

3RD QUARTERLY COMMUNITY SAFETY MEETING



JULY 2024



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RFPD

Traffic and Tac Unit

Officer Lane
Niemann



Officer Marty
Dosen



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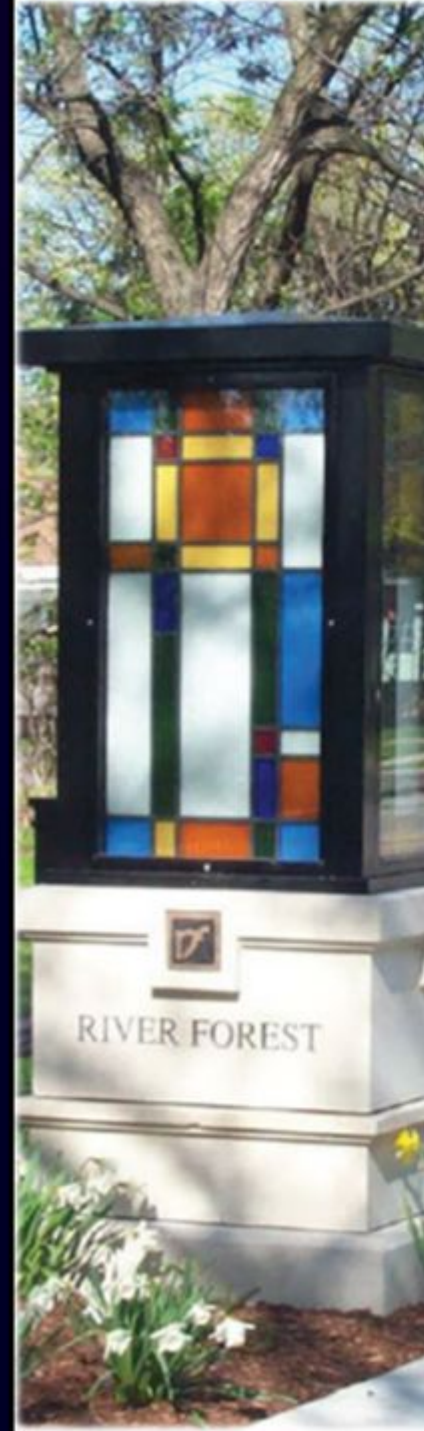
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Chapter II:

Online Training

January 2023,— (31) Officers completed (1) hour online training through Police Law Institute regarding new law changes that went into effect at the start of 2023. Below are some of the laws officers learned about.

625 ILCS 5/11-605 from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-605
625 ILCS 5/11-1414 from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1414

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Adds community service as a penalty for failing to stop before meeting or overtaking a school bus that is stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging pupils and has displayed visual signals. Adds community service as a penalty for driving a motor vehicle at a speed in excess of 20 miles per hour while passing a school zone or while traveling on a roadway on public school property or upon any public thoroughfare where children pass going to and from school during a school day.

HB3772

As carjackings continue to rise across Illinois, lawmakers approved a bill in the spring that makes it so "a person shall not be liable for violations, fees, fines, or penalties during the period in which the motor vehicle was reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency as stolen or hijacked."

In order to be reimbursed for fees paid after the vehicle was reported stolen or hijacked, such as for impounding fees, "the owner or the agents of the owner or lessee must submit proof that a report concerning the motor vehicle was filed with a law enforcement agency in a timely manner."

Still, towing and storage fees can only be reimbursed up to a maximum of \$1,000.

SB03793

This new law will add community service as a penalty for failing to stop for a school bus that is "receiving or discharging pupils and has displayed visual signals," or for speeding in excess of 20 miles per hour or more in a school zone or while traveling on a roadway on public school property or where children pass to go to and from school.



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Chapter II:

NEMRT Training

In 2023, (4) four of our officers completed a (40) hour Basic Evidence Technician Program. The River Forest Police Department has a total now of (16) certified Evidence Technicians

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|---------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------|--|
| Mika | 40 Hour Evidence Technician Course | Montgomery PD | 11/13/2023 | 11/17/2023 | 11/17/2023 | 42.5 | NEMRT-North East Multi-Regional Training |
| Niemann | 40 Hour Evidence Technician Course | Aurora PD | 1/23/2023 | 1/27/2023 | 01/27/2023 | 40 | NEMRT-North East Multi-Regional Training |
| Cortes | 40 Hour Evidence Technician Course | DuPage County Sheriff | 1/9/2023 | 1/13/2023 | 01/13/2023 | 40 | NEMRT-North East Multi-Regional Training |
| Dosen | 40 Hour Evidence Technician Course | DuPage County Sheriff | 2/26/2023 | 2/24/2023 | 02/24/2023 | 40 | NEMRT-North East Multi-Regional Training |





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Chapter III: Incentives & Recognition

Occupant Protection Department Awards

Four (4) officers were awarded certificates for their Outstanding Occupant Protection Enforcement throughout 2023. The certificates were presented to the officers at roll call by the Chief of Police.



| Officer Name | Award Type |
|----------------|---|
| Martin Dosen | Outstanding Occupant Protection Enforcement |
| Lane Niemann | Outstanding Occupant Protection Enforcement |
| Anthony Cortes | Outstanding Occupant Protection Enforcement |
| Paul Mika | Outstanding Occupant Protection Enforcement |



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2023 Outstanding Occupant Protection Enforcement

Officer Anthony Cortes #136

In 2023, Officer Anthony Cortes achieved a high level of outstanding Occupant Protection Enforcement by issuing numerous occupant protection citations.

Officer Cortes' attention to detail and continued efforts to increase the use of seat belts and child restraints in motor vehicles contributes greatly to reducing the risk of serious and fatal injuries. Officer Cortes' actions bring great credit upon himself, the River Forest Police Department and the Village of River Forest.

May 2024

James O'Shea
Chief of Police



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Chapter III: Incentives & Recognition

Speed Enforcement Department Awards

Eight (8) officers were awarded certificates for their Outstanding Speed Enforcement throughout 2023. The certificates were presented to the officers at roll call by the Chief of Police.



| Officer Name | Award Type |
|---------------|-------------------|
| Mark Catalano | Speed Enforcement |
| Martin Dosen | Speed Enforcement |
| Dan Humphreys | Speed Enforcement |
| Lane Niemann | Speed Enforcement |
| Cody Schrader | Speed Enforcement |
| Eddie Coleman | Speed Enforcement |
| Paul Bradley | Speed Enforcement |
| Paul Mika | Speed Enforcement |



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2023 Outstanding Speed Enforcement

Officer Paul Mika #169

In 2023, Officer Paul Mika achieved a high level of outstanding speed enforcement.

Officer Mika's attention to detail and dedication to continued speed enforcement contributed greatly to improving the safety for all motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists traveling in or through the Village on a daily basis. Officer Mika's actions brought great credit upon himself, the River Forest Police Department and the Village of River Forest.

May 2024

James O'Shea
Chief of Police



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Chapter IV: Public Information & Education

Our Crime Prevention Unit is responsible for Public Information, Education and Community Engagement. During our quarterly crime prevention safety meetings and open forums various topics were discussed such as accident reporting, Traffic Enforcement and Traffic Studies. This type of forum also provided a good platform for residents to voice their concerns over traffic related issues.



Above: Officer Humphreys breaks down main points from the 1st Place submission for the 2022 Traffic Safety Challenge at a 2023 Village board meeting.



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Chapter VI: Public Information & Education

Speed

The River Forest Police Department utilizes a variety of different devices to assist with speed related traffic enforcement. In 2023, our Police Department continues to utilize our **(13) solar powered fixed pole LED radar signs** that were strategically placed around the Village in response to public complaints of speeding vehicles and/or where we have seen increases in traffic crashes. We use these types of equipment to monitor areas of concerns and adjust our enforcement efforts. We continue to cycle (2) different speed trailers around the Village throughout the year in areas of increased speed violators and public complaints.



One of (13) Solar Power mounted radar signs

Existing combination message board and speed trailer

Radar speed trailer with flashing LED lights



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Chapter V:

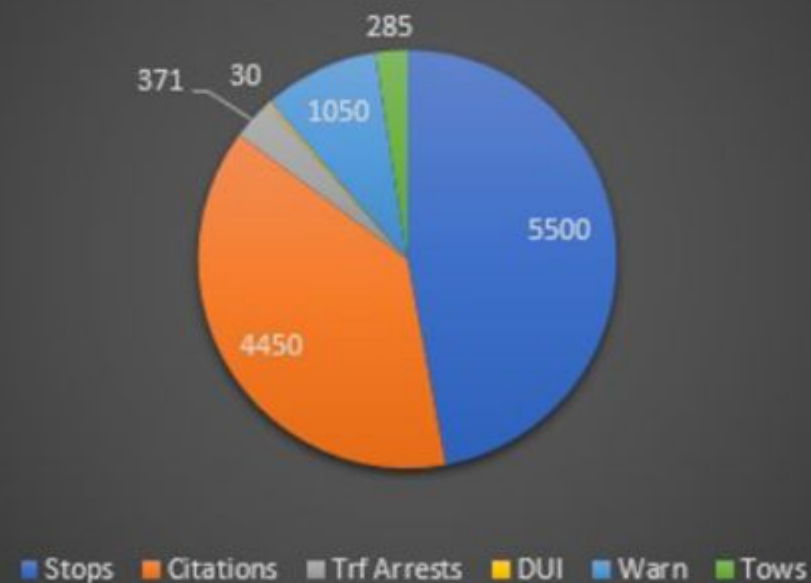
Enforcement

In 2023, the River Forest Police Department Patrol Division made a total of **5,500 Traffic stops**. **371** of those stops resulted in **traffic arrests (suspended, No valid)** and **30** resulted in **DUI arrests**. Of the 5,500 traffic stops, **1,050 warnings** were issued and **4,450 traffic stops** resulted in a citation.



- TRAFFIC STOPS – 5,500
- TRAFFIC ARRESTS—371
- DUI ARRESTS—30

2023 TRAFFIC STOP OUTCOMES



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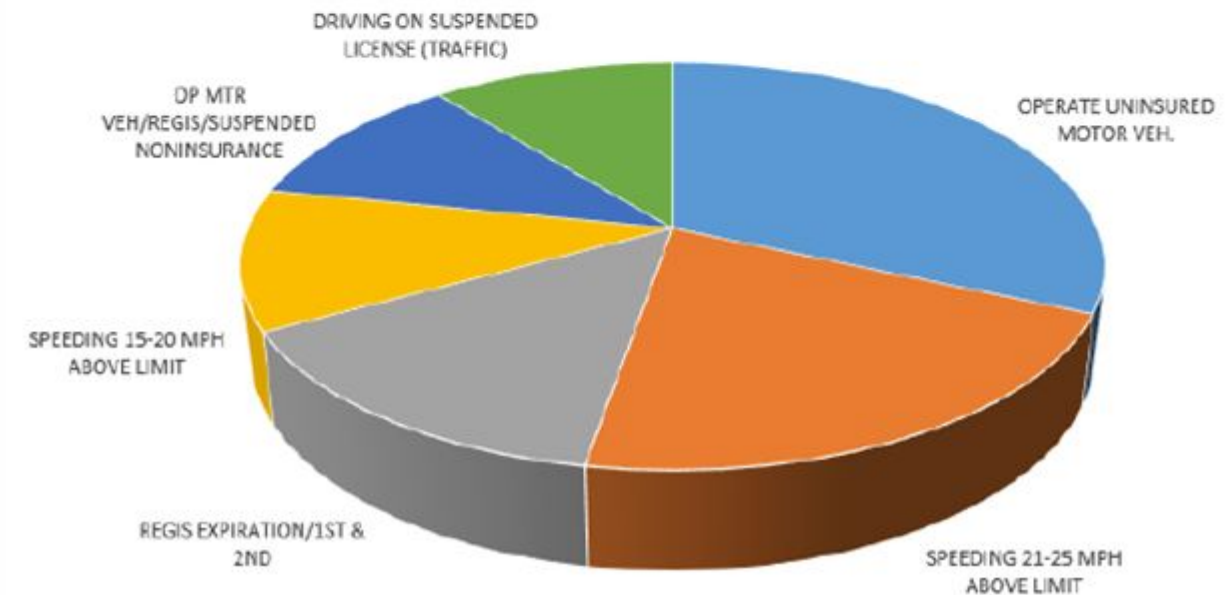
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Enforcement

In 2023 we continued to utilize our electronic ticket writing software program to issue citations and warnings. This allows us the ability to closely monitor and track each citation type and as a result it showed that **speeding continues to be a top violation for which motorists are cited.**

| | Citations | Warnings |
|---|-----------|----------|
| OPERATE UNINSURED MOTOR VEH. | 550 | 3 |
| SPEEDING 21-25 MPH ABOVE LIMIT | 367 | 99 |
| REGIS EXPIRATION/1ST & 2ND | 249 | 314 |
| SPEEDING 15-20 MPH ABOVE LIMIT | 194 | 210 |
| OP MTR VEH/REGIS/SUSPENDED NONINSURANCE | 191 | 93 |
| DRIVING ON SUSPENDED LICENSE (TRAFFIC) | 189 | |

2023 TOP OFFENSES CITED





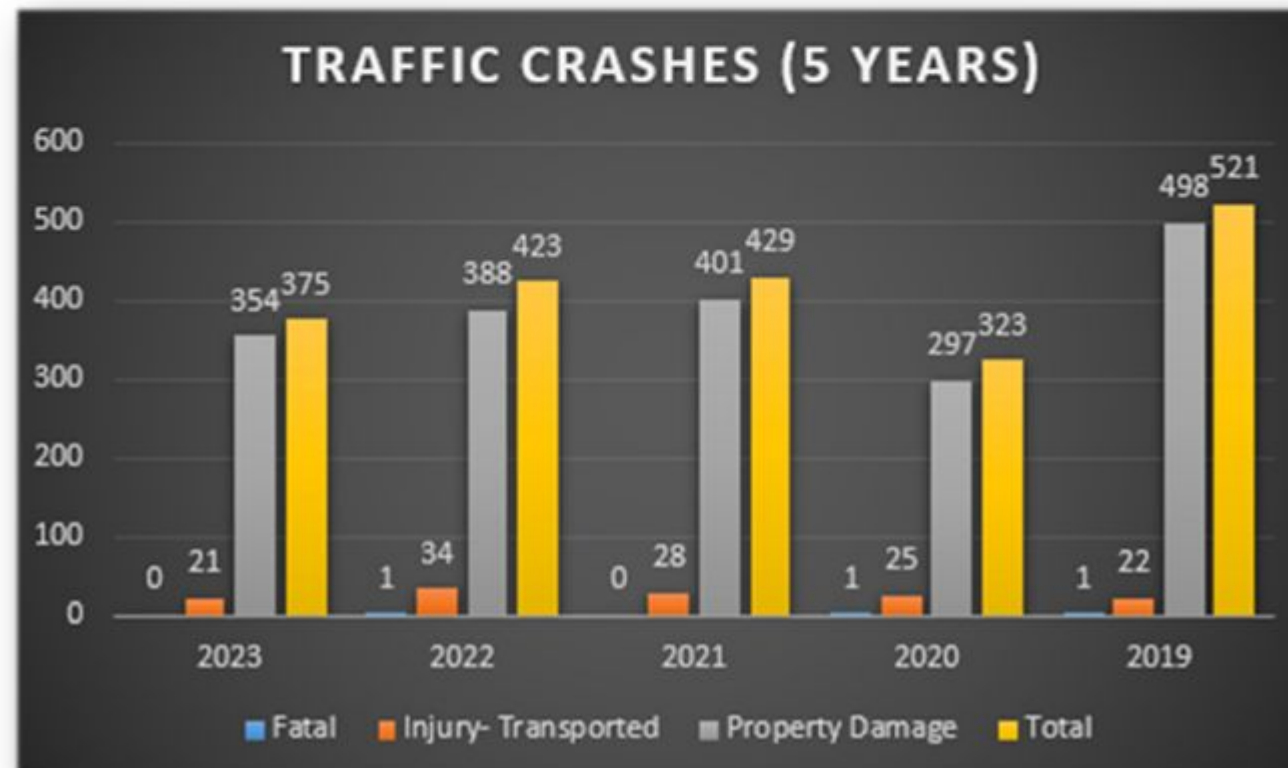
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Chapter VI:

Effectiveness

Roadway Traffic Crashes

The ultimate goal of our traffic safety program is to reduce the number of people injured or killed in traffic related crashes. Through the use of enforcement, education and engineering we have been able to decrease the number of property damage and injury accidents over the years. **Our transported injury accidents decreased by 38%, from 34 to 21. Our property damage crashes decreased by 9%.** The River Forest Police Department takes pride in driver's safety and believes in medical clearance even for minor injuries. Overall traffic crashes decreases significantly to nearly pandemic levels.



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Chapter VI:

Effectiveness

Overall Traffic Stops

The River Forest Police Department conducted **5,980 traffic stops in 2023**. This number increased from last year as our Department continued to return to more normal staffing as we continued to train newer officers within the department and continued our commitment to traffic safety.



- ◆ 1,656 more traffic stops from 2022-2023
- ◆ 28% increase in stops from previous year



REMINDER: RFPD'S FREE SERVICES

Emergency ID
Bracelet
Program

Frontline:
Overnight Parking
Vacation Watch
Keyholder Portal

Residential
Security
Surveys

Hyundai/Kia
Steering Wheel
Locks

Child Safety
Seat Inspections

Restorative
Justice
Program

ISEARCH

Too Good for
Drugs

Junior Citizen's
Police Academy

UPCOMING EVENTS

Schools Resume

Tuesday, August 20th



Seat Check Saturday

Saturday, September 21st



Back to School Reminders

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| School Zone Speed Limit | 625 ILCS 5/11-605 |
| Use of Electronic Communication Devices | 625 ILCS 5/12-610.2 |
| Obedience to Crossing Guards | 625 ILCS 5/11-203 |
| Pedestrians in Crosswalks | 625 ILCS 5/11-1002 |
| One-way Streets on School Days | 9-2-3 & 9-3-3 |



Bicycle Safety



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|---|--------------------|
| Helmets | 9-4-8 |
| Mandatory Light and Reflector | 625 ILCS 5/11-1507 |
| Right to the Road | 625 ILCS 5/11-1502 |
| Stop Signs and Traffic Control Devices | 625 ILCS 5/11-1502 |
| Ride Defensively | 625 ILCS 5/11-1505 |

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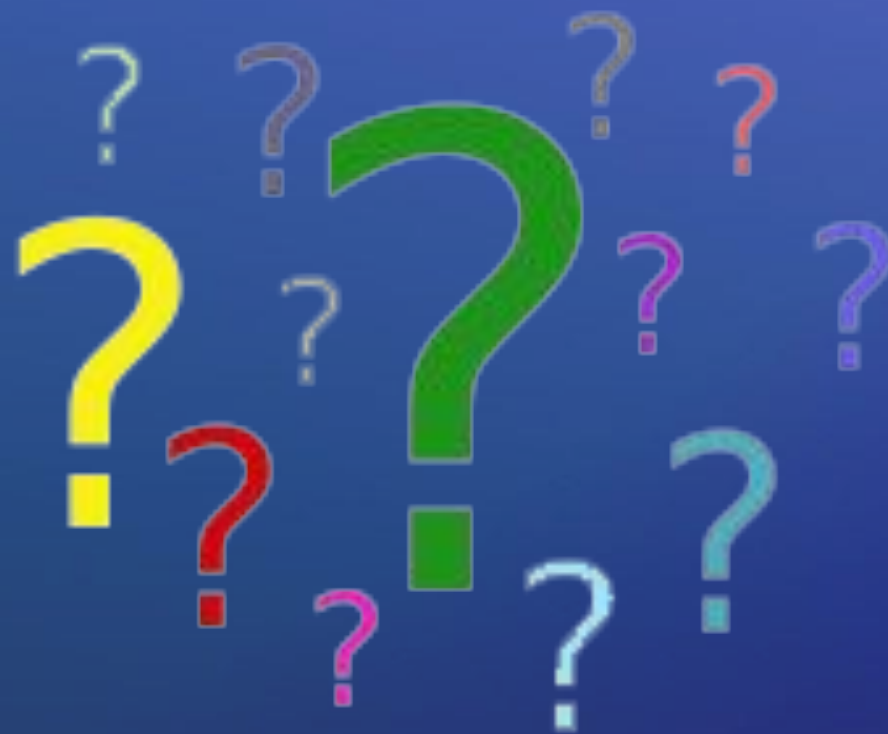
Investigations Unit



Detective Sergeant Justin Labriola

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