurance violations. He was arrested for Driving While License Suspended and Aggravated Speeding, processed, and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

24-00617 Driving Under the Influence

On May 25, 2024, 2:52AM, a River Forest officer on general patrol near North Avenue and Jackson Avenue observed a vehicle driving 51mph on North where the speed limit is 30mph, swerving out of its lane, and disregarding traffic control devices. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 23 year old male from Chicago, exhibited numerous signs of cannabis impairment, failed Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, and was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Drugs. 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.

24-000559 Traffic Arrest

On May 14, 2024, 09:57AM, a River Forest unit stopped a vehicle for expired/suspended registration on the 7700 block of Division Street. The driver, a 56 year old male Chicago resident had no valid driver's license and was placed under arrest. He was cited and released from the scene on a Citation and Notice with a court date at Maybrook Courthouse.

24-00596 Traffic Arrest

On May 21, 2024, 1:25PM, a River Forest unit stopped a vehicle for expired/suspended registration on the 7400 block of Division Street. The driver, a 27 year old male Chicago resident had a suspended license and was placed under arrest. He was cited and released from the scene on a Citation and Notice with a court date at Maybrook Courthouse.

24-00568 Traffic Arrest

On May 15, 2024, 08:49AM, a River Forest unit stopped a vehicle for speeding in the Jewel parking lot (7525 Lake Street). The driver, a 29 year old male Chicago resident had a suspended driver's license and was placed under arrest. He was cited and released from the scene on a Citation and Notice with a court date at Maybrook Courthouse.

24-00606 Traffic Arrest

On May 23, 2024, 08:23AM, a River Forest unit stopped a vehicle for suspended registration in the Athletico parking lot (1135 Harlem Avenue). The driver, a 34 year old male Chicago resident had a suspended license and was placed under arrest. He was cited and released from the scene on a Citation and Notice with a court date at Maybrook Courthouse.

24-00211 Criminal Damage to Property

On May 27, 2024, 10:55AM, River Forest units responded to 7711North Avenue for a domestic disturbance. It was discovered that the resident's daughter, a 20 year old female who resided in Chicago, had kicked open the front door of the residence, causing damage to the door, before leaving the scene on foot. The offender was located nearby at the North Avenue/Lathrop Avenue bus stop. She was arrested, transported to the station, processed, and charged with criminal damage to property. She was later released on a Citation and Notice with a court date at Maybrook Courthouse.

24-00641 Traffic Arrest / Obstructing A Peace Officer

On May 29, 2024, 09:48AM, a River Forest unit was flagged down by a motorist and notified of a crash that just occurred at the Thatcher Avenue/North Avenue intersection. A 33 year old female Bellwood resident on scene stated she had been driving the car. Upon further investigation, it was determined that the other involved party, a 32 year old male Chicago resident, had actually been driving and the two had lied about him being a passenger because his license was revoked. The male was arrested for driving on a revoked license, cited, and released from the scene on a Citation and Notice with a court date at Maybrook Courthouse. The female was issued a Local Ordinance citation for obstructing a peace officer and given an adjudication date at Village Hall.

2400040840 Assist other Agency/ Disturbance

On May 24, 2024, 7:11PM, River Forest units were dispatched to the Cook County Forest Preserve located at 8030 Chicago Avenue for a report of shots fired, followed by a report of a fight. Upon arrival, River Forest officers observed that the parking lot of the Forest Preserve was overflowing with vehicles, and there were at least 200 people on site for an event. Officers observed several large groups engaged in arguments and fighting, and advised dispatch more units were needed. Officers attempted to disperse the crowd and separate hostile groups and individuals. Forest Preserve and Forest Park officers arrived on scene. Many individuals were uncooperative and continued to instigate fights with others, but officers continued diffusing the altercations and getting people to leave in their vehicles. There was no evidence of shots being fired. The situation was under control after approximately twenty minutes.

24-00526 Possession of Stolen Motor Vehicle/ Warrant Arrest

On May 7, 2024, 6:37PM, a River Forest officer was conducting traffic enforcement on Lake Street and received a license plate reader alert for a stolen vehicle traveling westbound on Lake Street from Harlem Avenue. The officer confirmed the vehicle was reported stolen out of Oak Park. The vehicle was stopped near 7411 Lake Street, and the driver, a 28-year-old woman from Chicago, was detained. The owner of the vehicle was contacted and did not want to sign complaints against the offender; he only wanted the vehicle back. The offender was also driving with a suspended license and had four warrants from other agencies including CPD. The offender received traffic citations and was turned over to CPD.

24-00537 Retail Theft/ Criminal Trespass/ Warrant

On May 9, 2024, 9:42PM, River Forest units were dispatched to a retail theft at Jewel located at 7525 Lake Street. Responding officers located the offender, a 47-year-old man from Maywood, walking away from the store. The offender was detained and identified by a Jewel employee. Recovered from the offender's clothing was approximately \$270.00 worth of merchandise. Officers learned the offender had three warrants out of Cook County and was already banned from Jewel. The offender was charged with retail theft, the warrants, and criminal trespass. He was transported to the Maybrook courthouse.

24-00599 Possession of a Controlled Substance

On May 21, 2024, 4:55PM, a River Forest officer received a license plate reader alert for a vehicle with suspended registration traveling eastbound on North Avenue from Thatcher Avenue. The officer initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle and learned that the driver, a 36-year-old man from Chicago had a suspended driver's license. The driver was taken into custody and transported to the station. During a custodial search of the offender, a white powdery substance was located in a folded dollar bill in his wallet. The substance tested positive for fentanyl. The offender was charged with several traffic violations and possession of a controlled substance. He was later released on a Citation and Notice.

24-00503 No Valid Driver's License Arrest

On May 1, 2024, 12:18PM, a River Forest traffic officer was in the area of Harlem Avenue/ Oak Avenue, when the officer observed a vehicle with an expired registration. The officer conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. A records check of the driver, a 19 year old female from Stickney revealed that she did not have a valid driver's license. The driver was charged with no valid driver's license, expired registration, and no seatbelt. The offender was released on scene with a citation and notice.

24-00504 Suspended Driver's License Arrest

On May 1, 2024, 2:55PM, a River Forest traffic officer was in the area of Harlem Avenue/ North Avenue, when the officer observed a vehicle to avoid an official traffic control device. The officer conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. A records check of the driver, a 29 year old male from Chicago revealed that he had a suspended driver's license. The driver was charged with driving while license suspended and avoiding a traffic control device. The offender was released on scene with a citation and notice.

24-00577 No Valid Driver's License Arrest

On May 17, 2024, 3:36PM, River Forest tactical officers were in the area of Madison Street/ Keystone Avenue, when they observed a vehicle with a fictitious temporary registration. The officers conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. A records check of the driver, a 32 year old male from Chicago revealed that he did not have a valid driver's license. A records check confirmed the temporary registration to be fictitious. The driver was charged with no valid driver's license, possession of fictitious registration, no insurance, and improper signal. The offender was released from the station on citation and notice.

24-00592 Suspended Driver's License Arrest

On May 20, 2024, 12:07PM, a River Forest traffic officer was in the area of 624 N Harlem Avenue, when the officer observed a vehicle with a suspended registration. The officer conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. A records check of the driver, a 36 year old male from Chicago revealed that he had a suspended driver's license. The driver was charged with driving while license suspended and suspended registration. The offender was released on scene with a citation and notice.

24-00636 No Valid Driver's License Arrest

On May 28, 2024, 1:23PM, a River Forest traffic officer was in the area of Lake Street/ Forest Avenue, when the officer observed a vehicle with a suspended registration. The officer conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. A records check of the driver, a 26 year old male from Maywood revealed that he did not have a valid driver's license. The driver was charged with no valid driver's license and suspended registration. The offender was released on scene with a citation and notice.

24-00649 No Valid Driver's License Arrest

On May 30, 2024, 4:54PM, a River Forest traffic officer was in the area North Avenue/ Clinton Place, when the officer observed a vehicle with a suspended registration. The officer conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. A records check of the driver, a 41 year old female from Chicago revealed that she did not have a valid driver's license. The driver was charged with no valid driver's license, operating uninsured motor vehicle, and suspended registration. The offender was released on scene with a citation and notice.

24-00538 Possession of a Controlled Substance

On May 10, 2024 12:19AM, a River Forest tactical officer was in the area of the 7600 block of North Avenue, when the officer observed a vehicle commit several lane violations as it traveled eastbound on North Avenue. The officer conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle at the Shell gas station at 7201 North Avenue, and made contact with the driver, a 39-year-old male from Addison. Records check of the driver revealed his driver's license to be revoked since 2010. The offender was placed into custody, and a search of the driver's vehicle revealed six unlawfully possessed generic Xanax bars, for which the driver did not have a prescription. The driver was charged with possession of a controlled substance and driving on a revoked license. The offender was released from the River Forest Police Department on a citation and notice.

24-00561 Warrant Arrest

On May 14, 2024, 2:42PM, a River Forest traffic officer was in the area of the 7800 block of Lake Street when the officer observed a burgundy Kia SUV traveling eastbound on Lake Street with fictitious registration plates. The officer conducted a traffic stop of the vehicle on the 300 block of Ashland Avenue, and contacted the driver, a 35-year-old male from Chicago. A records check of the driver revealed that he had an active warrant out of Kane County for prior traffic offenses. The driver was arrested and charged with his outstanding warrant. The offender was transported from the River Forest Police Department to the Cook County Sheriff's Office for a hearing on May 15th, 2024.

24-00610 Warrant Arrest

On May 23, 2024, 5:45PM, River Forest Tactical Officers were assigned to the WEDGE Task Force and were in the area of the eastbound Cicero Avenue exit of the Interstate 290. At that time, the officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a vehicle that was reported as stolen out of Chicago. The vehicle subsequently rammed the officer's squad car, at which point the driver fled on foot and made good of his escape. With assistance from other WEDGE units, the passenger, a 21-year-old female from Chicago, was taken into custody. A records check of the passenger revealed her to have three active warrants from DuPage County, Cook County, and Glen Ellyn. The passenger was turned over to the Glen Ellyn Police department, where she was charged with her active warrants.

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

	Midnights 2230-0630	Day Watch 0630-1430	Third Watch 1430-2230	Traffic & Tactical Unit
Criminal Arrests	3	1	3	2
Warrant Arrests	0	0	8	4
D.U.I Arrests	2	0	0	0
Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests	11	6	18	9
Hazardous Moving Violations	55	85	61	55
Compliance Citations	29	50	16	11
Parking Citations	300	38	0	4
Traffic Stop Data Sheets	131	138	66	51
Quasi-Criminal Arrests/ L.O	1	2	2	0
Field Interviews	7	12	7	10
Premise Checks/Foot Patrols	499	322	292	75
Written Reports	38	59	84	16
Administrative Tows	11	3	10	11
Booted vehicles	1	0	0	0
Sick Time used (in days)	2	6	1	0

Detective Division

Detective Sergeant Labriola worked nine (9) days performing detective duties.

Detective Zermeno worked twenty-one (21) days performing detective duties.

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

Detective Sergeant Labriola was assigned as a supervisor for WEDGE for one day.

Detective Zermeno attended a Board of Fire and Police Commission meeting.

Detective Zermeno was assigned to WEDGE for one day.

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

During the month of May, the Detective Unit opened up/reviewed eleven (11) cases for potential follow-up. Of those cases, four (4) 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 May.

Year to Date Arrest Statistics

Quantity Arrested	# Felony Charges	# Misdemeanor Charges	# Warrants
17	4	8	9

May 2024 Case Assignment Summary

Group A	# Cases	Cleared by Arrest	Adm Closed	Screen Out	Susp	Except	Pend	Refer	Unfound
Assault	1	1							
Burglary	1						1		
Retail Theft	2	1					1		
Group A Total	4	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Group B	# Cases	Cleared by Arrest	Adm Closed	Screen Out	Susp	Except Clear	Pend	Refer	Unfound
Fleeing and Eluding	2					1	1		
Hit and Run	3					1	2		
Criminal Damage	2	2							
Group B Total	7	2	0	0	0	2	3	0	0
TOTALS	11	4	0	0	0	2	5	0	0

May 2024 Juvenile Arrests

Offenses	Adjusted	Cited	Petitioned	Referred
Criminal Damage		1		
Total (1)	0	1	0	0

New Investigations

24-00484 Burglary

On April 26, 2024, at 9:21AM, a River Forest Officer took a report of a Burglary at Concordia University. School public safety related that the football team’s storage facility had been burglarized at 1:41AM that day according to video surveillance, and the offenders can be seen rummaging through items but did not remove anything from the storage facility. One of the offenders was identified as a former team member who had been arrested by RFPD in the past. Investigators contacted the subject who related he will turn himself in when he is back in town during the month of June. This case is still active.

24-00525 Hit & Run

On May 6, 2024, at 2:21AM, a River Forest Officer responded to Concordia University for a vehicle that ran over a metal barrier on the campus grounds. The driver fled the accident but was later identified by investigators. The driver, a 27-year-old female from Chicago was taken into custody and charged accordingly. This case was cleared by an arrest and the vehicle was administratively towed.

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 have been unable to locate the offending vehicle, and this case is still active.

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's mother related that he will turn himself in. This case is still active.

24-00535 Retail Theft

On May 9, 2024, at 1:30PM, River Forest Officers responded to Ulta located at 7231 Lake St. in reference to a Retail Theft. Investigators responded and located the offender, a 51-year-old male subject from Chicago who took nearly \$400 of merchandise without paying for the items. He was taken into custody and released on a cite and notice. This case was cleared by an arrest.

24-00553 Fleeing and Eluding

On May 13, 2024, at 5:38AM, a River Forest Officer attempted to stop a vehicle for speeding in the 7900 block of Madison. The vehicle initially pulled over, but as the officer exited his squad, the vehicle fled the stop at a high rate of speed. Investigators located the vehicle and towed it with an administrative hold. This case was exceptionally cleared.

24-00587 Hit & Run

On May 19, 2024, at approximately 9:15PM a victim reported that his vehicle was struck in the 7200 block of Augusta, and the offending vehicle fled the area. Investigators contacted the registered owners who came to RFPD and provided insurance information which was given to the victim. The vehicle was administratively towed. This case was exceptionally cleared.

24-00602 Assault

On May 22, 2024, at 4:23PM, River Forest Officers responded to Walgreen's located at 7251 Lake St. in reference to an assault. The store employees related that female subject appeared to be committing a retail theft, and when she was approached by the store employees, she implied she had a firearm while making threats. The female subject was identified as a 36-year-old from Chicago, by investigators, and placed into custody on May 30, 2024, in Forest Park and later released on a cite and notice. This case was cleared by an arrest.

24-00610 Hit & Run

On May 23, 2024, at 8:34PM, investigators were working with the WEDGE Task Force when they were alerted of a stolen car from a license plate reader. The stolen vehicle was on the ramp of I-290 and Cicero when WEDGE units attempted to stop the vehicle. The vehicle crashed into a RFPD unmarked vehicle, and the driver fled the scene. The passenger was taken into custody for a Glen Ellyn warrant and the driver has been identified. This case is still active although one arrest has been made.

24-00611 Fleeing and Eluding

On May 24, 2024, at 11:53PM, a River Forest Officer attempted to stop a vehicle for driving 71MPH in a posted 30MPH speed limit zone in the 7800 block of North Ave. The vehicle did not stop, and the officer did not pursue. This case is still active.

24-00628 Hit & Run

On May 26, 2024, at 2:34PM, a River Forest Officer responded to the 7900 block of Lake St. in reference to a hit and run. The driver of the victim vehicle related that he was rear ended, and the offending vehicle fled the accident. A check of the Village license plate readers by investigators identified the offending vehicle. This case is still pending.

24-00637 Disorderly Conduct

On May 28, 2024, at 1:02PM, a River Forest Officer received a report that a banner placed at Lincoln School in honor of Pride month had been torn. Investigators reviewed the Village video cameras and determined the incident took place on May 27, 2024, at 1:40PM. Investigators located the offending vehicle using the Village's license plate readers and located the registered owner. The juvenile son of the registered owner was cited. This case was cleared by a juvenile arrest.

Old Investigations

21-01325 Forgery

On December 2, 2021, River Forest Investigators were contacted by the Hiawatha Police Department in Iowa and was advised that multiple fraudulent checks from a charitable organization were deposited into Chase accounts at the branch located at 630 N. Harlem in River Forest in September 2021. The account holders have been identified through a subpoena process, and the total loss exceeds \$15,000. Investigators with the assistance from the West Suburban Enhanced Drug and Gang Task Force (WEDGE) have been searching for the suspects with negative results. Investigators will attempt to secure arrest warrants for both account holders, and this case is still active. Investigators obtained arrest warrants for both subjects. One had been taken into custody in 2022, and the other was located in Galesburg, IL and taken into custody on May 22, 2024, by RFPD. The subject had a total of four (4) outstanding warrants as well. This case was cleared by an arrest.

23-01344 Retail Theft

On October 23, 2023, at 4:22PM, a River Forest Officer responded to a retail theft located at CVS located at 7929 North Ave. The offenders took multiple cosmetic items and fled the scene in a vehicle in which the registration was obtained by a witness. Investigators located the vehicle in Des Plaines and towed the vehicle. The store employee and witness were unable to identify the offenders, and this case was exceptionally cleared. Two subjects were later identified and a 29-year-old female and a 30-year-old female, both from Chicago were taken into custody by investigators.

24-00274 Home Repair Fraud

On March 7, 2024, a River Forest Officer received a report of a home repair fraud that occurred on February 20, 2024. The victim related that she paid a subject \$3,000 to do chimney repair work. The work was not complete and the work that was done was equivalent to a \$300 job according to a licensed vendor. Investigators obtained multiple search warrants for bank account information, and the offender was identified as a person who committed multiple similar crimes in the past. The offender, a 56-year-old male from Stickney was taken into custody and released on a cite and notice.

24-00478 Mail Threat

On April 25, 2024, at 10:09AM, a River Forest Officer responded to the River Forest Library in reference to a mail threat report. A letter was sent to the library and contained a live round of ammunition with a note that read “the next one is going through your forehead at close range.” It was directed at the director of the library. Potential DNA was recovered from the envelope and was sent to the Illinois State Police Forensic Science Center in Chicago for further analysis. The items obtained during the arrest of a subject reference 24-00498 were sent to the FBI for handwriting analysis. This case is still active.

Training

During the month of May 2024, twenty-seven (27) officers/civilian employees attended different training classes for a total of seven-hundred and twenty-one (721) 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	Less Lethal Shotgun	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Bradley	Honor Guard 101	5/6/2024	5/8/2024	24
Bradley	Crisis Intervention Training-40hrs	5/13/2024	5/17/2024	40
Bradley	Adaptive Leader-Leadership for Police Officers	5/31/2024	5/31/2024	8.5
Bradley	Less Lethal Shotgun	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Casarez	Opioid Overdose Response	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Casarez	40 Hour Juvenile Specialist Skills	5/6/2024	5/10/2024	40
Casarez	PLI May 2024 Monthly Legal Update	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Casarez	Less Lethal Shotgun	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Casey	Opioid Overdose Response	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Casey	PLI May 2024 Monthly Legal Update	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Casey	Less Lethal Shotgun	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Cassidy	Opioid Overdose Response	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Cassidy	PLI May 2024 Monthly Legal Update	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Cassidy	Less Lethal Shotgun	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Catalano	Opioid Overdose Response	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Catalano	PLI May 2024 Monthly Legal Update	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Catalano	Less Lethal Shotgun	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Coleman	Opioid Overdose Response	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Coleman	PLI May 2024 Monthly Legal Update	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Coleman	Less Lethal Shotgun	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Cortes	Opioid Overdose Response	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Cortes	PLI May 2024 Monthly Legal Update	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Cortes	Less Lethal Shotgun	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Czernik	Opioid Overdose Response	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Czernik	Less Lethal Shotgun	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Diorio	Introduction to Sealing and Expunging Records	5/1/2024	5/1/2024	2
Dosen	Opioid Overdose Response	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Dosen	PLI May 2024 Monthly Legal Update	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Dosen	Less Lethal Shotgun	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Officer	Course	Start	End	Hours

Drake	Opioid Overdose Response	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Drake	PLI May 2024 Monthly Legal Update	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Fries	Less Lethal Shotgun	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Gonzalez	Opioid Overdose Response	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Gonzalez	PLI May 2024 Monthly Legal Update	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Green	Less Lethal Shotgun	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Humphreys	Opioid Overdose Response	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Humphreys	PLI May 2024 Monthly Legal Update	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Humphreys	Body Worn Cameras Course	5/7/2024	5/8/2024	17
Humphreys	Less Lethal Shotgun	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Humphreys	Less Lethal 40MM Recertification	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Humphreys	Merging Drone Data with FARO Technologies	4/30/2024	5/2/2024	25.5
Juarez	TASER Initial Training	5/10/2024	5/10/2024	8.5
Labriola	Opioid Overdose Response	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Labriola	Staff and Command	1/16/2024	5/17/2024	400
Labriola	PLI May 2024 Monthly Legal Update	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Landini	Opioid Overdose Response	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Landini	PLI May 2024 Monthly Legal Update	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Landini	Less Lethal Shotgun	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Lenz	Honor Guard 101	5/6/2024	5/8/2024	24
Lenz	Opioid Overdose Response	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Lenz	Crime Scene Investigator	4/29/2024	5/3/2024	42.5
Lenz	Less Lethal Shotgun	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Mika	Opioid Overdose Response	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Mika	PLI May 2024 Monthly Legal Update	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Mika	Less Lethal Shotgun	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Murillo	Less Lethal Shotgun	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Niemann	Opioid Overdose Response	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Niemann	SEND IT Surveillance Enhanced Decisions in Time	5/9/2024	5/10/2024	16
Niemann	PLI May 2024 Monthly Legal Update	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Niemann	Less Lethal Shotgun	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Ransom	Body Worn Cameras Course	5/7/2024	5/8/2024	17
Ransom	Less Lethal Shotgun	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Schrader	Less Lethal Shotgun	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Tagle	Opioid Overdose Response	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Tagle	PLI May 2024 Monthly Legal Update	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Tagle	Less Lethal Shotgun	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Zermeno	Opioid Overdose Response	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Zermeno	PLI May 2024 Monthly Legal Update	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Zermeno	Less Lethal Shotgun	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	1
Total				721