



Village of River Forest

POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

TO: Matt Walsh – Village Administrator

FROM: James O’Shea- Chief of Police

DATE: October 14, 2024

SUBJECT: September 2024 Monthly Report

Crime Statistics

The month of September 2024 indicated a 3% increase in Group A offenses in comparison to September 2023. There was a 1% increase in Group A offenses year to date. This increase can be attributed to more incidents of Assault. There was an 42% increase in Group B offenses compared to September 2023. This increase is due to an increase in Driving Under the Influence Arrests and Disorderly Conducts.

It had been noted in previous Monthly Reports for 2024 that there was a disparity in data collection and results due to changes in National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) requirements. The data collection was refined and restructured using true NIBRS requirements. This will allow for use of more accurate information and comparisons. We will continue to report any anomalies in data or statistics in calendar year (2024).

| | Sep 2024 | Sep 2023 | Diff. +/- | % +/- | YTD 2024 | YTD 2023 | Diff. +/- | % +/- |
|-------------------|----------|----------|-----------|-------|----------|----------|-----------|-------|
| Group A* | 36 | 29 | 7 | 24% | 258 | 255 | 3 | 1% |
| Group B** | 17 | 12 | 5 | 42% | 75 | 86 | -11 | -13% |
| All Other | 22 | 28 | -6 | -21% | 299 | 286 | 13 | 5% |
| Reports*** | 160 | 144 | 16 | 11% | 1229 | 1239 | -10 | -1% |
| Events**** | 1051 | 1126 | -75 | -7% | 9493 | 10562 | -1069 | -10% |

Town Center

The Police Department responded to seventy-eight (78) calls for service at the Town Center properties in September 2024; of those calls there were forty-three (43) reported crimes, which included twenty-four (24) Retail Thefts and eighteen (18) Panhandler/Criminal Trespass incidents. There was a 27% increase in calls for service in comparison to year-to-date 2023 statistics. In addition, there was a seventy-one (71%) increase in Criminal Activity in comparison to year-to-date 2023 statistics. This increase can be attributed to an increase of Retail Theft calls.

Collaboration and Relationship Strengthening

- Attended tour of the Homeland Security Training Institute for future department trainings on September 3, 2024.
- Attended the West Suburban Chiefs of Police meeting on September 4, 2024.
- Attended the Village Board of Trustees Meeting on September 9, 2024.
- Attended the Lemon-Aid Event on September 11, 2024.
- Attended the Administrators Forum on September 18, 2024.
- Attended the Tour De Proviso planning meeting on September 25, 2024.

School and Community Support

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

| SEPTEMBER 2024 ACTIVITY | CSO BUS |
|--|------------------------------|
| Bank/Metra | 18 Assignments 3 Hrs. |
| Errands | 3 Assignments 2.5 Hrs. |
| Local Ordinance Enforcement / Citations | 0 Assignments 0 Citations |
| Parking Citations | 83 Citations |
| Fingerprinting Assignments | 1 Assignment 25 Min. |
| Administrative Duties | 6 Assignments 10 Hrs. |
| Animal Calls | 5 Assignments 2.5 Hrs. |
| Vehicle Service | 15 Assignments 10 Hrs. |
| Crossings | 1 Assignment 45 Min. |

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| Bond Hearing / Court | 9 Assignments 12.5 Hrs. |
| Other Assignments | 14 Assignments 13 Hrs. |
| Adjudication / Red Light Hearing | 0 Assignments 0 Hrs. |
| Child Safety Seat Inspection/Install | 10 Assignments 3 Hrs. |
| Other Calls for Service | 29 Assignments 14 Hrs. |

| SEPTEMBER 2024 | CSO BUS | CSO BUS |
|------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| VIOLATION TYPE | TICKETS | WARNINGS |
| Time Limit | 4 | |
| No Parking Anytime | 25 | |
| Vehicle License | 8 | |
| Fire Lane/Hydrant | 8 | |
| Handicapped | 0 | |
| Resident Only Zone | 18 | 20 |
| Permit Parking Only | 0 | |
| Daily Parking Fee Zone | 0 | |
| Expired Registration | 10 | |
| Other Parking Offense | 1 | |
| TOTAL | 74 | 20 |

School Resource/Community Service Officer Activity Summary for September 2024

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|--|----------------------------|
| Written Reports | 14 |
| Foot Patrols / Premise Checks | 62 |
| ISEARCH, ICAC and Too Good for Drugs Activities | 13 |
| Calls for Service | 27 |
| Other Assignments | 32 Assignments 68 Hrs. |
| Special Assignments | 43 Assignments 104 Hrs. |

School and Community-Support Activity Highlights for September 2024

Ofc. Drake completed the following:

- Conducted check-in with juvenile resident on 09/02/2024.
- Completed August monthly report on 09/03/2024.
- Completed ILETSB Hate Crime online training on 09/03/2024.
- Completed ILETSB Psychology of Domestic Violence online training on 09/03/2024.
- Delivered Emergency ID bracelet to elderly resident on 09/03/2024.
- Attended meeting with Oak Park and River Forest Township General Services on 09/03/2024.
- Assisted with escort and completed Elderly Service report #24-01103 on 09/04/2024.
- Attended Lincoln Bike Safety event on 09/04/2024 and 09/05/2024.
- Conducted Lockdown Drill and completed lockdown report for Roosevelt Middle School on 09/05/2024.
- Attended meeting at Willard Elementary School to deliver and review lockdown drill report.
- Completed School report for Trinity #24-01115 on 09/06/2024.
- Completed Body Worn Camera training on 09/06/2024.
- Conducted premise check/follow up with River Forest Chocolates on 09/06/2024.
- Conducted meeting with juvenile and parent on 09/06/2024.
- Assisted with call at Trinity on 09/09/2024.
- Attended Town Hall at Willard Elementary School on 09/09/2024.
- Completed Elderly Service Check-In with Senior Services and completed Elderly Service supplemental report #24-01103 on 09/09/2024.
- Attended meeting at Roosevelt Middle School to deliver and review lockdown drill report on 09/10/2024.
- Completed School report for Roosevelt Middle School #24-01131 on 09/10/2024.
- Attended District 90 Reunification meeting with neighboring school districts on 09/11/2024.
- Completed juvenile follow up and supplemental report #24-01131 on 09/11/2024.
- Attended Lemon-Aid event on 09/11/2024.
- Conducted lockdown drill at Concordia Early Childhood Education Center on 09/12/2024.
- Conducted two (2) Too Good for Drugs lessons at St. Luke School on 09/13/2024.
- Attended Trinity reunification meeting at St. Vincent Ferrer School on 09/13/2024.
- Attended RFFD Open House event on 09/14/2024.
- Attended First Responder Day at Brookfield Zoo on 09/15/2024.
- Assisted with street coverage on 09/18/2024.
- Conducted one (1) Too Good for Drugs lesson at Grace Lutheran on 09/18/2024.
- Conducted lockdown drill at St. Luke School on 09/19/2024.
- Conducted two (2) River Forest Community Safety presentations (previously known as ISEARCH) at Lincoln Elementary School on 09/19/2024.
- Attended River Forest Community Safety meeting on 09/19/2024.
- Conducted two (2) Too Good for Drugs lessons at St. Luke School on 09/20/2024.
- Attended National Seat Check Saturday event on 09/21/2024.
- Conducted two (2) River Forest Community Safety presentations (previously known as ISEARCH) at St. Luke School on 09/24/2024.
- Conducted lockdown drill at Mosaic Montessori on 09/24/2024.

- Conducted two (2) River Forest Community Safety presentations (previously known as ISEARCH) at St. Vincent Ferrer School on 09/25/2024.
- Attended Concordia Early Childhood Education Center Touch a Truck event and Book Reading on 09/25/2024.
- Conducted one (1) Too Good for Drugs lesson at Grace Lutheran on 09/25/2024.
- Attended meeting with Grace Lutheran and completed School report #24-01220 on 09/25/2024.
- Attended Connections in Prevention Conference on 09/26/2024 and 09/27/2024.
- Conducted Peer Support training throughout the month.
- Assisted patrol throughout the month.
- Scheduled ride along with new police officer candidates throughout the month.
- Completed and delivered bicycle registrations to residents throughout the month.
- Conducted business and school premise checks throughout the month.

UPCOMING School and Community Support Activities for October 2024

Ofc. Drake will:

- Conduct River Forest Community Safety presentations (previously known as ISEARCH) on 10/01/2024 and 10/09/2024.
- Conduct Too Good for Drugs lessons on 10/07/2024, 10/09/2024, 10/10/2024, 10/16/2024, and 10/25/2024.
- Attend School Safety Conference on 10/02/2024.
- Attend School Threats and Resources webinar on 10/07/2024.
- Attend Reunification committee meeting on 10/08/2024.
- Attend Youth Network Council meeting on 10/10/2024.
- Conduct lockdown drill at Trinity on 10/11/2024.
- Attend Concordia Early Childhood Education Center Touch a Truck and Book Reading event on 10/11/2024.
- Attend Child Death Investigation training on 10/15/2024.
- Attend Opioid Task Force meeting on 10/17/2024.
- Attend In-Service training on 10/21/2024.
- Conduct lockdown drill at Keystone Montessori on 10/22/2024.
- Update Frontline Keyholder Portal throughout the month.
- Assist patrol and Investigations Unit as needed throughout the month.
- Conduct bike patrols throughout the month.
- Conduct school and business premise checks and foot patrols throughout the month.

Sgt. Grill will:

- Continue to train the new Records Division personnel.
- Perform LEADS Agency Security Officer duties.
- Assist in launching the new Axon Body Worn Camera and Dash Camera systems.
- Assist with Adjudication hearings and manage caseload.
- Work on possible grant application opportunities.
- Plan special events and complete permit reviews and approvals.
- Manage movie and commercial film details, permits, and requests.

- Assist with Information Technology projects.
- Address subpoenas, FOIA requests and other records requests for various sources of police video used in police response and criminal investigations.
- Manage various grant activities and applications.
- Assist with Vehicle Maintenance and Equipment.
- Assist with Red Light Enforcement system.

CSO Bus will:

- Assist with Records Division functions.
- Assist with Child Safety Seat Installations
- Enforce any/all regulated parking zones.
- Monitor summer crossing guard performance and presence.
- Monitor parking issues near the River Forest Community Center.
- Monitor and enforce parking regulations in Daily Fee, Time Zone, Resident Only Zones, and Handicapped Parking Only Areas etc.
- Assist with Court records communications.
- Assist with Animal Control.
- Administer traffic control services during Fire and Police related events.
- Continue to utilize the Automated License Plate Reader to increase efficiency and effectiveness of parking enforcement efforts to gain better community compliance.



Sgt. Grill, Ofc. Drake and CSO Bus conducted the bike safety event at Lincoln School on September 4th and 5th.

| Active Solicitor Permits | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Individual or Organization | Description | Expires |
| Anderson Corporation | Windows & Doors | 04/25/2025 |
| EcoShield Pest Solutions | Pest Control | 06/27/2025 |
| Power Home Remodeling | Roofing, Siding, Windows, and Doors | 08/02/2025 |

Budget and Fiscal Monitoring

September 1 – September 30, 2024

September is the fifth month of Fiscal Year 2025. There was an 55% increase in overtime costs in comparison to September 2023. Overtime costs increased by 95% YTD comparing Fiscal Year 2025 to Fiscal Year 2024.

Revenue/Expenditure Summary

| Category | Total # Paid FY25 09/30 | Total # Paid FY24 Y-T-D | Expenditure/ Revenue FY25 09/30 | FY25 Y-T-D Expenditure/Revenue |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Parking/Compliance Citations | 314 | 1368 | \$19,018 | \$78,123 |
| Admin. Tows | 16 | 120 | \$8,000 | \$60,000 |
| Local Ordinance | 0 | 10 | 1600 | \$1,600 |
| Overtime | 414.5hrs | 1,546hrs | \$29,380 | \$93,619 |

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 focused on positive community interactions, handed out numerous “Bike Helmets for Bonbon” coupons throughout the month, attended block parties and attended sporting events in the parks.
- Officers monitored school drop-offs and pickups, traffic calming and enforcement.
- Officers participated in the Fire Department’s Open House event on 09/14/2024.
- Officers assisted with traffic control on Madison for Maywood’s parade on 09/14/2024.

Directed Patrols/ Traffic Enforcement

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

The Midnight Shift made fifty-two (52) stops, issued fifty (50) citations and twenty-eight (28) warnings were issued during their traffic missions. The shift made five (5) traffic arrests which were administratively towed during the enforcement traffic mission this month.

The Dayshift made fifty-six (56) stops, fifty-five (55) citations and twelve (12) warnings issued. The shift recorded three (3) traffic-related arrests during enforcement missions this month. Three (3) vehicles were administratively towed.

The Afternoon shift made twenty-four (24) stops with twenty-one (21) citations and ten (10) warnings were issued during traffic enforcement missions. The shift made two (2) traffic arrests with two (2) administrative towed vehicles during their enforcement missions.

The Traffic unit made eighteen (18) stops with twenty-three (23) citations, two (2) traffic arrests, and two (2) vehicles were towed during their enforcement. The traffic unit was reassigned for a total of sixteen days during the month.

Notable Events and Arrests:

24-01083 Burglary

On September 1, 2024, 12:25PM, River Forest units responded to a 519 Monroe Avenue for a burglary that just occurred. The offender, a 45 year old female from Westchester, was stopped and arrested nearby. The offender was also in possession of burglary proceeds from multiple other burglaries in River Forest and Oak Park. She was transported to the station, charged with burglary for two separate cases, and later transported to Maybrook Courthouse for a detention hearing.

24-01086 Warrant

On September 1, 2024, 12:26PM, River Forest units responded to 7251 Lake Street (Walgreens) for a retail theft. The offender, a 27 year old female from Maywood, was near the exit doors and returned the proceeds. The offender was detained and determined to have a valid Dekalb County Warrant. She was arrested on the warrant and issued a criminal trespass warning by Walgreens. The offender was transported to the station where she was processed on the warrant and transported to Maybrook Courthouse.

24-01091 Warrant Arrest

On September 2, 2024, 4:13PM, River Forest tactical officers were in the area of the 7900 block of Lake Street when they observed a red Nissan Altima commit multiple Illinois vehicle code violations. The officers conducted a traffic stop on the 7200 block of Lake Street. The offender, a 23 year old male from South Holland was taken into custody after providing a fictitious name. The offender was then found to have three active warrants. The offender was charged with Illinois vehicle code violations, obstructing identification, and three warrants. The offender was processed and transported to the Maybrook Courthouse awaiting extradition.

24-01097 Retail Theft Arrest

On September 3, 2024, 2:44PM, a River Forest bike officer was waived down regarding a retail theft at Jewel located at 7525 Lake Street. The bike officer relayed the information over the radio which was then confirmed with Jewel employees. River Forest officers located the subject in the area of the 300 block of Ashland Avenue. River Forest units were able to detain the subject who was then positively identified as the offender in the retail theft. River Forest units also recovered the stolen merchandise. The offender was transported to the station for processing. At the station, the offender, a 33 year old male Chicago resident, was charged with retail theft and two counts of resisting arrest. The offender was released on a Citation and Notice from the station.

24-01101 Driving While License Suspended

On September 4, 2024, 4:16AM, a River Forest officer on patrol near Division Street and Harlem Avenue observed a vehicle driving 54mph on Harlem where the speed limit is 30mph. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 23 year old female from Chicago, was found to be driving with a suspended Wisconsin driver's license. She was arrested for Driving with a Suspended Driver's License, processed and later released on Citation and Notice.

24-01033 Fleeing/Eluding Arrest

On September 4, 2024, 10:56AM, River Forest tactical officers were in the area of the 5800 block of N Cumberland Avenue in Chicago, in reference to an offending vehicle from a fleeing/eluding incident that occurred on September 23, 2024. River Forest tactical officers and detectives located the vehicle parked in a condominium parking lot, at which time the offender from the incident, a 30 year old female from Chicago was also located and taken into custody. The offender was charged with fleeing/eluding a peace officer and driving without a valid driver's license. The offender was released from the River Forest Police Department with a citation and notice.

24-01102 Burglary to Auto

On September 4, 2024, 6:35AM, River Forest units responded to 43 Gale Avenue for a burglary to motor vehicle. Patrol worked with River Forest Detectives and Tactical officers to track the victim's stolen iPad to Chicago where it was found in the possession of a 55 year old male Chicago resident. The offender was arrested and transported to the station where he was charged with burglary and released on a Citation & Notice.

24-01086 Retail Theft

On September 5, 2024, 4:20PM, a River Forest officer was at the Walgreens located at 7251 Lake Street and the manager indicated a retail theft just occurred. The Walgreens manager advised the offender stole a case of beer and fled towards Bonnie Brae Place. The River Forest officer located a subject in the area matching the description of the offender. The manager positively identified the subject as the offender and the case of beer was returned to the Walgreens. The offender, a 30 year old male Harvey resident, was arrested for retail theft and transported to the station for processing. The offender was charged with retail theft, given a misdemeanor court date, and released on a Citation and Notice.

24-01112 Violation of Village Ordinance/Outside Agency Arrest Warrant

On September 5, 2024, 5:34PM, a River Forest officer located a subject drinking alcohol behind the Cyclebar located at 7513 Lake Street. The subject, a 36 year old male Chicago resident, was identified and determined to have an outstanding Chicago warrant for driving under the influence. The subject was arrested for the warrant and transported to the station for processing. The subject was issued a local ordinance ticket for drinking alcohol in the public way and was given an administrative hearing date. The subject was later extradited from the station by the Chicago Police Department.

24-01114 Hit and Run Arrest

On September 6, 2024, 10:58AM, River Forest tactical units visited the area of Grand Avenue and Budd St in River Grove in reference to a hit and run that occurred earlier in the day. Tactical units located that offending vehicle in this area and requested the vehicle be towed with an administrative hold. While on scene, the registered owner, a 26 year old female from Chicago approached officers. Officers arrested the offender after she matched the description of the offender in this case. The offender was transported to the station, interviewed, and charged with hit and run. The offender was released with a Citation and Notice from the station.

24-01116 Soliciting and Obstructing the Roadway/Obstructing a Peace Officer

On September 6, 2024, 3:18PM, a River Forest officer located a solicitor obstructing traffic at Harlem Avenue and Central Avenue. The offender, a 28 year old female Chicago resident, ignored previous warnings to not solicit in the roadway and obstruct traffic. The offender refused to identify herself and was arrested for obstructing a police officer. The offender was transported to the station for processing and to be identified. The offender was issued citations for pedestrian soliciting on roadway and obstructing the roadway. The offender was also charged with obstructing a police officer, given a misdemeanor court date, and released on a Citation and Notice.

24-01119 Criminal Trespass to Property

On September 7, 2024, 8:10AM, River Forest patrol officers observed a 54 year old male from Chicago acting suspiciously near the exit doors of 7525 Lake Street (Jewel), in that he exited with bulging pockets, saw the officers and returned to the store quickly. One of the officers recognized the male as a previously banned individual. The male was stopped, and it was confirmed that he had been banned from Jewel in July of 2024. The male was arrested for criminal trespass to property, issued a new criminal trespass warning and a court date at Maybrook Courthouse for this violation. He was released from the scene on a Citation & Notice.

24-01125 Hit & Run/Obstructing a Police Officer

On September 7, 2024, 10:14PM, River Forest units were dispatched to 7620 Madison Street for a vehicle parked on the sidewalk. River Forest units located the unattended vehicle with two flat tires. A River Forest officer reviewed the street cameras in the area and observed the driver stumbling out of the vehicle after striking a curb and planter in the area. The owner of the vehicle arrived on scene and advised the vehicle was stolen, but video evidence revealed the owner assisted the driver in leaving the scene. The owner provided false statements and refused to identify the driver. The owner, a 64 year old female Maywood resident, was arrested for obstructing the hit and run investigation. The subject was transported to the station for processing. The subject was given Miranda Warnings and admitted to assisting her fiancé in leaving the scene and providing false statements regarding the theft of her vehicle. The subject was charged with obstructing a peace officer, given a misdemeanor court date, and released on a Citation and Notice.

24-01136 Aggravated Driving Under the Influence Arrest

On September 11, 2024, 12:01PM, a River Forest traffic officer was conducting traffic enforcement on the 7900 block of Madison Street, at which time the officer observed a vehicle driving westbound on the 8200 block of Madison Street in a reckless manner. The officer conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle at the intersection of Madison Street and Lathrop Avenue. During the traffic stop the officer observed several signs of consumption and impairment from the driver, a 50-year-old female from Bellwood. The traffic officer also learned that the driver had previous convictions for driving under the influence of alcohol and had a revoked driver's license for the previous DUI arrests. The driver was arrested and charged with aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol, aggravated driving while license suspended, and several other traffic related offenses. The offender was released from the River Forest Police Department with a citation and notice.

24-01143 Driving Under the Influence/Damage to Village Property

On September 12, 2024, 12:38AM, a River Forest officer on patrol near Chicago Avenue and Harlem Avenue observed a vehicle stopped in the parkway which had damaged a village sign and village tree. The driver, a 30 year old female from River Forest, was contacted, admitting to consuming alcohol, exhibited signs of alcohol impairment, failed Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, and was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. She was processed and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

24-01146 Driving While License Suspended/Outside Agency Arrest Warrant

On September 12, 2024, 4:37PM, a River Forest officer was conducting traffic enforcement in the 7700 block of Division Street and conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle with suspended license plates. The driver, a 55 year old male Chicago resident, was determined to have a suspended driver's license and an outstanding DuPage County warrant for driving on a suspended driver's license. The driver was arrested and transported to the station for processing. The driver was issued citations, given a misdemeanor court date, and released on a Citation and Notice. The driver was also given a DuPage County court date for the warrant and released on a DuPage County Citation and Notice.

24-01161 Driving with No Valid Driver's License

On September 16, 2024, 5:48 AM, a River Forest officer conducting traffic enforcement near Lathrop Avenue and North Avenue observed a vehicle driving on North with an expired registration, expired for over a year. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 35 year old female from Chicago, was found to be driving despite never having been issued a driver's license. She also could not provide proof of insurance for the vehicle. She was arrested for Driving with No Valid DL, processed, and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

24-01166 Obstructing a Peace Officer/Outside Agency Arrest Warrant

On September 16, 2024, 5:14PM, River Forest units were dispatched to the 800 block of Franklin Avenue for multiple reports of a solicitor in the area. River Forest units located a subject matching the description in the 900 block of Park Avenue. The juvenile subject provided a false name and was determined to have a Cook County juvenile warrant for unlawful use of weapon. The River Forest officers advised the juvenile he was under arrest for the warrant and the juvenile fled on foot. River Forest and Forest Park units set up a perimeter in the area and the juvenile was located in a backyard. The juvenile was arrested and transported to the station for processing. The juvenile was charged with misdemeanor obstructing identification and obstructing a peace

officer. The juvenile was petitioned for local charges and transported to the juvenile detention facility for the outstanding warrant. The juvenile's parents were notified of the incident and the transport to the juvenile detention facility.

24-01195 Retail Theft

On September 21, 2024, 11:10AM, River Forest units responded to a Retail Theft at 7251 Lake Street (Walgreens) with the offender last scene at the intersection of Harlem Avenue and Central Avenue. Responding officers located a person matching the description of the offender on the Green Line CTA train, a 33 year old male Chicago resident. The subject was arrested after he and the proceeds were positively identified by a Walgreens employee. The offender was transported to the station, charged with retail theft and released on a Citation & Notice.

24-01191 Aggravated Battery

On September 21, 2024, 5:32PM, River Forest units were dispatched to a fight in progress at Noodles and Company located at 7215 Lake Street. The victim advised he was waiting for his food and was sucker punched by the offender. The victim's statements were confirmed with video evidence and witness statements. A subject matching the description of the offender was located at 1 South Harlem Avenue. The subject was positively identified as the offender. The offender, a 34 year old male Chicago resident, was arrested for aggravated battery and transported to the station for processing. The offender was charged with aggravated battery, given a felony court date, and transported to the Maybrook courthouse for a detention hearing.

24-01200 Driving Under the Influence/Possession of a Controlled Substance

On September 22, 2024, 2:45AM, a River Forest officer on patrol near North Avenue and Harlem Avenue observed a vehicle driving 55mph on Harlem where the speed limit is 30mph and swerving out of its lane. The vehicle also had an expired registration plate and nearly struck a police car completing a separate traffic stop on Harlem Avenue. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 56 year old male from Chicago, admitting to consuming alcohol, exhibited signs of alcohol impairment, failed Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, and was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. While in custody, he was also found to be in possession of a substance which field-tested positive as Fentanyl, a controlled substance, and 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.

24-01203 Driving Under the Influence/Aggravated Driving While License Revoked

On September 23, 2024, 2:11AM, River Forest officers were dispatched to the 7800 block of North Avenue for a call of a single-vehicle accident. Upon arrival, officers determined a vehicle had left the roadway and struck a village parkway tree. The driver, a 55 year old male from Melrose Park, admitting to consuming alcohol, exhibited signs of alcohol impairment, failed Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, and was arrested for Aggravated Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. He was found to be driving on a revoked license with four revocations and suspensions for prior DUI, mandatory insurance, and failure to appear at court violations, and was arrested for Aggravated Driving While License Revoked. 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.

24-01213 Retail Theft

On September 24, 2024, 4:28PM, a River Forest officer was conducting a premise check at DSW located at 7321 Lake Street and observed two suspicious subjects exiting the store with tagged merchandise in a backpack. The River Forest officer was alerted by the DSW manager that the subjects committed a retail theft. The retail theft offenders, a 24 year old male Chicago resident and 21 year old female Chicago resident, were arrested for retail theft and transported to the station for processing. The merchandise valued at \$529.96 was returned to DSW. The offenders were charged with retail theft, given a misdemeanor court date, and released on Citation and Notice.

24-01217 Assist Other Police Department

On September 25, 2024, 1:19AM, a River Forest officer on patrol near Lathrop Avenue and Madison Street observed a vehicle which had been reported as being taken in a vehicular hijacking in Berwyn fifteen minutes prior. The vehicle fled from the officer who pursued it until it became disabled and stopped in Oak Park. The driver, a 23 year old male from Chicago, matched the description of the hijacking offender and was detained without incident. He was found to be in possession of a firearm, admitted his involvement, and was identified by the victim, prior to being turned over to the custody of Berwyn PD. An investigation by Berwyn PD revealed the male was responsible for at least four other prior armed robbery incidents and was charged accordingly.

24-01231 Driving While License Suspended

On September 28, 2024, 1:08AM, a River Forest officer on patrol near Augusta Street and Harlem Avenue observed a vehicle driving on Harlem with a suspended registration plate. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 36 year old female from Chicago, was found to be driving on a suspended license, suspended for a mandatory insurance violation. She also could not provide proof of insurance for the vehicle. She was processed and later released on a Citation and Notice. The vehicle was towed with an administrative hold placed on the vehicle.

24-01171 No Valid Driver's License

On September 29, 2024, 7:02PM, a River Forest unit was conducting School Zone Enforcement near Willard School and conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle with suspended registration. The driver, a 54 year old female from Chicago was subsequently arrested for no valid driver's license. She was issued citations for no license, no insurance and suspended registration and released from the scene on a Citation and Notice.

24-01239 Fraudulent Registration/ Suspended License

On September 30, 2024, 10:35AM, a River Forest unit was on routine patrol on Harlem Avenue when he observed a vehicle with a temporary registration permit that appeared fraudulent, being the incorrect material, color and lacking the correct number of digits compared to an authentic Dealer Plate. Upon running the plate, it came back with no record. The officer conducted a traffic stop in the parking lot of 7231 Lake Street (DSW) and the driver, a 47 year old man from Oak Park was subsequently arrested for driving on a suspended license and unlawful display of registration. He was transported to the station where he was charged and released on a Citation & Notice.

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

| | Midnights 2230-0630 | Day Watch 0630-1430 | Third Watch 1430-2230 | Traffic & Tactical Unit |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Criminal Arrests | 5 | 9 | 8 | 7 |
| Warrant Arrests | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| D.U.I Arrests | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Misdemeanor Traffic Arrests | 5 | 7 | 4 | 4 |
| Hazardous Moving Violations | 77 | 85 | 32 | 31 |
| Compliance Citations | 25 | 16 | 9 | 6 |
| Parking Citations | 243 | 43 | 2 | 0 |
| Traffic Stop Data Sheets | 121 | 101 | 40 | 38 |
| Quasi-Criminal Arrests/ L.O | 8 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Field Interviews | 9 | 7 | 3 | 9 |
| Premise Checks/Foot Patrols | 480 | 274 | 171 | 157 |
| Written Reports | 50 | 77 | 62 | 12 |
| Administrative Tows | 7 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| Booted vehicles | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sick Time used (in days) | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 |

Detective Division

Detective Sergeant Labriola worked eighteen (18) days performing detective duties.

Detective Zermeno worked sixteen (16) days performing detective duties.

Detective Sergeant Labriola was activated by WESTAF as a supervisor for a homicide in Cicero.

Detective Zermeno attended an active shooter training class.

Detective Zermeno was assigned to WEDGE for one day.

The Detective Unit began background investigations for six potential new police department hires.

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

During the month of September, the Detective Unit opened up/reviewed ten (10) cases for potential follow-up. Of those cases, two (2) were cleared by an arrest, two (2) were exceptionally cleared, one (1) was administratively closed, 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 September.

Year to Date Arrest Statistics

| Quantity Arrested | # Felony Charges | # Misdemeanor Charges | # Warrants |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| 38 | 19 | 18 | 11 |

September 2024 Case Assignment Summary

| Group A | # Cases | Cleared by Arrest | Adm Closed | Screen Out | Susp | Except | Pend | Refer | Unfound |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------|------------|----------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Agg. Vehicular Hijacking | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | |
| Burglary | 4 | 1 | | | | 1 | 2 | | |
| Retail Theft | 2 | | | | | | 2 | | |
| Group A Total | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Group B | # Cases | Cleared by Arrest | Adm Closed | Screen Out | Susp | Except Clear | Pend | Refer | Unfound |
| Hit and Run | 3 | 1 | | | | 2 | | | |
| Fleeing and Eluding | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | |
| Reckless Driving | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | |
| Group B Total | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 12 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 0 |

September 2024 Juvenile Arrests

| Offenses | Adjusted | Cited | Petitioned | Referred |
|--|----------|----------|------------|----------|
| Warrant/Obstructing ID | | | 1 | |
| Curfew | | 4 | | |
| Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor | | 1 | | |
| Total (8) | 0 | 5 | 1 | 0 |

New Investigations

24-01102 Burglary from Motor Vehicle

On September 4, 2024, 6:35AM, a River Forest Officer responded to a residence in the 000 block of Gale Avenue in reference to a Burglary to Motor Vehicle report. The complainant related that at some time overnight, an unknown person entered his unlocked vehicle and removed his iPad along with numerous other items. It was determined from video surveillance in the area, this incident occurred at 4:12AM. Investigators tracked the iPad to Lake/Pulaski where they located the subject, a 55-year-old male from Chicago in possession of the iPad where he was trying to sell it to a cellular telephone store. The subject was placed into custody and charged with Burglary. This case was cleared by an arrest.

24-01114 Hit & Run

On September 6, 2024, at 9:36AM, River Forest officers responded to North Avenue and Thatcher Avenue for the Hit and Run report. Investigators utilized the license plate readers and River Forest street cameras in the area to determine the license plate for the offending vehicle. Investigators located the vehicle with front end damage in River Grove, and the registered owner, a 26-year-old female from Chicago implicated herself in the crime when she observed the vehicle being towed. She was arrested, and released on a cite and notice. This case was cleared by an arrest.

24-01137 Theft Under \$500

On September 11, 2024, 12:07PM, a River Forest Officer responded to DSW located at 7321 Lake Street in reference to a wallet theft. Video surveillance depicted a female subject entering the back room of the store and removing an employee's wallet. Investigators located the offending vehicle utilizing the River Forest street cameras and license plate readers. The female offender is suspected in other similar crimes in the suburbs, and investigators have been in contact with those other investigating agencies. Investigators have searched for the offending vehicle with negative results. This case is still active.

24-01149 Reckless Driving

On September 13, 2024, 11:52AM, a River Forest officer observed a vehicle speeding in the 8000 block of Madison Street and when the officer made a U-turn, the vehicle increased its speed and drove in the opposite lane of traffic. Investigators located the vehicle by utilizing the River Forest street cameras and license plate readers. On September 19, 2024, investigators received a license plate reader alert that the vehicle was once again westbound on Madison Street. The vehicle was located and towed with an administrative hold. This case was exceptionally cleared.

24-01159 Retail Theft

On September 1, 2024, 3:35PM, a female subject entered Ulta located at 7231 Lake Street and removed over \$100 worth of merchandise. Investigators recognized the subject as someone who was arrested for Burglary and released on a cite and notice a few weeks prior to this incident. The female subject was identified by a witness in a photo lineup, and investigators are actively attempting to locate her.

24-01162 Hit & Run

On September 16, 2024, 7:55AM, a River Forest officer responded to the 7700 block of Madison Street in reference to the hit and run. The victim related that she was rear ended but obtained the vehicle's license plate as the offending vehicle fled the scene. Investigators are actively seeking the vehicle for an administrative tow and insurance information.

24-01168 Retail Theft

On September 17, 2024, 10:27AM, a River Forest officer responded to the Circle K gas station in reference to a retail theft. The clerk related that she declined the purchase of tobacco products to multiple subjects who were with each other but did not have identification. A third subject who was with the group came into the store and just began taking items before exiting the store without paying for the items and sticking up his middle fingers at the clerk. The clerk obtained the license plate for the offending vehicle, and investigators are actively seeking the vehicle for an administrative tow.

24-01174 Burglary

On September 18, 2024, 2:37PM, a witness in the 7700 block of Washington Boulevard related that his neighbor's garage on the 100 block of Ashland Avenue was just burglarized. The witness provided the license plate for the offending vehicle but could not identify the offenders who were wearing masks. The vehicle was involved in a motor vehicle accident in the City of Chicago a short time later but the items that were taken were not in the vehicle. This case was exceptionally cleared.

24-01181 Hit & Run

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

24-01193 Fleeing and Eluding

On September 21, 2024, 12:49AM, a River Forest officer attempted to stop a vehicle with suspended registration at Harlem Avenue and Franklin Avenue in Forest Park. When the officer exited his squad car, the vehicle fled. A Forest Park officer observed the driver and positively identified the offender in a photo lineup. Investigators located the offending vehicle and towed it with an administrative hold. The offender is still being sought by investigators.

24-01206 Burglary from Motor Vehicle

On September 23, 2024, 1:39PM, Public Works advised the River Forest Police Department that one of their vehicles had been burglarized while parked in the 700 block of Forest. The public works employee provided a description of the offending vehicle which investigators were able to identify through video surveillance and license plate readers. This case is still pending confirmation of the offending vehicle.

24-01219 Burglary from Motor Vehicle

On September 25, 2024, 11:38AM, River Forest officers responded to the 400 block of William in reference to a burglary to motor vehicle in progress. Witnesses related a male subject broke the window of a work truck and as he reached inside, the alarm went off. The subject fled and investigators determined the offending vehicle by utilizing video surveillance, River Forest street cameras, and license plate readers. This case is still pending locating the vehicle and suspect information.

Ongoing Investigations

24-01033 Fleeing and Eluding

On August 22, 2024, 7:17PM, a River Forest Officer stopped a vehicle near Harlem and LeMoyne for Illinois Vehicle Code violations. The driver identified herself with what is believed to be a fictitious name. The officer asked her to exit the vehicle, and she fled the stop in the vehicle. Investigators identified the driver and will seek both her and the vehicle. On September 4, 2024, investigators located the vehicle and the driver who was taken into custody and charged with fleeing and eluding. The vehicle was towed and went through the Article 36 seizure proceedings.

Training

During the month of September 2024, twenty-two (22) officers/civilian employees attended different training classes for a total of three-hundred and seventy-five (375) hours of training. The Department members, courses, and total number of hours included in the courses are detailed below.

| Officer | Course | Start | End | Hours |
|----------------|---|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Casarez | Psychology of Domestic Violence | 9/2/2024 | 9/30/2024 | 8 |
| Casarez | Emergency Vehicle Operator Course | 9/22/2024 | 9/22/2024 | 8.5 |
| Casarez | Body Searches: From Terry Stop to Strip | 9/20/2024 | 9/20/2024 | 8.5 |
| Casarez | PLI September 2024 Monthly Legal Update | 9/1/2024 | 9/30/2024 | 1 |
| Casarez | E Bike Training Webinar | 9/24/2024 | 9/24/2024 | 2 |
| Cassidy | Psychology of Domestic Violence | 9/2/2024 | 9/30/2024 | 8 |
| Cassidy | PLI September 2024 Monthly Legal Update | 9/1/2024 | 9/30/2024 | 1 |
| Cassidy | E Bike Training Webinar | 9/24/2024 | 9/24/2024 | 2 |
| Catalano | PLI September 2024 Monthly Legal Update | 9/1/2024 | 9/30/2024 | 1 |
| Coleman | Psychology of Domestic Violence | 9/2/2024 | 9/30/2024 | 8 |
| Coleman | Emergency Vehicle Operator Course | 9/21/2024 | 9/21/2024 | 8.5 |
| Coleman | PLI September 2024 Monthly Legal Update | 9/1/2024 | 9/30/2024 | 1 |
| Cortes | Psychology of Domestic Violence | 9/2/2024 | 9/30/2024 | 8 |
| Cortes | PLI September 2024 Monthly Legal Update | 9/1/2024 | 9/30/2024 | 1 |
| Cortes | E Bike Training Webinar | 9/24/2024 | 9/24/2024 | 2 |
| Czernik | E Bike Training Webinar | 9/24/2024 | 9/24/2024 | 2 |
| Dosen | Psychology of Domestic Violence | 9/2/2024 | 9/30/2024 | 8 |
| Dosen | WZ Criminal Level 1 Interviewing Tech | 9/24/2024 | 9/26/2024 | 24 |
| Dosen | PLI September 2024 Monthly Legal Update | 9/1/2024 | 9/30/2024 | 1 |
| Dosen | Active Shooter Exercise | 9/27/2024 | 9/27/2024 | 6 |
| Drake | Psychology of Domestic Violence | 9/2/2024 | 9/30/2024 | 8 |
| Drake | PLI September 2024 Monthly Legal Update | 9/1/2024 | 9/30/2024 | 1 |
| Drake | Connections in Prevention Conference | 9/26/2024 | 9/27/2024 | 13 |
| Drake | E Bike Training Webinar | 9/24/2024 | 9/24/2024 | 2 |
| Fries | Psychology of Domestic Violence | 9/2/2024 | 9/30/2024 | 8 |
| Fries | PLI September 2024 Monthly Legal Update | 9/1/2024 | 9/30/2024 | 1 |
| Gonzalez | 2 Day SUV Driver Training | 9/16/2024 | 9/17/2024 | 17 |
| Gonzalez | Psychology of Domestic Violence | 9/2/2024 | 9/30/2024 | 8 |
| Gonzalez | 40 Hour Juvenile Specialist Skills | 9/9/2024 | 9/13/2024 | 42 |
| Grill | Psychology of Domestic Violence | 9/2/2024 | 9/30/2024 | 8 |
| Grill | PLI September 2024 Monthly Legal Update | 9/1/2024 | 9/30/2024 | 1 |
| Grill | E Bike Training Webinar | 9/24/2024 | 9/24/2024 | 2 |
| Humphreys | E Bike Training Webinar | 9/24/2024 | 9/24/2024 | 2 |
| Humphreys | Active Shooter Exercise | 9/27/2024 | 9/27/2024 | 6 |
| Juarez | Active Shooter Exercise | 9/27/2024 | 9/27/2024 | 6 |
| Labriola | Psychology of Domestic Violence | 9/2/2024 | 9/30/2024 | 8 |

| Officer | Course | Start | End | Hours |
|----------------|--|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Labriola | PLI September 2024 Monthly Legal Update | 9/1/2024 | 9/30/2024 | 1 |
| Landini | Psychology of Domestic Violence | 9/2/2024 | 9/30/2024 | 8 |
| Landini | PLI September 2024 Monthly Legal Update | 9/1/2024 | 9/30/2024 | 1 |
| Lenz | PLI September 2024 Monthly Legal Update | 9/1/2024 | 9/30/2024 | 1 |
| Mika | Psychology of Domestic Violence | 9/2/2024 | 9/30/2024 | 8 |
| Mika | PLI September 2024 Monthly Legal Update | 9/1/2024 | 9/30/2024 | 1 |
| Mika | E Bike Training Webinar | 9/24/2024 | 9/24/2024 | 2 |
| Niemann | Psychology of Domestic Violence | 9/2/2024 | 9/30/2024 | 8 |
| Niemann | WZ Criminal Level 1 Interviewing Tech | 9/24/2024 | 9/26/2024 | 24 |
| Niemann | PLI September 2024 Monthly Legal Update | 9/1/2024 | 9/30/2024 | 1 |
| Niemann | E Bike Training Webinar | 9/24/2024 | 9/24/2024 | 2 |
| Niemann | Active Shooter Exercise | 9/27/2024 | 9/27/2024 | 6 |
| Ransom | Use of Force Update for Administrators | 9/23/2024 | 9/23/2024 | 8.5 |
| Ransom | Leveraging Social Media and Intelligence | 9/17/2024 | 9/19/2024 | 27 |
| Ransom | E Bike Training Webinar | 9/24/2024 | 9/24/2024 | 2 |
| Swierczynski | Psychology of Domestic Violence | 9/2/2024 | 9/30/2024 | 8 |
| Tagle | Psychology of Domestic Violence | 9/2/2024 | 9/30/2024 | 8 |
| Tagle | PLI September 2024 Monthly Legal Update | 9/1/2024 | 9/30/2024 | 1 |
| Zermeno | Psychology of Domestic Violence | 9/2/2024 | 9/30/2024 | 8 |
| Zermeno | PLI September 2024 Monthly Legal Update | 9/1/2024 | 9/30/2024 | 1 |
| Zermeno | Active Shooter Exercise | 9/27/2024 | 9/27/2024 | 6 |
| Total | | | | 375 |